

# SCRIPPS INVESTOR PRESENTATION

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Fall 2026



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# AGENDA

- Company overview and financials
- Q2 and other highlights
- Strategic growth drivers
- Debt and leverage update



# COMPANY OVERVIEW

# THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE NATIONAL SCALE, DIVERSE ASSET MIX, DURABLE BALANCE SHEET

## NATIONAL REACH

Our seven national networks reach all U.S. TV households and can be found on every TV viewing platform.

## LOCAL REACH

Our stations reach 38% of U.S. TV households (with UHF discount), including top markets such as Tampa, Phoenix, Detroit, Denver, Cleveland and Nashville.

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Net debt\*: \$2.2 billion

Net debt to EBITDA\*: 4.9x  
(end of Q2 2026)

*\*Per the terms of our credit agreement*

## FINANCIAL PROFILE, 2025

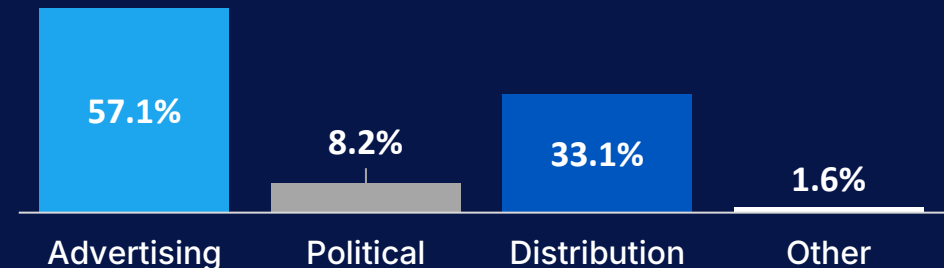
Operating revenue: \$2.2 billion

Net income/loss: \$(101) million

Adjusted EBITDA: \$331 million

Adjusted EBITDA margin: 15.4%

## COMPANY REVENUE MIX\*



*\*Company revenue mix is on a two-year blended basis.*



# STRONG QUARTERLY RESULTS, STRATEGIC M&A, CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO LEVERAGE REDUCTION HIGHLIGHT

## RECENT BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

- Scripps continues to make progress on its company transformation plan and expense reductions, targeting \$125-\$150 million of enterprise EBITDA growth by 2028 through cost savings and revenue initiatives. The company now expects to have implemented about \$100 million in annual run-rate savings by year end.
- Local Media Q2 political advertising revenue was a second-quarter record at \$28 million. The company now expects 2026 full-year local political revenue of between \$225-\$250 million.
- Scripps Networks Q2 revenue was down 16% from Q2 2025. The sale of Court TV contributed to the decline, as did a challenging national advertising market, particularly for direct response advertising; a decline in legacy linear viewing and the resulting shift in advertiser spending to streaming and digital; and changes in Nielsen's measurement methodology that Nielsen has begun addressing starting Sept. 1.
- During the second quarter, Scripps Networks incurred a \$1.1 billion non-cash goodwill and intangible asset impairment charge, reflecting the impact of continued pressure from a weak national advertising market, ratings challenges and broader macroeconomic uncertainty.

# DURING THE SECOND QUARTER, SCRIPPS SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCED ITS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ON EVERY FRONT



"We are reporting a second quarter during which we significantly advanced Scripps' strategic priorities on every front – live sports; distribution value – topline and net; political advertising; M&A; and operational efficiency through transformation.

...

"The second quarter's results don't reflect the hard work performed by hundreds of our colleagues across the company. They have been creating more efficient ways of working, to drive profitable topline growth that you'll begin to see as permanent benefits to our results, starting in third quarter and into next year."

*--SCRIPPS PRESIDENT AND CEO ADAM SYMSON  
AUG. 7, 2026*

Adam Symson speaking with Local Media Regional Vice President Anita Helt at a meeting with employees at KNXV-ABC15 in Phoenix.



# SCRIPPS' STRATEGIC GROWTH DRIVERS



# STRATEGIC DRIVERS: LIVE LOCAL SPORTS IS MEANINGFULLY CONTRIBUTING TO CORE ADVERTISING REVENUE GROWTH

Scripps Sports has formed several new partnerships, including signing its first NBA team, the Detroit Pistons, for a multi-year distribution agreement. This follows a full-season local rights agreement with the National Hockey League's Nashville Predators.

Both new agreements will contribute to local core revenue when they begin this fall. And our existing local sports agreements continue to grow revenue year over year.



When we flip an ION station to an independent carrying local sports, we create a platform for new core revenue and new distribution revenue, creating a local duopoly without having to deploy capital to buy a station.

# STRATEGIC DRIVERS: WE'VE ALSO SEIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF LIVE NATIONAL SPORTS FOR LINEAR BROADCAST

Through the ION Network, Scripps Sports has become The Home of Women's Sports – professional and collegiate.

Sports fans know they can find premiere women's athletics on ION – which is why Major League Volleyball and WTGL women's golf have formed new partnerships with us.

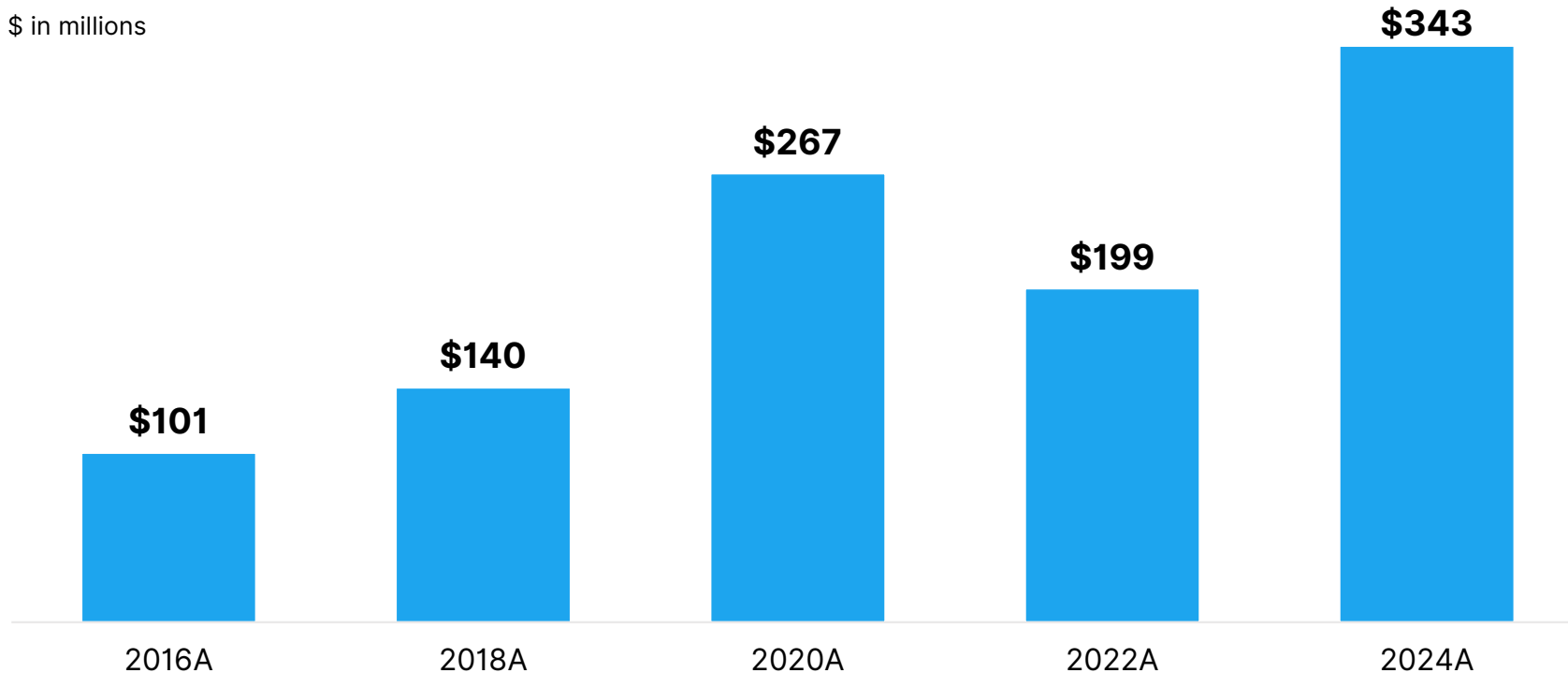


Live sports is one of the most valuable ways to drive advertiser demand and premium rates for our networks. During the upfront, sports helps differentiate Scripps' program offerings and creates opportunities to capture advertiser investment across our networks' broadcast, connected TV and broader portfolio.

# STRATEGIC DRIVERS: WE HAVE GUIDED TO 2026 POLITICAL REVENUE OF \$225-\$250 MILLION, WITH CASH USED TO PAY DEBT

## SCRIPPS POLITICAL REVENUE (LOCAL MEDIA)

\$ in millions



The recent Supreme Court decision on coordinated candidate and party spending seems to be creating significant upside for political volume, encouraging more investment into the political ad ecosystem.

## COMMENTARY

### Industry

- Heightened polarization continues to drive political advertising spend.
- Broadcast TV continues to capture nearly half of total spending (AdImpact).
- AdImpact estimates total 2026 spending of \$11.6 billion, outpacing even the 2024 presidential cycle.

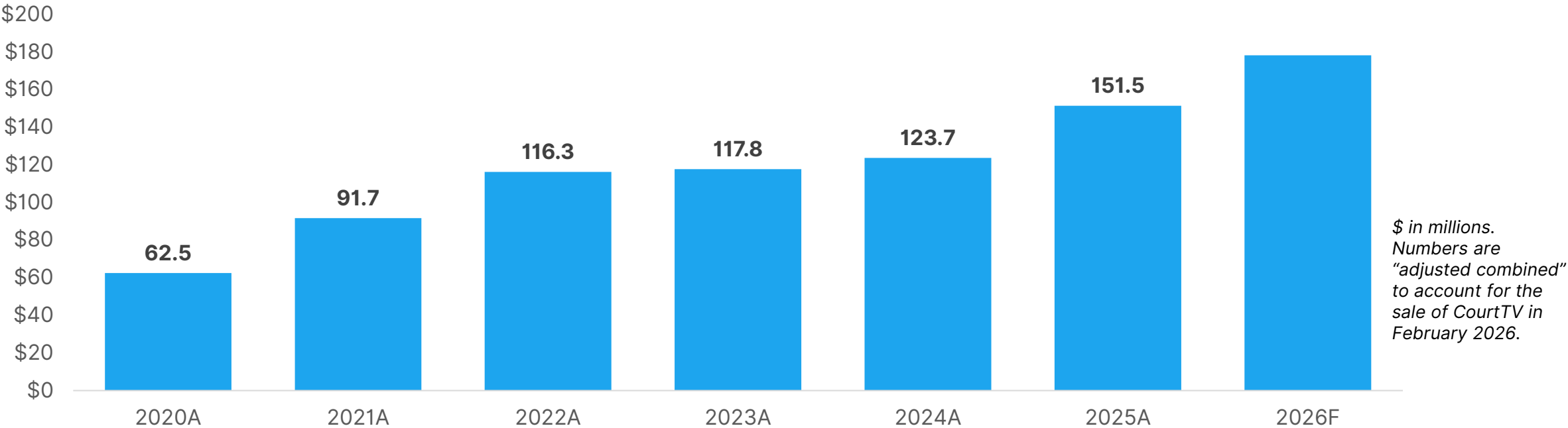
### Scripps' Footprint:

- For 2026, these markets look most promising for political spend in Scripps markets:
  - Arizona – Governor; House
  - California – Governor
  - Colorado – Governor; House
  - Florida – Governor; Senate
  - Michigan – Governor; Senate; House
  - Montana – Senate
  - Nevada – Governor; House
  - Ohio – Governor; Senate
  - Virginia – Senate; House; state issues
  - Wisconsin – Governor; House



# STRATEGIC DRIVERS: WITH UBIQUITOUS DISTRIBUTION ON CONNECTED TV, OUR REVENUE MOMENTUM CONTINUES

## TOTAL COMPANY CONNECTED TV REVENUE





# STRATEGIC DRIVERS: DISTRIBUTION NET REVENUE IS EXPANDING LOCAL MEDIA DIVISION MARGINS

HOUSEHOLDS  
RENEWED, 2026

70%

HOUSEHOLDS  
RENEWING, 2027

~6%

Completed end of Q1

NETWORK  
RENEWALS

ABC: 2029

NBC: end of 2027

CBS: 2029

FOX: end of 2027

Despite two blackouts with distributors this spring, Scripps expects its full-year 2026 net distribution revenue to be up in the mid- to high-single-digit percent range.

# STRATEGIC DRIVER: SCRIPPS IS EXECUTING TRANSACTIONS TO ENHANCE LOCAL MARKET OPERATING PERFORMANCE

**Our recent acquisition and divestiture activity to improve our financial performance ...  
In our Local Media station portfolio:**

- **Sale** of WFTX in Fort Myers (Fox affiliate) to Sun Broadcasting for \$40 million.
- **Purchase** of WTVQ (ABC affiliate) in Lexington for \$15.8 million. The station will operate in combination with WLEX, our NBC station there, allowing us to better serve Lexington viewers and capture savings.
- **Sale** of WRTV in Indianapolis (ABC affiliate) to Circle City Broadcasting for \$83 million.
- **Station swap** with Gray Media in which we picked up stations in mid-sized and small markets in Colorado and Idaho and sold stations in Louisiana and Michigan.
- **In our Scripps Networks portfolio:**
  - **Sale** of CourtTV to Law&Crime Network in February 2026.
  - **Purchase (pending regulatory approval)** of 17 ION-affiliated stations we had to divest upon the acquisition of ION.

We will continue to pursue opportunities that enhance the durability and scale of our local media business.

# STRATEGIC DRIVERS: SCRIPPS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST HOLDERS OF BROADCAST SPECTRUM



Scripps's spectrum assets include 6 MHz of spectrum for 107 full-power stations:

- 91 with highly valued low-band UHF signals
- 16 with high-quality low-band VHF signals

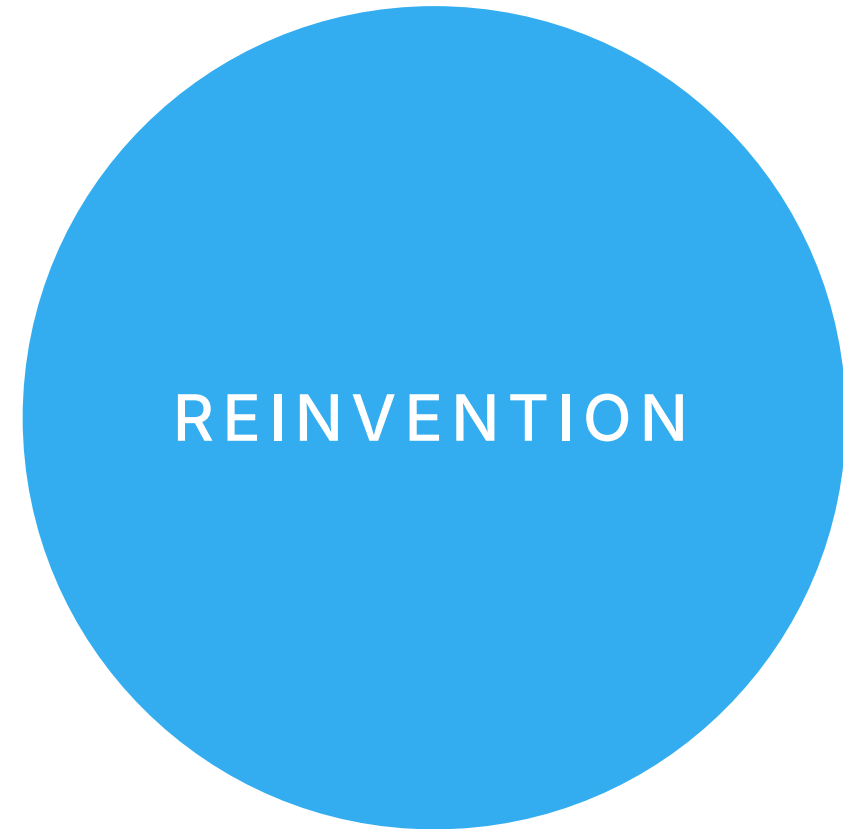
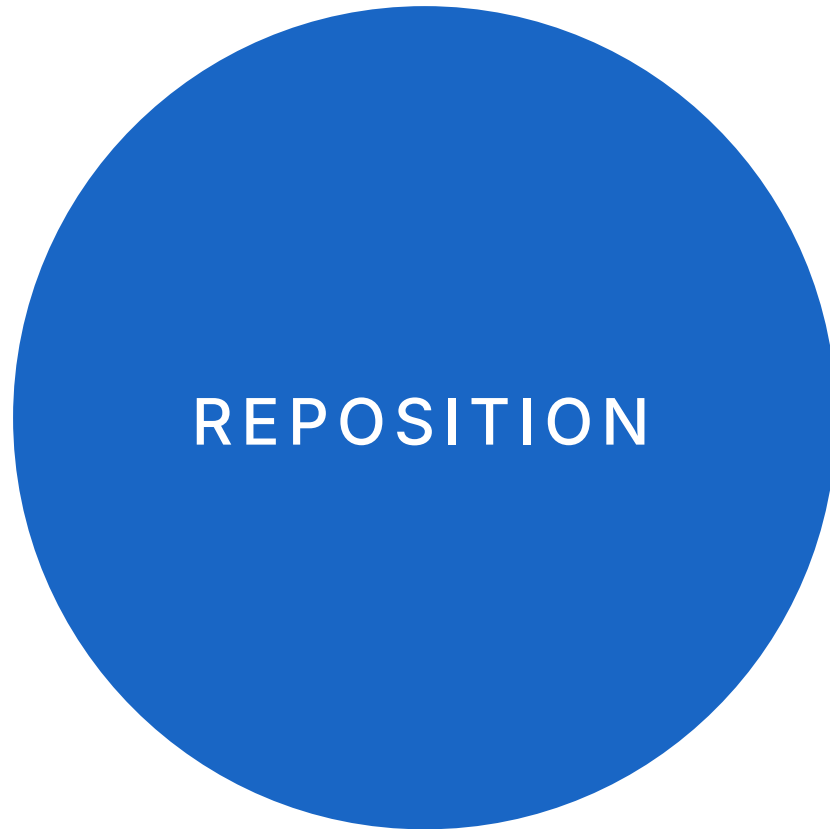
Scripps' broadcast tower portfolio spans approximately 1.2 billion MHz-pops across 73 U.S. television markets.\*

Scripps will add another 17 UHF stations upon the close of its purchase of stations now owned by Inyo *(for ~\$48 million)*.

\*Source: Nielsen's Spring 2024 DMA persons 12+ MHz-pops is a standard measure for comparing spectrum value across markets. Spectrum covering a larger population is generally more valuable than the same amount of spectrum covering a smaller population.

# STRATEGIC DRIVERS: SCRIPPS' TRANSFORMATION PLAN IS BUILDING A NEW AND IMPACTFUL FINANCIAL MODEL

**THE TRANSFORMATION HAS TWO SIMULTANEOUS GOALS:**



SCRIPPS LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPED TARGETS  
FOR EACH AREA OF  
THE BUSINESS,  
AND THE  
TRANSFORMATION IS  
EXPECTED TO YIELD ...

**... \$125 million - \$150 million  
in annualized EBITDA  
improvement by 2028,  
with a run-rate going into  
2027 of \$100 million.**



# SCRIPPS' STRATEGIC APPROACH TO USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

*We will harness the transformative power of AI to redefine our operations and become more durable while creating growth opportunities — those we know of today and those not yet conceived — for the enterprise.*

# THE TRANSFORMATION PLAN'S FOUR MAIN VALUE DRIVERS COVER MORE THAN 200 INITIATIVES CREATING COST SAVINGS

## LEVERS

## THEMES

### Workforce model reset

- Compensation, re-leveling, spans and layers

### Spend discipline

- Procurement, content and policy optimization

### End-to-end process digitization

- AI automation

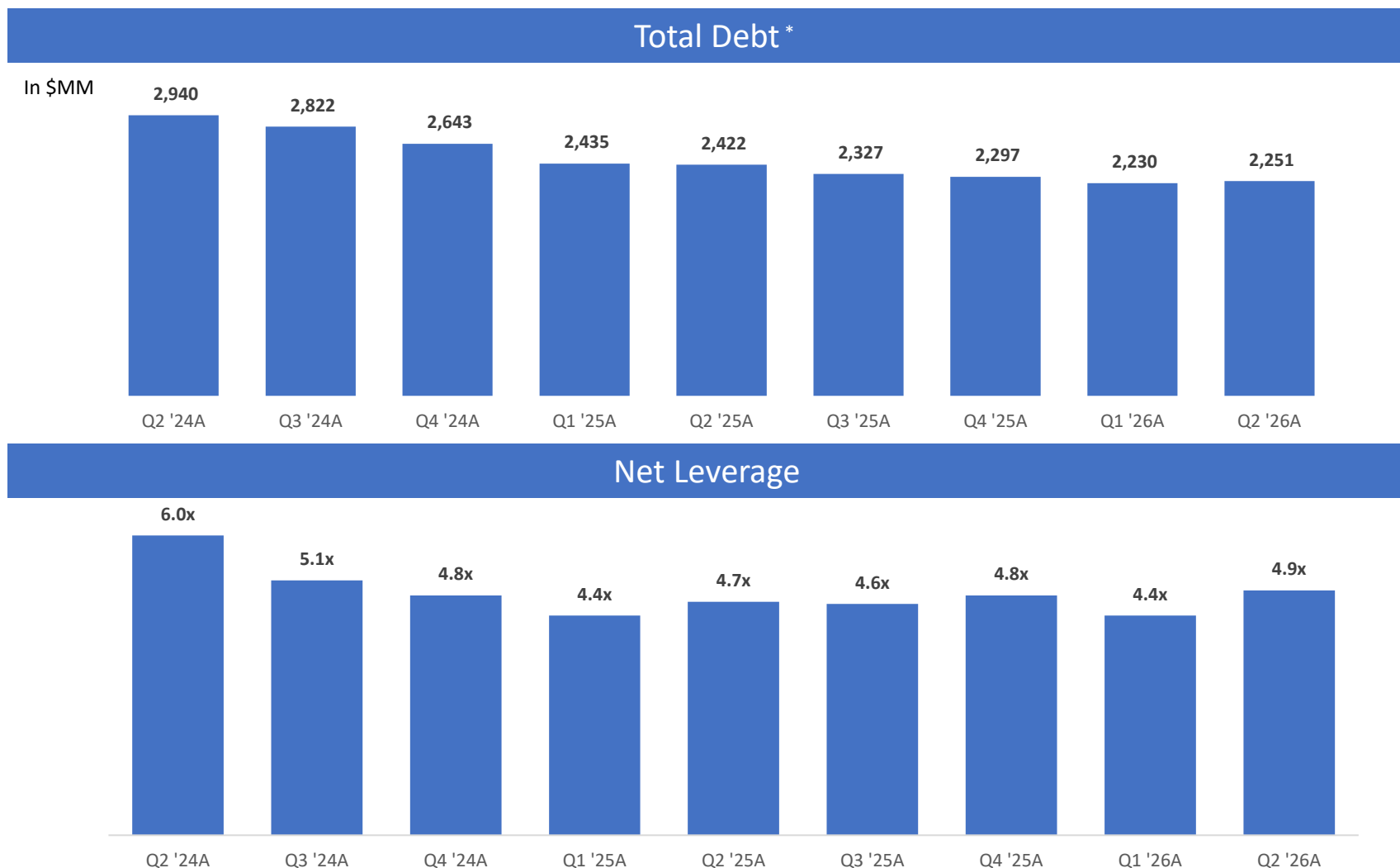
### Structural simplification

- Platform efficiency, tech rationalization



# DEBT AND LEVERAGE UPDATE

# SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD LEVERAGE REDUCTION

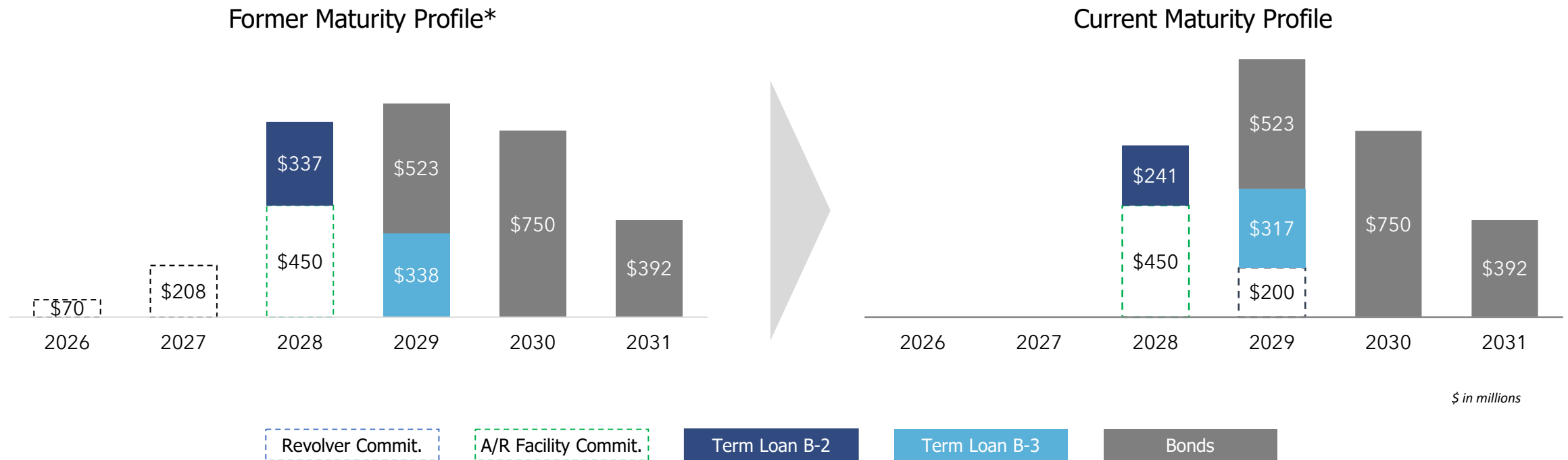


## Commentary

- Significant cash flow generation driven by strong political revenue and continued optimization of expenses enabled Scripps to **repay over \$400 million** of debt since 2024.
- We've continued on our de-leveraging glidepath since our highest leverage point in the second quarter of 2024 through debt paydown and efficient cost cutting.
- Specific steps taken include:
  - ✓ Announcement of Transformation efforts with \$125-150 million expenses to be taken out by 2028
  - ✓ Run-rate savings from reduction in Scripps News (~\$35 million a year)
  - ✓ Sale of Ft. Myers and Indianapolis stations for over \$100 million

\*Excludes Scripps' outstanding accounts receivable securitization balance.

# SCRIPPS' CAPITAL STRUCTURE BY YEAR, POST 2026 REVOLVER EXTENSION AND TERM LOAN PAYDOWNS





A lighthouse beam shining through a starry night sky. The lighthouse is a tall, dark tower with a glowing lantern room at the top. The beam of light from the lantern room illuminates the surrounding sky, which is filled with numerous stars. The lighthouse is positioned in the center of the frame, and the beam of light extends upwards and outwards, creating a sense of direction and guidance.

# QUESTIONS + DISCUSSION



*The E.W. Scripps Company*



# APPENDIX: NON-GAAP INFORMATION, 2025

In addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, the company discusses adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP performance measure that management and the company's Board of Directors uses to evaluate the performance of the business. We also believe that the non-GAAP measure provides useful information to investors by allowing them to view our business through the eyes of management and is a measure that is frequently used by industry analysts, investors and lenders as a measure of valuation for broadcast companies.

Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as income (loss) from continuing operations, net of tax, plus income tax expense (benefit), interest expense, financing transaction costs, losses (gains) on extinguishment of debt, defined benefit pension plan expense (income), share-based compensation costs, depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, impairment of goodwill, loss (gain) on business and asset disposals, acquisition and integration costs, restructuring charges and certain other miscellaneous items. We consider adjusted EBITDA to be an indicator of our operating performance.

A reconciliation of the adjusted EBITDA measure to the comparable financial measure in accordance with GAAP is as follows:

| (in thousands)                                            | Three Months Ended<br>December 31, |                   | Years Ended December 31, |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                           | 2025                               | 2024              | 2025                     | 2024              |
| Net income (loss)                                         | \$ (28,501)                        | \$ 95,387         | \$ (100,877)             | \$ 146,218        |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes                      | (12,245)                           | 37,847            | (18,625)                 | 63,763            |
| Interest expense                                          | 59,346                             | 48,862            | 220,968                  | 210,344           |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt                            | 2,404                              | —                 | 12,998                   | —                 |
| Other financing transaction costs                         | —                                  | —                 | 44,537                   | —                 |
| Defined benefit pension plan expense (income)             | 271                                | (168)             | 1,284                    | (674)             |
| Share-based compensation costs                            | 3,428                              | 2,788             | 18,199                   | 15,177            |
| Depreciation                                              | 14,623                             | 15,911            | 58,850                   | 61,992            |
| Amortization of intangible assets                         | 23,343                             | 23,300            | 91,982                   | 93,236            |
| Losses (gains), net on disposal of property and equipment | 335                                | (19,141)          | (31,587)                 | (18,424)          |
| Restructuring costs                                       | 2,353                              | 14,872            | 9,828                    | 33,525            |
| Miscellaneous, net                                        | 21,017                             | 9,689             | 23,709                   | (7,160)           |
| Adjusted EBITDA                                           | <u>\$ 86,374</u>                   | <u>\$ 229,347</u> | <u>\$ 331,266</u>        | <u>\$ 597,997</u> |



# APPENDIX: NON-GAAP INFORMATION, Q2 2026

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| (in thousands)                                            | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |                  | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                           | 2026                           | 2025             | 2026                         | 2025              |
| Net loss                                                  | \$(1,151,250)                  | \$ (35,962)      | \$(1,153,040)                | \$ (39,417)       |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes                      | (57,017)                       | 10,850           | (59,675)                     | (2,152)           |
| Interest expense                                          | 54,110                         | 58,653           | 111,068                      | 102,403           |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt                            | 913                            | 2,972            | 913                          | 2,972             |
| Other financing transaction costs                         | —                              | 38,071           | —                            | 38,071            |
| Defined benefit pension plan expense                      | 734                            | 337              | 1,467                        | 675               |
| Share-based compensation costs                            | 5,988                          | 5,852            | 12,499                       | 11,457            |
| Depreciation                                              | 13,287                         | 14,643           | 26,572                       | 29,547            |
| Amortization of intangible assets                         | 21,774                         | 22,555           | 43,836                       | 46,111            |
|                                                           | 1,135,825                      |                  | 1,135,825                    |                   |
| Impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets        |                                | —                |                              | —                 |
| Losses (gains), net on disposal of property and equipment | 59                             | (31,410)         | (450)                        | (31,488)          |
| Restructuring costs                                       | 35,840                         | 613              | 36,484                       | 4,757             |
| Losses (gains) from sale of business                      | (8,872)                        | —                | (38,881)                     | —                 |
| Miscellaneous, net                                        | 3,843                          | 1,683            | 5,374                        | 1,527             |
| Adjusted EBITDA                                           | <u>\$ 55,234</u>               | <u>\$ 88,857</u> | <u>\$ 121,992</u>            | <u>\$ 164,463</u> |

