

CONVERSANT, INC.  
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#### Sales Talking Points

- Alliance Data has reached agreement to acquire Conversant (NASDAQ: CNVR), a major player in the ad tech space, for approximately \$2.3 billion. Conversant has 1,400 associates based in the US and in Europe. Primary locations include Westlake Village, CA, San Francisco, Chicago and New York.
  - Conversant is comprised of two segments: Media and Affiliate.
  - The Media segment is a technology-enabled services business that leverages rich behavioral and first-party online and offline data to drive personalized display ads online, on mobile devices, and through video, for major advertisers.
  - The Affiliate segment, known as CJ Affiliate, is the world's largest affiliate network and supports advertisers by leveraging the power of 60,000 publishers (websites and mobile applications) to help advertisers reach and acquire new customers online.
  - Conversant's rich technology and data assets will strengthen Epsilon's ability to recognize and reach our clients' customers across all channels, with particular new scale now in digital channels including display, mobile and video.
  - Conversant's unique Common ID offering, based on billions of digital impressions along with rich offline first-party data, will be a powerful addition to Epsilon's existing data and customer identification capabilities, presenting an opportunity for unique cross device identification, personalization and measurement.
- Conversant is a major scale player in ad tech :
- 8,000 monthly campaigns
  - Reaches 80% of web across 10,000 sites
  - Database of 400 million devices
  - 200 million persistent anonymous profiles with over 200 data points each
- Conversant serves major global clients including 70 of the top 100 retailers, 3 of the top 4 telcos, 7 of the top 10 auto manufacturers and 8 of the top 10 pharmaceuticals.
  - Conversant's leadership team, led by CEO John Giuliani, formerly of Dotomi and Catalina Marketing, will stay on and become part of the Epsilon/Conversant leadership team.
  - Upon closing, the combined company will create the one company that truly operates globally, at scale across all major channels, with significant new heft now in targeted display across web, video and mobile, with a shared DNA in the power of leveraging data to understand customers, reach them

across devices, and engage them with meaningful, tailored creative content.

·Epsilon's current Targeted Display offering has already demonstrated the power of bringing rich offline, transactional data online to enable data-driven display advertising. Conversant's offering will further accelerate this offering with unique cross-device identification, and additional deep online and offline data.

Epsilon's digital messaging platform, Agility Harmony™, will be greatly enhanced as we bring Conversant's platforms together with Agility Harmony. Agility Harmony is designed for omnichannel communications but is email-centric. Conversant's platforms are display, mobile and video centric. Together we will be able to offer clients more powerful omnichannel capabilities that will allow us to measure performance across channels and ultimately determine attribution.

·We expect the acquisition to close before year-end and look forward to sharing more with you at that time. In the meantime our priority is to have both companies finish out the year with strong execution.

·We will operate business as usual until the deal closes at year end. Over the next 3 months we will work on a cross sell protocol for shared clients and opportunities.

·If clients or prospects have specific questions around the transaction please reach out to Don Steele.

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