



Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2025 Financial and Operating Results

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2026 Key Assumptions

CN has made a number of economic and market assumptions in preparing its 2026 outlook. The 2025/2026 grain crops in Canada and the U.S. were above their respective five-year averages. The Company assumes that the 2026/2027 grain crops in Canada and the U.S. will be in line with their respective five-year averages. CN assumes RTM growth will be flattish. CN also assumes that in 2026, the value of the Canadian dollar in U.S. currency will be \$0.715, and assumes that in 2026 the average price of crude oil (West Texas Intermediate) will be in the range of US\$60 - US\$70 per barrel. The Company notes there is a heightened demand risk as a result of the volatile macroeconomic conditions and global trade tensions.

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All amounts in this presentation are expressed in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted.



Tracy Robinson



President and Chief Executive Officer

Good momentum to finish the year

Performance highlights

- Strong earnings growth and margin improvement in the quarter
- 2% revenue growth in Q4 on industry-leading volume growth
- Fluid and efficient operations even with early onset of winter
- Ongoing focus on disciplined execution, tighter cost control and better asset utilization

Q4 Operating Ratio	
Reported	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
61.2%	60.1%
▼ 140 bps	▼ 250 bps

Q4 Diluted EPS	
Reported	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
\$2.03	\$2.08
▲ 12%	▲ 14%

2025 Operating Ratio	
Reported	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
61.9%	61.7%
▼ 150 bps	▼ 120 bps

2025 Diluted EPS	
Reported	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
\$7.57	\$7.63
▲ 8%	▲ 7%

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Delivered strong incremental margins on cost management initiatives

A wide-angle aerial photograph of a Canadian National (CN) train traveling through a dense, green forest. The train, consisting of several dark locomotives and white shipping containers, is moving from the left side of the frame towards the right. To the right of the train, a winding blue river flows through the landscape. The sky above is a clear, pale blue with scattered white clouds.

Pat Whitehead

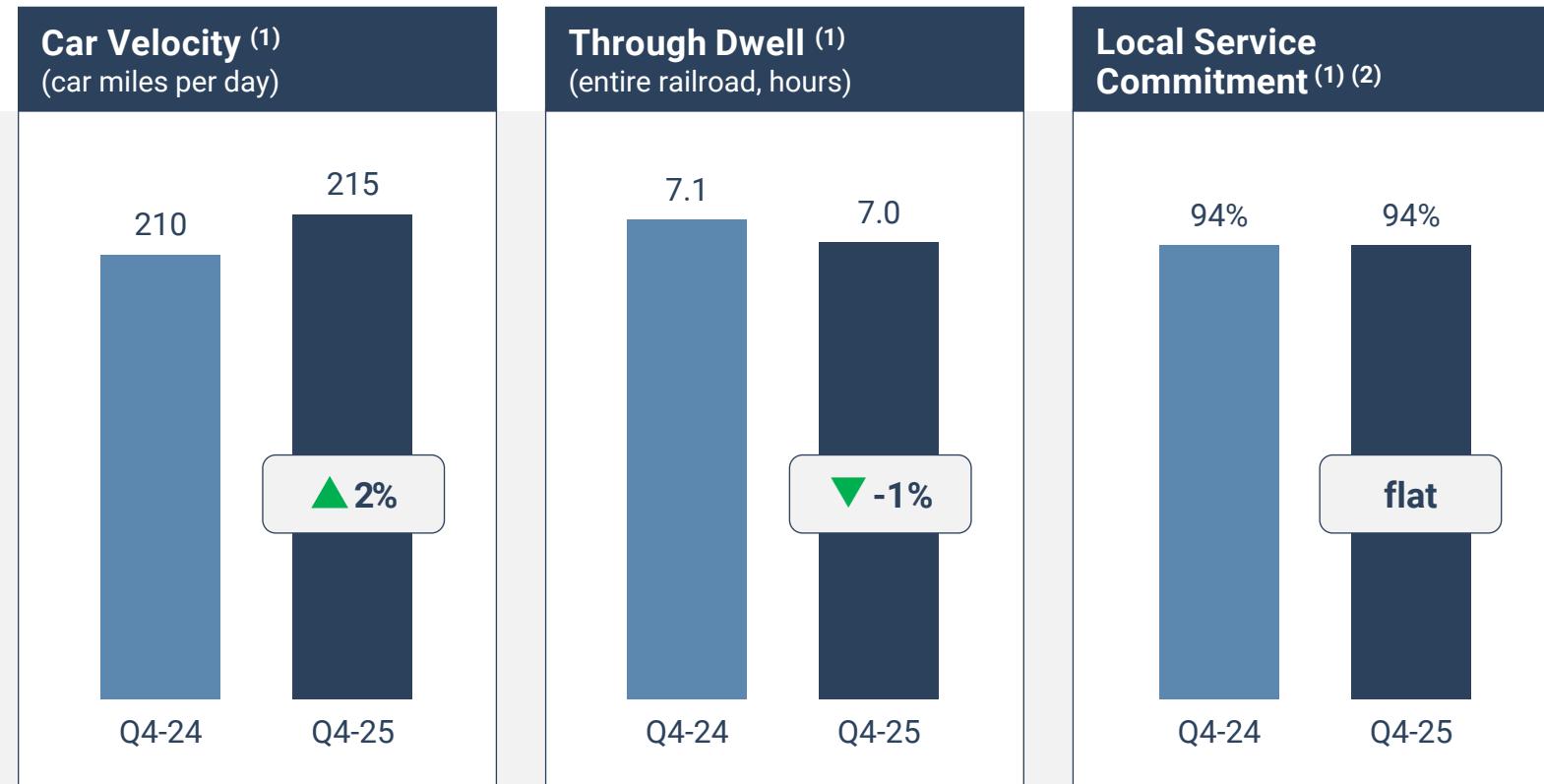
Chief Operating Officer



Disciplined scheduled railroading in action

Key operating measures

- Continued to run lean and drove incremental productivity gains
- Delivered four consecutive months of record grain movement
- Maintained strong service across customer base
- Transitioned to winter operating model – network remained fluid



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(2) Local Service Commitment is defined as the percentage of cars that successfully completed their Daily Operating Plan.

High-level performance across key operating metrics

Update on key efficiency initiatives

Network operations

Plan Discipline



Adherence to the Plan underpinning fluid movement of trains across the network

▼ 1%

FUEL EFFICIENCY
Q4 2025 vs. Q4 2024

Right-sized Resources

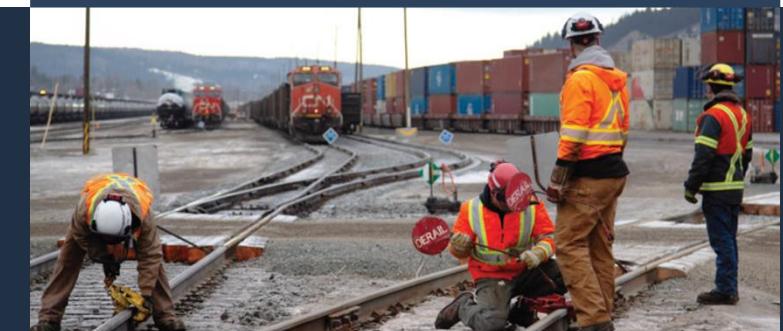


Resource alignment enabling the right tension between volumes and operating capacity

▲ 14%

GTMS/T&E⁽¹⁾ EMPLOYEE
Q4 2025 vs. Q4 2024

Driving Efficiencies



Improvement of **locomotive productivity**, increasing asset utilization

▲ 5%

TRAILING GTMs PER TOTAL HORSEPOWER
Q4 2025 vs. Q4 2024

(1) Train and engine employees (locomotive engineers and conductors).

Ongoing focus on productivity



Janet Drysdale

Chief Commercial Officer



Relentless focus on helping our customers win

Revenue highlights

- Volume growth driven by strong grain demand and intermodal gains
- Growth across all petroleum & chemicals segments
- Cross-border forest products, steel, aluminum and automotive continue to be impacted by tariffs
- Softness in key markets mitigated by enabling alternative market access and actively driving new business through targeted boots-on-the-ground efforts

Q4 Revenues

\$4.5B

▲ 2%

Q4 RTMs ⁽²⁾

61.7B

▲ 4%

2025 Revenues

\$17.3B

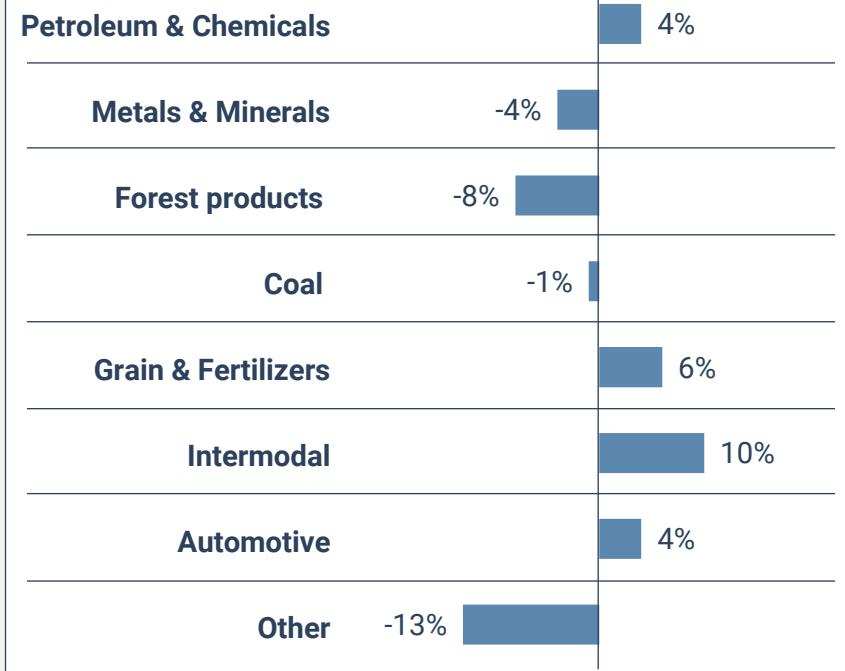
▲ 2%

2025 RTMs ⁽²⁾

238.2B

▲ 1%

Q4 Revenue Variance on a Constant Currency Basis ⁽¹⁾ (Q4 2025 vs Q4 2024)



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Service remains a key differentiator

Measured volume expectations for 2026

2026 outlook versus 2025

Merchandise		Bulk Products		Consumer Products	
	Petroleum & Chemicals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGL export growth through Rupert Refined growth from Phase 2 of the Greater Toronto Fuel Terminal, lapping extended outages in 2025 New crude oil business 		Grain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDN – Record crop with upside mainly in Q3, dependent on export demand, supportive pricing and carryout stocks US – Chinese soybean demand in Q1 and robust corn exports in first half 		International Intermodal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenging near-term outlook for North American imports, offset by continued strong Gemini volumes through the Port of Prince Rupert
	Metals and Minerals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expect frac sand growth to be back-ended Continued weak fundamental for iron ore Shifts in steel and aluminum flows 		Coal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDN – Incremental metallurgical coal US – Continued soft thermal coal export demand 		Domestic Intermodal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-year effect of service-based wins last year
	Forest Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat housing starts, compounded by US tariffs and duties 		Fertilizers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic demand softness and normalization of export demand following strong Q2/Q3 2025 spot moves 		Automotive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In line with production forecasts
<p>Contour of volume growth back-end loaded</p>					



Ghislain Houle



Chief Financial Officer

Meaningful earnings growth

Fourth Quarter highlights

- Strong earnings driven by better-than-expected cost management, with volumes and revenues on plan
- Material improvement in operating ratio, partly helped by fuel, depreciation and ongoing labor productivity
- Actively repurchasing shares

Q4 Diluted EPS	
Reported	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
\$2.03	\$2.08
▲ 12%	▲ 14%

Q4 Diluted Number of Shares	
616M	
	▼ 2%

Q4 Operating Ratio	
Reported	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
61.2%	60.1%
▼ 140 bps	▼ 250 bps

Q4 Operating Income	
Reported	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
\$1.7B	\$1.8B
▲ 6%	▲ 9%

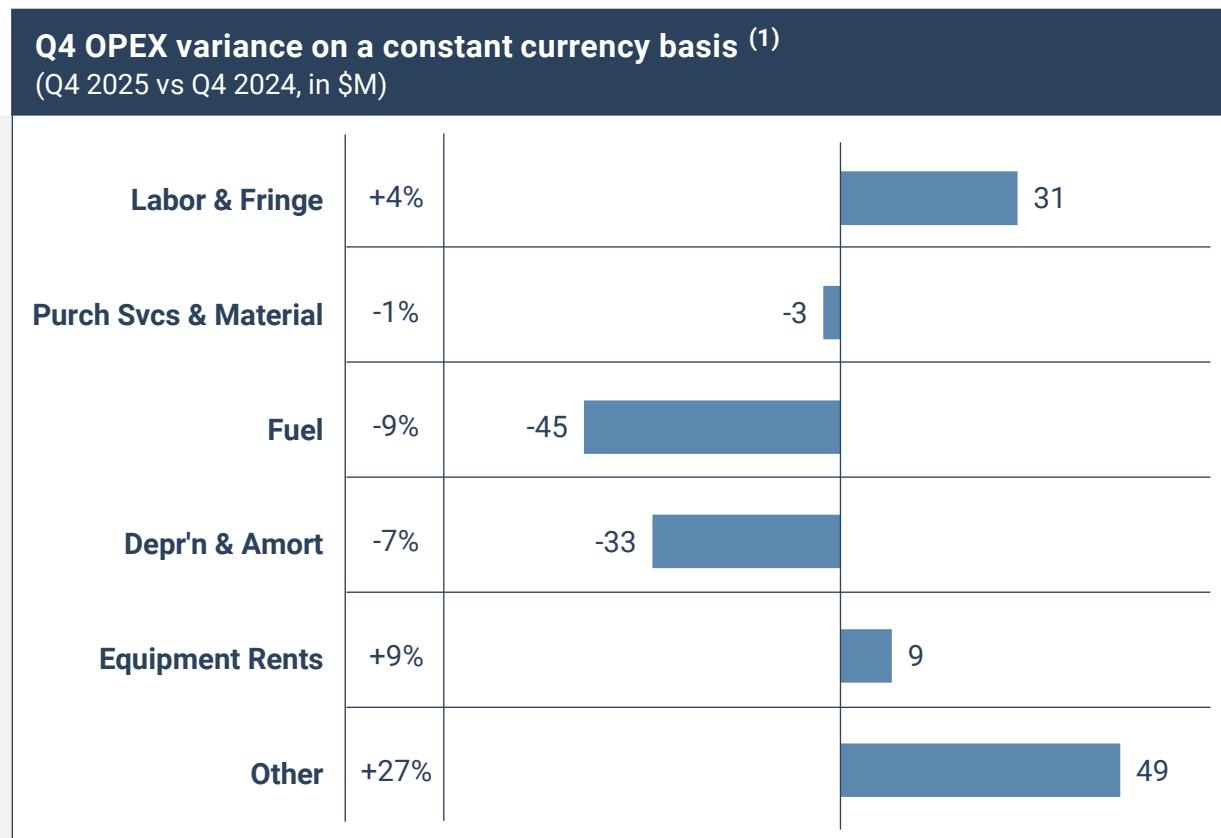
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Sequential and year-over-year margin improvement

Operating expense review

Constant currency

- **Labor** up on workforce reduction charge, wage inflation and higher incentives, partly offset by 4% lower headcount
- **Fuel** down on the removal of Canadian federal carbon tax program and favorable fuel efficiency
- **Depreciation** down driven by favorable study and the impact from certain assets from past acquisitions being fully depreciated
- **Other** up due to higher legal provisions including non-recurring \$34M for unfavorable court ruling



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A positive percentage indicates an increase in year-over-year expense

Cost structure well positioned for an eventual volume upcycle

Earnings growth solidly in line with guidance

Full Year highlights

2025 Diluted EPS	
Reported	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
\$7.57	\$7.63
▲ 8%	▲ 7%

2025 Cash Flow		
Free cash flow ⁽¹⁾	Net cash provided by operating activities	Net cash used in investing activities
\$3.3B	\$7.0B	(\$3.7B)
▲ \$0.2B	▲ \$0.3B	▲ \$0.1B

2025 Operating Ratio	
Reported	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
61.9%	61.7%
▼ 150 bps	▼ 120 bps

2025 Operating Income	
Reported	Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
\$6.6B	\$6.6B
▲ 5%	▲ 5%

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Disciplined execution across the business, delivering solid earnings and cash flow

2026 financial outlook ⁽¹⁾

- Macro environment still uncertain; assuming flattish revenue ton miles for 2026 versus 2025
- Within a weaker macro backdrop, expecting adjusted diluted EPS ⁽²⁾ growth versus 2025 slightly exceeding volume growth
- \$2.8B outlook for 2026 capital expenditures, down 15% versus 2025
- Assuming foreign exchange of \$0.715 and WTI US\$60 - US\$70 per barrel
- Shareholder distribution: 3% increase in dividend and new share buyback program for up to 24 million shares

2026 Earnings Guidance	2026 Capex Guidance
<p>Assuming flattish year-over-year RTMs</p> <p>Slightly higher than volume growth</p> <hr/> <p>ADJUSTED DILUTED EPS GROWTH ⁽²⁾</p>	<p>Disciplined investment</p> <p>\$2.8B</p> <hr/> <p>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES Net of amounts reimbursed by customers</p>

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Directional guidance given limited visibility in the current environment



Tracy Robinson



President and Chief Executive Officer

A leaner, more resilient railroad

Closing remarks

- › Delivering for our customers in a challenging environment
- › Taking meaningful action to reshape our cost structure
- › Driving strong free cash flow and disciplined shareholder returns



Built to lead and deliver long-term value

Appendix



Non-GAAP measures

This presentation makes reference to non-GAAP measures that do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP, including adjusted net income, adjusted earnings per share, adjusted operating income, adjusted operating expense, adjusted operation ratio, free cash flow, adjusted debt-to-adjusted EBITDA multiple, return on invested capital (ROIC) and adjusted ROIC. These non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. From management's perspective, these non-GAAP measures are useful measures of performance and provide investors with supplementary information to assess the Company's results of operations and liquidity. These non-GAAP measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Adjusted Performance Measures

Adjusted net income, adjusted diluted earnings per share, adjusted operating income, adjusted operating expenses and adjusted operating ratio are non-GAAP measures that are used to set performance goals and to measure CN's performance and may include the following adjustments:

- i. operating expense adjustments: workforce reduction program, advisory costs related to rail consolidation matters, depreciation expense on the deployment of a replacement system, advisory fees related to shareholder matters, losses and recoveries from assets held for sale, business acquisition-related costs;
- ii. non-operating expense adjustments: business acquisition-related financing fees, merger termination income, gains and losses on disposal of property; and
- iii. the effect of changes in tax laws including rate enactments and changes in tax positions affecting prior years.

These non-GAAP measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies.

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2025, the Company's adjusted net income was \$1,284 million, or \$2.08 per diluted share and \$4,756 million, or \$7.63 per diluted share, respectively, which excludes:

- employee termination benefits and severance costs related to a workforce reduction program of \$34 million, or \$25 million after-tax (\$0.04 per diluted share) recorded in the fourth quarter in Labor and fringe benefits within the Consolidated Statement of Income; and
- advisory costs related to analysis and advocacy for the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB) enforcement of antitrust laws pertaining to the potential merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern of \$15 million, or \$11 million after-tax (\$0.01 and \$0.02 per diluted share for the three months and year ended December 31, 2025, respectively) recorded in the fourth quarter in Purchased services and materials within the Consolidated Statements of Income.

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2024, the Company's adjusted net income was \$1,146 million, or \$1.82 per diluted share, and \$4,506 million, or \$7.10 per diluted share, respectively. The adjusted figure for the year ended December 31, 2024 excludes a loss on assets held for sale of \$78 million, or \$58 million after-tax (\$0.09 per diluted share), recorded in the second quarter, resulting from an agreement to transfer the ownership and related risks and obligations of the Quebec Bridge located in Quebec, Canada, to the Government of Canada.

Non-GAAP measures

Adjusted Net Income and Earnings per Share

Adjusted net income is defined as Net income in accordance with GAAP adjusted for certain significant items. Management believes that adjusted net income provides additional insight to management and investors into the Company's operations and underlying business trends as well as facilitate period-to-period comparisons, as it excludes certain significant items that are not reflective of CN's underlying business operations and could distort the analysis of trends in business performance. Adjusted diluted earnings per share is defined as adjusted net income divided by the weighted-average diluted shares outstanding. This measure helps management and investors evaluate the Company's profitability on a per-share basis, facilitating the assessment of period-over-period performance by removing the impact of significant, non-recurring items. The following table provides a reconciliation of Net income and Earnings per share in accordance with GAAP, as reported for the three months and years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, to the non-GAAP adjusted performance measures presented herein:

unaudited <i>In millions, except per share data</i>	Three months ended December 31		Year ended December 31	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Net income	\$ 1,248	\$ 1,146	\$ 4,720	\$ 4,448
Adjustments:				
Operating expense adjustments:				
Workforce reduction program	34	—	34	—
Advisory costs related to rail consolidation matters	15	—	15	—
Loss on assets held for sale	—	—	—	78
Tax adjustments:				
Tax effect of adjustments ⁽¹⁾	(13)	—	(13)	(20)
Total adjustments	\$ 36	\$ —	\$ 36	\$ 58
Adjusted net income	\$ 1,284	\$ 1,146	\$ 4,756	\$ 4,506
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 2.03	\$ 1.82	\$ 7.57	\$ 7.01
Impact of adjustments, per share	0.05	—	0.06	0.09
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	\$ 2.08	\$ 1.82	\$ 7.63	\$ 7.10

1. The tax impact of adjustments is based on the nature of the item for tax purposes and related tax rates in the applicable jurisdiction.

Non-GAAP measures

Adjusted Operating Income, Operating Expenses and Operating Ratio

Adjusted operating income is defined as Operating income in accordance with GAAP adjusted for certain significant operating expense items that are not reflective of CN's underlying business operations. This measure helps management and investors assess the Company's core operating results by excluding items that may distort the analysis of ongoing business performance. Adjusted operating expenses is defined as Operating expenses in accordance with GAAP adjusted for certain significant operating expense items that are not reflective of CN's underlying business operations. This measure provides management and investors with a view of ongoing costs which exclude unusual or non-recurring items, enabling more accurate assessment of cost management and resource allocation across reporting periods. Adjusted operating ratio is defined as adjusted operating expenses as a percentage of revenues. For management and investors, the adjusted operating ratio serves as a key performance indicator of cost management and overall operational effectiveness, as it demonstrates how effectively management controls costs relative to total revenue by excluding unusual or non-recurring items. The following table provides a reconciliation of Operating income, Operating expenses and operating ratio, as reported for the three months and years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, to the non-GAAP adjusted performance measures presented herein:

unaudited <i>In millions, except percentages</i>	Three months ended December 31		Year ended December 31	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Operating income	\$ 1,733	\$ 1,628	\$ 6,587	\$ 6,247
<i>Adjustments:</i>				
Workforce reduction program	34	—	34	—
Advisory costs related to rail consolidation matters	15	—	15	—
Loss on assets held for sale	—	—	—	78
Total adjustments	\$ 49	\$ —	\$ 49	\$ 78
Adjusted operating income	\$ 1,782	\$ 1,628	\$ 6,636	\$ 6,325
Operating expenses	\$ 2,731	\$ 2,730	\$ 10,717	\$ 10,799
Total adjustments	(49)	—	(49)	(78)
Adjusted operating expenses	\$ 2,682	\$ 2,730	\$ 10,668	\$ 10,721
Operating ratio	61.2 %	62.6 %	61.9 %	63.4 %
Impact of adjustments	(1.1)%	— %	(0.2)%	(0.5)%
Adjusted operating ratio	60.1 %	62.6 %	61.7 %	62.9 %

Non-GAAP measures

Constant Currency

Financial results at constant currency allow results to be viewed without the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, thereby facilitating period-to-period comparisons in the analysis of trends in business performance. Measures at constant currency are considered non-GAAP measures and do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. Financial results at constant currency are obtained by translating the current period results denominated in US dollars at the weighted average foreign exchange rates used to translate transactions denominated in US dollars of the comparable period of the prior year. The average foreign exchange rates were \$1.395 and \$1.398 per US\$1.00 for the three months and year ended December 31, 2025, respectively, and \$1.399 and \$1.370 per US\$1.00 for the three months and year ended December 31, 2024, respectively. On a constant currency basis, the Company's Net income for the three months and year ended December 31, 2025 would have been lower by \$4 million (\$0.01 per diluted share) and lower by \$49 million (\$0.08 per diluted share), respectively. The following table provides a reconciliation of the impact of constant currency and related percentage change at constant currency on the financial results, as reported for the three months and year ended December 31, 2025:

unaudited <i>In millions, except per share data</i>	Three months ended December 31				Year ended December 31			
	2025	Constant currency impact	2024	% Change at constant currency Fav (Unfav)	2025	Constant currency impact	2024	% Change at constant currency Fav (Unfav)
Revenues								
Petroleum and chemicals	\$ 901	\$ —	\$ 868	4 % (4)%	\$ 3,478	\$ (43)	\$ 3,414	1 % (6)%
Metals and minerals	466	1	488	(8)%	1,962	(33)	2,048	(6)%
Forest products	433	—	469	(1)%	1,839	(31)	1,931	(6)%
Coal	235	—	238	6 %	960	(7)	929	3 %
Grain and fertilizers	1,098	—	1,038	10 %	3,658	(36)	3,422	6 %
Intermodal	964	1	876	4 %	3,892	(18)	3,757	3 %
Automotive	215	(1)	206	— %	892	(14)	894	(2)%
Total freight revenues	4,312	1	4,183	3 % (13)%	16,681	(182)	16,395	1 % (5)%
Other revenues	152	1	175	— %	623	(6)	651	— %
Total revenues	4,464	2	4,358	2 %	17,304	(188)	17,046	— %
Operating expenses								
Labor and fringe benefits	913	1	883	(4)%	3,510	(27)	3,422	(2)%
Purchased services and material	591	4	598	1 %	2,306	(10)	2,313	1 %
Fuel	437	(1)	481	9 %	1,786	(39)	2,060	15 %
Depreciation and amortization	456	—	489	7 %	1,938	(17)	1,892	(2)%
Equipment rents	106	1	98	(9)%	432	(7)	392	(8)%
Other	228	2	181	(27)%	745	(10)	642	(14)%
Loss on assets held for sale	—	—	—	— %	—	—	78	100 %
Total operating expenses	2,731	7	2,730	— %	10,717	(110)	10,799	2 %
Operating income	1,733	(5)	1,628	6 % (1)%	6,587	(78)	6,247	4 % (1)%
Interest expense	(234)	—	(231)	(1)%	(913)	14	(891)	— %
Other components of net periodic benefit income	126	—	113	12 %	502	—	454	11 %
Other income (loss)	44	—	(2)	2,300 %	88	(1)	42	107 %
Income before income taxes	1,669	(5)	1,508	10 % (16)%	6,264	(65)	5,852	6 % (9)%
Income tax recovery (expense)	(421)	1	(362)	(16)%	(1,544)	16	(1,404)	— %
Net income	\$ 1,248	\$ (4)	\$ 1,146	9 % (49) \$	\$ 4,720	\$ (49)	\$ 4,448	5 %
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 2.03	\$ (0.01)	\$ 1.82	11 % (0.08) \$	\$ 7.57	\$ (0.08)	\$ 7.01	7 %

Non-GAAP measures

Free Cash Flow

Free cash flow is a useful measure of liquidity as it demonstrates the Company's ability to generate cash for debt obligations and for discretionary uses such as payment of dividends, share repurchases and strategic opportunities. The Company defines its free cash flow measure as the difference between net cash provided by operating activities and net cash used in investing activities, adjusted for the impact of (i) business acquisitions and combinations and (ii) merger transaction-related payments, cash receipts and cash income taxes, which are items that are not indicative of operating trends. Free cash flow does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The following table provides a reconciliation of Net cash provided by operating activities in accordance with GAAP, as reported for the three months and years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, to the non-GAAP free cash flow presented herein:

unaudited <i>In millions</i>	Three months ended December 31		Year ended December 31	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 2,227	\$ 1,995	\$ 7,049	\$ 6,699
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,232)	(963)	(3,713)	(3,607)
Free cash flow	\$ 995	\$ 1,032	\$ 3,336	\$ 3,092

Non-GAAP measures

Adjusted Debt-to-Adjusted EBITDA Multiple

Management believes that the adjusted debt-to-adjusted EBITDA multiple is a useful credit measure because it reflects the Company's ability to service its debt and other long-term obligations. The Company calculates the adjusted debt-to-adjusted EBITDA multiple as adjusted debt divided by the last twelve months of adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted debt is defined as the sum of Long-term debt and Current portion of long-term debt as reported on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets as well as Operating lease liabilities, including current portion and pension plans in deficiency recognized on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets due to the debt-like nature of their contractual and financial obligations. Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as Net income excluding Interest expense, Income tax expense, Depreciation and amortization, operating lease cost, Other components of net periodic benefit income, Other income (loss), and other significant items that are not reflective of CN's underlying business operations and which could distort the analysis of trends in business performance. Adjusted debt and adjusted EBITDA are non-GAAP measures used to compute the adjusted debt-to-adjusted EBITDA multiple. These measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The following table provides a reconciliation of debt and Net income in accordance with GAAP, reported as at and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, to the adjusted measures presented herein, which have been used to calculate the non-GAAP adjusted debt-to-adjusted EBITDA multiple:

unaudited In millions, unless otherwise indicated	As at and for the year ended December 31,	2025	2024
Debt ⁽¹⁾		\$ 21,206	\$ 20,894
Adjustments:			
Operating lease liabilities, including current portion ⁽²⁾		424	477
Pension plans in deficiency ⁽³⁾		329	350
Adjusted debt	\$ 21,959	\$ 21,721	
Net income		\$ 4,720	\$ 4,448
Interest expense		913	891
Income tax expense		1,544	1,404
Depreciation and amortization		1,938	1,892
Operating lease cost ⁽⁴⁾		160	153
Other components of net periodic benefit income		(502)	(454)
Other income		(88)	(42)
Adjustments:			
Workforce reduction program ⁽⁵⁾		34	—
Advisory costs related to rail consolidation matters ⁽⁶⁾		15	—
Loss on assets held for sale ⁽⁷⁾		—	78
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 8,734	\$ 8,370	
Adjusted debt-to-adjusted EBITDA multiple (times)	2.51	2.60	

1. Represents the aggregate of Current portion of long-term and Long-term debt.

2. Represents the present value of operating lease payments.

3. Represents the total funded deficit of all defined benefit pension plans with a projected benefit obligation in excess of plan assets.

4. Represents the operating lease costs recorded in Purchased services and material and Equipment rents.

5. Relates to employee termination benefits and severance costs related to a workforce reduction program.

6. Represents advisory costs related to analysis and advocacy for STB enforcement of antitrust laws pertaining to the potential merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern recorded in the fourth quarter.

7. Relates to a loss on assets held for sale of \$78 million recorded in the second quarter of 2024, resulting from an agreement to transfer the ownership and related risks and obligations of the Quebec Bridge located in Quebec, Canada, to the Government of Canada.

Non-GAAP measures

ROIC and Adjusted ROIC

ROIC and adjusted ROIC are useful measures for management and investors to evaluate the efficiency of the Company's use of capital funds and allow investors to assess the operating and investment decisions made by management. The Company calculates ROIC as return divided by average invested capital, both of which are non-GAAP measures. Return is defined as Net income plus interest expense after-tax, calculated using the Company's effective tax rate. Average invested capital is defined as the sum of Total shareholders' equity, Long-term debt and Current portion of long-term debt less Cash and cash equivalents, and Restricted cash and cash equivalents, averaged between the beginning and ending balance over the last twelve-month period. The Company calculates adjusted ROIC as adjusted return divided by average invested capital, both of which are non-GAAP measures. Adjusted return is defined as adjusted net income plus interest expense after-tax, calculated using the Company's adjusted effective tax rate. Return, average invested capital, ROIC, adjusted return and adjusted ROIC do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The following table provides a reconciliation of Net income and adjusted net income to return and adjusted return, respectively, as well as the calculation of average invested capital, which have been used to calculate ROIC and adjusted ROIC:

unaudited <i>In millions, except percentage</i>	As at and for the year ended December 31,	2025	2024
Net income	\$ 4,720	\$ 4,448	
Interest expense	913	891	
Tax on interest expense ⁽¹⁾	(225)	(214)	
Return	\$ 5,408	\$ 5,125	
Average total shareholders' equity	\$ 21,310	\$ 20,584	
Average long-term debt	20,014	17,931	
Average current portion of long-term debt	1,036	1,753	
Less: Average cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents	(382)	(663)	
Average invested capital	\$ 41,978	\$ 39,605	
ROIC	12.9 %	12.9 %	
Adjusted net income ⁽²⁾	\$ 4,756	\$ 4,506	
Interest expense	913	891	
Adjusted tax on interest expense ⁽³⁾	(226)	(214)	
Adjusted return	\$ 5,443	\$ 5,183	
Average invested capital	\$ 41,978	\$ 39,605	
Adjusted ROIC	13.0 %	13.1 %	

1. The effective tax rate, defined as Income tax expense as a percentage of Income before income taxes, used to calculate the tax on Interest expense for 2025 was 24.6% (2024 - 24.0%).

2. This non-GAAP measure does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. See the Adjusted net income and earnings per share slide for an explanation of this non-GAAP measure.

3. The adjusted effective tax rate is a non-GAAP measure, defined as Income tax expense, net of tax adjustments as presented in Adjusted performance measures as a percentage of Income before taxes, net of pre-tax adjustments as presented in Adjusted performance measures. This measure does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore, may not be comparable to a similar measure presented by other companies. The adjusted effective tax rate used to calculate the adjusted tax on interest expense for 2025 was 24.7% (2024 - 24.0%).