

# Investor Presentation

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### **Confluent Momentum-at-a-Glance**

Founded in 2014 by the Original Creators of **Apache Kafka** 





<sup>1</sup>TAM calculations performed by Confluent; source: Gartner, Forecast: Enterprise Infrastructure Software, Worldwide, 2020-2026, 2Q22 Update, June 2022; source: Gartner, Forecast: Enterprise Application Software, Worldwide, August 2022.

Note: Financials and metrics other than TAM data are as of or for stated period ended March 31, 2024.

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### ~\$60B Total Addressable Market<sup>1</sup>

#### Q1'24

\$207M / +29% YoY

\$107M / +45% YoY

(1.5%) / +22pts YoY

120%-125%

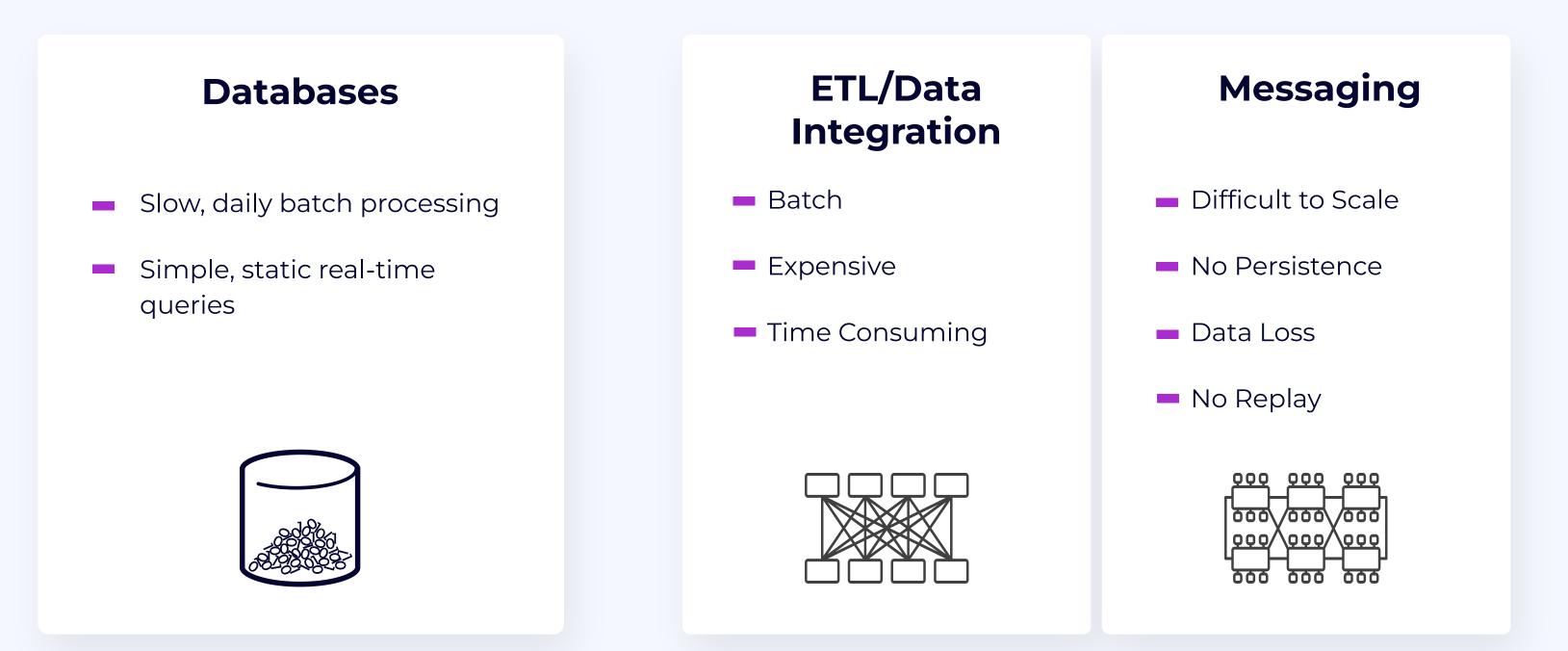
1,260 / +17% YoY

Confluent is on a mission to set data in motion



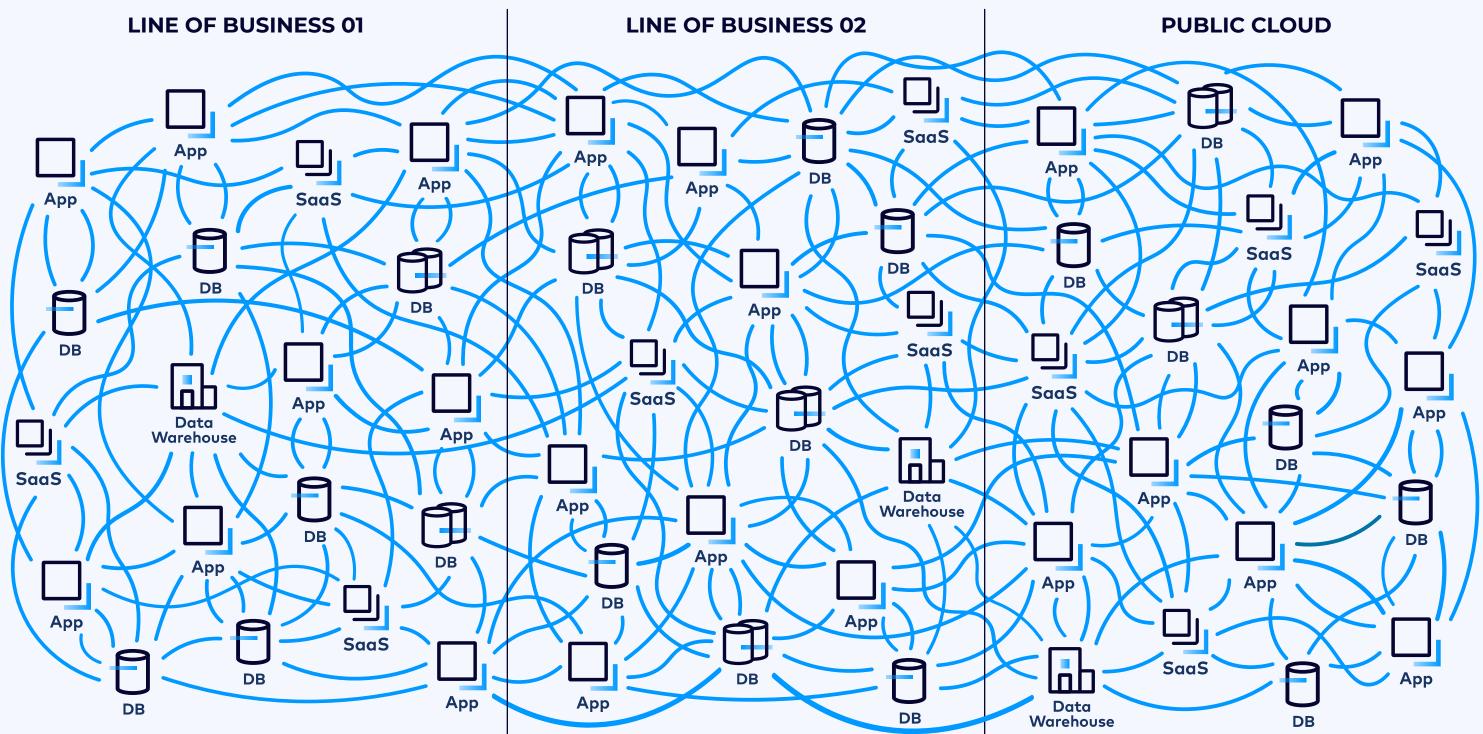
## The Problems with Data at Rest and Legacy Movement Tools

Data at Rest

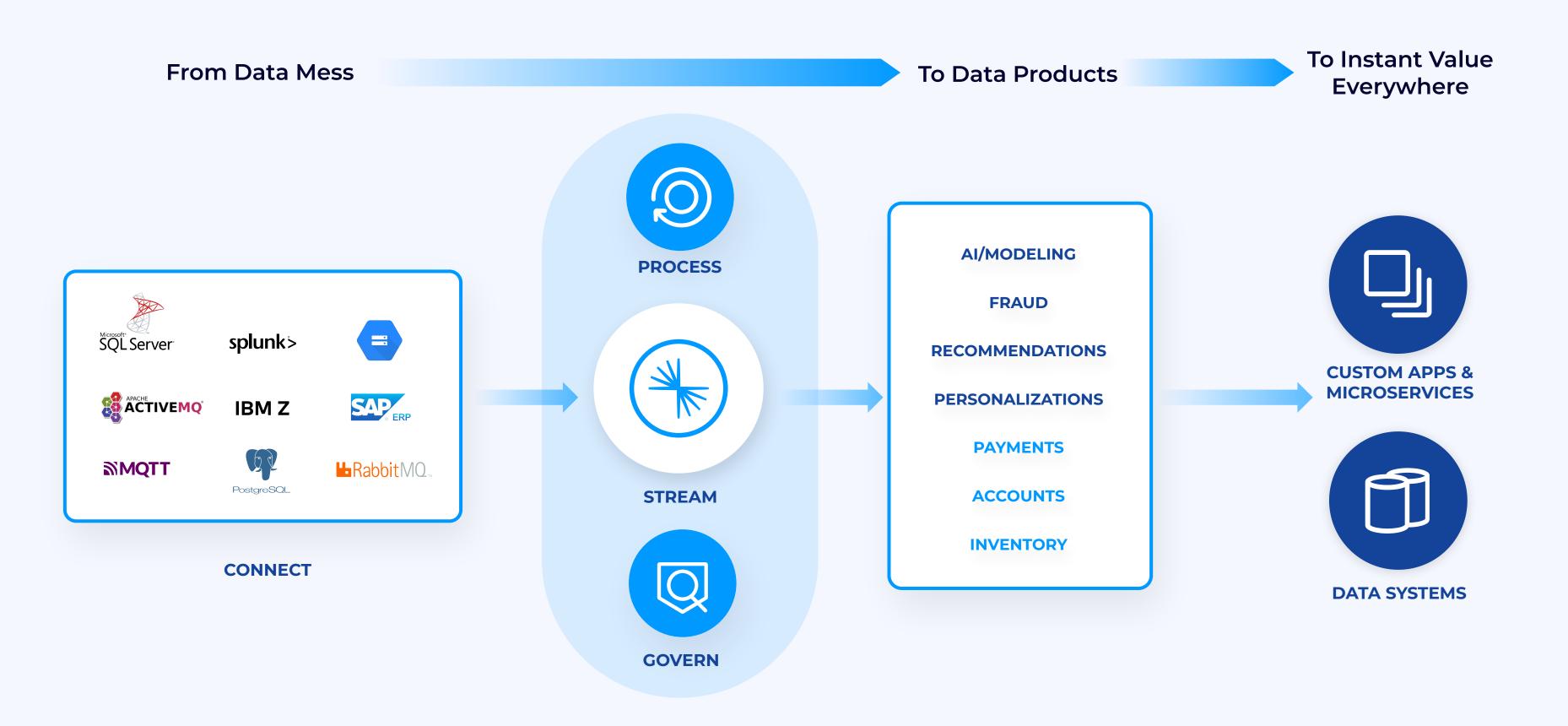


### Legacy Data Movement Tools

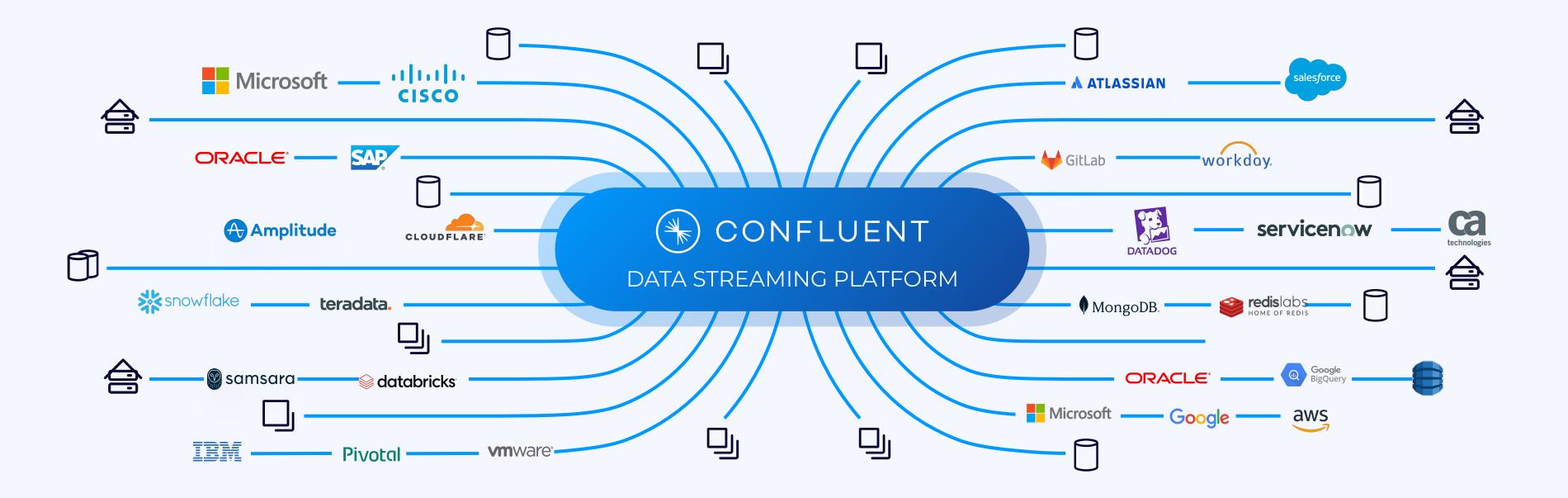
### **Databases Bring Point-in-Time Queries to Stored Data;** This Leads to a **Giant Mess** in Data Architecture



### A New Paradigm for Data in Motion: Data Streaming



### From Giant Mess to Central Nervous System

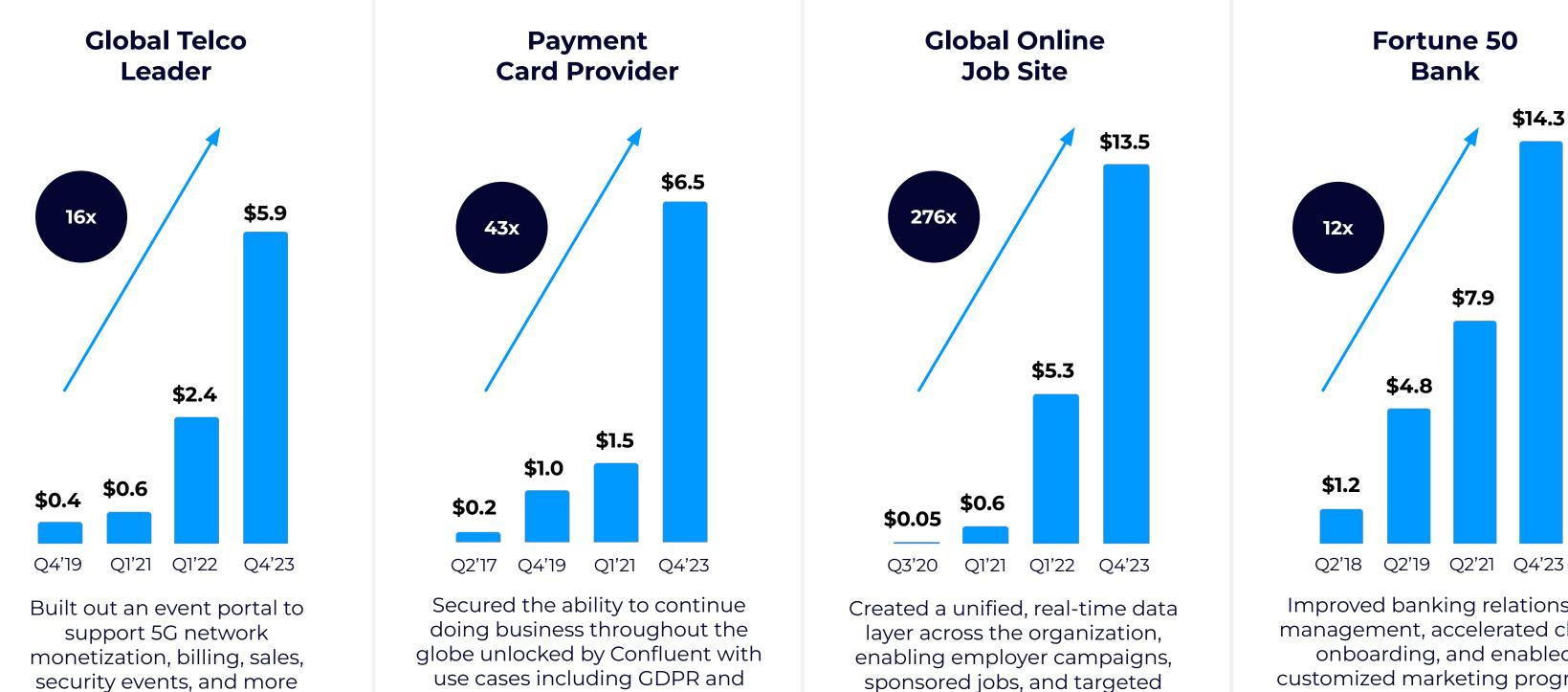


### **Proven Success Across Industries**



### **Customer Expansion Journey Case Studies**

ARR \$ in millions



Note: The expansion multiple is calculated based on the land ARR and the Q4'23 ending ARR, using actual unrounded numbers. The customer examples shown on this slide are illustrative only and may not be representative of growth of other customers within the same vertical(s).

mandate processing

searches

Improved banking relationship management, accelerated client onboarding, and enabled customized marketing programs for customers

### **Use Cases Across All Industries**

Retail	Inventory Management	Personalized Promotions	Product Development & Introduction	Sentiment Analysis	Streaming Enterprise Messaging	Systems of Scale for High Traffic Periods
Healthcare	Connected Health Records	Data Confidentiality & Accessibility	Dynamic Staff Allocation Optimization	Integrated Treatment	Proactive Patient Care	Real-Time Monitoring
<b>Finance &amp;</b> Banking	Early-On Fraud Detection	Capital Management	Market Risk Recognition & Investigation	Preventive Regulatory Scanning	Real-Time What-If Analysis	Trade Flow Monitoring
Transportation	Advanced Navigation	Environmental Factor Processing	Fleet Management	Predictive Maintenance	Threat Detection & Real-Time Response	Traffic Distribution Optimization
<b>Transportation Teleco</b>					& Real-Time	Distribution

### Why Confluent Wins



### Product Differentiation

Cloud-native: Re-imagined Kafka for the Cloud

**Complete:** Enable developers to reliably & securely build next-gen apps faster

**Everywhere:** Be everywhere customers want to be

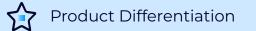


**Product Led:** Getting customers' hands on product early to qualify and deliver faster time-to value

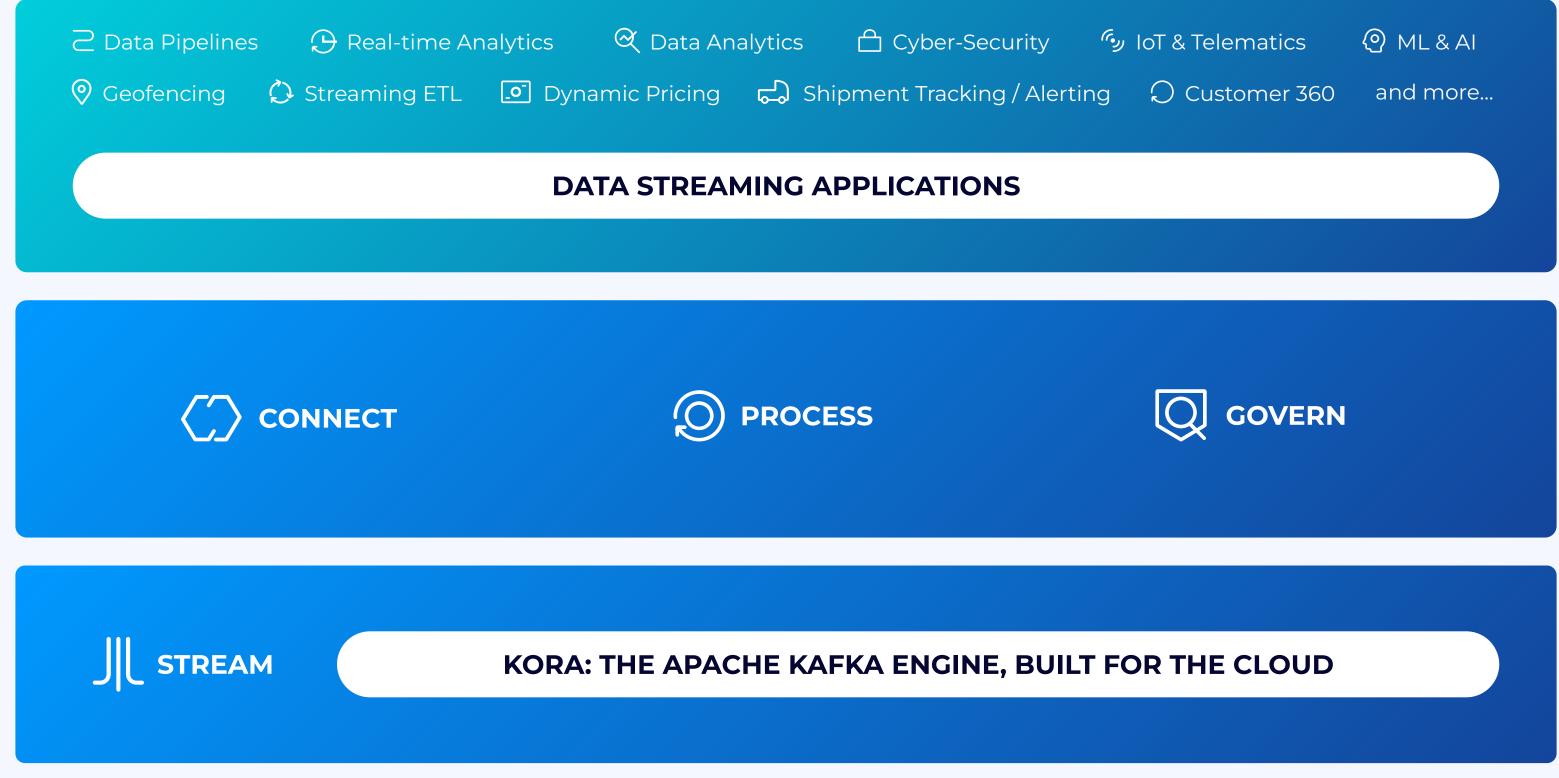
**Consumption Oriented:** Customer health and actual usage are primary indicators for customer success

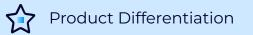
**Purpose Built for Data in Motion Journey:** Targeted features and expertise from early stage to Central Nervous System

### **Customer Growth Go-To-Market Model**

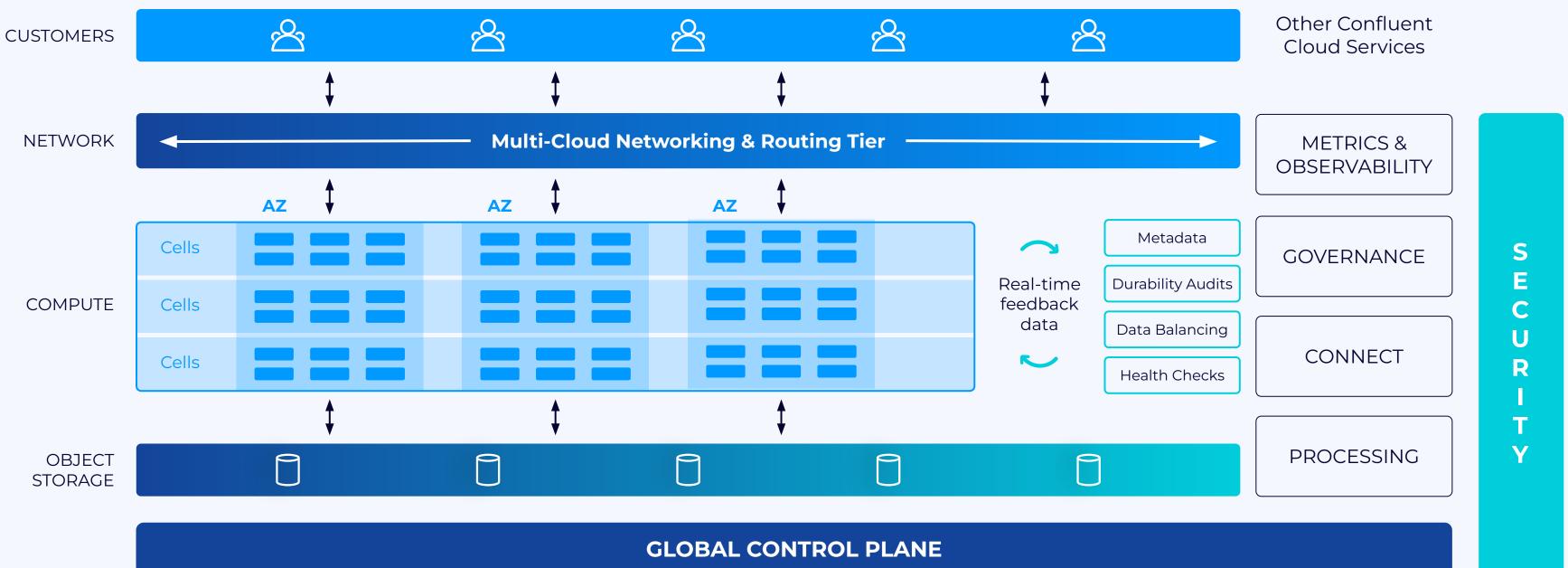


### The Confluent Data Streaming Platform Stream + Connect + Process + Govern





### **Confluent's Cloud Advantage: Kora Architecture**



#### **30X ELASTICITY**

Scale to handle GBps+ workloads and peak customer demands 30x faster without operational burden

#### **10X RESILIENCY**

Ensure high availability and offload Kafka ops with 99.99% uptime SLA, multi-AZ clusters, and no-touch Kafka patches

#### **∞X** STORAGE

Never worry about Kafka storage again with Intelligent Tiered Storage and Infinite Retention



### Stronger Capabilities, With Up to 60% Lower TCO





Development & Operations Personnel



#### DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS SAVINGS WITH CONFLUENT



Higher Utilization of Infrastructure

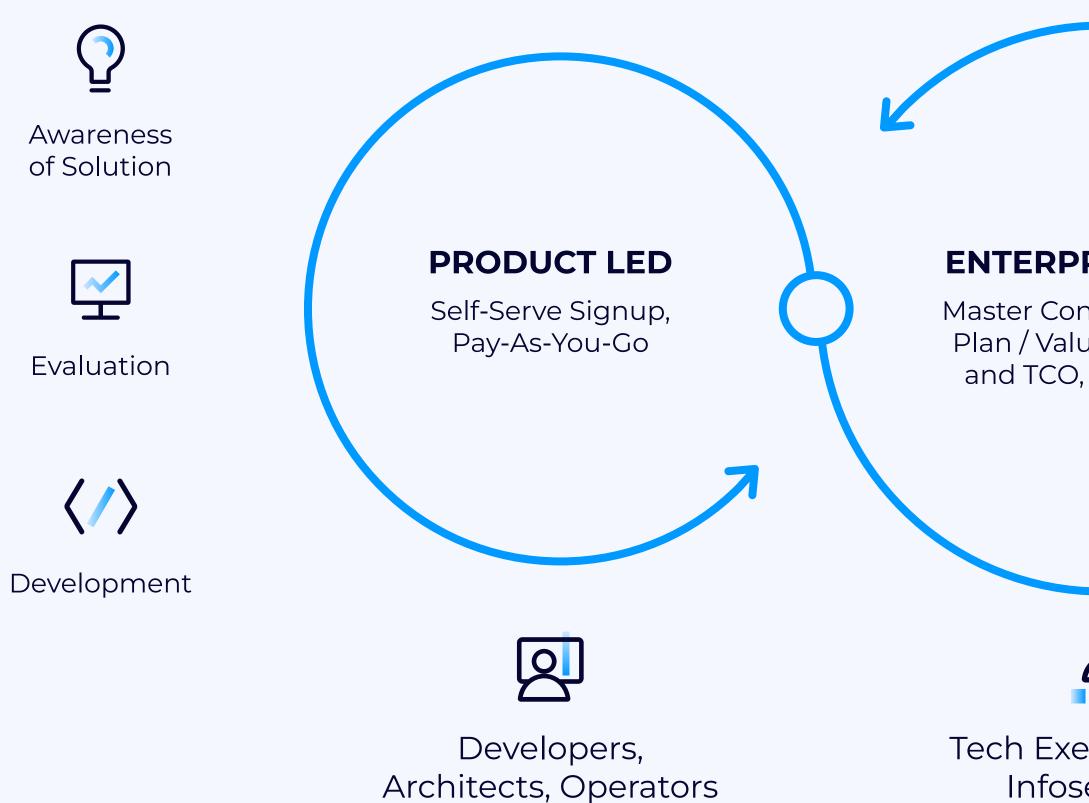


Software-driven Operations



Real-time Monitoring & Validation

### **Product Led Complements Enterprise Sales GTM Motion**



#### **ENTERPRISE SALES**

Master Contract, Success Plan / Value Realization and TCO, Governance



#### **Mission Critical**



Production

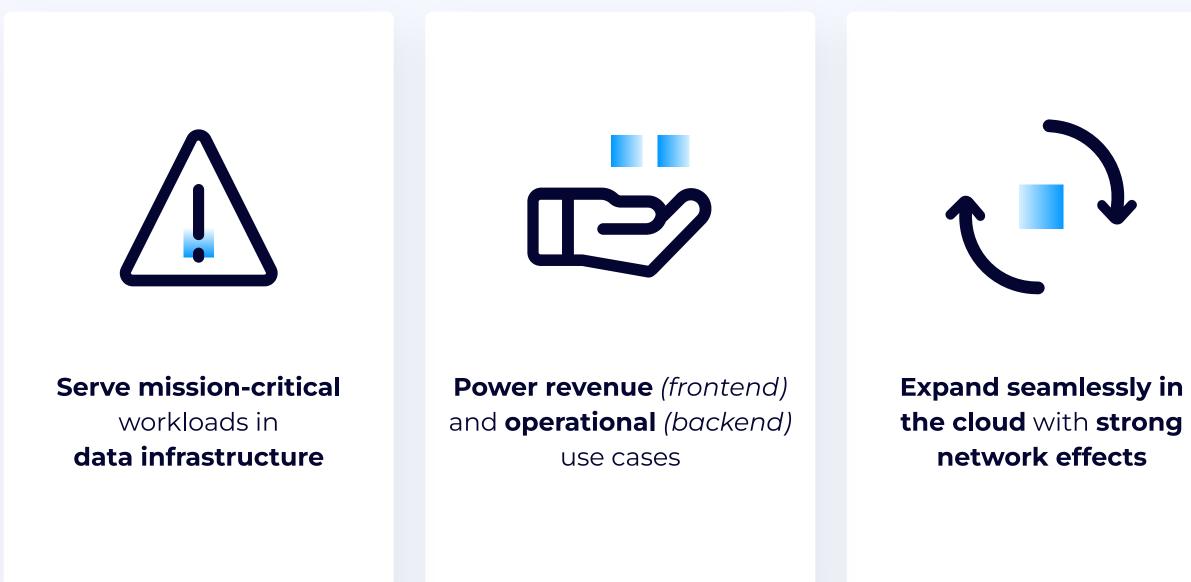


Central Nervous System



Tech Exec, CIO/CTO, Infosec/CISO

### **Our Powerful and Differentiated Cloud Consumption Model**





Moving up the stack with Flink and capitalizing on Cloud and Gen Al opportunities

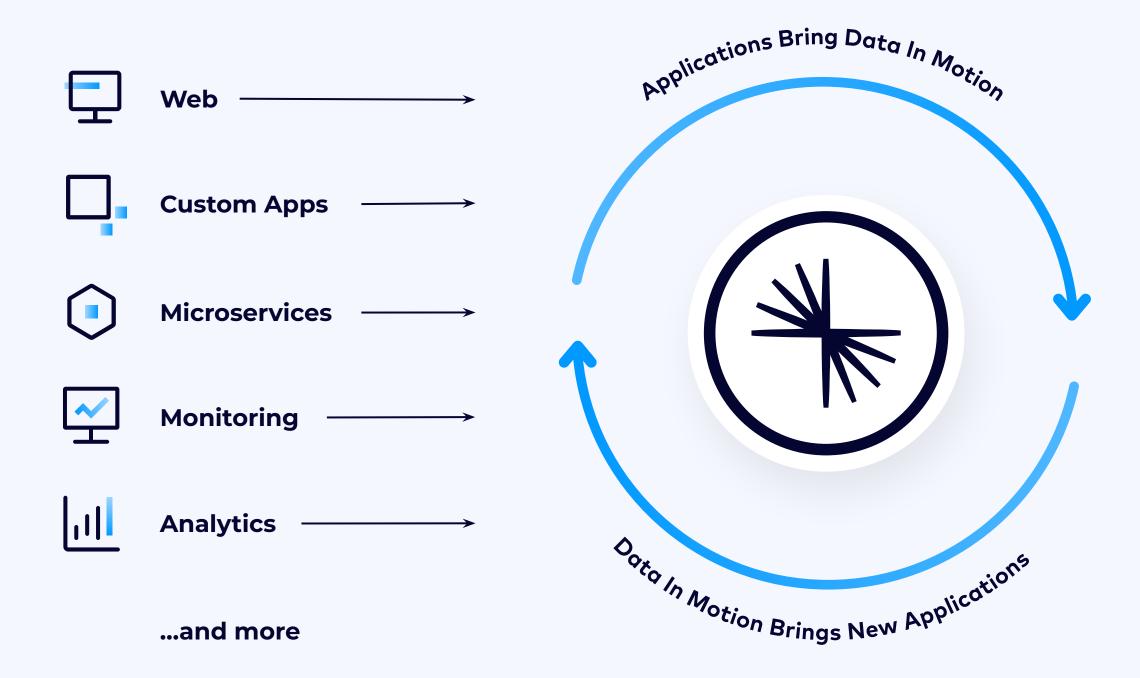
### **Data in Motion Journey**







### **Network Effects Drive Further Expansion**



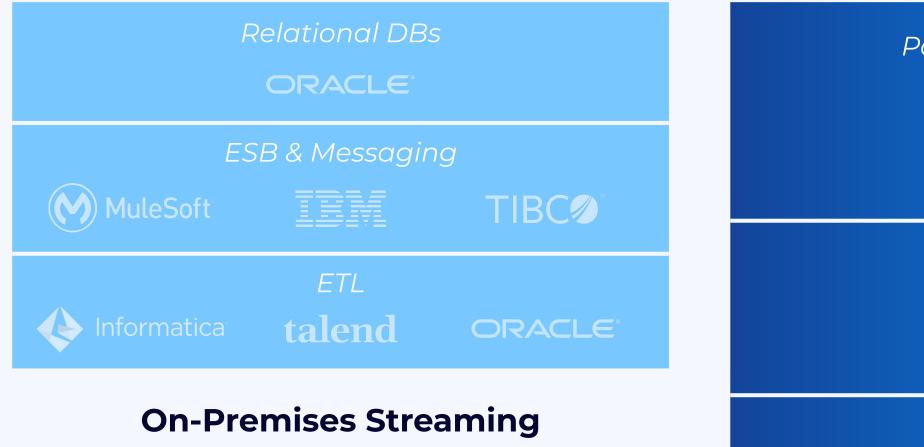




#### any destination

### **Competitive Landscape**







### **Cloud Providers**

#### Partners & Competitors







### Multiple Levers of Growth in a Large and Growing TAM



## **One Team, One Mission: Set Data in Motion**



**Jay Kreps Co-Founder & CEO** 

Linked in



Jun Rao **Co-Founder** Linked in



**Erica Schultz** 

**President, Field Operations** 

New Relic, ORACLE



**Rohan Sivaram Chief Financial Officer** 

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**Melanie Vinson Chief Legal Officer** 

workday.



**Gunjan Aggarwal Chief People Officer** 





**Rey Perez Chief Customer Officer** 

New Relic. ORACLE



**Shaun Clowes Chief Product Officer** 

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**Global Head of Sales** 

ORACLE

**2,761** employees as of Q1 2024





#### **Stephanie Buscemi Chief Marketing Officer**



#### **Board of Directors**

Jay Kreps **Co-Founder & CEO of Confluent** 

> Neha Narkhede **Co-Founder of Confluent**

> > Matt Miller Sequoia Capital

Mike Volpi **Index Ventures** 

**Eric Vishria Benchmark Capital** 

#### **Jonathan Chadwick**

Former EVP, CFO/COO at VMware

#### **Greg Schott**

**Former CEO and Chairman** at Mulesoft

#### Lara Caimi

President, Worldwide Field **Operations at Samsara** 

**Alyssa Henry** Former CEO at Square



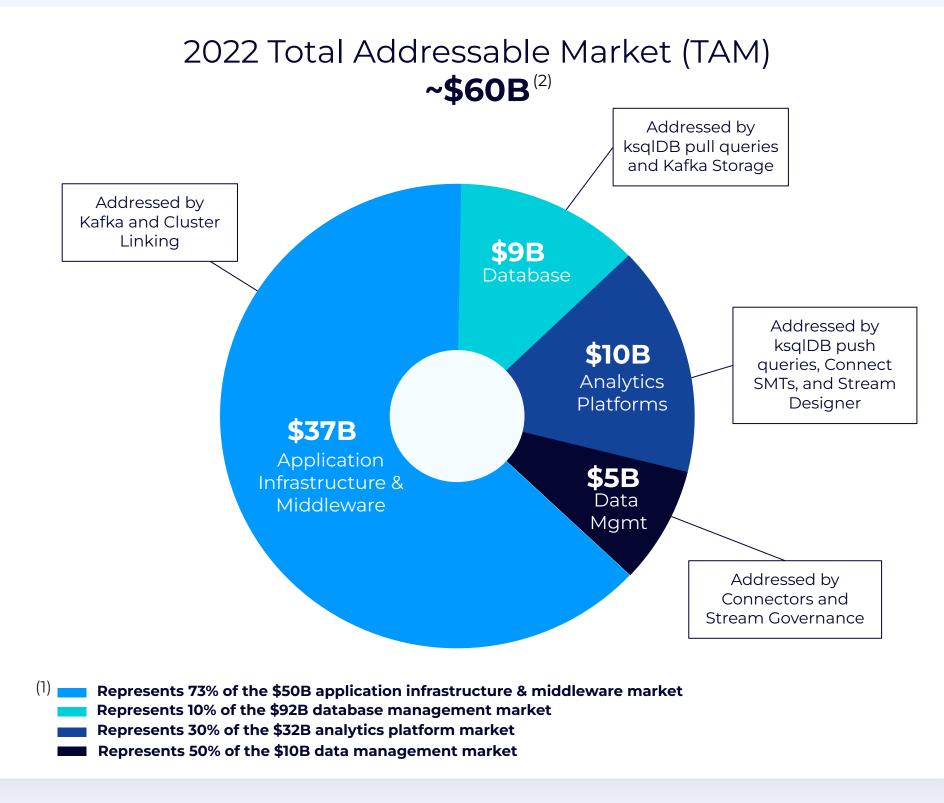
#### **Chad Verbowski**

**Chief Technology Officer** 

Google Microsoft

#### Hemanth Vedagarbha

### A New Data Category, A Large Market Opportunity



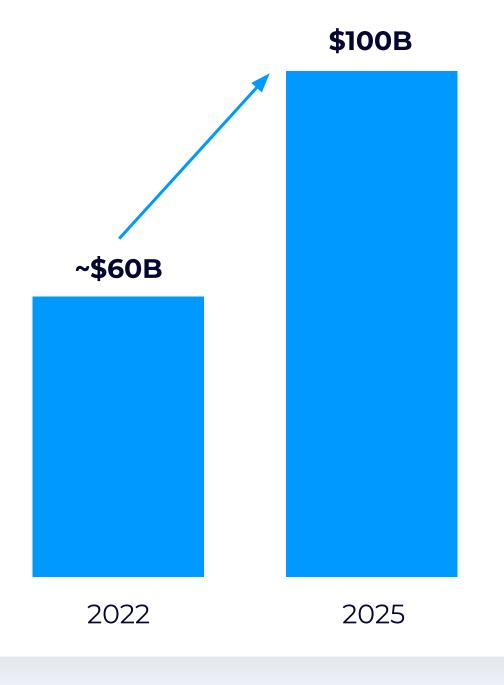
(1) Market size based on Gartner estimates from

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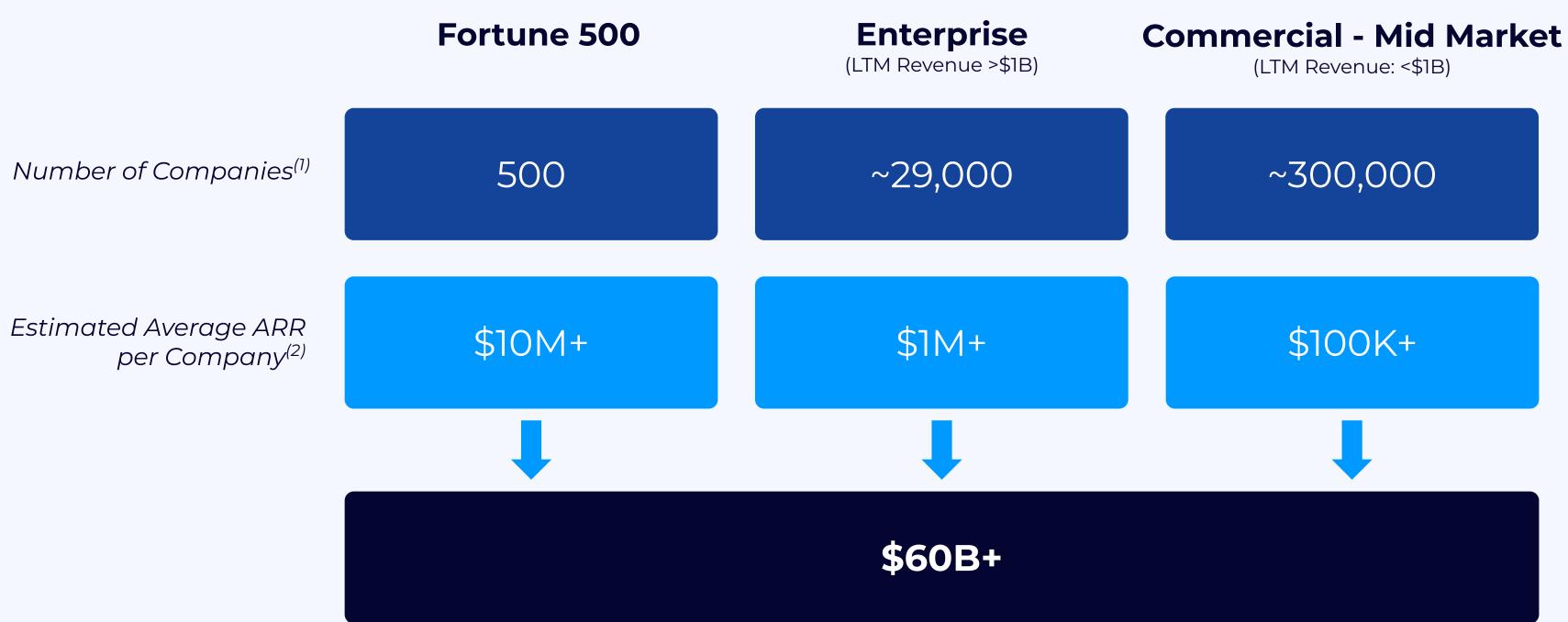
(2) Confluent product share based on internal analysis of use cases in each Gartner market category addressable with generally available Confluent products (3) Confluent TAM based on estimated share of each Gartner market from 2022 to 2025, which is tied to our current product offering and planned product roadmap



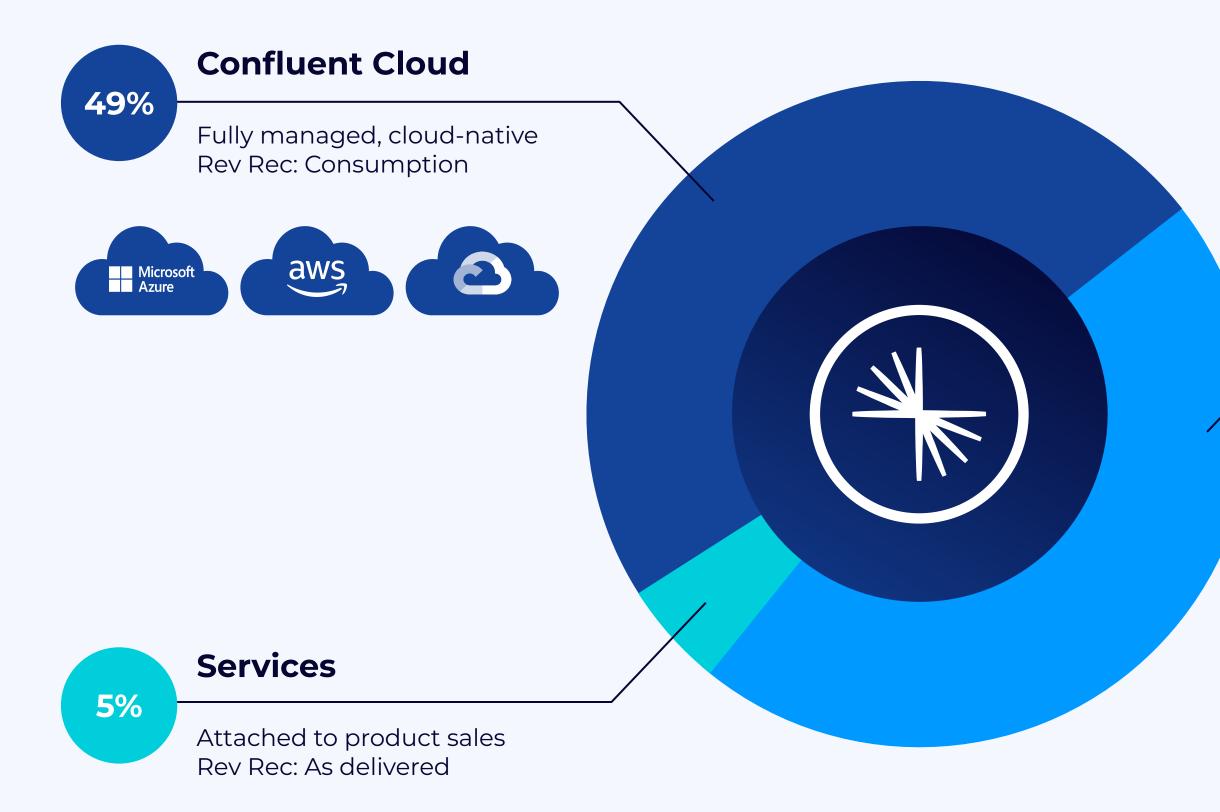
#### 2022-2025 TAM Growth <sup>(3)</sup> **19% CAGR**



### **Bottoms-up View of Our 2022 Addressable Market**



### The Power of Our Hybrid Model





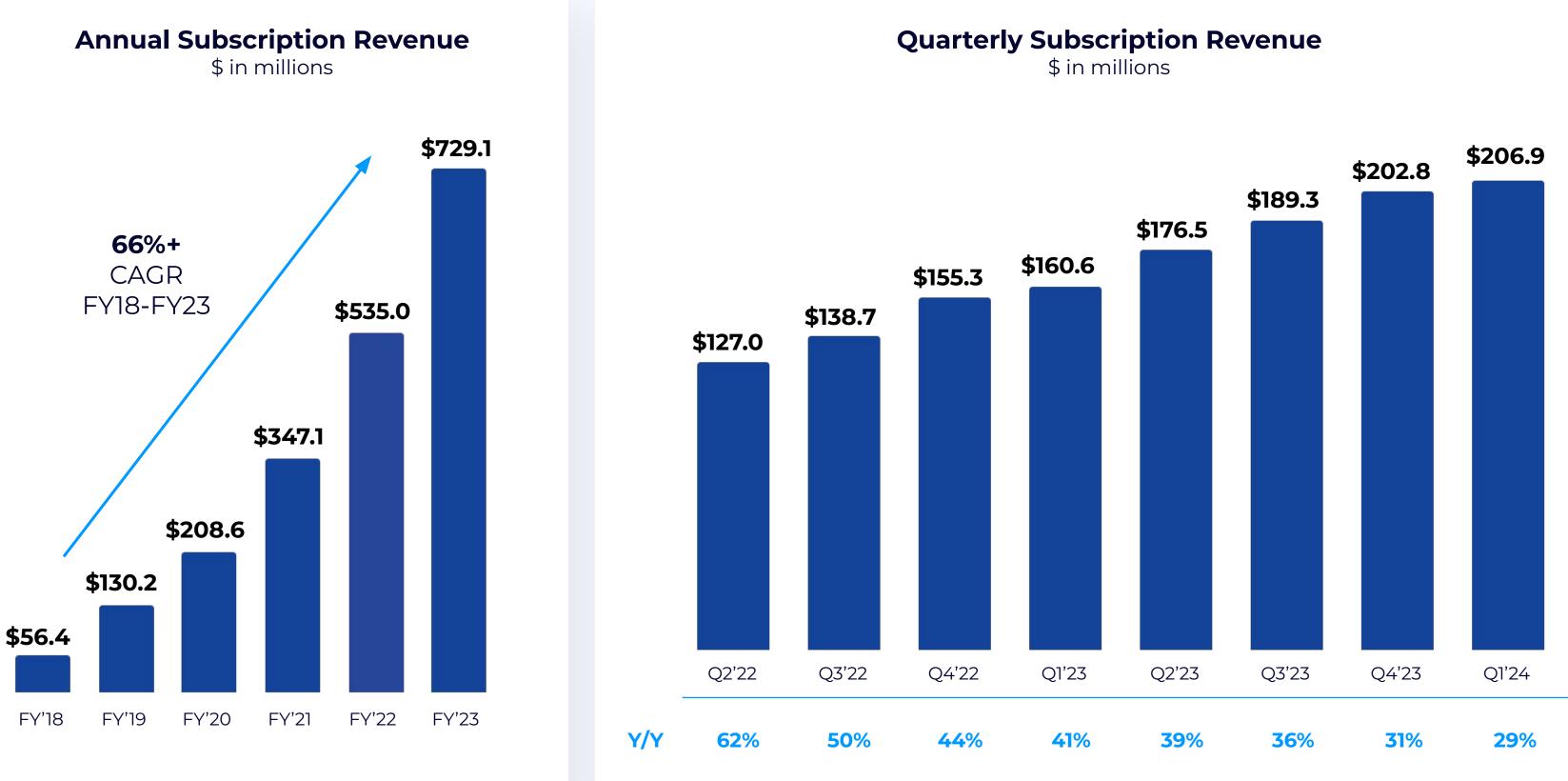
### **Confluent Platform**

Self-managed software Rev Rec: Upfront & ratable

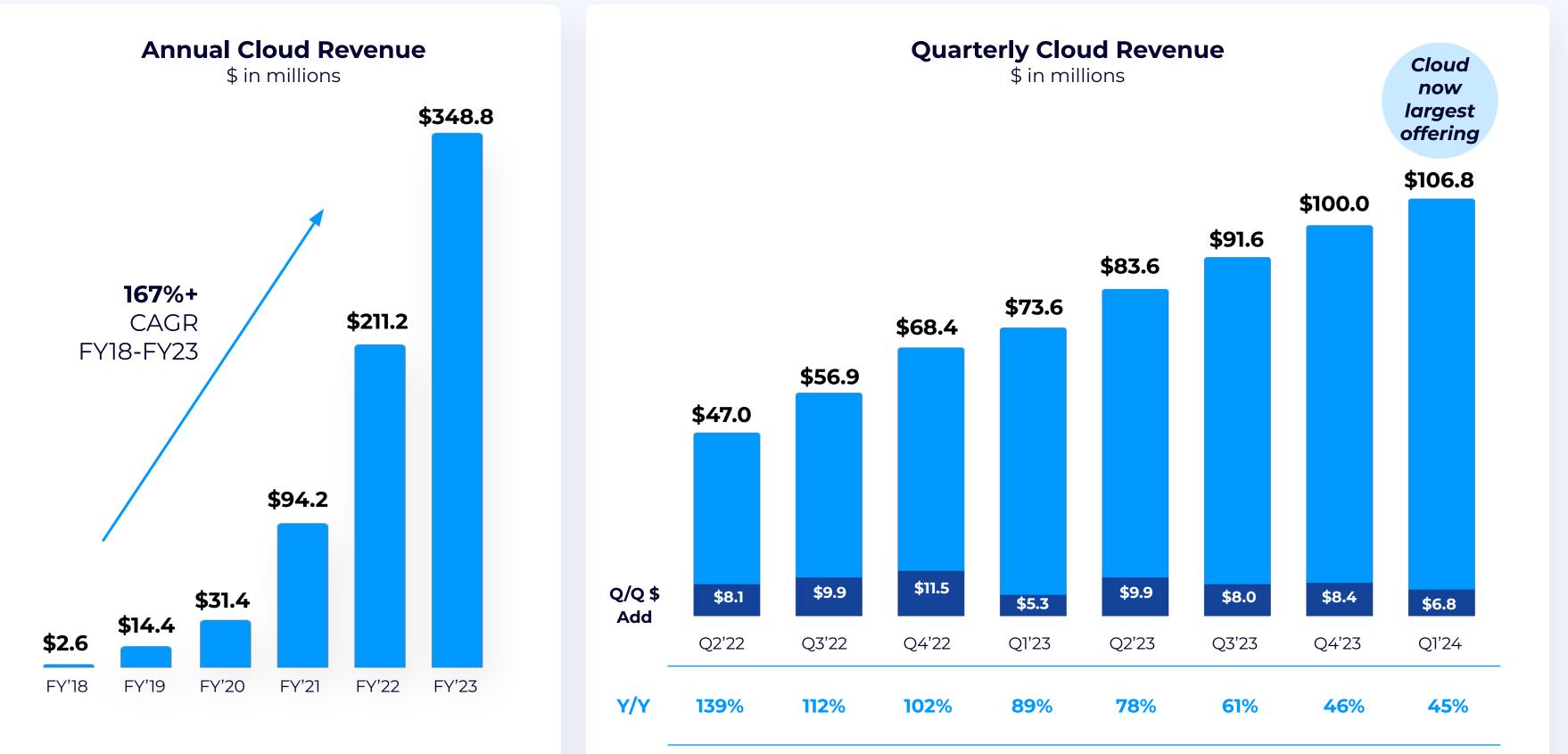


**46%** 

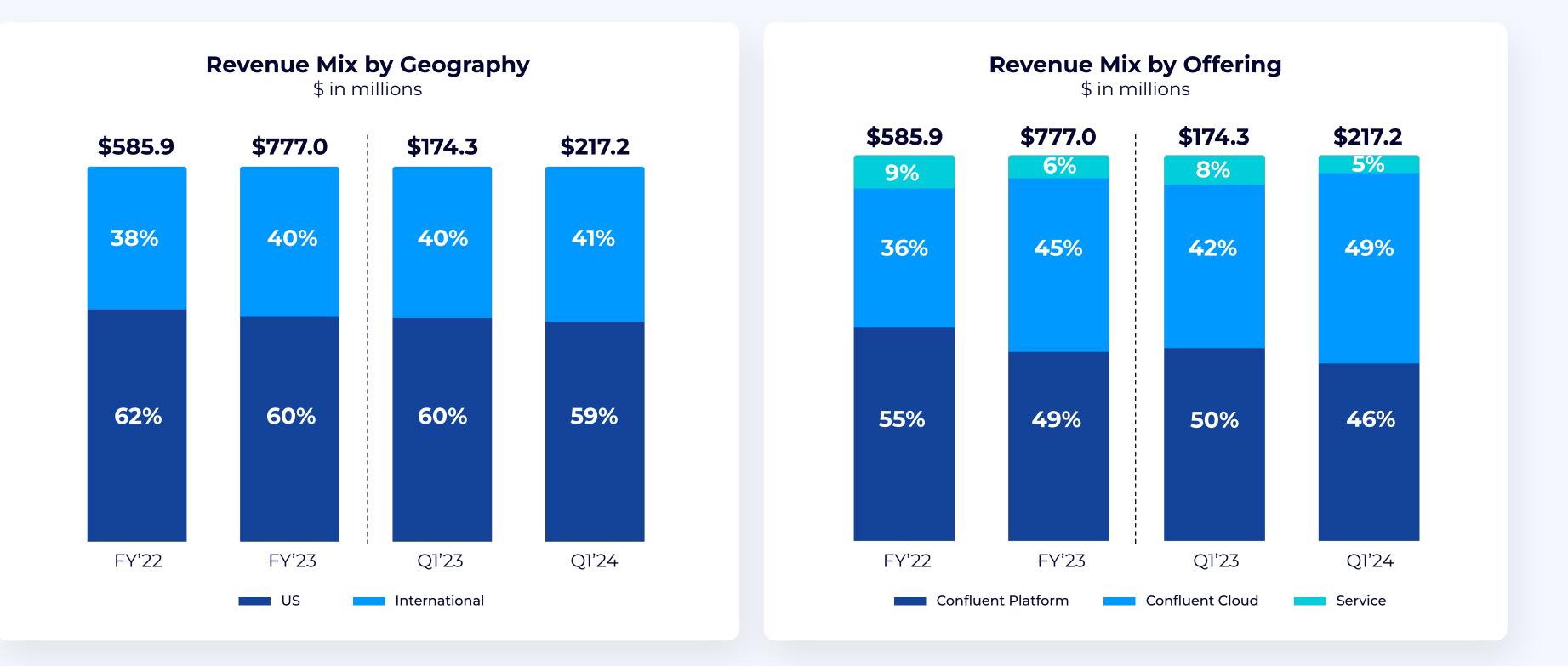
### **Subscription Revenue**



### **Confluent Cloud Revenue**

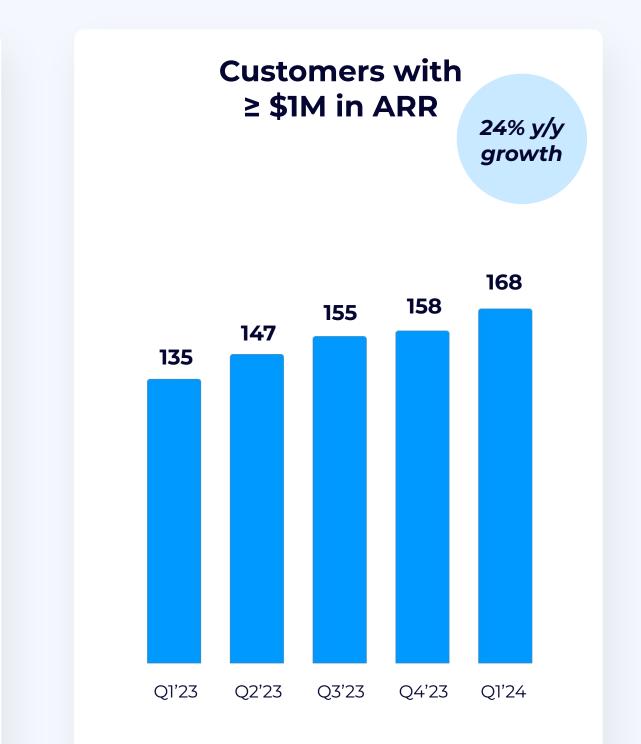


## **Revenue Mix by Geography and Offering**

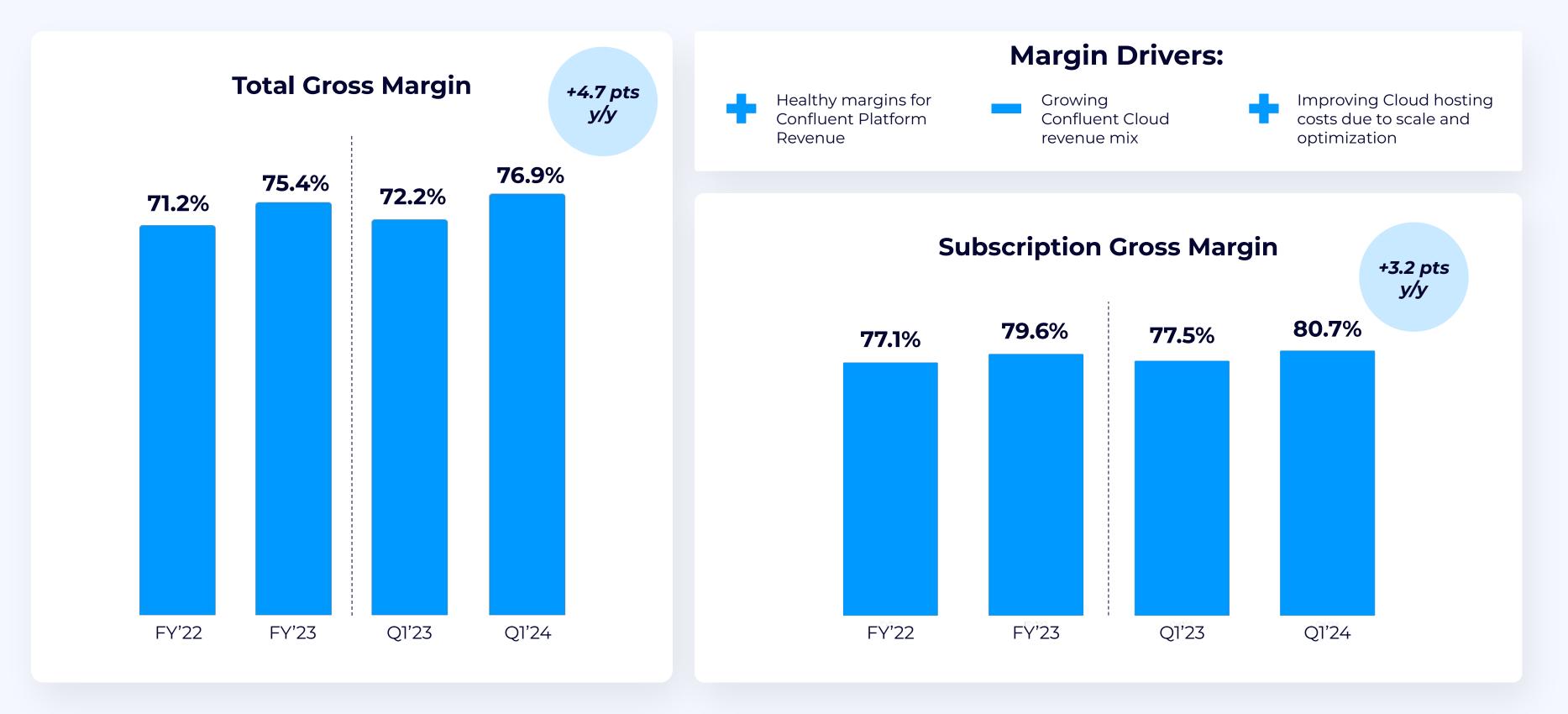


### Customers



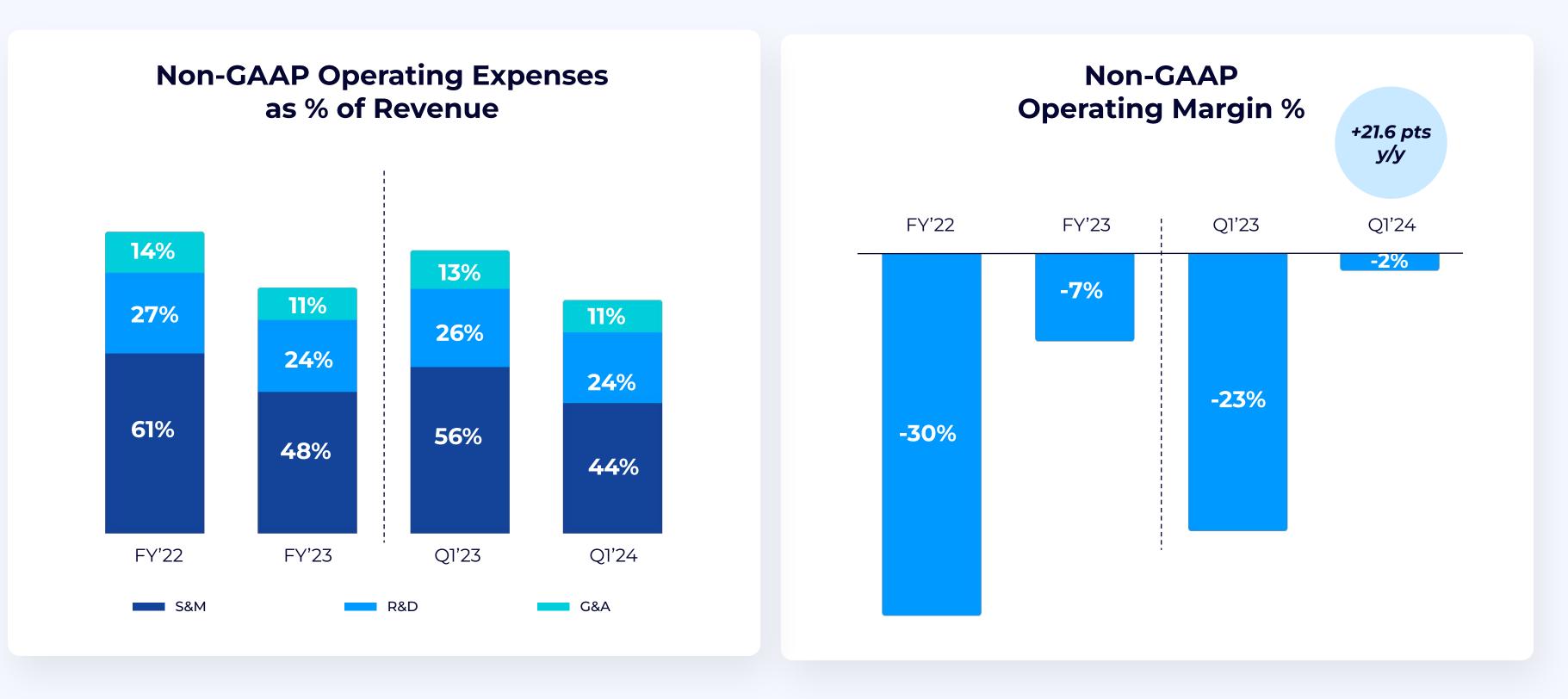


### **Non-GAAP Gross Margins**



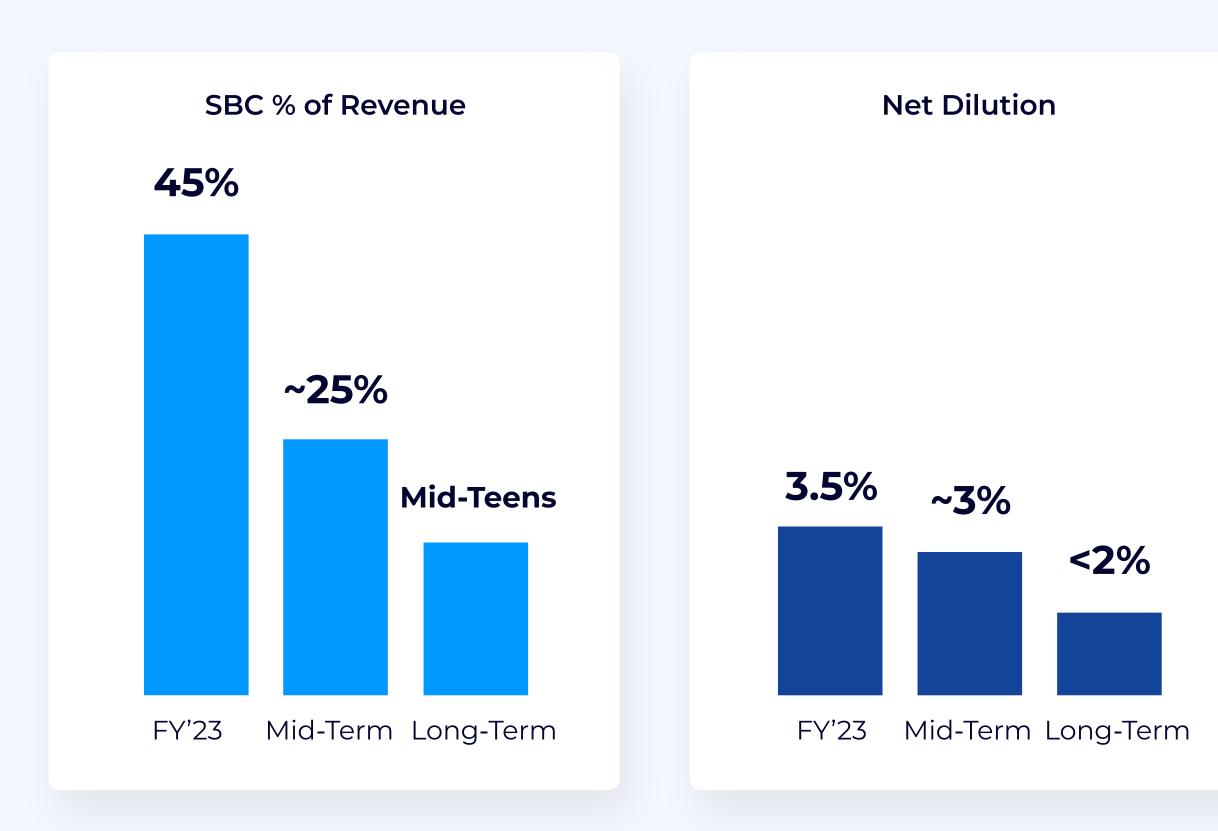
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### **Driving Efficient Growth**



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## Focus on Managing Net Dilution



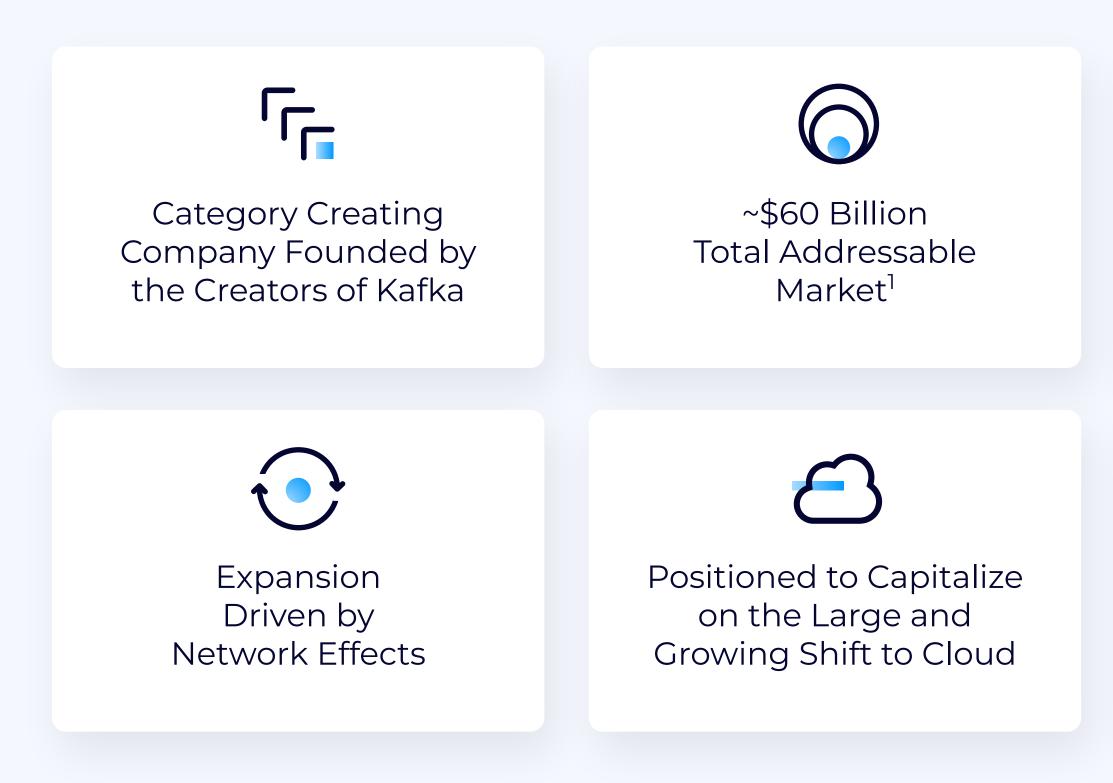


 (Shares granted - shares forfeited) / WASO

#### Drivers

- SBC is a lagging indicator
- Final tranches of pre-IPO options recognized in SBC through 1H FY25
- FY'24 net dilution target of ~3%
- Focus managing net dilution LT below 2% and SBC % of revenue mid-teens

### **Key Takeaways**



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#### Strong Growth and Long-Term Margin Profile



Seasoned Management Team with Track Record of Execution

# Definitions & GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations



### Definitions

#### Annual Recurring Revenue (ARR):

We define ARR as (1) with respect to Confluent Platform customers, the amount of revenue to which our customers are contractually committed over the following 12 months assuming no increases or reductions in their subscriptions, and (2) with respect to Confluent Cloud customers, the amount of revenue that we expect to recognize from such customers over the following 12 months, calculated by annualizing actual consumption of Confluent Cloud in the last three months of the applicable period, assuming no increases or reductions in usage rate. Services arrangements are excluded from the calculation of ARR.

#### **Dollar-Based Net Retention Rate:**

We calculate our dollar-based net retention rate (NRR) as of a period end by starting with the ARR from the cohort of all customers as of 12 months prior to such period end ("Prior Period Value"). We then calculate the ARR from these same customers as of the current period end ("Current Period Value"), and divide the Current Period Value by the Prior Period Value to arrive at our dollar-based NRR. The dollar-based NRR includes the effect, on a dollar-weighted value basis, of our Confluent Platform subscriptions that expand, renew, contract, or attrit. The dollar-based NRR also includes the effect of annualizing actual consumption of Confluent Cloud in the last three months of the applicable period, but excludes ARR from new customers in the current period. Our dollar-based NRR is subject to adjustments for acquisitions, consolidations, spin-offs, and other market activity.

#### **Total Customers:**

Represent the total number of customers at the end of each period. For purposes of determining our customer count, we treat all affiliated entities with the same parent organization as a single customer and include pay-as-you-go customers. Our customer count is subject to adjustments for acquisitions, consolidations, spin-offs, and other market activity.

#### Customers with \$100,000 or greater in ARR:

Represent the number of customers that contributed \$100,000 or more in ARR as of period end.

#### Customers with \$1,000,000 or greater in ARR:

Represent the number of customers that contributed \$1,000,000 or more in ARR as of period end.

### **GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations**

#### (in thousands, except percentages)

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Total revenue	\$585,944	\$776,952	\$174,302	\$217,237
Total gross profit on a GAAP basis	\$383,529	\$547,282	\$116,158	\$156,016
Total gross margin on a GAAP basis	65.5%	70.4%	66.6%	71.8%
Add: Stock-based compensation-related charges <sup>(1)</sup>	33,562	37,975	9,516	10,623
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-	564	113	502
Non-GAAP total gross profit	\$417,091	\$585,821	\$125,787	\$167,141
Non-GAAP total gross margin	71.2%	75.4%	72.2%	76.9%
	FY'22	FY'23	Q1'23	Q1'24
Subscription revenue	\$535,009	\$729,112	\$160,567	\$206,902
Subscription gross profit on a GAAP basis	\$388,685	\$553,108	\$117,662	\$158,547
Subscription gross margin on a GAAP basis	72.7%	75.9%	73.3%	76.6%
Add: Stock-based compensation-related charges <sup>(1)</sup>	23,705	26,487	6,649	7,905
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-	564	113	502
Non-GAAP subscription gross profit	\$412,390	\$580,159	\$124,424	\$166,954
Non-GAAP subscription gross margin	77.1%	79.6%	77.5%	80.7%
	FY'22	FY'23	Q1'23	Q1'24
Total revenue	\$585,944	\$776,952	\$174,302	\$217,237
Research and development (R&D) expense on a GAAP basis	\$264,041	\$348,752	\$84,890	\$97,571
R&D expense as a % of total revenue on a GAAP basis	45.1%	44.9%	48.7%	44.9%
Less: Stock-based compensation-related charges <sup>(1)</sup>	104,131	143,846	31,684	41,424
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	-	19,203	7,680	4,362
Non-GAAP R&D expense	\$159,910	\$185,703	\$45,526	\$51,785
Non-GAAP R&D expense as a % of total revenue	27.3%	23.9%	26.1%	23.8%

(1) Represents stock-based compensation expense, employer taxes on employee stock transactions, and amortization of stock-based compensation capitalized in internal-use software. We began excluding amortization of stock-based compensation capitalized in internal-use software from our non-GAAP measures starting with the quarter ended March 31, 2024. The amounts of amortization of stock-based compensation capitalized in internal-use software were immaterial in both current and prior periods.

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Total revenue	\$585,944	\$776,952	\$174,302	\$217,237
Sales and marketing (S&M) expense on a GAAP basis	\$456,452	\$504,929	\$128,624	\$131,352
S&M expense as a % of total revenue on a GAAP basis	77.9%	65.0%	73.8%	60.5%
Less: Stock-based compensation-related charges <sup>(1)</sup>	101,851	128,448	29,570	35,780
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	_	4,304	1,076	-
Non-GAAP S&M expense	\$354,601	\$372,177	\$97,978	\$95,572
Non-GAAP S&M expense as a % of total revenue	60.5%	47.9%	56.2%	44.0%
	FY'22	FY'23	Q1'23	Q1'24
Total revenue	\$585,944	\$776,952	\$174,302	\$217,237
General and administrative (G&A) expense on a GAAP basis	\$125,710	\$137,520	\$35,355	\$38,444
G&A expense as a % of total revenue on a GAAP basis	21.5%	17.7%	20.3%	17.7%
Less: Stock-based compensation-related charges <sup>(1)</sup>	45,122	50,595	12,182	15,158
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	1,104	1,640	561	225
Non-GAAP G&A expense	\$79,484	\$85,285	\$22,612	\$23,061
Non-GAAP G&A expense as a % of total revenue	13.6%	11.0%	13.0%	10.6%
	FY'22	FY'23	Q1'23	Q1'24
Total revenue	\$585,944	\$776,952	\$174,302	\$217,237
Operating loss on a GAAP basis	(\$462,674)	(\$478,773)	(\$166,093)	(\$111,351)
GAAP operating margin	(79.0%)	(61.6%)	(95.3%)	(51.3%)
Add: Stock-based compensation-related charges <sup>(1)</sup>	284,666	360,864	82,952	102,985
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-	564	113	502
Add: Acquisition-related expenses	1,104	25,147	9,317	4,587
Add: Restructuring and other related charges	-	34,854	33,382	-
Non-GAAP operating loss	(\$176,904)	(\$57,344)	(\$40,329)	(\$3,277)
Non-GAAP operating margin	(30.2%)	(7.4%)	(23.1%)	(1.5%)

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