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EVC Rockets 73% Pre-Market as ATS Revenue Surges 204% in Blowout Q1

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SUMMARY

EVC explodes 73% pre-market after reporting 114% revenue growth driven by 204% surge in advertising technology services, while positioning for massive political advertising cycle in 2026.

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DATA BOX

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Float	~53M shares
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Key Data (as of 9:04 AM ET, May 6, 2026):

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EVC's explosive pre-market surge tells the story of a company that just delivered the exact transformation Wall Street's been waiting for. Consolidated revenue increased 114% to \$197 million in Q1 2026 compared to Q1 2025, but the real catalyst sits in the Advertising Technology Services segment, where ATS revenue surged 204% in first quarter 2026 compared to first quarter 2025.

The numbers paint a picture of operational leverage finally kicking in. Operating income of \$21 million in Q1 2026 compared to an operating loss in Q1 2025 represents a \$73 million year-over-year swing. Net income attributable to common stockholders reached \$12.36 million, with basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations at \$0.13, versus a loss per share of \$0.53 from continuing operations a year earlier.

This isn't just about one strong quarter—it's about validation of a strategic pivot that started in 2024. The ATS segment now generates meaningful operating leverage, with consolidated segment operating profit of \$29.1 million in 1Q 2026, up from \$3.9 million in 1Q 2025. Management cited higher monthly active advertisers and higher revenue per monthly active advertiser as the twin engines driving this growth.

The media segment tells a different but equally important story. While Media revenue of \$42.4 million rose 4% year over year, primarily due to higher digital advertising revenue and retransmission fees, the segment posted an operating loss of \$5 million in 1Q 2026 versus an operating loss of \$3 million in 1Q 2025. That widening loss might concern some traders, but here's the context they're missing: EVC's spending to build capacity ahead of what management expects to be a massive political advertising cycle.

CEO Michael Christenson laid out the political opportunity during the earnings call. Primaries are underway across the country, and the company

is positioning for a strong political spending environment in 2026, with big races including governor races in Nevada and Texas, the Texas U.S. Senate race, and at least seven critical contested House races. Management believes the Latino vote will be critical to the outcome of all these elections, noting that Latinos are the most persuadable segment of the electorate.

This political angle isn't just hopeful speculation. CEO Christenson previously noted Entravision's broadcast footprint includes 11 of the 35 closest House races and major Senate and gubernatorial contests. Given the company's dominance in Hispanic media markets, 2026 could deliver a political advertising windfall that makes the current media segment losses look like smart pre-positioning.

The balance sheet supports aggressive positioning. As of March 31, 2026, Entravision had \$71.1 million in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, with current and long-term debt totaling about \$162.2 million. Management's commitment to debt reduction was evident in the \$5 million repaid on the bank term loan in Q1, while maintaining shareholder returns through a \$0.05 quarterly dividend payable June 30 to shareholders of record June 16.

The 73% pre-market move reflects more than just quarterly beats—it's recognition that EVC's dual-engine strategy is working. The ATS segment provides growth and margins while the media business positions for cyclical political windfalls. With average volume of 364,444 shares exploding to 4.7 million in regular session trading and a 52-week range of \$1.81 to \$4.05, this move breaks the stock decisively above prior resistance.

One risk flag: Management provided no update on TelevisaUnivision affiliation negotiations, with the current agreement running through

December 31, 2026. While Christenson noted three decades of partnership and plans to renew, this represents potential headline risk later in the year.

For traders watching this morning's action, the key levels are obvious. The stock's trading well above any reasonable technical resistance, but volume should provide clues about whether this represents institutional accumulation or retail FOMO. Political advertising typically accelerates into election years, suggesting the media segment tailwinds have barely started.

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