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AKAMAI REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2017 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Company exceeds guidance on top and bottom line with revenue of \$621 million, GAAP EPS of \$0.35 per diluted share and non-GAAP EPS of \$0.62 per diluted share

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – October 24, 2017 – Akamai Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: AKAM), the world's largest and most trusted cloud delivery platform, today reported financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017.

"Akamai delivered another strong quarter of top and bottom line performance," said Dr. Tom Leighton, CEO of Akamai.

Akamai delivered the following financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017:

Revenue: Revenue was \$621 million, a 6% increase over third quarter 2016 revenue of \$584 million and a 6% increase when adjusted for foreign exchange.*

Customer Revenue by Division⁽¹⁾:

- Web Division revenue was \$328 million, up 14% year-over-year and when adjusted for foreign exchange*
- Media Division revenue was \$273 million, down 1% year-over-year and when adjusted for foreign exchange*
- Enterprise and Carrier Division revenue was \$20 million, up 2% year-over-year and up 1% when adjusted for foreign exchange*

Revenue by Solution Category⁽²⁾:

- Performance and Security Solutions revenue was \$381 million, up 11% year-over-year and up 10% when adjusted for foreign exchange*
- Cloud Security Solutions revenue, a component of Performance and Security, was \$121 million, up 27% yearover-year and when adjusted for foreign exchange*
- Media Delivery Solutions revenue was \$183 million, down 3% year-over-year and when adjusted for foreign exchange*
- Services and Support Solutions revenue was \$57 million, up 12% year-over-year and when adjusted for foreign exchange*

Revenue by Geography:

- U.S. revenue was \$409 million, up 1% year-over-year
- International revenue was \$213 million, up 18% year-over-year and when adjusted for foreign exchange*

Revenue from Internet Platform Customers⁽³⁾:

- Revenue from Internet Platform Customers was \$51 million, down 13% year-over-year and when adjusted for foreign exchange*
- Revenue excluding Internet Platform Customers was \$571 million, up 9% year-over-year and up 8% when adjusted for foreign exchange*

[&]quot;Revenue achievement in the quarter was driven by continued strong growth of our Cloud Security Solutions and an acceleration of traffic growth in our Media business."

Income from operations: GAAP income from operations was \$86 million, a 23% decrease from third quarter 2016. GAAP operating margin for the third quarter was 14%, down 5 percentage points from the same period last year.

Non-GAAP income from operations* was \$142 million, a 13% decrease from third quarter 2016. Non-GAAP operating margin* for the third quarter was 23%, down 5 percentage points from the same period last year.

Net income: GAAP net income was \$61 million, a 20% decrease from third quarter 2016. Non-GAAP net income* was \$107 million, an 11% decrease from third quarter 2016.

EPS: GAAP EPS was \$0.35 per diluted share, a 19% decrease from third quarter 2016 and a 17% decrease when adjusted for foreign exchange.* The year-over-year GAAP EPS growth rate, when adjusted for both foreign exchange* and the dilutive impact of the Company's acquisition of Soasta, Inc.,* was a decrease of 10%.

Non-GAAP EPS was \$0.62 per diluted share, a 9% decrease from third quarter 2016 and an 8% decrease when adjusted for foreign exchange.* The year-over-year non-GAAP EPS growth rate, when adjusted for both foreign exchange* and the dilutive impact of the Company's acquisition of Soasta, Inc.,* was a decrease of 5%.

Adjusted EBITDA*: Adjusted EBITDA was \$226 million, a 5% decrease from third quarter 2016. Adjusted EBITDA margin* was 36%, down 5 percentage points from the third quarter of 2016.

Other third quarter 2017 results:

- Cash from operations was \$236 million, or 38% of revenue
- Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as of September 30, 2017 was \$1.4 billion
- The Company spent \$129 million to repurchase 2.7 million shares of its common stock at an average price of \$47.75 per share
- The Company had approximately 170 million shares of common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2017
- * See Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures below for definitions
- (1) Customer revenue by division A customer-focused reporting view that reflects revenue from customers that are managed by the division. During the first quarter of 2017, the divisional categorization of certain customers was adjusted based on how those customer categorizations are currently being managed. The historical presentation of divisional revenue was revised in order to reflect the most recent categorization and to provide a comparable view for all periods presented.
- (2) Revenue by solution category A product-focused reporting view that reflects revenue by solution purchased
- (3) Internet Platform Customers Six customers that are large Internet platform companies: Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft and Netflix

Ouarterly Conference Call

Akamai will host a conference call today at 4:30 p.m. ET that can be accessed through 1-844-578-9671 (or 1-508-637-5655 for international calls) and using passcode 89360127. A live webcast of the call may be accessed at www.akamai.com in the Investor section. In addition, a replay of the call will be available for two weeks following the conference by calling 1-855-859-2056 (or 1-404-537-3406 for international calls) and using passcode 89360127. The archived webcast of this event may be accessed through the Akamai website.

About Akamai

As the world's largest and most trusted cloud delivery platform, Akamai makes it easier for its customers to provide the best and most secure digital experiences on any device, anytime, anywhere. Akamai's massively distributed platform is unparalleled in scale with over 200,000 servers across 130 countries, giving customers superior performance and threat protection. Akamai's portfolio of web and mobile performance, cloud security, enterprise access, and video delivery solutions are supported by exceptional customer service and 24/7 monitoring. To learn why the top financial institutions, e commerce leaders, media & entertainment providers, and government organizations trust Akamai please visit www.akamai.com, blogs.akamai.com, or @Akamai on Twitter.

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| (in thousands) | Se | ptember 30, 2017 | De | ecember 31, 2016 |
|--|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 368,152 | \$ | 324,169 |
| Marketable securities | | 383,849 | | 512,849 |
| Accounts receivable, net | | 400,839 | | 368,596 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | | 142,943 | | 104,303 |
| Total current assets | | 1,295,783 | | 1,309,917 |
| Property and equipment, net | | 883,754 | | 801,017 |
| Marketable securities | | 661,929 | | 779,311 |
| Goodwill | | 1,358,762 | | 1,228,503 |
| Acquired intangible assets, net | | 176,288 | | 149,463 |
| Deferred income tax assets | | 18,930 | | 8,982 |
| Other assets | | 113,688 | | 95,953 |
| Total assets | \$ | 4,509,134 | \$ | 4,373,146 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ | 88,339 | \$ | 76,120 |
| Accrued expenses | | 267,966 | | 238,777 |
| Deferred revenue | | 64,716 | | 52,972 |
| Other current liabilities | | 9,285 | | 6,719 |
| Total current liabilities | | 430,306 | | 374,588 |
| Deferred revenue | | 4,224 | | 3,758 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | | 15,984 | | 11,652 |
| Convertible senior notes | | 657,131 | | 640,087 |
| Other liabilities | | 128,834 | | 118,691 |
| Total liabilities | | 1,236,479 | | 1,148,776 |
| Total stockholders' equity | | 3,272,655 | | 3,224,370 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ | 4,509,134 | \$ | 4,373,146 |

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| | Th | ree | Months End | | Nine Months Ended | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----|------------------|----|----------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| (in thousands, except per share data) | September 30, 2017 | | June 30, 2017 | | eptember 30, 2016 | 5 | September 30, 2017 | | September 30, 2016 |
| Revenue | \$ 621,399 | \$ | 608,908 | \$ | 584,065 | \$ | 1,839,544 | \$ | 1,723,925 |
| Costs and operating expenses: | | | | | | | | | |
| Cost of revenue ^{(1) (2)} | 225,468 | | 214,650 | | 204,467 | | 645,821 | | 605,526 |
| Research and development(1) | 57,226 | | 53,373 | | 42,341 | | 162,761 | | 120,873 |
| Sales and marketing ⁽¹⁾ | 120,220 | | 119,432 | | 102,626 | | 353,218 | | 308,060 |
| General and administrative ^{(1) (2)} | 124,523 | | 123,518 | | 113,320 | | 363,050 | | 323,141 |
| Amortization of acquired intangible assets | 7,753 | | 7,753 | | 6,598 | | 23,075 | | 20,025 |
| Restructuring charges | 332 | | 2,971 | | 2,948 | | 3,303 | | 10,236 |
| Total costs and operating expenses | 535,522 | | 521,697 | | 472,300 | | 1,551,228 | | 1,387,861 |
| Income from operations | 85,877 | | 87,211 | | 111,765 | | 288,316 | | 336,064 |
| Interest income | 4,463 | | 4,281 | | 3,809 | | 13,368 | | 10,522 |
| Interest expense | (4,746) | | (4,646) | | (4,666) | | (13,989) | | (13,958) |
| Other income, net | 535 | | 563 | | 778 | | 414 | | 1,004 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 86,129 | | 87,409 | | 111,686 | | 288,109 | | 333,632 |
| Provision for income taxes | 25,617 | | 29,637 | | 35,686 | | 88,895 | | 109,139 |
| Net income | \$ 60,512 | \$ | 57,772 | \$ | 76,000 | \$ | 199,214 | \$ | 224,493 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Net income per share: | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.35 | \$ | 0.33 | \$ | 0.44 | \$ | 1.16 | \$ | 1.28 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.35 | \$ | 0.33 | \$ | 0.43 | \$ | 1.15 | \$ | 1.27 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Shares used in per share calculations: | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | 170,976 | | 172,674 | | 174,429 | | 172,269 | | 175,444 |
| Diluted | 171,505 | | 173,439 | | 175,617 | | 173,371 | | 176,525 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes stock-based compensation (see supplemental table for figures)(2) Includes depreciation and amortization (see supplemental table for figures)

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| | Thr | ee Months En | Nine Mon | ths Ended | |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | September | June 30, | September | September | September |
| (in thousands) | 30, 2017 | 2017 | 30, 2016 | 30, 2017 | 30, 2016 |
| Cash flows from operating activities ⁽¹⁾ : | e (0.512 | e 57.770 | e 76,000 | ¢ 100.214 | e 224 402 |
| Net income | \$ 60,512 | \$ 57,772 | \$ 76,000 | \$ 199,214 | \$ 224,493 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 97,178 | 89,206 | 84,511 | 272,917 | 250,294 |
| Stock-based compensation | 41,848 | 41,269 | 38,652 | 122,103 | 105,304 |
| (Benefit) provision for deferred income taxes | (14,066) | 7,396 | (16,646) | 25,302 | (13,861) |
| Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs | 4,746 | 4,646 | 4,666 | 13,989 | 13,958 |
| Other non-cash reconciling items, net | 2,046 | 1,738 | 4,866 | 3,655 | 8,367 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions: | | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | (1,326) | 12,273 | 4,691 | (19,199) | 22,477 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 15,913 | (3,043) | 15,005 | (34,195) | 4,014 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 39,691 | 6,399 | 42,610 | 22,150 | 54,892 |
| Deferred revenue | (9,415) | (470) | (5,241) | 991 | 6,885 |
| Other current liabilities | (2,250) | 2,385 | (2,301) | 3,651 | 4,670 |
| Other non-current assets and liabilities | 1,414 | 5,062 | 5,035 | (7,036) | 6,097 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 236,291 | 224,633 | 251,848 | 603,542 | 687,590 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | | |
| Cash paid for acquired businesses, net of cash acquired | _ | (197,191) | (2,936) | (197,201) | (2,936) |
| Purchases of property and equipment and capitalization of internal-use software development costs | (119,740) | (97,005) | (79,870) | (307,926) | (240,351) |
| Purchases of short- and long-term marketable securities | (67,879) | (88,913) | (230,223) | (249,098) | (614,808) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of short- and long-term marketable securities | 85,263 | 88,978 | 204,190 | 498,379 | 556,533 |
| Other non-current assets and liabilities | (646) | (19) | (1,633) | (1,895) | (3,145) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (103,002) | (294,150) | (110,472) | (257,741) | (304,707) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | • | | | |
| Proceeds from the issuance of common stock under stock plans | 16,060 | 8,150 | 15,244 | 41,740 | 42,339 |
| Employee taxes paid related to net share settlement of stock-based awards | (6,784) | (7,417) | (6,150) | (48,122) | (38,560) |
| Repurchases of common stock | (129,014) | (105,148) | (95,157) | (306,629) | (294,867) |
| Other non-current assets and liabilities | <u> </u> | (1,096) | <u>—</u> | (1,096) | _ |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (119,738) | (105,511) | (86,063) | (314,107) | (291,088) |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 2,100 | 5,210 | (154) | 12,289 | 535 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 15,651 | (169,818) | 55,159 | 43,983 | 92,330 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 352,501 | 522,319 | 326,644 | 324,169 | 289,473 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 368,152 | \$ 352,501 | \$ 381,803 | \$ 368,152 | \$ 381,803 |
| | | | | | |

⁽¹⁾ On January 1, 2017, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09, *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. Under this standard, excess tax benefits are no longer classified as a reduction of cash flows from operating activities. The Company retrospectively adopted this standard and revised cash flows from operating activities by \$0.4 million and \$3.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively. The increase caused a corresponding decrease to cash flows from financing activities.

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE DATA BY DIVISION

| | | ree | | Nine Months Ended | | | | | | |
|---|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| (in thousands) | | September 30, 2017 | | June 30, 2017 | | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2017 | | September 30, 2016 | |
| Customer revenue by division ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | | | | | | |
| Web Division | \$ | 327,926 | \$ | 314,988 | \$ | 288,104 | \$ | 947,600 | \$ | 828,662 |
| Media Division | | 273,415 | | 276,071 | | 276,205 | | 834,887 | | 843,756 |
| Enterprise and Carrier Division | | 20,058 | | 17,849 | | 19,756 | | 57,057 | | 51,507 |
| Total revenue | \$ | 621,399 | \$ | 608,908 | \$ | 584,065 | \$ | 1,839,544 | \$ | 1,723,925 |
| Revenue growth rates year-over-year: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Web Division | | 14% | | 15% | | 17% | | 14% | | 16% |
| Media Division | | (1) | | (2) | | (5) | | (1) | | (2) |
| Enterprise and Carrier Division | | 2 | | 9 | | 41 | | 11 | | 32 |
| Total revenue | | 6% | | 6% | | 6% | | 7% | | 7% |
| Revenue growth rates year-over-year, adjusted for the impact of foreign exchange rates ⁽²⁾ : | | | | | _ | | | | | |
| Web Division | | 14% | | 16% | | 16% | | 15% | | 16% |
| Media Division | | (1) | | (1) | | (5) | | (1) | | (2) |
| Enterprise and Carrier Division | | 1 | | 10 | | 41 | | 11 | | 33 |
| Total revenue | | 6% | | 7% | | 5% | | 7% | | 7% |

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE DATA BY SOLUTION CATEGORY

| | Th | ree | Months End | led | | Nine Months Ended | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| (in thousands) | September 30, 2017 | | June 30, 2017 | | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2017 | September 30, 2016 | | | |
| Revenue by solution category ⁽³⁾ : | | | | | | | | | | |
| Performance and Security Solutions | \$ 381,461 | \$ | 375,807 | \$ | 345,118 | \$ 1,126,416 | \$ 987,623 | | | |
| Media Delivery Solutions | 182,753 | | 178,905 | | 188,075 | 549,054 | 591,091 | | | |
| Services and Support Solutions | 57,185 | | 54,196 | | 50,872 | 164,074 | 145,211 | | | |
| Total revenue | \$ 621,399 | \$ | 608,908 | \$ | 584,065 | \$ 1,839,544 | \$ 1,723,925 | | | |
| Cloud Security Solutions revenue | \$ 121,420 | \$ | 115,135 | \$ | 95,232 | \$ 346,313 | \$ 262,872 | | | |
| Revenue growth rates year-over-year: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Performance and Security Solutions | 11% | | 15% | | 19% | 14% | 17% | | | |
| Media Delivery Solutions | (3) | | (9) | | (14) | (7) | (9) | | | |
| Services and Support Solutions | 12 | | 12 | | 17 | 13 | 17 | | | |
| Total revenue | 6% | | 6% | | 6% | 7% | 7% | | | |
| Cloud Security Solutions revenue growth rates | 27% | | 32% | | 46% | 32% | 45% | | | |
| Revenue growth rates year-over-year, adjusted for the impact of foreign exchange rates ⁽²⁾ : | | | | | | | | | | |
| Performance and Security Solutions | 10% | | 16% | | 19% | 15% | 17% | | | |
| Media Delivery Solutions | (3) | | (9) | | (15) | (7) | (9) | | | |
| Services and Support Solutions | 12 | | 13 | | 16 | 13 | 17 | | | |
| Total revenue | 6% | | 7% | | 5% | 7% | 7% | | | |
| Cloud Security Solutions revenue growth rates | 27% | | 34% | | 46% | 33% | 45% | | | |

⁽¹⁾ See customer revenue by division definition in press release(2) See Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures below for a definition

⁽³⁾ See revenue by solution category definition in press release

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE DATA BY GEOGRAPHY

| | Th | ree | Months End | | Nine Months Ended | | | |
|---|--------------------|-----|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| (in thousands) | September 30, 2017 | | June 30, 2017 | September 30, 2016 | | September 30, 2017 | September 30, 2016 | |
| Revenue by geography: | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. | \$ 408,544 | \$ | 403,085 | \$ | 404,065 | \$ 1,218,194 | \$ 1,196,433 | |
| International | 212,855 | | 205,823 | | 180,000 | 621,350 | 527,492 | |
| Total revenue | \$ 621,399 | \$ | 608,908 | \$ | 584,065 | \$ 1,839,544 | \$ 1,723,925 | |
| Revenue growth rates year-over-year: | | | | _ | | | | |
| U.S. | 1% | | 2% | | 1% | 2% | 1% | |
| International | 18 | | 16 | | 20 | 18 | 23 | |
| Total revenue | 6% | | 6% | | 6% | 7% | 7% | |
| Revenue growth rates year-over-year, adjusted for the impact of foreign exchange rates ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. | 1% | | 2% | | 1% | 2% | 1% | |
| International | 18 | | 19 | | 17 | 20 | 23 | |
| Total revenue | 6% | | 7% | | 5% | 7% | 7% | |

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE DATA FOR INTERNET PLATFORM CUSTOMERS

| | Th | ree Months End | led | Nine Months Ended | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| (in thousands) | September 30, 2017 | June 30, 2017 | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2017 | September 30, 2016 | | |
| Revenue from Internet Platform Customers ⁽²⁾ | \$ 50,567 | \$ 51,169 | \$ 58,012 | \$ 153,103 | \$ 192,014 | | |
| Revenue excluding Internet Platform Customers | 570,832 | 557,739 | 526,053 | 1,686,441 | 1,531,911 | | |
| Total revenue | \$ 621,399 | \$ 608,908 | \$ 584,065 | \$1,839,544 | \$1,723,925 | | |
| Revenue growth rates year-over-year: | | | | | | | |
| Revenue from Internet Platform Customers | (13)% | (17)% | (39)% | (20)% | (33)% | | |
| Revenue excluding Internet Platform Customers | 9 | 9 | 15 | 10 | 15 | | |
| Total revenue | 6 % | 6 % | 6 % | 7 % | 7 % | | |
| Revenue growth rates year-over-year, adjusted for the impact of foreign exchange rates ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | | | | |
| Revenue from Internet Platform Customers | (13)% | (17)% | (40)% | (20)% | (33)% | | |
| Revenue excluding Internet Platform Customers | 8 | 10 | 15 | 11 | 15 | | |
| Total revenue | 6 % | 7 % | 5 % | 7 % | 7 % | | |

⁽¹⁾ See Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures below for a definition

⁽²⁾ See Internet Platform Customers definition in press release

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA

| | Th | ree ! | Months End | | Nine Months Ended | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-------|------------------|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|----|---------------------|
| (in thousands, except end of period statistics) | eptember 30, 2017 | | June 30, 2017 | | eptember 30, 2016 | | eptember 30, 2017 | | eptember 0, 2016 |
| Stock-based compensation: | | | | | | | | | |
| Cost of revenue | \$ 5,296 | \$ | 5,074 | \$ | 4,701 | \$ | 15,055 | \$ | 13,224 |
| Research and development | 10,100 | | 9,614 | | 7,727 | | 28,743 | | 20,917 |
| Sales and marketing | 15,672 | | 13,951 | | 14,729 | | 44,780 | | 40,340 |
| General and administrative | 10,780 | | 12,630 | | 11,495 | | 33,525 | | 30,823 |
| Total stock-based compensation | \$ 41,848 | \$ | 41,269 | \$ | 38,652 | \$ | 122,103 | \$ | 105,304 |
| Depreciation and amortization: | | | | | | | | | |
| Network-related depreciation | \$ 64,369 | \$ | 59,170 | \$ | 57,521 | \$ | 180,383 | \$ | 171,310 |
| Other depreciation and amortization | 19,320 | | 17,727 | | 16,409 | | 55,256 | | 47,297 |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | 83,689 | | 76,897 | | 73,930 | | 235,639 | | 218,607 |
| Capitalized stock-based compensation amortization | 5,046 | | 3,972 | | 3,544 | | 12,489 | | 10,429 |
| Capitalized interest expense amortization | 690 | | 584 | | 439 | | 1,714 | | 1,233 |
| Amortization of acquired intangible assets | 7,753 | | 7,753 | | 6,598 | | 23,075 | | 20,025 |
| Total depreciation and amortization | \$ 97,178 | \$ | 89,206 | \$ | 84,511 | \$ | 272,917 | \$ | 250,294 |
| Capital expenditures, excluding stock-based compensation and interest expense ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ : | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | \$ 62,755 | \$ | 64,522 | \$ | 51,332 | \$ | 183,777 | \$ | 152,125 |
| Capitalized internal-use software development costs | 45,213 | | 40,957 | | 35,507 | | 123,255 | | 106,967 |
| Total capital expenditures, excluding stock- based compensation and interest expense | \$ 107,968 | \$ | 105,479 | \$ | 86,839 | \$ | 307,032 | \$ | 259,092 |
| End of period statistics: | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of employees | 7,438 | | 7,084 | | 6,334 | | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Capital expenditures presented in this table are reported on an accrual basis, which differs from the cash-basis presentation in the statements of cash flows. The primary difference between the two is the change in purchases of property and equipment and capitalization of internal-use software development costs accrued for, but not paid, at period end.

⁽²⁾ See Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures below for a definition

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP INCOME FROM OPERATIONS, NET INCOME AND NET INCOME PER DILUTED SHARE

| | Th | ree | Months End | led | | | ths Ended | | |
|---|----------------------|-----|------------------|-----|----------------------|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|
| (in thousands, except per share data) | eptember 30, 2017 | | June 30, 2017 | | eptember 30, 2016 | | eptember 30, 2017 | | eptember 30, 2016 |
| Income from operations | \$ 85,877 | \$ | 87,211 | \$ | 111,765 | \$ | 288,316 | \$ | 336,064 |
| GAAP operating margin | 14% | | 14% | | 19% | | 16% | | 19% |
| Amortization of acquired intangible assets | 7,753 | | 7,753 | | 6,598 | | 23,075 | | 20,025 |
| Stock-based compensation | 41,848 | | 41,269 | | 38,652 | | 122,103 | | 105,304 |
| Amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation and capitalized interest expense | 5,736 | | 4,556 | | 3,983 | | 14,203 | | 11,662 |
| Restructuring charges | 332 | | 2,971 | | 2,948 | | 3,303 | | 10,236 |
| Acquisition-related costs | 530 | | 3,057 | | 241 | | 3,379 | | 523 |
| Legal matter costs | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | 890 |
| Operating adjustments | 56,199 | | 59,606 | | 52,422 | | 166,063 | | 148,640 |
| Non-GAAP income from operations | \$ 142,076 | \$ | 146,817 | \$ | 164,187 | \$ | 454,379 | \$ | 484,704 |
| Non-GAAP operating margin | 23% | | 24 % | | 28% | | 25% | | 28% |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 60,512 | \$ | 57,772 | \$ | 76,000 | \$ | 199,214 | \$ | 224,493 |
| Operating adjustments (from above) | 56,199 | | 59,606 | | 52,422 | | 166,063 | | 148,640 |
| Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs | 4,746 | | 4,646 | | 4,666 | | 13,989 | | 13,958 |
| Income tax-effect of above non-GAAP adjustments and certain discrete tax items | (14,802) | | (13,974) | | (12,939) | | (44,243) | | (37,094) |
| Non-GAAP net income | \$ 106,655 | \$ | 108,050 | \$ | 120,149 | \$ | 335,023 | \$ | 349,997 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| GAAP net income per diluted share | \$ 0.35 | \$ | 0.33 | \$ | 0.43 | \$ | 1.15 | \$ | 1.27 |
| Amortization of acquired intangible assets | 0.05 | | 0.04 | | 0.04 | | 0.13 | | 0.11 |
| Stock-based compensation | 0.24 | | 0.24 | | 0.22 | | 0.70 | | 0.60 |
| Amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation and capitalized interest expense | 0.03 | | 0.03 | | 0.02 | | 0.08 | | 0.07 |
| Restructuring charges | _ | | 0.02 | | 0.02 | | 0.02 | | 0.06 |
| Acquisition-related costs | | | 0.02 | | | | 0.02 | | _ |
| Legal matter costs | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | 0.01 |
| Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs | 0.03 | | 0.03 | | 0.03 | | 0.08 | | 0.08 |
| Income tax effect of above non-GAAP adjustments and certain discrete tax items | (0.09) | | (0.08) | | (0.07) | | (0.26) | | (0.21) |
| Non-GAAP net income per diluted share | \$ 0.62 | \$ | 0.62 | \$ | 0.68 | \$ | 1.93 | \$ | 1.98 |
| Shares used in diluted per share calculations | 171,505 | | 173,439 | | 175,617 | | 173,371 | | 176,525 |

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME TO ADJUSTED EBITDA

| | Th | ree | Months End | led | | Nine Months Ended | | | |
|---|---------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-------------------|----------|----|----------|
| (in thousands, except per share data) | | | eptember 30, 2017 | | September 30, 2016 | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 60,512 | \$ | 57,772 | \$ | 76,000 | \$ | 199,214 | \$ | 224,493 |
| Interest income | (4,463) | | (4,281) | | (3,809) | | (13,368) | | (10,522) |
| Provision for income taxes | 25,617 | | 29,637 | | 35,686 | | 88,895 | | 109,139 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 83,689 | | 76,897 | | 73,930 | | 235,639 | | 218,607 |
| Amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation and capitalized interest expense | 5,736 | | 4,556 | | 3,983 | | 14,203 | | 11,662 |
| Amortization of acquired intangible assets | 7,753 | | 7,753 | | 6,598 | | 23,075 | | 20,025 |
| Stock-based compensation | 41,848 | | 41,269 | | 38,652 | | 122,103 | | 105,304 |
| Restructuring charges | 332 | | 2,971 | | 2,948 | | 3,303 | | 10,236 |
| Acquisition-related costs | 530 | | 3,057 | | 241 | | 3,379 | | 523 |
| Legal matter costs | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | 890 |
| Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs | 4,746 | | 4,646 | | 4,666 | | 13,989 | | 13,958 |
| Other income, net | (535) | | (563) | | (778) | | (414) | | (1,004) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$ 225,765 | \$ | 223,714 | \$ | 238,117 | \$ | 690,018 | \$ | 703,311 |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin | 36% | | 37% | | 41% | | 38% | | 41% |

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to providing financial measurements based on generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP), Akamai provides additional financial metrics that are not prepared in accordance with GAAP (non-GAAP). Management uses non-GAAP financial measures, in addition to GAAP financial measures, to understand and compare operating results across accounting periods, for financial and operational decision making, for planning and forecasting purposes, to measure executive compensation and to evaluate Akamai's financial performance. These non-GAAP financial measures are non-GAAP income from operations, non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP net income per share, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA margin, capital expenditures and impact of foreign currency exchange rates, as discussed below.

Management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures reflect Akamai's ongoing business in a manner that allows for meaningful comparisons and analysis of trends in the business, as they facilitate comparing financial results across accounting periods and to those of peer companies. Management also believes that these non-GAAP financial measures enable investors to evaluate Akamai's operating results and future prospects in the same manner as management. These non-GAAP financial measures may exclude expenses and gains that may be unusual in nature, infrequent or not reflective of Akamai's ongoing operating results.

The non-GAAP financial measures do not replace the presentation of Akamai's GAAP financial results and should only be used as a supplement to, not as a substitute for, Akamai's financial results presented in accordance with GAAP. Akamai has provided a reconciliation of each non-GAAP financial measure used in its financial reporting and investor presentations to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. This reconciliation captioned "Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures" can be found on the Investor Relations section of Akamai's website.

The non-GAAP adjustments, and Akamai's basis for excluding them from non-GAAP financial measures, are outlined below:

- Amortization of acquired intangible assets Akamai has incurred amortization of intangible assets, included in its
 GAAP financial statements, related to various acquisitions Akamai has made. The amount of an acquisition's purchase
 price allocated to intangible assets and term of its related amortization can vary significantly and are unique to each
 acquisition; therefore, Akamai excludes amortization of acquired intangible assets from its non-GAAP financial measures
 to provide investors with a consistent basis for comparing pre- and post-acquisition operating results.
- Stock-based compensation and amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation Although stock-based compensation is an important aspect of the compensation paid to Akamai's employees, the grant date fair value varies based on the stock price at the time of grant, varying valuation methodologies, subjective assumptions and the variety of award types. This makes the comparison of Akamai's current financial results to previous and future periods difficult to interpret; therefore, Akamai believes it is useful to exclude stock-based compensation and amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation from its non-GAAP financial measures in order to highlight the performance of Akamai's core business and to be consistent with the way many investors evaluate its performance and compare its operating results to peer companies.
- Acquisition-related costs Acquisition-related costs include transaction fees, advisory fees, due diligence costs and other
 direct costs associated with strategic activities. In addition, subsequent adjustments to Akamai's initial estimated amounts
 of contingent consideration and indemnification associated with specific acquisitions are included within acquisitionrelated costs. These amounts are impacted by the timing and size of the acquisitions. Akamai excludes acquisition-related
 costs from its non-GAAP financial measures to provide a useful comparison of Akamai's operating results to prior periods
 and to its peer companies because such amounts vary significantly based on the magnitude of the acquisition transactions.
- Restructuring charges Akamai has incurred restructuring charges that are included in its GAAP financial statements, primarily related to workforce reductions and estimated costs of exiting facility lease commitments. Akamai excludes these items from its non-GAAP financial measures when evaluating its continuing business performance as such items vary significantly based on the magnitude of the restructuring action and do not reflect expected future operating expenses. In addition, these charges do not necessarily provide meaningful insight into the fundamentals of current or past operations of its business.

- Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs and amortization of capitalized interest expense In February 2014, Akamai issued \$690 million of convertible senior notes due 2019 with a coupon interest rate of 0%. The imputed interest rate of the convertible senior notes was approximately 3.2%. This is a result of the debt discount recorded for the conversion feature that is required to be separately accounted for as equity under GAAP, thereby reducing the carrying value of the convertible debt instrument. The debt discount is amortized as interest expense together with the issuance costs of the debt. All of Akamai's interest expense is comprised of these non-cash components and is excluded from management's assessment of the company's operating performance because management believes the non-cash expense is not representative of ongoing operating performance.
- Legal matter costs Akamai has incurred losses from the settlement of legal matters and costs with respect to its internal
 U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") investigation in addition to the disgorgement Akamai was required to pay to
 resolve it. Akamai believes excluding these amounts from its non-GAAP financial measures is useful to investors as the
 types of events giving rise to them are not representative of Akamai's core business operations.
- Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments and certain discrete tax items The non-GAAP adjustments described above are reported on a pre-tax basis. The income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments is the difference between GAAP and non-GAAP income tax expense. Non-GAAP income tax expense is computed on non-GAAP pre-tax income (GAAP pre-tax income adjusted for non-GAAP adjustments) and excludes certain discrete tax items (such as recording or releasing of valuation allowances), if any. Akamai believes that applying the non GAAP adjustments and their related income tax effect allows Akamai to highlight income attributable to its core operations.

Akamai's definitions of its non-GAAP financial measures are outlined below:

Non-GAAP income from operations – GAAP income from operations adjusted for the following items: amortization of acquired intangible assets; stock-based compensation; amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation; amortization of capitalized interest expense; acquisition-related costs; restructuring charges; benefit from adoption of software development activities; gains and other activity related to divestiture of a business; gains and losses on legal settlements; costs incurred with respect to Akamai's internal FCPA investigation; and other non-recurring or unusual items that may arise from time to time.

Non-GAAP operating margin – Non-GAAP income from operations stated as a percentage of revenue.

Non-GAAP net income – GAAP net income adjusted for the following tax-affected items: amortization of acquired intangible assets; stock-based compensation; amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation; acquisition-related costs; restructuring charges; benefit from adoption of software development activities; gains and other activity related to divestiture of a business; gains and losses on legal settlements; costs incurred with respect to Akamai's internal FCPA investigation; loss on early extinguishment of debt; amortization of debt discount and issuance costs; amortization of capitalized interest expense; certain gains and losses on investments; and other non-recurring or unusual items that may arise from time to time.

Non-GAAP net income per share – Non-GAAP net income divided by basic weighted average or diluted common shares outstanding. Basic weighted average shares outstanding are those used in GAAP net income per share calculations. Diluted weighted average shares outstanding are adjusted in non-GAAP per share calculations for the shares that would be delivered to Akamai pursuant to the note hedge transaction entered into in connection with the issuance of \$690 million of convertible senior notes due 2019. Under GAAP, shares delivered under hedge transactions are not considered offsetting shares in the fully-diluted share calculation until they are delivered. However, the company would receive a benefit from the note hedge transaction and would not allow the dilution to occur, so management believes that adjusting for this benefit provides a meaningful view of operating performance. Unless and until Akamai's weighted average stock price is greater than \$89.56, the initial conversion price, there will be no difference between GAAP and non-GAAP diluted weighted average common shares outstanding.

Adjusted EBITDA – GAAP net income excluding the following items: interest income; income taxes; depreciation and amortization of tangible and intangible assets; stock-based compensation; amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation; acquisition-related costs; restructuring charges; benefit from adoption of software development activities; gains and other activity related to divestiture of a business; gains and losses on legal settlements; costs incurred with respect to Akamai's internal FCPA investigation; foreign exchange gains and losses; loss on early extinguishment of debt; amortization of debt discount and issuance costs; amortization of capitalized interest expense; certain gains and losses on investments; and other non-recurring or unusual items that may arise from time to time.

Adjusted EBITDA margin – Adjusted EBITDA stated as a percentage of revenue.

Capital expenditures, or capex, excluding stock-based compensation and interest expense – Purchases of property and equipment and capitalization of internal-use software development costs presented on an accrual basis, which differs from the cash-basis presentation included in the statements of cash flows. The primary difference between the two is the change in purchases of property and equipment and capitalization of internal-use software development costs accrued for, but not paid, at period end.

Impact of Foreign Currency Exchange Rates – Revenue and earnings from international operations have historically been an important contributor to Akamai's financial results. Consequently, Akamai's financial results have been impacted, and management expects they will continue to be impacted, by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. For example, when the local currencies of our foreign subsidiaries weaken, our consolidated results stated in U.S. dollars are negatively impacted.

Because exchange rates are a meaningful factor in understanding period-to-period comparisons, management believes the presentation of the impact of foreign currency exchange rates on revenue and earnings enhances the understanding of our financial results and evaluation of performance in comparison to prior periods. The dollar impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates presented is calculated by translating current period results using monthly average foreign currency exchange rates from the comparative period and comparing them to the reported amount. The percentage change at constant currency presented is calculated by comparing the prior period amounts as reported and the current period amounts translated using the same monthly average foreign currency exchange rates from the comparative period.

EPS growth rates, adjusted for the Soasta acquisition – Earnings per share adjusted for the April 6, 2017 acquisition of Soasta, Inc.

Akamai Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act

This release and/or our quarterly earnings conference call scheduled for later today contain information about future expectations, plans and prospects of Akamai's management that constitute forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions under The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements about expected revenue growth and future profitability levels. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by these forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors including, but not limited to, failure of our investments in innovation to generate solutions that are accepted in the market; inability to increase our revenue at the same rate as in the past and keep our expenses from increasing at a greater rate than our revenues; delay in developing or failure to develop new service offerings or functionalities, and if developed, lack of market acceptance of such service offerings and functionalities or failure of such solutions to operate as expected, and other factors that are discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and other documents periodically filed with the SEC.

In addition, the statements in this press release and on such call represent Akamai's expectations and beliefs as of the date of this press release. Akamai anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause these expectations and beliefs to change. However, while Akamai may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, it specifically disclaims any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Akamai's expectations or beliefs as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.