

Ciena Corporation Q1 2017 Earnings Call

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Q1 Fiscal 2017 Financial Highlights

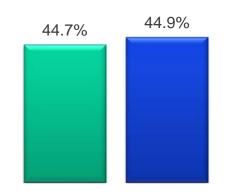
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Adj. Gross Margin

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Adj. EPS

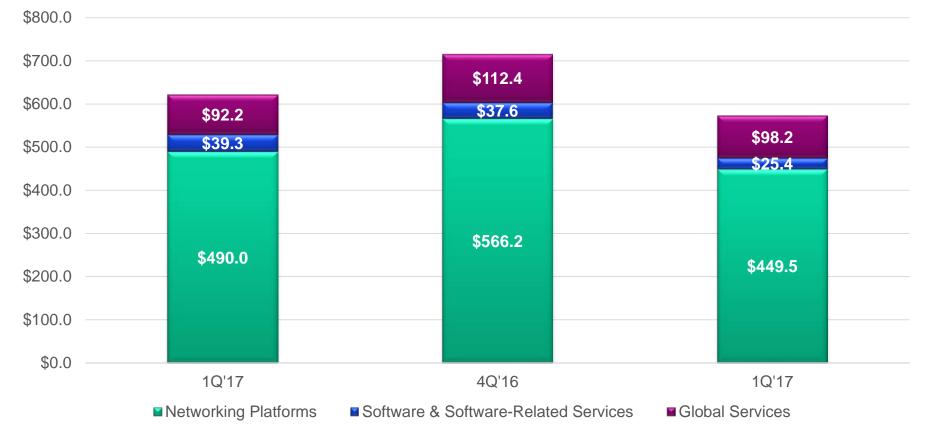
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Cash and Investments	\$1,053.8 million
Cash Flow Used In Operations	\$(26.3) million
DSO	86 Days
Inventory Turns	4.0
Headcount (as of January 31, 2017)	5,613



\$ in millions



Revenue by Segment

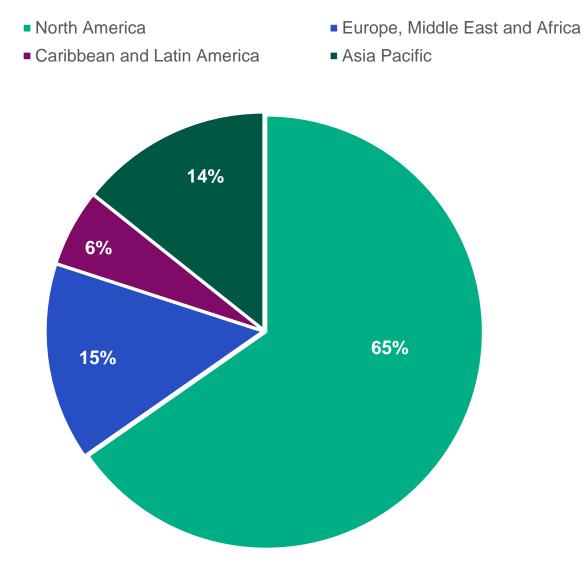
	Q1 FY	2017	Q4 FY	2016	Q1 FY	2016
	Revenue	%*	Revenue	%*	Revenue	%*
Networking Platforms						
Converged Packet Optical	\$412.7	66.4	\$488.0	68.1	\$389.2	67.9
Packet Networking	72.2	11.6	72.4	10.1	48.2	8.4
Optical Transport	5.1	0.8	5.8	0.8	12.1	2.1
Total Networking Platforms	490.0	78.8	566.2	79.0	449.5	78.4
Software and Software-Related Services						
Software Platforms	17.0	2.7	16.3	2.3	8.1	1.4
Software-Related Services	22.3	3.6	21.3	3.0	17.3	3.0
Total Software and Software-						
Related Services	39.3	6.3	37.6	5.3	25.4	4.4
Global Services						
Maintenance Support and Training	55.0	8.9	59.8	8.3	56.1	9.8
Installation and Deployment	27.9	4.5	38.6	5.4	30.8	5.4
Consulting and Network Design	9.3	1.5	14.0	2.0	11.3	2.0
Total Global Services	92.2	14.9	112.4	15.7	98.2	17.2
Total	\$621.5	100.0%	\$716.2	100.0%	\$573.1	100.0%

* Denotes % of total revenue

Revenue					
	Q1 FY 2017	Q4 FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016	Q2 FY 2016	Q1 FY 2016
United States	\$379.7	\$436.9	\$410.0	\$367.1	\$365.2
International	241.8	279.3	260.6	273.6	207.9
Total	\$621.5	\$716.2	\$670.6	\$640.7	\$573.1

% of Total Revenue					
	Q1 FY 2017	Q4 FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016	Q2 FY 2016	Q1 FY 2016
United States	61.1%	61.0%	61.1%	57.3%	63.7%
International	38.9%	39.0%	38.9%	42.7%	36.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Revenue by Geographic Region



Revenue by Geographic Region (Amounts in millions)

Revenue

	Q1 FY 2017	Q4 FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016	Q2 FY 2016	Q1 FY 2016
North America	\$405.9	\$463.1	\$438.0	\$395.5	\$392.7
Europe, Middle East and Africa	91.5	112.5	104.3	96.2	80.7
Caribbean and Latin America	35.2	46.8	46.6	57.9	43.8
Asia Pacific	88.9	93.8	81.7	91.1	55.9
Total	\$621.5	\$716.2	\$670.6	\$640.7	\$573.1

% of Total Revenue

	Q1 FY 2017	Q4 FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016	Q2 FY 2016	Q1 FY 2016
North America	65.3%	64.7%	65.3%	61.7%	68.5%
Europe, Middle East and Africa	14.7%	15.7%	15.6%	15.0%	14.1%
Caribbean and Latin America	5.7%	6.5%	6.9%	9.0%	7.6%
Asia Pacific	14.3%	13.1%	12.2%	14.3%	9.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

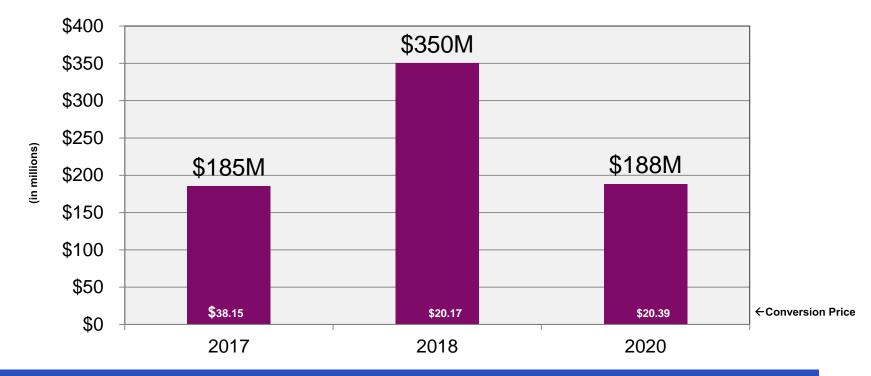
Business Outlook¹

Q2'17								
Revenue	\$680M to \$710M							
Adjusted Gross Margin	Mid-40s percentage range							
Adjusted Operating Expense	Approximately \$240M							
Fisca	l 2017							
Revenue Growth	Faster than overall market growth (mid- single digit ex China)							
Adjusted Gross Margin	Mid-40s percent range							
Adjusted Operating Expense	Average approximately \$235M/quarter							
Adjusted Operating Margin %	11% to 13%							
Next-stage financial mi	lestone - about 3 years							
Adjusted Operating Margin %	15%							

¹ Projections or outlook with respect to future operating results are only as of March 8, 2017 the date presented on the related earnings call. Ciena assumes no obligation to update this information, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Convertible Debt Overview

Convertible debt profile*



\$0.72B aggregate principal amount outstanding; \$538M has a conversion price of slightly above \$20

Shares underlying the convertible notes are added to the weighted average dilutive potential shares outstanding at specific net income assumption levels that correlate to each issue and correspondingly, the interest expense is removed for the respective issue(s).

*Each of the notes has specific terms and conditions. The summary above is qualified by reference to the full text of the indentures. Please review the respective indentures for full details of the converts.

Highlighted Terms Per Issue¹

Thgringritee	Par Value (in millions)	Underlying Shares <i>(in</i> thousands)	Conversion Price	Additional Redemption / Conversion Provisions	Total In Expe (<i>in mill</i>	nse	Net In Thresh Dilute <i>(in mil</i>)	old for d EPS
					<u>Quarterly</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>	<u>Annual</u>
0.875% convertible senior notes, due June 15, 2017	\$185.3	4,857	\$38.15	No	\$0.5	\$2.1	\$15.0	\$60.1
3.75% convertible senior notes due October 15, 2018	\$350	17,356	\$20.17	No	\$3.6	\$14.4	\$29.9	\$119.6
4.0% convertible senior notes, due March 15, 2020	\$187.5	9,198	\$20.39	Convertible into shares, (plus a make whole), at Ciena's election - If VWAP is ≥ \$26.51 for 20 of 30 consecutive trading days	\$3.4	\$13.7	\$56.5	\$228.6

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²The assumed amount of net income at which the shares underlying the convert would be included in EPS and interest expense on the note would be excluded.

					Quarterly Assumpti	ions					
Outstanding Notes	Par Value	Coupon Interest Expense	Debt Issuance Cost	Non-Cash Interest Expense from Accretion of Principal	Non-Cash Interest Expens from Amortization of Redemption Option and Debt Discount	Тс	otal Interest Expense	Underlying Common Shares	Current Weighted Average Basic Common Shares Outstanding	inco level or gre an respe comr th	e quarterly net me assumption s must be equal eater than below hounts for the ective underlying non shares from e issue to be uded in Diluted EPS
0.875% notes due 2017	\$ 185,258	\$ 405	\$ 108				\$ 513	4,857	140,682	\$	15,025
3.75% notes due 2018	350,000	3,281	309				3,590	17,356	140,682	\$	29,904
4.0% notes due 2020	187,500	1,875	76	926	<u>3 5</u>	13	3,390	9,198	140,682	\$	56,486
Total	\$ 722,758	\$ 5,561	\$ 493	\$ 926	6 \$ 5 [.]	13	\$ 7,493	31,411			

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Ciena's outstanding convertible notes are considered anti-dilutive when the related interest expense on a per common share "if converted basis" exceeds Basic EPS for the period.

Over the term of the notes the amount of accretion of principal (included as a non-cash component of interest expense) and amortization of the debt discount will fluctuate by immaterial amounts.

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Net income or earnings per share assumptions regarding the convertible notes are for information purposes only and do not reflect Ciena's business outlook. Ciena makes no assumptions as to whether or when the Company could achieve the relevant metrics provided in this presentation.

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4.0% notes due 2020	187,500	7,500	304	3,729	9 2,177	13,	,710 9,198	<u>3</u> 140,682	\$	228,626
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Q1 Fiscal 2017 Appendix



Gross Profit Reconciliation (Amounts in thousands)

	Q1 FY 2017	Q4 FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016	Q2 FY 2016	Q1 FY 2016
GAAP gross profit	\$273,785	\$318,548	\$308,485	\$283,093	\$251,450
Share-based compensation-products	561	612	645	629	571
Share-based compensation-services	628	557	637	693	592
Amortization of intangible assets	4,313	4,320	4,328	4,315	3,438
Total adjustments related to gross profit	5,502	5,489	5,610	5,637	4,601
Adjusted (non-GAAP) gross profit	\$279,287	\$324,037	\$314,095	\$288,730	\$256,051
Adjusted (non-GAAP) gross margin	44.9%	45.2%	46.8%	45.1%	44.7%

Operating Expense Reconciliation

(Amounts in thousands)

	Q1 FY 2017	Q4 FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016	Q2 FY 2016	Q1 FY 2016	
GAAP operating expense	\$254,681	\$258,875	\$251,461	\$254,860	\$240,211	
Share-based compensation-research and development	3,209	3,172	3,479	3,791	3,428	
Share-based compensation-sales and marketing	2,873	2,890	3,590	3,923	4,735	
Share-based compensation-general and administrative	5,453	2,961	4,284	4,968	5,129	
Share-based compensation-acquisition and integration	-	-	-	697	-	
Acquisition and integration costs, excluding share-based compensation	-	-	1,029	1,588	1,299	
Amortization of intangible assets	14,551	14,551	14,529	15,566	16,862	
Restructuring costs	2,395	2,876	1,138	535	384	
Settlement of patent litigation	-	-	-	1,200	-	
Total adjustments related to operating expense	28,481	\$26,450	\$28,049	\$32,268	\$31,837	
Adjusted (non-GAAP) operating expense	\$226,200	\$232,425	\$223,412	\$222,592	\$208,374	
Income from Operations Reconciliation (Amounts in thousands)						
	Q1 FY 2017	Q4 FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016	Q2 FY 2016	Q1 FY 2016	
GAAP income from operations	\$19,104	\$59,673	\$57,024	\$28,233	\$11,239	
Total adjustments related to gross profit	5,502	5,489	5,610	5,637	4,601	
Total adjustments related to operating expense	28,481	26,450	28,049	32,268	31,837	
Adjusted (non-GAAP) income from operations	\$53,087	91,612	\$90,683	\$66,138	\$47,677	
Adjusted (non-GAAP) operating margin	8.5%	12.8%	13.5%	10.3%	8.3%	

*Share-based compensation-acquisition and integration associated with the Cyan acquisition. **Settlement of patent litigation – included in general and administrative expense during the second quarter of fiscal 2016

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Net Income (Loss) Reconciliation (Amounts in thousands)

	Q1 FY 2017	Q4 FY 2016	Q3 FY 2016	Q2 FY 2016	Q1 FY 2016
GAAP net income (loss)	\$3,861	\$36,587	\$33,546	\$13,997	(\$11,546)
Total adjustments related to gross profit	5,502	5,489	5,610	5,637	4,601
Total adjustments related to operating expense	28,481	26,450	28,049	32,268	31,837
(Gain)/Loss on extinguishment of debt	41	376	(44)	-	(106)
Non-cash interest expense	513	500	480	460	441
Adjusted (non-GAAP) net income	\$38,398	\$69,402	\$67,641	\$52,362	\$25,227
Weighted average basic common shares outstanding	140,682	139,741	138,881	137,950	136,675
Weighted average dilutive potential common shares outstanding ¹	165,104	174,496	178,547	178,026	151,408

Net Income (Loss) per Common Share										
	Q1 FY 2017		Q4 FY 2016		Q3 FY 2016		Q2 FY 2016		Q1 FY 2016	
GAAP diluted net income (loss) per common share	\$	0.03	\$	0.25	\$	0.23	\$	0.10	\$	(0.08)
Adjusted (Non-GAAP) diluted net income per common										
share ²	\$	0.26	\$	0.44	\$	0.42	\$	0.34	\$	0.18

Reconciliation Endnotes

1. Weighted average dilutive potential common shares outstanding used in calculating Adjusted (non-GAAP) diluted net income per common share for the first quarter of fiscal 2017 includes 1.5 million shares underlying certain stock options and restricted stock units, 5.6 million shares underlying Ciena's 0.875% convertible senior notes, due June 15, 2017 and 17.4 million shares underlying Ciena's 3.75% convertible senior notes, due October 15, 2018.

Weighted average dilutive potential common shares outstanding used in calculating Adjusted (non-GAAP) diluted net income per common share for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016 includes 1.6 million shares underlying ciena's 0.875% convertible senior notes, due June 15, 2017, 17.4 million shares underlying Ciena's 3.75% convertible senior notes, due October 15, 2018 and 9.2 million shares underlying Ciena's 4.0% convertible senior notes, due December 15, 2020.

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