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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended October 27, 2023

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 000-27130

NetApp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

77-0307520
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)*

3060 Olsen Drive,
San Jose, California 95128
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(408) 822-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| <u>Title of each class</u> | <u>Trading Symbol(s)</u> | <u>Name of exchange on which registered</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value | NTAP | The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Large accelerated filer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Smaller reporting company | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Emerging growth company | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

As of November 28, 2023, there were 206,031,047 shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.001 par value, outstanding.

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PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

NETAPP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In millions, except par value)
(Unaudited)

| ASSETS | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,934 | \$ 2,316 |
| Short-term investments | 686 | 754 |
| Accounts receivable | 787 | 987 |
| Inventories | 122 | 167 |
| Other current assets | 464 | 456 |
| Total current assets | 3,993 | 4,680 |
| Property and equipment, net | 623 | 650 |
| Goodwill | 2,759 | 2,759 |
| Purchased intangible assets, net | 152 | 181 |
| Other non-current assets | 1,546 | 1,548 |
| Total assets | \$ 9,073 | \$ 9,818 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 411 | \$ 392 |
| Accrued expenses | 919 | 857 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 400 | — |
| Short-term deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue | 2,003 | 2,218 |
| Total current liabilities | 3,733 | 3,467 |
| Long-term debt | 1,991 | 2,389 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 580 | 708 |
| Long-term deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue | 1,999 | 2,095 |
| Total liabilities | 8,303 | 8,659 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 15) | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock and additional paid-in capital, \$0.001 par value; 206 and 212 shares issued and outstanding as of October 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023, respectively | 825 | 945 |
| Retained earnings | — | 265 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (55) | (51) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 770 | 1,159 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 9,073 | \$ 9,818 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NETAPP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In millions, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Net revenues: | | | | |
| Product | \$ 706 | \$ 837 | \$ 1,296 | \$ 1,623 |
| Services | 856 | 826 | 1,698 | 1,632 |
| Net revenues | <u>1,562</u> | <u>1,663</u> | <u>2,994</u> | <u>3,255</u> |
| Cost of revenues: | | | | |
| Cost of product | 276 | 418 | 541 | 815 |
| Cost of services | 176 | 158 | 347 | 307 |
| Total cost of revenues | <u>452</u> | <u>576</u> | <u>888</u> | <u>1,122</u> |
| Gross profit | <u>1,110</u> | <u>1,087</u> | <u>2,106</u> | <u>2,133</u> |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Sales and marketing | 461 | 479 | 929 | 937 |
| Research and development | 262 | 243 | 509 | 483 |
| General and administrative | 75 | 67 | 149 | 139 |
| Restructuring charges | 5 | 11 | 31 | 22 |
| Acquisition-related expense | 3 | 5 | 6 | 15 |
| Total operating expenses | <u>806</u> | <u>805</u> | <u>1,624</u> | <u>1,596</u> |
| Income from operations | <u>304</u> | <u>282</u> | <u>482</u> | <u>537</u> |
| Other income, net | 11 | 23 | 19 | 38 |
| Income before income taxes | <u>315</u> | <u>305</u> | <u>501</u> | <u>575</u> |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | 82 | (445) | 119 | (389) |
| Net income | <u>\$ 233</u> | <u>\$ 750</u> | <u>\$ 382</u> | <u>\$ 964</u> |
| Net income per share: | | | | |
| Basic | <u>\$ 1.12</u> | <u>\$ 3.46</u> | <u>\$ 1.82</u> | <u>\$ 4.40</u> |
| Diluted | <u>\$ 1.10</u> | <u>\$ 3.41</u> | <u>\$ 1.79</u> | <u>\$ 4.34</u> |
| Shares used in net income per share calculations: | | | | |
| Basic | <u>208</u> | <u>217</u> | <u>210</u> | <u>219</u> |
| Diluted | <u>211</u> | <u>220</u> | <u>214</u> | <u>222</u> |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NETAPP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In millions)
(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Net income | \$ 233 | \$ 750 | \$ 382 | \$ 964 |
| Other comprehensive loss: | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (7) | (15) | (5) | (18) |
| Unrealized gains on cash flow hedges: | | | | |
| Unrealized holding gains arising during the period | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Reclassification adjustments for gains included in net income | (3) | (3) | (4) | (4) |
| Other comprehensive loss | (7) | (14) | (4) | (18) |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 226 | \$ 736 | \$ 378 | \$ 946 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NETAPP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In millions)
(Unaudited)

| | Six Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 382 | \$ 964 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 128 | 117 |
| Non-cash operating lease cost | 23 | 27 |
| Stock-based compensation | 180 | 145 |
| Deferred income taxes | (13) | (570) |
| Other items, net | (27) | (127) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions of businesses: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 185 | 313 |
| Inventories | 46 | (40) |
| Other operating assets | (26) | (24) |
| Accounts payable | 14 | (28) |
| Accrued expenses | 48 | (108) |
| Deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue | (241) | (93) |
| Long-term taxes payable | (110) | (84) |
| Other operating liabilities | (1) | 3 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>588</u> | <u>495</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of investments | (860) | (420) |
| Maturities, sales and collections of investments | 932 | 78 |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (73) | (142) |
| Acquisitions of businesses, net of cash acquired | — | (491) |
| Other investing activities, net | — | 59 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(916)</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock award plans | 52 | 54 |
| Payments for taxes related to net share settlement of stock awards | (85) | (63) |
| Repurchase of common stock | (700) | (500) |
| Repayments and extinguishment of debt | — | (250) |
| Dividends paid | (209) | (218) |
| Other financing activities, net | — | (2) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>(942)</u> | <u>(979)</u> |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | <u>(26)</u> | <u>(43)</u> |
| Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | <u>(381)</u> | <u>(1,443)</u> |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash: | | |
| Beginning of period | 2,322 | 4,119 |
| End of period | <u>\$ 1,941</u> | <u>\$ 2,676</u> |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NETAPP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In millions, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended October 27, 2023 | | | | |
|--|--|--------|----------------------|---|--------|
| | Common Stock and Additional Paid-in Capital | | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Total |
| | Shares | Amount | | | |
| Balances, July 28, 2023 | 209 | \$ 921 | \$ — | \$ (48) | \$ 873 |
| Net income | — | — | 233 | — | 233 |
| Other comprehensive loss | — | — | — | (7) | (7) |
| Issuance of common stock under employee stock award plans, net of taxes | 1 | (20) | — | — | (20) |
| Repurchase of common stock | (4) | (67) | (233) | — | (300) |
| Excise tax on net stock repurchases | — | (3) | — | — | (3) |
| Stock-based compensation | — | 93 | — | — | 93 |
| Modification of liability-classified awards | — | 4 | — | — | 4 |
| Cash dividends declared (\$0.50 per common share) | — | (103) | — | — | (103) |
| Balances, October 27, 2023 | 206 | \$ 825 | \$ — | \$ (55) | \$ 770 |

| | Three Months Ended October 28, 2022 | | | | |
|--|--|--------|----------------------|---|----------|
| | Common Stock and Additional Paid-in Capital | | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Total |
| | Shares | Amount | | | |
| Balances, July 29, 2022 | 218 | \$ 705 | \$ — | \$ (48) | \$ 657 |
| Net income | — | — | 750 | — | 750 |
| Other comprehensive loss | — | — | — | (14) | (14) |
| Issuance of common stock under employee stock award plans, net of taxes | 1 | (11) | — | — | (11) |
| Repurchase of common stock | (2) | (7) | (143) | — | (150) |
| Stock-based compensation | — | 78 | — | — | 78 |
| Cash dividends declared (\$0.50 per common share) | — | — | (108) | — | (108) |
| Balances, October 28, 2022 | 217 | \$ 765 | \$ 499 | \$ (62) | \$ 1,202 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NETAPP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In millions, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

| | Six Months Ended October 27, 2023 | | | | | |
|--|--|--------|----------------------|---|----------|-------|
| | Common Stock and Additional Paid-in Capital | | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | | Total |
| | Shares | Amount | | | | |
| Balances, April 28, 2023 | 212 | \$ 945 | \$ 265 | \$ (51) | \$ 1,159 | |
| Net income | — | — | 382 | — | 382 | |
| Other comprehensive loss | — | — | — | (4) | (4) | |
| Issuance of common stock under employee stock award plans, net of taxes | 3 | (33) | — | — | (33) | |
| Repurchase of common stock | (9) | (91) | (609) | — | (700) | |
| Excise tax on net stock repurchases | — | (5) | — | — | (5) | |
| Stock-based compensation | — | 176 | — | — | 176 | |
| Modification of liability-classified awards | — | 4 | — | — | 4 | |
| Cash dividends declared (\$1.00 per common share) | — | (171) | (38) | — | (209) | |
| Balances, October 27, 2023 | 206 | \$ 825 | \$ — | \$ (55) | \$ 770 | |

| | Six Months Ended October 28, 2022 | | | | | |
|--|--|--------|----------------------|---|----------|-------|
| | Common Stock and Additional Paid-in Capital | | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | | Total |
| | Shares | Amount | | | | |
| Balances, April 29, 2022 | 220 | \$ 760 | \$ 122 | \$ (44) | \$ 838 | |
| Net income | — | — | 964 | — | 964 | |
| Other comprehensive loss | — | — | — | (18) | (18) | |
| Issuance of common stock under employee stock award plans, net of taxes | 4 | (9) | — | — | (9) | |
| Repurchase of common stock | (7) | (25) | (475) | — | (500) | |
| Stock-based compensation | — | 145 | — | — | 145 | |
| Cash dividends declared (\$1.00 per common share) | — | (106) | (112) | — | (218) | |
| Balances, October 28, 2022 | 217 | \$ 765 | \$ 499 | \$ (62) | \$ 1,202 | |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NETAPP, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

NetApp, Inc. (we, us, NetApp, or the Company) is a global cloud-led, data-centric software company that provides organizations the ability to manage and share their data across on-premises, private and public clouds. We provide a full range of enterprise-class software, systems and services solutions that customers use to modernize their infrastructures, build next generation data centers and harness the power of hybrid clouds.

Basis of Presentation and Preparation

Our fiscal year is reported on a 52- or 53-week year ending on the last Friday in April. An additional week is included in the first fiscal quarter approximately every six years to realign fiscal months with calendar months. Fiscal years 2024 and 2023, ending on April 26, 2024 and April 28, 2023, respectively, are each 52-week years, with 13 weeks in each quarter.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company, and reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for the fair presentation of our financial position, results of operations, comprehensive income, cash flows and stockholders' equity for the interim periods presented. The statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information. Accordingly, these statements do not include all information and footnotes required by GAAP for annual consolidated financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended April 28, 2023 contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K. The results of operations for the three and six months ended October 27, 2023 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results to be expected for the full fiscal year or future operating periods.

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Such estimates include, but are not limited to, revenue recognition, reserves and allowances; inventory valuation; valuation of goodwill and intangibles; restructuring reserves; employee benefit accruals; stock-based compensation; loss contingencies; investment impairments; income taxes and fair value measurements. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates, the anticipated effects of which have been incorporated, as applicable, into management's estimates as of October 27, 2023.

2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Although there are new accounting pronouncements issued or proposed by the FASB that we have adopted or will adopt, as applicable, we do not believe any of these accounting pronouncements had or will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, operating results, cash flows or disclosures.

3. Business Combination

Fiscal 2023 Acquisition

Instaclustr Acquisition

On May 20, 2022, we acquired all the outstanding shares of privately-held Instaclustr US Holding, Inc. (Instaclustr) for approximately \$498 million. Instaclustr is a leading platform provider of fully managed open-source database, pipeline and workflow applications delivered as-a-service.

The acquisition-date values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed are as follows (in millions):

| | Amount |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Cash | \$ 4 |
| Intangible assets | 107 |
| Goodwill | 413 |
| Other assets | 19 |
| Total assets acquired | 543 |
| Liabilities assumed | (45) |
| Total purchase price | \$ 498 |

The components of the intangible assets acquired were as follows (in millions, except useful life):

| | Amount | Estimated useful life (years) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Developed technology | \$ 55 | 5 |
| Customer contracts/relationships | 50 | 5 |
| Trade name | 2 | 3 |
| Total intangible assets | <u>\$ 107</u> | |

The acquired net assets and assumed debt of Instaclub were recorded at their estimated values. We determined the estimated values with the assistance of valuations and appraisals performed by third party specialists and estimates made by management. We expect to realize revenue synergies and anticipate opportunities for growth through the ability to leverage additional future products and capabilities. These factors, among others, contributed to a purchase price in excess of the estimated value of their identifiable net assets acquired, and as a result, we have recorded goodwill in connection with the acquisition. The goodwill is not deductible for income tax purposes.

The results of operations related to the acquisition of Instaclub have been included in our condensed consolidated statements of income from the acquisition date. Pro forma results of operations have not been presented because the impact from the acquisition was not material to our consolidated results of operations.

4. Goodwill and Purchased Intangible Assets, Net

Goodwill by reportable segment as of October 27, 2023 is as follows (in millions):

| | Amount |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Hybrid Cloud | \$ 1,714 |
| Public Cloud | 1,045 |
| Total goodwill | <u>\$ 2,759</u> |

Purchased intangible assets, net are summarized below (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | | | April 28, 2023 | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | Gross Assets | Accumulated Amortization | Net Assets | Gross Assets | Accumulated Amortization | Net Assets |
| Developed technology | \$ 179 | \$ (91) | \$ 88 | \$ 212 | \$ (107) | \$ 105 |
| Customer contracts/relationships | 114 | (51) | 63 | 118 | (44) | 74 |
| Other purchased intangibles | 6 | (5) | 1 | 6 | (4) | 2 |
| Total purchased intangible assets | <u>\$ 299</u> | <u>\$ (147)</u> | <u>\$ 152</u> | <u>\$ 336</u> | <u>\$ (155)</u> | <u>\$ 181</u> |

During the first six months of fiscal 2024, we retired approximately \$37 million of fully amortized intangible assets.

Amortization expense for purchased intangible assets is summarized below (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | | Statements of Income Classification |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | |
| Developed technology | \$ 8 | \$ 11 | \$ 17 | \$ 21 | Cost of revenues |
| Customer contracts/relationships | 6 | 6 | 11 | 12 | Operating expenses |
| Other purchased intangibles | — | — | 1 | 1 | Operating expenses |
| Total | <u>\$ 14</u> | <u>\$ 17</u> | <u>\$ 29</u> | <u>\$ 34</u> | |

As of October 27, 2023, future amortization expense related to purchased intangible assets is as follows (in millions):

| Fiscal Year | Amount |
|------------------|---------------|
| 2024 (remainder) | \$ 28 |
| 2025 | 55 |
| 2026 | 39 |
| 2027 | 29 |
| 2028 | 1 |
| Total | <u>\$ 152</u> |

5. Supplemental Financial Information

Cash and cash equivalents (in millions):

The following table presents cash and cash equivalents as reported in our condensed consolidated balance sheets, as well as the sum of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash as reported on our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows:

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,934 | \$ 2,316 |
| Restricted cash | 7 | 6 |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | <u>\$ 1,941</u> | <u>\$ 2,322</u> |

Inventories (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Purchased components | \$ 52 | \$ 65 |
| Finished goods | 70 | 102 |
| Inventories | <u>\$ 122</u> | <u>\$ 167</u> |

Property and equipment, net (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Land | \$ 46 | \$ 46 |
| Buildings and improvements | 367 | 359 |
| Leasehold improvements | 81 | 91 |
| Computer, production, engineering and other equipment | 1,085 | 1,053 |
| Computer software | 332 | 325 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 77 | 84 |
| Construction-in-progress | 59 | 55 |
| | <u>2,047</u> | <u>2,013</u> |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (1,424) | (1,363) |
| Property and equipment, net | <u>\$ 623</u> | <u>\$ 650</u> |

Other non-current assets (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Deferred tax assets | \$ 960 | \$ 948 |
| Operating lease right-of-use (ROU) assets | 260 | 281 |
| Other assets | 326 | 319 |
| Other non-current assets | <u>\$ 1,546</u> | <u>\$ 1,548</u> |

Other non-current assets as of October 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023 include \$83 million and \$80 million, respectively, for our 49% non-controlling equity interest in Lenovo NetApp Technology Limited (LNTL), a China-based entity that we formed with Lenovo (Beijing) Information Technology Ltd. in fiscal 2019. LNTL is integral to our sales channel strategy in China, acting as a distributor of our offerings to customers headquartered there, and involved in certain OEM sales to Lenovo. LNTL is also focused on localizing our products and services, and developing new joint offerings for the China market by leveraging NetApp and Lenovo technologies.

Accrued expenses (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Accrued compensation and benefits | \$ 413 | \$ 363 |
| Product warranty liabilities | 18 | 17 |
| Operating lease liabilities | 41 | 47 |
| Other current liabilities | 447 | 430 |
| Accrued expenses | <u>\$ 919</u> | <u>\$ 857</u> |

Other long-term liabilities (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Liability for uncertain tax positions | \$ 148 | \$ 144 |
| Income taxes payable | 100 | 215 |
| Product warranty liabilities | 8 | 8 |
| Operating lease liabilities | 230 | 248 |
| Other liabilities | 94 | 93 |
| Other long-term liabilities | <u>\$ 580</u> | <u>\$ 708</u> |

Deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue

The following table summarizes the components of our deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue balance as reported in our condensed consolidated balance sheets (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Deferred product revenue | \$ 36 | \$ 18 |
| Deferred services revenue | 3,923 | 4,247 |
| Financed unearned services revenue | 43 | 48 |
| Total | <u>\$ 4,002</u> | <u>\$ 4,313</u> |

Reported as:

| | | |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Short-term | \$ 2,003 | \$ 2,218 |
| Long-term | 1,999 | 2,095 |
| Total | <u>\$ 4,002</u> | <u>\$ 4,313</u> |

Deferred product revenue represents unrecognized revenue related to undelivered product commitments and other product deliveries that have not met all revenue recognition criteria. Deferred services revenue represents customer payments made in advance for services, which include software and hardware support contracts, certain public cloud services and other services. Financed unearned services revenue represents undelivered services for which cash has been received under certain third-party financing arrangements. See Note 15 – Commitments and Contingencies for additional information related to these arrangements.

During the six months ended October 27, 2023 and October 28, 2022, we recognized revenue of \$1,258 million and \$1,280 million, respectively, that was included in the deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue balance at the beginning of the respective periods.

As of October 27, 2023, the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations related to customer contracts that are unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied approximated our deferred revenue and unearned services revenue balance. Because customer orders are typically placed on an as-needed basis, and cancellable without penalty prior to shipment, orders in backlog may not be a meaningful indicator of future revenue and have not been included in this amount. We expect to recognize as revenue approximately 50% of our deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue balance in the next 12 months, approximately 25% in the next 13 to 24 months, and the remainder thereafter.

Deferred commissions

The following table summarizes deferred commissions balances as reported in our condensed consolidated balance sheets (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Other current assets | \$ 64 | \$ 64 |
| Other non-current assets | 96 | 99 |
| Total deferred commissions | <u>\$ 160</u> | <u>\$ 163</u> |

Other income, net (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Interest income | \$ 25 | \$ 14 | \$ 53 | \$ 21 |
| Interest expense | (15) | (17) | (31) | (35) |
| Other, net | 1 | 26 | (3) | 52 |
| Total other income, net | <u>\$ 11</u> | <u>\$ 23</u> | <u>\$ 19</u> | <u>\$ 38</u> |

In the second quarter of fiscal 2023, Other, net includes \$21 million of other income for non-refundable, up-front payments from customers in Russia for support contracts, which we were not able to fulfill due to imposed sanctions and for which we have no remaining legal obligation to perform. During the six months ended October 28, 2022, Other, net also includes a \$32 million gain recognized on our sale of a minority equity interest in a privately held company for proceeds of approximately \$59 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2023.

Statements of cash flows additional information (in millions):

Supplemental cash flow information related to our operating leases is included in Note 8 — Leases. Non-cash investing and financing activities and other supplemental cash flow information are presented below:

| | Six Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Non-cash Investing and Financing Activities: | | |
| Capital expenditures incurred but not paid | \$ 18 | \$ 27 |
| Liabilities incurred to former owners of acquired business | \$ — | \$ 3 |
| Supplemental Cash Flow Information: | | |
| Income taxes paid, net of refunds | \$ 222 | \$ 203 |
| Interest paid | \$ 30 | \$ 36 |

6. Financial Instruments and Fair Value Measurements

The accounting guidance for fair value measurements provides a framework for measuring fair value on either a recurring or nonrecurring basis, whereby the inputs used in valuation techniques are assigned a hierarchical level. The following are the three levels of inputs to measure fair value:

Level 1: Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2: Inputs that reflect quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in less active markets; quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liabilities; or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect our own assumptions incorporated in valuation techniques used to measure fair value. These assumptions are required to be consistent with market participant assumptions that are reasonably available.

We consider an active market to be one in which transactions for the asset or liability occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis, and consider an inactive market to be one in which there are infrequent or few transactions for the asset or liability, the prices are not current, or price quotations vary substantially either over time or among market makers. Where appropriate, our own or the counterparty's non-performance risk is considered in measuring the fair values of liabilities and assets, respectively.

Investments

The following is a summary of our investments at their cost or amortized cost as of October 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023 (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| U.S. Treasury and government debt securities | 800 | 754 |
| Money market funds | 365 | 794 |
| Certificates of deposit | 43 | 59 |
| Mutual funds | 34 | 36 |
| Total debt and equity securities | \$ 1,242 | \$ 1,643 |

The fair value of our investments approximates their cost or amortized cost for both periods presented. Investments in mutual funds relate to the non-qualified deferred compensation plan offered to certain employees.

As of October 27, 2023, all our debt investments are due to mature in one year or less.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following table summarizes our financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | | |
|--|------------------|---|--------------|
| | Total | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using | |
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | | |
| Cash | \$ 1,412 | \$ 1,412 | \$ — |
| Money market funds | 365 | 365 | — |
| Certificates of deposit | 43 | — | 43 |
| U.S. Treasury and government debt securities | 114 | 114 | — |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 1,934 | 1,891 | 43 |
| Short-term investments: | | | |
| U.S. Treasury and government debt securities | 686 | 686 | — |
| Total short-term investments | 686 | 686 | — |
| Total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments | \$ 2,620 | \$ 2,577 | \$ 43 |
| Other items: | | | |
| Mutual funds ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 6 | \$ 6 | \$ — |
| Mutual funds ⁽²⁾ | \$ 28 | \$ 28 | \$ — |
| Foreign currency exchange contracts assets ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 3 | \$ — | \$ 3 |
| Foreign currency exchange contracts liabilities ⁽³⁾ | \$ (7) | \$ — | \$ (7) |

| | April 28, 2023 | | |
|--|----------------|---|---------|
| | Total | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using | |
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | | |
| Cash | \$ 1,463 | \$ 1,463 | \$ — |
| Money market funds | 794 | 794 | — |
| Certificates of deposit | 59 | — | 59 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 2,316 | 2,257 | 59 |
| Short-term investments: | | | |
| U.S. Treasury and government debt securities | 754 | 754 | — |
| Total short-term investments | 754 | 754 | — |
| Total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments | \$ 3,070 | \$ 3,011 | \$ 59 |
| Other items: | | | |
| Mutual funds ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 7 | \$ 7 | \$ — |
| Mutual funds ⁽²⁾ | \$ 29 | \$ 29 | \$ — |
| Foreign currency exchange contracts assets ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 13 | \$ — | \$ 13 |
| Foreign currency exchange contracts liabilities ⁽³⁾ | \$ (4) | \$ — | \$ (4) |

⁽¹⁾ Reported as other current assets in the condensed consolidated balance sheets

⁽²⁾ Reported as other non-current assets in the condensed consolidated balance sheets

⁽³⁾ Reported as accrued expenses in the condensed consolidated balance sheets

Our Level 2 debt instruments are held by a custodian who prices some of the investments using standard inputs in various asset price models or obtains investment prices from third-party pricing providers that incorporate standard inputs in various asset price models. These pricing providers utilize the most recent observable market information in pricing these securities or, if specific prices are not available for these securities, use other observable inputs like market transactions involving identical or comparable securities. We review Level 2 inputs and fair value for reasonableness and the values may be further validated by comparison to multiple independent pricing sources. In addition, we review third-party pricing provider models, key inputs and assumptions and understand the pricing processes at our third-party providers in determining the overall reasonableness of the fair value of our Level 2 debt instruments. As of October 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023, we have not made any adjustments to the prices obtained from our third-party pricing providers.

Fair Value of Debt

As of October 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023, the fair value of our long-term debt was approximately \$2,140 million and \$2,206 million, respectively. The fair value of our long-term debt was based on observable market prices in a less active market.

7. Financing Arrangements

Long-Term Debt

The following table summarizes information relating to our long-term debt, which we collectively refer to as our Senior Notes (in millions, except interest rates):

| | Effective Interest Rate | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 3.30% Senior Notes Due September 2024 | 3.42% | \$ 400 | \$ 400 |
| 1.875% Senior Notes Due June 2025 | 2.03% | 750 | 750 |
| 2.375% Senior Notes Due June 2027 | 2.51% | 550 | 550 |
| 2.70% Senior Notes Due June 2030 | 2.81% | 700 | 700 |
| Total principal amount | | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| Unamortized discount and issuance costs | | (9) | (11) |
| Total senior notes | | 2,391 | 2,389 |
| Less: Current portion of long-term debt | | (400) | — |
| Total long-term debt | | \$ 1,991 | \$ 2,389 |

Senior Notes

Our \$750 million aggregate principal amount of 1.875% Senior Notes due 2025, \$550 million aggregate principal amount of 2.375% Senior Notes due 2027 and \$700 million aggregate principal amount of 2.70% Senior Notes due 2030, were each issued in June 2020. Interest on each of these Senior Notes is payable semi-annually in June and December. Our 3.30% Senior Notes, with a principal amount of \$400 million, were issued in September 2017 with interest paid semi-annually in March and September.

Our Senior Notes, which are unsecured, unsubordinated obligations, rank equally in right of payment with any existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness.

We may redeem the Senior Notes in whole or in part, at any time at our option at specified redemption prices. In addition, upon the occurrence of certain change of control triggering events, we may be required to repurchase the Senior Notes under specified terms. The Senior Notes also include covenants that limit our ability to incur debt secured by liens on assets or on shares of stock or indebtedness of our subsidiaries; to engage in certain sale and lease-back transactions; and to consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets. As of October 27, 2023, we were in compliance with all covenants associated with the Senior Notes.

As of October 27, 2023, our aggregate future principal debt maturities are as follows (in millions):

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2024 (remainder) | \$ — |
| 2025 | 400 |
| 2026 | 750 |
| 2027 | — |
| 2028 | 550 |
| Thereafter | 700 |
| Total | <u>\$ 2,400</u> |

Commercial Paper Program and Credit Facility

We have a commercial paper program (the “Program”), under which we may issue unsecured commercial paper notes. Amounts available under the Program, as amended in July 2017, may be borrowed, repaid and re-borrowed, with the aggregate face or principal amount of the notes outstanding under the Program at any time not to exceed \$1.0 billion. The maturities of the notes can vary, but may not exceed 397 days from the date of issue. The notes are sold under customary terms in the commercial paper market and may be issued at a discount from par or, alternatively, may be sold at par and bear interest at rates dictated by market conditions at the time of their issuance. The proceeds from the issuance of the notes are used for general corporate purposes. There were no commercial paper notes outstanding as of October 27, 2023 or April 28, 2023.

In connection with the Program, we have a senior unsecured credit agreement with a syndicated group of lenders. The credit agreement, which was amended in May 2023 primarily to replace the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) with the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) as the basis for establishing the interest rate applicable to certain borrowings under the agreement, provides for a \$1.0 billion revolving unsecured credit facility, with a sublimit of \$50 million available for the issuance of letters of credit on our behalf. The credit facility matures on January 22, 2026, with an option for us to extend the maturity date for two additional 1-year periods, subject to certain conditions. The proceeds of the loans may be used by us for general corporate purposes and as liquidity support for our existing commercial paper program. As of October 27, 2023, we were compliant with all associated covenants in the agreement. No amounts were drawn against this credit facility during any of the periods presented.

8. Leases

We lease real estate, equipment and automobiles in the U.S. and internationally. Our real estate leases, which are responsible for the majority of our aggregate ROU asset and liability balances, include leases for office space, data centers and other facilities, and as of October 27, 2023, have remaining lease terms not exceeding 19 years. Some of these leases contain options that allow us to extend or terminate the lease agreement. Our equipment leases are primarily for servers and networking equipment and as of October 27, 2023, have remaining lease terms not exceeding 4 years. As of October 27, 2023, our automobile leases have remaining lease terms not exceeding 4 years. All our leases are classified as operating leases except for certain immaterial equipment finance leases.

The components of lease cost related to our operating leases were as follows (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Operating lease cost | \$ 14 | \$ 16 | \$ 28 | \$ 31 |
| Variable lease cost | 4 | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| Total lease cost | \$ 18 | \$ 20 | \$ 36 | \$ 39 |

Variable lease cost is primarily attributable to amounts paid to lessors for common area maintenance and utility charges under our real estate leases.

The supplemental cash flow information related to our operating leases is as follows (in millions):

| | Six Months Ended | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of operating lease liabilities | \$ 26 | \$ 29 |
| Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease obligations | \$ 13 | \$ 31 |

The supplemental balance sheet information related to our operating leases is as follows (in millions, except lease term and discount rate):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Other non-current assets | \$ 260 |
| Total operating lease ROU assets | \$ 260 | \$ 281 |
| Accrued expenses | \$ 41 | \$ 47 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 230 | 248 |
| Total operating lease liabilities | \$ 271 | \$ 295 |
| Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term | 9.5 years | 9.4 years |
| Weighted Average Discount Rate | 3.0% | 3.0% |

Future minimum operating lease payments as of October 27, 2023, are as follows (in millions):

| Fiscal Year | Amount |
|----------------------|--------|
| 2024 (remainder) | \$ 24 |
| 2025 | 42 |
| 2026 | 36 |
| 2027 | 32 |
| 2028 | 29 |
| Thereafter | 153 |
| Total lease payments | 316 |
| Less: Interest | (45) |
| Total | \$ 271 |

9. Stockholders' Equity

Restricted Stock Units

We granted approximately 5 million restricted stock units (RSUs), including performance-based RSUs (PBRsUs), with a weighted average grant date fair value of \$75.14 per share during the six months ended October 27, 2023.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2024, due to an insufficient number of remaining shares available for issuance under the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2021 Plan), most of the awards granted in that period were subject to cash settlement upon vesting, and accounted for as liability awards. However, in the second quarter of fiscal 2024, stockholders approved an increase in the number of shares available for issuance under the 2021 Plan, and these awards, by their terms, automatically became share-settled, equity-classified

awards. The modification resulted in the elimination of the \$4 million liability related to these awards, with a corresponding increase to additional paid-in capital, as presented on the Statements of Stockholders' Equity.

In the six months ended October 27, 2023, we granted PBRsUs to certain of our executives. Each PBRsU has performance-based vesting criteria (in addition to the service-based vesting criteria) such that the PBRsUs cliff-vest at the end of a three year performance period, which began on the date specified in the grant agreements and typically ends on the last day of the third fiscal year, following the grant date. The number of shares that will be used to calculate the settlement amount for all of these PBRsUs at the end of the applicable performance and service period will range from 0% to 200% of a target number of shares originally granted. For half of the PBRsUs granted in the six months ended October 27, 2023, the number of shares used to calculate the settlement amount will depend upon our Total Stockholder Return (TSR) as compared to the TSR of a specified group of benchmark peer companies (each expressed as a growth rate percentage) calculated as of the end of the performance period. For the remaining half of the PBRsUs granted in the six months ended October 27, 2023, the number of shares used to calculate the settlement amount will depend upon the Company's billings result average over the three-year performance period as compared to a predetermined billings target. Billings for purposes of measuring the performance of these PBRsUs means the total obtained by adding net revenues as reported on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income to the amount reported as the change in deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue on the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the applicable measurement period, excluding the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. The aggregate grant date fair value of PBRsUs effectively granted in the current year was \$39 million, which is being recognized to compensation expense over the remaining performance / service periods.

Stock-Based Compensation Expense

Stock-based compensation expense is included in the condensed consolidated statements of income as follows (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Cost of product revenues | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 |
| Cost of services revenues | 6 | 4 | 12 | 8 |
| Sales and marketing | 37 | 35 | 73 | 63 |
| Research and development | 35 | 26 | 67 | 50 |
| General and administrative | 14 | 12 | 26 | 22 |
| Total stock-based compensation expense | <u>\$ 93</u> | <u>\$ 78</u> | <u>\$ 180</u> | <u>\$ 145</u> |

As of October 27, 2023, total unrecognized compensation expense related to equity awards was \$751 million, which is expected to be recognized on a straight-line basis over a weighted-average remaining service period of 2.3 years.

Stock Repurchase Program

As of October 27, 2023, our Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to \$16.1 billion of our common stock. Under this program, we may purchase shares of our outstanding common stock through solicited or unsolicited transactions in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions, through accelerated share repurchase programs, pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by our management. The stock repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

The following table summarizes activity related to the stock repurchase program for the six months ended October 27, 2023 (in millions, except for per share amounts):

| | |
|---|----------|
| Number of shares repurchased | 9 |
| Average price per share | \$ 75.12 |
| Stock repurchases allocated to additional paid-in capital | \$ 91 |
| Stock repurchases allocated to retained earnings | \$ 609 |
| Remaining authorization at end of period | \$ 702 |

Since the May 13, 2003 inception of our stock repurchase program through October 27, 2023, we repurchased a total of 369 million shares of our common stock at an average price of \$41.75 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$15.4 billion.

Dividends

The following is a summary of our activities related to dividends on our common stock (in millions, except per share amounts):

| | Six Months Ended | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Dividends per share declared | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 |
| Dividend payments allocated to additional paid-in capital | \$ 171 | \$ 106 |
| Dividend payments allocated to retained earnings | \$ 38 | \$ 112 |

On November 21, 2023, we declared a cash dividend of \$0.50 per share of common stock, payable on January 24, 2024 to holders of record as of the close of business on January 5, 2024. The timing and amount of future dividends will depend on market conditions, corporate business and financial considerations and regulatory requirements. All dividends declared have been determined by us to be legally authorized under the laws of the state in which we are incorporated.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (AOCI) by component, net of tax, are summarized below (in millions):

| | Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments | Defined Benefit Obligation Adjustments | Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Derivative Instruments | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Balance as of April 28, 2023 | \$ (48) | \$ (3) | \$ — | \$ (51) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | (5) | — | 5 | — |
| Amounts reclassified from AOCI, net of tax | — | — | (4) | (4) |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss) | (5) | — | 1 | (4) |
| Balance as of October 27, 2023 | \$ (53) | \$ (3) | \$ 1 | \$ (55) |

The amounts reclassified out of AOCI are as follows (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | | Statements of Income Classification |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | |
| Realized gains on cash flow hedges | \$ (3) | \$ (3) | \$ (4) | \$ (4) | Net revenues |
| Total reclassifications | \$ (3) | \$ (3) | \$ (4) | \$ (4) | |

10. Derivatives and Hedging Activities

We use derivative instruments to manage exposures to foreign currency risk. Our primary objective in holding derivatives is to reduce the volatility of earnings and cash flows associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The maximum length of time over which forecasted foreign currency denominated revenues are hedged is 12 months. The program is not designated for trading or speculative purposes. Our derivatives expose us to credit risk to the extent that the counterparties may be unable to meet their obligations under the terms of our agreements. We seek to mitigate such risk by limiting our counterparties to major financial institutions. In addition, the potential risk of loss with any one counterparty resulting from this type of credit risk is monitored on an ongoing basis. We also have in place master netting arrangements to mitigate the credit risk of our counterparties and to potentially reduce our losses due to counterparty nonperformance. We present our derivative instruments as net amounts in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. The gross and net fair value amounts of such instruments were not material as of October 27, 2023 or April 28, 2023. All contracts have a maturity of less than 12 months.

The notional amount of our outstanding U.S. dollar equivalent foreign currency exchange forward contracts consisted of the following (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Cash Flow Hedges | | |
| Forward contracts purchased | \$ 132 | \$ 95 |
| Balance Sheet Contracts | | |
| Forward contracts sold | \$ 745 | \$ 965 |
| Forward contracts purchased | \$ 46 | \$ 96 |

The gain (loss) of cash flow hedges recognized in net revenues is presented in the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income and Note 9 – Stockholders’ Equity.

The effect of derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments recognized in other income, net on our condensed consolidated statements of income was as follows (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Foreign currency exchange contracts | \$ (45) | \$ (34) | \$ (49) | \$ (55) |

11. Restructuring Charges

In the first six months of fiscal 2024, we executed a restructuring plan to redirect resources to highest return activities, and to optimize our global office space for our hybrid work model. In connection with the plan, we reduced our global workforce by approximately 1% and terminated certain real estate leases in various countries, resulting in restructuring charges comprised primarily of employee severance-related expenses and lease termination charges. The workforce related activities under the plan are substantially complete.

In the first six months of fiscal 2023, we executed, or continued to execute, restructuring plans to redirect resources to highest return activities and to establish our international headquarters in Cork, Ireland, which included a reduction in our global workforce of less than 1% and resulted in restructuring charges comprised primarily of employee severance-related costs and legal and tax-related professional fees. Substantially all activities under these plans were complete as of the end of fiscal 2023.

Activities related to our restructuring plans are summarized as follows (in millions):

| | Six Months Ended | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 36 | \$ 1 |
| Net charges | 31 | 22 |
| Cash payments | (46) | (14) |
| Balance at end of period | <u>\$ 21</u> | <u>\$ 9</u> |

12. Income Taxes

Our effective tax rates for the periods presented were as follows:

| | Six Months Ended | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Effective tax rates | 23.8% | (67.7)% |

Our effective tax rate reflects the impact of a significant amount of earnings being taxed in foreign jurisdictions at rates below the United States (U.S.) statutory rate. Our effective tax rate for the six months ended October 27, 2023 includes benefits for fiscal 2023 foreign tax credits resulting from Internal Revenue Service Notice 2023-55, partially offset by an increase in stock compensation for which no tax benefit is currently recorded as compared to the prior period. The effective tax rate for the six months ended October 28, 2022 was primarily driven by a discrete tax benefit of \$524 million that resulted from an intra-entity asset transfer of certain intellectual property (“IP”).

During the second quarter of fiscal 2023, we completed an intra-entity asset transfer of certain IP to our international headquarters (the “IP Transfer”). The transaction resulted in a step-up of tax-deductible basis in the transferred assets, and accordingly, created a temporary difference where the tax basis exceeded the financial statement basis of such intangible assets, which resulted in the recognition of a discrete tax benefit and related deferred tax asset of \$524 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2023. Management applied significant judgment when determining the fair value of the IP, which serves as the tax basis of the deferred tax asset. With the assistance of third-party valuation specialists, the fair value of the IP was determined principally based on the present value of projected cash flows related to the IP which reflects management’s assumptions regarding projected revenues, expenses and a discount rate. The tax-deductible amortization related to the transferred IP rights will be recognized in future periods and any amortization that is unused in a particular year can be carried forward indefinitely. The deferred tax asset and the tax benefit were measured based on the enacted tax rates expected to apply in the years the asset is expected to be realized. We expect to realize the deferred tax asset resulting from the IP Transfer and will assess the realizability of the deferred tax asset quarterly. Any Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development’s (“OECD”) actions adopted internationally, could impact our financial results in future periods.

We are currently undergoing various income tax audits in the U.S. and audits in several foreign tax jurisdictions. Transfer pricing calculations are key topics under these audits and are often subject to dispute and appeals.

We continue to monitor the progress of ongoing discussions with tax authorities and the impact, if any, of the expected expiration of the statute of limitations in various taxing jurisdictions. We engage in continuous discussion and negotiation with taxing authorities regarding tax matters in multiple jurisdictions. We believe that within the next 12 months, it is reasonably possible that either certain audits will conclude, certain statutes of limitations will lapse, or both. As a result of uncertainties regarding tax audits and their possible outcomes, an estimate of the range of possible impacts to unrecognized tax benefits in the next twelve months cannot be made at this time.

As of October 27, 2023, we had \$223 million of gross unrecognized tax benefits. Inclusive of penalties, interest and certain income tax benefits, \$149 million would affect our provision for income taxes if recognized. Net unrecognized tax benefits of \$148 million have been recorded in other long-term liabilities.

13. Net Income per Share

The following is a calculation of basic and diluted net income per share (in millions, except per share amounts):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 233 | \$ 750 | \$ 382 | \$ 964 |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Shares used in basic computation | 208 | 217 | 210 | 219 |
| Dilutive impact of employee equity award plans | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Shares used in diluted computation | 211 | 220 | 214 | 222 |
| Net Income per Share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.12 | \$ 3.46 | \$ 1.82 | \$ 4.40 |
| Diluted | \$ 1.10 | \$ 3.41 | \$ 1.79 | \$ 4.34 |

Three million and four million shares from outstanding employee awards were excluded from the diluted net income per share calculation for the three and six months ended October 27, 2023, respectively, while six million and five million shares from outstanding employee awards each were excluded from the diluted net income per share calculation for the three and six months ended October 28, 2022, respectively, as their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

14. Segment, Geographic, and Significant Customer Information

Our operations are organized into two segments: Hybrid Cloud and Public Cloud. The two segments are based on the information reviewed by our Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM), who is the Chief Executive Officer, to evaluate results and allocate resources. The CODM measures performance of each segment based on segment revenue and segment gross profit. We do not allocate to our segments certain cost of revenues which we manage at the corporate level. These unallocated costs include stock-based compensation and amortization of intangible assets. We do not allocate assets to our segments.

Hybrid Cloud offers a portfolio of storage and infrastructure solutions that help customers recast their data centers with the power of cloud. This portfolio is designed to operate with public clouds to unlock the potential of hybrid, multi-cloud operations. Hybrid Cloud is composed of software, hardware, and related support, as well as professional and other services.

Public Cloud offers a portfolio of products delivered primarily as-a-service, including related support. This portfolio includes cloud storage and data services, and cloud operations services. Public Cloud includes certain reseller arrangements in which the timing of our consideration follows the end user consumption of the reseller services.

Segment Revenues and Gross Profit

Financial information by segment is as follows (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended October 27, 2023 | | |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Hybrid Cloud | Public Cloud | Consolidated |
| Product revenues | \$ 706 | \$ — | \$ 706 |
| Support revenues | 623 | — | 623 |
| Professional and other services revenues | 79 | — | 79 |
| Public cloud revenues | — | 154 | 154 |
| Net revenues | <u>1,408</u> | <u>154</u> | <u>1,562</u> |
| Cost of product revenues | 275 | — | 275 |
| Cost of support revenues | 50 | — | 50 |
| Cost of professional and other services revenues | 60 | — | 60 |
| Cost of public cloud revenues | — | 52 | 52 |
| Segment cost of revenues | <u>385</u> | <u>52</u> | <u>437</u> |
| Segment gross profit | <u>\$ 1,023</u> | <u>\$ 102</u> | <u>\$ 1,125</u> |
| Segment gross margin | 72.7% | 66.2% | 72.0% |
| Unallocated cost of revenues ¹ | | | 15 |
| Total gross profit | | | <u>\$ 1,110</u> |
| Total gross margin | | | 71.1% |

¹ Unallocated cost of revenues are composed of \$7 million of stock-based compensation expense and \$8 million of amortization of intangible assets.

| | Three Months Ended October 28, 2022 | | |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Hybrid Cloud | Public Cloud | Consolidated |
| Product revenues | \$ 837 | \$ — | \$ 837 |
| Support revenues | 607 | — | 607 |
| Professional and other services revenues | 77 | — | 77 |
| Public cloud revenues | — | 142 | 142 |
| Net revenues | <u>1,521</u> | <u>142</u> | <u>1,663</u> |
| Cost of product revenues | 417 | — | 417 |
| Cost of support revenues | 45 | — | 45 |
| Cost of professional and other services revenues | 54 | — | 54 |
| Cost of public cloud revenues | — | 45 | 45 |
| Segment cost of revenues | <u>516</u> | <u>45</u> | <u>561</u> |
| Segment gross profit | <u>\$ 1,005</u> | <u>\$ 97</u> | <u>\$ 1,102</u> |
| Segment gross margin | 66.1% | 68.3% | 66.3% |
| Unallocated cost of revenues ¹ | | | 15 |
| Total gross profit | | | <u>\$ 1,087</u> |
| Total gross margin | | | 65.4% |

¹ Unallocated cost of revenues are composed of \$5 million of stock-based compensation expense and \$10 million of amortization of intangible assets.

| | Six Months Ended October 27, 2023 | | |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Hybrid Cloud | Public Cloud | Consolidated |
| Product revenues | \$ 1,296 | \$ — | \$ 1,296 |
| Support revenues | 1,234 | — | 1,234 |
| Professional and other services revenues | 156 | — | 156 |
| Public cloud revenues | — | 308 | 308 |
| Net revenues | <u>2,686</u> | <u>308</u> | <u>2,994</u> |
| Cost of product revenues | 539 | — | 539 |
| Cost of support revenues | 97 | — | 97 |
| Cost of professional and other services revenues | 118 | — | 118 |
| Cost of public cloud revenues | — | 103 | 103 |
| Segment cost of revenues | <u>754</u> | <u>103</u> | <u>857</u> |
| Segment gross profit | <u>\$ 1,932</u> | <u>\$ 205</u> | <u>\$ 2,137</u> |
| Segment gross margin | 71.9% | 66.6% | 71.4% |
| Unallocated cost of revenues ¹ | | | 31 |
| Total gross profit | | | <u>\$ 2,106</u> |
| Total gross margin | | | 70.3% |

¹ Unallocated cost of revenues are composed of \$14 million of stock-based compensation expense and \$17 million of amortization of intangible assets.

| | Six Months Ended October 28, 2022 | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Hybrid Cloud | Public Cloud | Consolidated |
| Product revenues | \$ 1,623 | \$ — | \$ 1,623 |
| Support revenues | 1,205 | — | 1,205 |
| Professional and other services revenues | 153 | — | 153 |
| Public cloud revenues | — | 274 | 274 |
| Net revenues | <u>2,981</u> | <u>274</u> | <u>3,255</u> |
| Cost of product revenues | 812 | — | 812 |
| Cost of support revenues | 88 | — | 88 |
| Cost of professional and other services revenues | 106 | — | 106 |
| Cost of public cloud revenues | — | 85 | 85 |
| Segment cost of revenues | <u>1,006</u> | <u>85</u> | <u>1,091</u> |
| Segment gross profit | <u>\$ 1,975</u> | <u>\$ 189</u> | <u>\$ 2,164</u> |
| Segment gross margin | 66.3 % | 69.0 % | 66.5 % |
| Unallocated cost of revenues ¹ | | | <u>31</u> |
| Total gross profit | | | <u>\$ 2,133</u> |
| Total gross margin | | | 65.5 % |

¹ Unallocated cost of revenues are composed of \$10 million of stock-based compensation expense and \$21 million of amortization of intangible assets.

Geographical Revenues and Certain Assets

Revenues summarized by geographic region are as follows (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| United States, Canada and Latin America (Americas) | \$ 789 | \$ 845 | \$ 1,543 | \$ 1,672 |
| Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) | 525 | 565 | 971 | 1,074 |
| Asia Pacific (APAC) | 248 | 253 | 480 | 509 |
| Net revenues | <u>\$ 1,562</u> | <u>\$ 1,663</u> | <u>\$ 2,994</u> | <u>\$ 3,255</u> |

Effective in the first quarter of fiscal 2024, management began evaluating revenues by geographic region based on the location to which products and services are delivered, rather than based on the location from which the customer relationship is managed. Prior year numbers have been recast to conform to the current year presentation.

Americas revenues consist of sales to Americas commercial and U.S. public sector markets. Sales to customers inside the U.S. were \$729 million and \$784 million during the three months ended October 27, 2023 and October 28, 2022, respectively, and were \$1,427 million and \$1,556 million during the six months ended October 27, 2023 and October 28, 2022, respectively.

The majority of our assets, excluding cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments and accounts receivable, were attributable to our domestic operations. The following table presents cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments held in the U.S. and internationally in various foreign subsidiaries (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| U.S. | \$ 458 | \$ 887 |
| International | 2,162 | 2,183 |
| Total | <u>\$ 2,620</u> | <u>\$ 3,070</u> |

With the exception of property and equipment, we do not identify or allocate our long-lived assets by geographic area. The following table presents property and equipment information for geographic areas based on the physical location of the assets (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| U.S. | \$ 390 | \$ 413 |
| International | 233 | 237 |
| Total | <u>\$ 623</u> | <u>\$ 650</u> |

Significant Customers

The following customers, each of which is a distributor, accounted for 10% or more of our net revenues:

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Arrow Electronics, Inc. | 22 % | 24 % | 23 % | 25 % |
| TD Synnex Corporation (previously presented as Tech Data Corporation) | 22 % | 20 % | 21 % | 20 % |

The following customers accounted for 10% or more of accounts receivable in at least one of the periods presented:

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | Arrow Electronics, Inc. | 10 % |
| TD Synnex Corporation (previously presented as Tech Data Corporation) | 21 % | 19 % |

15. Commitments and Contingencies

Purchase Orders and Other Commitments

In the ordinary course of business, we make commitments to third-party contract manufacturers and component suppliers to manage manufacturer lead times and meet product forecasts, and to other parties, to purchase various key components used in the manufacture of our products. A significant portion of our reported purchase commitments arising from these agreements consist of firm, non-cancelable, and unconditional commitments. As of October 27, 2023, we had approximately \$0.4 billion in non-cancelable purchase commitments for inventory. We record a liability for firm, non-cancelable and unconditional purchase commitments for quantities in excess of our future demand forecasts consistent with the valuation of our excess and obsolete inventory. As of October 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023, such liability amounted to \$17 million and \$15 million, respectively, and is included in accrued expenses in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. To the extent that such forecasts are not achieved, our commitments and associated accruals may change.

In addition to inventory commitments with contract manufacturers and component suppliers, we have open purchase orders and contractual obligations associated with our ordinary course of business for which we have not yet received goods or services. As of October 27, 2023, we had approximately \$0.3 billion in other purchase obligations.

Financing Guarantees

While most of our arrangements for sales include short-term payment terms, from time to time we provide long-term financing to creditworthy customers. We have generally sold receivables financed through these arrangements on a non-recourse basis to third party financing institutions within 10 days of the contracts' dates of execution, and we classify the proceeds from these sales as cash flows from operating activities in our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. We account for the sales of these receivables as "true sales" as defined in the accounting standards on transfers of financial assets, as we are considered to have surrendered control of these financing receivables. Provided all other revenue recognition criteria have been met, we recognize product revenues for these arrangements, net of any payment discounts from financing transactions, upon product acceptance. We sold \$27 million and \$10 million of receivables during the six months ended October 27, 2023 and October 28, 2022, respectively.

In addition, we enter into arrangements with leasing companies for the sale of our hardware systems products. These leasing companies, in turn, lease our products to end-users. The leasing companies generally have no recourse to us in the event of default by the end-user and we recognize revenue upon delivery to the end-user customer, if all other revenue recognition criteria have been met.

Some of the leasing arrangements described above have been financed on a recourse basis through third-party financing institutions. Under the terms of recourse leases, which are generally three years or less, we remain liable for the aggregate unpaid remaining lease payments to the third-party leasing companies in the event of end-user customer default. These arrangements are generally collateralized by a security interest in the underlying assets. Where we provide a guarantee for recourse leases and collectability is probable, we account for these transactions as sales type leases. If collectability is not probable, the cash received is recorded as a deposit liability and revenue is deferred until the arrangement is deemed collectible. For leases that we are not a party to, other than providing recourse, we recognize revenue when control is transferred. As of October 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023, the aggregate amount by which such contingencies exceeded the associated liabilities was not significant. To date, we have not experienced significant losses under our lease financing programs or other financing arrangements.

We have entered into service contracts with certain of our end-user customers that are supported by third-party financing arrangements. If a service contract is terminated as a result of our non-performance under the contract or our failure to comply with the terms of the financing arrangement, we could, under certain circumstances, be required to acquire certain assets related to the service contract or to pay the aggregate unpaid financing payments under such arrangements. As of October 27, 2023, we have not

been required to make any payments under these arrangements, and we believe the likelihood of having to acquire a material amount of assets or make payments under these arrangements is remote. The portion of the financial arrangement that represents unearned services revenue is included in deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue in our condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Legal Contingencies

When a loss is considered probable and reasonably estimable, we record a liability in the amount of our best estimate for the ultimate loss. However, the likelihood of a loss with respect to a particular contingency is often difficult to predict and determining a meaningful estimate of the loss or a range of loss may not be practicable based on the information available and the potential effect of future events and decisions by third parties that will determine the ultimate resolution of the contingency.

We are subject to various legal proceedings and claims that arise in the normal course of business. We may, from time to time, receive claims that we are infringing third parties' intellectual property rights, including claims for alleged patent infringement brought by non-practicing entities. We are currently involved in patent litigations brought by non-practicing entities and other third parties. We believe we have strong arguments that our products do not infringe and/or the asserted patents are invalid, and we intend to vigorously defend against the plaintiffs' claims. However, there is no guarantee that we will prevail at trial and if a jury were to find that our products infringe, we could be required to pay significant monetary damages, and may cause product shipment delays or stoppages, require us to redesign our products, or require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements.

Although management at present believes that the ultimate outcome of these proceedings, individually and in the aggregate, will not materially harm our financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or overall trends, legal proceedings are subject to inherent uncertainties, and unfavorable rulings or other events could occur. Unfavorable resolutions could include significant monetary damages. In addition, in matters for which injunctive relief or other conduct remedies are sought, unfavorable resolutions could include an injunction or other order prohibiting us from selling one or more products at all or in particular ways or requiring other remedies. An unfavorable outcome may result in a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial position, cash flows and overall trends. No material accrual has been recorded as of October 27, 2023 related to such matters.

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

This section and other parts of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contain forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements provide current expectations of future events based on certain assumptions and include any statement that does not directly relate to any historical or current fact. Forward-looking statements also can be identified by words such as “future,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “will,” “would,” “could,” “can,” “may,” and similar terms. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and the actual results of NetApp, Inc. (“we,” “us,” or the “Company”) may differ significantly from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to, those described in our 2023 Annual Report on Form 10-K, including under the heading “Risk Factors” and discussed in this Form 10-Q under the heading “Risk Factors,” which are incorporated herein by reference. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended April 28, 2023, and the notes thereto, contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, and the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 10-Q. We assume no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements for any reason, except as required by law.

Overview

Our Company

NetApp is a global cloud-led, data-centric software company that empowers customers with hybrid multicloud solutions built for a better future. Building on more than three decades of innovation, we give customers the freedom to manage applications and data across hybrid multicloud environments. NetApp delivers value in simplicity, security, savings, and sustainability with automation and optimization for IT teams to thrive on premises, in the clouds, and everywhere in between. We are a proven leader in all-flash storage with the only storage OS natively available on the biggest clouds, and we believe we provide industry-leading protection and security, and innovative CloudOps services.

In a world of hybrid multicloud complexity, we envision a better IT experience—an evolved cloud state where on-premises and cloud environments are united as one. We build solutions that drive faster innovation wherever our customers' data and applications live, with unified management and AI-driven optimization, giving organizations the freedom to do what's best for today's business and the flexibility to adapt for tomorrow. Our infrastructure, data, and application services are hybrid multicloud by design to deliver a unified experience that is integrated with the rich services of our cloud partners.

Our operations are organized into two segments: Hybrid Cloud and Public Cloud.

Hybrid Cloud offers a portfolio of storage management and infrastructure solutions that help customers recast their traditional data centers into modern data centers with the power of the cloud. Our Hybrid Cloud portfolio is designed to operate with public clouds to unlock the potential of hybrid, multi-cloud operations. We offer a broad portfolio of cloud-connected all-flash, hybrid-flash, and object storage systems, powered by intelligent data management software. Hybrid Cloud is composed of software, hardware, and related support, as well as professional and other services.

Public Cloud offers a portfolio of products delivered primarily as-a-service, including related support. This portfolio includes cloud storage and data services and cloud operations services. Our enterprise-class solutions and services enable customers to control and manage storage in the cloud, consume high-performance storage services for primary workloads, and optimize cloud environments for cost and efficiency. These solutions and services are generally available on the leading public clouds, including Amazon AWS, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud Platform.

Global Business Environment

Macroeconomic Conditions

Continuing global economic uncertainty, political conditions and fiscal challenges in the U.S. and abroad have resulted and may continue to result in adverse macroeconomic conditions, including inflation, rising interest rates, foreign exchange volatility, slower growth and possibly a recession. In particular, during the first six months of fiscal 2024, and throughout fiscal 2023, we experienced a weakened demand environment, characterized by cloud optimizations and increased budget scrutiny, which resulted in smaller deal sizes, longer selling cycles, and delays of some deals.

If these macroeconomic uncertainties persist or worsen during the remainder of fiscal 2024, we may observe a further reduction in customer demand for our offerings, which could impact our operating results.

Supply Chain

Supply chain constraints, which substantially began to impact us in the first half of fiscal 2023, led to elevated product component and freight costs during the first six months of fiscal 2023. Comparatively, in the first six months of fiscal 2024, the supply chain substantially improved, resulting in lower costs.

Stock Repurchase and Dividend Activity

During the first six months of fiscal 2024, we repurchased approximately 9 million shares of our common stock at an average price of \$75.12 per share, for an aggregate of \$700 million. We also declared aggregate cash dividends of \$1.00 per share in that period, for which we paid \$209 million.

Restructuring Events

In the first six months of fiscal 2024, we executed a restructuring plan to redirect resources to highest return activities and optimize our global office space for our hybrid work model. Aggregate restructuring charges incurred under the plan during the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 totaled \$5 million and \$31 million, respectively.

Results of Operations

Our fiscal year is reported as a 52- or 53-week year that ends on the last Friday in April. Fiscal years 2024 and 2023, ending on April 26, 2024 and April 28, 2023, respectively, are each 52-week years, with 13 weeks in each of their quarters. Unless otherwise stated, references to particular years, quarters, months and periods refer to the Company's fiscal years ended in April and the associated quarters, months and periods of those fiscal years.

The following table sets forth certain condensed consolidated statements of income data as a percentage of net revenues for the periods indicated:

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Net revenues: | | | | |
| Product | 45 % | 50 % | 43 % | 50 % |
| Services | 55 | 50 | 57 | 50 |
| Net revenues | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Cost of revenues: | | | | |
| Cost of product | 18 | 25 | 18 | 25 |
| Cost of services | 11 | 10 | 12 | 9 |
| Gross profit | 71 | 65 | 70 | 66 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Sales and marketing | 30 | 29 | 31 | 29 |
| Research and development | 17 | 15 | 17 | 15 |
| General and administrative | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Restructuring charges | — | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Acquisition-related expense | — | — | — | — |
| Total operating expenses | 52 | 48 | 54 | 49 |
| Income from operations | 19 | 17 | 16 | 16 |
| Other income, net | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Income before income taxes | 20 | 18 | 17 | 18 |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | 5 | (27) | 4 | (12) |
| Net income | 15 % | 45 % | 13 % | 30 % |

Percentages may not add due to rounding

Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations

Net Revenues (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Net revenues | \$ 1,562 | \$ 1,663 | (6)% | \$ 2,994 | \$ 3,255 | (8)% |

The decrease in net revenues for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023 was primarily due to a decrease in product revenues, partially offset by an increase in services revenues. Product revenues as a percentage of net revenues decreased by five percentage points and seven percentage points in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates favorably impacted net revenues percent change by approximately one percentage point in both the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023.

Product Revenues (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Product revenues | \$ 706 | \$ 837 | (16)% | \$ 1,296 | \$ 1,623 | (20)% |
| Hardware (Non-GAAP) | 308 | 342 | (10)% | 556 | 652 | (15)% |
| Software (Non-GAAP) | 398 | 495 | (20)% | 740 | 971 | (24)% |

Hybrid Cloud

Product revenues are derived through the sale of our Hybrid Cloud solutions and consist of sales of configured all-flash array systems (including All-Flash FAS and QLC-Flash FAS) and hybrid systems, which are bundled hardware and software products, as well as add-on flash, disk and/or hybrid storage and related OS, StorageGrid, OEM products, NetApp HCI and add-on optional software.

In order to provide visibility into the value created by our software innovation and R&D investment, we disclose the software and hardware components of our product revenues. Software product revenues includes the OS software and optional add-on software solutions attached to our systems across our entire product set, while hardware product revenues include the non-software component of our systems across the entire set. Because our revenue recognition policy under GAAP defines a configured storage system, inclusive of the operating system software essential to its functionality, as a single performance obligation, the hardware and software components of our product revenues are considered non-GAAP measures. The hardware and software components of our product revenues are derived from an estimated fair value allocation of the transaction price of our contracts with customers, down to the level of the product hardware and software components. This allocation is primarily based on the contractual prices at which NetApp has historically billed customers for such respective components.

Total product revenues decreased in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year primarily due to lower sales of all-flash array and hybrid systems as a result of softening customer demand, and despite the slightly favorable impact from foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

Revenues from the hardware component of product revenues represented 44% and 43% of product revenues in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024, compared to 41% and 40% of product revenues in the corresponding periods of the prior year. The software component of product revenues represented 56% and 57% of product revenues in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024, compared to 59% and 60% of product revenues in the corresponding periods of the prior year. The decrease in the software component percentage of product revenues in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 was primarily due to the mix of systems sold.

Services Revenues (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Services revenues | \$ 856 | \$ 826 | 4% | \$ 1,698 | \$ 1,632 | 4% |
| Support | 623 | 607 | 3% | 1,234 | 1,205 | 2% |
| Professional and other services | 79 | 77 | 3% | 156 | 153 | 2% |
| Public cloud | 154 | 142 | 8% | 308 | 274 | 12% |

Hybrid Cloud

Hybrid Cloud services revenues are derived from the sale of: (1) support, which includes both hardware and software support contracts (the latter of which entitle customers to receive unspecified product upgrades and enhancements, bug fixes and patch releases), and (2) professional and other services, which include customer education and training.

Support revenues increased in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year as a result of a higher aggregate support contract value for our installed base.

Professional and other services revenues increased slightly in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year.

Public Cloud

Public Cloud revenues are derived from the sale of public cloud offerings primarily delivered as-a-service, which include cloud storage and data services, and cloud operations services.

Public Cloud revenues increased in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year primarily due to customer demand for NetApp's diversified cloud offerings, coupled with overall growth in the cloud market.

Cost of Revenues

Our cost of revenues consists of:

(1) cost of product revenues, composed of (a) cost of Hybrid Cloud product revenues, which includes the costs of manufacturing and shipping our products, inventory write-downs, and warranty costs, and (b) unallocated cost of product revenues, which includes stock-based compensation and amortization of intangibles, and;

(2) cost of services revenues, composed of (a) cost of support revenues, which includes the costs of providing support activities for hardware and software support, global support partnership programs, and third party royalty costs, (b) cost of professional and other services revenues, (c) cost of public cloud revenues, constituting the cost of providing our Public Cloud offerings which includes depreciation and amortization expense and third party datacenter fees, and (d) unallocated cost of services revenues, which includes stock-based compensation and amortization of intangibles.

Cost of Product Revenues (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Cost of product revenues | \$ 276 | \$ 418 | (34)% | \$ 541 | \$ 815 | (34)% |
| Hybrid Cloud | 275 | 417 | (34)% | 539 | 812 | (34)% |
| Unallocated | 1 | 1 | —% | 2 | 3 | (33)% |

Hybrid Cloud

Cost of Hybrid Cloud product revenues represented approximately 39% and 42% of product revenues for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to 50% for the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023. Materials costs represented 86% and 87% of cost of Hybrid Cloud product revenues for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024, compared to 95% and 94% for the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023.

Materials costs decreased by approximately \$158 million and \$292 million in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year, reflecting the decrease in product revenues and lower component and freight costs as a result of supply chain improvements.

Hybrid Cloud product gross margins increased by approximately eleven percentage points and eight percentage points in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024, compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year, primarily due to lower component and freight costs and, to a lesser extent, the favorable impacts of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates on product revenues.

Unallocated

Unallocated cost of product revenues decreased in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year due to certain intangible assets becoming fully amortized during the first quarter of fiscal 2023.

Cost of Services Revenues (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Cost of services revenues | \$ 176 | \$ 158 | 11 % | \$ 347 | \$ 307 | 13 % |
| Support | 50 | 45 | 11 % | 97 | 88 | 10 % |
| Professional and other services | 60 | 54 | 11 % | 118 | 106 | 11 % |
| Public cloud | 52 | 45 | 16 % | 103 | 85 | 21 % |
| Unallocated | 14 | 14 | —% | 29 | 28 | 4 % |

Hybrid Cloud

Cost of Hybrid Cloud services revenues, which are composed of the costs of support and professional and other services, increased in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023. Cost of Hybrid Cloud services revenues represented approximately 16% and 15% of Hybrid Cloud services revenues in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024, compared to 14% for the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023.

Hybrid Cloud support gross margins decreased by less than one percentage point in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year. Hybrid Cloud professional and other services gross margins decreased by approximately six percentage points in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023, due to the mix of services provided.

Public Cloud

Cost of Public Cloud revenues increased in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023 reflecting the increase in Public Cloud revenues. Public Cloud gross margins decreased by two percentage points in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023, primarily due to the mix of offerings provided.

Unallocated

Unallocated cost of services revenues were relatively flat in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year.

Operating Expenses

Sales and Marketing, Research and Development and General and Administrative Expenses

Sales and marketing, research and development, and general and administrative expenses for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 totaled \$798 million, or 51% of net revenues, and \$1,587 million, or 53% of net revenues, respectively, reflecting an increase of four percentage points and five percentage points, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023, primarily due to the decrease in net revenues.

Compensation costs represent the largest component of sales and marketing, research and development and general and administrative expenses. Included in compensation costs are salaries, benefits, other compensation-related costs, stock-based compensation expense and employee incentive compensation plan costs.

Total compensation costs included in sales and marketing, research and development and general and administrative expenses increased by \$32 million, or 7%, and \$50 million, or 5%, in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year, primarily due to increases in stock-based compensation and incentive compensation expenses. Stock-based compensation expense in the first six months of fiscal 2024 also included incremental expense related to the reset and rollover mechanism of our employee stock purchase plan. These increases were partially offset by lower salaries expense, reflecting average headcount decreases of 9% and 6%, respectively.

Sales and Marketing (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Sales and marketing expenses | \$ 461 | \$ 479 | (4)% | \$ 929 | \$ 937 | (1)% |

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of compensation costs, commissions, outside services, facilities and IT support costs, advertising and marketing promotional expense and travel and entertainment expense. The changes in sales and marketing expenses consisted of the following (in percentage points of the total change):

| | Three Months Ended Fiscal 2024 to Fiscal 2023 | Six Months Ended Fiscal 2024 to Fiscal 2023 |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Compensation costs | — | 1 |
| Commissions | (4) | (2) |
| Total change | (4) | (1) |

Compensation costs remained relatively flat in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year.

The decrease in commissions expense for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year was primarily due to lower performance against sales goals.

Research and Development (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Research and development expenses | \$ 262 | \$ 243 | 8% | \$ 509 | \$ 483 | 5% |

Research and development expenses consist primarily of compensation costs, facilities and IT support costs, depreciation, equipment and software related costs, prototypes, non-recurring engineering charges and other outside services costs. Changes in research and development expenses consisted of the following (in percentage points of the total change):

| | Three Months Ended Fiscal 2024 to Fiscal 2023 | Six Months Ended Fiscal 2024 to Fiscal 2023 |
|---|--|--|
| Compensation costs | 9 | 6 |
| Development projects and outside services | (1) | (1) |
| Total change | 8 | 5 |

The increase in compensation costs for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year was primarily attributable to higher incentive compensation expenses and stock-based compensation, partially offset by lower salaries expense, reflecting decreases in average headcount of 8% and 5%, respectively.

The decrease in development projects and outside services for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year was primarily due to the lower spending on certain engineering projects.

General and Administrative (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| General and administrative expenses | \$ 75 | \$ 67 | 12% | \$ 149 | \$ 139 | 7% |

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of compensation costs, professional and corporate legal fees, outside services and facilities and IT support costs. Changes in general and administrative expense consisted of the following (in percentage points of the total change):

| | Three Months Ended Fiscal 2024 to Fiscal 2023 | Six Months Ended Fiscal 2024 to Fiscal 2023 |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Compensation costs | 13 | 9 |
| Other | (1) | (2) |
| Total change | 12 | 7 |

The increase in compensation costs in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year was attributable to higher expenses for all components of compensation costs, but predominantly higher incentive compensation expenses.

Restructuring Charges (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Restructuring charges | \$ 5 | \$ 11 | (55)% | \$ 31 | \$ 22 | 41% |

In the first six months of fiscal 2024, we executed a restructuring plan to redirect resources to highest return activities, and to optimize our global office space for our hybrid work model. In connection with the plan, we reduced our global workforce by approximately 1% and terminated certain real estate leases in various countries, resulting in restructuring charges comprised primarily of employee severance-related expenses and lease termination charges. The workforce related activities under the plan are substantially complete.

Acquisition-related Expense (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Acquisition-related expense | \$ 3 | \$ 5 | (40)% | \$ 6 | \$ 15 | (60)% |

Acquisition-related expenses for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 totaled \$3 million and \$6 million, respectively, and were primarily related to our integration of previous acquisitions.

Other Income, Net (in millions, except percentages)

The components of other income, net were as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Interest income | \$ 25 | \$ 14 | 79% | \$ 53 | \$ 21 | 152% |
| Interest expense | (15) | (17) | (12)% | (31) | (35) | (11)% |
| Other, net | 1 | 26 | NM | (3) | 52 | NM |
| Total | \$ 11 | \$ 23 | NM | \$ 19 | \$ 38 | NM |

NM – Not Meaningful

Interest income increased in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year primarily due to higher yields earned on our cash and investments. Interest expense decreased in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2023 due to the extinguishment of certain senior notes in the second quarter of fiscal 2023.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2023, Other, net includes \$21 million of other income for non-refundable, up-front payments from customers in Russia for support contracts, which we were not able to fulfill due to imposed sanctions and for which we have no remaining legal obligation to perform. Other, net for the first six months of fiscal 2023 also includes a \$32 million gain recognized on our sale of a minority equity interest in a privately held company for proceeds of approximately \$59 million. The remaining differences in Other, net for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2024 as compared to the corresponding periods of the prior year are partially due to foreign exchange gains and losses year-over-year.

Provision for Income Taxes (in millions, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Six Months Ended | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 | % Change |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | \$ 82 | \$ (445) | (118)% | \$ 119 | \$ (389) | (131)% |

Our effective tax rate for the three and six months ended October 27, 2023 includes benefits for increased fiscal 2023 foreign tax credits, partially offset by an increase in stock compensation for which no tax benefit is currently recorded. The effective tax rate for the three and six months ended October 28, 2022, includes a discrete tax benefit resulting from an intra-entity asset transfer of certain intellectual property (“IP”).

During the second quarter of fiscal 2023, we completed an intra-entity asset transfer of certain IP to our international headquarters (the “IP Transfer”). The transaction resulted in a step-up of tax-deductible basis in the transferred assets, and accordingly, created a temporary difference where the tax basis exceeded the financial statement basis of such intangible assets, which resulted in the recognition of a discrete tax benefit and related deferred tax asset of \$524 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2023. Management applied significant judgment when determining the fair value of the IP, which serves as the tax basis of the deferred tax asset. With the assistance of third-party valuation specialists, the fair value of the IP was determined principally based on the present value of projected cash flows related to the IP which reflects management’s assumptions regarding projected revenues, expenses and a discount rate. The tax-deductible amortization related to the transferred IP rights will be recognized in future periods and any amortization that is unused in a particular year can be carried forward indefinitely. The deferred tax asset and the tax benefit were measured based on the enacted tax rates expected to apply in the years the asset is expected to be realized. We expect to realize the deferred tax asset resulting from the IP Transfer and will assess the realizability of the deferred tax asset quarterly. Any Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development’s (“OECD”) actions adopted internationally, could impact our financial results in future

periods. The impact of the transaction to net cash provided by or used in operating, investing and financing activities on the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows during the quarter ended October 28, 2022, was not material.

As of October 27, 2023, we had \$223 million of gross unrecognized tax benefits. Inclusive of penalties, interest and certain income tax benefits, \$149 million would affect our provision for income taxes if recognized. Net unrecognized tax benefits of \$148 million have been recorded in other long-term liabilities.

Liquidity, Capital Resources and Cash Requirements

| (In millions) | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments | \$ 2,620 | \$ 3,070 |
| Principal amount of debt | \$ 2,400 | \$ 2,400 |

The following is a summary of our cash flow activities:

| (In millions) | Six Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | October 27, 2023 | October 28, 2022 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 588 | \$ 495 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (1) | (916) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (942) | (979) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | (26) | (43) |
| Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | <u>\$ (381)</u> | <u>\$ (1,443)</u> |

Cash Flows

As of October 27, 2023, our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments were \$2.6 billion, which represents a decrease of \$450 million during the first six months of fiscal 2024. The decrease was primarily due to \$700 million used for the repurchase of our common stock, \$209 million used for the payment of dividends and \$73 million used for purchases of property and equipment, partially offset by \$588 million provided by operating activities. Net working capital was \$0.3 billion as of October 27, 2023, a reduction of \$953 million when compared to April 28, 2023, primarily due to the decrease in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments discussed above and the reclassification of \$400 million principal amount of our senior notes from long-term to current liabilities.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

During the first six months of fiscal 2024, we generated cash from operating activities of \$588 million, reflecting net income of \$382 million which was increased by non-cash depreciation and amortization expense of \$128 million and non-cash stock-based compensation expense of \$180 million, compared to \$495 million of cash generated from operating activities during the first six months of fiscal 2023.

Significant changes in assets and liabilities in the first six months of fiscal 2024 included the following:

- *Accounts receivable* decreased \$185 million, reflecting lower billings and more favorable invoicing linearity in the first six months of fiscal 2024 compared to the last six months of fiscal 2023.
- *Deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue* decreased by \$241 million, primarily due to a decrease in deferred revenue for software and hardware support contracts, reflecting the seasonality of support contract renewal activities.

We expect that cash provided by operating activities may materially fluctuate in future periods due to a number of factors, including fluctuations in our operating results, shipping linearity, accounts receivable collections performance, inventory and supply chain management, vendor payment initiatives, and the timing and amount of compensation, income taxes and other payments.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

During the first six months of fiscal 2024, we generated \$72 million from maturities and sales of investments, net of purchases and paid \$73 million for capital expenditures, as compared to the same period of fiscal 2023, in which we used \$342 million for the purchases of investments, net of maturities and sales, and paid \$142 million for capital expenditures. During the first six months of fiscal 2023, we paid approximately \$491 million, net of cash acquired, for a privately-held company, and received proceeds of \$59 million from the sale of one of our minority investments.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

During the first six months of fiscal 2024, cash flows used in financing activities totaled \$942 million and included \$700 million for the repurchase of approximately 9 million shares of common stock and \$209 million for the payment of dividends. During the first six months of fiscal 2023, cash flows used in financing activities totaled \$979 million and included \$500 million for the repurchase of approximately 7 million shares of common stock, \$218 million for the payment of dividends and \$250 million to redeem our Senior Notes due in December 2022.

Key factors that could affect our cash flows include changes in our revenue mix and profitability, our ability to effectively manage our working capital, in particular, accounts receivable, accounts payable and inventories, the timing and amount of stock repurchases and payment of cash dividends, the impact of foreign exchange rate changes, our ability to effectively integrate acquired products, businesses and technologies and the timing of repayments of our debt. Based on past performance and our current business outlook, we believe that our sources of liquidity, including cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, cash generated from operations, and our ability to access capital markets and committed credit lines will satisfy our working capital needs, capital expenditures, investment requirements, stock repurchases, cash dividends, contractual obligations, commitments, principal and interest payments on our debt and other liquidity requirements associated with operations and meet our cash requirements for at least the next 12 months and thereafter for the foreseeable future. However, in the event our liquidity is insufficient, we may be required to curtail spending and implement additional cost saving measures and restructuring actions or enter into new financing arrangements. We cannot be certain that we will continue to generate cash flows at or above current levels or that we will be able to obtain additional financing, if necessary, on satisfactory terms, if at all. For further discussion of factors that could affect our cash flows and liquidity requirements, see Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Liquidity

Our principal sources of liquidity as of October 27, 2023 consisted of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, cash we expect to generate from operations, and our commercial paper program and related credit facility.

Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments consisted of the following (in millions):

| | October 27, 2023 | April 28, 2023 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,934 | \$ 2,316 |
| Short-term investments | 686 | 754 |
| Total | <u>\$ 2,620</u> | <u>\$ 3,070</u> |

As of October 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023, \$2.2 billion of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments were held by various foreign subsidiaries and were generally based in U.S. dollar-denominated holdings, while \$0.4 billion and \$0.9 billion, respectively, were available in the U.S.

Our principal liquidity requirements are primarily to meet our working capital needs, support ongoing business activities, fund research and development, meet capital expenditure needs, invest in critical or complementary technologies through asset purchases and/or business acquisitions, service interest and principal payments on our debt, fund our stock repurchase program, and pay dividends, as and if declared. In the ordinary course of business, we engage in periodic reviews of opportunities to invest in or acquire companies or units in companies to expand our total addressable market, leverage technological synergies and establish new streams of revenue, particularly in our Public Cloud segment.

The principal objectives of our investment policy are the preservation of principal and maintenance of liquidity. We attempt to mitigate default risk by investing in high-quality investment grade securities, limiting the time to maturity and monitoring the counter-parties and underlying obligors closely. We believe our cash equivalents and short-term investments are liquid and accessible. We are not aware of any significant deterioration in the fair value of our cash equivalents or investments from the values reported as of October 27, 2023.

Our investment portfolio has been and will continue to be exposed to market risk due to trends in the credit and capital markets. We continue to closely monitor current economic and market events to minimize the market risk of our investment portfolio. We routinely monitor our financial exposure to both sovereign and non-sovereign borrowers and counterparties. We utilize a variety of planning and financing strategies in an effort to ensure our worldwide cash is available when and where it is needed. We also have an automatic shelf registration statement on file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). We may in the future offer an additional unspecified amount of debt, equity and other securities.

Senior Notes

The following table summarizes the principal amount of our Senior Notes as of October 27, 2023 (in millions):

| | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 3.30% Senior Notes Due September 2024 | \$ 400 |
| 1.875% Senior Notes Due June 2025 | 750 |
| 2.375% Senior Notes Due June 2027 | 550 |
| 2.70% Senior Notes Due June 2030 | 700 |
| Total | \$ 2,400 |

Interest on the Senior Notes is payable semi-annually. For further information on the underlying terms, see Note 7 – Financing Arrangements of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Commercial Paper Program and Credit Facility

We have a commercial paper program (the “Program”), under which we may issue unsecured commercial paper notes. Amounts available under the Program may be borrowed, repaid and re-borrowed, with the aggregate face or principal amount of the notes outstanding under the Program at any time not to exceed \$1.0 billion. The maturities of the notes can vary but may not exceed 397 days from the date of issue. The notes are sold under customary terms in the commercial paper market and may be issued at a discount from par or, alternatively, may be sold at par and bear interest at rates dictated by market conditions at the time of their issuance. The proceeds from the issuance of the notes are used for general corporate purposes. No commercial paper notes were outstanding as of October 27, 2023.

In connection with the Program, we have a senior unsecured credit agreement with a syndicated group of lenders. The credit agreement, which was amended in May 2023 primarily to replace the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) with the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) as the basis for establishing the interest rate applicable to certain borrowings under the agreement, provides for a \$1.0 billion revolving unsecured credit facility, with a sublimit of \$50 million available for the issuance of letters of credit on our behalf. The credit facility matures on January 22, 2026, with an option for us to extend the maturity date for two additional 1-year periods, subject to certain conditions. The proceeds of the loans may be used by us for general corporate purposes and as liquidity support for our existing commercial paper program. As of October 27, 2023, we were compliant with all associated covenants in the agreement. No amounts were drawn against this credit facility during any of the periods presented.

Capital Expenditure Requirements

We expect to fund our capital expenditures, including our commitments related to facilities, equipment, operating leases and internal-use software development projects over the next few years through existing cash, cash equivalents, investments and cash generated from operations. The timing and amount of our capital requirements cannot be precisely determined and will depend on a number of factors, including future demand for products, changes in the network storage industry, hiring plans and our decisions related to the financing of our facilities and equipment requirements. We anticipate capital expenditures for the remainder of fiscal 2024 to be between \$85 million and \$135 million.

Transition Tax Payments

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 imposed a mandatory, one-time transition tax on accumulated foreign earnings and profits that had not previously been subject to U.S. income tax. As of October 27, 2023, outstanding payments related to the transition tax are estimated to be approximately \$215 million of which \$115 million and \$100 million are expected to be paid during fiscal 2025 and fiscal 2026, respectively. Our estimates for future transition tax payments, however, could change with further guidance or review from U.S. federal and state tax authorities or other regulatory bodies.

Dividends and Stock Repurchase Program

On November 21, 2023, we declared a cash dividend of \$0.50 per share of common stock, payable on January 24, 2024, to holders of record as of the close of business on January 5, 2024.

As of October 27, 2023, our Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of up to \$16.1 billion of our common stock under our stock repurchase program. Under this program, we may purchase shares of our outstanding common stock through solicited or unsolicited transactions in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions, through accelerated share repurchase programs, pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by our management. The stock repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time. Since the May 13, 2003 inception of this program through October 27, 2023, we repurchased a total of 369 million shares of our common stock at an average price of \$41.75 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$15.4 billion. As of October 27, 2023, the remaining authorized amount for stock repurchases under this program was \$0.7 billion.

Purchase Commitments

In the ordinary course of business, we make commitments to third-party contract manufacturers and component suppliers to manage manufacturer lead times and meet product forecasts, and to other parties, to purchase various key components used in the manufacture of our products. In addition, we have open purchase orders and contractual obligations associated with our ordinary course of business for which we have not yet received goods or services. These off-balance sheet purchase commitments totaled approximately \$0.7 billion at October 27, 2023.

Financing Guarantees

While most of our arrangements for sales include short-term payment terms, from time to time we provide long-term financing to creditworthy customers. We have generally sold receivables financed through these arrangements on a non-recourse basis to third party financing institutions within 10 days of the contracts' dates of execution, and we classify the proceeds from these sales as cash flows from operating activities in our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. We account for the sales of these receivables as "true sales" as defined in the accounting standards on transfers of financial assets, as we are considered to have surrendered control of these financing receivables. We sold \$27 million and \$10 million of receivables during the first six months of fiscal 2024 and fiscal 2023, respectively.

In addition, we enter into arrangements with leasing companies for the sale of our hardware systems products. These leasing companies, in turn, lease our products to end-users. The leasing companies generally have no recourse to us in the event of default by the end-user.

Some of the leasing arrangements described above have been financed on a recourse basis through third-party financing institutions. Under the terms of recourse leases, which are generally three years or less, we remain liable for the aggregate unpaid remaining lease payments to the third-party leasing companies in the event of end-user customer default. These arrangements are generally collateralized by a security interest in the underlying assets. As of October 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023, the aggregate amount by which such contingencies exceeded the associated liabilities was not significant. To date, we have not experienced significant losses under our lease financing programs or other financing arrangements.

We have entered into service contracts with certain of our end-user customers that are supported by third-party financing arrangements. If a service contract is terminated as a result of our non-performance under the contract or our failure to comply with the terms of the financing arrangement, we could, under certain circumstances, be required to acquire certain assets related to the service contract or to pay the aggregate unpaid payments under such arrangements. As of October 27, 2023, we have not been required to make any payments under these arrangements, and we believe the likelihood of having to acquire a material amount of assets or make payments under these arrangements is remote. The portion of the financial arrangement that represents unearned services revenue is included in deferred revenue and financed unearned services revenue in our condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Legal Contingencies

We are subject to various legal proceedings and claims which arise in the normal course of business. See further details on such matters in Note 15 – Commitments and Contingencies of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP), which require management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, net revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Our estimates are based on historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. We believe that the accounting estimates employed and the resulting balances are reasonable; however, actual results may differ from these estimates and such differences may be material.

The summary of significant accounting policies is included under Item 7 – Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 28, 2023. An accounting policy is deemed to be critical if it requires an accounting estimate to be made based on assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time the estimate is made, if different estimates reasonably could have been used, or if changes in the estimate that are reasonably possible could materially impact the financial statements. There have been no material changes to the critical accounting policies and estimates as filed in such report.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

We are exposed to market risk related to fluctuations in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. We use certain derivative financial instruments to manage foreign currency exchange risks. We do not use derivative financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes. All financial instruments are used in accordance with management-approved policies.

Interest Rate Risk

Fixed Income Investments — As of October 27, 2023, we had fixed income debt investments of \$686 million and certificates of deposit of \$43 million. Our fixed income debt investment portfolio primarily consists of investments with original maturities greater than three months at the date of purchase, which are classified as available-for-sale investments. These fixed income debt investments, which consist primarily of corporate bonds and U.S. Treasury and government debt securities, and our certificates of deposit are subject to interest rate and interest income risk and will decrease in value if market interest rates increase. Conversely, declines in interest rates, including the impact from lower credit spreads, could have an adverse impact on interest income for our investment portfolio. A hypothetical 100 basis point increase in market interest rates from levels as of October 27, 2023 would have resulted in a decrease in the fair value of our fixed-income securities of approximately \$2 million. Volatility in market interest rates over time will cause variability in our interest income. We do not use derivative financial instruments in our investment portfolio.

Our investment policy is to limit credit exposure through diversification and investment in highly rated securities. We further mitigate concentrations of credit risk in our investments by limiting our investments in the debt securities of a single issuer and by diversifying risk across geographies and type of issuer. We actively review, along with our investment advisors, current investment ratings, company-specific events and general economic conditions in managing our investments and in determining whether there is a significant decline in fair value that is other-than-temporary. We monitor and evaluate our investment portfolio on a quarterly basis for any other-than-temporary impairments.

Debt — As of October 27, 2023, we have outstanding \$2.4 billion aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes. We carry these instruments at face value less unamortized discount and issuance costs on our condensed consolidated balance sheets. Since these instruments bear interest at fixed rates, we have no financial statement risk associated with changes in interest rates. However, the fair value of these instruments fluctuates when interest rates change. See Note 7 – Financing Arrangements of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for more information.

Credit Facility — We are exposed to the impact of changes in interest rates in connection with our \$1.0 billion five-year revolving credit facility. Borrowings under the facility accrue interest at rates that vary based on certain market rates and our credit rating on our Senior Notes. Consequently, our interest expense would fluctuate with any changes in these market interest rates or in our credit rating if we were to borrow any amounts under the credit facility. As of October 27, 2023, no amounts were outstanding under the credit facility.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

We hedge risks associated with certain foreign currency transactions to minimize the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on earnings. We utilize foreign currency exchange forward contracts to hedge against the short-term impact of foreign currency fluctuations on certain foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities. We also use foreign currency exchange forward contracts to hedge foreign currency exposures related to forecasted sales transactions denominated in certain foreign currencies. These derivatives are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges under accounting guidance for derivatives and hedging.

We do not enter into foreign currency exchange contracts for speculative or trading purposes. In entering into foreign currency exchange forward contracts, we have assumed the risk that might arise from the possible inability of counterparties to meet the terms of the contracts. We attempt to limit our exposure to credit risk by executing foreign currency exchange contracts with creditworthy multinational commercial banks. All contracts have a maturity of 12 months or less. See Note 10 – Derivatives and Hedging Activities of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for more information regarding our derivatives and hedging activities.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The phrase “disclosure controls and procedures” refers to controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), such as this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Disclosure controls and procedures are also designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our CEO and CFO, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, as of October 27, 2023, the end of the fiscal period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the Evaluation Date). Based on this evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded as of the Evaluation Date that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective such that the information required to be disclosed in our SEC reports (i) is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) identified in connection with our evaluation that occurred during the second quarter of fiscal 2024 that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

For a discussion of legal proceedings, see Note 15 – Commitments and Contingencies of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Our future business, operations and financial results are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including those described in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 28, 2023, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and the trading price of our common and capital stock. There have been no material changes to the Company's risk factors since our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 28, 2023.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities, Use of Proceeds and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Purchases of equity securities

The following table provides information with respect to the shares of common stock repurchased by us during the three months ended October 27, 2023:

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased (Shares in thousands) | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program (Shares in thousands) | Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under The Repurchase Program (Dollars in millions) |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| July 29, 2023 - August 25, 2023 | 1,149 | \$ 77.23 | 366,588 | \$ 913 |
| August 26, 2023 - September 22, 2023 | 1,144 | \$ 77.36 | 367,732 | \$ 825 |
| September 23, 2023 - October 27, 2023 | 1,629 | \$ 75.32 | 369,361 | \$ 702 |
| Total | 3,922 | \$ 76.47 | | |

In May 2003, our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program. As of October 27, 2023, our Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to \$16.1 billion of our common stock. Since the May 13, 2003 inception of the program through October 27, 2023, we repurchased a total of 369 million shares of our common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$15.4 billion. Under this program, we may purchase shares of our outstanding common stock through solicited or unsolicited transactions in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions, through accelerated share repurchase programs, pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by our management. The stock repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

Insider Adoption or Termination of Trading Arrangements

On September 9, 2023, The Berry Family Trust, a trust affiliated with Michael J. Berry, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, entered into a 10b5-1 trading arrangement intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c) promulgated under the Exchange Act. The trading arrangement will expire on December 11, 2024, and may be terminated earlier in the limited circumstances defined in the trading arrangement. An aggregate of 75,000 shares may be sold pursuant to the trading arrangement.

No other directors or executive officers of the Company adopted, modified or terminated any contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of the Company's securities that was intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c) or any non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement, (as defined in Item 408(c) of Regulation S-K) during the quarterly period covered by this report.

Item 6. Exhibits.

The following documents are filed as exhibits to this report.

| Exhibit No | Description | Incorporation by Reference | | | |
|------------|---|----------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| | | Form | File No. | Exhibit | Filing Date |
| 3.1 | Bylaws of the Company | 8-K | 000-27130 | 3.1 | November 16, 2023 |
| 10.1 | NetApp, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended effective September 13, 2023 | 8-K | 000-27130 | 10.1 | September 15, 2023 |
| 10.2 | NetApp, Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended effective September 13, 2023 | 8-K | 000-27130 | 10.2 | September 15, 2023 |
| 31.1 | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | — | — | — | — |
| 31.2 | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | — | — | — | — |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | — | — | — | — |
| 32.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | — | — | — | — |
| 101.INS | Inline XBRL Instance Document – the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document | — | — | — | — |
| 101.SCH | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document | — | — | — | — |
| 101.CAL | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document | — | — | — | — |
| 101.DEF | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document | — | — | — | — |
| 101.LAB | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document | — | — | — | — |
| 101.PRE | Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document | — | — | — | — |
| 104 | Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101) | — | — | — | — |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NETAPP, INC.

(Registrant)

/s/ MICHAEL J. BERRY

Michael J. Berry
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 30, 2023

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302(a)
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, George Kurian, certify that:

- 1) I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of NetApp, Inc.;
- 2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ GEORGE KURIAN

George Kurian

Chief Executive Officer and Director

(Principal Executive Officer and Principal Operating Officer)

Date: November 30, 2023

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302(a)
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Michael J. Berry, certify that:

- 1) I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of NetApp, Inc.;
- 2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5) The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ MICHAEL J. BERRY

Michael J. Berry

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: November 30, 2023

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, George Kurian, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the Quarterly Report of NetApp, Inc., on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended October 27, 2023 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and that information contained in such Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of NetApp, Inc.

/s/ GEORGE KURIAN

George Kurian

Chief Executive Officer and Director

(Principal Executive Officer and Principal Operating Officer)

Date: November 30, 2023

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Michael J. Berry, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the Quarterly Report of NetApp, Inc., on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended October 27, 2023 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and that information contained in such Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of NetApp, Inc.

/s/ MICHAEL J. BERRY

Michael J. Berry

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: November 30, 2023
