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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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 **March 31, 2022**

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 **000-27275**

Akamai Technologies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

04-3432319
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**145 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02142
(617) 444-3000**
(Address, including Zip Code, and Telephone Number,
including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock - par value \$0.01 per share	AKAM	Nasdaq Global Select Market

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 (the "Exchange Act") 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.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

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

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of May 3, 2022: 160,305,193

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited)****AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

<i>(in thousands, except share data) (unaudited)</i>	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 377,811	\$ 536,725
Marketable securities	129,058	541,470
Accounts receivable, net of reserves of \$3,279 and \$1,397 at March 31, 2022, and December 31, 2021, respectively	718,793	675,926
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	238,821	166,313
Total current assets	1,464,483	1,920,434
Marketable securities	786,712	1,088,048
Property and equipment, net	1,579,833	1,534,329
Operating lease right-of-use assets	819,880	815,754
Acquired intangible assets, net	512,188	313,225
Goodwill	2,745,882	2,156,254
Deferred income tax assets	265,946	168,342
Other assets	128,855	142,287
Total assets	<u>\$ 8,303,779</u>	<u>\$ 8,138,673</u>

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS, continued

<i>(in thousands, except share data) (unaudited)</i>	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 122,934	\$ 109,928
Accrued expenses	342,802	411,590
Deferred revenue	139,725	86,517
Revolving credit facility	75,000	—
Operating lease liabilities	183,762	175,683
Other current liabilities	5,042	6,623
Total current liabilities	869,265	790,341
Deferred revenue	30,098	25,342
Deferred income tax liabilities	41,131	40,974
Convertible senior notes	2,281,927	1,976,167
Operating lease liabilities	703,605	707,087
Other liabilities	77,231	68,748
Total liabilities	4,003,257	3,608,659
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized; 700,000 shares designated as Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock; no shares issued or outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 700,000,000 shares authorized; 161,460,261 shares issued and 160,535,769 shares outstanding at March 31, 2022, and 160,512,111 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2021	1,615	1,605
Additional paid-in capital	2,974,529	3,340,822
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(88,611)	(69,105)
Treasury stock, at cost, 924,492 shares at March 31, 2022, and no shares at December 31, 2021	(102,853)	—
Retained earnings	1,515,842	1,256,692
Total stockholders' equity	4,300,522	4,530,014
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 8,303,779</u>	<u>\$ 8,138,673</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the condensed consolidated financial statements.

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
<i>(in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)</i>		
Revenue	\$ 903,647	\$ 842,708
Costs and operating expenses:		
Cost of revenue (exclusive of amortization of acquired intangible assets shown below)	332,752	306,687
Research and development	99,935	82,045
Sales and marketing	122,719	116,354
General and administrative	153,262	136,715
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	13,644	11,427
Restructuring charge	8,016	7,116
Total costs and operating expenses	730,328	660,344
Income from operations	173,319	182,364
Interest and marketable securities (loss) income, net	(211)	4,578
Interest expense	(2,695)	(17,834)
Other expense, net	(9,565)	(817)
Income before provision for income taxes	160,848	168,291
Provision for income taxes	(34,050)	(11,898)
Loss from equity method investment	(7,635)	(698)
Net income	\$ 119,163	\$ 155,695
Net income per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.95
Diluted	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.94
Shares used in per share calculations:		
Basic	160,494	163,061
Diluted	163,637	165,688

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AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

<i>(in thousands) (unaudited)</i>	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Net income	\$ 119,163	\$ 155,695
Other comprehensive loss:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	2,036	(24,265)
Change in unrealized loss on investments, net of income tax benefit of \$4,948 and \$937 for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively	(21,542)	(2,881)
Other comprehensive loss	(19,506)	(27,146)
Comprehensive income	\$ 99,657	\$ 128,549

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AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

<i>(in thousands) (unaudited)</i>	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 119,163	\$ 155,695
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	142,595	131,471
Stock-based compensation	56,227	54,305
(Benefit) provision for deferred income taxes	(13,579)	1,764
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs	1,119	16,257
Loss on investments	16,536	698
Other non-cash reconciling items, net	12,598	528
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	(39,198)	(15,580)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(64,695)	(35,388)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(66,938)	(72,986)
Deferred revenue	55,394	25,439
Other current liabilities	(1,441)	(716)
Other non-current assets and liabilities	4,670	(11,694)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>222,451</u>	<u>249,793</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(872,099)	(15,638)
Purchases of property and equipment	(51,005)	(87,222)
Capitalization of internal-use software development costs	(80,354)	(77,497)
Purchases of short- and long-term marketable securities	—	(90,279)
Proceeds from sales of short- and long-term marketable securities	571,369	7,154
Proceeds from maturities and redemptions of short- and long-term marketable securities	120,433	226,995
Other, net	(5,242)	179
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(316,898)</u>	<u>(36,308)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from borrowings under revolving credit facility	75,000	—
Proceeds related to the issuance of common stock under stock plans	21,941	21,410
Employee taxes paid related to net share settlement of stock-based awards	(54,819)	(63,946)
Repurchases of common stock	(102,853)	(58,241)
Other, net	(104)	—
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(60,835)</u>	<u>(100,777)</u>
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(1,462)	(7,151)
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(156,744)	105,557
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	537,751	353,466
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	<u>\$ 381,007</u>	<u>\$ 459,023</u>

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS, continued

<i>(in thousands) (unaudited)</i>	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds received of \$1,025 and \$1,846 for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively	\$ 50,533	\$ 17,736
Cash paid for interest expense	2,156	2,156
Cash paid for operating lease liabilities	54,285	63,673
Non-cash activities:		
Operating lease right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities	38,582	82,125
Purchases of property and equipment and capitalization of internal-use software development costs included in accounts payable and accrued expenses	48,326	60,193
Capitalization of stock-based compensation	7,803	9,459
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 377,811	\$ 456,799
Restricted cash	3,196	2,224
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 381,007</u>	<u>\$ 459,023</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the condensed consolidated financial statements.

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022						
<i>(in thousands, except share data) (unaudited)</i>	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Treasury Stock	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Balance at January 1, 2022	160,512,111	\$ 1,605	\$ 3,340,822	\$ (69,105)	\$ —	\$ 1,256,692	\$ 4,530,014
Cumulative-effect adjustment from adoption of new accounting pronouncement			(375,414)			139,987	(235,427)
Issuance of common stock upon the vesting of restricted and deferred stock units, net of shares withheld for employee taxes	948,150	10	(54,649)				(54,639)
Stock-based compensation			63,770				63,770
Repurchases of common stock	(924,492)				(102,853)		(102,853)
Net income						119,163	119,163
Foreign currency translation adjustment				2,036			2,036
Change in unrealized loss on investments, net of tax				(21,542)			(21,542)
Balance at March 31, 2022	<u>160,535,769</u>	<u>\$ 1,615</u>	<u>\$ 2,974,529</u>	<u>\$ (88,611)</u>	<u>\$ (102,853)</u>	<u>\$ 1,515,842</u>	<u>\$ 4,300,522</u>

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY, continued

<i>(in thousands, except share data) (unaudited)</i>	Three Months Ended March 31, 2021						
	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Treasury Stock	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Balance at January 1, 2021	162,709,720	\$ 1,627	\$ 3,664,820	\$ (20,201)	\$ —	\$ 605,050	\$ 4,251,296
Issuance of common stock upon the exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted and deferred stock units, net of shares withheld for employee taxes	1,128,184	11	(64,017)				(64,006)
Stock-based compensation			63,765				63,765
Repurchases of common stock	(591,963)				(58,241)		(58,241)
Net income						155,695	155,695
Foreign currency translation adjustment				(24,265)			(24,265)
Change in unrealized loss on investments, net of tax				(2,881)			(2,881)
Balance at March 31, 2021	<u>163,245,941</u>	<u>\$ 1,638</u>	<u>\$ 3,664,568</u>	<u>\$ (47,347)</u>	<u>\$ (58,241)</u>	<u>\$ 760,745</u>	<u>\$ 4,321,363</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the condensed consolidated financial statements.

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nature of Business and Basis of Presentation

Akamai Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") provides solutions to power and protect life online. Its globally-distributed platform is comprised of more than 350,000 servers in over 130 countries. The Company was incorporated in Delaware in 1998 and is headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Company currently operates in one reportable and operating segment: providing solutions to power and protect life online.

The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information. These financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the Company's annual audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes have been condensed in, or omitted from, these interim financial statements. Accordingly, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included herein should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 28, 2022. The December 31, 2021 consolidated balance sheet included herein is derived from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements.

The results of operations presented in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that may be expected for any future periods. In the opinion of management, these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, that are necessary for a fair statement of the results of all interim periods reported herein.

Newly-Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued guidance that is expected to reduce complexity and improve comparability of financial reporting associated with accounting for convertible instruments and contracts in an entity's own equity. The Company adopted this guidance on January 1, 2022 on a modified retrospective basis.

The convertible senior notes included on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet more closely reflects the principal amounts. Prior to the adoption of this guidance, the Company separated its convertible senior notes into a liability and an equity component. The equity portion is now eliminated. The cumulative effect of the changes was an increase to convertible senior notes of \$304.7 million, an increase to deferred income tax liabilities of \$0.7 million, an increase to deferred income tax assets of \$77.7 million, a decrease to property and equipment of \$7.7 million, and a decrease to additional paid-in capital of \$375.4 million on the condensed consolidated balance sheet. The net effect of these adjustments was recorded as an increase to retained earnings as of January 1, 2022.

Additionally, the new guidance eliminates the use of the treasury stock method for convertible instruments that can be settled in whole or in part with equity, when calculating diluted earnings per share. Instead, it requires application of the if-converted method. Under that method, diluted earnings per share would generally be calculated assuming that all the convertible senior notes were converted solely into shares of common stock at the beginning of the reporting period, unless the result would be antidilutive. The application of the if-converted method reduces the Company's reported diluted earnings per share after the adoption date. However, in December 2021, the Company made an irrevocable election to settle the principal portion of the convertible senior notes with cash. Accordingly, the if-converted method is only impacted by any potential shares to be delivered for the amount in excess of the principal portion. The changes to the diluted earnings per share guidance did not materially impact our results of operations.

With the elimination of the debt discount created by the equity component, amortization of the debt discount is eliminated, which decreases interest expense, and therefore increases net income and earnings per share, from the period of adoption. This had the effect of increasing our basic and diluted earnings per share by \$0.08 for the three months ended March 31, 2022.

2. Fair Value Measurements

The following is a summary of available-for-sale marketable securities held as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized		Aggregate Fair Value	Classification on Balance Sheet	
		Gains	Losses		Short-Term Marketable Securities	Long-Term Marketable Securities
As of March 31, 2022						
Corporate bonds	\$ 645,755	\$ —	\$ (17,750)	\$ 628,005	\$ 108,981	\$ 519,024
U.S. government agency obligations	272,133	—	(7,009)	265,124	19,306	245,818
	<u>\$ 917,888</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (24,759)</u>	<u>\$ 893,129</u>	<u>\$ 128,287</u>	<u>\$ 764,842</u>
As of December 31, 2021						
Commercial paper	\$ 25,056	\$ —	\$ (24)	\$ 25,032	\$ 25,032	\$ —
Corporate bonds	1,268,991	1,191	(4,275)	1,265,907	459,012	806,895
U.S. government agency obligations	316,728	3	(1,281)	315,450	56,530	258,920
	<u>\$ 1,610,775</u>	<u>\$ 1,194</u>	<u>\$ (5,580)</u>	<u>\$ 1,606,389</u>	<u>\$ 540,574</u>	<u>\$ 1,065,815</u>

The Company offers certain eligible employees the ability to participate in a non-qualified deferred compensation plan. The mutual funds held by the Company that are associated with this plan are classified as restricted trading securities. These securities are not included in the available-for-sale securities table above but are included in marketable securities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Unrealized gains and unrealized temporary losses on investments classified as available-for-sale are included within accumulated other comprehensive loss in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Upon realization, those amounts are reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to interest income in the condensed consolidated statements of income. As of March 31, 2022, the Company held for investment corporate bonds with a fair value of \$43.8 million, which were classified as available-for-sale marketable securities that had been in a continuous unrealized loss position for more than 12 months. The unrealized loss related to these corporate bonds was \$1.1 million and is included in accumulated other comprehensive loss as of March 31, 2022. The unrealized loss is attributable to changes in interest rates. Based on the evaluation of available evidence, the Company does not believe any unrealized losses represent other than temporary impairments.

The following table details the fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy of the Company's financial assets as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 (in thousands):

	Total Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using	
		Level 1	Level 2
As of March 31, 2022			
<i>Cash Equivalents and Marketable Securities:</i>			
Money market funds	\$ 1,428	\$ 1,428	\$ —
Corporate bonds	628,005	—	628,005
U.S. government agency obligations	265,124	—	265,124
Mutual funds	22,641	22,641	—
	<u>\$ 917,198</u>	<u>\$ 24,069</u>	<u>\$ 893,129</u>
As of December 31, 2021			
<i>Cash Equivalents and Marketable Securities:</i>			
Money market funds	\$ 109,313	\$ 109,313	\$ —
Commercial paper	39,031	—	39,031
Corporate bonds	1,265,907	—	1,265,907
U.S. government agency obligations	315,450	—	315,450
Mutual funds	23,129	23,129	—
	<u>\$ 1,752,830</u>	<u>\$ 132,442</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,388</u>

As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Company grouped money market and mutual funds using a Level 1 valuation because market prices for such investments are readily available in active markets. As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Company grouped commercial paper, U.S. government agency obligations and corporate bonds using a Level 2 valuation because quoted prices for similar assets in active markets (or identical assets in an inactive market) are available. The Company did not have any transfers of assets between Level 1 or Level 2 of the fair value measurement hierarchy during the three months ended March 31, 2022.

When developing fair value estimates, the Company maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. When available, the Company uses quoted market prices to measure fair value. The valuation technique used to measure fair value for the Company's Level 1 and Level 2 assets is a market approach, using prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets. If market prices are not available, the fair value measurement is based on models that use primarily market-based parameters including yield curves, volatilities, credit ratings and currency rates. In certain cases where market rate assumptions are not available, the Company is required to make judgments about the assumptions market participants would use to estimate the fair value of a financial instrument.

Contractual maturities of the Company's available-for-sale marketable securities held as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 were as follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Due in 1 year or less	\$ 128,287	\$ 540,574
Due after 1 year through 5 years	764,842	1,065,815
	<u>\$ 893,129</u>	<u>\$ 1,606,389</u>

3. Accounts Receivable

Net accounts receivable consisted of the following as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 (in thousands):

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 511,584	\$ 501,959
Unbilled accounts receivable	210,488	175,364
Gross accounts receivable	722,072	677,323
Allowances for current expected credit losses and other reserves	(3,279)	(1,397)
Accounts receivable, net	<u>\$ 718,793</u>	<u>\$ 675,926</u>

A summary of activity in the accounts receivable allowance for current expected credit losses and other reserves for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021
Beginning balance	\$ 1,397	\$ 1,822
Charges to income from operations	1,951	923
Collections from customers previously reserved and other	(69)	(1,091)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 3,279</u>	<u>\$ 1,654</u>

Charges to income from operations primarily represents charges to bad debt expense for increases in the allowance for current expected credit losses.

4. Incremental Costs to Obtain a Contract with a Customer

The following table summarizes the deferred costs associated with obtaining customer contracts, specifically commission and incentive payments, as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 (in thousands):

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Deferred costs included in prepaid and other current assets	\$ 39,948	\$ 43,562
Deferred costs included in other assets	28,290	30,436
Total deferred costs	<u>\$ 68,238</u>	<u>\$ 73,998</u>

The following table summarizes additional information related to incremental costs to obtain a contract with a customer for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Amortization expense related to deferred costs	\$ 15,022	\$ 13,727
Incremental costs capitalized	9,484	9,872

Amortization expense related to deferred costs is primarily included in sales and marketing expense in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

5. Acquired Intangible Assets and Goodwill

Acquired intangible assets that are subject to amortization consisted of the following as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 (in thousands):

	March 31, 2022			December 31, 2021		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Completed technology	\$ 328,516	\$ (134,891)	\$ 193,625	\$ 257,857	\$ (128,715)	\$ 129,142
Customer-related intangible assets	499,945	(224,061)	275,884	398,182	(216,192)	181,990
Non-compete agreements	254	(127)	127	258	(107)	151
Trademarks and trade names	14,663	(6,365)	8,298	8,039	(6,097)	1,942
Acquired license rights	34,810	(556)	34,254	490	(490)	—
Total	\$ 878,188	\$ (366,000)	\$ 512,188	\$ 664,826	\$ (351,601)	\$ 313,225

Aggregate expense related to amortization of acquired intangible assets for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$13.6 million and \$11.4 million, respectively. Based on the Company's acquired intangible assets as of March 31, 2022, aggregate expense related to amortization of acquired intangible assets is expected to be \$50.4 million for the remainder of 2022, and \$61.3 million, \$65.8 million, \$66.2 million and \$59.9 million for 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026, respectively.

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill for the three months ended March 31, 2022 was as follows (in thousands):

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 2,156,254
Acquisition of Linode Limited Liability Company	588,440
Measurement period adjustments related to acquisitions completed in prior years	1,884
Foreign currency translation	(696)
Balance as of March 31, 2022	\$ 2,745,882

The Company tests goodwill for impairment at least annually. Through the date the interim condensed consolidated financial statements were issued, no triggering events had occurred that would indicate that a potential impairment exists.

6. Acquisitions

Acquisition-related costs during the three months ended March 31, 2022 were \$10.3 million and are included in general and administrative expense in the condensed consolidated statements of income. Pro forma results of operations for the acquisition completed during the three months ended March 31, 2022 have not been presented because the effects of the acquisition were not material to the Company's consolidated financial results. Revenue and earnings of the acquired company since the date of the acquisition that are included in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income are also not presented separately because they are not material.

Linode

In March 2022, the Company acquired all the outstanding equity interests of Linode Limited Liability Company ("Linode"), for \$898.8 million in cash. Linode is an infrastructure-as-a-service platform provider that allows for developer-friendly cloud computing capabilities. The acquisition is intended to enhance the Company's edge computing services by creating a unique cloud platform to build, run and secure applications from the cloud to the edge. As of March 31, 2022, the purchase price allocation is preliminary, pending finalization of the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired, certain income tax matters and net working capital.

The following table presents the preliminary allocation of the purchase price for Linode (in thousands):

Total purchase consideration	\$	898,777
Allocation of the purchase consideration:		
Cash	\$	26,678
Accounts receivable		7,220
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		6,288
Property and equipment		60,670
Operating lease right-of-use assets		16,970
Identifiable intangible assets		212,520
Goodwill		588,440
Deferred income tax assets		2,901
Other assets		652
Total assets acquired		<u>922,339</u>
Accounts payable		(5,387)
Accrued expenses		(970)
Operating lease liabilities		(17,205)
Total liabilities assumed		<u>(23,562)</u>
Net assets acquired	\$	<u>898,777</u>

The value of the goodwill can be attributed to a number of business factors, including a trained technical workforce and cost synergies expected to be realized. The Company expects that all of the goodwill related to the acquisition of Linode will be deductible for tax purposes.

The following were the identified intangible assets acquired and their respective weighted average useful lives (in thousands, except years):

	Gross Carrying Amount	Weighted Average Useful Life (in years)
Customer-related intangible assets	\$ 100,700	11
Completed technologies	70,900	6
Acquired license rights	34,320	15
Trademarks	6,600	9
Total	<u>\$ 212,520</u>	

The Company applied the relief-from-royalty method to estimate the fair values of the completed technologies and trademarks and the excess earnings method to estimate the fair values of the customer-related acquired intangible assets. The Company used readily available market data to estimate the fair values of the acquired license rights. The total weighted average amortization period for the intangible assets acquired from Linode is 9.7 years. The intangible assets are being amortized based upon the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible assets are being utilized.

7. Debt

Convertible Notes – Due 2027

In August 2019, the Company issued \$1,150.0 million in par value of convertible senior notes due 2027 (the "2027 Notes"). The 2027 Notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Company, bear regular interest of 0.375%, payable semi-annually in arrears on March 1 and September 1 of each year and mature on September 1, 2027, unless repurchased or converted in accordance with their terms prior to maturity.

At their option, holders may convert their 2027 Notes prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding May 1, 2027, only under the following circumstances:

- during any calendar quarter commencing after the calendar quarter ended December 31, 2019 (and only during such calendar quarter), if the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on, and including, the last trading day of the immediately preceding calendar quarter is greater than or equal to 130% of the conversion price on each applicable trading day;
- during the five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of 2027 Notes for each trading day of the measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock and the conversion rate on each such trading day; or
- upon the occurrence of specified corporate events.

On or after May 1, 2027, holders may convert all or any portion of their 2027 Notes at any time prior to the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date.

Upon conversion, the Company will pay the principal amount in cash and will pay, or deliver, as the case may be, any amount in excess of the principal amount in cash, shares of the Company's common stock or a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock, at the Company's election. The initial conversion rate is 8.6073 shares of the Company's common stock per \$1,000 principal amount, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$116.18 per share, subject to adjustments in certain events, and represents a potential conversion into 9.9 million shares.

Prior to January 1, 2022, in accounting for the issuance of the 2027 Notes, the Company separated the 2027 Notes into liability and equity components. The carrying cost of the liability component was calculated by measuring the fair value of a similar debt obligation that does not have an associated convertible feature. The carrying amount of the equity component representing the conversion option was determined by deducting the fair value of the liability component from the par value of the 2027 Notes. The difference between the principal amount of the 2027 Notes and the proceeds allocated to the liability component ("debt discount") is amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over the term of the 2027 Notes. The equity component is recorded in additional paid-in capital in the condensed consolidated balance sheet to meet the conditions for equity classification. On January 1, 2022, the Company adopted the revised guidance for accounting for convertible instruments, which eliminated the equity component. Refer to Note 1 to the condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report for details on the revised guidance for accounting for convertible instruments adoption.

Initially, the Company allocated the total transaction costs incurred to the liability and equity components based on their relative values. However, subsequent to the adoption of the revised guidance for accounting for convertible instruments, all transaction costs are presented as a reduction to the 2027 Notes. Prior to January 1, 2022, transaction costs attributable to the liability component were being amortized to interest expense over the term of the 2027 Notes, and subsequent to the adoption of the revised guidance, all transaction costs are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the 2027 Notes.

The 2027 Notes consisted of the following components as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 (in thousands):

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Liability component:		
Principal	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,150,000
Less: debt discount and issuance costs, net of amortization	(10,113)	(169,032)
Net carrying amount	\$ 1,139,887	\$ 980,968
Equity component:	\$ —	\$ 220,500

The estimated fair value of the 2027 Notes at March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 was \$1,327.0 million and \$1,359.3 million, respectively. The fair value was determined based on the quoted price of the 2027 Notes in an inactive market on the last trading day of the reporting period and has been classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. Based on the

closing price of the Company's common stock of \$119.39 on March 31, 2022, the value of the 2027 Notes if converted to common stock was more than the principal amount of \$1,150.0 million.

The Company used \$100.0 million of the proceeds from the offering to repurchase shares of its common stock, concurrent with the issuance of the 2027 Notes. The repurchase was made in accordance with a share repurchase program previously approved by the board of directors. Additionally, \$127.1 million of the proceeds was used for the net cost of the convertible note hedge and warrant transactions. The remaining net proceeds are intended to be used for share repurchases, working capital and general corporate purposes, including potential acquisitions and other strategic transactions.

Note Hedge

To minimize the impact of potential dilution upon conversion of the 2027 Notes, the Company entered into convertible note hedge transactions with respect to its common stock in August 2019. The Company paid \$312.2 million for the note hedge transactions. The note hedge transactions cover approximately 9.9 million shares of the Company's common stock at a strike price that corresponds to the initial conversion price of the 2027 Notes, also subject to adjustment, and are exercisable upon conversion of the 2027 Notes. The Company determined that the note hedge meets the definition of a derivative and is classified in stockholders' equity, as the note hedge is indexed to the Company's common stock, and the Company, at its election, may pay or deliver to holders cash, shares of the Company's common stock or a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock. The Company recorded the purchase of the hedge as a decrease to additional paid-in capital. The Company does not recognize subsequent changes in fair value of the note hedge in its condensed consolidated financial statements.

Warrants

Separately, in August 2019, the Company entered into warrant transactions, whereby the Company sold warrants to acquire, subject to anti-dilution adjustments, up to 9.9 million shares of the Company's common stock at a strike price of approximately \$178.74 per share. The Company received aggregate proceeds of \$185.2 million from the sale of the warrants. The convertible note hedge and warrant transactions will generally have the effect of increasing the conversion price of the 2027 Notes to approximately \$178.74 per share. The Company determined that the warrants meet the definition of a derivative and are classified in stockholders' equity, as the warrants are indexed to the Company's common stock, and the Company, at its election, may pay or deliver to holders cash, shares of the Company's common stock or a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock. The Company recorded the proceeds from the issuance of the warrants as an increase to additional paid-in capital. The Company does not recognize subsequent changes in fair value of the warrants in its condensed consolidated financial statements.

Convertible Notes – Due 2025

In May 2018, the Company issued \$1,150.0 million in par value of convertible senior notes due 2025 (the "2025 Notes"). The 2025 Notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Company, bear regular interest of 0.125%, payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 of each year, and mature on May 1, 2025, unless repurchased or converted prior to maturity.

At their option, holders may convert their 2025 Notes prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding January 1, 2025, only under the following circumstances:

- during any calendar quarter commencing after the calendar quarter ended June 30, 2018 (and only during such calendar quarter), if the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on, and including, the last trading day of the immediately preceding calendar quarter is greater than or equal to 130% of the conversion price on each applicable trading day;
- during the five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of 2025 Notes for each trading day of the measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock and the conversion rate on each such trading day; or
- upon the occurrence of specified corporate events.

On or after January 1, 2025, holders may convert all or any portion of their 2025 Notes at any time prior to the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date, regardless of the foregoing circumstances.

Upon conversion, the Company will pay the principal amount in cash and will pay, or deliver, as the case may be, any amount in excess of the principal amount in cash, shares of common stock or a combination of cash and shares of the Company stock, at the Company's election. The initial conversion rate is 10.5150 shares of the Company's common stock per \$1,000 principal amount, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$95.10 per share, subject to adjustments in certain events, and represents a potential conversion into 12.1 million shares.

Prior to January 1, 2022, in accounting for the issuance of the 2025 Notes, the Company separated the 2025 Notes into liability and equity components. The carrying cost of the liability component was calculated by measuring the fair value of a similar debt obligation that does not have an associated convertible feature. The carrying amount of the equity component representing the conversion option was determined by deducting the fair value of the liability component from the par value of the 2025 Notes. The difference between the principal amount of the 2025 Notes and the proceeds allocated to the liability component ("debt discount") is amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over the term of the 2025 Notes. The equity component is recorded in additional paid-in capital in the condensed consolidated balance sheet to meet the conditions for equity classification. On January 1, 2022, the Company adopted the new revised guidance for accounting for convertible instruments, which eliminated the equity component. Refer to Note 1 to the condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report for details on the revised guidance for accounting for convertible instruments adoption.

Initially, the Company allocated the total transaction costs incurred to the liability and equity components based on their relative values. However, subsequent to the adoption of the revised guidance for accounting for convertible instruments, all transaction costs are presented as a reduction to the 2025 Notes. Prior to January 1, 2022, transaction costs attributable to the liability component were being amortized to interest expense over the term of the 2025 Notes, and subsequent to the adoption of the revised guidance, all transaction costs are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the 2025 Notes.

The 2025 Notes consisted of the following components as of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 (in thousands):

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Liability component:		
Principal	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,150,00
Less: debt discount and issuance costs, net of amortization	(7,960)	(154,80)
Net carrying amount	\$ 1,142,040	\$ 995,19
Equity component:	\$ —	\$ 285,22

The estimated fair value of the 2025 Notes at March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 was \$1,518.8 million and \$1,510.4 million, respectively. The fair value was determined based on the quoted price of the 2025 Notes in an inactive market on the last trading day of the reporting period and has been classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. Based on the closing price of the Company's common stock of \$119.39 on March 31, 2022, the value of the 2025 Notes if converted to common stock was more than the principal amount of \$1,150.0 million.

The Company used \$46.2 million of the proceeds from the offering to repurchase shares of its common stock, concurrent with the issuance of the 2025 Notes. The repurchase was made in accordance with a share repurchase program previously approved by the board of directors. Additionally, \$141.8 million of the proceeds was used for the net cost of convertible note hedge and warrant transactions. The Company also used a portion of the net proceeds to repay at maturity the \$690.0 million in par value of convertible senior notes due in 2019. The remaining net proceeds are intended to be used for share repurchases, working capital and general corporate purposes, including potential acquisitions and other strategic transactions.

Note Hedge

To minimize the impact of potential dilution upon conversion of the 2025 Notes, the Company entered into convertible note hedge transactions with respect to its common stock in May 2018. The Company paid \$261.7 million for the note hedge transactions. The note hedge transactions cover approximately 12.1 million shares of the Company's common stock at a strike price that corresponds to the initial conversion price of the 2025 Notes, also subject to adjustment, and are exercisable upon conversion of the 2025 Notes. The Company determined that the note hedge meets the definition of a derivative and is classified in stockholders' equity, as the note hedge is indexed to the Company's common stock, and the Company, at its election, may pay or deliver to holders cash, shares of the Company's common stock or a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock. The Company recorded the purchase of the hedge as a decrease to additional paid-in capital. The Company does not recognize subsequent changes in fair value of the note hedge in its condensed consolidated financial statements.

Warrants

Separately, in May 2018, the Company entered into warrant transactions, whereby the Company sold warrants to acquire, subject to anti-dilution adjustments, up to 12.1 million shares of the Company's common stock at a strike price of approximately \$149.18 per share. The Company received aggregate proceeds of \$119.9 million from the sale of the warrants. The convertible note hedge and warrant transactions will generally have the effect of increasing the conversion price of the 2025 Notes to approximately \$149.18 per share. The Company determined that the warrants meet the definition of a derivative and are classified in stockholders' equity, as the warrants are indexed to the Company's common stock, and the Company, at its election, may pay or deliver to holders cash, shares of the Company's common stock or a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock. The Company recorded the proceeds from the issuance of the warrants as an increase to additional paid-in capital. The Company does not recognize subsequent changes in fair value of the warrants in its condensed consolidated financial statements.

Revolving Credit Facility

In May 2018, the Company entered into a \$500.0 million five-year, revolving credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement"). Borrowings under the Credit Agreement may be used to finance working capital needs and for general corporate purposes. The Credit Agreement provides for an initial \$500.0 million in revolving loans. Under specified circumstances, the facility can be increased to up to \$1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount. The Credit Agreement expires in May 2023.

Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest, at the Company's option, at a base rate plus a spread of 0.00% to 0.25% or an adjusted LIBOR rate plus a spread of 0.875% to 1.25%, in each case with such spread being determined based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio specified in the Credit Agreement. Regardless of what amounts, if any, are outstanding under the Credit Agreement, the Company is also obligated to pay an ongoing commitment fee on undrawn amounts at a rate of 0.075% to 0.15%, with such rate being based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio specified in the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants and events of default. Principal covenants include a maximum consolidated leverage ratio and a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio. In March 2022, the Company borrowed \$75.0 million under the Credit Agreement, and as of March 31, 2022, \$75.0 million remained outstanding. The Company plans to repay amounts outstanding in less than 12 months.

Interest Expense

The 2027 Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 0.375%, with interest payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year. The 2025 Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 0.125% with interest payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 of each year. The Company is also obligated to pay ongoing commitment fees under the terms of the Credit Agreement, in addition to interest payable on outstanding borrowings. Prior to the adoption of the revised guidance for accounting for convertible instruments on January 1, 2022, the Company also amortized as interest expense the value of debt discounts of the 2027 Notes and the 2025 Notes. The following table sets forth total interest expense included in the condensed consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Amortization of debt discounts and issuance costs	\$ 1,168	\$ 17,18
Coupon interest payable on 2025 Notes	359	3:
Coupon interest payable on 2027 Notes	1,078	1,0'
Interest payable under the Credit Agreement	139	1:
Capitalization of interest expense	(49)	(92
Total interest expense	<u>\$ 2,695</u>	<u>\$ 17,8:</u>

8. Restructuring

During the first quarter of 2022, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group ("MUFG"), the majority owner of Global Open Network, Inc. ("GO-NET"), announced its intention to suspend the operations of GO-NET and to eventually liquidate it. The Company has a 20% stake in GO-NET and also provides services to GO-NET. As a result of MUFG's intention to suspend operations, during the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company recorded as a restructuring charge the impairment of \$7.5 million primarily related to certain capitalized internal-use software assets that will no longer be used in operations or will not generate sufficient future cash to support their values. The Company does not expect to incur material additional charges related to this action.

Additionally, the Company launched its FlexBase program in May 2022, which is a flexible workspace arrangement that allows employees to choose to work from their home office or a Company office. This is a significant change to the way employees worked prior to the program, and prior to office shutdowns as part of the COVID-19 pandemic. Planning for the program commenced in 2021, and in the fourth quarter of 2021, the Company identified certain facilities that were no longer needed. As a result, an impairment of right-of-use assets and leasehold improvements was recognized. The Company has incurred expenses of \$3.7 million related to this program, of which a benefit of \$0.1 million was incurred in the first quarter of 2022. Management is still evaluating the Company's future work environment and additional charges related to such type of action may occur in 2022.

During the fourth quarter of 2020, management committed to an action to restructure certain parts of the Company to better position itself to become more agile in delivering its solutions. As a result, certain headcount reductions were necessary and certain capitalized internal-use software charges were realized for software not yet placed into service that will not be completed and implemented due to this action. The Company incurred expenses of \$31.5 million as part of this action, of which \$7.0 million was incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2021 and was comprised of \$6.3 million of employee severance and related benefits and \$0.7 million of internal-use software charges. The Company did not incur any charges related to this action during the three months ended March 31, 2022, nor does it expect to incur material additional charges related to this action.

The Company also recognizes restructuring charges for redundant employees, facilities and contracts associated with completed acquisitions.

9. Stockholders' Equity

Share Repurchase Program

Effective January 2022, the board of directors of the Company authorized a \$1.8 billion share repurchase program through December 31, 2024. During the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company repurchased 0.9 million shares of its common stock for \$102.9 million. The Company's goals for the share repurchase program are to offset the dilution created by its employee equity compensation programs over time and provide the flexibility to return capital to stockholders as business and market conditions warrant, while still preserving its ability to pursue other strategic opportunities.

Stock-Based Compensation

The following table summarizes stock-based compensation included in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Cost of revenue	\$ 6,233	\$ 7,096
Research and development	20,232	18,369
Sales and marketing	12,326	12,478
General and administrative	17,436	16,362
Total stock-based compensation	56,227	54,305
Provision for income taxes	(14,043)	(13,044)
Total stock-based compensation, net of income taxes	\$ 42,184	\$ 41,261

In addition to the amounts of stock-based compensation reported in the table above, the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, include stock-based compensation reflected as a component of amortization of capitalized internal-use software of \$7.6 million, and \$7.7 million, respectively, before taxes.

10. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table summarizes the changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax, which is reported as a component of stockholders' equity, for the three months ended March 31, 2022 (in thousands):

	Foreign Currency Translation	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	Total
Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ (71,809)	\$ 2,704	\$ (69,105)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	2,036	(21,542)	(19,506)
Balance as of March 31, 2022	\$ (69,773)	\$ (18,838)	\$ (88,611)

Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net income were immaterial for the three months ended March 31, 2022.

11. Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The Company sells its solutions through a sales force located both domestically and abroad. Revenue derived from operations outside of the U.S. is determined based on the country in which the sale originated. Other than the U.S., no single country accounted for 10% or more of the Company's total revenue for any reported period. The following table summarizes revenue by geography included in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
U.S.	\$ 481,007	\$ 463,180
International	422,640	379,528
Total revenue	\$ 903,647	\$ 842,708

The Company reports its revenue in three solution categories: security, delivery and compute. Revenue by solution was previously reported by group: Security Technology Group and Edge Technology Group. Revenue from security solutions was previously presented as Security Technology Group revenue and revenue from delivery and compute solutions was previously presented as Edge Technology Group revenue. Security includes solutions that are designed to protect business online by keeping infrastructure, websites, applications and users safe. Delivery includes solutions that are designed to enable business online, including media delivery and web performance. Compute includes edge cloud optimization solutions and net storage. The following table summarizes revenue by solution category included in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Security	\$ 381,567	\$ 310,219
Delivery	444,148	473,669
Compute	77,932	58,820
Total revenue	\$ 903,647	\$ 842,708

Most security, delivery and compute services represent obligations that are satisfied over time as the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the services provided by the Company. Accordingly, the majority of the Company's revenue is recognized over time, generally ratably over the term of the arrangement due to consistent monthly usage commitments that expire each period. Any usage over a given commitment is recognized in the period in which the units are served. Any bursting over given commitments is recognized in the period in which the traffic is served. A small percentage of the Company's contracts are satisfied at a point in time, such as one-time professional services contracts, integration services and most license sales where the primary obligation is delivery of the license at the start of the term. In these cases, revenue is recognized at a point in time of delivery or satisfaction of the performance obligation.

During the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company recognized \$56.2 million and \$43.3 million of revenue that was included in deferred revenue as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

As of March 31, 2022, the aggregate amount of remaining performance obligations from contracts with customers was \$3.2 billion. The Company expects to recognize approximately 70% of its remaining performance obligations as revenue over the next 12 months, with the remaining recognized thereafter. Remaining performance obligations represent the amount of the transaction price under contracts with customers that are attributable to performance obligations that are unsatisfied or partially satisfied at the reporting date. This consists of future committed revenue for monthly, quarterly or annual periods within current contracts with customers, as well as deferred revenue arising from consideration invoiced in prior periods for which the related performance obligations have not been satisfied. It excludes estimates of variable consideration such as usage-based contracts with no committed contract as well as anticipated renewed contracts. Revenue recognized during each of the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, related to performance obligations satisfied in previous periods was not material.

12. Income Taxes

The Company's effective income tax rate is based on estimated income for the year, the estimated composition of the income in different jurisdictions and discrete adjustments, if any, in the applicable quarterly periods. Potential discrete adjustments include tax charges or benefits related to stock-based compensation, changes in tax legislation, settlements of tax audits or assessments, uncertain tax positions and acquisitions, among other items.

In the second quarter of 2018, the Company filed an appeal with the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board ("MATB") contesting the adverse audit findings related to certain tax benefits and exemptions. In July 2020, the MATB ruled in the Company's favor; however, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue appealed the decision in January 2022. The Company has determined that it is more-likely-than-not that it will prevail and no reserve has been recorded related to these controversies.

The Company's effective income tax rate was 21.2% and 7.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the effective income tax rate was higher than the federal statutory tax rate due to an intercompany sale of intellectual property, tax on global intangible low taxed income and non-deductible stock-based compensation. These amounts were partially offset by foreign income taxed at lower rates, the excess tax benefit related to stock-based compensation and the benefit of U.S. federal, state and foreign research and development credits.

For the three months ended March 31, 2021, the effective income tax rate was lower than the federal statutory tax rate due to foreign income taxed at lower rates, the excess tax benefit related to stock-based compensation, the revaluation of certain foreign income tax liabilities due to foreign exchange rate fluctuations and the benefit of U.S. federal, state and foreign research and development credits. These amounts were partially offset by non-deductible stock-based compensation, the valuation allowance recorded against deferred tax assets related to state tax credits and state taxes.

13. Net Income per Share

Basic net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the applicable period. Diluted net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, plus the dilutive effect of potential common stock. Potential common stock consists of shares issuable pursuant to stock options, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), deferred stock units ("DSUs"), convertible senior notes and warrants issued by the Company. For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the dilutive effect of outstanding awards is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the treasury stock method and the dilutive effect of the convertible securities is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the if-converted method. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, the dilutive effect of outstanding awards and convertible securities is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the treasury stock method.

The following table sets forth the components used in the computation of basic and diluted net income per share for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands, except per share data):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Numerator:		
Net income	\$ 119,163	\$ 155,695
Denominator:		
Shares used for basic net income per share	160,494	163,061
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Stock options	1	5
RSUs and DSUs	1,320	1,667
Convertible senior notes	1,822	955
Warrants related to issuance of convertible senior notes	—	—
Shares used for diluted net income per share	163,637	165,688
Basic net income per share	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.95
Diluted net income per share	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.94

For the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, certain potential outstanding common shares issuable in respect of stock options, service-based RSUs, convertible notes and warrants were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share because the effect of including these items was anti-dilutive. Additionally, certain performance-based RSUs were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share because the underlying performance conditions for such RSUs had not been met as of these dates. The number of potentially outstanding common shares excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Service-based RSUs	2,234	2,070
Market- and performance-based RSUs	1,054	1,338
Convertible senior notes	—	9,898
Warrants related to issuance of convertible senior notes	21,991	21,991
Total shares excluded from computation	25,279	35,297

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

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q, particularly Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations set forth below, and notes to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included herein contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and are based on the beliefs and assumptions of our management as of the date hereof based on information currently available to our management. Use of words such as "believes," "could," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "projects," "estimates," "forecasts," "if," "continues," "goal," "likely," "may," "will" or similar expressions indicates a forward-looking statement. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Actual results may differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make. See "Risk Factors" elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for a discussion of certain risks associated with our business. We disclaim any obligation to update forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, including the potential impact of any mergers, acquisitions, divestitures or other events that may be announced after the date hereof.

Our management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, which we have prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP, for interim periods and with Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. The preparation of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related items, including, but not limited to, revenue recognition, accounts receivable and related reserves, valuation and impairment of marketable securities, goodwill and acquired intangible assets, capitalized internal-use software development costs, impairment and useful lives of long-lived assets, income taxes and stock-based compensation. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances at the time they are made. Actual results may differ from our estimates. See the section entitled "Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2021 for further discussion of our critical accounting policies and estimates.

Overview

We provide solutions to power and protect life online. The key factors that influence our financial success are our ability to build on recurring revenue commitments for our security and performance offerings, increase media traffic on our network, effectively manage the prices we charge for our solutions, develop new products and carefully manage our capital spending and other expenses. The purpose of this discussion and analysis section is to provide material information relevant to an assessment of our financial condition and results of operations from management's perspective, including to describe and explain key trends, events and other factors that impacted our reported results and that are likely to impact our future performance.

Revenue

For most of our solutions, our customers commit to contracts having terms of a year or longer, which allows us to have a consistent and predictable base level of revenue. In addition to a base level of revenue, we are also dependent on media customers where usage of our solutions is more variable. As a result, our revenue is impacted by the amount of media and software download traffic we serve on our network, the rate of adoption of gaming, social media and video platform offerings, the timing and variability of customer-specific one-time events and geopolitical, economic and other developments that impact our customers' businesses. Seasonal variations that impact traffic on our network, such as holiday-related activities, can cause revenue fluctuations from quarter to quarter. Over the longer term, our ability to expand our product portfolio and to effectively manage the prices we charge for our solutions are key factors impacting our revenue growth.

We have observed the following trends related to our revenue in recent years:

- Increased sales of our security, and more recently, compute solutions have made a significant contribution to revenue growth. We plan to continue to invest in these areas with a focus on further enhancing our product portfolios and extending our go-to-market capabilities, particularly in certain markets and through our channel partners.
- We have experienced increases in the amount of traffic delivered for customers that use our delivery solutions for video, gaming downloads and social media. During 2020 and in early 2021, we saw a dramatic increase in traffic

growth on our network related to the shutdowns and restrictions related to the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, pandemic. Primarily as a result of the rollback of many pandemic-related restrictions, we saw the rate of traffic growth moderate during 2021 and the first three months of 2022. We do not expect the events related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and its impact to our revenue growth rates, to repeat in the foreseeable future. We expect traffic delivered for our customers to continue to grow, but anticipate growth rates will moderate.

- The prices paid by some of our customers have declined due to competition and contract renewals. During the first quarter of 2022 as compared to 2021, we experienced a decline in revenue from our delivery solutions due to the above factors. While we have increased committed recurring revenue from our solutions by upselling incremental solutions to our existing customers and adding new customers to offset the negative trends, we expect revenue challenges from our delivery solutions to continue in 2022.
- Revenue from our international operations has been growing at a faster pace than from our U.S. operations, particularly in terms of new customer acquisition, increases in traffic and cross-selling of incremental solutions. Because we publicly report in U.S. dollars, and due to the strengthening U.S. dollar, our reported revenue results have been negatively impacted during the first quarter of 2022. We expect to continue to be impacted by the strengthening U.S. dollar during the remainder of 2022. However, conversely, a weaker dollar would benefit our reported results.
- We have experienced variations in certain types of revenue from quarter to quarter. In particular, we typically experience higher revenue in the fourth quarter of each year for some of our solutions as a result of holiday season activity. In addition, we experience quarterly variations in revenue attributable to, among other things, the nature and timing of software and gaming releases by our customers; whether there are large live sporting or other events or situations that impact the amount of media traffic on our network; and the frequency and timing of purchases of custom solutions or licensed software.

Expenses

Our level of profitability is also impacted by our expenses, including direct costs to support our revenue such as bandwidth and co-location costs. We have observed the following trends related to our profitability in recent years:

- Network bandwidth costs represent a significant portion of our cost of revenue. Historically, we have been able to mitigate increases in these costs by reducing our network bandwidth costs per unit and investing in internal-use software development to improve the performance and efficiency of our network. Our total bandwidth costs may increase in the future as a result of expected higher traffic levels and serving more traffic from higher cost regions. We will need to continue to effectively manage our bandwidth costs to maintain current levels of profitability.
- Co-location costs, which include the costs of energy to power our network, are also a significant portion of our cost of revenue. By improving our internal-use software and managing our hardware deployments to enable us to use servers more efficiently, we have been able to manage the growth of co-location costs, including combating the rise of energy costs, particularly in Europe. We expect to continue to scale our network in the future and will need to continue to effectively manage our co-location costs to maintain current levels of profitability.
- Network build-out and supporting service costs represent another significant portion of our cost of revenue. These costs include maintenance and supporting services incurred as we continue to build-out our global network. We have seen these costs increase in recent years, as a result of our network expansion and pricing pressure from vendors. As we continue to invest in our network, we will need to effectively manage our network build-out and supporting costs.
- Our employees are core to the operations of our business, and payroll and related costs, including stock-based compensation, is one of our largest expenses. It is important to the success of operations that we offer competitive compensation packages. However, we need to ensure we continue to focus on the right investments and maintain operational efficiencies to mitigate the rising cost of talent. We plan to continue to hire employees in support of our strategic initiatives, but do not expect overall headcount to increase significantly in 2022.
- Depreciation expense related to our network equipment also contributes to our overall expense levels, and we expect to continue to invest in our network in 2022, which will increase our capital expenditures and resulting depreciation expense.

Recent Acquisitions

In March 2022, we acquired all of the outstanding equity interests of Linode Limited Liability Company, or Linode, for \$898.8 million. Linode is an infrastructure-as-a-service platform provider that allows for developer-friendly cloud computing capabilities. The acquisition is intended to enhance our computing services by creating a unique cloud platform to build, run and secure applications from the cloud to the edge. Linode has approximately 250 employees.

In October 2021, we acquired Guardicore Ltd., or Guardicore, for \$610.4 million in cash. Guardicore's micro-segmentation solution is designed to limit user access to only those applications that are authorized to communicate with each other, thereby limiting the spread of malware and protecting the flow of enterprise data across the network. Guardicore has approximately 270 employees, and the acquisition is expected to be dilutive to our earnings per share at least through 2022.

Remote Work

As of May 2022, all of our offices are open for employees who would prefer to work from one of our offices. We have a rigorous process for assessing whether any office can remain open based on local government regulations, local health trends and business needs. Except for employees whose job responsibilities require in-office work, none of our employees are required to fully return to the office, even those that are currently open. In addition, we launched our FlexBase program in May 2022, which allows the more than 90% of our workforce designated as flexible to choose whether they want to work from an Akamai office or their home office, even after we decide it is safe to open all of our offices in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our operations have not been significantly disrupted by the shift to remote working. While we have incurred and expect to continue to incur expenses associated with enabling remote work, reconfiguring work spaces to help ensure the safety and well-being of employees accessing our locations and re-thinking our facility footprint and the way we utilize office space, we do not currently believe those costs will materially impact our financial condition or results of operations.

Global Developments

During the first quarter of 2022, several global macro-economic and geopolitical developments have emerged. These developments did not have a significant impact on our results of operations during the first quarter of 2022, but we anticipate they may in the remainder of 2022. We experienced the strengthening of the U.S. dollar, which is expected to have a negative impact on our revenue for the remainder of 2022. We have also experienced a decline in revenue related to the war in Ukraine. Approximately 1% of our revenue is generated from traffic we serve into Russia, Belarus and Ukraine. We have seen a decrease in traffic in these countries since the war began and expect to continue to experience a decline in 2022 as compared to 2021. Our board of directors is continuing to oversee risks related to macro-economic and geopolitical developments, including the war in Ukraine, and management is monitoring these developments, including the potential impact from the war on our business. As a result of overall macro-economic trends, concerns of a potential recession and future projections of traffic consumption that suggest traffic growth will moderate as restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic are lifted, we anticipate our traffic will grow, but at a more moderate pace than we have experienced previously.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth, as a percentage of revenue, condensed consolidated statements of income data for the periods indicated:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Revenue	100.0 %	100.0 %
Costs and operating expenses:		
Cost of revenue (exclusive of amortization of acquired intangible assets shown below)	36.8	36.4
Research and development	11.1	9.7
Sales and marketing	13.6	13.8
General and administrative	17.0	16.2
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	1.5	1.4
Restructuring charge	0.9	0.8
Total costs and operating expenses	80.9	78.3
Income from operations	19.1	21.7
Interest and marketable securities (loss) income, net	—	0.5
Interest expense	(0.3)	(2.1)
Other expense, net	(1.1)	(0.1)
Income before provision for income taxes	17.7	20.0
Provision for income taxes	(3.8)	(1.4)
Loss from equity method investment	(0.8)	(0.1)
Net income	13.1 %	18.5 %

Revenue

Revenue by solution was previously reported by product group: Security Technology Group and Edge Technology Group. Revenue from security solutions was previously presented as Security Technology Group revenue. Revenue from delivery and compute solutions was previously presented as Edge Technology Group revenue. Revenue by solution category during the periods presented was as follows (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,			% Change at Constant Currency
	2022	2021	% Change	
Security	\$ 381,567	\$ 310,219	23.0 %	25.5 %
Delivery	444,148	473,669	(6.2)	(4.4)
Compute	77,932	58,820	32.5	34.8
Total revenue	\$ 903,647	\$ 842,708	7.2 %	9.3 %

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, the increase in our revenue as compared to the same period in 2021 was primarily the result of continued strong growth in sales of solutions offered by our security solutions, in addition to growth in sales of our compute solutions. However, these increases were impacted by the significant strengthening of the U.S. dollar.

The increase in security solutions revenue for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was due to growth across our security products portfolio, including Bot Manager, Kona Site Defender and our Zero Trust security solutions as well as strong performance from Guardicore solutions.

The decrease in delivery solutions revenue for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was primarily due to reductions in sales of application performance solutions, partially offset by moderate growth in over-the-top, or OTT.

The increase in compute solutions revenue for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was primarily due to strong growth in compute products, including through the acquisition of Linode in 2022, and continued growth in cloud optimization solutions.

Revenue derived in the U.S. and internationally during the periods presented was as follows (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,			% Change at Constant Currency
	2022	2021	% Change	
U.S.	\$ 481,007	\$ 463,180	3.8 %	3.8 %
International	422,640	379,528	11.4	16.1
Total revenue	\$ 903,647	\$ 842,708	7.2 %	9.3 %

For the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, approximately 46.8% of our revenue was derived from our operations located outside the U.S., compared to 45.0% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021. We have seen strong revenue growth across all our international regions, particularly in the Asia Pacific region. No single country outside the U.S. accounted for 10% or more of revenue during either of these periods. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates impacted our revenue by a unfavorable \$17.7 million during the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021. We expect to continue to be impacted by the significant strengthening of the U.S. dollar in 2022.

Cost of Revenue

Cost of revenue consisted of the following for the periods presented (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2022	2021	% Change
Bandwidth fees	\$ 51,082	\$ 53,230	(4.0)%
Co-location fees	48,498	42,543	14.0
Network build-out and supporting services	42,919	36,434	17.8
Payroll and related costs	74,481	68,249	9.1
Acquisition-related costs	175	—	100.0
Stock-based compensation, including amortization of prior capitalized amounts	13,458	14,329	(6.1)
Depreciation of network equipment	61,386	51,896	18.3
Amortization of internal-use software	40,753	40,006	1.9
Total cost of revenue	\$ 332,752	\$ 306,687	8.5 %
<i>As a percentage of revenue</i>	<i>36.8 %</i>	<i>36.4 %</i>	

The increase in cost of revenue for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was primarily due to increased investment in our network to support current and anticipated future traffic growth, which resulted in higher depreciation costs of our network equipment, increases in payroll and related costs, increases to amounts paid for network build-out and supporting services and increases to expenses related to our co-location facilities.

During the remainder of 2022, we anticipate cost of revenues to increase, in particular amortization of internal-use software, depreciation of network equipment and payroll and related costs, due to continued investments in our network, as well as our recent acquisitions. We plan to continue to focus our efforts on managing our operating margins, including continuing to manage our bandwidth, co-location and network build-out costs.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses consisted of the following for the periods presented (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2022	2021	% Change
Payroll and related costs	\$ 122,248	\$ 113,420	7.8 %
Stock-based compensation	20,232	18,369	10.1
Capitalized salaries and related costs	(48,670)	(52,491)	(7.3)
Acquisition-related costs	76	—	100.0
Other expenses	6,049	2,747	120.2
Total research and development	\$ 99,935	\$ 82,045	21.8 %
<i>As a percentage of revenue</i>	<i>11.1 %</i>	<i>9.7 %</i>	

The increase in research and development expenses during the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was due to increased payroll and related costs, including stock-based compensation, primarily due to headcount growth to support our strategic initiatives and from our recent acquisitions. This increase was also impacted by an increase in other expenses which was mainly related to increased computer services.

Research and development costs are expensed as incurred, other than certain internal-use software development costs eligible for capitalization. Capitalized development costs consist of payroll and related costs for personnel and external consulting expenses involved in the development of internal-use software used to deliver our services and operate our network. During the three-month periods ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, we capitalized \$7.2 million and \$8.7 million, respectively, of stock-based compensation. These capitalized internal-use software development costs are amortized to cost of revenue over their estimated useful lives, which is generally two years, but can be up to seven years based on the software developed and its expected useful life.

We expect research and development costs to increase in the remainder of 2022 to support our innovation initiatives and incremental headcount due to hiring for our strategic investments and our employees acquired through our recent acquisitions.

Sales and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses consisted of the following for the periods presented (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2022	2021	% Change
Payroll and related costs	\$ 94,861	\$ 93,559	1.4 %
Stock-based compensation	12,326	12,478	(1.2)
Marketing programs and related costs	11,558	8,450	36.8
Acquisition-related costs	76	—	100.0
Other expenses	3,898	1,867	108.8
Total sales and marketing	\$ 122,719	\$ 116,354	5.5 %
<i>As a percentage of revenue</i>	<i>13.6 %</i>	<i>13.8 %</i>	

The increase in sales and marketing expenses during the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was due to increased marketing programs and related costs due to increased marketing and advertising spend in anticipation for upcoming events.

We expect sales and marketing costs to increase in the remainder of 2022. However, we plan to continue to carefully manage costs in an effort to manage our operating margins and to refine and optimize our go-to-market efforts.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses consisted of the following for the periods presented (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2022	2021	% Change
Payroll and related costs	\$ 53,317	\$ 56,450	(5.6)%
Stock-based compensation	17,436	16,362	6.6
Depreciation and amortization	19,678	20,909	(5.9)
Facilities-related costs	26,579	24,347	9.2
Provision (benefit) for doubtful accounts	1,288	(260)	595.4
Acquisition-related costs	10,616	64	16,487.5
Other expenses	24,348	18,843	29.2
Total general and administrative	\$ 153,262	\$ 136,715	12.1 %
<i>As a percentage of revenue</i>	<i>17.0 %</i>	<i>16.2 %</i>	

The increase in general and administrative expenses for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was primarily due to acquisition-related costs from our acquisition of Linode and other expenses due to an increase in professional service fees.

General and administrative expenses for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 are broken out by category as follows (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2022	2021	% Change
Global functions	\$ 56,131	\$ 55,799	0.6 %
<i>As a percentage of revenue</i>	<i>6.2 %</i>	<i>6.6 %</i>	
Infrastructure	85,199	81,109	5.0
<i>As a percentage of revenue</i>	<i>9.4 %</i>	<i>9.6 %</i>	
Other	11,932	(193)	6,282.4
Total general and administrative	\$ 153,262	\$ 136,715	12.1 %
<i>As a percentage of revenue</i>	<i>17.0 %</i>	<i>16.2 %</i>	

Global functions expense includes payroll, stock-based compensation and other employee-related costs for administrative functions, including finance, purchasing, order entry, human resources, legal, information technology and executive personnel, as well as third-party professional service fees.

Infrastructure expense includes payroll, stock-based compensation and other employee-related costs for our network infrastructure functions, as well as facility rent expense, depreciation and amortization of facility and IT-related assets, software and software-related costs, business insurance and taxes. Our network infrastructure function is responsible for network planning, sourcing, architecture evaluation and platform security. Other expense includes acquisition-related costs and provision for doubtful accounts.

During the remainder of 2022, we expect payroll and related costs of our general and administrative functions to increase as compared to 2021 as a result of headcount growth to support the operations of the business, but we plan to continue to carefully manage costs in an effort to manage our operating margins.

Amortization of Acquired Intangible Assets

(in thousands)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2022	2021	% Change
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	\$ 13,644	\$ 11,427	19.4 %
As a percentage of revenue	1.5 %	1.4 %	

The increase in amortization of acquired intangible assets for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was the result of amortization of assets related to our recent acquisitions. Based on our intangible assets at March 31, 2022, we expect amortization of acquired intangible assets to be \$50.4 million for the remainder of 2022, and \$61.3 million, \$65.8 million, \$66.2 million and \$59.9 million for 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026, respectively.

Restructuring Charge

(in thousands)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2022	2021	% Change
Restructuring charge	\$ 8,016	\$ 7,116	12.6 %
As a percentage of revenue	0.9 %	0.8 %	

The restructuring charge for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022 was primarily related to software impairment charges related to the suspension of Global Open Network, Inc., or GO-NET. See Note 8 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information. We do not expect to incur any material additional restructuring charges related to these actions.

The restructuring charge for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 was primarily the result of management actions initiated in late 2020 to better position us to become more agile in delivering our solutions. The restructuring charge for this 2020 action predominately consists of certain severance and related benefits. We do not expect to incur any material additional restructuring charges related to these actions.

Non-Operating (Expense) Income

(in thousands)	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2022	2021	% Change
Interest and marketable securities (loss) income, net	\$ (211)	\$ 4,578	(104.6)%
As a percentage of revenue	— %	0.5 %	
Interest expense	\$ (2,695)	\$ (17,834)	(84.9)%
As a percentage of revenue	(0.3)%	(2.1)%	
Other expense, net	\$ (9,565)	\$ (817)	1,070.7 %
As a percentage of revenue	(1.1)%	(0.1)%	

Interest and marketable securities (loss) income, net consists of interest earned on invested cash balances, marketable securities and income and losses on mutual funds that are associated with our employee non-qualified deferred compensation plan. The decrease for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was due to increased losses associated with the non-qualified deferred compensation plan, which was partially offset by interest earned on invested cash balances and marketable securities.

Interest expense is related to our debt transactions, which are described in Note 7 to the condensed consolidated financial statements. The decrease in interest expense for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was primarily the result of the adoption of the new guidance for accounting for convertible senior notes on January 1, 2022 which resulted in the elimination of the amortization of debt discounts.

Other expense, net primarily represents net foreign exchange gains and losses mainly due to foreign exchange rate fluctuations on intercompany transactions and other non-operating expense and income items. The three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, includes a \$8.9 million impairment from an equity investment in 2022, partially offset by a favorable impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Provision for Income Taxes

<i>(in thousands)</i>	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2022	2021	% Change
Provision for income taxes	\$ (34,050)	\$ (11,898)	186.2 %
<i>As a percentage of revenue</i>	<i>(3.8)%</i>	<i>(1.4)%</i>	
<i>Effective income tax rate</i>	<i>(21.2)%</i>	<i>(7.1)%</i>	

For the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, our provision for income taxes increased due to an increase in the tax on global intangible low taxed income, an intercompany sale of intellectual property and a decrease in foreign income taxed at lower rates. These amounts were partially offset by equity method earnings and a decrease in profitability.

For the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, our effective income tax rate was higher than the federal statutory tax rate due to an intercompany sale of intellectual property, tax on global intangible low taxed income and non-deductible stock based compensation. These amounts were partially offset by foreign income taxed at lower rates, the excess tax benefit related to stock-based compensation and the benefit of U.S. federal, state and foreign research and development credits.

For the three-month period ended March 31, 2021, our effective income tax rate was lower than the federal statutory tax rate due to foreign income taxed at lower rates, the excess tax benefit related to stock-based compensation, the revaluation of certain foreign income tax liabilities due to foreign exchange rate fluctuations and the benefit of U.S. federal, state and foreign research and development credits. These amounts were partially offset by the impact of the valuation allowance recorded against deferred tax assets related to state tax credits, non-deductible stock-based compensation and state taxes.

In determining our net deferred tax assets and valuation allowances, annualized effective income tax rates and cash paid for income taxes, management is required to make judgments and estimates about domestic and foreign profitability, the timing and extent of the utilization of net operating loss carryforwards, applicable tax rates, transfer pricing methodologies and tax planning strategies. Judgments and estimates related to our projections and assumptions are inherently uncertain; therefore, actual results could differ materially from our projections.

Loss from Equity Method Investment

<i>(in thousands)</i>	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2022	2021	% Change
Loss from equity method investment	\$ (7,635)	\$ (698)	993.8 %
<i>As a percentage of revenue</i>	<i>(0.8)%</i>	<i>(0.1)%</i>	

The amounts reflected in loss from equity method investment relate to recognition of our share of losses from our investment with Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group in a joint venture, GO-NET. GO-NET intended to operate a blockchain-based online payment network. In February 2022, MUFG, the majority owner of GO-NET, announced it was preparing to suspend the operations of GO-NET and to ultimately liquidate it. The increase in the loss from equity method investments during the three-month period ended March 31, 2022 is the result of our impairment of our investment in GO-NET since the operations are planning to wind down and no longer generate future income. We do not expect additional material impacts related to this investment.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to providing financial measurements based on GAAP, we provide additional financial metrics that are not prepared in accordance with GAAP, or non-GAAP financial measures. Management uses non-GAAP financial measures, in addition to GAAP financial measures, to understand and compare operating results across accounting periods, for financial and operational decision making, for planning and forecasting purposes, to measure executive compensation and to evaluate our financial performance. These non-GAAP financial measures are non-GAAP income from operations, non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP net income per share, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA margin, capital expenditures and impact of foreign currency exchange rates, as discussed below.

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

The non-GAAP financial measures do not replace the presentation of our GAAP financial measures and should only be used as a supplement to, not as a substitute for, our financial results presented in accordance with GAAP.

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

- **Amortization of acquired intangible assets** – We have incurred amortization of intangible assets, included in our GAAP financial statements, related to various acquisitions we have made. The amount of an acquisition's purchase price allocated to intangible assets and term of its related amortization can vary significantly and is unique to each acquisition; therefore, we exclude amortization of acquired intangible assets from our non-GAAP financial measures to provide investors with a consistent basis for comparing pre- and post-acquisition operating results.
- **Stock-based compensation and amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation** – Although stock-based compensation is an important aspect of the compensation paid to our employees, the grant date fair value varies based on the stock price at the time of grant, varying valuation methodologies, subjective assumptions and the variety of award types. This makes the comparison of our current financial results to previous and future periods difficult to interpret; therefore, we believe it is useful to exclude stock-based compensation and amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation from our non-GAAP financial measures in order to highlight the performance of our core business and to be consistent with the way many investors evaluate our performance and compare our operating results to peer companies.
- **Acquisition-related costs** – Acquisition-related costs include transaction fees, advisory fees, due diligence costs and other direct costs associated with strategic activities, as well as certain additional compensation costs payable to employees acquired from the Linode acquisition if employed for a certain period of time. The additional compensation cost was initiated by and determined by the seller and is in addition to normal levels of compensation, including retention programs, offered by Akamai. Acquisition-related costs are impacted by the timing and size of the acquisitions, and we exclude acquisition-related costs from our non-GAAP financial measures to provide a useful comparison of operating results to prior periods and to peer companies because such amounts vary significantly based on the magnitude of our acquisition transactions and do not reflect our core operations.
- **Restructuring charges** – We have incurred restructuring charges from programs that have significantly changed either the scope of the business undertaken by us or the manner in which that business is conducted. These charges include severance and related expenses for workforce reductions, impairments of long-lived assets that will no longer be used in operations (including right-of-use assets, other facility-related property and equipment and internal-use software) and termination fees for any contracts cancelled as part of these programs. We exclude these items from our non-GAAP financial measures when evaluating our continuing business performance as such items vary significantly based on the magnitude of the restructuring action and do not reflect expected future operating expenses. In addition, these charges do not necessarily provide meaningful insight into the fundamentals of current or past operations of our business.

- **Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs and amortization of capitalized interest expense** – In August 2019, we issued \$1,150 million of convertible senior notes due 2027 with a coupon interest rate of 0.375%. In May 2018, we issued \$1,150 million of convertible senior notes due 2025 with a coupon interest rate of 0.125%. The imputed interest rates of these convertible senior notes were 3.10% and 4.26%, respectively. This is a result of the debt discounts recorded for the conversion features that, prior to January 1, 2022, were required to be separately accounted for as equity under GAAP, thereby reducing the carrying values of the convertible debt instruments. The debt discounts were amortized as interest expense. On January 1, 2022, we adopted the new guidance for accounting for convertible instruments, which eliminated separate accounting for the equity portion, and thus the amortization of the debt discount that was recorded as interest expense. Prior to January 1, 2022, we excluded this non-cash interest expense from our non-GAAP results because it was not representative of ongoing operating performance. After January 1, 2022, this interest expense is no longer included in or excluded from GAAP or non-GAAP results. Additionally, the issuance costs of the convertible senior notes are amortized as interest expense and are also excluded from our non-GAAP results because management believes the non-cash amortization expense is not representative of ongoing operating performance.
- **Gains and losses on investments** – We have recorded gains and losses from the disposition, changes to fair value and impairment of certain investments. We believe excluding these amounts from our non-GAAP financial measures is useful to investors as the types of events giving rise to these gains and losses are not representative of our core business operations and ongoing operating performance.
- **Legal settlements** – We have incurred losses related to the settlement of legal matters. We believe excluding these amounts from our non-GAAP financial measures is useful to investors as the types of events giving rise to them are not representative of our core business operations.
- **Endowment of Akamai Foundation** – We have incurred expenses to endow the Akamai Foundation, a private corporate foundation dedicated to encouraging the next generation of technology innovators by supporting math and science education. Our first endowment was in 2018 to enable a permanent endowment for the Akamai Foundation to allow it to expand its reach. In the fourth quarter of 2020 we supplemented the endowment to enable specific initiatives to increase diversity in the technology industry. We believe excluding these amounts from non-GAAP financial measures is useful to investors as these infrequent expenses are not representative of our core business operations.
- **Income and losses from equity method investment** – We record income or losses on our share of earnings and losses from our equity method investment. We exclude such income and losses because we do not direct control over the operations of the investment and the related income and losses are not representative of our core business operations.
- **Income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments and certain discrete tax items** – The non-GAAP adjustments described above are reported on a pre-tax basis. The income tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments is the difference between GAAP and non-GAAP income tax expense. Non-GAAP income tax expense is computed on non-GAAP pre-tax income (GAAP pre-tax income adjusted for non-GAAP adjustments) and excludes certain discrete tax items (such as recording or releasing of valuation allowances), if any. We believe that applying the non-GAAP adjustments and their related income tax effect allows us to highlight income attributable to our core operations.

The following table reconciles GAAP income from operations to non-GAAP income from operations and non-GAAP operating margin for the periods presented (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Income from operations	\$ 173,319	\$ 182,364
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	13,644	11,427
Stock-based compensation	56,227	54,305
Amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation and capitalized interest expense	7,947	8,598
Restructuring charge	8,016	7,116
Acquisition-related costs	10,943	64
Non-GAAP income from operations	<u>\$ 270,096</u>	<u>\$ 263,874</u>
GAAP operating margin	19 %	22 %
Non-GAAP operating margin	30 %	31 %

The following table reconciles GAAP net income to non-GAAP net income for the periods presented (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Net income	\$ 119,163	\$ 155,695
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	13,644	11,427
Stock-based compensation	56,227	54,305
Amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation and capitalized interest expense	7,947	8,598
Restructuring charge	8,016	7,116
Acquisition-related costs	10,943	64
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs	1,119	16,257
Loss on investments	8,901	—
Loss from equity method investment	7,635	698
Income tax effect of above non-GAAP adjustments and certain discrete tax items	(8,800)	(26,346)
Non-GAAP net income	<u>\$ 224,795</u>	<u>\$ 227,814</u>

The following table reconciles GAAP net income per diluted share to non-GAAP net income per diluted share for the periods presented (in thousands, except per share data):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
GAAP net income per diluted share	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.94
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	0.08	0.07
Stock-based compensation	0.34	0.33
Amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation and capitalized interest expense	0.05	0.05
Restructuring charge	0.05	0.04
Acquisition-related costs	0.07	—
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs	0.01	0.10
Loss on investments	0.05	—
Loss from equity method investment	0.05	—
Income tax effect of above non-GAAP adjustments and certain discrete tax items	(0.05)	(0.16)
Adjustment for shares ⁽¹⁾	0.02	0.01
Non-GAAP net income per diluted share ⁽²⁾	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.38
Shares used in GAAP per diluted share calculations	163,637	165,688
Impact of benefit from note hedge transactions ⁽¹⁾	(1,822)	(954)
Shares used in non-GAAP per diluted share calculations ⁽¹⁾	161,815	164,734

(1) Shares used in non-GAAP per diluted share calculations have been adjusted for the periods presented for the benefit of our note hedge transactions. During the periods presented Akamai's average stock price was in excess of \$95.10, which is the initial conversion price of our convertible senior notes due in 2025. See further definition below.

(2) Amounts may not foot due to rounding.

Non-GAAP net income per diluted share is calculated as non-GAAP net income divided by diluted weighted average common shares outstanding. GAAP diluted weighted average common shares outstanding are adjusted in non-GAAP per share calculations for the shares that would be delivered to us pursuant to the note hedge transactions entered into in connection with the issuance of our convertible senior notes. Under GAAP, shares delivered under hedge transactions are not considered offsetting shares in the fully-diluted share calculation until they are delivered. However, we would receive a benefit from the note hedge transactions and would not allow the dilution to occur, so management believes that adjusting for this benefit provides a meaningful view of net income per share. Unless our weighted average stock price is greater than \$95.10, the initial conversion price of the convertible senior notes due 2025, or \$116.18, the initial conversion price of the convertible senior notes due 2027, there will be no difference between our GAAP and non-GAAP diluted weighted average common shares outstanding.

We consider Adjusted EBITDA to be another important indicator of the operational strength and performance of our business and a good measure of our historical operating trends. Adjusted EBITDA eliminates items that we do not consider to be part of our core operations. We define Adjusted EBITDA as GAAP net income excluding the following items: interest income; income taxes; depreciation and amortization of tangible and intangible assets; stock-based compensation; amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation; acquisition-related costs; restructuring charges; foreign exchange gains and losses; interest expense; amortization of capitalized interest expense; certain gains and losses on investments; income and losses on equity method investment; and other non-recurring or unusual items that may arise from time to time. Adjusted EBITDA margin represents Adjusted EBITDA stated as a percentage of revenue.

The following table reconciles GAAP net income to Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin for the periods presented (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Net income	\$ 119,163	\$ 155,695
Interest and marketable securities (loss) income, net	211	(4,578)
Provision for income taxes	34,050	11,898
Depreciation and amortization	121,188	111,484
Amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation and capitalized interest expense	7,947	8,598
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	13,644	11,427
Stock-based compensation	56,227	54,305
Restructuring charge	8,016	7,116
Acquisition-related costs	10,943	64
Interest expense	2,695	17,834
Loss on investments	8,901	—
Loss from equity method investment	7,635	698
Other expense, net	664	817
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 391,284	\$ 375,358
Net income margin	13 %	18 %
Adjusted EBITDA margin	43 %	45 %

Impact of Foreign Currency Exchange Rates

Revenue and earnings from our international operations have historically been important contributors to our financial results. Consequently, our financial results have been impacted, and management expects they will continue to be impacted, by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. For example, when the local currencies of our foreign subsidiaries weaken, generally our consolidated results stated in U.S. dollars are negatively impacted.

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

Liquidity and Capital Resources

To date, we have financed our operations primarily through public and private sales of debt and equity securities and cash generated by operations. As of March 31, 2022, our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, which consisted of corporate bonds and U.S. government agency obligations, totaled \$1.3 billion. We place our cash investments in instruments that meet high-quality credit standards, as specified in our investment policy. Our investment policy is also designed to limit the amount of our credit exposure to any one issue or issuer and seeks to manage these assets to achieve our goals of preserving principal and maintaining adequate liquidity at all times.

Changes in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities are dependent upon changes in, among other things, working capital items such as accounts receivable, deferred revenues, accounts payable and various accrued expenses, as well as changes in our capital and financial structure due to common stock repurchases, debt repayments and issuances, purchases and sales of marketable securities and similar events. We believe our strong balance sheet and cash position are important competitive

differentiators that provide the financial stability and flexibility to enable us to continue to make investments at opportune times. We expect to continue to evaluate strategic investments to strengthen our business.

As of March 31, 2022, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$264.9 million held in accounts outside the U.S. The TCJA establishes a territorial tax system in the U.S., which provides companies with the potential ability to repatriate earnings with minimal U.S. federal income tax impact. As a result, our liquidity is not expected to be materially impacted by the amount of cash and cash equivalents held in accounts outside the U.S.

Cash Provided by Operating Activities

<i>(in thousands)</i>	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Net income	\$ 119,163	\$ 155,695
Non-cash reconciling items included in net income	215,496	205,023
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(112,208)	(110,925)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 222,451</u>	<u>\$ 249,793</u>

The decrease in cash provided by operating activities for the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was primarily due to timing of income tax payments.

Cash Used in Investing Activities

<i>(in thousands)</i>	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	\$ (872,099)	\$ (15,638)
Purchases of property and equipment and capitalization of internal-use software development costs	(131,359)	(164,719)
Net marketable securities activity	691,802	143,870
Other investing activity	(5,242)	179
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>\$ (316,898)</u>	<u>\$ (36,308)</u>

The increase in cash used in investing activities during the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was driven by cash paid for the acquisition of Linode, offset by an increase in net marketable securities activities in anticipation of needing to fund our acquisition of Linode, partially in March 2022.

Cash Used in Financing Activities

<i>(in thousands)</i>	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
Proceeds from borrowings under revolving credit facility	\$ 75,000	\$ —
Activity related to stock-based compensation	(32,878)	(42,536)
Repurchases of common stock	(102,853)	(58,241)
Other financing activities	(104)	—
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>\$ (60,835)</u>	<u>\$ (100,777)</u>

The decrease in cash used in financing activities during the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, as compared to the same period in 2021, was primarily the result of borrowings under the revolving credit facility, which was partially offset by increases in share repurchases. Effective January 2022, our board of directors authorized a new \$1.8 billion share repurchase program through December 31, 2024. As of March 31, 2022, \$1.7 billion remained available for future share repurchases under the prior authorization. Our goal for the share repurchase program is to offset the dilution created by our employee equity compensation programs over time and provide the flexibility to return capital to shareholders as business and market conditions warrant, while still preserving our ability to pursue other strategic opportunities.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2022, we repurchased 0.9 million shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$111.25 per share for an aggregate of \$102.9 million. The timing and amount of any future share repurchases will be determined by our management based on its evaluation of market conditions and other factors.

Convertible Senior Notes

In August 2019, we issued \$1,150.0 million in principal amount of convertible senior notes due 2027 and entered into related convertible note hedge and warrant transactions. We intend to use the net proceeds of the offering for share repurchases, working capital and general corporate purposes, including potential acquisitions and other strategic transactions.

In May 2018, we issued \$1,150.0 million in principal amount of convertible senior notes due 2025 and entered into related convertible note hedge and warrant transactions. We used a portion of the net proceeds to repay at maturity all of our \$690.0 million outstanding aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes due in 2019.

The terms of the notes and hedge transactions are discussed more fully in Note 7 to the condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

Revolving Credit Facility

In May 2018, we entered into a \$500.0 million, five-year revolving credit agreement, or the Credit Agreement. Borrowings under the facility may be used to finance working capital needs and for general corporate purposes. The facility provides for an initial \$500.0 million in revolving loans. Under specified circumstances, the facility can be increased to up to \$1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount.

Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest, at our option, at a base rate plus a spread of 0.00% to 0.25% or an adjusted LIBOR rate plus a spread of 0.875% to 1.25%, in each case with such spread being determined based on our consolidated leverage ratio specified in the Credit Agreement. Regardless of what amounts, if any, are outstanding under the Credit Agreement, we are also obligated to pay an ongoing commitment fee on undrawn amounts at a rate of 0.075% to 0.15%, with such rate being based on our consolidated leverage ratio specified in the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants, and events of default. Principal covenants include a maximum consolidated leverage ratio and a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio. In March 2022, we borrowed \$75.0 million under the Credit Agreement, and as of March 31, 2022, \$75.0 million remains outstanding. We plan to repay amounts outstanding in less than 12 months.

Liquidity Outlook

Based on our present business plan, we expect our current cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities balances and our forecasted cash flows from operations to be sufficient to meet our foreseeable cash needs for at least the next 12 months. Our foreseeable cash needs, in addition to our recurring operating costs, include our expected capital expenditures, investments in information technology, other strategic acquisitions, anticipated share repurchases, lease and purchase commitments, repayment of amounts outstanding under our Credit Agreement and settlements of other long-term liabilities.

Contractual Obligations

Our principal commitments consist of service agreements with various vendors for bandwidth usage, obligations under leases with co-location facilities for data center capacity, obligations under leases for office space and open vendor purchase orders. Our minimum commitments related to bandwidth usage and co-location leases may vary from period to period depending on the timing and length of contract renewals with our vendors. As of March 31, 2022, there have been no significant changes in our future non-cancelable minimum payments under these commitments from those reported in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, other than normal period-to-period variations.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have entered into indemnification agreements with third parties, including vendors, customers, landlords, our officers and directors, shareholders of acquired companies, joint venture partners and third parties to which we license technology. Generally, these indemnification agreements require us to reimburse losses suffered by a third party due to various events, such as lawsuits arising from patent or copyright infringement or our negligence. These indemnification obligations are considered off-balance sheet arrangements in accordance with the authoritative guidance for guarantor's accounting and disclosure requirements for guarantees, including indirect guarantees of indebtedness of others. See also Note 13 to our consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 for further discussion of these indemnification agreements. The fair value of guarantees issued or modified during the three months ended March 31, 2022 was determined to be immaterial.

As of March 31, 2022, we did not have any additional material off-balance sheet arrangements.

Significant Accounting Policies and Estimates

See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021. There have been no material changes to our significant accounting policies and estimates from those reported in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Item 3. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*

Interest Rate Risk

Our portfolio of cash equivalents and short- and long-term investments is maintained in a variety of securities, including U.S. government agency obligations and high-quality corporate debt securities. The majority of our investments are classified as available-for-sale securities and carried at fair market value with cumulative unrealized gains or losses recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity. A sharp rise in interest rates could have an adverse impact on the fair market value of certain securities in our portfolio. We do not currently hedge our interest rate exposure and do not enter into financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. If market interest rates were to increase by 100 basis points from March 31, 2022 levels, the fair value of our available-for-sale portfolio would decline by approximately \$13.8 million.

In August 2019, we issued \$1,150.0 million aggregate principal amount of 0.375% convertible senior notes due 2027. In May 2018, we issued \$1,150.0 million aggregate principal amount of 0.125% convertible senior notes due 2025. These notes have a fixed annual interest rate, so they do not give rise to financial or economic interest exposure associated with changes in interest rates. However, the fair value of fixed rate debt instruments fluctuates when interest rates change. Additionally, the fair value can be affected when the market price of our common stock fluctuates. We carry the notes at face value less an unamortized discount on our consolidated balance sheet, and we present the fair value for required disclosure purposes only.

In March 2022, we borrowed \$75.0 million under our Credit Agreement, which has a variable rate of interest. A hypothetical 100 basis point increase in interest rates would increase interest expense on this borrowing by an insignificant amount for the three months ended March 31, 2022.

Foreign Currency Risk

Growth in our international operations will incrementally increase our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations as well as other risks typical of international operations that could impact our business, including, but not limited to, differing economic conditions, changes in political climate, differing tax structures and other regulations and restrictions. Due to the strengthening U.S. dollar, our revenue results have been negatively impacted and we expect them to continue to be negatively impacted during the remainder of 2022. The strengthening U.S. dollar has the opposite effect on expenses that are denominated in foreign currencies, but only partially offsets the impact to our revenue. A hypothetical 10% strengthening or weakening in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the foreign currencies in which our revenues and expenses are denominated would not result in a material impact to our results of operations on a net basis.

Transaction Exposure

Foreign exchange rate fluctuations may adversely impact our consolidated results of operations as exchange rate fluctuations on transactions denominated in currencies other than our functional currencies result in gains and losses that are reflected in our condensed consolidated statements of income. We enter into short-term foreign currency forward contracts to offset foreign exchange gains and losses generated by the re-measurement of certain assets and liabilities recorded in non-functional currencies. Changes in the fair value of these derivatives, as well as re-measurement gains and losses, are recognized in our condensed consolidated statements of income within other expense, net. Foreign currency transaction gains and losses from these forward contracts were determined to be immaterial during the three months ended March 31, 2022. We do not enter into derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Translation Exposure

To the extent the U.S. dollar weakens against foreign currencies, the translation of these foreign currency-denominated transactions will result in increased revenue and operating expenses. Conversely, our revenue and operating expenses will decrease when the U.S. dollar strengthens against foreign currencies.

Foreign exchange rate fluctuations may also adversely impact our consolidated financial condition as the assets and liabilities of our foreign operations are translated into U.S. dollars in preparing our condensed consolidated balance sheet. These gains or losses are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity.

Credit Risk

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable are limited to certain customers to which we make substantial sales. Our customer base consists of a large number of geographically dispersed customers diversified across numerous industries. We believe that our accounts receivable credit risk exposure is limited. As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, there was one customer with an accounts receivable balance greater than 10% of our accounts receivable. We believe that at March 31, 2022, the concentration of credit risk related to accounts receivable was insignificant.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer (our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, respectively), evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2022. The term “disclosure controls and procedures,” as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission’s rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company’s management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives, and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of

possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2022, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

No change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) occurred during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2022 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*

We are party to litigation that we consider routine and incidental to our business. We do not currently expect the results of any of these litigation matters to have a material effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

Item 1A. *Risk Factors*

The following are important factors that could cause our actual operating results to differ materially from those indicated or suggested by forward-looking statements made in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q or presented elsewhere by management from time to time.

Financial and Operational Risks

We may face slowing revenue growth which could negatively impact our profitability and stock price.

The revenue growth rate we have enjoyed in recent years may not continue in future periods and could decline, which could negatively impact our profitability and stock price. Our revenue depends on the amount of services we deliver, continued growth in demand for our delivery, compute and security solutions and our ability to maintain the prices we charge for them. In particular, varying levels of amount of traffic on our network can have a more significant impact on our short term revenue growth rate.

We experienced a significant increase in revenue from our delivery solutions in 2020 due in large part to greater consumption of online media and games during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated stay-at-home orders across the globe. In 2021 and the first quarter of 2022, our revenue growth from delivery solutions declined as stay-at-home orders were lifted. Numerous factors impact our revenue, traffic and sales growth including:

- our ability to build on recurring revenue commitments for our security and performance offerings;
- our ability to develop new products;
- factors that influence traffic growth, such as the pace of introduction of over-the-top video delivery initiatives by our customers and the imposition or lifting of restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- the popularity of our customers' streaming offerings as compared to those offered by companies that do not use our solutions;
- variation in the popularity of online gaming;
- media and other customers utilizing their own data centers and implementing delivery approaches that limit or eliminate reliance on third-party providers like us;
- the adoption of permanent hybrid or work from home policies by employees; and
- general macro-economic, regulatory and geopolitical conditions and industry pressures.

We have experienced significant growth in revenue from our security solutions in recent years. To maintain or accelerate growth in security revenue, we must increase our industry recognition as a security solutions provider and develop or acquire new solutions in a rapidly-changing environment where security threats are constantly evolving. We must also ensure that our solutions operate effectively and are competitive with products offered by others.

We are dependent upon the overall economic health of our current and prospective customers and the continued growth and evolution of information technology. We have experienced revenue declines in recent quarters from our delivery-based solutions for portions of our business and expect this trend to continue because of increasing pricing pressure due to competition and fluctuations in traffic growth rates. For example, approximately 1% of our revenue has been generated from traffic we serve into Russia, Belarus and Ukraine, and we have experienced a decline in revenue related to the war in Ukraine

due to a decrease in traffic in these countries since the war began. In addition, in 2021 and the first quarter of 2022, some of our customers continued to experience disruptions to their businesses following the emergence of COVID-19 variants. These disruptions or changes in international, national, regional and local economic conditions, such as inflation, increasing energy prices, supply constraints, increasing interest rates, foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, securities market and monetary supply fluctuations, recessionary economic cycles, protracted economic slowdowns or any deterioration in the economy could adversely affect our business. Any of these circumstances would negatively impact our revenues.

Our ability to increase our overall revenue also depends on many other factors including how well we can:

- retain existing customers, including by maintaining the levels of existing services they buy and by delivering consistent and quality performance levels;
- upsell new solutions to existing customers;
- expand our customer base;
- develop and sell innovative and appealing new solutions;
- continue to expand our sales internationally;
- successfully integrate our recent acquisitions into our business;
- address potential commoditization of our delivery-based solutions, which can lead to lower prices and loss of customers to competitors;
- counteract multi-vendor policies that could cause customers to reduce their reliance on us;
- handle other competitive threats to our business;
- adapt to changes in our customer contracting models from a committed revenue structure to a "pay-as-you-go" approach, which would make it easier for customers to stop doing business with us, or from traditional overage billing models to ones that do not incorporate surcharges for usage above committed levels; and
- manage the impact of changes in general economic conditions, geopolitical conditions and industry pressures, public health issues, natural disasters and public unrest on our ability to sell, market and provide our solutions.

If we are unable to increase revenues, our profitability and stock price could suffer.

Failure to control expenses could reduce our profitability, which would negatively impact our stock price.

Maintaining or improving our profitability depends both on our ability to increase our revenue, even with the potential challenges discussed above, and limit our expenses. We base our decisions about expense levels and investments on estimates of our future revenue and future anticipated rates of growth; however, many of our expenses are fixed costs for a certain amount of time so it may not be possible to reduce costs in a timely manner or without incurring fees to exit certain obligations early. In addition, we have seen our costs increase and our costs may continue to increase due to rising inflation, interest rates, supply chain disruptions or other market conditions. For example, we have experienced rising energy costs in areas in which we operate, particularly in Europe. If we are unable to increase revenue through traffic growth, growth of sales of our products and services or otherwise and limit expenses, our results of operations will suffer. If we are required to significantly reduce expenses to maintain or improve profitability, such actions may negatively affect our ability to invest in our business for innovation, systems improvements and other initiatives.

If we do not develop or acquire new solutions that are attractive to our customers, our revenue and operating results could be adversely affected.

Innovation is important to our future success. In particular, as security solutions have become, and are expected to continue to be, an increasingly important part of our business, we must be particularly adept at developing new security services that meet the constantly-changing threat landscape. In addition, we must continue to develop compute and compute-to-edge solutions that meet the needs of professional users and enterprises looking to increase the utility of the internet for their business. The process of developing new solutions is complex, lengthy and uncertain; we must commit significant resources to developing new services or features without knowing whether our investments will result in solutions the market will accept, and we may choose to invest in business areas for which a viable market for our products does not ultimately develop. We have also experienced, and may in the future experience, delays in developing and releasing new products and product enhancements. This could cause our expenses to grow more rapidly than our revenue.

Trying to innovate through acquisition can be costly and with uncertain prospects for success; we may find that attractive acquisition targets are too expensive for us to pursue which could cause us to pursue more time-consuming internal development.

With the recent acquisition of Linode, we are focused on investing in our suite of compute products to expand our customer base, global presence and technological capabilities in this area. Success in these efforts will largely depend on our ability to create products that are competitive in the enterprise market and manage an uncertain supply chain for server related hardware. Failure to develop, on a cost-effective basis, innovative new or enhanced solutions that are attractive to customers and profitable to us could have a material detrimental effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

If we are unable to compete effectively and adapt to changing market conditions, our business will be adversely affected.

We compete in markets that are intensely competitive and rapidly changing. Our current and potential competitors vary by size, product offerings and geographic region, and range from start-ups that offer solutions competing with a discrete part of our business to large technology or telecommunications companies that offer, or may be planning to introduce, products and services that are broadly competitive with what we do. The primary competitive factors in our market are differentiation of technology, global presence, quality of solutions, customer service, technical expertise, security, ease-of-use, breadth of services offered, price and financial strength.

Many of our current and potential competitors have substantially greater financial, technical and marketing resources, larger customer bases, broader product portfolios, longer operating histories, greater brand recognition and more established relationships in the industry than we do. As a result, some of these competitors may be able to:

- develop superior products or services;
- leverage better name recognition, particularly in the security and compute markets;
- enter new markets more easily;
- gain greater market acceptance for their products and services;
- expand their offerings more efficiently and more rapidly;
- bundle their products that are competitive with ours with other solutions they offer in a way that makes our offerings less appealing to current and potential customers;
- more quickly adapt to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements;
- take advantage of acquisition, investment and other opportunities more readily;
- offer lower prices than ours, including at levels that may not be profitable for us to match;
- spend more money on the promotion, marketing and sales of their products and services; and
- spend more money on research and development, including offering higher salaries to talented professionals which may impact our ability to hire or retain engineering and other personnel.

Smaller and more nimble competitors may be able to:

- attract customers by offering less sophisticated versions of products and services than we provide at lower prices than those we charge;
- develop new business models that are disruptive to us;
- in some cases, use funds from public securities offerings or private financings to strengthen their business to enable them to better compete with us; and
- respond more quickly than we can to new or emerging technologies, changes in customer requirements and market and industry developments, resulting in superior offerings.

Ultimately, any type of increased competition could result in price and revenue reductions, loss of customers and loss of market share, each of which could materially impact our business, profitability, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We and other companies that compete in this industry and these markets experience continually shifting business relationships, reputations, commercial focuses and business priorities, all of which occur in reaction to industry and market forces and the emergence of new opportunities. These shifts have led or could lead to our customers or partners becoming our competitors; network suppliers no longer seeking to work with us; and large technology companies that previously did not appear to show interest in the markets we seek to address entering into those markets as our competitors. With this constantly changing environment, we may face operational difficulties in adjusting to the changes or our core strategies could become obsolete. Any of these developments could harm our business.

Defects or disruptions in our products and IT systems could require us to increase spending on upgrading systems, diminish demand for our solutions or subject us to substantial liability.

Our solutions are highly complex and are designed to be deployed in and across numerous large and complex networks that we do not control. From time to time, we have needed to correct errors and defects in the proprietary and open-source software that underlies our platform that have given rise to service incidents, outages and disruptions or otherwise impacted our operations. For example, during the summer of 2021, we experienced service incidents that interrupted the availability of some of our customers' websites. We could face the loss of customers as a result of recent and any future incidents as they seek alternative or supplemental providers. We have also periodically experienced customer dissatisfaction with the quality of some of our media delivery and other services, which has led to a loss of business and could lead to a loss of customers in the future. Furthermore, most of our customer agreements contain service level commitments. If we fail to meet these contractual commitments, we could be obligated to provide credits for future service, or face contract termination with refunds of prepaid amounts, which could harm our business.

While we have robust quality control processes in place, there may be additional errors and defects in our software and open-source software that we leverage that may adversely affect our operations. We may not have in place adequate quality assurance procedures to ensure that we detect errors in our software and open-source software we use in a timely manner, and we may have insufficient resources to efficiently address multiple service incidents happening simultaneously or in rapid succession. We continue to invest in improving our processes and systems. If we are unable to efficiently and cost-effectively fix errors or other problems that we identify and improve the quality of our solutions or systems, or if there are unidentified errors that allow persons to improperly access our services or systems, we could experience litigation, the need to issue credits to customers, loss of revenue and market share, damage to our reputation, diversion of management attention, increased expenses and reduced profitability.

An increasing portion of our revenue is derived from sales of security solutions. Defects in our security solutions could lead to negative publicity, loss of business, damages payments to customers and other negative consequences. As our solutions are adopted by an increasing number of enterprises and governments, it is possible that the individuals and organizations behind advanced malware attacks will specifically focus on finding ways to defeat our products and services. If they are successful, we could experience a serious impact on our reputation as a provider of security solutions.

Our business relies on our data systems, traffic measurement systems, billing systems, ordering processes and other operational and financial reporting and control systems. We also rely on third-party software for certain essential operational services and a failure or disruption in these services could materially and adversely affect our ability to manage our business effectively. All of these systems have become increasingly complex due to the complexity of our business, use of third-party software and services, acquisitions of new businesses with different systems, and increased regulation over controls and procedures. As a result, these systems could generate errors that impact traffic measurement or invoicing, revenue recognition and financial forecasting or other parts of our business. We will need to continue to upgrade and improve our data systems, traffic measurement systems, billing systems, ordering processes and other operational and financial systems, procedures and controls. These upgrades and improvements may be difficult and costly. In addition, we could face strains on, or failures of, our internal IT systems if governmental restrictions or vaccine or other mandates due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic limit the ability of our command center personnel to work in our physical locations. If we are unable to adapt our systems and organization in a timely, efficient and cost-effective manner to accommodate changing circumstances, our business may be adversely affected.

Cybersecurity breaches and attacks on us, as well as steps we need to take in an effort to prevent them, can lead to significant costs and disruptions that would harm our business, financial results and reputation.

We regularly face attempts to gain unauthorized access or deliver malicious software to the Akamai Intelligent Edge Platform and our internal IT systems, with the goal of stealing proprietary information related to our business, products, employees and customers; disrupting our systems and services or those of our customers or others; or demanding ransom to return control of such systems and services. These attempts take a variety of forms, including Distributed Denial of Service attacks, infrastructure attacks, botnets, malicious file uploads, application abuse, credential abuse, ransomware, bugs, viruses, worms and malicious software programs. There could be attempts to infiltrate our systems through our supply chain and contractors. Malicious actors are known to attempt to fraudulently induce employees and suppliers to disclose sensitive information through illegal electronic spamming, phishing or other tactics. Other parties may attempt to gain unauthorized physical access to our facilities in order to infiltrate our internal-use information systems. Furthermore, nation state attacks against us or our customers may intensify during periods of heightened geopolitical tensions or armed conflict, such as the ongoing war in Ukraine. While we have taken and continue to take actions to mitigate against attacks by state actors and others, we may not be able to anticipate the techniques used in such attacks, as they change frequently and may not be recognized until launched. To date, cyber threats and other attacks have not resulted in any material adverse impact to our business or

operations, but such threats are constantly evolving, increasing the difficulty of detecting and successfully defending against them.

The complexities in managing the security profile of a distributed network with vast scale and geographic reach that evolves to incorporate new capabilities expose us to both known and unknown vulnerabilities. We have discovered vulnerabilities in software used in our technology, such as the vulnerability in Apache Log4j 2 referred to as “Log4Shell” identified in late 2021 that impacted a large portion of the internet ecosystem, and may have other undiscovered vulnerabilities. These vulnerabilities, resident in either software or configurations, may require significant operational efforts to mitigate and may persist for extended periods of time and the effects of any such vulnerability could be exacerbated. Our ability to detect vulnerabilities could be particularly limited during extraordinary events, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, where more staff are working remotely and dealing with unusual distractions. Similar security risks exist with respect to acquired companies, our business partners and the third-party vendors that we rely on for aspects of our information technology support services and administrative functions. As a result, we are subject to risks that the activities of our business partners and third-party vendors may adversely affect our business even if an attack or breach does not directly target our systems. See also the risk factor captioned *We utilize third-party technology in our business, and failures or vulnerabilities, and/or litigation, related to these technologies may adversely affect our business* below.

To protect our corporate and deployed networks, we must continuously engineer more secure solutions, enhance security and reliability features, improve the deployment of software updates to address security vulnerabilities, develop mitigation technologies that help to secure customers from attacks and maintain the digital security infrastructure that protects the integrity of our network and services. This is frequently costly, with a negative impact on near-term profitability. We may need to increase our spending in the future; these costs could reduce our operating margin.

Any actual, alleged or perceived breach of network security in our systems or networks, or any other actual, alleged or perceived data security incident we, our customers or our third-party suppliers suffer, can result in damage to our reputation; negative publicity; loss of channel partners, customers and sales; loss of competitive advantages; increased costs to remedy any problems and otherwise respond to any incident; regulatory investigations and enforcement actions; costly litigation; and other liabilities. With the recent acquisition of Linode, we are adapting procedures for mitigating harms that may arise from abuse of our compute products. If we fail to mitigate these or if there is a significant cybersecurity event using our compute products, it could result in loss of customers and reputational damage. In addition, we may incur significant costs and operational consequences of investigating, remediating, eliminating and putting in place additional tools and devices designed to prevent actual or perceived security breaches and other security incidents, as well as the costs to comply with any notification obligations resulting from any security incidents. Any of these negative outcomes could adversely impact the market perception of our solutions and customer and investor confidence in our company and otherwise seriously harm our business and operating results.

If we cannot maintain compatibility with our customers' IT infrastructure, including their chosen third-party applications, our business will be harmed.

Our products interoperate with our customers' IT infrastructure, that often has different specifications, utilizes diverse technology, and requires compatibility with multiple communication protocols. Therefore, the functionality of our technology often needs to have, and maintain, compatibility with our customers' technology environment, including their chosen third-party technology. Customers, and in particular these chosen third-party applications, may change features, restrict our access to, or alter their applications in a manner that causes incompatibilities or causes us significant costs to maintain compatibility, and as a result our business could be adversely affected. Such changes could functionally limit or prevent the compatibility of our products with our customers' IT infrastructure, which would negatively affect adoption of our products and harm our business. If we fail to update our products to achieve compatibility with new third-party applications that our customers use, we may not be able to offer the functionality that our customers need, which would harm our business.

We face risks associated with global operations that could harm our business.

A significant portion of our employee increases, customer additions and revenue growth in recent quarters has been attributable to revenue gains outside the U.S. Our operations in foreign countries subject us to risks that may increase our costs, impact our financial results, disrupt our operations or make our operations less efficient and require significant management attention. These risks include:

- foreign exchange rate risks;

- uncertainty regarding liability for content or services, including uncertainty as a result of local laws and lack of legal precedent;
- loss of revenues if the U.S. or foreign governments impose limitations on doing business with significant current or potential customers;
- adjusting to different employee/employer relationships and different regulations governing such relationships;
- becoming subject to regulatory oversight;
- corporate and personal liability for alleged or actual violations of laws and regulations;
- difficulty in staffing, training, developing and managing foreign operations as a result of distance, language, cultural differences or regulations;
- theft of intellectual property in high-risk countries where we operate;
- difficulties in enforcing contracts, collecting accounts and longer payment cycles in certain countries;
- difficulties in transferring funds from, or converting currencies in, certain countries;
- managing the costs and processes necessary to comply with export control, sanctions, such as the sanctions imposed in connection with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, anti-corruption, data protection and competition laws and regulations or other regulatory or contractual limitations on our ability to sell or develop our products and services in certain foreign markets;
- geopolitical developments, including any that impact our or our customers' ability to operate or deliver content to a country;
- other circumstances outside of our control such as trade disputes, political unrest, the imposition of sanctions, export controls, warfare, military or armed conflict, such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine, terrorist attacks, public health emergencies such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters that could disrupt our ability to provide services or limit customer purchases of them;
- reliance on one or more channel partners over which we have limited control or influence on a day-to-day basis; and
- potentially adverse tax consequences.

We are subject to laws and regulations worldwide that differ among jurisdictions, affecting our operations in areas such as intellectual property ownership and infringement; tax; anti-corruption; internet and technology regulations; foreign exchange controls and cash repatriation; data privacy; competition; consumer protection; and employment. Compliance with such requirements can be onerous and expensive and may otherwise impact our business operations negatively. Although we have policies, controls, and procedures designed to help ensure compliance with applicable laws, there can be no assurance that our employees, contractors, suppliers or agents will not violate such laws or our policies. Violations of these laws and regulations can result in fines; criminal sanctions against us, our officers or our employees; prohibitions on the conduct of our business; and damage to our reputation. See also the risk factor captioned *Other regulatory developments could negatively impact our business* below.

Our business strategy depends on the ability to source adequate transmission capacity, co-location facilities and the equipment we need to operate our network; failure to have access to those resources could lead to loss of revenue and service disruptions.

To operate our network, we are dependent in part upon transmission capacity provided by third-party telecommunications network providers, the availability of co-location facilities to house our servers and equipment to support our operations. We may be unable to purchase the bandwidth and space we need from these providers due to limitations on their resources or other reasons outside of our control. Inability to access facilities where we would like to install servers, or perform maintenance on existing servers, because of governmental restrictions on access due to stay-at-home orders or social distancing requirements due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic or other events impedes our ability to expand or maintain capacity. As a result, there can be no assurance that we are adequately prepared for unexpected increases in bandwidth demands by our customers, particularly those under cyber-attack or impacted by pandemic-related events. Failure to put in place the capacity we require to operate our business effectively could result in a reduction in, or disruption of, service to our customers and ultimately a loss of those customers.

The Akamai Intelligent Edge Platform relies on hardware equipment, including hundreds of thousands of servers deployed around the world. Global supply chain constraints in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to increase lead times for equipment components, which adds risk to our ability to flex to meet future business needs and expand our global compute presence. Disruptions in our supply chain could prevent us from purchasing needed equipment at attractive prices or at all. For example, from time to time, it has been, and may continue to be, more difficult to purchase equipment that is manufactured in areas that face disruptions to operations due to unrest or other political activity, public health issues (such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic), safety issues, natural disasters or general economic conditions. Failure to have adequate equipment, including server equipment, could harm the quality of our services, which could lead to the loss of customers and revenue.

Acquisitions and other strategic transactions we complete could result in operating difficulties, dilution, diversion of management attention and other harmful consequences that may adversely impact our business and results of operations.

We expect to continue to pursue acquisitions and other types of strategic relationships that involve technology sharing or close cooperation with other companies. Acquisitions and other complex transactions are accompanied by a number of risks, including the following:

- difficulty integrating the technologies, operations and personnel of acquired businesses;
- potential disruptions of our ongoing business;
- potential distraction of management;
- diversion of business resources from core operations;
- financial consequences, such as increased operating expenses, incurrence of additional debt and other dilutive effects on our earnings, particularly in the current environment where we have generally seen escalating valuations of many technology companies and increasing allocation of risk to acquirors;
- assumption of legal risks related to compliance with laws, including privacy and anti-corruption regulations;
- failure to realize synergies or other expected benefits;
- lawsuits resulting from an acquisition or disposition;
- acquisition of IT systems that expose us to cybersecurity risks and additional costs to remedy such risks;
- increased accounting charges such as impairment of goodwill or intangible assets, amortization of intangible assets acquired and a reduction in the useful lives of intangible assets acquired; and
- potential unknown liabilities associated with acquired businesses.

Any inability to integrate completed acquisitions or combinations in an efficient and timely manner could have an adverse impact on our results of operations. If we use a significant portion of our available cash to pay for acquisitions that are not successful, it could harm our balance sheet and limit our flexibility to pursue other opportunities without having enjoyed the intended benefits of the acquisition. As we complete any future acquisitions, we may encounter difficulty in incorporating acquired technologies into our offerings while maintaining the quality standards that are consistent with our brand and reputation. If we are not successful in completing acquisitions or other strategic transactions that we may pursue in the future, we may incur substantial expenses and devote significant management time and resources without a successful result. Future acquisitions could require use of substantial portions of our available cash or result in dilutive issuances of securities.

If current and potential large customers shift to hardware-based or other DIY internal solutions, our business will be negatively impacted.

We are reliant on large media and other customers to direct traffic to our network for a significant part of our revenues. In the past, some of those customers have determined that it is better for them to employ a “do-it-yourself” or “DIY” strategy by putting in place equipment, software and other technology solutions for content and application delivery and security protection within their internal systems instead of using our solutions for some or all of their needs. Essentially, this is another form of competition for us. As the amount of money a customer spends with us increases, the risk that they will seek alternative solutions such as DIY or a multi-vendor policy likewise increases. If additional large customers shift to this model, traffic on our network and our contracted revenue commitments would decrease, which would negatively impact our business, profitability, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

If we are unable to recruit and retain key employees and qualified sales, research and development, technical, marketing and support personnel, our ability to compete could be harmed.

Our future success depends upon the services of our executive officers and other key technology, sales, research and development, marketing and support personnel who have critical industry experience and relationships. Like other companies in our industry, we have experienced, and we expect to continue to experience, difficulty in hiring and retaining highly skilled employees with appropriate qualifications, and, if we fail to attract new personnel or fail to retain and motivate our current personnel, our business and future growth prospects could suffer. For example, none of our officers or key employees is bound by an employment agreement for any specific term, and members of our senior management have left our company over the years for a variety of reasons. In addition, effective succession planning is important to our long-term success and our failure to ensure effective transfer of knowledge and smooth transitions involving our officers and other key personnel could hinder our strategic planning and execution.

In addition, our future success will depend upon our ability to attract and retain employees. Such efforts will require time, expense and attention by our employees as there is significant competition for talented individuals in the regions in which our

primary offices are located, which affects both our ability to retain key employees and hire new ones and new hires require significant training. This competition results in increased costs in the form of cash and stock-based compensation and can have a dilutive impact on our stock. The loss of the services of a significant number of our employees or any of our key employees or our inability to attract and retain new talent in a timely fashion may be disruptive to our operations and overall business.

Our failure to effectively manage our operations and maintain our company culture as our business evolves and our work practices change could harm us.

Our future operating results will depend on our ability to manage our operations and we believe our culture has been a key contributor to our success to date. As a result of the diversification of our business, personnel growth, increased usage of alternative working arrangements, including the designation of over 90% of roles as flexible and able to work remotely, including after the pandemic, acquisitions and international expansion in recent years, many of our employees are now based outside of our Cambridge, Massachusetts headquarters; however, most key management decisions are made by a relatively small group of individuals based primarily at our headquarters.

If we are unable to appropriately increase management depth, enhance succession planning and decentralize our decision-making at a pace commensurate with our actual or desired growth rates, we may not be able to achieve our financial or operational goals. It is also important to our continued success that we hire qualified personnel, properly train them and manage out poorly-performing personnel, all while maintaining our corporate culture and spirit of innovation. If we are not successful in these efforts, our growth and operations could be adversely affected.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, nearly all of our employees worldwide have been working remotely since the first quarter of 2020. As of May 2022, all of our offices are open for employees who would prefer to work from one of our offices. We rolled out our FlexBase program in May 2022, which allows the more than 90% of our workforce designated as flexible to choose whether they want to work from an Akamai office or their home office. Although we believe a flexible working policy will help us attract and retain talent, the long-term continuation of pandemic-based restrictions and implementation of our FlexBase program could, among other things, negatively impact employee morale and productivity, inhibit our ability to hire and train new employees and impede our ability to support customers at the levels they expect. In addition, certain security systems in homes or other remote workplaces may be less secure than those used in our offices, which may subject us to increased security risks, including cybersecurity-related events, and expose us to risks of data or financial loss and associated disruptions to our business operations. Members of our workforce who access company data and systems remotely may not have access to technology that is as robust as that in our offices, which could cause the networks, information systems, applications and other tools available to those remote workers to be more limited or less reliable than in our offices. We may also be exposed to risks associated with the locations of remote workers, including compliance with local laws and regulations or exposure to compromised internet infrastructure. Allowing members of our workforce to work remotely may create intellectual property risk if employees create intellectual property on our behalf while residing in a jurisdiction with unenforced or uncertain intellectual property laws. Further, if employees fail to inform us of changes in their work location, we may be exposed to additional risks without our knowledge. If we are unable to effectively transition to a hybrid workforce, manage the cybersecurity and other risks of remote work, and maintain our corporate culture and workforce morale, our business could be harmed or otherwise negatively impacted.

Our restructuring and reorganization activities may be disruptive to our operations and harm our business.

Over the past several years, we have implemented internal restructurings and reorganizations designed to reduce the size and cost of our operations, improve operational efficiencies, enhance our ability to pursue market opportunities and accelerate our technology development initiatives. In February 2021, we announced a significant reorganization to create two new business groups linked to our security and edge delivery technologies as well as establishing a unified global sales force. We may take similar steps in the future as we seek to realize operating synergies, optimize our operations to achieve our target operating model and profitability objectives, respond to market forces or better reflect changes in the strategic direction of our business. Disruptions in operations may occur as a result of taking these actions. Taking these actions may also result in significant expense for us, including with respect to workforce reductions, as well as decreased productivity due to employee distraction and unanticipated employee turnover. Substantial expense or business disruptions resulting from restructuring and reorganization activities could adversely affect our operating results.

We may have exposure to greater-than-anticipated tax liabilities.

Our future income taxes could be adversely affected by earnings being lower than anticipated in jurisdictions that have lower statutory tax rates and higher than anticipated in jurisdictions that have higher statutory tax rates, or changes in tax laws, regulations or accounting principles, as well as certain discrete items such as equity-related compensation. In particular, in October 2021, a global consortium of countries agreed to establishing a new framework for international tax reform; if implemented, such reform may increase our tax liabilities and reduce our profitability. We have recorded certain tax reserves to address potential exposures involving our income tax and sales and use tax positions. These potential tax liabilities result from the varying application of statutes, rules, regulations and interpretations by different jurisdictions. We are currently subject to tax audits in various jurisdictions including the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the second quarter of 2018, we filed an appeal with the Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board, or MATB, contesting adverse audit findings relating to our eligibility to claim certain tax benefits and exemptions. In July 2020, the MATB ruled in our favor; however the Massachusetts Department of Revenue has appealed the decision. If the ultimate outcome of the appeal and other audits are adverse to us, our reserves may not be adequate to cover our total actual liability, and we would need to take a financial charge. Although we believe our estimates, our reserves and the positions we have taken in all jurisdictions are reasonable, the ultimate tax outcome may differ from the amounts recorded in our financial statements and may materially affect our financial results in the period or periods for which such determination is made.

Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates affect our reported operating results in U.S. dollar terms.

Revenue generated and expenses incurred by our international subsidiaries are often denominated in the currencies of the local countries. As a result, our consolidated U.S. dollar financial statements are subject to fluctuations due to changes in exchange rates as the financial results of our international subsidiaries are translated from local currencies into U.S. dollars. In addition, our financial results are subject to changes in exchange rates that impact the settlement of transactions in non-functional currencies. While we have implemented a foreign currency hedging program to mitigate transactional exposures, there is no guarantee that such program will be effective.

If the accounting estimates we make, and the assumptions on which we rely, in preparing our financial statements prove inaccurate, our actual reported results may be adversely affected.

Our financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments about, among other things, taxes, revenue recognition, stock-based compensation, capitalization of internal-use software development costs, investments, contingent obligations, allowance for current expected credit losses, intangible assets and restructuring charges. These estimates and judgments affect, among other things, the reported amounts of our assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses, the amounts of charges accrued by us, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances and at the time they are made. If our estimates or the assumptions underlying them are not correct, actual results may differ materially from our estimates and we may need to, among other things, accrue significant additional charges that could adversely affect our results of operations, which in turn could adversely affect our stock price. In addition, new accounting pronouncements and interpretations of accounting pronouncements have occurred and may occur in the future that could adversely affect our reported financial results.

Our sales to government clients subject us to risks, including early termination, audits, investigations, sanctions and penalties.

We have customer contracts with the U.S. government, as well as foreign, state and local governments and their respective agencies and we may in the future increase sales to government entities. Sales to government entities are subject to a number of risks. Selling to government entities can be highly competitive, expensive, and time consuming, often requiring significant upfront time and expense without any assurance that these efforts will generate a sale. Such government entities often have the right to terminate these contracts at any time, without cause. There is increased pressure for governments and their agencies, both domestically and internationally, to reduce spending and demand and payment for our services may be impacted by public sector budgetary cycles and funding authorizations. These factors may combine to potentially limit the revenue we derive from government contracts in the future. Additionally, government contracts generally have requirements that are more complex than those found in commercial enterprise agreements and therefore are more costly to comply with. Such contracts are also subject to audits and investigations that could result in civil and criminal penalties and administrative sanctions, including termination of contracts, refund of a portion of fees received, forfeiture of profits, suspension of payments, fines and suspensions or debarment from future government business.

We utilize third-party technology in our business, and failures or vulnerabilities, and/or litigation, related to these technologies may adversely affect our business.

We utilize third party technology software, services, and other technology in order to operate critical functions of our business, including the integration of certain of these technologies into our network, products and services. If these software, services, or other technology become unavailable or contain vulnerabilities, our expenses could increase and our ability to operate our network, provide our products, and our results of operations could be impaired until equivalent software, technology, or services are purchased or developed or any identified vulnerabilities are remedied. If we are unable to procure the necessary third-party technology we may need to acquire or develop alternative technology, we may have to resort to utilizing alternative technology of lower quality. This could limit and delay our ability to offer new or competitive products and increase our costs of production. As a result, our business could be significantly harmed. In addition, the use of third-party technology may expose us to third-party claims of intellectual property infringement which could cause us to incur significant costs in defense or alternative sourcing.

We rely on certain “open-source” software, the use of which could result in our having to distribute our proprietary software, including our source code, to third parties on unfavorable terms, which could materially affect our business.

Certain of our offerings use software that is subject to open-source licenses. Open-source code is software that is freely accessible, usable and modifiable; however, certain open-source code is governed by license agreements, the terms of which could require users of such software to make any derivative works of the software available to others on unfavorable terms or at no cost. Because we use open-source code, we may be required to take remedial action in order to protect our proprietary software. Such action could include replacing certain source code used in our software, discontinuing certain of our products or taking other actions that could be expensive and divert resources away from our development efforts. In addition, the terms relating to disclosure of derivative works in many open-source licenses are unclear and have not been interpreted by U.S. courts. If a court interprets one or more such open-source licenses in a manner that is unfavorable to us, we could be required to make certain of our key software available at no cost. We could also be subject to similar conditions or restrictions should there be any changes in the licensing terms of the open source software incorporated into our products. In either event, we could be required to seek licenses from third parties in order to continue offering our products, to re-engineer our products or to discontinue the sale of our products in the event re-engineering cannot be accomplished on a timely or successful basis, any of which could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition. Furthermore, open-source software may have security flaws and other deficiencies that could make our solutions less reliable and damage our business.

Legal and Regulatory Risks

Evolving privacy regulations could negatively impact our profitability and business operations.

Laws and regulations that apply to the internet related to privacy and data localization could pose risks to our revenues, intellectual property and customer relationships, as well as increase expenses or create other disadvantages to our business.

Privacy laws are rapidly proliferating, changing and evolving globally. Governments, privacy advocates and class action attorneys are increasingly scrutinizing how companies collect, process, use, store, share and transmit personal data. Laws, such as the European Union General Data Protection Regulation, or GDPR, and the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018, or CCPA, and industry self-regulatory codes have been enacted, and more laws are being considered that may affect how we use data generated from our network as well as our ability to reach current and prospective customers, understand how our solutions are being used and respond to customer requests allowed under the laws. Any perception that our business practices, our data collection activities or how our solutions operate represent an invasion of privacy, whether or not consistent with current regulations and industry practices, may subject us to public criticism or boycotts, class action lawsuits, reputational harm or actions by regulators, or claims by industry groups or other third parties, all of which could disrupt our business and expose us to liability.

Engineering efforts to build new capabilities to facilitate compliance with increasing data localization requirements and new and changing privacy laws could require us to take on substantial expense and divert engineering resources from other projects. We might experience reduced demand for our offerings if we are unable to engineer products that meet our legal duties or help our customers meet their obligations under the GDPR, the CCPA or other data regulations, or if the changes we implement to comply with such laws and regulations make our offerings less attractive.

Our ability to leverage the data generated by our global security and delivery networks is important to the value of many of the solutions we offer, our operational efficiency and future product development opportunities. Our ability to use data in this way may be constrained by regulatory developments. Compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding personal data

may require changes in services, business practices or internal systems that result in increased costs, lower revenue, reduced efficiency or greater difficulty in competing with other firms. Compliance with data regulations might limit our ability to innovate or offer certain features and functionality in some jurisdictions where we operate. Failure to comply with existing or new rules may result in significant penalties or orders to stop the alleged non-compliant activity, as well as negative publicity and diversion of management time and effort.

Although we take steps intended to improve the security controls across our business groups and geographies, our security controls over personal data, our training of employees and third parties on data security and other practices we follow may not prevent the improper disclosure or misuse of customer or end-user data we store and manage. Improper disclosure or misuse of personal data could harm our reputation, lead to legal exposure to customers or end users, or subject us to liability under laws that protect personal data, resulting in increased costs or loss of revenue.

Other regulatory developments could negatively impact our business.

Local and foreign laws and regulations that apply to the internet related to, among other things, content liability, security requirements, law enforcement access to information, critical infrastructure, data localization requirements and restrictions on social media or other content could pose risks to our revenues, intellectual property and customer relationships as well as increase expenses or create other disadvantages to our business. Section 230 of the U.S. Communications Decency Act, often referred to as Section 230, gives websites that host user-generated content broad protection from legal liability for content posted on their sites. Proposals to repeal or amend Section 230 could expose us to greater legal liability in the conduct of our business. Our Acceptable Use Policy prohibits customers from using our network to deliver illegal or inappropriate content; if customers violate that policy, we may nonetheless face reputational damage or lawsuits related to their content. Regulations have been enacted or proposed in a number of countries that limit the delivery of certain types of content into those countries. Enactment and expansion of such laws and regulations would negatively impact our revenues. For example, restrictions were adopted in India in 2020 prohibiting access to identified Chinese applications which caused a reduction in revenue to us. In addition, such laws and regulations could cause internet service providers, or others, to block our products in order to enforce content blocking efforts. In addition, efforts to block a single product or domain name may end up blocking a number of other products or domain names in an overbroad manner that could affect our business. Interpretations of laws or regulations that would subject us to regulatory supervision or, in the alternative, require us to exit a line of business or a country, could lead to loss of significant revenues and have a negative impact on the quality of our solutions. As noted with privacy compliance above, engineering efforts to build new capabilities to facilitate compliance with law enforcement access requirements, content access restrictions, or other regulations could require us to take on substantial expense and divert engineering resources from other projects. These circumstances could harm our profitability.

We may need to defend against patent or copyright infringement claims, which would cause us to incur substantial costs or limit our ability to use certain technologies in the future.

As we expand our business and develop new technologies, products and services, we have become increasingly subject to intellectual property infringement and other claims and related litigation. We have also agreed to indemnify our customers and channel and strategic partners if our solutions infringe or misappropriate specified intellectual property rights; as a result, we have been and could again become involved in litigation or claims brought against customers or channel or strategic partners if our solutions or technology are the subject of such allegations. Any litigation or claims, whether or not valid, brought against us or pursuant to which we indemnify our customers or partners could result in substantial costs and diversion of resources and require us to do one or more of the following:

- cease selling, incorporating or using features, functionalities, products or services that incorporate the challenged intellectual property;
- pay substantial damages and incur significant litigation expenses;
- obtain a license from the holder of the infringed intellectual property right, which license may not be available on reasonable terms or at all; or
- redesign products or services.

If we are forced to take any of these actions, our business may be seriously harmed.

Our business will be adversely affected if we are unable to protect our intellectual property rights from unauthorized use or infringement by third parties.

We rely on a combination of patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret laws and contractual restrictions on disclosure to protect our intellectual property rights. These legal protections afford only limited protection, particularly in some regions

outside the United States. We have previously brought lawsuits against entities that we believed were infringing our intellectual property rights but have not always prevailed. Such lawsuits can be expensive and require a significant amount of attention from our management and technical personnel, and the outcomes are unpredictable. Monitoring unauthorized use of our solutions is difficult, and we cannot be certain that the steps we have taken or will take will prevent unauthorized use of our technology. Furthermore, we cannot be certain that any pending or future patent applications will be granted, that any future patent will not be challenged, invalidated or circumvented, or that rights granted under any patent that may be issued will provide competitive advantages to us. If we are unable to protect our proprietary rights from unauthorized use, the value of our intellectual property assets may be reduced. Although we have licensed from other parties proprietary technology covered by patents, we cannot be certain that any such patents will not be challenged, invalidated or circumvented. Such licenses may also be non-exclusive, meaning our competition may also be able to access such technology.

Litigation may adversely impact our business.

From time to time, we are or may become involved in various legal proceedings relating to matters incidental to the ordinary course of our business, including patent, commercial, product liability, breach of contract, employment, class action, whistleblower and other litigation and claims, and governmental and other regulatory investigations and proceedings. In addition, under our charter, we could be required to indemnify and advance expenses to our directors and officers in connection with their involvement in certain actions, suits, investigations and other proceedings. Such matters can be time-consuming, divert management's attention and resources and cause us to incur significant expenses. Furthermore, because litigation is inherently unpredictable and may not be covered by insurance, there can be no assurance that the results of any litigation matters will not have an adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

Global climate change and related natural resource conservation regulations could adversely impact our business.

The long-term effects of climate change on the global economy and our industry in particular remain unknown. For example, changes in weather where we operate may increase the costs of powering and cooling computer hardware we use to develop software and provide cloud-based services. In addition, catastrophic natural disasters, such as an earthquake, fire, flood or other act of God, catastrophic event or pandemic, and any similar disruption, as well as any derivative disruption, such as those to services provided through localized physical infrastructure, including utility or telecommunication outages, or any to the continuity of our, our partners', suppliers' and our customers' workforce, could have a material adverse impact on our business and operating results. Our global operations are dependent on our network infrastructure, technology systems and website, including the supply of servers from our third party partners, as well as our intellectual property and personnel and any disruption to these dependencies may negatively impact our ability to respond to customers, provide services and maintain local and global business continuity. Furthermore, some of our products and business functions are hosted or carried out by third parties that may be vulnerable to these same types of disruptions, the response to or resolution of which may be beyond our control. Any disruption to our business could cause us to incur significant costs to repair damages to our facilities, equipment, infrastructure and business relationships.

In addition, in response to concerns about global climate change, governments may adopt new regulations affecting the use of fossil fuels or requiring the use of alternative fuel sources which could adversely impact our business. Our deployed network of servers consumes significant energy resources, including those generated by the burning of fossil fuels. While we have invested in projects to support renewable energy development, our customers, investors and other stakeholders may require us to take more steps to demonstrate that we are taking ecologically responsible measures in operating our business. The costs and any expenses we may incur to make our network more energy-efficient and comply with any new regulations could make us less profitable in future periods. Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations or other requirements imposed on us could lead to fines, lost revenue and damage to our reputation.

Investment-Related Risks

Our stock price has been, and may continue to be, volatile, and your investment could lose value.

The market price of our common stock has historically been volatile. Trading prices may continue to fluctuate in response to a number of events and factors, including the following:

- quarterly variations in operating results;
- announcements by our customers related to their businesses that could be viewed as impacting their usage of our solutions;
- market speculation about whether we are a takeover target or considering a strategic transaction;
- announcements by competitors;

- activism by any single large stockholder or combination of stockholders or rumors about such activity;
- changes in financial estimates and recommendations by securities analysts;
- failure to meet the expectations of securities analysts;
- purchases or sales of our stock by our officers and directors;
- general economic conditions and other macro-economic factors, such as inflationary pressures, increasing interest rates and overall market volatility;
- repurchases of shares of our common stock;
- successful cyber-attacks affecting our network or systems;
- performance by other companies in our industry; and
- geopolitical conditions such as acts of terrorism, military or armed conflicts, such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine, or global pandemics.

Furthermore, our revenue, particularly that portion attributable to usage of our solutions beyond customer commitments, can be difficult to forecast, and, as a result, our quarterly operating results can fluctuate substantially. This concern is particularly acute with respect to our media and commerce customers. In the future, our customer contracting models may change to move away from a committed revenue structure to a “pay-as-you-go” approach, which could make it easier for customers to reduce the amount of business they do with us or leave altogether. Changes in billing models and committed revenue requirements could, therefore, create challenges with our forecasting processes. Because a significant portion of our cost structure is largely fixed in the short-term, revenue shortfalls tend to have a disproportionately negative impact on our profitability. If we announce revenue or profitability results that do not meet or exceed our guidance or make changes in our guidance with respect to future operating results, our stock price may decrease significantly as a result.

Any of these events, as well as other circumstances discussed in these Risk Factors, may cause the price of our common stock to fall. In addition, the stock market in general, and the market prices of stock of publicly-traded technology companies in particular, have experienced significant volatility that often has been unrelated to the operating performance of affected companies. These broad stock market fluctuations may adversely affect the market price of our common stock, regardless of our operating performance.

Any failure to meet our debt obligations would damage our business.

As of the date of this report, we had total principal amount of \$1,150.0 million of convertible senior notes outstanding due in 2025, and we had total principal amount of \$1,150.0 million of convertible senior notes outstanding due in 2027. We also entered into a credit facility in May 2018 that provides for an initial \$500.0 million in revolving loans; under specified circumstances, we would be able to borrow an additional \$500.0 million thereunder. As of March 31, 2022, \$75.0 million of borrowings was outstanding under the credit facility. Our ability to repay any amounts we borrow under our credit facility, refinance the notes, make cash payments in connection with conversions of the notes or repurchase the notes in the event of a fundamental change (as defined in the applicable indenture governing the notes) will depend on market conditions and our future performance, which is subject to economic, financial, competitive and other factors beyond our control. We also may not use the cash we have raised through future borrowing under the credit facility or the issuance of the convertible senior notes in an optimally productive and profitable manner. If we are unable to remain profitable or if we use more cash than we generate in the future, our level of indebtedness at such time could adversely affect our operations by increasing our vulnerability to adverse changes in general economic and industry conditions and by limiting or prohibiting our ability to obtain additional financing for additional capital expenditures, acquisitions and general corporate and other purposes. If we do not have sufficient cash upon conversion of the notes or to repurchase the notes following a fundamental change, we would be in default under the terms of the notes, which could seriously harm our business. Although the terms of our credit facility include certain financial ratios that potentially limit our future indebtedness, the terms of the notes do not. If we incur significantly more debt, this could intensify the risks described above.

We may issue additional shares of our common stock or instruments convertible into shares of our common stock and thereby materially and adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Our board of directors has the authority to issue additional shares of our common stock or other instruments convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, shares of our common stock. If we issue additional shares of our common stock or instruments convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, shares of our common stock, it may materially and adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Because we currently do not intend to pay dividends, stockholders will benefit from an investment in our common stock only if it appreciates in value.

We currently intend to retain our future earnings, if any, for use in the operation of our business and do not expect to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future on our common stock. As a result, the success of an investment in our common stock will depend upon any future appreciation in its value. There is no guarantee that our common stock will appreciate in value or even maintain the price at which stockholders have purchased their shares.

Provisions of our charter, by-laws and Delaware law may have anti-takeover effects that could prevent a change in control even if the change in control would be beneficial to our stockholders.

Provisions of our charter, by-laws and Delaware law could make it more difficult for a third party to control or acquire us, even if doing so would be beneficial to our stockholders. These provisions include:

- our board of directors having the right to elect directors to fill a vacancy created by the expansion of the board of directors or the resignation, death or removal of a director;
- stockholders needing to provide advance notice to nominate individuals for election to the board of directors or to propose matters that can be acted upon at a stockholders' meeting; and
- the ability of our board of directors to issue, without stockholder approval, shares of undesignated preferred stock.

Further, as a Delaware corporation, we are also subject to certain Delaware anti-takeover provisions. Under Delaware law, a corporation may not engage in a business combination with any holder of 15% or more of its capital stock unless the holder has held the stock for three years or, among other things, the board of directors has approved the transaction. Our board of directors could rely on Delaware law to prevent or delay an acquisition of us.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results or prevent fraud. As a result, our stockholders could lose confidence in our financial reporting, which could harm our business and the trading price of our common stock.

We have complied with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by assessing, strengthening and testing our system of internal controls. Even though we concluded our internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report, we need to continue to maintain our processes and systems and adapt them to changes as our business evolves and we rearrange management responsibilities and reorganize our business. This continuous process of maintaining and adapting our internal controls and complying with Section 404 is expensive and time-consuming and requires significant management attention. We cannot be certain that our internal control measures will continue to provide adequate control over our financial processes and reporting and ensure compliance with Section 404. Furthermore, as our business changes, including by expanding our operations in different markets, increasing reliance on channel partners and completing acquisitions, our internal controls may become more complex and we will be required to expend significantly more resources to ensure our internal controls remain effective. Failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations. If we or our independent registered public accounting firm identify material weaknesses, the disclosure of that fact, even if quickly remediated, could reduce the market's confidence in our financial statements and harm our stock price.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds*(c) Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities*

The following is a summary of our repurchases of our common stock in the first quarter of 2022 (in thousands, except share and per share data):

Period ⁽¹⁾	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased ⁽²⁾	(b) Average Price Paid per Share ⁽³⁾	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ⁽⁴⁾	(d) Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under Plans or Programs ⁽⁴⁾
January 1, 2022 – January 31, 2022	261,013	\$ 113.34	261,013	\$ 1,770,417
February 1, 2022 – February 28, 2022	309,475	108.85	309,475	1,736,731
March 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022	354,004	111.82	354,004	1,697,147
Total	924,492	\$ 111.25	924,492	

(1) Information is based on settlement dates of repurchase transactions.

(2) Consists of shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

(3) Includes commissions paid.

(4) Effective January 1, 2022, our board of directors authorized a \$1.8 billion share repurchase program through December 31, 2024.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1	Form of Change in Control Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2022)
Exhibit 10.2	Linode Limited Liability Company 2022 RSU Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 21, 2022)
Exhibit 31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/ Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
Exhibit 31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/ Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
Exhibit 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
Exhibit 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 Presentation Linkbase Document*
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101.INS)

* Submitted electronically herewith

Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, (v) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 and (vi) Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

SIGNATURES

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

Akamai Technologies, Inc.

May 9, 2022

By: /s/ Edward McGowan

Edward McGowan

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer)

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, F. Thomson Leighton, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Akamai Technologies, 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 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 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.

Date: May 9, 2022

/s/ F. Thomson Leighton

F. Thomson Leighton, Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Edward McGowan, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Akamai Technologies, 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 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 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.

Date: May 9, 2022

/s/ Edward McGowan

Edward McGowan, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Akamai Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2022 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, F. Thomson Leighton, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that to his knowledge:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 9, 2022

/s/ F. Thomson Leighton

F. Thomson Leighton, Chief Executive Officer

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

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Akamai Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended March 31, 2022 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Edward McGowan, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that to his knowledge:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 9, 2022

/s/ Edward McGowan

Edward McGowan, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer