

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: February 1, 2017  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-27275  
(Commission File Number)

04-3432319  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

150 Broadway  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 444-3000

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**Item 5.02      Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

1. On February 1, 2017, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Akamai Technologies, Inc. ("Akamai" or the "Company") adopted cash and equity compensation programs for 2017 for the following individuals (our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and other named executive officers): F. Thomson Leighton, Chief Executive Officer; James Benson, Chief Financial Officer; Robert Blumofe, Executive Vice President - Platform and General Manager Enterprise & Carrier; and Rick McConnell, President - General Manager Web Division (each, an "Executive" and collectively, the "Executives").

The cash incentive components of the 2017 compensation program provide for an annual base salary and a cash bonus, the amount of such bonus to be determined based upon the achievement against designated corporate performance objectives. Each Executive's cash bonus is weighted as follows: 50% based on Akamai's achievement of a specified revenue target for fiscal year 2017 and 50% based on Akamai's achievement of a specified adjusted operating income target for fiscal year 2017. Calculation of performance against the revenue and adjusted operating income targets will take into account the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.

For Dr. Leighton, his base salary will be \$1.00, with a target cash bonus equal to \$1 million and a maximum cash bonus equal to \$2 million. For Mr. Benson, his base salary will be \$480,000, with a target cash bonus equal to 85% of his 2017 salary and a maximum cash bonus equal to 170% of his 2017 salary. For Mr. Blumofe, his base salary will be \$475,000, with a target cash bonus equal to 80% of his 2017 salary and a maximum cash bonus equal to 160% of his 2017 salary. For Mr. McConnell, his base salary will be \$550,000, with a target cash bonus equal to 100% of his 2017 salary and a maximum cash bonus equal to 200% of his 2017 salary. New salaries become effective April 1, 2017.

As described in the table below, the Compensation Committee also approved grants to each Executive of restricted stock units ("RSUs"), consisting of annual vesting RSUs, corporate performance-based vesting RSUs and stock performance-based vesting RSUs, in each case issuable pursuant to the Akamai Technologies, Inc. 2013 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, as follows:

Name	Dollar Value of RSUs with Annual Vesting To Be Granted	Dollar Value of Corporate Performance-Based RSUs To Be Granted		Dollar Value of Stock Performance-Based Vested RSUs to Be Granted	
		(target deliverable)	(maximum deliverable)	(target deliverable)	(maximum deliverable)
Dr. Leighton	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000	\$6,800,000	\$1,700,000	\$3,400,000
Mr. Benson	\$1,080,000	\$1,080,000	\$2,160,000	\$540,000	\$1,080,000
Mr. Blumofe	\$1,080,000	\$1,080,000	\$2,160,000	\$540,000	\$1,080,000
Mr. McConnell	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000

The RSUs will be granted on the second day following the Company's release of financial results for fiscal year 2016; the date of grant is expected to be February 9, 2017. The number of RSUs to be issued will be calculated by dividing the dollar value set forth above by the closing sale price of one share of the Company's common stock on the grant date (in the case of performance-based RSUs the number shall be based off of the maximum deliverable). Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Akamai common stock upon vesting.

RSUs with annual vesting vest as follows: 1/3 on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

Vesting of corporate performance-based RSUs is subject to the Company's performance against equally weighted revenue and non-GAAP earnings per share targets over fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019, taking into

account the impact of foreign currency fluctuations. The Compensation Committee will establish annual revenue and earnings per share goals at the beginning of each of fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019; each year's performance is equally weighted in determining the aggregate number of RSUs earned. Performance at 100% of target earns the target number of RSUs. Eligible vesting commences if the Company exceeds 90% of the target; 110% performance against target merits earning the maximum number of RSUs issuable. Performance between such levels will be proportionately awarded on a straight-line interpolation. Earned RSUs will vest on the date that the Company's fiscal 2019 financial results are certified.

Vesting of stock performance-based RSUs is based on the total shareholder return ("TSR") of the Company's common stock relative to companies in the S&P 500 Information Technology Index (the "Index Group") over calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019. TSR will be calculated as the average closing price of the Company's stock over the last 90 trading days of 2019 plus the aggregate value of dividends per share issued by the Company during the 2017-2019 period minus the average closing price of the Company's stock over the 90 trading days prior to January 1, 2017 dividing by the average closing price of the Company's stock over the 90 trading days prior to January 1, 2017. If the Company's TSR over the Performance Period is at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile when ranked against the TSRs of companies in the Index Group, 100% of the target number of RSUs will be eligible to vest. For every percentile by which the Company's TSR ranking within the Index Group exceeds the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, the number of RSUs eligible to vest will increase by 3.33% of target, up to a maximum of 200% of target if the Company's TSR ranking is at the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile. For every percentile by which the Company's TSR ranking within the Index Group is below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, the number of RSUs eligible to vest will decrease by 3%, with no payout if the Company's TSR ranking is below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile. Earned RSUs will vest on the date that the Company's fiscal 2019 financial results are certified.

The form of time-based vesting RSU agreement was previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on August 9, 2013, and the form of performance-based vesting RSU Agreement was previously filed with the Commission on February 6, 2015.

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 3, 2017

/s/ Melanie Haratunian

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Melanie Haratunian, Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel