

Fiscal First Quarter 2023 Financial Results

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This presentation also contains preliminary financial results for the company's fiscal first quarter ended September 30, 2022. These preliminary financial results represent the most current information available to management. The company's actual results when disclosed in its Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2022 may differ from these preliminary results as a result of the completion of the company's financial closing procedures; final adjustments; completion of the review by the company's independent registered accounting firm; and other developments that may arise between now and disclosure of the final results.

This presentation includes references to Non-GAAP financial measures. Reconciliations of the differences between the Non-GAAP measures provided in this presentation to the comparable GAAP financial measures are included in the appendix and in the Investor Relations section of our website. We have not fully reconciled our Non-GAAP financial measure guidance to the most directly comparable GAAP measures because material items that impact these measures are not in our control and/or cannot be reasonably predicted. Accordingly, a full reconciliation of the Non-GAAP financial measure guidance to the corresponding GAAP measures is not available without unreasonable effort.

Fiscal First Quarter Executive Summary

Financial Results

- Revenue of \$ 3.7B
- Non-GAAP EPS of \$ 0.20
- Non-GAAP gross margin of 26.7%
- Operating cash flow of \$ 6M
- Free cash flow of \$ (215)M
- Cash and cash equivalents of \$ 2.0B

Corporate

- The breadth of markets we address offer us unique visibility into end market demand signals, which allowed us to recognize challenges as they unfolded, and with a strong product leadership and unmatched innovation engine, we believe Western Digital will thrive as demand improves and new products continue to ramp.

Flash

- Bit shipment exceeded our forecast, driven by our broad portfolio, diverse routes to market and leading brands, including WD BLACK, SanDisk and SanDisk Professional, that are recognized globally for their cutting-edge innovation, performance, and quality.
- BiCS5 accelerated to over two-thirds of our flash revenue, up from about half in the previous quarter.
- BiCS6 yield and development of subsequent 3D-NAND flash are both progressing well.

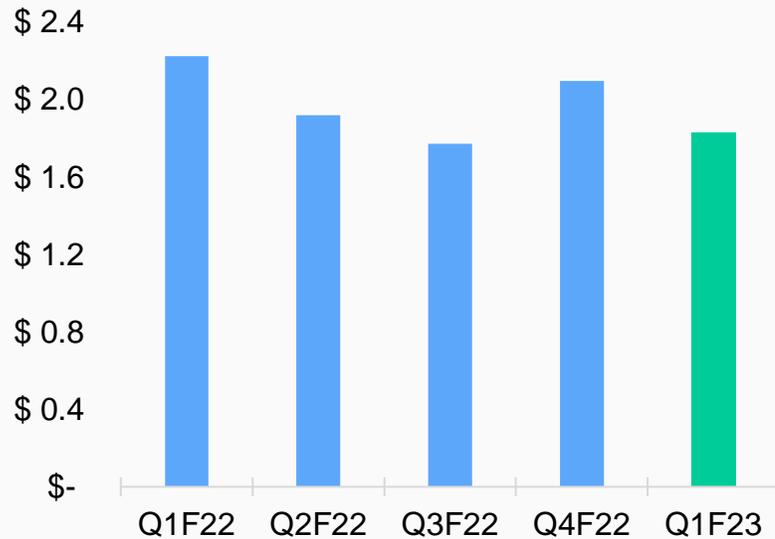
Hard Drive

- Continued momentum with U.S. cloud customers and accelerated adoption of SMR hard drives were offset by softness in other capacity enterprise product channels and consumer HDD demand.
- SMR exceeded 25% of total capacity enterprise exabyte shipment, one quarter ahead of our expectations.
- We are deep into the process of qualifying our latest generation hard drives, including our 26-terabyte UltraSMR hard drives, at multiple U.S. cloud and OEM customers.

Revenue Trends by End Market

Cloud

In billions



Revenue

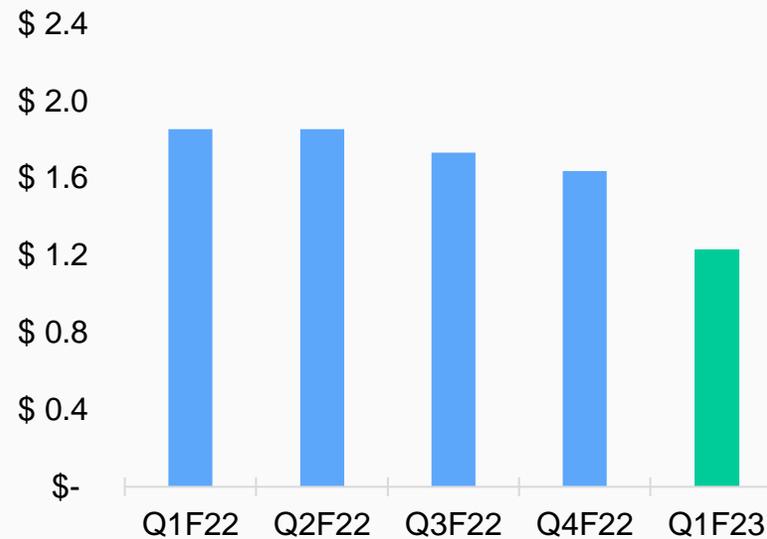
\$ 1.8 billion

Decreased 13% QoQ

Decreased 18% YoY

Client

In billions



Revenue

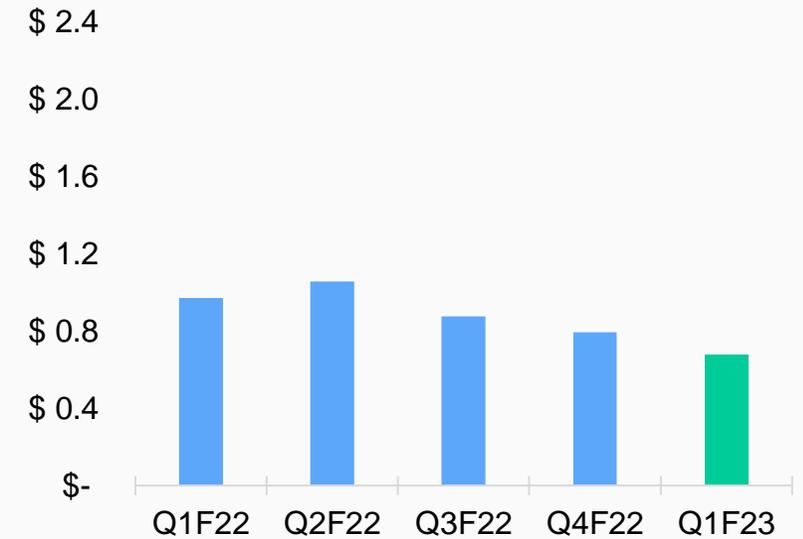
\$ 1.2 billion

Decreased 25% QoQ

Decreased 34% YoY

Consumer

In billions



Revenue

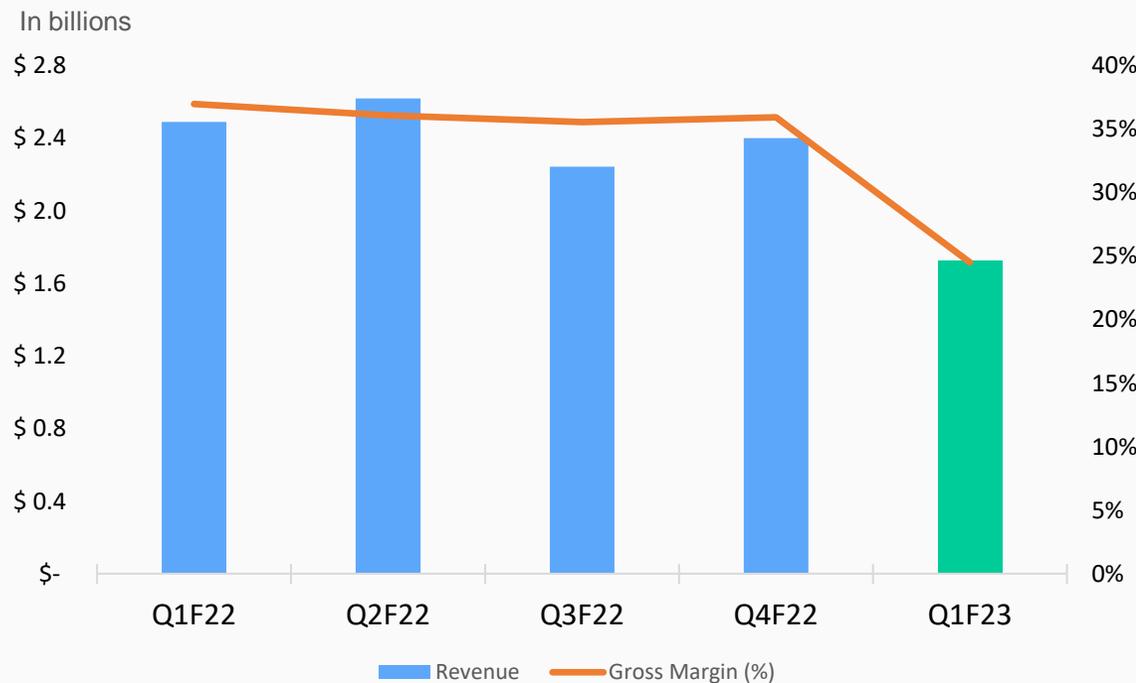
\$ 0.7 billion

Decreased 15% QoQ

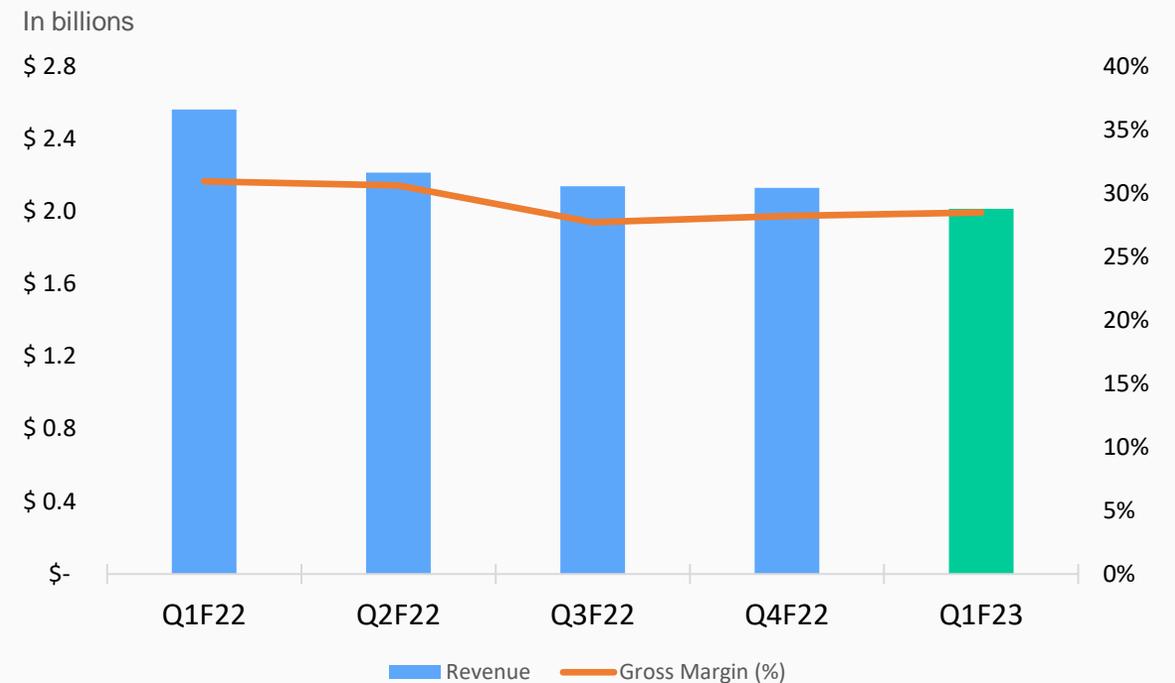
Decreased 30% YoY

Flash and Hard Drive Metrics

Flash Revenue and Gross Margin



Hard Drive Revenue and Gross Margin



Flash

- Q1F23 Results**
- Bit shipments: decreased 10% QoQ
 - ASP/Gigabyte:
 - Blended: decreased 22% QoQ
 - Like-for-like: decreased 17% QoQ

Hard Drive

- Q1F23 Results**
- Exabyte shipments: increased 1% QoQ
 - ASP per drive: \$ 125

Non-GAAP Financial Results

(\$ in millions, except for EPS)

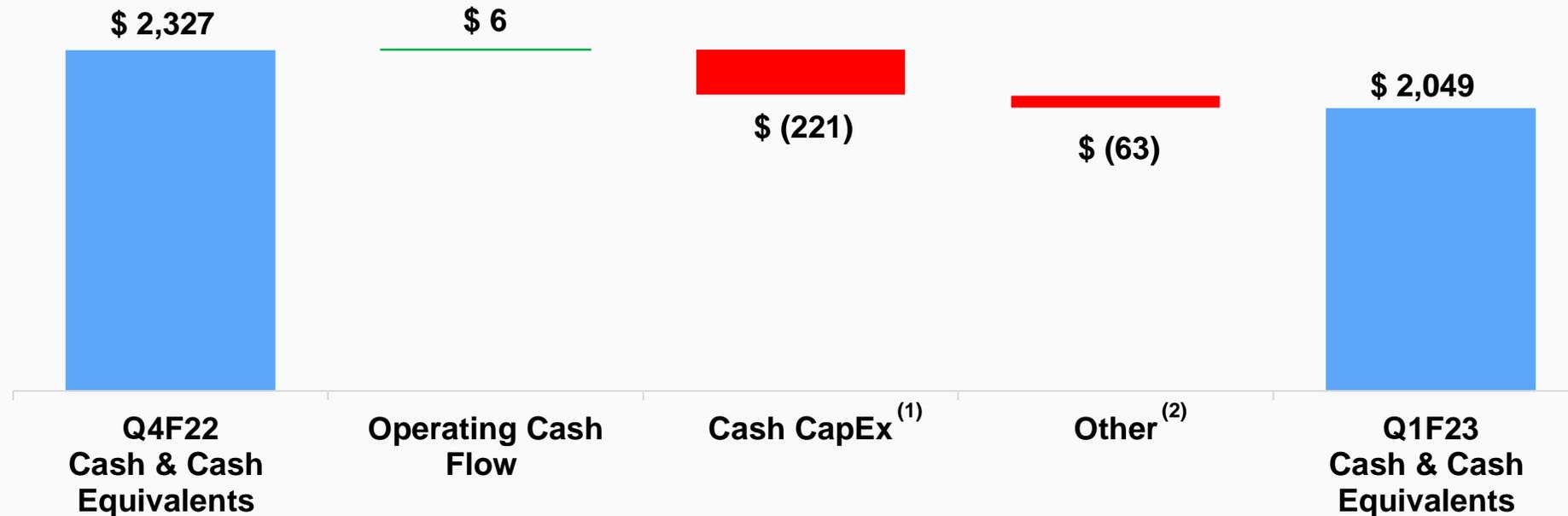
	Q1 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	QoQ	YoY
Revenue	\$ 5,051	\$ 4,528	\$ 3,736	down 17%	down 26%
Gross Margin %	33.9%	32.3%	26.7%	down 5.6 ppt	down 7.2 ppt
Operating Expenses	\$ 761	\$ 760	\$ 689	down 9%	down 9%
Operating Income	\$ 952	\$ 702	\$ 307	down 56%	down 68%
Interest and Other Expense, net	\$ 68	\$ 65	\$ 75	up 15%	up 10%
EPS – Diluted	\$ 2.49	\$ 1.78	\$ 0.20	down 89%	down 92%
Operating Cash Flow	\$ 521	\$ 295	\$ 6	down 98%	down 99%
Free Cash Flow	\$ 224	\$ (97)	\$ (215)	*	*

See Appendix for GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations.

* Not a meaningful figure

Cash Flow Walk

In millions



- Strong liquidity position. Ended the fiscal first quarter at \$ 4.30 billion, including \$ 2.25 billion undrawn revolver.

1. Cash Capital Expenditures includes purchases of property, plant and equipment, net, and notes receivable issuances to Flash Ventures, net.

2. Other primarily consists of employee stock plans, net and strategic investments and other, net.

Fiscal Second Quarter Guidance⁽¹⁾

	GAAP	Non-GAAP ⁽²⁾
Revenue (\$ B)	\$ 2.90 - \$ 3.10	\$ 2.90 - \$ 3.10
Gross Margin %	19.5% - 21.5%	20.0% - 22.0%
Operating Expenses (\$ M)	\$ 760 - \$ 780	\$ 650 - \$ 670
Interest and Other Expense, net (\$ M)	~\$ 80	~\$ 80
Tax benefit (\$ M)⁽³⁾	N/A	\$ 70 - \$ 90
EPS - Diluted	N/A	\$ (0.25) - \$ 0.05
Share Count - Diluted (in millions)	~319	~319

1. Guidance as shown is as of October 27, 2022.

2. Non-GAAP gross margin guidance excludes stock-based compensation expense of approximately \$ 10 million to \$ 15 million. The company's Non-GAAP operating expenses guidance excludes amortization of acquired intangible assets and stock-based compensation expense, totaling approximately \$ 100 million to \$ 120 million. In the aggregate, Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share guidance excludes these items totaling \$ 110 million to \$ 135 million. The timing and amount of these charges excluded from Non-GAAP gross margin, Non-GAAP operating expenses, and Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share cannot be further allocated or quantified with certainty. Additionally, the timing and amount of additional charges the company excludes from its Non-GAAP tax benefit and Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share are dependent on the timing and determination of certain actions and cannot be reasonably predicted. Accordingly, full reconciliations of Non-GAAP gross margin, Non-GAAP operating expenses, Non-GAAP tax benefit and Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures (income tax benefit and diluted earnings per share, respectively) are not available without unreasonable effort.

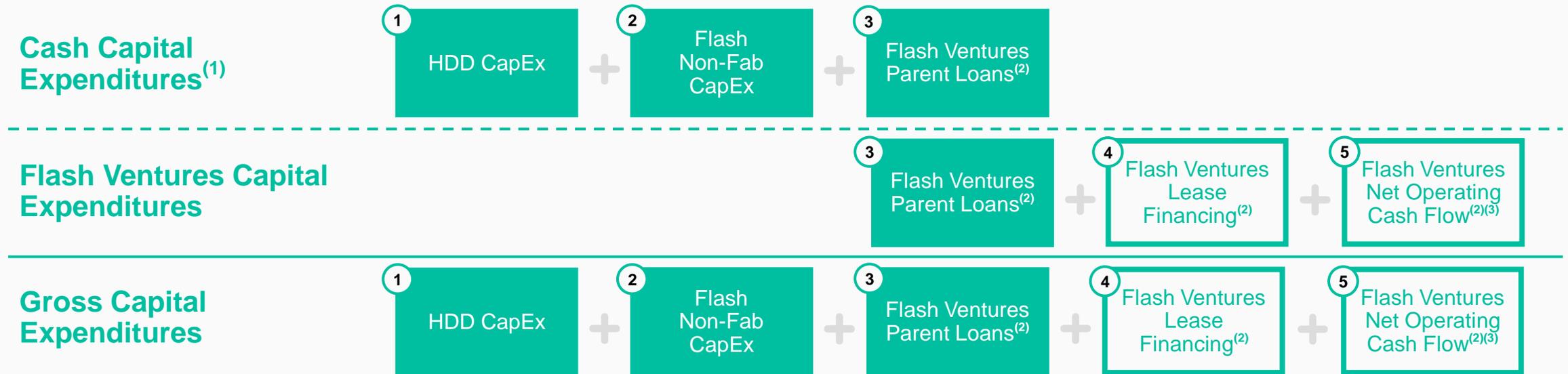
3. The Non-GAAP tax benefit in dollars is determined based on a percentage of Non-GAAP pre-tax income or loss. Due to differences in the tax treatment of items excluded from our Non-GAAP net income; the fact that our GAAP tax expense or benefit in dollars recorded in any interim period is based on an estimated forecasted GAAP tax rate for the full year, excluding loss jurisdictions; and because our GAAP taxes recorded in any interim period are dependent on the timing and determination of certain GAAP operating expenses, our estimated Non-GAAP tax dollars may differ from our GAAP tax dollars.

Joint Venture Operational Framework

For more information on Flash Ventures, please visit investor.wdc.com for a recently published Flash Ventures presentation.

Western Digital	Flash Ventures 49.9% Owned by Western Digital 50.1% Owned by Kioxia	KIOXIA
Co-develops flash (including process technology and memory design) with Kioxia and contributes IP for Flash Ventures' use	Owns and leases equipment for flash wafer production and R&D line	Co-develops flash (including process technology and memory design) with Western Digital and contributes IP for Flash Ventures' use
Performs integral manufacturing and R&D functions at Flash Ventures' manufacturing sites	Purchases wafers from Kioxia at cost under foundry agreements	Performs integral manufacturing and R&D functions at Flash Ventures' manufacturing sites
Purchases Flash Ventures' wafers at cost plus a small markup	Sells wafers to Western Digital and Kioxia at cost plus a small markup	Purchases Flash Ventures' wafers at cost plus a small markup
Pays Flash Ventures' expenses (including equipment depreciation and lease expense)	Charges expenses to Western Digital and Kioxia (including equipment depreciation and lease expense)	Pays Flash Ventures' expenses (including equipment depreciation and lease expense)
Funds Flash Ventures' equipment purchases (via loans, equity and lease guarantees) in excess of Flash Ventures' operating cash flow	Borrows from Western Digital and Kioxia for a portion of their equipment purchases	Funds Flash Ventures' equipment purchases (via loans, equity, and lease guarantees) in excess of Flash Ventures' operating cash flow
	Repays loans for equipment purchases using excess operating cash flow	Owns and operates cleanrooms Provides wafer manufacturing services to Flash Ventures at cost

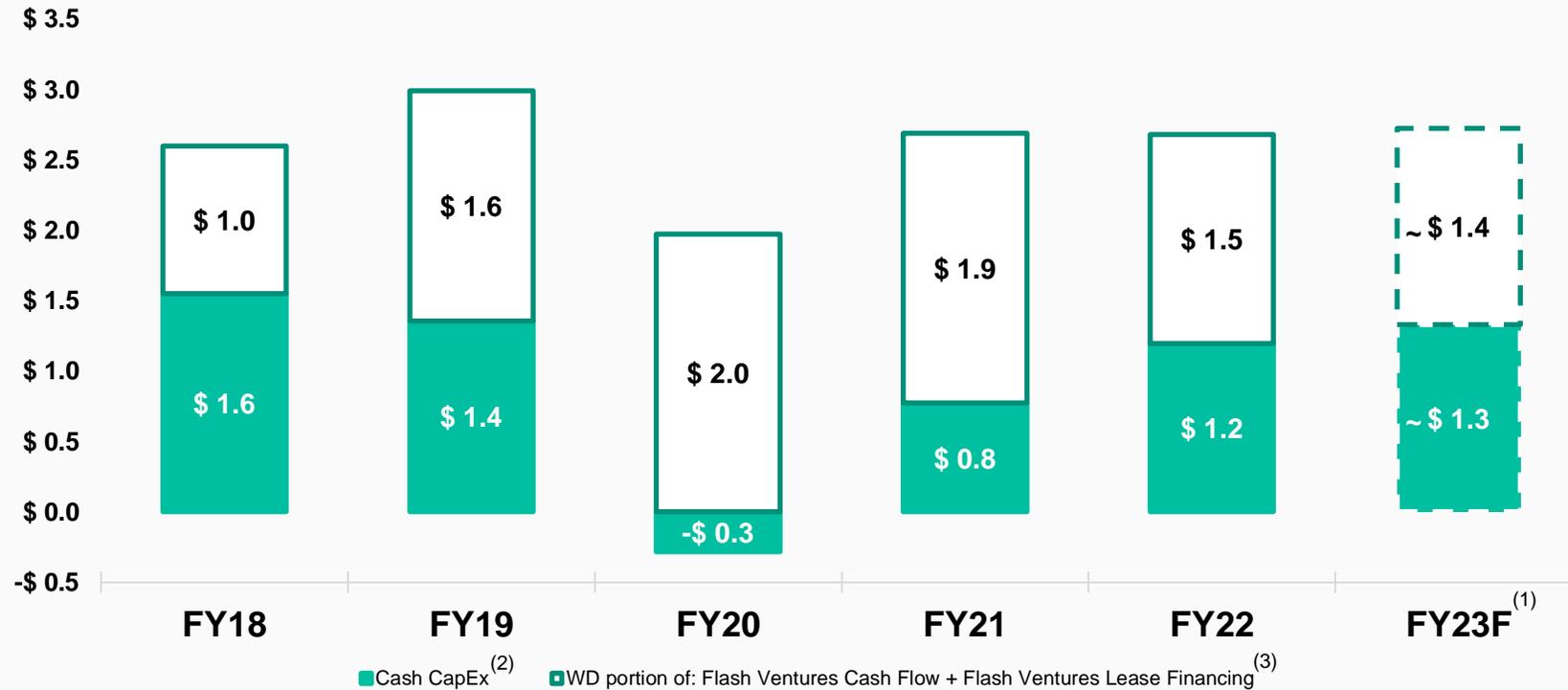
Capital Expenditure Framework



1. Cash Capital Expenditures includes purchases of property, plant and equipment, net, and notes receivable issuances to Flash Ventures, net.
2. Flash Ventures Parent Loans, Flash Ventures Lease Financing, and Flash Ventures Net Operating Cash Flow are comprised only of Western Digital's portions.
3. Flash Ventures Net Operating Cash Flow is primarily generated from equipment depreciation payments.

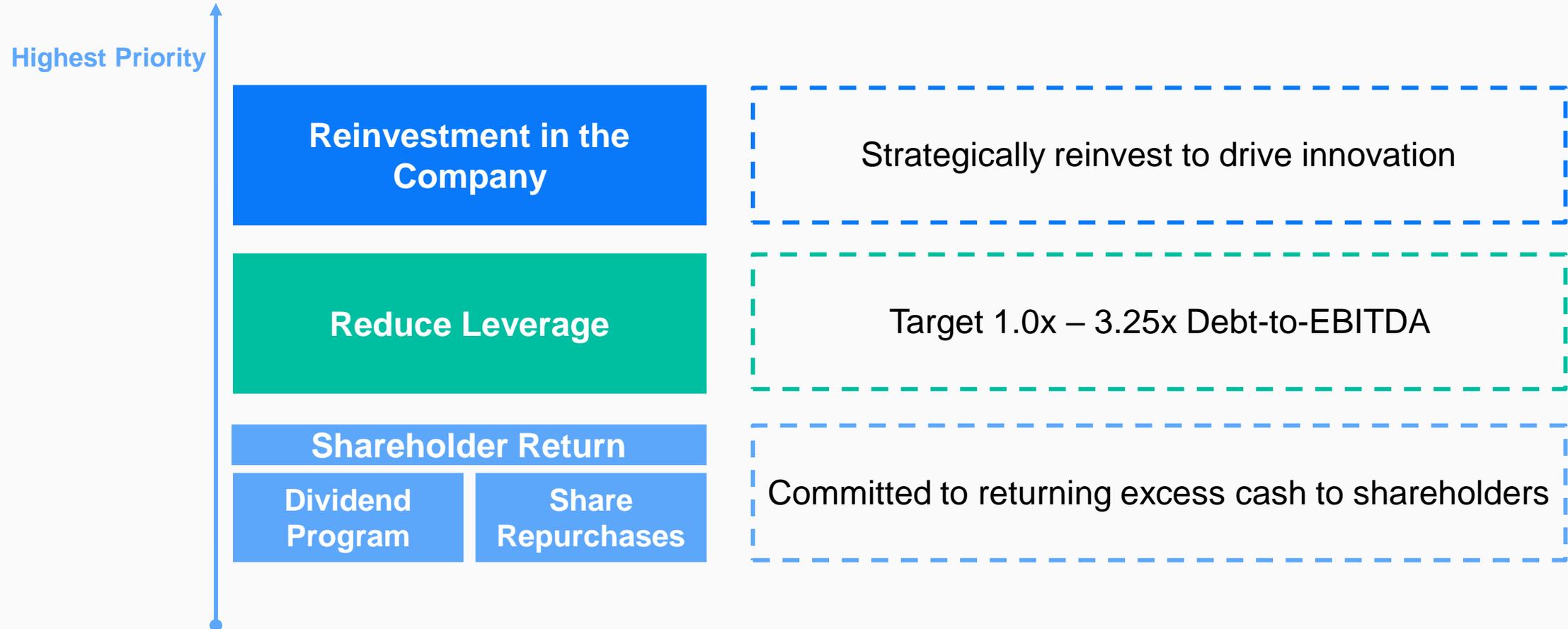
Gross Capital Expenditure Trends

In billions



1. FY23F: Gross Capital Expenditures of ~\$2.7 billion, of which Cash Capital Expenditures = ~\$1.3 billion.
2. Cash Capital Expenditures includes purchases of property, plant and equipment, net, and notes receivable issuances to Flash Ventures, net.
3. Flash Ventures Net Operating Cash Flow and Flash Ventures Lease Financing are comprised only of Western Digital's portions.

Capital Allocation Framework



Appendix



Quarterly Fact Sheet

In millions, except Average Selling Price (ASP), percentages, and working capital related metrics	Q1F22	Q2F22	Q3F22	Q4F22	Q1F23
Revenue by End Market⁽¹⁾					
Cloud	\$ 2,225	\$ 1,920	\$ 1,774	\$ 2,098	\$ 1,829
Client	1,853	1,854	1,732	1,637	1,229
Consumer	973	1,059	875	793	678
Total Revenue	\$ 5,051	\$ 4,833	\$ 4,381	\$ 4,528	\$ 3,736
Segment Results					
Flash Revenue	\$ 2,490	\$ 2,620	\$ 2,243	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,722
HDD Revenue	2,561	2,213	2,138	2,128	2,014
Total Revenue	\$ 5,051	\$ 4,833	\$ 4,381	\$ 4,528	\$ 3,736
Flash Gross Margin	37%	36%	36%	36%	25%
HDD Gross Margin	31%	31%	28%	28%	29%
Total Gross Margin for Segments ⁽²⁾	34%	34%	32%	32%	27%
Exabyte Metrics					
QoQ Change in Flash Exabytes Sold ⁽³⁾	8%	13%	(14%)	6%	(10%)
QoQ Change in HDD Exabytes Sold ⁽³⁾	4%	(14%)	1%	1%	1%
QoQ Change in Total Exabytes Sold ⁽³⁾	4%	(11%)	(2%)	2%	—%
Flash Metrics					
QoQ Change in ASP/Gigabytes ⁽³⁾	(3%)	(6%)	(1%)	2%	(22%)
HDD Metrics					
Cloud Units	11.4	9.8	9.7	9.3	8.6
Client Units	7.8	6.7	5.7	3.9	3.4
Consumer Units	4.9	5.1	4.4	3.3	2.7
Total HDD Units⁽⁴⁾	24.1	21.6	19.8	16.5	14.7
HDD ASP ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 102	\$ 97	\$ 101	\$ 120	\$ 125
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,290	\$ 2,531	\$ 2,505	\$ 2,327	\$ 2,049
Cash Flows					
Cash Flows provided by Operating Activities	\$ 521	\$ 666	\$ 398	\$ 295	\$ 6
Purchases of Property, Plant and Equipment, net	(245)	(294)	(290)	(278)	(320)
Activity Related to Flash Ventures, net	(52)	35	40	(114)	99
Free Cash Flow⁽⁶⁾	\$ 224	\$ 407	\$ 148	\$ (97)	\$ (215)
Working Capital Related					
Days Sales Outstanding	44	52	49	56	59
Days Inventory Outstanding	95	102	104	107	128
Days Payables Outstanding	(61)	(68)	(63)	(66)	(65)
Cash Conversion Cycle	78	86	90	97	122

Quarterly Fact Sheet (continued)

FOOTNOTES

FORMULAS

Days Sales Outstanding (DSO) = Accounts Receivable / (Revenue / # of days in quarter)

Days Inventory Outstanding (DIO) = Inventories / (Cost of Revenue / # of days in quarter)

Days Payables Outstanding (DPO) = Accounts Payable (including Accounts Payable to Related Parties) / (Cost of Revenue / # of days in quarter)

Cash Conversion Cycle = DSO + DIO – DPO

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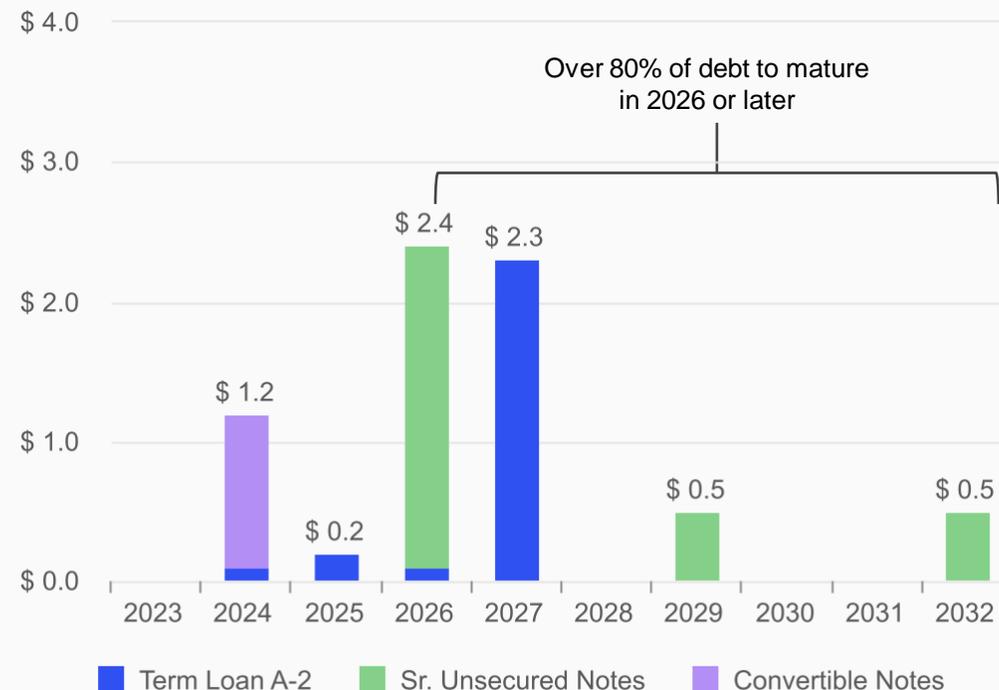
1. Cloud is primarily comprised of products sold for public or private cloud environments and enterprise customers. Client is primarily comprised of products sold directly to OEMs or via distribution. Consumer is primarily comprised of retail and other end-user products.
2. Total gross margin for segments is a Non-GAAP financial measure, which is also referred to herein as Non-GAAP gross margin. See Appendix for GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations and Supplemental Operating Segment Results for further details.
3. Excludes licensing, royalties, and non-memory products.
4. HDD Unit volume excludes data storage systems and components.
5. HDD ASP is calculated by dividing HDD revenue by HDD units. Data storage systems are excluded from this calculation, as data storage systems ASP is measured on a per system basis rather than a per drive basis.
6. Free cash flow is defined as cash flows provided by operating activities less purchases of property, plant and equipment, net, and the activity related to Flash Ventures, net. The company considers free cash flow generated in any period to be a useful indicator of cash that is available for strategic opportunities including, among others, investing in the company's business, making strategic acquisitions, repaying debt and strengthening the balance sheet.

Debt Capital Structure

Current Cap Table

	Rate ¹	All-in Rate ²	Maturity	As of September 30, 2022 (in millions)
Convertible Debt Due 2024 ³	1.50%	1.50%	2/1/2024	\$ 1,100
Sr. Unsecured Notes Due 2026 ⁴	4.75%	4.75%	2/15/2026	2,300
\$ 2.25B Revolver ^{5,6}	S+1.375%	4.51%	1/7/2027	—
Term Loan A-2 ⁶	S+1.375%	4.11% ⁷	1/7/2027	2,700
Sr. Unsecured Notes Due 2029 ⁸	2.85%	2.85%	2/1/2029	500
Sr. Unsecured Notes Due 2032 ⁹	3.10%	3.10%	2/1/3032	500
Total Debt		3.75%¹⁰		\$ 7,100

Debt Maturity Profile (in billions)



1. S = Adjusted Term SOFR

2. All-in applicable rates as of September 30, 2022. Applicable spread for Term Loan A-2 and Revolver over SOFR plus 0.10% based on credit ratings as of September 30, 2022

3. Initial conversion price of \$ 121.91 per share. Notes became callable on February 5, 2021

4. Notes are callable beginning November 15, 2025

5. Revolver capacity: \$ 2.25 billion, none of which was drawn as of September 30, 2022

6. Term Loan A-2 and Revolver have a SOFR floor of 0 bps

7. Reflects impact of the interest rate swaps that effectively fix SOFR on \$ 2 billion of floating-rate debt at 2.50% through February 2023

8. Notes are callable beginning December 1, 2028

9. Notes are callable beginning November 1, 2031

10. Weighted average interest rate, including impact of interest rate swaps, based on principal balances outstanding as of September 30, 2022

Credit Agreement Defined Leverage Ratio

In millions; unaudited; trailing 12 months	Q1F22	Q2F22	Q3F22	Q4F22	Q1F23
Net Income	\$ 1,491	\$ 1,993	\$ 1,821	\$ 1,500	\$ 917
Income tax expense	143	202	387	623	586
Interest and other expense, net	294	302	296	268	268
Depreciation and amortization	1,088	994	959	929	895
EBITDA⁽¹⁾	\$ 3,016	\$ 3,491	\$ 3,463	\$ 3,320	\$ 2,666
Stock-based compensation expense	\$ 318	\$ 325	\$ 328	\$ 326	\$ 336
Contamination related charges	—	—	203	207	207
Employee termination, asset impairment and other charges	(52)	(52)	20	43	49
Recoveries from a power outage incident	(45)	—	(7)	(7)	(7)
Other	6	8	7	5	3
Adjusted EBITDA⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$ 3,243	\$ 3,772	\$ 4,014	\$ 3,894	\$ 3,254
Total Debt⁽⁴⁾	\$ 8,612	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,100	\$ 7,100
Debt to Adjusted EBITDA	2.7X	2.0X	1.8X	1.8X	2.2X
Flash Ventures equipment depreciation expenses	\$ 1,017	\$ 1,004	\$ 990	\$ 929	\$ 858
Other Credit Agreement Adjustments ⁽⁵⁾	(58)	9	2	11	2
Credit Agreement Defined Adjusted EBITDA⁽⁶⁾	\$ 4,202	\$ 4,785	\$ 5,006	\$ 4,834	\$ 4,114
Total Debt⁽⁴⁾	\$ 8,612	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,250	\$ 7,100	\$ 7,100
Credit Agreement Defined Leverage Ratio⁽⁷⁾	2.0X	1.5X	1.4X	1.5X	1.7X

- EBITDA is defined as net income before income tax expense, interest and other expense, net, and depreciation and amortization.
- Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA (as defined above), adjusted to exclude certain expenses, gains and losses that the company believes are not indicative of its core operating results or because these exclusions are consistent with the financial models and estimates published by many analysts who follow the company and its peers. See the GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliation slides within the Appendix for further details.
- Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to reflect measures used under the company's debt agreements.
- Total Debt is the total principal balance of debt outstanding as of the end of the applicable trailing 12-month period.
- Other Credit Agreement Adjustments include other income and expenses, special charges and expected future cost savings from cost reduction initiatives as provided under the company's credit agreement applicable to Term Loan A-2 and Revolver.
- Credit Agreement Defined Adjusted EBITDA is used to measure financial covenant compliance under the company's credit agreement applicable to Term Loan A-2 and Revolver.
- Credit Agreement Defined Leverage Ratio is calculated as Total Debt divided by Credit Agreement Defined Adjusted EBITDA and is the Leverage Ratio as defined in the company's credit agreement for purpose of the financial covenant applicable to Term Loan A-2 and Revolver.

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations

In millions; unaudited	Q1F22	Q4F22	Q1F23
GAAP Gross Profit	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,445	\$ 981
Stock-based compensation expense	9	12	14
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	39	1	1
Contamination related charges	—	4	—
Non-GAAP Gross Profit	\$ 1,713	\$ 1,462	\$ 996
GAAP Operating Expenses	\$ 887	\$ 883	\$ 823
Stock-based compensation expense	(67)	(65)	(72)
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	(39)	(39)	(38)
Employee termination, asset impairment and other charges	(18)	(19)	(24)
Other	(2)	—	—
Non-GAAP Operating Expenses	\$ 761	\$ 760	\$ 689
GAAP Operating Income	\$ 778	\$ 562	\$ 158
Cost of revenue adjustments	48	17	15
Operating expense adjustments	126	123	134
Non-GAAP Operating Income	\$ 952	\$ 702	\$ 307
GAAP Interest and Other Expense, Net	\$ (74)	\$ (51)	\$ (74)
Non-cash economic interest and Other	6	(14)	(1)
Non-GAAP Interest and Other Expense, Net	\$ (68)	\$ (65)	\$ (75)

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations (cont'd)

In millions, except per share amounts; unaudited	Q1F22	Q4F22	Q1F23
GAAP Net Income	\$ 610	\$ 301	\$ 27
Stock-based compensation expense	76	77	86
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	78	40	39
Contamination related charges	—	4	—
Employee termination, asset impairment and other charges	18	19	24
Non-cash economic interest and Other	8	(14)	(1)
Income tax adjustments	(3)	140	(111)
Non-GAAP Net Income	\$ 787	\$ 567	\$ 64
Diluted Income Per Common Share			
GAAP	\$ 1.93	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.08
Non-GAAP	\$ 2.49	\$ 1.78	\$ 0.20
Diluted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding			
GAAP	316	318	319
Non-GAAP	316	318	319

Supplemental Operating Segment Results

In millions, except percentages; unaudited	Q1F22	Q2F22	Q3F22	Q4F22	Q1F23
Net Revenue					
Flash	\$ 2,490	\$ 2,620	\$ 2,243	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,722
HDD	2,561	2,213	2,138	2,128	2,014
Total Net Revenue	\$ 5,051	\$ 4,833	\$ 4,381	\$ 4,528	\$ 3,736
Gross Profit By Segment					
Flash	\$ 921	\$ 946	\$ 798	\$ 862	\$ 422
HDD	792	677	592	600	574
Total Gross Profit for Segments	\$ 1,713	\$ 1,623	\$ 1,390	\$ 1,462	\$ 996
Unallocated corporate items:					
Stock-based compensation expense	(9)	(14)	(13)	(12)	(14)
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	(39)	(26)	—	(1)	(1)
Contamination related charges	—	—	(203)	(4)	—
Recoveries from a power outage incident	—	—	7	—	—
Total unallocated corporate items	(48)	(40)	(209)	(17)	(15)
Consolidated Gross Profit	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,583	\$ 1,181	\$ 1,445	\$ 981
Gross Margin					
Flash ⁽¹⁾	37.0%	36.1%	35.6%	35.9%	24.5%
HDD ⁽²⁾	30.9%	30.6%	27.7%	28.2%	28.5%
Total gross margin for segments ⁽³⁾	33.9%	33.6%	31.7%	32.3%	26.7%
Consolidated total ⁽⁴⁾	33.0%	32.8%	27.0%	31.9%	26.3%

- Flash gross margin is calculated by dividing Flash gross profit by Flash revenue.
- HDD gross margin is calculated by dividing HDD gross profit by HDD revenue.
- Total gross margin for segments is calculated by dividing total gross profit for segments by total revenue.
- Consolidated total gross margin is calculated by dividing consolidated gross profit by total revenue.

Note: In the table above, Total gross profit for segments and Total gross margin for segments are Non-GAAP financial measures, which are also referred to herein as Non-GAAP gross profit and Non-GAAP gross margin, respectively.

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations

FOOTNOTES

This presentation contains the following financial measures that are not in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"): Non-GAAP gross profit; Non-GAAP gross margin; Non-GAAP operating expenses; Non-GAAP operating income; Non-GAAP interest and other expense, net; Non-GAAP net income; Non-GAAP diluted income per common share; Adjusted EBITDA; Credit Agreement Defined Adjusted EBITDA; and free cash flow ("Non-GAAP measures"). These Non-GAAP measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative for, measures prepared in accordance with GAAP and may be different from Non-GAAP measures used by other companies. The company believes the presentation of these Non-GAAP measures, when shown in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures, provides useful information to investors for measuring the company's earnings performance and comparing it against prior periods. Specifically, the company believes these Non-GAAP measures provide useful information to both management and investors as they exclude certain expenses, gains and losses that the company believes are not indicative of its core operating results or because they are consistent with the financial models and estimates published by many analysts who follow the company and its peers. As discussed further below, these Non-GAAP measures exclude, as applicable, contamination related charges, stock-based compensation expense, amortization of acquired intangible assets, employee termination, asset impairment and other charges, non-cash economic interest, other adjustments, and income tax adjustments, and the company believes these measures along with the related reconciliations to the GAAP measures provide additional detail and comparability for assessing the company's results. EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are not intended to reflect measures used under the company's debt agreements. Credit Agreement Defined Adjusted EBITDA also is used to measure financial covenant compliance as defined under the company's credit agreement applicable to Term Loan A-2 and Revolver. These Non-GAAP measures are some of the primary indicators management uses for assessing the company's performance and planning and forecasting future periods. These measures should be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP results. As described above, the company excludes the following items from its Non-GAAP measures:

Stock-based compensation expense. Because of the variety of equity awards used by companies, the varying methodologies for determining stock-based compensation expense, the subjective assumptions involved in those determinations, and the volatility in valuations that can be driven by market conditions outside the company's control, the company believes excluding stock-based compensation expense enhances the ability of management and investors to understand and assess the underlying performance of its business over time and compare it against the company's peers, a majority of whom also exclude stock-based compensation from their Non-GAAP results.

Amortization of acquired intangible assets. The company incurs expenses from the amortization of acquired intangible assets over their economic lives. Such charges are significantly impacted by the timing and magnitude of the company's acquisitions and any related impairment charges.

Contamination related charges. In February 2022, a contamination of certain materials used in the company's manufacturing process occurred and affected production operations at the flash-based memory manufacturing facilities in Yokkaichi and Kitakami, Japan, which are operated through the company's joint business ventures with Kioxia Corporation (collectively, "Flash Ventures"). The contamination resulted in scrapped inventory and rework costs, decontamination and other costs needed to restore the facilities to normal capacity, and under absorption of overhead costs which are expensed as incurred. These charges are inconsistent in amount and frequency, and the company believes these charges are not part of the ongoing production operation of its business.

Employee termination, asset impairment and other charges. From time-to-time, in order to realign the company's operations with anticipated market demand or to achieve cost synergies from the integration of acquisitions, the company may terminate employees and/or restructure its operations. From time-to-time, the company may also incur charges from the impairment of intangible assets and other long-lived assets. In addition, the company may record credits related to gains upon sale of property due to restructuring or reversals of charges recorded in prior periods. These charges or credits are inconsistent in amount and frequency, and the company believes they are not indicative of the underlying performance of its business.

Non-cash economic interest. The company excludes non-cash economic interest expense associated with its convertible notes. These charges do not reflect the company's operating results, and the company believes they are not indicative of the underlying performance of its business.

Other adjustments. From time-to-time, the company incurs charges or gains that the company believes are not a part of the ongoing operation of its business. The resulting expense or benefit is inconsistent in amount and frequency.

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Additionally, free cash flow is defined as cash flows provided by operating activities less purchases of property, plant and equipment, net, and the activity related to Flash Ventures, net. The company considers free cash flow generated in any period to be a useful indicator of cash that is available for strategic opportunities including, among others, investing in the company's business, making strategic acquisitions, repaying debt and strengthening the balance sheet.



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