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The Data Opportunity

David Goeckeler
CEO
Western Digital





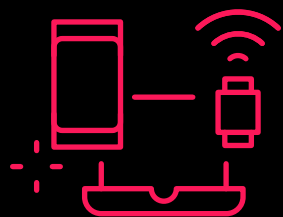
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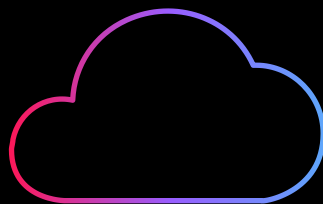
Our Markets

Our Markets Are Strong and Growing

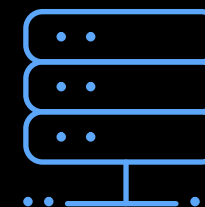
THE WORLD IS MORE TECHNOLOGY ENABLED,
AND TECHNOLOGY DEPENDENT



**EVER-INCREASING
INTELLIGENT DEVICES**



**POWERED BY
THE CLOUD**



**CONNECTED BY HIGH-
PERFORMANCE NETWORKS**

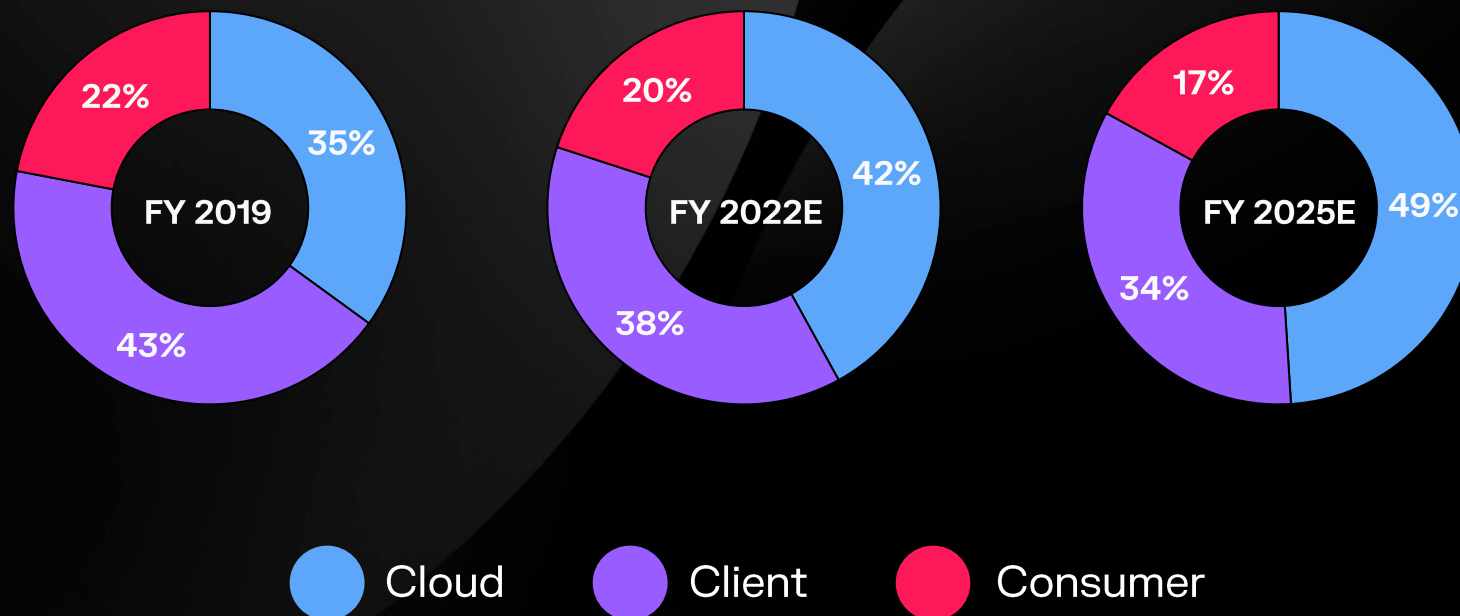
Western Digital Is Well-Positioned To Benefit from This Architectural Data Growth Opportunity

From the Intelligent Client
To the Edge to the Heart
Of the Cloud

To the Cloud Titans, the
OEMs, Distribution, and
Directly to the Consumer

End Market Mix and Change

Revenues

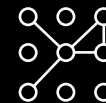


Cloud Market Dynamics

Opportunities for
Western Digital



The Need for Capacity
Is Insatiable

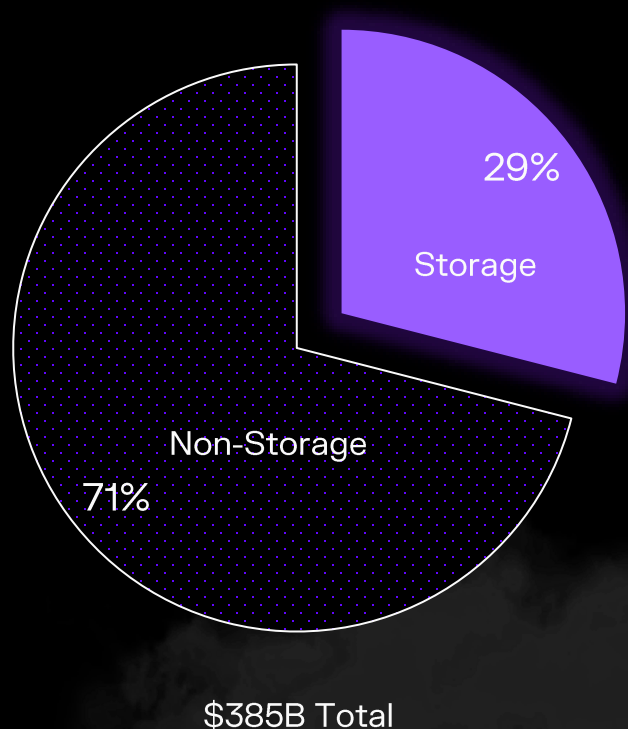


Workloads Continue To
Grow in Complexity

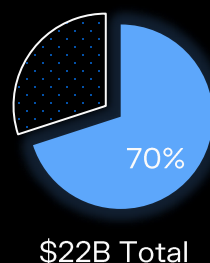
Storage Is Foundational To the Cloud

CY 2022

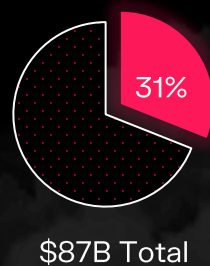
System Cost Breakdown
Percent of Revenue



HDD TAM
Percent of Revenue
in the Data Center

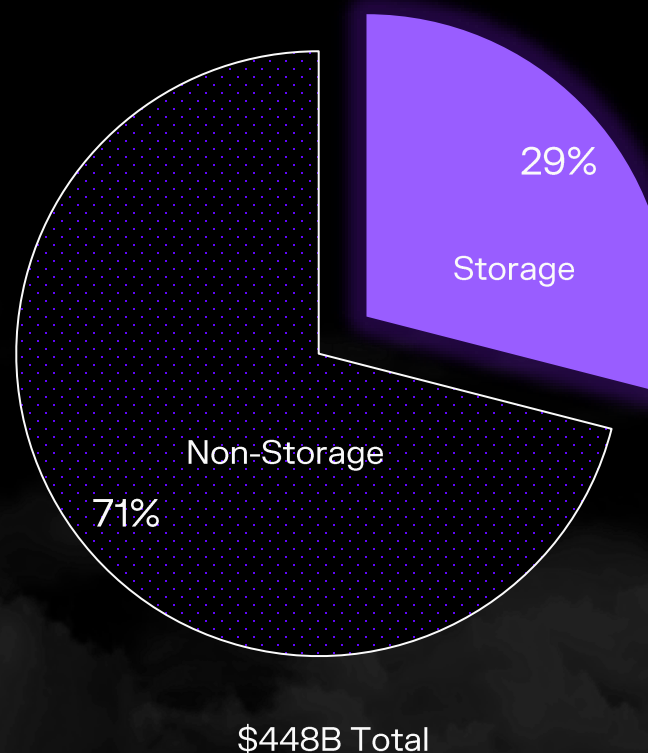


Flash TAM
Percent of Revenue
in the Data Center

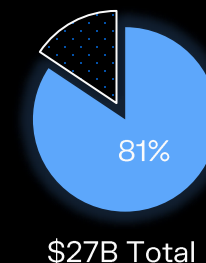


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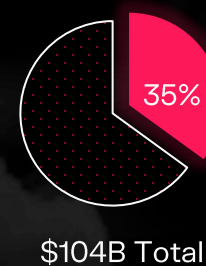
System Cost Breakdown
Percent of Revenue



HDD TAM
Percent of Revenue
in the Data Center



Flash TAM
Percent of Revenue
in the Data Center



Western Digital Is Well Positioned To Capture Cloud Storage Growth

PERFORMANCE ↑



COMPUTE

DEMAND GROWTH DRIVERS

- AI & ML
- Augmented reality



DATA

- Mission critical databases & analytics



CONTENT

- Application dev & test
- Data warehousing



ARCHIVE

- Social media history
- Online videos & audio

NAND in the Cloud

- **37% YoY data growth '22-'27**
- Diverging technical requirements supporting different use cases & hyperscalers
- WDC NAND: one of the 3 NVMe eSSD suppliers supporting hyperscalers worldwide

HDD in the Cloud

- **30% YoY data growth '22-'27**
- New capacity vs. performance paradigms that lead to expansion of cool/cold data storage tiers
- WDC HDD: Best aerial density & TCO

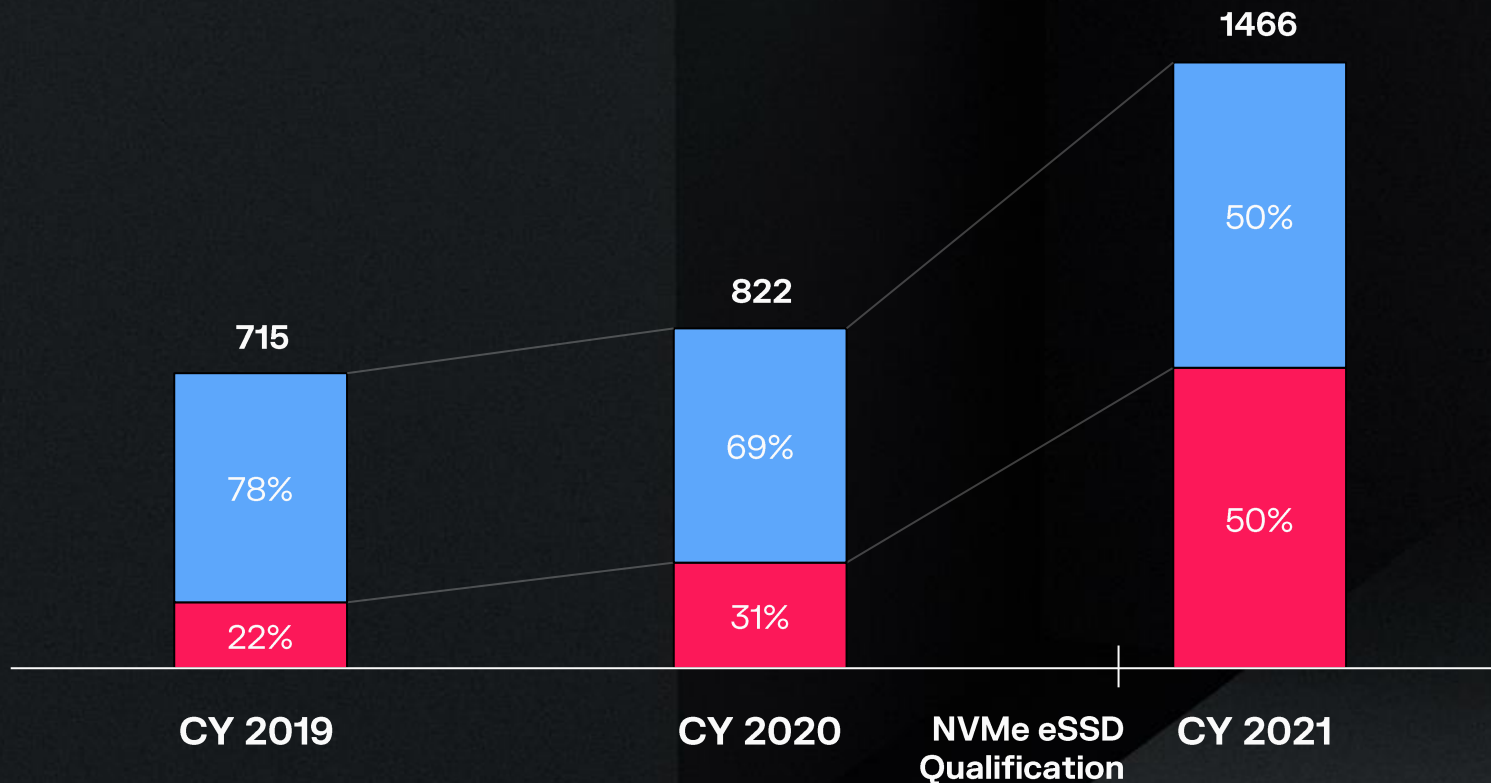
CLOUD
DATA
STORAGE
HIERARCHY

CAPACITY →

eSSD Qualification Changes Cloud Titan Growth Trajectory


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- HDD
- Flash

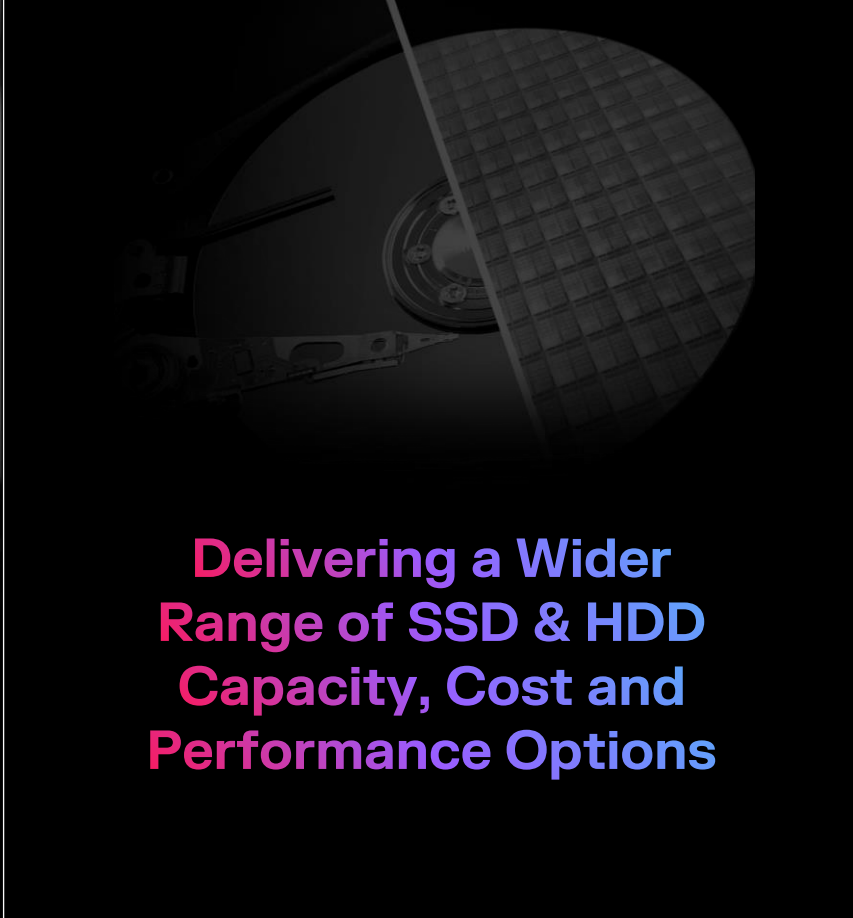


As the Cloud Grows, We Grow

Cloud Titans Are Asking Us To Solve Their Largest Unmet Storage Needs



**Addressing the
Archival Storage
Opportunity**



**Delivering a Wider
Range of SSD & HDD
Capacity, Cost and
Performance Options**



**Co-Developing a
Variety of Client
Flash Devices**

Client Market Dynamics



Automotive, Mobile, Embedded

We Have The Product Portfolio To Serve

Selective Engagement



The PC Is the Anchor Point of the Hybrid Enterprise

Rich Media, Content Creation, Security Performance, Mobility, No-Compromise Experiences

Largest Supplier of Client Drives



Gaming

Delivering Seamless, Premium Experiences

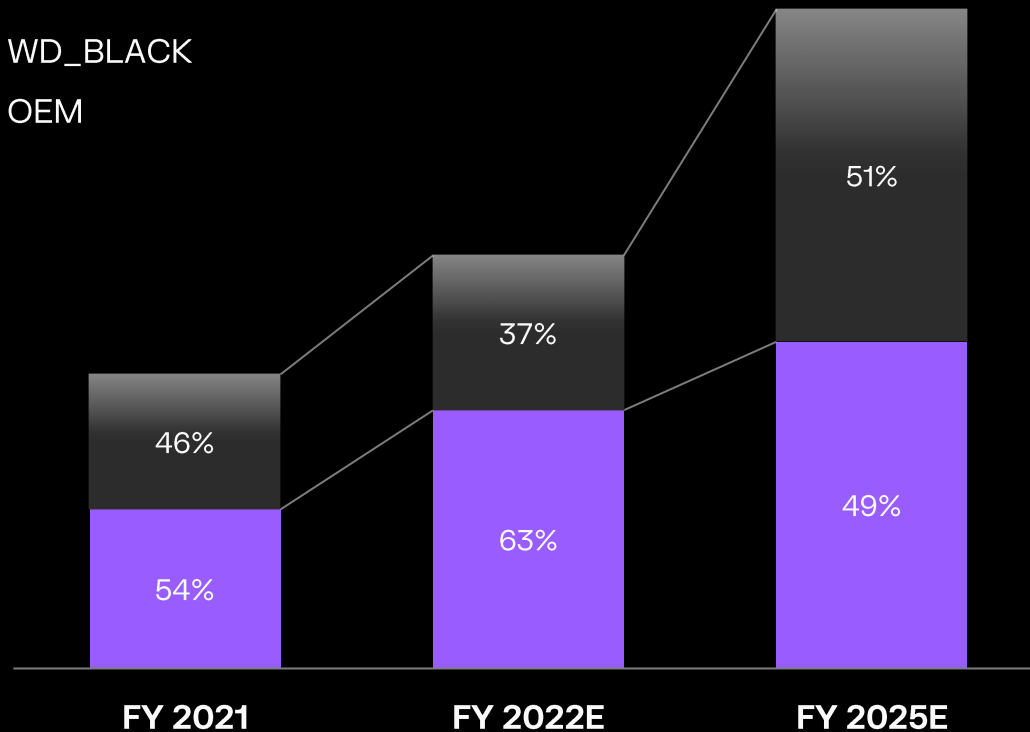
Opportunity at Scale to Create Premium Brand Value

OEM & Consumer Leadership in Gaming

WD_BLACK Drives Growth and Margin

Gaming Revenue

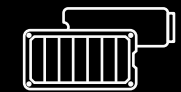
- WD_BLACK
- OEM



Positioned To Cover All Gaming Segments – PC & Console



Key Strategic Alliances and Partnerships



Best in Class WD_BLACK and SanDisk Brands

Consumer Market Dynamics



We Have Recognizable Brands

303M

Products Sold per Year

45%

External SSD CAGR

FASTEST GROWING SEGMENT



Our Brands Have Global Reach

The Breadth of Our Reach

FY 2022
To Date*

AMERICAS

61M Products Sold
92K Storefronts
49K Partners

EMEA

80M Products Sold
146K Storefronts
54K Partners

INDIA

27M Products Sold
42K Storefronts
3K Partners

CHINA

78M Products Sold
42K Storefronts
1K Partners

APJ

57M Products Sold
29K Storefronts
16K Partners

WORLDWIDE
TOTAL

303M
Products Sold

351K
Storefronts

123K
Partners

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Western Digital's Transformation

Evolution of Our Company

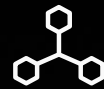
Product & Operational Focus, While Enabling Synergies



Product & Operational Focus Drives Portfolio Excellence

Business Units

Operations & Supply Chain Management



Enterprise-Wide Capabilities To Capture Synergies

Go To Market

Core Technology Evolution



Enhancing of Key Capabilities

Finance

Human Resources

Marketing & Communications

Rebuilding the Executive Leadership Team



CEO
David Goeckeler
1Q 2020



Marketing/Comms
Lynne Cox
1Q 2020



Flash BU GM
Rob Soderbery
3Q 2020



HDD BU GM
Ashley Gorakhpurwalla
4Q 2020



Corporate Strategy
Don Angspatt
1Q 2021



CPO
Christine Bastian
3Q 2021



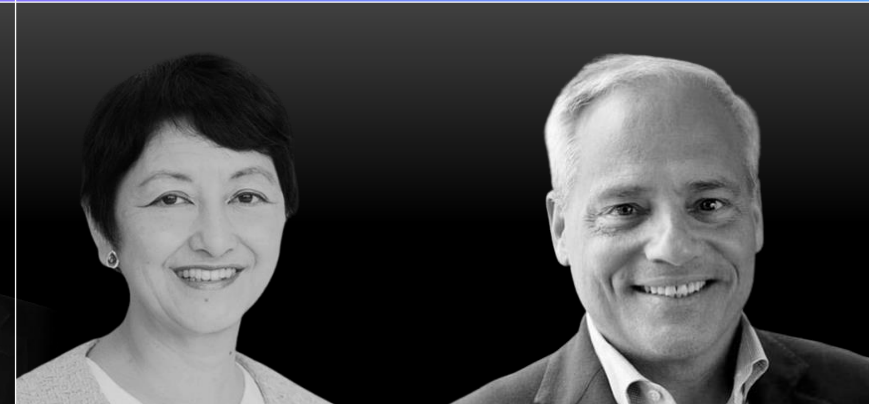
CFO
Wissam Jabre
1Q 2022



Global Operations
Irving Tan
1Q 2022



LONGSTANDING LEADERSHIP
Sales: Jerry Kagele
Technology & Strategy: Siva Sivaram
GC: Michael Ray



NEWLY-APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS
Miyuki Suzuki, Japan presence & APAC expertise
Tom Caulfield, Semi-conductor Fab expertise

Delivering Better Results

Q3F20 to Q4F22E

Revenue Grew

10%

Non-GAAP Gross Margin Expanded by

410 bps

Non-GAAP Opex As % To Revenue Decreased by

70 bps

Non-GAAP Operating Margin Expanded by

480 bps

Debt Paydown of

\$2.5B

Debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDA Reduced by

3.2x

Non-GAAP EPS





Environmental, Social and Governance

Environmental Progress

Science-Based Target of reducing operational emissions by 42% from 2020-2030

Aligned our sustainability reporting with the TCFD standard

We are a founding member of First Movers Coalition and Corporate Clean Energy Alliance

Social Progress

We completed a Human Rights Impact Assessment of our operations and value chain

We enhanced our workforce transparency by publishing results of our pay equity analysis and EEO-1 data

Recent Recognition

Asia's first Sustainability Lighthouse designation by the World Economic Forum

Named one of America's Most Responsible Companies by Newsweek

One of the World's Most Ethical Companies for the fourth year in a row by Ethisphere



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HDD & Flash Businesses

HDD Dynamics



HDD Market

Client → Cloud

Cloud HDD Requirements

New Product Segments Emerging



Western Digital Leadership

Areal Density

ePMR + OptiNAND + UltraSMR

Total Cost of Ownership



Business Model Evolution

Long Term Agreements

Value Based Pricing

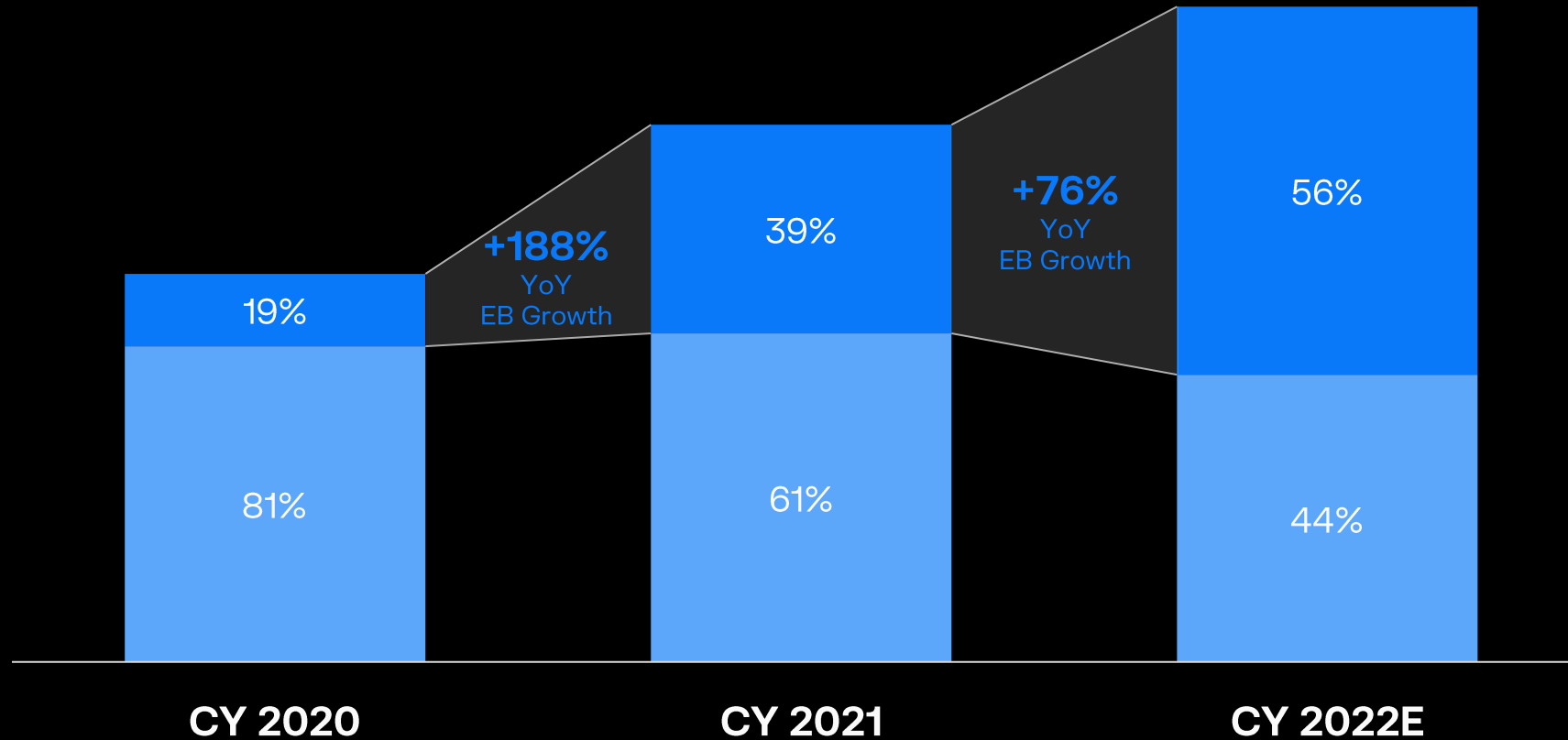
Capital Discipline

Capacity Enterprise HDD Long Term Agreements

Increased Visibility and Predictability

EB

- ceHDD LTA
- ceHDD Other



Flash Dynamics



Flash Market

Mobile → Cloud

Capital Discipline

Technology Maturity Reducing
Cyclicality



Western Digital Differentiation

Charge Trap Cell

Joint Venture Scale

Consumer Franchise



Portfolio Evolution

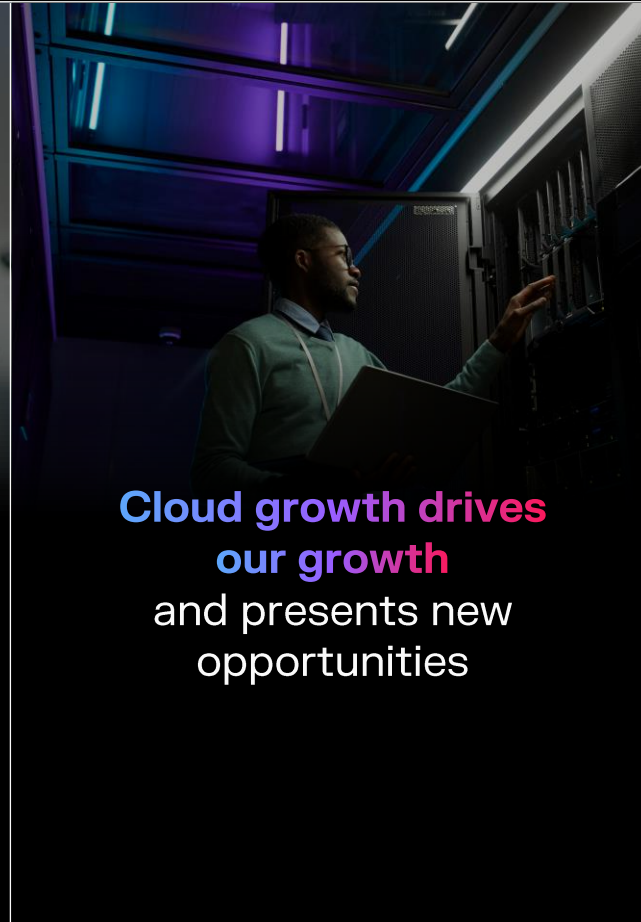
eSSD Product Success

BiCS Roadmap

Portfolio Mix Optionality



The technology franchises, innovation expertise, and partnerships to drive long term growth as the world's data storage company



Cloud growth drives our growth and presents new opportunities



Breadth of market access, from the largest technology companies in the world to 100s of millions of consumer devices



The right leadership team, with deep experience executing at-scale businesses, to lead the new Western Digital

The New Western Digital[®]

SanDisk[®]

SanDisk[®]
PROFESSIONAL

WD[®]

WD_BLACK[™]



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Appendix

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations

In Millions; Unaudited	Q3 FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2021	YTD Q3 FY 2022	FY 2022E
Revenue	\$ 4,175	\$ 16,736	\$ 16,922	\$ 14,265	\$ 18,865
GAAP Gross Profit	\$ 1,005	\$ 3,781	\$ 4,521	\$ 4,429	\$ 5,871
Contamination related charges	-	-	-	203	220
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	145	610	331	65	65
Stock-based compensation expense	13	51	55	36	49
Manufacturing underutilization charges	2	-	-	-	-
Power outage incident charges and related recovery	0	68	(75)	(7)	(7)
Other	-	(5)	-	-	-
Non-GAAP Gross Profit	\$ 1,165	\$ 4,505	\$ 4,832	\$ 4,726	\$ 6,198
Non-GAAP Gross Margin	27.9%	26.9%	28.6%	33.1%	32.9%
R&D Expenses	\$ 563	\$ 2,261	\$ 2,243	\$ 1,725	\$ 2,324
Stock-based compensation expense	(41)	(163)	(158)	(126)	(166)
Other	(1)	(8)	(1)	-	-
Non-GAAP R&D Expenses	\$ 521	\$ 2,090	\$ 2,084	\$ 1,599	\$ 2,158
SG&A Expenses	\$ 281	\$ 1,153	\$ 1,105	\$ 851	\$ 1,142
Stock-based compensation expense	(24)	(94)	(105)	(87)	(117)
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	(40)	(159)	(155)	(116)	(156)
Other	-	(7)	(3)	(5)	(5)
Non-GAAP SG&A Expenses	\$ 217	\$ 893	\$ 842	\$ 643	\$ 864
Operating Expenses	\$ 852	\$ 3,446	\$ 3,301	\$ 2,600	\$ 3,490
R&D adjustments	(42)	(171)	(159)	(126)	(166)
SG&A adjustments	(46)	(260)	(263)	(208)	(278)
Employee termination, asset impairment and other charges	(8)	(32)	47	(24)	(24)
Non-GAAP Operating Expenses	\$ 738	\$ 2,983	\$ 2,926	\$ 2,242	\$ 3,022
Non-GAAP Operating Expenses as a % of Revenue	17.7%	17.8%	17.3%	15.7%	16.0%
GAAP Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 153	\$ 335	\$ 1,220	\$ 1,829	\$ 2,381
Cost of revenue adjustments	160	724	311	297	327
Operating expense adjustments	114	463	375	358	468
Non-GAAP Operating Income	\$ 427	\$ 1,522	\$ 1,906	\$ 2,484	\$ 3,176
Non-GAAP Operating Margin	10.2%	9.1%	11.3%	17.4%	16.8%

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations (Cont.)

In Millions, Except Per Share Amounts; Unaudited	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY2022E*
GAAP Net Income (Loss)	(\$ 250)	\$ 821	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	769	486	
Stock-based compensation expense	308	318	
Manufacturing underutilization charges	-	-	
Power outage incident charges and related recovery	68	(75)	
Employee termination, asset impairment and other charges	32	(47)	
Non-cash economic interest and Other	47	15	
Income tax adjustments	(60)	(112)	
Non-GAAP Net Income	\$ 914	\$ 1,406	
Diluted Income (loss) Per Common Share			
GAAP	(\$ 0.84)	\$ 2.66	
Non-GAAP	\$ 3.04	\$ 4.55	\$8.19
Diluted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding			
GAAP	298	309	316
Non-GAAP	301	309	316

* FY 2022E: Based on mid-point of Q4F22 guidance as of April 28, 2022. Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share for fiscal year 2022 forecast excludes contamination related charges of approximately \$220 million; amortization of acquired intangible assets of approximately \$220 million; stock-based compensation expense of approximately \$340 million; and noncash economic interest and other charges of approximately \$50 million. The timing and amount of these charges excluded from its 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 diluted earnings per share are dependent on the timing and determination of certain actions and cannot be reasonably predicted. Accordingly, full reconciliation of non-GAAP diluted earnings per share to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure (net income or diluted earnings per share) is not available without unreasonable effort.

Debt Leverage Ratio

In Millions; Unaudited; Trailing 12 Months	Q4 FY19	Q1 FY20	Q2FY20	Q3 FY20	Q4FY20	Q1FY21	Q2FY21	Q3FY21	Q4FY21	Q1FY22	Q2FY22	Q3FY22
Net Income (Loss)	(\$ 754)	(\$ 1,541)	(\$ 1,193)	(\$ 595)	(\$ 250)	(\$ 34)	\$ 167	\$ 347	\$ 821	\$ 1,491	\$ 1,993	\$ 1,821
Income tax expense	467	434	(35)	(110)	204	222	146	169	106	143	202	387
Interest and other expense, net	374	379	374	398	381	346	329	290	293	294	302	296
Depreciation and amortization	1,812	1,738	1,665	1,605	1,566	1,534	1,471	1,338	1,212	1,088	994	959
EBITDA⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,899	\$ 1,010	\$ 811	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,901	\$ 2,068	\$ 2,113	\$ 2,144	\$ 2,432	\$ 3,016	\$ 3,491	\$ 3,463
Contamination related charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 203
Stock-based compensation expense	306	304	302	296	308	307	310	315	318	318	325	328
Employee termination, asset impairment and other charges	166	128	117	49	32	47	40	(36)	(47)	(52)	(52)	20
Manufacturing underutilization charges	264	264	215	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Power outage incident charges and related recovery	185	253	253	213	68	(30)	(75)	(75)	(75)	(45)	-	(7)
Other	48	50	42	42	10	4	3	2	4	6	8	7
Adjusted EBITDA⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$ 2,868	\$ 2,009	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,965	\$ 2,319	\$ 2,396	\$ 2,391	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,632	\$ 3,243	\$ 3,772	\$ 4,014
Total Debt⁽⁴⁾	\$ 10,694	\$ 10,374	\$ 9,986	\$ 9,774	\$ 9,711	\$ 9,498	\$ 9,250	\$ 9,037	\$ 8,825	\$ 8,612	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,250
Debt to Adjusted EBITDA	3.7X	5.2X	5.7X	5.0X	4.2X	4.0X	3.9X	3.9X	3.4X	2.7X	2.0X	1.8X
Flash Ventures equipment depreciation expenses												990
Other Credit Agreement Adjustments ⁽⁵⁾												2
Credit Agreement Defined Adjusted EBITDA⁽⁶⁾												\$ 5,006
Credit Agreement Defined Leverage Ratio⁽⁷⁾												1.4X
Revenue					\$ 16,736				\$ 16,922			\$ 19,185
Adjusted EBITDA Margin⁽²⁾					14%				16%			21%

1. EBITDA is defined as net income before income tax expense, interest and other expense, net, and depreciation and amortization.

2. 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. Adjusted EBITDA Margin is calculated by dividing Adjusted EBITDA by Revenue.

3. Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to reflect measures used under the company's debt agreements.

4. Total Debt is the total principal balance of debt outstanding as of the end of the trailing 12-month period.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

Free Cash Flow

In Millions, Except Per Share Amounts; Unaudited	FY 2020	FY 2021	LTM Q3 FY 2022
Cash Flows			
Cash Flows provided by Operating Activities	\$ 824	\$ 1,898	\$ 2,579
Purchases of Property, Plant and Equipment, net	(647)	(1,003)	(1,133)
Activity Related to Flash Ventures, net	931	231	125
Free Cash Flow⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,108	\$ 1,126	\$ 1,571

Fiscal Fourth Quarter of 2022 Guidance¹

	Three Months Ending July 1, 2022	
	GAAP ⁽²⁾	Non-GAAP ⁽²⁾
Revenue (\$B)	\$4.50 - \$4.70	\$4.50 - \$4.70
Gross margin	30.0% - 32.0%	31.0% - 33.0%
Operating expenses (\$M)	\$880 - \$900	\$770 - \$790
Diluted earnings per share	N/A	\$1.60 - \$1.90
Diluted shares outstanding (in millions)	~317	~317

1. Guidance as shown is as of April 28, 2022.

2. Non-GAAP gross margin guidance excludes contamination related charges and stock-based compensation expense, totaling approximately \$25 million to \$35 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. The company's Non-GAAP interest and other expense guidance excludes approximately \$10 million of non-cash economic interest and other. In the aggregate, Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share guidance excludes these items totaling \$135 million to \$165 million. The timing and amount of these charges excluded from Non-GAAP gross margin, Non-GAAP operating expenses, Non-GAAP interest and other expense, net 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 rate 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 interest and other expense, Non-GAAP tax rate and Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures (gross margin, operating expenses, interest and other expense, tax rate and diluted earnings per share, respectively) are not available without unreasonable effort.

Note: In this presentation, where applicable, FY22E based on mid-point of Q4F22 guidance as of April 28, 2022.

GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliations

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 research and development expenses; Non-GAAP selling, general, and administrative expenses; Non-GAAP operating expenses; Non-GAAP operating 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, amortization of acquired intangible assets, stock-based compensation expense, manufacturing underutilization charges, power outage incident and related recovery, 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:

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.

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.

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.

Manufacturing underutilization charges. In response to flash business conditions in 2019, the company temporarily reduced its wafer starts at its flash-based memory manufacturing facilities operated through its strategic partnership with Toshiba Memory Corporation (TMC). The temporary abnormal reduction in output resulted in flash manufacturing underutilization charges 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 operation of its business.

Power outage incident and related recovery. In June 2019, an unexpected power outage incident occurred at the flash-based memory manufacturing facilities operated through the company's joint venture with Kioxia Corporation in Yokkaichi, Japan. The power outage incident resulted in costs associated with the repair of damaged tools and the write-off of damaged inventory and unabsorbed manufacturing overhead costs which were expensed as incurred. During fiscal years 2021 and 2022, the company received recoveries of these losses from other parties. The charges and recoveries are inconsistent in amount and frequency, and the company believes they 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 of proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment, 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.