Alphabet Announces Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2023 Results

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. – January 30, 2024 – Alphabet Inc. (NASDAQ: GOOG, GOOGL) today announced financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

Sundar Pichai, CEO, said: "We are pleased with the ongoing strength in Search and the growing contribution from YouTube and Cloud. Each of these is already benefiting from our Al investments and innovation. As we enter the Gemini era, the best is yet to come."

Ruth Porat, President and Chief Investment Officer; CFO said: "We ended 2023 with very strong fourth quarter financial results, with Q4 consolidated revenues of \$86 billion, up 13% year over year. We remain committed to our work to durably re-engineer our cost base as we invest to support our growth opportunities."

Q4 2023 Financial Highlights

The following table summarizes our consolidated financial results for the quarters and years ended December 31, 2022 and 2023 (in millions, except for per share information and percentages).

	Quarter Ended December 31,					Year Ended December 31,			
		2022	2023	2022			2023		
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Revenues	\$	76,048	\$	86,310	\$	282,836	\$	307,394	
Change in revenues year over year		1 %		13 %		10 %		9 %	
Change in constant currency revenues year over year ⁽¹⁾		7 %		13 %		14 %		10 %	
Operating income	\$	18,160	\$	23,697	\$	74,842	\$	84,293	
Operating margin		24 %		27 %		26 %		27 %	
Other income (expense), net	\$	(1,013)	\$	715	\$	(3,514)	\$	1,424	
Net income	\$	13,624	\$	20,687	\$	59,972	\$	73,795	
Diluted EPS	\$	1.05	\$	1.64	\$	4.56	\$	5.80	

⁽¹⁾ Non-GAAP measure. See the table captioned "Reconciliation from GAAP revenues to non-GAAP constant currency revenues and GAAP percentage change in revenues to non-GAAP percentage change in constant currency revenues" for more details.

Q4 2023 Supplemental Information (in millions, except for number of employees; unaudited)

Revenues, Traffic Acquisition Costs (TAC), and Number of Employees

Quarter Ended December 31,

	2022	2023
Google Search & other	\$ 42,604	\$ 48,020
YouTube ads	7,963	9,200
Google Network	8,475	8,297
Google advertising	59,042	65,517
Google subscriptions, platforms, and devices ⁽¹⁾	8,796	10,794
Google Services total	67,838	76,311
Google Cloud	7,315	9,192
Other Bets	226	657
Hedging gains (losses)	669	150
Total revenues	\$ 76,048	\$ 86,310
Total TAC	\$ 12,925	\$ 13,986
Number of employees	190,234	182,502

⁽¹⁾ Formerly "Google other."

Segment Operating Results

Quarter Ended December 31,

	2022	2023
Operating income (loss):		
Google Services	\$ 20,222	\$ 26,730
Google Cloud	(186)	864
Other Bets	(1,237)	(863)
Alphabet-level activities ⁽¹⁾	 (639)	(3,034)
Total income from operations	\$ 18,160	\$ 23,697

Formerly "corporate costs, unallocated." In addition to the costs included in Alphabet-level activities, hedging gains (losses) related to revenue were \$669 million and \$150 million for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2023, respectively. For the quarter ended December 31, 2023, Alphabet-level activities included charges related to the reduction in force and our office space optimization efforts totaling \$1.2 billion and \$62 million in accelerated rent and accelerated depreciation.

Additional Information Relating to the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023 (unaudited)

Reductions in Our Workforce and Office Space

In January 2023, we announced a reduction of our workforce, and as a result we recorded employee severance and related charges of \$2.1 billion for the twelve months ended December 31, 2023. In addition, we are taking actions to optimize our global office space. As a result, exit charges recorded during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2023, were \$1.2 billion and \$1.8 billion, respectively. In addition to these exit charges, for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2023, we incurred \$62 million and \$269 million, respectively, in accelerated rent and accelerated depreciation.

Severance and office space exit charges are included within our consolidated statements of income as follows (in millions):

		Quarter l	l December	2023		Year Ended December 31, 2023						
	Sever and Re		Office Space		Total		Severance and Related		Office Space			Total
Cost of revenues	\$	2	\$	235	\$	237	\$	479	\$	481	\$	960
Research and development		1		602		603		848		870		1,718
Sales and marketing		3		198		201		497		257		754
General and administrative		1		161		162		264		237		501
Total charges	\$	7	\$	1,196	\$	1,203	\$	2,088	\$	1,845	\$	3,933

For segment reporting, the substantial majority of these charges are included within Alphabet-level activities in our segment results.

Change in Useful Lives of Our Server and Network Equipment

In January 2023, we completed an assessment of the useful lives of our servers and network equipment and adjusted the estimated useful life of our servers from four years to six years and the estimated useful life of certain network equipment from five years to six years. This change in accounting estimate was effective beginning in fiscal year 2023, and the effect was a reduction in depreciation expense of \$983 million and \$3.9 billion and an increase in net income of \$765 million and \$3.0 billion, or \$0.06 and \$0.24 per basic and \$0.06 and \$0.24 per diluted share for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2023, respectively.

Webcast and Conference Call Information

A live audio webcast of our fourth quarter 2023 earnings release call will be available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4alwdVvn4Q. The call begins today at 1:30 PM (PT) / 4:30 PM (ET). This press release, including the reconciliations of certain non-GAAP measures to their nearest comparable GAAP measures, is also available at http://abc.xyz/investor.

We also provide announcements regarding our financial performance, including SEC filings, investor events, press and earnings releases, and blogs, on our investor relations website (http://abc.xyz/investor).

We also share Google news and product updates on Google's Keyword blog at https://www.blog.google/, which may be of interest or material to our investors.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from the results predicted, and reported results should not be considered as an indication of future performance. The potential risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from the results predicted include, among others, those risks and uncertainties included under the captions "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, which are on file with the SEC and are available on our investor relations website at http://abc.xyz/investor and on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. Additional information will also be set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, and may be set forth in other reports and filings we make with the SEC. All information provided in this release and in the attachments is as of January 30, 2024. Undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements in this press release, which are based on information available to us on the date hereof. We undertake no duty to update this information unless required by law.

About Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement our consolidated financial statements, which are prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP, we use the following non-GAAP financial measures: free cash flow; constant currency revenues; and percentage change in constant currency revenues. The presentation of this financial information is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for, or superior to, the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP.

We use these non-GAAP financial measures for financial and operational decision-making and as a means to evaluate period-to-period comparisons. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful

supplemental information regarding our performance and liquidity by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of our recurring core business operating results, such as our revenues excluding the effect of foreign exchange rate movements and hedging activities, which are recognized at the consolidated level. We believe that both management and investors benefit from referring to these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing our performance and when planning, forecasting, and analyzing future periods. These non-GAAP financial measures also facilitate management's internal comparisons to our historical performance and liquidity as well as comparisons to our competitors' operating results. We believe these non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors both because (1) they allow for greater transparency with respect to key metrics used by management in its financial and operational decision-making and (2) they are used by our institutional investors and the analyst community to help them analyze the health of our business.

There are a number of limitations related to the use of non-GAAP financial measures. We compensate for these limitations by providing specific information regarding the GAAP amounts excluded from these non-GAAP financial measures and evaluating these non-GAAP financial measures together with their relevant financial measures in accordance with GAAP.

For more information on these non-GAAP financial measures, please see the tables captioned "Reconciliation from GAAP net cash provided by operating activities to non-GAAP free cash flow" and "Reconciliation from GAAP revenues to non-GAAP constant currency revenues and GAAP percentage change in revenues to non-GAAP percentage change in constant currency revenues" included at the end of this release.

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Alphabet Inc. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions, except par value per share amounts)

As of December 31,

		AS OF Dec	CIIIDCI	•
		2022		2023 (unaudited)
Assets				(unaudited)
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	21,879	\$	24,048
Marketable securities	Ψ	91,883	Ψ	86,868
Total cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities		113,762		110,916
Accounts receivable, net		40,258		47,964
Other current assets		10,775		12,650
Total current assets		164,795		171,530
Non-marketable securities		30,492		31,008
Deferred income taxes		5,261		12,169
Property and equipment, net		112,668		134,345
Operating lease assets		14,381		14,091
Goodwill		28,960		29,198
Other non-current assets		8,707		10,051
Total assets	\$	365,264	•	402,392
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	Ψ	303,204	Ψ	402,392
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	5,128	\$	7,493
Accrued compensation and benefits	Ψ	14,028	Ψ	15,140
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		37,866		46,168
Accrued revenue share		8,370		8,876
Deferred revenue		3,908		4,137
Total current liabilities		69,300		81,814
Long-term debt				
Deferred revenue, non-current		14,701		13,253
Income taxes payable, non-current		599		911
Deferred income taxes		9,258		8,474
Operating lease liabilities		514		485
Other long-term liabilities		12,501		12,460
Total liabilities		2,247		1,616
Commitments and contingencies		109,120		119,013
Stockholders' equity:				
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 100 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding		0		0
Class A, Class B, and Class C stock and additional paid-in capital, \$0.001 par value per share: 300,000 shares authorized (Class A 180,000, Class B 60,000, Class C 60,000); 12,849 (Class A 5,964, Class B 883, Class C 6,002) and 12,460 (Class A 5,899, Class B 870, Class C 5,691) shares issued and outstanding		68,184		76,534
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(7,603)		(4,402)
Retained earnings		195,563		211,247
Total stockholders' equity		256,144		283,379
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	365,264	\$	402,392

Alphabet Inc. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In millions, except per share amounts)

	Quar	ter Ended	l Decei	mber 31,	Year Ended I)ece	mber 31,
	2	2022	2	2023	2022		2023
		(unau	dited)			(ι	unaudited)
Revenues	\$	76,048	\$	86,310	\$ 282,836	\$	307,394
Costs and expenses:							
Cost of revenues		35,342		37,575	126,203		133,332
Research and development		10,267		12,113	39,500		45,427
Sales and marketing		7,183		7,719	26,567		27,917
General and administrative		5,096		5,206	 15,724		16,425
Total costs and expenses		57,888		62,613	207,994		223,101
Income from operations		18,160		23,697	74,842		84,293
Other income (expense), net		(1,013)		715	(3,514)		1,424
Income before income taxes		17,147		24,412	71,328		85,717
Provision for income taxes		3,523		3,725	 11,356		11,922
Net income	\$	13,624	\$	20,687	\$ 59,972	\$	73,795
Basic earnings per share of Class A, Class B, and Class C stock	\$	1.06	\$	1.66	\$ 4.59	\$	5.84
Diluted earnings per share of Class A, Class B, and Class C stock	\$	1.05	\$	1.64	\$ 4.56	\$	5.80
Number of shares used in basic earnings per share calculation		12,897		12,488	13,063		12,630
Number of shares used in diluted earnings per share calculation		12,947		12,602	13,159		12,722

Alphabet Inc. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In millions)

	Quarter Ended	d December 31,	Year Ended [December 31,
	2022 (unaเ	2023 udited)	2022	2023 (unaudited)
Operating activities				
Net income	\$ 13,624	\$ 20,687	\$ 59,972	\$ 73,795
Adjustments:				
Depreciation of property and equipment	3,602	3,316	13,475	11,946
Stock-based compensation expense	5,100	5,659	19,362	22,460
Deferred income taxes	(1,924)	(1,670)	(8,081)	(7,763)
(Gain) loss on debt and equity securities, net	1,663	(471)	5,519	823
Other	1,260	1,665	3,483	4,330
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions:				
Accounts receivable, net	(4,615)	(6,518)	(2,317)	(7,833)
Income taxes, net	1,446	(9,869)	584	523
Other assets	(778)	740	(5,046)	(2,143)
Accounts payable	(28)	427	707	664
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	3,424	4,317	3,915	3,937
Accrued revenue share	577	797	(445)	482
Deferred revenue	263	(165)	367	525
Net cash provided by operating activities	23,614	18,915	91,495	101,746
Investing activities				
Purchases of property and equipment	(7,595)	(11,019)	(31,485)	(32,251)
Purchases of marketable securities	(11,621)	(28,436)	(78,874)	(77,858)
Maturities and sales of marketable securities	13,735	34,030	97,822	86,672
Purchases of non-marketable securities	(903)	(851)	(2,531)	(3,027)
Maturities and sales of non-marketable securities	19	204	150	947
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired, and purchases of intangible assets	(84)	(29)	(6,969)	(495)
Other investing activities	222	(66)	1,589	(1,051)
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,227)	(6,167)	(20,298)	(27,063)
Financing activities				
Net payments related to stock-based award activities	(2,079)	(2,680)	(9,300)	(9,837)
Repurchases of stock	(15,407)	(16,191)	(59,296)	(61,504)
Proceeds from issuance of debt, net of costs	8,550	1,492	52,872	10,790
Repayments of debt	(8,718)	(1,929)	(54,068)	(11,550)
Proceeds from sale of interest in consolidated entities, net	25	0	35	8
Net cash used in financing activities	(17,629)	(19,308)	(69,757)	(72,093)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	137	(94)	(506)	(421)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(105)	(6,654)	934	2,169
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	21,984	30,702	20,945	21,879
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 21,879	\$ 24,048	\$ 21,879	\$ 24,048

Segment Results

The following table presents our segment revenues and operating income (loss) (in millions; unaudited):

	Quarter Ended December 31,				
		2022		2023	
Revenues:					
Google Services	\$	67,838	\$	76,311	
Google Cloud		7,315		9,192	
Other Bets		226		657	
Hedging gains (losses)		669		150	
Total revenues	\$	76,048	\$	86,310	
Operating income (loss):					
Google Services	\$	20,222	\$	26,730	
Google Cloud		(186)		864	
Other Bets		(1,237)		(863)	
Alphabet-level activities		(639)		(3,034)	
Total income from operations	\$	18,160	\$	23,697	

We report our segment results as Google Services, Google Cloud, and Other Bets:

- Google Services includes products and services such as ads, Android, Chrome, devices, Google Maps, Google Play, Search, and YouTube. Google Services generates revenues primarily from advertising; fees received for consumer subscription-based products such as YouTube TV, YouTube Music and Premium, and NFL Sunday Ticket; the sale of apps and in-app purchases and devices.
- Google Cloud includes infrastructure and platform services, collaboration tools, and other services for enterprise customers. Google Cloud generates revenues primarily from consumption-based fees and subscriptions received for Google Cloud Platform services, Google Workspace communication and collaboration tools, and other enterprise services.
- Other Bets is a combination of multiple operating segments that are not individually material. Revenues from Other Bets are generated primarily from the sale of healthcare-related services and internet services.

Certain costs are not allocated to our segments because they represent Alphabet-level activities. These costs primarily include Al-focused shared R&D activities, including development costs of our general Al models; corporate initiatives such as our philanthropic activities; corporate shared costs such as certain finance, human resource, and legal costs, including certain fines and settlements. Charges associated with reductions in our workforce and office space during 2023 were not allocated to our segments. Additionally, hedging gains (losses) related to revenue are not allocated to our segments.

Other Income (Expense), Net

The following table presents our other income (expense), net (in millions; unaudited):

	Qι	ıarter Ended	December 31,
		2022	2023
Interest income	\$	659	\$ 1,110
Interest expense		(90)	(69)
Foreign currency exchange gain (loss), net		(185)	(449)
Gain (loss) on debt securities, net		(176)	(115)
Gain (loss) on equity securities, net ⁽¹⁾		(1,487)	586
Performance fees		193	(45)
Income (loss) and impairment from equity method investments, net		(31)	(256)
Other		104	(47)
Other income (expense), net	\$	(1,013)	\$ 715

⁽¹⁾ Includes all gains and losses, unrealized and realized, on equity securities. For Q4 2023, the net effect of the gain on equity securities of \$586 million and the \$45 million of performance fees related to certain investments increased the provision for

income tax, net income, and diluted EPS by \$114 million, \$427 million, and \$0.03, respectively. Fluctuations in the value of our investments may be affected by market dynamics and other factors and could significantly contribute to the volatility of OI&E in future periods.

Reconciliation from GAAP Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Non-GAAP Free Cash Flow (in millions; unaudited):

We provide non-GAAP free cash flow because it is a liquidity measure that provides useful information to management and investors about the amount of cash generated by the business that can be used for strategic opportunities, including investing in our business and acquisitions, and to strengthen our balance sheet.

	Quarter Ended December 31, 2023
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 18,915
Less: purchases of property and equipment	(11,019)
Free cash flow	\$ 7,896

Free cash flow: We define free cash flow as net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures.

Reconciliation from GAAP Revenues to Non-GAAP Constant Currency Revenues and GAAP Percentage Change in Revenues to Non-GAAP Percentage Change in Constant Currency Revenues (in millions, except percentages; unaudited):

We provide non-GAAP constant currency revenues ("constant currency revenues") and non-GAAP percentage change in constant currency revenues"), because they facilitate the comparison of current results to historic performance by excluding the effect of foreign exchange rate movements ("FX Effect") as well as hedging activities, which are recognized at the consolidated level, as they are not indicative of our core operating results.

Non-GAAP constant currency revenues is defined as revenues excluding the effect of foreign exchange rate movements and hedging activities and is calculated by translating current period revenues using prior period exchange rates and excluding any hedging effect recognized in the current period. We calculate the percentage change in constant currency revenues by comparing constant currency revenues to the prior year comparable period revenues, excluding any hedging effect recognized in the prior period.

Revenues by Geography

Comparison from the Quarter Ended December 31, 2022 to the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023

					Quarter Ended December 31, 2023											
									%	% Change from Prior Period						
	Qua				Less FX		Constant Currency		As	Less Hedging	Less FX	Constant Currency				
		2022		2023		ffect	Re	evenues	Reported	Effect	Effect	Revenues				
United States	\$	36,982	\$	41,995	\$	0	\$	41,995	14 %		0 %	14 %				
EMEA		21,762		25,010		1,105		23,905	15 %		5 %	10 %				
APAC		11,979		13,979		(90)		14,069	17 %		0 %	17 %				
Other Americas		4,656		5,176		(75)		5,251	11 %		(2)%	13 %				
Revenues, excluding hedging effect		75,379		86,160		940		85,220	14 %		1 %	13 %				
Hedging gains (losses)		669		150												
Total revenues ⁽¹⁾	\$	76,048	\$	86,310			\$	85,220	13 %	(1)%	1 %	13 %				

⁽¹⁾ Total constant currency revenues of \$85.2 billion for the quarter ended December 31, 2023 increased \$9.8 billion compared to \$75.4 billion in revenues, excluding hedging effect for the quarter ended December 31, 2022.

Comparison from the Quarter Ended September 30, 2023 to the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023

				Quarter Ended December 31, 2023										
								%	Change from	ange from Prior Period				
	Quarter Ended			Constar		onstant		Less		Constant				
	ptember 0, 2023		ecember 1, 2023		ess FX C		urrency evenues	As Reported	Hedging Effect	Less FX Effect	Currency Revenues			
United States	\$ 36,354	\$	41,995	\$	0	\$	41,995	16 %		0 %	16 %			
EMEA	22,661		25,010		(508)		25,518	10 %		(3)%	13 %			
APAC	13,126		13,979		(196)		14,175	6 %		(2)%	8 %			
Other Americas	4,553		5,176		(151)		5,327	14 %		(3)%	17 %			
Revenues, excluding hedging effect	76,694		86,160		(855)		87,015	12 %		(1)%	13 %			
Hedging gains (losses)	(1)		150											
Total revenues ⁽¹⁾	\$ 76,693	\$	86,310			\$	87,015	13 %	1 %	(1)%	13 %			

⁽¹⁾ Total constant currency revenues of \$87.0 billion for the quarter ended December 31, 2023 increased \$10.3 billion compared to \$76.7 billion in revenues, excluding hedging effect for the quarter ended September 30, 2023.

					Year Ended December 31, 2023									
									% Change from Prior Period					
	Year Ended December 31,							Constant		Less		Constant		
		2022	2023		Less FX Effect		Currency Revenues		As Reported	Hedging Effect	Less FX Effect	Currency Revenues		
United States	\$	134,814	\$	146,286	\$	0	\$	146,286	9 %		0 %	9 %		
EMEA		82,062		91,038		460		90,578	11 %		1 %	10 %		
APAC		47,024		51,514		(1,759)		53,273	10 %		(3)%	13 %		
Other Americas		16,976		18,320		(654)		18,974	8 %		(4)%	12 %		
Revenues, excluding hedging effect		280,876		307,158		(1,953)		309,111	9 %		(1)%	10 %		
Hedging gains (losses)		1,960		236										
Total revenues ⁽¹⁾	\$	282,836	\$	307,394			\$	309,111	9 %	0 %	(1)%	10 %		

⁽¹⁾ Total constant currency revenues of \$309.1 billion for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased \$28.2 billion compared to \$280.9 billion in revenues, excluding hedging effect for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Total Revenues — Prior Year Comparative Periods

Comparison from the Quarter Ended December 31, 2021 to the Quarter Ended December 31, 2022

					Quarter Ended December 31, 2022									
	Quarter Ended December								% Change from Prior Period					
	31,			Less FX		Constant Currency		Less As Hedging		Less FX	Constant Currency			
		2021	2022		Effect		Revenues		Reported	Effect	Effect	Revenues		
Revenues excluding hedging effect	\$	75,122	\$	75,379	\$	(4,733)	\$	80,112	0 %		(7)%	7 %		
Hedging gains (losses)		203		669										
Total revenues	\$	75,325	\$	76,048			\$	80,112	1 %	1 %	(7)%	7 %		

Comparison from the Year Ended December 31, 2021 to the Year Ended December 31, 2022

					Year Ended December 31, 2022								
								% Change from Prior Period					
	Year Ended December 31,				Less FX		Constant Currency		As	Less Hedging	Less FX	Constant Currency	
		2021	2022		Effect		Revenues		Reported	Effect	Effect	Revenues	
Revenues excluding hedging effect	\$	257,488	\$	280,876	\$	(13,324)	\$	294,200	9 %		(5)%	14 %	
Hedging gains (losses)		149		1,960									
Total revenues	\$	257,637	\$	282,836			\$	294,200	10 %	1 %	(5)%	14 %	