

Qualys Announces First Quarter 2024 Financial Results

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Revenue Growth of 12% Year-Over-Year GAAP EPS: \$1.05; Non-GAAP EPS: \$1.45 Raises 2024 GAAP EPS Guidance to \$3.26-\$3.50 Raises 2024 Non-GAAP EPS Guidance to \$5.06-\$5.30

FOSTER CITY, Calif., May 7, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Qualys. Inc. (NASDAQ: QLYS), a pioneer and leading provider of disruptive cloud-based IT, security and compliance solutions, today announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2024. For the quarter, the Company reported revenues of \$145.8 million, net income under United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("U.S. GAAP") of \$39.7 million, non-GAAP net income of \$54.7 million, Adjusted EBITDA of \$69.0 million, GAAP net income per diluted share of \$1.05, and non-GAAP net income per diluted share of \$1.45.

"We delivered another quarter of healthy revenue growth and strong profitability," said Sumedh Thakar, president and CEO of Qualys. "By leveraging the advanced automation in the Qualys Enterprise TruRisk Platform, we offer customers and partners a highly differentiated and natively integrated solution to holistically measure, communicate, and ultimately work to eliminate cyber risk. Our continuous innovation to further strengthen our platform and TruRisk capabilities across on-prem, cloud, and multi-cloud environments enables a solution for modern security challenges at scale, further extends our leadership, and we believe strategically positions Qualys as the foundational risk management platform for the future and durable long-term growth."

First Quarter 2024 Financial Highlights

Revenues: Revenues for the first quarter of 2024 increased by 12% to \$145.8 million compared to \$130.7 million for the same quarter in 2023.

Gross Profit: GAAP gross profit for the first quarter of 2024 increased by 14% to \$118.6 million compared to \$103.7 million for the same quarter in 2023. GAAP gross margin was 81% for the first quarter of 2024 compared to 79% for the same quarter in 2023. Non-GAAP gross profit for the first quarter of 2024 increased by 14% to \$121.4 million compared to \$106.1 million for the same quarter in 2023. Non-GAAP gross margin was 83% for the first quarter of 2024 compared to 81% for the same quarter in 2023.

Operating Income: GAAP operating income for the first quarter of 2024 increased by 27% to \$44.8 million compared to \$35.2 million for the same quarter in 2023. As a percentage of revenues, GAAP operating income was 31% for the first quarter of 2024 compared to 27% for the same quarter in 2023. Non-GAAP operating income for the first quarter of 2024 increased by 24% to \$64.6 million compared to \$52.0 million for the same quarter in 2023. As a percentage of revenues, non-GAAP operating income was 44% for the first quarter of 2024 compared to 40% for the same quarter in 2023.

Net Income: GAAP net income for the first quarter of 2024 increased by 37% to \$39.7 million, or \$1.05 per diluted share, compared to \$29.1 million, or \$0.77 per diluted share, for the same quarter in 2023. As a percentage of revenues, GAAP net income was 27% for the first quarter of 2024 compared to 22% for the same quarter in 2023. Non-GAAP net income for the first quarter of 2024 was \$54.7 million, or \$1.45 per diluted share, compared to \$41.2 million, or \$1.09 per diluted share, for the same quarter in 2023. As a percentage of revenues, non-GAAP net income was 38% for the first quarter of 2024 compared to 32% for the same quarter in 2023.

Adjusted EBITDA: Adjusted EBITDA (a non-GAAP financial measure) for the first quarter of 2024 increased by 18% to \$69.0 million compared to \$58.7 million for the same quarter in 2023. As a percentage of revenues, Adjusted EBITDA was 47% for the first quarter of 2024 compared to 45% for the same quarter in 2023.

Operating Cash Flow: Operating cash flow for the first quarter of 2024 increased by 28% to \$85.5 million compared to \$66.8 million for the same quarter in 2023. As a percentage of revenues, operating cash flow was 59% for the first quarter of 2024 compared to 51% for the same quarter in 2023.

First Quarter 2024 Business Highlights

- Unveiled TotalCloud 2.0 with TruRisk Insights, bringing together cloud infrastructure, SaaS apps, and externally exposed assets for a unified view of risk across multi-cloud environments.
- Expanded Qualys' partnership with Oracle to include VMDR and TotalCloud, which are both now integrated natively with Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI), and available on the Oracle Cloud Marketplace.
- Orange Cyberdefense expanded its partnership with Qualys to strengthen its managed cybersecurity portfolio and deliver an end-to-end vulnerability intelligence service.
- Qualys' enhanced CyberSecurity Asset Management solution now detects unmanaged and untrusted devices in real time through passive discovery functionality within the Qualys Cloud Agent. This enhancement reinforces the solutions leadership in internal and external attack surface management.
- Qualys VMDR and TotalCloud were named finalists for the SC Awards Europe in categories of Best Vulnerability
 Management and Best Cloud Security solutions, highlighting their excellence and contributions to shaping the future of
 technology and cybersecurity in the UK and Europe.

Based on information as of today, May 7, 2024, Qualys is issuing the following financial guidance for the second quarter and full year fiscal 2024. The Company emphasizes that the guidance is subject to various important cautionary factors referenced in the sections entitled "Legal Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.

Second Quarter 2024 Guidance: Management expects revenues for the second quarter of 2024 to be in the range of \$147.5 million to \$149.5 million, representing 8% to 9% growth over the same quarter in 2023. GAAP net income per diluted share is expected to be in the range of \$0.82 to \$0.90, which assumes an effective income tax rate of 22%. Non-GAAP net income per diluted share is expected to be in the range of \$1.27 to \$1.35, which assumes a non-GAAP effective income tax rate of 21%. Second quarter 2024 net income per diluted share estimates are based on approximately 37.7 million weighted average diluted shares outstanding for the quarter.

Full Year 2024 Guidance: Management now expects revenues for the full year of 2024 to be in the range of \$601.5 million to \$608.5 million, representing 8% to 10% growth over 2023. This compares to the previous guidance range of \$600.0 million to \$610.0 million. GAAP net income per diluted share is expected to be in the range of \$3.26 to \$3.50, up from the previous guidance range of \$3.11 to \$3.43. This assumes an effective income tax rate of 22%. Non-GAAP net income per diluted share is expected to be in the range of \$5.06 to \$5.30, up from the previous guidance range of \$4.95 to \$5.27. This assumes a non-GAAP effective income tax rate of 21%. Full year 2024 net income per diluted share estimates are based on approximately 37.7 million weighted average diluted shares outstanding.

Qualys has not reconciled non-GAAP net income per diluted share guidance to GAAP net income per diluted share guidance because Qualys does not provide guidance on the various reconciling cash and non-cash items between GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income (i.e., stock-based compensation, amortization of intangible assets from acquisitions and non-recurring items). The actual dollar amount of reconciling items in the second quarter and full year 2024 is likely to have a significant impact on the Company's GAAP net income per diluted share in the second quarter and full year 2024. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP net income per diluted share guidance to the GAAP net income per diluted share guidance is not available without unreasonable effort.

Investor Conference Call

Qualys will host a conference call and live webcast to discuss its first quarter financial results at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (2:00 p.m. Pacific Time) on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. To access the conference call by phone, please register https://investor.qualys.com/events-presentations. A replay of the conference call will be available through the same webcast link following the end of the call.

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About Qualys

Qualys, Inc. (NASDAQ: QLYS) is a pioneer and leading provider of disruptive cloud-based Security, Compliance and IT solutions with more than 10,000 subscription customers worldwide, including a majority of the Forbes Global 100 and Fortune 100. Qualys helps organizations streamline and consolidate their security and compliance solutions onto a single platform for greater agility, better business outcomes, and substantial cost savings.

The Qualys Enterprise TruRisk Platform leverages a single agent to continuously deliver critical security intelligence while enabling enterprises to automate the full spectrum of vulnerability detection, compliance, and protection for IT systems, workloads and web applications across on premises, endpoints, servers, public and private clouds, containers, and mobile devices. Founded in 1999 as one of the first SaaS security companies, Qualys has strategic partnerships and seamlessly integrates its vulnerability management capabilities into security offerings from cloud service providers, including Amazon Web Services, the Google Cloud Platform and Microsoft Azure, along with a number of leading managed service providers and global consulting organizations. For more information, please visit www.qualys.com.

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The forward-looking statements in this press release are based on information available to Qualys as of the date hereof, and Qualys disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to reporting financial results in accordance with GAAP, Qualys provides investors with certain non-GAAP financial measures, including non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP net income per diluted share, Adjusted EBITDA (defined as earnings before interest expense, interest income and other income (expense), net, income taxes, depreciation, amortization, and stock-based compensation) and non-GAAP free cash flows (defined as cash provided by operating activities less purchases of property and equipment, net of proceeds from disposal).

In computing non-GAAP financial measures, Qualys excludes the effects of stock-based compensation expense, amortization of intangible assets from acquisitions, non-recurring items and for non-GAAP net income, certain tax effects. Qualys believes that these non-GAAP financial measures help illustrate underlying trends in its business that could otherwise be masked by the effect of the income or expenses that are excluded in non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income per diluted share, Adjusted EBITDA and non-GAAP free cash flows.

Furthermore, Qualys uses some of these non-GAAP financial measures to establish budgets and operational goals for managing its business and evaluating its performance. Qualys believes that non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income per diluted share, Adjusted EBITDA and non-GAAP free cash flows provide additional tools for investors to use in comparing its recurring core business operating results over multiple periods with other companies in its industry.

Although Qualys does not focus on or use quarterly billings in managing or monitoring the performance of its business, Qualys provides calculated current billings (defined as total revenues recognized in a period plus the sequential change in current deferred revenue in the corresponding period) for the convenience of investors and analysts in building their own financial models.

In order to provide a more complete picture of recurring core operating business results, the Company's non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share include adjustments for non-recurring income tax items and certain tax effects of non-GAAP adjustments to achieve the effective income tax rate on a non-GAAP basis. The Company's non-GAAP effective tax rate may differ from the GAAP effective income tax rate as a result of these income tax adjustments. The Company believes its estimated non-GAAP effective income tax rate of 21% in 2024 is a reasonable estimate under its current global operating structure and core business operations. The Company may adjust this rate during the year to take into account events or trends that it believes materially impact the estimated annual rate. The non-GAAP effective income tax rate could be subject to change for a number of reasons, including but not limited to, significant changes resulting from tax legislation, material changes in geographic mix of revenues and expenses and other significant events.

The presentation of this non-GAAP financial information is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results prepared in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures discussed in this press release to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures is included with the financial statements contained in this press release. Management uses both GAAP and non-GAAP information in evaluating and operating its business internally and as such has determined that it is important to provide this information to investors.

Three Months Ended

Qualys, Inc. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited) (in thousands, except per share data)

	March 31,				
	2024	2023			
Revenues	\$ 145,805	\$ 130,683			
Cost of revenues (1)	27,198	26,954			
Gross profit	118,607	103,729			
Operating expenses:					
Research and development (1)	27,530	27,795			
Sales and marketing ⁽¹⁾	29,408	25,628			
General and administrative (1)	16,908	15,128			
Total operating expenses	73,846	68,551			
Income from operations	44,761	35,178			
Other income (expense), net:					
Interest income	6,123	2,397			
Other expense, net	(1,399)	(216)			
Total other income, net	4,724	2,181			
Income before income taxes	49,485	37,359			
Income tax provision	9,754	8,254			
Net income	\$ 39,731	\$ 29,105			
Net income per share:					
Basic	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.79			

Diluted	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.77
Weighted average shares used in computing net income per share:		
Basic	36,955	 37,068
Diluted	37,723	37,669
(1) Includes stock-based compensation as follows:		
Cost of revenues	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,592
Research and development	5,303	4,960
Sales and marketing	3,739	2,454
General and administrative	7,969	 7,027
Total stock-based compensation, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 19,031	\$ 16,033

Qualys, Inc. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited) (in thousands)

	N	March 31, 2024	December 31 2023		
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	273,783	\$	203,665	
Restricted cash		_		1,500	
Short-term marketable securities		179,887		221,893	
Accounts receivable, net		115,629		146,226	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		36,112		26,714	
Total current assets		605,411		599,998	
Long-term marketable securities		89,693		56,644	
Property and equipment, net		30,191		32,599	
Operating leases - right of use asset		31,371		22,391	
Deferred tax assets, net		66,565		62,761	
Intangible assets, net		8,943		9,715	
Goodwill		7,447		7,447	
Noncurrent restricted cash		1,200		1,200	
Other noncurrent assets		20,961		19,863	
Total assets	\$	861,782	\$	812,618	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	645	\$	988	
Accrued liabilities		48,246		43,096	
Deferred revenues, current		332,128		333,267	
Operating lease liabilities, current		10,046		11,857	
Total current liabilities		391,065		389,208	
Deferred revenues, noncurrent		31,311		31,671	
Operating lease liabilities, noncurrent		27,784		16,885	
Other noncurrent liabilities		7,420		6,680	
Total liabilities		457,580		444,444	
Stockholders' equity:					
Common stock		37		37	
Additional paid-in capital		610,923		597,921	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(1,007)		(1,704)	
Accumulated deficit		(205,751)		(228,080)	
Total stockholders' equity		404,202		368,174	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	861,782	\$	812,618	

Three Months Ended March 31,

	2024	2023
Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 39,731	\$ 29,105
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	5,239	7,444
Provision for credit losses	193	119
Stock-based compensation, net of amounts capitalized	19,031	16,033
Accretion of discount on marketable securities, net	(1,915)	(259)
Deferred income taxes	(4,111)	(4,241)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	30,404	19,890
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(10,126)	(1,289)
Accounts payable	(335)	(1,215)
Accrued liabilities and other noncurrent liabilities	8,892	(2)
Deferred revenues	 (1,498)	 1,228
Net cash provided by operating activities	85,505	66,813
Cash flow from investing activities:		
Purchases of marketable securities	(61,340)	(46,010)
Sales and maturities of marketable securities	71,463	69,709
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,051)	(4,037)
Net cash provided by investing activities	8,072	19,662
Cash flow from financing activities:		
Repurchase of common stock	(18,029)	(66,551)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,770	2,328
Payments for taxes related to net share settlement of equity awards	(11,808)	(5,105)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock through employee stock purchase plan	3,608	2,988
Payment of acquisition-related holdback	 (1,500)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(24,959)	(66,340)
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	68,618	20,135
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	206,365	 176,419
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 274,983	\$ 196,554

Qualys, Inc. RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES ADJUSTED EBITDA (unaudited) (in thousands, except percentages)

Three Months Ended March 31,

	2024	· · · · ·	2023	
Net income	\$ 39,731	\$	29,105	
Net income as a percentage of revenues	27 %		22 %	
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment	4,467		6,672	
Amortization of intangible assets	772		772	
Income tax provision	9,754		8,254	
Stock-based compensation	19,031		16,033	
Total other income, net	(4,724)		(2,181)	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 69,031	\$	58,655	
Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenues	47 %		45 %	

Qualys, Inc.
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES (unaudited) (in thousands, except per share data)

Three Months Ended March 31,

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		2024		2023
GAAP Cost of revenues	\$	27,198	\$	26,954
Less: Stock-based compensation		(2,020)		(1,592)
Less: Amortization of intangible assets		(747)		(747)
Non-GAAP Cost of revenues	\$	24,431	\$	24,615
GAAP Gross profit	\$	118,607	\$	103,729
Plus: Stock-based compensation		2,020		1,592
Plus: Amortization of intangible assets		747		747
Non-GAAP Gross Profit	\$	121,374	\$	106,068
GAAP Research and development	\$	27,530	\$	27,795
Less: Stock-based compensation		(5,303)		(4,960)
Less: Amortization of intangible assets		(25)		(25)
Non-GAAP Research and development	\$	22,202	\$	22,810
GAAP Sales and marketing	\$	29,408	\$	25,628
Less: Stock-based compensation		(3,739)		(2,454)
Non-GAAP Sales and marketing	\$	25,669	\$	23,174
GAAP General and administrative	\$	16,908	\$	15,128
Less: Stock-based compensation		(7,969)		(7,027)
Non-GAAP General and administrative	\$	8,939	\$	8,101
GAAP Operating expenses	\$	73,846	\$	68,551
Less: Stock-based compensation		(17,011)		(14,441)
Less: Amortization of intangible assets		(25)		(25)
Non-GAAP Operating expenses	\$	56,810	\$	54,085
GAAP Income from operations	\$	44,761	\$	35,178
Plus: Stock-based compensation		19,031		16,033
Plus: Amortization of intangible assets		772		772
Non-GAAP Income from operations	\$	64,564	\$	51,983
GAAP Net income	\$	39,731	\$	29,105
Plus: Stock-based compensation		19,031		16,033
Plus: Amortization of intangible assets		772		772
Less: Tax adjustment		(4,796)		(4,736)
Non-GAAP Net income	\$	54,738	\$	41,174
GAAP Net income per share:				
Basic	\$	1.08	\$	0.79
Diluted	\$	1.05	\$	0.77
Non-GAAP Net income per share:				
Basic	\$	1.48	\$	1.11
Diluted	\$	1.45	\$	1.09
Weighted average shares used in GAAP and non-GAAP net income per share:				
Basic		36,955		37,068
Diluted		37,723		37,669
				

Qualys, Inc. RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES FREE CASH FLOWS (unaudited) (in thousands)

Three Months Ended March 31.

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		2024	2023	
GAAP Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$	85,505	\$	66,813
Less:		(2,051)		(4,037)
Purchases of property and equipment, net of proceeds from disposal		(2,031)		(4,037)
Non-GAAP Free cash flows	\$	83,454	\$	62,776

Qualys, Inc. RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES CALCULATED CURRENT BILLINGS (unaudited)

(in thousands, except percentages)

Three Months Ended

	March 31,				
		2024	2023		
GAAP Revenue	\$	145,805	\$	130,683	
GAAP Revenue growth compared to same quarter of prior year		12 %		15 %	
Plus: Current deferred revenue at March 31		332,128		296,516	
Less: Current deferred revenue at December 31		(333,267)		(293,728)	
Non-GAAP Calculated current billings	\$	144,666	\$	133,471	
Calculated current billings growth compared to same quarter of prior year		8 %		9 %	

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