

INTUIT INC  
Form 10-Q  
February 19, 2015  
Table of Contents

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

---

FORM 10-Q

Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the quarterly period ended January 31, 2015

OR

Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Commission File Number 0-21180

INTUIT INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State of incorporation)

77-0034661  
(IRS employer identification  
no.)

2700 Coast Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(650) 944-6000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports); and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. 276,726,077 shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, were outstanding at February 17, 2015.



INTUIT INC.  
FORM 10-Q  
INDEX

	Page Number
<u>PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>	
<u>ITEM 1: Financial Statements (Unaudited)</u>	
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and six months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss for the three and six months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at January 31, 2015 and July 31, 2014</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity for the six months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the six months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>ITEM 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>ITEM 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>ITEM 4: Controls and Procedures</u>	<u>34</u>
<u>PART II OTHER INFORMATION</u>	
<u>ITEM 1: Legal Proceedings</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>ITEM 1A: Risk Factors</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>ITEM 2: Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>ITEM 6: Exhibits</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>Signatures</u>	<u>47</u>
EX-31.01	
EX-31.02	
EX-32.01	
EX-32.02	
EX-101.INS XBRL Instance Document	
EX-101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema	

Edgar Filing: INTUIT INC - Form 10-Q

EX-101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase

EX-101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase

EX-101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

EX-101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase

Intuit, the Intuit logo, QuickBooks, TurboTax, Lacerte, ProSeries, Quicken, and Mint, among others, are registered trademarks and/or registered service marks of Intuit Inc., or one of its subsidiaries, in the United States and other countries. Other parties' marks are the property of their respective owners.

Table of ContentsPART I  
ITEM 1  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTSINTUIT INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(Unaudited)

(In millions, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014
Net revenue:				
Product	\$198	\$287	\$431	\$516
Service and other	610	495	1,049	888
Total net revenue	808	782	1,480	1,404
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of revenue:				
Cost of product revenue	44	45	78	74
Cost of service and other revenue	153	125	284	233
Amortization of acquired technology	9	6	19	12
Selling and marketing	376	352	657	610
Research and development	200	186	400	362
General and administrative	118	109	242	227
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets	6	5	12	9
Total costs and expenses	906	828	1,692	1,527
Operating loss from continuing operations	(98 )	(46 )	(212 )	(123 )
Interest expense	(7 )	(8 )	(14 )	(16 )
Interest and other income, net	2	—	2	5
Loss before income taxes	(103 )	(54 )	(224 )	(134 )
Income tax benefit	(37 )	(17 )	(74 )	(40 )
Net loss from continuing operations	(66 )	(37 )	(150 )	(94 )
Net income from discontinued operations	—	—	—	46
Net loss	\$(66 )	\$(37 )	\$(150 )	\$(48 )
Basic net loss per share from continuing operations	\$(0.23 )	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.53 )	\$(0.33 )
Basic net income per share from discontinued operations	—	—	—	0.16
Basic net loss per share	\$(0.23 )	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.53 )	\$(0.17 )
Shares used in basic per share calculations	285	284	285	286
Diluted net loss per share from continuing operations	\$(0.23 )	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.53 )	\$(0.33 )
Diluted net income per share from discontinued operations	—	—	—	0.16
Diluted net loss per share	\$(0.23 )	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.53 )	\$(0.17 )
Shares used in diluted per share calculations	285	284	285	286
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$0.25	\$0.19	\$0.50	\$0.38
See accompanying notes.				

Table of Contents

INTUIT INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(Unaudited)

(In millions)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014
Net loss	\$(66 )	\$(37 )	\$(150 )	\$(48 )
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes:				
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale debt securities	—	—	—	2
Unrealized losses on available-for-sale equity securities	—	(3 )	—	(4 )
Foreign currency translation losses	(15 )	(6 )	(20 )	(8 )
Total other comprehensive loss, net	(15 )	(9 )	(20 )	(10 )
Comprehensive loss	\$(81 )	\$(46 )	\$(170 )	\$(58 )

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents

## INTUIT INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(In millions)	January 31, 2015	July 31, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$482	\$849
Investments	885	1,065
Accounts receivable, net	459	134
Income taxes receivable	146	35
Deferred income taxes	149	133
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	103	116
Current assets before funds held for customers	2,224	2,332
Funds held for customers	354	289
Total current assets	2,578	2,621
Long-term investments	35	31
Property and equipment, net	643	606
Goodwill	1,688	1,635
Acquired intangible assets, net	187	199
Other assets	114	109
Total assets	\$5,245	\$5,201
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$273	\$161
Accrued compensation and related liabilities	199	278
Deferred revenue	888	526
Other current liabilities	395	167
Current liabilities before customer fund deposits	1,755	1,132
Customer fund deposits	354	289
Total current liabilities	2,109	1,421
Long-term debt	499	499
Long-term deferred revenue	83	10
Other long-term obligations	200	193
Total liabilities	2,891	2,123
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock	—	—
Common stock and additional paid-in capital	3,822	3,561
Treasury stock, at cost	(7,098)	(6,430)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(22)	(2)
Retained earnings	5,652	5,949
Total stockholders' equity	2,354	3,078
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$5,245	\$5,201

See accompanying notes.

Table of Contents

## INTUIT INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Unaudited)

(In millions, except shares in thousands)	Shares of Common Stock	Common Stock and Additional Paid-In Capital	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance at July 31, 2014	284,950	\$3,561	\$(6,430)	\$ (2)	\$5,949	\$3,078
Comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(20)	(150)	(170)
Issuance of stock under employee stock plans	3,463	101	—	—	—	101
Stock repurchases under stock repurchase programs	(7,473)	—	(668)	—	—	(668)
Dividends and dividend rights declared (\$0.50 per share)	—	—	—	—	(147)	(147)
Tax benefit from share-based compensation plans	—	38	—	—	—	38
Share-based compensation expense	—	122	—	—	—	122
Balance at January 31, 2015	280,940	\$3,822	\$(7,098)	\$ (22)	\$5,652	\$2,354

  

(In millions, except shares in thousands)	Shares of Common Stock	Common Stock and Additional Paid-In Capital	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance at July 31, 2013	299,503	\$3,201	\$(4,952)	\$ 20	\$5,262	\$3,531
Comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(10)	(48)	(58)
Issuance of stock under employee stock plans	4,188	33	100	—	—	133
Stock repurchases under stock repurchase programs	(20,178)	—	(1,402)	—	—	(1,402)
Dividends and dividend rights declared (\$0.38 per share)	—	—	—	—	(111)	(111)
Tax benefit from share-based compensation plans	—	43	—	—	—	43
Share-based compensation expense	—	99	—	—	—	99
Balance at January 31, 2014	283,513	\$3,376	\$(6,254)	\$ 10	\$5,103	\$2,235

See accompanying notes.



Table of Contents

INTUIT INC.  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
 (Unaudited)

(In millions)	Six Months Ended	
	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$(150 )	\$(48 )
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	75	75
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	36	25
Share-based compensation expense	122	99
Pre-tax gain on sale of discontinued operations	—	(40 )
Deferred income taxes	(16 )	66
Tax benefit from share-based compensation plans	38	43
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation plans	(38 )	(43 )
Other	19	11
Total adjustments	236	236
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(327 )	(308 )
Income taxes receivable	(110 )	(161 )
Prepaid expenses and other assets	12	(29 )
Accounts payable	116	88
Accrued compensation and related liabilities	(79 )	(49 )
Deferred revenue	439	326
Other liabilities	110	87
Total changes in operating assets and liabilities	161	(46 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	247	142
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of available-for-sale debt securities	(619 )	(320 )
Sales of available-for-sale debt securities	458	145
Maturities of available-for-sale debt securities	328	147
Net change in money market funds and other cash equivalents held to satisfy customer fund obligations	(65 )	(55 )
Net change in customer fund deposits	65	55
Purchases of property and equipment	(116 )	(93 )
Acquisitions of businesses, net of cash acquired	(76 )	(66 )
Proceeds from divestiture of businesses	—	1,025
Other	(10 )	(10 )
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(35 )	828
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net proceeds from issuance of stock under employee stock plans	101	125
Cash paid for purchases of treasury stock	(554 )	(1,402 )
Dividends and dividend rights paid	(143 )	(111 )
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation plans	38	43
Net cash used in financing activities	(558 )	(1,345 )
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(21 )	(9 )
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(367 )	(384 )
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	849	1,009

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$482	\$625
--	-------	-------

See accompanying notes.

7

---

Table of Contents

INTUIT INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(UNAUDITED)

1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business

Intuit Inc. provides business and financial management solutions for small businesses, consumers, and accounting professionals. With flagship products and services that include QuickBooks, TurboTax, Quicken and Mint, we help customers solve important business and financial management problems such as running a small business, paying bills, filing income tax returns, and managing personal finances. ProSeries and Lacerte are Intuit's tax preparation offerings for professional accountants. Incorporated in 1984 and headquartered in Mountain View, California, we sell our products and services primarily in the United States.

Basis of Presentation

These condensed consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Intuit and its wholly owned subsidiaries. We have eliminated all significant intercompany balances and transactions in consolidation. We have included all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring items, which we considered necessary for a fair presentation of our financial results for the interim periods presented.

On June 16, 2014 we acquired Check Inc. (now known as Mint Bills). We have included the results of operations for this company in our consolidated results of operations from the date of acquisition.

As discussed in Note 4, we sold our Intuit Financial Services (IFS) and Intuit Health businesses in August 2013. We have reclassified our statements of operations for all periods presented to reflect these two businesses as discontinued operations. Because the cash flows of our IFS and Intuit Health discontinued operations were not material for any period presented, we have not segregated the cash flows of those businesses from continuing operations on our statements of cash flows. Unless noted otherwise, discussions in these notes pertain to our continuing operations.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes should be read together with the audited consolidated financial statements in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014. Results for the six months ended January 31, 2015 do not necessarily indicate the results we expect for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2015 or any other future period.

Seasonality

Historically, our QuickBooks, Consumer Tax, and Professional Tax offerings have been highly seasonal. Revenue from our QuickBooks software products has tended to be highest during our second and third fiscal quarters. Sales of income tax preparation products and services are heavily concentrated in the period from November through April. These seasonal patterns mean that our total net revenue is usually highest during our second quarter ending January 31 and third quarter ending April 30. We typically report losses in our first quarter ending October 31 and fourth quarter ending July 31. During these quarters, revenue from our tax businesses is minimal while core operating expenses such as research and development continue at relatively consistent levels.

Significant Accounting Policies

We describe our significant accounting policies in Note 1 to the financial statements in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014. See the discussion of changes to our policy for recognizing product revenue below. There have been no other changes to our significant accounting policies during the first six months of fiscal 2015.

Revenue Recognition - Product Revenue

Prior to fiscal 2015, we recognized revenue from the sale of our packaged software products when legal title transferred. This was generally when our customers downloaded products from the Web, when we shipped the products or, in the case of certain agreements, when products were delivered to retailers. Beginning in fiscal 2015, we began delivering ongoing releases for our future QuickBooks and Quicken desktop products and for our future Professional Tax solutions. As a result, revenue for these QuickBooks and Quicken offerings will be recognized as services are provided over approximately three years and revenue for our Professional Tax solutions will be recognized as services are provided over the tax year.



Table of Contents

Use of Estimates

In preparing our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), we make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our financial statements and the disclosures made in the accompanying notes. For example, we use estimates in determining the appropriate levels of reserves for product returns and rebates, the collectibility of accounts receivable, the appropriate levels of various accruals including accruals for litigation contingencies, the amount of our worldwide tax provision, and the realizability of deferred tax assets. We also use estimates in determining the remaining economic lives and fair values of acquired intangible assets, property and equipment, and other long-lived assets. In addition, we use assumptions to estimate the fair value of reporting units and share-based compensation. Despite our intention to establish accurate estimates and use reasonable assumptions, actual results may differ from our estimates.

Computation of Net Income (Loss) Per Share

We compute basic net income or loss per share using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. We compute diluted net income per share using the weighted average number of common shares and dilutive potential common shares outstanding during the period. Dilutive potential common shares consist of the shares issuable upon the exercise of stock options and upon the vesting of restricted stock units (RSUs) under the treasury stock method.

We include stock options with combined exercise prices, unrecognized compensation expense and tax benefits that are less than the average market price for our common stock, and RSUs with combined unrecognized compensation expense and tax benefits that are less than the average market price for our common stock, in the calculation of diluted net income per share. We exclude stock options with combined exercise prices, unrecognized compensation expense and tax benefits that are greater than the average market price for our common stock, and RSUs with combined unrecognized compensation expense and tax benefits that are greater than the average market price for our common stock, from the calculation of diluted net income per share because their effect is anti-dilutive. Under the treasury stock method, the amount that must be paid to exercise stock options, the amount of compensation expense for future service that we have not yet recognized for stock options and RSUs, and the amount of tax benefits that will be recorded in additional paid-in capital when the awards become deductible are assumed to be used to repurchase shares.

All of the RSUs we grant have dividend rights. Dividend rights are accumulated and paid when the underlying RSUs vest. Since the dividend rights are subject to the same vesting requirements as the underlying equity awards they are considered a contingent transfer of value. Consequently, the RSUs are not considered participating securities and we do not present them separately in earnings per share.

In loss periods, basic net loss per share and diluted net loss per share are the same since the effect of potential common shares is anti-dilutive and therefore excluded.

Table of Contents

The following table presents the composition of shares used in the computation of basic and diluted net loss per share for the periods indicated.

(In millions, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014
<b>Numerator:</b>				
Net loss from continuing operations	\$(66 )	\$(37 )	\$(150 )	\$(94 )
Net income from discontinued operations	—	—	—	46
Net loss	\$(66 )	\$(37 )	\$(150 )	\$(48 )
<b>Denominator:</b>				
<b>Shares used in basic per share amounts:</b>				
Weighted average common shares outstanding	285	284	285	286
<b>Shares used in diluted per share amounts:</b>				
Weighted average common shares outstanding	285	284	285	286
Dilutive common equivalent shares from stock options and restricted stock awards	—	—	—	—
Dilutive weighted average common shares outstanding	285	284	285	286
<b>Basic and diluted net loss per share:</b>				
Basic net loss per share from continuing operations	\$(0.23 )	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.53 )	\$(0.33 )
Basic net income per share from discontinued operations	—	—	—	0.16
Basic net loss per share	\$(0.23 )	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.53 )	\$(0.17 )
Diluted net loss per share from continuing operations	\$(0.23 )	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.53 )	\$(0.33 )
Diluted net income per share from discontinued operations	—	—	—	0.16
Diluted net loss per share	\$(0.23 )	\$(0.13 )	\$(0.53 )	\$(0.17 )

Shares excluded from computation of diluted net loss per share:

Weighted average stock options and restricted stock units that would have been included in the computation of dilutive common equivalent shares outstanding if net income had been reported in the period

14	19	15	17
----	----	----	----

Weighted average stock options and restricted stock units excluded from computation due to anti-dilutive effect

2	—	2	3
---	---	---	---

**Concentration of Credit Risk and Significant Customers**

No customer accounted for 10% or more of total net revenue in the three or six months ended January 31, 2015 or January 31, 2014. Due to the seasonality of our small business, consumer tax and personal finance offerings, one retail customer accounted for 18% of gross accounts receivable at January 31, 2015. No customer accounted for 10% or more of gross accounts receivable at July 31, 2014.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

ASU 2014-08, "Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity"

In April 2014 the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-08, "Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity." This update raises the threshold

for a disposal to qualify

10

---

Table of Contents

as a discontinued operation and requires new disclosures for discontinued operations and disposals that do not meet the definition of a discontinued operation. ASU 2014-08 is effective prospectively for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2014, which means that it will be effective for us in the first quarter of our fiscal year beginning August 1, 2015.

ASU 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)”

In May 2014 the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606).” This update supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The core principle of ASU 2014-09 is to recognize revenues when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration that is expected to be received for those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 defines a five step process to achieve this core principle and, in doing so, it is possible that more judgment and estimates may be required within the revenue recognition process than is required under present U.S. GAAP. These may include identifying performance obligations in the contract, estimating the amount of variable consideration to include in the transaction price, and allocating the transaction price to each separate performance obligation. The new standard also requires additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments. ASU 2014-09 is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, which means that it will be effective for us in the first quarter of our fiscal year beginning August 1, 2017. Early adoption is not permitted under U.S. GAAP. ASU 2014-09 allows adoption using either of two methods: (i) retrospective to each prior reporting period presented, with the option to elect certain practical expedients; or (ii) retrospective with the cumulative effect of initially applying ASU 2014-09 recognized at the date of initial application and providing certain additional disclosures. We are currently evaluating the impact of our pending adoption of ASU 2014-09 on our consolidated financial statements.

## 2. Fair Value Measurements

The authoritative guidance defines fair value as the price that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. When determining fair value, we consider the principal or most advantageous market for an asset or liability and assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability. In addition, we consider and use all valuation methods that are appropriate in estimating the fair value of an asset or liability.

The authoritative guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy that is based on the extent and level of judgment used to estimate the fair value of assets and liabilities. In general, the authoritative guidance requires us to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. An asset or liability’s categorization within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the measurement of its fair value. The three levels of input defined by the authoritative guidance are as follows:

Level 1 uses unadjusted quoted prices that are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 uses inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are either directly or indirectly observable through correlation with market data. These include quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; and inputs to valuation models or other pricing methodologies that do not require significant judgment because the inputs used in the model, such as interest rates and volatility, can be corroborated by readily observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 uses one or more significant inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the determination of fair value. Level 3 assets and liabilities include those whose fair value measurements are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies or similar valuation techniques and significant management judgment or estimation.



Table of Contents

## Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following table summarizes financial assets and financial liabilities that we measured at fair value on a recurring basis at the dates indicated, classified in accordance with the fair value hierarchy described above.

(In millions)	January 31, 2015			Total Fair Value	July 31, 2014			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<b>Assets:</b>								
Cash equivalents, primarily money market funds	\$359	\$—	\$—	\$359	\$652	\$—	\$—	\$652
Available-for-sale debt securities:								
Municipal bonds	—	474	—	474	—	701	—	701
Corporate notes	—	581	—	581	—	466	—	466
U.S. agency securities	—	5	—	5	—	42	—	42
Municipal auction rate securities	—	—	21	21	—	—	21	21
Total available-for-sale securities	—	1,060	21	1,081	—	1,209	21	1,230
Total assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis	\$359	\$1,060	\$21	\$1,440	\$652	\$1,209	\$21	\$1,882
<b>Liabilities:</b>								
Senior notes (1)	\$—	\$544	\$—	\$544	\$—	\$556	\$—	\$556

(1) Carrying value on our balance sheet at January 31, 2015 was \$499 million and at July 31, 2014 was \$499 million.  
See Note 6.

The following table summarizes our cash equivalents and available-for-sale debt securities by balance sheet classification and level in the fair value hierarchy at the dates indicated.

(In millions)	January 31, 2015			Total Fair Value	July 31, 2014			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<b>Cash equivalents:</b>								
In cash and cash equivalents	\$180	\$—	\$—	\$180	\$507	\$—	\$—	\$507
In funds held for customers	179	—	—	179	145	—	—	145
Total cash equivalents	\$359	\$—	\$—	\$359	\$652	\$—	\$—	\$652
Available-for-sale securities:								
In investments	\$—	\$885	\$—	\$885	\$—	\$1,065	\$—	\$1,065
In funds held for customers	—	175	—	175	—	144	—	144
In long-term investments	—	—	21	21	—	—	21	21
Total available-for-sale securities	\$—	\$1,060	\$21	\$1,081	\$—	\$1,209	\$21	\$1,230

We value our Level 1 assets, consisting primarily of money market funds, using quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments. Financial assets whose fair values we measure on a recurring basis using Level 2 inputs consist of municipal bonds, corporate notes, and U.S. agency securities. We measure the fair values of these assets with the help of a pricing service that either provides quoted market prices in active markets for identical or similar securities or uses observable inputs for their pricing without applying significant adjustments. Our fair value processes include controls that are designed to ensure that we record appropriate fair values for our Level 2 investments. These controls include comparison to pricing provided by a secondary pricing service or investment manager, validation of pricing sources and models, review of key model inputs, analysis of period-over-period price fluctuations, and independent recalculation of prices where appropriate.

Table of Contents

Financial liabilities whose fair values we measure using Level 2 inputs consist of debt. See Note 6, “Long-Term Obligations,” for more information. We measure the fair value of our senior notes based on their trading prices and the interest rates we could obtain for other borrowings with similar terms.

Financial assets whose fair values we measure using significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs consist of municipal auction rate securities that are no longer liquid. We estimate the fair values of these auction rate securities using a discounted cash flow model. We continue to classify them as long-term investments based on the maturities of the underlying securities at that date. We do not intend to sell our municipal auction rate securities. In addition, it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell them before recovery at par, which may be at maturity.

There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the six months ended January 31, 2015.

### 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents, Investments and Funds Held for Customers

We consider highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents consist primarily of AAA-rated money market funds in all periods presented.

Investments at January 31, 2015 consist of available-for-sale investment-grade debt securities that we carry at fair value. Funds held for customers consist of cash and cash equivalents and investment grade available-for-sale debt securities in all periods presented. Long-term investments at January 31, 2015 consist primarily of municipal auction rate securities. See Note 2, “Fair Value Measurements,” for more information. Except for direct obligations of the United States government, securities issued by agencies of the United States government, and money market funds, we diversify our investments in debt securities by limiting our holdings with any individual issuer.

The following table summarizes our cash and cash equivalents, investments, and funds held for customers by balance sheet classification at the dates indicated.

(In millions)	January 31, 2015		July 31, 2014	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Classification on balance sheets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$482	\$482	\$849	\$849
Investments	884	885	1,064	1,065
Funds held for customers	354	354	289	289
Long-term investments	35	35	31	31
Total cash and cash equivalents, investments, and funds held for customers	\$1,755	\$1,756	\$2,233	\$2,234

Table of Contents

The following table summarizes our cash and cash equivalents, investments, and funds held for customers by investment category at the dates indicated. See Note 2, "Fair Value Measurements," for more information on our municipal auction rate securities.

(In millions)	January 31, 2015		July 31, 2014	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Type of issue:				
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$661	\$661	\$994	\$994
Available-for-sale debt securities:				
Municipal bonds	474	474	700	701
Corporate notes	580	581	466	466
U.S. agency securities	5	5	42	42
Municipal auction rate securities	21	21	21	21
Total available-for-sale debt securities	1,080	1,081	1,229	1,230
Other long-term investments	14	14	10	10
Total cash and cash equivalents, investments, and funds held for customers	\$1,755	\$1,756	\$2,233	\$2,234

We use the specific identification method to compute gains and losses on investments. We include realized gains and losses on our available-for-sale debt securities in interest and other income, net in our statements of operations. Gross realized gains and losses on our available-for-sale debt securities for the three and six months ended January 31, 2015 and January 31, 2014 were not significant.

We accumulate unrealized gains and losses on our available-for-sale debt securities, net of tax, in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss in the stockholders' equity section of our balance sheets. Gross unrealized gains and losses on our available-for-sale debt securities at January 31, 2015 and July 31, 2014 were not significant.

We periodically review our investment portfolios to determine if any investment is other-than-temporarily impaired due to changes in credit risk or other potential valuation concerns. We believe that the investments we held at January 31, 2015 were not other-than-temporarily impaired. Unrealized losses on available-for-sale debt securities at January 31, 2015 were not significant and were due to changes in interest rates, including market credit spreads, and not due to increased credit risks associated with specific securities. We do not intend to sell these investments. In addition, it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell them before recovery at par, which may be at maturity.

The following table summarizes our available-for-sale debt securities classified by the stated maturity date of the security at the dates indicated.

(In millions)	January 31, 2015		July 31, 2014	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due within one year	\$364	\$365	\$363	\$363
Due within two years	408	408	443	443
Due within three years	261	261	303	303
Due after three years	47	47	120	121
Total available-for-sale debt securities	\$1,080	\$1,081	\$1,229	\$1,230

Available-for-sale debt securities due after three years in the table above include our municipal auction rate securities. See Note 2, "Fair Value Measurements," for more information. All of the remaining securities in that category had interest reset dates or mandatory call dates within three years of the dates indicated in the table.



Table of Contents

## 4. Discontinued Operations

## Intuit Financial Services

On August 1, 2013 we completed the sale of our Intuit Financial Services (IFS) business for approximately \$1.025 billion in cash. We recorded a \$44 million pre-tax gain on the disposal of IFS that was partially offset by a related income tax provision of approximately \$8 million, resulting in a net gain on disposal of approximately \$36 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2014. The IFS business comprised substantially all of our former Financial Services reportable segment.

We classified our IFS business as discontinued operations and have therefore segregated its operating results from continuing operations in our statements of operations for all periods presented. Because operating cash flows from the IFS business were not material for any period presented, we have not segregated them from continuing operations on our statements of cash flows.

## Intuit Health

On August 19, 2013 we completed the sale of our Intuit Health business for cash consideration that was not significant. We recorded a \$4 million pre-tax loss on the disposal of Intuit Health that was more than offset by a related income tax benefit of approximately \$14 million, resulting in a net gain on disposal of approximately \$10 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2014. Intuit Health was part of our former Other Businesses reportable segment. We classified our Intuit Health business as discontinued operations and have therefore segregated its operating results in our statements of operations for all periods presented. Because operating cash flows from the Intuit Health business were not material for any period presented, we have not segregated them from continuing operations on our statements of cash flows.

## 5. Current Liabilities

## Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility

On February 17, 2012 we entered into an agreement with certain institutional lenders for a \$500 million unsecured revolving credit facility that will expire on February 17, 2017. Advances under the credit facility will accrue interest at rates that are equal to, at our election, either JP Morgan's alternate base rate plus a margin that ranges from 0.0% to 0.5% or London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a margin that ranges from 0.9% to 1.5%. Actual margins under either election will be based on our senior debt credit ratings. The agreement includes customary affirmative and negative covenants, including financial covenants that require us to maintain a ratio of total debt to annual earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of not greater than 3.25 to 1.00 as of any date and a ratio of annual EBITDA to interest payable of not less than 3.00 to 1.00 as of the last day of each fiscal quarter. We remained in compliance with these covenants at all times during the quarter ended January 31, 2015. We may use amounts borrowed under this credit facility for general corporate purposes, including future acquisitions. To date we have not borrowed under this credit facility.

## Other Current Liabilities

Other current liabilities were as follows at the dates indicated:

(In millions)	January 31, 2015	July 31, 2014
Reserve for product returns	\$59	\$24
Reserve for rebates	79	23
Current portion of license fee payable	10	10
Current portion of deferred rent	8	7
Interest payable	10	10
Executive deferred compensation plan liabilities	64	63
Amounts due for share repurchases	114	—
Other	51	30
Total other current liabilities	\$395	\$167

The balances of several of our other current liabilities, particularly our reserves for product returns and rebates, are affected by the seasonality of our business. See Note 1, "Description of Business and Summary of Significant

Accounting Policies – Seasonality,” for more information. Amounts due for share repurchases are for transactions that occurred in late January 2015 and were settled in early February 2015. See Note 8, “Stockholders' Equity,” for more information.

Table of Contents

## 6. Long-Term Obligations

## Long-Term Debt

On March 12, 2007 we issued \$500 million of 5.75% senior unsecured notes due on March 15, 2017 (the Notes). We carried the Notes at face value less the unamortized discount in long-term debt on our balance sheets at January 31, 2015 and July 31, 2014. The Notes are redeemable by Intuit at any time, subject to a make-whole premium, and include covenants that limit our ability to grant liens on our facilities and to enter into sale and leaseback transactions, subject to significant allowances. Interest on the Notes is payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15. We paid \$14 million in cash for interest on the Notes during the six months ended January 31, 2015 and \$14 million in cash for interest on the Notes during the six months ended January 31, 2014.

## Other Long-Term Obligations

Other long-term obligations were as follows at the dates indicated:

(In millions)	January 31, 2015	July 31, 2014
Total deferred rent	\$60	\$62
Total license fee payable	43	41
Long-term income tax liabilities	37	32
Long-term deferred income tax liabilities	59	61
Other	21	14
Total long-term obligations	220	210
Less current portion (included in other current liabilities)	(20)	(17)
Long-term obligations due after one year	\$200	\$193

## Operating Lease Commitments

We describe our operating lease commitments in Note 9 to the financial statements in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014. There were no significant changes in those commitments during the first six months of fiscal 2015.

## 7. Income Taxes

## Effective Tax Rate

We compute our provision for or benefit from income taxes by applying the estimated annual effective tax rate to income or loss from recurring operations and adding the effects of any discrete income tax items specific to the period.

In December 2014 the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 was signed into law. The Act includes a reinstatement of the federal research and experimentation credit through December 31, 2014 that was retroactive to January 1, 2014. We recorded a discrete tax benefit of approximately \$11 million for the retroactive effect during the three and six months ended January 31, 2015.

Our effective tax rates for the three and six months ended January 31, 2015 were approximately 36% and 33%.

Excluding discrete tax items primarily related to the reinstatement of the federal research and experimentation credit, as well as including the effects of losses in certain jurisdictions where we do not recognize a tax benefit, our effective tax rate for those periods was approximately 36% and did not differ significantly from the federal statutory rate of 35%. Tax expense related to share based compensation, state income taxes, and the effects of losses in certain jurisdictions where we do not recognize a tax benefit were partially offset by the benefit we received from the domestic production activities deduction and the federal research and experimentation credit.

Our effective tax rates for the three and six months ended January 31, 2014 were approximately 31% and 30%.

Excluding the impact of discrete tax items primarily related to share-based compensation, our effective tax rate for those periods was approximately 34% and did not differ significantly from the federal statutory rate of 35%. The benefit we received from the domestic production activities deduction and the federal research and experimentation credit were substantially offset by tax expense related to state income taxes.





Table of Contents

Unrecognized Tax Benefits and Other Considerations

The total amount of our unrecognized tax benefits at July 31, 2014 was \$40 million. Net of related deferred tax assets, unrecognized tax benefits were \$26 million at that date. If we were to recognize these net benefits, our income tax expense would reflect a favorable net impact of \$26 million. There were no material changes to these amounts during the six months ended January 31, 2015. We do not believe that it is reasonably possible that there will be a significant increase or decrease in our unrecognized tax benefits over the next 12 months.

8. Stockholders' Equity

Stock Repurchase Programs and Treasury Shares

Intuit's Board of Directors has authorized a series of common stock repurchase programs. Shares of common stock repurchased under these programs become treasury shares. We repurchased 7.5 million shares for \$668 million under these programs during the six months ended January 31, 2015. Included in this amount were \$114 million of repurchases which occurred in late January 2015 and were settled in early February 2015. We repurchased 20.2 million shares for \$1.4 billion under these programs during the six months ended January 31, 2014. At January 31, 2015, we had authorization from our Board of Directors to expend up to an additional \$1.2 billion for stock repurchases through August 19, 2017. Future stock repurchases under the current program are at the discretion of management, and authorization of future stock repurchase programs is subject to the final determination of our Board of Directors.

Our treasury shares are repurchased at the market price on the trade date; accordingly, all amounts paid to reacquire these shares have been recorded as treasury stock on our balance sheets. Repurchased shares of our common stock are held as treasury shares until they are reissued or retired. When we reissue treasury stock, if the proceeds from the sale are more than the average price we paid to acquire the shares we record an increase in additional paid-in capital. Conversely, if the proceeds from the sale are less than the average price we paid to acquire the shares, we record a decrease in additional paid-in capital to the extent of increases previously recorded for similar transactions and a decrease in retained earnings for any remaining amount.

In the past we have satisfied option exercises and restricted stock unit vesting under our employee equity incentive plans by reissuing treasury shares, and we may do so again in the future. During the second quarter of fiscal 2014 we began issuing new shares of common stock to satisfy option exercises and RSU vesting under our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. We have not yet determined the ultimate disposition of the shares that we have repurchased in the past, and consequently we continue to hold them as treasury shares.

Dividends on Common Stock

During the six months ended January 31, 2015 we declared and paid quarterly cash dividends that totaled \$0.50 per share of outstanding common stock or \$147 million. In February 2015 our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of outstanding common stock payable on April 20, 2015 to stockholders of record at the close of business on April 10, 2015. Future declarations of dividends and the establishment of future record dates and payment dates are subject to the final determination of our Board of Directors.

Table of Contents

## Share-Based Compensation Expense

The following table summarizes the total share-based compensation expense that we recorded in operating loss from continuing operations for the periods shown.

(In millions, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014
Cost of revenue	\$2	\$2	\$4	\$4
Selling and marketing	18	16	36	31
Research and development	20	16	40	30
General and administrative	21	18	42	34
Total share-based compensation expense	61	52	122	99
Income tax benefit	(19 )	(16 )	(38 )	(32 )
Increase in net loss from continuing operations	\$42	\$36	\$84	\$67
Increase in net loss per share:				
Basic	\$0.15	\$0.13	\$0.29	\$0.23
Diluted	\$0.15	\$0.13	\$0.29	\$0.23

## Share-Based Awards Available for Grant

A summary of share-based awards available for grant under our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan for the six months ended January 31, 2015 was as follows:

(Shares in thousands)	Shares Available for Grant
Balance at July 31, 2014	24,203
Options granted	—
Restricted stock units granted (1)	(1,117 )
Share-based awards canceled/forfeited/expired (1)(2)	2,262
Balance at January 31, 2015	25,348

RSUs granted from the pool of shares available for grant under our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan reduce the pool by (1)2.3 shares for each share granted. RSUs forfeited and returned to the pool of shares available for grant increase the pool by 2.3 shares for each share forfeited.

Stock options and restricted stock units canceled, expired or forfeited under our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan are (2)returned to the pool of shares available for grant. Stock options and restricted stock units canceled, expired or forfeited under older expired plans are not returned to the pool of shares available for grant.

Table of Contents

## Stock Option Activity and Related Share-Based Compensation Expense

A summary of stock option activity for the six months ended January 31, 2015 was as follows:

(Shares in thousands)	Options Outstanding	
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share
Balance at July 31, 2014	10,938	\$52.67
Options granted	—	—
Options exercised	(2,316 )	43.47
Options canceled or expired	(383 )	64.32
Balance at January 31, 2015	8,239	\$54.72
Exercisable at January 31, 2015	4,360	\$41.95

At January 31, 2015, there was approximately \$51 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options that we expect to recognize as expense in the future. We will adjust unrecognized compensation cost for future changes in estimated forfeitures. We expect to recognize that cost over a weighted average vesting period of 2.2 years.

## Restricted Stock Unit Activity and Related Share-Based Compensation Expense

A summary of restricted stock unit activity for the six months ended January 31, 2015 was as follows:

(Shares in thousands)	Restricted Stock Units	
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested at July 31, 2014	9,455	\$62.46
Granted	486	85.99
Restricted stock units assumed or granted in connection with acquisitions	212	92.64
Vested	(1,114 )	62.40
Forfeited	(833 )	58.70
Nonvested at January 31, 2015	8,206	\$65.02

At January 31, 2015, there was approximately \$333 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested RSUs that we expect to recognize as expense in the future. We will adjust unrecognized compensation cost for future changes in estimated forfeitures. We expect to recognize that cost over a weighted average vesting period of 2.1 years.

## 9. Litigation

Intuit is subject to certain routine legal proceedings, as well as demands, claims and threatened litigation, that arise in the normal course of our business, including assertions that we may be infringing patents or other intellectual property rights of others. We currently believe that, in addition to any amounts accrued, the amount of potential losses, if any, for any pending claims of any type (either alone or combined) will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. The ultimate outcome of any litigation is uncertain and, regardless of outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on Intuit because of defense costs, negative publicity, diversion of management resources and other factors. Our failure to obtain necessary license or other rights, or litigation arising out of intellectual property claims could adversely affect our business.



Table of Contents

10. Segment Information

We have defined three reportable segments, described below, based on factors such as how we manage our operations and how our chief operating decision maker views results. We define the chief operating decision maker as our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer. Our chief operating decision maker organizes and manages our business primarily on the basis of product and service offerings.

**Small Business.** Our Small Business segment includes the following offerings, which target small businesses and the accounting professionals who serve them.

QuickBooks financial and business management online services and desktop software; QuickBooks technical support; and financial supplies.

QuickBooks Accountant, QuickBooks Accountant Plus, and QuickBooks Online Accountant as well as the QuickBooks ProAdvisor Program and Cloud ProAdvisor Program, all of which are intended for the accounting professionals who serve small businesses.

Small business payroll products and services, including online payroll offerings such as Quickbooks Online Payroll and Intuit Online Payroll; desktop payroll offerings such as QuickBooks Basic Payroll and QuickBooks Enhanced Payroll; and full service payroll offerings such as Intuit Full Service Payroll and QuickBooks Assisted Payroll.

Payment processing services for small businesses, including merchant services such as credit and debit card processing; Web-based transaction processing services for online merchants; secure online payments for small businesses and their customers through the Intuit Commerce Network; GoPayment mobile payment processing services; and QuickBooks Point of Sale solutions.

Demandforce, which provides online marketing and customer communication solutions for small businesses, and QuickBase.

**Consumer.** Our Consumer segment includes two product lines – Consumer Tax and Consumer Ecosystem – both of which target consumers.

Consumer Tax includes TurboTax income tax preparation products and services and electronic tax filing services.

Consumer Ecosystem includes our personal finance offerings, Quicken, Mint and Mint Bills (formerly known as Check).

**Professional Tax.** Our Professional Tax segment targets professional accountants and includes Lacerte, ProSeries, and Intuit Tax Online professional tax preparation products and services, electronic tax filing services, bank product transmission services, and training services.

All of our segments operate primarily in the United States and sell primarily to customers in the United States.

International total net revenue was less than 6% of consolidated total net revenue for all periods presented.

We include expenses such as corporate selling and marketing, product development, and general and administrative expenses and share-based compensation expenses that are not allocated to specific segments in unallocated corporate items. Unallocated corporate items also include amortization of acquired technology, amortization of other acquired intangible assets, and goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges.

The accounting policies of our reportable segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies in Note 1 to the financial statements in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014 and in Note 1, "Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Significant Accounting Policies" in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Except for goodwill and purchased intangible assets, we do not generally track assets by reportable segment and, consequently, we do not disclose total assets by reportable segment.

Table of Contents

The following table shows our financial results by reportable segment for the periods indicated. Results for all periods presented exclude results for our Intuit Financial Services and Intuit Health businesses. See Note 4, “Discontinued Operations,” for more information.

(In millions)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014
Net revenue:				
Small Business segment	\$553	\$560	\$1,101	\$1,080
Consumer segment:				
Consumer Tax	213	138	270	180
Consumer Ecosystem	31	49	62	84
Total Consumer segment	244	187	332	264
Professional Tax segment	11	35	47	60
Total net revenue	\$808	\$782	\$1,480	\$1,404
Operating loss from continuing operations:				
Small Business segment	\$172	\$197	\$364	\$387
Consumer segment	26	(3)	(8)	(27)
Professional Tax segment	(37)	(9)	(40)	(18)
Total segment operating income	161	185	316	342
Unallocated corporate items:				
Share-based compensation expense	(61)	(52)	(122)	(99)
Other common expenses	(183)	(168)	(375)	(345)
Amortization of acquired technology	(9)	(6)	(19)	(12)
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets	(6)	(5)	(12)	(9)
Total unallocated corporate items	(259)	(231)	(528)	(465)
Total operating loss from continuing operations	\$(98)	\$(46)	\$(212)	\$(123)

## ITEM 2

## MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Our Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (MD&A) includes the following sections:

Executive Overview that discusses at a high level our operating results and some of the trends that affect our business. Significant changes since our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K in the Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates that we believe are important to understanding the assumptions and judgments underlying our financial statements.

Results of Operations that includes a more detailed discussion of our revenue and expenses.

Liquidity and Capital Resources which discusses key aspects of our statements of cash flows, changes in our balance sheets, and our financial commitments.

You should note that this MD&A discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Please see Item 1A in Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for important information to consider when evaluating such statements.

You should read this MD&A in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014. In August 2013 we completed the sales of our Intuit Financial Services (IFS) business and our Intuit Health business. We have reclassified our statements of operations for all periods presented to reflect these two businesses as discontinued

operations. Because the operating cash flows of our IFS and Intuit Health discontinued operations were not material for any period presented, we have not segregated them from continuing operations on our statements of cash flows. See “Results of Operations – Discontinued Operations” later in this Item 2 for more information. Unless otherwise noted, the following discussion pertains only to our continuing operations.

#### Executive Overview

This overview provides a high-level discussion of our business and growth strategy as well as the trends, opportunities, challenges, and risks that affect our performance and operating results. Understanding our growth strategy and the trends that affect our business provides context for the discussion of financial results and future opportunities which follows this overview. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive, nor is it a substitute for the detailed discussion and analysis provided elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

#### About Intuit

Intuit creates business and financial management solutions that help simplify the business of life for small businesses, consumers, and accounting professionals. We organize our businesses into three reportable segments – Small Business, Consumer, and Professional Tax.

**Small Business:** This segment includes the following offerings, which target small businesses and the accounting professionals who serve them.

• QuickBooks financial and business management online services and desktop software, payroll and employee management solutions, and payment processing solutions.

• Demandforce online marketing and customer communication solutions for small businesses.

**Consumer:** This segment includes two product lines – Consumer Tax and Consumer Ecosystem – both of which target consumers.

• Consumer Tax includes TurboTax income tax preparation products and services.

• Consumer Ecosystem includes our personal finance offerings, Quicken, Mint, and Mint Bills (formerly known as Check).

**Professional Tax:** This segment targets professional accountants and includes Lacerte, ProSeries, and Intuit Tax Online professional tax products and services.



## Table of Contents

### Our Growth Strategy

Based on our assessment of key technology and demographic trends – an increasingly borderless world, the prevalence of mobile devices, and the scalability of the cloud – we see significant opportunities to drive future growth by continuing to solve the unmet needs of small businesses, consumers, and accounting professionals. Our evolving growth strategy includes three key elements:

Focus on the product – we call it “Delivering awesome product experiences.” Computing devices are moving to the palm of our hands in the form of tablets and smart phones. Our TurboTax solutions, for example, let customers prepare and file their entire tax returns online, via tablet, mobile phone, or desktop computer. We also believe that a key factor in growing our customer base is delivering an amazing first-use experience so our customers can get the value they expect from our offerings as quickly and easily as possible.

Creating network effect platforms – we call it “Enabling the contributions of others.” We expect to solve problems faster and more efficiently for our growing base of customers by moving to more open platforms with application programming interfaces that enable the contributions of end users and third-party developers. One example of this is QuickBooks Online, which allows small business customers all over the world to localize, configure, and add value to the offering.

Leveraging our data for our customers' benefit – we call it “Using data to create delight.” Our customers generate valuable data that we seek to appropriately use to deliver better products and breakthrough benefits by eliminating the need to enter data, helping them make better decisions and improving transactions and interactions.

### Industry Trends and Seasonality

The industry in which we operate is dynamic and highly competitive, and we expect it to remain so in the future. The markets for software and related services, especially highly-available connected services, are characterized by rapid technological change, shifting customer needs, and frequent new product introductions and enhancements.

Competitive interest and expertise in many of the markets we serve have grown markedly over the past few years and we expect this trend to continue. There are also large, cloud-based service companies who innovate quickly and serve small businesses and consumers. While today our competition with such companies may be limited, as we and those companies grow, our competition with them may increase. In recent years the widespread availability of the Internet, the emergence of mobile devices, and the explosion of social media have accelerated the pace of change and revolutionized the way that people throughout the world manage important financial tasks. The result is a global market that is shifting from traditional services that are paper-based, human-produced, and brick-and-mortar bound, to one where people understand, demand, and embrace the benefits of connected services. This trend toward connected services is the primary driver of the strategies in all of our businesses.

Historically, our QuickBooks, Consumer Tax, and Professional Tax offerings have been highly seasonal. Revenue from our QuickBooks software products have tended to be highest during our second and third fiscal quarters. Sales of income tax preparation products and services are heavily concentrated from November through April. In our Consumer Tax business, a greater proportion of our revenue has shifted to later in this seasonal period due in part to the growth in sales of TurboTax Online, for which we recognize revenue when tax returns are printed or electronically filed. The seasonality of our Consumer Tax and Professional Tax revenue is also affected by the timing of the availability of tax forms from taxing agencies and the ability of those agencies to receive electronic tax return submissions. Delays in the availability of tax forms or the ability of taxing agencies to receive submissions can cause revenue to shift between our fiscal quarters. These seasonal patterns mean that our total net revenue is usually highest during our second quarter ending January 31 and third quarter ending April 30. We typically report losses in our first quarter ending October 31 and fourth quarter ending July 31. During these quarters, revenue from our tax businesses is minimal while core operating expenses such as research and development continue at relatively consistent levels. In our MD&A we often focus on year-to-date results for our seasonal businesses as they are generally more meaningful than quarterly results.

In August 2014 we announced that we would begin delivering ongoing releases for our future desktop software offerings in order to improve the product experience, accommodate operating system updates, and provide access to connected services. We believe that providing more frequent releases will create a better experience for customers who choose our desktop offerings, as well as a more seamless transition to our online offerings in the future. This decision affects the timing of revenue recognition for future sales of our QuickBooks and Quicken desktop products, where revenue will be recognized as services are provided over approximately three years, and our Professional Tax solutions, where revenue will be recognized as services are provided over the tax year. We expect the seasonality of our Small Business and Professional Tax offerings to be partially mitigated by this change beginning in fiscal 2015.

## Table of Contents

The IRS began accepting 2014 federal income tax returns on January 20, 2015, several days before the end of our second fiscal quarter. In fiscal 2014 the Internal Revenue Service did not begin accepting 2013 federal income tax returns until January 31, 2014, the last day of our second fiscal quarter. We believe that some consumers delayed purchasing tax software and filing their federal returns in fiscal 2014 as a result of the later start to the 2013 tax filing season.

### Key Challenges and Risks

Our growth strategy depends upon our ability to initiate and embrace disruptive technology trends, to enter new markets, and to drive broad adoption of the products and services we develop and market. Our future growth also increasingly depends on the strength of our third-party business relationships and our ability to continue to develop, maintain and strengthen new and existing relationships. To remain competitive and continue to grow, we are investing significant resources in our product development, marketing, and sales capabilities, and we expect to continue to do so in the future.

As we continue transitioning to offer more connected services, the ongoing operation and availability of our information technology and communication systems and those of our external service providers is becoming increasingly important. Because we help customers manage their financial lives, we face risks associated with the hosting, collection, use and retention of personal customer information and data. We are investing significant management attention and resources in our information technology infrastructure and in our privacy and security capabilities, and we expect to continue to do so in the future.

During the early part of this tax season, we and some states saw an increase in suspicious filings and attempts by criminals using stolen identity information to file fraudulent state tax returns and claim refunds. While we continued to work with state governments to identify the source of the fraudulent activity and to implement additional security measures, in early February 2015 we and certain states took the precautionary step of suspending the electronic filing of state tax returns for a short period of time. While our recent financial performance has not been adversely impacted by the actions we have taken to combat fraud, we have experienced negative publicity associated with such fraudulent activity and there can be no assurance that our financial performance for the balance of our third fiscal quarter and subsequent quarters will not be adversely impacted.

For a complete discussion of the most significant risks and uncertainties affecting our business, please see “Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors” in Item 1A of this Quarterly Report.

### Overview of Financial Results

The most important financial indicators that we use to assess our business are revenue growth for the company as a whole, for each reportable segment, and for product lines within each reportable segment; operating income growth and operating income margins for the company as a whole and for each reportable segment; earnings per share; and cash flow from operations. We also track certain non-financial drivers of revenue growth and, when material, identify them in the applicable discussions of segment results below. These non-financial drivers include, for example, customer growth and retention for all of our businesses and transaction volume for our payment processing business. Total credit and debit card transaction volume correlates strongly with the macroeconomic environment and is one of the key drivers of revenue growth in our payment processing business. Customers for our connected services offerings have generally grown faster than those for our traditional desktop software offerings, reflecting our strategic focus on connected services over the past few years. Connected services (total service and other revenue) generated \$3.0 billion or 66% of our total revenue in fiscal 2014, compared with 50% of our total revenue six years ago. We expect connected services revenue as a percentage of our total revenue to continue to grow in the future.

Total net revenue for the first six months of fiscal 2015 was \$1.5 billion, an increase of 5% compared with the same period of fiscal 2014. Total net revenue growth was affected by the change to our desktop software offerings described in “Industry Trends and Seasonality” above. Our Consumer segment was the key driver of higher revenue in the first six months of fiscal 2015, growing 26% compared with the same period a year ago. Consumer segment revenue was higher in the fiscal 2015 period because the IRS began accepting federal income tax returns on January 20, 2015, several days before the end of our second fiscal quarter. In comparison, in the previous year the IRS began accepting federal income tax returns on January 31, 2014, the last day of our second fiscal quarter. We believe the later start to the fiscal 2014 tax filing season had the effect of delaying some consumer purchases of tax software and

filing of federal returns. In addition, while we were able to process all of the income tax returns we received during the second quarter of fiscal 2015 during that quarter, we were unable to process all of the state income tax returns we received during the second quarter of fiscal 2014 on the last day of that quarter. As a result, we deferred recognizing approximately \$40 million in Consumer Tax revenue from the second quarter of fiscal 2014 to the third quarter of fiscal 2014.

Operating loss from continuing operations for the first six months of fiscal 2015 was \$212 million, an increase of 72% compared with the same period of fiscal 2014. Our operating loss was higher in fiscal 2015 due to the impact of the change to our desktop software offerings on fiscal 2015 revenue and due to higher expenses for staffing, advertising and other marketing programs, and share-based compensation.

Table of Contents

Net loss from continuing operations for the first six months of fiscal 2015 was \$150 million, an increase of 60% compared with the same period of fiscal 2014 due to the higher operating loss, partially offset by a higher effective tax rate in the fiscal 2015 period. Basic and diluted net loss per share from continuing operations for the first six months of fiscal 2015 increased 61% to \$0.53, in line with the increase in the net loss for that period.

We ended the first six months of fiscal 2015 with cash, cash equivalents and investments totaling \$1.4 billion. During the first six months of fiscal 2015 we generated cash from operations, net sales of investments, and the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans. During the same period we used cash for the repurchase of shares of our common stock under our stock repurchase programs, the payment of cash dividends, and capital expenditures. At January 31, 2015, we had authorization from our Board of Directors to expend up to an additional \$1.2 billion for stock repurchases through August 19, 2017.

**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

In preparing our financial statements, we make estimates, assumptions and judgments that can have a significant impact on our net revenue, operating income or loss, and net income or loss, as well as on the value of certain assets and liabilities on our balance sheet. We believe that the estimates, assumptions and judgments involved in the accounting policies described in Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014 have the greatest potential impact on our financial statements, so we consider them to be our critical accounting policies and estimates. Except for the changes to our policy for recognizing product revenue described in “Executive Overview – Industry Trends and Seasonality” earlier in this Item 2, we believe that there were no significant changes in those critical accounting policies and estimates during the first six months of fiscal 2015. Senior management has reviewed the development and selection of our critical accounting policies and estimates and their disclosure in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q with the Audit and Risk Committee of our Board of Directors.

**Results of Operations****Financial Overview**

(Dollars in millions, except per share amounts)

	Q2 FY15	Q2 FY14	\$ Change	% Change		YTD Q2 FY15	YTD Q2 FY14	\$ Change	% Change	
Total net revenue	\$808	\$782	\$26	3	%	\$1,480	\$1,404	\$76	5	%
Operating loss from continuing operations	(98)	(46)	(52)	113	%	(212)	(123)	(89)	72	%
Net loss from continuing operations	(66)	(37)	(29)	78	%	(150)	(94)	(56)	60	%
Basic and diluted net loss per share from continuing operations	\$(0.23)	\$(0.13)	\$(0.10)	77	%	\$(0.53)	\$(0.33)	\$(0.20)	61	%

**Current Fiscal Quarter**

Total net revenue increased \$26 million or 3% in the second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared with the same quarter of fiscal 2014. Total net revenue growth was affected by the change to our desktop software offerings described in “Industry Trends and Seasonality” above. Small Business segment revenue decreased 1% compared with the same period a year ago due to the impact of this change on our QuickBooks desktop offerings, which more than offset QuickBooks Online revenue growth. The change to our desktop software offerings also impacted our Professional Tax segment, whose revenue decreased 69% compared with the same period a year ago. Revenue in our Consumer

segment increased 30% in the second quarter of fiscal 2015. Consumer segment revenue was higher in the fiscal 2015 period because the IRS began accepting federal income tax returns on January 20, 2015, several days before the end of our second fiscal quarter. In comparison, in the previous year the IRS began accepting federal income tax returns on January 31, 2014, the last day of our second fiscal quarter. We believe the later start to the fiscal 2014 tax filing season had the effect of delaying some consumer purchases of tax software and filing of federal returns. In addition, while we were able to process all of the income tax returns we received during the second quarter of fiscal 2015 during that quarter, we were unable to process all of the state income tax returns we received during the second quarter of fiscal 2014 on the last day of that quarter. As a result, we deferred recognizing approximately \$40 million in Consumer Tax revenue from the second quarter of fiscal 2014 to the third quarter of fiscal 2014. See “Segment Results” later in this Item 2 for more information about the results for all of our reportable segments.

Operating loss from continuing operations increased 113% in the second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared with the same quarter of fiscal 2014. Our operating loss was higher in fiscal 2015 due to the impact of the change to our desktop software offerings

Table of Contents

on fiscal 2015 revenue and due to higher expenses for staffing, advertising and other marketing programs, and share-based compensation. See “Operating Expenses” later in this Item 2 for more information.

Net loss from continuing operations increased 78% in the second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared with the same quarter of fiscal 2014 due to the higher operating loss, partially offset by a higher effective tax rate in the fiscal 2015 period. See "Non-Operating Income and Expenses – Income Taxes" later in this Item 2 for more information. Basic and diluted net loss per share from continuing operations for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 increased 77% to \$0.23, in line with the increase in the net loss for that period.

**Fiscal Year to Date**

Total net revenue for the first six months of fiscal 2015 increased \$76 million or 5% compared with the same period of fiscal 2014. Total net revenue growth was affected by the change to our desktop software offerings described in “Industry Trends and Seasonality” above. Small Business segment revenue grew 2% compared with the same period a year ago due to growth in Quickbooks Online revenue, which was partially offset by the impact of the change to our QuickBooks desktop offerings. The change to our desktop software offerings also impacted our Professional Tax segment, whose revenue decreased 21% compared with the same period a year ago. Revenue in our Consumer segment increased 26% in the first six months of fiscal 2015 for the reasons described in "Current Fiscal Quarter" immediately above. See “Segment Results” later in this Item 2 for more information about the results for all of our reportable segments.

Operating loss from continuing operations increased 72% for the first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same period of fiscal 2014. Our operating loss was higher in fiscal 2015 due to the impact of the change to our desktop software offerings on fiscal 2015 revenue and due to higher expenses for staffing, advertising and other marketing programs, and share-based compensation. See “Operating Expenses” later in this Item 2 for more information.

Net loss from continuing operations increased 60% for the first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same period of fiscal 2014 due to the higher operating loss, partially offset by a higher effective tax rate in the fiscal 2015 period. See "Non-Operating Income and Expenses – Income Taxes" later in this Item 2 for more information. Basic and diluted net loss per share from continuing operations for the first six months of fiscal 2015 increased 61% to \$0.53, in line with the increase in the net loss for that period.

**Segment Results**

The information below is organized in accordance with our three reportable segments. See “Executive Overview – About Intuit” earlier in this Item 2 and Note 10 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report for more information. All of our segments operate primarily in the United States and sell primarily to customers in the United States. International total net revenue was less than 6% of consolidated total net revenue for all periods presented.

Segment operating income or loss is segment net revenue less segment cost of revenue and operating expenses. See “Executive Overview – Industry Trends and Seasonality” earlier in this Item 2 for a description of the seasonality of our business. Segment expenses do not include certain costs, such as corporate selling and marketing, product development, and general and administrative expenses and share-based compensation expenses, which are not allocated to specific segments. These unallocated costs totaled \$497 million in the first six months of fiscal 2015 and \$444 million in the first six months of fiscal 2014. Unallocated costs increased in the fiscal 2015 period due to increases in corporate product development and selling and marketing expenses in support of the growth of our businesses and to higher share-based compensation expenses. Segment expenses also do not include amortization of acquired technology, amortization of other acquired intangible assets, and goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges. See Note 10 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report for reconciliations of total segment operating income or loss to consolidated operating income or loss for each fiscal period presented.

We calculate revenue growth rates and segment operating margin figures using dollars in thousands. Those results may vary from figures calculated using the dollars in millions presented below.

Table of Contents

## Small Business

(Dollars in millions)	Q2 FY15	Q2 FY14	% Change	YTD Q2 FY15	YTD Q2 FY14	% Change	
Product revenue	\$180	\$221	(18 )%	\$367	\$413	(11 )%	
Service and other revenue	373	339	10 %	734	667	10 %	
Total segment revenue	\$553	\$560	(1 )%	\$1,101	\$1,080	2 %	
% of total revenue	69 %	72 %		75 %	77 %		
Segment operating income	\$172	\$197	(13 )%	\$364	\$387	(6 )%	
% of related revenue	31 %	35 %		33 %	36 %		

Service and other revenue in our Small Business segment is derived primarily from QuickBooks Online and QuickBooks Online Accountant, our hosted financial and business management offerings; QuickBooks Pro Plus, QuickBooks Premier Plus, and QuickBooks Accountant Plus, our subscription offerings; QuickBooks technical support plans; small business payroll services, including Quickbooks Online Payroll, Intuit Online Payroll, Intuit Full Service Payroll, and QuickBooks Assisted Payroll; payment processing services for small businesses; Demandforce; and QuickBase. Product revenue in our Small Business segment is derived primarily from QuickBooks desktop software products, including QuickBooks Pro, QuickBooks Premier, QuickBooks Accountant, and QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions; QuickBooks Basic Payroll and QuickBooks Enhanced Payroll; QuickBooks Point of Sale solutions; ProAdvisor Program subscriptions for the accounting professionals who serve small businesses; and financial supplies.

As part of our connected services strategy, over the past several quarters we have been focusing Small Business segment resources on the enhancement and marketing of our QuickBooks Online and QuickBooks desktop subscription offerings. As a result, QuickBooks desktop license units and revenue have been declining as more customers choose our hosted and subscription offerings and we expect this trend to continue. In our payments business we are focusing resources on core offerings for QuickBooks merchants in support of our small business ecosystem approach. Over the next few quarters we anticipate declining revenue for certain non-QuickBooks payments offerings that may slow overall revenue growth in our payments business.

Small Business segment total net revenue decreased \$7 million or 1% in the second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared with the same quarter of fiscal 2014 due to the impact of the change to our QuickBooks desktop offerings described in “Industry Trends and Seasonality” above, which more than offset QuickBooks Online revenue growth. Small Business Online Ecosystem revenue grew 26%, driven by customer acquisition. QuickBooks Online customers grew 50% and online payroll customers grew 23%. Active online payments customers grew 3% and online payments charge volume grew 20%. In our Small Business Desktop Ecosystem revenue declined 10%. QuickBooks desktop unit sales were 26% lower as we continued to emphasize QuickBooks Online while QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions revenue grew 31%.

Small Business segment total net revenue increased \$21 million or 2% in the first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same period of fiscal 2014 due to growth in Quickbooks Online revenue, which was partially offset by the impact of the change to our QuickBooks desktop offerings described in “Industry Trends and Seasonality” above. Small Business Online Ecosystem revenue grew 28%, driven by customer acquisition. QuickBooks Online customers grew 50% and online payroll customers grew 23%. Active online payments customers grew 3% and online payments charge volume grew 21%. In our Small Business Desktop Ecosystem revenue declined 7%. QuickBooks desktop unit sales were 25% lower as we continued to emphasize QuickBooks Online while QuickBooks Enterprise Solutions revenue grew 30%.

Small Business segment operating income as a percentage of related revenue decreased in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same periods of fiscal 2014. These decreases were due to the impact on segment revenue of the changes to our desktop software offerings and to a lesser extent to higher segment operating expenses for outside services and advertising and other marketing programs.





Table of Contents

## Consumer

(Dollars in millions)	Q2 FY15	Q2 FY14	% Change	YTD Q2 FY15	YTD Q2 FY14	% Change
Product revenue	\$9	\$33	(73 )%	\$25	\$52	(52 )%
Service and other revenue	235	154	52 %	307	212	45 %
Total segment revenue	\$244	\$187	30 %	\$332	\$264	26 %
% of total revenue	30 %	24 %		22 %	19 %	
Segment operating income (loss)	\$26	\$(3 )	NM	\$(8 )	\$(27 )	(71 )%
% of related revenue	11 %	(2 )%		(2 )%	(11 )%	

NM = Not meaningful.

Our Consumer segment includes our Consumer Tax and Consumer Ecosystem product lines. Consumer Tax service and other revenue is derived primarily from TurboTax Online tax return preparation services and electronic tax filing services.

Consumer Tax product revenue is derived primarily from TurboTax desktop tax return preparation software.

Consumer Ecosystem product revenue is derived primarily from Quicken desktop personal finance software products. Consumer Ecosystem service and other revenue is derived primarily from mobile and online consumer finance offerings as well as from online lead generation fees from our Mint personal finance offerings. Due to the seasonal nature of our Consumer Tax business, we will not have substantially complete results for the 2014 tax season until the third quarter of fiscal 2015.

Within the Consumer segment, revenue for our Consumer Tax product line increased 50% in the first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same period of fiscal 2014. Consumer segment revenue was higher in the fiscal 2015 period because the IRS began accepting federal income tax returns on January 20, 2015, several days before the end of our second fiscal quarter. In comparison, in the previous year the IRS began accepting federal income tax returns on January 31, 2014, the last day of our second fiscal quarter. We believe the later start to the fiscal 2014 tax filing season had the effect of delaying some consumer purchases of tax software and filing of federal returns. In addition, while we were able to process all of the income tax returns we received during the second quarter of fiscal 2015 during that quarter, we were unable to process all of the state income tax returns we received during the second quarter of fiscal 2014 on the last day of that quarter. As a result, we deferred recognizing approximately \$40 million in Consumer Tax revenue from the second quarter of fiscal 2014 to the third quarter of fiscal 2014.

Revenue for our Consumer Ecosystem product line declined 26% in the first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same period of fiscal 2014. Quicken revenue was lower due to the change to our desktop software offerings described in Executive Overview – Industry Trends and Seasonality” above.

We recorded a smaller operating loss in our Consumer segment for the first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same period of fiscal 2014 due to the overall increase in Consumer revenue described above, partially offset by higher expenses for staffing and advertising and other marketing programs.

## Professional Tax

(Dollars in millions)	Q2 FY15	Q2 FY14	% Change	YTD Q2 FY15	YTD Q2 FY14	% Change
Product revenue	\$9	\$33	(72 )%	\$39	\$51	(23 )%
Service and other revenue	2	2	— %	8	9	(9 )%
Total segment revenue	\$11	\$35	(69 )%	\$47	\$60	(21 )%
% of total revenue	1 %	4 %		3 %	4 %	
Segment operating loss	\$(37 )	\$(9 )	337 %	\$(40 )	\$(18 )	134 %
% of related revenue	(346 )%	(25 )%		(86 )%	(29 )%	

Professional Tax segment product revenue is derived primarily from ProSeries and Lacerte professional tax preparation software products. Professional Tax service and other revenue is derived primarily from Intuit Tax Online tax return preparation services, electronic tax filing services, bank product transmission services, and training services. Due to the seasonal nature of our Professional Tax business, we will not have substantially complete results for the 2014 tax season until the third quarter of fiscal 2015.

Table of Contents

Professional Tax total net revenue decreased \$13 million or 21% in the first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same period of fiscal 2014 because of the change to our desktop software offerings described in “Industry Trends and Seasonality” above. Professional Tax operating loss as a percentage of related revenue increased in the first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same period of fiscal 2014 as a result of this revenue decrease and to a lesser extent to higher segment operating costs and expenses.

## Cost of Revenue

(Dollars in millions)	Q2 FY15	% of Related Revenue	Q2 FY14	% of Related Revenue	YTD Q2 FY15	% of Related Revenue	YTD Q2 FY14	% of Related Revenue
Cost of product revenue	\$44	22 %	\$45	16 %	\$78	18 %	\$74	14 %
Cost of service and other revenue	153	25 %	125	25 %	284	27 %	233	26 %
Amortization of acquired technology	9	n/a	6	n/a	19	n/a	12	n/a
Total cost of revenue	\$206	25 %	\$176	23 %	\$381	26 %	\$319	23 %

Cost of product revenue as a percentage of product revenue increased in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same period of fiscal 2014 due to the deferral of QuickBooks, Quicken, and Professional Tax revenue described in “Executive Overview – Industry Trends and Seasonality” earlier in this Item 2. We expense costs of product revenue as they are incurred for delivered software and we do not defer any of these costs when product revenue is deferred.

## Operating Expenses

(Dollars in millions)	Q2 FY15	% of Total Net Revenue	Q2 FY14	% of Total Net Revenue	YTD Q2 FY15	% of Total Net Revenue	YTD Q2 FY14	% of Total Net Revenue
Selling and marketing	\$376	46 %	\$352	45 %	\$657	44 %	\$610	43 %
Research and development	200	25 %	186	24 %	400	27 %	362	26 %
General and administrative	118	15 %	109	14 %	242	16 %	227	16 %
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets	6	1 %	5	— %	12	1 %	9	1 %
Total operating expenses	\$700	87 %	\$652	83 %	\$1,311	88 %	\$1,208	86 %

## Current Fiscal Quarter

Total operating expenses as a percentage of total net revenue increased to 87% in the second quarter of fiscal 2015 from 83% in the same quarter of fiscal 2014. Total net revenue for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 increased \$26 million or 3% and total operating expenses for that quarter increased \$48 million. Total net revenue growth was affected by the change to our desktop software offerings described in “Executive Overview – Industry Trends and Seasonality” earlier in this Item 2. Staffing expenses increased about \$25 million due to higher headcount. Operating expenses also increased about \$15 million for advertising and other marketing programs and about \$9 million for share-based compensation expenses. Share-based compensation expenses increased due to our assumption of certain equity awards in connection with business combinations that were completed in fiscal 2014. Share-based compensation expenses have also been increasing over time because the market price of our common stock has

generally been increasing.

Fiscal Year to Date

Total operating expenses as a percentage of total net revenue increased to 88% in the first six months of fiscal 2015 from 86% in the same period of fiscal 2014. Total net revenue for the first six months of fiscal 2015 increased \$76 million or 5% and total operating expenses for that period increased \$103 million. Total net revenue growth was affected by the change to our desktop software offerings described in “Executive Overview – Industry Trends and Seasonality” earlier in this Item 2. Staffing

28

---

Table of Contents

expenses increased about \$45 million due to higher headcount. Operating expenses also increased about \$23 million for advertising and other marketing programs and about \$23 million for share-based compensation expenses. Share-based compensation expenses increased due to our assumption of certain equity awards in connection with business combinations that were completed in fiscal 2014. Share-based compensation expenses have also been increasing over time because the market price of our common stock has generally been increasing.

## Non-Operating Income and Expenses

## Interest Expense

Interest expense of \$14 million for the first six months of fiscal 2015 and \$16 million for the first six months of fiscal 2014 consisted primarily of interest on senior notes that we issued in March 2007. See Note 6 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report for more information.

## Interest and Other Income, Net

(In millions)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014
Interest income	\$2	\$1	\$4	\$2
Net gain on executive deferred compensation plan assets	—	—	1	3
Other	—	(1 )	(3 )	—
Total interest and other income, net	\$2	\$—	\$2	\$5

Interest and other income, net consists primarily of interest income and net gains on executive deferred compensation plan assets. Higher average invested balances and slightly higher average interest rates resulted in higher interest income in the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2015 compared with the same periods of fiscal 2014. In accordance with authoritative guidance, we record gains and losses associated with executive deferred compensation plan assets in interest and other income and gains and losses associated with the related liabilities in operating expenses. The total amounts recorded in operating expenses for each period are approximately equal to the total amounts recorded in interest and other income in those periods.

## Income Taxes

We compute our provision for or benefit from income taxes by applying the estimated annual effective tax rate to income or loss from recurring operations and adding the effects of any discrete income tax items specific to the period.

In December 2014 the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 was signed into law. The Act includes a reinstatement of the federal research and experimentation credit through December 31, 2014 that was retroactive to January 1, 2014. We recorded a discrete tax benefit of approximately \$11 million for the retroactive effect during the three and six months ended January 31, 2015.

Our effective tax rates for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2015 were approximately 36% and 33%. Excluding discrete tax items primarily related to the reinstatement of the federal research and experimentation credit, as well as including the effects of losses in certain jurisdictions where we do not recognize a tax benefit, our effective tax rate for those periods was approximately 36% and did not differ significantly from the federal statutory rate of 35%.

Our effective tax rates for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2014 were approximately 31% and 30%. Excluding the impact of discrete tax items primarily related to share-based compensation, our effective tax rate for those periods was approximately 34% and did not differ significantly from the federal statutory rate of 35%. See Note 7 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report for more information.

## Discontinued Operations

We sold our Intuit Financial Services (IFS) business in August 2013 for approximately \$1.025 billion in cash and recorded a \$44 million pre-tax gain on disposal that was partially offset by a related income tax provision of approximately \$8 million, resulting in a net gain on disposal of approximately \$36 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2014. We also sold our Intuit Health business in August 2013 for cash consideration that was not significant and recorded a \$4 million pre-tax loss on disposal that was more than offset by a related income tax benefit of approximately \$14 million, resulting in a net gain on disposal of approximately \$10 million in the first quarter of

fiscal 2014. We have reclassified our statements of operations for all periods

29

---

Table of Contents

presented to reflect these two businesses as discontinued operations. See Note 4 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report for more information.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

## Overview

At January 31, 2015, our cash, cash equivalents and investments totaled \$1.4 billion, a decrease of \$547 million from July 31, 2014 due to the factors discussed under “Statements of Cash Flows” below. Our primary source of liquidity has been cash from operations, which entails the collection of accounts receivable for products and services. Our primary uses of cash have been for research and development programs, selling and marketing activities, capital projects, acquisitions of businesses, debt service costs, repurchases of our common stock under our stock repurchase programs, and the payment of cash dividends. As discussed in “Executive Overview – Industry Trends and Seasonality” earlier in this Item 2, our business is subject to significant seasonality. The balance of our cash, cash equivalents, and investments generally fluctuates with that seasonal pattern. We believe the seasonality of our business is likely to continue in the future.

The following table summarizes selected measures of our liquidity and capital resources at the dates indicated:

(Dollars in millions)	January 31, 2015	July 31, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Cash, cash equivalents, and investments	\$1,367	\$1,914	\$(547)	(29)%
Long-term investments	35	31	4	13%
Long-term debt	499	499	—	—%
Working capital	469	1,200	(731)	(61)%
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	1.2 : 1	1.8 : 1		

We have historically generated significant cash from operations and we expect to continue to do so during fiscal 2015. Since our operations are primarily domestic, approximately 89% of our cash, cash equivalents and investments at January 31, 2015 were located in the U.S. and none of those funds were restricted. Our only significant debt consists of \$500 million in senior unsecured notes due in March 2017. We also have an unused \$500 million unsecured revolving line of credit facility available to us for general corporate purposes, including future acquisitions.

We evaluate, on an ongoing basis, the merits of acquiring technology or businesses, or establishing strategic relationships with and investing in other companies. Our strong liquidity profile enables us to respond nimbly to these kinds of opportunities.

Based on past performance and current expectations, we believe that our cash and cash equivalents, investments, and cash generated from operations will be sufficient to meet anticipated seasonal working capital needs, capital expenditure requirements, contractual obligations, commitments, debt service requirements, and other liquidity requirements associated with our operations for at least the next 12 months. We expect to return excess cash generated by operations to our stockholders through repurchases of our common stock and payment of cash dividends, after taking into account our operating and strategic cash needs.

## Statements of Cash Flows

The following table summarizes selected items from our statements of cash flows for the first six months of fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2014. See the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report for complete statements of cash flows for those periods.

(Dollars in millions)	Six Months Ended		
	January 31, 2015	January 31, 2014	\$ Change
Net cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities	\$247	\$142	\$105
Investing activities	(35)	828	(863)
Financing activities	(558)	(1,345)	787
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(21)	(9)	(12)
Total decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$(367)	\$(384)	\$17





## Table of Contents

During the first six months of fiscal 2015 we generated cash from operations, net sales of investments, and the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans. During the same period we used cash for the repurchase of shares of our common stock under our stock repurchase programs, for the payment of cash dividends, and for capital expenditures.

During the first six months of fiscal 2014 we generated \$1.0 billion in cash from the sale of our Intuit Financial Services business and used \$1.4 billion in cash to repurchase shares of our common stock under our stock repurchase programs. During the same period we also generated cash from operations and the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans and used cash for the payment of cash dividends and capital expenditures.

### Stock Repurchase Programs, Treasury Shares, and Dividends on Common Stock

As described in Note 8 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report, during the first six months of fiscal 2015 we continued to repurchase shares of our common stock under repurchase programs that our Board of Directors has authorized. At January 31, 2015, we had authorization from our Board of Directors to expend up to an additional \$1.2 billion for stock repurchases through August 19, 2017. We currently expect to continue repurchasing our common stock on a quarterly basis; however, future stock repurchases under the current program are at the discretion of management, and authorization of future stock repurchase programs is subject to the final determination of our Board of Directors.

In the past we have satisfied option exercises and restricted stock unit vesting under our employee equity incentive plans by reissuing treasury shares, and we may do so again in the future. During the second quarter of fiscal 2014 we began issuing new shares of common stock to satisfy option exercises and RSU vesting under our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. We have not yet determined the ultimate disposition of the shares that we have repurchased in the past, and consequently we continue to hold them as treasury shares.

During the first six months of fiscal 2015 we also continued to pay quarterly cash dividends on shares of our outstanding common stock. In February 2015 our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of outstanding common stock payable on April 20, 2015 to stockholders of record at the close of business on April 10, 2015. We currently expect to continue paying comparable cash dividends on a quarterly basis; however, future declarations of dividends and the establishment of future record dates and payment dates are subject to the final determination of our Board of Directors.

### Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility

On February 17, 2012 we entered into an agreement with certain institutional lenders for a \$500 million unsecured revolving credit facility that will expire on February 17, 2017. See Note 5 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report for a description of the key terms of this agreement, including the covenants. We remained in compliance with those covenants at all times during the quarter ended January 31, 2015. We may use amounts borrowed under this credit facility for general corporate purposes, including future acquisitions. To date we have not borrowed under the credit facility. We monitor counterparty risk associated with the institutional lenders that are providing the credit facility. We currently believe that the credit facility will be available to us should we choose to borrow under it.

### Cash Held by Foreign Subsidiaries

Our cash, cash equivalents, and investments totaled \$1.4 billion at January 31, 2015. Of this amount, approximately 11% was held by our foreign subsidiaries and subject to repatriation tax considerations. These foreign funds were located primarily in Canada, India, and the United Kingdom. We intend to permanently reinvest a significant portion of our earnings from foreign operations, and we currently do not anticipate that we will need funds generated from foreign operations to fund our domestic operations. In the event that funds from foreign operations are needed to fund operations in the United States, if U.S. taxes have not been previously provided on the related earnings we would provide for and pay additional U.S. taxes at the time we change our intention with regard to the reinvestment of those earnings.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

At January 31, 2015, we did not have any significant off-balance sheet arrangements, as defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

Contractual Obligations

We presented our contractual obligations at July 31, 2014 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year then ended. There were no significant changes in those obligations during the first six months of fiscal 2015.

Table of Contents

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

For a description of recent accounting pronouncements, if any, and the potential impact of these pronouncements on our consolidated financial statements, see Note 1 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report.

32

---

Table of Contents

ITEM 3

QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Investment Risk

We actively monitor market conditions and developments specific to the securities in which we invest. We believe that we take a conservative approach to investing our funds in that we invest only in highly-rated securities and diversify our portfolio of investments. While we believe we take prudent measures to mitigate investment related risks, such risks cannot be fully eliminated because of market circumstances that are outside our control.

Our investments consist of instruments that meet quality standards that are consistent with our investment policy. This policy specifies that, except for direct obligations of the United States government, securities issued by agencies of the United States government, and money market funds, we diversify our investments by limiting our holdings with any individual issuer. We do not hold derivative financial instruments or European sovereign debt in our portfolio of investments. See Note 3 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report for a summary of the cost and fair value of our investments by type of issue.

Interest Rate Risk

Our cash equivalents and investments are subject to market risk due to changes in interest rates. Interest rate movements affect the interest income we earn on cash equivalents and investments and the fair value of those investments. If the Federal Reserve Target Rate had increased by 25 basis points from the level of January 31, 2015, the value of our investments at that date would have decreased by approximately \$3 million. If the Federal Reserve Target Rate had increased by 100 basis points from the level of January 31, 2015, the value of our investments at that date would have decreased by approximately \$11 million.

We are also exposed to the impact of changes in interest rates as they affect our \$500 million revolving credit facility. Advances under the credit facility accrue interest at rates that are equal to JP Morgan's alternate base rate plus a margin that ranges from 0.0% to 0.5% or the London InterBank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a margin that ranges from 0.9% to 1.5%, in both cases based on our senior debt credit ratings. Consequently, our interest expense would fluctuate with changes in the general level of these interest rates if we were to borrow any amounts under the credit facility. At January 31, 2015, no amounts were outstanding under the credit facility.

On March 12, 2007 we issued \$500 million of 5.75% senior unsecured notes due on March 15, 2017. We carry these senior notes at face value less unamortized discount on our balance sheets. Since these senior notes bear interest at fixed rates, we have no financial statement risk associated with changes in interest rates. However, the fair value of these notes fluctuates when interest rates change. See Note 2 and Note 6 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report for more information.

Impact of Foreign Currency Rate Changes

The functional currencies of our international operating subsidiaries are the local currencies. We translate the assets and liabilities of our foreign subsidiaries at the exchange rates in effect on the balance sheet date. We translate their revenue, costs and expenses at the average rates of exchange in effect during the period. We include translation gains and losses in the stockholders' equity section of our balance sheets. We include net gains and losses resulting from foreign exchange transactions in interest and other income in our statements of operations.

Since we translate foreign currencies (primarily Canadian dollars, Indian rupees, and British pounds) into U.S. dollars for financial reporting purposes, currency fluctuations can have an impact on our financial results. The historical impact of currency fluctuations on our financial results has generally been immaterial. We believe that our exposure to currency exchange fluctuation risk is not significant primarily because our global subsidiaries invoice customers and satisfy their financial obligations almost exclusively in their local currencies. Although the impact of currency fluctuations on our financial results has generally been immaterial in the past and we believe that for the reasons cited above currency fluctuations will not be significant in the future, the impact of currency fluctuations could be material in the future. As of January 31, 2015, we did not engage in foreign currency hedging activities.

Table of Contents

ITEM 4

CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based upon an evaluation of the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures, Intuit's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) have concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our disclosure controls and procedures as defined under Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission and is accumulated and communicated to management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During our most recent fiscal quarter, there has not occurred any change in our internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, believes that our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and that they are effective at the reasonable assurance level. However, no matter how well conceived and executed, a control system can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. The design of any control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. There are also limitations that are inherent in any control system. These limitations include the realities that breakdowns can occur because of errors in judgment or mistakes, and that controls can be circumvented by individual persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. Because of these inherent limitations in a cost effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

Table of Contents

PART II

ITEM 1

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

See Note 9 to the financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a description of legal proceedings.

ITEM 1A

RISK FACTORS

Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. All statements in this report, other than statements that are purely historical, are forward-looking statements. Words such as “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “forecast,” “estimate,” “seek,” and similar expressions also identify forward-looking statements. In this report, forward-looking statements include, without limitation, the following:

- our expectations and beliefs regarding future conduct and growth of the business;
- our beliefs and expectations regarding seasonality, competition and other trends that affect our businesses;
- our expectation that we will solve problems faster and more efficiently for our growing base of customers by moving to more open platforms with application programming interfaces that enable the contributions of end users and third-party developers;
- our expectation that we will continue to invest significant resources in our product development, marketing and sales capabilities in the future;
- our expectation that we will continue to invest significant management attention and resources in our information technology infrastructure and in our privacy and security capabilities;
- our expectation that we will be able to protect our customers’ data and prevent third parties from using stolen customer information to perpetrate fraud in our tax and other offerings;
- our expectation that we will continue to generate significant cash from operations in the future;
- our expectation that connected services revenue as a percentage of our total revenue will continue to grow in the future;
- the assumptions underlying our Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates, including our estimates regarding product rebate and return reserves; the collectability of accounts receivable; stock volatility and other assumptions used to estimate the fair value of share-based compensation; the fair value of goodwill; and expected future amortization of acquired intangible assets;
- our belief that the investments we hold are not other-than-temporarily impaired;
- our belief that our exposure to currency exchange fluctuation risk will not be significant in the future;
- our assessments and estimates that determine our effective tax rate;
- our belief that it is not reasonably possible that there will be a significant increase or decrease in our unrecognized tax benefits over the next 12 months;
- our belief that we will not need funds generated from foreign operations to fund our domestic operations;
- our belief that our cash and cash equivalents, investments and cash generated from operations will be sufficient to meet our seasonal working capital needs, capital expenditure requirements, contractual obligations, commitments, debt service requirements and other liquidity requirements associated with our operations for at least the next 12 months;
- our expectation that we will return excess cash generated by operations to our stockholders through repurchases of our common stock and payment of cash dividends; and
- our assessments and beliefs regarding the future outcome of pending legal proceedings and the liability, if any, that Intuit may incur as a result of those proceedings.

We caution investors that forward-looking statements are only predictions based on our current expectations about future events and are not guarantees of future performance. We encourage you to read carefully all information provided in this Quarterly



Table of Contents

Report and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission before deciding to invest in our stock or to maintain or change your investment. These forward-looking statements are based on information as of the filing date of this Quarterly Report, and we undertake no obligation to publicly revise or update any forward-looking statement for any reason.

Because forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, there are important factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These factors include the following:

We face intense competitive pressures that may harm our operating results.

We face intense competition in all of our businesses, and we expect competition to remain intense in the future. Our competitors and potential competitors range from large and established entities to emerging start-ups. Our competitors may introduce superior products and services, reduce prices, have greater technical, marketing and other resources, have greater name recognition, have larger installed bases of customers, have well-established relationships with our current and potential customers, advertise aggressively or beat us to market with new products and services. In addition, we may face competition from existing companies, with large established consumer user-bases and broad-based platforms, who may change or expand the focus of their business strategies and marketing to target our customers, including small businesses and tax customers. We also face intensified competition from providers of free accounting, tax, payments, and other financial services. In order to compete, we have also introduced free offerings in several categories, but we may not be able to attract customers or effectively monetize all of these offerings, and customers who have formerly paid for Intuit's products and services may elect to use free offerings instead. These competitive factors may diminish our revenue and profitability and harm our ability to acquire and retain customers. Our consumer tax business also faces significant competition from the public sector, where we face the risk of federal and state taxing authorities developing software or other systems to facilitate tax return preparation and electronic filing at no charge to taxpayers. These or similar programs may be introduced or expanded in the future, which may cause us to lose customers and revenue. Although the Free File Alliance has kept the federal government from being a direct competitor to Intuit's tax offerings, it has fostered additional online competition and may cause us to lose significant revenue opportunities. The current agreement with the Free File Alliance is scheduled to expire in October 2015. We anticipate that governmental encroachment at both the federal and state levels may present a continued competitive threat to our business for the foreseeable future.

Future revenue growth depends upon our ability to adapt to technological change and successfully introduce new and enhanced products, services and business models.

The software as a service (SaaS), desktop software and mobile technology industries are characterized by rapidly changing technology, evolving industry standards and frequent new product introductions. As we continue to grow our software as a service, mobile and other offerings, we must continue to innovate and develop new products and features to meet changing customer needs and attract and retain talented software developers. We need to continue to develop our skills, tools and capabilities to capitalize on existing and emerging technologies, which require us to devote significant resources.

A number of our businesses also derive a significant amount of their revenue from one-time upfront license fees and rely on customer upgrades and service offerings to generate a significant portion of their revenues. In addition, our consumer and professional tax businesses depend significantly on revenue from customers who return each year to use our updated tax preparation and filing software and services. As our existing products mature, encouraging customers to purchase product upgrades becomes more challenging unless new product releases provide features and functionality that have meaningful incremental value. If we are not able to develop and clearly demonstrate the value of new or upgraded products or services to our customers, our revenues may be harmed. In addition, as we continue to introduce and expand our new business models, including offerings that are subscription-based or that are free to end users, we may be unsuccessful in monetizing or increasing customer adoption of these offerings.

The number of people who access products and services through devices other than personal computers, including mobile phones, smartphones, and handheld computers such as tablets, continues to increase. We have devoted significant resources to develop products and services for users of these alternative devices, but the versions of our products and services developed for these devices may not be compelling to users. Even if we are able to attract new

users through these mobile offerings, the amount of revenue that we derive per user from mobile offerings may be less than the revenue that we have historically derived from users of personal computers. As new devices and new platforms are continually being released, it is difficult to predict the problems we may encounter in developing versions of our products and services for use on these alternative devices and we may need to devote significant resources to the creation, support, and maintenance of such offerings. If we are slow to develop products and technologies that are compatible with these alternative devices, or if our competitors are able to achieve those results more quickly than us, we will fail to capture a significant share of an increasingly important portion of the market for online services, which could adversely affect our business.

Table of Contents

In some cases, we may expend a significant amount of resources and management attention on offerings that do not ultimately succeed in their markets. We have encountered difficulty in launching new products and services in the past. If we misjudge customer needs in the future, our new products and services may not succeed and our revenues and earnings may be harmed. We have also invested, and in the future expect to invest, in new business models, geographies, strategies and initiatives. Such endeavors may involve significant risks and uncertainties, including distraction of management from current operations, expenses associated with the initiatives and inadequate return on investments. Because these new initiatives are inherently risky, they may not be successful and may harm our financial condition and operating results.

Business interruption or failure of our information technology and communication systems may impair the availability of our products and services, which may damage our reputation and harm our future financial results.

As we continue to transition our business to more connected services, we become more dependent on the continuing operation and availability of our information technology and communication systems and those of our external service providers, including, for example, third party Internet-based or “cloud” computing services. We do not have redundancy for all of our systems, many of our critical applications reside in only one of our data centers, and our disaster recovery planning may not account for all eventualities. We also do not maintain real-time back-up of all our data, and in the event of significant system disruption we may experience loss of data or processing capabilities, which may cause us to lose customers and may materially harm our reputation and our operating results. In addition, we are in the process of updating our customer facing applications and the supporting information technology infrastructure to meet our customers’ expectations for continuous service availability. Any difficulties in upgrading these applications or infrastructure or failure of our systems or those of our third-party service providers may result in interruptions in our service, which may reduce our revenues and profits, cause us to lose customers and damage our reputation. Any prolonged interruptions at any time may result in lost customers, additional refunds of customer charges, negative publicity and increased operating costs, any of which may significantly harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are in the process of migrating our applications and infrastructure to new data centers and to third party hosted environments. If we do not execute the transition to these new environments in an effective manner, we may experience unplanned service disruptions or unforeseen increases in costs which may harm our operating results and our business.

Our business operations, data centers, information technology and communications systems are vulnerable to damage or interruption from natural disasters, human error, malicious attacks, fire, power loss, telecommunications failures, computer viruses, computer denial of service attacks, terrorist attacks and other events beyond our control. The majority of our activities, our corporate headquarters, our principal information technology systems, and other critical business operations are located near major seismic faults. We do not carry earthquake insurance for direct quake-related losses. Our future financial results may be materially harmed in the event of a major earthquake or other natural or man-made disaster.

We rely on internal systems and external systems maintained by manufacturers, distributors and other service providers to take and fulfill customer orders, handle customer service requests and host certain online activities. Any interruption or failure of our internal or external systems may prevent us or our service providers from accepting and fulfilling customer orders or cause company and customer data to be unintentionally disclosed. Our continuing efforts to upgrade and expand our network security and other information systems as well as our high-availability capabilities may be costly, and problems with the design or implementation of system enhancements may harm our business and our results of operations.

We host, collect, use and retain sensitive and personal customer information and data. A security breach resulting in third party access to this information and data could materially disrupt our businesses, result in the disclosure of confidential information, significantly damage our reputation and cause material losses.

We host, collect, use and retain large amounts of sensitive and personal customer information and data, including credit card numbers, tax return information, bank account numbers and passwords, personal and business financial data and transactions, social security numbers, healthcare information and payroll information. In addition, we collect

and maintain sensitive and personal information of our employees in the ordinary course of our business. The volume of sensitive and personal information that we collect has been increasing and will continue to increase as we further transition our businesses to connected services. We and our vendors use commercially available security technologies to protect this information and data, and we also use security and business controls to limit access to and use of such sensitive and personal customer information and data. However, such measures cannot provide absolute security, and we have experienced instances in the past where criminals, using stolen identity information obtained outside of our systems, have gained unauthorized and illegal access to our customers' data, and we may experience additional instances of unauthorized and illegal access to our systems using our customers' stolen identity information in the future. The security measures that we implement may not be able to prevent access to our systems from unauthorized users who have fraudulently obtained our customers' personal information. In addition, because the techniques used to obtain unauthorized access change frequently and may be difficult to detect for long periods of time, we may be unable to anticipate these techniques or implement adequate preventive measures. A major breach

Table of Contents

of our security measures or those of third parties that provide hosting services or have access to our sensitive and personal customer information may have serious negative consequences for our businesses, including possible fines, penalties and damages, reduced customer demand for our services, material harm to our reputation and brands, further regulation and oversight by federal or state agencies, and loss of our ability to provide financial transaction services or accept and process customer credit card orders or tax returns.

From time to time, we detect, or receive notices from customers or public or private agencies that they have detected, vulnerabilities in our servers, our software or third-party software components that are distributed with our products or fraudulent activity by unauthorized persons utilizing our products with stolen customer identity information. The existence of such vulnerabilities or fraudulent activity, even if they do not result in a security breach, may undermine customer confidence as well as the confidence of government agencies that we rely on to ensure that we can implement our offerings and require substantial resources to address, and we may not be able to discover or remediate such security vulnerabilities before they are exploited. In addition, our technologies, systems, and networks and our customers' devices have been subject to, and are likely to continue to be the target of, cyber attacks, computer viruses, worms, phishing attacks, malicious software programs and other information security breaches that could result in the unauthorized release, gathering, monitoring, misuse, loss or destruction of our customers' sensitive and personal information and data, or otherwise disrupt our or our customers' or other third parties' business operations. Although this is an industry-wide problem that affects software across platforms, it is increasingly affecting our offerings because cybercriminals tend to focus their efforts on well-known offerings that are popular among customers, and we expect them to continue to do so. If these cybercriminals are able to circumvent our security measures, or if we are unable to detect an intrusion into our systems and contain such intrusion in a reasonable amount of time, our customers' sensitive and personal information and data may be compromised.

In addition, our employees, contractors, temporary and seasonal employees may have access to sensitive and personal information of our customers and employees. While we conduct background checks of our employees and these other individuals and limit access to systems and data, it is possible that one or more of these individuals may circumvent these controls, resulting in a security breach. In addition, we rely on third party vendors to host certain of our sensitive and personal information and data. While we conduct due diligence on these third party partners with respect to their security and business controls, we may not have the ability to effectively monitor or oversee the implementation of these controls measures, and, in any event, individuals or third parties may be able to circumvent and/or exploit vulnerabilities that may exist in these security and business controls, resulting in a loss of sensitive and personal customer or employee information and data.

If we are unable to develop, manage and maintain critical third party business relationships, our business may be adversely affected.

Our growth is dependent on the strength of our business relationships and our ability to continue to develop, maintain and leverage new and existing relationships. We rely on various third party partners, including software and service providers, suppliers, vendors, manufacturers, distributors, contractors, financial institutions, core processors, licensing partners and development partners, among others, in many areas of our business in order to deliver our offerings and operate our business. We also rely on third parties to support the operation of our business by maintaining our physical facilities, equipment, power systems and infrastructure. In certain instances, these third party relationships are sole source or limited source relationships and can be difficult to replace or substitute depending on the level of integration of the third party's products or services into, or with, our offerings and/or the general availability of such third party's products and services. In addition, there may be few or no alternative third party providers or vendors in the market. Further, there can be no assurance that we will be able to adequately retain third party contractors engaged to help us operate our business. The failure of third parties to provide acceptable and high quality products, services and technologies or to update their products, services and technologies may result in a disruption to our business operations and our customers, which may reduce our revenues and profits, cause us to lose customers and damage our reputation. Alternative arrangements and services may not be available to us on commercially reasonable terms or we may experience business interruptions upon a transition to an alternative partner.

In particular, we have relationships with banks, credit unions and other financial institutions that support certain critical services we offer to our customers. If macroeconomic conditions or other factors cause any of these institutions to fail, consolidate, stop providing certain services or institute cost-cutting efforts, our business and financial results may suffer and we may be unable to offer those services to our customers.

We increasingly utilize the distribution platforms of third parties like Apple's App Store and Google Play for Android for the distribution of certain of our product offerings. Although we benefit from the strong brand recognition and large user base of these distribution platforms to attract new customers, the platform owners have wide discretion to change the pricing structure, terms of service and other policies with respect to us and other developers. Any adverse changes by these third parties could adversely affect our financial results.

Table of Contents

Increased government regulation of our businesses may harm our operating results.

Many of our businesses are regulated under federal, state and local laws, including our tax, accounting professionals, payroll and payments businesses. There have been significant new regulations and heightened focus by the government on many of these areas, as well as in areas such as insurance and healthcare (including, for example, the Affordable Care Act) and the collection, use and security of user data. As we expand our products and services and revise our business models, both domestically and internationally, we may become subject to additional government regulation or increased regulatory scrutiny. Further, regulators may adopt new laws or regulations or their interpretation of existing laws or regulations may differ from ours as well as the laws of other jurisdictions in which we operate. These regulatory requirements could impose significant limitations, require changes to our business, require notification to customers or employees of a security breach, restrict our use of personal information, or cause changes in customer purchasing behavior which may make our business more costly, less efficient or impossible to conduct, and may require us to modify our current or future products or services, which may harm our future financial results. In particular, as our business continues to expand to new industry segments that may be more highly regulated for privacy and data security, and to countries outside the United States that have more strict data protection laws, our compliance requirements and costs may increase. We have incurred – and may continue to incur – significant expenses to comply with mandatory privacy and security standards and protocols imposed by law, regulation, industry standards or contractual obligations.

The tax preparation industry continues to receive heightened attention from federal and state governments. New legislation, regulation, public policy considerations, litigation by the government or private entities, or new interpretations of existing laws may result in greater oversight of the tax preparation industry, restrict the types of products and services that we can offer or the prices we can charge, or otherwise cause us to change the way we operate our tax businesses or offer our tax products and services. We may not be able to respond quickly to such regulatory, legislative and other developments, and these changes may in turn increase our cost of doing business and limit our revenue opportunities. In addition, if our practices are not consistent with new interpretations of existing laws, we may become subject to lawsuits, penalties, and other liabilities that did not previously apply. We are also required to comply with a variety of state revenue agency standards in order to successfully operate our tax preparation and electronic filing services. Changes in state-imposed requirements by one or more of the states, including the required use of specific technologies or technology standards, may significantly increase the costs of providing those services to our customers and may prevent us from delivering a quality product to our customers in a timely manner.

If we fail to process transactions effectively or fail to adequately protect against disputed or potential fraudulent activities, our revenue and earnings may be harmed.

Our operations process a significant volume and dollar value of transactions on a daily basis, especially in our payroll and payments businesses. Due to the size and volume of transactions that we handle, effective processing systems and controls are essential to ensure that transactions are handled appropriately. Despite our efforts, it is possible that we may make errors or that funds may be misappropriated due to fraud. The systems supporting our business are comprised of multiple technology platforms that are difficult to scale. If we are unable to effectively manage our systems and processes we may be unable to process customer data in an accurate, reliable and timely manner, which may harm our business. In our payments processing service business, if merchants for whom we process payment transactions are unable to pay refunds due to their customers in connection with disputed or fraudulent merchant transactions, we may be required to pay those amounts and our payments may exceed the amount of the customer reserves we have established to make such payments.

If we are unable to effectively combat the increasing amount and sophistication of fraudulent activities by third parties using our offerings, we may lose the confidence of our customers and government agencies and our revenues and earnings may be harmed.

The online tax preparation, payroll administration and online payments industries have been experiencing an increasing amount of fraudulent activities by third parties, and those fraudulent activities are becoming increasingly sophisticated. Although we do not believe that any of this activity is uniquely targeted at our products or business, this type of fraudulent activity may adversely impact our consumer tax, payroll, and payments businesses. In addition to any direct damages and potential fines that may result from such fraud, which may be substantial, a loss of confidence by our customers or by governmental agencies in our ability to prevent fraudulent activity that is perpetrated through our offerings may seriously harm our business and damage our brand. If we cannot adequately combat such fraudulent activity that is perpetrated through our tax offerings, state or federal tax authorities may refuse to allow us to continue to process our customers' tax returns electronically, resulting in a significant adverse impact on our earnings and revenue. As fraudulent activities become more pervasive and increasingly sophisticated, and fraud detection and prevention measures must become correspondingly more complex to combat them across the various industries in which we operate, we may implement risk control mechanisms that could make it more difficult for legitimate customers to obtain and use our products, which could result in lost revenue and negatively impact our earnings.



Table of Contents

Third parties claiming that we infringe their proprietary rights may cause us to incur significant legal expenses and prevent us from selling our products.

We may become increasingly subject to infringement claims, including patent, copyright, trade secret, and trademark infringement claims. Litigation may be necessary to determine the validity and scope of the intellectual property rights of others. We have received a number of allegations of intellectual property infringement claims in the past and expect to receive more claims in the future based on allegations that our offerings infringe upon the intellectual property held by third parties. Some of these claims are the subject of pending litigation against us and against some of our customers. These claims may involve patent holding companies or other adverse intellectual property owners who have no relevant product revenues of their own, and against whom our own intellectual property may provide little or no deterrence. The ultimate outcome of any allegation is uncertain and, regardless of outcome, any such claim, with or without merit, may be time consuming to defend, result in costly litigation, divert management's time and attention from our business, require us to stop selling, delay shipping or redesign our products, or require us to pay monetary damages for royalty or licensing fees, or to satisfy indemnification obligations that we have with some of our customers. Our failure to obtain necessary license or other rights, or litigation arising out of intellectual property claims may harm our business.

We rely on third party intellectual property in our products and services.

Many of our products and services include intellectual property of third parties, which we license under agreements that may need to be renewed or renegotiated from time to time. We may not be able to obtain licenses to these third party technologies or content on reasonable terms, or at all. If we are unable to obtain the rights necessary to use this intellectual property in our products and services, we may not be able to sell the affected offerings, and customers who are currently using the affected product may be disrupted, which may in turn harm our future financial results, damage our brand, and result in customer loss. Also, we and our customers have been and may continue to be subject to infringement claims as a result of the third party intellectual property incorporated in to our offerings. Although we try to mitigate this risk and we may not be ultimately liable for any potential infringement, pending claims require us to use significant resources, require management attention and could result in loss of customers.

Some of our offerings include third-party software that is licensed under so-called "open source" licenses, some of which may include a requirement that, under certain circumstances, we make available, or grant licenses to, any modifications or derivative works we create based upon the open source software. Although we have established internal review and approval processes to mitigate these risks, we may not be sure that all open source software is submitted for approval prior to use in our products. Many of the risks associated with usage of open source may not be eliminated, and may, if not properly addressed, harm our business.

Our intellectual property rights are valuable, and any inability to protect them could reduce the value of our products, services, and brand.

Our patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights and other intellectual property rights are important assets for us. We aggressively protect our intellectual property rights by relying on federal, state and common law rights in the U.S. and internationally, as well as a variety of administrative procedures. We also rely on contractual restrictions to protect our proprietary rights in products and services. The efforts that we take to protect our proprietary rights may not always be sufficient or effective. Protecting our intellectual property rights is costly and time consuming and may not be successful in every location. Any significant impairment of our intellectual property rights could harm our business, our brand and our ability to compete.

Policing unauthorized use and copying of our products is difficult, expensive, and time consuming. Current U.S. laws that prohibit copying give us only limited practical protection from software piracy and the laws of many other countries provide very little protection. We frequently encounter unauthorized copies of our software being sold through online marketplaces. Although we continue to evaluate and put in place technology solutions to attempt to lessen the impact of piracy and engage in efforts to educate consumers and public policy leaders on these issues and cooperate with industry groups in their efforts to combat piracy, we expect piracy to be a persistent problem that results in lost revenues and increased expenses.

Because competition for our key employees is intense, we may not be able to attract, retain and develop the highly skilled employees we need to support our planned growth.

Much of our future success depends on the continued service and availability of skilled personnel, including members of our executive team, and those in technical, marketing and staff positions. Experienced personnel in the software, mobile technologies, data science, data security, and software as a service industries are in high demand and competition for their talents is intense, especially in California and India, where the majority of our employees are located. Also, as we strive to continue to adapt to technological change and introduce new and enhanced products and business models, we must be able to secure, maintain and develop the right quality and quantity of engaged and committed talent. Although we strive to be an

Table of Contents

employer of choice, we may not be able to continue to successfully attract, retain and develop key personnel which may cause our business to suffer.

As our product and service offerings become more tightly integrated, we may be required to recognize the related revenue over relatively longer periods of time.

Our expanding range of products and services, and the combinations in which we offer them, generate different revenue streams than our traditional desktop software businesses, and the accounting policies that apply to revenue from these offerings are complex. For example, as we offer more online services bundled with software products, we may be required to defer a higher percentage of our software product revenue into future fiscal periods. In addition, as we offer more services on a subscription basis, we recognize revenue from those services over the periods in which the services are provided. This may result in significant shifts of revenue from quarter to quarter, or from one fiscal year to the next.

The nature of our products and services necessitates timely product launches, and if we experience significant product quality problems or delays, it may harm our revenue, earnings and reputation.

All of our tax products and many of our non-tax products have rigid development timetables that increase the risk of errors in our products and the risk of launch delays. Our tax preparation software product development cycle is particularly challenging due to the need to incorporate unpredictable tax law and tax form changes each year and because our customers expect high levels of accuracy and a timely launch of these products to prepare and file their taxes by the tax filing deadline. Due to the complexity of our products and the condensed development cycles under which we operate, our products sometimes contain glitches that may unexpectedly interfere with the operation of the software. The complexity of our products may also make it difficult for us to consistently deliver offerings that contain the features, functionality and level of accuracy that our customers expect. When we encounter problems we may be required to modify our code, distribute patches to customers who have already purchased the product and recall or repackaging existing product inventory in our distribution channels. If we encounter development challenges or discover errors in our products late in our development cycle it may cause us to delay our product launch date. Any major defects or launch delays may lead to loss of customers and revenue, negative publicity, customer and employee dissatisfaction, reduced retailer shelf space and promotions, and increased operating expenses, such as inventory replacement costs, legal fees or payments resulting from our commitment to reimburse penalties and interest paid by customers due solely to calculation errors in our consumer tax preparation products.

Our businesses are highly seasonal and our quarterly results could fluctuate significantly.

Historically, several of our businesses have been highly seasonal and this has caused significant fluctuations in our quarterly financial results. Due to the timing of annual product releases, revenue from our QuickBooks desktop software products has tended to be highest during our second and third fiscal quarters. Sales of income tax preparation products and services are heavily concentrated from November through April. These seasonal patterns mean that our total revenue is usually highest during the second and third fiscal quarters ending January 31 and April 30. We typically experience lower revenues, and operating losses, in the first and fourth fiscal quarters ending October 31 and July 31. Although in the longer term we expect the seasonality of certain of our businesses to diminish due to our decision to deliver ongoing releases for our future desktop offerings and due to increasing customer preference for online and subscription versions of our offerings, we expect the seasonality of certain other businesses, particularly our consumer tax business, to continue. In the near term we expect the seasonality of our overall business to continue. Our financial results may also fluctuate from quarter to quarter and year to year due to a variety of factors, including factors that may affect the timing of revenue recognition. These include changes to our offerings that result in the inclusion or exclusion of ongoing services; changes in product pricing strategies or product sales mix; the timing of the availability of federal and state tax forms from taxing agencies and the ability of those agencies to receive electronic tax return submissions; changes in consumer behavior; and the timing of our discontinuation of support for older product offerings. Other factors that may affect our quarterly or annual financial results include the timing of acquisitions, divestitures, and goodwill and acquired intangible asset impairment charges. Any fluctuations in our operating results may adversely affect our stock price.

We are frequently a party to litigation and regulatory inquiries which could result in an unfavorable outcome and have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operation and cash flows.

We are subject to various legal proceedings, claims and regulatory inquiries that have arisen out of the ordinary conduct of our business and are not yet resolved and additional claims and inquiries may arise in the future. The number and significance of these claims and inquiries have increased as our businesses have evolved. Any proceedings, claims or inquiries initiated by or against us, whether successful or not, may be time consuming; result in costly litigation, damage awards, consent decrees, injunctive relief or increased costs of business; require us to change our business practices or products; require significant amounts of management time; result in diversion of significant operations resources; or otherwise harm our business and future financial results. For further information about specific litigation, see Part II, Item 1, "Legal Proceedings."

Table of Contents

Adverse global economic conditions could harm our business and financial condition.

The onset or continuation of adverse macroeconomic developments could negatively affect our business and financial condition. Adverse global economic events have caused, and could, in the future, cause disruptions and volatility in global financial markets and increased rates of default and bankruptcy, and could impact consumer and small business spending. In particular, because the majority of our revenue is derived from sales within the U.S., economic conditions in the U.S. have an even greater impact on us than companies with a more diverse international presence. Challenging economic times could cause potential new customers not to purchase or to delay purchasing of our products and services, and could cause our existing customers to discontinue purchasing or delay upgrades of our existing products and services, thereby negatively impacting our revenues and future financial results. Decreased consumer spending levels could also reduce credit and debit card transaction processing volumes causing reductions in our payments revenue. Poor economic conditions and high unemployment have caused, and could in the future cause, a significant decrease in the number of tax returns filed, which may have a significant effect on the number of tax returns we prepare and file. In addition, weakness in the end-user consumer and small business markets could negatively affect the cash flow of our distributors and resellers who could, in turn, delay paying their obligations to us, which could increase our credit risk exposure and cause delays in our recognition of revenue or future sales to these customers. Any of these events could harm our business and our future financial results.

We regularly invest resources to update and improve our internal information technology systems and software platforms. Should our investments not succeed, or if delays or other issues with new or existing internal technology systems and software platforms disrupt our operations, our business could be harmed.

We rely on our network and data center infrastructure and internal technology systems for many of our development, marketing, operational, support, sales, accounting and financial reporting activities. We are continually investing resources to update and improve these systems and environments in order to meet existing, as well as the growing and changing requirements of our business and customers. If we experience prolonged delays or unforeseen difficulties in updating and upgrading our systems and architecture, we may experience outages and may not be able to deliver certain offerings and develop new offerings and enhancements that we need to remain competitive. Such improvements and upgrades are often complex, costly and time consuming. In addition such improvements can be challenging to integrate with our existing technology systems, or may uncover problems with our existing technology systems. Unsuccessful implementation of hardware or software updates and improvements could result in outages, disruption in our business operations, loss of revenue or damage to our reputation.

Our international operations are subject to increased risks which may harm our business, operating results, and financial condition.

In addition to uncertainty about our ability to generate revenues from our foreign operations and expand into international markets, there are risks inherent in doing business internationally, including:

- trade barriers and changes in trade regulations;
- difficulties in developing, staffing, and simultaneously managing a large number of varying foreign operations as a result of distance, language, and cultural differences;
- stringent local labor laws and regulations;
- credit risk and higher levels of payment fraud;
- profit repatriation restrictions, and foreign currency exchange restrictions;
- political or social unrest, economic instability, repression, or human rights issues;
- geopolitical events, including natural disasters, acts of war and terrorism;
- import or export regulations;
- compliance with U.S. laws such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and local laws prohibiting corrupt payments to government officials;
- antitrust and competition regulations;
- potentially adverse tax developments;
- economic uncertainties relating to European sovereign and other debt;
- different, uncertain or more stringent user protection, data protection, privacy and other laws; and

risks related to other government regulation or required compliance with local laws.

42

---

Table of Contents

Violations of the complex foreign and U.S. laws and regulations that apply to our international operations may result in fines, criminal actions or sanctions against us, our officers or our employees, prohibitions on the conduct of our business and damage to our reputation. Although we have implemented policies and procedures designed to promote compliance with these laws, there can be no assurance that our employees, contractors or agents will not violate our policies. These risks inherent in our international operations and expansion increase our costs of doing business internationally and may result in harm to our business, operating results, and financial condition.

If actual product returns exceed returns reserves, our future financial results may be harmed.

We ship more desktop software products to our distributors and retailers than we expect them to sell, in order to reduce the risk that distributors or retailers may run out of products. This is particularly true for our Consumer Tax products, which have a short selling season and for which returns occur primarily in our fiscal third and fourth quarters. Like many software companies that sell their products through distributors and retailers, we have historically accepted significant product returns. We establish reserves against revenue for product returns in our financial statements based on estimated returns and we closely monitor product sales and inventory in the retail channel in an effort to maintain adequate reserves. In the past, returns have not differed significantly from these reserves. However, if we experience actual returns that significantly exceed reserves, it may result in lower net revenue.

Unanticipated changes in our income tax rates may affect our future financial results.

Our future effective income tax rates may be favorably or unfavorably affected by unanticipated changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities, or by changes in tax laws or their interpretation. In addition, we are subject to the continuous examination of our income tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service and other tax authorities. We regularly assess the likelihood of adverse outcomes resulting from these examinations to determine the adequacy of our provision for income taxes. These continuous examinations may result in unforeseen tax-related liabilities, which may harm our future financial results.

Amortization of acquired intangible assets and impairment charges may cause significant fluctuation in our net income.

Our acquisitions have resulted in significant expenses, including amortization and impairment of acquired technology and other acquired intangible assets, and impairment of goodwill. Total costs and expenses in these categories were approximately \$46 million in fiscal 2014, \$99 million in fiscal 2013, and \$33 million in fiscal 2012. Although under current accounting rules goodwill is not amortized, we may incur impairment charges related to the goodwill already recorded and to goodwill arising out of future acquisitions. We test the impairment of goodwill annually in our fourth fiscal quarter or more frequently if indicators of impairment arise. The timing of the formal annual test may result in charges to our statement of operations in our fourth fiscal quarter that may not have been reasonably foreseen in prior periods. The total costs and expenses for fiscal 2013 included goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges of \$46 million that reduced the carrying value of our Intuit Health goodwill and intangible assets to zero. We completed the sale of that business in the first quarter of fiscal 2014. At January 31, 2015, we had \$1.7 billion in goodwill and \$187 million in net acquired intangible assets on our balance sheet, both of which may be subject to impairment charges in the future. New acquisitions, and any impairment of the value of acquired intangible assets, may have a significant negative impact on our future financial results.

Our acquisition and divestiture activities may disrupt our ongoing business, may involve increased expenses and may present risks not contemplated at the time of the transactions.

We have acquired and may continue to acquire companies, products and technologies that complement our strategic direction. Acquisitions involve significant risks and uncertainties, including:

- inability to successfully integrate the acquired technology and operations into our business and maintain uniform standards, controls, policies, and procedures;
- inability to realize synergies expected to result from an acquisition;
- disruption of our ongoing business and distraction of management;
- challenges retaining the key employees, customers, resellers and other business partners of the acquired operation;
- the internal control environment of an acquired entity may not be consistent with our standards and may require significant time and resources to improve;
-

unidentified issues not discovered in our due diligence process, including product or service quality issues, intellectual property issues and legal contingencies;  
• failure to successfully further develop an acquired business or technology and any resulting impairment of amounts currently capitalized as intangible assets;



Table of Contents

in the case of foreign acquisitions and investments, the impact of particular economic, tax, currency, political, legal and regulatory risks associated with specific countries.

We have divested and may in the future divest certain assets or businesses that no longer fit with our strategic direction or growth targets. Divestitures involve significant risks and uncertainties, including:

- inability to find potential buyers on favorable terms;
  - failure to effectively transfer liabilities, contracts, facilities and employees to buyers;
  - requirements that we retain or indemnify buyers against certain liabilities and obligations in connection with any such divestiture;
  - the possibility that we will become subject to third-party claims arising out of such divestiture;
  - challenges in identifying and separating the intellectual properties to be divested from the intellectual properties that we wish to retain;
  - inability to reduce fixed costs previously associated with the divested assets or business;
  - challenges in collecting the proceeds from any divestiture;
  - disruption of our ongoing business and distraction of management;
  - loss of key employees who leave the Company as a result of a divestiture;
- if customers or partners of the divested business do not receive the same level of service from the new owners, our other businesses may be adversely affected, to the extent that these customers or partners also purchase other products offered by us or otherwise conduct business with our retained business.

Because acquisitions and divestitures are inherently risky, our transactions may not be successful and may, in some cases, harm our operating results or financial condition. Although we typically fund our acquisitions through cash available from operations, if we were to use debt to fund acquisitions or for other purposes, our interest expense and leverage would increase significantly, and if we were to issue equity securities as consideration in an acquisition, current shareholders' percentage ownership and earnings per share would be diluted.

We have \$500 million in debt outstanding and may incur other debt in the future, which may adversely affect our financial condition and future financial results.

In fiscal 2007 we issued \$500 million in senior unsecured notes due in March 2012 and \$500 million in senior unsecured notes due in March 2017. We repaid the March 2012 notes when they became due using cash from operations. As the March 2017 debt matures, we will have to expend significant resources to either repay or refinance these notes. If we decide to refinance the notes, we may be required to do so on different or less favorable terms or we may be unable to refinance the notes at all, both of which may adversely affect our financial condition.

We have also entered into a \$500 million five-year revolving credit facility. Although we have no current plans to request any advances under this credit facility, we may use the proceeds of any future borrowing for general corporate purposes, including future acquisitions.

This debt may adversely affect our financial condition and future financial results by, among other things:

- increasing our vulnerability to downturns in our business, to competitive pressures and to adverse economic and industry conditions;
- requiring the dedication of a portion of our expected cash from operations to service our indebtedness, thereby reducing the amount of expected cash flow available for other purposes, including capital expenditures and acquisitions; and
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our businesses and our industries.

Our current revolving credit facility imposes restrictions on us, including restrictions on our ability to create liens on our assets and the ability of our subsidiaries to incur indebtedness, and require us to maintain compliance with specified financial ratios. Our ability to comply with these ratios may be affected by events beyond our control. In addition, our short- and long-term debt includes covenants that may adversely affect our ability to incur certain liens or engage in certain types of sale and leaseback transactions. If we breach any of the covenants under our short- and long-term debt or our revolving credit facility and do not obtain a waiver from the lenders, then, subject to applicable cure periods, any outstanding indebtedness may be declared immediately due and payable.



Table of Contents

In addition, changes by any rating agency to our credit rating may negatively impact the value and liquidity of both our debt and equity securities. If our credit ratings are downgraded or other negative action is taken, the interest rate payable by us under our revolving credit facility may increase. In addition, any downgrades in our credit ratings may affect our ability to obtain additional financing in the future and may affect the terms of any such financing.

We are subject to risks associated with information disseminated through our services.

The laws relating to the liability of online services companies for information such as online content disseminated through their services are subject to frequent challenges. In spite of settled law in the U.S., claims are made against online services companies by parties who disagree with the content. Where our online content is accessed on the internet outside of the U.S., challenges may be brought under foreign laws which do not provide the same protections for online services companies as in the U.S. These challenges in either U.S. or foreign jurisdictions may rise to legal claims alleging defamation, libel, invasion of privacy, negligence, copyright or trademark infringement, or other theories based on the nature and content of the materials disseminated through the services. Certain of our services include content generated by users of our online services. Although this content is not generated by us, claims of defamation or other injury may be made against us for that content. Any costs incurred as a result of this potential liability may harm our business.

Our stock price may be volatile and your investment could lose value.

Our stock price is subject to changes in recommendations or earnings estimates by financial analysts, changes in investors' or analysts' valuation measures for our stock, our credit ratings and market trends unrelated to our performance. Furthermore, speculation in the press or investment community about our strategic position, financial condition, results of operations, business or security of our products, can cause changes in our stock price. These factors, as well as general economic and political conditions and the timing of announcements in the public market regarding new products, product enhancements or technological advances by our competitors or us, and any announcements by us of acquisitions, major transactions, or management changes may adversely affect our stock price. Further, any changes in the amounts or frequency of share repurchases or dividends may also adversely affect our stock price. A significant drop in our stock price could expose us to the risk of securities class actions lawsuits, which may result in substantial costs and divert management's attention and resources, which may adversely affect our business.

Our business depends on our strong reputation and the value of our brands.

Developing and maintaining awareness of our brands is critical to achieving widespread acceptance of our existing and future products and services and is an important element in attracting new customers. Adverse publicity (whether or not justified) relating to events or activities attributed to us, our employees or agents may tarnish our reputation and reduce the value of our brands. Damage to our reputation and loss of brand equity may reduce demand for our products and services and thus have an adverse effect on our future financial results, as well as require additional resources to rebuild our reputation and restore the value of the brands.

Table of Contents

## ITEM 2

## UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

In connection with our purchase of all the outstanding shares of Acrede Technology Group Holdings Limited (“Acrede”) on December 19, 2014, we issued 157,591 shares of our common stock to one of the equity holders of Acrede. The shares of our common stock were unregistered and issued pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Intuit common stock issued at the closing of the acquisition had an aggregate value of approximately \$14.8 million and was subject to certain vesting restrictions tied to employment.

In connection with our purchase of all the outstanding shares of ZeroPaper Serviços de Informática S/A (“ZeroPaper”) on January 16, 2015, we issued 36,055 shares of our common stock to certain equity holders of ZeroPaper. The shares of our common stock were unregistered and issued pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Intuit common stock issued at the closing of the acquisition had an aggregate value of approximately \$3.1 million and was subject to certain vesting restrictions tied to employment.

## PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

Stock repurchase activity during the three months ended January 31, 2015 was as follows:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans
November 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014	500	\$88.02	500	\$1,756,521,928
December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014	2,167,346	\$93.03	2,167,346	\$1,554,903,049
January 1, 2015 through January 31, 2015	3,986,600	\$88.51	3,986,600	\$1,202,038,517
Total	6,154,446	\$90.10	6,154,446	

Note: All of the shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans during the three months ended January 31, 2015 were purchased under a plan we announced on August 19, 2013 under which we were authorized to repurchase up to \$2 billion of our common stock from time to time over a four-year period ending on August 19, 2017. At January 31, 2015, authorization from our Board of Directors to expend up to \$1.2 billion remained available under that plan.

## ITEM 6

## EXHIBITS

See the Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Table of Contents

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

INTUIT INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: February 19, 2015

By: /s/ R. NEIL WILLIAMS  
R. Neil Williams  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Authorized  
Officer and Principal Financial Officer)

Table of Contents

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Filed Herewith	Incorporated by Reference
10.01+	Acrede Technology Group Holdings Limited 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of Form S-8 (File No. 333 -201426) filed on January 9, 2015)		X
10.02+	Intuit Inc. Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended through January 22, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.01 of Form S-8 (File No. 333-201671) filed on January 23, 2015)		X
31.01	Certification of Chief Executive Officer	X	
31.02	Certification of Chief Financial Officer	X	
32.01*	Section 1350 Certification (Chief Executive Officer)	X	
32.02*	Section 1350 Certification (Chief Financial Officer)	X	
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document	X	
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema	X	
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase	X	
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase	X	
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase	X	
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase	X	

+ Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\* This exhibit is intended to be furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.