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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2017

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: 001-35418

EPAM SYSTEMS, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 22-3536104
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

41 University Drive, Suite 202 18940
Newtown, Pennsylvania
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)
267-759-9000
(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 (§232.405 of this chapter) 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, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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.

Title of Each Class	Outstanding as of July 31, 2017
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	52,523,337 shares

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

EPAM SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(US Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

	As of June 30, 2017	As of December 31, 2016
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$443,501	\$362,025
Restricted cash	2,638	2,400
Time deposits	403	403
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$1,419 and \$1,434, respectively	208,273	199,982
Unbilled revenues	107,858	63,325
Prepaid and other current assets, net of allowance of \$292 and \$644, respectively	23,275	15,690
Employee loans, net of allowance of \$0 and \$0, respectively	2,533	2,726
Total current assets	788,481	646,551
Property and equipment, net	77,115	73,616
Restricted cash	277	239
Employee loans, net of allowance of \$0 and \$0, respectively	2,705	3,252
Intangible assets, net	49,998	51,260
Goodwill	116,239	109,289
Deferred tax assets	33,022	31,005
Other long-term assets, net of allowance of \$138 and \$132, respectively	11,546	10,599
Total assets	\$1,079,383	\$925,811
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$4,253	\$3,213
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	47,822	49,895
Due to employees	41,312	32,203
Deferred compensation due to employees	1,172	5,900
Taxes payable	35,661	25,008
Total current liabilities	130,220	116,219
Long-term debt	25,033	25,048
Other long-term liabilities	4,424	3,132
Total liabilities	159,677	144,399
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)		
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 160,000,000 authorized; 52,476,671 and 51,117,422 shares issued, 52,456,936 and 51,097,687 shares outstanding at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively	51	50
Additional paid-in capital	439,523	374,907
Retained earnings	507,060	444,320
Treasury stock	(177)	(177)

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Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(26,751)	(37,688)
Total stockholders' equity	919,706	781,412
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,079,383	\$925,811

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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EPAM SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 (Unaudited)
 (US Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months		Six Months Ended	
	Ended June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues	\$348,977	\$283,832	\$673,628	\$548,314
Operating expenses:				
Cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	220,132	180,782	427,862	348,163
Selling, general and administrative expenses	80,419	64,241	158,872	125,735
Depreciation and amortization expense	7,020	6,123	13,692	11,225
Other operating expenses, net	724	606	1,554	780
Income from operations	40,682	32,080	71,648	62,411
Interest and other income, net	802	1,138	1,386	2,349
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	1,562	(2,295)	(1,393)	(3,585)
Income before provision for income taxes	43,046	30,923	71,641	61,175
Provision for income taxes	5,687	6,493	10,641	12,846
Net income	\$37,359	\$24,430	\$61,000	\$48,329
Foreign currency translation adjustments	4,551	(2,386)	10,937	2,313
Comprehensive income	\$41,910	\$22,044	\$71,937	\$50,642
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$0.72	\$0.49	\$1.19	\$0.97
Diluted	\$0.68	\$0.46	\$1.12	\$0.92
Shares used in calculation of net income per share:				
Basic	51,899	50,211	51,431	49,688
Diluted	54,848	53,271	54,371	52,803

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EPAM SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (Unaudited)
 (US Dollars in thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$61,000	\$48,329
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	13,692	11,225
Bad debt expense	102	1,730
Deferred income taxes	(766)	) 69
Stock-based compensation expense	28,703	23,694
Excess tax benefit on stock-based compensation plans	—	(4,350)
Other	(1,550)	) 1,003
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	(4,630)	) (5,466)
Unbilled revenues	(44,133)	) 1,623
Prepaid expenses and other assets	736	194
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	518	461
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(3,333)	) (31,915)
Due to employees	4,549	6,597
Taxes payable	4,208	(3,840)
Net cash provided by operating activities	59,096	49,354
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(11,441)	) (13,589)
Employee housing loans issued	(512)	) (941)
Proceeds from repayments of employee housing loans	1,315	1,028
Decrease in restricted cash and time deposits, net	94	29,991
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(6,840)	) (2,515)
Other investing activities, net	(190)	) (2,156)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(17,574)	) 11,818
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from stock option exercises	37,757	12,578
Excess tax benefit on stock-based compensation plans	—	4,350
Payments of withholding taxes related to net share settlements of restricted stock units	(2,702)) —
Proceeds from debt (Note 4)	25,000	20,000
Repayment of debt (Note 4)	(25,059)	) (15,060)
Acquisition of business, deferred consideration	—	(2,260)
Other financing activities, net	(864)	) 135
Net cash provided by financing activities	34,132	19,743
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	5,822	360
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	81,476	81,275
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	362,025	199,449
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$443,501	\$280,724

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

(US Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

EPAM Systems, Inc. (the “Company” or “EPAM”) is a leading global provider of digital platform engineering and software development services to clients located around the world, primarily in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. The Company has expertise in various industries, including software and hi-tech, financial services, media and entertainment, travel and hospitality, retail and distribution and life sciences and healthcare. The Company is incorporated in Delaware and headquartered in Newtown, PA.

Basis of Presentation — The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of EPAM have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”) and Article 10 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The condensed consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of EPAM Systems, Inc. and its subsidiaries with all intercompany balances and transactions eliminated.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K. The preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and such differences may be material to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Operating results for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected to occur for the entire year. In our opinion, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been included, and all adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature.

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Change in Presentation of Certain Financial Information — During the first quarter of 2017, the Company changed the presentation of geographic area information about its consolidated revenues. Historically, information about geographic location of revenues excluded reimbursable expenses and other revenues, which primarily consist of travel and entertainment costs that are chargeable to clients. Effective January 1, 2017, the Company began reporting reimbursable expenses and other revenues based on location of clients to which these costs are chargeable and allocating them to respective geographic locations. These changes did not result in any adjustments to the Company's previously issued financial statements and were applied retrospectively beginning on January 1, 2015. Comparative information for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2016					
	As Reported		After Reclassification			
	(in thousands except percentages)					
United States	\$145,882	51.4 %	\$147,364	51.9 %		
United Kingdom	45,016	15.9 %	45,652	16.1 %		
Switzerland	32,456	11.4 %	32,596	11.5 %		
Canada	15,173	5.3 %	15,327	5.4 %		
Russia	10,484	3.7 %	10,505	3.7 %		
Germany	9,663	3.4 %	9,736	3.4 %		
Hong Kong	5,091	1.8 %	5,283	1.9 %		
Sweden	5,888	2.1 %	6,033	2.1 %		
Netherlands	3,165	1.1 %	3,326	1.2 %		
Belgium	2,529	0.9 %	2,571	0.9 %		
Ireland	1,296	0.5 %	1,304	0.5 %		
Italy	993	0.4 %	1,006	0.4 %		
China	413	0.1 %	413	0.1 %		
Other locations	2,657	0.9 %	2,716	0.9 %		
Reimbursable expenses and other revenues	3,126	1.1 %	—	— %		
Total	\$283,832	100.0%	\$283,832	100.0%		
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2016					
	As Reported		After Reclassification			
	(in thousands except percentages)					
United States	\$281,440	51.3 %	\$284,003	51.8 %		
United Kingdom	88,006	16.1 %	89,212	16.3 %		
Switzerland	63,221	11.5 %	63,448	11.6 %		
Canada	30,874	5.6 %	31,173	5.7 %		
Russia	19,436	3.5 %	19,470	3.5 %		
Germany	18,369	3.4 %	18,475	3.4 %		
Hong Kong	10,845	2.0 %	11,227	2.0 %		
Sweden	9,948	1.8 %	10,161	1.9 %		
Netherlands	5,712	1.0 %	5,973	1.0 %		
Belgium	4,653	0.9 %	4,723	0.9 %		
Ireland	2,480	0.5 %	2,490	0.5 %		
Italy	1,629	0.3 %	1,674	0.3 %		
China	707	0.1 %	707	0.1 %		
Other locations	5,422	1.0 %	5,578	1.0 %		
Reimbursable expenses and other revenues	5,572	1.0 %	—	— %		
Total	\$548,314	100.0%	\$548,314	100.0%		

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Revenue Recognition — The Company recognizes revenue when the following criteria are met: (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (2) delivery has occurred; (3) the sales price is fixed or determinable; and (4) collectability is reasonably assured. Determining whether and when some of these criteria have been satisfied often involves assumptions and judgments that can have a significant impact on the timing and amount of revenue reported.

The Company derives its revenues from a variety of service offerings, which represent specific competencies of its IT professionals. Contracts for these services have different terms and conditions based on the scope, deliverables, and complexity of the engagement, which require management to make judgments and estimates in determining the appropriate revenue recognition. Fees for these contracts may be in the form of time-and-materials or fixed-price arrangements. If there is an uncertainty about the project completion or receipt of payment for the services, revenue is deferred until the uncertainty is sufficiently resolved. At the time revenue is recognized, the Company provides for any contractual deductions and reduces the revenue accordingly. The Company reports gross reimbursable “out-of-pocket” expenses incurred as both revenues and cost of revenues in the condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

The Company defers amounts billed to its clients for revenues not yet earned. Such amounts are anticipated to be recorded as revenues when services are performed in subsequent periods. Unbilled revenue is recorded when services have been provided but billed subsequent to the period end in accordance with the contract terms.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments — The Company makes assumptions about fair values of its financial assets and liabilities in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 820, “Fair Value Measurement”, and utilizes the following fair value hierarchy in determining inputs used for valuation:

Level 1 — Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 — Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices in markets that are not active, quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, and observable inputs other than quoted prices such as interest rates or yield curves.

Level 3 — Unobservable inputs reflecting our view about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

Where the fair values of financial assets and liabilities recorded in the condensed consolidated balance sheets cannot be derived from an active market, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques. These valuation techniques include a net present value technique, comparison to similar instruments with market observable inputs, option pricing models and other relevant valuation models. To the extent possible, observable market data is used as inputs into these models but when it is not feasible, a degree of judgment is required to establish fair values.

Changes in fair value could cause a material impact to, and volatility in the Company’s operating results. See Note 3 for disclosures related to fair value.

Business Combinations — The Company accounts for its business combinations using the acquisition accounting method, which requires it to determine the fair value of net assets acquired and the related goodwill and other intangible assets in accordance with the FASB ASC Topic 805, “Business Combinations.” The Company identifies and attributes fair values and estimated lives to the intangible assets acquired and allocates the total cost of an acquisition to the underlying net assets based on their respective estimated fair values. Determining the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed requires management’s judgment and involves the use of significant estimates, including projections of future cash inflows and outflows, discount rates, asset lives and market multiples. There are different valuation models for each component, the selection of which requires considerable judgment. These determinations will affect the amount of amortization expense recognized in future periods. The Company bases its fair value estimates on assumptions it believes are reasonable, but recognizes that the assumptions are inherently uncertain.

All acquisition-related costs, other than the costs to issue debt or equity securities, are accounted for as expenses in the period in which they are incurred. Changes in fair value of contingent consideration arrangements that are not measurement period adjustments are recognized in earnings. Payments to settle contingent consideration up to the acquisition-date fair value are reflected in cash flows used in financing activities and amounts paid in excess of acquisition-date fair value are reflected in cash flows from operating activities in the Company’s condensed

consolidated statements of cash flows.

The acquired assets typically consist of customer relationships, trade names, non-competition agreements, and assembled workforce. A portion of the purchase price is usually allocated to goodwill and other intangible assets.

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Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets — Goodwill and other intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives are accounted for in accordance with FASB ASC 350, “Intangibles - Goodwill and Other.” The Company conducts its evaluation of goodwill impairment at the reporting unit level on an annual basis during its fourth quarter, and more frequently if events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value. A reporting unit is an operating segment or one level below. The Company does not have intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives.

Intangible assets that have finite useful lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis. When facts and circumstances indicate potential impairment of amortizable intangible assets, the Company evaluates the recoverability of the asset’s carrying value, using estimates of future cash flows over the remaining asset life. The estimates of future cash flows attributable to intangible assets require significant judgment based on the Company’s historical and anticipated results. Any impairment loss is measured by the excess of carrying value over fair value.

Stock-Based Compensation — The Company recognizes the cost of its stock-based incentive awards based on the fair value of the award at the date of grant, net of estimated forfeitures. The cost is expensed evenly over the service period. The service period is the period over which the employee performs the related services, which is normally the same as the vesting period. Over time, the forfeiture assumption is adjusted to the actual forfeiture rate and such change may affect the timing of the total amount of expense recognized over the vesting period. Equity-based awards that do not require future service are expensed immediately. Equity-based awards that do not meet the criteria for equity classification are recorded as liabilities and adjusted to fair value at the end of each reporting period.

Off-Balance Sheet Financial Instruments — The Company uses FASB ASC Topic 825, “Financial Instruments” to identify and disclose off-balance sheet financial instruments, which include credit instruments, such as commitments to make employee loans and related guarantees, standby letters of credit and certain guarantees issued under customer contracts. The face amount for these items represents the exposure to loss, before considering available collateral or the borrower’s ability to repay. Loss contingencies arising from off-balance sheet financial instruments are recorded as liabilities when the likelihood of loss is probable and an amount or range of loss can be reasonably estimated. The Company does not believe such matters exist that will have a material effect on the condensed consolidated financial statements.

2. GOODWILL

Goodwill by reportable segment was as follows:

	North America	Europe	Total
Balance as of January 1, 2017	\$76,812	\$32,477	\$109,289
Other acquisitions	199	4,533	4,732
Other acquisitions purchase accounting adjustments	(285)	505	220
Effect of net foreign currency exchange rate changes	332	1,666	1,998
Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$77,058	\$39,181	\$116,239

There were no accumulated impairment losses in the North America or Europe reportable segments as of June 30, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company carries contingent liabilities and certain equity-based awards at fair value on a recurring basis on its consolidated balance sheets. Changes in the fair values of these financial liabilities are recorded in cost of revenues and selling, general and administrative expenses on the Company’s consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

The following tables show the fair values of the Company’s financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016:

	As of June 30, 2017			
	Balance	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Cash-settled restricted stock units	\$1,172	\$1,172	—	—
Total liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis	\$1,172	\$1,172	\$	—\$ —

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	As of December 31, 2016			
	Balance	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Performance-based equity awards	\$3,789	\$3,789	\$ —	—
Cash-settled restricted stock units	2,111	2,111	—	—
Total liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis	\$5,900	\$5,900	\$ —	—

Performance-based equity awards carried at fair value on a recurring basis represent contractual liabilities related to certain business combination transactions completed in 2014. All of these awards have vested as of June 30, 2017 and the related liabilities have been settled.

The fair value of the cash-settled restricted stock units is measured using quoted stock market prices and thus represent Level 1 measurements within the above-defined fair value hierarchy.

Estimates of fair value of financial instruments not carried at fair value on a recurring basis on the Company's consolidated balance sheets are generally subjective in nature, and are determined as of a specific point in time based on the characteristics of the financial instruments and relevant market information. The Company uses the following methods to estimate the fair values of its financial instruments:

- for financial instruments that have quoted market prices, those quoted prices are used to estimate fair value;
 - for financial instruments for which no quoted market prices are available, fair value is estimated using information obtained from independent third parties, or by discounting the expected cash flows using an estimated current market interest rate for the financial instrument.
 - for financial instruments for which no quoted market prices are available and that have no defined maturity, have a remaining maturity of 360 days or less, or reprice frequently to a market rate, the Company assumes that the fair value of these instruments approximates their reported value, after taking into consideration any applicable credit risk;
- The generally short duration of certain of the Company's assets and liabilities results in a number of assets and liabilities for which fair value equals or closely approximates the amount recorded on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. These types of assets and liabilities which are reported on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets include:

- cash and cash equivalents;
 - restricted cash and time deposits;
 - borrowings under the 2017 Credit Facility (or for the dates prior to May 24, 2017, the 2014 Credit Facility) (Note 4)
- The fair value of employee housing loans is estimated using information on the rates of return that market participants in Belarus would require when investing in unsecured U.S. dollar-denominated government bonds with similar maturities (a "risk-free rate"), after taking into consideration any applicable credit and liquidity risk.

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The following tables present the reported amounts and estimated fair values of the financial assets and liabilities for which disclosure of fair value is required, as they would be categorized within the fair value hierarchy, as of the dates indicated:

	Balance	Estimated Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy		
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
June 30, 2017					
Financial Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$443,501	\$443,501	\$443,501	\$—	\$—
Restricted cash and time deposits	\$3,318	\$3,318	\$—	\$3,318	\$—
Employee loans	\$5,238	\$5,238	\$—	\$—	\$5,238
Financial Liabilities:					
Borrowings under 2017 Credit Facility	\$25,018	\$25,018	\$—	\$25,018	\$—

	Balance	Estimated Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy		
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
December 31, 2016					
Financial Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$362,025	\$362,025	\$362,025	\$—	\$—
Restricted cash and time deposits	\$3,042	\$3,042	\$—	\$3,042	\$—
Employee loans	\$5,978	\$5,978	\$—	\$—	\$5,978
Financial Liabilities:					
Borrowings under 2014 Credit Facility	\$25,019	\$25,019	\$—	\$25,019	\$—

4. DEBT

Revolving Line of Credit — On May 24, 2017, the Company entered into a new unsecured credit facility (the “2017 Credit Facility”) with PNC Bank, National Association; PNC Capital Markets LLC; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association; Santander Bank, N.A.; Fifth Third Bank and Citibank N.A. (collectively the “Lenders”) to replace its former revolving credit facility (the “2014 Credit Facility”). The 2017 Credit Facility provides for a borrowing capacity of \$300,000, with potential to increase the credit facility up to \$400,000 if certain conditions are met. The 2017 Credit Facility matures on May 24, 2022.

Borrowings under the 2017 Credit Facility may be denominated in U.S. dollars or up to a maximum of \$100,000 equivalent in British pounds sterling, Canadian dollars, euros or Swiss francs (or other currencies as may be approved by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders). Borrowings under the 2017 Credit Facility bear interest at either a base rate or Euro-rate plus a margin based on the Company’s leverage ratio. Base rate is equal to the highest of (a) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate, plus 0.5%, (b) the Prime Rate, and (c) the Daily LIBOR Rate, plus 1.0%.

The 2017 Credit Facility includes customary business and financial covenants that may restrict the Company’s ability to make or pay dividends (other than certain intercompany dividends) if a potential or an actual event of default has occurred or would be triggered. As of June 30, 2017, the Company was in compliance with all covenants contained in the 2017 Credit Facility.

As of June 30, 2017 the outstanding debt of the Company under the 2017 Credit Facility was \$25,000. As of December 31, 2016, the outstanding debt of the Company under the 2014 Credit Facility was \$25,000. Both borrowings are subject to a LIBOR-based interest rate, which resets regularly at issuance, based on lending terms. In addition, the Company has a \$942 unused irrevocable standby letter of credit associated with its insurance program that was issued under the 2014 Credit Facility and moved to the 2017 Credit Facility.

As of June 30, 2017, the borrowing capacity of the Company under the 2017 Credit Facility was \$274,058. As of December 31, 2016, the borrowing capacity of the Company under the 2014 Credit Facility was \$74,058.

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5. INCOME TAXES

In determining its interim provision for income taxes, the Company uses an estimated annual effective tax rate, which is based on expected annual profit before tax, statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available in the various jurisdictions in which the Company operates. Certain significant or unusual items are separately recognized in the quarter in which they occur and can be a source of variability in the effective tax rates from quarter to quarter. The Company's worldwide effective tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 was 13.2% and 21.0%, respectively and 14.9% and 21.0% during the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The decrease in the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 as compared to the same period last year was primarily due to the recognition of excess tax benefits in the first and second quarter of 2017 following the adoption of ASU No. 2016-09 on January 1, 2017. Refer to Note 10, "Recent Accounting Pronouncements," for further information.

Our Belarus subsidiary is eligible for certain income tax holiday benefits granted by the local government for its export activities conducted within the Hi-Tech Park. Income tax holidays are effective for 15 years starting from 2006. Other subsidiaries of the Company are primarily taxed at the jurisdictions' statutory rate, most of which are lower than U.S. federal statutory rates.

6. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The following costs related to the Company's stock compensation plans were included in the condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Cost of revenues	\$4,189	\$4,438	\$9,539	\$8,082
Selling, general and administrative expenses - Acquisition related	3,277	2,970	7,851	5,980
Selling, general and administrative expenses - All other	5,461	5,322	11,313	9,632
Total	\$12,927	\$12,730	\$28,703	\$23,694

Equity Plans

2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan — On June 11, 2015, the Company's stockholders approved the 2015 Long Term Incentive Plan ("2015 Plan") to be used to issue equity awards to Company personnel. As of June 30, 2017, 5,684,419 shares remained available for issuance under the 2015 Plan. All of the stock option awards issued pursuant to the 2015 Plan expire 10 years from the date of grant.

2012 Non-Employee Directors Compensation Plan — On January 11, 2012, the Company approved the 2012 Non-Employee Directors Compensation Plan ("2012 Directors Plan") to be used to issue equity awards to its non-employee directors. The Company authorized 600,000 shares of common stock to be reserved for issuance under the plan. The 2012 Directors Plan will expire after 10 years and is administered by the Company's Board of Directors. As of June 30, 2017, 539,772 shares remained available for issuance under the 2012 Directors Plan.

2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan — On January 11, 2012, the Company approved the 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("2012 Plan") to be used to issue equity grants to company personnel. In June 2015, the 2012 Plan was discontinued; however, outstanding awards remain subject to the terms of the 2012 Plan and any shares that are subject to an award that was previously granted under the 2012 Plan and that expire or terminate for any reason prior to exercise will become available for issuance under the 2015 Plan. All of the stock option awards issued pursuant to the 2012 Plan expire 10 years from the date of grant.

2006 Stock Option Plan — Effective May 31, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Company adopted the 2006 Stock Option Plan (the "2006 Plan") to grant stock options to directors, employees, and certain independent contractors. In January 2012, the 2006 Plan was discontinued; however, outstanding awards remain subject to the terms of the 2006 Plan and any shares that are subject to an option award that was previously granted under the 2006 Plan and that expire or terminate for any reason prior to exercise will become available for issuance under the 2015 Plan. All of the awards issued pursuant to the 2006 Plan expire 10 years from the date of grant.

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Stock Options

Stock option activity under the Company's plans is set forth below:

	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)
Options outstanding at January 1, 2017	6,637,239	\$ 37.20		
Options granted	261,373	\$ 73.40		
Options exercised	(1,277,952)	\$ 29.57		
Options forfeited/cancelled	(112,646)	\$ 55.98		
Options outstanding at June 30, 2017	5,508,014	\$ 40.30	\$ 241,196	6.6
Options vested and exercisable at June 30, 2017	3,522,106	\$ 30.97	\$ 187,094	6.0
Options expected to vest at June 30, 2017	1,890,939	\$ 56.54	\$ 52,095	7.8

As of June 30, 2017, \$37,181 of total remaining unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to unvested stock options, net of forfeitures, is expected to be recognized over the weighted-average remaining requisite service period of 1.6 years.

As of June 30, 2017, a total of 3,049 shares underlying options exercised through June 30, 2017, were in transfer with the Company's transfer agent.

There were no material changes with respect to the assumptions used in the Black-Scholes option valuation model during the six months ended June 30, 2017, as compared with the assumptions disclosed in Note 14 to the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

Under the Company's 2012 Directors Plan, the Company granted awards of restricted stock until April 2017, and thereafter, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), to non-employee directors. Under the Company's 2015 Plan (and prior to its approval, under the 2012 Plan), the Company grants awards of RSUs to Company personnel. In addition, the Company has issued in the past, and may issue in the future its equity securities to compensate employees of acquired businesses for future services. Equity-based awards granted in connection with acquisitions of businesses are generally issued in the form of service-based awards with vesting dependent only on continuing employment and performance-based awards with vesting occurring only if certain specified performance conditions are met. The awards issued in connection with acquisitions of businesses are subject to the terms and conditions contained in the applicable award agreement and acquisition documents with a typical vesting period of three years, with 33.3% of the awards granted vesting in equal installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant.

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Service-Based Awards

The table below summarizes activity related to the Company's equity-classified and liability-classified service-based awards for the six months ended June 30, 2017.

	Equity-Classified Restricted Stock		Equity-Classified Equity-Settled Restricted Stock Units		Liability-Classified Cash-Settled Restricted Stock Units	
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share
Unvested service-based awards outstanding at January 1, 2017	154,125	\$ 40.89	485,188	\$ 67.69	204,501	\$ 70.53
Awards granted	—	\$ —	419,469	\$ 73.70	168,544	\$ 73.92
Awards modified	—	\$ —	(2,570)	\$ 48.49	2,570	\$ 73.27
Awards vested	(136,275)	\$ 42.88	(118,019)	\$ 65.27	(52,001)	\$ 70.56
Awards forfeited/cancelled	—	\$ —	(36,947)	\$ 69.52	(4,202)	\$ 71.62
Unvested service-based awards outstanding at June 30, 2017	17,850	\$ 48.43	747,121	\$ 71.42	319,412	\$ 72.32

As of June 30, 2017 \$365 of total remaining unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to service-based restricted stock is expected to be recognized over the weighted-average remaining requisite service period of 1.2 years.

As of June 30, 2017 \$40,151 of total remaining unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to service-based equity-classified RSUs is expected to be recognized over the weighted-average remaining requisite service period of 2.1 years.

As of June 30, 2017 \$18,411 of total remaining unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to service-based liability-classified RSUs is expected to be recognized over the weighted-average remaining requisite service period of 2.1 years.

Performance -Based Awards

The table below summarizes activity related to the Company's equity-classified and liability-classified performance-based awards for the six months ended June 30, 2017.

	Equity-Classified Restricted Stock		Liability-Classified Restricted Stock		Equity-Classified Equity-Settled Restricted Stock Units	
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share
Unvested performance-based awards outstanding at January 1, 2017	5,573	\$ 33.47	105,602	\$ 38.86	4,667	\$ 70.22

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Awards granted	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Awards vested	(3,956)	\$ 27.64	(105,602)	\$ 38.86	—	\$ —
Awards forfeited/cancelled	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	(2,333)	\$ 70.22
Unvested performance-based awards outstanding at June 30, 2017	1,617	\$ 47.74	—	\$ —	2,334	\$ 70.22

As of June 30, 2017, \$29 of total remaining unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to performance-based equity-classified restricted stock is expected to be recognized over the weighted-average remaining requisite service period of 0.4 years.

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As of June 30, 2017, the Company determined that there is a remote probability of achieving the performance conditions underlying the unvested and outstanding performance-based equity-classified RSUs and therefore is not recognizing any compensation costs for these RSUs. The Company will continue to reassess the probability of achieving the performance criteria throughout the remaining performance period and will recognize compensation expense if the performance conditions become probable of being achieved.

Modifications

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company modified certain awards held by a named executive officer of the Company in connection with the execution of a separation agreement on February 28, 2017. Fair value of the modified awards immediately before and after modification was \$0 and \$563, respectively. The Company also reclassified certain awards to other personnel from equity to liability when it became probable that it would settle the awards in cash. As a result of these modifications, the Company recorded incremental share-based compensation expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 of \$318 and \$485, respectively.

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period increased to include the number of additional shares of common stock that would have been outstanding if the potentially dilutive securities had been issued. Potentially dilutive securities include outstanding stock options, unvested restricted stock and unvested equity-settled RSUs. The dilutive effect of potentially dilutive securities is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the treasury stock method.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share of common stock as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2017		Six Months Ended June 30, 2016	
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share:				
Net income	\$37,359	\$24,430	\$61,000	\$48,329
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share	\$37,359	\$24,430	\$61,000	\$48,329
Denominator:				
Weighted average common shares for basic earnings per share	51,899	50,211	51,431	49,688
Net effect of dilutive stock options, restricted stock units and restricted stock awards	2,949	3,060	2,940	3,115
Weighted average common shares for diluted earnings per share	54,848	53,271	54,371	52,803
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$0.72	\$0.49	\$1.19	\$0.97
Diluted	\$0.68	\$0.46	\$1.12	\$0.92

The number of shares underlying equity-based awards that was excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share as their effect would be anti-dilutive was 654 and 1,463 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively. The number of shares underlying equity-based awards that was excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share as their effect would be anti-dilutive was 2,396 and 2,307 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively.

8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Indemnification Obligations — In the normal course of business, the Company is a party to a variety of agreements under which it may be obligated to indemnify the other party for certain matters. These obligations typically arise in contracts where the Company customarily agrees to hold the other party harmless against losses arising from a breach of representations or covenants for certain matters such as title to assets and intellectual property rights associated with certain arrangements. The duration of these indemnifications varies, and in certain cases, is indefinite.

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The Company is unable to reasonably estimate the maximum potential amount of future payments under these or similar agreements due to the unique facts and circumstances of each agreement and the fact that certain indemnifications provide for no limitation to the maximum potential future payments under the indemnification. Management is not aware of any such matters that would have a material effect on the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company.

Litigation — From time to time, the Company is involved in litigation, claims or other contingencies arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company accrues a liability when a loss is considered probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. When a material loss contingency is reasonably possible but not probable, it does not record a liability, but instead discloses the nature and the amount of the claim, and an estimate of the loss or range of loss, if such an estimate can be made. Legal fees are expensed as incurred. In the opinion of management, the outcome of any existing claims and legal or regulatory proceedings, if decided adversely, is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

9. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company determines its business segments and reports segment information in accordance with the management approach, which designates internal reporting used by management to make operating decisions and assess performance as the source of the Company's reportable segments.

The Company manages its business primarily based on the managerial responsibility for its client base. As managerial responsibility for a particular client relationship generally correlates with the client's geographic location, there is a high degree of similarity between client locations and the geographic boundaries of the Company's reportable segments. In some cases, managerial responsibility for a particular client is assigned to a management team in another region and is usually based on the strength of the relationship between client executives and particular members of EPAM's senior management team. In such cases, the client's activity would be reported through the management team's reportable segment.

The Company's reportable segments are North America, Europe, Russia and Other. The revenues in the Other segment represented less than 1% of total segment revenues in 2015 due to the ending of certain customer relationships and contractual changes with other clients. As no substantial clients remained in the segment, during the first quarter of 2016, the Company shifted managerial responsibility for the remaining clients to the Russia segment. This change did not represent a change in the Company's segments but rather a movement in responsibility for several clients that represented less than 1% of total segment revenue.

The Company's Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") evaluates performance and allocates resources based on the segment's revenues and operating profit. Segment operating profit is defined as income from operations before unallocated costs. Generally, operating expenses for each reportable segment have similar characteristics and are subject to similar factors, pressures and challenges. Expenses included in segment operating profit consist principally of direct selling and delivery costs as well as an allocation of certain shared services expenses. Certain expenses that are not controllable at the segment level are not allocated to specific segments. Such "unallocated" expenses are deducted against the Company's total income from operations and are not allocated to individual segments in internal management reports used by the CODM.

Revenues from external customers and operating profit, before unallocated expenses, for the North America, Europe, and Russia reportable segments for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Segment revenues:				
North America	\$194,025	\$157,110	\$372,328	\$304,600
Europe	141,319	115,726	274,026	223,569
Russia	13,677	11,141	27,370	20,622
Total segment revenues	\$349,021	\$283,977	\$673,724	\$548,791
Segment operating profit:				

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North America	\$43,622	\$38,339	\$80,714	\$68,994
Europe	20,658	13,413	40,469	30,245
Russia	1,895	2,876	5,444	4,036
Total segment operating profit	\$66,175	\$54,628	\$126,627	\$103,275

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Intersegment transactions were excluded from the above on the basis that they are neither included in the measure of a segment's profit and loss results, nor considered by the CODM during the review of segment results.

There were no customers that accounted for more than 10% of total revenues during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, revenues from one customer, UBS AG, were \$36,570 and \$72,239, respectively, and accounted for more than 10% of total revenues. Revenues from this customer were included in the Company's Europe segment in the periods indicated.

Accounts receivable and unbilled revenues are generally dispersed across our clients in proportion to their revenues. As of June 30, 2017, unbilled revenues from one customer, UBS AG, individually exceeded 10% and accounted for 16.0% of our unbilled revenues. No customers individually exceeded 10% of our accounts receivable as of June 30, 2017.

Reconciliation of segment revenues to consolidated revenues and segment operating profit to consolidated income before provision for income taxes is presented below:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Total segment revenues	\$349,021	\$283,977	\$673,724	\$548,791
Other revenues	(44)	(145)	(96)	(477)
Revenues	\$348,977	\$283,832	\$673,628	\$548,314
Total segment operating profit:	\$66,175	\$54,628	\$126,627	\$103,275
Unallocated amounts:				
Other revenues	(44)	(145)	(96)	(477)
Stock-based compensation expense	(12,927)	(12,730)	(28,703)	(23,694)
Taxes other than income taxes	(1,795)	(1,437)	(5,246)	(2,517)
Professional fees	(2,476)	(2,460)	(4,820)	(4,186)
Depreciation and amortization	(1,905)	(2,576)	(3,880)	(4,267)
Bank charges	(446)	(386)	(843)	(727)
Other acquisition-related expenses	(330)	(307)	(898)	(307)
Other corporate expenses	(5,570)	(2,507)	(10,493)	(4,689)
Income from operations	40,682	32,080	71,648	62,411
Interest and other income, net	802	1,138	1,386	2,349
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	1,562	(2,295)	(1,393)	(3,585)
Income before provision for income taxes	\$43,046	\$30,923	\$71,641	\$61,175

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Geographic Area Information

Long-lived assets include property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, and management has determined that it is not practical to allocate these assets by segment since such assets are used interchangeably among the segments. Geographical information about the Company's long-lived assets based on physical location of the assets was as follows:

	As of June 30, 2017	As of December 31, 2016
Belarus	\$46,500	\$ 46,011
Russia	8,410	7,203
Ukraine	5,564	5,610
Hungary	3,791	3,485
United States	3,403	2,618
Poland	2,772	2,213
China	1,736	1,887
India	1,346	1,650
Other	3,593	2,939
Total	\$77,115	\$ 73,616

The table below presents information about the Company's revenues by client location, including reimbursable expenses and other revenues of \$4,167 and \$3,126 for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and \$8,092 and \$5,572 for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. See Note 1 for discussion on reclassifications to conform to the current presentation.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
United States	\$192,319	\$147,364	\$369,149	\$284,003
United Kingdom	46,112	45,652	92,706	89,212
Switzerland	28,119	32,596	57,215	63,448
Russia	13,326	10,505	26,535	19,470
Germany	14,144	9,736	26,238	18,475
Canada	13,649	15,327	26,143	31,173
Netherlands	12,556	3,326	21,227	5,973
Sweden	8,177	6,033	15,643	10,161
Hong Kong	4,491	5,283	9,268	11,227
United Arab Emirates	3,201	—	5,249	—
China	1,909	413	3,493	707
Ireland	1,600	1,304	2,989	2,490
Italy	1,517	1,006	2,797	1,674
Belgium	1,398	2,571	2,642	4,723
Other locations	6,459	2,716	12,334	5,578
Total	\$348,977	\$283,832	\$673,628	\$548,314

10. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

Unless otherwise discussed below, the adoption of new accounting standards did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, and cash flows.

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Stock-Based Compensation — Effective January 1, 2017, the Company adopted Accounting Standard Update (“ASU”) No. 2016-09, Compensation — Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting. The provisions of the new guidance affecting the Company require excess tax benefits and tax deficiencies to be recorded in the income statement when the awards vest or are settled; remove the requirement to include hypothetical excess tax benefits in the application of the treasury stock method when computing earnings per share; and provide for a new policy election to either: (1) continue applying forfeiture rate estimates in the determination of compensation cost, or (2) account for forfeitures as a reduction of share-based compensation cost as they occur. The new guidance also requires cash flows related to excess tax benefits to be classified as an operating activity in the statement of cash flows and now requires shares withheld for tax withholding purposes to be classified as a financing activity.

As a result of this adoption:

- the Company prospectively recognized discrete tax benefits of \$4,138 and \$5,832 in the provision for income taxes within the condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, related to excess tax benefits upon vesting and exercise of stock-based awards in those periods;
 - the Company recognized a \$1,740 increase in retained earnings as of January 1, 2017 for previously unrecognized tax benefits using the modified retrospective method of transition, as required by the standard;
 - the Company elected to adopt the cash flow presentation of the excess tax benefits prospectively where these benefits are classified along with other income tax cash flows as operating cash flows. Accordingly, prior period information has not been restated;
 - the Company elected to continue to estimate the number of stock-based awards expected to forfeit, rather than electing to account for forfeitures as they occur to determine the amount of compensation cost to be recognized in each period;
 - the Company excluded the excess tax benefits from the assumed proceeds available to repurchase shares in the computation of diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017;
- Simplifying the Measurement for Goodwill — Effective January 1, 2017, the Company early adopted the new accounting guidance simplifying the accounting for goodwill impairment. The guidance removes Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test, which requires a hypothetical purchase price allocation. A goodwill impairment will now be the amount by which a reporting unit’s carrying value exceeds its fair value, not to exceed the carrying amount of goodwill. The new guidance is adopted on a prospective basis. The adoption of this amended guidance did not have an impact on the Company’s financial results.

Pending Accounting Standards

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the FASB or other standards-setting bodies that the Company will adopt according to the various timetables the FASB specifies. Unless otherwise discussed below, the Company believes the impact of recently issued standards that are not yet effective will not have a material impact on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows upon adoption.

Revenue Recognition — In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). The core principle of Topic 606 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Topic 606 as amended, will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in GAAP and requires expanded disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments. The standard allows for two methods of adoption: the full retrospective method, which requires the standard to be applied to each prior period presented, or the modified retrospective method, which requires the cumulative effect of adoption to be recognized as an adjustment to opening retained earnings in the period of adoption as well as incremental disclosure comparing results presented under Topic 606 to results that would have been presented utilizing current accounting. The Company plans to adopt Topic 606 as issued and amended on January 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective method.

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The Company is completing its initial assessment of the impact of Topic 606 and has developed a transition plan, which includes making necessary changes to policies, processes, internal controls and system enhancements to generate the information necessary to comply with the new standard. Based on the assessment procedures completed to date, the Company does not expect a significant change in the timing or pattern of revenue recognition upon adoption. Due to the complexity of certain of the Company's contracts, actual revenue recognition treatment required under the new standard depends on contract-specific terms and may vary in some instances. For most of the Company's time-and-materials contracts, EPAM expects to continue to recognize revenues as services are performed consistent with the Company's current policy. For fixed-price contracts, the Company generally expects to continue to recognize revenues over time based on the measured progress of satisfaction of the performance obligations which is consistent with the Company's current proportional performance method. The most impactful changes expected upon adoption include a delay in revenue recognition related to (1) cash collections on contracts when collectability is uncertain and (2) discounted services determined to represent material rights granted to certain customers. The Company has not completed its assessment of the impact of the change in accounting to capitalize certain contract fulfillment costs. Upon adoption, EPAM expects to provide incremental disclosure in its consolidated financial statements related to revenue recognition including disaggregated information related to the Company's key verticals, contract balances, remaining performance obligations, and significant judgments and estimates. The expected impact may change as the Company finalizes its overall assessment.

Leases — Effective January 1, 2019, the Company will be required to adopt the new guidance of ASC Topic 842, Leases (with early adoption permitted effective January 1, 2018.) This amendment supersedes previous accounting guidance (Topic 840) and requires all leases, with the exception of leases with a term of twelve months or less, to be recorded on the balance sheet as lease assets and lease liabilities. The standard requires lessees and lessors to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. The modified retrospective approach includes a number of optional practical expedients that entities may elect to apply. These practical expedients relate to the identification and classification of leases that commenced before the effective date, initial direct costs for leases that commenced before the effective date, and the ability to use hindsight in evaluating lessee options to extend or terminate a lease or to purchase the underlying asset. An entity that elects to apply the practical expedients will, in effect, continue to account for leases that commence before the effective date in accordance with previous GAAP unless the lease is modified, except that lessees are required to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for all operating leases at each reporting date based on the present value of the remaining minimum rental payments that were tracked and disclosed under previous GAAP. The transition guidance in Topic 842 also provides specific guidance for the amounts previously recognized in accordance with the business combinations guidance for leases. The Company has not yet completed its assessment of the impact of the new guidance on its consolidated financial statements, when it will adopt the standard, or concluded on whether it will elect to apply practical expedients.

Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments — Effective January 1, 2020, the Company will be required to adopt the amended guidance of ASC Topic 326, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments, (with early adoption permitted effective January 1, 2019.) The amendments in this update change how companies measure and recognize credit impairment for many financial assets. The new expected credit loss model will require companies to immediately recognize an estimate of credit losses expected to occur over the remaining life of the financial assets (including trade receivables) that are in the scope of the update. The update also made amendments to the current impairment model for held-to-maturity and available-for-sale debt securities and certain guarantees. Entities are required to adopt the standard using a modified-retrospective approach through a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the period of adoption. The Company has not yet completed its assessment of the impact of the new guidance on its consolidated financial statements or concluded on when it will adopt the standard.

Tax Accounting for Intra-Entity Asset Transfers — Effective January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted, the Company will be required to adopt the accounting guidance ASU 2016-16, Accounting for Income Taxes: Intra-Entity Asset Transfers of Assets Other than Inventory, that will require the tax effects of intra-entity asset transfers to be recognized in the period when the transfer occurs. Under current guidance, the tax effects of intra-entity sales of assets

are deferred until the transferred asset is sold to a third party or otherwise recovered through use. The new guidance does not apply to intra-entity transfers of inventory and is required to be applied on a modified retrospective basis through a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the period of adoption. The Company will adopt this standard on January 1, 2018. The Company has not yet completed its assessment of the impact of the new guidance on its consolidated financial statements.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this quarterly report. In addition to historical information, this discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from management's expectations. Factors that could cause such differences are discussed in the sections entitled "Forward-Looking Statements" in this item and "Part II. Item 1A. Risk Factors." We assume no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements.

In this quarterly report, "EPAM," "EPAM Systems, Inc.," the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to EPAM Systems, Inc. its consolidated subsidiaries.

Executive Summary

We are a leading global provider of digital platform engineering and software development services offering specialized technological solutions to many of the world's leading organizations.

Our clients depend on us to solve their complex technical challenges and rely on our expertise in core engineering, advanced technology, digital engagement and intelligent enterprise development. We are continuously venturing into new industries to expand our core industry client base in software and technology, financial services, media and entertainment, travel and hospitality, retail and distribution, and life sciences and healthcare. Our teams of developers, architects, strategists, engineers, designers, and product experts have the capabilities and skill sets to deliver business results.

Our global delivery model and centralized support functions, combined with the benefits of scale from the shared use of fixed-cost resources, enhance our productivity levels and enable us to better manage the efficiency of our global operations. As a result, we have created a delivery base whereby our applications, tools, methodologies and infrastructure allow us to seamlessly deliver services and solutions from our delivery centers to global clients across all geographies, further strengthening our relationships with them.

Through increased specialization in focused verticals and a continued emphasis on strategic partnerships, we are leveraging our roots in software engineering to grow as a recognized brand in software development and end-to-end digital transformation services for our clients.

Year-to-Date 2017 Developments and Trends

During the first six months of 2017, our revenues were \$673.6 million, an increase of 22.9% over \$548.3 million reported for the same period of 2016. Our performance remained strong across our key verticals, led by the Media and Entertainment vertical which grew in excess of 50% during the first half of 2017 as compared to the same period of 2016.

We have built a diversified portfolio across numerous verticals, geographies and service offerings. Our account management teams work to expand the scope and size of our engagements with existing customers, while at the same time we grow our customer base through our business development efforts and our strategic acquisitions.

Utilization for the six months of fiscal 2017 showed improvement compared to the same period last year and has been at the highest level since 2014. This was achieved by a focused hiring process and attrition in the period, consistent with the strategic outlook for 2017 and beyond.

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Summary of Results of Operations

The following table presents a summary of our results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	June 30, 2017		2016		June 30, 2017		2016	
	(in thousands, except per share data and percentages)							
Revenues	\$348,977	100.0%	\$283,832	100.0%	\$673,628	100.0%	\$548,314	100.0%
Income from operations	\$40,682	11.7 %	\$32,080	11.3 %	\$71,648	10.6 %	\$62,411	11.4 %
Net income	\$37,359	10.7 %	\$24,430	8.6 %	\$61,000	9.1 %	\$48,329	8.8 %
Effective tax rate	13.2	%	21.0	%	14.9	%	21.0	%
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.68		\$0.46		\$1.12		\$0.92	

The key highlights of our consolidated results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, as compared to the corresponding periods of 2016, were as follows:

- Revenues for the second quarter of 2017 were \$349.0 million, or a 23.0% increase from \$283.8 million reported last year, despite 0.7%, or \$2.2 million, of currency headwinds.

Income from operations grew 26.8% and 14.8% during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 as compared to the corresponding periods last year. Expressed as a percentage of revenues, income from operations for the second quarter of 2017 was 11.7% compared to 11.3% last year, and 10.6% and 11.4% for the first half of 2017 and 2016, respectively. The decrease of 0.8% on a year to date basis was mainly driven by an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses relative to the growth in revenues driven by higher stock-based compensation and certain one-time charges.

Our effective tax rate was 13.2% in the second quarter of fiscal 2017, compared to 21.0% in the second quarter of last year. The income tax provision for the second quarter of 2017 included \$4.1 million of credits associated with excess tax benefits upon vesting or exercise of equity awards in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 bringing the effective tax rate down by 9.6%.

Net income increased 52.9% to \$37.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017, compared to \$24.4 million reported in the corresponding period last year. Expressed as a percentage of revenues, net income was 10.7%, an increase of 2.1% compared to 8.6% reported in the corresponding period of 2016, which was largely driven by an improved effective tax rate.

Diluted earnings per share increased by \$0.22 to \$0.68 in the second quarter of 2017 compared to the second quarter of 2016.

Cash provided by operations increased \$9.7 million, or 19.7%, to \$59.1 million during the six months ended June 30, 2017 as compared to the corresponding period last year.

The operating results in any period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period.

Critical Accounting Policies

The discussion and analysis of our financial position and results of operations is based on our condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and judgments that may affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On a recurring basis, we evaluate our estimates and judgments, including those related to revenue recognition and related allowances, impairments of long-lived assets including intangible assets, impairments of goodwill, income taxes including the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets, and stock-based compensation. Actual results may differ materially from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions. In addition, our reported financial condition and results of operations could vary due to a change in the application of a particular accounting standard.

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Other than as discussed below, there have been no material changes to our critical accounting policies or in the underlying accounting assumptions and estimates used in such policies in the three and six months ended June 30, 2017. For further information, refer to our summary of significant accounting policies and estimates in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets — We assess goodwill for impairment as of October 31 of each fiscal year, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the fair value of a reporting unit has been reduced below its carrying value. Effective January 1, 2017, we early-adopted ASU 2017-04 which simplifies the subsequent measurement of goodwill by removing the second step of the two-step impairment test. As a result, when conducting our annual goodwill impairment assessment, we use a two-step process. The first step is to perform an optional qualitative evaluation as to whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of our reporting unit is less than its carrying value, using an assessment of relevant events and circumstances. In performing this assessment, we are required to make assumptions and judgments including but not limited to an evaluation of macroeconomic conditions as they relate to our business, industry and market trends, as well as the overall future financial performance of our reporting unit and future opportunities in the markets in which it operates. If we determine that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of our reporting unit is less than its carrying value, we are not required to perform any additional tests in assessing goodwill for impairment. However, if we conclude otherwise or elect not to perform the qualitative assessment, we perform a second step for our reporting unit, consisting of a quantitative assessment of goodwill impairment. This quantitative assessment requires us to estimate impairment by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. An impairment charge should be recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value; however, the loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.

Historically, a significant portion of the purchase consideration related to our acquisitions was allocated to customer relationships. In valuing customer relationships, we typically utilize the multi-period excess earnings method, a form of the income approach. The principle behind this method is that the value of the intangible asset is equal to the present value of the after-tax cash flows attributable to the intangible asset only. We amortize our intangible assets that have finite lives using either the straight-line method or, if reliably determinable, the pattern in which the economic benefit of the asset is expected to be consumed utilizing expected discounted future cash flows.

Amortization is recorded over the estimated useful lives that are predominantly ranging, on average, from five to ten years. We do not have any intangible assets with indefinite useful lives.

We review our intangible assets subject to amortization to determine if any adverse conditions exist or a change in circumstances has occurred that would indicate impairment or a change in the remaining useful life. If the carrying value of an asset exceeds its undiscounted cash flows, we will write down the carrying value of the intangible asset to its fair value in the period identified. In assessing fair value, we must make assumptions regarding estimated future cash flows and discount rates. If these estimates or related assumptions change in the future, we may be required to record impairment charges. If the estimate of an intangible asset's remaining useful life is changed, we will amortize the remaining carrying value of the intangible asset prospectively over the revised remaining useful life.

Stock-Based Compensation — Stock-based compensation expense relating to the issuance of share-based awards to employees is based on the fair value of the award at the date of grant, which is expensed over the requisite service period, net of estimated forfeitures. Equity-based awards that do not require future service are expensed immediately. Adjusting stock-based compensation expense for estimated forfeitures requires judgment. If we change our assumptions, stock-based compensation expense may differ significantly from what we have recorded in the past. Stock-based compensation expense in a period could be impacted, favorably or unfavorably, by differences between forfeiture estimates and actual forfeitures. If there are any modifications or cancellations of the equity-based awards, we may be required to accelerate, decelerate, increase or decrease any remaining unvested stock-based compensation expense.

Equity-based awards that do not meet the criteria for equity classification are recorded as liabilities and adjusted to fair value based on the closing price of our stock at the end of each reporting period. Future stock-based compensation expense related to our liability-classified awards may increase or decrease as a result of changes in the market price of our stock, adding to the volatility in our operating results.

Adoption of ASU 2016-09 effective January 1, 2017 increased income tax expense volatility. Our future operating results will depend on the fluctuations in the stock price on the dates the awards vest or options are exercised and the magnitude of transactions occurring in each reporting period, among other factors.

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Change in Presentation of Certain Financial Information — As part of our discussion and analysis, we analyze revenues by client location and by vertical. Prior to the first quarter of 2017, management did not include reimbursable expenses and other revenues in its discussion of revenue performance across locations and verticals. Effective in the first quarter of 2017, we have allocated reimbursable expenses and other revenues (which primarily include travel and entertainment costs chargeable to clients) to corresponding geographies and verticals. We believe this change allows us to more effectively analyze our verticals and geographies by streamlining the presentation of revenues, both internally and externally, using a standardized approach. These changes did not result in any adjustments to our previously issued financial statements and were applied retrospectively beginning on January 1, 2015. Comparative information for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 is presented in the following tables.

Three Months Ended June 30, 2016

	As Reported		After Reclassification		
Client Location	(in thousands except percentages)				
North America	\$161,055	56.7 %	\$162,691	57.3 %	
Europe	102,478	36.1 %	103,757	36.6 %	
CIS	11,587	4.1 %	11,607	4.1 %	
APAC	5,586	2.0 %	5,777	2.0 %	
Reimbursable expenses and other revenues	3,126	1.1 %	—	— %	
Revenues	\$283,832	100.0%	\$283,832	100.0%	

Six Months Ended June 30, 2016

	As Reported		After Reclassification		
Client Location	(in thousands except percentages)				
North America	\$312,314	57.0 %	\$315,176	57.5 %	
Europe	197,042	35.9 %	199,337	36.3 %	
CIS	21,734	4.0 %	21,769	4.0 %	
APAC	11,652	2.1 %	12,032	2.2 %	
Reimbursable expenses and other revenues	5,572	1.0 %	—	— %	
Revenues	\$548,314	100.0%	\$548,314	100.0%	

Three Months Ended June 30, 2016

	As Reported		After Reclassification		
Vertical	(in thousands except percentages)				
Financial Services	\$72,645	25.6 %	\$73,404	25.9 %	
Travel & Consumer	63,075	22.2 %	63,799	22.5 %	
Software & Hi-Tech	57,451	20.2 %	58,003	20.4 %	
Media & Entertainment	40,804	14.4 %	41,424	14.6 %	
Life Sciences & Healthcare	27,824	9.8 %	28,050	9.9 %	
Emerging Verticals	18,907	6.7 %	19,152	6.7 %	
Reimbursable expenses and other revenues	3,126	1.1 %	—	— %	
Revenues	\$283,832	100.0%	\$283,832	100.0%	

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	Six Months Ended June 30, 2016			
	As Reported		After Reclassification	
Vertical	(in thousands except percentages)			
Financial Services	\$143,535	26.1 %	\$144,913	26.4 %
Travel & Consumer	122,679	22.4 %	124,201	22.7 %
Software & Hi-Tech	113,362	20.7 %	114,271	20.8 %
Media & Entertainment	78,537	14.3 %	79,568	14.5 %
Life Sciences & Healthcare	48,699	8.9 %	49,076	9.0 %
Emerging Verticals	35,930	6.6 %	36,285	6.6 %
Reimbursable expenses and other revenues	5,572	1.0 %	—	— %
Revenues	\$548,314	100.0%	\$548,314	100.0%

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth a summary of our consolidated results of operations for the periods indicated. This information should be read together with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this quarterly report. The operating results in any period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period.

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	June 30, 2017		2016		June 30, 2017		2016	
	(in thousands, except percentages and per share data)							
Revenues	\$348,977	100.0%	\$283,832	100.0 %	\$673,628	100.0 %	\$548,314	100.0 %
Operating expenses:								
Cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) ⁽¹⁾	220,132	63.1 %	180,782	63.7 %	427,862	63.5 %	348,163	63.5 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses ⁽²⁾	80,419	23.0 %	64,241	22.6 %	158,872	23.6 %	125,735	22.9 %
Depreciation and amortization expense	7,020	2.0 %	6,123	2.2 %	13,692	2.0 %	11,225	2.0 %
Other operating expenses, net	724	0.2 %	606	0.2 %	1,554	0.3 %	780	0.2 %
Income from operations	40,682	11.7 %	32,080	11.3 %	71,648	10.6 %	62,411	11.4 %
Interest and other income, net	802	0.2 %	1,138	0.4 %	1,386	0.2 %	2,349	0.5 %
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	1,562	0.4 %	(2,295)	(0.8)%	(1,393)	(0.2)%	(3,585)	(0.7)%
Income before provision for income taxes	43,046	12.3 %	30,923	10.9 %	71,641	10.6 %	61,175	11.2 %
Provision for income taxes	5,687	1.6 %	6,493	2.3 %	10,641	1.5 %	12,846	2.4 %
Net income	\$37,359	10.7 %	\$24,430	8.6 %	\$61,000	9.1 %	\$48,329	8.8 %
Effective tax rate	13.2 %		21.0 %		14.9 %		21.0 %	
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.68		\$0.46		\$1.12		\$0.92	

Includes \$4,189 and \$4,438 of stock-based compensation expense for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and (1)2016, respectively, and \$9,539 and \$8,082 of stock-based compensation expense for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

(2)Includes \$8,738 and \$8,292 of stock-based compensation expense for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively and \$19,164 and \$15,612 of stock-based compensation expense for the six months ended

June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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Consolidated Results Review

Revenues

Revenues by client location for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended		
	June 30,		June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(in thousands, except percentages)					
North America	\$205,968	59.0 %	\$162,691	57.3 %	\$395,292	58.7 %
Europe	121,202	34.8 %	103,757	36.6 %	235,514	34.9 %
CIS ⁽¹⁾	14,767	4.2 %	11,607	4.1 %	29,308	4.4 %
APAC ⁽¹⁾	7,040	2.0 %	5,777	2.0 %	13,514	2.0 %
Revenues ⁽²⁾	\$348,977	100.0 %	\$283,832	100.0 %	\$673,628	100.0 %

CIS, which stands for the Commonwealth of Independent States, includes revenue from Belarus, Kazakhstan, (1) Russia and Ukraine. APAC, which stands for Asia Pacific, includes revenue from southeast Asia, India and Australia.

(2) Includes reimbursable expenses of \$4,167 and \$3,126 for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively; and \$8,092 and \$5,572 for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

During the three months ended June 30, 2017, our total revenues grew 23.0% over the corresponding period in 2016, to \$349.0 million. This growth is attributable to our ability to retain and increase the level of services we provide to our existing customers and our ability to produce revenues from new customer relationships. We continue expanding our presence in various verticals, both organically and through acquisitions.

During the three months ended June 30, 2017, revenues in our largest geography, North America, were \$206.0 million, growing 26.6% over the corresponding period in 2016. Revenues from this geography accounted for 59.0% of total revenues in the second quarter of fiscal 2017, an increase of 1.7% from 57.3% reported in the corresponding period last year. This result is partly attributed to continuing strong performance by our existing top clients in North America's top performing Media & Entertainment vertical. Revenues from the Media & Entertainment vertical in North America increased 45.7% and 45.6% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 compared with the same periods last year. The Financial Services and Software & Hi-Tech verticals all contributed over 20% revenue growth for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 as compared to the corresponding period last year. Life Sciences and Healthcare experienced a 2.0% decline and a 9.4% increase for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, as compared to the corresponding period last year, driven by the disproportionate timing of recognition of deferred revenue during the three months ended June 30, 2016.

Revenues in our Europe geography were \$121.2 million, an increase of \$17.4 million, or 16.8% over \$103.8 million reported last year. Revenues in this geography accounted for 34.8% of consolidated revenues in the second quarter of 2017 as compared to 36.6% last year. Europe experienced strong growth of approximately 45% or higher from each of the Media and Entertainment, Life Sciences and Healthcare, and Emerging Verticals, and 23.0% growth from the Travel & Consumer vertical during the second quarter of 2017 compared to the same period last year. Financial Services vertical experienced a 2.0% and a 1.0% decline in revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, as compared to the corresponding period last year, which was largely attributable to a decline in revenues from our top customer. Excluding revenues from our top customer, the Financial Services vertical grew 18.4% and 14.3% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, compared to the corresponding period last year. The Financial Services vertical remained the largest vertical in the European geography.

Revenues in the CIS geography benefited from currency fluctuations and increased \$3.2 million, or 27.2%, to \$14.8 million in the second quarter of 2017 compared to \$11.6 million reported in the second quarter of last year. The increase in the CIS geography came predominantly from customers in the Financial Services, Software & Hi-Tech, and Emerging Verticals. Ongoing economic and geo-political uncertainty in the region and the volatility of the Russian ruble can significantly impact reported revenue in this geography.

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During the second quarter of 2017, revenues from the APAC region increased by \$1.3 million, or 21.9%, over the corresponding period of 2016. In the APAC region, we continue to remain focused on diversifying our business outside banking and financial services, including expansion in the retail, consumer, life sciences and healthcare markets. During fiscal 2017, we have been able to capitalize on the diversification of the customer portfolio, growing revenues outside of the Financial Services vertical to represent 53.7% of total revenues in the APAC geography in the second quarter of 2017 compared to 19.5% in the corresponding period last year.

Cost of Revenues (Exclusive of Depreciation and Amortization)

Our cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) consists primarily of salaries, employee benefits, stock-based compensation expense, project related travel costs and fees for subcontractors that are assigned to client projects. Salaries and other compensation expenses of our revenue generating professionals are reported as cost of revenues regardless of whether the employees are actually performing client services during a given period.

We manage the utilization levels of our professionals through strategic hiring and efficient staffing of projects. Some of our IT professionals are specifically hired and trained to work for specific clients or on specific projects, and some of our offshore development centers are dedicated to specific clients or projects. Our staff utilization also depends on the general economy and its effect on our clients and their business decisions regarding the use of our services.

During the three months ended June 30, 2017, cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) was \$220.1 million representing an increase of 21.8% from \$180.8 million reported in the corresponding period of 2016. The increase was primarily due to an increase in compensation costs largely driven by the 13.7% growth in the average number of production headcount during the three months ended June 30, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016 as well as 1.0% impact from appreciation of foreign currencies. Expressed as a percentage of revenues, cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) was 63.1% and 63.7% in the second quarter of 2017 and 2016, respectively.

During the six months ended June 30, 2017, cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) was \$427.9 million representing an increase of 22.9% from \$348.2 million reported in the corresponding period of 2016. The increase was primarily due to an increase in compensation costs largely driven by the 15.6% growth in the average number of production headcount during the six months ended June 30, 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016 as well as 0.9% impact from appreciation of foreign currencies. Expressed as a percentage of revenues, cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) was 63.5% during both first six months of 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses represent expenses associated with promoting and selling our services and general and administrative functions of our business. These expenses include senior management, administrative personnel and sales and marketing personnel salaries; stock-based compensation expense, related fringe benefits, commissions and travel costs for those employees; legal and audit expenses, insurance, operating lease expenses, and the cost of advertising and other promotional activities. In addition, we pay a membership fee of 1% of revenues generated in Belarus to the administrative organization of the Belarus Hi-Tech Park.

During the three months ended June 30, 2017, selling, general and administrative expenses were \$80.4 million representing an increase of 25.2% as compared to \$64.2 million reported in the corresponding period of 2016. Expressed as a percentage of revenue, selling, general and administrative expenses increased 0.4% to 23.0% for the three months ended June 30, 2017 as compared to the same period from the prior year. The increase was driven by a number of factors, including a \$10.3 million increase in personnel-related costs coupled with a \$0.4 million higher stock-based compensation expense and a \$3.7 million increase in spend on facilities and infrastructure to support the increased headcount.

During the six months ended June 30, 2017, selling, general and administrative expenses were \$158.9 million representing an increase of 26.4% as compared to \$125.7 million reported in the corresponding period of 2016. Expressed as a percentage of revenue, selling, general and administrative expenses increased 0.7% to 23.6% for the six months ended June 30, 2017 as compared to the same period from the prior year. The increase was primarily driven by a 26.9% increase in personnel-related costs, including higher stock-based compensation expense.

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Depreciation and Amortization Expense

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, depreciation and amortization expense was \$7.0 million and \$13.7 million, as compared to \$6.1 million and \$11.2 million in the corresponding periods last year. Expressed as a percentage of revenues, depreciation and amortization expense decreased slightly by 0.2% and remained unchanged during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, as compared with the corresponding period of 2016. The increase in depreciation and amortization expense is primarily due to the increase in purchases of computer equipment to support headcount growth.

Depreciation and amortization expense includes amortization of acquired intangible assets, all of which have finite useful lives.

Interest and Other Income, Net

Net interest and other income was \$0.8 million and \$1.4 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 representing a decrease of \$0.3 million and \$1.0 million compared to the corresponding periods last year due to lower interest earned on cash accounts in Belarus.

Provision for Income Taxes

Determining the consolidated provision for income tax expense, deferred income tax assets and liabilities and related valuation allowance, if any, involves judgment. As a global company, we are required to calculate and provide for income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate.

In determining our quarterly provision for income taxes, we use an estimated annual effective tax rate, which is based on expected annual profit before tax, statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available in the various jurisdictions in which we operate. Certain significant or unusual items are separately recognized in the quarter in which they occur and can be a source of variability in the effective tax rates from quarter to quarter. Our worldwide effective tax rate was 13.2% and 14.9% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, and 21.0% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016. The change in the worldwide effective tax rate during 2017 was primarily due to the adoption of a new accounting standard in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 whereby excess tax benefits of \$4.1 million and \$5.8 million were recognized for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, in the income tax provision rather than additional paid-in-capital.

As we continue to grow our onsite presence and expand the geographic footprint of our delivery centers, we expect this may result in an increase in our effective tax rate (exclusive of the new effect of how excess tax benefits are recognized). However, we will also consider other factors that may contribute, favorably or unfavorably, to the overall effective tax rate in 2017 and beyond. These factors include statutory tax rate changes proposed in the countries that are part of our geographic footprint.

Foreign Exchange Gain /Loss

For discussion of the impact of foreign exchange fluctuations see “Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.”

Effects of Inflation

Economies in CIS countries, particularly Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine, have periodically experienced high rates of inflation. Periods of higher inflation may slow economic growth in those countries and as a result negatively impact the business of our existing clients and decrease demand for our services. We do not rely on borrowed funds for operations in those locations; therefore, increases in interest rates typical for inflationary environments do not currently pose a risk to our business. Inflation may increase some of our expenses with wages being the largest such expense.

While inflation may impact our results of operations and financial condition and it is difficult to accurately measure the impact of inflation, we believe the effects of inflation on our results of operations and financial condition are not significant.

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Results by Business Segment

Our operations consist of four reportable segments: North America, Europe, Russia and Other. There were no operations in the Other segment for the periods presented. The segments represent components of EPAM for which separate financial information is available that is used on a regular basis by our chief executive officer, who is also our chief operating decision maker (“CODM”), in determining how to allocate resources and evaluate performance. This determination is based on the unique business practices and market specifics of each region and that each region engages in business activities from which it earns revenues and incurs expenses. Our reportable segments are based on managerial responsibility for a particular client. Because managerial responsibility for a particular client relationship generally correlates with the client’s geographic location, there is a high degree of similarity between client locations and the geographic boundaries of our reportable segments. In some specific cases, however, managerial responsibility for a particular client is assigned to a management team in another region, usually based on the strength of the relationship between client executives and particular members of our senior management team. In a case like this, the client’s activity would be reported through the management team’s reportable segment. Our CODM evaluates the Company’s performance and allocates resources based on segment revenues and operating profit.

Segment operating profit is defined as income from operations before unallocated costs. Generally, operating expenses for each reportable segment have similar characteristics and are subject to similar factors, pressures and challenges. Expenses included in segment operating profit consist principally of direct selling and delivery costs as well as an allocation of certain shared services expenses and facilities costs. We use globally integrated support organizations to realize economies of scale and efficient use of resources. As a result, a majority of our expenses is shared by all segments. These shared expenses include Delivery, Recruitment and Development, Sales and Marketing, and support functions such as IT, Finance, Legal, and Human Resources. Generally, shared expenses are allocated based on measurable drivers of expense, e.g., recorded hours or headcount. Certain expenses that are not controllable at the segment level are not allocated to specific segments. Such “unallocated” expenses are included in the Company’s total income from operations and are not allocated to individual segments in internal management reports used by the CODM.

Revenues from external clients and segment operating profit, before unallocated expenses, for the North America, Europe, and Russia reportable segments for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Segment revenues:				
North America	\$194,025	\$157,110	\$372,328	\$304,600
Europe	141,319	115,726	274,026	223,569
Russia	13,677	11,141	27,370	20,622
Total segment revenues	\$349,021	\$283,977	\$673,724	\$548,791
Segment operating profit:				
North America	\$43,622	\$38,339	\$80,714	\$68,994
Europe	20,658	13,413	40,469	30,245
Russia	1,895	2,876	5,444	4,036
Total segment operating profit	\$66,175	\$54,628	\$126,627	\$103,275

North America Segment

During the three months ended June 30, 2017, revenues for the North America segment increased \$36.9 million, or 23.5%, compared to the same period last year. Segment operating profits increased \$5.3 million, or 13.8%, compared to the same period last year. During the three months ended June 30, 2017, revenues from our North America segment were 55.6% of total segment revenues, an increase from 55.3% reported in the corresponding period of 2016. As a percentage of North America segment revenues, the North America segment’s operating profit decreased to 22.5% during the second quarter of fiscal 2017 from 24.4% in the second quarter of 2016.

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During the six months ended June 30, 2017, revenues for the North America segment increased \$67.7 million, or 22.2%, compared to the same period last year. Segment operating profits increased \$11.7 million, or 17.0%, compared to the same period last year. During the six months ended June 30, 2017, revenues from our North America segment were 55.3% of total segment revenues, a decrease from 55.5% reported in the corresponding period of 2016. As a percentage of North America segment revenues, the North America segment's operating profit decreased to 21.7% during the six months ended June 30, 2017 from 22.7% in the corresponding period of 2016.

Within the segment, revenue growth in the Media & Entertainment vertical was the strongest during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017.

Europe Segment

During the three months ended June 30, 2017, Europe's segment revenues were \$141.3 million, representing an increase of \$25.6 million, or 22.1%, from the same period last year. During the quarters ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, Europe's segment revenues accounted for 40.5% and 40.8% of total segment revenues, respectively. Compared to the second quarter of 2016, the segment's operating profits increased \$7.2 million, or 54.0%, to \$20.7 million operating profit.

During the six months ended June 30, 2017, revenues from our Europe segment were 40.7% of total segment revenues and represented an increase of \$50.5 million, or 22.6%, over the corresponding period of 2016. During the six months ended June 30, 2017, segment operating profits increased \$10.2 million, or 33.8%, as compared to the same period of 2016, to \$40.5 million of operating profit.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2017, the segment's operating results were adversely affected by revenue deceleration in Financial Services, our largest vertical in the segment, and continued pressures on operating margins from exchange rate fluctuations, and particularly, the depreciation of the British pound, which is the primary currency for the majority of the delivery centers that service our U.K. accounts, relative to the U.S. dollar. Although the Financial Services vertical remained our largest vertical throughout the quarter, most of the growth in the segment came from the Travel & Consumer, Media & Entertainment, Software & Hi-Tech, and Emerging Verticals.

Russia Segment

During the three months ended June 30, 2017, revenues from our Russia segment accounted for 3.9% of total segment revenues, representing an increase of \$2.5 million, or 22.8%, as compared to the corresponding period last year.

During the three months ended June 30, 2017, operating profit of the Russia segment was \$1.9 million, representing a decrease of \$1.0 million, or 34.1%, as compared to the corresponding period last year.

During the six months ended June 30, 2017, revenues from our Russia operating segment increased \$6.7 million, or 32.7%, and operating profits increased \$1.4 million, or 34.9%, as compared to the same period of 2016.