#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### Form 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 7, 2023

#### AVIAT NETWORKS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-33278 (Commission File Number) 20-5961564 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

200 Parker Dr., Suite C100A, Austin, Texas 78728

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(408)-941-7100

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

 $\Box$  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share Preferred Share Purchase Rights Trading Symbol(s) AVNW

Name of each exchange on which registered NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

□ Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2). □ 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.

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 7, 2023, Aviat Networks, Inc. ("Aviat" or the "Company") posted an updated investor relations presentation to its investor relations portion of its public website: www.investors.aviatnetworks.com. The Company will begin using the investor relations presentation in connection with presentations to existing and prospective investors. A copy of the investor relations presentation is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

#### Exhibit No. Description

99.1*	Aviat Networks, Inc. Investor Presentation, December 7, 2023.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

Furnished herewith

#### Forward-Looking Statements

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including Aviat's beliefs and expectations regarding the Transaction with NEC, outlook, business conditions, new product solutions, customer positioning, future orders, bookings, new contracts, cost structure, profitability in fiscal 2024, process improvements, plans and objectives of management, realignment plans and review of strategic alternatives and expectations regarding future revenue, Adjusted EBITDA, operating income of earnings or loss per share. All statements, trend analyses and other information contained herein regarding the foregoing beliefs and expectations, as well as about the markets for the services and products of Aviat and trends in revenue, and other statements identified by the use of forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, forward-looking statements are based on estimates reflecting the current beliefs, expectations and assumptions of the senior management of Aviat regarding the future of its business, future plans and strategies, projections, anticipate events and trends, the economy and other future conditions. Such forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements should therefore be considered in light of various important factors, including those set forth in this document. Therefore, you should not rely on any of these forward-looking statements.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from estimates or projections contained in the forward-looking statements include the following: disruption the NEC Transaction may cause to customers, vendors, business partners and our ongoing business; our ability to integrate the operations of the acquired NEC Corporation businesses with our existing operations and fully realize the expected synergies of the NEC Transaction on the expected timeline; the impact of COVID-19; disruptions relating to the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the conflict in Israel and surrounding areas; continued price and margin erosion in the microwave transmission industry; the impact of the volume, timing, and customer, product, and geographic mix of our product orders; our ability to meet financial covenant requirements; the effects of inflation; customer acceptance of new product development dates or anticipated cost reductions of products; our suppliers' inability to perform and deliver on time, component shortages, or other supply chain constraints; the effects of inflation; customer relationship; uncertain economic conditions in the telecommunications sector combined with operator and supplier consolidation; our failure to protect our intellectual property rights or defend against intellectual property infringement claims; the effects of current and future government regulations; general economic conditions, including uncertainty regarding the timing, pace and extent of an economic recovery in the United

States and other countries where we conduct business; the conduct of unethical business practices in developing countries; the impact of political turmoil in countries where we have significant business; our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of any proposed or recent acquisitions; the impact of tariffs, the adoption of trade restrictions affecting our products or suppliers, a United States withdrawal from or significant renegotiation of trade agreements, the occurrence of trade wars, the closing of border crossings, and other changes in trade regulations or relationships; our ability to implement our stock repurchase program or that it will enhance long-term stockholder value; and the impact of adverse developments affecting the financial services industry, including events or concerns involving liquidity, defaults or non-performance by financial institutions.

For more information regarding the risks and uncertainties for Aviat's business, see "Risk Factors" in Aviat's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on August 30, 2023, as well as other reports filed by Aviat with the SEC from time to time. Aviat undertakes no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, for any reason, except as required by law, even as new information becomes available or other events occur in the future.

#### SIGNATURE

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

AVIAT NETWORKS, INC.

Date: December 7, 2023

By: /s/ David M. Gray

 Name:
 David M. Gray

 Title:
 Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



# Aviat Networks Investor Presentation

Fiscal Q1 2024 December 7, 2023

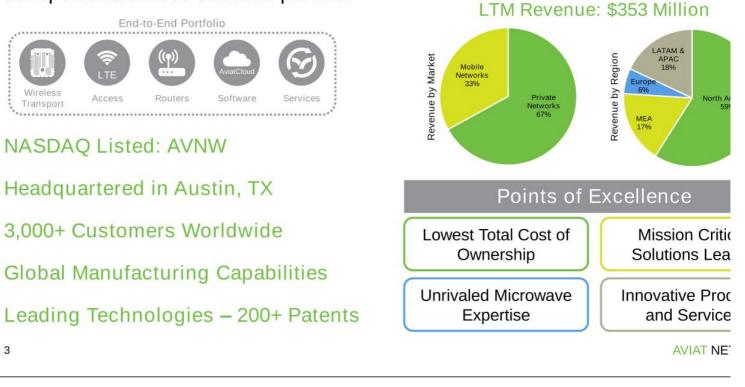
### Forward-Looking Statements

The information contained in this presentation includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act and Section 27A of the Se Act, including expectations regarding our results for the fiscal year 2024. All statements, trend analyses an information contained herein about the markets for the services and products of Aviat Networks, Inc. and trevenue, as well as other statements identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including "anti "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "goal," "will," "see," "continue," "delivering," "view," and "intend," or the neg these terms or other similar expressions, constitute forward-looking statements. These forward-looking stateme based on estimates reflecting the current beliefs of the senior management of Aviat Networks, Inc. These for looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materia those suggested by the forward-looking statements.

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### **Company Overview**

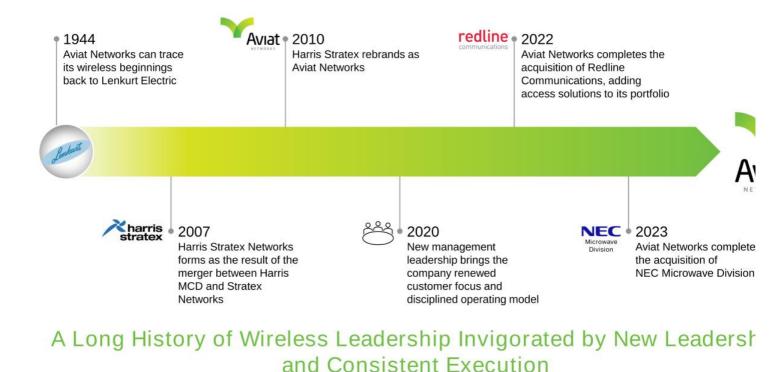
# Aviat Networks is the leading wireless transport and access solutions provider



**Revenue Summary** 

### Over 75 Years of Expertise

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## NEC Microwave Transaction Summary

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Transaction Overview	<ul> <li>Aviat Networks acquired the microwave backhaul business NEC Corporation fo \$65.5 million, structured as an asset purchase         <ul> <li>Anticipate addition of \$140 million in annual revenue</li> </ul> </li> <li>Transaction closed on November 30, 2023</li> </ul>
Financing	<ul> <li>\$23.4 million of Aviat shares priced at \$31.74 <ul> <li>Subject to 12-month lock-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>\$42.1 million cash to be funded by delayed draw term loan facility <ul> <li>0.1x net debt Aviat's standalone adjusted EBITDA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Outlook	<ul> <li>Expect first four quarters to contribute \$140 million of annual revenue <ul> <li>Revenue to ramp with stronger contribution in first half of Aviat's fiscal 2025</li> </ul> </li> <li>Expect transaction to be accretive by fourth quarter of integration (Aviat's fiscal second quarter)</li> <li>Aviat to update fiscal 2024 annual guidance in upcoming fiscal 2024 second quarter quarter of guidance in upcoming fiscal 2024 second quarter quarter of guidance in upcoming fiscal 2024 second quarter q</li></ul>
Transaction	Significantly Increases Aviat's Scale and Strengthens Pos

as the Leading Microwave Specialist Company

## **Combined Financial Profile**

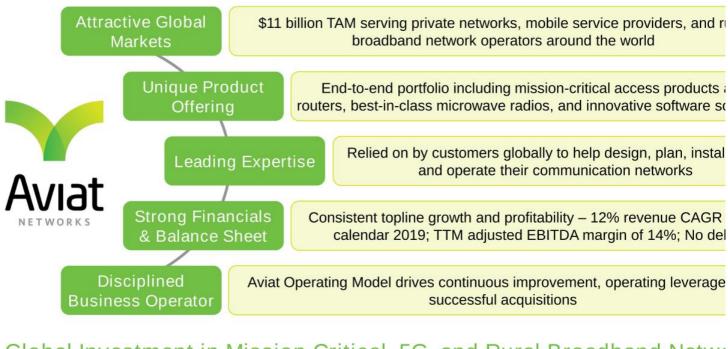
Scale Revenue	A global provider of wireless transport products and services for 5G, rural broadband, and private networks. Last Twelve Months	A leader in wireless backhaul         networks with extensive installed         base and recognized Pasolink brand         Pro-Forma         ~\$140M	The leading global wireless tra specialist Pro-Forma ~\$493M
Margins Gross Margin	36%	~30%	~33% Goal to improve margins throu Aviat Operating Model
Profitability Adj. EBITDA	14%	~0%	Combined business reach 11-13% by en Year 2
Leverage Net Debt / EBITDA	-0.7x	NA	0.1x net leverage on A standalone adj. EBIT

Transaction Creates a Larger Company with Global Scale, Increase Operating Leverage, and Stronger Innovation and Ability to Serve

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## **Investment Opportunity**

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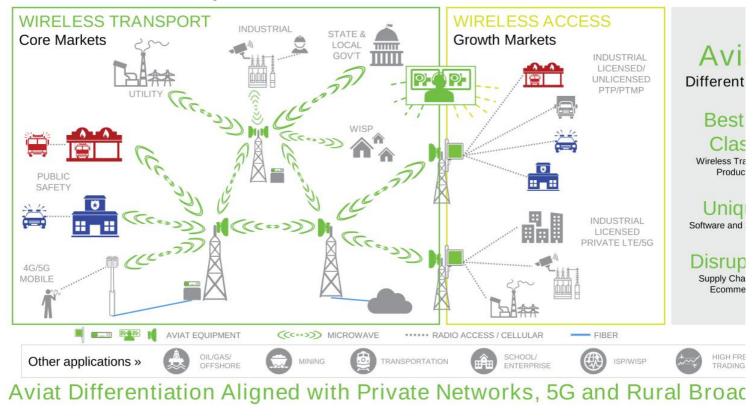
Global Investment in Mission Critical, 5G, and Rural Broadband Netwo Underpin Strong and Growing Demand Environment

## Why Aviat Wins

	Aviat's Competitive Advantage	vs. Microwave Specialists	vs. Wireless General
Products	<ul> <li>✓ Modular radio platform</li> <li>✓ End-to-end offering of radios, multi- band, routers, access</li> <li>✓ Better RF performance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Highly leveraged in chipsets</li> <li>Difficult to create new product variants quickly</li> <li>Unable to invest in routing and other products</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Microwave not focus</li> <li>Less responsive and a bringing radio solutions market</li> </ul>
Software & Services	<ul> <li>Turnkey services portfolio (design, planning, install)</li> <li>Software innovations to ease network operations and total cost of ownership (AviatCloud, Assurance software)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Product focus and lack of software investment</li> <li>Lack of experience and services make competing in private networks difficult</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lack focus on dedicate software solutions for transport networks</li> </ul>
Supply Chain	<ul> <li>✓ Core competence – fast deliveries and disruptive go-to-market like the Aviat Store</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lack modularity limits supply chain flexibility</li> <li>Unable to create new business models or react to Aviat innovations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Microwave supply chai priority vs. RAN</li> <li>Cannot react to Aviat innovations</li> </ul>

### Aviat Provides More Innovation and Better Value Than Our Competite

### Wireless Transport and Access Markets Overview

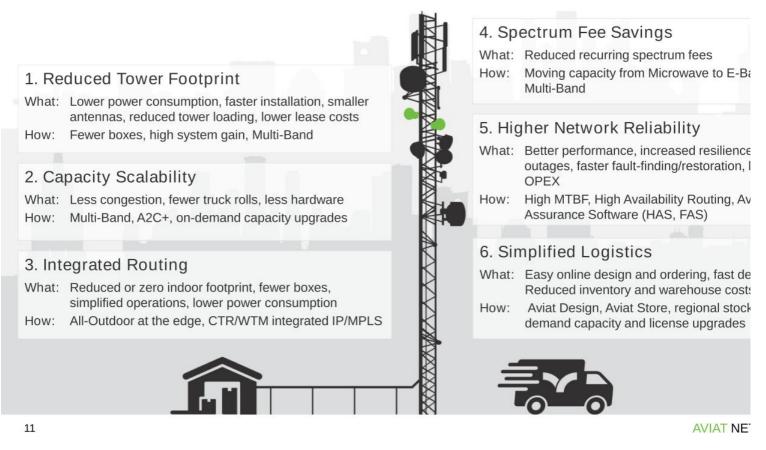


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### Aviat Product Portfolio



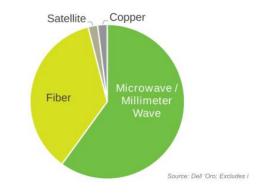
## How Aviat Lowers Total Cost of Ownership



### Microwave is a Crucial Backhaul Technology

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	Microwave	Fiber
Speed to Deploy	$\checkmark$	
High Reliability	$\checkmark$	
Low Latency	$\checkmark$	
Terrain Flexibility	$\checkmark$	
Capacity		$\checkmark$
Cost	Per Link	Per Foot

Microwave is ideally suited for missioncritical private networks, rural broadband, and challenging deployment environments Wireless transport accounts for 60% of cellular transport links



Service providers rely on microwave in t networks to provide cost-effective an reliable bandwidth

### Microwave Backhaul is Essential in Communication Networks Globa

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## Aviat's Market Opportunities

### **Private Networks**

- Upgrade cycle in public safety, utilities and other private networks driven by increase bandwidth needs
- Private LTE / 5G market to be \$8B by 2027
- Aviat's end-to-end product and services allow for increasing share of wallet capture and competitive advantage

#### Mobile Networks & 5G

- Early stages of global 5G upgrade cycle; mobile network data traffic expected to grow at 26% CAGR through 2028
- Wireless transport makes up 60% of cellular transport links
- Microwave radio market for global 5G transport market expect to grow at a 39% CAGR through CY2025

#### Rural Broadban

- Over \$70 billion in U.S. government funding programs to build out ru broadband networks
- Microwave is a compel solution for operators to lower total cost of owne and increase speed to deploy
- Aviat's unique e-comm platform allows for dire network operator chani

### Aviat Networks is Capturing Additional Market Share Because of It Innovative Portfolio and Focus on Lowest Total Cost of Ownership

### **Private Network Summary**

#### **Growth Drivers**

- Growth in Private LTE and Industrial IoT driven by video and modern applications
- States and municipalities upgrading their public safety communications
  - State and local budgets remain healthy; growing public safety funding
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding of \$350 billion for U.S.
   States' water, sewer, public safety, and broadband infrastructure
- Vendor outsourcing and declining microwave expertise creates share of wallet opportunities

### Segments Addressed

#### Public Safety and Security



Oil & Gas Water Electric Utilities



National / Regional Government

#### Enterprise



### Aviat's Leadershi

- Mission critical product differentiation
  - Highest powered radios
  - Ruggedized access produc
  - IP/MPLS integration
  - Software innovations to sin network management (PV+ FAS)
- Strong state relationships an global partners
  - Differentiated services offerir
    - Network design and testing
    - Install
      - Support
      - Managed services (incl. NC

### Aviat Offers a Compelling Value Proposition to Private Network Opera

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## Mobile Networks & 5G Market Summary

- Mobile service provider market driven by increasing bandwidth demand in 4G and 5G networks
  - Data from global networks is anticipated to grow rapidly (26% CAGR) through 2028, driven by 5G adoption and expanding 4G networks
- Aviat's product portfolio enables operators to increase their network capacity while lowering total cost of ownership (TCO)
  - Single-box multi-band lowers tower leasing costs while increase capacity
  - Vendor-agnostic multi-band allows operators to utilize existing radios and layer on Aviat's solution, lowering the barrier to entry for Aviat into a network
  - Multi-band XD enables longer distances between links which helps to minimize total network capex
  - Highest capacity radio available on the market (20 Gbps)
- Aviat's multi-band is up to \$10,000/link lower TCO vs competitive multi-band offerings
  - − Superior solution  $\rightarrow$  Less hardware  $\rightarrow$  Lowest TCO

#### Global 5G Wireless Transport Mar



Global Mobile Network Data Traffi



### Demand for Wireless Transport Driven by Increasing Data Consumpt

## **Rural Broadband Summary**

demand for North American ISPs

#### Over \$70B in **Aviat E-Commerce Platform** Wireless Transport is Leads Rural Broadband the Solution Available Fundin Aviat is uniquely suited to serve WISPs Wireless transport is ideal for rural \$1.5 Billion CAF II through its Aviat Store and AviatCloud communities and is lower cost, more applications like Design (network planning reliable, and faster to deploy than fiber and product recommendation) and **Rural Digital Oppc** \$20 Billion Fund (RDOF) automated radio and license applications Growing number of Fixed Wireless \$9 Billion 5G Fund for Rura Access (FWA) deployments favors wireless backhaul Broadband Equity \$42.5 Billion Access, and Depl (BEAD) Program Estimate the USA rural broadband segment to be a ~\$420M TAM \$635 Million **USDA** Reconnect Source: PCN data in 2024 Leading wireless transport share of

### Large Investments in Broadband Infrastructure Creates Opportuniti for Wireless Transport

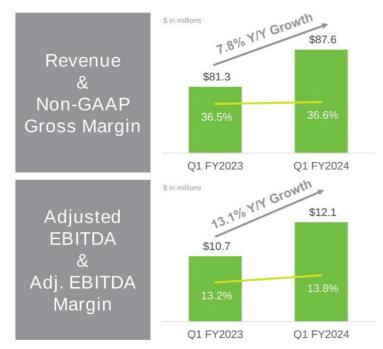
### Aviat Operating Model Framework



Aviat Operating Model Supports Growth-Centric Culture by Leveragi Continuous Improvement and Driving Competitive Excellence

First Quarter Fiscal 2024 Financial Highlights and Historical Performance

## First Quarter Fiscal 2024 Highlights



- Revenue of \$87.6 million, up 7.8% compa the same period last year
- Record Q1 North America bookings
- GAAP operating income of \$5.5 million, up 41.8% year-over-year
- Adjusted EBITDA up \$12.1 million, up 13.: compared to the same period last year
- Non-GAAP earnings per share up 16.0% y over-year
- Strong profit growth from disciplined cost management and topline execution
- Continued to demonstrate consistency and improvements in performance

### Laser Focused on Increasing Revenue, Capturing Aviat's Differentiat Driving Costs Out, and Increasing Overall Shareholder Value

## First Quarter Fiscal 2024 Balance Sheet Highlights

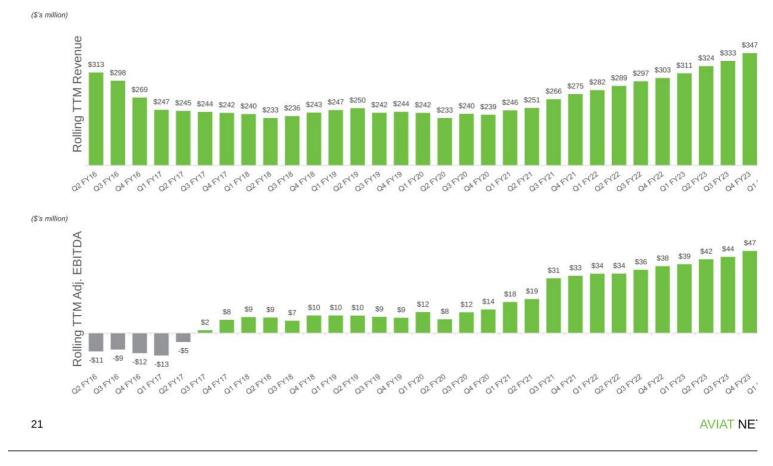
(\$'s in millions, except for DSO, DPO and Turns)	Q2 FY22 Actual	Q3 FY22 Actual	Q4 FY22 Actual	Q1 FY23 Actual	Q2 FY23 Actual	Q3 FY23 Actual	Q4 FY23 Actual	Q1 FY24 Actual
Cash Equivalents and Marketable Securities	\$42.3	\$33.8	\$47.8	\$22.9	\$21.4	\$22.5	\$22.2	\$35.5
Third-Party Debt	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$6.2)	\$0.0	\$0.0
Net Cash and Marketable Securities	\$42.3	\$33.8	\$47.8	\$22.9	\$21.4	\$16.3	\$22.2	\$35.5
Accounts Receivable	\$69.1	\$76.2	\$73.2	\$72.5	\$91.4	\$88.5	\$101.7	\$94.5
Unbilled Receivables	\$42.9	\$45.7	\$45.9	\$50.4	\$53.6	\$63.3	\$58.6	\$61.0
Advance Payments and Unearned Revenue	(\$43.7)	(\$45.7)	(\$42.7)	(\$43.3)	(\$46.7)	(\$48.0)	(\$51.7)	(\$53.7)
DSO's	75	89	88	82	82	98	95	102
DSO's net of Unbilled/Unearned	72	88	90	87	89	110	106	109
Accounts Payable	(\$43.5)	(\$40.6)	(\$42.4)	(\$48.2)	(\$59.8)	(\$61.7)	(\$60.1)	(\$61.8)
DPO's	76	81	76	80	84	103	95	100
Inventory	\$27.4	\$30.5	\$27.2	\$35.0	\$37.1	\$40.9	\$33.1	\$30.7
Turns	7.5	6.5	6.9	6.7	6.5	5.5	6.3	7.0

- Robust cash generation, driv profitability and lower working capital
- No debt
- Inventory levels reduced as A consumed buffer stock that h to navigate supply chain issu over the past two years

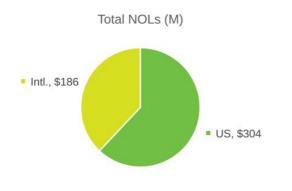
### Strong Balance Sheet; Consistent Performance Drives Cash Generat

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## Rolling Trailing Twelve Months Historical Performance

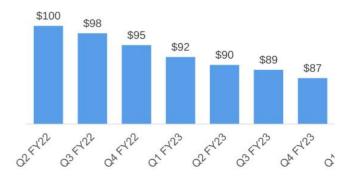


## Cash Benefit of Historical Net Operating Losses (NOLs)



- \$490 million of gross NOLs
- NOL's reduce Aviat's statutory federal and state blended tax rate of ~25% to an effective cash tax rate of ~5%
  - This saved Aviat \$5.9 million in cash taxes in FY22 and \$14.1 million in cash taxes in FY23

Deferred Tax Asset on AVNW Balance Sheet



- Improved financial performance and outlook for resulted in a full release of the valuation allowa against U.S. NOLs in Q3 of fiscal 2021
  - A one-time benefit of \$92 million was recognized Income and Deferred Tax Assets

### Cash Tax Savings Will Continue for the Foreseeable Future (>5 years Levels Commensurate with our Earnings Before Tax Performance

### GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

RECONCILIATIONS OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (1) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended				
	29-Sep-2023	% of Revenue	30-Sep-2022	% of Revenue	
	(In thousand	imounts)			
GAAP gross margin	\$31,852	36.4%	\$29,454	36.3%	
Share-based compensation	183		172		
Merger and acquisition related expense	43				
Non-GAAP gross margin	32,078	36.6%	29,626	36.5%	
GAAP research and development expenses	\$6,424	7.3%	\$6,087	7.5%	
Share-based compensation	(146)		(135)		
Non-GAAP research and development expenses	6,278	7.2%	5,952	7.3%	
GAAP selling and administrative expenses	\$19,237	22.0%	\$17,504	21.5%	
Share-based compensation	(1,505)		(1,531)		
Merger and acquisition related expense	(2,672)		(1,516)		
Non-GAAP selling and administrative expenses	15,060	17.2%	14,457	17.8%	
GAAP operating income	\$5,547	6.3%	\$3,913	4.8%	
Share-based compensation	1,834		1,838		
Merger and acquisition related expense	2,715		1,516		
Restructuring charges	644		1,950		
Non-GAAP operating income	10,740	12.3%	9,217	11.3%	
GAAP income tax provision	\$641	0.7%	\$3,877	4.8%	
Adjustment to reflect pro forma tax rate	(341)		(3,577)		
Non-GAAP income tax provision	300	0.3%	300	0.4%	

	Three Months Ended				
	29-Sep-2023	% of Revenue	30-Sep-2022	% of Revenue	
	(In thousands	tages and per share	amounts)		
GAAP net income (loss)	\$4,005	4.6%	(\$2,746)	(3.4%)	
Share-based compensation	1,834		1,838		
Merger and acquisition related expense	2,715		1,516		
Restructuring charges	644		1,950		
Other expense, net	802		2,659		
Adjustment to reflect pro forma tax rate	341		3,577		
Non-GAAP net income	\$10,341	11.8%	\$8,794	10.8%	
Diluted net income (loss) per share:					
GAAP	\$0.34		(\$0.25)		
Non-GAAP	\$0.87		\$0.75		
Shares used in computing diluted net income (loss) per share					
GAAP	11,943		11,200		
Non-GAAP	11,943		11,777		
Adjusted EBITDA:					
GAAP net income (loss)	\$4,005	4.6%	(\$2,746)	(3.4%)	
Depreciation and amortization of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	1,344		1,468		
Other expense, net	901		2,782		
Share-based compensation	1,834		1,838		
Merger and acquisition related expense	2,715		1,516		
Restructuring charges	644		1,950		
Provision for income taxes	641		3,877		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$12,084	13.8%	\$10,685	13.2%	

(1) The adjustments above reconcile our GAAP financial results to the non-GAAP financial measures used by us. Our non-GAAP net income excluded share-based compensation, and other non-recurring charges (recovery). Adjusted EBITDA was determined by excluding depreciation and amortization on property, plant and equipment, interest, provision for or benefit from income taxes, and non-GAAP pre-tax adjustments, as set forth above, from GAAP net income. We believe that the presentation of these non-GAAP inters provides meaningful supplemental information to investors, when viewed in conjunction with, and not in lieu of, our GAAP results. However, the non-GAAP financial measures have not been prepared under a comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles. Non-GAAP information should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, there are material limitations associated with the use of non-GAAP financial measures.





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