



2017 NVIDIA CORPORATION ANNUAL REVIEW

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“THE AGE OF THE GPU IS UPON US”

THE NEXT PLATFORM


A decade ago, we set out to transform the GPU into a powerful computing platform—a specialized tool for the da Vincis and Einsteins of our time.

GPU computing has since opened a floodgate of innovation. From gaming and VR to AI and self-driving cars, we're at the center of the most promising trends in our lifetime.

The world has taken notice.

Jensen Huang

CEO and Founder, NVIDIA



“NVIDIA GEFORCE HAS MOVED FROM GRAPHICS CARD TO GAMING PLATFORM”

FORBES

The PC drives the growth of computer gaming, the largest entertainment industry in the world. The mass popularity of eSports, the evolution of gaming into a social medium, and the advance of new technologies like 4K, HDR, and VR will fuel its further growth.

Today, 200 million gamers play on GeForce, the world's largest gaming platform. Our breakthrough NVIDIA Pascal architecture delighted gamers, and we built on its foundation with new capabilities, like NVIDIA Ansel, the most advanced in-game photography system ever built. To serve the 1 billion new or infrequent gamers whose PCs are not ready for today's games, we brought the GeForce NOW game streaming service to Macs and PCs.

Mass Effect: Andromeda.
Courtesy of Electronic Arts.

“THE BEST ANDROID TV DEVICE JUST GOT BETTER”
ENGADGET

NVIDIA SHIELD TV, controller, and remote.





NVIDIA SHIELD SPOT.

NVIDIA SHIELD is taking NVIDIA gaming and AI into living rooms around the world. The most advanced streamer now boasts 1,000 games, has the largest open catalog of media in 4K, and can serve as the brain of the AI home. NVIDIA SPOT, an AI mic accessory, extends SHIELD's intelligent control throughout the house.



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“NVIDIA'S FIRST-EVER GAME
A BLAST TO PLAY IN VR”
USA TODAY





“NVIDIA TAKES VIRTUAL REALITY ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE HOLODECK WITH IRAY VR”

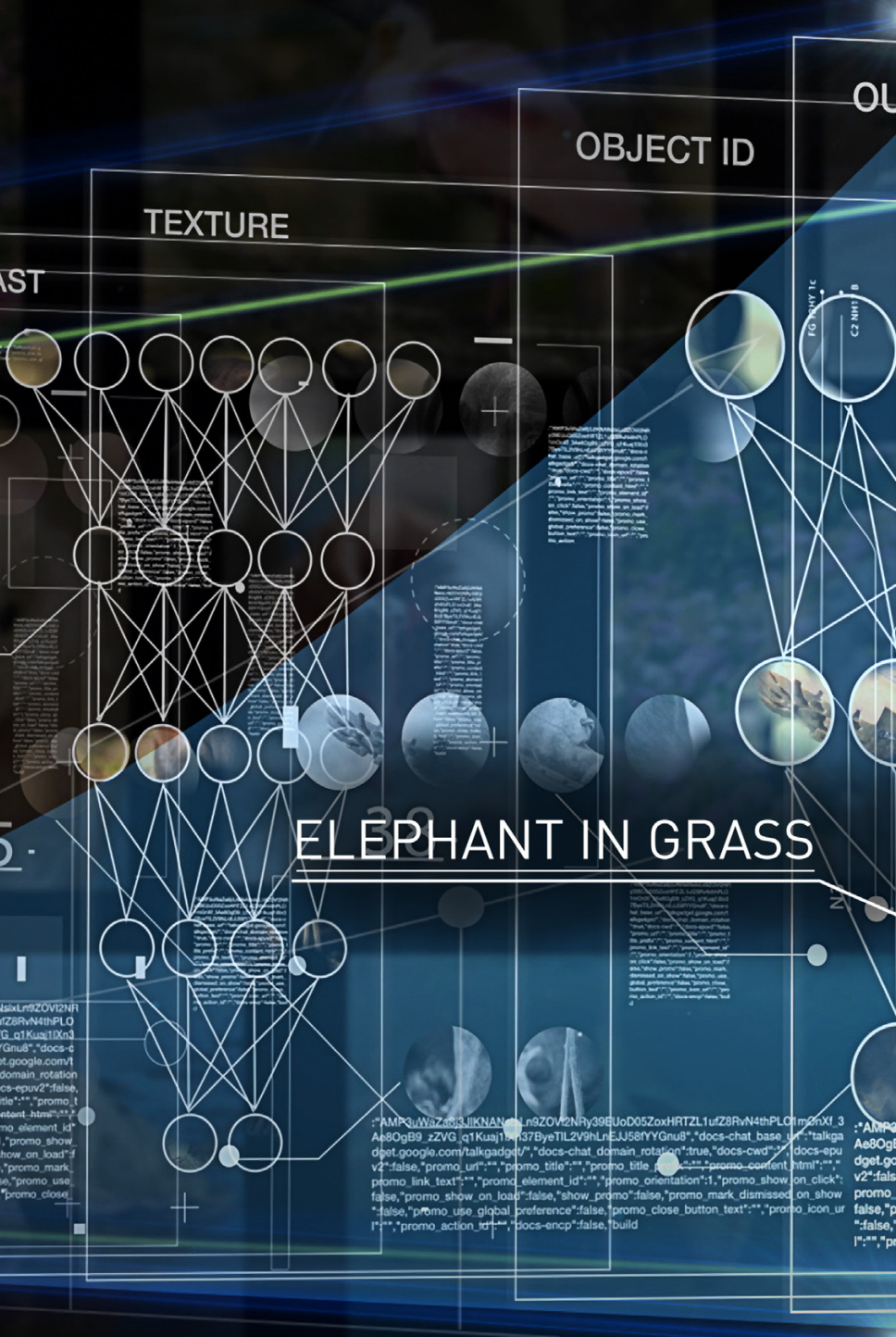
TECHRADAR

NVIDIA has led the field of visual computing since our invention of the GPU in 1999. VR is the next frontier. NVIDIA GPUs are the engines that power this new medium and we're making VR even more immersive with technologies like NVIDIA Iray that bring the physical properties of light and materials into virtual worlds. Iray VR was used in the design of NVIDIA's new headquarters (pictured here).

9:00 PM



VR Funhouse, an NVIDIA game that brings advanced graphics, haptics, and realistic physics to VR, has been downloaded 200,000 times.



“NVIDIA'S INSANE DGX-1 IS
A COMPUTER TAILOR-MADE
FOR DEEP LEARNING”

ENGADGET





“NVIDIA IS NOT JUST ACCELERATING AI, IT AIMS TO RESHAPE COMPUTING”

FORBES

A new era of computing is upon us.

Artificial intelligence amplifies our cognitive abilities—letting us solve problems where the complexity is too great, the information is incomplete, or the details are too subtle and require expert training. Learning from data—a computer’s version of life experience—is how AI evolves.

GPU deep learning is a new computing model in which deep neural networks are trained to recognize patterns from massive amounts of data.

Every industry has awoken to AI. The world’s leading internet companies are racing to infuse intelligence into every

app. More than 2,000 AI startups have cropped up around the world. Healthcare organizations, from the 165-year-old Mount Sinai Hospital to startups like PathAI, are using AI to advance everything from drug discovery to cancer diagnosis. FANUC, the Japanese industrial robotics giant, is building the factory of the future on the NVIDIA AI platform. Hikvision, the world leader in surveillance systems, is using AI to help make cities safer.

And we’re working with the world’s largest enterprise technology providers so every company can tap into the power of GPU deep learning.

NVIDIA DGX-1, an AI supercomputer in a box, delivers the computing power of a 250-node HPC cluster, reducing deep neural network training time from weeks to days.



“NVIDIA'S SELF-DRIVING CARS WILL
HELP YOU DRIVE BETTER, TOO”
THE VERGE



Careful, there is a motorcycle
approaching the center lane.

MOTORCYCLIST
LEFT





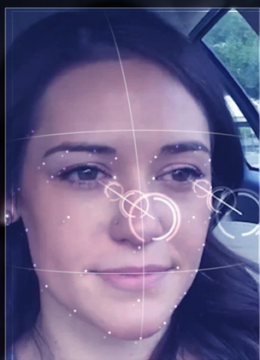
“THIS IS THE FUTURE OF DRIVING”

ARS TECHNICA

Autonomous vehicles will modernize the \$10 trillion transportation industry, but they require an enormous amount of computing power. NVIDIA DRIVE PX 2 is a scalable AI car supercomputer that spans the entire range of autonomous driving.

Using PX 2, BB8, our research AI car (pictured here), has learned to drive in all kinds of conditions—on highways and windy roads, through obstacle courses, at night, and in the rain.

Every Tesla Motors vehicle now comes equipped with DRIVE PX 2 for full self-driving capabilities, and Audi will achieve Level 4 autonomous driving in cars powered by DRIVE PX starting in 2020.



With our AI Co-Pilot capabilities, even when the car's not driving for you, it can be watching out for you—alerting you to dangerous situations on the road, knowing where you're looking, and reading your lips to understand your commands in noisy situations.

DEAR NVIDIAANS AND STAKEHOLDERS,

GPU COMPUTING HAS ARRIVED.

The tool that we built for the da Vincis and Einsteins of our time is the force behind today's most promising trends, from gaming and VR to AI and self-driving cars.

We leverage our powerful platform by focusing on the hardest problems that only we can solve. They require deep technical integration, from processor to software to systems to domain expertise. They are worth the efforts of our talented, dedicated employees.

And they matter to the world.

OUR COMPANY IS UNIQUE IN ITS EVOLUTION AND MARKET POSITION. OUR STRATEGY IS FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS.

Revenue was up 38% to reach a record \$6.9 billion and gross margins expanded 270 basis points to hit 58.8 percent. GAAP earnings per share were \$2.57, up 138 percent. And we returned \$1 billion to shareholders through dividends and stock repurchases.

Our gaming business grew 44% this year to a record \$4.1 billion. The breakthrough Pascal architecture solidified our market leadership. And we expanded our platform with solutions to ride the massive waves of blockbuster games, eSports, and social media.

We continued to lead visual computing, seeing double digit growth in our professional visualization business and advancing the field with our latest Iray and VR technologies.

AI fueled the rapid growth of our datacenter business, which tripled year over year in the fourth quarter, bringing total annual revenue to \$830 million. We have a multi-year lead in AI computing. We've built an end-to-end platform that starts with a GPU optimized for AI. Our single architecture spans computers of every shape and size—PCs, servers, IoT devices—and is available from every cloud service provider—Alibaba, Amazon, Google, IBM, Microsoft. GPU deep learning is the most advanced, most accessible platform for AI.

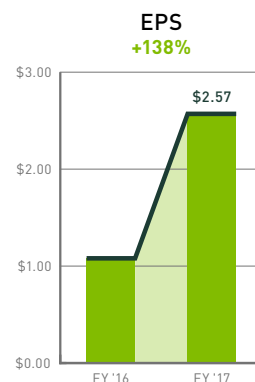
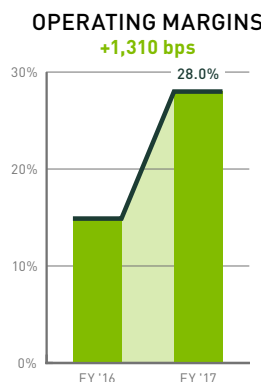
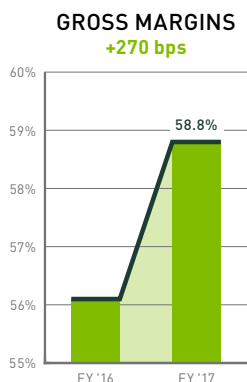
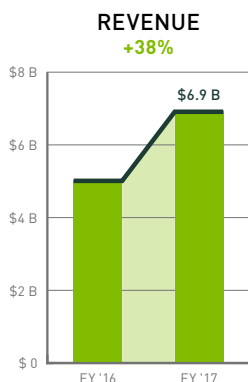
Adoption of DRIVE PX 2 spurred our multi-year lead in AI car computing.

Our AI car platform spans the range of autonomous vehicles, from auto-piloted cars to driverless shuttles, from training to cloud mapping to in-car AI capabilities. Some of the world's most innovative automakers, the world's largest auto suppliers, and the leading mapping companies have adopted DRIVE PX.

Transformed from chips to platforms and products.

Along with our moves to build platforms for select vertical markets, we've also evolved from building chips to building systems. NVIDIA SHIELD is one example of this transformation. SHIELD is a tiny supercomputer for the home. It brings NVIDIA's famed gaming capabilities to the living room, serves up 4K HDR movies, and is the AI computer that will one day let you talk to and control your home. The DGX-1 AI supercomputer, our main thrust to bring AI to every enterprise, is another example of our systems approach.

Today, NVIDIA is capable of innovating across the entire computing stack—from the most advanced GPUs to innovative systems, from graphics to AI, from device to cloud—to serve the most exciting growth industries of our time.



GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES

NVIDIANS are passionate about giving back to their communities, with a long history of volunteerism and strong support for fighting cancer and improving education. Our philanthropic giving this year exceeded \$5 million.

Our company regularly receives top marks on prominent lists of the most socially and environmentally responsible companies, including debuting at No. 20 on the 100 Best Corporate Citizens list in 2016.

Our employee-run NVIDIA Foundation sets the priorities for our philanthropic efforts. We have invested more than \$3 million in Compute the Cure, which aids researchers using GPU computing techniques to accelerate their cancer-fighting work as well as nonprofits providing care and support services to those affected by the disease.

This includes \$200,000 grants this year to the Translational Genomics Research Institute for research to discover individualized therapeutic vulnerability in cancer, and to a team at the University of North Texas that aims to discover new cancer biomarkers to improve diagnosis and treatment.

With Project Inspire, our employees and their families come together each year to enhance their local communities. In Santa Clara, we celebrated our 10th annual and largest yet event, which brought together 1,650 of us to transform a local high school in an underserved neighborhood. In Pune, India, nearly 200 employees and their families improved a rural high school and junior college. In the U.K., NVIDIANS teamed up to improve a facility for people with learning disabilities.

SHAPING THE FUTURE

NVIDIA is a learning machine. For over two decades, we've continuously reinvented ourselves. Our work today is shaping the industries and society of tomorrow.

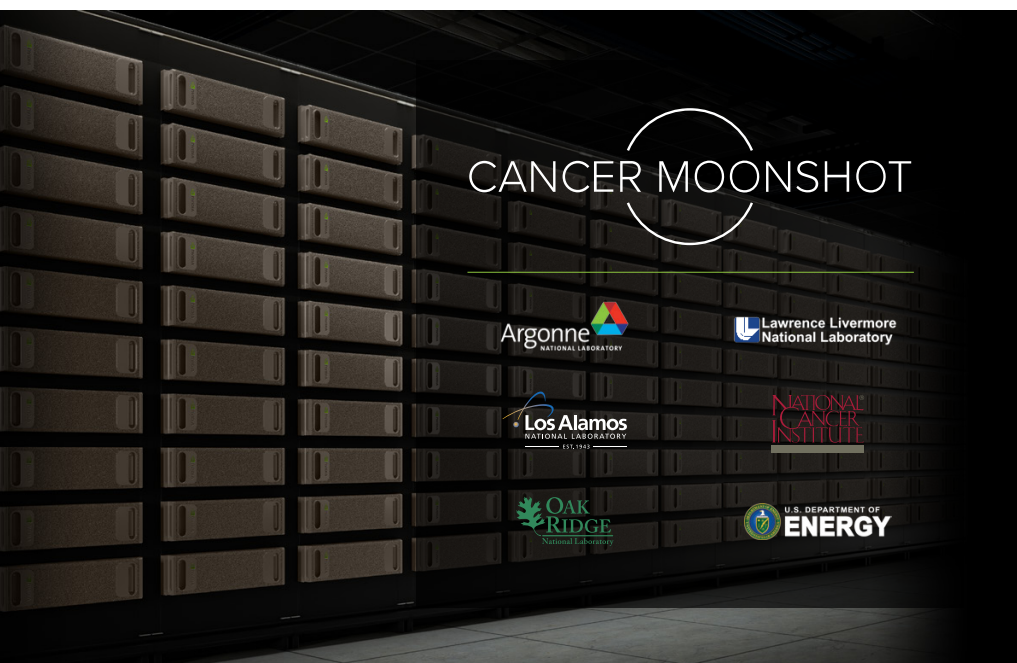


The computing model that we pioneered is at the convergence of visual computing, high performance computing, and AI—technologies that will redefine the relationship between man and machine. The world we inhabit will increasingly be expanded by virtual realities. And our natural abilities will be amplified by artificial intelligence.

This is undoubtedly the most exciting time in our industry. AI will revolutionize the very structure and fabric of society, from transportation to healthcare, and allow us to finally tackle those challenges that matter most, like finding a cure for cancer.

We, at NVIDIA, are seizing the moment.

Jensen Huang
CEO and Founder, NVIDIA
April 2017



The NVIDIA DGX SATURNV supercomputer will turboboost the U.S. government's Cancer Moonshot. Comprised of 124 DGX-1 systems, SATURNV is the most energy-efficient supercomputer in the world.

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NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING PROXY STATEMENT AND FORM 10-K

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this document including, but not limited to, statements as to: the impact and benefits of our products and technologies; the drivers of computer gaming growth; the impact of virtual reality, artificial intelligence and autonomous vehicles; and our market position and strategies are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause results to be materially different than expectations. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include: global economic conditions; our reliance on third parties to manufacture, assemble, package and test our products; the impact of technological development and competition; development of new products and technologies or enhancements to our existing products and technologies; market acceptance of our products or our partners' products; design, manufacturing or software defects; changes in consumer preferences or demands; changes in industry standards and interfaces; unexpected loss of performance of our products or technologies when integrated into systems; as well as other factors detailed from time to time in the reports NVIDIA files with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, including its Form 10-K for the fiscal period ended January 29, 2017. Copies of reports filed with the SEC are posted on the company's website and are available from NVIDIA without charge. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and speak only as of April 7, 2017, and, except as required by law, NVIDIA disclaims any obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect future events or circumstances.



NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Date and time: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time

Location: Online at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/NVIDIA2017

Items of business:

- Election of twelve directors nominated by the Board of Directors
- Approval of our executive compensation
- Approval of the frequency of holding a vote on executive compensation
- Ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2018

Transaction of other business properly brought before the meeting

Record date: You can attend, and vote at, the annual meeting if you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on March 24, 2017.

Virtual meeting admission: We will be holding our annual meeting online only this year at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/NVIDIA2017. To participate in the annual meeting, you will need the control number included on your notice of Internet availability of the proxy materials or your proxy card (if you received a printed copy of the proxy materials).

Pre-meeting forum: The online format for the annual meeting also allows us to communicate more effectively with you via a pre-meeting forum that you can enter by visiting www.proxyvote.com. On our pre-meeting forum, you can submit questions in advance of the annual meeting, and also access copies of our proxy statement and annual report.

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the virtual meeting, **PLEASE VOTE YOUR SHARES**. As an alternative to voting online at the meeting, you may vote via the Internet, by telephone or, if you receive a paper proxy card in the mail, by mailing the completed proxy card.

Important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 23, 2017. This Notice, our Proxy Statement, our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Stockholder Letter are available at www.nvidia.com/proxy.

By Order of the Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. S. Teter", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy S. Teter
Secretary

Santa Clara, California
April 7, 2017

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DEFINITIONS

2007 Plan	NVIDIA Corporation Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan
2012 ESPP	NVIDIA Corporation Amended and Restated 2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan
2016 Meeting	2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders
2017 Meeting	2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders
2018 Meeting	2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders
AC	Audit Committee
Board	The Company's Board of Directors
CC	Compensation Committee
CD&A	Compensation Discussion and Analysis
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
Company	NVIDIA Corporation, a Delaware corporation
Control Number	Identification number for each stockholder included in Notice or Proxy Card
Dodd Frank Act	Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act
Exchange Act	Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
Exequity	Exequity LLP, the CC's independent compensation consultant
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
Fiscal 2016	The Company's fiscal year 2016 (January 26, 2015 to January 31, 2016)
Fiscal 2017	The Company's fiscal year 2017 (February 1, 2016 to January 29, 2017)
Fiscal 2018	The Company's fiscal year 2018 (January 30, 2017 to January 28, 2018)
Form 10-K	The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for Fiscal 2017 filed with the SEC on March 1, 2017
GAAP	Generally accepted accounting principles
Internal Revenue Code	U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended
Lead Director	Lead independent director
MY PSUs	PSUs with a three-year performance metric
NASDAQ	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
NCGC	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
NEOs	Named Executive Officers consisting of our CEO, our chief financial officer and our other three executive officers
Non-GAAP Operating Income	GAAP operating income adjusted for stock-based compensation expense, product warranty charge (Fiscal 2016 only), legal settlement costs (Fiscal 2017 only), acquisition-related costs, contributions (Fiscal 2017 only) and restructuring and other charges, as the Company reports in its respective earnings materials. The net aggregate adjustment to GAAP operating income for these items for Fiscal 2017 was \$287 million, and for Fiscal 2016 was \$378 million. Please see <i>Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures</i> in our <i>Compensation Discussion and Analysis</i> for a reconciliation between the non-GAAP measures and GAAP results
Notice	Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials
NYSE	New York Stock Exchange
PSUs	Performance stock units
PwC	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
RSUs	Restricted stock units
S&P 500	Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Index
SEC	U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
Stretch Operating Plan	Maximum goal attainment under the Variable Cash Plan, SY PSUs and MY PSUs
SY PSUs	PSUs with a single-year performance metric, vesting over four years
Target Compensation Plan	Target goal attainment under the Variable Cash Plan, SY PSUs and MY PSUs
Threshold	Threshold goal attainment under the Variable Cash Plan, SY PSUs and MY PSUs
TSR	Total shareholder return
Variable Cash Plan	The Company's variable cash compensation plan

PROXY SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in the proxy statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider, and you should read the entire proxy statement carefully before voting.

2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Date and time: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time
Location: Online at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/NVIDIA2017
Record date: Stockholders as of March 24, 2017 are entitled to vote
Admission to meeting: You will need your Control Number to attend the annual meeting

Voting Matters and Board Recommendations

A summary of the 2017 Meeting proposals is below. **Every stockholder's vote is important. Our Board urges you to vote your shares FOR proposals 1, 2 and 4, and for 1 YEAR for proposal 3.**

Matter	Page	Board Recommendation	Vote Required for Approval	Effect of Abstentions	Effect of Broker Non-Votes
Management Proposals:					
Election of twelve directors	10	FOR each director nominee	More FOR than WITHHOLD votes	None	None
Approval of our executive compensation	29	FOR	Majority of shares present	Against	None
Approval of the frequency of holding a vote on executive compensation	60	1 YEAR	Majority of shares present	Against	None
Ratification of selection of PwC as our independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2018	61	FOR	Majority of shares present	Against	None

Election of Directors (Proposal 1)

The following table provides summary information about each director nominee:

Name	Age	Director Since	Occupation	Fiscal 2017 Committees		
				AC	CC	NCGC
Robert K. Burgess	59	2011	Independent Consultant		Chair	
Tench Coxe	59	1993	Managing Director, Sutter Hill Ventures		Member	
Persis S. Drell	61	2015	Provost, Stanford University		Member	
James C. Gaither	79	1998	Managing Director, Sutter Hill Ventures			Member
Jen-Hsun Huang	54	1993	President & CEO, NVIDIA Corporation			
Dawn Hudson	59	2013	Chief Marketing Officer, National Football League		Member	
Harvey C. Jones	64	1993	Managing Partner, Square Wave Ventures		Member	Member
Michael G. McCaffery	63	2015	Chairman & Managing Director, Makena Capital Management	Member ⁽¹⁾		
William J. Miller ⁽²⁾	71	1994	Independent Consultant			Chair
Mark L. Perry	61	2005	Independent Consultant	Chair ⁽¹⁾		
A. Brooke Seawell	69	1997	Venture Partner, New Enterprise Associates	Member ⁽¹⁾		
Mark A. Stevens	57	2008 ⁽³⁾	Managing Partner, S-Cubed Capital	Member		Member

⁽¹⁾ AC Financial Expert

⁽²⁾ Lead Director

⁽³⁾ Mr. Stevens previously served as a member of our Board from 1993 until 2006

Board Overview and Recent Refreshment

Our director nominees exhibit a variety of competencies, professional experience and backgrounds, and contribute diverse viewpoints and perspectives to our well-rounded Board. While the Board benefits from the extensive experience and institutional knowledge that our longer-serving directors bring, it has also brought in new perspectives and ideas by appointing four new directors in the last six years, most recently Dr. Drell and Mr. McCaffery in 2015. Below are the skills and competencies that our NCGC and Board consider important for our directors to have in light of our current business, and the number of directors that possess these competencies:



Corporate Governance Highlights

Our Board is committed to strong corporate governance, which is used to promote the long-term interest of NVIDIA and our stockholders. Regular stockholder outreach is important to us. We seek a collaborative approach to stockholder issues that affect our business and to ensure that our stockholders see our governance and executive pay practices as well-structured. Each year, our management contacts our top 20 institutional stockholders (except for brokerage firms and institutional stockholders who we know do not engage in individual conversations with issuers) to gain valuable insights into their views on corporate governance and executive compensation issues. We met with stockholders holding a total of approximately 30% of our common stock in both Fall of 2015 and Fall of 2016. Our Lead Director attended these meetings, and we expect representatives of the Board will continue to participate in future stockholder outreach.

In response to feedback received during our annual stockholder outreach meetings, and in keeping with what is rapidly becoming a corporate governance best practice, in November 2016, the NCGC recommended, and the Board voluntarily adopted, a “proxy access” amendment to our Bylaws which enables a stockholder (or a group of up to 20 stockholders) owning at least 3% of the voting power of NVIDIA’s outstanding capital stock, continuously for at least three years, to include information in our proxy statement regarding director nominees for the greater of two candidates or 20% of the Board.

Highlights of our corporate governance practices include:

- ✓ Proxy access
- ✓ Declassified Board
- ✓ Majority voting for directors
- ✓ Active Board oversight of risk and risk management
- ✓ Stock ownership guidelines for our directors and executive officers
- ✓ 75% or greater attendance by each Board member at meetings of the Board and applicable committees
- ✓ Independent Lead Director
- ✓ 11 out of 12 Board members independent
- ✓ At least annual Board and committee self-assessments
- ✓ Annual stockholder outreach, including Lead Director participation
- ✓ Independent directors frequently meet in executive sessions

Approval of Executive Compensation for Fiscal 2017 (Proposal 2)

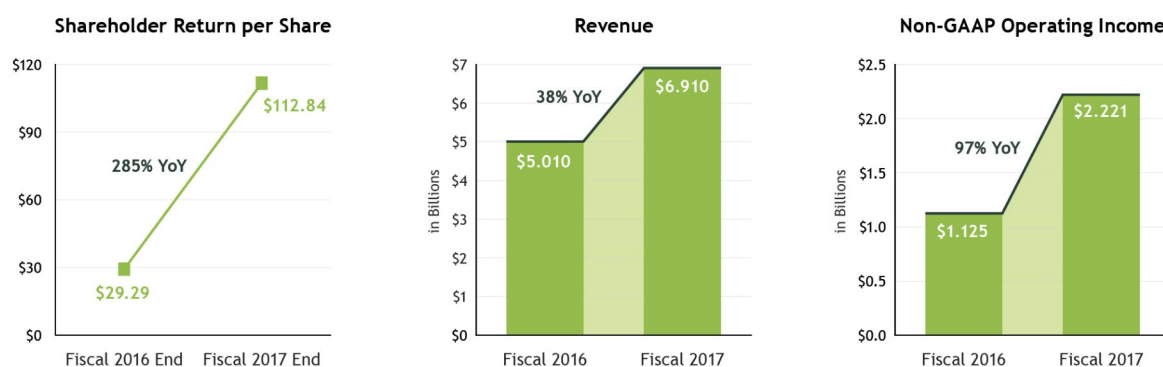
We are asking our stockholders to cast a non-binding vote, also known as “say-on-pay,” to approve our NEOs’ compensation. The Board believes that our compensation policies and practices are effective in achieving our goals of attracting, motivating and retaining a high-caliber executive team, rewarding financial and operating performance and aligning our executives’ interests with those of our stockholders to create long-term value. The Board has adopted a policy of providing for annual “say-on-pay” votes.

Executive Compensation Highlights

Consistent with our goal of attracting, motivating and retaining a high-caliber executive team, our executive compensation program is designed to pay for performance. We utilize compensation elements that meaningfully align our NEOs’ interests with those of our stockholders to create long-term value. As such, our NEO pay is heavily weighted toward “at-risk,” performance-based compensation, in the form of SY PSUs, MY PSUs and a variable cash incentive that is only earned if we achieve multiple corporate financial metrics.

At our 2016 Meeting, over 97% of the votes cast on our say-on-pay proposal were in support of the compensation paid to our NEOs for Fiscal 2016. After careful consideration of the results of this advisory vote, and given the significant level of stockholder support and our regular stockholder outreach efforts, our CC concluded that our program continues to align executive pay with stockholder interests. Accordingly, the CC determined not to make any significant changes to our program for Fiscal 2017 as a result of the advisory vote, but to continue to evaluate and refine our program to strengthen the link between our corporate performance and our NEO pay.

Fiscal 2017 Financial Highlights



Please see *Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures* in our *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* for a reconciliation between the non-GAAP measures and GAAP results.

Approval of the Frequency of Holding a Vote on Executive Compensation (Proposal 3)

We are asking our stockholders to cast a non-binding vote, also known as “say-on-frequency,” to indicate their preference regarding how frequently we should solicit a non-binding advisory vote on the compensation of our NEOs. Accordingly, we are asking stockholders to indicate whether they would prefer an advisory vote every one, two or three years. Management recommends an annual vote.

Ratification of Selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for Fiscal Year 2018 (Proposal 4)

We are asking our stockholders to ratify the AC’s selection of PwC as our independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2018. While we are not required to have our stockholders ratify the selection of PwC, we are doing so because we believe it is a matter of good corporate practice. If our stockholders do not ratify the selection, the AC will reconsider the appointment, but may nevertheless retain PwC as our independent registered public accounting firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the AC may select a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of NVIDIA and our stockholders.



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PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS - MAY 23, 2017

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

Your proxy is being solicited for use at the 2017 Meeting on behalf of the Board. Our 2017 Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

Meeting Attendance

If you were an NVIDIA stockholder as of the close of business on the March 24, 2017 record date, or if you hold a valid proxy, you can attend and vote at our 2017 Meeting at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/NVIDIA2017, which contains instructions on how to demonstrate proof of stock ownership, and how to vote and submit questions via the Internet. Our 2017 Meeting will be held entirely online to allow greater participation and improved communication, and provide cost savings for our stockholders and NVIDIA. You will need the Control Number included on your Notice or proxy card (if you received a printed copy of the proxy materials) to enter the meeting.

The online format for the 2017 Meeting will allow us to communicate more effectively with you via a pre-meeting forum that you can enter by visiting www.proxyvote.com. On our pre-meeting forum, you can submit questions in advance of the 2017 Meeting, and also access copies of our proxy statement and annual report.

Even if you plan to attend the 2017 Meeting online, we recommend that you also vote by proxy as described below so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the 2017 Meeting.

Non-stockholders can also listen to the 2017 Meeting live at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/NVIDIA2017. An archived copy of the webcast will be available at www.nvidia.com/proxy through June 6, 2017.

Quorum and Voting

Quorum. To hold our 2017 Meeting, we need a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote at the close of business on March 24, 2017, or a quorum, represented at the 2017 Meeting either by attendance online or by proxy. On the record date, there were 594,536,974 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote, meaning that 297,268,488 shares must be represented at the 2017 Meeting or by proxy to have a quorum. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the 2017 Meeting will be available at our headquarters, 2701 San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara, California for 10 days prior to

the 2017 Meeting. If you would like to view the stockholder list, please call our Investor Relations Department at (408) 486-2000 to schedule an appointment.

Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy or vote at the 2017 Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. If there is not a quorum, a majority of the votes present may adjourn the 2017 Meeting to another date.

Vote Options. You may vote **FOR** any nominee to the Board, you may **WITHHOLD** your vote for any nominee or you may **ABSTAIN** from voting. You may vote for **1 YEAR, 2 YEARS** or **3 YEARS** as the preferred frequency of the advisory vote on executive compensation or you may **ABSTAIN** from voting for a preferred frequency. For each other matter to be voted on, you may vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** or **ABSTAIN** from voting.

Stockholder of Record: You are a stockholder of record if your shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare, on March 24, 2017, and can vote shares in any of the following ways:

- By attending the 2017 Meeting online and voting during the meeting;
- Via mail, by signing and mailing your proxy card to us before the 2017 Meeting; or
- By telephone or over the Internet, by following the instructions provided in the Notice or your proxy materials.

You may change your vote or revoke your proxy before the final vote at the 2017 Meeting in any of the following ways:

- Attend the 2017 Meeting online and vote during the meeting;
- Submit another properly completed proxy card with a later date;
- Send a written notice that you are revoking your proxy to NVIDIA Corporation, 2701 San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara, California 95050, Attention: Secretary; or
- Submit another proxy by telephone or Internet after you have already provided an earlier proxy.

If you do not vote using any of the ways described above, your shares will **not** be voted.

Street Name Holder: If your shares are held through a nominee, such as a bank or broker, as of March 24, 2017, your shares are held in “street name.” As a beneficial owner, such nominee is the stockholder of record of your shares. However, you have the right to direct your nominee on how to vote the shares in your account. You should have received a Notice or voting instructions from your nominee, and should follow the included instructions in order to instruct such nominee on how to vote your shares. To vote by attending the 2017 Meeting online, you must obtain a valid proxy from your nominee.

If you do not instruct your nominee how to vote your shares, such nominee can use its discretion to vote such “uninstructed” shares with respect to matters considered by NYSE rules to be “routine”. However, your nominee will not be able to vote your shares with respect to “non-routine” matters, including elections of directors (even if not contested), executive compensation (including any advisory stockholder votes on executive compensation) and amendments of equity plans, unless they receive specific instructions from you. A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee does not receive voting instructions from the beneficial owner and does not have the discretion to direct the voting of the shares. **Therefore, you MUST give your nominee instructions in order for your vote to be counted on the proposals to elect directors, to conduct an advisory approval of our executive compensation and to conduct an advisory approval of the frequency of holding a vote on our executive compensation. We strongly encourage you to vote.**

Note that under the rules of the national stock exchanges, any NVIDIA stockholder whose shares are held in street name by a member brokerage firm may revoke a proxy and vote his or her shares at the 2017 Meeting only in accordance with applicable rules and procedures of those exchanges, as employed by the street name holder’s brokerage firm.

Vote Count. On each matter to be voted upon, stockholders have one vote for each share of NVIDIA common stock owned as of March 24, 2017. Votes will be counted by the inspector of election. The following table summarizes vote requirements and the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes:

Proposal Number	Proposal Description	Vote Required for Approval	Effect of Abstentions	Effect of Broker Non-Votes
1	Election of twelve directors	Directors are elected if they receive more FOR votes than WITHHOLD votes	None	None
2	Approval of our executive compensation	FOR votes from the holders of a majority of shares present and entitled to vote	Against	None
3	Approval of the frequency of holding a vote on executive compensation	The frequency receiving FOR votes from the holders of a majority of shares present and entitled to vote	Against	None
4	Ratification of the selection of PwC as our independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2018	FOR votes from the holders of a majority of shares present and entitled to vote	Against	None

If you are a stockholder of record and you return a signed proxy card without marking any selections, your shares will be voted **FOR** each of the nominees listed in Proposal 1, for **1 YEAR** for Proposal 3 and **FOR** the other proposals. If any other matter is properly presented at the 2017 Meeting, Jen-Hsun Huang or Timothy S. Teter as your proxyholder will vote your shares using his best judgment.

Vote Results. Preliminary voting results will be announced at the 2017 Meeting. Final voting results will be published in a current report on Form 8-K, which will be filed with the SEC by May 30, 2017.

Proxy Materials

As permitted by SEC rules, we are making our proxy materials available to stockholders electronically via the Internet at www.nvidia.com/proxy. On or about April 7, 2017, we sent stockholders who own our common stock at the close of business on March 24, 2017 (other than those who previously requested electronic or paper delivery) a Notice containing instructions on how to access our proxy materials, vote over the Internet or by telephone, and elect to receive future proxy materials electronically or in printed form by mail.

If you choose to receive future proxy materials electronically (via www.proxyvote.com for stockholders of record and www.icsdelivery.com/nvda for street name holders) you will receive an email next year with links to the proxy materials and proxy voting site.

SEC rules also permit companies and intermediaries, such as brokers, to satisfy Notice and proxy material delivery requirements for multiple stockholders with the same address by delivering a single Notice or set of proxy materials addressed to those stockholders. We follow this practice, known as “householding,” unless we have received contrary instructions from any stockholder at that address.

If you received more than one Notice or full set of proxy materials, then your shares are either registered in more than one name or are held in different accounts. Please vote the shares covered by each Notice or proxy card. To modify your instructions so that you receive one Notice or proxy card for each account or name, please contact your broker. Your “householding” election will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent.

To make a change regarding the form in which you receive proxy materials (electronically or in print), or to request receipt of a separate set of documents to a household, contact our Investor Relations Department (through our website at

www.nvidia.com, with an electronic mail message to ir@nvidia.com or by mail at 2701 San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara, California 95050).

We will pay the entire cost of soliciting proxies. Our directors and employees may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone, by mail, by Internet or by other means of communication. Our directors and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies. We have also retained MacKenzie Partners on an advisory basis for a fee not to exceed \$20,000 and they may help us solicit proxies from brokers, bank nominees and other institutional owners. We may also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

2018 Meeting Stockholder Proposals

To be considered for inclusion in next year's proxy materials, your proposal must be submitted in writing by December 8, 2017 to NVIDIA Corporation, 2701 San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara, California 95050, Attention: Secretary and must comply with all applicable requirements of Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Exchange Act. However, if we do not hold our 2018 Meeting between April 23, 2018 and June 22, 2018, then the deadline is a reasonable time before we begin to print and send our proxy materials. If you wish to submit a proposal for consideration at the 2018 Meeting that is not to be included in next year's proxy materials, you must do so in writing following the above instructions not later than the close of business on February 22, 2018, and not earlier than January 23, 2018. We also advise you to review our Bylaws, which contain additional requirements about advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations.

Proposal 1—Election of Directors

What am I voting on? Electing the 12 director nominees identified below to hold office until the 2018 Meeting and until his or her successor is elected or appointed.

Vote recommendation: **FOR** the election of each of the 12 director nominees.

Vote required: Directors are elected if they receive more **FOR** votes than **WITHHOLD** votes.

Our Board has 12 members. All of our directors have one-year terms and stand for election annually. Our nominees include 11 independent directors, as defined by the rules and regulations of NASDAQ, and one NVIDIA officer: Mr. Huang, who serves as our President and CEO. Each of the nominees listed below is currently a director of NVIDIA previously elected by our stockholders.

The Board expects the nominees will be available for election. If a nominee declines or is unable to act as a director, your proxy may be voted for any substitute nominee proposed by the Board or the size of the Board may be reduced.

Recommendation of the Board

The Board recommends that you vote **FOR** the election of each of the following nominees:

Name	Age	Director Since	Occupation	Independent	Other Public Company Boards
Robert K. Burgess	59	2011	Independent Consultant	✓	2
Tench Coxe	59	1993	Managing Director, Sutter Hill Ventures	✓	2
Persis S. Drell	61	2015	Provost, Stanford University	✓	—
James C. Gaither	79	1998	Managing Director, Sutter Hill Ventures	✓	—
Jen-Hsun Huang	54	1993	President & CEO, NVIDIA Corporation		—
Dawn Hudson	59	2013	Chief Marketing Officer, National Football League	✓	2
Harvey C. Jones	64	1993	Managing Partner, Square Wave Ventures	✓	—
Michael G. McCaffery	63	2015	Chairman & Managing Director, Makena Capital Management	✓	—
William J. Miller ⁽¹⁾	71	1994	Independent Consultant	✓	2
Mark L. Perry	61	2005	Independent Consultant	✓	2
A. Brooke Seawell	69	1997	Venture Partner, New Enterprise Associates	✓	1
Mark A. Stevens	57	2008 ⁽²⁾	Managing Partner, S-Cubed Capital	✓	1

⁽¹⁾ Lead Director

⁽²⁾ Mr. Stevens previously served as a member of our Board from 1993 until 2006

Director Qualifications

The Board looks for its current and potential directors to have a broad range of skills, education, experiences and qualifications that can be leveraged in order to benefit NVIDIA and our stockholders. The NCGC is responsible for reviewing, assessing and recommending nominees to the Board for approval. The NCGC has not established specific minimum age, education, experience or skill requirements for potential members, and instead considers numerous factors regarding the nominee in light of our current business model, including the following:

Directors' Skills, Qualifications and Traits

- Integrity and candor
- Independence
- Senior management and operating experience necessary to oversee our business
- Professional, technical and industry knowledge
- Financial expertise
- Financial community experience (including as an investor in other companies)
- Marketing and brand management
- Public company board experience
- Experience with emerging technologies and new business models
- Legal expertise
- Diversity, including gender and ethnic background
- Academia experience
- Desirability as a member of any committees of the Board
- Willingness and ability to devote substantial time and effort to Board responsibilities
- Ability to represent the interests of the stockholders as a whole rather than special interest groups or constituencies
- All relationships between the proposed nominee and any of our stockholders, competitors, customers, suppliers or other persons with a relationship to NVIDIA
- Ability to commit significant time to the Company's oversight
- Overall service to NVIDIA, including past attendance at Board and committee meetings and participation and contributions to the activities of the Board

Ensuring the Board is composed of directors who exhibit a variety of skills, professional experience and backgrounds, as well as bring diverse viewpoints and perspectives, is a priority of the NCGC and the Board. The NCGC and the Board also understand the importance of Board refreshment, and strive to maintain an appropriate balance of tenure, diversity and skills on the Board. While the Board benefits from the extensive experience and institutional knowledge that our longer-serving directors bring, it has also brought in new perspectives and ideas by appointing four new directors in the last six years, constituting one-third of our total Board. Most recently, Dr. Drell and Mr. McCaffery joined the Board in 2015.

NVIDIA's progress is due in part to our combination of deep technology and computing industry experience developed during our 24-year history with new initiatives in areas such as artificial intelligence and self-driving cars. Similarly, we feel that the mix of our Board members is the appropriate blend of experience and new perspectives. Our longer-tenured directors have the benefit of extensive familiarity with our operations and business areas and have the perspective of overseeing our activities during a wide variety of economic and competitive environments. Our new directors bring valuable insights in areas such as consumer marketing, branding and technology developments at leading academic institutions that are critical to supporting NVIDIA as it competes in new markets. Each year, as part of its annual evaluation, the NCGC and Board reviews each director's past contributions, outside experiences and activities and makes a determination concerning how her or his experience and skills continue to add value to NVIDIA and the Board.

The following chart summarizes the skills and competencies of each director nominee that led our Board to conclude that he or she is qualified to serve on our Board. The lack of a check does not mean the director does not possess that skill or qualification; rather, a check indicates a specific area of focus or expertise for which the Board relies on such director nominee most. The following directors' biographies note each director's relevant experience, qualifications and skills relative to this list as of the date of this proxy statement.

Director Skills and Competencies

	Burgess	Coxe	Drell	Gaither	Huang	Hudson	Jones	McCaffery	Miller	Perry	Seawell	Stevens
Senior Management and Operations	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Industry and Technical			✓		✓		✓					✓
Financial/Financial Community	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Public Company Board	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emerging Technologies and Business Models		✓		✓			✓					✓
Marketing and Brand Management					✓	✓						
Legal				✓						✓		

Our Director Nominees

The biographies below include information, as of the date of this proxy statement, regarding the particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills of each director that led the NCGC and Board to believe that he or she should continue to serve on the Board.



ROBERT K. BURGESS

Independent Consultant

Age: 59

Director Since: 2011

Committees: CC

Robert K. Burgess has served as an independent investor and board member to technology companies since 2005. He was chief executive officer from 1996 to 2005 of Macromedia, Inc., a provider of internet and multimedia software, which was acquired by Adobe Systems Incorporated; he also served from 1996 to 2005 on its board of directors, as chairman of its board of directors from 1998 to 2005 and as executive chairman for his final year. Previously, he held key executive positions from 1984 to 1991 at Silicon Graphics, Inc. (SGI), a graphics and computing company; from 1991 to 1995, served as chief executive officer and a board member of Alias Research, Inc., a publicly traded 3D software company, until its acquisition by SGI; and resumed executive positions at SGI during 1996. Mr. Burgess serves on the board of Adobe and Rogers Communications Inc., a communications and media company, and has served on the boards of several privately-held companies. He was a director of IMRIS Inc., a provider of image guided therapy solutions, until 2013. He holds a BCom degree from McMaster University.

Mr. Burgess brings to the Board senior management and operating experience and expertise in the areas of financial- and risk-management. He has a broad understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a corporate board and provides valuable insight on a range of issues in the technology industry.



TENCH COXE

Managing Director, Sutter Hill Ventures

Age: 59

Director Since: 1993

Committees: CC

Tench Coxe has been a managing director of Sutter Hill Ventures, a venture capital investment firm, since 1989, where he focuses on investments in the IT sector. Prior to joining Sutter Hill Ventures in 1987, he was director of marketing and MIS at Digital Communication Associates. He serves on the board of directors of Mattersight Corp., a customer loyalty software firm, Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc., an institutional money management firm, and several privately held technology companies. Mr. Coxe holds a BA degree in Economics from Dartmouth College and an MBA degree from Harvard Business School.

Mr. Coxe brings to the Board expertise in financial and transactional analysis and provides valuable perspectives on corporate strategy and emerging technology trends. His significant financial community experience gives the Board an understanding of the methods by which companies can increase value for their stockholders.



PERSIS S. DRELL

Provost, Stanford University

Age: 61

Director Since: 2015

Committees: CC

Persis S. Drell has been the Provost of Stanford University since February 2017. A Professor of Materials Science and Engineering and Professor of Physics, Dr. Drell has been on the faculty at Stanford since 2002, and was the Dean of the Stanford School of Engineering from 2014 to 2017. She served as the Director of the U.S. Department of Energy SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory from 2007 to 2012. Dr. Drell is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is a fellow of the American Physical Society. She has been the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and a National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator Award. Dr. Drell holds a Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley and an AB degree in Mathematics and Physics from Wellesley College.

An accomplished researcher and educator, Dr. Drell brings to the Board expert leadership in guiding innovation in science and technology.



JAMES C. GAITHER

Managing Director, Sutter Hill Ventures

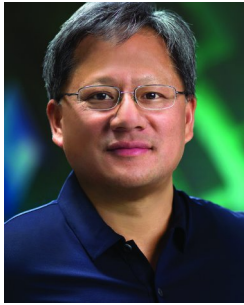
Age: 79

Director Since: 1998

Committees: NCGC

James C. Gaither has been a partner of Sutter Hill Ventures, a venture capital investment firm, since 2000. He was a partner in the law firm Cooley LLP from 1971 to 2000 and senior counsel to the firm from 2000 to 2003. Prior to practicing law, he served as a law clerk to The Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, special assistant to the Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice and staff assistant to U.S. President Lyndon Johnson. Mr. Gaither is a former president of the Board of Trustees at Stanford University, former vice chairman of the board of directors of The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Mr. Gaither holds a BA degree in Economics from Princeton University and a JD degree from Stanford University Law School.

Mr. Gaither brings to the Board expertise in corporate strategy and negotiating complex transactions. He also provides valuable perspectives on the roles and responsibilities of a corporate board, including oversight of a public company's legal and regulatory compliance and engagement with regulatory authorities. His significant financial community experience gives the Board an understanding of the methods by which companies can increase value for their stockholders.



JEN-HSUN HUANG

**President and Chief
Executive Officer, NVIDIA
Corporation**

Age: 54

Director Since: 1993

Committees: None

Jen-Hsun Huang co-founded NVIDIA in 1993 and has since served as president, chief executive officer, and a member of the board of directors. Mr. Huang held a variety of positions from 1985 to 1993 at LSI Logic Corp., a computer chip manufacturer, including leading the business unit responsible for the company's system-on-a-chip strategy. He was a microprocessor designer from 1984 to 1985 at Advanced Micro Devices, Inc., a semiconductor company. Mr. Huang holds a BSEE degree from Oregon State University and an MSEE degree from Stanford University.

Mr. Huang is one of the technology industry's most respected executives, having taken NVIDIA from a startup to a world leader in visual computing. Under his guidance, NVIDIA has compiled a record of consistent innovation and sharp execution, marked by products that have gained strong market share.



DAWN HUDSON

**Chief Marketing Officer,
National Football League**

Age: 59

Director Since: 2013

Committees: CC

Dawn Hudson has served as Chief Marketing Officer for the National Football League since 2014. Previously, she served from 2009 to 2014 as vice chairman of The Parthenon Group, an advisory firm focused on strategy consulting. She was president and chief executive officer of Pepsi-Cola North America, the beverage division of PepsiCo, Inc. for the U.S. and Canada, from 2005 to 2007 and president from 2002, and simultaneously served as chief executive officer of the foodservice division of PepsiCo, Inc. from 2005 to 2007. Previously, she spent 13 years in marketing, advertising and branding strategy, holding leadership positions at major agencies, such as D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles and Omnicom. She currently serves on the boards of directors of The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., an advertising holding company, and Amplify Snack Brands, Inc., a snack food company. She was a director of P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Inc., a restaurant chain, from 2010 until 2012, of Allergan, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, from 2008 until 2014, and of Lowes Companies, Inc., a home improvement retailer, from 2001 until 2015. She holds a BA degree in English from Dartmouth College.

Ms. Hudson brings to the board experience in executive leadership. As a longtime marketing executive, she has valuable expertise and insights in leveraging brands, brand development and consumer behavior. She also has considerable corporate governance experience, gained from more than 10 years of serving on the boards of public companies.



HARVEY C. JONES

Managing Partner, Square Wave Ventures

Age: 64

Director Since: 1993

Committees: CC, NCGC

Harvey C. Jones has been the managing partner of Square Wave Ventures, a private investment firm, since 2004. Mr. Jones has been an entrepreneur, high technology executive and active venture investor for over 30 years. In 1981, he co-founded Daisy Systems Corp., a computer-aided engineering company, ultimately serving as its president and chief executive officer until 1987. Between 1987 and 1998, he led Synopsys, Inc., a major electronic design automation company, serving as its chief executive officer for seven years and then as executive chairman. In 1997, Mr. Jones co-founded Tensilica Inc., a privately held technology IP company that developed and licensed high performance embedded processing cores. He served as chairman of the Tensilica board of directors from inception through its 2013 acquisition by Cadence Design Systems, Inc. In 2014, coincident with his investment in the company, Mr. Jones joined the board of directors of Tintri Inc., a private company that builds data storage solutions for virtual and cloud environments. In 2016, Mr. Jones joined the board of directors of and invested in TempoQuest, a development stage company seeking to develop advanced weather forecasting systems that exploit accelerated GPU technology. He also served as lead director on the board of directors of Wind River Systems, Inc. from 2006 until its sale to Intel Corporation in 2009. Mr. Jones holds a BS degree in Mathematics and Computer Sciences from Georgetown University and an MS degree in Management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Jones brings to the board an executive management background, an understanding of semiconductor technologies and complex system design. He provides valuable insight into innovation strategies, research and development efforts, as well as management and development of our technical employees. His financial expertise qualifies him to serve as an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of SEC rules, and his significant financial community experience gives the Board an understanding of the methods by which companies can increase value for their stockholders.



MICHAEL G. MCCAFFERY

Chairman and Managing Director, Makena Capital Management

Age: 63

Director Since: 2015

Committees: AC

Michael G. McCaffery is the Chairman and a Managing Director of Makena Capital Management, an investment management firm. From 2005 to 2013, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Makena Capital Management. From 2000 to 2006, he was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Stanford Management Company, the university subsidiary charged with managing Stanford University's financial and real estate investments. Prior to Stanford Management Company, Mr. McCaffery was President and Chief Executive Officer of Robertson Stephens and Company, a San Francisco-based investment bank and investment management firm, from 1993 to 2009, and also served as Chairman in 2000. Mr. McCaffery serves on the board of directors, or on the advisory boards, of several privately held companies and non-profits. He was a director of KB Home, a homebuilding company, from 2003 until 2015. Mr. McCaffery is a Trustee of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust. Mr. McCaffery holds a BA degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, a BA Honours degree and an MA degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Merton College, Oxford University, Oxford, England, and an MBA degree from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Mr. McCaffery brings to the Board a broad array of business, investment and real estate experience and recognized expertise in financial matters, as well as a demonstrated commitment to good corporate governance. His financial expertise qualifies him to serve as an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of SEC rules.

**WILLIAM J. MILLER****Independent Consultant****Age:** 71**Director Since:** 1994**Committees:** NCGC

William J. Miller has served as an independent consultant since 1999 and is on the board of directors of Waters Corp., a scientific instrument manufacturing company; and Digimarc Corp., a developer and supplier of secure identification products and digital watermarking technology. Mr. Miller served as a director of Glu Mobile, Inc., a publisher of mobile games, from 2007 to March 2017. He was president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of directors from 1996 to 1999 of Avid Technology, Inc., a provider of digital tools for multimedia. He was chief executive officer and a board director from 1992 to 1995 of Quantum Corp., a mass storage company, where he was chairman for three years. From 1981 to 1992, he held various positions at Control Data Corp., a supplier of computer hardware, software and services, including executive vice president and president, information services. He holds a BA degree in Communications and a JD degree from the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Miller brings to the Board considerable leadership and corporate governance experience and an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a corporate board. His financial expertise qualifies him to serve as an “audit committee financial expert” within the meaning of SEC rules.

**MARK L. PERRY****Independent Consultant****Age:** 61**Director Since:** 2005**Committees:** AC

Mark L. Perry serves on the boards of, and consults for, various companies and non-profit organizations. From 2012 to 2015, Mr. Perry served as an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Third Rock Ventures, a venture capital firm. He served from 2007 to 2011 as president and chief executive officer of Aerovance, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company. He was an executive officer from 1994 to 2004 at Gilead Sciences, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, serving in a variety of capacities, including general counsel, chief financial officer, and executive vice president of operations, responsible for worldwide sales and marketing, legal, manufacturing and facilities; he was also its senior business advisor until 2007. From 1981 to 1994, Mr. Perry was with the law firm Cooley LLP, where he was a partner for seven years. He serves on the boards of directors of Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc. and MyoKardia, Inc., both biopharmaceutical companies. Mr. Perry holds a BA degree in History from the University of California, Berkeley, and a JD degree from the University of California, Davis.

Mr. Perry brings to the Board operating and finance experience gained in a large corporate setting. He has varied experience in legal affairs and corporate governance, and a deep understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a corporate board. His financial expertise qualifies him to serve as an “audit committee financial expert” within the meaning of SEC rules.



A. BROOKE SEAWELL

Venture Partner, New Enterprise Associates

Age: 69

Director Since: 1997

Committees: AC

A. Brooke Seawell has served since 2005 as a venture partner at New Enterprise Associates, and was a partner from 2000 to 2005 at Technology Crossover Ventures. He was executive vice president from 1997 to 1998 at NetDynamics, Inc., an application server software company, which was acquired by Sun Microsystems, Inc. He was senior vice president and chief financial officer from 1991 to 1997 of Synopsys, Inc., an electronic design automation software company. He serves on the board of directors of Tableau Software, Inc., a business intelligence software company, and several privately held companies. Mr. Seawell served on the board of directors of Glu Mobile, Inc., a publisher of mobile games, from 2006 to 2014, and of Informatica Corp., a data integration software company, from 1997 to 2015. Mr. Seawell is a member of the Stanford University Athletic Board and previously served on the Management Board of the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Mr. Seawell holds a BA degree in Economics and an MBA degree in Finance from Stanford University.

Mr. Seawell brings to the Board operational expertise and senior management experience, including knowledge of the complex issues facing public companies, and a deep understanding of accounting principles and financial reporting. His financial expertise qualifies him to serve as an “audit committee financial expert” within the meaning of SEC rules and his significant financial community experience gives the Board an understanding of the methods by which companies can increase value for their stockholders.



MARK A. STEVENS

Managing Partner, S-Cubed Capital

Age: 57

Director Since: 2008
(previously served 1993-2006)

Committees: AC, NCGC

Mark A. Stevens has been the managing partner of S-Cubed Capital, a private family office investment firm, since 2012. He was a managing partner from 1993 to 2011 of Sequoia Capital, a venture capital investment firm, where he had been an associate for the preceding four years. Previously, he held technical sales and marketing positions at Intel Corporation, and was a member of the technical staff at Hughes Aircraft Co. Mr. Stevens serves as a member of the board of directors of Quantenna Communications, Inc., a provider of Wi-Fi solutions, and served from 2006 to 2012 as a member of the board of directors of Alpha and Omega Semiconductor Limited. He is a Trustee of the University of Southern California and a part-time lecturer at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Mr. Stevens holds a BSEE degree, a BA degree in Economics and an MS degree in Computer Engineering from the University of Southern California and an MBA degree from Harvard Business School.

Mr. Stevens brings to the Board a deep understanding of the technology industry, and the drivers of structural change and high-growth opportunities. He provides valuable insight regarding corporate strategy development and the analysis of acquisitions and divestitures. His significant financial community experience gives the Board an understanding of the methods by which companies can increase value for their stockholders.

Information About the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance

Independence of the Members of the Board of Directors

Consistent with the requirements of NASDAQ, our Corporate Governance Policies require our Board to affirmatively determine that a majority of our directors do not have a relationship that would interfere with their exercise of independent judgment in carrying out their responsibilities and meet any other qualification requirements required by the SEC and NASDAQ. After considering all relevant relationships and transactions, the Board determined all members of the Board are “independent” as defined by NASDAQ’s rules and regulations, except for Mr. Huang, our President and CEO. Thus, as of the date of the mailing of this proxy statement, 92% of the members of our Board are independent. The Board also determined that all members of our AC, CC and NCGC are independent under applicable NASDAQ listing standards. In addition, Messrs. McCaffery, Perry and Seawell of the AC are “audit committee financial experts” under SEC rules.

Board Leadership Structure

We believe that all members of our Board should have an equal voice in the affairs and the management of NVIDIA. Consistent with this philosophy, while our Bylaws and Corporate Governance Policies allow for the appointment of a chairperson of the board, we have chosen at this time not to have one. Given that we do not have a chairperson of the board, the Board believes that our stockholders are best served at this time by having an independent Lead Director, who is an integral part of our Board structure and a critical aspect of effective corporate governance. The independent directors consider the role and designation of the Lead Director on an annual basis. Mr. Miller has been our Lead Director since 2009. Mr. Miller brings such skills and experience, as described above, to the role. In addition, Mr. Miller is the chairperson of our NCGC, which affords him increased engagement with Board governance and composition. While the CEO has primary responsibility for preparing the agendas for Board meetings and presiding over the portion of the meetings of the Board where he is present, our Lead Director has significant responsibilities, which are set forth in our Corporate Governance Policies, and include, in part:

- Determining an appropriate schedule of Board meetings, seeking to ensure that the independent members of the Board can perform their duties responsibly while not interfering with the flow of our operations;
- Working with the CEO, and seeking input from all directors and other relevant management, as to the preparation of the agendas for Board meetings;
- Advising the CEO on a regular basis as to the quality, quantity and timeliness of the flow of information requested by the Board from our management with the goal of providing what is necessary for the independent members of the Board to effectively and responsibly perform their duties, and, although our management is responsible for the preparation of materials for the Board, the Lead Director may specifically request the inclusion of certain material; and
- Coordinating, developing the agenda for, and moderating executive sessions of the independent members of the Board, and acting as principal liaison between the independent members of the Board and the CEO on sensitive issues.

As discussed above, except for Mr. Huang, our Board is comprised of independent directors. The active involvement of these independent directors, combined with the qualifications and significant responsibilities of our Lead Director, provide balance on the Board and promote strong, independent oversight of our management and affairs.

Role of the Board in Risk Oversight

The Board is responsible for overseeing risk management at NVIDIA. The Board exercises direct oversight of strategic risks to NVIDIA and other risk areas not delegated to one of its committees. Our AC has the responsibility to consider and discuss our major financial risk exposures and the steps our management has taken to monitor and control these exposures. The AC also monitors compliance with certain legal and regulatory requirements and oversees the performance of our

internal audit function. Our NCGC monitors the effectiveness of our anonymous tip process and corporate governance guidelines, including whether they are successful in preventing illegal or improper liability-creating conduct. Our CC assesses and monitors whether any of our compensation policies and programs has the potential to encourage excessive risk-taking.

Management periodically reports to the Board or relevant committee, which provides guidance on risk assessment and mitigation. Each committee charged with risk oversight reports up to the Board on those matters.

Corporate Governance Policies of the Board of Directors

The Board has documented our governance practices by adopting Corporate Governance Policies to ensure that the Board will have the necessary authority and practices in place to review and evaluate our business operations as needed and to make decisions that are independent of our management. The Corporate Governance Policies set forth the practices the Board follows with respect to board composition and selection, regular evaluations of the Board and its committees, board meetings and involvement of senior management, chief executive officer performance evaluation, and board committees and compensation. Our Corporate Governance Policies may be viewed under Corporate Governance in the Investor Relations section of our website at www.nvidia.com.

Executive Sessions of the Board

As required under NASDAQ's listing standards, our independent directors have in the past met, and will continue to meet, regularly in scheduled executive sessions at which only independent directors are present. In Fiscal 2017, our independent directors met in executive session at all of the four regularly scheduled Board meetings.

In addition, independent directors have in the past met, and will continue to meet, regularly in scheduled executive sessions with our CEO. In Fiscal 2017, our independent directors met in executive session with the CEO at all of the four regularly scheduled Board meetings.

Director Attendance at Annual Meeting

We do not have a formal policy regarding attendance by members of the Board at our annual meetings. We generally schedule a Board meeting in conjunction with our annual meeting and expect that all of our directors will attend each annual meeting, absent a valid reason. Ten of our twelve Board members attended our 2016 Meeting.

Board Self-Assessments

In Fiscal 2017, the NCGC oversaw an evaluation process, conducted at least annually, whereby outside corporate counsel for NVIDIA interviewed each director to obtain his or her evaluation of the Board as a whole, and of the committees on which he or she serves. The interviews solicited ideas from the directors about, among other things, improving quality of Board and/or committee oversight effectiveness regarding strategic direction, financial and audit matters, executive compensation and other key matters. The interviews also focused on Board process and identifying specific issues which should be discussed in the future. After these evaluations were complete, our outside corporate counsel summarized the results, reviewed with our Lead Director and then submitted the summary for discussion by the NCGC. Action plans were developed by the NCGC and recommended for discussion and approval by the full Board.

In response to the evaluations conducted in Fiscal 2017, our Board implemented a quarterly self-assessment process to supplement its continuing annual self-assessment process. The quarterly self-assessment occurs at the end of each Board meeting during executive session with the CEO and outside legal counsel. During this quarterly self-assessment the Board discusses Board agenda and process as well as other Board matters with the goal of implementing any improvements immediately for future meetings.

Director Orientation and Continuing Education

The NCGC and our General Counsel are responsible for director orientation programs and for director continuing education programs to assist directors in maintaining the skills and knowledge necessary or appropriate for the performance of their responsibilities. Orientation programs are designed to familiarize new directors with our businesses, strategies, and policies and to assist new directors in developing the skills and knowledge required for their service on the Board. Continuing education programs for directors may include a combination of internally developed materials and presentations, programs presented by third parties, and financial and administrative support for attendance at qualifying academic or other independent programs.

Director Stock Ownership Guidelines

The Board believes that directors should hold a significant equity interest in NVIDIA. Our Corporate Governance Policies require each non-employee director to hold a number of shares of our common stock with a value equal to six times the annual cash retainer for Board service during the period in which he or she serves as a director (or six times the base salary, in the case of the CEO). The shares may include vested deferred stock and shares held in trust and by immediate family members. Non-employee directors have until five years after their Board appointment to reach the ownership threshold. The stock ownership guidelines are intended to further align director interests with stockholder interests.

Each of our non-employee directors and Mr. Huang currently meets or exceeds the stock ownership requirements. Furthermore, due to the level of their respective stock ownership, during Fiscal 2017, each of Messrs. Cox, Huang and Stevens were required to make a filing with the Federal Trade Commission under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 and pay a filing fee of \$45,000 (or \$280,000 in the case of Mr. Huang) as required. Consistent with our approach to compensation and perks, each of these individuals chose to pay this filing fee themselves.

Hedging and Pledging Policy

Our directors and executive officers may not hedge their ownership of NVIDIA stock, including trading in options, puts, calls, or other derivative instruments related to NVIDIA stock or debt. Directors and executive officers may not purchase NVIDIA stock on margin, borrow against NVIDIA stock held in a margin account, or pledge NVIDIA stock as collateral for a loan.

Outside Advisors

The Board and each of its principal committees may retain outside advisors and consultants of their choosing at our expense. The Board need not obtain management's consent to retain outside advisors. In addition, the principal committees need not obtain either the Board's or management's consent to retain outside advisors.

Code of Conduct

We have a Code of Conduct that applies to our executive officers, directors and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer. We also have a Financial Team Code of Conduct that applies to our executive officers, directors and members of our finance, accounting and treasury departments. The Code of Conduct and the Financial Team Code of Conduct are available under Corporate Governance in the Investor Relations section of our website at www.nvidia.com. If we make any amendments to the Code of Conduct or the Financial Team Code of Conduct or grant any waiver from a provision of either code to any executive officer or director, we will promptly disclose the nature of the amendment or waiver on our website.

We expect our directors, executives and employees to conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity, ethics and honesty. Our credibility and reputation depend upon the good judgment, ethical standards and personal integrity of each director, executive and employee. In order to better protect us and our stockholders, we regularly review our Code of Conduct and related policies to ensure that they provide clear guidance to our directors, executives and employees.

Corporate Hotline

We have established an independent corporate hotline to allow any employee to confidentially and anonymously lodge a complaint about any accounting, internal control, auditing, Code of Conduct or other matter of concern (unless prohibited by local privacy laws for employees located in the European Union).

Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders who wish to communicate with the Board regarding nominations of directors or other matters may do so by sending written communications addressed to Timothy S. Teter, our Secretary, at NVIDIA Corporation, 2701 San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara, California 95050. All stockholder communications we receive that are addressed to the Board will be compiled by our Secretary. If no particular director is named, letters will be forwarded, depending on the subject matter, to the chairperson of the AC, CC or NCGC. Matters put forth by our stockholders will be reviewed by the NCGC, which will determine whether these matters should be presented to the Board. The NCGC will give serious consideration to all such matters and will make its determination in accordance with its charter and applicable laws.

Nomination of Directors

The NCGC identifies, reviews and evaluates candidates to serve as directors and recommends candidates for election to the Board. The NCGC may engage a professional search firm to identify and assist the NCGC in identifying, evaluating and conducting due diligence on potential director nominees. The NCGC conducts any appropriate and necessary inquiries into the backgrounds and qualifications of possible candidates after considering the function and needs of the Board. The NCGC meets to discuss and consider the candidates' qualifications and then selects a nominee for recommendation to the Board. For an explanation of the factors the NCGC considers when evaluating candidates and the Board as a whole, please see *Director Qualifications* above.

The NCGC evaluates candidates proposed by stockholders using the same criteria as it uses for other candidates. Stockholders seeking to recommend a prospective nominee should follow the instructions under *Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors* above. Stockholder submissions must include the full name of the proposed nominee, a description of the proposed nominee's business experience for at least the previous five years, complete biographical information, a description of the proposed nominee's qualifications as a director and a representation that the nominating stockholder is a beneficial or record owner of our stock. Any such submission must be accompanied by the written consent of the proposed nominee to be named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected.

In addition, in November 2016, our Board voluntarily adopted proxy access by amending our Bylaws. As a result, our Bylaws provide that under certain circumstances, information regarding a director candidate or candidates nominated by a stockholder or group of stockholders will be included in our proxy statement. Information will be included regarding the greater of two candidates or 20% of the Board, if nominated by a stockholder (or group of up to 20 stockholders) owning at least 3% of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock, continuously for at least three years. The stockholder or group must provide timely written notice of such nomination and the stockholder(s) and nominee must satisfy the other requirements specified in our Bylaws.

Stockholders are advised to review our Bylaws and Corporate Governance Policies, which contain the requirements for director nominations. The NCGC did not receive any stockholder nominations during Fiscal 2017.

Majority Vote Standard

Our Bylaws provide that in a non-contested election if the votes cast **FOR** an incumbent director do not exceed the number of **WITHHOLD** votes, such incumbent director shall promptly tender his or her resignation to the Board. The NCGC will then review the circumstances surrounding the **WITHHOLD** vote and promptly make a recommendation to the Board on whether to accept or reject the resignation or whether other action should be taken. The Board will act on the

NCGC's recommendation and publicly disclose its decision and the rationale behind it within 90 days from the date of certification of the stockholder vote.

In a contested election, which is an election in which the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected, our directors will be elected by a plurality of the shares represented at any such meeting or by proxy and entitled to vote on the election of directors at that meeting. Under this provision, the directors receiving the greatest number of **FOR** votes will be elected.

Board Meeting Information

The Board met five times during Fiscal 2017, and held a two day meeting, during which the Board discussed the strategic direction of NVIDIA, explored and discussed new business opportunities and the product roadmap, and addressed challenges facing NVIDIA. We expect each Board member to attend each meeting of the Board and the committees on which he or she serves. Each Board member attended 75% or more of the meetings of the Board and of each committee on which he or she served.

Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board has three standing committees: an AC, a CC and a NCGC. Each of these committees operates under a written charter, which may be viewed under Corporate Governance in the Investor Relations section of our website at www.nvidia.com.

The composition and various functions of our committees are set forth below. Committee assignments are determined based on background and the expertise which individual directors can bring to a committee. Our Board believes that rotations among committees are a good corporate governance practice which allows all members to be more fully informed regarding the full scope of the Board and our activities. In February 2017, upon the recommendations of the NCGC, the Board examined the composition and chairmanship of the Board's committees and approved certain rotations, effective immediately following the 2017 Meeting as set forth below:

Director	AC		CC		NCGC	
	Before 2017 Meeting	After 2017 Meeting	Before 2017 Meeting	After 2017 Meeting	Before 2017 Meeting	After 2017 Meeting
Robert K. Burgess			Chair	Chair		
Tench Coxe			Member	Member		
Persis S. Drell			Member	Member		
James C. Gaither					Member	Member
Jen-Hsun Huang*						
Dawn Hudson		Member	Member			
Harvey C. Jones			Member	Member	Member	Member
Michael G. McCaffery	Member	Member				
William J. Miller					Chair	Chair
Mark L. Perry	Chair	Chair				
A. Brooke Seawell	Member			Member		
Mark A. Stevens	Member	Member			Member	Member

* Mr. Huang does not serve on any committees.

	AC	CC	NCGC
Fiscal 2017 Members	Mark L. Perry (<i>Chair</i>) Michael G. McCaffery A. Brooke Seawell Mark A. Stevens	Robert K. Burgess (<i>Chair</i>) Tench Coxe Persis S. Drell Dawn Hudson Harvey C. Jones	William J. Miller (<i>Chair</i>) James C. Gaither Harvey C. Jones Mark A. Stevens
Meetings in Fiscal 2017	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversees our corporate accounting and financial reporting process; • Oversees our internal audit function; • Determines and approves the engagement, retention and termination of the independent registered public accounting firm, or any new independent registered public accounting firm; • Evaluates the performance of and assesses the qualifications of our independent registered public accounting firm; • Reviews and approves the retention of the independent registered public accounting firm to perform any proposed permissible non-audit services; • Confers with management and our independent registered public accounting firm regarding the results of the annual audit, the results of our quarterly financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting; • Reviews the financial statements to be included in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q and annual report on Form 10-K; • Reviews earnings press releases, as well as the substance of financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts on our quarterly earnings calls; • Prepares the report required to be included by the SEC rules in our annual proxy statement or annual report on Form 10-K; and • Establishes procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints we receive regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and the confidential and anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews and approves our overall compensation strategy and policies; • Reviews and recommends to the Board the compensation of our Board members; • Reviews and approves the compensation and other terms of employment of Mr. Huang and other executive officers; • Reviews and approves corporate performance goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of our executive officers and other senior management; • Reviews and approves the disclosure contained in CD&A and considers whether to recommend that it be included in the proxy statement and Form 10-K; • Administers our stock option and purchase plans, variable compensation plans and other similar programs; and • Assesses and monitors whether any of our compensation policies and programs has the potential to encourage excessive risk-taking. 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies, reviews and evaluates candidates to serve as directors; • Recommends candidates for election to our Board; • Makes recommendations to the Board regarding committee membership and chairs; • Assesses the performance of the Board and its committees; • Reviews and assesses our corporate governance principles and practices; • Monitors changes in corporate governance practices and rules and regulations; • Approves related party transactions; • Establishes procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints we receive regarding violations of our Code of Conduct; and • Monitors the effectiveness of our anonymous tip process and corporate governance guidelines.

Director Compensation

In reviewing our non-employee directors' compensation for the year starting on the date of our 2016 Meeting, the CC consulted with Exequity and reviewed data from our Fiscal 2016 peer group. The CC subsequently recommended, and the Board approved, a mix of cash and equity awards for our non-employee directors with an approximate annual value of \$300,000. This value approximates the average total annual compensation, both cash and equity, paid by technology peer companies of similar size and market capitalization to their non-employee directors. We refer to this as the 2016 Program. We do not pay any additional fees for serving as a chairperson or member of Board committees or for meeting attendance, and directors who are also employees do not receive any fees or equity compensation for service on the Board.

Cash Compensation

The cash portion of the annual retainer, representing \$75,000 on an annualized basis, was paid quarterly.

Equity Compensation

2016 Program

The value of the equity award, in the form of RSUs, was \$225,000. The number of shares subject to each RSU equaled this value, divided by the average closing market price over the 60 calendar days ending the business day before the 2016 Meeting to smooth for any daily volatility. The RSUs were granted on the first trading day following the date of our 2016 Meeting.

To correlate the vesting of the RSUs to the non-employee directors' service on the Board and its committees over the following year, the RSUs vested as to 50% on November 16, 2016 (the third Wednesday in November 2016) and will vest as to the remaining 50% on May 17, 2017 (the third Wednesday in May 2017). If a non-employee director's service terminates due to death, his or her RSU grants will immediately fully vest. Non-employee directors do not receive dividend equivalents on unvested RSUs.

Deferral of Settlement

Non-employee directors could elect to defer settlement of RSUs upon vesting, to be issued on the earliest of (a) the date of the director's "separation from service" (as defined under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(h)), unless a six month delay would be required under such Section, (b) the date of a change in control of NVIDIA that also would constitute a "change in control event" (as defined under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5)), and (c) the third Wednesday in March of the year elected by the director, which year must have been no earlier than 2018. Messrs. Burgess, Gaither, Jones, McCaffery and Miller, and Ms. Hudson elected to defer settlement of the RSUs granted during Fiscal 2017.

Other Compensation/Benefits

Our non-employee directors are reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending Board and committee meetings, as well as in attending continuing educational programs pursuant to our Corporate Governance Policies. However, we do not offer change-in-control benefits to our directors, except for the change-in-control vesting acceleration provisions in our equity plans that are applicable to all holders of stock awards under such plans in the event that an acquiring company does not assume or substitute for such outstanding stock awards.

Fiscal 2017 Compensation

The following table provides information regarding Fiscal 2017 compensation for our non-employee directors:

Director Compensation for Fiscal 2017

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Total (\$)
Robert K. Burgess	75,000	267,718	342,718
Tench Coxe	75,000	267,718	342,718
Persis S. Drell	75,000	267,718	342,718
James C. Gaither	75,000	267,718	342,718
Dawn Hudson	75,000	267,718	342,718
Harvey C. Jones	75,000	267,718	342,718
Michael G. McCaffery	75,000	267,718	342,718
William J. Miller	75,000	267,718	342,718
Mark L. Perry	75,000	267,718	342,718
A. Brooke Seawell	75,000	267,718	342,718
Mark A. Stevens	75,000	267,718	342,718

⁽¹⁾ On May 19, 2016, each non-employee director received his or her 2016 Program RSU grant for 6,213 shares. Amounts shown in this column do not reflect dollar amounts actually received by the director. Instead, these amounts reflect the aggregate full grant date fair value calculated in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, or FASB ASC Topic 718, for awards granted during Fiscal 2017. The assumptions used in the calculation of values of the awards are set forth under Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements titled “Stock-Based Compensation” in our Form 10-K. The grant date fair value per share for these awards as determined under FASB ASC Topic 718 was \$43.09.

The following table provides information regarding the aggregate number of RSUs and stock options held by each of our non-employee directors as of January 29, 2017:

Name	RSUs	Stock Options	Name	RSUs	Stock Options
Robert K. Burgess	16,496	66,041	Michael G. McCaffery	27,152	—
Tench Coxe	3,107	—	William J. Miller	28,704	167,820
Persis S. Drell	24,046	—	Mark L. Perry	3,107	—
James C. Gaither	16,496	47,269	A. Brooke Seawell	3,107	132,820
Dawn Hudson	23,706	105,177	Mark A. Stevens	3,107	120,942
Harvey C. Jones	16,496	—			

The following aggregate number of RSUs for which settlement was previously deferred were ultimately issued in Fiscal 2017: 2,361 RSUs for Dr. Drell, 12,208 RSUs for Mr. Gaither, 12,208 RSUs for Mr. Jones, and 2,361 RSUs for Mr. McCaffery.

Review of Transactions with Related Persons

It is our policy that all employees, officers and directors must avoid any activity that is in conflict with, or has the appearance of conflicting with, our interests. This policy is included in our Code of Conduct and our Financial Team Code of Conduct. We conduct a review of all related party transactions for potential conflict of interest situations on an ongoing basis and all transactions involving executive officers or directors must be approved by the NCGC or another independent body of the Board. Except as discussed below, we did not conduct any transactions with related persons in Fiscal 2017 that would require disclosure in this proxy statement or approval by the NCGC.

Transactions with Related Persons

We have entered into indemnity agreements with our executive officers and directors which provide, among other things, that we will indemnify such executive officer or director, under the circumstances and to the extent provided for therein, for expenses, damages, judgments, fines and settlements he or she may be required to pay in actions or proceedings which he or she is or may be made a party by reason of his or her position as a director, executive officer or other agent of NVIDIA, and otherwise to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law and our Bylaws. We intend to execute similar agreements with our future executive officers and directors.

See the section below titled *Employment, Severance and Change-in-Control Arrangements* for a description of the terms of the 2007 Plan, related to a change-in-control of NVIDIA.

During Fiscal 2017, we have granted RSUs to our non-employee directors, and RSUs and PSUs to our executive officers. See the section above titled *Director Compensation* and the section below titled *Executive Compensation*.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table sets forth information as of January 29, 2017 as to shares of our common stock beneficially owned by each of our NEOs, each of our directors, all of our directors and executive officers as a group, and all known by us to be beneficial owners of 5% or more of our common stock. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the SEC's rules and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities as well as shares of common stock subject to options exercisable, or PSUs or RSUs that will vest, within 60 days of January 29, 2017.

This table is based upon information provided to us by our executive officers and directors. Information about principal stockholders, other than percentages of beneficial ownership, is based solely on Schedules 13G/A filed with the SEC. Unless otherwise indicated and subject to community property laws where applicable, we believe that each of the stockholders named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares indicated as beneficially owned. Percentages are based on 584,907,117 shares of our common stock outstanding as of January 29, 2017, adjusted as required by SEC rules.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares Owned	Shares Issuable Within 60 Days	Total Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent
NEOs:				
Jen-Hsun Huang	21,481,120 ⁽¹⁾	2,090,460	23,571,580	4.02%
Colette M. Kress	22,999	108,812	131,811	*
Ajay K. Puri	180,246	306,748	486,994	*
David M. Shannon	269,048 ⁽²⁾	84,363	353,411	*
Debora Shoquist	52,027	102,925	154,952	*
Directors, not including Mr. Huang:				
Robert K. Burgess	45,796	76,324	122,120	*
Tench Coxe	1,459,839 ⁽³⁾	—	1,459,839	*
Persis S. Drell	3,106	10,283	13,389	*
James C. Gaither	185,074 ⁽⁴⁾	57,552	242,626	*
Dawn Hudson	6,104	105,177	111,281	*
Harvey C. Jones	834,698 ⁽⁵⁾	10,283	844,981	*
Michael G. McCaffery	2,361	10,283	12,644	*
William J. Miller	290,000 ⁽⁶⁾	167,820	457,820	*
Mark L. Perry	109,185 ⁽⁷⁾	—	109,185	*
A. Brooke Seawell	130,000 ⁽⁸⁾	132,820	262,820	*
Mark A. Stevens	1,936,819 ⁽⁹⁾	120,942	2,057,761	*
Directors and executive officers as a group (17 persons)	27,008,422 ⁽¹⁰⁾	3,384,792	30,393,214	5.17%
5% Stockholders:				
FMR LLC	69,928,236 ⁽¹¹⁾	—	69,928,236	11.96%
The Vanguard Group, Inc.	34,983,002 ⁽¹²⁾	—	34,983,002	5.98%
BlackRock, Inc.	33,570,738 ⁽¹³⁾	—	33,570,738	5.74%

* Represents less than 1% of the outstanding shares of our common stock.

- (1) Includes (a) 15,945,917 shares of common stock held by Jen-Hsun Huang and Lori Huang, as co-trustees of the Jen-Hsun and Lori Huang Living Trust, u/a/d May 1, 1995, or the Huang Trust; (b) 1,237,239 shares of common stock held by J. and L. Huang Investments, L.P., of which the Huang Trust is the general partner; (c) 557,000 shares of common stock held by The Huang 2012 Irrevocable Trust, of which Mr. Huang and his wife are co-trustees; (d) 769,705 shares of common stock held by The Jen-Hsun Huang 2016 Annuity Trust I, of which Mr. Huang is trustee; (e) 769,705 shares of common stock held by The Jen-Hsun Huang 2016 Annuity Trust II, of which Mr. Huang is trustee; (f) 769,705 shares of common stock held by The Lori Lynn Huang 2016 Annuity Trust I, of which Mr. Huang's wife is trustee; and (g) 769,705 shares of common stock held by The Lori Lynn Huang 2016 Annuity Trust II, of which Mr. Huang's wife is trustee. By virtue of their status as co-trustees of the Huang Trust and The Huang 2012 Irrevocable Trust, each of Mr. Huang and his wife may be deemed to have shared beneficial ownership of the shares referenced in (a) - (c), and to have shared power to vote or to direct the vote or to dispose of or direct the disposition of such shares.
- (2) Includes (a) 30,800 shares of common stock held by the Shannon Revocable Trust, of which Mr. Shannon and his wife are co-trustees and of which Mr. Shannon exercises shared voting and investment power; (b) 40,000 shares of common stock held by The David M. Shannon 2016 Annuity Trust dtd 10/12/16, of which Mr. Shannon is trustee; and (c) 40,000 shares of common stock held by The Maureen M. Shannon 2016 Annuity Trust dtd 10/12/16, of which Mr. Shannon's wife is trustee.
- (3) Includes (a) 171,312 shares of common stock held in a retirement trust over which Mr. Coxе exercises sole voting and investment power, and (b) 1,285,421 shares of common stock held in the Coxе Revocable Trust, of which Mr. Coxе and his wife are co-trustees and of which Mr. Coxе exercises shared voting and investment power. Mr. Coxе disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares held in the retirement trust and by the Coxе Revocable Trust, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) Includes 175,266 shares of common stock held by the James C. Gaither Revocable Trust U/A/D 9/28/2000, of which Mr. Gaither is the trustee and of which Mr. Gaither exercises sole voting and investment power.
- (5) Includes (a) 756,970 shares of common stock held in the H.C. Jones Living Trust, of which Mr. Jones is trustee and of which Mr. Jones exercises sole voting and investment power, and (b) (i) 21,840 shares of common stock owned by the Gregory C. Jones Trust, of which Mr. Jones is co-trustee and of which Mr. Jones exercises shared voting and investment power, (ii) 21,840 shares of common stock owned by the Carolyn E. Jones Trust, of which Mr. Jones is a co-trustee and of which Mr. Jones exercises shared voting and investment power, and (iii) 21,840 shares of common stock owned by the Harvey C. Jones III Trust, of which Mr. Jones is a co-trustee and of which Mr. Jones exercises shared voting and investment power, or collectively, the Jones Children Trusts. Mr. Jones disclaims beneficial ownership of the 65,520 shares of common stock held by the Jones Children Trusts, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (6) Represents shares of common stock held by the Millbor Family Trust, of which Mr. Miller and his wife are co-trustees and of which Mr. Miller exercises shared voting and investment power.
- (7) Includes 50,000 shares of common stock held by The Perry & Pena Family Trust, of which Mr. Perry and his wife are co-trustees and of which Mr. Perry exercises shared voting and investment power.
- (8) Represents shares of common stock held by the Rosemary & A. Brooke Seawell Revocable Trust U/A dated 1/20/2009, of which Mr. Seawell and his wife are co-trustees and of which Mr. Seawell exercises shared voting and investment power.
- (9) Includes 1,904,602 shares of common stock held by the 3rd Millennium Trust, of which Mr. Stevens and his wife are co-trustees and of which Mr. Stevens exercises shared voting and investment power.
- (10) Includes shares owned by all directors and executive officers.
- (11) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A, dated February 13, 2017, filed with the SEC on February 14, 2017 by FMR LLC, or FMR, reporting its beneficial ownership as of December 30, 2016. The Schedule 13G/A reports that FMR has sole voting power with respect to 14,598,748 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 69,928,236 shares. FMR is located at 245 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210.
- (12) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A, dated February 9, 2017, filed with the SEC on February 10, 2017 by The Vanguard Group, Inc., or Vanguard, reporting its beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2016. The Schedule 13G/A reports that Vanguard has sole voting power with respect to 837,592 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 34,054,895 shares. Vanguard is located at 100 Vanguard Boulevard, Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355.
- (13) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A, dated January 25, 2017, filed with the SEC on January 25, 2017 by BlackRock, Inc., or BlackRock, reporting its beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2016. The Schedule 13G/A reports that BlackRock has sole voting power with respect to 29,046,901 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 33,570,783 shares. BlackRock is located at 55 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10055.

Proposal 2—Approval of Executive Compensation

What am I voting on? A non-binding vote, known as “say-on-pay,” to approve our Fiscal 2017 NEO compensation.

Vote recommendation: **FOR** the approval of our Fiscal 2017 NEO compensation.

Vote required: A majority of the shares present or represented by proxy.

Effect of abstentions: Same as a vote AGAINST.

Effect of broker non-votes: None.

In accordance with Section 14A of the Exchange Act, we are asking our stockholders to vote on an advisory basis, commonly referred to as “say-on-pay”, to approve the compensation paid to our NEOs as disclosed in the CD&A, the compensation tables and the related narrative disclosure contained in this proxy statement. In response to our stockholders’ preference, our Board has adopted a policy of providing for annual “say-on-pay” votes. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our NEOs and the philosophy, policies and practices described in this proxy statement.

This advisory proposal is not binding on the Board or us. Nevertheless, the views expressed by the stockholders, whether through this vote or otherwise, are important to management and the Board and, accordingly, the Board and the CC intend to consider the results of this vote in making determinations in the future regarding NEO compensation arrangements.

Recommendation of the Board

The Board recommends that our stockholders adopt the following resolution:

“**RESOLVED**, that the compensation paid to the Company’s named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion is hereby **APPROVED**.”

Executive Compensation

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

This section describes the Fiscal 2017 executive compensation for our NEOs. Our CC, with input from its independent compensation consultant and management, oversees our NEO compensation program and determines pay for our NEOs. Our Fiscal 2017 NEOs were:

Jen-Hsun Huang	President and Chief Executive Officer
Colette M. Kress	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Ajay K. Puri	Executive Vice President, Worldwide Field Operations
David M. Shannon	Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary*
Debora Shoquist	Executive Vice President, Operations

** Mr. Shannon served in this role until the end of Fiscal 2017. As of the beginning of Fiscal 2018, Mr. Shannon continues to lead human resources and is no longer an executive officer.*

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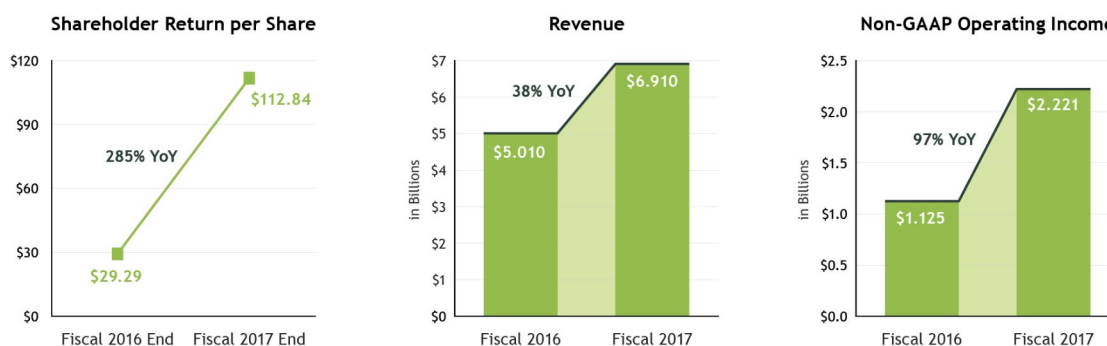
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executive Compensation Goals

Consistent with our goal of attracting, motivating and retaining a high-caliber executive team, our executive compensation program is designed to pay for performance. We utilize compensation elements that meaningfully align our NEOs' interests with those of our stockholders to create long-term value. As such, our NEO pay is heavily weighted toward "at-risk," performance-based compensation, in the form of equity awards and variable cash that is only earned if we achieve multiple corporate financial metrics. In Fiscal 2017, "at-risk" pay for our CEO and other NEOs constituted 91% and 77%, respectively, of their total target pay.

Fiscal 2017 Financial Highlights

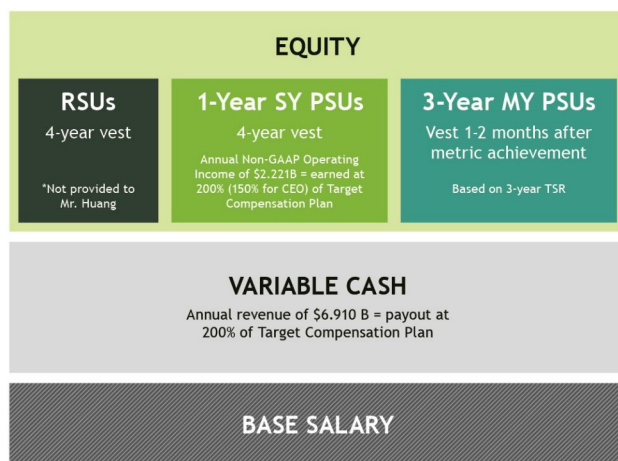


Please see *Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures* in this *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* for a reconciliation between the non-GAAP measures and GAAP results.

Say-on-Pay Feedback

Our Fiscal 2016 executive compensation program received over 97% "say-on-pay" approval from our stockholders. After careful consideration of the results of this advisory vote and the feedback we received during our annual stockholder outreach efforts, our CC concluded that our program continues to align executive pay with stockholder interests. Accordingly, the CC determined not to make significant changes to our Fiscal 2017 executive pay program and to continue to evaluate and refine our program to strengthen the link between our corporate performance and our NEO pay, as further described under "The Evolution of Our Executive Pay Program".

Fiscal 2017 Executive Compensation Program



Fiscal 2017 NEO target equity values increased by 20-26% from Fiscal 2016 to further strengthen the link between NEO target compensation and corporate financial and operating performance, with the exception of Mr. Shannon, who announced his planned retirement in June 2016 and did not receive a mid-year equity grant.

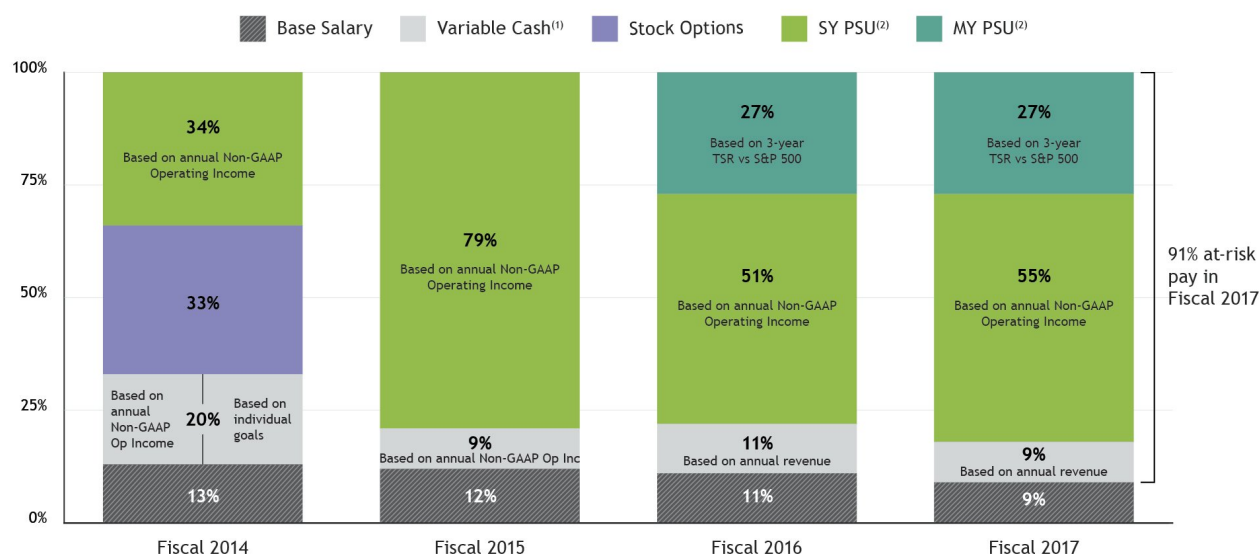
Fiscal 2017 NEO base salaries and target variable cash were unchanged from Fiscal 2016, except Mr. Puri received a 3% base salary increase and 5% target variable cash increase due to his level of responsibility as head of worldwide field operations. Mr. Puri's pay increase was primarily in the form of variable cash to further align his interest with our stockholders.

THE EVOLUTION OF OUR EXECUTIVE PAY PROGRAM

Our CC has evolved our executive compensation program over the last several years in response to stockholder feedback as well as to further strengthen the link between our corporate performance and our NEO pay. Key changes to NEO compensation since 2013 include:

- Transitioning equity compensation to 100% PSUs (comprised of 67% SY PSUs and 33% MY PSUs) for our CEO, and 100% RSUs and PSUs (the latter comprised of 91% SY PSUs and 9% MY PSUs) for our other NEOs, in Fiscal 2017
- Increasing the proportion of “at-risk” compensation to total target pay
- Introducing MY PSUs based on TSR
- Establishing separate financial metrics for each separate type of performance-based compensation

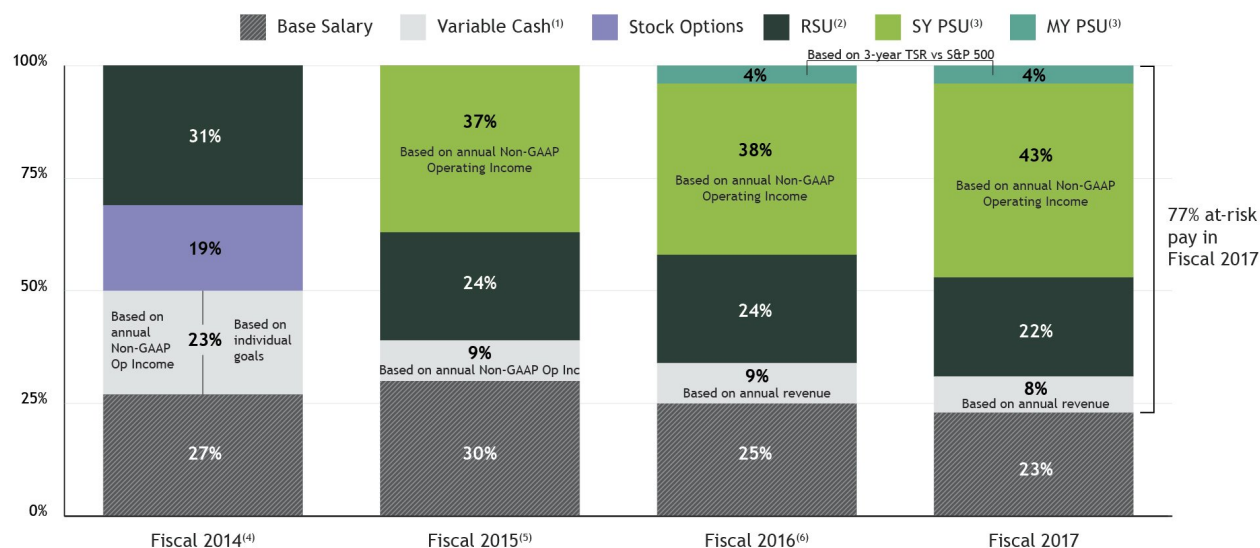
CEO Compensation



⁽¹⁾ Represents the cash payable under the Variable Cash Plan for Target Compensation Plan performance on the applicable goal.

⁽²⁾ Represents the aggregate fair value of the target amount of the equity awards the CC intended to deliver, when approved by the CC, for Target Compensation Plan performance on the annual Non-GAAP Operating Income goal for SY PSUs and on the relative 3-year TSR goal for MY PSUs.

Other NEO Compensation



⁽¹⁾ Represents the cash payable under the Variable Cash Plan for Target Compensation Plan performance on the applicable goal.

⁽²⁾ Represents the aggregate fair value of the target amount of the equity awards the CC intended to deliver, when approved by the CC. Our CC considers RSUs inherently “at-risk” pay because their value is dependent upon our stock price, a financial performance measure.

⁽³⁾ Represents the aggregate fair value of the target amount of the equity awards the CC intended to deliver, when approved by the CC, for Target Compensation Plan performance on the annual Non-GAAP Operating Income goal for SY PSUs and on the relative 3-year TSR goal for MY PSUs.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes compensation for Karen Burns, our then-interim Chief Financial Officer, instead of Ms. Kress, who was appointed Chief Financial Officer partway through Fiscal 2014.

⁽⁵⁾ Excludes a one-time sign-on bonus paid in Fiscal 2014 to Ms. Kress pursuant to her 2013 offer letter, and earned in Fiscal 2015 when Ms. Kress reached her anniversary of employment with us.

⁽⁶⁾ Excludes a one-time anniversary bonus paid in Fiscal 2015 to Ms. Kress pursuant to her 2013 offer letter, and earned in Fiscal 2016 when Ms. Kress reached her second anniversary of employment with us.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION GOALS

The primary goals for our executive compensation program are:

- **Attracting, motivating and retaining a high-caliber executive team to provide leadership for our success in a dynamic, competitive market**—We design our executive compensation program to position NVIDIA competitively among the companies against which we recruit and compete for talent. Our CC considers the total compensation necessary to attract, motivate and retain our NEOs.
- **Paying for performance**—Our NEOs’ compensation is heavily weighted toward “at-risk” compensation in the form of PSUs and variable cash compensation that are only earned upon achievement of pre-determined financial and operating performance metrics.
- **Aligning our NEOs’ interests with those of our stockholders to create long-term value**—Our CC uses cash to reward NEOs for near-term results, and equity to further motivate NEOs to increase and sustain shareholder value in the longer term. Equity compensation aligns the interests of stockholders and NEOs by creating a strong, direct link between stock price appreciation and operational performance (where applicable) and the ultimate value that NEOs realize. Our CC believes that if our NEOs own a significant amount of shares, they will be motivated to maximize longer-term shareholder value instead of short-term gain. Therefore, equity represents a significant portion of the total target value of the annual compensation opportunity for each NEO.

OUR COMPENSATION PRACTICES

Below are key elements of our compensation program, as well as problematic pay practices that we avoid:

What We Do

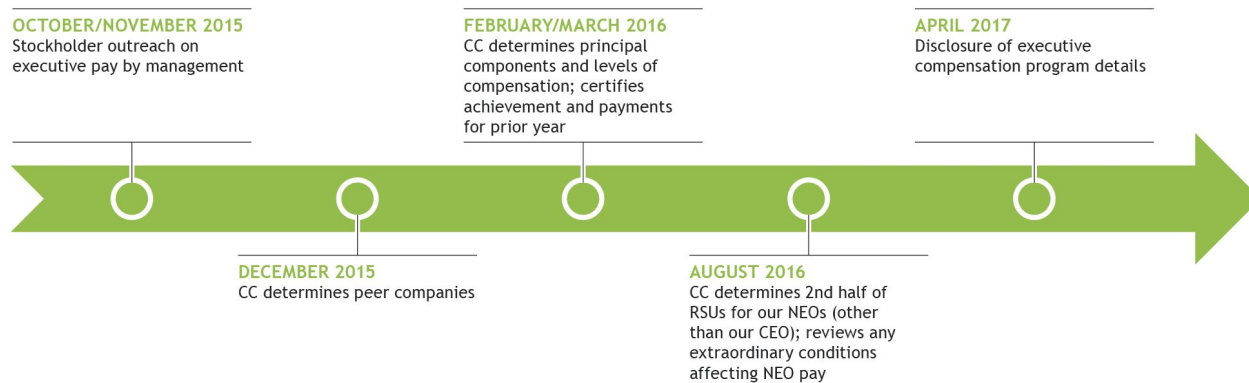
- ✓ Heavily weight our NEO compensation toward “at-risk”, performance-based compensation
- ✓ Impose a 12-month minimum vesting requirement for all NEO equity awards
- ✓ Structure our SY PSUs and RSUs with 4-year vesting (and SY PSUs are additionally subject to an annual performance measure)
- ✓ Structure our MY PSUs with a 3-year performance measure
- ✓ Engage at least annually with our stockholders and corporate governance groups to discuss our executive compensation program and make changes to our pay practices based on their feedback
- ✓ Utilize separate, distinct metrics for the “at-risk” components of our compensation where the amount of the award is subject to achievement of performance criteria
- ✓ Grant a portion of our PSU awards with a multi-year performance metric for all NEOs
- ✓ Structure our executive compensation program to minimize inappropriate risk-taking
- ✓ Cap SY PSU, MY PSU and Variable Cash Plan payouts
- ✓ Select peer companies with which we compete with for executive talent, and that have a similar business and are of similar size as us, and review their pay practices
- ✓ Solicit advice from the CC’s independent compensation consultant
- ✓ Rely on long-standing, consistently-applied practices on the timing of equity grants
- ✓ Have meaningful stock ownership guidelines for NEOs
- ✓ Enforce “no-hedging” and “no-pledging” policies
- ✓ Maintain a “clawback” policy for the recovery of performance-based cash and equity compensation
- ✓ Make internal comparisons among executive officers when determining compensation
- ✓ Have three or more independent non-employee directors serve on the CC

What We Don’t Do

- ✗ Have employment contracts or severance agreements with NEOs providing for specific terms of employment or severance benefits, respectively
- ✗ Provide change-in-control benefits to our executive officers
- ✗ Provide for automatic equity vesting upon a change-in-control except for the provisions in our equity plans that are applicable to all of our employees if an acquiring company does not assume or substitute our outstanding stock awards
- ✗ Offer our NEOs supplemental retirement benefits or perquisites that are not available to all NVIDIA employees
- ✗ Provide tax gross-ups
- ✗ Allow for the repricing of stock options without stockholder approval
- ✗ Use discretion in performance incentive award determination
- ✗ Pay dividends or dividend equivalents on unearned shares

HOW WE DETERMINE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Our CC makes all NEO compensation decisions. Below is the cycle by which our CC manages our executive compensation program.



Our CC solicits the input of our CEO on all other NEO compensation and works with Exequity, the independent compensation consultant that reports directly to our CC and takes direction from our CC chairperson. The roles of the CC, its compensation consultant and management in determining our Fiscal 2017 NEO compensation program are summarized below.

Management (CEO, Chief Financial Officer, Human Resources, Legal)

- Our Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources and Legal departments (along with our Lead Director) conducted annual stockholder outreach efforts
- Gathered peer group compensation data from the Radford Global Technology Survey based on parameters established by the CC
- Developed and recommended to the CC performance goals for incentive plans based on annual financial operating plan, prior year results and market expectations
- Conducted annual analysis and potential risk assessment related to compensation plans and structure and presented to the CC
- Our CEO recommended to the CC the salary, target variable cash and target equity-based compensation to be awarded to our other NEOs

Exequity

- Reviewed and provided recommendations to the CC on the composition of our peer group
- Analyzed the Radford survey data
- Reviewed peer group and Radford data against our CEO's pay
- Conducted an analysis and review of our CEO's compensation and advised our CC regarding his pay components
- Advised the CC on equity grants to non-employee directors
- Reviewed and provided feedback to the CC on our compensation risk analysis

CC

- Deliberated and made decisions regarding our CEO's fiscal year salary, target variable cash and target equity-based compensation, as well as performance-based compensation payouts for the prior fiscal year
- Solicited the input of the CEO in setting compensation for our other NEOs
- Solely responsible for making all final NEO compensation decisions

During Fiscal 2017, our CC continued to use Exequity for its experience working with compensation committees at other technology companies, the familiarity of the senior consultant at Exequity with our compensation structure and the availability of Exequity to attend all regular CC meetings. Our CC analyzed whether the work of Exequity as a compensation consultant in Fiscal 2017 raised any conflict of interest, taking into consideration the following:

- Exequity does not provide any services directly to NVIDIA (although NVIDIA does pay the cost of Exequity's services on behalf of the CC)
- The amount of fees paid to Exequity by NVIDIA as a percentage of Exequity's total revenue
- Exequity's policies and procedures that are designed to prevent conflicts of interest
- Any business or personal relationship of Exequity or its individual compensation advisors with an NEO
- Any business or personal relationship of the individual compensation advisors with any member of our CC
- Any NVIDIA stock owned by Exequity or its individual compensation advisors

After considering these factors, our CC determined that the work of Exequity and its individual compensation advisors did not create any conflict of interest.

Peer Companies and Market Compensation Data

Exequity and our human resources department recommended, and our CC approved, our peer companies for Fiscal 2017, which were companies:

- With which we think we generally compete for executive talent;
- That have an established business, market presence, and complexity similar to us; and
- That are of similar size to us as measured by revenue and market capitalization at roughly 0.5-3.5x NVIDIA.

Our peer group for Fiscal 2017 remained the same as it was for Fiscal 2016, except the changes footnoted below:

Fiscal 2017 Peer Group ⁽¹⁾

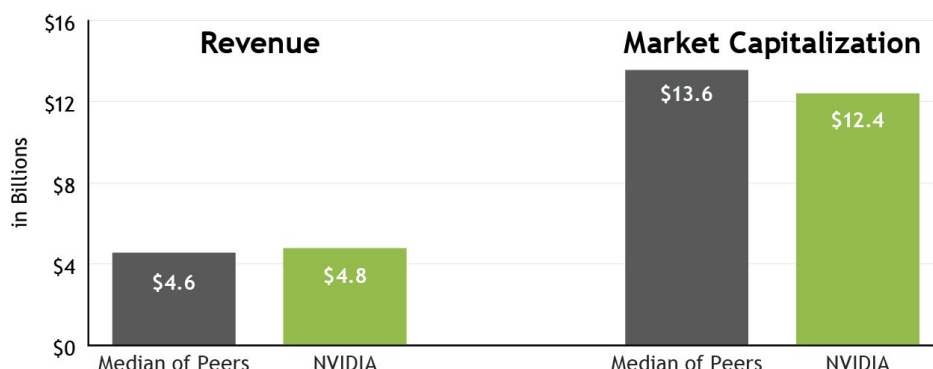
Activision Blizzard	Autodesk, Inc.	Juniper Networks, Inc.	Symantec Corporation
Adobe Systems, Incorporated	Citrix Systems Inc.	Lam Research ⁽²⁾	Tesla Motors, Inc. ⁽³⁾
Advanced Micro Devices	Electronic Arts, Inc.	Micron Technology, Inc.	VMWare ⁽³⁾
Agilent Technologies, Inc.	Intuit, Inc.	Network Appliance, Inc.	Xilinx
Analog Devices, Inc.			

⁽¹⁾ The following companies, previously each a Fiscal 2016 peer, were removed for Fiscal 2017: Altera Corporation (merged with Intel Corporation), Avago Technologies and Broadcom Corporation (merged with each other, resulting in a market capitalization above our targeted range), KLA-Tencor Corporation (planned acquisition by Lam Research), Marvell Technology Group (market capitalization below our targeted range), and SanDisk Corporation (merged with Western Digital).

⁽²⁾ Added because it had announced a planned acquisition of KLA-Tencor, a Fiscal 2016 peer.

⁽³⁾ Added because it has similar market presence and revenue.

As of late Fiscal 2016 when the CC determined our Fiscal 2017 peer group, our forecasted Fiscal 2016 revenue and market capitalization closely approximated our peer group’s median revenue and median market capitalization, respectively:



Our CC reviews market practices and compensation data for our peer companies’ comparably-situated executives when making decisions about compensating our NEOs. Radford survey data is used to obtain compensation data for the companies in our peer group for the three major components of our compensation program and total target compensation. When reviewing and analyzing the amount of each major component and the total compensation opportunity for our NEOs, our CC reviews each component at the 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of our peer companies’ comparably-situated executives for guidance. Our CC reviews these pay levels as reference points in its overall decision making, as indicative of the level of compensation necessary to attract, retain and motivate our NEOs. Our CC sets the actual amount of each element of compensation and the total compensation opportunity of each NEO based in part on its review of peer group data and in part on the factors discussed below and in *Compensation Actions for Fiscal 2017*.

Factors Used in Determining Executive Compensation

When establishing the elements of executive compensation, our CC may take into consideration one or more of the following factors. The relative weight, if any, given to each of the factors below varies with each individual NEO and with respect to each element of compensation at the sole discretion of our CC.

- ✓ The need to attract new talent to our executive team and retain existing talent in a highly competitive industry
- ✓ Feedback from our stockholders regarding our executive pay practices
- ✓ An NEO’s past performance and expected contribution to future results
- ✓ The Company’s performance and forecasted financial results
- ✓ The trends in compensation paid to similarly situated officers at our peer companies
- ✓ The 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of compensation paid to similarly situated executives at our peer companies based on the data gathered from the Radford Global Technology Survey
- ✓ Internal pay equity—an NEO’s responsibilities, the scope of each NEO’s position and the complexity of the department or function the NEO manages, relative to the NEO’s internal peers, compared to similarly situated executives
- ✓ The need to motivate NEOs to address particular business challenges that are unique to any given year
- ✓ A review of an NEO’s current total compensation
- ✓ The CEO’s recommendations (other than for himself), because of his direct knowledge of the results delivered and leadership demonstrated by each NEO
- ✓ The independent judgment of the members of our CC
- ✓ The philosophy that the total compensation opportunity and the percentage of total compensation “at-risk” should increase with the level of responsibility
- ✓ The total compensation cost and stockholder dilution from executive compensation actions, in order to help us maintain a responsible cost structure for our compensation programs*

* For a discussion of stock-based compensation cost, see Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements titled “Stock-Based Compensation” in our Form 10-K.

FISCAL 2017 COMPONENTS OF PAY

The primary elements of NVIDIA's Fiscal 2017 executive compensation program are summarized below:

	“Fixed” Compensation	“At-Risk” Compensation			
	Base Salary	Variable Cash	SY PSUs	MY PSUs	RSUs ⁽¹⁾
Form	Cash	Cash	Equity	Equity	Equity
Who Receives	All NEOs	All NEOs	All NEOs	All NEOs	All NEOs except the CEO
When Granted or Determined	Annually in Fiscal Q1	Annually in Fiscal Q1	On 3rd Wednesday in March	On 3rd Wednesday in March	On 3rd Wednesday in March and 6th business day of September ⁽²⁾
When Paid or Earned	Paid retroactively to start of fiscal year, via biweekly payroll	Earned after fiscal year end, paid the following April, if performance threshold achieved	Shares eligible to vest determined after fiscal year end based on performance metric achievement	Shares eligible to vest determined after 3rd fiscal year end based on performance metric achievement	On each vesting date, subject to the NEO's continued service on each such date
Performance Measure	N/A	Revenue (determines cash payout)	Non-GAAP Operating Income (determines number of shares eligible to vest)	TSR relative to the S&P 500 (determines number of shares eligible to vest)	N/A
Performance Period	N/A	1 year	1 year	3 years	N/A
Vesting	N/A	N/A	If performance threshold achieved, 25% on approximately the 1-year anniversary of the date of grant; 12.5% semi-annually thereafter	If performance threshold achieved, 100% on approximately the 3-year anniversary of the date of grant	For March 2016 awards, 25% on approximately the 1-year anniversary of the date of grant; 12.5% semi-annually thereafter For September 2016 awards, 25% on approximately the 1-year anniversary of the date of grant; 6.25% quarterly thereafter ⁽³⁾
Timeframe Emphasized	Annual	Annual	Long-term because of 4-year vesting schedule	Long-term because of 3-year performance period	Long-term because of 4-year vesting schedule
Maximum Amount That Can Be Earned	N/A	200% of Variable Compensation Target	200% of Target Compensation Plan SY PSU amount (capped at 150% for the CEO) Ultimate value delivered depends on stock price on date earned shares vest	200% of Target Compensation Plan MY PSU amount (capped at 150% for the CEO) Ultimate value delivered depends on stock price on date earned shares vest	100% of grant Ultimate value delivered depends on stock price on date shares vest

⁽¹⁾ Our CC considers RSUs “at-risk” pay because the realized value depends on our stock price, which is a financial performance measure.

⁽²⁾ Beginning May 2016, NEO equity grants are effective on the 6th business day of March, and, if applicable, on the 6th business day of September.

⁽³⁾ Beginning May 2016, NEO equity grants vest 25% on approximately the 1-year anniversary of the date of grant and 6.25% quarterly thereafter.

In addition to the above key elements of our NEOs' compensation, we maintain medical, vision, dental and accidental death and disability insurance as well as time off and paid holidays for all of our NEOs, on the same basis as our other employees. Our NEOs, as well as our other full-time employees, are eligible to participate in our 2012 ESPP, unless otherwise prohibited by the rules of the Internal Revenue Service, and our 401(k) plan. We have a Company match under our 401(k) plan. In calendar 2016, we matched, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, each participant's salary deferral contributions to the 401(k) plan, up to a maximum of \$2,500, provided the participant was an employee on December 31, 2016. Each of our NEOs received a \$2,500 match in Fiscal 2017 except for Mr. Huang, who did not participate in our 401(k) plan.

The features of our Fiscal 2017 compensation program were intended to align with the following objectives:

Objectives of Fiscal 2017 Compensation Program

- ✓ Demonstrate our commitment to stockholder engagement and consideration by continuing features of our executive compensation program that they support
- ✓ Increase focus on “at-risk” pay, particularly long-term PSUs that only become eligible to vest based on achievement of specific performance goals
- ✓ Motivate our NEOs to achieve maximum results by giving them increased opportunity for reward upon financial, operational and stock price performance achievements
- ✓ Achieve strong alignment of our NEOs’ interests with those of our stockholders with the use of MY PSUs that only become eligible to vest based on our relative multi-year TSR performance against a widely-recognized benchmark
- ✓ Use different performance metrics for variable cash compensation, SY PSUs and MY PSUs to reward our NEOs separately for each performance achievement goal
- ✓ Maintain pay practices competitive with our peers by granting PSUs and RSUs, which helps us manage dilution and retain our NEOs
- ✓ Provide effective retention incentive award levels by granting equity to our NEOs in the form of RSUs and SY PSUs that are subject to a 4-year vesting schedule and MY PSUs that cliff vest after 3 years
- ✓ Reinforce our culture of stock ownership by increasing the value of equity granted to our NEOs

COMPENSATION ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR FISCAL 2017

Stockholder Outreach

We value feedback from our stockholders and maintain an annual stockholder outreach program to ensure that they view our pay practices as well-structured. During the Fall of 2015, we contacted our top 20 institutional stockholders (except for brokerage firms and institutional stockholders whom we know do not engage in individual conversations with issuers), representing an aggregate ownership of approximately 50%. Our Lead Director, Chief Financial Officer, Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Vice President of Human Resources ultimately held meetings with the corporate governance groups of stockholders representing an aggregate of approximately 30% of our common stock to obtain their feedback on our executive compensation. Several expressed support for our introduction in Fiscal 2016 of PSUs with a multi-year performance period as well as separate, distinct financial performance metrics for each component of our “at-risk” compensation.

Total Target Compensation Approach

In making Fiscal 2017 compensation decisions, our CC reviewed and considered each element of pay independently and in the context of overall target pay opportunity for each NEO. As part of that process, our CC also reviewed the target cash opportunity (base salary plus variable cash compensation), target equity opportunity and total target pay for similarly situated executives of our peer companies. The CC considered the factors discussed in *Factors Used in Determining Executive Compensation* above, the CC’s specific compensation objectives for Fiscal 2017 and, for NEOs other than the CEO, the CEO’s recommendation. Our CC did not use a formula or assign a particular weight to any one factor in determining each NEO’s target pay. Rather, our CC’s determination of the total target compensation, mix of cash and equity and fixed and “at-risk” pay opportunities was subjective for each NEO and was a function of the CC’s overall objectives for total pay positioning and balancing the pay mix. When the CC made changes to one element of pay, those changes were made primarily in the context of the levels of the other elements of pay, and resulting total target pay for such NEO. Resulting total target compensation for the NEOs was between the 50th and 75th percentile of the peer market data. In approving this structure, the CC was mindful that the value of equity awards granted would only be realized at above-market levels upon exceptional corporate performance.

Continued Emphasis on Long-Term, “At-Risk,” Performance-Based Equity Awards

The CC determined that for our NEOs, long-term, “at-risk,” performance-based equity awards would again comprise a meaningful portion of their Fiscal 2017 total target compensation, and more so than in Fiscal 2016. Accordingly, each NEO received a greater portion of total target compensation for Fiscal 2017 in the form of equity awards, with the exception of Mr. Shannon, who announced his planned retirement in June 2016 and did not receive a mid-year RSU grant in Fiscal 2017, as described below. The CC emphasized long-term equity awards by increasing the size of the annual PSU component, which included MY PSUs most significantly for our CEO. The CC’s overall goal was to enhance the long-term, “at-risk” opportunities to drive results and increase alignment with stockholders while maintaining a sufficient level of annual cash compensation for competitive and retentive purposes. The PSUs and RSUs deliver additional long-term incentive and retentive benefits because the NEO must remain in service with us, the annual performance goal must be attained for SY PSUs, the MY PSUs are earned only after a 3-year performance period, and the SY PSUs and RSUs vest over a 4-year period.

The CC concluded that a majority of the NEOs’ target equity opportunity should be “at-risk” and performance-based, and that, given Mr. Huang’s level of equity ownership and focus, 100% of his grant should be “at-risk” and performance-based, in order to tightly align his interest with stockholders. For each NEO other than Mr. Shannon and Mr. Huang, the CC delivered roughly 65% of the target equity opportunity in the form of PSUs and 35% of the target equity opportunity in the form of RSUs, which percentages fluctuated by NEO based on individual adjustments as determined by the CC. Due to Mr. Shannon’s planned retirement, he did not receive a mid-year RSU grant, and therefore, over 80% of Mr. Shannon’s target equity opportunity was in the form of PSUs. Mr. Huang’s target equity opportunity was granted 100% in the form of SY PSUs (which value is aligned with our Non-GAAP Operating income performance) and MY PSUs (which value is aligned with our relative stock price performance).

Based primarily on an evaluation of market positioning, internal pay equity, individual performance and level of unvested equity for retention purposes, the CC used its judgment to determine a target equity opportunity value that it wanted to deliver to each NEO in Fiscal 2017 as described above. Generally, this target equity opportunity fell at the higher end of the peer market data, which the CC determined was appropriate based on the CC’s emphasis on long-term, “at-risk,” performance-based compensation and allowing for above-market rewards for exceptional corporate performance. To determine actual shares awarded to achieve the target equity opportunity value, the CC used the 120-day trailing average of our stock price, as opposed to our stock price on the grant date, to smooth for any daily volatility to inform it on the number of shares to deliver for RSUs and the target number of shares to deliver for SY PSUs and MY PSUs.

For RSUs, our CC makes grants twice each year because it wants to re-assess our executive equity compensation mid-year. In Fiscal 2017, our CC granted RSUs to each NEO (other than Mr. Huang) in March 2016 representing 50% of the RSU target opportunity value that the CC established at the start of Fiscal 2017 for each such NEO. In August 2016, our CC reviewed the potential grant sizes for the second half of the year, based on the RSU target opportunity value established at the start of Fiscal 2017, and decided not to change the overall value awarded to the NEOs, except with respect to Mr. Shannon, who had announced his planned retirement and therefore did not receive a second RSU grant. However, due to the increase in our stock price at that time, the CC determined to decrease by 40% the number of RSUs comprising the other NEOs’ remaining 50% of the RSU target opportunity value. Therefore, in September 2016, the CC granted RSUs to each NEO, other than Mr. Huang and Mr. Shannon, representing another 50% of the RSU target opportunity value established at the start of Fiscal 2017 (with the number of RSUs decreasing by 40% compared to the first half of the year). All of the RSUs vest over a four year period beginning on the date of grant (with 25% vesting on approximately the one year anniversary of the date of grant), subject to each NEO’s continued service with us.

For SY PSUs and MY PSUs, the target numbers of shares awarded to each NEO for Fiscal 2017 represented the numbers of shares eligible to vest upon achievement of Target Compensation Plan performance on the Fiscal 2017 Non-GAAP Operating Income goal and on the goal of TSR over a 3-year period relative to the S&P 500, respectively. For each of our NEOs, the minimum number of shares eligible to vest was 50% of the Target Compensation Plan number of shares for SY PSUs and 25% of the Target Compensation Plan number of shares for MY PSUs if Threshold performance was achieved, and the maximum number of shares eligible to vest was capped at 200% of the Target Compensation Plan number of shares

(or 150% for Mr. Huang) if Stretch Operating Plan performance was achieved. No shares were eligible to vest if Threshold performance was not achieved. If at least Threshold performance was achieved with respect to the SY PSUs, 25% of the eligible SY PSU shares would vest on the one-year anniversary of the grant date and 12.5% of the eligible SY PSU shares would vest every six months thereafter over the next three years, subject to each NEO's continued service with us. If at least Threshold performance was achieved with respect to the MY PSUs, 100% of the eligible MY PSUs would vest at the end of the 3-year performance period. Shares underlying any PSUs that are not earned will be cancelled.

Goals for Certain Performance-Based Compensation

Based on the Fiscal 2017 strategic plan as approved by the Board, the CC set the following performance metrics and goals:

Performance Metric	Variable Cash Plan	SY PSUs	MY PSUs
	Revenue	Non-GAAP Operating Income (see <i>Definitions</i> above)	TSR relative to the S&P 500
Performance Timeframe	1 year	1 year	3 years
CC's Rationale for Performance Metric	Key indicator of our annual performance which drives value and contributes to Company's long-term success	Key indicator of our annual performance which drives value and contributes to Company's long-term success	Aligns directly with shareholder value creation over a 3-year period
	Our executive team focuses on growth in the Company's specialized markets where our technologies did not previously exist; revenue growth is the best predictor of the Company's future success	Reflects both our annual revenue generation and effective management of operating expenses	Provides direct comparison of our stock price performance (including dividends) against an index that represents a broader capital market with which we compete
	Distinct, separate metric from Non-GAAP Operating Income	To ensure long-term performance emphasis, structured to vest over a 4-year period	Relative (as opposed to absolute) nature of goals accounts for macroeconomic factors impacting the broader market and do not require financial forecasting
Threshold Goal (25% payout for MY PSUs, 50% payout for Variable Cash and SY PSUs) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$4,800 million	\$900 million	25 th percentile
Target Compensation Plan Goal (100% payout) ⁽²⁾	\$5,200 million	\$1,180 million	50 th percentile
Stretch Operating Plan Goal (200% payout) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	\$5,700 million	\$1,435 million	75 th percentile

⁽¹⁾ Achievement less than the Threshold goal would result in no payout.

⁽²⁾ For achievement between Threshold and Target Compensation Plan and between Target Compensation Plan and Stretch Operating Plan, payouts would be determined using straight-line interpolation.

⁽³⁾ Our CEO's SY PSU and MY PSU payouts were capped at 150% of Target Compensation Plan to help manage internal pay equity.

CC's Rationale for Performance Goals

The CC set the goals for our performance metrics after careful evaluation of the levels necessary to achieve the desired objectives of our executive pay program, with the following rationales:

	Variable Cash Plan	SY PSUs	MY PSUs
Stretch Operating Plan goals require significant achievement; only possible with strong market factors and a very high level of management execution and corporate performance	✓	✓	✓
Target Compensation Plan goals:			
• Attainable with significant effort and success in execution, and was not certain	✓	✓	✓
• Include budgeted investments in future growth businesses and revenue growth (as well as, for SY PSUs and MY PSUs, gross margin growth) that take into account both macroeconomic conditions and reasonable but challenging growth estimates for our ongoing and new businesses	✓	✓	✓
• Set higher than Fiscal 2016 actual revenue and actual Non-GAAP Operating Income, as applicable, to recognize strong growth performance	✓	✓	
• Relative TSR performance must be at or above 50 th percentile of market to earn awards at competitive compensation levels			✓
Threshold goals appropriately decelerate payout below Target Compensation Plan; set at attainable levels, high enough to create modest value, but not certain	✓	✓	✓

Fiscal 2017 Achievement

The CC reviewed our Fiscal 2017 financial results against the compensation targets set at the beginning of the year:

Variable Cash Plan



⁽¹⁾ Fiscal 2017 Threshold was set close to Fiscal 2016 actual achievement. Thus, our CC provided a greater Fiscal 2017 Threshold payout opportunity of 50% (compared to 25% in Fiscal 2016).

SY PSUs



⁽¹⁾ Fiscal 2017 Threshold was set close to Fiscal 2016 actual achievement. Thus, our CC provided a greater Fiscal 2017 Threshold payout opportunity of 50% (compared to 25% in Fiscal 2016).

⁽²⁾ See *Definitions* above.

MY PSUs

Achievement of the MY PSU goals for grants in Fiscal 2016 will be determined after January 28, 2018, the ending date of the three year measurement period for the MY PSUs granted in Fiscal 2016.

Achievement of the MY PSU goals for grants in Fiscal 2017 will be determined after January 27, 2019, the ending date of the three year measurement period for the MY PSUs granted in Fiscal 2017.

Target Fiscal 2017 Compensation Decisions

Below is a summary, for each NEO separately, of the target Fiscal 2017 compensation decisions and changes made by the CC. All target equity compensation values presented below reflect the target aggregate fair value of equity awards at the time of CC approval. In making the NEO Fiscal 2017 compensation decisions and changes, the CC considered the factors set forth in *Factors Used in Determining Executive Compensation* and focused primarily on the overall target pay opportunity for each NEO. For all of our NEOs, increases in overall target pay opportunities were delivered primarily, or entirely, in the form of increases to performance-based equity opportunities, in line with the CC's goal to deliver a substantial, and greater, proportion of target compensation in the form of such awards that align our NEO interests with those of our stockholders and our company performance over the longer-term. Differences amongst individual NEO target pay levels were a result of different pay markets for different positions, and subjective factors considered by the CC relating to individual performance, capability and contributions, as based on Mr. Huang's assessment (other than for himself), and internal pay equity among our NEOs.

Jen-Hsun Huang - President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

	Fiscal 2016 Pay (\$)	Fiscal 2017 Pay (\$)	Change	Fiscal 2017 Pay Relative to Peer Group (percentile)	Fiscal 2017 Shares		
					Threshold	Target Compensation Plan	Stretch Operating Plan
Target Cash	2,000,000	2,000,000	—				
Base Salary	1,000,000	1,000,000					
Target Variable Cash	1,000,000	1,000,000 ⁽¹⁾					
Target Equity	7,000,000	8,640,000	up 23%				
SY PSUs	4,600,000	5,760,000			95,000	190,000	285,000 ^{(2) (3)}
MY PSUs	2,400,000	2,880,000			47,500	95,000	142,500 ⁽²⁾
Target Total	9,000,000	10,640,000	up 18%	50th ⁽⁴⁾			

⁽¹⁾ Based on our revenue achievement of 200% of Target Compensation Plan, Mr. Huang earned \$2,000,000.

⁽²⁾ Stretch Operating Plan payout capped at 150% of Target Compensation Plan to help manage internal pay equity.

⁽³⁾ Based on Non-GAAP Operating Income achievement, the Stretch Operating Plan number of SY PSUs became eligible to vest over a four-year period beginning on the date of grant, with 25% vesting on March 15, 2017.

⁽⁴⁾ Market position of target total compensation was set at the median as a result of the CC's objective to balance internal pay equity with other NEOs and external market competitiveness with other peer CEOs. Mr. Huang's Fiscal 2017 target equity compensation reflected an increase to bring it closer to market practices for our peer companies' CEOs, while still remaining at the median of market, which the CC determined was appropriate to emphasize performance-based equity compensation in particular for Mr. Huang due to his responsibility as CEO.

Colette M. Kress - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

	Fiscal 2016 Pay (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Fiscal 2017 Pay (\$)	Change	Fiscal 2017 Pay Relative to Peer Group (percentile)	Fiscal 2017 Shares	
					Threshold	Target Compensation Plan
Target Cash	1,050,000	1,050,000	—			
Base Salary	775,000	775,000				
Target Variable Cash	275,000	275,000 ⁽²⁾				
Target Equity	2,392,335	3,011,500	up 26%			
SY PSUs	1,358,610	1,811,797			27,750	55,500
MY PSUs	147,675	195,870			3,000	6,000
RSUs	886,050	1,003,833 ⁽⁴⁾				111,000 ⁽³⁾
Target Total	3,442,335	4,061,500	up 18%	50th⁽⁵⁾		12,000

⁽¹⁾ Excludes an anniversary bonus of \$1.0 million earned in Fiscal 2016 pursuant to Ms. Kress' offer letter. The CC determined that this special bonus was necessary to attract Ms. Kress, in consideration of her compensation opportunity at her prior employer.

⁽²⁾ Based on our revenue achievement of 200% of Target Compensation Plan, Ms. Kress earned \$550,000.

⁽³⁾ Based on Non-GAAP Operating Income achievement, the Stretch Operating Plan number of SY PSUs became eligible to vest over a four-year period beginning on the date of grant, with 25% vesting on March 15, 2017.

⁽⁴⁾ In Fiscal 2017, Ms. Kress was granted a total of 30,750 RSUs.

⁽⁵⁾ Market position of target total compensation was set at the median as a result of the CC's objective to provide external market competitiveness with other peer chief financial officers. The target total compensation increase for Fiscal 2017 was structured primarily in the form of performance-based equity, to further align Ms. Kress' interests with stockholders and long-term company performance.

Ajay K. Puri - Executive Vice President, Worldwide Field Operations

	Fiscal 2016 Pay (\$)	Fiscal 2017 Pay (\$)	Change	Fiscal 2017 Pay Relative to Peer Group (percentile)	Fiscal 2017 Shares	
					Threshold	Target Compensation Plan
Target Cash	1,350,000	1,400,000⁽¹⁾	up 4%			
Base Salary	875,000	900,000				
Target Variable Cash	475,000	500,000				
Target Equity	2,549,855	3,119,350	up 22%			
SY PSUs	1,417,680	1,878,143			28,750	57,500
MY PSUs	147,675	195,980			3,000	6,000
RSUs	984,500	1,045,227 ⁽³⁾				115,000 ⁽²⁾
Target Total	3,899,855	4,519,350	up 16%	75th⁽⁴⁾		12,000

⁽¹⁾ Mr. Puri's base salary and target variable cash were increased in Fiscal 2017 due to his level of responsibility as head of worldwide field operations; a greater proportion of his cash increase was in the form of variable cash to further align his interest with our stockholders. Based on our revenue achievement of 200% of Target Compensation Plan, Mr. Puri earned \$1,000,000.

⁽²⁾ Based on Non-GAAP Operating Income achievement, the Stretch Operating Plan number of SY PSUs became eligible to vest over a four-year period beginning on the date of grant, with 25% vesting on March 15, 2017.

⁽³⁾ In Fiscal 2017, Mr. Puri was granted a total of 32,000 RSUs.

⁽⁴⁾ Market position of total target compensation was set at the 75th percentile due to Mr. Puri's revenue-generating position as head of worldwide field operations and his role in helping the Company enter into new markets. The target total compensation increase for Fiscal 2017 was structured largely in the form of performance-based equity, to further align Mr. Puri's interests with our stockholders and long-term company performance.

David M. Shannon - Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary*

	Fiscal 2016 Pay (\$)	Fiscal 2017 Pay (\$)	Change	Fiscal 2017 Pay Relative to Peer Group (percentile)	Fiscal 2017 Shares		
					Threshold	Target Compensation Plan	Stretch Operating Plan
Target Cash	1,000,000	1,000,000	—				
Base Salary	800,000	800,000					
Target Variable Cash	200,000	200,000 ⁽¹⁾					
Target Equity	1,506,285	1,365,300	down 9%				
SY PSUs	984,500	1,046,730			17,250	34,500	69,000 ⁽²⁾
MY PSUs	78,760	84,952			1,400	2,800	5,600
RSUs	443,025	233,618 ⁽³⁾					
Target Total	2,506,285	2,365,300	down 6%	50th ⁽⁴⁾			

* Mr. Shannon served in this role until the end of Fiscal 2017. As of the beginning of Fiscal 2018, Mr. Shannon continues to lead human resources and is no longer an executive officer.

⁽¹⁾ Based on our revenue achievement of 200% of Target Compensation Plan, Mr. Shannon earned \$400,000.

⁽²⁾ Based on Non-GAAP Operating Income achievement, the Stretch Operating Plan number of SY PSUs became eligible to vest over a four-year period beginning on the date of grant, with 25% vesting on March 15, 2017.

⁽³⁾ In Fiscal 2017, Mr. Shannon was granted a total of 7,700 RSUs, representing the first 50% of the RSU value to be delivered. No additional RSU grant was made to Mr. Shannon after he announced his planned retirement.

⁽⁴⁾ Market position of total target compensation was set at the median due to responsibility and scope as head of human resources and legal, but decreased from Fiscal 2016 due to Mr. Shannon's planned retirement.

Debora Shoquist - Executive Vice President, Operations

	Fiscal 2016 Pay (\$)	Fiscal 2017 Pay (\$)	Change	Fiscal 2017 Pay Relative to Peer Group (percentile)	Fiscal 2017 Shares		
					Threshold	Target Compensation Plan	Stretch Operating Plan
Target Cash	850,000	850,000	—				
Base Salary	700,000	700,000					
Target Variable Cash	150,000	150,000 ⁽¹⁾					
Target Equity	1,752,410	2,104,850	up 20%				
SY PSUs	984,500	1,272,700			19,500	39,000	78,000 ⁽²⁾
MY PSUs	118,140	130,533			2,000	4,000	8,000
RSUs	649,770	701,617 ⁽³⁾					
Target Total	2,602,410	2,954,850	up 14%	65th ⁽⁴⁾			

⁽¹⁾ Based on our revenue achievement of 200% of Target Compensation Plan, Ms. Shoquist earned \$300,000.

⁽²⁾ Based on Non-GAAP Operating Income achievement, the Stretch Operating Plan number of SY PSUs became eligible to vest over a four-year period beginning on the date of grant, with 25% vesting on March 15, 2017.

⁽³⁾ In Fiscal 2017, Ms. Shoquist was granted a total of 21,500 RSUs.

⁽⁴⁾ Market position of total target compensation was set at the 65th percentile due to responsibility and scope as head of chips and systems operations, facilities and information technology. The target total compensation increase for Fiscal 2017 was structured primarily in the form of performance-based equity, to further align Ms. Shoquist's interests with stockholders and long-term company performance.

ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PRACTICES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Stock Ownership Guidelines

The Board believes that executive officers should hold a significant equity interest in NVIDIA. Our Corporate Governance Policies require the CEO to hold a number of shares of our common stock with a value equal to six times his base salary, and our other NEOs to hold a number of shares of our common stock with a value equal to his or her respective base salary. The shares may include shares held in trust and by immediate family members. NEOs have up to five years from appointment to reach the ownership threshold. The stock ownership guidelines are intended to further align NEO interests with stockholder interests.

Each of our NEOs currently exceeds the stock ownership requirements. Mr. Huang holds stock with a value equal to 2,400 times his annual base salary, based on our closing price as of January 27, 2017, the last business day of Fiscal 2017. Each of our other NEOs holds stock with a value equal to three times or more his or her respective base salary, based on our closing price as of January 27, 2017.

Due to the level of his stock ownership, during Fiscal 2017, Mr. Huang was required to make a filing with the Federal Trade Commission and pay a \$280,000 filing fee as required under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976. Consistent with our approach to compensation and perks, Mr. Huang chose to pay this filing fee himself.

Compensation Recovery (“Clawback”) Policy

In April 2009, our Board adopted a Compensation Recovery Policy which covers all of our employees. Under this policy, if we are required to prepare an accounting restatement to correct an accounting error on an interim or annual financial statement included in a report on Form 10-Q or Form 10-K due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under the federal securities laws, or a Restatement, and if the Board or a committee of independent directors concludes that our CEO, our Chief Financial Officer or any other officer or employee received a variable compensation payment that would not have been payable if the original interim or annual financial statements reflected the Restatement, then under the Compensation Recovery Policy:

- Our CEO and our Chief Financial Officer will be required to disgorge the net after-tax amount of that portion of the variable compensation payment that would not have been payable if the original interim or annual financial statements reflected the Restatement; and
- The Board or the committee of independent directors may require any other officer or employee to repay all (or a portion of) the variable compensation payment that would not have been payable if the original interim or annual financial statements reflected the Restatement, as determined by the Board or such committee in its sole discretion. In using its discretion, the Board or the independent committee may consider whether such person was involved in the preparation of our financial statements or otherwise caused the need for the Restatement and may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, recoup amounts by (1) requiring partial or full repayment by such person of any variable or incentive compensation or any gains realized on the exercise of stock options or on the open-market sale of vested shares, (2) canceling (in full or in part) any outstanding equity awards held by such person and/or (3) adjusting the future compensation of such person.

We will review and update the Compensation Recovery Policy as necessary for compliance with the clawback policy provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act when the final regulations related to that policy are issued.

Tax and Accounting Implications

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code limits the amount that we may deduct from our federal income taxes for remuneration paid to our CEO and our three most highly compensated executive officers (other than our Chief Financial

Officer) to \$1 million per person covered per year, unless certain requirements are met. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code provides an exception from this deduction limitation for certain forms of “performance-based compensation”. While our CC is mindful of the benefit to NVIDIA’s performance of full deductibility of compensation, our CC believes that it should not be constrained by the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code where those requirements would impair flexibility in compensating our NEOs in a manner that can best promote our corporate objectives. Therefore, our CC has not adopted a policy that requires that all compensation be deductible and approval of compensation, including the grant of “performance-based compensation” to our NEOs, by our CC is not a guarantee of deductibility under the Internal Revenue Code. Our CC intends to continue to compensate our NEOs in a manner consistent with the best interests of NVIDIA and our stockholders.

Our CC also considers the impact of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, and in general, our executive plans and programs are designed to comply with the requirements of that section so as to avoid the possible adverse tax consequences that may arise from non-compliance.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

A reconciliation between our Non-GAAP Operating Income and GAAP operating income is as follows:

	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
GAAP operating income	\$ 1,934	\$ 747
Stock-based compensation expense	248	205
Legal settlement costs	16	—
Acquisition-related costs	16	22
Contributions	4	—
Restructuring and other charges	3	131
Product warranty charge	—	20
Non-GAAP Operating Income	<u>\$ 2,221</u>	<u>\$ 1,125</u>

Risk Analysis of Our Compensation Plans

With the oversight of the CC, members from the Company's legal, human resources and finance departments, collectively Management, and Exequity, the independent consultant engaged by the CC, performed an assessment of the Company's compensation programs and policies for Fiscal 2017 as generally applicable to our employees to ascertain any potential material risks that may be created by our compensation programs. The assessment focused on programs with variability of payout and the ability of participants to directly affect payout and the controls over participant action and payout. Specifically, Management and Exequity reviewed the Company's variable cash compensation and equity compensation programs. Management and Exequity identified the key terms of these programs, potential concerns regarding risk taking behavior and specific risk mitigation features. Management's assessment was first presented to our Senior Vice President, Human Resources, our Chief Financial Officer and our General Counsel. The assessment was then presented to the CC.

The CC considered the findings of the assessment described above and concluded that our compensation programs, which are structured to recognize both short-term and long-term contributions to the Company, do not create risks which are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

The CC believes that the following compensation design features guard against excessive risk-taking:

Compensation Design Features that Guard Against Excessive Risk-Taking

- ✓ Our compensation program encourages our employees to remain focused on both our short-term and long-term goals
- ✓ We design our variable cash and PSU compensation programs for executives so that payouts are based on achievement of corporate performance targets, and we cap the potential award payout
- ✓ We have internal controls over our financial accounting and reporting which is used to measure and determine the eligible compensation awards under our Variable Cash Plan and our SY PSUs
- ✓ Financial plan target goals and final awards under our Variable Cash Plan and our SY PSUs are approved by the CC and consistent with the annual operating plan approved by the full Board each year
- ✓ MY PSUs are designed with a relative goal
- ✓ We have a compensation recovery policy applicable to all employees that allows NVIDIA to recover compensation paid in situations of fraud or material financial misconduct
- ✓ All executive officer equity awards have multi-year vesting
- ✓ We have stock ownership guidelines that we believe are reasonable and are designed to align our executive officers' interests with those of our stockholders
- ✓ We enforce a "no-hedging" policy and a "no-pledging" policy involving our common stock which prevents our employees from insulating themselves from the effects of NVIDIA stock price performance

Summary Compensation Table for Fiscal 2017, 2016 and 2015

The following table summarizes information regarding the compensation earned by our NEOs during Fiscal 2017, 2016 and 2015. Fiscal 2017 and 2015 were 52-week years and Fiscal 2016 was a 53-week year.

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) ⁽²⁾	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Jen-Hsun Huang	2017	996,216	—	9,188,400	2,000,000	9,622 ⁽³⁾	12,194,238
<i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>	2016	1,018,941	—	7,456,900	1,490,566	4,694 ⁽⁴⁾	9,971,101
	2015	998,418	—	6,896,000	1,400,000	2,622 ⁽⁵⁾	9,297,040
Colette M. Kress	2017	769,609	—	3,299,770	550,000	4,286 ⁽⁶⁾	4,623,665
<i>Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer</i>	2016	789,680	1,000,000 ⁽⁷⁾	2,692,935	409,906	3,710 ⁽⁶⁾	4,896,231
	2015	773,774	1,500,000 ⁽⁸⁾	2,247,920	550,000	3,210 ⁽⁶⁾	5,074,904
Ajay K. Puri	2017	889,573	—	3,378,130	1,000,000	11,283 ⁽⁹⁾	5,278,986
<i>Executive Vice President, Worldwide Field Operations</i>	2016	891,574	—	2,865,555	708,019	10,096 ⁽⁹⁾	4,475,244
	2015	873,616	—	1,734,325	750,000	9,024 ⁽⁶⁾	3,366,965
David M. Shannon	2017	794,435	—	1,442,128	400,000	10,225 ⁽⁶⁾	2,646,788
<i>Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary*</i>	2016	815,153	—	1,688,220	298,113	9,656 ⁽⁶⁾	2,811,142
	2015	798,735	—	1,455,830	400,000	6,511 ⁽⁶⁾	2,661,076
Debora Shoquist	2017	695,131	—	2,278,170	300,000	10,024 ⁽⁶⁾	3,283,325
<i>Executive Vice President, Operations</i>	2016	713,259	—	1,977,660	223,585	9,524 ⁽⁶⁾	2,924,028
	2015	698,893	—	1,510,205	300,000	9,024 ⁽⁶⁾	2,518,122

* Mr. Shannon served in this role until the end of Fiscal 2017. As of the beginning of Fiscal 2018, Mr. Shannon continues to lead human resources and is no longer an executive officer.

- (1) Amounts shown in this column do not reflect dollar amounts actually received by the NEO. Instead, these amounts reflect the aggregate full grant date fair value calculated in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 for the respective fiscal year. The assumptions used in the calculation of values of the awards are set forth under Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements titled “Stock-Based Compensation” in our Form 10-K. With regard to the NEOs’ stock awards with performance-based vesting conditions, the reported grant date fair value assumes the probable outcome of the conditions at Target Compensation Plan, determined in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Based on the performance that was actually achieved for SY PSUs in Fiscal 2017, the grant date fair values of all stock awards would be \$12,161,900 for Mr. Huang, \$5,036,920 for Ms. Kress, \$5,177,880 for Mr. Puri, \$2,521,978 for Mr. Shannon and \$3,498,870 for Ms. Shoquist.
- (2) As applicable, reflects amounts earned in Fiscal 2017, 2016 and 2015 and paid in March or April of each respective year pursuant to our Variable Cash Plan for each respective year. For further information please see our *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* above.
- (3) Represents an award for the filing of patents of which Mr. Huang is a named inventor with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a contribution to a health savings account and imputed income from life insurance coverage. These benefits are available to all eligible NVIDIA employees.
- (4) Represents a contribution to a health savings account and imputed income from life insurance coverage. These benefits are available to all eligible NVIDIA employees.
- (5) Represents imputed income from life insurance coverage, which we provide to all eligible NVIDIA employees.
- (6) Represents a match of contributions to our 401(k) savings plan and imputed income from life insurance coverage, which we provide to all eligible employees.
- (7) Represents an anniversary bonus paid in Fiscal 2015 that was earned in Fiscal 2016.
- (8) Represents a sign-on bonus paid in Fiscal 2014 that was earned in Fiscal 2015.
- (9) Represents a match of contributions to our 401(k) savings plan, a contribution to a health savings account and imputed income from life insurance coverage, which we provide to all eligible employees.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards for Fiscal 2017

The following table provides information regarding all grants of plan-based awards that were made to or earned by our NEOs during Fiscal 2017. Disclosure on a separate line item is provided for each grant of an award made to an NEO. The information in this table supplements the dollar value of stock and other awards set forth in the *Summary Compensation Table for Fiscal Years 2017, 2016 and 2015* by providing additional details about the awards. The PSUs and RSUs set forth in the following table were made under our 2007 Plan. PSUs are eligible to vest based on performance against pre-established criteria. Both SY PSUs and RSUs are subject to service-based vesting.

Name	Grant Date	Approval Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards ⁽¹⁾			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾
			Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)		
Jen-Hsun Huang	3/16/16	3/8/16 ⁽³⁾		—		95,000	190,000	285,000	—	5,947,000 ⁽⁴⁾
	3/16/16	3/8/16 ⁽⁵⁾		—		47,500	95,000	142,500	—	3,241,400
	3/8/16	3/8/16	500,000	1,000,000	2,000,000		—		—	—
Colette M. Kress	3/16/16	3/8/16 ⁽³⁾		—		27,750	55,500	111,000	—	1,737,150 ⁽⁴⁾
	3/16/16	3/8/16 ⁽⁵⁾		—		3,000	6,000	12,000	—	259,860
	3/16/16	3/8/16		—			—		19,250 ⁽⁶⁾	602,525
	9/15/16	8/24/16		—			—		11,500 ⁽⁷⁾	700,235
	3/8/16	3/8/16	137,500	275,000	550,000		—		—	—
Ajay K. Puri	3/16/16	3/8/16 ⁽³⁾		—		28,750	57,500	115,000	—	1,799,750 ⁽⁴⁾
	3/16/16	3/8/16 ⁽⁵⁾		—		3,000	6,000	12,000	—	259,860
	3/16/16	3/8/16		—			—		20,000 ⁽⁶⁾	626,000
	9/9/16	8/24/16		—			—		12,000 ⁽⁷⁾	692,520
	3/8/16	3/8/16	250,000	500,000	1,000,000		—		—	—
David M. Shannon	3/16/16	3/8/16 ⁽³⁾		—		17,250	34,500	69,000	—	1,079,850 ⁽⁴⁾
	3/16/16	3/8/16 ⁽⁵⁾		—		1,400	2,800	5,600	—	121,268
	3/16/16	3/8/16		—			—		7,700 ⁽⁶⁾	241,010
	3/8/16	3/8/16	100,000	200,000	400,000		—		—	—
Deborah Shoquist	3/16/16	3/8/16 ⁽³⁾		—		19,500	39,000	78,000	—	1,220,700 ⁽⁴⁾
	3/16/16	3/8/16 ⁽⁵⁾		—		2,000	4,000	8,000	—	173,240
	3/16/16	3/8/16		—			—		13,500 ⁽⁶⁾	422,550
	9/9/16	8/24/16		—			—		8,000 ⁽⁷⁾	461,680
	3/8/16	3/8/16	75,000	150,000	300,000		—		—	—

⁽¹⁾ Represents range of awards payable under our 2017 Variable Cash Plan.

⁽²⁾ Amounts shown in this column do not reflect dollar amounts actually received by the NEO. Instead, these amounts reflect the aggregate full grant date fair value calculated in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 for the awards. The assumptions used in the calculation of values of the awards are set forth under Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements titled “Stock-Based Compensation” in our Form 10-K. With regard to the stock awards with performance-based vesting conditions, the reported grant date fair value assumes the probable outcome of the conditions at Target Compensation Plan, determined in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

⁽³⁾ Represents range of possible shares able to be earned with respect to SY PSUs.

⁽⁴⁾ Based on the performance that was actually achieved for Fiscal 2017, the grant date fair value for the NEOs’ SY PSUs would be: \$8,920,500 for Mr. Huang, \$3,474,300 for Ms. Kress, \$3,599,500 for Mr. Puri, \$2,159,700 for Mr. Shannon and \$2,441,400 for Ms. Shoquist.

- (5) Represents range of possible shares able to be earned with respect to MY PSUs.
- (6) Represents RSUs granted to Messrs. Puri and Shannon and Mses. Kress and Shoquist in the first quarter of Fiscal 2017 pursuant to the 2007 Plan. The CC approved these grants on March 8, 2016 for grant on March 16, 2016, the same day that semi-annual grants were made to all of our other eligible employees.
- (7) Represents RSUs granted to Mr. Puri and Mses. Kress and Shoquist in the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 pursuant to the 2007 Plan. The CC approved these grants on August 24, 2016 for grant on September 9, 2016, the same day that semi-annual grants were made to all of our other eligible employees. Due to a trading window closure, Ms. Kress' RSUs were instead granted on September 15, 2016.

Outstanding Equity Awards as of January 29, 2017

The following table presents information regarding outstanding equity awards held by our NEOs as of January 29, 2017.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Option Expiration Date	Number of Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) ⁽²⁾	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market Value of Unearned Shares That Have Not Vested (\$) ⁽²⁾
Jen-Hsun Huang	83,336	—	18.10	3/16/2017	—	—	—	—
	250,000	—	10.56	9/14/2020	—	—	—	—
	250,000	—	17.62	3/17/2021	—	—	—	—
	250,000	—	14.465	9/20/2021	—	—	—	—
	300,000	—	14.46	3/20/2022	—	—	—	—
	300,000	—	13.71	9/18/2022	—	—	—	—
	222,656	14,844 ⁽³⁾	12.62	3/19/2023	—	—	—	—
	192,968	44,532 ⁽⁴⁾	16.00	9/17/2023	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	24,312 ⁽⁵⁾	2,717,352	—	—
	—	—	—	—	225,000 ⁽⁶⁾	25,148,250	—	—
	—	—	—	—	206,250 ⁽⁷⁾	23,052,563	—	—
	—	—	—	—	285,000 ⁽⁸⁾	31,854,450	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	110,000 ⁽⁹⁾	12,294,700
	—	—	—	—	—	—	95,000 ⁽¹⁰⁾	10,618,150
Colette M. Kress	—	—	—	—	55,000 ⁽¹¹⁾	6,147,350	—	—
	—	—	—	—	9,750 ⁽¹²⁾	1,089,758	—	—
	—	—	—	—	58,125 ⁽⁶⁾	6,496,631	—	—
	—	—	—	—	13,000 ⁽¹³⁾	1,453,010	—	—
	—	—	—	—	14,063 ⁽¹⁴⁾	1,571,822	—	—
	—	—	—	—	86,250 ⁽⁷⁾	9,640,163	—	—
	—	—	—	—	16,875 ⁽¹⁵⁾	1,886,119	—	—
	—	—	—	—	111,000 ⁽⁸⁾	12,406,470	—	—
	—	—	—	—	19,250 ⁽¹⁶⁾	2,151,573	—	—
	—	—	—	—	11,500 ⁽¹⁷⁾	1,285,355	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,500 ⁽⁹⁾	838,275
	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,000 ⁽¹⁰⁾	670,620

Ajay K. Puri	39,505	—	17.53	3/15/2021	—	—	—	—
	38,806	—	14.465	9/20/2021	—	—	—	—
	56,662	—	13.71	9/18/2022	—	—	—	—
	43,125	2,875 ⁽³⁾	12.62	3/19/2023	—	—	—	—
	37,375	8,625 ⁽⁴⁾	16.00	9/17/2023	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	3,450 ⁽¹⁸⁾	385,607	—	—
	—	—	—	—	6,900 ⁽¹¹⁾	771,213	—	—
	—	—	—	—	6,563 ⁽¹²⁾	733,547	—	—
	—	—	—	—	48,750 ⁽⁶⁾	5,448,788	—	—
	—	—	—	—	8,750 ⁽¹³⁾	977,988	—	—
	—	—	—	—	12,500 ⁽¹⁴⁾	1,397,125	—	—
	—	—	—	—	90,000 ⁽⁷⁾	10,059,300	—	—
	—	—	—	—	22,500 ⁽¹⁵⁾	2,514,825	—	—
	—	—	—	—	115,000 ⁽⁸⁾	12,853,550	—	—
	—	—	—	—	20,000 ⁽¹⁶⁾	2,235,400	—	—
	—	—	—	—	12,000 ⁽¹⁷⁾	1,341,240	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,500 ⁽⁹⁾	838,275
	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,000 ⁽¹⁰⁾	670,620
David M. Shannon	6,250	—	13.71	9/18/2022	—	—	—	—
	7,462	2,488 ⁽³⁾	12.62	3/19/2023	—	—	—	—
	7,462	7,463 ⁽⁴⁾	16.00	9/17/2023	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	2,988 ⁽¹⁸⁾	333,969	—	—
	—	—	—	—	5,975 ⁽¹¹⁾	667,826	—	—
	—	—	—	—	4,875 ⁽¹²⁾	544,879	—	—
	—	—	—	—	43,500 ⁽⁶⁾	4,861,995	—	—
	—	—	—	—	6,500 ⁽¹³⁾	726,505	—	—
	—	—	—	—	7,032 ⁽¹⁴⁾	785,967	—	—
	—	—	—	—	62,500 ⁽⁷⁾	6,985,625	—	—
	—	—	—	—	8,438 ⁽¹⁵⁾	943,115	—	—
	—	—	—	—	69,000 ⁽⁸⁾	7,712,130	—	—
	—	—	—	—	7,700 ⁽¹⁶⁾	860,629	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,000 ⁽⁹⁾	447,080
	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,800 ⁽¹⁰⁾	312,956
Debra Shoquist	5,000	—	14.46	3/20/2022	—	—	—	—
	10,000	—	13.71	9/18/2022	—	—	—	—
	10,781	2,157 ⁽³⁾	12.62	3/19/2023	—	—	—	—
	10,781	6,469 ⁽⁴⁾	16.00	9/17/2023	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	2,588 ⁽¹⁸⁾	289,261	—	—
	—	—	—	—	5,175 ⁽¹¹⁾	578,410	—	—
	—	—	—	—	6,563 ⁽¹²⁾	733,547	—	—
	—	—	—	—	39,000 ⁽⁶⁾	4,359,030	—	—
	—	—	—	—	8,750 ⁽¹³⁾	977,988	—	—
	—	—	—	—	10,313 ⁽¹⁴⁾	1,152,684	—	—
	—	—	—	—	62,500 ⁽⁷⁾	6,985,625	—	—
	—	—	—	—	12,375 ⁽¹⁵⁾	1,383,154	—	—
	—	—	—	—	78,000 ⁽⁸⁾	8,718,060	—	—
	—	—	—	—	13,500 ⁽¹⁶⁾	1,508,895	—	—
	—	—	—	—	8,000 ⁽¹⁷⁾	894,160	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,000 ⁽⁹⁾	670,620
	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,000 ⁽¹⁰⁾	447,080

- ⁽¹⁾ Unless otherwise noted, represents the closing price of our common stock as reported by NASDAQ on the date of grant which is the exercise price of stock option grants made pursuant to our 2007 Plan.
- ⁽²⁾ Calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs or PSUs by the closing price (\$111.77) of NVIDIA's common stock on January 27, 2017, the last trading day before the end of our Fiscal 2017, as reported by NASDAQ.
- ⁽³⁾ The option vested as to 25% of the shares on March 20, 2014, and vested as to 6.25% at the end of each quarterly period thereafter such that the option was fully vested on March 20, 2017.
- ⁽⁴⁾ The option vested as to 25% of the shares on September 18, 2014, and vests as to 6.25% at the end of each quarterly period thereafter such that the option will be fully vested on September 18, 2017.
- ⁽⁵⁾ The RSU was earned on January 26, 2014 based on achievement of a pre-established performance goal. The RSU vested as to 25% of the shares on March 19, 2014, and vested as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU was fully vested on March 15, 2017.
- ⁽⁶⁾ The RSU was earned on January 25, 2015 based on achievement of a pre-established performance goal. The RSU vested as to 25% of the shares on March 18, 2015, and vests as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU will be fully vested on March 21, 2018.
- ⁽⁷⁾ The RSU was earned on January 31, 2016 based on achievement of a pre-established performance goal. The RSU vested as to 25% of the shares on March 16, 2016, and vests as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU will be fully vested on March 20, 2019.
- ⁽⁸⁾ The RSU was earned on January 29, 2017 based on achievement of a pre-established performance goal. The RSU vested as to 25% of the shares on March 15, 2017, and vests as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU will be fully vested on March 18, 2020.
- ⁽⁹⁾ Represents the number of shares based on achieving Target Compensation Plan performance goals. The number of PSUs that will be earned, if at all, is based on our TSR relative to the S&P 500 from January 26, 2015 through January 28, 2018. If the pre-established performance goal is achieved, the shares earned will vest as to 100% on March 21, 2018. If the Threshold performance goal is achieved, 27,500 shares will be earned by Mr. Huang, 1,875 shares will be earned by Ms. Kress, 1,875 shares will be earned by Mr. Puri, 1,000 shares will be earned by Mr. Shannon, and 1,500 shares will be earned by Ms. Shoquist. If the Stretch Operating Plan performance goal is achieved, 165,000 shares will be earned by Mr. Huang, 15,000 shares will be earned by Ms. Kress, 15,000 shares will be earned by Mr. Puri, 8,000 shares will be earned by Mr. Shannon, and 12,000 shares will be earned by Ms. Shoquist.
- ⁽¹⁰⁾ Represents the number of shares based on achieving Target Compensation Plan performance goals. The number of PSUs that will be earned, if at all, is based on our TSR relative to the S&P 500 from February 1, 2016 through January 27, 2019. If the pre-established performance goal is achieved, the shares earned will vest as to 100% on March 20, 2019. If the Threshold performance goal is achieved, 47,500 shares will be earned by Mr. Huang, 3,000 shares will be earned by Ms. Kress, 3,000 shares will be earned by Mr. Puri, 1,400 shares will be earned by Mr. Shannon, and 2,000 shares will be earned by Ms. Shoquist. If the Stretch Operating Plan performance goal is achieved, 142,500 shares will be earned by Mr. Huang, 12,000 shares will be earned by Ms. Kress, 12,000 shares will be earned by Mr. Puri, 5,600 shares will be earned by Mr. Shannon, and 8,000 shares will be earned by Ms. Shoquist.
- ⁽¹¹⁾ The RSU vested as to 25% on September 17, 2014, and vests as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU will be fully vested on September 20, 2017.
- ⁽¹²⁾ The RSU vested as to 25% on March 18, 2015, and vests as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU will be fully vested on March 21, 2018.
- ⁽¹³⁾ The RSU vested as to 25% on September 16, 2015, and vests as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU will be fully vested on September 19, 2018.
- ⁽¹⁴⁾ The RSU vested as to 25% on March 16, 2016, and vests as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU will be fully vested on March 20, 2019.

- ⁽¹⁵⁾ The RSU vested as to 25% on September 21, 2016, and vests as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU will be fully vested on September 18, 2019.
- ⁽¹⁶⁾ The RSU vested as to 25% on March 15, 2017, and vests as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU will be fully vested on March 18, 2020.
- ⁽¹⁷⁾ The RSU will vest as to 25% on September 20, 2017, and vests as to 6.25% approximately every three months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU will be fully vested on September 16, 2020.
- ⁽¹⁸⁾ The RSU vested as to 25% on March 19, 2014, and vested as to 12.50% approximately every six months thereafter over the next three years such that the RSU was fully vested on March 15, 2017.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested in Fiscal 2017

The following table shows information regarding option exercises and stock vested by our NEOs during Fiscal 2017.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$) ⁽²⁾
Jen-Hsun Huang	666,664 ⁽³⁾	23,896,310	322,373 ⁽⁴⁾	15,134,764
Colette M. Kress	—	—	172,562 ⁽⁵⁾	8,222,811
Ajay K. Puri	120,081 ⁽⁶⁾	3,541,997	128,738 ⁽⁷⁾	6,074,343
David M. Shannon	318,475 ⁽⁸⁾	8,313,940	96,668 ⁽⁹⁾	4,533,821
Debora Shoquist	55,304	1,152,435	97,600 ⁽¹⁰⁾	4,589,888

⁽¹⁾ The value realized on cashless exercise represents the difference between the exercise price per share of the stock option and either (a) the fair market value of our common stock as reported by NASDAQ at cashless exercise or (b) the closing price of our common stock as reported by NASDAQ on the trading day prior to the date of cash exercise, multiplied by the number of shares of common stock underlying the stock options exercised. The exercise price of each such stock option was equal to the closing price of our common stock as reported by NASDAQ on the date of grant. The value realized was determined without considering any taxes that may have been owed.

⁽²⁾ The value realized on vesting represents the number of shares acquired on vesting multiplied by the fair market value of our common stock as reported by NASDAQ on the date of vesting.

⁽³⁾ Mr. Huang exercised stock options and sold an aggregate of 660,391 shares during Fiscal 2017. Mr. Huang also exercised stock options for an additional 6,273 shares during Fiscal 2017 for an aggregate exercise price of \$99,992.

⁽⁴⁾ The number of shares acquired on vesting includes an aggregate of 168,217 shares that were withheld to pay taxes due upon vesting.

⁽⁵⁾ The number of shares acquired on vesting includes an aggregate of 85,627 shares that were withheld to pay taxes due upon vesting.

⁽⁶⁾ Mr. Puri exercised stock options and sold an aggregate of 94,842 shares during Fiscal 2017. Mr. Puri also exercised stock options for an additional 25,239 shares during Fiscal 2017 for an aggregate exercise price of \$368,615.

⁽⁷⁾ The number of shares acquired on vesting includes an aggregate of 62,768 shares that were withheld to pay taxes due upon vesting.

⁽⁸⁾ Mr. Shannon exercised stock options and sold an aggregate of 303,025 shares during Fiscal 2017. Mr. Shannon also exercised stock options for an additional 15,450 shares during Fiscal 2017 for an aggregate exercise price of \$241,189.

⁽⁹⁾ The number of shares acquired on vesting includes an aggregate of 47,801 shares that were withheld to pay taxes due upon vesting.

⁽¹⁰⁾ The number of shares acquired on vesting includes an aggregate of 50,936 shares that were withheld to pay taxes due upon vesting.

Employment, Severance and Change-in-Control Arrangements

Employment Agreements. Our executive officers are “at-will” employees and we do not have employment, severance or change-in-control agreements with our executive officers.

Change-in-Control Arrangements. Our 2007 Plan provides that in the event of a corporate transaction or a change-in-control, outstanding stock awards may be assumed, continued, or substituted by the surviving corporation. If the surviving corporation does not assume, continue, or substitute such stock awards, then (a) with respect to any stock awards that are held by individuals performing services for NVIDIA immediately prior to the effective time of the transaction, the vesting and exercisability provisions of such stock awards will be accelerated in full and such stock awards will be terminated if not exercised prior to the effective date of the corporate transaction or change-in-control, and (b) all other outstanding stock awards will be terminated if not exercised on or prior to the effective date of the corporate transaction or change-in-control.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control

Upon a change-in-control or certain other corporate transactions of NVIDIA, unvested options, RSUs and PSUs will fully vest in some cases as described above under *Employment, Severance and Change-in-Control Arrangements—Change-in-Control Arrangements*. The table below shows our estimates of the amount of the benefit each of our NEOs would have received if the unvested options, RSUs and PSUs held by them as of January 29, 2017 had become fully vested as a result of a change-in-control. The estimated benefit amount of unvested options was calculated by multiplying the number of in-the-money unvested options held by the applicable NEO by the difference between the \$111.77 closing price of our common stock on January 27, 2017, the last trading day of Fiscal 2017, as reported by NASDAQ, and the exercise price of the option. The estimated benefit amount of unvested RSUs and unvested PSUs was calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs or PSUs held by the applicable NEO by the \$111.77 closing price of our common stock on January 27, 2017.

Name	Unvested In-the-Money Options, RSUs and PSUs at January 29, 2017 (#) ⁽¹⁾	Total Estimated Benefit (\$)
Jen-Hsun Huang	909,938	95,067,315
Colette M. Kress	352,813	39,433,909
Ajay K. Puri	313,913	34,911,774
David M. Shannon	200,759	22,288,027
Debora Shoquist	226,390	25,172,885

⁽¹⁾ The amounts in this column include unvested SY PSUs granted in Fiscal 2017 and MY PSUs for each NEO, representing the probable outcome of the performance-related conditions at Target Compensation Plan on the respective grant dates. The number of SY PSUs granted in Fiscal 2017 at Target Compensation Plan are set forth below under “Estimated SY PSUs at Target Compensation Plan”. The actual number of such NEO’s SY PSUs granted in Fiscal 2017 that became eligible to vest upon certification by our CC in February 2017 are set forth under “Actual SY PSUs Eligible to Vest”.

The actual number of MY PSUs granted in Fiscal 2016 that will become eligible to vest will be determinable after January 28, 2018, the ending date of the three year measurement period for MY PSUs.

The actual number of MY PSUs granted in Fiscal 2017 that will become eligible to vest will be determinable after January 27, 2019, the ending date of the three year measurement period for MY PSUs.

Name	Estimated SY PSUs at Target Compensation Plan	Actual SY PSUs Eligible to Vest
Jen-Hsun Huang	190,000	285,000
Colette M. Kress	55,500	111,000
Ajay K. Puri	57,500	115,000
David M. Shannon	34,500	69,000
Debora Shoquist	39,000	78,000

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

For Fiscal 2017, the CC consisted of Messrs. Burgess, Coxe and Jones and Meses. Drell and Hudson. No member of the CC is an officer or employee of NVIDIA, and none of our executive officers serve as a director or member of a compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our Board or CC.

Compensation Committee Report

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors oversees the compensation programs of NVIDIA on behalf of the Board of Directors. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Compensation Committee reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis included in this proxy statement.

In reliance on the review and discussions referred to above, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of NVIDIA for the year ended January 29, 2017 and in this proxy statement.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Robert K. Burgess, Chairperson
Tench Coxe
Persis S. Drell
Dawn Hudson
Harvey C. Jones

Proposal 3—Approval of the Frequency of Holding an Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

What am I voting on? A non-binding vote, known as “say-on-frequency,” to approve how frequently we should solicit an advisory vote on our NEO compensation.

Vote recommendation: for **ONE YEAR**.

Vote required: A majority of the shares present or represented by proxy.

Effect of abstentions: Same as a vote against.

Effect of broker non-votes: None.

The Dodd-Frank Act and Section 14A of the Exchange Act also enable our stockholders to indicate their preference regarding how frequently we should solicit a non-binding advisory vote on the compensation of our NEOs. Accordingly, we are asking stockholders to indicate whether they would prefer an advisory vote every one, two or three years. Alternatively, stockholders may abstain from casting a vote.

After considering the benefits and consequences of each alternative, the Board recommends that the advisory vote on the compensation of our NEOs be submitted to the stockholders every one year. In formulating its recommendation, the Board considered that an annual advisory vote on executive compensation will allow stockholders to provide direct input on the Company’s compensation philosophy, policies and practices every year.

Accordingly, the Board is asking stockholders to indicate their preferred voting frequency by voting for one, two or three years or abstaining from voting on the resolution below:

“RESOLVED, that the alternative of soliciting advisory stockholder approval of the compensation of the Company’s executive officers once every one, two or three years that receives a majority of votes cast for this resolution will be determined to be the preferred frequency with which the Company is to hold a stockholder vote to approve the compensation of the named executive officers.”

The Board and the CC value the opinions of the stockholders in this matter, and the Board intends to hold say-on-pay votes in the future in accordance with the alternative that receives the most stockholder support, even if that alternative does not receive the support of a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote either in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the 2017 Meeting.

Proposal 4—Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for Fiscal 2018

What am I voting on? Ratification of the selection of PwC as our independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2018.

Vote recommendation: **FOR** the ratification of PwC.

Vote required: A majority of the shares present or represented by proxy.

Effect of abstentions: Same as a vote AGAINST.

Effect of broker non-votes: None (because this is a routine proposal, there are no broker non-votes).

The AC has selected PwC, which has audited our financial statements annually since 2004, to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2018. Our lead audit partner at PwC serves no more than five consecutive years in that role. Stockholder ratification of the AC's selection of PwC is not required by our Bylaws or any other governing documents or laws. As a matter of good corporate governance, we are submitting the selection of PwC to our stockholders for ratification. If our stockholders do not ratify the selection, the AC will reconsider whether or not to retain PwC. Even if the selection is ratified, the AC in its sole discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the fiscal year if it determines that such a change would be in our best interests and those of our stockholders. The AC believes it is in the best interests of NVIDIA and our stockholders to retain PwC.

We expect that a representative of PwC will attend the 2017 Meeting. The PwC representative will have an opportunity to make a statement at the 2017 Meeting if he or she so desires. The representative will also be available to respond to appropriate stockholder questions.

Fees Billed by the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The following is a summary of fees billed by PwC for Fiscal 2017 and 2016 for audit, tax and other professional services during each fiscal year:

	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Audit Fees ⁽¹⁾	\$ 4,390,711	\$ 4,083,453
Audit-Related Fees ⁽²⁾	—	300,000
Tax Fees ⁽³⁾	394,680	309,974
All Other Fees ⁽⁴⁾	3,600	3,600
Total Fees	\$ 4,788,991	\$ 4,697,027

⁽¹⁾ Audit fees included fees for the audit of our consolidated financial statements, the audit of our internal control over financial reporting, reviews of our quarterly financial statements and annual report, reviews of SEC registration statements and related consents, fees related to statutory audits of some of our international entities, and comfort letter fees related to our corporate bond offering in Fiscal 2017.

⁽²⁾ Audit-related fees in Fiscal 2016 consisted of fees for accounting consultation in connection with a build-to-suit operating lease financing arrangement.

⁽³⁾ Tax fees consisted of fees for tax compliance and consultation services.

⁽⁴⁾ All other fees consisted of fees for products or services other than those included above, including payment to PwC related to the use of an accounting regulatory database.

All of the services provided for Fiscal 2017 and 2016 described above were pre-approved by the AC or the Chairperson of the AC through the authority granted to him by the AC, which is described below.

Our AC determined that the rendering of services other than audit services by PwC was compatible with maintaining PwC's independence.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The AC has adopted policies and procedures for the pre-approval of all audit and permissible non-audit services rendered by our independent registered public accounting firm. The policy generally permits pre-approvals of specified permissible services in the defined categories of audit services, audit-related services and tax services up to specified amounts. Pre-approval may also be given as part of the AC's approval of the scope of the engagement of our independent registered public accounting firm or on an individual case-by-case basis before the independent registered public accounting firm is engaged to provide each service. In some cases the full AC provides pre-approval for up to a year related to a particular defined task or scope. In other cases, the AC has delegated power to Mr. Perry, the Chairperson of our AC, to pre-approve additional non-audit services if the need for the service was unanticipated and approval is required prior to the next scheduled meeting of the AC. Mr. Perry then communicates such pre-approval to the full AC at its next meeting.

Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

The material in this report is not “soliciting material,” is not deemed “filed” with the SEC and is not to be incorporated by reference in any of our filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing, except to the extent specifically incorporated by reference therein.

The Audit Committee oversees accounting, financial reporting, internal control over financial reporting, financial practices and audit activities of NVIDIA and its subsidiaries. The Audit Committee reviews the results and scope of the audit and other services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm and reviews financial statements and the accounting policies followed by NVIDIA prior to the issuance of the financial statements with both management and the independent registered public accounting firm.

Management is responsible for the financial reporting process, the preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or GAAP, the system of internal control over financial reporting, and the procedures designed to facilitate compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, or PwC, our independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2017, was responsible for performing an independent audit of the consolidated financial statements and issuing a report on the consolidated financial statements and of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of January 29, 2017. PwC’s judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of our accounting principles and such other matters are required to be disclosed to the Audit Committee under applicable standards. The Audit Committee oversees these processes. Also, the Audit Committee has ultimate authority and responsibility to select, evaluate and, when appropriate, terminate the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee approves audit fees and non-audit services provided by and fees paid to the independent registered public accounting firm.

NVIDIA has an internal audit function that reports to the Audit Committee. This function is responsible for objectively reviewing and evaluating the adequacy, effectiveness and quality of our system of internal controls and the operating effectiveness of our business processes. The Audit Committee approves an annual internal audit plan and monitors the activities and performance of our internal audit function throughout the year to ensure the plan objectives are carried out and met.

The Audit Committee members are not professional accountants or auditors, and their functions are not intended to duplicate or to certify the activities of management or the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee does not plan or conduct audits, determine that our financial statements are complete and accurate and in accordance with GAAP or assess our internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee relies, without additional independent verification, on the information provided by our management and on the representations made by management that the financial statements have been prepared with integrity and objectivity, and the opinion of PwC that such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GAAP.

In this context, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements for Fiscal 2017 with management and our internal control over financial reporting with management and PwC. Specifically, the Audit Committee discussed with PwC the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standard No. 1301, *Communications with Audit Committees*, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. We have received from PwC the written disclosures and letter required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding PwC’s communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence. The Audit Committee also considered whether the provision of certain permitted non-audit services by PwC is compatible with PwC’s independence and discussed PwC’s independence with PwC.

Based on the Audit Committee’s review and discussions, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of NVIDIA for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2017.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mark L. Perry, Chairperson

Michael G. McCaffery

A. Brooke Seawell

Mark A. Stevens

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The number of shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options, RSUs and PSUs, the weighted-average exercise price of outstanding stock options, and the number of stock awards remaining for future issuance under each of our equity compensation plans as of January 29, 2017 are summarized as follows:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (\$) (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders ⁽¹⁾	7,429,315	14.47 ⁽²⁾	73,877,178 ⁽³⁾
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
Total	7,429,315	14.47 ⁽²⁾	73,877,178 ⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ This row includes our 2007 Plan and our 2012 ESPP. Under our 2012 ESPP, participants are permitted to purchase our common stock at a discount on certain dates through payroll deductions within a pre-determined purchase period. Accordingly, the number of shares to be issued upon exercise of outstanding rights under our 2012 ESPP as of January 29, 2017 is not determinable.

⁽²⁾ Represents the weighted-average exercise price of outstanding stock options only.

⁽³⁾ As of January 29, 2017, the number of shares that remained available for future issuance under the 2007 Plan is 21,582,192, and the number of shares that remained available for future issuance under the 2012 ESPP is 52,294,986, of which up to a maximum of 26,595,000 shares may be purchased in the current purchase period which runs until August 31, 2017 under the 2012 ESPP.

Additional Information

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our executive officers, directors and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our common stock and other equity securities with the SEC. Executive officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To our knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to us and written representations that no other reports were required, during Fiscal 2017, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our executive officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners were complied with, except for Mr. Byron, who filed a Form 4/A to report one late stock option exercise transaction; Mr. Puri, who filed a Form 5 to report two late stock option exercise transactions; and Mr. Shannon, who filed a Form 5 to report one late stock option exercise transaction.

Other Matters

The Board knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the 2017 Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the 2017 Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors



Timothy S. Teter
Secretary

April 7, 2017

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

☒ **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the fiscal year ended January 29, 2017

OR

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

Commission file number: 0-23985



NVIDIA CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

94-3177549
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2701 San Tomas Expressway
Santa Clara, California 95050
(408) 486-2000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of principal executive offices)

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	The NASDAQ Global Select Market

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

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☒

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

Large accelerated filer ☒

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐

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

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of July 29, 2016 was approximately \$28.98 billion (based on the closing sales price of the registrant's common stock as reported by the NASDAQ Global Select Market on July 29, 2016). This calculation excludes 27 million shares held by directors and executive officers of the registrant. This calculation does not exclude shares held by such organizations whose ownership exceeds 5% of the registrant's outstanding common stock that have represented to the registrant that they are registered investment advisers or investment companies registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of February 24, 2017 was 589 million.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for its 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K are incorporated by reference into Part III, Items 10-14 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Investors and others should note that we announce material financial information to our investors using our investor relations website, press releases, SEC filings and public conference calls and webcasts. We also use the following social media channels as a means of disclosing information about the company, our products, our planned financial and other announcements and attendance at upcoming investor and industry conferences, and other matters and for complying with our disclosure obligations under Regulation FD:

NVIDIA Twitter Account (<https://twitter.com/NVIDIA>)

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NVIDIA LinkedIn Page (http://www.linkedin.com/company/nvidia?trk=hb_tab_compy_id_3608)

In addition, investors and others can use the Pulse news reader to subscribe to the NVIDIA Daily News feed and can view NVIDIA videos on YouTube.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are subject to the “safe harbor” created by those sections. Forward-looking statements are based on our management's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to our management. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “goal,” “would,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “project,” “predict,” “potential” and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause our actual results, performance, time frames or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance, time frames or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. We discuss many of these risks, uncertainties and other factors in this Annual Report on Form 10-K in greater detail under the heading “Risk Factors.” Given these risks, uncertainties and other factors, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Also, these forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this filing. You should read this Annual Report on Form 10-K completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. We hereby qualify our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements. Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Our Company

Starting with a focus on PC graphics, NVIDIA invented the GPU to solve some of the most complex problems in computer science. We have extended our emphasis in recent years to the revolutionary field of artificial intelligence, or AI.

The GPU was initially used to simulate human imagination, enabling the virtual worlds of video games and films. Today, it also simulates human intelligence, enabling a deeper understanding of the physical world. Its parallel processing capabilities, supported by up to thousands of computing cores, are essential to running deep learning algorithms. This form of AI, in which software writes itself, enables computers to learn from data and serve as the brain of computers, robots and self-driving cars that can perceive and understand the world. GPU-powered deep learning is being rapidly adopted by thousands of enterprises to deliver services and features that would have been impossible with traditional coding.

NVIDIA delivers value to its customers through PC, mobile and cloud architectures. Vertical integration enables us to bring together hardware, system software, programmable algorithms, libraries, systems and services to create unique value for the markets we serve. Offerings like the NVIDIA DGX AI supercomputer, the NVIDIA DRIVE AI car computing platform and the GeForce NOW cloud gaming service bring together combinations of the company's hardware, software and services to meet the exacting demands of specific audiences.

Innovation is at our core. We have invested over \$13 billion in research and development since our inception, yielding inventions that are essential to modern computing. The GPU introduced the world to the power of programmable graphics. Our CUDA programming language harnessed the GPU's parallel processing capabilities to accelerate scientific and AI computing. Virtualized GPUs put the power of parallel processing into the cloud, accessible from any connected device, anywhere. Other breakthroughs in our evolving GPU architectures and related technologies enable GPUs to be more powerful and efficient, and to fuel more powerful AI workloads with deep learning capabilities.

Gamers choose NVIDIA GPUs to enjoy immersive, increasingly cinematic fantasy worlds. GPUs also help underpin the world's fastest growing spectator sport, eSports, which attracts hundreds of millions of viewers to watch top-quality gaming. And more than 100 million people participate in MOBA - multiplayer online battle area - games.

Professional designers use our GPUs to create visual effects in movies and design products ranging from soft drink bottles to commercial aircraft.

Researchers use our GPUs to accelerate a wide range of important applications, from simulating viruses to exploring the origins of the universe. The world's leading cloud services companies, and a rapidly growing number of enterprises and startups, use GPUs to facilitate deep learning that meets, and in some cases surpasses, human perception.

Our GPU product brands are aimed at specialized markets including GeForce for gamers; Quadro for designers; Tesla and DGX for AI data scientists and big data researchers; and GRID for cloud-based visual computing users. Our Tegra brand integrates an entire computer onto a single chip, and incorporates GPUs and multi-core CPUs to drive supercomputing for mobile gaming and entertainment devices, as well as autonomous robots, drones and cars.

Headquartered in Santa Clara, California, NVIDIA was incorporated in California in April 1993 and reincorporated in Delaware in April 1998.

Our Businesses

Our two reportable segments - GPU and Tegra Processor - are based on a single underlying architecture. From our proprietary processors, we have created platforms that address four large markets where our expertise is critical: Gaming, Professional Visualization, Datacenter, and Automotive.

Businesses	NVIDIA Visual Computing and Accelerated Computing Platforms and Brands
GPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GeForce for PC gaming• GeForce NOW for cloud-based game-streaming service• Quadro for design professionals working in computer-aided design, video editing, special effects and other creative applications• Tesla for AI utilizing deep learning and accelerated computing, leveraging the parallel computing capabilities of GPUs for general purpose computing• GRID to provide the power of NVIDIA graphics through the cloud and datacenters
Tegra Processor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tegra processors are primarily designed to enable branded platforms - DRIVE PX and SHIELD• DRIVE PX automotive supercomputers that provide self-driving capabilities• SHIELD includes a family of devices and services designed to harness the power of mobile-cloud to revolutionize home entertainment, AI and gaming

Our Markets

We specialize in markets in which GPU-based visual computing and accelerated computing platforms can provide tremendous throughput for applications. These platforms incorporate processors, systems software, programmable algorithms, systems and services to deliver value that is unique in the marketplace.

Gaming

Computer gaming is the largest entertainment industry. Helping to propel its growth are the new high production value games and franchises, the rise of competitive online gaming, eSports, and the rise of virtual reality.

Our GPUs enhance the gaming experience by improving the visual quality of graphics, increasing the frame rate for smoother gameplay and improving realism by incorporating the behavior of light and physical objects. These can be enjoyed independently or together to extend the gaming experience across platforms.

Our gaming platforms utilize sophisticated 3D software and algorithms - including our GameWorks libraries that provide special effects for games. These enable us to deliver realism and immersion, even when playing games remotely from the cloud. We further enhance gaming with GeForce Experience, our gaming application that optimizes the PC user's settings for each title and enables players to record and share gameplay. It has been downloaded by more than 80 million users.

To enable virtual reality, we provide developers with a suite of software libraries called VRWorks. VRWorks allows developers to create fully immersive experiences by enabling physically realistic visuals, sound, touch interactions and simulated environments. VR requires advanced high-performance GPUs as the engine to simulate complete immersion.

Our products for the gaming market include GeForce GTX GPUs for PC gaming; the SHIELD family of tablets, portable devices for mobile gaming and TV streaming; GeForce NOW for cloud-based gaming; as well as platforms and development services for specialized console gaming devices.

Professional Visualization

We serve the Professional Visualization market by working closely with independent software vendors to optimize their offerings for NVIDIA GPUs. Our GPU computing solutions enhance productivity and introduce new capabilities for critical parts of the workflow for such major industries as automotive, media and entertainment, architectural engineering, oil and gas, and medical imaging.

For designers who build the products we use every day, it is critical that images viewed digitally mirror reality. This requires simulating the physical behavior of light and materials, or physically-based rendering, an emerging trend in professional design. Our Iray and DesignWorks software delivers this to designers. They enable an architect designing a building with a computer-aided design package to interact with the model in real time, view it in greater detail, and generate photorealistic renderings for the client. They also allow an automotive designer to create a highly realistic 3D image of a car, which can be viewed from all angles, reducing reliance on costly, time-consuming full-scale clay models.

Just as virtual reality is becoming more important in gaming, it is also being incorporated in a growing number of enterprise applications, within medicine, architecture, product design and retailing. Virtual car showrooms, surgical training, architectural walkthroughs, and bringing historical scenes to life all deploy this technology, powered by our GPUs.

Visual computing is vital to productivity in many environments, including:

- **Design and Manufacturing** - including computer-aided design, architectural design, consumer-products manufacturing, medical instrumentation and aerospace
- **Digital Content Creation** - including professional video editing and post production, special effects for films and broadcast-television graphics

Our brand for this market is Quadro for workstations. Quadro GPUs enhance the productivity of designers by improving performance and adding functionality, such as photorealistic rendering, high color fidelity and advanced scalable display capabilities.

Datacenter

The NVIDIA accelerated computing platform addresses AI, in which systems learn using unstructured data, and high performance computing, in which it speeds work toward reaching answers for more narrowly defined problems. The platform consists of our energy efficient GPUs, our CUDA programming language, specific libraries such as cuDNN, and innovations such as NVLink, which enables application scalability across multiple GPUs.

Deep learning is a new AI computer model where neural networks are trained to recognize patterns from massive amounts of data in the form of images, sounds and text - in some instances better than humans. It also greatly increases the performance and power efficiency of high-performance computers and datacenter systems. GPUs excel at parallel workloads, speeding applications by 10-75x compared with CPUs, reducing each of the many data training iterations from weeks to days. In the past year alone, GPUs have sped up training of deep neural networks for AI by as much as 12x.

We are engaged with thousands of organizations working on AI in a multitude of industries, from automating tasks such as reading medical images, to surveying coral on the sea bottom, to identifying the physical world for the blind. These organizations include the world's leading cloud services companies such as Facebook, Amazon and Baidu, which are infusing AI in applications that enable highly accurate voice recognition and real-time translation; enterprises that are increasingly turning to AI to improve products and services; and startups seeking to implement AI in disruptive ways across multiple industries. We have partnered with industry leaders such as Microsoft, IBM and SAP to bring AI to enterprise users. We also have partnerships in healthcare and manufacturing, among others, to accelerate the adoption of AI.

To enable deep learning, we provide a family of GPUs designed to speed up training and inferencing of neural networks. They are available in industry standard servers from companies such as HP, Dell and Cisco; from cloud services such as Amazon Web Services, Alicloud, Azure and Google Cloud; as well as in our DGX AI supercomputer, a purpose-built system for deep learning and AI accelerated analytics. DGX delivers performance equal to hundreds of conventional servers, comes fully integrated with hardware, deep learning software, development tools, support for existing AI frameworks, and runs popular accelerated analytics applications.

GPUs also increase the speed of applications used in such fields as aerospace, bio-science research, mechanical and fluid simulations, and energy exploration. They have already had a significant impact on scientific discovery, including improving heart surgery, HIV research and mapping human genome folds. Our GPUs and cuDNN software have been broadly adopted for deep learning, a new computing method for enabling artificial intelligence.

Accelerated computing is recognized as the path forward for high performance computing amid the slowing of Moore's Law. The proportion of supercomputers utilizing accelerators has grown sharply over the past five years, now accounting for a significant proportion of both the total systems on the TOP500 list, which ranks the 500 most powerful commercially available computer systems, and the list's total floating-point operations per second. Tesla GPU accelerators power many of the world's fastest supercomputers. They will also drive the U.S. Energy Department's next generation of supercomputers at Oak Ridge and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories.

We also serve the datacenter market with GRID for virtualized graphics. GRID makes it possible to run graphics-intensive applications remotely on a server in the datacenter. Applications include accelerating virtual desktop infrastructures and delivering graphics-intensive applications from the cloud for industries ranging from manufacturing, healthcare and educational institutions, among others.

Automotive

NVIDIA has demonstrated multiple applications of AI within the car. AI can drive the car itself as a pilot, in either partial or fully autonomous mode. Also, AI can be a co-pilot, assisting the human driver in creating a safer driving experience. NVIDIA is working with automotive partners to enable AI pilot and co-pilot within the car.

NVIDIA is working with numerous automakers, tier-one suppliers, automotive research institutions, HD mapping companies, and startups to develop and deploy AI systems for self-driving vehicles. Our unified AI computing architecture starts with mapping and training deep neural networks using our Tesla GPUs, and then running them within the vehicle on the NVIDIA DRIVE PX AI car computing platform. This end-to-end approach leverages NVIDIA DriveWorks software and allows cars to receive over-the-air updates to add new features and capabilities throughout the life of a vehicle.

DRIVE PX can understand in real-time what's happening around the vehicle, precisely locate itself on an HD map, and plan a safe path forward. This advanced self-driving car platform combines deep learning, sensor fusion and surround vision to change the driving experience. Our DRIVE PX platform scales from a palm-sized, energy efficient module for AutoCruise automated highway-driving capabilities to a configuration with multiple systems aimed at enabling driverless cars. A new single-processor configuration of DRIVE PX enables vehicles to use deep neural networks to process data from multiple cameras and sensors.

We also see the opportunity for Tegra in other areas, such as robots that respond to voice and gesture commands; drones that process enormous amounts of visual-based data; and smart Android monitors. Our platform for embedded use, Jetson TX1, provides the performance and power efficiency needed for deep learning in a powerful, highly efficient environment.

Business Strategies

NVIDIA's key strategies that shape our overall business approach include:

Extending our technology leadership in AI. Deep learning is fundamental to the evolution of AI. We provide a complete, end-to-end GPU computing platform for deep learning, addressing both training and inferencing. This includes GPUs, our CUDA programming language, algorithms, libraries and system software. GPUs are uniquely suited to AI, and we will continue to add AI-specific features to our GPU architecture to further extend our leadership position. Our goal is to make our GPU platforms available on every server, on every cloud service, as well as on our own AI supercomputer. We evangelize AI through partnerships with hundreds of universities and more than a thousand startups through our Inception program. Additionally, our Deep Learning Institute provides instruction on the latest techniques on how to design, train, and deploy neural network-powered machine learning in applications. It covers widely used open-source frameworks and NVIDIA's latest GPU-accelerated deep learning platforms.

Revolutionizing computing with the GPU's parallel processing capability. The massive parallel processing capabilities of NVIDIA GPUs can solve complex computational problems in significantly less time and with lower power consumption than CPUs. We work with developers worldwide who write programs using the CUDA high-level programming language. Using GPUs, developers are able to accelerate applications in areas ranging from molecular dynamics to image processing, derivatives modeling for financial risk analysis and big-data analytics.

Extending our technology leadership in visual computing. We believe that visual computing is fundamental to the continued expansion and evolution of computing. We apply our research and development resources to extending our leadership in visual computing, enabling us to enhance the user experience for consumer entertainment and professional visualization applications. Our technologies are instrumental in driving forward gaming, as developers push toward increasingly cinematic production values and the possibilities opened up by virtual reality.

Extending our visual computing leadership into mobile and cloud-computing platforms. We believe that visual computing will remain a key component in the computing paradigm defined by mobile, cloud and software as a service. We enable interactive graphics applications - such as games, movie and photo editing and design software - to be accessed by almost any device, almost anywhere. We believe that the user experience in virtual desktop infrastructures should be indistinguishable from physical environments, regardless of how graphics intensive the application. Accordingly, we leverage our research and development resources to create platforms to enable visual computing in a mobile and cloud environment.

Licensing our intellectual property. We believe our intellectual property is a valuable asset that can be accessed by our customers and partners through licenses and development agreements when they desire to build such capabilities directly into their own products, or have us do so through a custom development. Such license and development arrangements can further enhance the reach of our technology.

Enabling GPU computing platforms in key focus areas. We believe that we are well positioned to use our expertise in GPU computing to make contributions in four key markets where our visual and accelerated computing expertise is valued: gaming, professional visualization, datacenter and automotive.

Sales and Marketing

Our sales strategy involves working with end customers and various industry ecosystems through our partner network. Our worldwide sales and marketing strategy is key to achieving our objective of providing markets with our high-performance and efficient GPU, and embedded system-on-a-chip, or SOC, platforms. Our sales and marketing teams, located across our global markets, work closely with end customers in each industry. Our partner network incorporates each industry's respective original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, original device manufacturers, or ODMs, system builders, add-in board manufacturers, or AIBs, retailers/distributors, and industry trendsetters.

Our end customers and partner network are leveraged to integrate product features, performance, price and timing of new products for our platforms. Members of our sales team have a high level of technical expertise and product and industry knowledge to support the competitive and complex design win process. We also employ a highly skilled team of application engineers to assist our partner network in designing, testing and qualifying system designs that incorporate our platforms. We believe that the depth and quality of our design support are keys to improving our partner network's time-to-market, maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction and fostering relationships that encourage our end customers and partner network to use the next generation of our products within each platform.

As a result of our partner network strategy, a small number of customers within that network represent the majority of our sold to revenue. Sales to ASUSTeK Computer Inc. accounted for 12% of our total revenue for fiscal year 2017.

To encourage software title developers and publishers to develop games optimized for platforms utilizing our products, and enterprise applications optimized for our GPUs, we seek to establish and maintain strong relationships in the software development community. Engineering and marketing personnel interact with and visit key software developers to promote and discuss our platforms, as well as to ascertain individual product requirements and solve technical problems. Our developer program makes certain that our products are available to developers prior to volume availability in order to encourage the development of AI frameworks, SDKs, and APIs for software applications and game titles that are optimized for our platforms.

As NVIDIA's business has evolved from a focus primarily on gaming products to broader markets, and from chips to platforms and complete systems, so, too, have our avenues to market. Thus, in addition to sales to customers in our partner network, certain of our platforms are also sold through e-tail channels and through some of the world's largest retailers.

Backlog

Our sales are primarily made pursuant to standard purchase orders. The quantity of products purchased by our customers as well as our shipment schedules are subject to revisions that reflect changes in both the customers' requirements and in manufacturing availability. Our industry is characterized by relatively short lead time orders and delivery schedules, thus, we believe that only a small portion of our backlog is non-cancelable and that the dollar amount associated with the non-cancelable portion is not significant.

Seasonality

Our GPU and Tegra processor platforms serve many markets from consumer PC gaming to enterprise workstations to government and service provider cloud datacenters; however, a majority of our revenue stems from the consumer industry. Our consumer products have typically seen stronger revenue in the second half of our fiscal year. However, there can be no assurance that this trend will continue.

Manufacturing

We do not directly manufacture semiconductor wafers used for our products. Instead, we utilize what is known as a fabless manufacturing strategy, whereby we employ world-class suppliers for all phases of the manufacturing process, including wafer fabrication, assembly, testing, and packaging. This strategy uses the expertise of industry-leading suppliers that are certified by the International Organization for Standardization in such areas as fabrication, assembly, quality control and assurance, reliability and testing. In addition, this strategy allows us to avoid many of the significant costs and risks associated with owning and operating manufacturing operations. While we may directly procure certain raw materials used in the production of our products, such as substrates and a variety of components, our suppliers are responsible for procurement of the majority of the raw materials used in the production of our products. As a result, we can focus our resources on product design, additional quality assurance, marketing, and customer support.

We utilize industry-leading suppliers, such as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited and Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd, to produce our semiconductor wafers. We then utilize independent subcontractors, such as Advanced

Semiconductor Engineering, Inc., BYD Auto Co. Ltd., Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd., JSI Logistics Ltd., King Yuan Electronics Co., Ltd. and Siliconware Precision Industries Company Ltd. to perform assembly, testing, and packaging of most of our products and platforms. We purchase substrates from IbidenCo. Ltd., Nanya Technology Corporation, and Unimicron Technology Corporation, and memory from Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. and SK Hynix.

We typically receive semiconductor products from our subcontractors, perform incoming quality assurance and then ship the semiconductors to contract equipment manufacturers, or CEMs, distributors, motherboard and AIB customers from our third-party warehouse in Hong Kong. Generally, these manufacturers assemble and test the boards based on our design kit and test specifications, and then ship our products to retailers, system builders or OEMs as motherboard and AIB solutions.

We also utilize industry-leading contract manufacturers, or CMs, such as BYD Auto Co. Ltd. and Quanta Computer, to manufacture some of our products for sale directly to end customers. In those cases, key elements such as the GPU, SOC and memory are often consigned by us to the CMs, who are responsible for the procurement of other components used in the production process.

Working Capital

We focus considerable attention on managing our inventories and other working-capital-related items. We manage inventories by communicating with our customers and partners and then using our industry experience to forecast demand on a platform-by-platform basis. We then place manufacturing orders for our products that are based on forecasted demand. The quantity of products actually purchased by our customers as well as shipment schedules are subject to revisions that reflect changes in both the customers' requirements and in manufacturing availability. We generally maintain substantial inventories of our products because the semiconductor industry is characterized by short lead time orders and quick delivery schedules. A substantial amount of our inventories are maintained as semi-finished products that can be leveraged across a wide range of our processors to balance our customer demands.

Our existing cash and marketable securities balances increased by 35% to \$6.80 billion at the end of fiscal year 2017 compared with the end of fiscal year 2016. We believe that our existing cash balances and anticipated cash flows from operations will be sufficient to meet our operating requirements for at least the next twelve months.

Research and Development

We believe that the continued introduction of new and enhanced products designed to deliver leading visual computing technology is essential to our future success. Our research and development strategy is to focus on concurrently developing multiple generations of GPUs and Tegra Processors, including GPUs for high-performance computing, and Tegra SOCs for SHIELD and other embedded products using independent design teams. Our research and development efforts include software engineering, hardware engineering, very large scale integration design engineering, process engineering, architecture and algorithms.

A critical component of our product development effort is our partnerships with industry leaders. We invest significant resources in the development of relationships with industry leaders, often assisting these companies in the product definition of their new products. We believe that forming these relationships and utilizing next-generation development tools to design, simulate and verify our products will help us remain at the forefront of visual computing and develop products that utilize leading-edge technology on a rapid basis. We believe in leveraging our significant research and development depth and scale to create differentiated products.

As of January 29, 2017, we had 7,282 full-time employees engaged in research and development. During fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015, we incurred research and development expenses of \$1.46 billion, \$1.33 billion, and \$1.36 billion, respectively.

Competition

The market for our products is intensely competitive and is characterized by rapid technological change and evolving industry standards. We believe that the principal competitive factors in this market are performance, breadth of product offerings, access to customers and partners and distribution channels, software support, conformity to industry standard Application Programming Interfaces, manufacturing capabilities, processor pricing and total system costs. We believe that our ability to remain competitive will depend on how well we are able to anticipate the features and functions that customers and partners will demand and whether we are able to deliver consistent volumes of our products at acceptable levels of quality and at competitive prices. We expect competition to increase from both existing competitors and new market entrants with products that may be less costly than ours, or may provide better performance or additional features not provided by our products. In addition, it is possible that new competitors or alliances among competitors could emerge and acquire significant market share.

A significant source of competition comes from companies that provide or intend to provide GPUs, embedded SOCs, and accelerated and AI computing processor products. Some of our competitors may have greater marketing, financial, distribution and manufacturing resources than we do and may be more able to adapt to customer or technological changes.

Our current competitors include:

- suppliers of or licensors of discrete and integrated GPUs and accelerated computing processing solutions, including chipsets that incorporate 3D graphics functionality as part of their existing solutions, such as Advanced Micro Devices, or AMD, ARM Holdings plc, Imagination Technologies Group plc, Intel Corporation, or Intel, and Xilinx, Inc.; and
- suppliers of SOC products that are embedded into automobiles and smart devices such as televisions, monitors, set-top boxes, and gaming devices, such as Ambarella, Inc., AMD, Apple, Inc., Broadcom Ltd., Intel, Mobileye N.V., Qualcomm Incorporated, Renesas Electronics Corporation, Samsung, and Texas Instruments Incorporated.

Patents and Proprietary Rights

We rely primarily on a combination of patents, trademarks, trade secrets, employee and third-party nondisclosure agreements and licensing arrangements to protect our intellectual property in the United States and internationally. Our currently issued patents have expiration dates from March 2017 to November 2035. We have numerous patents issued, allowed and pending in the United States and in foreign jurisdictions. Our patents and pending patent applications primarily relate to our products and the technology used in connection with our products. We also rely on international treaties, organizations and foreign laws to protect our intellectual property. The laws of certain foreign countries in which our products are or may be manufactured or sold, including various countries in Asia, may not protect our products or intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. This decreased protection makes the possibility of piracy of our technology and products more likely. We continuously assess whether and where to seek formal protection for particular innovations and technologies based on such factors as:

- the location in which our products are manufactured;
- our strategic technology or product directions in different countries;
- the degree to which intellectual property laws exist and are meaningfully enforced in different jurisdictions; and
- the commercial significance of our operations and our competitors' operations in particular countries and regions.

We have also licensed technology from third parties for incorporation in some of our products and for defensive reasons, and expect to continue to enter into such license agreements.

Employees

As of January 29, 2017, we had 10,299 employees, 7,282 of whom were engaged in research and development and 3,017 of whom were engaged in sales, marketing, operations and administrative positions.

Environmental Regulatory Compliance

To date, we have not incurred significant expenses related to environmental regulatory compliance matters.

Financial Information by Reporting Segment and Geographic Data

The information included in Note 16 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including financial information by reportable segment and revenue and long-lived assets by geographic region, is hereby incorporated by reference. For additional detail regarding the risks attendant to our foreign operations see “Item 1A. Risk Factors - Risks Related to Our Business, Industry and Partners - *We are subject to risks and uncertainties associated with international operations which may harm our business.*”

Executive Officers of the Registrant

The following sets forth certain information regarding our executive officers, their ages and positions as of February 24, 2017:

Name	Age	Position
Jen-Hsun Huang	54	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Colette M. Kress	49	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Ajay K. Puri	62	Executive Vice President, Worldwide Field Operations
Debra Shoquist	62	Executive Vice President, Operations
Timothy S. Teter	50	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Jen-Hsun Huang co-founded NVIDIA in 1993 and has served as its President, Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors since its inception. From 1985 to 1993, Mr. Huang was employed at LSI Logic Corporation, a computer chip manufacturer, where he held a variety of positions including as Director of Coreware, the business unit responsible for LSI's “system-on-chip”. From 1983 to 1985, Mr. Huang was a microprocessor designer for Advanced Micro Devices, Inc., a semiconductor company. Mr. Huang holds a B.S.E.E. degree from Oregon State University and an M.S.E.E. degree from Stanford University.

Colette M. Kress joined NVIDIA in 2013 as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to NVIDIA, Ms. Kress most recently served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Business Technology and Operations Finance organization at Cisco Systems, Inc., a networking equipment company, since 2010. At Cisco, Ms. Kress was responsible for financial strategy, planning, reporting and business development for all business segments, engineering and operations. From 1997 to 2010 Ms. Kress held a variety of positions at Microsoft Corporation, a software company, including, beginning in 2006, Chief Financial Officer of the Server and Tools division, where Ms. Kress was responsible for financial strategy, planning, reporting and business development for the division. Prior to joining Microsoft, Ms. Kress spent eight years at Texas Instruments Incorporated, a semiconductor company, where she held a variety of finance positions. Ms. Kress holds a B.S. degree in Finance from University of Arizona and an M.B.A. degree from Southern Methodist University.

Ajay K. Puri joined NVIDIA in 2005 as Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales and became Executive Vice President, Worldwide Field Operations in 2009. Prior to NVIDIA, he held positions in sales, marketing, and general management over a 22-year career at Sun Microsystems, Inc., a computing systems company. Mr. Puri previously held marketing, management consulting, and product development positions at Hewlett-Packard Company, an information technology company, Booz

Allen Hamilton Inc., a management and technology consulting company, and Texas Instruments Incorporated. Mr. Puri holds a B.S.E.E. degree from the University of Minnesota, an M.S.E.E. degree from the California Institute of Technology and an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School.

Debora Shoquist joined NVIDIA in 2007 as Senior Vice President of Operations and in 2009 became Executive Vice President of Operations. Her role has since expanded with responsibility added for Facilities in 2013, and for Information Technology in 2015. Prior to NVIDIA, Ms. Shoquist served from 2004 to 2007 as Executive Vice President of Operations at JDS Uniphase Corp., a provider of communications test and measurement solutions and optical products for the telecommunications industry. She served from 2002 to 2004 as Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Electro-Optics business at Coherent, Inc., a manufacturer of commercial and scientific laser equipment. Previously, she worked at Quantum Corp., a data protection company, as President of the Personal Computer Hard Disk Drive Division, and at Hewlett-Packard Corp. Ms. Shoquist holds a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Kansas State University and a B.S. degree in Biology from Santa Clara University.

Timothy S. Teter joined NVIDIA in January 2017 as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. Prior to NVIDIA, Mr. Teter spent more than two decades at the law firm of Cooley LLP. He was most recently a partner at Cooley, where he focused on litigating patent and technology related matters. Prior to attending law school, he worked as an engineer at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company. Mr. Teter holds a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California at Davis and a J.D. degree from Stanford Law School.

Available Information

Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and, if applicable, amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are available free of charge on or through our web site, <http://www.nvidia.com>, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. Our web site and the information on it or connected to it are not a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

In evaluating NVIDIA and our business, the following factors should be considered in addition to the other information in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Before you buy our common stock, you should know that making such an investment involves risks including, but not limited to, the risks described below. Any one of the following risks could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations, which could cause our stock price to decline. Additional risks, trends and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also harm our business.

Risks Related to Our Business, Industry and Partners

If we fail to meet the evolving needs of our markets, identify new products, services or technologies, or successfully compete in our target markets, our revenue and financial results will be adversely impacted.

NVIDIA-branded solutions and services are visual computing and accelerated computing platforms that address four large markets: Gaming, Professional Visualization, Datacenter, and Automotive. Our success depends to a significant extent on our ability to meet the evolving needs of these markets and to enhance our existing products, services and technologies. In addition, our success depends on our ability to identify emerging industry trends and to develop new products, services and technologies. Our existing markets and products and new markets and products may require a considerable investment of technical, financial, compliance, sales and marketing resources. We are currently devoting significant resources to the development of technologies and business offerings in markets where our operating history is less extensive, such as the automotive market.

We cannot assure you that our strategic direction will result in innovative products and technologies that provide value to our customers and partners. If we fail to anticipate the changing needs of our target markets and emerging technology

trends, or adapt that strategy as market conditions evolve, in a timely manner to exploit potential market opportunities our business will be harmed. In addition, if demand for products and services from these growth markets is below our expectations, if we fail to achieve consumer or market acceptance of them or if we are not able to develop these products and services in a cost effective or efficient manner, we may not realize benefits from our strategy.

Our target markets remain extremely competitive, and we expect competition to intensify as current competitors expand their product and/or service offerings, industry standards continue to evolve and new competitors enter these markets. If we are unable to successfully compete in our target markets, including in significant international markets such as China, demand for our products, services and technologies could decrease which would cause our revenue to decline and our financial results to suffer. Our competitors' products, services and technologies may be less costly, or may offer superior functionality or different features, than ours. In addition, many of our competitors operate and maintain their own fabrication facilities and have longer operating histories, greater name recognition, larger customer bases, and greater financial, sales, marketing and distribution resources than we do. These competitors may be able to more effectively identify and capitalize upon opportunities in new markets and end user customer trends, quickly transition their semiconductor products to increasingly smaller line width geometries and obtain sufficient foundry capacity and packaging materials, which could harm our business. If we are unable to successfully compete in our target markets or introduce new offerings in light of the competitive environment, our results of operations could suffer.

If our products fail to achieve expected manufacturing yields, our financial results could be adversely impacted.

Manufacturing yields for our products are a function of product design, which is developed largely by us, and process technology, which typically is proprietary to the foundry. Low yields may result from either product design or process technology failure. We do not know whether a yield problem will exist until our design is actually manufactured by the foundry. As a result, yield problems may not be identified until well into the manufacturing process and require us and the foundry to cooperate to resolve the problem. Because of our potentially limited access to wafer foundry capacity, any decrease in manufacturing yields could result in higher manufacturing costs and require us to allocate our available product supply among our customers and partners. Lower than expected yields could harm customer or partner relationships and our financial results.

System security and data protection breaches, as well as cyber-attacks, could disrupt our operations, reduce our expected revenue and increase our expenses, which could adversely affect our stock price and damage our reputation.

Security breaches, computer malware and cyber-attacks have become more prevalent and sophisticated in recent years. These attacks have occurred on our systems in the past and are expected to occur in the future. Experienced computer programmers, hackers and employees may be able to penetrate our security controls and misappropriate or compromise our confidential information, or that of our employees or third parties. These attacks may create system disruptions or cause shutdowns. These hackers may also develop and deploy viruses, worms and other malicious software programs that attack or otherwise exploit security vulnerabilities in our products, including consumer and automotive products, where we utilize over-the-air updates to improve functionality over time. For portions of our IT infrastructure, including business management and communication software products, we rely on products and services provided by third parties. These providers may also experience breaches and attacks to their products which may impact our systems. Data security breaches may also result from non-technical means, such as actions by an employee with access to our systems.

Actual or perceived breaches of our security measures or the accidental loss, inadvertent disclosure or unapproved dissemination of proprietary information or sensitive or confidential data about us, our partners, our customers or third parties could expose the parties affected to a risk of loss, or misuse of this information, resulting in litigation and potential liability, damage to our brand and reputation or other harm to our business. Our efforts to prevent and overcome these challenges could increase our expenses and may not be successful. We may experience interruptions, delays, cessation of service and loss of existing or potential customers. Such disruptions could adversely impact our ability to fulfill orders and interrupt other critical functions. Delayed sales, lower margins or lost customers as a result of these disruptions could adversely affect our financial results, stock price and reputation.

If our products contain significant defects, we could incur significant expenses to remediate such defects, our reputation could be damaged and we could lose market share.

Our products are complex and may contain defects or experience failures or unsatisfactory performance due to any number of issues in design, fabrication, packaging, materials and/or use within a system. Our products are used by a variety of industries, including the automotive industry. Failure of our products to perform to specifications, or other product defects, could lead to substantial damage to the products we sell directly to customers, the end product in which our device has been integrated by OEMs, ODMs, AIBs and Tier 1 automotive suppliers, and to the user of such end product. Any such defect may cause us to incur significant warranty, support and repair or replacement costs, cause us to lose market share, and divert the attention of our engineering personnel from our product development efforts to find and correct the issue. In addition, an error or defect in new products or releases or related software drivers after commencement of commercial shipments could result in failure to achieve market acceptance or loss of design wins and harm our relationships with customers and partners and consumers' perceptions of our brand. Also, we may be required to reimburse our customers, partners or consumers, including costs to repair or replace products in the field. A product recall, particularly an automotive recall, or a significant number of product returns could be expensive, damage our reputation, result in the shifting of business to our competitors and result in litigation against us such as product liability suits. If a product liability claim is brought against us, the cost of defending the claim could be significant and would divert the efforts of our technical and management personnel, and harm our business. Further, our business liability insurance may be inadequate or future coverage may be unavailable on acceptable terms, which could adversely impact our financial results.

If we do not replace our Intel licensing revenues, our financial results may be adversely affected.

In January 2011, we entered into a patent cross licensing agreement under which Intel agreed to pay us an aggregate of \$1.50 billion over six years. The final \$200 million payment under this agreement was received in January 2016. We will be recognizing revenue under this agreement through the first quarter of fiscal year 2018. If we do not enter into new licensing agreements or if the Intel agreement is not offset by other growth in income our financial results may be adversely affected.

We depend on third parties and their technology to manufacture, assemble, test and/or package our products, which reduces our control over product quantity and quality, development, enhancement and product delivery schedule and could harm our business.

We do not manufacture the silicon wafers used for our GPUs and Tegra processors and do not own or operate a wafer fabrication facility. Instead, we are dependent on industry-leading foundries, such as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited and Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., to manufacture our semiconductor wafers using their fabrication equipment and techniques. Similarly, we do not assemble, test or package our products, but instead rely on independent subcontractors, such as Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc., BYD Auto Co., Ltd., Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd., JSI Logistics, Ltd., King Yuan Electronics Co. and Siliconware Precision Industries Co. Ltd. We do not have long-term commitment contracts with these foundries or subcontractors. As a result, we face several significant risks which could have an adverse effect on our ability to meet customer demand and/or negatively impact our business operations, gross margin, revenue and/or financial results, including:

- a lack of guaranteed supply of wafers and other components and potential higher wafer and component prices due to supply constraints;
- a failure by our foundries to procure raw materials or to provide or allocate adequate manufacturing or test capacity for our products;
- a failure to develop, obtain or successfully implement high quality, leading-edge process technologies, including transitions to smaller geometry process technologies such as 16nm FinFET, and memory designs such as CoWoS, needed to manufacture our products profitably or on a timely basis;
- loss of a supplier and additional expense and/or production delays as a result of qualifying a new foundry or subcontractor and commencing volume production or testing in the event of a loss of or a decision to add or change a supplier;

- a lack of direct control over delivery schedules or product quantity and quality; and
- delays in product shipments, shortages, a decrease in product quality and/or higher expenses in the event our subcontractors or foundries prioritize our competitors' orders over our orders or otherwise.

We also rely on third-party software development tools to assist us in the design, simulation and verification of new products or product enhancements, and to bring such new products and enhancements to market in a timely manner. In the past, we have experienced delays in the introduction of products and enhancements as a result of the inability of then available software development tools to fully simulate the complex features and functionalities of our products. The design requirements necessary to meet consumer demands for more features and greater functionality from our products may exceed the capabilities of available software development tools. If we miss design cycles or lose design wins due to the unavailability of such software development tools, we could lose market share and our revenues could decline.

If we fail to achieve design wins for our products, our business will be harmed.

For our products that we do not sell directly to consumers, achieving design wins is an important success factor. Our OEM, ODM, and AIB and motherboard manufacturers' customers typically introduce new system configurations as often as twice per year, typically based on spring and fall design cycles or in connection with trade shows. If OEMs, ODMs, and AIB and motherboard manufacturers do not include our products in their systems, they will typically not use our products in their systems until at least the next design configuration. In order to achieve design wins, we must:

- anticipate the features and functionality that customers and consumers will demand;
- incorporate those features and functionalities into products that meet the exacting design requirements of our customers; and
- price our products competitively.

Unanticipated changes in industry standards could render our products incompatible with products developed by major hardware manufacturers and software developers. Further, if our products are not in compliance with prevailing industry standards, our customers may not incorporate our products into their design strategies.

Business disruptions could harm our business, lead to a decline in revenues and increase our costs.

Our worldwide operations could be disrupted by earthquakes, telecommunications failures, power or water shortages, outages at cloud service providers, tsunamis, floods, hurricanes, typhoons, fires, extreme weather conditions, medical epidemics or pandemics and other natural or man-made disasters, catastrophic events or climate change. The occurrence of any of these disruptions could harm our business and result in significant losses, a decline in revenue and an increase in our costs and expenses. Any of these business disruptions could require substantial expenditures and recovery time in order to fully resume operations. Our corporate headquarters, and a portion of our research and development activities, are located in California, and other critical business operations and some of our suppliers are located in Asia, near major earthquake faults known for seismic activity. In addition, a majority of our principal IT datacenters are located in California, making our operations vulnerable to natural disasters or other business disruptions occurring in this geographical area. The manufacture of product components, the final assembly of our products and other critical operations are concentrated in certain geographic locations, including Taiwan, China and Korea. Our operations could be harmed if manufacturing, logistics or other operations in these locations are disrupted for any reason, including natural disasters, high heat events or water shortages, information technology system failures, military actions or economic, business, labor, environmental, public health, regulatory or political issues. The ultimate impact on us, our third-party foundries and other suppliers and our general infrastructure of being located near major earthquake faults and being consolidated in certain geographical areas is unknown. In the event of a major earthquake or other disaster or catastrophic event, our revenue could decline and our business may be harmed.

We receive a significant amount of our revenue from a limited number of customers within our partner network and our revenue could be adversely affected if we lose any of these customers.

We receive a significant amount of our revenue from a limited number of customers within our partner network. With several of these partners, we are selling multiple target market platforms through their channels. As a result, revenue from significant customers, those representing 10% or more of total revenue, was 12%, 11%, and 11% of our total revenue from one customer in fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. Our operating results in the foreseeable future will continue to depend on sales within our partner network, as well as the ability of these partners to sell products that incorporate our GPUs and Tegra processors. In the future, these partners may decide to purchase fewer products than they did in the past, not to incorporate our products into their ecosystem, or to alter their purchasing patterns in some other way, particularly because:

- most of our sales are made on a purchase order basis, which permits our customers to cancel, change or delay product purchase commitments with little or no notice to us and without penalty;
- our partners may develop their own solutions;
- our customers may purchase products from our competitors; or
- our partners may discontinue sales or lose market share in the markets for which they purchase our products.

The loss of any of our large customers or a significant reduction in purchases by them would likely harm our financial condition and results of operations, and any difficulties in collecting accounts receivable could harm our operating results and financial condition.

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of certain of our customers to make required payments and obtain credit insurance over the purchasing credit extended to these customers. In the future, we may have to record additional provisions or write-offs and/or defer revenue on certain sales transactions, which could negatively impact our financial results, and we may not be able to acquire credit insurance on the credit we extend to these customers or in amounts that we deem sufficient.

Our gross margin depends on a number of factors and changes in any of these factors could adversely affect our gross margin.

Our gross margin for any period depends on a number of factors, including the mix of our products sold, average selling prices, introduction of new products and services, process node transitions, product transitions, sales discounts, pricing actions by our competitors, the cost of product components and the yield of wafers produced by the foundries that manufacture our products. We are focused on improving our gross margin and if we are not able to control or estimate the impact of the above factors or other factors we do not foresee, our gross margins may be negatively impacted.

If we fail to estimate customer demand properly, our financial results could be harmed.

We manufacture our GPUs and Tegra processors based on estimates of customer demand. In order to have shorter shipment lead times and quicker delivery schedules for our customers, we may build inventories for anticipated periods of growth which do not occur, or may build inventory anticipating demand for a product that does not materialize. In estimating demand, we make multiple assumptions, any of which may prove to be incorrect. Situations that may result in excess or obsolete inventory include:

- changes in business and economic conditions, including downturns in our target markets and/or overall economy;
- changes in consumer confidence caused by changes in market conditions, including changes in the credit market;
- a sudden and significant decrease in demand for our products;
- a higher incidence of inventory obsolescence because of rapidly changing technology or customer requirements;
- our introduction of new products resulting in lower demand for older products;
- less demand than expected for newly-introduced products; or
- increased competition, including competitive pricing actions.

In addition, the cancellation or deferral of customer purchase orders could result in our holding excess inventory, which could adversely affect our gross margins. In addition, because we often sell a substantial portion of our products in the last month of each quarter, we may not be able to reduce our inventory purchase commitments in a timely manner in response to customer cancellations or deferrals. We could be required to write-down our inventory to the lower of cost or market or write-off excess inventory, and we could experience a reduction in average selling prices if we incorrectly forecast product demand, any of which could harm our financial results.

Conversely, if we underestimate our customers' demand for our products, our foundry partners may not have adequate lead-time or capacity to increase production and we may not be able to obtain sufficient inventory to fill customers' orders on a timely basis. Even if we are able to increase production levels to meet customer demand, we may not be able to do so in a cost-effective or timely manner. If we fail to fulfill our customers' orders on a timely basis, or at all, our customer relationships could be damaged, we could lose revenue and market share and our reputation could be damaged.

We are subject to risks and uncertainties associated with international operations which may harm our business.

We conduct our business worldwide and we have offices in various countries outside of the United States. Our semiconductor wafers are manufactured, assembled, tested and packaged by third parties located outside of the United States and Other Americas. We also generate a significant portion of our revenue from sales to customers outside the United States and Other Americas. Revenue from sales to customers outside of the United States and Other Americas accounted for 80%, 79% and 75% of total revenue for fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The global nature of our business subjects us to a number of risks and uncertainties, including:

- international economic and political conditions, such as political tensions between countries in which we do business;
- unexpected changes in, or impositions of, legislative or regulatory requirements;
- differing legal standards with respect to protection of intellectual property and employment practices;
- local business and cultural factors that differ from our normal standards and practices, including business practices that we are prohibited from engaging in by the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other anticorruption laws and regulations;
- exporting or importing issues related to export or import restrictions, tariffs, quotas and other trade barriers and restrictions;
- financial risks such as longer payment cycles, difficulty in collecting accounts receivable and foreign exchange rate fluctuations; and
- increased costs due to imposition of climate change regulations, such as carbon taxes, fuel or energy taxes, and pollution limits.

If sales to any of our customers outside of the United States and Other Americas are delayed or cancelled because of any of the above factors, our revenue may be negatively impacted.

We may not be able to realize the potential financial or strategic benefits of business acquisitions or strategic investments and we may not be able to successfully integrate acquisition targets, which could hurt our ability to grow our business, develop new products or sell our products.

We have in the past acquired and invested in, and may continue to acquire and invest in, other businesses that offer products, services and technologies that we believe will help expand or enhance our existing products and business. Any of the following risks associated with past or future acquisitions or investments could impair our ability to grow our business, develop new products or sell our products, and ultimately could have a negative impact on our growth or our financial results:

- difficulty in combining the technology, products, operations or workforce of the acquired business with our business;
- diversion of capital and other resources, including management's attention;
- assumption of liabilities;
- incurring amortization expenses, impairment charges to goodwill or write-downs of acquired assets;

- potential failure of our due diligence processes to identify significant issues with product quality, architecture and development, or legal and financial contingencies, among other things; and
- impairment of relationships with, or loss of our or our target's, employees, vendors and customers, as a result of our acquisition or investment.

Risks Related to Regulatory, Legal, Our Common Stock and Other Matters

Actions to adequately protect our intellectual property rights could result in substantial costs to us and our ability to compete could be harmed if we are unsuccessful in doing so or if we are prohibited from making or selling our products.

We have in the past, currently are, and may in the future become involved in lawsuits or other legal proceedings alleging patent infringement or other intellectual property rights violations by us, our employees or parties that we have agreed to indemnify for certain claims of infringement. An unfavorable ruling in any such intellectual property related litigation could include significant damages, invalidation of a patent or family of patents, indemnification of customers, payment of lost profits, or, when it has been sought, injunctive relief.

We may commence litigation or other legal proceedings in order to protect our intellectual property rights. Such proceedings may increase our operating expenses, which could negatively impact our operating results. Further, we could be subject to countersuits as a result of our initiation of litigation. If infringement claims are made against us or our products are found to infringe a third party's patent or intellectual property, we or one of our indemnitees may have to seek a license to the third party's patent or other intellectual property rights. However, we may not be able to obtain licenses at all or on terms acceptable to us particularly from our competitors. If we or one of our indemnitees is unable to obtain a license from a third party for technology that we use or that is used in one of our products, we could be subject to substantial liabilities or have to suspend or discontinue the manufacture and sale of one or more of our products. We may also have to make royalty or other payments, or cross license our technology. If these arrangements are not concluded on commercially reasonable terms, our business could be negatively impacted. Furthermore, the indemnification of a customer or other indemnitee may increase our operating expenses which could negatively impact our operating results.

We rely primarily on a combination of patents, trademarks, trade secrets, employee and third-party nondisclosure agreements, licensing arrangements, and the laws of the countries in which we operate to protect our intellectual property in the United States and internationally. The laws of certain foreign countries may not protect our products or intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. This makes the possibility of piracy of our technology and products more likely. We continuously assess whether and where to seek formal protection for existing and new innovations and technologies, but cannot be certain whether our applications for such protections will be approved, and, if approved, whether we will be able to enforce such protections.

Our operating results have in the past fluctuated and may in the future fluctuate, and if our operating results are below the expectations of securities analysts or investors, our stock price could decline.

Our operating results have in the past fluctuated and may in the future continue to fluctuate due to numerous factors. For example, our operating expenses represent a significant portion of total revenue and are largely independent of revenue in any particular period. In particular, our research and development expenses reflect multi-year programs for the development of new products and enhancements that will not result in revenue, if any, until future periods. Therefore, investors should not rely on quarterly comparisons of our results of operations as an indication of our future performance.

Factors that could affect our results of operations in the future include:

- demand and market acceptance for our products and services and/or our customers' products;
- the successful development and volume production of our next-generation products;
- our inability to adjust spending to offset revenue shortfalls due to the multi-year development cycle for some of our products and services;
- new product and service announcements or product and service introductions by our competitors;

- our introduction of new products in accordance with OEMs' design requirements and design cycles;
- changes in the timing of product orders due to unexpected delays in the introduction of our customers' products;
- the level of growth or decline of the PC industry in general;
- seasonal fluctuations associated with the PC and consumer products market;
- contraction in automotive and consumer end-market demand due to adverse regional or worldwide economic conditions;
- slower than expected growth of demand for new technologies;
- fluctuations in the availability of manufacturing capacity or manufacturing yields;
- our ability to reduce the manufacturing costs of our products;
- competitive pressures resulting in lower than expected average selling prices;
- product rates of return in excess of that forecasted or expected due to quality issues;
- rescheduling or cancellation of customer orders;
- the loss of a significant customer;
- substantial disruption in the operations of our foundries or other third-party subcontractors, as a result of a natural disaster, equipment failure, terrorism or other causes;
- supply constraints for and changes in the cost of the other components incorporated into our customers' products, including memory devices;
- costs associated with the repair and replacement of defective products;
- unexpected inventory write-downs or write-offs;
- legal and other costs related to defending intellectual property and other types of lawsuits;
- availability of software and technology licenses at commercially reasonable terms for the continued sale or development of new products;
- customer bad debt write-offs;
- changes in our effective tax rate as a result of changes in the mix of earnings in countries with differing statutory tax rates, applicable tax laws or interpretations of tax laws;
- any unanticipated costs associated with environmental liabilities;
- unexpected costs related to our ownership of real property;
- costs to comply with new government regulations and regulatory enforcement actions;
- costs to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting;
- changes in financial accounting standards or interpretations of existing standards; and
- general macroeconomic events and factors affecting the overall semiconductor industry and our target markets.

Any one or more of the factors discussed above could prevent us from achieving our expected future financial results. Any such failure to meet our expectations or the expectations of our investors or security analysts could cause our stock price to decline or experience substantial price volatility and, as a result, investors may suffer losses.

In the past, securities class action litigation has often been brought against a company following periods of volatility in the market price of its securities. We have been in the past, and may be in the future, the target of securities litigation. Such lawsuits generally result in the diversion of management's time and attention away from business operations, which could harm our business. In addition, the costs of defense and any damages resulting from litigation, a ruling against us, or a settlement of the litigation could adversely affect our cash flow and financial results.

Privacy concerns relating to our products and services could damage our reputation and deter current and potential users from using our products and services.

Our products and services may provide us with access to sensitive, confidential or personal data or information that is subject to privacy and security laws and regulations. Concerns about our practices with regard to the collection, use, retention, security or disclosure of personal information or other privacy-related matters, even if unfounded, could damage our reputation and adversely affect our operating results.

Worldwide regulatory authorities are considering various legislative proposals concerning data protection. In addition, the interpretation and application of consumer and data protection laws in the United States, Europe and elsewhere are often

uncertain and fluid, and may be interpreted and applied in a manner that is inconsistent with our data practices. If so, we may be ordered to change our data practices and/or be fined. Complying with these changing laws could cause us to incur substantial costs, which could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

We are subject to risks associated with development and construction of our headquarters building under an operating lease financing arrangement.

In fiscal year 2016, we began to construct a new headquarters building in Santa Clara, California, which is currently targeted for completion in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018. We may encounter unanticipated occurrences or conditions during construction that may increase the expense of the project. We may also encounter unanticipated delays in the construction of the new building and final city approval for occupancy may be delayed. We are financing this construction under an operating lease arrangement described below. Delays and cost overruns during construction could result in a default under the operating lease financing arrangement which could result in liabilities and expenses and could harm our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

Additionally, any such difficulties could result in our default under the operative agreements entered into with a syndicate of banks that are participants to the operating lease financing arrangement to finance development and construction of our headquarters. We have pledged our assets that relate to the new headquarters building in order to secure our obligations under the operating lease financing arrangement. We will need to maintain compliance with the requirements governing such agreements, including compliance with financial and other covenants, certain of which may be subject to events outside of our control. If we fail to comply with the covenants, we may be unable to obtain or utilize all or a portion of the financing contemplated by the operating lease financing arrangement. Further, noncompliance with such covenants or other event of default could lead to a termination of our lease of the property, and the lenders could have the right to, among other things, foreclose on the collateral for our obligations under the operating lease financing arrangement. A loss of financing for the new headquarters building or foreclosure on the collateral could adversely affect our liquidity and business.

Our indebtedness could adversely affect our financial position and prevent us from implementing our strategy or fulfilling our contractual obligations.

In September 2016, we issued \$1.00 billion of 2.20% notes due September 16, 2021, or the Notes Due 2021, and \$1.00 billion of 3.20% notes due September 16, 2026, or the Notes Due 2026 (collectively, the Notes). In December 2013, we issued \$1.50 billion of 1.00% convertible senior notes due December 1, 2018, or the Convertible Notes, of which \$827 million in principal amount remained outstanding as of January 29, 2017. We have received additional conversion requests of \$660 million in principal amount, \$502 million of which have already settled, \$103 million of which are expected to settle during the first quarter of fiscal year 2018, and \$55 million of which are expected to settle during the second quarter of fiscal year 2018.

Our indebtedness may limit our ability to use our cash flow or borrow additional funds for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and general corporate and other purposes. Additionally, our obligation to make payments related to the Notes or the Convertible Notes could impact our cash balance and limit our ability to use our cash for our capital return program and our other liquidity needs, including working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, investments and other general corporate purposes.

The warrants associated with our Convertible Notes, or the Warrants, dilute our net income per share and the settlement or eventual exercise of the Warrants would dilute the ownership interest of our existing shareholders.

When the average trading price of our common stock for a fiscal quarter exceeds the adjusted strike price of the Warrants, the number of diluted weighted average shares used in our net income per share calculation increases, which dilutes our net income per share.

Any issuance by us of shares upon exercise or any other settlement of the Warrants may dilute the ownership interest of our existing shareholders. In December 2016, we entered into an agreement with a counterparty bank to terminate 63

million of the 75 million Warrants outstanding. In consideration for the termination of these Warrants, we delivered a total of 48 million shares of common stock to the counterparty bank, the amount of which was determined each day based on the daily volume-weighted average price of our common stock during an observation period beginning December 13, 2016 and ending January 31, 2017. As of January 29, 2017, 44 million of the 48 million shares of our common stock had been issued related to the terminated Warrants. The remaining 4 million shares were issued in the beginning of fiscal year 2018.

An aggregate of 12 million Warrants remained outstanding, or the Remaining Warrants, as of January 29, 2017. The Remaining Warrants will be deemed to be automatically exercised on certain dates between March 2019 and June 2019, unless the Warrant holder notifies us otherwise.

Delaware law and provisions in our certificate of incorporation, our bylaws and our agreement with Microsoft Corporation could delay or prevent a change in control.

Our status as a Delaware corporation and the anti-takeover provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law may discourage, delay, or prevent a change in control by prohibiting us from engaging in a business combination with an interested shareholder for a period of three years after the person becomes an interested shareholder, even if a change of control would be beneficial to our existing shareholders. In addition, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire a majority of our outstanding voting stock. These provisions include the following:

- the ability of our Board of Directors to create and issue preferred stock without prior shareholder approval;
- the prohibition of shareholder action by written consent;
- advance notice requirements for director nominations and shareholder proposals;
- the ability of our Board of Directors to increase or decrease the number of directors without shareholder approval;
- a super-majority voting requirement to amend some provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws;
- the inability of our shareholders to call special meetings of shareholders; and
- the ability of our Board of Directors to make, amend or repeal our bylaws.

On March 5, 2000, we entered into an agreement with Microsoft in which we agreed to develop and sell graphics chips and to license certain technology to Microsoft and its licensees for use in the Xbox. Under the agreement, if an individual or corporation makes an offer to purchase shares equal to or greater than 30% of the outstanding shares of our common stock, Microsoft may have first and last rights of refusal to purchase the stock. The Microsoft provision and the other factors listed above could also delay or prevent a change in control of NVIDIA. These provisions could also discourage proxy contests and make it more difficult for shareholders to elect directors of their choosing and to cause us to take other corporate actions they desire.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

Not applicable.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

Our headquarters complex is located in Santa Clara, California. It includes eight leased commercial buildings totaling 896,565 square feet, and real property that we own, which consists of six commercial buildings on 36 acres of land. During fiscal year 2016, we began to construct a new headquarters building in Santa Clara, California, which is currently targeted for completion in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018. In addition, we also lease datacenter space in Santa Clara, California.

Outside of Santa Clara, California, we lease facilities in Austin, Texas and a number of regional facilities in other U.S. locations, that are used as research and development centers and/or sales and administrative offices. Outside of the United States, we own a building in Hyderabad, India, that is being used primarily as a research and development center. We also lease facilities in various international locations that are used as research and development centers and/or sales and administrative offices. These leased facilities are located primarily in Asia and Europe.

We believe that we currently have sufficient facilities to conduct our operations for the next twelve months. For additional information regarding obligations under leases, see Note 12 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the subheading “Lease Obligations,” which information is hereby incorporated by reference.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Please see Note 12 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of our legal proceedings.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not Applicable.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol NVDA. Public trading of our common stock began on January 22, 1999. Prior to that, there was no public market for our common stock. As of February 24, 2017, we had approximately 323 registered shareholders, not including those shares held in street or nominee name. The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the high and low sales price for our common stock as quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market:

	High		Low	
Fiscal year ending January 28, 2018				
First Quarter (through February 24, 2017)	\$	120.92	\$	95.70
Fiscal year ended January 29, 2017				
Fourth Quarter	\$	119.93	\$	66.58
Third Quarter	\$	72.95	\$	55.50
Second Quarter	\$	57.25	\$	34.40
First Quarter	\$	37.46	\$	24.75
Fiscal year ended January 31, 2016				
Fourth Quarter	\$	33.94	\$	26.45
Third Quarter	\$	28.78	\$	19.09
Second Quarter	\$	22.88	\$	19.16
First Quarter	\$	23.61	\$	18.94

Dividend Policy

On November 10, 2016, we increased our quarterly cash dividend from \$0.115 per share, or \$0.46 on an annual basis, to \$0.14 per share, or \$0.56 on an annual basis. In fiscal years 2017 and 2016, we paid \$261 million and \$213 million, respectively, in cash dividends to our common shareholders.

Our cash dividend program and the payment of future cash dividends under the program are subject to continued capital availability and our Board of Directors' continuing determination that the dividend program and the declaration of dividends thereunder are in the best interests of our shareholders and are in compliance with all laws and agreements of NVIDIA applicable to the declaration and payment of cash dividends. In calendar year 2016, based upon our earnings and profits, 60% of our dividend payments were considered to be a return of capital for U.S. federal income tax purposes. It is possible that a portion of our dividend payments in future calendar years may continue to be considered a return of capital for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Beginning August 2004, our Board of Directors authorized us, subject to certain specifications, to repurchase shares of our common stock. On November 7, 2016, the Board authorized an additional \$2.00 billion under our repurchase program and extended it through December 2020.

Through January 29, 2017, we have repurchased an aggregate of 245 million shares under our share repurchase program for a total cost of \$4.59 billion. All shares delivered from these repurchases have been placed into treasury stock. As of January 29, 2017, we were authorized, subject to certain specifications, to repurchase additional shares of our common

stock up to \$2.73 billion through December 2020. For fiscal year 2018, we intend to return \$1.25 billion to our shareholders through ongoing quarterly cash dividends and share repurchases.

The repurchases can be made in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions, or in structured share repurchase programs, and can be made in one or more larger repurchases, in compliance with Rule 10b-18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, subject to market conditions, applicable legal requirements, and other factors. The program does not obligate NVIDIA to acquire any particular amount of common stock and the program may be suspended at any time at our discretion. As part of our share repurchase program, we have entered into, and we may continue to enter into, structured share repurchase transactions with financial institutions. These agreements generally require that we make an up-front payment in exchange for the right to receive a fixed number of shares of our common stock upon execution of the agreement, and a potential incremental number of shares of our common stock, within a pre-determined range, at the end of the term of the agreement.

The following table presents details of our share repurchase transactions during the three fiscal months ended January 29, 2017:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (In millions)	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (In millions)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (In billions)
October 31, 2016 - November 27, 2016	2.5	\$ 93.17	2.5	\$ 2.73
November 28, 2016 - December 25, 2016	—	\$ —	—	\$ 2.73
December 26, 2016 - January 29, 2017	—	\$ —	—	\$ 2.73
Total	2.5		2.5	

Transactions Related to our Convertible Notes and Note Hedges

During fiscal year 2017, we issued an aggregate of 23 million shares of our common stock upon settlement of \$673 million in principal amount of Convertible Notes submitted for conversion. Subsequent to fiscal year 2017, we issued an aggregate of 20 million additional shares of our common stock upon settlement of an additional \$502 million in principal amount of Convertible Notes. In connection with these conversions, we exercised a portion of our Note Hedges to acquire an equal number of shares of our common stock. The counterparty to the Note Hedges may be deemed an “affiliated purchaser” and may have purchased the shares of our common stock deliverable to us upon this exercise of our option.

During the remainder of the first quarter of fiscal year 2018, we expect to settle an additional \$103 million in principal amount of Convertible Notes and issue additional shares of our common stock for the excess conversion value. We also expect to settle at least an additional \$55 million in principal amount of Convertible Notes and issue additional shares of our common stock for the excess conversion value during the second quarter of fiscal year 2018. The actual number of shares issuable upon conversion will be determined based upon the terms of the Convertible Notes, and we expect to receive an equal number of shares of our common stock under the terms of the Note Hedges. Please refer to Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion regarding the Convertible Notes and the Note Hedges.

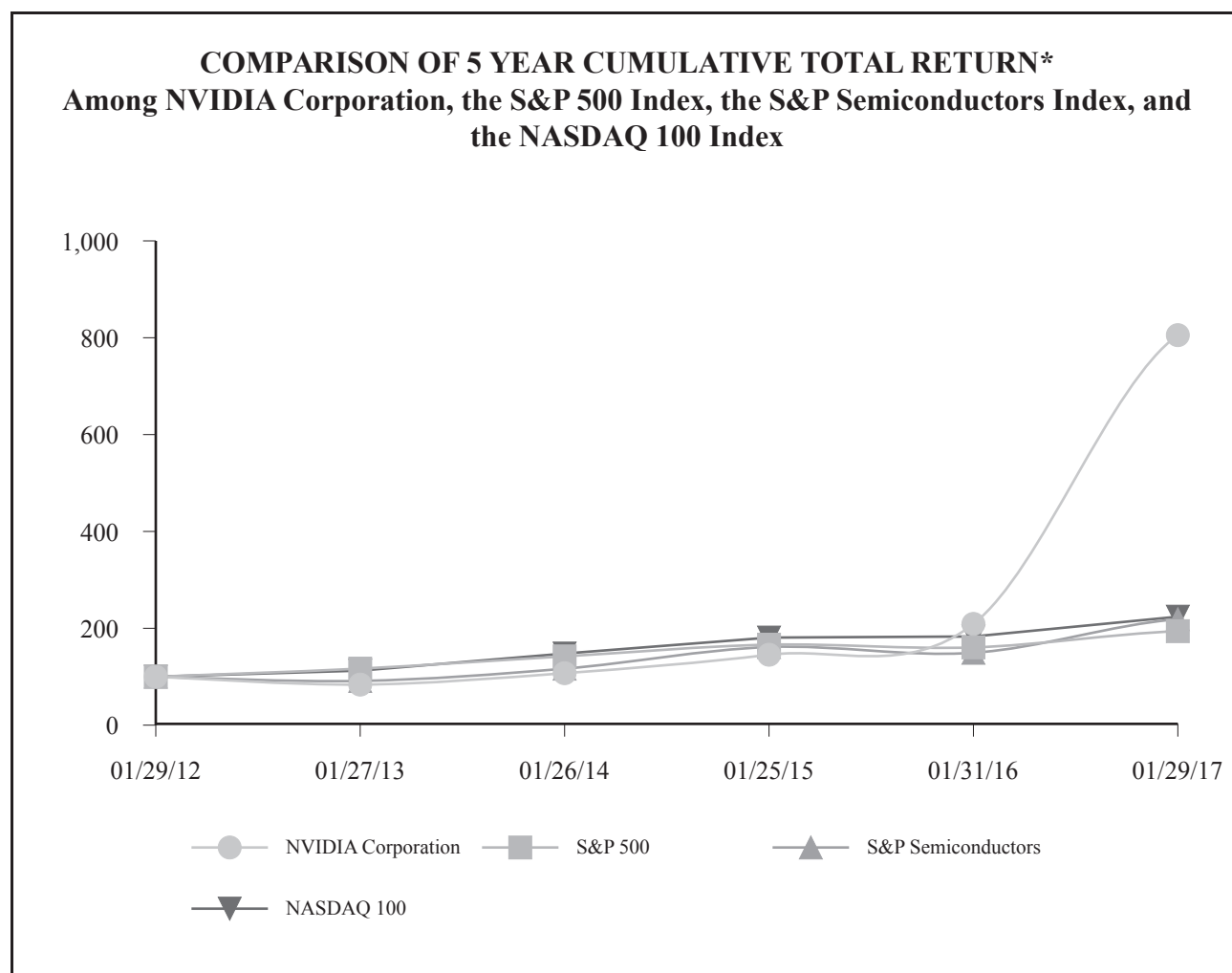
Restricted Stock Unit Share Withholding

We also withhold common stock shares associated with net share settlements to cover tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock unit awards under our equity incentive program. During fiscal year 2017, we withheld

approximately 3 million shares with a total withholding value of \$177 million through net share settlements. Please refer to Note 2 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion regarding our equity incentive plans.

Stock Performance Graphs

The following graph compares the cumulative total shareholder return for our common stock, the S&P 500 Index, the S&P Semiconductors Index and the NASDAQ 100 Index for the five years ended January 29, 2017. In previous years, we compared our total cumulative stockholder return with the S&P Semiconductors Index. We have elected to replace the S&P Semiconductors Index with the NASDAQ 100 Index because the new index represents a more diversified group of companies across major industry groups including computer hardware and software, telecommunications, retail and wholesale, and biotechnology. The NASDAQ 100 tracks the aggregate price performance of the 100 largest domestic and international non-financial securities listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market based on market capitalization. In this transition year, the stock performance graph below includes the comparative performance of the new index and the previously reported index. The graph assumes that \$100 was invested on January 29, 2012 in our common stock and in each of the S&P 500 Index, the S&P Semiconductors Index and the NASDAQ 100 Index. Our common stock is a component of each of the presented indices. Total return assumes reinvestment of dividends in each of the indices indicated. Total return is based on historical results and is not intended to indicate future performance.



*\$100 invested on 1/29/12 in stock and in indices, including reinvestment of dividends.

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	1/29/2012	1/27/2013	1/26/2014	1/25/2015	1/31/2016	1/29/2017
NVIDIA Corporation	\$ 100.00	\$ 83.78	\$ 107.33	\$ 145.42	\$ 209.05	\$ 805.35
S&P 500	\$ 100.00	\$ 116.77	\$ 142.07	\$ 166.19	\$ 160.54	\$ 194.04
S&P Semiconductors	\$ 100.00	\$ 91.30	\$ 116.65	\$ 161.31	\$ 149.44	\$ 218.88
NASDAQ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 112.60	\$ 147.83	\$ 180.81	\$ 183.09	\$ 223.98

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the notes thereto, and with Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." The Consolidated Statements of Income data for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015 and the Consolidated Balance Sheets data as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016 have been derived from and should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in Part IV, Item 15 in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We operate on a 52- or 53-week year, ending on the last Sunday in January. Fiscal years 2017, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were 52-week years and fiscal year 2016 was a 53-week year.

	Year Ended				
	January 29, 2017 (A)	January 31, 2016 (A)	January 25, 2015	January 26, 2014	January 27, 2013
(In millions, except per share data)					
Consolidated Statement of Income Data:					
Revenue	\$ 6,910	\$ 5,010	\$ 4,682	\$ 4,130	\$ 4,280
Income from operations	\$ 1,934	\$ 747	\$ 759	\$ 496	\$ 648
Net income	\$ 1,666	\$ 614	\$ 631	\$ 440	\$ 563
Net income per share:					
Basic	\$ 3.08	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.14	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.91
Diluted	\$ 2.57	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.90
Weighted average shares used in per share computation:					
Basic	541	543	552	588	619
Diluted	649	569	563	595	625

	Year Ended				
	January 29, 2017 (B,C)	January 31, 2016 (B)	January 25, 2015	January 26, 2014 (B)	January 27, 2013
(In millions, except per share data)					
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 6,798	\$ 5,037	\$ 4,623	\$ 4,672	\$ 3,728
Total assets	\$ 9,841	\$ 7,370	\$ 7,201	\$ 7,251	\$ 6,412
Debt obligations	\$ 2,779	\$ 1,413	\$ 1,384	\$ 1,356	\$ —
Capital lease obligations, less current portion	\$ 6	\$ 10	\$ 14	\$ 18	\$ 19
Convertible debt conversion obligation	\$ 31	\$ 87	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 5,762	\$ 4,469	\$ 4,418	\$ 4,456	\$ 4,828
Cash dividends declared and paid per common share (D)	\$ 0.485	\$ 0.395	\$ 0.340	\$ 0.310	\$ 0.075

- (A) In fiscal year 2016, we began the wind down of our Icera modem operations. As a result, our income from operations for fiscal years 2017 and 2016 included \$3 million and \$131 million, respectively, of restructuring and other charges.
- (B) In fiscal year 2014, we issued 1.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2018 in the aggregate principal amount of \$1.50 billion. The Convertible Notes first became convertible as of February 1, 2016. As of January 29, 2017, \$827 million of the Convertible Notes remained outstanding, of which \$796 million carrying value is classified as a current liability and \$31 million is classified as convertible debt conversion obligation in the mezzanine equity section of our Consolidated Balance Sheet. Please refer to Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.
- (C) In fiscal year 2017, we issued \$1.00 billion of the Notes Due 2021, and \$1.00 billion of the Notes Due 2026. Interest on the Notes is payable on March 16 and September 16 of each year, beginning on March 16, 2017. Upon 30 days' notice to holders of the Notes, we may redeem the Notes for cash prior to maturity, at redemption prices that include accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and a make-whole premium. However, no make-whole premium will be paid for redemptions of the Notes Due 2021 on or after August 16, 2021, or for redemptions of the Notes Due 2026 on or after June 16, 2026.
- (D) On November 8, 2012, we initiated a quarterly dividend payment of \$0.075 per share, or \$0.30 per share on an annual basis. On November 7, 2013, we increased the quarterly cash dividend to \$0.085 per share, or \$0.34 per share on an annual basis. On May 7, 2015, we increased the quarterly cash dividend to \$0.0975 per share, or \$0.39 per share on an annual basis. On November 5, 2015, we increased the quarterly cash dividend to \$0.115 per share, or \$0.46 per share on an annual basis. On November 10, 2016, we increased the quarterly cash dividend to \$0.14 per share, or \$0.56 per share on an annual basis.

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with "Item 1A. Risk Factors", "Item 6. Selected Financial Data", our Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes thereto, as well as other cautionary statements and risks described elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, before deciding to purchase, hold or sell shares of our common stock.

Overview

Our Company and Our Businesses

Starting with a focus on PC graphics, NVIDIA invented the GPU to solve some of the most complex problems in computer science. We have extended our emphasis in recent years to the revolutionary field of AI. NVIDIA delivers value to its customers through PC, mobile and cloud architectures. Vertical integration enables us to bring together hardware, system software, programmable algorithms, libraries, systems and services to create unique value for the markets we serve. We specialize in markets in which GPU-based visual computing and accelerated computing platforms can provide tremendous throughput for applications.

Our two reportable segments - GPU and Tegra Processor - are based on a single underlying graphics architecture. From our proprietary processors, we have created specialized platforms that target the four large markets where our expertise is critical: Gaming, Professional Visualization, Datacenter, and Automotive.

Our GPU product brands are aimed at specialized markets including GeForce for gamers; Quadro for designers; Tesla and DGX for AI data scientists and big data researchers; and GRID for cloud-based visual computing users. Our Tegra brand integrates an entire computer onto a single chip, and incorporates GPUs and multi-core CPUs to drive supercomputing for mobile gaming and entertainment devices, as well as autonomous robots, drones and cars.

Headquartered in Santa Clara, California, NVIDIA was incorporated in California in April 1993 and reincorporated in Delaware in April 1998.

Recent Developments, Future Objectives and Challenges

Fiscal Year 2017 Summary

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	Change
(\$ in millions, except per share data)			
Revenue	\$ 6,910	\$ 5,010	38%
Gross margin	58.8%	56.1%	270 bps
Operating expenses	\$ 2,129	\$ 2,064	3%
Income from operations	\$ 1,934	\$ 747	159%
Net income	\$ 1,666	\$ 614	171%
Net income per diluted share	\$ 2.57	\$ 1.08	138%

Revenue for fiscal year 2017 grew 38% to \$6.91 billion, reflecting growth in each of our market platforms -- Gaming, Professional Visualization, Datacenter, and Automotive. GPU business revenue was \$5.82 billion, up 39% from a year earlier, led by growth in our GeForce GPU gaming and datacenter platforms. GeForce GPU gaming growth was fueled by strong adoption of our latest Pascal architecture. Datacenter growth reflected strong demand for deep learning training, cloud and virtualized computing, and sales of our new DGX-1 supercomputer. Tegra business revenue was \$824 million, up 47% from a year ago, led by growth in automotive, primarily from infotainment modules, and gaming development platforms and services.

Gross margin for fiscal year 2017 was 58.8%, compared with 56.1% a year earlier, reflecting the growth of GeForce gaming GPUs, the growth of our GPU computing platforms for cloud, deep learning, AI, and graphics virtualization, and decreased sales volumes of lower margin products.

Operating expenses for fiscal year 2017 were \$2.13 billion, up from \$2.06 billion in the previous year. This reflects growth in headcount and related costs, partially offset by lower litigation and restructuring expenses.

Net income and net income per diluted share for fiscal year 2017 were \$1.67 billion and \$2.57, respectively, up 171% and 138%, respectively, from a year earlier. These increases were fueled by strong revenue growth, improved gross and operating margins, and a lower effective income tax rate as a result of a decrease in the amount of earnings subject to United States tax and the recognition of excess tax benefits from our adoption of a new accounting standard related to the simplification of certain aspects of stock-based compensation accounting.

We returned \$1.00 billion to shareholders in fiscal year 2017 through share repurchases and quarterly cash dividends, and we intend to return approximately \$1.25 billion to shareholders in fiscal year 2018.

Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities were \$6.80 billion as of January 29, 2017, up from \$5.04 billion as of January 31, 2016.

GPU Business

During fiscal year 2017, we released many new gaming GPU products based on our new NVIDIA Pascal architecture, including GeForce GTX Titan X, GeForce GTX 1080, 1070, 1060, 1050 and 1050Ti. We also expanded the NVIDIA VRWorks software development kit, released our first game, NVIDIA VR Funhouse, and introduced NVIDIA Ansel, an in-game photography tool.

For datacenter, we introduced the Tesla P100, P40 and P4 GPU accelerators, based on the Pascal architecture, unveiled our Inception Program, which provides access to NVIDIA technology and expertise to support the growth of startups in deep learning and data science, introduced the Tesla M10 for virtualizing enterprise applications, launched the NVIDIA TensorRT deep learning inferencing framework, and began shipping the DGX-1 AI supercomputer to research organizations, universities, and multinationals. We also collaborated with Microsoft to accelerate AI with a GPU-accelerated Microsoft Cognitive Toolkit available on the Microsoft Azure cloud and NVIDIA DGX-1, partnered with the National Cancer Institute and the U.S. Department of Energy to build CANDL, an AI framework that will advance cancer research, and unveiled the NVIDIA DGX SATURNV AI supercomputer, powered by 124 Pascal-powered DGX-1 server nodes.

For professional visualization, we enabled a new class of supercomputing workstations using Quadro GP100, introduced Quadro P5000 to power VR-ready mobile workstations, the 24GB Quadro M6000, the Quadro M2000, and unveiled the Quadro P6000 to power advanced workstations. We also refreshed NVIDIA DesignWorks and NVIDIA VRWorks with new updates and software development kits, introduced NVIDIA Iray physically-based rendering solutions, and unveiled Iray VR, which creates interactive, photorealistic virtual 3D worlds.

Tegra Processor Business

During fiscal year 2017, for the automotive market, we introduced the HD Mapping platform for self-driving cars, announced that our NVIDIA DRIVE PX 2 platform will power vehicles in the new ROBORACE autonomous car-racing circuit, initiated collaborative research in advanced self-driving technology with New York University's pioneering deep learning team, and announced that NVIDIA DRIVE PX 2 will power a new AutoPilot system in all of Tesla Motors' factory produced vehicles - the Model S, Model X and upcoming Model 3. We also announced a number of new partnerships aimed at getting AI-powered cars, trucks and commercial vehicles on the road, including partnerships with Audi, Bosch, Mercedes-Benz, and ZF. We also partnered with Europe's HERE to develop a real-time, high-definition mapping solution for autonomous vehicles, and with Japan's ZENRIN to develop a cloud-to-car high-definition map solution for self-driving cars.

We also expanded the NVIDIA SHIELD platform's gaming content available for streaming from GeForce NOW, announced that NVIDIA gaming technology will power the Nintendo Switch home gaming system, and launched our new SHIELD TV, which integrates Google Assistant for TV, SmartThings Hub technology and the NVIDIA SPOT AI mic.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, cost of revenue, expenses and related disclosure of contingencies. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to revenue recognition, inventories, income taxes, goodwill, cash equivalents and marketable securities, stock-based compensation, and litigation, investigation and settlement costs and other contingencies. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities.

We believe the following critical accounting policies affect our significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Our management has discussed the development and selection of these critical accounting policies and estimates with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors. The Audit Committee has reviewed our disclosures relating to our critical accounting policies and estimates in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Revenue Recognition

Product Revenue

We recognize revenue from product sales when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the product has been delivered, the price is fixed or determinable and collection of the related receivable is reasonably assured.

For sales to certain distributors with rights of return for which the level of returns cannot be reasonably estimated, our policy is to defer recognition of revenue and related cost of revenue until the distributors resell the product and, in some cases, when customer return rights lapse.

Our customer programs primarily involve rebates, which are designed to serve as sales incentives to resellers of our products in various target markets. We account for rebates as a reduction of revenue and accrue for 100% of the potential rebates and do not apply a breakage factor. While we have a long history of rebate arrangements with OEMs, we believe we are unable to apply our historical experience to reliably estimate the amount of rebates that will eventually be claimed by individual OEMs. In such cases, the OEMs may not be our direct customers and therefore the quantity and mix of demand they place on their CEMs/ODMs may shift as we introduce new generations and iterations of products and as we experience changes in new competitor offerings. In addition, we typically find that approximately 95% of the rebates we accrue each year are eventually claimed, which is substantially close to 100%, and that this percentage varies by program and by customer. We recognize a liability for these rebates at the later of the date at which we record the related revenue or the date at which we offer the rebate. Rebates typically expire six months from the date of the original sale, unless we reasonably believe that the customer intends to claim the rebate. Unclaimed rebates are reversed to revenue, the amount of which typically represents less than 0.5% of total revenue.

Our customer programs also include marketing development funds, or MDFs. MDFs represent monies paid to retailers, system builders, OEMs, distributors, add-in card partners and other channel partners that are earmarked for market segment development and expansion and typically are designed to support our partners' activities while also promoting NVIDIA products. Depending on market conditions, we may take actions to increase amounts offered under customer programs, possibly resulting in an incremental reduction of revenue at the time such programs are offered. We account for MDFs as a reduction of revenue and apply a breakage factor to certain types of MDF program accruals for which we believe we can make a reasonable and reliable estimate of the amount that will ultimately be unclaimed.

We also record a reduction to revenue by establishing a sales return allowance for estimated product returns at the time revenue is recognized, based primarily on historical return rates. However, if product returns for a particular fiscal period

exceed historical return rates we may determine that additional sales return allowances are required to properly reflect our estimated exposure for product returns.

License and Development Revenue

For license arrangements that require significant customization of our intellectual property components, we generally recognize the related revenue over the period that services are performed. For most license and service arrangements, we determine progress to completion based on actual cost incurred to date as a percentage of the estimated total cost required to complete the project. We periodically evaluate the actual status of each project to ensure that the estimates to complete each contract remain accurate. Revenue recognized in any period is dependent on our progress toward completion of projects in progress. Significant management judgment and discretion are used to estimate total cost. Any changes in or deviations from these estimates could have a material effect on the amount of revenue we recognize in any period.

For license arrangements that do not require significant customization but where we are obligated to provide further deliverables over the term of the license agreement, we record revenue over the life of the license term, with consideration received in advance of the performance period classified as deferred revenue.

Please refer to Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Inventories

Inventory cost is computed on an adjusted standard basis, which approximates actual cost on an average or first-in, first-out basis. We charge cost of sales for inventory provisions to write down our inventory to the lower of cost or estimated market value or to completely write off obsolete or excess inventory. Most of our inventory provisions relate to the write-off of excess quantities of products, based on our inventory levels and future product purchase commitments compared to assumptions about future demand and market conditions.

Situations that may result in excess or obsolete inventory include changes in business and economic conditions, changes in market conditions, sudden and significant decreases in demand for our products, inventory obsolescence because of changing technology and customer requirements, failure to estimate customer demand properly, or unexpected competitive pricing actions by our competition. In addition, cancellation or deferral of customer purchase orders could result in our holding excess inventory. Also, we may not be able to reduce our inventory purchase commitments in a timely manner in response to customer cancellations or deferrals.

The overall net effect on our gross margin from inventory provisions and sales of items previously written down was an unfavorable impact of 0.2%, 1.6%, and 0.6% in fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. The charges we took to cost of sales for inventory provisions during these fiscal years were primarily related to the write-off of excess quantities of products whose inventory levels were higher than our updated forecasts of future demand for those products. As a fabless semiconductor company, we must make commitments to purchase inventory based on forecasts of future customer demand. In doing so, we must account for our third-party manufacturers' lead times and constraints. We also adjust to other market factors, such as product offerings and pricing actions by our competitors, new product transitions, and macroeconomic conditions - all of which may impact demand for our products.

Please refer to the Gross Profit and Gross Margin discussion below in this Management's Discussion and Analysis for further discussion.

Income Taxes

We recognize federal, state and foreign current tax liabilities or assets based on our estimate of taxes payable or refundable in the current fiscal year by tax jurisdiction. We recognize federal, state and foreign deferred tax assets or liabilities, as appropriate, for our estimate of future tax effects attributable to temporary differences and carryforwards; and we record a

valuation allowance to reduce any deferred tax assets by the amount of any tax benefits that, based on available evidence and judgment, are not expected to be realized.

United States income tax has not been provided for a portion of earnings of our non-U.S. subsidiaries to the extent that such earnings are considered to be indefinitely reinvested.

Our calculation of deferred tax assets and liabilities is based on certain estimates and judgments and involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws. Our estimates of deferred tax assets and liabilities may change based, in part, on added certainty or finality to an anticipated outcome, changes in accounting standards or tax laws in the United States, or foreign jurisdictions where we operate, or changes in other facts or circumstances. In addition, we recognize liabilities for potential United States and foreign income tax contingencies based on our estimate of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes may be due. If we determine that payment of these amounts is unnecessary or if the recorded tax liability is less than our current assessment, we may be required to recognize an income tax benefit or additional income tax expense in our financial statements accordingly.

As of January 29, 2017, we had a valuation allowance of \$353 million related to state and certain foreign deferred tax assets that management determined are not likely to be realized due to projections of future taxable income and potential utilization limitations of tax attributes acquired as a result of stock ownership changes. To the extent realization of the deferred tax assets becomes more-likely-than-not, we would recognize such deferred tax asset as an income tax benefit during the period.

Goodwill

Goodwill is subject to our annual impairment test during the fourth quarter of our fiscal year, or earlier, if indicators of potential impairment exist, using either a qualitative or a quantitative assessment. Our impairment review process compares the fair value of the reporting unit in which the goodwill resides to its carrying value. We have identified two reporting units, GPU and Tegra Processor, for the purposes of completing our goodwill analysis. Goodwill assigned to the GPU and Tegra Processor reporting units as of January 29, 2017 was \$210 million and \$408 million, respectively. Determining the fair value of a reporting unit requires us to make judgments and involves the use of significant estimates and assumptions. We also make judgments and assumptions in allocating assets and liabilities to each of our reporting units. We base our fair value estimates on assumptions we believe to be reasonable but that are unpredictable and inherently uncertain.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2017, we elected to use the quantitative assessment to test goodwill for impairment for each reporting unit. In applying the fair value based test of each reporting unit, the results from the income approach and the market approach were equally weighted. These valuation approaches consider a number of factors that include, but are not limited to, prospective financial information, growth rates, terminal or residual values, discount rates and comparable multiples from publicly traded companies in our industry and require us to make certain assumptions and estimates regarding industry economic factors and the future profitability of our business.

When performing an income approach valuation, we incorporate the use of projected financial information and a discount rate that are developed using market participant based assumptions to our discounted cash flow model. Our estimates of discounted cash flow were based upon, among other things, certain assumptions about our expected future operating performance, such as revenue growth rates, operating margins, risk-adjusted discount rates, and future economic and market conditions. Our estimates may differ from actual cash flow due to, among other things, economic conditions, changes to our business model or changes in operating performance. Additionally, certain estimates of discounted cash flow involve businesses with limited financial history and developing revenue models, which increases the risk of differences between the projected and actual performance. The long-term financial forecasts that we utilize represent the best estimate that we have at this time and we believe that its underlying assumptions are reasonable. Significant differences between our estimates and actual cash flow could materially affect our future financial results, which could impact our future estimates of the fair value of our reporting units.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2017, we concluded that there was no impairment of our goodwill. The fair values of our GPU and Tegra Processor reporting units significantly exceeded their respective carrying values. As such, even the application of a hypothetical 10% decrease to the fair value of each reporting unit would not have resulted in the fair value of either reporting unit being less than its carrying value. As an overall test of the reasonableness of estimated fair values of our reporting units, we reconciled the combined fair value estimates of our reporting units to our market capitalization as of the valuation date. The reconciliation confirmed that the fair values were relatively representative of the market views when applying a reasonable control premium to the market capitalization. However, any significant reductions in the actual amount of future cash flows realized by our reporting units, reductions in the value of market comparables, or reductions in our market capitalization could impact future estimates of the fair values of our reporting units. Such events could ultimately result in a charge to our earnings in future periods due to the potential for a write-down of the goodwill associated with our reporting units.

Cash Equivalents and Marketable Securities

Cash equivalents consist of financial instruments which are readily convertible into cash and have original maturities of three months or less at the time of acquisition. Marketable securities consist primarily of highly liquid investments with maturities greater than three months when purchased. We measure our cash equivalents and marketable securities at fair value. The fair values of our financial assets and liabilities are determined using quoted market prices of identical assets or quoted market prices of similar assets from active markets. All of our available-for-sale investments are subject to a periodic impairment review. We record a charge to earnings when a decline in fair value is significantly below cost basis and judged to be other-than-temporary, or have other indicators of impairments.

We performed an impairment review of our investment portfolio as of January 29, 2017. We concluded that our investments were appropriately valued and that no other-than-temporary impairment charges were necessary on our portfolio of available-for-sale investments as of January 29, 2017.

Please refer to Notes 6 and 7 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Stock-based Compensation

Our stock-based compensation expense is associated with restricted stock units, or RSUs, performance stock units that are based on our corporate financial performance targets, or PSUs, performance stock units that are based on market conditions, or market-based PSUs, our employee stock purchase plan, or ESPP, and stock options. In fiscal year 2015, we shifted away from granting stock options and toward granting RSUs, PSUs and market-based PSUs to reflect changing market trends for equity incentives at our peer companies. The number of PSUs and market-based PSUs that will ultimately be awarded is contingent on the Company's level of achievement compared with the corporate financial performance target established by our Compensation Committee in the beginning of each fiscal year.

Please refer to Notes 1 and 2 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Litigation, Investigation and Settlement Costs

From time to time, we are involved in legal actions and/or investigations by regulatory bodies. We are aggressively defending our current litigation matters. However, there are many uncertainties associated with any litigation or investigations, and we cannot be certain that these actions or other third-party claims against us will be resolved without costly litigation, fines and/or substantial settlement payments. If that occurs, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. If information becomes available that causes us to determine that a loss in any of our pending litigation, investigations or settlements is probable, and we can reasonably estimate the loss associated with such events, we will record the loss in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, the actual liability in any

such litigation or investigation may be materially different from our estimates, which could require us to record additional costs.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain items in our Consolidated Statements of Income expressed as a percentage of revenue.

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
Revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of revenue	41.2	43.9	44.5
Gross profit	58.8	56.1	55.5
Operating expenses:			
Research and development	21.2	26.6	29.0
Sales, general and administrative	9.6	12.0	10.3
Restructuring and other charges	—	2.6	—
Total operating expenses	30.8	41.2	39.3
Income from operations	28.0	14.9	16.2
Interest income	0.8	0.8	0.6
Interest expense	(0.8)	(0.9)	(1.0)
Other income (expense), net	(0.4)	0.1	0.3
Income before income taxes	27.6	14.9	16.1
Income tax expense	3.5	2.6	2.6
Net income	24.1%	12.3%	13.5%

Revenue

NVIDIA's products and services are built for three computing platforms - PC, datacenter/cloud, and mobile. For fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, approximately 72%, 77%, and 75% of our revenue, respectively, was associated with the PC computing platform, of which GPUs for the gaming and professional visualization markets comprised approximately 92%, 88%, and 80%, respectively, while PC OEM represented approximately 8%, 12%, and 20%, respectively.

Revenue by Reportable Segments

	Year Ended				Year Ended			
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	\$ Change	% Change	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
	(\$ in millions)				(\$ in millions)			
GPU	\$ 5,822	\$ 4,187	\$ 1,635	39%	\$ 4,187	\$ 3,839	\$ 348	9 %
Tegra Processor	824	559	265	47%	559	579	(20)	(3)%
All Other	264	264	—	—%	264	264	—	— %
Total	\$ 6,910	\$ 5,010	\$ 1,900	38%	\$ 5,010	\$ 4,682	\$ 328	7 %

GPU Business. GPU business revenue increased by 39% in fiscal year 2017 compared to fiscal year 2016. This increase was due primarily to increased revenue from our GeForce GPU gaming and datacenter platforms. Sales of high-end GeForce

GPU products for gaming increased over 40%, reflecting a combination of continued strength in PC gaming and strong demand for our recent Pascal-based GPU products. Datacenter revenue, including our Tesla, NVIDIA GRID, and DGX-1 brands, increased 145%, reflecting strong demand for deep learning training for AI, cloud, accelerated, and virtualized computing, and initial DGX-1 sales. Revenue from Quadro GPUs for professional visualization increased 11% due primarily to higher sales in high end desktop and mobile workstation products. Revenue from GeForce GPU products for mainstream PC OEMs declined compared to last year.

GPU business revenue increased by 9% in fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015. This increase was due primarily to increased revenue from sales of high-end GeForce GPU products for gaming, which increased over 30% reflecting a combination of continued strength in PC gaming and increased sales of our Maxwell-based GPU products. Revenue from Tesla GPUs for Datacenter increased, driven by strong demand from hyperscale companies for deep learning for AI and accelerated computing. Revenue from Quadro GPUs for professional visualization declined due to weakness in the overall workstation market. Revenue from GeForce GPU products for mainstream PC OEMs declined compared to the prior year.

Tegra Processor Business. Tegra Processor business revenue increased by 47% in fiscal year 2017 compared to fiscal year 2016. This was driven by an increase of over 50% in sales of Tegra products and services serving automotive systems and an increase of almost 50% in gaming development platforms compared to last year.

Tegra Processor business revenue decreased by 3% in fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015. This decrease was driven by a decline in sales of Tegra products for OEM smartphones and tablets of almost 90%, partially offset by an increase in sales of Tegra products serving automotive systems of almost 75%. Revenue also grew from development services and sales of SHIELD devices.

All Other: License revenue from the patent cross licensing arrangement we entered into with Intel in January 2011 was flat at \$264 million for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015. The remaining \$44 million in revenue under this arrangement will be recognized in the first quarter of fiscal year 2018.

Concentration of Revenue

Revenue from sales to customers outside of the United States and Other Americas accounted for 80%, 79%, and 75% of total revenue for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. Revenue by geographic region is allocated to individual countries based on the location to which the products are initially billed even if the revenue is attributable to end customers in a different location.

Revenue from significant customers, those representing 10% or more of total revenue for the respective dates, is summarized as follows:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
Revenue:			
Customer A	12%	11%	11%

Gross Profit and Gross Margin

Gross profit consists of total revenue, net of allowances, less cost of revenue. Cost of revenue consists primarily of the cost of semiconductors purchased from subcontractors, including wafer fabrication, assembly, testing and packaging, board and device costs, manufacturing support costs, including labor and overhead associated with such purchases, final test yield fallout, inventory and warranty provisions, memory and component costs, and shipping costs. Cost of revenue also includes development costs for license and service arrangements and stock-based compensation related to personnel associated with manufacturing.

Our overall gross margin was 58.8%, 56.1%, and 55.5% for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. These increases were driven primarily by a higher mix of our GPU business, fewer inventory provisions, and lower warranty charges in our Tegra Processor business.

Charges to cost of sales for inventory provisions totaled \$62 million, \$112 million and \$59 million for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively, unfavorably impacting our gross margin by 0.9%, 2.2%, and 1.3%, respectively. Sales of inventory that was previously written-off or written-down totaled \$51 million for fiscal year 2017 and \$32 million for both fiscal years 2016 and 2015, favorably impacting our gross margin by 0.7%, 0.6%, and 0.7%, respectively. As a result, the overall net effect on our gross margin from inventory provisions and sales of items previously written down was an unfavorable impact of 0.2%, 1.6%, and 0.6% in fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively.

A discussion of our gross margin results for each of our reportable segments is as follows:

GPU Business. The gross margin of our GPU business increased during fiscal year 2017 when compared to fiscal year 2016 primarily due to product mix resulting from increased sales of our GeForce gaming, Tesla, GRID and Quadro GPU products, as well as a continued decrease in sales volumes of lower margin PC OEM products. The gross margin of our GPU business increased during fiscal year 2016 when compared to fiscal year 2015 primarily due to strong sales of our high end GeForce gaming GPU products and the decreased sales volume of lower margin PC OEM products.

Tegra Processor Business. The gross margin of our Tegra Processor business increased during fiscal year 2017 when compared to fiscal year 2016, primarily due to fewer inventory provisions, and the absence of the warranty charge associated with the SHIELD tablet product recall during fiscal year 2016. The gross margin of our Tegra Processor business decreased during fiscal year 2016 when compared to fiscal year 2015 due to inventory provisions, a warranty charge associated with the SHIELD tablet product recall and higher automotive and SHIELD product sales, which have had comparably lower gross margins. The inventory provisions related primarily to older generation Tegra products, as well as inventory purchase commitments in excess of estimated demand and excess component inventories for SHIELD products.

Operating Expenses

	Year Ended				Year Ended			
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	\$ Change	% Change	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015	\$ Change	% Change
	(\$ in millions)				(\$ in millions)			
Research and development expenses	\$ 1,463	\$ 1,331	\$ 132	10 %	\$ 1,331	\$ 1,360	\$ (29)	(2)%
Sales, general and administrative expenses	663	602	61	10 %	602	480	122	25 %
Restructuring and other charges	3	131	(128)	(98)%	131	—	131	100 %
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 2,129</u>	<u>\$ 2,064</u>	<u>\$ 65</u>	3 %	<u>\$ 2,064</u>	<u>\$ 1,840</u>	<u>\$ 224</u>	12 %
Research and development as a percentage of net revenue	21.2%	26.6%			26.6%	29.0%		
Sales, general and administrative as a percentage of net revenue	9.6%	12.0%			12.0%	10.3%		
Restructuring and other charges as a percentage of net revenue	—%	2.6%			2.6%	—%		

Research and Development

Research and development expenses increased by 10% in fiscal year 2017 compared to fiscal year 2016, driven primarily by employee additions and increases in employee compensation and other related costs, including stock-based compensation expense.

Research and development expenses decreased by 2% in fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015. This decrease was primarily driven by the wind-down of Icera modem operations and other organization efficiencies, partially offset by increases in employee compensation and related costs, including stock-based compensation expense.

Sales, General and Administrative

Sales, general and administrative expenses increased by 10% in fiscal year 2017 compared to fiscal year 2016, driven primarily by employee additions and increases in employee compensation and other related costs, including stock-based compensation expense. Offsetting these increases was a \$57 million decrease in outside professional fees resulting from the resolution of our intellectual property disputes with Samsung and Qualcomm during early fiscal year 2017.

Sales, general and administrative expenses increased by 25% in fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015. Outside professional fees increased, primarily due to \$70 million of legal fees associated with our litigation against Samsung and Qualcomm. Compensation and benefits increased by \$39 million resulting from employee additions, employee compensation increases and related costs, including stock-based compensation expense. Advertising and promotions increased by \$9 million resulting from digital advertising.

Restructuring and Other Charges

In fiscal year 2016, we began the wind down our Icera modem operations. As a result, our operating expenses for fiscal years 2017 and 2016 included \$3 million and \$131 million, respectively, of restructuring and other charges. Please refer to Note 17 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion.

Interest Income and Interest Expense

Interest income consists of interest earned on cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities. Interest expense is primarily comprised of coupon interest and debt discount amortization related to the Convertible Notes we issued in December 2013 and the Notes we issued in September 2016.

Interest income was \$54 million, \$39 million, and \$28 million in fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. These increases in interest income were primarily due to higher average cash balances invested in interest bearing securities, as well as higher purchased yields.

Interest expense was \$58 million, \$47 million, and \$46 million in fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015. The increase in fiscal year 2017 compared to fiscal years 2016 and 2015 was due primarily to interest expense related to the Notes we issued in September 2016, partially offset by a decrease in interest expense as a result of the early conversion of a significant portion of the Convertible Notes during fiscal year 2017.

Other Income (Expense), Net

Other income (expense), net, consists primarily of realized gains and losses from the sale of marketable securities, sales or impairments of investments in non-affiliated companies, losses on early conversions of the Convertible Notes, and the impact of changes in foreign currency rates.

Net other income (expense) was \$(25) million, \$4 million, and \$14 million in fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. The net other (expense) in fiscal year 2017 compared to the net other income in fiscal year 2016 was primarily due to \$21 million of losses we recognized from early conversions of the Convertible Notes. The decrease for fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015 was primarily due to less gain recognized from sales of non-affiliated investments and more losses from foreign currency remeasurement.

Income Taxes

We recognized income tax expense of \$239 million, \$129 million and \$124 million for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. Our annual effective tax rate was 12.5%, 17.3%, and 16.5% for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. The decrease in the effective tax rate in fiscal year 2017 as compared to fiscal years 2016 and 2015 was primarily due to the recognition of excess tax benefits from our adoption of a new accounting standard related to the simplification of certain aspects of stock-based compensation accounting. The higher effective tax rate in fiscal year 2016 as compared to fiscal years 2017 and 2015 was due to an additional amount of earnings subject to United States tax in fiscal year 2016, partially offset by a net income tax benefit related to the Icera modem restructuring in fiscal year 2016.

Our effective tax rate for each of the fiscal years was lower than the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% due primarily to income earned in jurisdictions, including British Virgin Islands, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan and United Kingdom, where the tax rate is lower than the United States federal statutory tax rate of 35%, favorable recognition in these fiscal years of the U.S. federal research tax credit, favorable discrete events primarily attributable to the tax benefit recognized upon the expiration of the applicable statutes of limitations, and adoption of an accounting standard related to stock-based compensation in fiscal year 2017.

Please refer to Note 13 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 1,766	\$ 596
Marketable securities.....	5,032	4,441
Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities.....	<u>\$ 6,798</u>	<u>\$ 5,037</u>

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions)		
Net cash provided by operating activities.....	\$ 1,672	\$ 1,175	\$ 906
Net cash used in investing activities.....	\$ (793)	\$ (400)	\$ (727)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities.....	\$ 291	\$ (676)	\$ (834)

As of January 29, 2017, we had \$6.80 billion in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, an increase of \$1.76 billion from the end of fiscal year 2016. Our portfolio of cash equivalents and marketable securities is managed on our behalf by several financial institutions which are required to follow our investment policy, which requires the purchase of high grade investment securities, the diversification of asset types and includes certain limits on our portfolio duration.

Cash provided by operating activities increased in fiscal year 2017 compared to fiscal year 2016, primarily driven by an increase in net income and changes in working capital. Cash provided by operating activities increased in fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015, primarily due to changes in working capital, partially offset by a decline in net income.

Cash used in investing activities increased in fiscal year 2017 compared to fiscal year 2016, primarily due to higher purchases of property and equipment and intangible assets and lower proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable securities. Cash used in investing activities for fiscal year 2016 decreased from fiscal year 2015, primarily due to higher proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable securities and lower purchases of property and equipment and intangible assets.

Cash was provided by financing activities in fiscal year 2017, primarily due to the \$2.00 billion of Notes issued in September 2016, partially offset by \$673 million of repayments of Convertible Notes and \$1.00 billion of capital return to shareholders in the form of share repurchases and dividend payments. Cash was used in financing activities in fiscal year 2016, primarily due to \$800 million of share repurchases and dividend payments. Cash used in financing activities decreased in fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015, primarily due to lower share repurchases, partially offset by higher dividends.

Liquidity

Our primary sources of liquidity are our cash and cash equivalents, our marketable securities, and the cash generated by our operations. As of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, we had \$6.80 billion and \$5.04 billion, respectively, in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities. Our marketable securities consist principally of debt securities of corporations and United States government and its agencies, asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities issued by government-sponsored enterprises, money market funds and foreign government bonds. These investments are denominated

in United States dollars. Please refer to Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates in Part II, Item 7, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk in Part II, Item 7A and Note 6 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Our cash balances are held in numerous locations throughout the world, including substantial amounts held outside of the United States. As of January 29, 2017, we had cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities of \$2.24 billion held within the United States and \$4.56 billion held outside of the United States. Most of the amounts held outside the United States may be repatriated to the United States but, under current law, would be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, less applicable foreign tax credits. Further, repatriation of some foreign balances may be restricted by local laws. As of January 29, 2017, we have not provided for U.S. federal and state income taxes on approximately \$3.13 billion of undistributed earnings of non-United States subsidiaries, as such earnings are considered indefinitely reinvested outside the United States. Although we have no current need to do so, if we repatriate foreign earnings for cash requirements in the United States, we would incur U.S. federal and state income tax, less applicable foreign tax credits, and reduced by the current amount of our U.S. federal and state net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Further, in addition to the \$2.24 billion of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities held within the United States and available to fund our U.S. operations and any other U.S. cash needs, we have access to external sources of financing if cash is needed in the United States other than by repatriation of foreign earnings where U.S. income tax may otherwise be due. Accordingly, we do not reasonably expect any material effect on our business, as a whole, or to our financial flexibility with respect to our current cash balances held outside of the United States.

Capital Return to Shareholders

Dividend payments and share repurchases must be made from cash held in the United States. During fiscal year 2017, we repurchased a total of 15 million shares for \$739 million and paid \$261 million in cash dividends to our shareholders. As a result, we returned \$1.00 billion to shareholders during fiscal year 2017, utilizing a significant amount of our U.S. cash balance previously taxed as of January 29, 2017.

For fiscal year 2018, we intend to return approximately \$1.25 billion to shareholders through ongoing quarterly cash dividends and share repurchases. In November 2016, the Board authorized an additional \$2.00 billion under our repurchase program and extended it through December 2020.

Our cash dividend program and the payment of future cash dividends under that program are subject to continued capital availability and our Board's continuing determination that the dividend program and the declaration of dividends thereunder are in the best interests of our shareholders and are in compliance with all laws and agreements of NVIDIA applicable to the declaration and payment of cash dividends. Please refer to Note 14 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion.

Convertible Notes

In December 2013, we issued \$1.50 billion of Convertible Notes that mature on December 1, 2018 unless repurchased or converted prior to such date. The Convertible Notes first became convertible at the holders' option beginning on the first day of fiscal year 2017. We utilized U.S. cash to settle an aggregate of \$673 million in principal amount of the Convertible Notes during fiscal year 2017 and we have received additional conversion notices for an aggregate of \$660 million in principal amount, \$502 million of which have already settled, \$103 million of which are expected to be settled in the first quarter of fiscal year 2018, and \$55 million of which are expected to be settled in the second quarter of fiscal year 2018. Please refer to Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion.

Notes Due 2021 and Notes Due 2026

On September 16, 2016, we issued \$1.00 billion of the Notes Due 2021 and \$1.00 billion of the Notes Due 2026. The net proceeds from the Notes were \$1.98 billion, after deducting debt discounts and issuance costs. We intend to use the net

proceeds from the Notes to prefund the repayment of the principal amount of early conversions of our Convertible Notes and for general corporate purposes such as dividend payments or share repurchases.

Revolving Credit Facility

On October 7, 2016, we entered into a Credit Agreement under which we may borrow, repay and re-borrow amounts from time to time, up to \$575 million, for working capital and other general corporate purposes. The commitments under the Credit Agreement are available for a 5-year period ending on October 7, 2021, on which date all outstanding obligations would be due and payable. The Credit Agreement also permits us to obtain additional revolving loan commitments and/or commitments to issue letters of credit of up to \$425 million, subject to certain conditions. As of January 29, 2017, we had not borrowed any amounts under the Credit Agreement.

Operating Capital and Capital Expenditure Requirements

We believe that our existing cash balances and anticipated cash flows from operations will be sufficient to meet our operating and capital expenditure requirements for at least the next twelve months.

Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations as of January 29, 2017:

Contractual Obligations	Payment Due By Period					
	Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	4-5 Years	More than 5 Years	All Other
	(In millions)					
1.00% Convertible Notes (1)	\$ 831	\$ 831	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Long-term debt (2)	2,430	54	162	1,086	1,128	—
Inventory purchase obligations	1,001	1,001	—	—	—	—
Operating leases (3)	140	42	56	29	13	—
Uncertain tax positions, interest and penalties (4)	96	—	—	—	—	96
Capital purchase obligations	38	38	—	—	—	—
Capital lease	11	5	6	—	—	—
Restructuring related obligation (5)	13	13	—	—	—	—
Total contractual obligations	<u>\$ 4,560</u>	<u>\$ 1,984</u>	<u>\$ 224</u>	<u>\$ 1,115</u>	<u>\$ 1,141</u>	<u>\$ 96</u>

- (1) Represents the aggregate principal amount of \$827 million and anticipated interest payments of \$4 million for the Convertible Notes. See Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (2) Represents the aggregate principal amount of \$2.00 billion and anticipated interest payments of \$430 million for the Notes. See Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (3) Excludes operating lease payments that we expect to make under an operating lease financing arrangement following construction of a new headquarters building in Santa Clara, California, which is currently targeted for completion in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018. The amount of the operating lease payments will be determined after the completion of construction. See the section below titled “Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements” for additional information.

- (4) Represents unrecognized tax benefits of \$96 million which consists of \$83 million and the related interest and penalties of \$13 million recorded in non-current income tax payable as of January 29, 2017. We are unable to reasonably estimate the timing of any potential tax liability or interest/penalty payments in individual years due to uncertainties in the underlying income tax positions and the timing of the effective settlement of such tax positions.
- (5) Our operating expenses for the fiscal year 2017 included \$3 million of restructuring and other charges related to the wind-down of our Icera modem operations. The \$13 million represents the remaining balance of the restructuring liability as of January 29, 2017.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We are constructing a new headquarters building in Santa Clara, California, which is currently targeted for completion in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018. We are financing this construction under an off-balance sheet, build-to-suit operating lease arrangement. The banks have committed to fund up to \$380 million of costs relating to construction. Once construction is complete, the lease balance will remain static at the completed cost for the remaining duration of the lease term. During construction, accrued interest will be capitalized into the lease balance. Following construction, we will pay rent in the form of interest. The lease has an initial 7.5 year term expiring on December 19, 2022, consisting of an approximately 2.5 year construction period followed by a 5 year lease term. We have the option to renew this lease for up to three additional 5 year periods, subject to approval by the banks. During the term of the lease, we may elect to purchase the headquarters building for the amount of the banks' investment in the building and any accrued but unpaid rent. At the end of the lease term, we may elect to buy the building for the outstanding balance on the maturity date or arrange for the cash sale of the building to an unaffiliated third party. The aggregate guarantee made by us under the lease is no more than 87.5% of the costs incurred in connection with the construction of the building. Please refer to Note 12 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion regarding our operating lease financing arrangement.

Adoption of New and Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

Please see Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of adoption of new and recently issued accounting pronouncements.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Investment and Interest Rate Risk

As of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, we had \$6.80 billion and \$5.04 billion, respectively, in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities. As of January 29, 2017, we did not have any investments in auction-rate preferred securities.

As of January 29, 2017, we performed a sensitivity analysis on our floating and fixed rate financial investments. According to our analysis, parallel shifts in the yield curve of both plus or minus 0.5% would result in changes in fair values for these investments of \$33 million.

Investments in both fixed and floating rate interest earning instruments carry a degree of interest rate risk. Fixed rate debt securities may have their market value adversely impacted due to a rise in interest rates, while floating rate securities may produce less income than expected if interest rates fall. Due in part to these factors, our future investment income may be negatively impacted due to changes in interest rates or if the decline in fair value of our publicly traded debt or equity investments is judged to be other-than-temporary. We may suffer losses in principal if we are forced to sell securities that decline in market value due to changes in interest rates. However, because any debt securities we hold are classified as "available-for-sale," no gains or losses are realized in our Consolidated Statements of Income due to changes in interest

rates unless such securities are sold prior to maturity or unless declines in market values are determined to be other-than-temporary.

Other income (expense), net, could also vary depending on gains or losses realized on the sale or exchange of financial instruments; impairment charges related to debt securities as well as equity and other investments; interest rates; cash, cash equivalent and marketable securities balances; and foreign exchange fluctuations. Volatility in the financial markets and economic uncertainty increases the risk that the actual amounts realized in the future on our financial instruments could differ significantly from the fair values currently assigned to them. As of January 29, 2017, our investments in government agencies and government sponsored enterprises represented 40% of our total investment portfolio, while the financial sector accounted for 27% of our total investment portfolio. Substantially all of our investments are with A/A3 or better rated securities. If the fair value of our investments in these sectors was to decline by 2% - 5%, the fair values of these investments could decline by approximately \$73 million - \$184 million.

In December 2013, we issued \$1.50 billion of Convertible Notes. In September 2016, we issued \$1.00 billion of the Notes Due 2021 and \$1.00 billion of the Notes Due 2026. In October 2016, we also established a revolving credit facility under which we may borrow, repay and re-borrow amounts from time to time, up to \$575 million. Please refer to Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information. We carry the Notes at face value less unamortized discount on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Since the Notes bear interest at a fixed rate, we have no financial statement risk associated with changes in interest rates. However, the fair value of the Notes changes primarily when the market price of our stock fluctuates.

We are financing the construction of our new headquarters building under an off-balance sheet, build-to-suit operating lease financing arrangement. Following construction, we will pay rent in the form of interest that is based on a variable interest rate and is, therefore, affected by changes in market interest rates. In order to mitigate the interest rate risk on the operating lease financing arrangement, in fiscal year 2016, we entered into an interest rate swap for a portion of the operating lease financing arrangement, which entitles us to pay amounts based on a fixed interest rate in exchange for receipt of amounts based on variable interest rates. Please refer to Notes 9 and 12 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information. If the syndicate of banks that are participants to the operating lease financing arrangement were to fail to fund loans for any reason, we would remain liable for payments due under the swap unless we were to settle the swap. If we were to settle the swap at a time when interest rates have fallen (relative to the swap's inception), the price to settle the swap could be significant.

Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

We consider our direct exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations to be minimal. Gains or losses from foreign currency remeasurement are included in "Other income (expense), net" in our Consolidated Statements of Income and to date have not been significant. The impact of foreign currency transaction gain (loss) included in determining net income was not significant for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015.

Sales and arrangements with third-party manufacturers provide for pricing and payment in United States dollars, and, therefore, are not subject to exchange rate fluctuations. Increases in the value of the United States' dollar relative to other currencies would make our products more expensive, which could negatively impact our ability to compete. Conversely, decreases in the value of the United States' dollar relative to other currencies could result in our suppliers raising their prices in order to continue doing business with us. Additionally, we have international operations and incur expenditures in currencies other than U.S. dollars. Our operating expenses benefit from a stronger dollar and are adversely affected by a weaker dollar.

During fiscal year 2017, we entered into foreign currency forward contracts to mitigate the impact of foreign currency exchange rate movements on our operating expenses. We designate these contracts as cash flow hedges and assess the effectiveness of the hedge relationships on a spot to spot basis. Gains or losses on the contracts are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), and then reclassified to operating expense when the related operating expenses are recognized in earnings or ineffectiveness should occur.

During fiscal year 2017, we also entered into foreign currency forward contracts to mitigate the impact of foreign currency movements on monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than our reporting currency. The change in fair value of these contracts is recorded as a component of other income (expense), net, and offsets the change in fair value of the foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities, which is also recorded in other income (expense), net.

Please see Note 9 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The information required by this Item is set forth in our Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on their evaluation as of January 29, 2017, our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act) were effective to provide reasonable assurance.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of January 29, 2017 based on the criteria set forth in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our evaluation under the criteria set forth in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework*, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of January 29, 2017.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of January 29, 2017 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in its report which is included herein.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during our last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal controls, will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well

conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within NVIDIA have been detected.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

Certain information required by Part III is omitted from this report because we will file with the SEC a definitive proxy statement pursuant to Regulation 14A, or the 2017 Proxy Statement, no later than 120 days after fiscal year 2017, and certain information included therein is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Identification of Directors

Information regarding directors required by this item will be contained in our 2017 Proxy Statement under the caption “Proposal 1 - Election of Directors,” and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Identification of Executive Officers

Reference is made to the information regarding executive officers appearing under the heading “Executive Officers of the Registrant” in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which information is hereby incorporated by reference.

Identification of Audit Committee and Financial Experts

Information regarding our Audit Committee required by this item will be contained in our 2017 Proxy Statement under the captions “Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors” and “Information About the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance,” and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Material Changes to Procedures for Recommending Directors

Information regarding procedures for recommending directors required by this item will be contained in our 2017 Proxy Statement under the caption “Information About the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance,” and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act

Information regarding compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act required by this item will be contained in our 2017 Proxy Statement under the caption “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance,” and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Code of Conduct

Information regarding our Code of Conduct required by this item will be contained in our 2017 Proxy Statement under the caption “Information About the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance - Code of Conduct,” and is hereby incorporated by reference. The full text of our Code of Conduct and Financial Team Code of Conduct are published on the Investor Relations portion of our website, under Corporate Governance, at www.nvidia.com. The contents of our website are not a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information regarding our executive compensation required by this item will be contained in our 2017 Proxy Statement under the captions “Executive Compensation”, “Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation”, “Director Compensation” and “Compensation Committee Report,” and is hereby incorporated by reference.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Ownership of NVIDIA Securities

Information regarding ownership of NVIDIA securities required by this item will be contained in our 2017 Proxy Statement under the caption “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management,” and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

Information regarding our equity compensation plans required by this item will be contained in our 2017 Proxy Statement under the caption "Equity Compensation Plan Information," and is hereby incorporated by reference.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Information regarding related transactions and director independence required by this item will be contained in our 2017 Proxy Statement under the captions “Review of Transactions with Related Persons” and “Information About the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance - Independence of the Members of the Board of Directors,” and is hereby incorporated by reference.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

Information regarding accounting fees and services required by this item will be contained in our 2017 Proxy Statement under the caption “Fees Billed by the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm,” and is hereby incorporated by reference.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of NVIDIA Corporation:

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(1) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NVIDIA Corporation and its subsidiaries at January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 29, 2017 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the index appearing under item 15(a)(2) presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of January 29, 2017, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements, on the financial statement schedule, and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed the manner in which it accounts for the income tax effects of share-based payments in fiscal year 2017.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
San Jose, California

March 1, 2017

NVIDIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In millions, except per share data)

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
Revenue	\$ 6,910	\$ 5,010	\$ 4,682
Cost of revenue	2,847	2,199	2,083
Gross profit	4,063	2,811	2,599
Operating expenses:			
Research and development	1,463	1,331	1,360
Sales, general and administrative	663	602	480
Restructuring and other charges	3	131	—
Total operating expenses	2,129	2,064	1,840
Income from operations	1,934	747	759
Interest income	54	39	28
Interest expense	(58)	(47)	(46)
Other income (expense), net	(25)	4	14
Income before income tax expense	1,905	743	755
Income tax expense	239	129	124
Net income	<u>\$ 1,666</u>	<u>\$ 614</u>	<u>\$ 631</u>
Net income per share:			
Basic	<u>\$ 3.08</u>	<u>\$ 1.13</u>	<u>\$ 1.14</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 2.57</u>	<u>\$ 1.08</u>	<u>\$ 1.12</u>
Weighted average shares used in per share computation:			
Basic	<u>541</u>	<u>543</u>	<u>552</u>
Diluted	<u>649</u>	<u>569</u>	<u>563</u>
Cash dividends declared and paid per common share	\$ 0.485	\$ 0.395	\$ 0.340

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

NVIDIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In millions)

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
Net income.....	\$ 1,666	\$ 614	\$ 631
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Available-for-sale securities:			
Net unrealized gain (loss)	(17)	(6)	3
Reclassification adjustments for net realized gain (loss) included in net income	1	(2)	—
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	(16)	(8)	3
Cash flow hedges:			
Net unrealized gain (loss)	2	(4)	—
Reclassification adjustments for net realized gain included in net income	2	—	—
Net change in unrealized gain (loss)	4	(4)	—
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(12)	(12)	3
Total comprehensive income	\$ 1,654	\$ 602	\$ 634

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

NVIDIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In millions, except per share data)

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,766	\$ 596
Marketable securities	5,032	4,441
Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$13 as of January 29, 2017 and \$11 as of January 31, 2016	826	505
Inventories	794	418
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	118	93
Total current assets	8,536	6,053
Property and equipment, net	521	466
Goodwill	618	618
Intangible assets, net	104	166
Other assets	62	67
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,841</u>	<u>\$ 7,370</u>
LIABILITIES, CONVERTIBLE DEBT CONVERSION OBLIGATION AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 485	\$ 296
Accrued and other current liabilities	507	642
Convertible short-term debt	796	1,413
Total current liabilities	1,788	2,351
Long-term debt	1,983	—
Other long-term liabilities	271	453
Capital lease obligations, long-term	6	10
Total liabilities	4,048	2,814
Commitments and contingencies - see Note 12		
Convertible debt conversion obligation	31	87
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.001 par value; 2 shares authorized; none issued	—	—
Common stock, \$.001 par value; 2,000 shares authorized; 868 shares issued and 585 outstanding as of January 29, 2017; 780 shares issued and 539 outstanding as of January 31, 2016	1	1
Additional paid-in capital	4,708	4,170
Treasury stock, at cost (283 shares in 2017 and 242 shares in 2016)	(5,039)	(4,048)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(16)	(4)
Retained earnings	6,108	4,350
Total shareholders' equity	5,762	4,469
Total liabilities, convertible debt conversion obligation and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 9,841</u>	<u>\$ 7,370</u>

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

NVIDIA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In millions, except per share data)

	Common Stock Outstanding		Additional	Treasury	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Retained	Total Shareholders'
	Shares	Amount	Paid-in Capital	Stock	Income (Loss)	Earnings	Equity
Balances, January 26, 2014	568	\$ 1	\$ 3,483	\$ (2,538)	\$ 5	\$ 3,504	\$ 4,455
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	631	631
Issuance of common stock from stock plans	24	—	197	—	—	—	197
Tax withholding related to vesting of restricted stock units	(3)	—	—	(43)	—	—	(43)
Share repurchase	(44)	—	—	(814)	—	—	(814)
Cash dividends declared and paid (\$0.340 per common share)	—	—	—	—	—	(186)	(186)
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation	—	—	17	—	—	—	17
Stock-based compensation	—	—	158	—	—	—	158
Balances, January 25, 2015	545	1	3,855	(3,395)	8	3,949	4,418
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(12)	—	(12)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	614	614
Issuance of common stock from stock plans	22	—	186	—	—	—	186
Tax withholding related to vesting of restricted stock units	(3)	—	—	(66)	—	—	(66)
Share repurchase	(25)	—	—	(587)	—	—	(587)
Cash dividends declared and paid (\$0.395 per common share)	—	—	—	—	—	(213)	(213)
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation	—	—	10	—	—	—	10
Stock-based compensation	—	—	206	—	—	—	206
Reclassification of convertible debt conversion obligation	—	—	(87)	—	—	—	(87)
Balances, January 31, 2016	539	1	4,170	(4,048)	(4)	4,350	4,469
Retained earnings adjustment due to adoption of an accounting standard related to stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	—	353	353
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(12)	—	(12)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	1,666	1,666
Issuance of common stock in exchange for warrants	44	—	(1)	—	—	—	(1)
Convertible debt conversion	23	—	(6)	—	—	—	(6)
Issuance of common stock from stock plans	20	—	167	—	—	—	167
Tax withholding related to vesting of restricted stock units	(3)	—	—	(177)	—	—	(177)
Share repurchase	(15)	—	—	(739)	—	—	(739)
Exercise of convertible note hedges ..	(23)	—	75	(75)	—	—	—
Cash dividends declared and paid (\$0.485 per common share)	—	—	—	—	—	(261)	(261)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	248	—	—	—	248
Reclassification of convertible debt conversion obligation	—	—	55	—	—	—	55
Balances, January 29, 2017	585	\$ 1	\$ 4,708	\$ (5,039)	\$ (16)	\$ 6,108	\$ 5,762

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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(In millions)

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 1,666	\$ 614	\$ 631
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	187	197	220
Stock-based compensation expense	247	204	158
Restructuring and other charges	—	45	—
Amortization of debt discount	25	29	28
Net gain on sale and disposal of long-lived assets and investments	(3)	(6)	(17)
Loss on early debt conversions	21	—	—
Deferred income taxes	197	134	83
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation	—	(10)	(18)
Other	11	19	24
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions:			
Accounts receivable	(321)	(32)	(49)
Inventories	(375)	66	(95)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(18)	(16)	4
Accounts payable	184	(11)	(27)
Accrued and other current liabilities	(135)	39	5
Other long-term liabilities	(14)	(97)	(41)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,672</u>	<u>1,175</u>	<u>906</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	1,546	2,102	1,372
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	969	1,036	865
Proceeds from sale of long-lived assets and investments	7	7	21
Purchases of marketable securities	(3,134)	(3,477)	(2,862)
Purchases of property and equipment and intangible assets	(176)	(86)	(122)
Reimbursement of headquarters building development costs from banks	—	24	—
Other	(5)	(6)	(1)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(793)</u>	<u>(400)</u>	<u>(727)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from issuance of notes, net	1,988	—	—
Payments related to repurchases of common stock	(739)	(587)	(814)
Repayment of convertible notes	(673)	—	—
Dividends paid	(261)	(213)	(186)
Net proceeds (payments) related to employee stock plans	(9)	120	154
Payments for debt issuance costs	(8)	—	—
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation	—	10	18
Other	(7)	(6)	(6)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>291</u>	<u>(676)</u>	<u>(834)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	1,170	99	(655)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	596	497	1,152
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 1,766</u>	<u>\$ 596</u>	<u>\$ 497</u>

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
<i>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</i>			
Cash paid for income taxes, net	\$ 14	\$ 14	\$ 14
Cash paid for interest	\$ 13	\$ 17	\$ 17
<i>Non-cash investing and financing activities:</i>			
Assets acquired by assuming related liabilities	\$ 16	\$ 19	\$ 10
Goodwill adjustment related to previously acquired business	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (25)

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Our Company

Starting with a focus on PC graphics, NVIDIA invented the GPU to solve some of the most complex problems in computer science. We have extended our emphasis in recent years to the revolutionary field of artificial intelligence.

Our GPU product brands are aimed at specialized markets including GeForce for gamers; Quadro for designers; Tesla and DGX for AI data scientists and big data researchers; and GRID for cloud-based visual computing users. Our Tegra brand integrates an entire computer onto a single chip, and incorporates GPUs and multi-core CPUs to drive supercomputing for mobile gaming and entertainment devices, as well as autonomous robots, drones and cars.

Headquartered in Santa Clara, California, NVIDIA was incorporated in California in April 1993 and reincorporated in Delaware in April 1998.

All references to “NVIDIA,” “we,” “us,” “our” or the “Company” mean NVIDIA Corporation and its subsidiaries, except where it is made clear that the term means only the parent company.

Fiscal Year

We operate on a 52- or 53-week year, ending on the last Sunday in January. Fiscal years 2017 and 2015 were 52-week years and fiscal year 2016 was a 53-week year.

Reclassifications

Certain prior fiscal year balances have been reclassified to conform to the current fiscal year presentation.

Principles of Consolidation

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NVIDIA Corporation and our wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or U.S. GAAP, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to revenue recognition, cash equivalents and marketable securities, accounts receivable, inventories, income taxes, goodwill, stock-based compensation, litigation, investigation and settlement costs, restructuring and other charges, and other contingencies. These estimates are based on historical facts and various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable.

Revenue Recognition

Product Revenue

We recognize revenue from product sales when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the product has been delivered, the price is fixed or determinable and collection of the related receivable is reasonably assured. For most sales, we use a binding purchase order and in certain cases we use a contractual agreement as evidence of an arrangement. We consider delivery to occur upon shipment provided title and risk of loss have passed to the customer. At the point of sale,

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we assess whether the arrangement fee is fixed or determinable and whether collection is reasonably assured. If we determine that collection of a fee is not reasonably assured, we defer the fee and recognize revenue at the time collection becomes reasonably assured, which is generally upon receipt of payment.

For sales to certain distributors with rights of return for which the level of returns cannot be reasonably estimated, our policy is to defer recognition of revenue and related cost of revenue until the distributors resell the product and, in some cases, when customer return rights lapse.

Our customer programs primarily involve rebates, which are designed to serve as sales incentives to resellers of our products in various target markets. We account for rebates as a reduction of revenue and accrue for 100% of the potential rebates and do not apply a breakage factor. While we have a long history of rebate arrangements with original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, we believe we are unable to apply our historical experience to reliably estimate the amount of rebates that will eventually be claimed by individual OEMs. In such cases, the OEMs may not be our direct customers and therefore the quantity and mix of demand they place on their contract equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, and original device manufacturers, or ODMs, may shift as we introduce new generations and iterations of products and as we experience changes in new competitor offerings. In addition, we typically find that approximately 95% of the rebates we accrue each year are eventually claimed, which is substantially close to 100%, and that this percentage varies by program and by customer. We recognize a liability for these rebates at the later of the date at which we record the related revenue or the date at which we offer the rebate. Rebates typically expire six months from the date of the original sale, unless we reasonably believe that the customer intends to claim the rebate. Unclaimed rebates are reversed to revenue, the amount of which typically represents less than 0.5% of total revenue.

Our customer programs also include marketing development funds, or MDFs. MDFs represent monies paid to retailers, system builders, OEMs, distributors, add-in card partners and other channel partners that are earmarked for market segment development and expansion and typically are designed to support our partners' activities while also promoting NVIDIA products. Depending on market conditions, we may take actions to increase amounts offered under customer programs, possibly resulting in an incremental reduction of revenue at the time such programs are offered. We account for MDFs as a reduction of revenue and apply a breakage factor to certain types of MDF program accruals for which we believe we can make a reasonable and reliable estimate of the amount that will ultimately be unclaimed.

We also record a reduction to revenue by establishing a sales return allowance for estimated product returns at the time revenue is recognized, based primarily on historical return rates. However, if product returns for a particular fiscal period exceed historical return rates we may determine that additional sales return allowances are required to properly reflect our estimated exposure for product returns.

License and Development Revenue

For license arrangements that require significant customization of our intellectual property components, we generally recognize the related revenue over the period that services are performed. For most license and service arrangements, we determine progress to completion based on actual cost incurred to date as a percentage of the estimated total cost required to complete the project. A provision for estimated losses on contracts is made in the period in which the loss becomes probable and can be reasonably estimated. Costs incurred in advance of revenue recognized are recorded as deferred costs on uncompleted contracts. If the amount billed exceeds the amount of revenue recognized, the excess amount is recorded as deferred revenue.

For license arrangements that do not require significant customization but where we are obligated to provide further deliverables over the term of the license agreement, we record revenue over the life of the license term, with consideration received in advance of the performance period classified as deferred revenue.

Royalty revenue is recognized related to the distribution or sale of products that use our technologies under license agreements with third parties. We recognize royalty revenue upon receipt of a confirmation of earned royalties and when collectability is reasonably assured from the applicable licensee.

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Restructuring and Other Charges

Our restructuring and other charges include employee severance and related costs, the write-down of assets, and other exit costs. The severance and related costs include one-time termination benefits as well as certain statutory termination benefits or employee terminations under ongoing benefit arrangements. One-time termination benefits are recognized as a liability at estimated fair value when the approved plan of termination has been communicated to employees, unless employees must provide future service, in which case the benefits are recognized ratably over the future service period. Ongoing termination benefits arrangements are recognized as a liability at estimated fair value when the amount of such benefits becomes estimable and payment is probable. Any contract termination costs are recognized at estimated fair value when we terminate the contract in accordance with the contract terms. Other associated costs are recognized in the period the liability is incurred.

Advertising Expenses

We expense advertising costs in the period in which they are incurred. Advertising expenses for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$17 million, \$30 million, and \$21 million, respectively.

Rent Expense

We recognize rent expense on a straight-line basis over the lease period and accrue for rent expense incurred, but not paid.

Product Warranties

We generally offer limited warranty to end-users that ranges from one to three years for products in order to repair or replace products for any manufacturing defects or hardware component failures. Cost of revenue includes the estimated cost of product warranties that are calculated at the point of revenue recognition. Under limited circumstances, we may offer an extended limited warranty to customers for certain products. We also accrue for known warranty and indemnification issues if a loss is probable and can be reasonably estimated.

Stock-based Compensation

We use the closing trading price of our common stock on the date of grant, minus a dividend yield discount, as the fair value of awards of restricted stock units, or RSUs, and performance stock units that are based on our corporate financial performance targets, or PSUs. We use a Monte Carlo simulation on the date of grant to estimate the fair value of performance stock units that are based on market conditions, or market-based PSUs. The compensation expense for stock options, RSUs and market-based PSUs is recognized using a straight-line attribution method over the requisite employee service period while compensation expense for PSUs is recognized using an accelerated amortization model. We estimate the fair value of shares to be issued under our employee stock purchase plan, or ESPP, using the Black-Scholes model at the commencement of an offering period in March and September of each year. Stock-based compensation for our ESPP is expensed using an accelerated amortization model. Additionally, we estimate forfeitures annually based on historical experience and revise the estimates of forfeiture in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. If factors change, the compensation expense that we record under these accounting standards may differ significantly from what we have recorded in the current period.

Litigation, Investigation and Settlement Costs

From time to time, we are involved in legal actions and/or investigations by regulatory bodies. We are aggressively defending our current litigation matters. However, there are many uncertainties associated with any litigation or investigation, and we cannot be certain that these actions or other third-party claims against us will be resolved without litigation, fines and/or substantial settlement payments. If that occurs, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. If information becomes available that causes us to determine that a loss in any of our

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pending litigation, investigations or settlements is probable, and we can reasonably estimate the loss associated with such events, we will record the loss in accordance with U.S. GAAP. However, the actual liability in any such litigation or investigation may be materially different from our estimates, which could require us to record additional costs.

Foreign Currency Remeasurement

We use the United States dollar as our functional currency for all of our subsidiaries. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are remeasured into United States dollars at end-of-period exchange rates. Non-monetary assets and liabilities such as property and equipment, and equity are remeasured at historical exchange rates. Revenue and expenses are remeasured at average exchange rates in effect during each period, except for those expenses related to the previously noted balance sheet amounts, which are remeasured at historical exchange rates. Gains or losses from foreign currency remeasurement are included in "Other income (expense), net" in our Consolidated Statements of Income and to date have not been significant.

The impact of gain or loss from foreign currency remeasurement included in determining other income (expense), net, was a \$5 million loss for fiscal year 2017 and was not significant for fiscal years 2016 and 2015.

Income Taxes

We recognize federal, state and foreign current tax liabilities or assets based on our estimate of taxes payable or refundable in the current fiscal year by tax jurisdiction. We recognize federal, state and foreign deferred tax assets or liabilities, as appropriate, for our estimate of future tax effects attributable to temporary differences and carryforwards; and we record a valuation allowance to reduce any deferred tax assets by the amount of any tax benefits that, based on available evidence and judgment, are not expected to be realized.

United States income tax has not been provided on a portion of earnings of our non-U.S. subsidiaries to the extent that such earnings are considered to be indefinitely reinvested.

Our calculation of deferred tax assets and liabilities is based on certain estimates and judgments and involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws. Our estimates of deferred tax assets and liabilities may change based, in part, on added certainty or finality to an anticipated outcome, changes in accounting standards or tax laws in the United States, or foreign jurisdictions where we operate, or changes in other facts or circumstances. In addition, we recognize liabilities for potential United States and foreign income tax contingencies based on our estimate of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes may be due. If we determine that payment of these amounts is unnecessary or if the recorded tax liability is less than our current assessment, we may be required to recognize an income tax benefit or additional income tax expense in our financial statements accordingly.

As of January 29, 2017, we had a valuation allowance of \$353 million related to state and certain foreign deferred tax assets that management determined are not likely to be realized due, in part, to projections of future taxable income and potential utilization limitations of tax attributes acquired as a result of stock ownership changes. To the extent realization of the deferred tax assets becomes more-likely-than-not, we would recognize such deferred tax asset as an income tax benefit during the period.

We recognize the benefit from a tax position only if it is more-likely-than-not that the position would be sustained upon audit based solely on the technical merits of the tax position. Our policy is to include interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. Please refer to Note 13 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

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Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income consists of net income and other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive income (loss) components include unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities and unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow hedges.

Net Income Per Share

Basic net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of common and potentially dilutive shares outstanding during the period, using the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, the effect of stock options outstanding is not included in the computation of diluted net income per share for periods when their effect is anti-dilutive. Additionally, we issued convertible notes with a net settlement feature that requires us, upon conversion, to settle the principal amount of debt for cash and the conversion premium for cash or shares of our common stock. Our convertible notes, note hedges, and related warrants contain various conversion features, which are further described in Note 11 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The potentially dilutive shares resulting from the convertible notes and warrants under the treasury stock method will be included in the calculation of diluted income per share when their inclusion is dilutive. However, unless actually exercised, the note hedges will not be included in the calculation of diluted net income per share, as their pre-exercised effect would be anti-dilutive under the treasury stock method.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider all highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into cash and have an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents. As of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, our cash and cash equivalents were \$1.77 billion and \$596 million, respectively, including \$321 million and \$43 million, respectively, invested in money market funds.

Marketable Securities

Marketable securities consist primarily of highly liquid investments with maturities of greater than three months when purchased. We generally classify our marketable securities at the date of acquisition as available-for-sale. These securities are reported at fair value with the related unrealized gains and losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), a component of shareholders' equity, net of tax. The fair value of interest-bearing securities includes accrued interest. Any unrealized losses which are considered to be other-than-temporary impairments are recorded in the other income (expense), net, section of our Consolidated Statements of Income. Realized gains and losses on the sale of marketable securities are determined using the specific-identification method and recorded in the other income (expense), net, section of our Consolidated Statements of Income.

All of our available-for-sale investments are subject to a periodic impairment review. We record a charge to earnings when a decline in fair value is significantly below cost basis and judged to be other-than-temporary, or have other indicators of impairments. If the fair value of an available-for-sale debt instrument is less than its amortized cost basis, an other-than-temporary impairment is triggered in circumstances where (1) we intend to sell the instrument, (2) it is more likely than not that we will be required to sell the instrument before recovery of its amortized cost basis, or (3) a credit loss exists where we do not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the instrument. In these situations, we recognize an other-than-temporary impairment in earnings equal to the entire difference between the debt instruments' amortized cost basis and its fair value. For available-for-sale debt instruments that are considered other-than-temporarily impaired due to the existence of a credit loss, if we do not intend to sell and it is not more likely than not that we will not be required to sell the instrument before recovery of its remaining amortized cost basis (amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss), we separate the amount of the impairment into the amount that is credit related and the amount due to all other factors. The credit loss component is recognized in earnings while loss related to all other factors is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

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Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying value of cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values due to their relatively short maturities as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016. Marketable securities are comprised of available-for-sale securities that are reported at fair value with the related unrealized gains (losses) included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), a component of shareholders' equity, net of tax. Fair value of the marketable securities is determined based on quoted market prices. Derivative instruments are recognized as either assets or liabilities and are measured at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value of a derivative depends on the intended use of the derivative and the resulting designation. For derivative instruments designated as fair value hedges, the gains (losses) are recognized in earnings in the periods of change together with the offsetting losses (gains) on the hedged items attributed to the risk being hedged. For derivative instruments designated as cash-flow hedges, the effective portion of the gains (losses) on the derivatives is initially reported as a component of other comprehensive income (loss) and is subsequently recognized in earnings when the hedged exposure is recognized in earnings.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash equivalents, marketable securities, accounts receivable, note hedge and interest rate swap. Our investment policy requires the purchase of high grade investment securities, the diversification of asset type and includes certain limits on our portfolio duration. All marketable securities are held in our name, managed by several investment managers and held by one major financial institution under a custodial arrangement. Accounts receivable from significant customers, those representing 10% or more of total accounts receivable, aggregated approximately 29% of our accounts receivable balance from two customers as of January 29, 2017 and 28% of our account receivable balance from two customers as of January 31, 2016. We perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers' financial condition and maintain an allowance for potential credit losses. This allowance consists of an amount identified for specific customers and an amount based on overall estimated exposure. Our overall estimated exposure excludes amounts covered by credit insurance and letters of credit.

Accounts Receivable

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts receivable for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments. We determine this allowance by identifying amounts for specific customer issues as well as amounts based on overall estimated exposure. Factors impacting the allowance include the level of gross receivables, the financial condition of our customers and the extent to which balances are covered by credit insurance or letters of credit.

Inventories

Inventory cost is computed on an adjusted standard basis, which approximates actual cost on an average or first-in, first-out basis. Inventory costs consist primarily of the cost of semiconductors purchased from subcontractors, including wafer fabrication, assembly, testing and packaging, manufacturing support costs, including labor and overhead associated with such purchases, final test yield fallout, and shipping costs, as well as the cost of purchased memory products and other component parts. We charge cost of sales for inventory provisions to write down our inventory to the lower of cost or estimated market value or to completely write off obsolete or excess inventory. Most of our inventory provisions relate to the write-off of excess quantities of products, based on our inventory levels and future product purchase commitments compared to assumptions about future demand and market conditions. Once inventory has been written-off or written-down, it creates a new cost basis for the inventory that is not subsequently written-up.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation of property and equipment is computed using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally three to five years. Once an asset is identified for retirement or disposition, the related cost and accumulated depreciation or amortization are removed, and a gain or loss is recorded. The estimated useful lives of our buildings are up to twenty five years. Depreciation expense includes the amortization of

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assets recorded under capital leases. Leasehold improvements and assets recorded under capital leases are amortized over the shorter of the expected lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset.

Goodwill

Goodwill is subject to our annual impairment test during the fourth quarter of our fiscal year, or earlier if indicators of potential impairment exist. For the purposes of completing our impairment test, we perform either a qualitative or a quantitative analysis on a reporting unit basis.

For those reporting units where a significant change or event has occurred, where potential impairment indicators exist, or for which we have not performed a quantitative assessment recently, we utilize a two-step quantitative assessment to testing goodwill for impairment. The first step tests for possible impairment by applying a fair value-based test by weighting the results from the income approach and the market approach. The second step, if necessary, measures the amount of such impairment by applying fair value-based tests to individual assets and liabilities. Please refer to Note 4 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

Intangible Assets and Other Long-Lived Assets

Intangible assets primarily represent rights acquired under technology licenses, patents, acquired intellectual property, trademarks and customer relationships and are subject to an annual impairment test. We currently amortize our intangible assets with definitive lives over periods ranging from three to ten years using a method that reflects the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible asset are consumed or otherwise used up or, if that pattern cannot be reliably determined, using a straight-line amortization method.

Long-lived assets, such as property and equipment and intangible assets subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset or asset group may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset or asset group to estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset, or asset group. If the carrying amount of an asset or asset group exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset or asset group exceeds the estimated fair value of the asset or asset group. Fair value is determined based on the estimated discounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset or asset group. Assets and liabilities to be disposed of would be separately presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheet and the assets would be reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell, and would no longer be depreciated.

Adoption of New and Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncement

In fiscal year 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued an accounting standards update which simplifies certain aspects of stock-based compensation accounting. Among other elements, the new guidance eliminates additional paid in capital, or APIC, pools and requires excess tax benefits and tax deficiencies to be recorded in the income statement when the awards vest or are settled. In addition, cash flows related to excess tax benefits will no longer be separately classified as a financing activity apart from other income tax cash flows. We elected to early adopt this new guidance in the third quarter of fiscal year 2017, which required us to reflect any adjustments as of February 1, 2016.

Early adoption of this guidance resulted in the following:

- We recorded an excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation within income tax expense, rather than in APIC, of \$82 million for fiscal year 2017.

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- We recorded a cumulative-effect adjustment as of February 1, 2016 to increase retained earnings by \$353 million, with a corresponding increase to deferred tax assets, to recognize the federal net operating loss and federal research tax credit carryforwards attributable to excess tax benefits on stock-based compensation that had not been previously recognized in APIC. We also recorded deferred tax assets of \$63 million with a corresponding full valuation allowance related to state net operating loss and state research credit carryforwards.
- The excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation is now included in net operating cash rather than net financing cash in our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. We elected to apply this change in presentation prospectively and thus prior periods have not been adjusted.

We elected not to change our policy on accounting for forfeitures, although the new guidance provides an option for us to account for forfeitures as they occur, and thus continued to estimate forfeitures expected to occur to determine the amount of compensation cost to be recognized in each period.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In January 2017, the FASB issued an accounting standards update that simplifies the test for goodwill impairment. The update eliminates the second step in the goodwill impairment test that requires an entity to determine the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill. Instead, an entity should recognize an impairment loss if the carrying value of the net assets assigned to the reporting unit exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit, with the impairment loss not to exceed the amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. The update will be effective for us beginning in our fiscal year 2020, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this accounting guidance is not currently expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In October 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update that requires the recognition of income tax consequences for intra-entity transfers of assets other than inventory when the transfer occurs. The update will be effective for us beginning in our first quarter of fiscal year 2019, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this accounting guidance is not currently expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update that clarifies how companies present and classify certain cash receipts and cash payments in the statement of cash flows. The update will be effective for us beginning in our first quarter of fiscal year 2019, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this accounting guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update that changes the accounting for recognizing impairments of financial assets. Under the new guidance, credit losses for certain types of financial instruments will be estimated based on expected losses. The update also modifies the impairment models for available-for-sale debt securities and for purchased financial assets with credit deterioration since their origination. The update will be effective for us beginning in our first quarter of fiscal 2021, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this accounting guidance is not currently expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update regarding the accounting for leases by which we will begin recognizing lease assets and liabilities on the balance sheet for leases with a lease term of more than 12 months. The update will require additional disclosures regarding key information about leasing arrangements. Under existing guidance, operating leases are not recorded as lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet. The update will be effective for us beginning in our first quarter of fiscal year 2020, with early adoption permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this accounting guidance on our consolidated financial statements. However, we expect the adoption of this accounting guidance to result in an increase in lease assets and a corresponding increase in lease liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The FASB issued an accounting standards update that creates a single source of revenue guidance under U.S. GAAP for all companies, in all industries, effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including

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interim periods within that reporting period. We expect to adopt this guidance beginning in our first quarter of fiscal year 2019 using the modified retrospective approach. While we are still finalizing our analysis to quantify the adoption impact of the provisions of the new standard, we do not expect it to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Note 2 - Stock-Based Compensation

Our stock-based compensation expense is associated with stock options, restricted stock units, or RSUs, performance stock units that are based on our corporate financial performance targets, or PSUs, performance stock units that are based on market conditions, or market-based PSUs, and our employee stock purchase plan, or ESPP.

Our Consolidated Statements of Income include stock-based compensation expense, net of amounts capitalized as inventory, as follows:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions)		
Cost of revenue	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 12
Research and development	134	115	88
Sales, general and administrative	98	74	58
Total	<u>\$ 247</u>	<u>\$ 204</u>	<u>\$ 158</u>

Stock-based compensation capitalized in inventories was not significant during fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015.

The following is a summary of equity awards granted under our equity incentive plans:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions, except per share data)		
RSUs, PSUs and Market-based PSUs			
Awards granted	12	13	13
Estimated total grant-date fair value	\$ 591	\$ 296	\$ 228
Weighted average grant-date fair value (per share)	\$ 50.57	\$ 22.01	\$ 17.68
ESPP			
Shares purchased	4	6	7
Weighted average price (per share)	\$ 18.51	\$ 13.67	\$ 10.99
Weighted average grant-date fair value (per share)	\$ 5.80	\$ 4.53	\$ 4.99

Beginning fiscal year 2015, we shifted away from granting stock options and toward granting RSUs, PSUs and market-based PSUs to reflect changing market trends for equity incentives at our peer companies. The number of PSUs that will ultimately vest is contingent on the Company's level of achievement versus the corporate financial performance target established by our Compensation Committee in the beginning of each fiscal year.

Of the total fair value of equity awards, we estimated that the stock-based compensation expense related to the equity awards that are not expected to vest for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015 was \$98 million, \$46 million, and \$37 million, respectively.

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	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Aggregate unearned stock-based compensation expense	\$ 627	\$ 381
Estimated weighted average remaining amortization period	(In years)	
Stock options	0.5	1.1
RSUs, PSUs and market-based PSUs	2.6	2.7
ESPP	0.6	0.7

The fair value of shares issued under our ESPP have been estimated with the following assumptions:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(Using the Black-Scholes model)		
ESPP			
Weighted average expected life (in years)	0.5-2.0	0.5-2.0	0.5-2.0
Risk-free interest rate	0.5%-0.9%	0.1%-0.7%	0.1%-0.5%
Volatility	30%-39%	24%-34%	23%-31%
Dividend yield	0.7%-1.4%	1.5%-1.8%	1.7%-1.9%

For ESPP shares, the expected term represents the average term from the first day of the offering period to the purchase date. The risk-free interest rate assumption used to value ESPP shares is based upon observed interest rates on Treasury bills appropriate for the expected term. Our expected stock price volatility assumption for ESPP is estimated using historical volatility. For awards granted, we use the dividend yield at grant date. Our RSU, PSU, and market-based PSU awards are not eligible for cash dividends prior to vesting; therefore, the fair values of RSUs, PSUs, and market-based PSUs are discounted for the dividend yield.

Additionally, for employee stock option, RSU, PSU, and market-based PSU awards, we estimate forfeitures annually and revise the estimates of forfeiture in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Forfeitures are estimated based on historical experience.

Equity Incentive Program

We grant or have granted stock options, RSUs, PSUs, market-based PSUs, and stock purchase rights under the following equity incentive plans.

Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan

In 2007, our shareholders approved the NVIDIA Corporation 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, which was subsequently amended and restated, most recently in 2016, or the 2007 Plan.

The 2007 Plan authorizes the issuance of incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock unit, stock appreciation rights, performance stock awards, performance cash awards, and other stock-based awards to employees, directors and consultants. Only our employees may receive incentive stock options. Up to 207 million shares of our common stock may be issued pursuant to stock awards granted under the 2007 Plan. Currently, we grant RSUs, PSUs

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and market-based PSUs under the 2007 Plan, under which, as of January 29, 2017, there were 22 million shares available for future issuance.

Stock options previously granted to employees, subject to certain exceptions, vest over a four year period, subject to continued service, with 25% vesting on the anniversary of the hire date in the case of new hires or the anniversary of the date of grant in the case of grants to existing employees and 6.25% vesting at the end of each quarterly period thereafter. Stock options previously granted under the 2007 Plan generally expire ten years from the date of grant.

Subject to certain exceptions, RSUs granted to employees vest over a four year period, subject to continued service, with 25% vesting on a pre-determined date that is close to the anniversary of the date of grant and (i) for grants made prior to May 18, 2016, 12.5% vesting semi-annually thereafter until fully vested, and (ii) for grants made on or after May 18, 2016, 6.25% vesting quarterly thereafter until fully vested.

PSUs vest over a four year period, subject to continued service, with 25% vesting on a pre-determined date that is close to the anniversary of the date of grant and 12.5% vesting semi-annually thereafter until fully vested. Market-based PSUs vest 100% on approximately the three-year anniversary of the date of grant. However, the number of shares subject to both PSUs and market-based PSUs that are eligible to vest is generally determined by the Compensation Committee based on achievement of pre-determined criteria.

Unless terminated sooner, the 2007 Plan is scheduled to terminate on March 21, 2022. Our Board may suspend or terminate the 2007 Plan at any time. No awards may be granted under the 2007 Plan while the 2007 Plan is suspended or after it is terminated. The Board may also amend the 2007 Plan at any time. However, if legal, regulatory or listing requirements require shareholder approval, the amendment will not go into effect until the shareholders have approved the amendment.

2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In 2012, our shareholders approved the 2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which was subsequently amended and restated, most recently in 2016, or the 2012 Plan, as the successor to the 1998 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Up to 75 million shares of our common stock may be issued pursuant to purchases under the 2012 Plan. As of January 29, 2017, we had issued 23 million shares and reserved 52 million shares for future issuance under the 2012 Plan.

The 2012 Plan is intended to qualify as an “employee stock purchase plan” under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the current offerings adopted pursuant to the 2012 Plan, each offering period is 24 months, which is divided into four purchase periods of six months.

Employees are eligible to participate if they are employed by us or an affiliate of us as designated by the Board. Employees who participate in an offering may have up to 10% of their earnings withheld up to certain limitations and applied on specified dates determined by the Board to the purchase of shares of common stock. The Board may increase this percentage at its discretion, up to 15%. The price of common stock purchased under our ESPP will be equal to 85% of the lower of the fair market value of the common stock on the commencement date of each offering period and the fair market value on each purchase date within the offering. Employees may end their participation in the ESPP at any time during the offering period, and participation ends automatically on termination of employment with us. In each case, the employee’s contributions are refunded.

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The following is a summary of our equity award transactions under our equity incentive plans:

	RSUs, PSUs and Market-based PSUs Outstanding		Options Outstanding			
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (3)
(In millions, except years and per share data)						
Balances, January 31, 2016	26	\$ 19.12	13	\$ 14.49		
Granted (1)(2).....	12	\$ 50.57	—	—		
Exercised	—	—	(6)	\$ 14.52		
Vested restricted stock	(10)	\$ 17.93	—	—		
Canceled and forfeited	(1)	\$ 23.68	—	—		
Balances, January 29, 2017	<u>27</u>	<u>\$ 32.84</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>\$ 14.47</u>	5.4	\$ 724
Exercisable as of January 29, 2017..			7	\$ 14.39	5.3	\$ 667
Vested and expected to vest after January 29, 2017	<u>23</u>	<u>\$ 32.74</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>\$ 14.46</u>	5.4	\$ 715

- (1) Includes PSUs that will be issued and eligible to vest based on the corporate financial performance maximum target level achieved for fiscal year 2017.
- (2) Includes market-based PSUs that will be issued and eligible to vest if the maximum target for total shareholder return, or TSR, over the 3-year measurement period is achieved. Depending on the ranking of our TSR compared to the respective TSRs of the companies comprising the Standard & Poor's 500 Index during a 3-year measurement period, the market-based PSUs issued could range from 0 to 0.3 million shares.
- (3) The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value for in-the-money options at January 29, 2017, based on the \$111.77 closing price of our common stock on January 27, 2017.

As of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, there were 22 million and 14 million shares, respectively, of common stock reserved for future issuance under our equity incentive plans.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised was \$246 million, \$75 million, and \$62 million for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. Upon exercise of an option, we issue new shares of stock. The total fair value of options vested was \$8 million, \$17 million, and \$33 million for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively.

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Note 3 - Net Income Per Share

The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted net income per share computations for the periods presented:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions, except per share data)		
Numerator:			
Net income	\$ 1,666	\$ 614	\$ 631
Denominator:			
Basic weighted average shares	541	543	552
Dilutive impact of outstanding securities:			
Equity awards	26	13	11
1.00% Convertible Senior Notes	44	13	—
Warrants issued with the 1.00% Convertible Senior Notes	38	—	—
Diluted weighted average shares	649	569	563
Net income per share:			
Basic (1)	\$ 3.08	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.14
Diluted (2)	\$ 2.57	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.12
Equity awards excluded from diluted net income per share because their effect would have been anti-dilutive	8	10	12

(1) Calculated as net income divided by basic weighted average shares.

(2) Calculated as net income divided by diluted weighted average shares.

The 1.00% Convertible Senior Notes, or the Convertible Notes, are included in the calculation of diluted net income per share. The Convertible Notes have a dilutive impact on net income per share if our average stock price for the reporting period exceeds the adjusted conversion price of \$20.0662 per share. The warrants associated with our Convertible Notes, or the Warrants, outstanding are also included in the calculation of diluted net income per share. The Warrants have a dilutive impact on net income per share if our average stock price for the quarter exceeds the adjusted strike price of \$27.0122 per share. For fiscal year 2017, our average stock price was \$59.30, which exceeded both the adjusted conversion price and the adjusted strike price, causing the Convertible Notes and the Warrants to have a dilutive impact.

The denominator for diluted net income per share does not include any effect from the convertible note hedge transactions, or the Note Hedges, that we entered into concurrently with the issuance of the Convertible Notes, as its effect would be anti-dilutive. In the event of conversion of the Convertible Notes, the shares delivered to us under the Note Hedges will offset the dilutive effect of the shares that we would issue under the Convertible Notes.

On December 12, 2016, we entered into an agreement with a counterparty bank to terminate 63 million of the 75 million Warrants outstanding. In consideration for the termination of these Warrants, we delivered a total of 48 million shares of common stock to the counterparty bank, the amount of which was determined each day based on the daily volume-weighted average price of the common stock during an observation period beginning December 13, 2016 and ending January 31, 2017. As of January 29, 2017, 44 million of the 48 million shares of our common stock had been issued related to the terminated Warrants. The remaining 4 million shares were issued in the beginning of fiscal year 2018.

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Please refer to Note 11 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional discussion regarding the Convertible Notes, Note Hedges, and Warrants.

Note 4 - Goodwill

The carrying amount of goodwill is from the following acquisitions:

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Icera	\$ 271	\$ 271
PortalPlayer	105	105
Mental Images	59	59
3dfx	50	50
MediaQ	35	35
ULi	31	31
Hybrid Graphics	28	28
Ageia	19	19
Portland Group Inc.	2	2
Other	18	18
Total goodwill	<u>\$ 618</u>	<u>\$ 618</u>

The amount of goodwill allocated to our GPU and Tegra Processor reportable segments was \$210 million and \$408 million, respectively, as of both January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016. Please refer to Note 16 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion regarding segments.

We utilized a two-step quantitative analysis to complete our annual impairment test during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2017 and concluded that there was no impairment, as the fair value of our reporting units exceeded their carrying values. The first step tests for possible impairment by applying a fair value-based test by weighing the results from the income approach and the market approach. The second step, if necessary, measures the amount of such impairment by applying fair value-based tests to individual assets and liabilities.

These income and market valuation approaches consider a number of factors that include, but are not limited to, prospective financial information, growth rates, residual values, discount rates and comparable multiples from publicly traded companies in our industry and require us to make certain assumptions and estimates regarding industry economic factors and the future profitability of our business. When performing an income approach valuation, we incorporate the use of projected financial information and a discount rate that are developed using market participant based assumptions to our discounted cash flow model. Our estimates of discounted cash flow were based upon, among other things, certain assumptions about our expected future operating performance, such as revenue growth rates, operating margins, risk-adjusted discount rates, and future economic and market conditions. The market method of determining the fair value of our reporting units requires us to use judgment in the selection of appropriate market comparables.

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Note 5 - Amortizable Intangible Assets

The components of our amortizable intangible assets are as follows:

	January 29, 2017			January 31, 2016		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
	(In millions)			(In millions)		
Acquisition-related intangible assets	\$ 193	\$ (167)	\$ 26	\$ 193	\$ (152)	\$ 41
Patents and licensed technology	468	(390)	78	462	(337)	125
Total intangible assets	<u>\$ 661</u>	<u>\$ (557)</u>	<u>\$ 104</u>	<u>\$ 655</u>	<u>\$ (489)</u>	<u>\$ 166</u>

Amortization expense associated with intangible assets for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015 was \$68 million, \$73 million, and \$77 million, respectively. Future amortization expense for the net carrying amount of intangible assets as of January 29, 2017 is estimated to be \$54 million in fiscal year 2018, \$26 million in fiscal year 2019, \$16 million in fiscal year 2020, \$7 million in fiscal year 2021, and \$1 million in fiscal year 2022 until fully amortized.

Note 6 - Marketable Securities

All of our cash equivalents and marketable securities are classified as “available-for-sale” securities. These securities are reported at fair value with the related unrealized gains and losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), a component of shareholders’ equity, net of tax, and net realized gains and losses recorded in other income (expense), net, on the Consolidated Statements of Income.

We performed an impairment review of our investment portfolio as of January 29, 2017. Factors considered included general market conditions, the duration and extent to which fair value is below cost, and our intent and ability to hold an investment for a sufficient period of time to allow for recovery in value. We also consider specific adverse conditions related to the financial health of and business outlook for an investee, including industry and sector performance, changes in technology, operational and financing cash flow factors, and changes in an investee’s credit rating. Investments that we identify as having an indicator of impairment are subject to further analysis to determine if the investment was other than temporarily impaired. Based on our quarterly impairment review, we concluded that our investments were appropriately valued and that no other-than-temporary impairment charges were necessary on our portfolio of available-for-sale investments as of January 29, 2017.

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The following is a summary of cash equivalents and marketable securities as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016:

January 29, 2017				
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gain	Unrealized Loss	Estimated Fair Value
	(In millions)			
Corporate debt securities	\$ 2,397	\$ 1	\$ (10)	\$ 2,388
Debt securities of United States government agencies	1,193	—	(5)	1,188
Debt securities issued by the United States Treasury	852	—	(2)	850
Asset-backed securities	490	—	(1)	489
Money market funds	321	—	—	321
Mortgage backed securities issued by United States government-sponsored enterprises	161	2	(1)	162
Foreign government bonds	70	—	—	70
Total	<u>\$ 5,484</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ (19)</u>	<u>\$ 5,468</u>
Classified as:				
Cash equivalents				\$ 436
Marketable securities				5,032
Total				<u>\$ 5,468</u>

January 31, 2016				
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gain	Unrealized Loss	Estimated Fair Value
	(In millions)			
Corporate debt securities	\$ 1,903	\$ 1	\$ (3)	\$ 1,901
Debt securities of United States government agencies	1,170	1	(1)	1,170
Debt securities issued by the United States Treasury	800	1	—	801
Asset-backed securities	435	—	—	435
Mortgage backed securities issued by United States government-sponsored enterprises	229	3	(1)	231
Foreign government bonds	92	—	—	92
Money market funds	43	—	—	43
Total	<u>\$ 4,672</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$ (5)</u>	<u>\$ 4,673</u>
Classified as:				
Cash equivalents				\$ 232
Marketable securities				4,441
Total				<u>\$ 4,673</u>

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The following table provides the breakdown of the investments with unrealized losses as of January 29, 2017:

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Greater		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses
	(In millions)					
Corporate debt securities	\$ 1,721	\$ (10)	\$ 55	\$ —	\$ 1,776	\$ (10)
Debt securities issued by United States government agencies	906	(5)	28	—	934	(5)
Debt securities issued by the US Treasury	629	(2)	—	—	629	(2)
Mortgage backed securities issued by United States government-sponsored enterprises	43	—	35	(1)	78	(1)
Asset-backed securities	383	(1)	3	—	386	(1)
Total	<u>\$ 3,682</u>	<u>\$ (18)</u>	<u>\$ 121</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ 3,803</u>	<u>\$ (19)</u>

The gross unrealized losses related to fixed income securities and were due to changes in interest rates. We have determined that the gross unrealized losses on investment securities as of January 29, 2017 are temporary in nature. Currently, we have the intent and ability to hold our investments with impairment indicators until maturity. Net realized gains were not significant for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015.

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of cash equivalents and marketable securities, which are primarily debt instruments, are classified as available-for-sale as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016 and are shown below by contractual maturity.

	January 29, 2017		January 31, 2016	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
	(In millions)			
Less than one year	\$ 2,209	\$ 2,209	\$ 1,619	\$ 1,619
Due in 1 - 5 years	3,210	3,194	3,019	3,020
Mortgage-backed securities issued by government-sponsored enterprises not due at a single maturity date	65	65	34	34
Total	<u>\$ 5,484</u>	<u>\$ 5,468</u>	<u>\$ 4,672</u>	<u>\$ 4,673</u>

Note 7 - Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The fair values of our financial assets and liabilities are determined using quoted market prices of identical assets or quoted market prices of similar assets from active markets. Our Level 1 assets consist of our money market funds. We classify securities within Level 1 assets when the fair value is obtained from real time quotes for transactions in active exchange markets involving identical assets. Our available-for-sale securities are classified as having Level 2 inputs. Our Level 2 assets are valued utilizing a market approach where the market prices of similar assets are provided by a variety of independent industry standard data providers to our investment custodian. We review the fair value hierarchy classification on a quarterly basis. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification of levels for certain securities within the fair value hierarchy. There were no significant transfers between Levels 1 and 2 assets for fiscal year

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2017. Level 3 assets are based on unobservable inputs to the valuation methodology and include our own data about assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available under the circumstances. Most of our cash equivalents and marketable securities are valued based on Level 2 inputs. We did not have any investments classified as Level 3 as of January 29, 2017.

	Pricing Category	Fair Value at	
		January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
		(In millions)	
Assets			
Cash equivalents and marketable securities:			
Corporate debt securities (1)	Level 2	\$ 2,388	\$ 1,901
Debt securities of U.S. government agencies (2)	Level 2	\$ 1,188	\$ 1,170
Debt securities issued by the United States Treasury (3)	Level 2	\$ 850	\$ 801
Asset-backed securities (4)	Level 2	\$ 489	\$ 435
Money market funds (5)	Level 1	\$ 321	\$ 43
Mortgage-backed securities issued by United States government-sponsored enterprises (4)	Level 2	\$ 162	\$ 231
Foreign government bonds (4)	Level 2	\$ 70	\$ 92
Liabilities			
Current liability:			
1.00% Convertible Senior Notes (6)	Level 2	\$ 4,474	\$ 2,273
Other noncurrent liabilities:			
2.20% Notes Due 2021 (6)	Level 2	\$ 975	\$ —
3.20% Notes Due 2026 (6)	Level 2	\$ 961	\$ —
Interest rate swap (7)	Level 2	\$ 2	\$ 7

- (1) Included \$33 million and \$51 million in cash equivalents as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, respectively, and \$2.35 billion and \$1.85 billion in marketable securities as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, respectively, on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (2) Included \$27 million and \$90 million in cash equivalents as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, respectively, and \$1.16 billion and \$1.08 billion in marketable securities as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, respectively, on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (3) Included \$55 million in cash equivalents as of January 29, 2017 and \$795 million and \$801 million in marketable securities as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, respectively, on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (4) Reported in marketable securities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (5) Reported in cash equivalents on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (6) The 1.00% Convertible Notes, 2.20% Notes Due 2021, and 3.20% Notes Due 2026 are carried on our Consolidated Balance Sheets at their original issuance value, net of unamortized debt discount and issuance costs, and are not marked to fair value each period. See Note 11 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

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- (7) Please refer to Note 9 of these Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion regarding our interest rate swap.

Note 8 - Balance Sheet Components

Certain balance sheet components are as follows:

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Inventories:		
Raw materials	\$ 252	\$ 105
Work in-process	176	103
Finished goods	366	210
Total inventories	<u>\$ 794</u>	<u>\$ 418</u>

As of January 29, 2017, we had outstanding inventory purchase obligations totaling \$1.00 billion.

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	Estimated Useful Life
	(In millions)		(In years)
Property and Equipment:			
Land	\$ 218	\$ 218	(A)
Building	13	13	25-30
Test equipment	427	354	3-5
Computer equipment	188	155	3-5
Leasehold improvements	176	174	(B)
Software and licenses	63	98	3-5
Office furniture and equipment	49	48	5
Capital leases	28	28	(B)
Construction in process	29	12	(C)
Total property and equipment, gross	<u>1,191</u>	<u>1,100</u>	
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(670)</u>	<u>(634)</u>	
Total property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 521</u>	<u>\$ 466</u>	

(A) Land is a non-depreciable asset.

(B) Leasehold improvements and capital leases are amortized based on the lesser of either the asset's estimated useful life or the remaining expected lease term.

(C) Construction in process represents assets that are not in service as of the balance sheet date.

Depreciation expense for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015 was \$118 million, \$124 million, and \$143 million, respectively.

Accumulated amortization of leasehold improvements and capital leases was \$164 million and \$155 million as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, respectively. Amortization of leasehold improvements and capital leases is included in depreciation and amortization expense.

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	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Accrued Liabilities:		
Customer related liabilities (1)	\$ 197	\$ 160
Accrued payroll and related expenses	137	79
Deferred revenue (2)	85	322
Coupon interest on debt obligations	21	3
Accrued restructuring and other charges (3)	13	23
Professional service fees	13	23
Warranty accrual (4)	8	11
Accrued royalties	7	1
Leases payable	4	4
Taxes payable	4	2
Contributions payable	4	3
Other	14	11
Total accrued and other current liabilities	<u>\$ 507</u>	<u>\$ 642</u>

- (1) Customer related liabilities primarily includes accrued rebates and marketing development funds.
- (2) Deferred revenue under our patent cross licensing agreement with Intel Corporation will expire in March 2017. We will be recognizing revenue under this agreement through the first quarter of fiscal year 2018.
- (3) Please refer to Note 17 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion regarding restructuring and other charges.
- (4) Please refer to Note 10 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion regarding warranties.

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Other Long Term Liabilities:		
Deferred income tax liability (1)	\$ 141	\$ 301
Income tax payable	96	78
Contributions payable	10	13
Deferred revenue (2)	4	44
Other	20	17
Total other long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 271</u>	<u>\$ 453</u>

- (1) Please refer to the “Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncement” section of Note 1 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion regarding the impact of a recently adopted accounting pronouncement related to stock-based compensation.
- (2) Deferred revenue under our patent cross licensing agreement with Intel Corporation is now located in short term deferred revenue as less than twelve months remains on the agreement.

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Note 9 - Derivative Financial Instruments

In fiscal year 2016, we entered into an interest rate swap for a portion of the operating lease financing arrangement for our new headquarters building that entitles us to pay amounts based on a fixed interest rate in exchange for receipt of amounts based on variable interest rates. The objective of this interest rate swap is to mitigate variability in the benchmark interest rate on the first \$200 million of existing operating lease financing payments. This interest rate swap is designated as a cash flow hedge, will have settlements beginning in the second quarter of fiscal year 2019, and will terminate in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2023. Gains or losses on this swap are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and will subsequently be recorded in earnings at the point when the related operating lease financing expense begins to affect earnings or if ineffectiveness of the swap should occur.

In fiscal year 2017, we entered into foreign currency forward contracts with a total U.S. dollar equivalent notional value of \$227 million to mitigate the impact of foreign currency exchange rate movements on our operating expenses. We designate these contracts as cash flow hedges and assess the effectiveness of the hedge relationships on a spot to spot basis. Gains or losses on the contracts are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and reclassified to operating expense when the related operating expenses are recognized in earnings or ineffectiveness should occur. The fair value of the contracts as of January 29, 2017 was not significant. We also entered into foreign currency forward contracts with a total U.S. dollar equivalent notional value of \$99 million to mitigate the impact of foreign currency movements on monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than our reporting currency. These foreign currency forward contracts were not designated for hedge accounting treatment. Therefore, the change in fair value of these contracts is recorded as a component of other income (expense), net, and offsets the change in fair value of the foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities, which is also recorded in other income (expense), net.

Under the master netting agreements with the respective counterparties to our foreign currency forward contracts, we are allowed to net settle transactions with the same counterparty, subject to applicable requirements. However, we present our derivative assets and liabilities at their gross fair values on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We are not required to pledge, and are not entitled to receive, cash collateral related to these derivative instruments.

As of January 29, 2017, the maturities of the designated foreign currency forward contracts were three months or less.

We formally assess, both at inception and on an ongoing basis, whether derivative financial instruments designated for hedge accounting treatment are highly effective. During fiscal year 2017, all derivative financial instruments designated for hedge accounting treatment were determined to be highly effective and there were no gains or losses associated with ineffectiveness.

For fiscal years 2017 and 2016, we recognized a net change in unrealized gains (losses) on derivative financial instruments designated for hedge accounting treatment of \$4 million and \$(4) million, respectively, net of tax, in other comprehensive income (loss).

We expect to realize all gains and losses deferred into accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) related to foreign currency forward contracts within the next twelve months. However, we do not expect to reclassify any amount from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into earnings related to the interest rate swap as the underlying operating lease financing payments for our new headquarters building will not start within the next twelve months.

Note 10 - Guarantees

U.S. GAAP requires that upon issuance of a guarantee, the guarantor must recognize a liability for the fair value of the obligation it assumes under that guarantee. In addition, U.S. GAAP requires disclosures about the guarantees that an entity has issued, including a tabular reconciliation of the changes of the entity's product warranty liabilities.

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Accrual for Product Warranty Liabilities

We record a reduction to revenue for estimated product returns at the time revenue is recognized primarily based on historical return rates. Cost of revenue includes the estimated cost of product warranties. Under limited circumstances, we may offer an extended limited warranty to customers for certain products. Additionally, we accrue for known warranty and indemnification issues if a loss is probable and can be reasonably estimated.

In fiscal year 2016, we announced a voluntary recall and replacement of our SHIELD 8-inch tablets that were sold between July 2014 and July 2015. We have determined that the battery in these tablets can overheat, posing a fire hazard. The recall did not affect any other NVIDIA products. In fiscal year 2016, we recorded a \$26 million charge against cost of revenue to cover anticipated customer warranty, repair, return, replacement and other associated costs.

The estimated product returns and estimated product warranty liabilities are as follows:

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions)		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 11	\$ 8	\$ 8
Additions	2	27	5
Deductions	(5)	(24)	(5)
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>\$ 11</u>	<u>\$ 8</u>

In connection with certain agreements that we have entered into in the past, we have provided indemnities to cover the indemnified party for matters such as tax, product, and employee liabilities. We have included intellectual property indemnification provisions in our technology related agreements with third parties. Maximum potential future payments cannot be estimated because many of these agreements do not have a maximum stated liability. We have not recorded any liability in our Consolidated Financial Statements for such indemnifications.

Note 11 - Debt

Convertible Debt

1.00 % Convertible Senior Notes Due 2018

In fiscal year 2014, we issued \$1.50 billion of 1.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2018. The Convertible Notes are unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of the Company, which pay interest in cash semi-annually at a rate of 1.00% per annum. The Convertible Notes will mature on December 1, 2018 unless repurchased or converted prior to such date. Upon conversion, we will pay cash up to the aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Notes and may pay or deliver cash, shares of our common stock or a combination thereof, at our election, of our conversion obligation in excess of the aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Notes being converted. As of January 29, 2017, the conversion rate, after adjusting for dividend increases, was 49.8351 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of the Convertible Notes (equivalent to an adjusted conversion price of \$20.0662 per share of common stock).

Holders may convert all or any portion of their Convertible Notes at their option at any time prior to August 1, 2018 under certain circumstances. For example, during any fiscal quarter, if the last reported sale price of the common stock for at least 20 trading days during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding fiscal quarter is greater than or equal to 130% of the conversion price on each applicable trading day, the Notes become convertible at the holders' option. As this condition was met, the Convertible Notes first became convertible at the holders' option beginning on the first day of fiscal year 2017 and continued to be convertible at the holders' option through April 30, 2017.

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During fiscal year 2017, we paid cash to settle an aggregate of \$673 million in principal amount of the Convertible Notes and have \$827 million in principal amount outstanding as of January 29, 2017. We issued 23 million shares of our common stock for the excess conversion value, and recognized a loss of \$21 million on early conversions, of the Convertible Notes. Based on the closing price of our common stock of \$111.77 on the last trading day of fiscal year 2017, the if-converted value of the remaining outstanding Convertible Notes exceeded their principal amount by approximately \$3.78 billion.

Subsequent to January 29, 2017, we have settled an additional \$502 million in principal amount of Convertible Notes and issued 20 million additional shares of our common stock for the excess conversion value. Based on additional conversion requests we have received, we expect to settle an additional \$103 million in principal amount of Convertible Notes and issue additional shares of our common stock for the excess conversion value during the remainder of the first quarter of fiscal year 2018 and to settle another additional \$55 million in principal amount of Convertible Notes and issue additional shares of our common stock for the excess conversion value during the second quarter of fiscal year 2018. The actual number of shares issuable upon conversion will be determined based upon the terms of the Convertible Notes, and we expect to receive an equal number of shares of our common stock under the terms of the Note Hedges.

We separately accounted for the liability and equity components of the Convertible Notes at issuance, since our conversion obligation in excess of the aggregate principal could be fully or partially settled in cash. The liability component was assigned by estimating the fair value of a similar debt without the conversion feature. The difference between the net cash proceeds and the liability component was assigned as the equity component. The initial liability component of the Convertible Notes was valued at \$1.35 billion and the initial carrying value of the equity component recorded in additional paid-in-capital was valued at \$126 million. This equity component, together with the \$23 million purchaser's discount to the par value of the Convertible Notes, represented the initial aggregate unamortized debt discount of \$148 million. The debt discount is amortized as interest expense over the contractual term of the Convertible Notes using the effective interest method and an interest rate of 3.15%.

As of January 29, 2017, the carrying value of the Convertible Notes was classified as a current liability and the difference between the principal amount and the carrying value of the Convertible Notes was classified as convertible debt conversion obligation in the mezzanine equity section of our Consolidated Balance Sheet.

The following table presents the carrying value of the liability of the Convertible Notes:

	<u>January 29, 2017</u>	<u>January 31, 2016</u>
	(In millions)	
1.00% Convertible Senior Notes	\$ 827	\$ 1,500
Unamortized debt discount (1)	(31)	(87)
Net carrying amount	<u>\$ 796</u>	<u>\$ 1,413</u>

(1) As of January 29, 2017, the remaining period over which the unamortized debt discount will be amortized is 1.8 years.

The following table presents interest expense for the contractual interest and the accretion of debt discount and issuance costs related to the Convertible Notes:

	<u>Year Ended</u>		
	<u>January 29, 2017</u>	<u>January 31, 2016</u>	<u>January 25, 2015</u>
	(In millions)		
Contractual coupon interest expense	\$ 9	\$ 15	\$ 15
Amortization of debt discount	24	29	28
Total interest expense related to Convertible Notes	<u>\$ 33</u>	<u>\$ 44</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>

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Note Hedges and Warrants

Concurrently with the issuance of the Convertible Notes, we entered into a convertible note hedge transaction, or the Note Hedges. The Note Hedges have an adjusted strike price of \$20.0662 per share and allow us to receive shares of our common stock and/or cash related to the excess conversion value that we would deliver and/or pay, respectively, to the holders of the Convertible Notes upon conversion. Through January 29, 2017, we had received 23 million shares of our common stock from the exercise of a portion of the Note Hedges related to the settlement of \$673 million in principal amount of the Convertible Notes. Subsequently, we have received 20 million shares of our common stock from the exercise of a portion of the Note Hedges related to the settlement of an additional \$502 million in principal amount, and we expect to receive additional shares of our common stock related to an additional \$103 million in principal amount that is expected to settle during the first quarter of fiscal year 2018 and at least \$55 million in principal amount that is expected to settle during the second quarter of fiscal year 2018.

In addition, concurrent with the offering of the Convertible Notes and the purchase of the Note Hedges, we entered into a separate warrant transaction, or the Warrants, with an adjusted strike price of \$27.0122 per share. On December 12, 2016, we entered into an agreement with a counterparty bank to terminate 63 million of the 75 million warrants outstanding. In consideration for the termination of these warrants, we delivered a total of 48 million shares of common stock to the counterparty bank, the amount of which was determined each day based on the daily volume-weighted average price of the common stock during an observation period beginning December 13, 2016 and ending January 31, 2017. As of January 29, 2017, 44 million of the 48 million shares of our common stock had been issued related to the terminated Warrants. The remaining 4 million shares were issued in the beginning of fiscal year 2018.

Long-Term Debt

2.20% Notes Due 2021 and 3.20% Notes Due 2026

On September 16, 2016, we issued \$1.00 billion of the 2.20% Notes Due 2021, and \$1.00 billion of the 3.20% Notes Due 2026 (collectively, the Notes). Interest on the Notes is payable on March 16 and September 16 of each year, beginning on March 16, 2017. Upon 30 days' notice to holders of the Notes, we may redeem the Notes for cash prior to maturity, at redemption prices that include accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and a make-whole premium. However, no make-whole premium will be paid for redemptions of the Notes Due 2021 on or after August 16, 2021, or for redemptions of the Notes Due 2026 on or after June 16, 2026. The net proceeds from the Notes were \$1.98 billion, after deducting debt discount and issuance costs.

The Notes are our unsecured senior obligations and rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The Notes are structurally subordinated to the liabilities of our subsidiaries and are effectively subordinated to any secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. All existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries will be effectively senior to the Notes.

The carrying value of our long-term debt and the associated interest rates were as follows:

	Expected Remaining Term (years)	Effective Interest Rate	January 29, 2017
			(In millions)
2.20% Notes Due 2021	4.6	2.38%	\$ 1,000
3.20% Notes Due 2026	9.6	3.31%	1,000
Unamortized debt discount and issuance costs			(17)
Net carrying amount			<u>\$ 1,983</u>

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Revolving Credit Facility

On October 7, 2016, we entered into a credit agreement, or the Credit Agreement, under which we may borrow, repay and re-borrow amounts from time to time, up to \$575 million, for working capital and other general corporate purposes. The commitments under the Credit Agreement are available for a 5-year period ending on October 7, 2021, on which all outstanding obligations would be due and payable. The Credit Agreement also permits us to obtain additional revolving loan commitments up to \$425 million, subject to certain conditions. As of January 29, 2017, we had not borrowed any amounts under the Credit Agreement.

Note 12 - Commitments and Contingencies

Inventory Purchase Obligations

As of January 29, 2017, we had outstanding inventory purchase obligations totaling \$1.00 billion.

Capital Purchase Obligations

As of January 29, 2017, we had outstanding capital purchase obligations totaling \$38 million.

Lease Obligations

Our headquarters complex is located in Santa Clara, California and includes eight buildings that are leased properties. Future minimum lease payments related to headquarters operating leases total \$50 million over the remaining terms of the leases, including predetermined rent escalations, and are included in the future minimum lease payment schedule below.

In addition to the commitment of our headquarters, we have other domestic and international office facilities under operating leases expiring through fiscal year 2026. We also include non-cancelable obligations under certain software licensing arrangements as operating leases.

Future minimum lease payments under our non-cancelable operating leases as of January 29, 2017, are as follows:

	Future Minimum Lease Obligations
	(In millions)
Fiscal Year:	
2018	\$ 42
2019	36
2020	20
2021	17
2022	12
2023 and thereafter	13
Total	<u>\$ 140</u>

Rent expense for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015 was \$46 million, \$45 million, and \$47 million, respectively.

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Capital lease obligations include building and office equipment lease obligations. The building lease relates to our datacenter in Santa Clara, California. Future minimum lease payments under the building capital lease total \$11 million over the remaining lease term, including predetermined rent escalations, and are included in the future minimum lease payment schedule below:

	Future Capital Lease Obligations
	(In millions)
Fiscal Year:	
2018	\$ 5
2019	6
Total	<u>\$ 11</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 10</u>
Current portion	<u>\$ 4</u>
Long-term portion	<u>\$ 6</u>

Operating Lease Financing Arrangement

In fiscal year 2016, we began to construct a new headquarters building in Santa Clara, California, which is currently targeted for completion in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018. We are financing this construction under an off-balance sheet, build-to-suit operating lease arrangement. As a part of this arrangement, we leased the real property we own where the building will be constructed under a 99 year ground lease to a syndicate of banks and concurrently leased back the building under a real property lease.

Under the real property lease, we pay rent, taxes, maintenance costs, utilities, insurance and other property related costs. The lease has an initial 7.5 year term expiring on December 19, 2022, consisting of an approximately 2.5 year construction period followed by a 5 year lease term. We have the option to renew this lease for up to three additional 5 year periods, subject to approval by the banks.

We will oversee the construction of the headquarters building. The banks have committed to fund up to \$380 million of costs relating to construction. Advances will be made periodically to reimburse us for construction costs we incur. Once construction is complete, the lease balance will remain static at the completed cost for the remaining duration of the lease term. During construction, accrued interest will be capitalized into the lease balance. Following construction, we will pay rent in the form of interest. We have guaranteed the obligations under the lease held by our subsidiary.

During the term of the lease, we may elect to purchase the headquarters building for the amount of the banks' investment in the building and any accrued but unpaid rent. At the end of the lease term, we may elect to buy the building for the outstanding balance on the maturity date or arrange for the cash sale of the building to an unaffiliated third party. The aggregate guarantee made by us under the lease is no more than 87.5% of the costs incurred in connection with the construction of the building. However, under certain default circumstances, the lease guarantee may be 100% of the banks' investment in the building plus any and all accrued but unpaid interest and all other rent due and payable under the operative agreements.

The operative agreements are subject to customary default provisions, including, for example, those relating to payment and performance defaults, and events of bankruptcy. We are also subject to financial covenants including a covenant to maintain a maximum total leverage ratio not to exceed 3.5 to 1.0. If certain events of default occur and are continuing under the operative agreements, the banks may accelerate repayment of their investment under the lease.

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Litigation

Qualcomm, Inc. and various Samsung Entities

In September 2014, NVIDIA filed complaints against Qualcomm, Inc. and various Samsung entities in both the United States International Trade Commission, or ITC, and the United States District Court for the District of Delaware alleging infringement of certain patents relating to graphics processing. In November 2014, Samsung filed complaints against NVIDIA in the ITC and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, alleging that NVIDIA infringed certain patents.

NVIDIA and Samsung, and NVIDIA and Qualcomm, also challenged the validity of certain of each other's patents through inter partes review before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

On April 28, 2016, NVIDIA and Samsung entered a binding memorandum of understanding which resolved all existing intellectual property disputes between the parties, and requires the immediate dismissal of all pending litigation between them. As a result of this agreement, on May 5, 2016, Samsung filed a Stipulation of Dismissal in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. On May 11, 2016, NVIDIA voluntarily dismissed its petition to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit to review the ITC's decision in Investigation No. 337-TA-932. On May 12, 2016, NVIDIA voluntarily dismissed its Complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. On May 19, 2016, Samsung filed a Corrected Joint Motion to Terminate Investigation No. 337-TA-941. On June 16, 2016, the ITC granted the joint motion and terminated the ITC investigation. The parties have also moved to dismiss all pending inter partes reviews. Also as part of this agreement, NVIDIA and Samsung each received a license to a small number of patents of the other, but no portfolio license was granted nor was any compensation paid by either party. On June 28, 2016, NVIDIA and Samsung executed a settlement agreement based on the April 28, 2016 memorandum of understanding.

NVIDIA's dismissals on May 11, 2016 and May 12, 2016 also terminated its claims against Qualcomm.

Advanced Silicon Technologies LLC

In December 2015, Advanced Silicon Technologies LLC filed complaints in the ITC and the United States District Court for the District of Delaware alleging infringement of certain patents relating to graphics processing and memory management. NVIDIA and Advanced Silicon Technologies resolved this litigation on April 22, 2016 and NVIDIA agreed to license the patents asserted and other patents owned and controlled by Advanced Silicon Technologies and certain of its affiliates. On April 27, 2016, NVIDIA and Advanced Silicon Technologies jointly moved to terminate the investigation as to NVIDIA. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations supported the motion, and none of the other parties opposed it. On May 10, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge issued an Initial Determination granting the joint request to terminate the investigation as to NVIDIA. On June 1, 2016, the ITC issued a Notice determining not to review the Administrative Law Judge's determination, thereby finalizing termination of the investigation as to NVIDIA. Pursuant to the license agreement, \$10 million was recorded as a charge to cost of revenue during fiscal year 2017.

Polaris Innovations Limited

On May 16, 2016, Polaris Innovations Limited filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas alleging that NVIDIA has infringed and is continuing to infringe on six of its U.S. patents related generally to control of DRAM memory. The complaint seeks unspecified monetary damages, enhanced damages, interest, fees, expenses, and costs against NVIDIA.

On September 14, 2016, NVIDIA answered the Polaris Complaint and asserted various defenses including non-infringement and invalidity of the six Polaris patents. On December 5, 2016, the Texas Court granted NVIDIA's motion to transfer and transferred the case to the Northern District of California. An initial scheduling conference has been set for March 16, 2017. A trial date has not yet been set.

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On December 7, 2016, NVIDIA filed an inter partes review request with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or USPTO, challenging the validity of U.S. Patent No. 7,886,122, which is asserted by Polaris in that California district court litigation. On December 19, 2016, NVIDIA filed an inter partes review request with the USPTO challenging the validity of U.S. Patent No. 7,124,325, another patent asserted by Polaris. An institution decision is expected in both of these matters in June 2017. If instituted, the USPTO will conduct a trial on the validity of each of these patents.

On December 30, 2016, NVIDIA received notice that Polaris had filed a complaint for patent infringement in Germany. The German case alleges infringement of European Patent No. EP1428225 and German Patent Nos. DE 10223167 and DE 1020066043668. NVIDIA has retained counsel in Germany to defend this case. A trial date has not yet been set.

Accounting for Loss Contingencies

While there can be no assurance of favorable outcomes, we believe the claims made by other party in the above ongoing matters are without merit and we intend to vigorously defend the actions. As of January 29, 2017, we have not recorded any accrual for contingent liabilities associated with the legal proceedings described above based on our belief that liabilities, while possible, are not probable. Further, any possible range of loss in these matters cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. We are engaged in other legal actions not described above arising in the ordinary course of its business and, while there can be no assurance of favorable outcomes, we believe that the ultimate outcome of these actions will not have a material adverse effect on our operating results, liquidity or financial position.

Note 13 - Income Taxes

The income tax expense applicable to income before income taxes consists of the following:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions)		
Current income taxes:			
Federal	\$ 7	\$ (43)	\$ 8
State	1	1	1
Foreign	34	25	17
Total current	42	(17)	26
Deferred taxes:			
Federal	199	134	84
State	—	—	—
Foreign	(2)	—	(1)
Total deferred	197	134	83
Charge in lieu of taxes attributable to employer stock option plans	—	12	15
Income tax expense	<u>\$ 239</u>	<u>\$ 129</u>	<u>\$ 124</u>

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Income before income tax consists of the following:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions)		
Domestic	\$ 600	\$ 129	\$ 174
Foreign	1,305	614	581
Income before income tax	<u>\$ 1,905</u>	<u>\$ 743</u>	<u>\$ 755</u>

The income tax expense differs from the amount computed by applying the federal statutory income tax rate of 35% to income before income taxes as follows:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions)		
Tax expense computed at federal statutory rate	\$ 667	\$ 260	\$ 264
Tax expense related to intercompany transaction	10	10	10
State income taxes, net of federal tax effect	4	1	1
Foreign tax rate differential	(315)	(95)	(120)
Stock-based compensation (1)	(70)	13	4
U.S. federal R&D tax credit	(52)	(38)	(34)
Restructuring and expiration of statute of limitations	—	(21)	—
Other	(5)	(1)	(1)
Income tax expense	<u>\$ 239</u>	<u>\$ 129</u>	<u>\$ 124</u>

- (1) We adopted an accounting standard related to stock-based compensation effective February 1, 2016, which required the excess tax benefit to be reflected in our provision for income taxes rather than in additional paid-in-capital. The total related excess tax benefit recognized for fiscal year 2017 was \$82 million. Please refer to Note 1 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

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The tax effect of temporary differences that gives rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and liabilities are presented below:

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforwards (1)	\$ 199	\$ 57
Accruals and reserves, not currently deductible for tax purposes	40	58
Property, equipment and intangible assets	50	50
Research and other tax credit carryforwards (1)	728	404
Stock-based compensation	34	29
Convertible debt	6	9
Gross deferred tax assets	1,057	607
Less valuation allowance (1)	(353)	(272)
Total deferred tax assets	704	335
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Acquired intangibles	(11)	(17)
Unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries	(827)	(615)
Gross deferred tax liabilities	(838)	(632)
Net deferred tax liability	\$ (134)	\$ (297)

(1) Balances as of January 29, 2017 reflect the adoption of an accounting standard related to stock-based compensation. Please refer to Note 1 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

We recognized income tax expense of \$239 million, \$129 million, and \$124 million for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. Our annual effective tax rate was 12.5%, 17.3%, and 16.5% for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. The decrease in the effective tax rate in fiscal year 2017 as compared to fiscal years 2016 and 2015 was primarily due to the recognition of excess tax benefits from our adoption of a new accounting standard related to the simplification of certain aspects of stock-based compensation accounting. The higher effective tax rate in fiscal year 2016 as compared to fiscal years 2017 and 2015 was due to an additional amount of earnings subject to United States tax in fiscal year 2016, partially offset by a net income tax benefit related to the Icera modem restructuring in fiscal year 2016.

Our effective tax rate for each of the fiscal years was lower than the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% due primarily to income earned in jurisdictions, including British Virgin Islands, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan and United Kingdom, where the tax rate is lower than the United States federal statutory tax rate of 35%, favorable recognition in these fiscal years of the U.S. federal research tax credit and favorable discrete events primarily attributable to the tax benefit recognized upon the expiration of the applicable statutes of limitations, and adoption of an accounting standard related to stock-based compensation during fiscal year 2017.

As of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, we had a valuation allowance of \$353 million and \$272 million, respectively, related to state and certain foreign deferred tax assets that management determined not likely to be realized due, in part, to projections of future taxable income. To the extent realization of the deferred tax assets becomes more-likely-than-not, we would recognize such deferred tax asset as an income tax benefit during the period.

As of January 29, 2017, we had federal, state and foreign net operating loss carryforwards of \$448 million, \$446 million and \$219 million, respectively. The federal and state carryforwards will expire beginning in fiscal year 2022 and 2018, respectively. The foreign net operating loss carryforwards of \$219 million may be carried forward indefinitely. As of January 29, 2017, we had federal research tax credit carryforwards of \$541 million that will begin to expire in fiscal year

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2018. We have state research tax credit carryforwards of \$476 million, of which \$457 million is attributable to the State of California and may be carried over indefinitely, and \$19 million is attributable to various other states and will expire beginning in fiscal year 2018. Our tax attributes, net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards, remain subject to audit and may be adjusted for changes or modification in tax laws, other authoritative interpretations thereof, or other facts and circumstances. Utilization of federal, state, and foreign net operating losses and tax credit carryforwards may also be subject to limitations due to ownership changes and other limitations provided by the Internal Revenue Code and similar state and foreign tax provisions. If any such limitations apply, the federal, states, or foreign net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards, as applicable, may expire or be denied before utilization.

As of January 29, 2017, U.S. federal and state income taxes have not been provided on approximately \$3.13 billion of undistributed earnings of non-United States subsidiaries as such earnings are considered to be indefinitely reinvested. We have not provided the amount of unrecognized deferred tax liabilities for temporary differences related to investments in our foreign subsidiaries as the determination of such amount is not practicable.

As of January 29, 2017, we had \$224 million of gross unrecognized tax benefits, of which \$209 million would affect our effective tax rate if recognized. However, approximately \$27 million of the unrecognized tax benefits were related to state income tax positions taken, that, if recognized, would be in the form of a carryforward deferred tax asset that would likely attract a full valuation allowance. The \$209 million of unrecognized tax benefits as of January 29, 2017 consisted of \$83 million recorded in non-current income taxes payable and \$126 million reflected as a reduction to the related deferred tax assets.

A reconciliation of gross unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
		(In millions)	
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 230	\$ 254	\$ 238
Increases in tax positions for prior years	3	—	—
Decreases in tax positions for prior years	—	(1)	(1)
Increases in tax positions for current year	46	28	23
Settlements	(48)	—	—
Lapse in statute of limitations	(7)	(51)	(6)
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 224</u>	<u>\$ 230</u>	<u>\$ 254</u>

We classify an unrecognized tax benefit as a current liability, or amount refundable, to the extent that we anticipate payment or receipt of cash for income taxes within one year. The amount is classified as a long-term liability, or reduction of long-term deferred tax assets or amount refundable, if we anticipate payment or receipt of cash for income taxes during a period beyond a year.

Our policy is to include interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. As of January 29, 2017, January 31, 2016, and January 25, 2015, we had accrued \$13 million, \$11 million, and \$14 million, respectively, for the payment of interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits, which is not included as a component of our unrecognized tax benefits. As of January 29, 2017, non-current income taxes payable of \$96 million consisted of unrecognized tax benefits of \$83 million and the related interest and penalties of \$13 million.

While we believe that we have adequately provided for all tax positions, amounts asserted by tax authorities could be greater or less than our accrued position. Accordingly, our provisions on federal, state and foreign tax-related matters to be recorded in the future may change as revised estimates are made or the underlying matters are settled or otherwise resolved. As of January 29, 2017, we do not believe that our estimates, as otherwise provided for, on such tax positions will significantly increase or decrease within the next twelve months.

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We are subject to taxation by a number of taxing authorities both in the United States and throughout the world. As of January 29, 2017, the significant tax jurisdictions that may be subject to examination include the United States, Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, United Kingdom, Germany, and India for fiscal years 2003 through 2016. As of January 29, 2017, the significant tax jurisdictions for which we are currently under examination include India, Taiwan, and Germany for fiscal years 2003 through 2016.

Note 14 - Shareholders' Equity

Capital Return Program

Beginning August 2004, our Board of Directors authorized us, subject to certain specifications, to repurchase shares of our common stock. On November 7, 2016, the Board authorized an additional \$2.00 billion under our repurchase program and extended it through December 2020.

During fiscal year 2017, we repurchased a total of 15 million shares for \$739 million and paid \$261 million in cash dividends to our shareholders, equivalent to \$0.485 per share on an annual basis.

Through January 29, 2017, we have repurchased an aggregate of 245 million shares under our share repurchase program for a total cost of \$4.59 billion. All shares delivered from these repurchases have been placed into treasury stock. As of January 29, 2017, we were authorized, subject to certain specifications, to repurchase additional shares of our common stock up to \$2.73 billion through December 2020.

Convertible Preferred Stock

As of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016, there were no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

Common Stock

We are authorized to issue up to 2.00 billion shares of our common stock at \$0.001 per share par value.

Note 15 - Employee Retirement Plans

We have a 401(k) retirement plan covering substantially all of our United States employees. Under the plan, participating employees may defer up to 100% of their pre-tax earnings, subject to the Internal Revenue Service annual contribution limits. Effective January 2013, we began matching a portion of the employee contributions. Our contribution expense for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015 was \$12 million, \$8 million, and \$6 million, respectively. We also have defined contribution retirement plans outside of the United States to which we contributed \$23 million, \$21 million, and \$20 million for fiscal years 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively.

Note 16 - Segment Information

Our Chief Executive Officer, who is considered to be our chief operating decision maker, or CODM, reviews financial information presented on an operating segment basis for purposes of making operating decisions and assessing financial performance. Our operating segments are equivalent to our reportable segments.

We report our business in two primary reportable segments - the GPU business and the Tegra Processor business - based on a single underlying graphics architecture.

Our GPU product brands are aimed at specialized markets including GeForce for gamers; Quadro for designers; Tesla and DGX for AI data scientists and big data researchers; and GRID for cloud-based visual computing users. Our Tegra brand integrates an entire computer onto a single chip, and incorporates GPUs and multi-core CPUs to drive supercomputing for mobile gaming and entertainment devices, as well as autonomous robots, drones and cars.

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We have a single unifying architecture for our GPU and Tegra Processors. This architecture unification leverages our visual computing expertise by charging the operating expenses of certain core engineering functions to the GPU business, while charging the Tegra Processor business for the incremental cost of the teams working directly for that business. In instances where the operating expenses of certain functions benefit both reportable segments, our CODM assigns 100% of those expenses to the reportable segment that benefits the most.

The “All Other” category presented below represents the revenue and expenses that our CODM does not assign to either the GPU business or the Tegra Processor business for purposes of making operating decisions or assessing financial performance. The revenue includes primarily patent licensing revenue and the expenses include stock-based compensation expense, corporate infrastructure and support costs, acquisition-related costs, legal settlement costs, contributions, restructuring and other charges, product warranty charge, and other non-recurring charges and benefits that our CODM deems to be enterprise in nature.

Our CODM does not review any information regarding total assets on a reportable segment basis. Reportable segments do not record intersegment revenue, and, accordingly, there is none to be reported. The accounting policies for segment reporting are the same as for NVIDIA as a whole. The table below presents details of our reportable segments and the “All Other” category.

	GPU	Tegra Processor	All Other	Consolidated
	(In millions)			
Year Ended January 29, 2017:				
Revenue	\$ 5,822	\$ 824	\$ 264	\$ 6,910
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$ 116	\$ 29	\$ 42	\$ 187
Operating income (loss)	\$ 2,180	\$ (9)	\$ (237)	\$ 1,934
Year Ended January 31, 2016:				
Revenue	\$ 4,187	\$ 559	\$ 264	\$ 5,010
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$ 110	\$ 43	\$ 44	\$ 197
Operating income (loss)	\$ 1,344	\$ (239)	\$ (358)	\$ 747
Year Ended January 25, 2015:				
Revenue	\$ 3,839	\$ 579	\$ 264	\$ 4,682
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$ 117	\$ 57	\$ 46	\$ 220
Operating income (loss)	\$ 1,113	\$ (254)	\$ (100)	\$ 759

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	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions)		
<i>Reconciling items included in "All Other" category:</i>			
Unallocated revenue	\$ 264	\$ 264	\$ 264
Stock-based compensation	(247)	(204)	(158)
Unallocated cost of revenue and operating expenses	(215)	(244)	(169)
Acquisition-related costs	(16)	(22)	(37)
Legal settlement costs	(16)	—	—
Contributions	(4)	—	—
Restructuring and other charges	(3)	(131)	—
Product warranty charges	—	(21)	—
Total	\$ (237)	\$ (358)	\$ (100)

Revenue by geographic region is allocated to individual countries based on the location to which the products are initially billed even if our customers' revenue is attributable to end customers that are located in a different location. The following table summarizes information pertaining to our revenue from customers based on the invoicing address by geographic regions:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions)		
Revenue:			
Taiwan	\$ 2,546	\$ 1,912	\$ 1,594
China	1,305	806	922
Other Asia Pacific	1,010	749	638
United States	904	643	791
Europe	659	482	369
Other Americas	486	418	368
Total revenue	\$ 6,910	\$ 5,010	\$ 4,682

The following table summarizes information pertaining to our revenue by each of the specialized markets we serve:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
	(In millions)		
Revenue:			
Gaming	\$ 4,060	\$ 2,818	\$ 2,058
Professional Visualization	835	750	795
Datacenter	830	339	317
Automotive	487	320	183
OEM & IP	698	783	1,329
Total revenue	\$ 6,910	\$ 5,010	\$ 4,682

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The following table presents summarized information for long-lived assets by geographic region. Long-lived assets consist of property and equipment and deposits and other assets, and exclude goodwill and intangible assets.

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
Long-lived assets:	(In millions)	
United States	\$ 440	\$ 414
Taiwan	52	39
India	47	45
China	34	25
Europe	9	9
Other Asia Pacific	1	1
Total long-lived assets	<u>\$ 583</u>	<u>\$ 533</u>

Revenue from significant customers, those representing 10% or more of total revenue for the respective dates, is summarized as follows:

	Year Ended		
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016	January 25, 2015
Revenue:			
Customer A	12%	11%	11%

Revenue was attributable to the GPU business.

Accounts receivable from significant customers, those representing 10% or more of total accounts receivable for the respective periods, is summarized as follows:

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
Accounts Receivable:		
Customer B	19%	21%
Customer C	10%	7%

Note 17 - Restructuring and Other Charges

In fiscal year 2016, we began the wind down of our Icera modem operations. Our operating expenses for fiscal years 2017 and 2016 included \$3 million and \$131 million, respectively, of restructuring and other charges.

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	Year Ended	
	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Employee severance and related costs	\$ 5	\$ 82
Tax subsidy (refund) impairment	(3)	17
Facilities and related costs	—	27
Other exit costs	1	5
Restructuring and other charges	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 131</u>

The following table provides a summary of the restructuring activities and related liabilities recorded in accrued liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of January 29, 2017 and January 31, 2016:

	January 29, 2017	January 31, 2016
	(In millions)	
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 23	\$ —
Restructuring and other charges	3	131
Cash payments	(13)	(63)
Non-cash adjustments	—	(45)
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 13</u>	<u>\$ 23</u>

The majority of the remaining balance of \$13 million as of January 29, 2017 is expected to be paid during fiscal year 2018.

Note 18 - Quarterly Summary (Unaudited)

The following table sets forth our unaudited consolidated financial results, for the last eight fiscal quarters:

	Fiscal Year 2017 Quarters Ended			
	January 29, 2017	October 30, 2016	July 31, 2016	May 1, 2016
	(In millions, except per share data)			
Statements of Income Data:				
Revenue	\$ 2,173	\$ 2,004	\$ 1,428	\$ 1,305
Cost of revenue	\$ 870	\$ 821	\$ 602	\$ 554
Gross profit	\$ 1,303	\$ 1,183	\$ 826	\$ 751
Net income (1)	\$ 655	\$ 542	\$ 261	\$ 208
Net income per share (1):				
Basic	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.01	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.39
Diluted	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.35

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- (1) In the third quarter of fiscal year 2017, we adopted an accounting standard related to stock-based compensation, which requires adjustments to be reflected beginning in fiscal year 2017. The adoption of the new accounting standard impacted our previously reported quarterly results for fiscal year 2017 as follows:

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended	
	July 31, 2016		May 1, 2016		July 31, 2016	
	As reported	As adjusted	As reported	As adjusted	As reported	As adjusted
(In millions, except per share data)						
<i>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income:</i>						
Income tax expense	\$ 64	\$ 56	\$ 45	\$ 33	\$ 109	\$ 89
Net income	\$ 253	\$ 261	\$ 196	\$ 208	\$ 449	\$ 469
Basic net income per share	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.88
Diluted net income per share	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.76
Weighted average shares used in diluted net income per share computation	631	634	597	599	617	620

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows:

Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 184	\$ 201	\$ 309	\$ 318	\$ 493	\$ 519
Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (35)	\$ (52)	\$ (534)	\$ (545)	\$ (570)	\$ (597)

	Fiscal Year 2016 Quarters Ended			
	January 31, 2016	October 25, 2015	July 26, 2015	April 26, 2015
(In millions, except per share data)				
Statements of Income Data:				
Revenue	\$ 1,401	\$ 1,305	\$ 1,153	\$ 1,151
Cost of revenue	\$ 610	\$ 572	\$ 519	\$ 498
Gross profit	\$ 791	\$ 733	\$ 634	\$ 653
Net income	\$ 207	\$ 247	\$ 26	\$ 134
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.24
Diluted	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.24

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SCHEDULE II – VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

Description	Balance at Beginning of Period	Additions	Deductions	Balance at End of Period
		(In millions)		
Fiscal year 2017				
Allowance for doubtful accounts ..	\$ 2	\$ 1 (1)	\$ — (1)	\$ 3
Sales return allowance	\$ 9	\$ 9 (2)	\$ (8) (4)	\$ 10
Deferred tax valuation allowance..	\$ 272	\$ 81 (3)	\$ —	\$ 353
Fiscal year 2016				
Allowance for doubtful accounts ..	\$ 3	\$ — (1)	\$ (1) (1)	\$ 2
Sales return allowance	\$ 14	\$ 9 (2)	\$ (14) (4)	\$ 9
Deferred tax valuation allowance..	\$ 261	\$ 11 (3)	\$ —	\$ 272
Fiscal year 2015				
Allowance for doubtful accounts ..	\$ 1	\$ 3 (1)	\$ (1) (1)	\$ 3
Sales return allowance	\$ 14	\$ 12 (2)	\$ (12) (4)	\$ 14
Deferred tax valuation allowance..	\$ 244	\$ 17 (3)	\$ —	\$ 261

- (1) Additions represent allowance for doubtful accounts charged to expense and deductions represent amounts recorded as reduction to expense upon reassessment of allowance for doubtful accounts at period end.
- (2) Represents allowance for sales returns estimated at the time revenue is recognized primarily based on historical return rates and is charged as a reduction to revenue.
- (3) Represents change in valuation allowance primarily related to state and certain foreign deferred tax assets that management has determined not likely to be realized due, in part, to projections of future taxable income of the respective jurisdictions.
- (4) Represents sales returns.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference			Filing Date
		Schedule /Form	File Number	Exhibit	
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	S-8	333-74905	4.1	3/23/1999
3.2	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	10-Q	0-23985	3.1	8/21/2008
3.3	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	8-K	0-23985	3.1	5/24/2011
3.4	Bylaws of NVIDIA Corporation, Amended and Restated as of November 29, 2016	8-K	0-23985	3.1	12/1/2016
4.1	Reference is made to Exhibits 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4				
4.2	Specimen Stock Certificate	S-1/A	333-47495	4.2	4/24/1998
4.3	Indenture (including the form of Notes) dated December 2, 2013 between NVIDIA Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association	8-K	0-23985	4.1	12/2/2013
4.4	Form of 1.00% Convertible Senior Note due 2018 (included in Exhibit 4.3)	8-K	0-23985	4.2	12/2/2013
4.5	Indenture, dated as of September 16, 2016, by and between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee	8-K	0-23985	4.1	9/16/2016
4.6	Officers' Certificate, dated as of September 16, 2016	8-K	0-23985	4.2	9/16/2016
4.7	Form of 2021 Note	8-K	0-23985	Annex A to Exhibit 4.2	9/16/2016
4.8	Form of 2026 Note	8-K	0-23985	Annex B to Exhibit 4.2	9/16/2016
10.1	Form of Indemnity Agreement between NVIDIA Corporation and each of its directors and officers	8-K	0-23985	10.1	3/7/2006
10.2+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan	8-K	0-23985	10.1	5/23/2016
10.3+	2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Statutory Stock Option (Annual Grant - Board Service (2011))	10-Q	0-23985	10.41	5/27/2011
10.4+	2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Statutory Stock Option (Initial Grant - Board Service (2011))	8-K	0-23985	10.1	12/14/2011
10.5+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Stock Option Grant (2012 Annual Board Retainer)	10-Q	0-23985	10.4	5/23/2012
10.6+	2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non Statutory Stock Option	8-K	0-23985	10.2	9/13/2010
10.7+	2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Incentive Stock Option	8-K	0-23985	10.21	9/13/2010
10.8+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non Statutory Stock Option	10-Q	0-23985	10.1	8/22/2012
10.9+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Incentive Stock Option	10-Q	0-23985	10.2	8/22/2012

10.10+	2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Unit Purchase Agreement	10-Q	0-23985	10.22	12/7/2010
10.11+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Unit Purchase Agreement	10-Q	0-23985	10.3	8/22/2012
10.12+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit (without deferral option)	10-Q	0-23985	10.2	5/23/2012
10.13+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit (with deferral option)	10-Q	0-23985	10.3	5/23/2012
10.14+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non Statutory Stock Option (Initial Grant - Board Service)	8-K	0-23985	10.1	7/23/2013
10.15+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Deferred Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Deferred Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (2015)	10-K	0-23985	10.25	3/2/2015
10.16+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Deferred Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Deferred Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (2016)	10-K	0-23985	10.26	3/2/2015
10.17+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (2016)	10-K	0-23985	10.27	3/2/2015
10.18+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit (Initial Grant - with deferral options)	10-Q	0-23985	10.1	5/20/2015
10.19+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement & Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (2015)	10-Q	0-23985	10.2	5/20/2015
10.20+	Amended and Restated 2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	8-K	0-23985	10.2	5/23/2016
10.21+	Fiscal Year 2016 Variable Compensation Plan	8-K	0-23985	10.1	4/10/2015
10.22+	Fiscal Year 2017 Variable Compensation Plan	8-K	0-23985	10.1	3/14/2016
10.23+	Offer Letter between NVIDIA Corporation and Colette Kress, dated September 13, 2013	8-K	0-23985	10.1	9/16/2013
10.24+	Offer Letter between NVIDIA Corporation and Tim Teter, dated December 16, 2016	8-K	0-23985	10.1	1/19/2017
10.25	Master Confirmation and Supplemental Confirmation between NVIDIA Corporation and Goldman, Sachs & Co., dated May 14, 2013	10-Q	0-23985	10.3	5/22/2013
10.26	Base Convertible Note Hedge Transaction Confirmation	8-K	0-23985	99.1	12/2/2013
10.27	Base Warrant Transaction Confirmation	8-K	0-23985	99.2	12/2/2013

10.28	Additional Convertible Note Hedge Transaction Confirmation	8-K	0-23985	99.3	12/2/2013
10.29	Additional Warrant Transaction Confirmation	8-K	0-23985	99.4	12/2/2013
10.30	Termination Agreement, dated as of December 12, 2016, by and between NVIDIA Corporation and Goldman, Sachs & Co.	8-K	0-23985	10.1	12/13/2016
10.31^	Participation Agreement dated June 19, 2015 among NVIDIA Land Development, LLC, Wachovia Service Corporation, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, and a syndicate of other institutions	10-Q	0-23985	10.1	8/19/2015
10.32	First Amendment to Participation Agreement dated February 17, 2016 among NVIDIA Land Development, LLC, Wachovia Service Corporation, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and a syndicate of other institutions	10-Q	0-23985	10.1	5/25/2016
10.33	Second Amendment to Participation Agreement dated September 9, 2016 among NVIDIA Land Development, LLC, Wachovia Service Corporation, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and a syndicate of other institutions	10-Q	0-23985	10.1	11/22/2016
10.34*	Third Amendment to Participation Agreement dated January 27, 2017 among NVIDIA Land Development, LLC, Wachovia Service Corporation, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and a syndicate of other institutions				
10.35	Agency Agreement dated June 19, 2015 between NVIDIA Land Development, LLC and Wachovia Service Corporation	10-Q	0-23985	10.2	8/19/2015
10.36	Real Property Lease Agreement dated June 19, 2015 between Wachovia Service Corporation and NVIDIA Land Development, LLC	10-Q	0-23985	10.3	8/19/2015
10.37	Credit Agreement, dated as of October 7, 2016 by and among NVIDIA Corporation, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto	8-K	0-23985	1.1	10/13/2016
21.1*	List of Registrant's Subsidiaries				
23.1*	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP				
24.1*	Power of Attorney (included in signature page)				
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer as required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934				
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer as required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934				
32.1#*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer as required by Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934				
32.2#*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer as required by Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934				
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document				
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document				
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document				
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document				
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document				
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document				

* Filed herewith.

+ Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

^ Confidential treatment has been granted with respect to portions of this exhibit.

In accordance with Item 601(b)(32)(ii) of Regulation S-K and SEC Release Nos. 33-8238 and 34-47986, Final Rule: Management's Reports on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Certification of Disclosure in Exchange Act Periodic Reports, the certifications furnished in Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 hereto are deemed to accompany this Annual Report on Form 10-K and will not be deemed "filed" for purpose of Section 18 of the Exchange Act. Such certifications will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.

Copies of above exhibits not contained herein are available to any shareholder upon written request to:
Investor Relations: NVIDIA Corporation, 2701 San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara, CA 95050

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on March 1, 2017.

NVIDIA Corporation

By: /s/ Jen-Hsun Huang

Jen-Hsun Huang

President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Jen-Hsun Huang and Colette M. Kress, and each or any one of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this report, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-facts and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his substitutes or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ JEN-HSUN HUANG</u> Jen-Hsun Huang	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 1, 2017
<u>/s/ COLETTE M. KRESS</u> Colette M. Kress	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	March 1, 2017
<u>/s/ MICHAEL J. BYRON</u> Michael J. Byron	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	March 1, 2017
<u>/s/ TENCH COXE</u> Tench Cox	Director	March 1, 2017
<u>/s/ MARK STEVENS</u> Mark Stevens	Director	March 1, 2017

/s/ JAMES C. GAITHER Director

James C. Gaither

/s/ HARVEY C. JONES Director

Harvey C. Jones

/s/ MARK L. PERRY Director

Mark L. Perry

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference			Filing Date
		Schedule /Form	File Number	Exhibit	
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	S-8	333-74905	4.1	3/23/1999
3.2	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	10-Q	0-23985	3.1	8/21/2008
3.3	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	8-K	0-23985	3.1	5/24/2011
3.4	Bylaws of NVIDIA Corporation, Amended and Restated as of November 29, 2016	8-K	0-23985	3.1	12/1/2016
4.1	Reference is made to Exhibits 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4				
4.2	Specimen Stock Certificate	S-1/A	333-47495	4.2	4/24/1998
4.3	Indenture (including the form of Notes) dated December 2, 2013 between NVIDIA Corporation and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association	8-K	0-23985	4.1	12/2/2013
4.4	Form of 1.00% Convertible Senior Note due 2018 (included in Exhibit 4.3)	8-K	0-23985	4.2	12/2/2013
4.5	Indenture, dated as of September 16, 2016, by and between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee	8-K	0-23985	4.1	9/16/2016
4.6	Officers' Certificate, dated as of September 16, 2016	8-K	0-23985	4.2	9/16/2016
4.7	Form of 2021 Note	8-K	0-23985	Annex A to Exhibit 4.2	9/16/2016
4.8	Form of 2026 Note	8-K	0-23985	Annex B to Exhibit 4.2	9/16/2016
10.1	Form of Indemnity Agreement between NVIDIA Corporation and each of its directors and officers	8-K	0-23985	10.1	3/7/2006
10.2+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan	8-K	0-23985	10.1	5/23/2016
10.3+	2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Statutory Stock Option (Annual Grant - Board Service (2011))	10-Q	0-23985	10.41	5/27/2011
10.4+	2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Statutory Stock Option (Initial Grant - Board Service (2011))	8-K	0-23985	10.1	12/14/2011
10.5+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Stock Option Grant (2012 Annual Board Retainer)	10-Q	0-23985	10.4	5/23/2012
10.6+	2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non Statutory Stock Option	8-K	0-23985	10.2	9/13/2010
10.7+	2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Incentive Stock Option	8-K	0-23985	10.21	9/13/2010
10.8+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non Statutory Stock Option	10-Q	0-23985	10.1	8/22/2012
10.9+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Incentive Stock Option	10-Q	0-23985	10.2	8/22/2012

10.10+	2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Unit Purchase Agreement	10-Q	0-23985	10.22	12/7/2010
10.11+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Unit Purchase Agreement	10-Q	0-23985	10.3	8/22/2012
10.12+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit (without deferral option)	10-Q	0-23985	10.2	5/23/2012
10.13+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit (with deferral option)	10-Q	0-23985	10.3	5/23/2012
10.14+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non Statutory Stock Option (Initial Grant - Board Service)	8-K	0-23985	10.1	7/23/2013
10.15+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Deferred Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Deferred Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (2015)	10-K	0-23985	10.25	3/2/2015
10.16+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Deferred Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Deferred Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (2016)	10-K	0-23985	10.26	3/2/2015
10.17+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (2016)	10-K	0-23985	10.27	3/2/2015
10.18+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit (Initial Grant - with deferral options)	10-Q	0-23985	10.1	5/20/2015
10.19+	Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan - Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement & Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (2015)	10-Q	0-23985	10.2	5/20/2015
10.20+	Amended and Restated 2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	8-K	0-23985	10.2	5/23/2016
10.21+	Fiscal Year 2016 Variable Compensation Plan	8-K	0-23985	10.1	4/10/2015
10.22+	Fiscal Year 2017 Variable Compensation Plan	8-K	0-23985	10.1	3/14/2016
10.23+	Offer Letter between NVIDIA Corporation and Colette Kress, dated September 13, 2013	8-K	0-23985	10.1	9/16/2013
10.24+	Offer Letter between NVIDIA Corporation and Tim Teter, dated December 16, 2016	8-K	0-23985	10.1	1/19/2017
10.25	Master Confirmation and Supplemental Confirmation between NVIDIA Corporation and Goldman, Sachs & Co., dated May 14, 2013	10-Q	0-23985	10.3	5/22/2013
10.26	Base Convertible Note Hedge Transaction Confirmation	8-K	0-23985	99.1	12/2/2013
10.27	Base Warrant Transaction Confirmation	8-K	0-23985	99.2	12/2/2013

10.28	Additional Convertible Note Hedge Transaction Confirmation	8-K	0-23985	99.3	12/2/2013
10.29	Additional Warrant Transaction Confirmation	8-K	0-23985	99.4	12/2/2013
10.30	Termination Agreement, dated as of December 12, 2016, by and between NVIDIA Corporation and Goldman, Sachs & Co.	8-K	0-23985	10.1	12/13/2016
10.31^	Participation Agreement dated June 19, 2015 among NVIDIA Land Development, LLC, Wachovia Service Corporation, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, and a syndicate of other institutions	10-Q	0-23985	10.1	8/19/2015
10.32	First Amendment to Participation Agreement dated February 17, 2016 among NVIDIA Land Development, LLC, Wachovia Service Corporation, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and a syndicate of other institutions	10-Q	0-23985	10.1	5/25/2016
10.33	Second Amendment to Participation Agreement dated September 9, 2016 among NVIDIA Land Development, LLC, Wachovia Service Corporation, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and a syndicate of other institutions	10-Q	0-23985	10.1	11/22/2016
10.34*	Third Amendment to Participation Agreement dated January 27, 2017 among NVIDIA Land Development, LLC, Wachovia Service Corporation, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and a syndicate of other institutions				
10.35	Agency Agreement dated June 19, 2015 between NVIDIA Land Development, LLC and Wachovia Service Corporation	10-Q	0-23985	10.2	8/19/2015
10.36	Real Property Lease Agreement dated June 19, 2015 between Wachovia Service Corporation and NVIDIA Land Development, LLC	10-Q	0-23985	10.3	8/19/2015
10.37	Credit Agreement, dated as of October 7, 2016 by and among NVIDIA Corporation, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto	8-K	0-23985	1.1	10/13/2016
21.1*	List of Registrant's Subsidiaries				
23.1*	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP				
24.1*	Power of Attorney (included in signature page)				
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer as required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934				
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer as required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934				
32.1#*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer as required by Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934				
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101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document				
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document				
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document				
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document				
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document				
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document				

* Filed herewith.

+ Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

^ Confidential treatment has been granted with respect to portions of this exhibit.

In accordance with Item 601(b)(32)(ii) of Regulation S-K and SEC Release Nos. 33-8238 and 34-47986, Final Rule: Management's Reports on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Certification of Disclosure in Exchange Act Periodic Reports, the certifications furnished in Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 hereto are deemed to accompany this Annual Report on Form 10-K and will not be deemed "filed" for purpose of Section 18 of the Exchange Act. Such certifications will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.

Copies of above exhibits not contained herein are available to any shareholder upon written request to:
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FORM 10-K

A copy of NVIDIA's Form 10-K filed with the SEC will be made available to all shareholders at no charge.

The Form 10-K also can be accessed through the SEC website at www.sec.gov, or through NVIDIA's Investor Relations website at www.nvidia.com/investor

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