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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)  
**November 18, 2021**

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**PALO ALTO NETWORKS, INC.**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
**001-35594**  
(Commission File Number)

**20-2530195**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3000 Tannery Way**  
**Santa Clara, California 95054**  
(Address of principal executive office, including zip code)

**(408) 753-4000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	PANW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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

Emerging growth company

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

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On November 18, 2021, Palo Alto Networks, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for its fiscal first quarter ended October 31, 2021. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Item 2.02 and in the accompanying Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits.*

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description of Exhibit</u></b>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	Press release dated as of November 18, 2021
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL)

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**Palo Alto Networks Reports Fiscal First Quarter 2022 Financial Results**

- *Fiscal first quarter revenue grew 32% year over year to \$1.2 billion*
- *Fiscal first quarter billings grew 28% year over year to \$1.4 billion*
- *Remaining performance obligation grew 37% year over year to \$6.0 billion*

**SANTA CLARA, Calif., Nov. 18, 2021** — Palo Alto Networks (NASDAQ: PANW), the global cybersecurity leader, announced today financial results for its fiscal first quarter 2022, ended October 31, 2021.

Total revenue for the fiscal first quarter 2022 grew 32% year over year to \$1.2 billion, compared with total revenue of \$946.0 million for the fiscal first quarter 2021. GAAP net loss for the fiscal first quarter 2022 was \$103.6 million, or \$1.06 per diluted share, compared with GAAP net loss of \$92.2 million, or \$0.97 per diluted share, for the fiscal first quarter 2021.

Non-GAAP net income for the fiscal first quarter 2022 was \$170.3 million, or \$1.64 per diluted share, compared with non-GAAP net income of \$158.1 million, or \$1.62 per diluted share, for the fiscal first quarter 2021. A reconciliation between GAAP and non-GAAP information is contained in the tables below.

“Q1 was a strong start to fiscal year 2022, driven by strength in both our product and Next-Generation Security businesses, giving us confidence to raise our revenue and billings guidance for the year,” said Nikesh Arora, chairman and CEO of Palo Alto Networks. “We continue to see strong customer demand and have continued to release key innovations which give us confidence in the durable growth we presented at our September Analyst Day.”

“The combination of strong top-line metrics, upside to our profitability goals, and cash conversion for Q1 showcase our focus on total shareholder return,” said Dipak Golechha, chief financial officer of Palo Alto Networks.

## Financial Outlook

Palo Alto Networks provides guidance based on current market conditions and expectations.

For the fiscal second quarter 2022, we expect:

- Total billings in the range of \$1.51 billion to \$1.53 billion, representing year-over-year growth of between 24% and 26%.
- Total revenue in the range of \$1.265 billion to \$1.285 billion, representing year-over-year growth of between 24% and 26%.
- Diluted non-GAAP net income per share in the range of \$1.63 to \$1.66, using 105 million to 107 million shares outstanding.

For the fiscal year 2022, we are raising guidance for most metrics and expect:

- Total billings in the range of \$6.675 billion to \$6.725 billion, representing year-over-year growth of between 22% and 23%.
- Total revenue in the range of \$5.35 billion to \$5.40 billion, representing year-over-year growth of between 26% and 27%.
- Diluted non-GAAP net income per share in the range of \$7.15 to \$7.25, using 106 million to 108 million shares.
- Adjusted free cash flow margin in the range of 32% to 33%.

Guidance for non-GAAP financial measures excludes share-based compensation-related charges (including share-based payroll tax expense), acquisition-related costs, amortization expense of acquired intangible assets, litigation-related charges, including legal settlements, non-cash charges related to convertible notes, foreign currency gains (losses), and income and other tax effects associated with these items, along with certain non-recurring expenses and certain non-recurring cash flows. We have not reconciled diluted non-GAAP net income per share guidance to GAAP net income (loss) per diluted share or adjusted free cash flow margin guidance to GAAP net cash from operating activities because we do not provide guidance on GAAP net income (loss) or net cash from operating activities and would not be able to present the various reconciling cash and non-cash items between GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures because certain items that impact these measures are uncertain or out of our control, or cannot be reasonably predicted, including share-based compensation expense, without unreasonable effort. The actual amounts of

such reconciling items will have a significant impact on the company's GAAP net income (loss) per diluted share and GAAP net cash from operating activities.

### **Earnings Call Information**

Palo Alto Networks will host a video webcast for analysts and investors to discuss the company's fiscal first quarter 2022 results as well as the outlook for its fiscal second quarter 2022 today at 4:30 p.m. Eastern time/1:30 p.m. Pacific time. Open to the public, investors may access the webcast, supplemental financial information and earnings slides from the "Investors" section of the company's website at [investors.paloaltonetworks.com](https://investors.paloaltonetworks.com). A replay will be available three hours after the conclusion of the webcast and archived for one year.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties, and assumptions including statements regarding our financial outlook for the fiscal second quarter 2022 and fiscal year 2022. There are a significant number of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from statements made in this press release, including: developments and changes in general market, political, economic, and business conditions; the duration and global impact of COVID-19; risks associated with managing our growth; risks associated with new products and subscription and support offerings, including the discovery of software bugs; shifts in priorities or delays in the development or release of new subscription offerings, or the failure to timely develop and achieve market acceptance of new products and subscriptions as well as existing products and subscription and support offerings; rapidly evolving technological developments in the market for security products and subscription and support offerings; our customers' purchasing decisions and the length of sales cycles; our competition; our ability to attract and retain new customers; our ability as an organization to acquire and integrate other companies, products or technologies in a successful manner; the effects of supply chain constraints and the global chip and component shortages and other factors affecting the manufacture, delivery, and cost of certain of our products; our ability to obtain adequate supply of our products from our third-party manufacturing partners; our debt repayment obligations; and our share repurchase program, which may not be fully consummated or enhance shareholder value, and any share repurchases which could affect the price of our common stock.

Additional risks and uncertainties that could affect our financial results are included under the captions "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and

Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on September 3, 2021, which is available on our website at [investors.paloaltonetworks.com](http://investors.paloaltonetworks.com) and on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Additional information will also be set forth in other filings that we make with the SEC from time to time. All forward-looking statements in this press release are based on information available to us as of the date hereof, and we do not assume any obligation to update the forward-looking statements provided to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Other Key Metrics**

Palo Alto Networks has provided in this press release financial information that has not been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP). The company uses these non-GAAP financial measures and other key metrics internally in analyzing its financial results and believes that the use of these non-GAAP financial measures and key metrics are useful to investors as an additional tool to evaluate ongoing operating results and trends, and in comparing the company's financial results with other companies in its industry, many of which present similar non-GAAP financial measures or key metrics.

The presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures and key metrics are not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for comparable GAAP financial measures and should be read only in conjunction with the company's consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation of the company's historical non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP measures has been provided in the financial statement tables included in this press release, and investors are encouraged to review these reconciliations.

*Non-GAAP net income and net income per share, diluted.* Palo Alto Networks defines non-GAAP net income as net income (loss) plus share-based compensation-related charges, including share-based payroll tax expense, acquisition-related costs, amortization expense of acquired intangible assets, litigation-related charges, including legal settlements, gains (losses) related to facility exit, and non-cash charges related to convertible notes. The company also excludes from non-GAAP net income the foreign currency gains (losses) and tax effects associated with these items in order to provide a complete picture of the company's recurring core business operating results. The company defines non-GAAP net income per share, diluted, as non-GAAP net income divided by the weighted-average diluted shares outstanding, which includes the potentially dilutive effect of the company's employee equity incentive plan awards and the company's convertible senior notes

outstanding and related warrants, after giving effect to the anti-dilutive impact of the company's note hedge agreements, which reduces the potential economic dilution that otherwise would occur upon conversion of the company's convertible senior notes. Under GAAP, the anti-dilutive impact of the note hedge is not reflected in diluted shares outstanding. The company believes that excluding these items from non-GAAP net income and net income per share, diluted, provides management and investors with greater visibility into the underlying performance of the company's core business operating results, meaning its operating performance excluding these items and, from time to time, other discrete charges that are infrequent in nature, over multiple periods.

*Billings.* Palo Alto Networks defines billings as total revenue plus the change in total deferred revenue, net of acquired deferred revenue, during the period. The company considers billings to be a key metric used by management to manage the company's business and believes billings provides investors with an important indicator of the health and visibility of the company's business because it includes subscription and support revenue, which is recognized ratably over the contractual service period, and product revenue, which is recognized at the time of shipment, provided that all other conditions for revenue recognition have been met. The company considers billings to be a useful metric for management and investors, particularly if sales of subscriptions continue to increase and the company experiences strong renewal rates for subscriptions and support.

Investors are cautioned that there are a number of limitations associated with the use of non-GAAP financial measures and key metrics as analytical tools. In particular, the billings metric reported by the company includes amounts that have not yet been recognized as revenue. Additionally, many of the adjustments to the company's GAAP financial measures reflect the exclusion of items that are recurring and will be reflected in the company's financial results for the foreseeable future, such as share-based compensation, which is an important part of Palo Alto Networks employees' compensation and impacts their performance. Furthermore, these non-GAAP financial measures are not based on any standardized methodology prescribed by GAAP, and the components that Palo Alto Networks excludes in its calculation of non-GAAP financial measures may differ from the components that its peer companies exclude when they report their non-GAAP results of operations. Palo Alto Networks compensates for these limitations by providing specific information regarding the GAAP amounts excluded from these non-GAAP financial measures. In the future, the company may also exclude non-recurring expenses and other expenses that do not reflect the company's core business operating results.

## **About Palo Alto Networks**

Palo Alto Networks, the global cybersecurity leader, is shaping the cloud-centric future with technology that is transforming the way people and organizations operate. Our mission is to be the cybersecurity partner of choice, protecting our digital way of life. We help address the world's greatest security challenges with continuous innovation that seizes the latest breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, analytics, automation, and orchestration. By delivering an integrated platform and empowering a growing ecosystem of partners, we are at the forefront of protecting tens of thousands of organizations across clouds, networks, and mobile devices. Our vision is a world where each day is safer and more secure than the one before. For more information, visit [www.paloaltonetworks.com](http://www.paloaltonetworks.com).

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**Palo Alto Networks, Inc.**  
**Preliminary Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(In millions, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended October 31,	
	2021	2020
Revenue:		
Product	\$ 295.5	\$ 237.3
Subscription and support	951.9	708.7
Total revenue	1,247.4	946.0
Cost of revenue:		
Product	88.9	62.2
Subscription and support	291.7	215.6
Total cost of revenue	380.6	277.8
Total gross profit	866.8	668.2
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	339.5	237.4
Sales and marketing	505.9	388.6
General and administrative	104.1	86.7
Total operating expenses	949.5	712.7
Operating loss	(82.7)	(44.5)
Interest expense	(6.9)	(40.2)
Other income (expense), net	(1.6)	2.4
Loss before income taxes	(91.2)	(82.3)
Provision for income taxes	12.4	9.9
Net loss	\$ (103.6)	\$ (92.2)
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	\$ (1.06)	\$ (0.97)
Weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share, basic and diluted	97.6	95.5

**Palo Alto Networks, Inc.**  
**Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures**  
(In millions, except per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended October 31,	
	2021	2020
GAAP net loss	\$ (103.6)	\$ (92.2)
Share-based compensation-related charges	270.2	211.5
Acquisition-related costs <sup>(1)</sup>	3.1	13.1
Amortization expense of acquired intangible assets	31.6	23.5
Litigation-related charges <sup>(2)</sup>	1.8	1.8
Non-cash charges related to convertible notes <sup>(3)</sup>	1.8	35.1
Foreign currency (gain) loss associated with non-GAAP adjustments	1.1	(0.1)
Income tax and other tax adjustments related to the above	(35.7)	(34.6)
Non-GAAP net income	<u>\$ 170.3</u>	<u>\$ 158.1</u>
GAAP net loss per share, diluted	\$ (1.06)	\$ (0.97)
Share-based compensation-related charges	2.67	2.17
Acquisition-related costs <sup>(1)</sup>	0.03	0.14
Amortization expense of acquired intangible assets	0.32	0.25
Litigation-related charges <sup>(2)</sup>	0.02	0.02
Non-cash charges related to convertible notes <sup>(3)</sup>	0.02	0.37
Foreign currency loss associated with non-GAAP adjustments	0.01	0.00
Income tax and other tax adjustments related to the above	(0.37)	(0.36)
Non-GAAP net income per share, diluted	<u>\$ 1.64</u>	<u>\$ 1.62</u>
GAAP weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share, diluted	97.6	95.5
Weighted-average effect of potentially dilutive securities <sup>(4)</sup>	6.3	2.2
Non-GAAP weighted-average shares used to compute net income per share, diluted	<u>103.9</u>	<u>97.7</u>

- (1) Consists of acquisition transaction costs, share-based compensation related to the cash settlement of certain equity awards, and costs to terminate certain employment, operating lease, and other contracts of the acquired companies.
- (2) Consists of the amortization of intellectual property licenses and covenant not to sue.
- (3) Consists primarily of non-cash interest expense for amortization of debt discount and issuance costs related to the company's convertible senior notes. Effective Q1'22, the company no longer recognizes interest expense for amortization of debt discount as a result of the adoption of new debt guidance.
- (4) Non-GAAP net income per share, diluted, includes the potentially dilutive effect of employee equity incentive plan awards and convertible senior notes outstanding and related warrants. In addition, non-GAAP net income per share, diluted includes the anti-dilutive impact of the company's note hedge agreements, which reduced the potentially dilutive effect of the convertible notes by 5.0 million for the three months ended October 31, 2021.

**Palo Alto Networks, Inc.**  
**Calculation of Billings**  
**(In millions)**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended	
	October 31,	
	2021	2020
Total revenue	\$ 1,247.4	\$ 946.0
Add: change in total deferred revenue, net of acquired deferred revenue	134.2	136.8
Billings	\$ 1,381.6	\$ 1,082.8

**Palo Alto Networks, Inc.**  
**Preliminary Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
(In millions)

	<u>October 31, 2021</u>	<u>July 31, 2021</u>
	(unaudited)	
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,272.9	\$ 1,874.2
Short-term investments	1,188.5	1,026.9
Accounts receivable, net	812.1	1,240.4
Short-term deferred contract costs	272.9	276.5
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	292.7	229.3
Total current assets	4,839.1	4,647.3
Property and equipment, net	324.3	318.4
Operating lease right-of-use assets	251.8	262.9
Long-term investments	898.8	888.3
Long-term deferred contract costs	476.1	494.6
Goodwill	2,732.3	2,710.1
Intangible assets, net	471.3	498.6
Other assets	432.7	421.4
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,426.4</u>	<u>\$ 10,241.6</u>
<b>Liabilities, temporary equity and stockholders' equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 95.3	\$ 56.9
Accrued compensation	250.8	430.6
Accrued and other liabilities	324.6	329.4
Deferred revenue	2,801.6	2,741.9
Convertible senior notes, net	3,672.1	1,557.9
Total current liabilities	7,144.4	5,116.7
Convertible senior notes, net	—	1,668.1
Long-term deferred revenue	2,356.6	2,282.1
Long-term operating lease liabilities	299.5	313.4
Other long-term liabilities	107.0	97.7
Temporary equity	—	129.1
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock	—	—
Common stock and additional paid-in capital	2,033.9	2,311.2
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(11.3)	(9.9)
Accumulated deficit	(1,503.7)	(1,666.8)
Total stockholders' equity	518.9	634.5
Total liabilities, temporary equity and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 10,426.4</u>	<u>\$ 10,241.6</u>