



# F5 Investor Deck

Q2FY26

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**We deliver  
and secure  
every app.**

F5 specializes in application delivery and security. Our solutions are backed by three decades of expertise to ensure that every app is fast, available, secure, and ready for the AI-era.



# Industry-leading app delivery and security globally

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## 30 yrs

Founded in 1996  
NASDAQ (FFIV) in 1999  
S&P 500 in 2010



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## 6.5K

Global employees



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## 23K+

Customers in  
170+ countries



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## 553

Global patents



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## \$3.1B

Total revenue\*



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## \$1.2B

Security revenue\*





**App performance  
the world has  
relied on  
since 1996**

**over  
80%**

Partners in the 2025  
Fortune Global 500 list

**over  
70B**

attacks stopped  
in 2025\*

**over  
half**

of global ADC  
hardware



Banking



Retail



Automotive



Telecom



Insurance



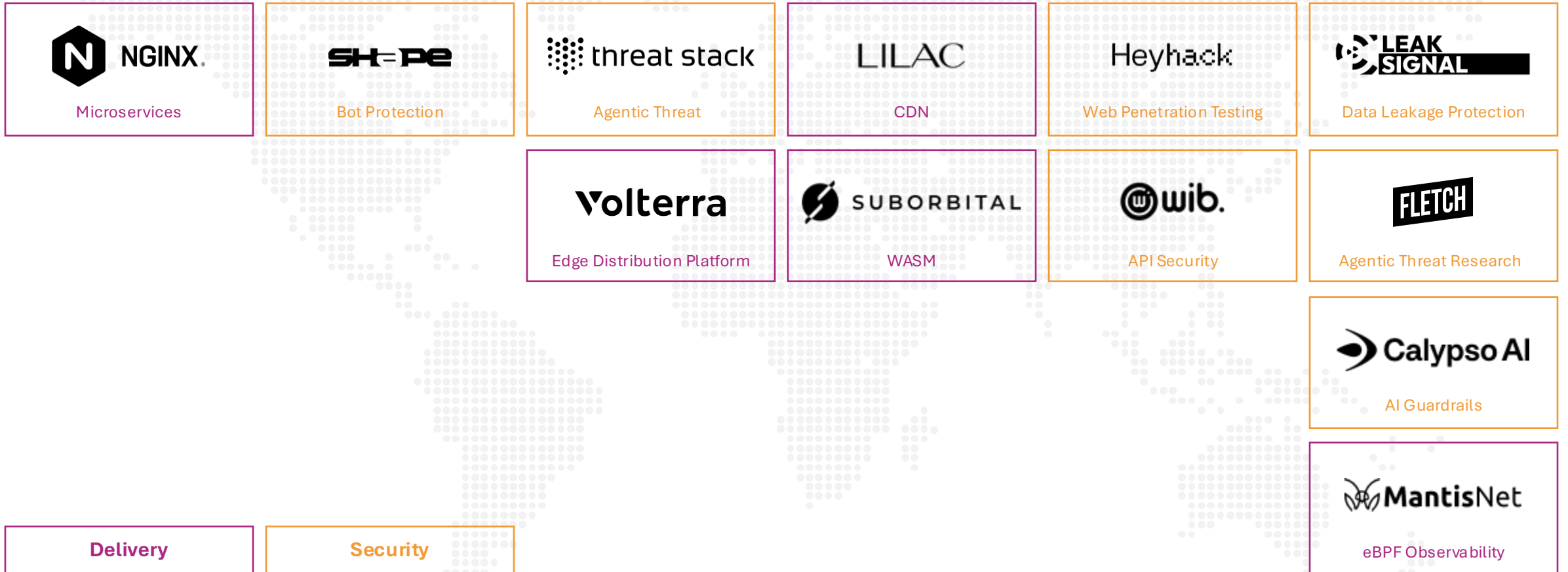
# Global innovation centers complemented by strategic acquisitions



● Engineering centers  
● Support centers



# Global innovation centers complemented by strategic acquisitions



# F5 is well represented across all industry analyst firms

## Gartner®

### Market Guides

F5 recognized as a Representative Vendor in five Gartner Market Guides:

- Cloud WAAP
- AI Gateways
- API Gateways
- Edge Distribution Platform
- AI Trust, Risk and Security Management

## FORRESTER

### Waves

F5 positioned as a Strong Performer in two Waves:

- Bot Management
- Web Application Firewall Solutions

## GIGAOM

### Radar

F5 positioned as a Leader in four Radars:

- Application and API Security
- Cloud Networking
- Cloud Network Security
- Container Networking and DNS Security

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### Leadership Compasses

F5 recognized in two Leadership Compasses:

- WAAP
- Generative AI Defense

## IDC

### MarketScape

F5 positioned as a Leader in WAAP Enterprise Platforms

## EMA

### PRISM

F5 ranked Platinum in API Security and DDoS Mitigation Solutions

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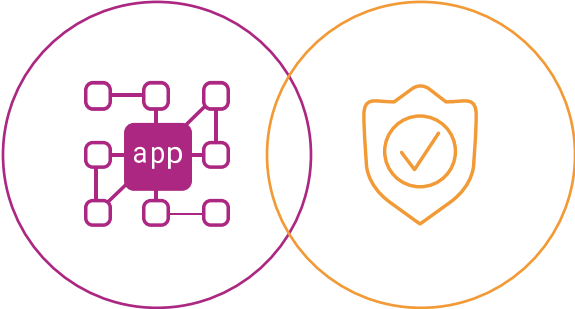
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# Proven innovation with delivery and security products deployable in any environment

## Delivery

Operational resilience that gives you the control you need and the visibility to scale globally



## Security

AI and modern application security with real-time insights across any environment



## Deployment

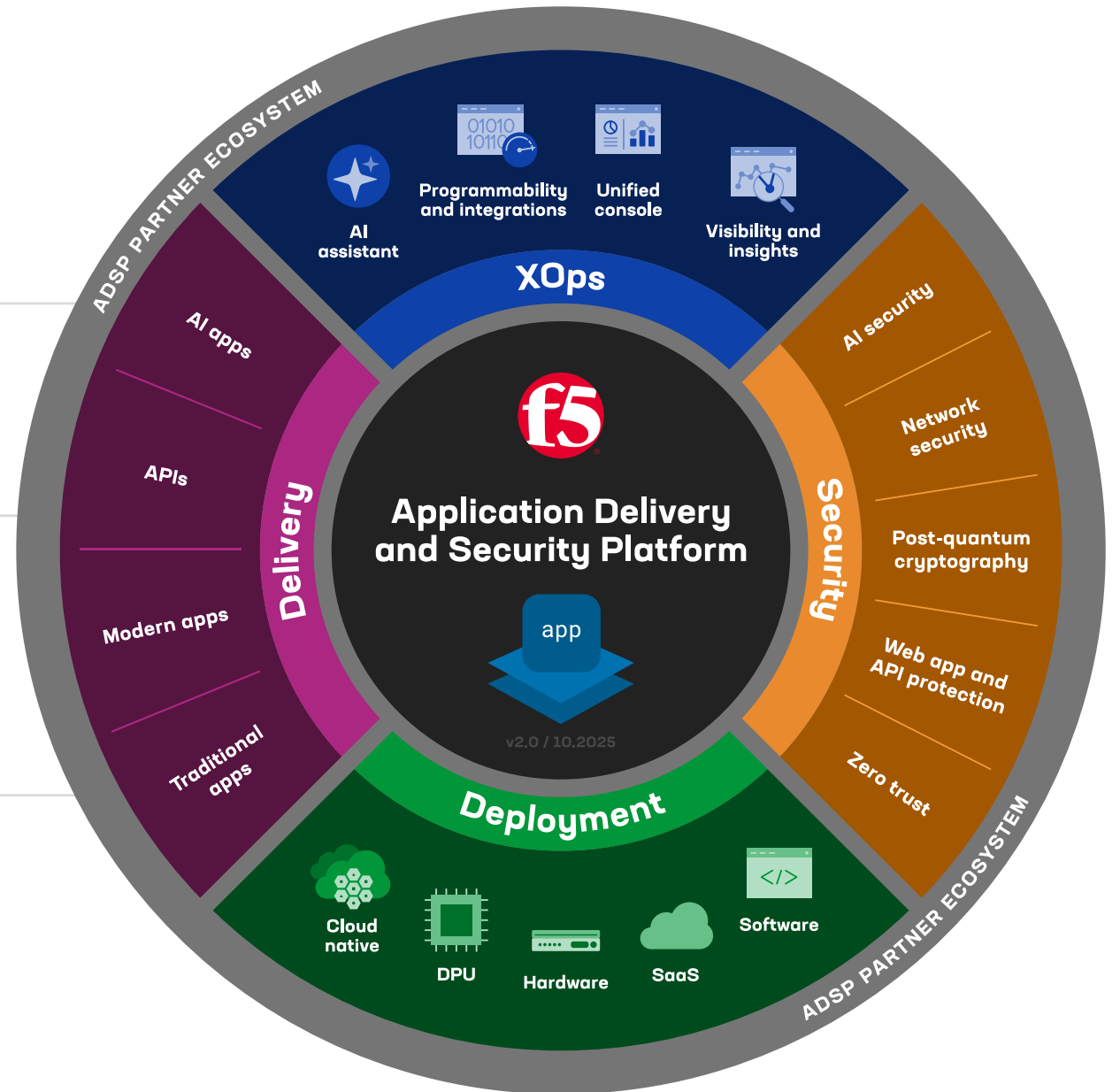
Wherever your applications run

Complete **delivery** and **security**  
for every app

**Deployable** anywhere and  
in any form factor

AI-enhanced **operations** with  
unified console cross NetOps,  
SecOps, DevOps and PlatOps

**ADSP open partner ecosystem**



# F5 ADSP technology alliance ecosystem

## Automation and orchestration



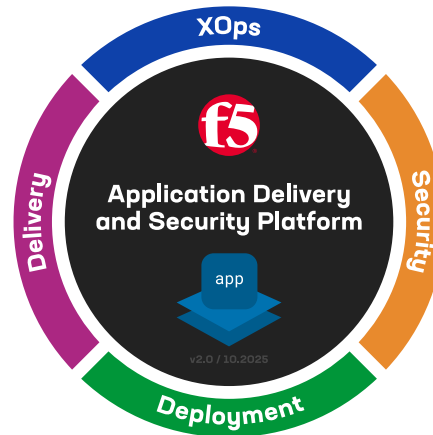
## Data, observability, and analytics



## Data



## Application



## Security and compliance



## Key and certificate management



## Platform



# Q2FY26 Results

Reflects results and guidance published April 28, 2026

# GAAP & non-GAAP results

## GAAP results

	Q2FY26	Q2FY25
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$812M</b>	<b>\$731M</b>
Gross profit	\$661M	\$590M
Gross margin	81.4%	80.7%
Operating profit	\$179M	\$159M
Operating margin	22.1%	21.7%
Tax rate	21.9%	15.0%
Net income	\$148M	\$146M
<b>EPS</b>	<b>\$2.58</b>	<b>\$2.48</b>

## Non-GAAP results

	Q2FY26	Q2FY25
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$812M</b>	<b>\$731M</b>
Gross profit	\$680M	\$607M
Gross margin	83.7%	83.1%
Operating profit	\$274M	\$233M
Operating margin	33.8%	31.9%
Tax rate	21.5%	18.1%
Net income	\$223M	\$201M
<b>EPS</b>	<b>\$3.90</b>	<b>\$3.42</b>

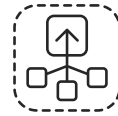
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# Q2FY26 performance highlights



**+11%**

Total revenue growth Y/Y



**+22%**

Product revenue growth Y/Y



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Consecutive quarters  
of double-digit product  
revenue growth



**+26%**

Systems revenue growth Y/Y



**+17%**

Software revenue growth Y/Y

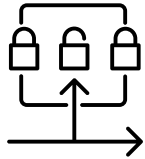


**+14%**

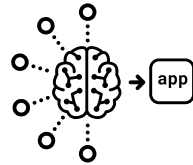
Non-GAAP EPS growth Y/Y

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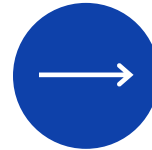
# Our strong Q2 performance reflects growing hybrid multicloud demand



Digital resiliency  
& sovereignty



Enterprise AI



**Hybrid multicloud adoption  
is increasing demand across  
F5's core markets**

## During Q2, we...

Captured robust international demand for **digital sovereignty initiatives.**

Converted **hybrid multicloud adoption** into meaningful systems and software growth.

Capitalized on **heightened demand for best-in-class security solutions.**

Built on **AI momentum**, with another standout quarter for AI wins.

# Three forces are reshaping how our customers operate



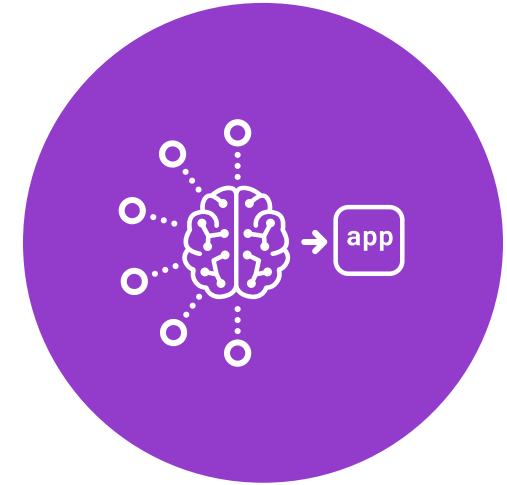
## Hybrid multicloud adoption

Enterprises are building for flexibility across every environment



## Threat landscape expansion

Attacks are increasingly AI- and agentic-powered translating to higher volumes with greater variation



## AI inference inflection

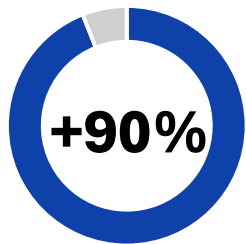
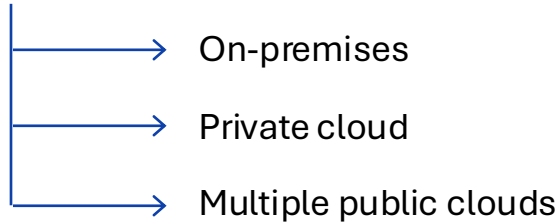
Organizations are connecting apps and APIs to AI models and inference calls are becoming a part of how applications run

# Three forces are reshaping how our customers operate



## Hybrid multicloud adoption

Workloads span:



of enterprises run hybrid multicloud today across an average of **19 locations**.



## Threat landscape expansion

The era of checkbox security is over.



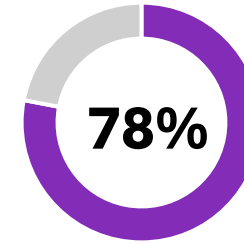
AI applications require

### best-in-class security

to match both the **volume** and the **sophistication** of AI-driven attacks.



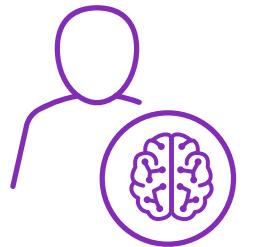
## AI inference inflection



of enterprises run inference themselves, using more than **7 models** on average.

AI agents moving into production, and enterprises are adapting apps for agent interaction.

Driving **more compute**, **more data delivery**, and **more security** to protect inference.



# Hybrid multicloud adoption driving demand across multiple vectors



We are taking an already a strong refresh cycle and leveraging it into significant opportunities for **expansion, competitive displacement, and platform consolidation**

## Refresh plus expansion



Higher-performance systems



Higher-capacity systems



New use case attach,  
expanding footprint and  
wallet share

## Competitive displacement



Investment in hybrid  
multicloud translating into  
market share gains



Unmatched breadth and  
depth across on-prem,  
software, and SaaS

## Platform consolidation



F5 replacing point products  
with a unified approach



Improving performance  
and security



Easier to operate at scale

# AI inference inflection accelerating demand for application delivery and security across AI use cases



We are capturing AI demand via hybrid multicloud adoption and across three primary AI use cases for F5, **creating net new insertion points and new security requirements**

## AI data delivery

### The opportunity

Multimodal data growth pushing terabit-scale ingestion. Organizations need sustained, end-to-end, high-throughput data pipelines across network, storage, and application delivery.

### F5's solution

F5 solves AI training and inference throughput bottlenecks traditional infrastructure cannot handle, deploying in front of data stores to ensure secure, high-throughput data ingestion for AI model training and inferencing.

## AI runtime security

### The opportunity

Organizations moving quickly on generative AI. Security and compliance become bottlenecks to deployment and ROI.

Agentic systems raise the stakes, accessing and acting on sensitive data, driving demand for stronger runtime controls and guardrails.

### F5's solution

F5 safeguards AI applications, APIs, and models from abuse, data leaks, and attacks like prompt injection.

F5 also delivers real-time threat defense, red teaming models, and robust guardrails.

## AI factory load balancing

### The opportunity

As AI deployments scale, intelligent traffic distribution across models, clusters, and GPUs is critical, creating new demand for load balancing both across and within the AI factory.

### F5's solution

F5 optimizes traffic and GPU utilization both *across* and *within* AI factories, increasing token throughput, reducing time-to-first token, and lowering per-token costs.

# We continue to innovate, creating greater value for customers



## AI-powered capabilities in Distributed Cloud WAF

- Replaces manual policy tuning with automated, outcome-based threat blocking
- F5-trained model helps customers stay ahead of increasingly sophisticated AI-driven attacks that are growing in both speed and complexity



## Agentic BOT Defense

- Extends our industry-leading bot defense to autonomous AI agents, a new and fast-growing category of traffic
- Enables customers to confidently adopt agentic AI while ensuring only verified, trusted agents reach their applications



## F5 AI Remediate

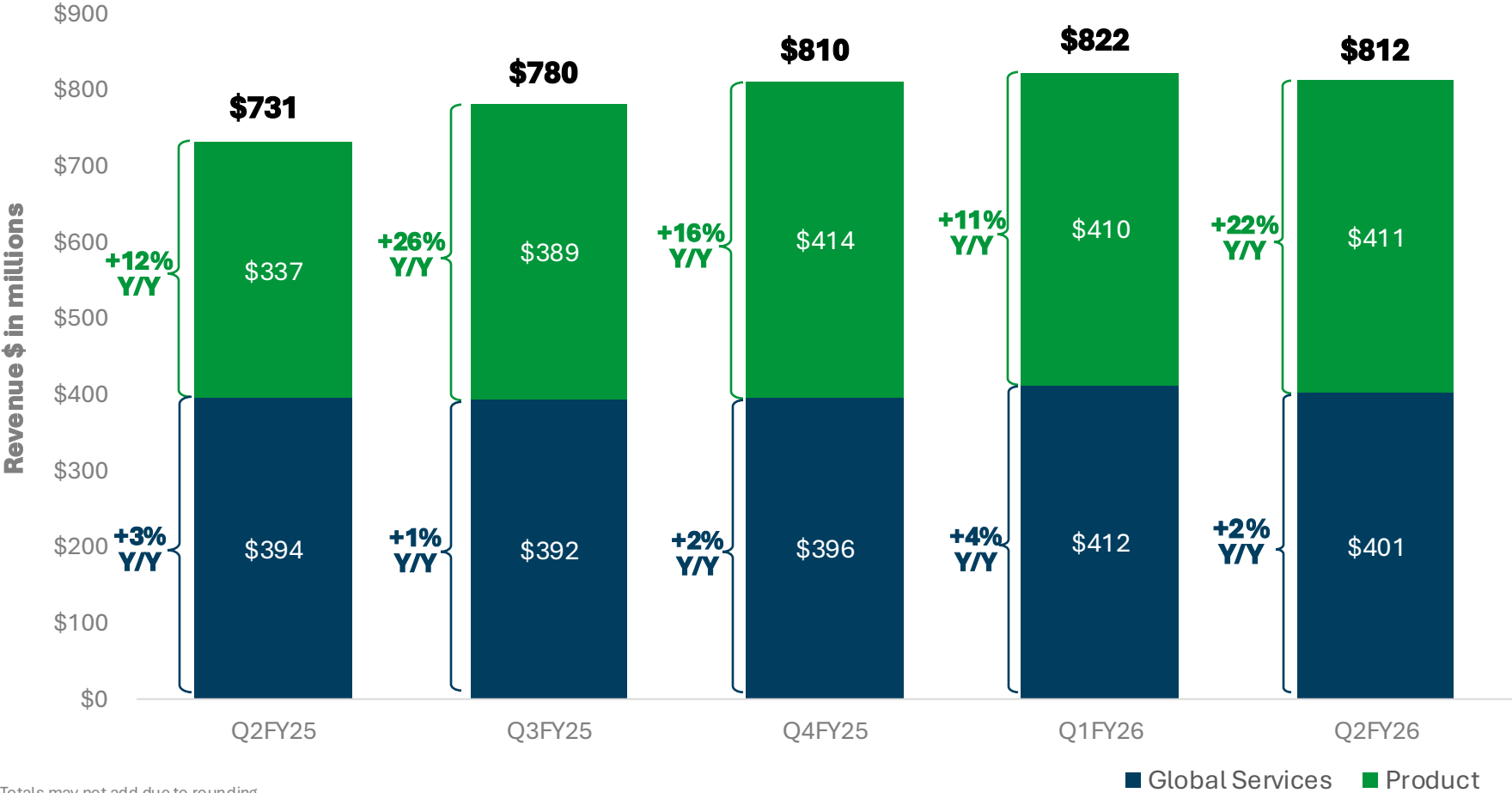
- Closes the loop between our AI Red Team and AI Guardrails products
- Collapses the path from vulnerability discovery to runtime protection from days or weeks into minutes



## F5 Insight for ADSP

- Provides deeper visibility across application estates
- Enables customers to identify and resolve issues faster, with less guess work

# Revenue mix



### Year/Year change

**+11%**

Total revenue growth

**+22%**

product growth

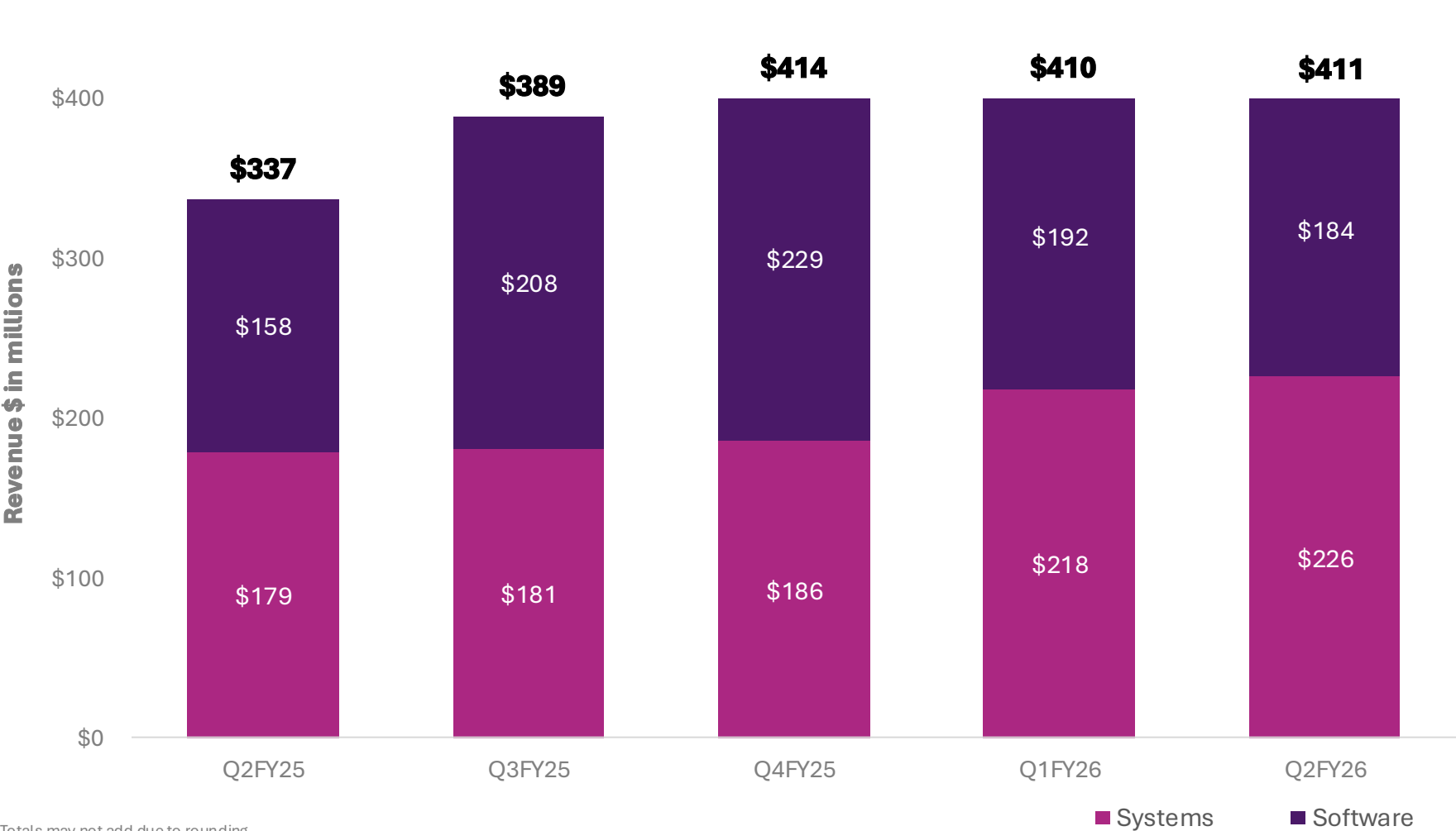
**7**

consecutive quarters of double-digit product growth

Totals may not add due to rounding.



# Product revenue mix



Year/Year change

**+17%**

Software

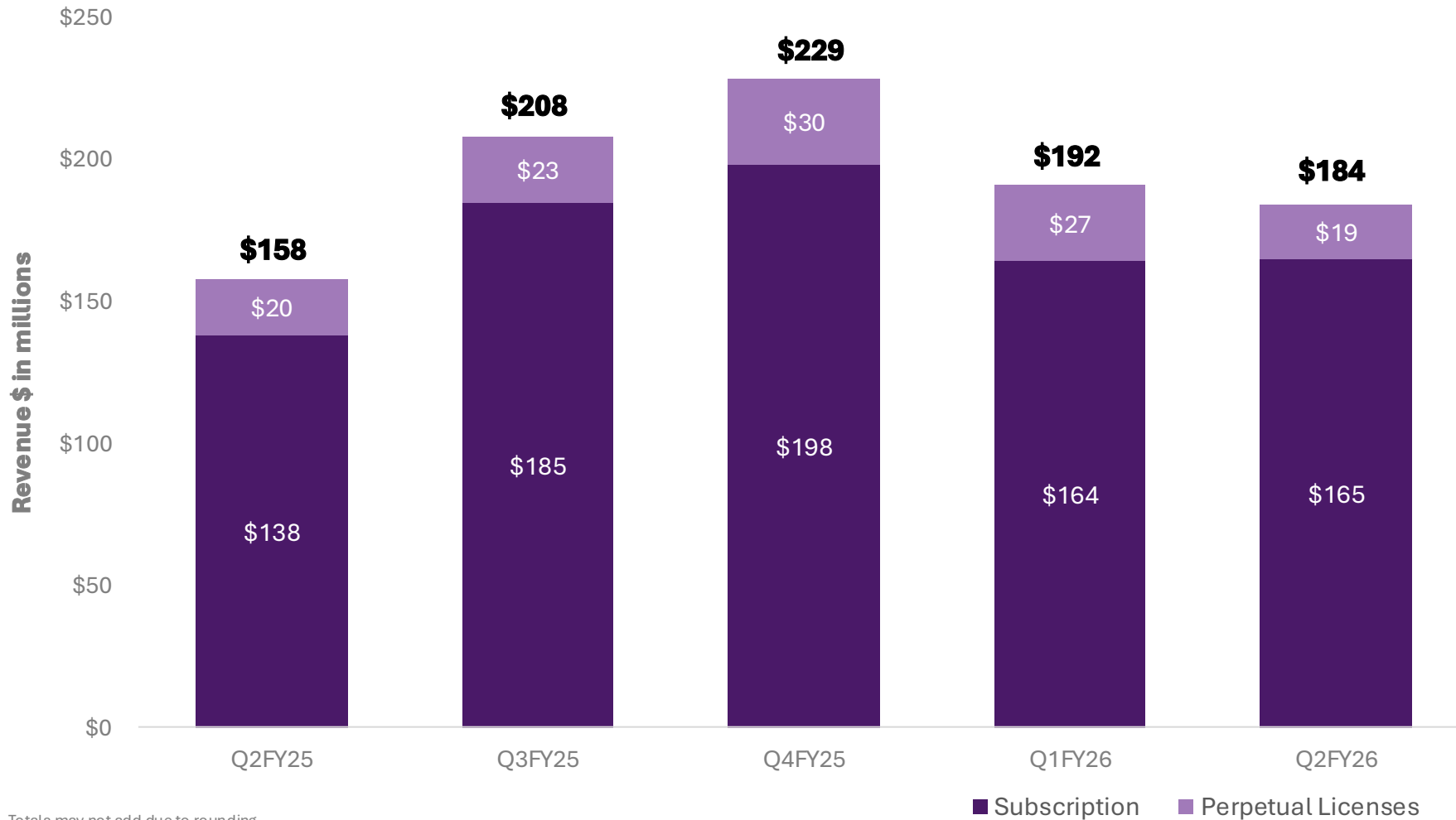
**+26%**

Systems

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# Software revenue mix



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**+20%**

Software subscription revenue growth Y/Y

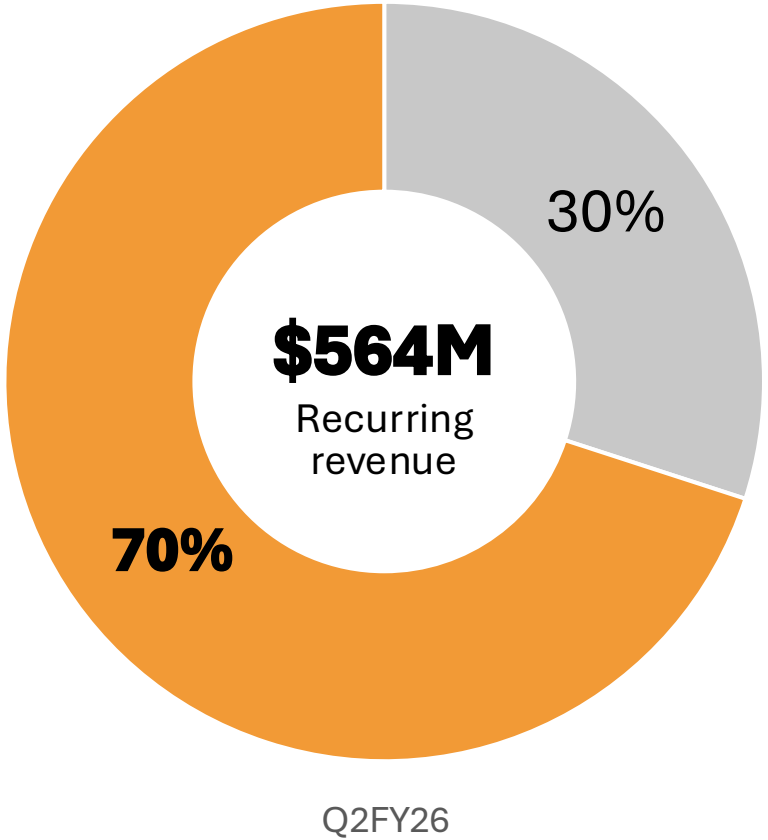
**90%**

of Q2FY26 total software revenue from subscriptions

Subscription software revenue includes term subscriptions, both multi-year and annual, as well as SaaS & managed services and utility-based revenue..

# Recurring revenue (subscriptions, SaaS & managed services, and maintenance)

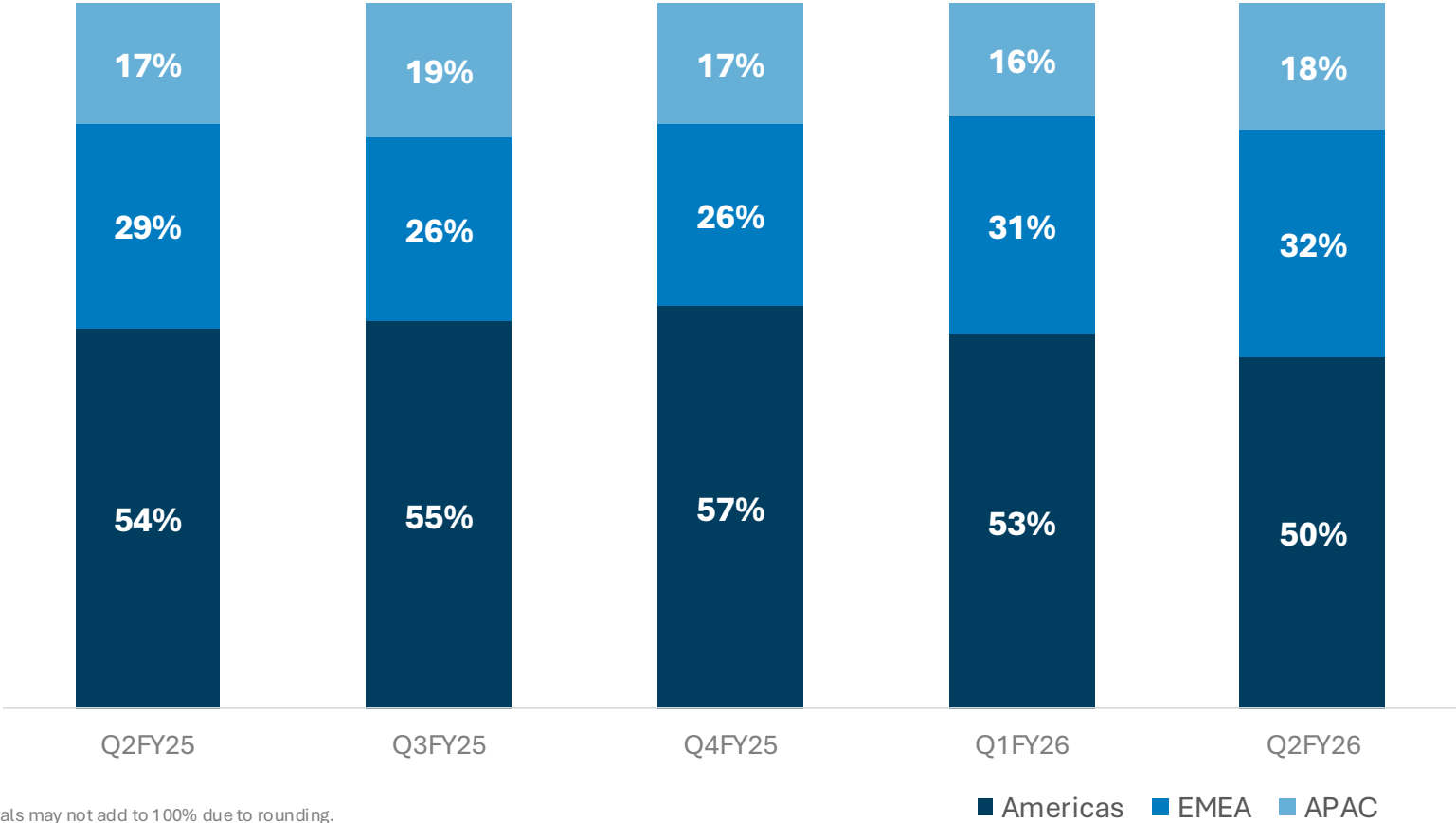
- Recurring
- Non-recurring



Recurring revenue includes term subscriptions, SaaS & managed services, utility-based revenue and the maintenance portion of our global services revenue.



# Revenue contribution by geography



## Y/Y growth by region Q2FY26

**+19%**  
Growth APAC

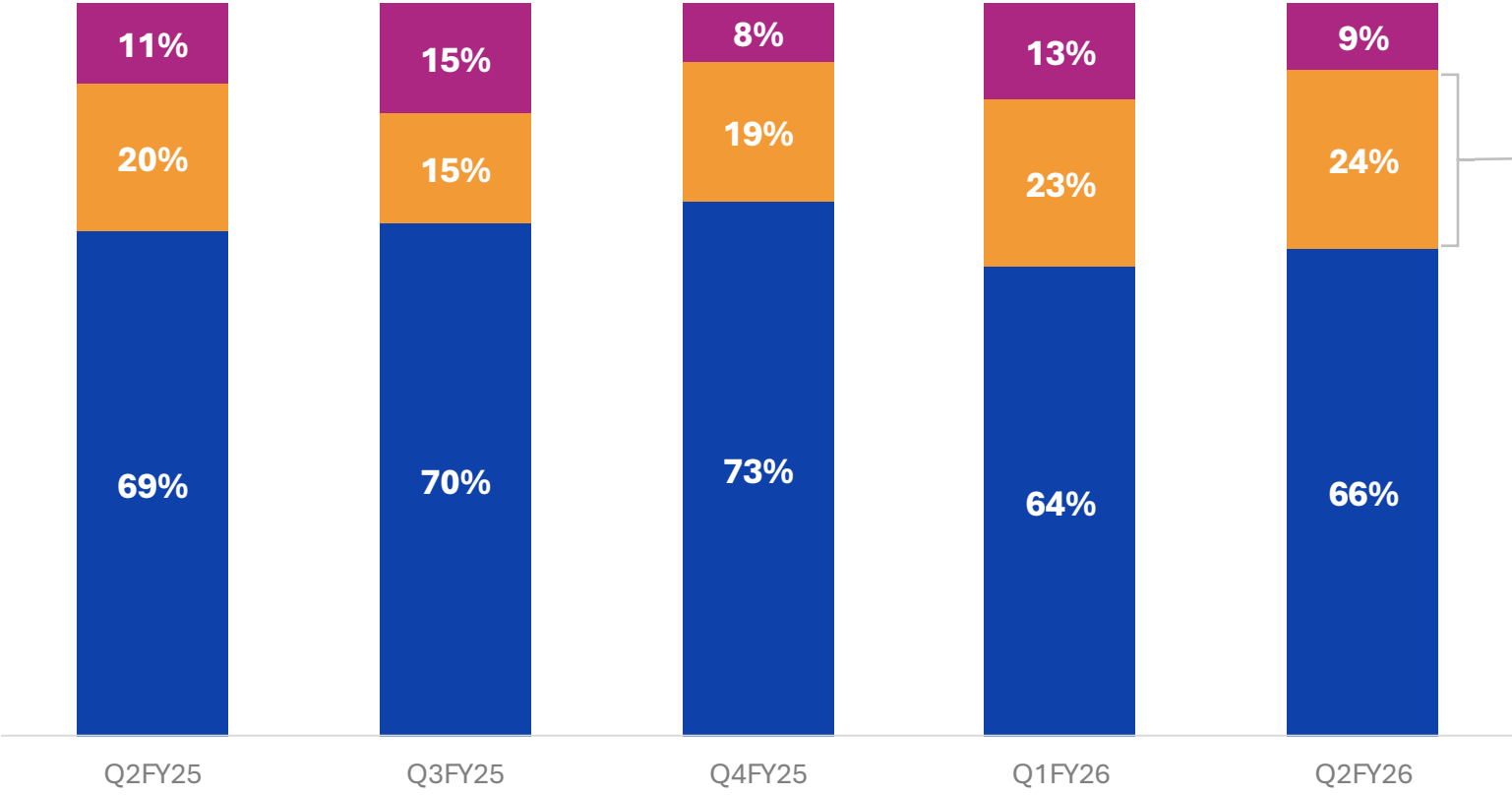
**+22%**  
Growth EMEA

**+3%**  
Growth Americas

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# Customer verticals as a % of product bookings



**8%**  
from U.S. Federal  
included

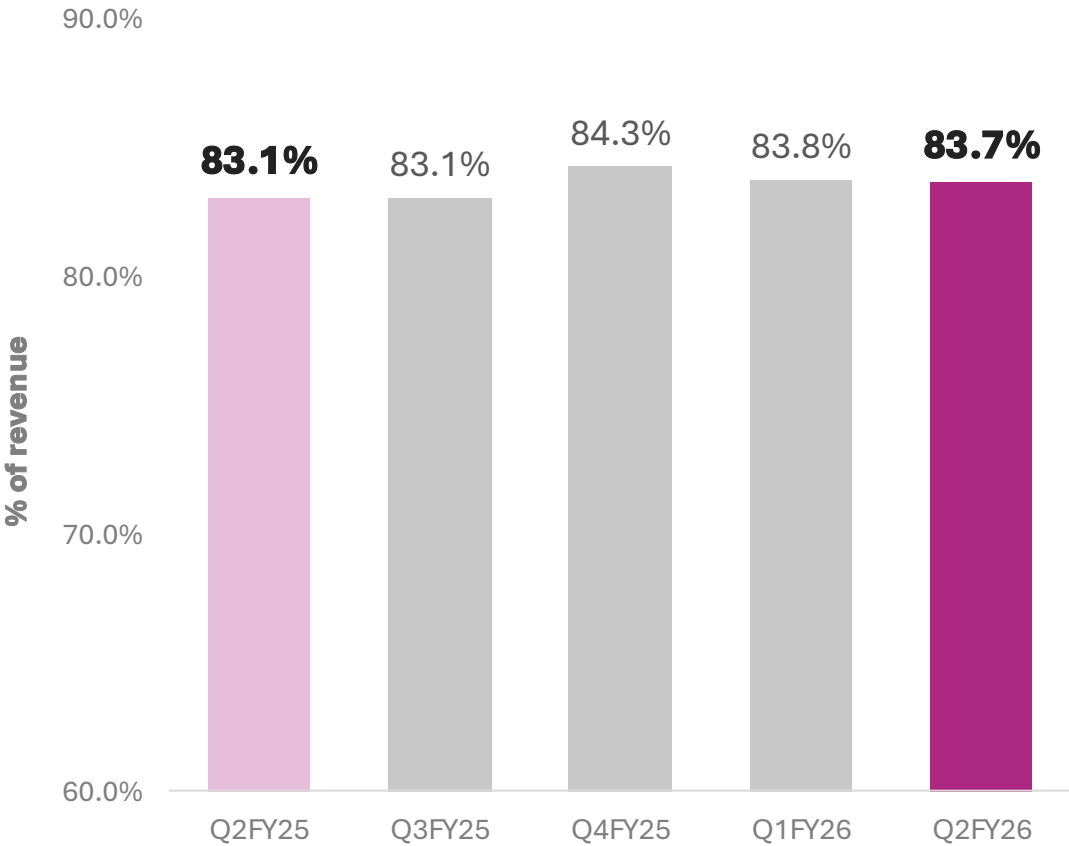
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■ Enterprise ■ Government ■ Service Provider

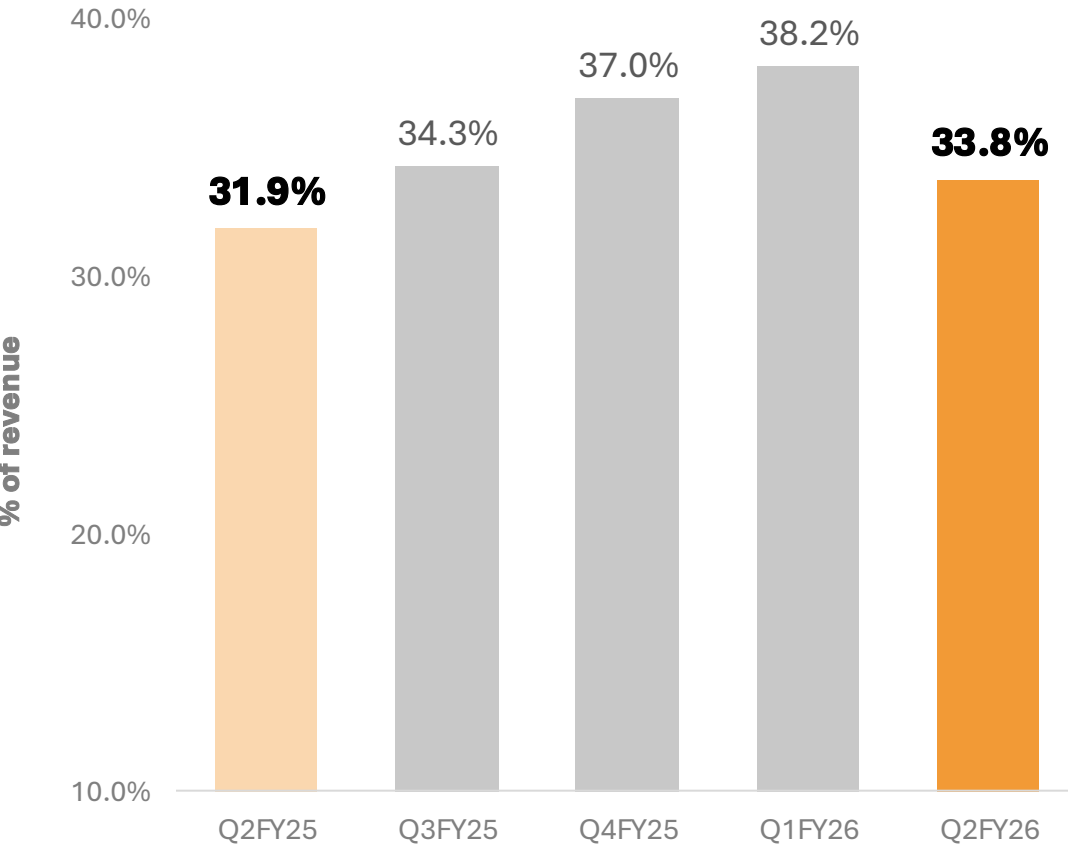


# Non-GAAP gross and operating margins

### Non-GAAP gross margin



### Non-GAAP operating margin



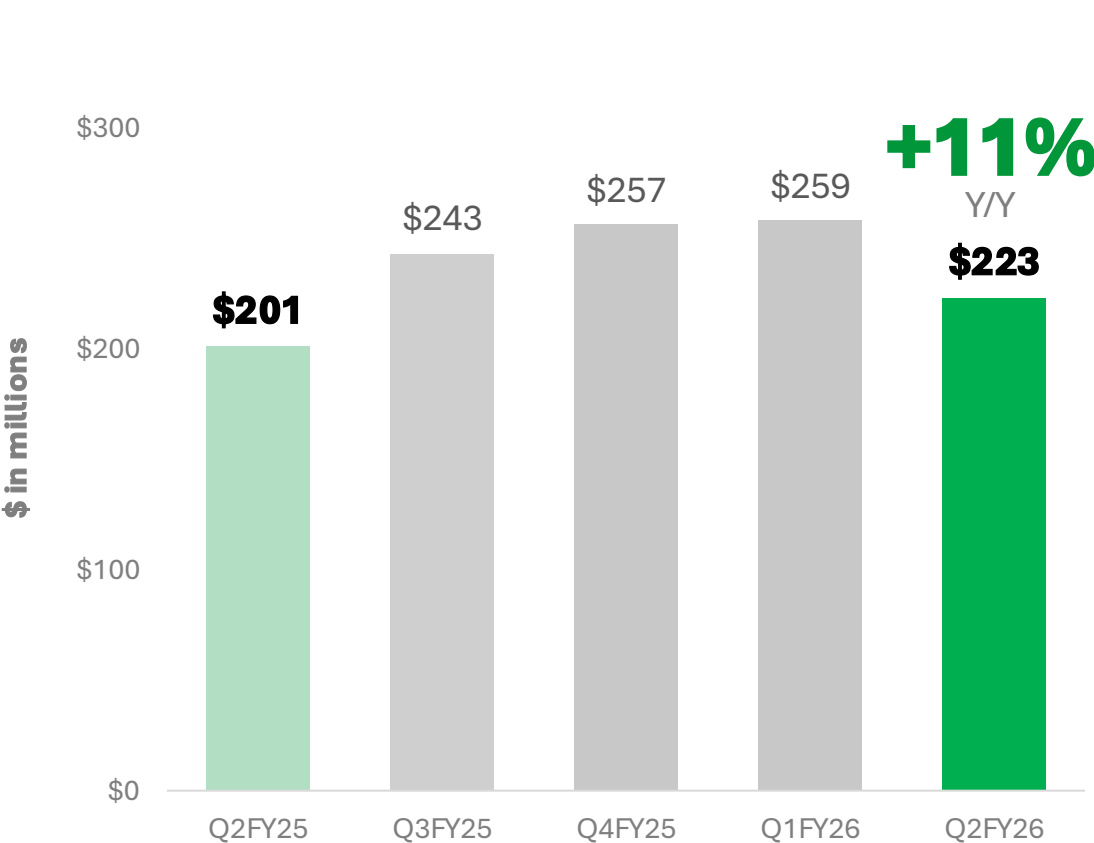
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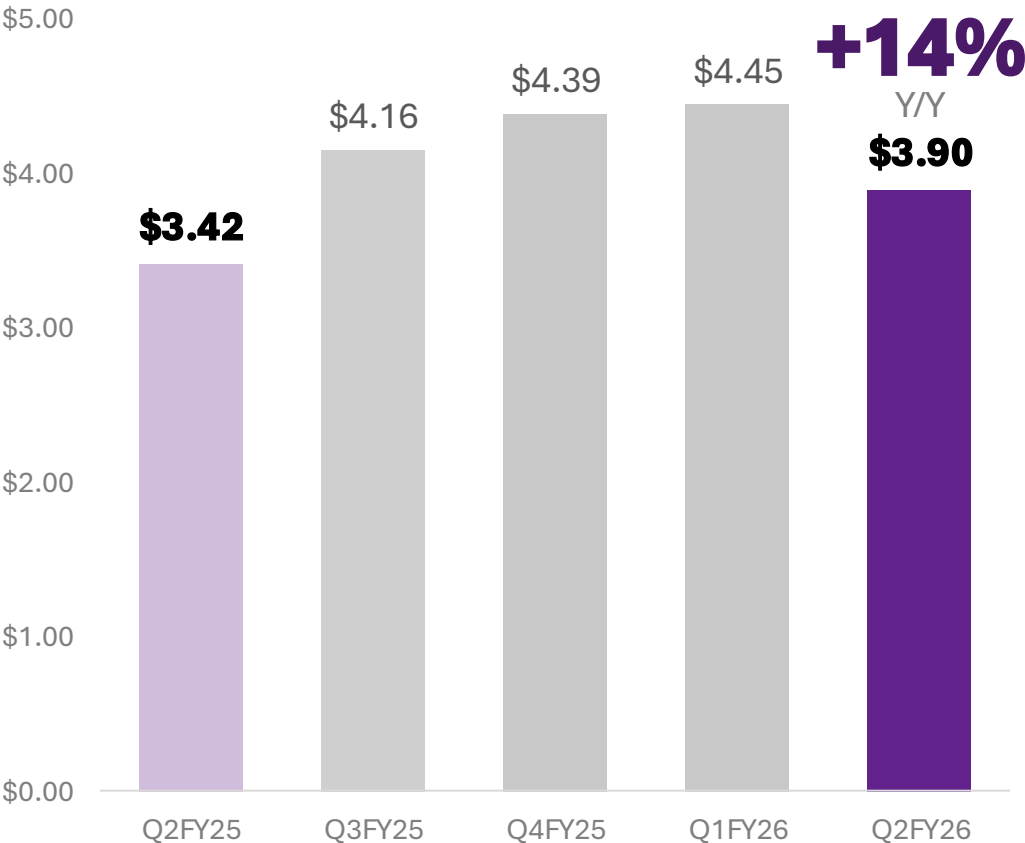
# Non-GAAP net income and EPS

EPS reflects 21.5% Q2FY26 and 18.1% Q2FY25 non-GAAP effective tax rate

## Non-GAAP net income



## Non-GAAP EPS

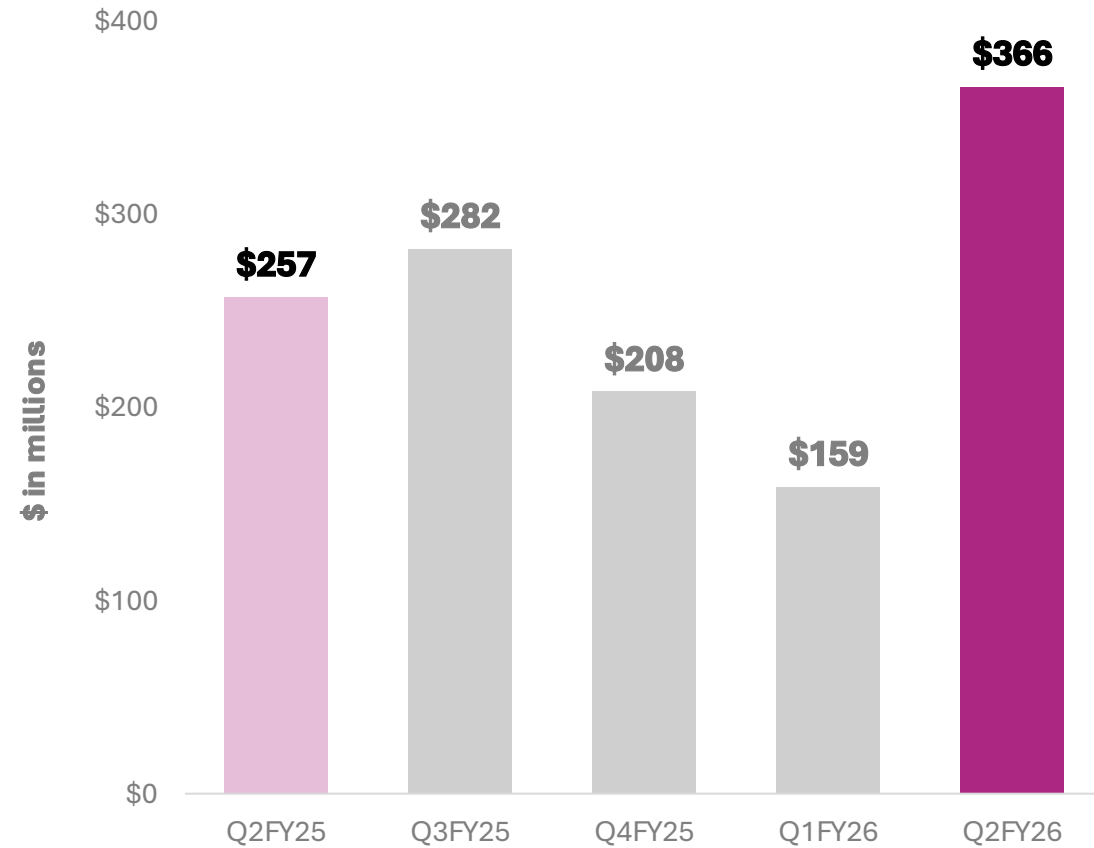


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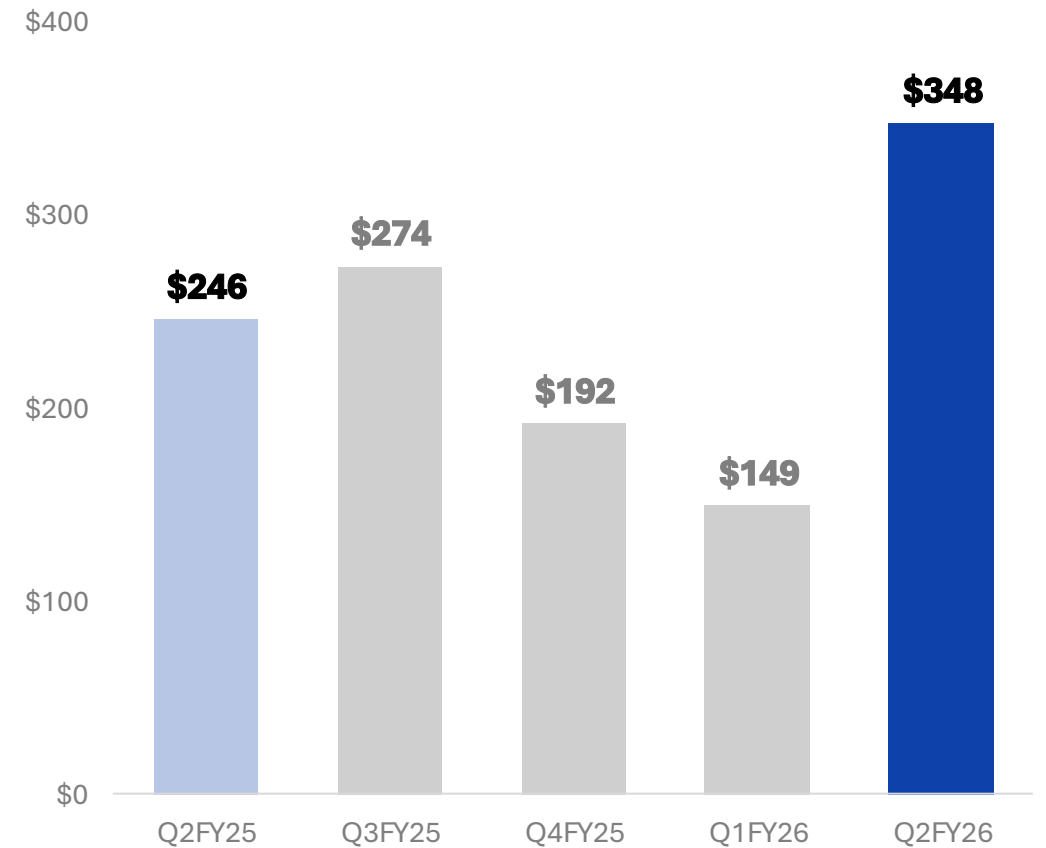


# Cash flow from operations and free cash flow

## Cash flow from operations



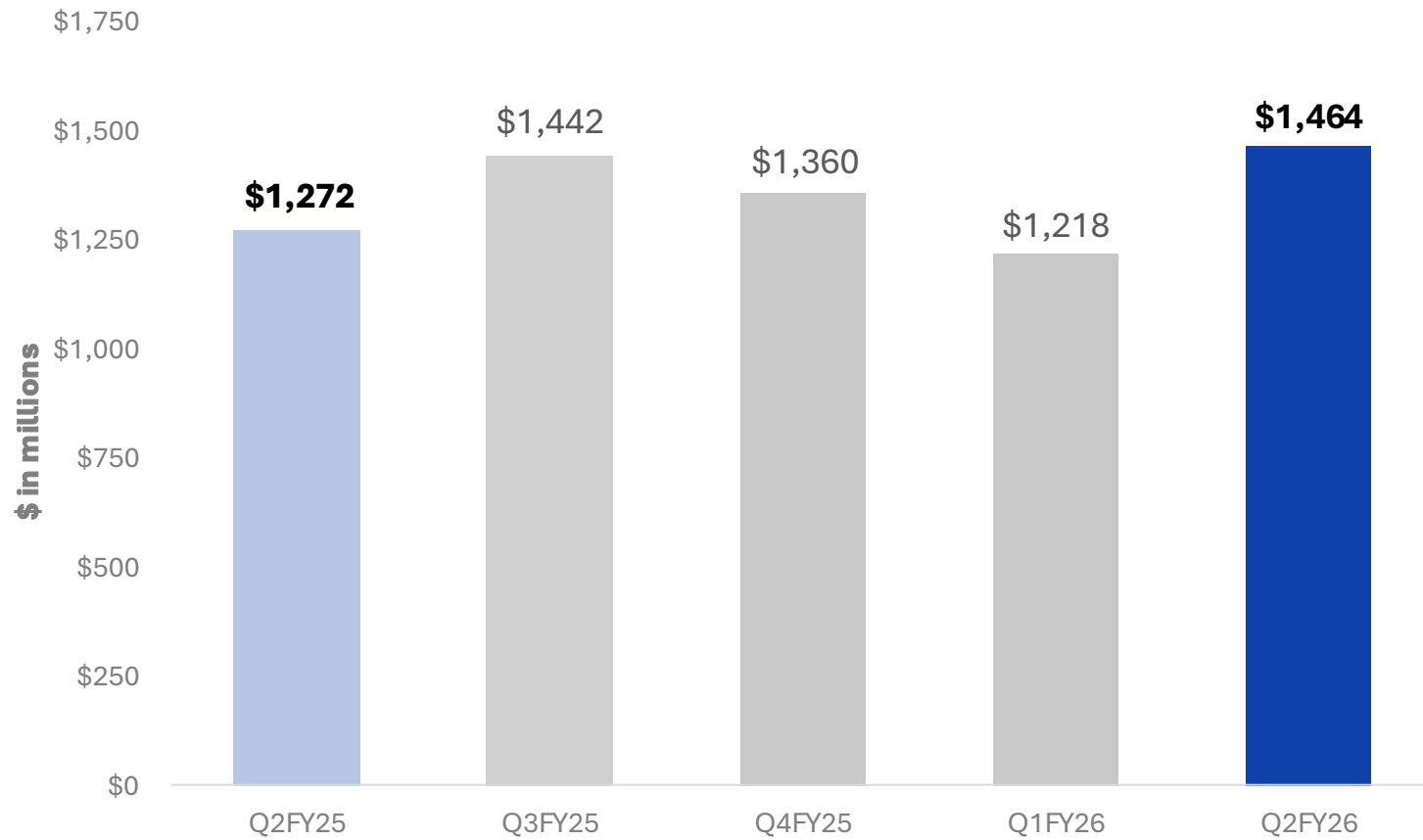
## Free cash flow



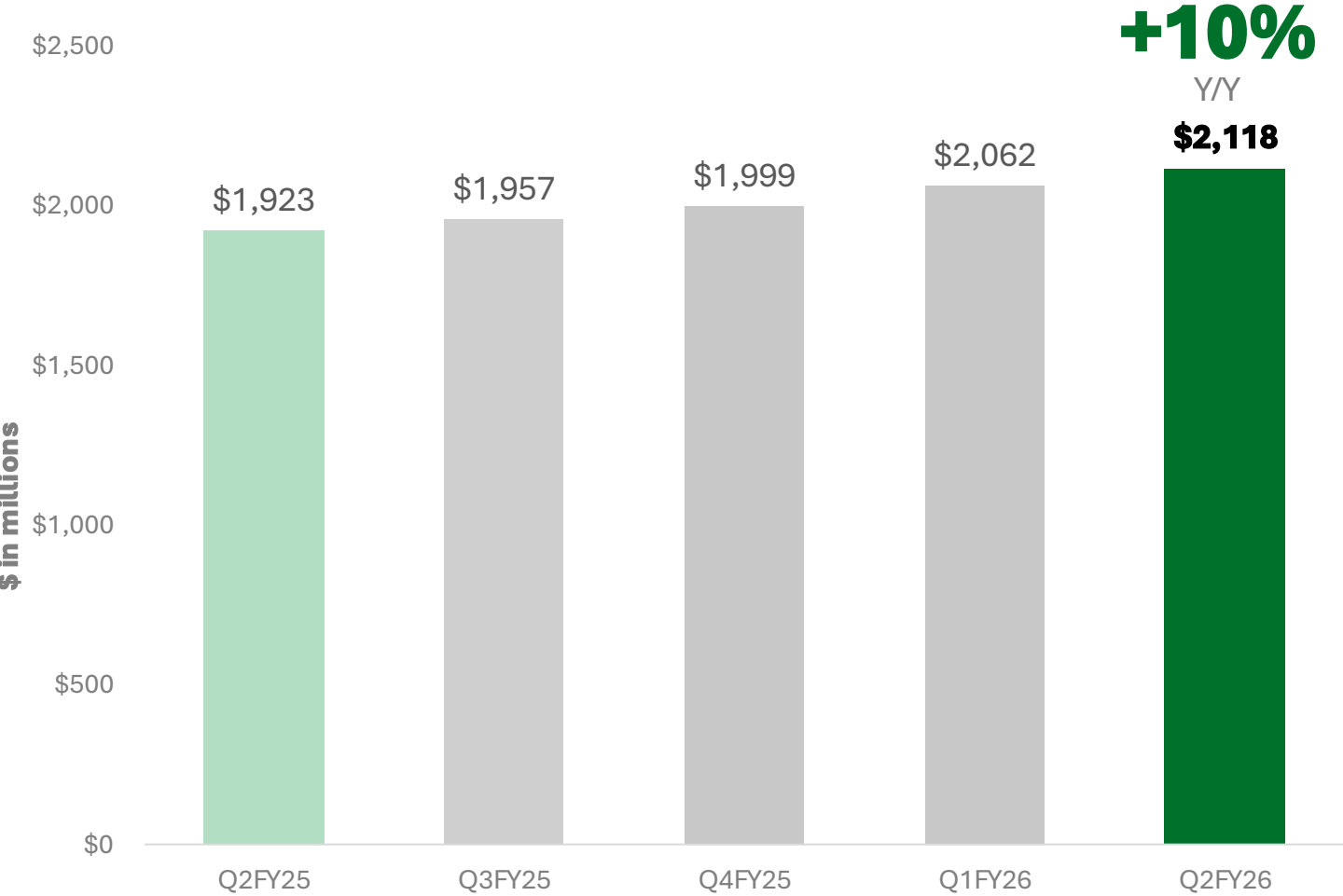
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# Cash and investments



# Deferred revenue



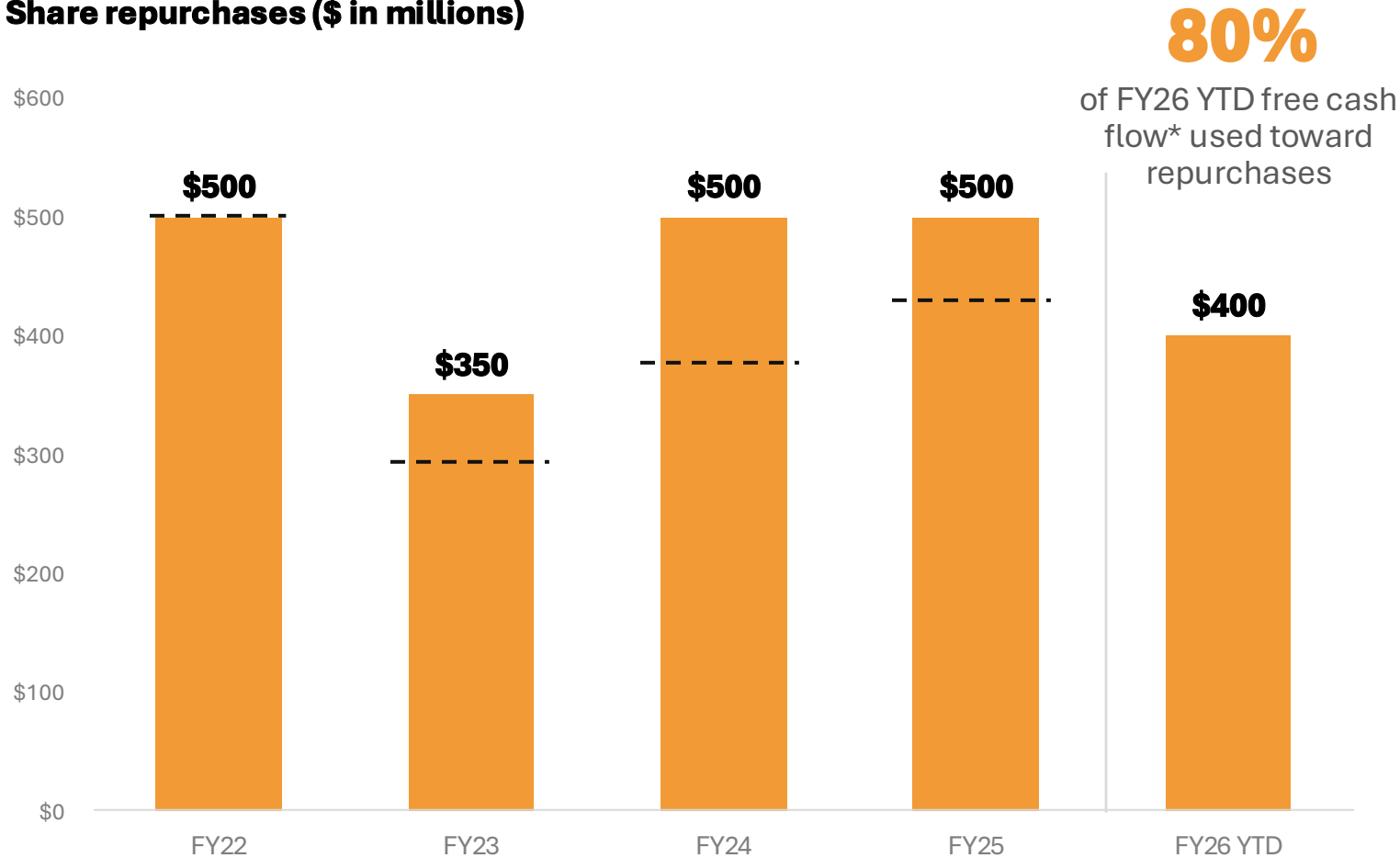
## Key insights

Deferred revenue consists predominantly of global services maintenance renewals and also includes term-based software subscriptions.



# We are committed to returning cash to shareholders via share repurchases

## Share repurchases (\$ in millions)



\*Free cash flow defined as cash flow from operations less capital expenditures

## Key insight

We repurchased \$100 million of F5 shares during Q2FY26.

- We have used 80% of our \$497 million FY26 YTD free cash flow\* for share repurchases.
- We are committed to using at least 50% of our annual free cash flow for share repurchases.
- As of March 31, 2026, there was \$522 million remaining under our authorized stock repurchase program.

# Our Q3FY26 outlook

## Q3FY26 outlook

**Total revenue**

**\$820 to \$840M**

Non-GAAP gross margin

82.5% to 83.5%

Non-GAAP operating expenses

\$406 to \$418M

Share-based compensation

\$68 to \$70M

**Non-GAAP EPS**

**\$3.91 to \$4.03**

# Our updated FY26 outlook

	FY25A	FY26 outlook
<b>Total revenue</b>	\$3.1B 10% growth	<b>7% to 8% growth</b> (from 5% to 6% growth previously)
Non-GAAP gross margin	83.6%	82.5% to 83.5%
Non-GAAP operating margin	35.2%	34% to 35%
Effective non-GAAP tax rate	17.8%	20% to 21% (from 21% to 22% previously)
<b>Non-GAAP EPS</b>	\$15.81 18% growth	<b>\$16.25 to \$16.55</b> (from \$15.65 to \$16.05 previously)
Capital return as % of annual free cash flow*	55%	At least 50% of annual FCF*

\*Free cash flow (FCF) defined as cash flow from operations less capital expenditures

# Appendix

# GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliation

F5, Inc.  
GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation  
(unaudited, in thousands, except percentages and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,				Six Months Ended March 31,							
	2026		2025		2026		2025					
Net revenues.....	\$	811,700	\$	731,123	\$	1,634,165	\$	1,497,612				
<b>Gross profit and gross margin:</b>												
GAAP gross profit and gross margin.....	\$	660,800	81.4%	\$	590,164	80.7%	\$	1,331,480	81.5%	\$	1,216,143	81.2%
Adjustments to gross profit and gross margin:												
Stock-based compensation.....	\$	7,473	0.9%	\$	7,393	1.0%	\$	14,299	0.9%	\$	14,793	1.0%
Amortization and impairment of purchased intangible assets.....		10,640	1.3%		9,283	1.3%		21,280	1.3%		18,567	1.2%
Facility-exit costs.....		90	0.0%		437	0.1%		182	0.0%		561	0.0%
Cyber incident costs.....		770	0.1%		-	-		1,646	0.1%		-	-
Non-GAAP gross profit and gross margin.....	\$	679,773	83.7%	\$	607,277	83.1%	\$	1,368,887	83.8%	\$	1,250,064	83.5%
<b>Income from operations and operating margin:</b>												
GAAP income from operations and operating margin.....	\$	179,018	22.1%	\$	158,897	21.7%	\$	393,205	24.1%	\$	363,979	24.3%
Adjustments to income from operations and operating margin:												
Stock-based compensation.....	\$	67,996	8.4%	\$	58,884	8.1%	\$	128,001	7.8%	\$	116,792	7.8%
Amortization and impairment of purchased intangible assets.....		11,452	1.4%		10,095	1.4%		22,904	1.4%		20,238	1.4%
Facility-exit costs.....		922	0.1%		4,264	0.6%		1,853	0.1%		5,484	0.4%
Acquisition-related charges.....		9,021	1.1%		1,214	0.2%		18,838	1.2%		1,905	0.1%
Cyber incident costs.....		6,037	0.7%		-	-		23,525	1.4%		-	-
Restructuring charges.....		(315)	0.0%		-	-		(358)	0.0%		11,321	0.8%
Non-GAAP income from operations and operating margin.....	\$	274,131	33.8%	\$	233,354	31.9%	\$	587,968	36.0%	\$	519,719	34.7%
<b>Net income:</b>												
GAAP net income.....	\$	147,755		\$	145,530		\$	327,809		\$	311,975	
Adjustments to net income:												
Stock-based compensation.....	\$	67,996		\$	58,884		\$	128,001		\$	116,792	
Amortization and impairment of purchased intangible assets.....		11,452			10,095			22,904			20,238	
Facility-exit costs.....		922			4,264			1,853			5,484	
Acquisition-related charges.....		9,021			1,214			18,838			1,905	
Cyber incident costs.....		6,037			-			23,525			-	
Restructuring charges.....		(315)			-			(358)			11,321	
Tax effects related to above items.....		(19,672)			(18,893)			(40,613)			(39,649)	
Non-GAAP net income.....	\$	223,196		\$	201,094		\$	481,959		\$	428,066	
<b>Net income per share - diluted:</b>												
GAAP net income per share — diluted.....	\$	2.58		\$	2.48		\$	5.68		\$	5.30	
Adjustments to GAAP net income per share — diluted:												
Stock-based compensation.....	\$	1.19		\$	1.00		\$	2.22		\$	1.98	
Amortization and impairment of purchased intangible assets.....		0.20			0.17			0.40			0.34	
Facility-exit costs.....		0.02			0.07			0.03			0.09	
Acquisition-related charges.....		0.16			0.02			0.33			0.03	
Cyber incident costs.....		0.11			-			0.41			-	
Restructuring charges.....		(0.01)			-			(0.01)			0.19	
Tax effects related to above items.....		(0.34)			(0.32)			(0.70)			(0.67)	
Non-GAAP net income per share — diluted.....	\$	3.90		\$	3.42		\$	8.35		\$	7.27	
Weighted average shares — diluted.....		57,298			58,764			57,736			58,913	

Note: Numbers and percentages are rounded for presentation purposes and may not foot.

# GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliation (continued)

The non-GAAP adjustments, and F5's basis for excluding them from non-GAAP financial measures, are outlined below:

*Stock-based compensation.* Stock-based compensation consists of expense for stock options, restricted stock, and employee stock purchases through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Although stock-based compensation is an important aspect of the compensation of F5's employees and executives, management believes it is useful to exclude stock-based compensation expenses to better understand the long-term performance of the Company's core business and to facilitate comparison of the Company's results to those of peer companies.

*Amortization and impairment of purchased intangible assets.* Purchased intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives, and generally cannot be changed or influenced by management after the acquisition. On a non-recurring basis, when certain events or circumstances are present, management may also be required to write down the carrying value of its purchased intangible assets and recognize impairment charges. Management does not believe these charges accurately reflect the performance of the Company's ongoing operations, therefore, they are not considered by management in making operating decisions. However, investors should note that the use of intangible assets contributed to F5's revenues earned during the periods presented and will contribute to F5's future period revenues as well.

*Facility-exit costs.* F5 has incurred charges in connection with the exit of facilities as well as other non-recurring lease activity. These charges are not representative of ongoing costs to the business and are not expected to recur. As a result, these charges are being excluded to provide investors with a more comparable measure of costs associated with ongoing operations.

*Acquisition-related charges, net.* F5 does not acquire businesses on a predictable cycle and the terms and scope of each transaction can vary significantly and are unique to each transaction. F5 excludes acquisition-related charges from its non-GAAP financial measures to provide a useful comparison of the Company's operating results to prior periods and to its peer companies. Acquisition-related charges consist of planning, execution and integration costs incurred directly as a result of an acquisition.

*Cyber incident costs.* F5 has incurred certain non-recurring expenses in connection with the investigation and remediation of the Cyber Incident. Management believes it is useful to exclude these expenses as they are not representative of our ongoing operations and to facilitate comparison of the Company's historical results and to those of peer companies.

*Restructuring charges.* F5 has incurred restructuring charges that are included in its GAAP financial statements, primarily related to workforce reductions and costs associated with exiting facility-lease commitments. F5 excludes these items from its non-GAAP financial measures when evaluating its continuing business performance as such items vary significantly based on the magnitude of the restructuring action and do not reflect expected future operating expenses. In addition, these charges do not necessarily provide meaningful insight into the fundamentals of current or past operations of its business.

Management believes that non-GAAP net income per share provides useful supplemental information to management and investors regarding the performance of the Company's core business operations and facilitates comparisons to the Company's historical operating results. Although F5's management finds this non-GAAP measure to be useful in evaluating the performance of the core business, management's reliance on this measure is limited because items excluded from such measures could have a material effect on F5's earnings and earnings per share calculated in accordance with GAAP. Therefore, F5's management will use its non-GAAP earnings and earnings per share measures, in conjunction with GAAP earnings and earnings per share measures, to address these limitations when evaluating the performance of the Company's core business. Investors should consider these non-GAAP measures in addition to, and not as a substitute for, financial performance measures in accordance with GAAP.

F5 believes that presenting its non-GAAP measures of earnings and earnings per share provides investors with an additional tool for evaluating the performance of the Company's core business and is used by management in its own evaluation of the Company's performance. Investors are encouraged to look at GAAP results as the best measure of financial performance. However, while the GAAP results are more complete, the Company provides investors these supplemental measures since, with reconciliation to GAAP, it may provide additional insight into the Company's operational performance and financial results.

