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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2018

Or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-32877

Mastercard Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 13-4172551
(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification Number)

2000 Purchase Street 10577
Purchase, NY (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(914) 249-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check
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extended transition period for complying with any new
or revised financial accounting standards provided

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pursuant to Section 13 (a) of the Exchange Act.

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

As of October 25, 2018, there were 1,020,931,497 shares outstanding of the registrant's Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share; and 11,862,884 shares outstanding of the registrant's Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.

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In this Report on Form 10-Q (“Report”), references to the “Company,” “Mastercard,” “we,” “us” or “our” refer to the Mastercard brand generally, and to the business conducted by Mastercard Incorporated and its consolidated subsidiaries, including our operating subsidiary, Mastercard International Incorporated.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Report contains forward-looking statements pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts may be forward-looking statements. When used in this Report, the words “believe”, “expect”, “could”, “may”, “would”, “will”, “trend” and similar words are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements that relate to the Company’s future prospects, developments and business strategies.

Many factors and uncertainties relating to our operations and business environment, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are outside of our control, influence whether any forward-looking statements can or will be achieved. Any one of those factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in writing in any forward-looking statements made by Mastercard or on its behalf, including, but not limited to, the following factors:

- direct regulation of the payments industry (including regulatory, legislative and litigation activity with respect to interchange fees, surcharging and the extension of current regulatory activity to additional jurisdictions or products)
- the impact of preferential or protective government actions
- regulation to which we are directly or indirectly subject based on our participation in the payments industry (including anti-money laundering and economic sanctions, financial sector oversight, real-time account-based payment systems, issuer practice regulation and regulation of internet and digital transactions)
- the impact of changes in laws, including the recent U.S. tax legislation, regulations and interpretations thereof, or challenges to our tax positions
 - regulation of privacy, data protection and security
- potential or incurred liability and limitations on business resulting from litigation
- the impact of competition in the global payments industry (including disintermediation and pricing pressure)
- the challenges relating to rapid technological developments and changes
- the challenges relating to operating an account-based payment system in addition to our core network and to working with new customers and end users
- the impact of information security incidents, account data breaches, fraudulent activity, or service disruptions on our business
- issues related to our relationships with our financial institution customers (including loss of substantial business from significant customers, competitor relationships with our customers and banking industry consolidation)
- the impact of our relationships with other stakeholders, including merchants and governments
- exposure to loss or illiquidity due to settlement guarantees and other significant third-party obligations
- the impact of global economic and political events and conditions (including global financial market activity, declines in cross-border activity, negative trends in consumer spending, the effect of adverse currency fluctuation and the effects of the U.K.’s proposed withdrawal from the E.U.)
- reputational impact, including impact related to brand perception
- issues related to acquisition integration, strategic investments and entry into new businesses
- issues related to our Class A common stock and corporate governance structure

Please see a complete discussion of these risk factors in Part I, Item 1A - Risk Factors of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. We caution you that the important factors referenced above may not contain all of the factors that are important to you. Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Report or as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update our forward-looking statements.

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PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

MASTERCARD INCORPORATED
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(UNAUDITED)

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(in millions, except per share data)	
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,871	\$ 5,933
Restricted cash for litigation settlement	550	546
Investments	1,622	1,849
Accounts receivable	2,277	1,969
Settlement due from customers	1,335	1,375
Restricted security deposits held for customers	1,034	1,085
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,375	1,040
Total Current Assets	15,064	13,797
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$813 and \$714, respectively	876	829
Deferred income taxes	502	250
Goodwill	2,950	3,035
Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,198 and \$1,157, respectively	1,023	1,120
Other assets	2,925	2,298
Total Assets	\$ 23,340	\$ 21,329
LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS AND EQUITY		
Accounts payable	\$ 382	\$ 933
Settlement due to customers	1,155	1,343
Restricted security deposits held for customers	1,034	1,085
Accrued litigation	920	709
Accrued expenses	4,745	3,931
Current portion of long-term debt	500	—
Other current liabilities	973	792
Total Current Liabilities	9,709	8,793
Long-term debt	5,858	5,424
Deferred income taxes	50	106
Other liabilities	1,856	1,438
Total Liabilities	17,473	15,761
Commitments and Contingencies		
Redeemable Non-controlling Interests	71	71
Stockholders' Equity		
Class A common stock, \$0.0001 par value; authorized 3,000 shares, 1,386 and 1,382 shares issued and 1,023 and 1,040 outstanding, respectively	—	—
Class B common stock, \$0.0001 par value; authorized 1,200 shares, 12 and 14 issued and outstanding, respectively	—	—

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Additional paid-in-capital	4,526	4,365
Class A treasury stock, at cost, 364 and 342 shares, respectively	(24,807)	(20,764)
Retained earnings	26,726	22,364
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(670)	(497)
Total Stockholders' Equity	5,775	5,468
Non-controlling interests	21	29
Total Equity	5,796	5,497
Total Liabilities, Redeemable Non-controlling Interests and Equity	\$ 23,340	\$ 21,329

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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MASTERCARD INCORPORATED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(in millions, except per share data)			
Net Revenue	\$3,898	\$3,398	\$11,143	\$9,185
Operating Expenses				
General and administrative	1,236	1,136	3,684	3,162
Advertising and marketing	235	203	694	587
Depreciation and amortization	111	118	346	321
Provision for litigation settlements	29	—	371	15
Total operating expenses	1,611	1,457	5,095	4,085
Operating income	2,287	1,941	6,048	5,100
Other Income (Expense)				
Investment income	31	15	79	44
Interest expense	(48)	(35)	(139)	(113)
Other income (expense), net	(6)	11	1	7
Total other income (expense)	(23)	(9)	(59)	(62)
Income before income taxes	2,264	1,932	5,989	5,038
Income tax expense	365	502	1,029	1,350
Net Income	\$1,899	\$1,430	\$4,960	\$3,688
Basic Earnings per Share	\$1.83	\$1.34	\$4.75	\$3.45
Basic Weighted-Average Shares Outstanding	1,037	1,063	1,044	1,071
Diluted Earnings per Share	\$1.82	\$1.34	\$4.73	\$3.43
Diluted Weighted-Average Shares Outstanding	1,043	1,068	1,050	1,075

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MASTERCARD INCORPORATED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018	
	2017		2017	
	(in millions)			
Net Income	\$1,899	\$1,430	\$4,960	\$3,688
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(42)	199	(233)	515
Income tax effect	4	(1)	9	—
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of income tax effect	(38)	198	(224)	515
Translation adjustments on net investment hedge	2	(65)	70	(207)
Income tax effect	(1)	23	(16)	75
Translation adjustments on net investment hedge, net of income tax effect	1	(42)	54	(132)
Defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans	—	—	(1)	(2)
Income tax effect	—	—	—	1
Defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans, net of income tax effect	—	—	(1)	(1)
Investment securities available-for-sale	(1)	1	(2)	(1)
Income tax effect	—	—	—	1
Investment securities available-for-sale, net of income tax effect	(1)	1	(2)	—
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(38)	157	(173)	382
Comprehensive Income	\$1,861	\$1,587	\$4,787	\$4,070

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
(UNAUDITED)

	Stockholders' Equity				Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Non-Controlling Interests	Total Equity
	Common Stock Class A	Class B	Paid-In Capital	Class A Treasury Stock				
	(in millions, except per share data)							
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$—	\$—	\$ 4,365	\$(20,764)	\$22,364	\$ (497)	\$ 29	\$5,497
Adoption of revenue standard	—	—	—	—	366	—	—	366
Adoption of intra-entity asset transfers standard	—	—	—	—	(183)	—	—	(183)
Net income	—	—	—	—	4,960	—	—	4,960
Activity related to non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	(8)	(8)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	—	—	—	—	—	(173)	—	(173)
Cash dividends declared on Class A and Class B common stock, \$0.75 per share	—	—	—	—	(781)	—	—	(781)
Purchases of treasury stock	—	—	—	(4,048)	—	—	—	(4,048)
Share-based payments	—	—	161	5	—	—	—	166
Balance at September 30, 2018	\$—	\$—	\$ 4,526	\$(24,807)	\$26,726	\$ (670)	\$ 21	\$5,796

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 2017 (in millions)	
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$4,960	\$3,688
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization of customer and merchant incentives	885	761
Depreciation and amortization	346	321
Share-based compensation	153	137
Deferred income taxes	(209)	(56)
Other	11	22
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(317)	(321)
Settlement due from customers	39	(105)
Prepaid expenses	(1,174)	(1,286)
Accrued litigation and legal settlements	202	(12)
Restricted security deposits held for customers	(51)	35
Accounts payable	(44)	85
Settlement due to customers	(186)	54
Accrued expenses	461	380
Net change in other assets and liabilities	(185)	138
Net cash provided by operating activities	4,891	3,841
Investing Activities		
Purchases of investment securities available-for-sale	(953)	(531)
Purchases of investments held-to-maturity	(400)	(925)
Proceeds from sales of investment securities available-for-sale	491	153
Proceeds from maturities of investment securities available-for-sale	291	371
Proceeds from maturities of investments held-to-maturity	762	872
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(255)	(214)
Capitalized software	(126)	(87)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	—	(1,175)
Investment in nonmarketable equity investments	(32)	(128)
Other investing activities	(15)	41
Net cash used in investing activities	(237)	(1,623)
Financing Activities		
Purchases of treasury stock	(4,045)	(2,731)
Dividends paid	(785)	(709)
Proceeds from debt	991	—
Payment of debt	—	(64)
Tax withholdings related to share-based payments	(79)	(46)
Cash proceeds from exercise of stock options	92	48
Other financing activities	(7)	8
Net cash used in financing activities	(3,833)	(3,494)
	65	194

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Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents

Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents	886	(1,082)
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents - beginning of period	7,592	8,273
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents - end of period	\$8,478	\$7,191

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Mastercard Incorporated and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Mastercard International Incorporated (“Mastercard International” and together with Mastercard Incorporated, “Mastercard” or the “Company”), is a technology company in the global payments industry that connects consumers, financial institutions, merchants, governments, digital partners, businesses and other organizations worldwide, enabling them to use electronic forms of payment instead of cash and checks.

Consolidation and Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Mastercard and its majority-owned and controlled entities, including any variable interest entities (“VIEs”) for which the Company is the primary beneficiary. At September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were no significant VIEs which required consolidation. The Company consolidates acquisitions as of the date in which the Company has obtained a controlling financial interest. Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2018 presentation. The Company follows accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”).

The balance sheet as of December 31, 2017 was derived from the audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2017. The consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 and as of September 30, 2018 are unaudited, and in the opinion of management, include all normal recurring adjustments that are necessary to present fairly the results for interim periods. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements are presented in accordance with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) requirements for Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Reference should be made to the Mastercard Incorporated Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 for additional disclosures, including a summary of the Company’s significant accounting policies.

Non-controlling interest amounts are included in the consolidated statement of operations within other income (expense). For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, activity from non-controlling interests was not material to the respective period results.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is a service contract - In August 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the “FASB”) issued accounting guidance which aligns the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is a service contract with the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred to develop or obtain internal-use software. This guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2019 and early adoption is permitted. Companies are required to adopt this guidance either retrospectively or by prospectively applying the guidance to all implementation costs incurred after the date of adoption. The Company is in the process of evaluating when it will adopt this guidance and the potential effects this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements.

Disclosure requirements for defined benefit plans - In August 2018, the FASB issued accounting guidance which modifies disclosure requirements for employers that sponsor defined benefit pension or other postretirement plans by removing, modifying and adding certain disclosures. This guidance is required to be applied retrospectively and is effective for periods ending after December 15, 2020, with early adoption permitted. The Company expects to adopt this guidance effective December 31, 2018.

Disclosure requirements for fair value measurement - In August 2018, the FASB issued accounting guidance which modifies disclosure requirements for fair value measurements by removing, modifying and adding certain disclosures. This guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Companies are permitted to early adopt the removed or modified disclosures and delay adoption of added disclosures until the effective date. Companies are required to adopt the guidance for certain added disclosures prospectively for only the most recent interim or annual

period presented in the initial fiscal year of adoption and all other amendments retrospectively to all periods presented upon their effective date. The Company is in the process of evaluating when it will adopt this guidance and the potential effects this guidance will have on its disclosures.

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Income taxes - In March 2018, the FASB issued guidance allowing for the recognition of provisional amounts related to the 2017 U.S. tax reform (the “U.S. Tax Reform”) in the event that the accounting was not complete by the end of the period enacted. The provisional amounts can be updated within a one year measurement period with changes recorded as a component of income tax expense during the reporting period. This guidance was effective upon issuance. For a more detailed discussion, refer to Note 13 (Income Taxes) for further discussion.

Comprehensive income - In February 2018, the FASB issued accounting guidance that allows for a one-time reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to retained earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from the U.S. Tax Reform. The guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impacts this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements and, at this time, does not expect the impacts to be material.

Derivatives and hedging - In August 2017, the FASB issued accounting guidance to improve and simplify existing guidance to allow companies to better reflect their risk management activities in the financial statements. The guidance expands the ability to account for nonfinancial and financial risk components under hedge accounting and eliminates the requirement to separately measure and recognize hedge ineffectiveness and eases requirements of an entity’s assessment of hedge effectiveness. This guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2018 and early adoption is permitted. The Company currently does not account for its foreign currency derivative contracts under hedge accounting and does not expect the standard to have an impact to the Company. For a more detailed discussion of the Company’s foreign exchange risk management activities, refer to Note 16 (Foreign Exchange Risk Management).

Net periodic pension cost and net periodic postretirement benefit cost - In March 2017, the FASB issued accounting guidance to improve the presentation of net periodic pension cost and net periodic postretirement benefit cost. Under this guidance, the service cost component is required to be reported in the same line item as other compensation costs arising from services rendered by employees during the period. The other components of the net periodic benefit costs are required to be presented in the consolidated statement of operations separately from the service cost component and outside of operating income. This guidance is required to be applied retrospectively and is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2018, which did not result in a material impact on the Company’s current year consolidated financial statements. The Company did not apply this guidance retrospectively, as the impact was de minimis to the prior year consolidated financial statements.

Restricted cash - In November 2016, the FASB issued accounting guidance to address diversity in the classification and presentation of changes in restricted cash on the consolidated statement of cash flows. Under this guidance, companies are required to present restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period amounts shown on the consolidated statement of cash flows. This guidance is required to be applied retrospectively and is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2018. In accordance with the adoption of this standard, the Company includes restricted cash, which currently consists primarily of restricted cash for litigation settlement and restricted security deposits held for customers in its reconciliation of beginning-of-period and end-of-period amounts shown on the consolidated statement of cash flows.

Intra-entity asset transfers - In October 2016, the FASB issued accounting guidance to simplify the accounting for income tax consequences of intra-entity transfers of assets other than inventory. Under this guidance, companies will be required to recognize the income tax consequences of an intra-entity asset transfer when the transfer occurs. This guidance must be applied on a modified retrospective basis through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the period of adoption. The guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2018. Refer to Note 13 (Income Taxes) for further discussion. See the section in this note entitled Cumulative Effect of the Adopted Accounting Pronouncements for a summary of the cumulative impact of adopting this standard as of January 1, 2018.

Leases - In February 2016, the FASB issued accounting guidance that will change how companies account for and present lease arrangements. This guidance requires companies to recognize leased assets and liabilities for both financing and operating leases. This guidance is effective for periods after December 15, 2018 and early adoption is permitted. Companies are required to adopt the guidance using a modified retrospective approach by recognizing a cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. In July 2018, the FASB provided companies with an option to apply the modified retrospective approach as of either the date of adoption or as of the earliest date presented. The Company expects to adopt this guidance effective January

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1, 2019 by applying the modified retrospective approach as of the date of adoption with the available practical expedients. The Company is in the process of evaluating the potential effects this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements.

Revenue recognition - In May 2014, the FASB issued accounting guidance that provides a single, comprehensive revenue recognition model for all contracts with customers and supersedes most of the existing revenue recognition requirements. Under this guidance, an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The Company adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2018 under the modified retrospective transition method, applying the standard to contracts not completed as of January 1, 2018 and considered the aggregate amount of modifications. See the section in this note entitled Cumulative Effect of the Adopted Accounting Pronouncements for a summary of the cumulative impact of adopting this standard as of January 1, 2018.

This new revenue guidance impacts the timing of certain customer incentives recognized in the Company's consolidated statement of operations, as they are recognized over the life of the contract. Previously, such incentives were recognized when earned by the customer. The new revenue guidance also impacts the Company's accounting recognition for certain market development fund contributions and expenditures. Historically, these items were recorded on a net basis in net revenue and will now be recognized on a gross basis, resulting in an increase to both revenues and expenses.

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The following tables summarize the impact of the revenue standard on the Company's consolidated statement of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2018:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018			Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018		
	Balance excluding revenue standard (in millions)	Impact of revenue standard	As reported	Balance excluding revenue standard	Impact of revenue standard	As reported
Net Revenue	\$3,798	\$ 100	\$ 3,898	\$10,831	\$ 312	\$ 11,143
Operating Expenses						
General and administrative	1,235	1	1,236	3,688	(4	) 3,684
Advertising and marketing	208	27	235	568	126	694
Income before income taxes	2,192	72	2,264	5,799	190	5,989
Income tax expense	351	14	365	987	42	1,029
Net Income	1,841	58	1,899	4,812	148	4,960
September 30, 2018						
	Balance excluding revenue standard (in millions)	Impact of revenue standard	As reported			
Assets						
Accounts receivable	\$2,222	\$ 55	\$ 2,277			
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,161	214	1,375			
Deferred income taxes	590	(88	) 502			
Other assets	2,055	870	2,925			
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	1,013	(631	) 382			
Accrued expenses	4,191	554	4,745			
Other current liabilities	1,118	(145	) 973			
Other liabilities	1,078	778	1,856			
Equity						
Retained earnings	26,231	495	26,726			

For a more detailed discussion on revenue recognition, refer to Note 3 (Revenue).

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Cumulative Effect of the Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

The following table summarizes the cumulative impact of the changes made to the January 1, 2018 consolidated balance sheet for the adoption of the new accounting standards pertaining to revenue recognition and intra-entity asset transfers. The prior periods have not been restated and have been reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods. During the second quarter of 2018, there was an adjustment to the impact of adopting the new revenue standard which increased liabilities \$88 million with a corresponding tax-effected adjustment to retained earnings. In addition, certain reclassifications were made primarily between other assets, accrued expenses, and other liabilities. These revisions did not result in a material impact to the balances at January 1, 2018 or the consolidated financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2018.

	Balance at December 31, 2017 (in millions)	Impact of revenue standard	Impact of intra-entity asset transfers standard	Balance at January 1, 2018
Assets				
Accounts receivable	\$1,969	\$ 44	\$ —	\$ 2,013
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,040	181	(17)	1,204
Deferred income taxes	250	(69)	186	367
Other assets	2,298	690	(352)	2,636
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	933	(495)	—	438
Accrued expenses	3,931	391	—	4,322
Other current liabilities	792	(44)	—	748
Other liabilities	1,438	628	—	2,066
Equity				
Retained earnings	22,364	366	(183)	22,547

Note 2. Acquisitions

In 2017, the Company acquired businesses for total consideration of \$1.5 billion. The Company has finalized the purchase accounting for businesses acquired during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. For the final fair values of the purchase price allocations, as of the acquisition dates, refer to Note 2 (Acquisitions) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Note 3. Revenue

Mastercard's business model involves four participants in addition to the Company: account holders, merchants, issuers (the account holders' financial institutions) and acquirers (the merchants' financial institutions). Revenue from contracts with customers is recognized when services are performed in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those services. Revenue recognized from domestic assessments, cross-border volume fees and transaction processing are derived from Mastercard's payment network services. Revenue is generated by charging fees to issuers, acquirers and other stakeholders for providing switching services, as well as by assessing customers based primarily on the dollar volume of activity, or gross dollar volume, on the cards and other devices that carry the Company's brands. Revenue is generally derived from transactional information accumulated by Mastercard's systems or reported by customers. In addition, the Company recognizes revenue from other payment-related products and services in the period in which the related transactions occur or services are performed.

The price structure for Mastercard's products and services is dependent on the nature of volumes, types of transactions and type of products and services offered to customers. Net revenue can be impacted by the following:

- domestic or cross-border transactions
- geographic region or country in which the transaction occurs

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- volumes/transactions subject to tiered rates
- processed or not processed by the Company
- amount of usage of the Company's other products or services
- amount of rebates and incentives provided to customers

The Company classifies its net revenue into the following five categories:

Domestic assessments are fees charged to issuers and acquirers based primarily on the dollar volume of activity on cards and other devices that carry the Company's brands where the acquirer country and the issuer country are the same. Revenue from domestic assessments are recorded as revenue in the period it is earned, which is when the related volume is generated on the cards or other devices that carry the Company's brand.

Cross-border volume fees are charged to issuers and acquirers based on the dollar volume of activity on cards and other devices that carry the Company's brands where the acquirer country and the issuer country are different. Revenue from cross-border volume are recorded as revenue in the period it is earned, which is when the related volume is generated on the cards or other devices that carry the Company's brand.

Transaction processing revenue is recognized for both domestic and cross-border transactions in the period in which the related transactions occur. Transaction processing includes the following:

• Switched transaction revenue is generated from the following products and services:

Authorization is the process by which a transaction is routed to the issuer for approval. In certain circumstances, such as when the issuer's systems are unavailable or cannot be contacted, Mastercard or others approve such transactions on behalf of the issuer in accordance with either the issuer's instructions or applicable rules (also known as "stand-in").

Clearing is the determination and exchange of financial transaction information between issuers and acquirers after a transaction has been successfully conducted at the point of interaction. Transactions are cleared among customers through Mastercard's central and regional processing systems.

Settlement is facilitating the exchange of funds between parties.

Connectivity fees are charged to issuers, acquirers and other financial institutions for network access, equipment and the transmission of authorization and settlement messages. These fees are based on the size of the data being transmitted and the number of connections to the Company's network.

• Other processing fees include issuer and acquirer processing solutions; payment gateways for e-commerce merchants; mobile gateways for mobile initiated transactions; and safety and security.

Other revenues consist of value added service offerings that are typically sold with the Company's payment service offerings and are recognized in the period in which the related services are performed or transactions occur. Other revenues include the following:

• Consulting, data analytic and research fees.

- Safety and security services fees are for products and services offered to prevent, detect and respond to fraud and to ensure the safety of transactions made primarily on Mastercard products.

Loyalty and rewards solutions fees are charged to issuers for benefits provided directly to consumers with Mastercard-branded cards, such as access to a global airline lounge network, global and local concierge services, individual insurance coverages, emergency card replacement, emergency cash advance services and a 24-hour cardholder service center. Loyalty and reward solution fees also include rewards campaigns and management services.

• Program management services provided to prepaid card issuers consist of foreign exchange margin, commissions, load

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fees and ATM withdrawal fees paid by cardholders on the sale and encashment of prepaid cards.

• Bank account-based payment services relating to automated clearing house (“ACH”) transactions and other ACH related services.

• Other payment-related products and services, including account and transaction enhancement services, rules compliance and publications.

Rebates and incentives (contra-revenue) are provided to customers that meet certain volume targets and can be in the form of a rebate or other support incentives, which are tied to performance. Rebates and incentives are recorded as a reduction of revenue when revenue is recognized, ratably over the contractual term. In addition, Mastercard may make incentive payments to a customer directly related to entering into an agreement, which are generally capitalized and amortized over the life of the agreement on a straight-line basis.

The following table disaggregates the Company’s net revenue by source and geographic region for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018
	(in millions)	
Revenue by source:		
Domestic assessments	\$1,564	\$4,559
Cross-border volume fees	1,338	3,693
Transaction processing	1,912	5,449
Other revenues	819	2,352
Gross revenue	5,633	16,053
Rebates and incentives (contra-revenue)	(1,735)	(4,910)
Net revenue	\$3,898	\$11,143

Net revenue by geographic region:

North American Markets	\$1,361	\$3,940
International Markets	2,488	7,050
Other ¹	49	153
Net revenue	\$3,898	\$11,143

¹ Includes revenues managed by corporate functions.

Receivables from contracts with customers of \$2,156 million and \$1,873 million as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, are recorded within accounts receivable on the consolidated balance sheet. The Company’s customers are billed quarterly or more frequently dependent upon the nature of the performance obligation and the underlying contractual terms. The Company does not offer extended payment terms to customers.

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Contract assets include unbilled consideration typically resulting from executed consulting, data analytic and research services performed for customers in connection with Mastercard’s payment network service arrangements. Collection for these services typically occurs over the contractual term. These contract assets are included in prepaid expenses and other current assets and other assets on the consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2018 in the amounts of \$36 million and \$77 million, respectively. The Company did not have contract assets at December 31, 2017.

The Company defers the recognition of revenue when consideration has been received prior to the satisfaction of performance obligations. As these performance obligations are satisfied, revenue is subsequently recognized. Deferred revenue is primarily derived from consulting, data analytic and research services. Deferred revenue is included in other current liabilities and other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2018 in the amounts of \$260 million and \$111 million, respectively. The comparable amounts included in other current liabilities and other liabilities at December 31, 2017 were \$230 million and \$17 million, respectively. Revenue recognized from performance obligations satisfied during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$202 million and \$570 million, respectively.

The Company’s remaining performance period for its contracts with customers for its payment network services are typically long-term in nature (generally up to 10 years). As a payment network service provider, the Company provides its customers with continuous access to its payment network and stands ready to provide transaction processing and related services over the contractual term. Consideration is variable based upon the number of transactions processed and volume activity on the cards and other devices that carry the Company’s brands. The Company has elected the optional exemption to not disclose the remaining performance obligations related to its payment network services. The Company also earns revenues from other value added services comprised of bank account-based payment services, consulting and research fees, loyalty programs and other payment-related products and services. At September 30, 2018, the estimated aggregate consideration allocated to unsatisfied performance obligations for these other value added services is \$940 million, which is expected to be recognized through 2022. The estimated remaining performance obligations related to these revenues are subject to change and are affected by several factors, including termination clauses, modifications and adjustments for currency and are not expected to be material to any future annual period.

Note 4. Earnings Per Share

The components of basic and diluted earnings per share (“EPS”) for common stock were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(in millions, except per share data)			
Numerator				
Net income	\$ 1,899	\$ 1,430	\$ 4,960	\$ 3,688
Denominator				
Basic weighted-average shares outstanding	1,037	1,063	1,044	1,071
Dilutive stock options and stock units	6	5	6	4
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding ¹	1,043	1,068	1,050	1,075
Earnings per Share				
Basic	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.34	\$ 4.75	\$ 3.45
Diluted	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.34	\$ 4.73	\$ 3.43

¹ For the periods presented, the calculation of diluted EPS excluded a minimal amount of anti-dilutive share-based payment awards.

Note 5. Cash, Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash and Restricted Cash Equivalents

The Company's cash and cash equivalents include certain investments with daily liquidity and with a maturity of three months or less from the date of purchase. Cash equivalents are recorded at cost, which approximate fair value.

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The Company classifies cash and cash equivalents as restricted when the cash is unavailable for withdrawal or usage for general operations. The Company has the following types of restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents balances:

Restricted cash for litigation settlement - The Company has restricted cash for litigation within a qualified settlement fund related to a preliminary settlement agreement for the U.S. merchant class litigation. The funds continue to be restricted for payments until the litigation matter is resolved. Refer to Note 14 (Legal and Regulatory Proceedings).

Restricted security deposits held for customers - The Company requires collateral from certain customers for settlement of their transactions. The majority of collateral for settlement is in the form of standby letters of credit and bank guarantees which are not recorded on the consolidated balance sheet. Additionally, the Company holds cash deposits and certificates of deposit from certain customers of Mastercard as collateral for settlement of their transactions, which are recorded as assets on the consolidated balance sheet. These assets are fully offset by corresponding liabilities included on the consolidated balance sheet. These security deposits are typically held for the duration of the agreement with the customers.

Other restricted cash balances - The Company has other restricted cash balances which include contractually restricted deposits, as well as cash balances that are restricted based on the Company's intention with regards to usage. These funds are classified on the consolidated balance sheet within prepaid expenses and other current assets and other assets.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents reported within the statement of financial position that total to the beginning of period and end of period amounts shown in the statement of cash flows.

	December 31,	
	2017	2016
	(in millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$5,933	\$6,721
Restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents		
Restricted cash for litigation settlement	546	543
Restricted security deposits held for customers	1,085	991
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	28	3
Other assets	—	15
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents - beginning of period ¹	\$7,592	\$8,273
	September 30,	
	2018	2017
	(in millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6,871	\$5,559
Restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents		
Restricted cash for litigation settlement	550	545
Restricted security deposits held for customers	1,034	1,026
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	23	61
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents - end of period ¹	\$8,478	\$7,191

¹ As shown on the consolidated statement of cash flows.

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Note 6. Fair Value and Investment Securities

Financial Instruments – Recurring Measurements

The Company classifies its fair value measurements of financial instruments into a three-level hierarchy (the “Valuation Hierarchy”). There were no transfers made among the three levels in the Valuation Hierarchy during the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

The distribution of the Company’s financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis within the Valuation Hierarchy were as follows:

	September 30, 2018			December 31, 2017		
	Quoted Prices in Significant Active Other Markets Observable Inputs (Level 1) (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total	Quoted Prices in Significant Active Other Markets Observable Inputs (Level 1) (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets						
Investment securities available for sale ¹ :						
Municipal securities	\$—\$ 16	\$	—\$16	\$—\$ 17	\$	—\$17
Government and agency securities	52 91	—	143	81 104	—	185
Corporate securities	— 959	—	959	— 876	—	876
Asset-backed securities	— 180	—	180	— 70	—	70
Equity securities	1 —	—	1	1 —	—	1
Derivative instruments ² :						
Foreign currency derivative assets	— 37	—	37	— 6	—	6
Deferred compensation plan ³ :						
Deferred compensation assets	61 —	—	61	55 —	—	55
Liabilities						
Derivative instruments ² :						
Foreign currency derivative liabilities	\$—\$ (5)	\$	—\$(5)	\$—\$ (30)	\$	—\$(30)
Deferred compensation plan ⁴ :						
Deferred compensation liabilities	(62—	—	(62)	(54—	—	(54)

¹ The Company’s U.S. government securities and marketable equity securities are classified within Level 1 of the Valuation Hierarchy as the fair values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets. The fair value of the Company’s available-for-sale municipal securities, government and agency securities, corporate securities and asset-backed securities are based on observable inputs such as quoted prices, benchmark yields and issuer spreads for similar assets in active markets and are therefore included in Level 2 of the Valuation Hierarchy.

² The Company’s foreign currency derivative asset and liability contracts have been classified within Level 2 of the Valuation Hierarchy as the fair value is based on observable inputs such as broker quotes relating to foreign currency exchange rates for similar derivative instruments. See Note 16 (Foreign Exchange Risk Management) for further details.

³ The Company has a nonqualified deferred compensation plan where assets are invested primarily in mutual funds held in a rabbi trust, which is restricted for payments to participants of the plan. The Company has elected to use the fair value option for these mutual funds, which are measured using quoted prices of identical instruments in active markets and are included in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the consolidated balance sheet.

⁴ The deferred compensation liabilities are measured at fair value based on the quoted prices of instruments identical to the investment vehicles selected by the participants. They are included in other liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

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Settlement and Other Guarantee Liabilities

The Company estimates the fair value of its settlement and other guarantees using market assumptions for relevant though not directly comparable undertakings, as the latter are not observable in the market given the proprietary nature of such guarantees. At September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the carrying value and fair value of settlement and other guarantee liabilities were not material and accordingly are not included in the Valuation Hierarchy table above. Settlement and other guarantee liabilities are classified within Level 3 of the Valuation Hierarchy as their valuation requires substantial judgment and estimation of factors that are not observable in the market. See Note 15 (Settlement and Other Risk Management) for additional information regarding the Company's settlement and other guarantee liabilities.

Financial Instruments - Non-Recurring Measurements

Held-to-Maturity Securities

Investments on the consolidated balance sheet include both available-for-sale and short-term held-to-maturity securities. Held-to-maturity securities are not measured at fair value on a recurring basis and are not included in the Valuation Hierarchy table above. At September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company held \$323 million and \$700 million, respectively, of held-to-maturity securities due within one year. The cost of these securities approximates fair value.

Nonmarketable Equity Investments

The Company's nonmarketable equity investments are measured at fair value at initial recognition and for impairment testing. In addition, nonmarketable equity investments accounted for under the cost method of accounting are adjusted for changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or similar investments of the same issuer. Nonmarketable equity investments are classified within Level 3 of the Valuation Hierarchy due to the absence of quoted market prices, the inherent lack of liquidity, and the fact that inputs used to measure fair value are unobservable and require management's judgment. The Company uses discounted cash flows and market assumptions to estimate the fair value of its nonmarketable equity investments when certain events or circumstances indicate that impairment may exist. These investments are included in other assets on the consolidated balance sheet and in Note 7 (Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets).

Debt

The Company estimates the fair value of its long-term debt based on market quotes. These debt instruments are not traded in active markets and are classified within Level 2 of the Valuation Hierarchy. At September 30, 2018, the carrying value and fair value of total long-term debt outstanding (including the current portion) was \$6.4 billion. At December 31, 2017, the carrying value and fair value of long-term debt was \$5.4 billion and \$5.7 billion, respectively.

Other Financial Instruments

Certain financial instruments are carried on the consolidated balance sheet at cost, which approximates fair value due to their short-term, highly liquid nature. These instruments include cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable, settlement due from customers, restricted security deposits held for customers, accounts payable, settlement due to customers and other accrued liabilities.

Non-Financial Instruments

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis for purposes of initial recognition and impairment testing. The Company's non-financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis include property, plant and equipment, goodwill and other intangible assets. These assets are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances, such as when there is evidence of impairment.

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The contingent consideration attributable to acquisitions made in 2017 is primarily based on the achievement of 2018 revenue targets. This contingent consideration liability is included in other current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet and is classified within Level 3 of the Valuation Hierarchy due to the absence of quoted market prices. The activity of the Company's contingent consideration liability for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was as follows:

	(in millions)
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$ 219
Net change in valuation	14
Payments	(5)
Foreign currency translation	(7)
Balance at September 30, 2018	\$ 221

Amortized Costs and Fair Values – Available-for-Sale Investment Securities

The major classes of the Company's available-for-sale investment securities, for which unrealized gains and losses are recorded as a separate component of other comprehensive income (loss) on the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, and their respective amortized cost basis and fair values as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	September 30, 2018				December 31, 2017			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain	Gross Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain	Gross Unrealized Loss	Fair Value
	(in millions)							
Municipal securities	\$16	\$ —	\$ —	\$16	\$17	\$ —	\$ —	\$17
Government and agency securities	143	—	—	143	185	—	—	185
Corporate securities	959	1	(1)	959	875	2	(1)	876
Asset-backed securities	180	—	—	180	70	—	—	70
Equity securities	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
Total	\$1,298	\$ 2	\$ (1)	\$1,299	\$1,147	\$ 3	\$ (1)	\$1,149

The Company's available-for-sale investment securities held at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 primarily carried a credit rating of A- or better. The municipal securities are primarily comprised of state tax-exempt bonds and are diversified across states and sectors. Government and agency securities include U.S. government bonds, U.S. government sponsored agency bonds and foreign government bonds with similar credit quality to that of the U.S. government bonds. Corporate securities are comprised of commercial paper and corporate bonds. The asset-backed securities are investments in bonds which are collateralized primarily by automobile loan receivables.

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Investment Maturities

The maturity distribution based on the contractual terms of the Company's investment securities at September 30, 2018 was as follows:

	Available-For-Sale Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(in millions)	
Due within 1 year	\$ 356	\$ 356
Due after 1 year through 5 years	942	942
Due after 5 years through 10 years	—	—
Due after 10 years	—	—
No contractual maturity ¹	—	1
Total	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,299

¹ Equity securities have been included in the no contractual maturity category, as these securities do not have stated maturity dates.

Investment Income

Investment income primarily consists of interest income generated from cash, cash equivalents and investments. Gross realized gains and losses are recorded within investment income on the consolidated statement of operations. The gross realized gains and losses from the sales of available-for-sale securities for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 were not significant.

Note 7. Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(in millions)	
Customer and merchant incentives	\$700	\$ 464
Prepaid income taxes	71	77
Other	604	499
Total prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$1,375	\$ 1,040

Other assets consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(in millions)	
Customer and merchant incentives	\$2,248	\$ 1,434
Nonmarketable equity investments	279	249
Prepaid income taxes	—	352
Income taxes receivable	201	178
Other	197	85
Total other assets	\$2,925	\$ 2,298

Customer and merchant incentives represent payments made or amounts to be paid to customers and merchants under business agreements. Costs directly related to entering into such an agreement are generally deferred and amortized over the life of the agreement. Amounts to be paid for these incentives and the related liability were included in accrued expenses and other liabilities. The increase in customer and merchant incentives and the decrease in prepaid income taxes at September 30, 2018 from December 31, 2017 are primarily due to the impact from the adoption of the new accounting standards pertaining to revenue recognition and intra-entity asset transfers, respectively. See Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) for additional information on the cumulative impact of the adoption of

these accounting pronouncements.

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Nonmarketable equity investments represent the Company's cost and equity method investments.

Note 8. Accrued Expenses and Accrued Litigation

Accrued expenses consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(in millions)	
Customer and merchant incentives	\$3,367	\$ 2,648
Personnel costs	599	613
Advertising	84	88
Income and other taxes	336	194
Other	359	388
Total accrued expenses	\$4,745	\$ 3,931

As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company's provision for litigation was \$920 million and \$709 million, respectively. These amounts are not included in the accrued expenses table above and are separately reported as accrued litigation on the consolidated balance sheet. See Note 14 (Legal and Regulatory Proceedings) for additional information regarding the Company's accrued litigation.

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Note 9. Debt

Total debt outstanding consisted of the following at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

Notes	Issuance Date	Interest Payment Terms	Maturity Date	Aggregate Principal Amount	Stated Interest Rate	Effective Interest Rate	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
(in millions, except percentages)								
2018 USD Notes	February 2018	Semi-annually	2028	\$500	3.500%	3.598 %	\$ 500	\$ —
			2048	500	3.950%	3.990 %	500	—
				\$1,000				
2016 USD Notes	November 2016	Semi-annually	2021	\$650	2.000%	2.236 %	650	650
			2026	750	2.950%	3.044 %	750	750
			2046	600	3.800%	3.893 %	600	600
				\$2,000				
2015 Euro Notes	December 2015	Annually	2022	€700	1.100%	1.265 %	813	839
			2027	800	2.100%	2.189 %	929	958
			2030	150	2.500%	2.562 %	174	180
				€1,650				
2014 USD Notes	March 2014	Semi-annually	2019	\$500	2.000%	2.178 %	500	500
			2024	1,000	3.375%	3.484 %	1,000	1,000
				\$1,500				
							6,416	5,477
Less: Unamortized discount and debt issuance costs							(58	) (53
Total debt outstanding							6,358	5,424
Less: Current portion ¹							(500) —
Long-term debt							\$ 5,858	\$ 5,424

¹ Relates to the current portion of the 2014 USD Notes, due in April 2019, classified as current portion of long-term debt on the consolidated balance sheet.

In February 2018, the Company issued \$500 million principal amount of notes due February 2028 and \$500 million principal amount of notes due February 2048 (collectively the “2018 USD Notes”). The net proceeds from the issuance of the 2018 USD Notes, after deducting the original issue discount, underwriting discount and offering expenses, were \$991 million.

The net proceeds, after deducting the original issue discount, underwriting discount and offering expenses, from the issuance of the 2016 USD Notes, the 2015 Euro Notes and the 2014 USD Notes, were \$1.969 billion, \$1.723 billion and \$1.484 billion, respectively.

None of the outstanding debt, described above, is subject to financial covenants and may be redeemed in whole, or in part, at the Company’s option at any time for a specified make-whole amount. These notes are senior unsecured obligations and would rank equally with any future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The proceeds of the notes are to be used for general corporate purposes.

In November 2015, the Company established a commercial paper program (the “Commercial Paper Program”) under which it is authorized to issue up to \$3.75 billion in outstanding notes, with maturities up to 397 days from the date of issuance. The Commercial Paper Program is available in U.S. dollars.

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In conjunction with the Commercial Paper Program, the Company entered into a committed unsecured \$3.75 billion revolving credit facility (the “Credit Facility”). Borrowings under the Credit Facility are available in U.S. dollars and/or euros. In October 2017, the Company extended the Credit Facility for an additional year to October 2022. The extension did not result in any material changes to the terms and conditions of the Credit Facility. The facility fee and borrowing cost under the Credit Facility are based upon the Company’s credit rating. At September 30, 2018, the applicable facility fee was 8 basis points on the average daily commitment (whether or not utilized). In addition to the facility fee, interest on borrowings under the Credit Facility would be charged at the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) plus an applicable margin of 79.5 basis points, or an alternative base rate. The Credit Facility contains customary representations, warranties, events of default and affirmative and negative covenants, including a financial covenant limiting the maximum level of consolidated debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”). The Company was in compliance in all material respects with the covenants of the Credit Facility at September 30, 2018. The majority of Credit Facility lenders are customers or affiliates of customers of the Company.

Borrowings under the Commercial Paper Program and the Credit Facility are used to provide liquidity for general corporate purposes, including providing liquidity in the event of one or more settlement failures by the Company’s customers. The Company may borrow and repay amounts under the Commercial Paper Program and Credit Facility from time to time. The Company had no borrowings under the Credit Facility and the Commercial Paper Program at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

In March 2018, the Company filed a universal shelf registration statement (replacing a previously filed shelf registration statement that was set to expire) to provide additional access to capital, if needed. Pursuant to the shelf registration statement, the Company may from time to time offer to sell debt securities, guarantees of debt securities, preferred stock, Class A common stock, depository shares, purchase contracts, units or warrants in one or more offerings.

Note 10. Stockholders’ Equity

The Company’s Board of Directors has approved share repurchase programs authorizing the Company to repurchase its Class A common stock. These programs become effective after the completion of the previously authorized share repurchase program.

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The following table summarizes the Company's share repurchase authorizations of its Class A common stock through September 30, 2018, as well as historical purchases:

Board authorization dates	December	December	December	Total
	2017	2016	2015	
Date program became effective	March 2018	April 2017	February 2016	
	(in millions, except average price data)			
Board authorization	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$12,000
Dollar value of shares repurchased during the nine months ended September 30, 2017	\$—	\$1,735	\$996	\$2,731
Remaining authorization at December 31, 2017	\$4,000	\$1,234	\$—	\$5,234
Dollar value of shares repurchased during the nine months ended September 30, 2018	\$2,811	\$1,234	\$—	\$4,045
Remaining authorization at September 30, 2018	\$1,189	\$—	\$—	\$1,189
Shares repurchased during the nine months ended September 30, 2017	—	14.0	9.1	23.1
Average price paid per share during the nine months ended September 30, 2017	\$—	\$123.81	\$109.16	\$118.03
Shares repurchased during the nine months ended September 30, 2018	14.6	7.2	—	21.8
Average price paid per share during the nine months ended September 30, 2018	\$192.82	\$171.11	\$—	\$185.64
Cumulative shares repurchased through September 30, 2018	14.6	28.2	40.4	83.2
Cumulative average price paid per share	\$192.82	\$141.99	\$99.10	\$130.07

The following table presents the changes in the Company's outstanding Class A and Class B common stock for the nine months ended September 30, 2018:

	Outstanding Shares	
	Class A	Class B
	(in millions)	
Balance at December 31, 2017	1,039.7	14.1
Purchases of treasury stock	(21.8)	—
Share-based payments	2.6	—
Conversion of Class B to Class A common stock	2.2	(2.2)
Balance at September 30, 2018	1,022.7	11.9

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Note 11. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The changes in the balances of each component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

	Foreign Translation Currency Adjustments Translation Net Adjustments ¹	Investment Hedge ²	Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans	Investment Securities Available-for-Sale	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
	(in millions)				
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ (949)	\$ 12	\$ 11	\$ 2	\$ (924)
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period ³	515	(132)	(1)	—	382
Balance at September 30, 2017	\$ (434)	\$ (120)	\$ 10	\$ 2	\$ (542)
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$ (382)	\$ (141)	\$ 25	\$ 1	\$ (497)
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period ³	(224)	54	(1)	(2)	(173)
Balance at September 30, 2018	\$ (606)	\$ (87)	\$ 24	\$ (1)	\$ (670)

¹ During the nine months ended September 30, 2018 the increase in other comprehensive loss related to foreign currency translation adjustments was driven primarily by the strengthening of the U.S. dollar against the Brazilian real, British pound and euro. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the decrease in other comprehensive loss related to foreign currency translation adjustments was driven primarily by the appreciation of the euro.

² Balances at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 include \$28 million of stranded tax effects as a result of the U.S. Tax Reform.

³ During the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, gains and losses reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to the consolidated statement of operations were not significant.

Note 12. Share-Based Payments

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Company granted the following awards under the Mastercard Incorporated 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (“LTIP”). The LTIP is a shareholder-approved plan that permits the grant of various types of equity awards to employees.

	Grants in 2018	Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value
	(in millions)	(per option/unit)
Non-qualified stock options	0.9	\$41
Restricted stock units	0.9	\$170
Performance stock units	0.1	\$226

Stock options generally vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant and have a term of ten years. The Company used the Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the grant-date fair value of stock options and calculated the expected term and the expected volatility based on historical Mastercard information. The expected term of stock options granted in 2018 was determined to be six years, while the expected volatility was determined to be 19.7%.

Vesting of the shares underlying the restricted stock units and performance stock units will generally occur three years after the date of grant. The fair value of restricted stock units is determined and fixed on the grant date based on the Company’s Class A common stock price, adjusted for the exclusion of dividend equivalents. The Monte Carlo

simulation valuation model was used to determine the grant-date fair value of performance stock units granted. Compensation expense is recorded net of estimated forfeitures over the shorter of the vesting period or the date the individual becomes eligible to retire under the LTIP. The Company uses the straight-line method of attribution over the requisite service period for expensing equity awards.

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Note 13. Income Taxes

The effective income tax rates were 16.1% and 17.2% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, versus 26.0% and 26.8%, respectively, for the comparable periods in 2017. The lower effective tax rates, versus the comparable periods in 2017, were primarily due to a lower enacted statutory tax rate in the United States and a more favorable geographic mix of taxable earnings. These benefits were partially offset by other aspects of the U.S. Tax Reform for which a tax benefit is no longer recognized, including a U.S. foreign tax credit benefit for the repatriation of current year foreign earnings and the domestic production activities deduction. The lower effective tax rates for the periods were also attributable to \$65 million of discrete deferred tax benefits, relating primarily to provisions for legal matters in the United States, which will be realized in the years during which payments are made. See Note 14 (Legal and Regulatory Proceedings) for further discussion of the U.S. merchant class litigation. Additionally, the lower effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was attributable to discrete benefits related to share-based payments.

On December 22, 2017, the U.S. passed comprehensive tax legislation which, among other things, reduces the U.S. corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% in 2018. While the effective date for most of the U.S. Tax Reform provisions was January 1, 2018, GAAP required the resulting tax effects to be accounted for in the reporting period of enactment. At December 31, 2017, this included a one-time mandatory deemed repatriation tax on accumulated foreign earnings (the “Transition Tax”), the remeasurement of the Company’s net deferred tax asset balance in the U.S., the dilution of foreign tax credit benefits on the repatriation of current year foreign earnings and the recognition of a deferred tax liability resulting from the change in the Company’s indefinite reinvestment assertion for certain foreign affiliates. Also, in December 2017, the SEC staff issued guidance which allows registrants to record provisional amounts for certain aspects of the U.S. Tax Reform during a measurement period, which is not to extend beyond one year.

Consistent with the SEC guidance, the Company was able to make reasonable estimates and had recorded provisional amounts of \$629 million related to the Transition Tax, which is payable over eight years, \$157 million charge for the remeasurement of the Company’s net deferred tax asset in the U.S. and \$36 million related to the change in assertion regarding the indefinite reinvestment of certain of the Company’s foreign earnings. The Transition Tax is based upon previously untaxed accumulated and current earnings and profits of the Company’s foreign subsidiaries. To compute the tax, the Company determines the amount of post-1986 earnings and profits of relevant subsidiaries, as well as the amount of non-U.S. income taxes paid on such earnings. On January 19, 2018, additional administrative guidance was issued by the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) and the Department of Treasury (“Treasury”), which resulted in approximately \$36 million of an increase to the Transition Tax liability, with an offsetting decrease to the deferred tax liability recorded on the change in assertion during the first quarter of 2018. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, the Company has recorded a \$15 million reduction to the charge for the remeasurement of a net deferred tax asset. On August 1, 2018, Treasury and the IRS issued proposed regulations with regard to the operation and calculation of the Transition Tax liability. The Company will continue to evaluate the impact of this guidance, as well as any additional guidance issued during the fourth quarter, on all provisional amounts and will complete its accounting for all provisional amounts within the measurement period.

During 2014, the Company implemented an initiative to better align its legal entity and tax structure with its operational footprint outside of the U.S. This initiative resulted in a one-time taxable gain in Belgium relating to the transfer of intellectual property to a related foreign entity in the United Kingdom. This improved alignment has resulted in greater flexibility and efficiency with regard to the global deployment of cash, as well as benefits to the Company’s effective income tax rate. The Company recorded a deferred charge related to the income tax expense on intercompany profits that resulted from the transfer. The tax associated with the transfer was deferred and was being amortized utilizing a 25-year life. This deferred charge was included in prepaid expenses and other current assets and other assets on the consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2017 in the amounts of \$17 million and \$352 million, respectively. In October 2016, the FASB issued accounting guidance to simplify the accounting for income tax

consequences of intra-entity transfers of assets other than inventory. Under this guidance, companies are required to recognize the income tax consequences of an intra-entity asset transfer when the transfer occurs. The guidance must be applied on a modified retrospective basis through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the period of adoption. The Company adopted this accounting guidance on January 1, 2018. The aforementioned deferred charge of \$369 million at December 31, 2017 has been charged against retained earnings as a component of the cumulative-effect adjustment as of January 1, 2018. In addition, deferred taxes have also been included as a component of the cumulative-effect adjustment whereby the Company has recorded a \$186 million deferred tax asset representing the temporary difference in book and tax basis of the intellectual property that was transferred to the United Kingdom. See Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) for additional information on the cumulative impact of the adoption of this accounting pronouncement.

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The Company is subject to tax in the United States, Belgium, Singapore, the United Kingdom and various other foreign jurisdictions, as well as state and local jurisdictions. Uncertain tax positions are reviewed on an ongoing basis and are adjusted after considering facts and circumstances, including progress of tax audits, developments in case law and closing of statutes of limitation. Within the next twelve months, the Company believes that the resolution of certain federal, foreign and state and local examinations are reasonably possible and that a change in estimate, reducing unrecognized tax benefits, may occur. While such a change may be significant, it is not possible to provide a range of the potential change until the examinations progress further or the related statutes of limitation expire. The Company has effectively settled its U.S. federal income tax obligations through 2008, with the exception of transfer pricing issues which are settled through 2011. With limited exception, the Company is no longer subject to state and local or foreign examinations by tax authorities for years before 2010.

Note 14. Legal and Regulatory Proceedings

Mastercard is a party to legal and regulatory proceedings with respect to a variety of matters in the ordinary course of business. Some of these proceedings are based on complex claims involving substantial uncertainties and unascertainable damages. Accordingly, except as discussed below, it is not possible to determine the probability of loss or estimate damages, and therefore, Mastercard has not established reserves for any of these proceedings. When the Company determines that a loss is both probable and reasonably estimable, Mastercard records a liability and discloses the amount of the liability if it is material. When a material loss contingency is only reasonably possible, Mastercard does not record a liability, but instead discloses the nature and the amount of the claim, and an estimate of the loss or range of loss, if such an estimate can be made. Unless otherwise stated below with respect to these matters, Mastercard cannot provide an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss based on one or more of the following reasons: (1) actual or potential plaintiffs have not claimed an amount of monetary damages or the amounts are unsupported or exaggerated, (2) the matters are in early stages, (3) there is uncertainty as to the outcome of pending appeals or motions, (4) there are significant factual issues to be resolved, (5) the existence in many such proceedings of multiple defendants or potential defendants whose share of any potential financial responsibility has yet to be determined, and/or (6) there are novel legal issues presented. Furthermore, except as identified with respect to the matters below, Mastercard does not believe that the outcome of any individual existing legal or regulatory proceeding to which it is a party will have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial condition or overall business. However, an adverse judgment or other outcome or settlement with respect to any proceedings discussed below could result in fines or payments by Mastercard and/or could require Mastercard to change its business practices. In addition, an adverse outcome in a regulatory proceeding could lead to the filing of civil damage claims and possibly result in significant damage awards. Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on Mastercard's results of operations, financial condition and overall business.

Interchange Litigation and Regulatory Proceedings

Mastercard's interchange fees and other practices are subject to regulatory and/or legal review and/or challenges in a number of jurisdictions, including the proceedings described below. When taken as a whole, the resulting decisions, regulations and legislation with respect to interchange fees and acceptance practices may have a material adverse effect on the Company's prospects for future growth and its overall results of operations, financial position and cash flows.

United States. In June 2005, the first of a series of complaints were filed on behalf of merchants (the majority of the complaints were styled as class actions, although a few complaints were filed on behalf of individual merchant plaintiffs) against Mastercard International, Visa U.S.A., Inc., Visa International Service Association and a number of financial institutions. Taken together, the claims in the complaints were generally brought under both Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act, which prohibit monopolization and attempts or conspiracies to monopolize a particular industry, and some of these complaints contain unfair competition law claims under state law. The complaints allege, among other things, that Mastercard, Visa, and certain financial institutions conspired to set the price of interchange fees, enacted point of sale acceptance rules (including the no surcharge rule) in violation of antitrust laws and engaged in

unlawful tying and bundling of certain products and services. The cases were consolidated for pre-trial proceedings in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York in MDL No. 1720. The plaintiffs filed a consolidated class action complaint that seeks treble damages.

In July 2006, the group of purported merchant class plaintiffs filed a supplemental complaint alleging that Mastercard's initial public offering of its Class A Common Stock in May 2006 (the "IPO") and certain purported agreements entered into between Mastercard and financial institutions in connection with the IPO: (1) violate U.S. antitrust laws and (2) constituted a fraudulent conveyance because the financial institutions allegedly attempted to release, without adequate consideration, Mastercard's right

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to assess them for Mastercard's litigation liabilities. The class plaintiffs sought treble damages and injunctive relief including, but not limited to, an order reversing and unwinding the IPO.

In February 2011, Mastercard and Mastercard International entered into each of: (1) an omnibus judgment sharing and settlement sharing agreement with Visa Inc., Visa U.S.A. Inc. and Visa International Service Association and a number of financial institutions; and (2) a Mastercard settlement and judgment sharing agreement with a number of financial institutions. The agreements provide for the apportionment of certain costs and liabilities which Mastercard, the Visa parties and the financial institutions may incur, jointly and/or severally, in the event of an adverse judgment or settlement of one or all of the cases in the merchant litigations. Among a number of scenarios addressed by the agreements, in the event of a global settlement involving the Visa parties, the financial institutions and Mastercard, Mastercard would pay 12% of the monetary portion of the settlement. In the event of a settlement involving only Mastercard and the financial institutions with respect to their issuance of Mastercard cards, Mastercard would pay 36% of the monetary portion of such settlement.

In October 2012, the parties entered into a definitive settlement agreement with respect to the merchant class litigation (including with respect to the claims related to the IPO) and the defendants separately entered into a settlement agreement with the individual merchant plaintiffs. The settlements included cash payments that were apportioned among the defendants pursuant to the omnibus judgment sharing and settlement sharing agreement described above. Mastercard also agreed to provide class members with a short-term reduction in default credit interchange rates and to modify certain of its business practices, including its "no surcharge" rule. The court granted final approval of the settlement in December 2013, and objectors to the settlement appealed that decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In June 2016, the court of appeals vacated the class action certification, reversed the settlement approval and sent the case back to the district court for further proceedings. The court of appeals' ruling was based primarily on whether the merchants were adequately represented by counsel in the settlement. As a result of the appellate court ruling, the district court divided the merchants' claims into two separate classes - monetary damages claims (the "Damages Class") and claims seeking changes to business practices (the "Rules Relief Class"). The court appointed separate counsel for each class.

Prior to the reversal of the settlement approval, merchants representing slightly more than 25% of the Mastercard and Visa purchase volume over the relevant period chose to opt out of the class settlement. Mastercard had anticipated that most of the larger merchants who opted out of the settlement would initiate separate actions seeking to recover damages, and over 30 opt-out complaints have been filed on behalf of numerous merchants in various jurisdictions. Mastercard has executed settlement agreements with a number of opt-out merchants. Mastercard believes these settlement agreements are not impacted by the ruling of the court of appeals. The defendants have consolidated all of these matters in front of the same federal district court that approved the merchant class settlement. In July 2014, the district court denied the defendants' motion to dismiss the opt-out merchant complaints for failure to state a claim.

In September 2018, the parties to the Damages Class litigation entered into a class settlement agreement to resolve the Damages Class claims. The Damages Class plaintiffs have filed a motion with the court seeking preliminary approval of the settlement agreement. Mastercard previously increased its reserve during the second quarter of 2018 by \$210 million to reflect both its expected financial obligation under the Damages Class settlement agreement and the filed and anticipated opt-out merchant cases. The settlement agreement does not relate to the Rules Relief Class claims. Separate settlement negotiations with the Rules Relief Class are ongoing.

As of September 30, 2018, Mastercard had accrued a liability of \$912 million as a reserve for both the merchant class litigation and the filed and anticipated opt-out merchant cases. As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, Mastercard had \$550 million and \$546 million, respectively, in a qualified cash settlement fund related to the merchant class litigation and classified as restricted cash on its consolidated balance sheet. Mastercard believes the reserve for both the merchant class litigation and the filed and anticipated opt-out merchants represents its best estimate of its probable liabilities in these matters at September 30, 2018. The portion of the accrued liability relating to both the opt-out merchants and the merchant class litigation settlement does not represent an estimate of a loss, if

any, if the matters were litigated to a final outcome. Mastercard cannot estimate the potential liability if that were to occur.

Canada. In December 2010, a proposed class action complaint was commenced against Mastercard in Quebec on behalf of Canadian merchants. The suit essentially repeated the allegations and arguments of a previously filed application by the Canadian Competition Bureau to the Canadian Competition Tribunal (dismissed in Mastercard's favor) concerning certain Mastercard rules related to point-of-sale acceptance, including the "honor all cards" and "no surcharge" rules. The Quebec suit sought

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compensatory and punitive damages in unspecified amounts, as well as injunctive relief. In the first half of 2011, additional purported class action lawsuits were commenced in British Columbia and Ontario against Mastercard, Visa and a number of large Canadian financial institutions. The British Columbia suit sought compensatory damages in unspecified amounts, and the Ontario suit sought compensatory damages of \$5 billion on the basis of alleged conspiracy and various alleged breaches of the Canadian Competition Act. Additional purported class action complaints were commenced in Saskatchewan and Alberta with claims that largely mirror those in the other suits. In June 2017, Mastercard entered into a class settlement agreement to resolve all of the Canadian class action litigation. The settlement, which is subject to court approval in each applicable province, requires Mastercard to make a cash payment and modify its “no surcharge” rule. During the first quarter of 2017, the Company recorded a provision for litigation of \$15 million related to this matter.

Europe. In July 2015, the European Commission issued a Statement of Objections related to Mastercard’s interregional interchange fees and central acquiring rules within the European Economic Area (the “EEA”). The Statement of Objections, which follows an investigation opened in 2013, includes preliminary conclusions concerning the alleged anticompetitive effects of these practices. The European Commission has indicated it intends to seek fines if these conclusions are subsequently confirmed. In April 2016, Mastercard submitted a response to the Statement of Objections disputing the European Commission’s preliminary conclusions and participated in a related oral hearing in May 2016. Since that time, Mastercard has remained in discussions with the European Commission. Although the Statement of Objections does not quantify the level of fines, based upon recent interactions with the European Commission, it is possible that they could be substantial, potentially in excess of \$1 billion if the European Commission were to issue a negative decision. Fines may be less than this amount in the event of a negotiated resolution. Due to the uncertainty of numerous legal issues, including the potential for a negotiated resolution, Mastercard cannot estimate a possible range of loss at this time, although Mastercard expects to obtain greater clarity with respect to these issues before the end of 2018.

In the United Kingdom, beginning in May 2012, a number of retailers filed claims or threatened litigation against Mastercard seeking damages for alleged anti-competitive conduct with respect to Mastercard’s cross-border interchange fees and its U.K. and Ireland domestic interchange fees (the “U.K. Merchant claimants”), with claimed purported damages exceeding \$1 billion. The U.K. Merchant claimants (including all resolved matters) represent approximately 40% of Mastercard’s U.K. interchange volume over the relevant damages period. Mastercard submitted statements of defense to the retailers’ claims disputing liability and damages. Since June 2015, Mastercard has recorded litigation provisions for settlements, judgments and legal fees relating to these claims, including charges of \$23 million in the third quarter of 2018, \$15 million in the second quarter of 2018 and \$19 million in the first quarter of 2018. Each of these charges relates to settlements with a number of U.K. Merchant claimants.

In January 2017, Mastercard received a liability judgment in its favor on all significant matters in a separate action brought by ten of the U.K. Merchant claimants, who had been seeking in excess of \$500 million in damages. Subsequently, Mastercard settled with seven of these claimants to resolve their claims. Three of the U.K. Merchant claimants appealed the judgment, and these appeals were combined with Mastercard’s appeal of a 2016 judgment in favor of one U.K. merchant. In July 2018, the U.K. appellate court ruled against both Mastercard and Visa on two of the three legal issues being considered, concluding that U.K. interchange rates restricted competition and that they were not objectively necessary for the payment networks. The appellate court sent the cases back to trial for reconsideration on the remaining issue concerning the “lawful” level of interchange. Mastercard has requested permission to appeal the ruling to the U.K. Supreme Court. Mastercard expects the litigation process to continue during the next several years.

Additional merchants have filed or threatened litigation with respect to interchange rates in Europe (the “Pan-European claimants”) for purported damages exceeding \$1 billion. Mastercard submitted statements of defense to the retailers’ claims disputing liability and damages. During the first quarter of 2018, Mastercard recorded a charge of \$70 million resulting from settlements with over 70 Pan-European claimants, which represented over 60% of the Pan-European

claimants' merchant damages claims. During the third quarter of 2018, Mastercard recorded a charge of \$6 million resulting from settlements with additional Pan-European claimants.

In September 2016, a proposed collective action was filed in the United Kingdom on behalf of U.K. consumers seeking damages for intra-EEA and domestic U.K. interchange fees that were allegedly passed on to consumers by merchants between 1992 and 2008. The complaint, which seeks to leverage the European Commission's 2007 decision on intra-EEA interchange fees, claims damages in an amount that exceeds £14 billion (approximately \$18 billion as of September 30, 2018). In July 2017, the court denied the plaintiffs' application for the case to proceed as a collective action. The plaintiffs' request for permission to appeal

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this decision was denied, which they have appealed. The plaintiffs have also filed a separate request for judicial review of the court’s denial of their collective action.

ATM Non-Discrimination Rule Surcharge Complaints

In October 2011, a trade association of independent Automated Teller Machine (“ATM”) operators and 13 independent ATM operators filed a complaint styled as a class action lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against both Mastercard and Visa (the “ATM Operators Complaint”). Plaintiffs seek to represent a class of non-bank operators of ATM terminals that operate in the United States with the discretion to determine the price of the ATM access fee for the terminals they operate. Plaintiffs allege that Mastercard and Visa have violated Section 1 of the Sherman Act by imposing rules that require ATM operators to charge non-discriminatory ATM surcharges for transactions processed over Mastercard’s and Visa’s respective networks that are not greater than the surcharge for transactions over other networks accepted at the same ATM. Plaintiffs seek both injunctive and monetary relief equal to treble the damages they claim to have sustained as a result of the alleged violations and their costs of suit, including attorneys’ fees. Plaintiffs have not quantified their damages although they allege that they expect damages to be in the tens of millions of dollars.

Subsequently, multiple related complaints were filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia alleging both federal antitrust and multiple state unfair competition, consumer protection and common law claims against Mastercard and Visa on behalf of putative classes of users of ATM services (the “ATM Consumer Complaints”). The claims in these actions largely mirror the allegations made in the ATM Operators Complaint, although these complaints seek damages on behalf of consumers of ATM services who pay allegedly inflated ATM fees at both bank and non-bank ATM operators as a result of the defendants’ ATM rules. Plaintiffs seek both injunctive and monetary relief equal to treble the damages they claim to have sustained as a result of the alleged violations and their costs of suit, including attorneys’ fees. Plaintiffs have not quantified their damages although they allege that they expect damages to be in the tens of millions of dollars.

In January 2012, the plaintiffs in the ATM Operators Complaint and the ATM Consumer Complaints filed amended class action complaints that largely mirror their prior complaints. In February 2013, the district court granted Mastercard’s motion to dismiss the complaints for failure to state a claim. On appeal, the Court of Appeals reversed the district court’s order in August 2015 and sent the case back for further proceedings.

U.S. Liability Shift Litigation

In March 2016, a proposed U.S. merchant class action complaint was filed in federal court in California alleging that Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Discover (the “Network Defendants”), EMVCo, and a number of issuing banks (the “Bank Defendants”) engaged in a conspiracy to shift fraud liability for card present transactions from issuing banks to merchants not yet in compliance with the standards for EMV chip cards in the United States (the “EMV Liability Shift”), in violation of the Sherman Act and California law. Plaintiffs allege damages equal to the value of all chargebacks for which class members became liable as a result of the EMV Liability Shift on October 1, 2015. The plaintiffs seek treble damages, attorney’s fees and costs and an injunction against future violations of governing law, and the defendants have filed a motion to dismiss. In September 2016, the court denied the Network Defendants’ motion to dismiss the complaint, but granted such a motion for EMVCo and the Bank Defendants. In May 2017, the court transferred the case to New York so that discovery could be coordinated with the U.S. merchant class interchange litigation described above. The plaintiffs have filed a renewed motion for class certification, following the district court’s denial of their initial motion.

Telephone Consumer Protection Class Action

Mastercard is a defendant in a Telephone Consumer Protection Act (“TCPA”) class action pending in Florida. The plaintiffs are individuals and businesses who allege that approximately 381,000 unsolicited faxes were sent to them advertising a Mastercard co-brand card issued by First Arkansas Bank (“FAB”). The TCPA provides for uncapped statutory damages of \$500 per fax. Mastercard has asserted various defenses to the claims, and has notified FAB of an indemnity claim that it has (which FAB has disputed). In June 2018, the court granted Mastercard’s motion to stay the

proceedings until the Federal Communications Commission makes a decision on the application of the TCPA to online fax services.

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Note 15. Settlement and Other Risk Management

Mastercard's rules guarantee the settlement of many of the Mastercard, Cirrus and Maestro branded transactions between its issuers and acquirers ("settlement risk"). Settlement exposure is the outstanding settlement risk to customers under Mastercard's rules due to the difference in timing between the payment transaction date and subsequent settlement. While the term and amount of the guarantee are generally unlimited, the duration of settlement exposure is short term and typically limited to a few days. Gross settlement exposure is estimated using the average daily card volume during the quarter multiplied by the estimated number of days of exposure. The Company has global risk management policies and procedures, which include risk standards, to provide a framework for managing the Company's settlement risk. Customer-reported transaction data and the transaction clearing data underlying the settlement exposure calculation may be revised in subsequent reporting periods.

In the event that Mastercard effects a payment on behalf of a failed customer, Mastercard may seek an assignment of the underlying receivables of the failed customer. Customers may be charged for the amount of any settlement loss incurred during the ordinary course activities of the Company.

The Company has global risk management policies and procedures aimed at managing the settlement exposure. These risk management procedures include interaction with the bank regulators of countries in which it operates, requiring customers to make adjustments to settlement processes, and requiring collateral from customers. As part of its policies, Mastercard requires certain customers that are not in compliance with the Company's risk standards in effect at the time of review to post collateral, typically in the form of cash, letters of credit, or guarantees. This requirement is based on management's review of the individual risk circumstances for each customer that is out of compliance. In addition to these amounts, Mastercard holds collateral to cover variability and future growth in customer programs. The Company may also hold collateral to pay merchants in the event of an acquirer failure. Although the Company is not contractually obligated under its rules to effect such payments to merchants, the Company may elect to do so to protect brand integrity. Mastercard monitors its credit risk portfolio on a regular basis and the adequacy of collateral on hand. Additionally, from time to time, the Company reviews its risk management methodology and standards. As such, the amounts of estimated settlement exposure are revised as necessary.

The Company's estimated settlement exposure from Mastercard, Cirrus and Maestro branded transactions was as follows:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(in millions)	
Gross settlement exposure	\$47,484	\$ 47,002
Collateral held for settlement exposure	(4,613)	(4,360)
Net uncollateralized settlement exposure	\$42,871	\$ 42,642

General economic and political conditions in countries in which Mastercard operates affect the Company's settlement risk. Many of the Company's financial institution customers have been directly and adversely impacted by political instability and uncertain economic conditions. These conditions present increased risk that the Company may have to perform under its settlement guarantee. This risk could increase if political, economic and financial market conditions deteriorate further. The Company's global risk management policies and procedures are revised and enhanced from time to time. Historically, the Company has experienced a low level of losses from financial institution failures.

Mastercard also provides guarantees to customers and certain other counterparties indemnifying them from losses stemming from failures of third parties to perform duties. This includes guarantees of Mastercard-branded travelers cheques issued, but not yet cashed of \$382 million and \$395 million at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, of which \$302 million and \$313 million at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, is mitigated by collateral arrangements. In addition, the Company enters into agreements in the ordinary course of business under which the Company agrees to indemnify third parties against damages, losses and expenses incurred in connection with legal and other proceedings arising from relationships or transactions with the Company. Certain

indemnifications do not provide a stated maximum exposure. As the extent of the Company's obligations under these agreements depends entirely upon the occurrence of future events, the Company's potential future liability under these agreements is not determinable. Historically, payments made by the Company under these types of contractual arrangements have not been material.

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Note 16. Foreign Exchange Risk Management

The Company monitors and manages its foreign currency exposures as part of its overall risk management program which focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to reduce the potentially adverse effects that the volatility of these markets may have on its operating results. A primary objective of the Company's risk management strategies is to reduce the financial impact that may arise from volatility in foreign currency exchange rates principally through the use of both foreign currency derivative contracts (Derivatives) and foreign currency denominated debt (Net Investment Hedge).

Derivatives

The Company enters into foreign currency derivative contracts to manage risk associated with anticipated receipts and disbursements which are valued based on currencies other than the functional currencies of the entity. The Company may also enter into foreign currency derivative contracts to offset possible changes in value due to foreign exchange fluctuations of earnings, assets and liabilities. The objective of these activities is to reduce the Company's exposure to gains and losses resulting from fluctuations of foreign currencies against its functional currencies.

As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the majority of derivative contracts to hedge foreign currency fluctuations had been entered into with customers of Mastercard. Mastercard's derivative contracts are summarized below:

	September 30, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Notional Value	Estimated Fair Value	Notional Value	Estimated Fair Value
	(in millions)			
Commitments to purchase foreign currency	\$51	\$ (1)	\$ 27	\$ —
Commitments to sell foreign currency	969	24	968	(26)
Options to sell foreign currency	28	9	27	2
Balance sheet location				
Accounts receivable ¹		\$ —		\$ 6
Prepaid expenses and other current assets ¹		37		—
Other current liabilities ¹		(5)		(30)

¹ The derivative contracts are subject to enforceable master netting arrangements, which contain various netting and setoff provisions.

The amount of gain (loss) recognized in income for the contracts to purchase and sell foreign currency is summarized below:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017
Foreign currency derivative contracts		
General and administrative	\$13 \$(20)	\$48 \$(65)

(in millions)

Foreign currency derivative contracts

General and administrative \$13 \$(20) \$48 \$(65)

The fair value of the foreign currency derivative contracts generally reflects the estimated amounts that the Company would receive (or pay), on a pre-tax basis, to terminate the contracts. The terms of the foreign currency derivative contracts are generally less than 18 months. The Company had no deferred gains or losses related to foreign currency derivative contracts in accumulated other comprehensive income as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, as these contracts were not accounted for under hedge accounting.

The Company's derivative financial instruments are subject to both market and counterparty credit risk. Market risk is the potential for economic losses to be incurred on market risk sensitive instruments arising from adverse changes in market factors such as foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and other related variables. The effect of a hypothetical 10% adverse change in U.S. dollar forward rates could result in a fair value loss of approximately \$108 million on the Company's foreign currency derivative contracts outstanding at September 30, 2018. Counterparty credit risk is the risk of loss due to failure of the counterparty to perform its obligations in accordance with contractual terms. To mitigate counterparty credit risk, the Company enters into derivative contracts with a diversified group of selected financial institutions based upon their credit ratings and other factors.

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Generally, the Company does not obtain collateral related to derivatives because of the high credit ratings of the counterparties.

Net Investment Hedge

The Company uses foreign currency denominated debt to hedge a portion of its net investment in foreign operations against adverse movements in exchange rates, with changes in the value of the debt recorded within currency translation adjustment in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). In 2015, the Company designated its €1.65 billion debt as a net investment hedge for a portion of its net investment in European foreign operations. As of September 30, 2018, the Company had a net foreign currency transaction pre-tax loss of \$146 million in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) associated with hedging activity. There was no ineffectiveness in the current period.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following supplements management's discussion and analysis of Mastercard Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2017 as contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2018. It also should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes of Mastercard Incorporated and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Mastercard International Incorporated (together, “Mastercard” or the “Company”), included elsewhere in this Report. Percentage changes provided throughout “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” were calculated on amounts rounded to the nearest thousand.

Business Overview

Mastercard is a technology company in the global payments industry that connects consumers, financial institutions, merchants, governments, digital partners, businesses and other organizations worldwide, enabling them to use electronic forms of payment instead of cash and checks. Through our global payments processing network, we facilitate the switching (authorization, clearing and settlement) of payment transactions and deliver related products and services. We make payments easier and more efficient by creating a wide range of payment solutions and services using our family of well-known brands, including Mastercard®, Maestro®, Cirrus® and Masterpass®. Our 2017 acquisition of VocaLink Holdings Limited (“Vocalink”) has expanded our capability to process automated clearing house (“ACH”) transactions, among other things. As a multi-rail network, we now offer customers one partner to turn to for their payment needs for both domestic and cross-border transactions. We also provide value-added offerings such as safety and security products, information services and consulting, loyalty and reward programs and issuer and acquirer processing. Our networks are designed to ensure safety and security for the global payments system.

A typical transaction on our core network involves four participants in addition to us: account holder (a consumer who holds a card or uses another device enabled for payment), merchant, issuer (the account holder’s financial institution) and acquirer (the merchant’s financial institution). We do not issue cards, extend credit, determine or receive revenue from interest rates or other fees charged to account holders by issuers, or establish the rates charged by acquirers in connection with merchants’ acceptance of our branded products. In most cases, account holder relationships belong to, and are managed by, our financial institution customers.

We generate revenues from assessing our customers based on the gross dollar volume (the “GDV”) of activity on the products that carry our brands, from the fees we charge to our customers for providing switching services and from other payment-related products and services.

Our Strategy

We grow, diversify and build our business through a combination of organic growth and strategic investments, including acquisitions. Our ability to grow our business is influenced by personal consumption expenditure growth, driving cash and check transactions toward electronic forms of payment, increasing our share in electronic payments and providing value-added products and services. In addition, our growth will be driven by capturing other payments flows, such as business to business (“B2B”), person to person (“P2P”), business to consumer (“B2C”) and government disbursements, among others.

Grow. We focus on growing our core business globally, including growing our consumer credit, debit, prepaid and commercial products and solutions, thereby increasing the number of payment transactions we switch. We also look to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the evolving ways people interact and transact in the growing digital economy.

Diversify. We diversify our business by focusing on:

- adding new players to our customer base in new and existing markets by working with partners such as governments, merchants, technology companies (such as digital players and mobile providers) and other businesses
- expanding capabilities based on our core network into new areas to provide opportunities for electronic payments and to capture more payment flows, such as B2C transfers, B2B transfers, P2P transfers, including in the areas of transit and government disbursements
- driving acceptance at merchants of all sizes
- broadening financial inclusion for the unbanked and underbanked

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Build. We build our business by:

• creating and acquiring differentiated products to provide unique, innovative solutions that we bring to market, such as real-time account-based payments, Mastercard B2B Hub™ and Mastercard Send™ platforms
• providing value-added services across safety and security, consulting, data analytics and loyalty Strategic Partners. We work with a variety of stakeholders. We provide financial institutions with solutions to help them increase revenue by driving preference for Mastercard-branded products. We help merchants, financial institutions and other organizations by delivering data-driven insights and other services that help them grow and create simple and secure purchase experiences. We partner with technology companies such as digital players and mobile providers to deliver digital payment solutions powered by our technology, expertise and security protocols. We help national and local governments drive increased financial inclusion and efficiency, reduce costs, increase transparency to reduce crime and corruption and advance social programs. For consumers, we provide better, safer and more convenient ways to pay.

Business Environment

We authorize, clear and settle transactions in more than 210 countries and territories and in more than 150 currencies. Net revenue generated in the United States was 32% of total net revenue for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, and 34% and 35% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively. No individual country, other than the United States, generated more than 10% of total net revenue in each period, but differences in market growth, economic health and foreign exchange fluctuations in certain countries can have an impact on the proportion of revenue generated outside the United States over time. While the global nature of our business helps protect our operating results from adverse economic conditions in a single or a few countries, the significant concentration of our revenue generated in the United States makes our business particularly susceptible to adverse economic conditions in the United States. Our primary revenue billing currencies are the U.S. dollar, euro, Brazilian real and the British pound.

The competitive and evolving nature of the global payments industry provides both challenges to and opportunities for the continued growth of our business. Adverse economic trends (including distress in financial markets, currency fluctuations, turmoil in specific economies around the world and additional government intervention) have impacted the environment in which we operate. Certain of our customers, merchants that accept our brands and account holders who use our brands, have been directly impacted by these adverse economic conditions.

Our financial results may be negatively impacted by actions taken by individual financial institutions or by governmental or regulatory bodies. In addition, political instability or a decline in economic conditions in the countries in which we operate may accelerate the timing of or increase the impact of risks to our financial performance. As a result, our revenue or results of operations may be negatively impacted. We continue to monitor political and economic conditions around the world to identify opportunities for the continued growth of our business and to evaluate the evolution of the global payments industry. Notwithstanding recent encouraging trends, the extent and pace of economic recovery in various regions remains uncertain and the overall business environment may present challenges for us to grow our business.

For a full discussion of the various legal, regulatory and business risks that could impact our financial results, see “Risk Factors” in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

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Financial Results Overview

The following tables provide a summary of our operating results:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Increase/(Decrease)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Increase/(Decrease)
	2018	2017			2018	2017	
	(\$ in millions, except per share data)						
Net revenue	\$3,898	\$3,398	15%		\$11,143	\$9,185	21%
Operating expenses	\$1,611	\$1,457	11%		\$5,095	\$4,085	25%
Operating income	\$2,287	\$1,941	18%		\$6,048	\$5,100	19%
Operating margin	58.7 %	57.1 %	1.5 ppt		54.3 %	55.5 %	(1.2) ppt
Income tax expense	\$365	\$502	(27)%		\$1,029	\$1,350	(24)%
Effective income tax rate	16.1 %	26.0 %	(9.9) ppt		17.2 %	26.8 %	(9.6) ppt
Net income	\$1,899	\$1,430	33%		\$4,960	\$3,688	34%
Diluted earnings per share	\$1.82	\$1.34	36%		\$4.73	\$3.43	38%
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding	1,043	1,068	(2)%		1,050	1,075	(2)%

Summary of Non-GAAP Results¹:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Increase/(Decrease)	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2018	2017	As adjusted	Currency-neutral		2018	2017	As adjusted	Currency-neutral
	(\$ in millions, except per share data)								
Net revenue	\$3,898	\$3,398	15%	17%		\$11,143	\$9,185	21%	20%
Adjusted operating expenses	\$1,582	\$1,457	9%	10%		\$4,724	\$4,070	16%	15%
Adjusted operating margin	59.4 %	57.1 %	2.3 ppt	2.6 ppt		57.6 %	55.7 %	1.9 ppt	1.9 ppt
Adjusted effective income tax rate	19.1 %	26.0 %	(6.9) ppt	(6.8) ppt		18.5 %	26.8 %	(8.3) ppt	(8.2) ppt
Adjusted net income	\$1,856	\$1,430	30%	33%		\$5,181	\$3,698	40%	39%
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	\$1.78	\$1.34	33%	36%		\$4.94	\$3.44	44%	42%

Note: Tables may not sum due to rounding.

¹ The Summary of Non-GAAP Results excludes the impact of Special Items (defined below) and/or foreign currency. See “Non-GAAP Financial Information” for further information on the Special Items, the impact of foreign currency and the reconciliation to GAAP reported amounts.

Key highlights for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 were as follows:

Net revenue increased 15% and 21%, or 17% and 20% on a currency-neutral basis, respectively, versus the comparable periods in 2017. Current year results include a combined 3 and 4 percentage points of growth, respectively, from the impact of the adoption of the new revenue standard and our prior year acquisitions. The remaining 14 and 16 percentage points of respective growth on a currency-neutral basis was primarily driven by: Ø Switched transaction growth of 16% and 17%, adjusted for the impact of the Venezuela deconsolidation, respectively

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Ø Cross border growth of 17% and 19% on a local currency basis, respectively
 Ø Gross dollar volume growth of 13% and 14% on a local currency basis, respectively
 Ø These increases were partially offset by higher rebates and incentives, which increased 18% and 19%, or 21% and 19% on a currency-neutral basis, respectively
 Operating expenses increased 11% and 25% respectively, versus the comparable periods in 2017. Excluding the impact of the Special Items (defined below), adjusted operating expenses increased 9% and 16%, respectively. On a currency-neutral basis the increase was 10% and 15%, respectively, primarily driven by:
 Ø 2 and 3 percentage point respective increases from the adoption of the new revenue guidance,
 Ø 3 percentage point increase from acquisitions for the nine months ended September 30, 2018,
 Ø 3 percentage point increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 from the contribution to the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth in the first quarter of 2018, partially offset by,
 Ø 2 and 3 percentage point respective benefits from gains associated with foreign exchange activity for derivative contracts net of balance sheet remeasurement losses, as compared to losses in the prior year comparable periods. The remaining 10 percentage points of respective growth for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily related to our continued investment in strategic initiatives and higher operating costs.
 The effective income tax rate was 16.1% and 17.2% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, versus 26.0% and 26.8%, respectively, for the comparable periods in 2017. The lower effective tax rates, versus the comparable periods in 2017, were primarily due to a lower enacted statutory tax rate in the United States and a more favorable geographic mix of taxable earnings. The lower effective tax rates for the periods were also attributable to \$65 million of discrete deferred tax benefits, relating primarily to provisions for legal matters in the United States. Additionally, the lower effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was attributable to discrete benefits for share-based payments.

Other financial highlights for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 were as follows:

• We generated net cash flows from operations of \$4.9 billion compared to \$3.8 billion for the comparable period in 2017.

• We completed a debt offering for an aggregate principal amount of \$1 billion in the first quarter of 2018.

• We repurchased 21.8 million shares of our common stock and paid dividends of \$785 million.

Non-GAAP Financial Information

Non-GAAP financial information is defined as a numerical measure of a company's performance that excludes or includes amounts so as to be different than the most comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). Our non-GAAP financial measures exclude the impact of the following special items ("Special Items"):

In the third quarter of 2018, we recorded provisions for litigation of \$23 million (\$17 million after tax, or \$0.02 per diluted share) related to litigation settlements with U.K. merchants and \$6 million (\$5 million after tax, and a de minimis impact to diluted shares) related to litigation settlements with Pan-European merchants. Additionally, we recorded discrete tax benefits of \$65 million (\$0.06 per diluted share) related primarily to provisions for legal matters in the United States.

In the second quarter of 2018, we recorded provisions for litigation of \$210 million (\$163 million after tax, or \$0.16 per diluted share) related to both the U.S. merchant class litigation and the filed and anticipated opt-out U.S. merchant cases. Additionally, we recorded provisions for litigation of \$15 million (\$12 million after tax, or \$0.01 per diluted share) related to litigation settlements with U.K. merchants.

In the first quarter of 2018, we recorded provisions for litigation of \$70 million (\$53 million after tax, or \$0.05 per diluted share) related to litigation settlements with Pan-European merchants, \$27 million (\$21 million after tax, or \$0.02 per

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diluted share) related to an increased reserve for our U.S. merchant opt-out cases and \$19 million (\$15 million after tax, or \$0.01 per diluted share) related to litigation settlements with U.K. merchants.

In the first quarter of 2017, we recorded provisions for litigation of \$15 million (\$10 million after tax, or \$0.01 per diluted share) related to a litigation settlement with Canadian merchants.

We excluded these Special Items because management evaluates the underlying operations and performance of the company separately from litigation judgments and settlements related to interchange and other one-time items, as well as related tax impacts.

In addition, we present growth rates adjusted for the impact of foreign currency, which is a non-GAAP financial measure. Currency-neutral growth rates are calculated by remeasuring the prior period's results using the current period's exchange rates for both the translational and transactional impacts on operating results. The impact of foreign currency translation represents the effect of translating operating results where the functional currency is different than our U.S. dollar reporting currency. The impact of the transactional foreign currency represents the effect of converting revenue and expenses occurring in a currency other than the functional currency. Our management believes the presentation of the impact of foreign currency provides relevant information.

Our management believes that the non-GAAP financial measures presented facilitate an understanding of our operating performance and provide a meaningful comparison of our results between periods. Our management uses non-GAAP financial measures to, among other things, evaluate our ongoing operations in relation to historical results, for internal planning and forecasting purposes and in the calculation of performance-based compensation.

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Net revenue, operating expenses, operating margin, effective income tax rate, net income and diluted earnings per share adjusted for Special Items and/or the impact of foreign currency are non-GAAP financial measures and should not be relied upon as substitutes for measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. The following tables reconcile our as-reported financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP to the respective non-GAAP adjusted financial measures.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2018

	Operating expenses	Operating margin	Effective income tax rate	Net income	Diluted earnings per share
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(\$ in millions, except per share data)

Reported - GAAP	\$1,611	58.7 %	16.1 %	\$1,899	\$ 1.82
Special Items - litigation provisions	(29)	0.8 %	0.1 %	22	0.02
Special Items - discrete tax items	—	— %	2.9 %	(65)	(0.06)
Non-GAAP	\$1,582	59.4 %	19.1 %	\$1,856	\$ 1.78

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018

	Operating expenses	Operating margin	Effective income tax rate	Net income	Diluted earnings per share
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(\$ in millions, except per share data)

Reported - GAAP	\$5,095	54.3 %	17.2 %	\$4,960	\$ 4.73
Special Items - litigation provisions	(371)	3.3 %	0.3 %	286	0.27
Special Items - discrete tax items	—	— %	1.0 %	(65)	(0.06)
Non-GAAP	\$4,724	57.6 %	18.5 %	\$5,181	\$ 4.94

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

	Operating expenses	Operating margin	Effective income tax rate	Net income	Diluted earnings per share
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(\$ in millions, except per share data)

Reported - GAAP	\$4,085	55.5 %	26.8 %	\$3,688	\$ 3.43
Special Item - litigation provisions	(15)	0.2 %	— %	10	0.01
Non-GAAP	\$4,070	55.7 %	26.8 %	\$3,698	\$ 3.44

Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017
Increase/(Decrease)

	Net revenue	Operating expenses	Operating margin	Effective income tax rate	Net income	Diluted earnings per share
Reported - GAAP	15 %	11 %	1.5 ppt	(9.9) ppt	33 %	36 %
Special Items - litigation provisions	— %	(2) %	0.8 ppt	0.1 ppt	2 %	2 %
Special Items - discrete tax items	— %	— %	- ppt	2.9 ppt	(5) %	(5) %
Non-GAAP	15 %	9 %	2.3 ppt	(6.9) ppt	30 %	33 %
Foreign currency ¹	2 %	1 %	0.3 ppt	0.1 ppt	3 %	3 %
Non-GAAP - currency-neutral	17 %	10 %	2.6 ppt	(6.8) ppt	33 %	36 %

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Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017
Increase/(Decrease)

	Net revenue	Operating expenses	Operating margin	Effective income tax rate	Net income	Diluted earnings per share
Reported - GAAP	21 %	25 %	(1.2) ppt	(9.6) ppt	34 %	38 %
Special Items - litigation provisions	— %	(9) %	3.1 ppt	0.3 ppt	7 %	8 %
Special Items - discrete tax items	— %	— %	- ppt	1.0 ppt	(2) %	(2) %
Non-GAAP	21 %	16 %	1.9 ppt	(8.3) ppt	40 %	44 %
Foreign currency ¹	(1) %	(1) %	- ppt	0.1 ppt	(1) %	(1) %
Non-GAAP - currency-neutral	20 %	15 %	1.9 ppt	(8.2) ppt	39 %	42 %

Note: Tables may not sum due to rounding.

¹ Represents the foreign currency translational and transactional impact.

Impact of Foreign Currency Rates

Our overall operating results are impacted by foreign currency translation, which represents the effect of translating operating results where the functional currency is different than our U.S. dollar reporting currency.

Our operating results can also be impacted by transactional foreign currency. The impact of the transactional foreign currency represents the effect of converting revenue and expense transactions occurring in a currency other than the functional currency. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates directly impact the calculation of gross dollar volume (“GDV”) and gross euro volume (“GEV”), which are used in the calculation of our domestic assessments, cross-border volume fees and volume-related rebates and incentives. In most non-European regions, GDV is calculated based on local currency spending volume converted to U.S. dollars using average exchange rates for the period. In Europe, GEV is calculated based on local currency spending volume converted to euros using average exchange rates for the period. As a result, our domestic assessments, cross-border volume fees and volume-related rebates and incentives are impacted by the strengthening or weakening of the U.S. dollar versus non-European local currencies and the strengthening or weakening of the euro versus other European local currencies. For example, our billing in Australia is in the U.S. dollar, however, consumer spend in Australia is in the Australian dollar. The foreign currency transactional impact of converting Australian dollars to our U.S. dollar billing currency will have an impact on the revenue generated. The strengthening or weakening of the U.S. dollar is evident when GDV growth on a U.S. dollar-converted basis is compared to GDV growth on a local currency basis. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, GDV on a U.S. dollar-converted basis increased 9% and 14%, respectively, while GDV on a local currency basis increased 13% and 14%, respectively, versus the comparable periods in 2017. Further, the impact from transactional foreign currency occurs in transaction processing revenue, other revenue and operating expenses when the local currency of these items are different than the functional currency.

In addition, we incur foreign currency gains and losses from remeasuring monetary assets and liabilities that are in a currency other than the functional currency and from remeasuring foreign exchange derivative contracts (“Foreign Exchange Activity”). The impact of Foreign Exchange Activity has not been eliminated in our currency-neutral results (see “Non-GAAP Financial Information”) and is recorded in general and administrative expenses. We attempt to manage foreign currency balance sheet remeasurement and cash flow risk through our foreign exchange risk management activities, which are discussed further in Note 16 (Foreign Exchange Risk Management) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report. Since we do not designate foreign currency derivatives as hedging instruments pursuant to the accounting standards for derivative instruments and hedging activities, we record gains and losses on foreign exchange derivatives on a current basis, with the associated offset being recognized as the exposures materialize.

We are exposed to currency devaluation in certain countries. In addition, we are subject to exchange control regulations that restrict the conversion of financial assets into U.S. dollars. While these revenues and assets are not material to us on a consolidated basis, we can be negatively impacted should there be a continued and sustained devaluation of local currencies relative to the U.S. dollar and/or a continued and sustained deterioration of economic

conditions in these countries.

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Financial Results

Revenue

In the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, gross revenue increased 16% and 21%, or 18% and 20% on a currency-neutral basis, respectively, versus the comparable periods in 2017. Gross revenue growth in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 was driven by an increase in transactions, dollar volume of activity on cards carrying our brands and other payment-related products and services.

Rebates and incentives, in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, increased 18% and 19%, or 21% and 19% on a currency-neutral basis, respectively, versus the comparable periods in 2017, primarily due to new and renewed deals and increased volumes.

Our net revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, increased 15% and 21%, or 17% and 20% on a currency-neutral basis, respectively, versus the comparable periods in 2017. The adoption of the new revenue guidance and our prior year acquisitions contributed a combined 3 and 4 percentage points of growth for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively.

See Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report for a further discussion of the new revenue guidance. Additionally, see Note 3 (Revenue) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report for a further discussion of how we recognize revenue.

The significant components of net revenue were as follows:

	Three Months			Nine Months		
	Ended		Increase (Decrease)	Ended September		Increase (Decrease)
	September 30,	September 30,		30,	2017	
	2018	2017		2018	2017	
	(\$ in millions)					
Domestic assessments	\$1,564	\$1,302	20%	\$4,559	\$3,751	22%
Cross-border volume fees	1,338	1,157	16%	3,693	3,057	21%
Transaction processing	1,912	1,662	15%	5,449	4,505	21%
Other revenues	819	747	10%	2,352	2,002	17%
Gross revenue	5,633	4,868	16%	16,053	13,315	21%
Rebates and incentives (contra-revenue)	(1,735)	(1,470)	18%	(4,910)	(4,130)	19%
Net revenue	\$3,898	\$3,398	15%	\$11,143	\$9,185	21%

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The following table summarizes the primary drivers of net revenue growth in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, versus the comparable periods in 2017:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018					
	Volume	Acquisitions	Revenue standard	Foreign Currency	Other	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Domestic assessments	13%	— %	5 %	(4)%	6 %	20 %
Cross-border volume fees	15%	— %	1 %	(3)%	2 %	16 %
Transaction processing	13%	— %	— %	(2)%	4 %	15 %
Other revenues	**	(2)%	— %	(2)%	13 %	10 %
Rebates and incentives (contra-revenue)	10%	— %	(1)%	(3)%	12 %	18 %
Net revenue	12%	— %	3 %	(2)%	2 %	15 %
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018					
	Volume	Acquisitions	Revenue Standard	Foreign Currency	Other	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Domestic assessments	13%	— %	6 %	— %	3 %	22 %
Cross-border volume fees	18%	— %	1 %	2 %	— %	21 %
Transaction processing	14%	— %	— %	1 %	5 %	21 %
Other revenues	**	2 %	— %	— %	16 %	17 %
Rebates and incentives (contra-revenue)	10%	— %	(1)%	— %	9 %	19 %
Net revenue	14%	1 %	3 %	1 %	2 %	21 %

Note: Table may not sum due to rounding.

** Not applicable.

¹ Represents the impact of our adoption of the new revenue guidance. For a more detailed discussion on the impact of the new revenue guidance, refer to Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report.

² Represents the foreign currency translational and transactional impact versus the prior year period.

³ Includes impact from pricing and other non-volume based fees.

⁴ Includes impact of the allocation of revenue to service deliverables, which are recorded in other revenue when services are performed.

⁵ Includes impacts from Advisor fees, safety and security fees, loyalty and reward solution fees and other payment-related products and services.

⁶ Includes the impact from timing of new, renewed and expired agreements.

The following table provides a summary of the trend in volume and transaction growth.

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	September 30, 2018		2017		September 30, 2018		2017	
	Growth (USD)	Growth (Local)	Growth (USD)	Growth (Local)	Growth (USD)	Growth (Local)	Growth (USD)	Growth (Local)
Mastercard-branded GDV ¹	9 %	13 %	11 %	10 %	14 %	14 %	6 %	7 %
Asia Pacific/Middle East/Africa	10 %	13 %	8 %	8 %	15 %	13 %	6 %	8 %
Canada	6 %	10 %	13 %	9 %	11 %	10 %	12 %	10 %
Europe	10 %	18 %	18 %	15 %	20 %	19 %	5 %	7 %
Latin America	2 %	16 %	17 %	15 %	9 %	17 %	17 %	15 %
United States	9 %	9 %	6 %	6 %	10 %	10 %	4 %	4 %
Cross-border Volume ¹	14 %	17 %	17 %	15 %	22 %	19 %	13 %	14 %

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Switched Transactions 12 % 17 % 13 % 17 %

¹ Excludes volume generated by Maestro and Cirrus cards.

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In 2016, GDV was impacted by the EU Interchange Fee Regulation related to card payments, which became effective in June 2016. The regulation requires that we no longer collect fees on domestic European Economic Area payment transactions that do not use our network brand. Prior to that, we collected a de minimis assessment fee in a few countries, particularly France, on transactions with Mastercard co-badged cards if the brands of domestic networks (as opposed to Mastercard) were used. As a result, the non-Mastercard co-badged volume is no longer being included. The following table reflects GDV growth rates for Europe and Worldwide Mastercard. For comparability purposes, we adjusted growth rates for the impact of Article 8 of the EU Interchange Fee Regulation related to card payments, to exclude the prior period co-badged volume processed by other networks.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017
GDV ¹				
Worldwide as reported	13%	10%	14%	7%
Worldwide as adjusted for EU Regulation	13%	10%	14%	9%
Europe as reported	18%	15%	19%	7%
Europe as adjusted for EU Regulation	18%	16%	19%	15%

¹ Excludes volume generated by Maestro and Cirrus cards.

The following table reflects switched transactions growth rates. For comparability purposes, we adjusted growth rates for the deconsolidation of our Venezuelan subsidiaries. Revenue from these transactions was not material to our consolidated financial results. For a more detailed discussion of the deconsolidation of our Venezuelan subsidiaries, refer to Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) in Part II, Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017
Switched Transactions as reported	12%	17%	13%	17%
Switched Transactions as adjusted for the deconsolidation of Venezuela subsidiaries	16%	15%	17%	16%

A significant portion of our revenue is concentrated among our five largest customers. The loss of any of these customers or their significant card programs could adversely impact our revenue. In addition, as part of our business strategy, Mastercard, among other efforts, enters into business agreements with customers. These agreements can be terminated in a variety of circumstances. See our risk factor in “Risk Factor - Business Risks” in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses increased 11% and 25% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, versus the comparable periods in 2017. Excluding the impact of the Special Items, adjusted operating expenses increased 9% and 16%, or 10% and 15% on a currency-neutral basis, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, versus the comparable periods in 2017.

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The components of operating expenses were as follows:

	Three Months				Nine Months			
	Ended		Increase		Ended		Increase	
	September 30,	September 30,	(Decrease)		September 30,	September 30,	(Decrease)	
	2018	2017			2018	2017		
	(\$ in millions)							
General and administrative	\$1,236	\$1,136	9	%	\$3,684	\$3,162	16	%
Advertising and marketing	235	203	15	%	694	587	18	%
Depreciation and amortization	111	118	(6)	)%	346	321	8	%
Provision for litigation settlements	29	—	**		371	15	**	
Total operating expenses	1,611	1,457	11	%	5,095	4,085	25	%
Special Items ¹	(29	) —	**		(371	) (15) **	
Adjusted total operating expenses (excluding Special Items ¹)	\$1,582	\$1,457	9	%	\$4,724	\$4,070	16	%

** Not meaningful.

¹ See “Non-GAAP Financial Information” for further information on the Special Items.

The following table summarizes the primary drivers of changes in operating expenses in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 versus the comparable periods in 2017:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018									
	Operational	Special	Acquisitions	Revenue	Center	Foreign	Total			
	Items ¹	Items ¹		Standard	for	Currency				
				2	Inclusive	4				
					Growth ³					
General and administrative	11	—	(1)	—	—	(1)	9			
Advertising and marketing	4	—	1	14	—	(2)	15			
Depreciation and amortization	(9)	—	3	—	—	—	(6)			
Provision for litigation settlements	**	**	**	**	**	**	**			
Total operating expenses	8	2	(1)	2	—	(1)	11			
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018									
	Operational	Special	Acquisitions	Revenue	Center	Foreign	Total			
	Items ¹	Items ¹		Standard	for	Currency				
				2	Inclusive	4				
					Growth ³					
General and administrative	10	—	2	—	3	1	16			
Advertising and marketing	(4)	—	—	21	—	1	18			
Depreciation and amortization	(5)	—	12	—	—	1	8			
Provision for litigation settlements	**	**	**	**	**	**	**			
Total operating expenses	7	9	3	3	3	1	25			

Note: Tables may not sum due to rounding.

** Not meaningful.

¹ See “Non-GAAP Financial Information” for further information on the Special Items.

² Represents the impact of our adoption of the new revenue guidance. For a more detailed discussion on the impact of the new revenue guidance, refer to Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

³ Represents contribution to the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth, a non-profit charitable organization, made in the first quarter of 2018.

⁴ Represents the foreign currency translational and transactional impact versus the prior year period.

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General and Administrative

The significant components of general and administrative expenses were as follows:

	Three Months				Nine Months			
	Ended		Increase		Ended		Increase	
	September 30,	(Decrease)	September 30,	(Decrease)	September 30,	(Decrease)	September 30,	(Decrease)
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(\$ in millions)							
Personnel	\$822	\$723	14	%	\$2,371	\$1,961	21	%
Professional fees	88	85	2	%	253	240	5	%
Data processing and telecommunications	154	135	14	%	437	366	19	%
Foreign exchange activity	2	23	**		(29)	93	**	
Other	170	170	1	%	652	502	30	%
General and administrative expenses	\$1,236	\$1,136	9	%	\$3,684	\$3,162	16	%

Note: Table may not sum due to rounding.

** Not meaningful.

The primary drivers of general and administrative expenses for three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 versus the comparable periods in 2017 are as follows:

Personnel expenses increased 14% and 21%, or 15% and 20% on a currency-neutral basis, respectively. The increase was due to a higher number of employees to support our continued investment in the areas of digital infrastructure, safety and security platforms and data analytics as well as geographic expansion. The impact from acquisitions was de minimis for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and contributed 3 percentage points to expense growth for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Data processing and telecommunication expenses increased 14% and 19%, or 14% and 18% on a currency-neutral basis, respectively, due to capacity growth of our business. The impact from acquisitions was de minimis for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and contributed 5 percentage points to expense growth for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Foreign exchange activity contributed a benefit of 2 and 4 percentage points, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, we recorded gains from our foreign exchange derivative contracts primarily related to the strengthening of the U.S. dollar, fully offset by balance sheet remeasurement losses. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 we recorded gains from our foreign exchange derivative contracts primarily related to the strengthening of the U.S. dollar, partially offset by balance sheet remeasurement losses. This compares to losses from both our foreign exchange derivative contracts and balance sheet remeasurement in the prior year comparable periods. Other expenses remained relatively flat for the three months ended September 30, 2018. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 other expenses increased 20 percentage points primarily due to the contribution to the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth, a non-profit charitable organization. The remaining increase was due to costs to support our strategic development efforts. Other expenses include costs to provide loyalty and rewards solutions, travel and meeting expenses, rental expense for our facilities and other costs associated with our business.

Advertising and Marketing

Advertising and marketing expenses increased 15% and 18%, or 18% and 17% on a currency-neutral basis, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, versus the comparable periods in 2017, primarily due to a change in accounting for certain marketing fund arrangements as a result of our adoption of the new revenue guidance, partially offset by a net decrease in spending on certain marketing campaigns. For a more detailed discussion on the impact of the new revenue guidance, refer to Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies).

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expenses decreased 6% or 5% on a currency-neutral basis, for the three months ended September 30, 2018 versus the comparable period in 2017, primarily due to the full amortization of certain intangible assets. Depreciation and amortization expenses increased 8% or 7% on a currency-neutral basis, for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 versus the comparable period in 2017, primarily due to the impact of acquisitions partially offset by the full amortization of certain intangible assets.

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Provision for Litigation Settlements

In the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, we recorded \$29 million and \$371 million in provisions for various litigations, respectively, versus \$15 million recorded in the first quarter of 2017. See section entitled “Non-GAAP Financial Information” in this section and Note 14 (Legal and Regulatory Proceedings) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report for further discussion.

Other Income (Expense)

Other income (expense) is comprised primarily of investment income, interest expense, our share of income (losses) from equity method investments, certain income (expense) from our defined benefit plans and other gains and losses. Total other expense increased \$14 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 versus the comparable period in 2017, primarily due to higher interest expense related to our debt issuance in February 2018 and the lapping of a gain relating to an investment we had in a company that we acquired in the third quarter of 2017, partially offset by higher investment income. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 total other income (expense) remained relatively flat.

Income Taxes

The effective income tax rates were 16.1% and 17.2% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 versus 26.0% and 26.8%, respectively, for the comparable periods in 2017. The lower effective tax rates, versus the comparable periods in 2017, were primarily due to a lower enacted statutory tax rate in the United States and a more favorable geographic mix of taxable earnings. On December 22, 2017, the U.S. passed comprehensive tax legislation (the “U.S. Tax Reform”) which, among other things, reduces the U.S. corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% in 2018. These benefits were partially offset by other aspects of the U.S. Tax Reform for which a tax benefit is no longer recognized, including a U.S. foreign tax credit benefit for the repatriation of current year foreign earnings and the domestic production activities deduction. The lower effective tax rates for the periods were also attributable to \$65 million of discrete deferred tax benefits, relating primarily to provisions for legal matters in the United States. See Note 14 (Legal and Regulatory Proceedings) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report for further discussion of the U.S. merchant class litigation. Additionally, the lower effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was attributable to discrete benefits related to share-based payments.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We rely on existing liquidity, cash generated from operations and access to capital to fund our global operations, credit and settlement exposure, capital expenditures, investments in our business and current and potential obligations. The following table summarizes the cash, cash equivalents, investments and credit available to us at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(in billions)	
Cash, cash equivalents and investments ¹	\$ 8.5	\$ 7.8
Unused line of credit	3.8	3.8

¹ Investments include available-for-sale securities and short-term held-to-maturity securities. At September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, this amount excludes restricted cash related to the U.S. merchant class litigation settlement of \$550 million and \$546 million, respectively. This amount also excludes restricted security deposits held for customers of \$1.0 billion at September 30, 2018 and \$1.1 billion at December 31, 2017.

As a result of the enactment of the U.S. Tax Reform, among other things, we have changed our assertion regarding the indefinite reinvestment of foreign earnings outside the U.S. for certain of our foreign affiliates. See Note 13 (Income Taxes) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report for further discussion. It is our present intention to indefinitely reinvest a portion of our historic undistributed accumulated earnings associated with certain foreign subsidiaries outside of the United States. Based upon the ongoing review of business requirements and capital needs of our non-U.S. subsidiaries, we believe a portion of these undistributed earnings that have already been subject to tax in the U.S. will be necessary to fund current and future growth of the related businesses and will remain indefinitely reinvested outside of the U.S. In 2018, we continue to review our global working capital and cash needs to determine the amount we consider indefinitely reinvested. We will disclose such amount in the period in which such

analysis is completed.

Our liquidity and access to capital could be negatively impacted by global credit market conditions. We guarantee the settlement of many Mastercard, Cirrus and Maestro-branded transactions between our issuers and acquirers. See Note 15 (Settlement and

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Other Risk Management) to the consolidated financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Report for a description of these guarantees. Historically, payments under these guarantees have not been significant; however, historical trends may not be an indication of potential future losses. The risk of loss on these guarantees is specific to individual customers, but may also be driven significantly by regional or global economic conditions, including, but not limited to the health of the financial institutions in a country or region.

Our liquidity and access to capital could also be negatively impacted by the outcome of any of the legal or regulatory proceedings to which we are a party. For additional discussion of these and other risks facing our business, see Part I, Item 1A - Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017; Note 14 (Legal and Regulatory Proceedings) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report; and “Business Environment” within this section of this Report.

Cash Flow

The table below shows a summary of the cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017:

Nine Months
Ended
September 30,
2018 2017
(in millions)

Cash Flow Data:

Net cash provided by operating activities	\$4,891	\$3,841
Net cash used in investing activities	(237)	(1,623)
Net cash used in financing activities	(3,833)	(3,494)

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$1,050 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, versus the comparable period in 2017, primarily due to higher net income adjusted for non-cash items, partially offset by refund of restricted security deposits and timing of settlement with customers.

Net cash used in investing activities decreased \$1,386 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, versus the comparable period in 2017, primarily due to prior year acquisitions and higher net proceeds from investment securities in the current period.

Net cash used in financing activities increased \$339 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, versus the comparable period in 2017, due to higher repurchases of our Class A common stock, partially offset by the proceeds from the issuance of debt in the current period.

The table below shows a summary of select balance sheet data at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

September 30, December 31,
2018 2017
(in millions)

Balance Sheet Data:

Current assets	\$15,064	\$13,797
Current liabilities	9,709	8,793
Long-term liabilities	7,764	6,968
Equity	5,796	5,497

We believe that our existing cash, cash equivalents and investment securities balances, our cash flow generating capabilities, our borrowing capacity and our access to capital resources are sufficient to satisfy our future operating cash needs, capital asset purchases, outstanding commitments and other liquidity requirements associated with our existing operations and potential obligations.

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Debt and Credit Availability

In February 2018, we issued \$500 million principal amount of notes due in 2028 and an additional \$500 million principal amount of notes due in 2048. Our total debt outstanding (including the current portion) was \$6.4 billion and \$5.4 billion at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, with the earliest maturity of \$500 million of principal occurring in April 2019.

We have a commercial paper program (the “Commercial Paper Program”), under which we are authorized to issue up to \$3.75 billion in outstanding notes, with maturities up to 397 days from the date of issuance. In conjunction with the Commercial Paper Program, we entered into a committed unsecured \$3.75 billion revolving credit facility (the “Credit Facility”) which expires in October 2022.

Borrowings under the Commercial Paper Program and the Credit Facility are to provide liquidity for general corporate purposes, including providing liquidity in the event of one or more settlement failures by our customers. In addition, we may borrow and repay amounts under these facilities for business continuity purposes. We had no borrowings outstanding under the Commercial Paper Program or the Credit Facility at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

In March 2018, we filed a universal shelf registration statement (replacing a previously filed shelf registration statement that was set to expire) to provide additional access to capital, if needed. Pursuant to the shelf registration statement, we may from time to time offer to sell debt securities, guarantees of debt securities, preferred stock, Class A common stock, depository shares, purchase contracts, units or warrants in one or more offerings.

See Note 9 (Debt) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report for further discussion of long-term debt, the Commercial Paper Program and the Credit Facility.

Dividends and Share Repurchases

We have historically paid quarterly dividends on our outstanding Class A common stock and Class B common stock. Subject to legally available funds, we intend to continue to pay a quarterly cash dividend. However, the declaration and payment of future dividends is at the sole discretion of our Board of Directors after taking into account various factors, including our financial condition, operating results, available cash and current and anticipated cash needs. Aggregate payments for quarterly dividends totaled \$785 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

On December 4, 2017, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share paid on February 9, 2018 to holders of record on January 9, 2018 of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock. The aggregate amount of this dividend was \$263 million.

On February 5, 2018, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share payable on May 9, 2018 to holders of record on April 9, 2018 of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock. The aggregate amount of this dividend was \$262 million.

On June 25, 2018, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share payable on August 9, 2018 to holders of record on July 9, 2018 of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock. The aggregate amount of this dividend was \$260 million.

On September 17, 2018, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share payable on November 9, 2018 to holders of record on October 9, 2018 of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock. The aggregate amount of this dividend will be \$259 million.

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Repurchased shares of our common stock are considered treasury stock. The timing and actual number of additional shares repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including the operating needs of the business, legal requirements, price and economic and market conditions. In December 2017 and December 2016, our Board of Directors approved share repurchase programs authorizing us to repurchase up to \$4 billion of our Class A common stock under each plan. The program approved in 2017 became effective in March 2018 after completion of the share repurchase program authorized in December 2016. The following table summarizes our share repurchases, of our Class A common stock through September 30, 2018, under the plans approved in 2017 and 2016:

	(in millions, except average price data)
Remaining authorization at December 31, 2017	\$ 5,234
Dollar value of shares repurchased during the nine months ended September 30, 2018	\$ 4,045
Remaining authorization at September 30, 2018	\$ 1,189
Shares repurchased during the nine months ended September 30, 2018	21.8
Average price paid per share during the nine months ended September 30, 2018	\$ 185.64
See Note 10 (Stockholders' Equity) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report for further discussion.	

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet debt, other than lease arrangements and other commitments as presented in the future obligations table in Item 7 (Liquidity and Capital Resources) in Part II of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Refer to Note 1 (Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk is the potential for economic losses to be incurred on market risk sensitive instruments arising from adverse changes in market factors such as interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and equity price risk. Our exposure to market risk from changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity price risk is limited.

Management establishes and oversees the implementation of policies governing our funding, investments and use of derivative financial instruments. We monitor risk exposures on an ongoing basis. The effect of a hypothetical 10% adverse change in U.S. dollar forward rates could result in a fair value loss of approximately \$108 million on our foreign currency derivative contracts outstanding at September 30, 2018 related to the hedging program. A 100 basis point adverse change in interest rates would not have a material impact on our investments at September 30, 2018.

Our euro-denominated debt is vulnerable to changes in the euro to U.S. dollar exchange rates. We use the euro-denominated debt to hedge a portion of our net investment in foreign operations against adverse movements in exchange rates, with changes in the translated value of the debt recorded within currency translation adjustment in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). In addition to euro-denominated debt, we have U.S.

dollar-denominated debt, both of which carry a fixed interest rate and thus the fair value of our debt is subject to interest rate risk. There was no material equity price risk at September 30, 2018.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) are designed to ensure that information that is required to be disclosed in the reports under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission and to ensure that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer

and our Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure. The President and Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, with assistance from

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other members of management, have reviewed the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Report and, based on their evaluation, have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of such date.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in Mastercard's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2018 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, Mastercard's internal control over financial reporting.

Other Financial Information

With respect to the unaudited consolidated financial information of Mastercard Incorporated and its subsidiaries as of September 30, 2018 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their report dated October 30, 2018 appearing below, states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that unaudited financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their report on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act") for their report on the unaudited consolidated financial information because that report is not a "report" or a "part" of a registration statement prepared or certified by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Mastercard Incorporated:

Results of Review of Interim Financial Statements

We have reviewed the consolidated balance sheet of Mastercard Incorporated and its subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of September 30, 2018, and the related consolidated statements of operations and of comprehensive income for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the nine-month period ended 2017 and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017, including the related notes, appearing under Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q (collectively referred to as the “interim financial statements”). Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2017, and the related consolidated statements of operations, of comprehensive income, of changes in equity, and of cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein), and in our report dated February 14, 2018, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the consolidated balance sheet information as of December 31, 2017, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

Basis for Review Results

These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB. We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
New York, New York
October 30, 2018

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Refer to Note 14 (Legal and Regulatory Proceedings) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

For a discussion of our risk factors, see Item 1A (Risk Factors) in Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

During the third quarter of 2018, we repurchased a total of approximately 5.6 million shares for \$1.2 billion at an average price of \$207.14 per share of Class A common stock. See Note 10 (Stockholders' Equity) to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this Report for further discussion with respect to our share repurchase programs. Our repurchase activity during the third quarter of 2018 is summarized in the following table:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share (including commission cost)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Dollar Value of Shares that may yet be Purchased under the Plans or Programs ¹
July 1 - 31	1,909,197	\$ 203.43	1,909,197	\$ 1,965,014,604
August 1 - 31	2,190,133	\$ 203.77	2,190,133	\$ 1,518,740,332
September 1 - 30	1,522,040	\$ 216.64	1,522,040	\$ 1,189,010,441
Total	5,621,370	\$ 207.14	5,621,370	

¹ Dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the repurchase programs is as of the end of the period.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, we hereby incorporate by reference herein the disclosure contained in Exhibit 99.1 of this Report.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Refer to the Exhibit Index included herein.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
10.1	<u>Superseding and Amended Class Settlement Agreement, dated September 17, 2018, by and among Mastercard Incorporated and Mastercard International Incorporated; Visa, Inc., Visa U.S.A. Inc. and Visa International Service Association; the Class Plaintiffs defined therein; and the Customer Banks defined therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 18, 2018 (File No. 001-32877)).</u>
15*	<u>Awareness Letter from the Company's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.</u>
31.1*	<u>Certification of Ajay Banga, President and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
31.2*	<u>Certification of Martina Hund-Mejean, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
32.1*	<u>Certification of Ajay Banga, President and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
32.2*	<u>Certification of Martina Hund-Mejean, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
99.1*	<u>Disclosure pursuant to Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012.</u>
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 Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

* Filed or furnished herewith.

The agreements and other documents filed as exhibits to this report are not intended to provide factual information or other disclosure other than with respect to the terms of the agreements or other documents themselves, and should not be relied upon for that purpose. In particular, any representations and warranties made by the Company in these agreements or other documents were made solely within the specific context of the relevant agreement or document and may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time.

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SIGNATURES

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

MASTERCARD INCORPORATED
(Registrant)

Date: October 30, 2018 By: /S/ AJAY BANGA
Ajay Banga
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: October 30, 2018 By: /S/ MARTINA HUND-MEJEAN
Martina Hund-Mejean
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: October 30, 2018 By: /S/ SANDRA ARKELL
Sandra Arkell
Corporate Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)