

Couchbase Announces Second Quarter Fiscal 2025 Financial Results

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SANTA CLARA, Calif., Sept. 4, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Couchbase, Inc. (NASDAQ: BASE), the cloud database platform company, today announced financial results for its second quarter ended July 31, 2024.



"I'm pleased with our hard work and execution in the quarter," said Matt Cain, Chair, President and CEO of Couchbase. "We delivered revenue and operating loss results that exceeded the high end of our outlook, generated strong new business and new logos, and saw a meaningful increase in our Capella mix. I remain highly confident in our outlook and ability to achieve our objectives in fiscal 2025."

Second Quarter Fiscal 2025 Financial Highlights

- Revenue: Total revenue for the quarter was \$51.6 million, an increase of 20% year-over-year. Subscription revenue for the quarter was \$49.3 million, an increase of 20% year-over-year.
- Annual recurring revenue (ARR): Total ARR as of July 31, 2024 was \$214.0 million, an increase of 18% year-over-year, or 19% on a constant currency basis. See the section titled "Key Business Metrics" below for details.
- Gross margin: Gross margin for the quarter was 87.5%, compared to 86.3% for the second quarter of fiscal 2024. Non-GAAP gross margin for the quarter was 88.3%, compared to 87.2% for the second quarter of fiscal 2024. See the section titled "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" and the tables titled "Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Results" below for details.
- Loss from operations: Loss from operations for the quarter was \$21.0 million, compared to \$21.9 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2024. Non-GAAP operating loss for the quarter was \$4.1 million, compared to \$9.2 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2024.
- Cash flow: Cash flow used in operating activities for the quarter was \$4.9 million, compared to cash flow used in operating activities of \$0.5 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2024. Capital expenditures were \$1.0 million during the quarter, leading to negative free cash flow of \$5.9 million, compared to negative free cash flow of \$1.6 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2024.
- Remaining performance obligations (RPO): RPO as of July 31, 2024 was \$215.8 million, an increase of 27% year-over-year.

Recent Business Highlights

- Announced the general availability of Capella Columnar, an exciting milestone for Couchbase with strong uptake and
 positive feedback from early adopters across various industries. Columnar helps organizations streamline the development
 of adaptive applications by enabling real-time data analysis alongside operational workloads within a single database
 platform.
- Announced the general availability of Couchbase Mobile with vector search, which makes it possible for businesses to offer similarity and hybrid search in their applications on mobile and at the edge. With Capella Columnar and vector search capabilities in one cloud database platform, Couchbase helps businesses reduce cost and simplify operations, while enabling developers to create trustworthy adaptive applications.
- Introduced Capella Free Tier, a workspace which empowers developers to work faster by enabling the development of next generation, production-ready applications on Couchbase. Developers now have the access and convenience they need to build on applications without worrying about an end date.
- Announced the appointment of Josh Harbert as senior vice president and chief marketing officer. In this role, Harbert will lead all marketing and sales development efforts, driving brand momentum, demand creation, market leadership and growth initiatives. He brings over 20 years' experience in the enterprise software industry and a proven track record of accelerating growth and achieving strategic outcomes in both private and public companies.

Financial Outlook

For the third quarter and full year of fiscal 2025, Couchbase expects:

	Q3 FY2025 Outlook	FY2025 Outlook
Total Revenue	\$50.3-51.1 million	\$205.1-209.1 million
Total ARR	\$218.5-221.5 million	\$235.5-240.5 million
Non-GAAP Operating Loss	\$5.5-4.5 million	\$24.5-19.5 million

The guidance provided above is based on several assumptions that are subject to change and many of which are outside our control. If actual results vary from these assumptions, our expectations may change. There can be no assurance that we will achieve these results.

Couchbase is not able, at this time, to provide GAAP targets for operating loss for the third quarter or full year of fiscal 2025 because of the difficulty of estimating certain items excluded from non-GAAP operating loss that cannot be reasonably predicted, such as charges related to stock-based compensation expense. The effect of these excluded items may be significant.

Conference Call Information

Couchbase will host a live webcast at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time (or 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time) on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, to discuss its financial results and business highlights. The conference call can be accessed by dialing 877-407-8029 from the United States, or +1 201-689-8029 from international locations. The live webcast and a webcast replay can be accessed from the investor relations page of Couchbase's website at investors.couchbase.com.

About Couchbase

Modern customer experiences need a flexible database platform that can power applications spanning from cloud to edge and everything in between. Couchbase's mission is to simplify how developers and architects develop, deploy and run modern applications wherever they are. We have reimagined the database with our fast, flexible and affordable cloud database platform Couchbase Capella, allowing organizations to quickly build applications that deliver premium experiences to their customers – all with best-in-class price performance. 30% of the Fortune 100 trust Couchbase to power their modern applications. For more information, visit www.couchbase.com and follow us on X (formerly Twitter) @couchbase.

Couchbase has used, and intends to continue using, its investor relations website and the corporate blog at <u>blog.couchbase.com</u> to disclose material non-public information and to comply with its disclosure obligations under Regulation FD. Accordingly, you should monitor our investor relations website and the corporate blog in addition to following our press releases, SEC filings and public conference calls and webcasts.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to our financial information presented in accordance with GAAP, we believe certain non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors in evaluating our operating performance. We use certain non-GAAP financial measures, collectively, to evaluate our ongoing operations and for internal planning and forecasting purposes. We believe that non-GAAP financial measures, when taken together with the corresponding GAAP financial measures, may be helpful to investors because they provide consistency and comparability with past financial performance and meaningful supplemental information regarding our performance by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of our business, results of operations or outlook. Non-GAAP financial measures are presented for supplemental informational purposes only, have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with GAAP, and may be different from similarly-titled non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. In addition, other companies, including companies in our industry, may calculate similarly-titled non-GAAP financial measures differently or may use other measures to evaluate their performance, all of which could reduce the usefulness of our non-GAAP financial measures as tools for comparison. Investors are encouraged to review the related GAAP financial measures and the reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures (provided in the financial statement tables included in this press release), and not to rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business.

Non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating loss, non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP net loss and non-GAAP net loss per share: We define these non-GAAP financial measures as their respective GAAP measures, excluding expenses related to stock-based compensation expense, employer payroll taxes on employee stock transactions, restructuring charges and impairment of capitalized internal-use software. We use these non-GAAP financial measures in conjunction with GAAP measures to assess our performance, including in the preparation of our annual operating budget and quarterly forecasts, to evaluate the effectiveness of our business strategies and to communicate with our board of directors concerning our financial performance.

For the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024, we excluded the impairment of capitalized internal-use software, a non-cash operating expense, from our non-GAAP results as it is not reflective of ongoing operating results. This impairment charge related to certain previously capitalized internal-use software that we determined would no longer be placed into service. Prior period non-GAAP financial measures have not been adjusted to reflect this change as we did not incur impairment of capitalized internal-use software in any prior period presented.

Free cash flow: We define free cash flow as cash used in operating activities less additions to property and equipment, which includes capitalized internal-use software costs. We believe free cash flow is a useful indicator of liquidity that provides our management, board of directors and investors with information about our future ability to generate or use cash to enhance the strength of our balance sheet and further invest in our business and pursue potential strategic initiatives.

Please see the reconciliation tables at the end of this press release for the reconciliation of GAAP and non-GAAP results.

Key Business Metrics

We review a number of operating and financial metrics, including ARR, to evaluate our business, measure our performance, identify trends affecting our business, formulate business plans and make strategic decisions.

We define ARR as of a given date as the annualized recurring revenue that we would contractually receive from our customers in the month ending 12 months following such date. Based on historical experience with customers, we assume all contracts will be renewed at the same levels unless we receive notification of non-renewal and are no longer in negotiations prior to the measurement date. For Capella products, ARR in a customer's initial

year is calculated as the greater of: (i) initial year contract revenue as described above or (ii) annualized prior 90 days of actual consumption; and ARR for subsequent years is calculated with method (ii). ARR excludes services revenue.

Prior to fiscal 2025, ARR excluded on-demand revenue and, for Capella products in a customer's initial year, ARR was calculated solely on the basis of initial year contract revenue. The reason for these changes is to better reflect ARR where usage rates or timing of purchases may be uneven and to better align with how ARR is used to measure the performance of the business. ARR for prior periods has not been adjusted to reflect this change as it is not material to any period previously presented.

ARR should be viewed independently of revenue, and does not represent our revenue under GAAP on an annualized basis, as it is an operating metric that can be impacted by contract start and end dates and renewal dates. ARR is not intended to be a replacement for forecasts of revenue. Although we seek to increase ARR as part of our strategy of targeting large enterprise customers, this metric may fluctuate from period to period based on our ability to acquire new customers, expand within our existing customers and consumption dynamics. We believe that ARR is an important indicator of the growth and performance of our business.

We also attempt to represent the changes in the underlying business operations by eliminating fluctuations caused by changes in foreign currency exchange rates within the current period. We calculate constant currency growth rates by applying the applicable prior period exchange rates to current period results.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that are based on management's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to management. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, quotations of management, the section titled "Financial Outlook" above and statements about Couchbase's market position, strategies and potential market opportunities. Forward-looking statements generally relate to future events or our future financial or operating performance. Forwardlooking statements include all statements that are not historical facts and, in some cases, can be identified by terms such as "anticipate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "believe," "continue," "could," "potential," "remain," "may," "might," "will," "would" or similar expressions and the negatives of those terms. However, not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including factors beyond our control, which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These risks include, but are not limited to: our history of net losses and ability to achieve or maintain profitability in the future; our ability to continue to grow on pace with historical rates; our ability to manage our growth effectively; intense competition and our ability to compete effectively; cost-effectively acquiring new customers or obtaining renewals, upgrades or expansions from our existing customers; the market for our products and services being highly competitive and evolving, and our future success depending on the growth and expansion of this market; our ability to innovate in response to changing customer needs, new technologies or other market requirements, including new capabilities, programs and partnerships and their impact on our customers and our business; our limited operating history, which makes it difficult to predict our future results of operations; the significant fluctuation of our future results of operations and ability to meet the expectations of analysts or investors; our significant reliance on revenue from subscriptions, which may decline and, the recognition of a significant portion of revenue from subscriptions over the term of the relevant subscription period, which means downturns or upturns in sales are not immediately reflected in full in our results of operations; and the impact of geopolitical and macroeconomic factors. Further information on risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from forecasted results are included in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission that we may file from time to time, including those more fully described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2024. Additional information will be made available in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 31, 2024 that will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which should be read in conjunction with this press release and the financial results included herein. Any forward-looking statements contained in this press release are based on assumptions that we believe to be reasonable as of this date. Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements, or to update the reasons if actual results differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements.

Couchbase, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except per share data)

(in thousands, except per share data, (unaudited)

Three Months Ended July 31

Six Months Ended July 31

	Inr	ee wontns	Enaea	July 31,	Six Months Ended July 31,					
	2	2024		2023		2024		2023		
Revenue:										
License	\$	5,242	\$	4,798	\$	12,101	\$	9,741		
Support and other		44,051		36,156		86,230		69,755		
Total subscription revenue		49,293		40,954		98,331		79,496		
Services		2,296		2,185		4,585		4,639		
Total revenue		51,589		43,139		102,916		84,135		
Cost of revenue:										
Subscription ⁽¹⁾		4,455		3,845		8,412		7,518		
Services ⁽¹⁾		2,008		2,064		3,733	-	4,313		
Total cost of revenue		6,463		5,909		12,145		11,831		
Gross profit		45,126		37,230		90,771		72,304		
Operating expenses:										
Research and development ⁽¹⁾		17,370		16,292		35,217		31,675		
Sales and marketing ⁽¹⁾		36,168		32,348		73,923		64,901		
General and administrative ⁽¹⁾		12,636		10,459		25,219		20,084		

Restructuring ⁽¹⁾								46
Total operating expenses		66,174		59,099		134,359		116,706
Loss from operations		(21,048)	(21,869)			(43,588)		(44,402)
Interest expense		(29)		(18)	(29)			(43)
Other income, net		1,741		1,255		3,272		2,688
Loss before income taxes		(19,336)		(20,632)		(40,345)		(41,757)
Provision for income taxes		559		19		545		769
Net loss	\$	(19,895)	\$	(20,651)	\$	(40,890)	\$	(42,526)
Net loss per share, basic and diluted		\$ (0.39)		\$ (0.44)		\$ (0.81)		(0.92)
Weighted-average shares used in computing net loss per share, basic and diluted		50,822		46,714		50,311		46,285

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Includes stock-based compensation expense as follows:

	Т	hree Months	Ende	ed July 31,	Six Months Ended July 31,					
		2024	2023			2024		2023		
Cost of revenue—subscription	\$	301	\$	236	\$	567	\$	429		
Cost of revenue—services		109		149		250		294		
Research and development		4,214		3,614		8,207		6,382		
Sales and marketing		6,162		4,032		11,385		7,273		
General and administrative		5,370		4,086		10,374		7,014		
Restructuring								1		
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$	16,156	\$	12,117	\$	30,783	\$	21,393		

Couchbase, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands)

(unaudited)

	A	s of July 31, 2024	As of	f January 31, 2024
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	62,607	\$	41,351
Short-term investments		93,526		112,281
Accounts receivable, net		31,263		44,848
Deferred commissions		13,187		15,421
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		10,092		10,385
Total current assets		210,675		224,286
Property and equipment, net		7,053		5,327
Operating lease right-of-use assets		3,497		4,848
Deferred commissions, noncurrent		13,603		11,400
Other assets		1,119		1,891
Total assets	\$	235,947	\$	247,752
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		_		_
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	5,031	\$	4,865
Accrued compensation and benefits		14,123		18,116
Other accrued expenses		3,373		4,581
Operating lease liabilities		2,670		3,208
Deferred revenue		81,906		81,736
Total current liabilities		107,103		112,506
Operating lease liabilities, noncurrent		1,170		2,078
Deferred revenue, noncurrent		1,031		2,747
Total liabilities		109,304		117,331
Stockholders' equity				
Preferred stock		_		_
Common stock				_
Additional paid-in capital		658,165		621,024

Accumulated other comprehensive income	27	56
Accumulated deficit	(531,549)	 (490,659)
Total stockholders' equity	126,643	 130,421
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 235,947	\$ 247,752

Couchbase, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(in thousands) (unaudited)

		Three Months	Ende	ed July 31.	Six Months Ended July 31,					
		2024		2023		2024		2023		
Cash flows from operating activities						_		_		
Net loss	\$	(19,895)	\$	(20,651)	\$	(40,890)	\$	(42,526)		
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities										
Depreciation and amortization		363		745		763		1,635		
Stock-based compensation, net of amounts										
capitalized		16,156		12,117		30,783		21,393		
Amortization of deferred commissions		4,184		4,702		8,280		9,242		
Non-cash lease expense		765		776		1,530		1,548		
Foreign currency transaction losses (gains)		8		249		291		165		
Other		(589)		(1,030)		(1,413)		(1,776)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities										
Accounts receivable		3,130		9,811		13,295		7,537		
Deferred commissions		(5,179)		(4,322)		(8,249)		(9,146)		
Prepaid expenses and other assets		412		(1,523)		443		(118)		
Accounts payable		938		(3,713)		146		1,745		
Accrued compensation and benefits		5,188		2,306		(3,991)		(1,754)		
Other Accrued Expenses		(294)		(615)		(1,107)		(1,871)		
Operating lease liabilities		(782)		(897)		(1,625)		(1,723)		
Deferred revenue		(9,255)		1,526		(1,547)		7,949		
Net cash used in operating activities		(4,850)		(519)		(3,291)		(7,700)		
Cash flows from investing activities										
Purchases of short-term investments		(18,351)		(56,494)		(37,805)		(64,315)		
Maturities of short-term investments		34,000		50,697		58,144		70,120		
Additions to property and equipment		(1,067)		(1,071)		(2,062)		(2,359)		
Net cash provided by (used in) investing		_				_				
activities		14,582		(6,868)		18,277		3,446		
Cash flows from financing activities										
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		842		2,733		4,136		4,650		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock under ESPP		_		_		1,795		847		
Net cash provided by financing activities		842		2,733		5,931		5,497		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash,		_				_				
cash equivalents and restricted cash		58		(149)		(204)		(252)		
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		10,632		(4,803)		20,713		991		
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period		51,975		46,783		41,894		40,989		
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$	62,607	\$	41,980	\$	62,607	\$	41,980		
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash within the consolidated balance sheets to the amounts shown above:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	62,607	\$	41,437	\$	62,607	\$	41,437		
Restricted cash included in other assets	Ψ	02,007	Ψ	543	Ψ	02,007	Ψ	543		
	\$	62,607	\$	41,980	•	62,607	2	41,980		
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$	02,007	Ψ	41,900	\$	02,007	\$	41,900		

Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Results (in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)

	Three Months	Ended	July 31,		Six Months E	Ended July 31,		
	2024		2023		2024		2023	
Reconciliation of GAAP gross profit to non-GAAP gross profit:								
Total revenue	\$ 51,589	\$	43,139	\$	102,916	\$	84,135	
Gross profit	\$ 45,126 410	\$	37,230 385	\$	90,771	\$	72,304 723	
Add: Stock-based compensation expense Add: Employer taxes on employee stock	410		300		817		123	
transactions	28		21		98		31	
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$ 45,564	\$	37,636	\$	91,686	\$	73,058	
Gross margin	87.5 %		86.3 %		88.2 %		85.9 %	
Non-GAAP gross margin	88.3 %		87.2 %		89.1 %		86.8 %	
	 Three Months	Ended	July 31,		Six Months E	nded J	uly 31,	
	 2024		2023		2024	2023		
Reconciliation of GAAP operating expenses to non-GAAP operating expenses:								
GAAP research and development	\$ 17,370	\$	16,292	\$	35,217	\$	31,675	
Less: Stock-based compensation expense Less: Employer taxes on employee stock	(4,214)		(3,614)		(8,207)		(6,382)	
transactions	(170)		(123)		(479)		(231)	
Non-GAAP research and development	\$ 12,986	\$	12,555	\$	26,531	\$	25,062	
GAAP sales and marketing	\$ 36,168	\$	32,348	\$	73,923	\$	64,901	
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	(6,162)		(4,032)		(11,385)		(7,273)	
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	(421)		(330)		(1,103)		(450)	
Non-GAAP sales and marketing	\$ 29,585	\$	27,986	\$	61,435	\$	57,178	
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GAAP general and administrative	\$ 12,636	\$	10,459	\$	25,219	\$	20,084	
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	(5,370)		(4,086)		(10,374)		(7,014)	
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	(172)		(59)		(327)		(88)	
Non-GAAP general and administrative	\$ 7,094	\$	6,314	\$	14,518	\$	12,982	
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	 Three Months	Ended				Ended July 31,		
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Reconciliation of GAAP operating loss to non-GAAP operating loss:								
Total revenue	\$ 51,589	\$	43,139	\$	102,916	\$	84,135	
Loss from operations	\$ (21,048)	\$	(21,869)	\$	(43,588)	\$	(44,402)	
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	16,156		12,117		30,783		21,392	
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	791		533		2,007		800	
Add: Restructuring ⁽²⁾	791 —				2,007		46	
Non-GAAP operating loss	\$ (4,101)	\$	(9,219)	\$	(10,798)	\$	(22,164)	
Operating margin	 (41) %		(51) %		(42) %		(53) %	
Non-GAAP operating margin	(8) %		(21) %		(10) %		(26) %	
	 Three Months	Ended				Ended July 31,		
	 2024		2023	-	2024		2023	
Reconciliation of GAAP net loss to non- GAAP net loss:								
Net loss	\$ (19,895)	\$	(20,651)	\$	(40,890)	\$	(42,526)	
Add: Stock-based compensation expense Add: Employer taxes on employee stock	16,156		12,117		30,783		21,392	
transactions	791		533		2,007		800	

Add: Restructuring ⁽²⁾		 <u> </u>	 	46
Non-GAAP net loss	\$ (2,948)	\$ (8,001)	\$ (8,100)	\$ (20,288)
GAAP net loss per share	\$ (0.39)	\$ (0.44)	\$ (0.81)	\$ (0.92)
Non-GAAP net loss per share	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.44)
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic and diluted	50,822	46,714	50,311	46,285

⁽²⁾ For the six months ended July 31, 2023, an immaterial amount of stock-based compensation expense related to restructuring charges was included in the restructuring expense line.

The following table presents a reconciliation of free cash flow to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, for each of the periods indicated (in thousands, unaudited):

_	Tł	ree Months	Ende	d July 31,	Six Months Ended July 31,					
_	2024			2023		2024	2023			
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	(4,850)	\$	(519)	\$	(3,291)	\$	(7,700)		
Less: Additions to property and equipment_		(1,067)		(1,071)		(2,062)		(2,359)		
Free cash flow	\$	(5,917)	\$	(1,590)	\$	(5,353)	\$	(10,059)		
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ \$	14,582 842	\$	(6,868) 2,733	\$ \$	18,277 5,931	\$ \$	3,446 5,497		

Couchbase, Inc. Key Business Metrics (in millions) (unaudited)

	As of														
		ct. 31, 2022	J	an. 31, 2023		pril 30, 2023		uly 31, 2023		ct. 31, 2023		an. 31, 2024	•	oril 30, 2024	ıly 31, 2024
Annual Recurring															
Revenue	\$	151.7	\$	163.7	\$	172.2	\$	180.7	\$	188.7	\$	204.2	\$	207.7	\$ 214.0

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