



Ciena Corporation

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Forward-looking statements and non-GAAP measures

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Executive Summary



AI requires more optical networking. More optical networking requires Ciena

Q2 2026 results demonstrate sustained growth and operational discipline
Delivered record revenue and backlog, strong profitability

DCI, including scale-across, is gaining momentum as customers connect AI data centers to monetize their investments

Demand is outstripping supply, resulting in multi-year visibility and longer lead times

We were awarded the industry's first multi-rail opportunity using Ciena's RLS Hyper-Rail solution to connect training data centers over distance

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Introduction to Ciena



Ciena has global network reach and scale

Scale and reach



\$4.8B FY2025 Revenue

19% YoY growth



9,000+ Employees*

Including 4,500+ R&D specialists



80+ Countries*

Customers on six continents



1,700+ Customers*

Worldwide

Strategic focus

Long-haul and subsea networks

Connecting cities and countries

Metro and regional

Linking the cloud and data centers in a region

In and around the data center

Connecting AI compute at ultra-high speed

Recognized leadership

#1 in Data Center Interconnect**

Dell'Oro Group

#1 in Total Optical Networking**

Signal AI, Dell'Oro, Omdia

#1 in Submarine Networks**

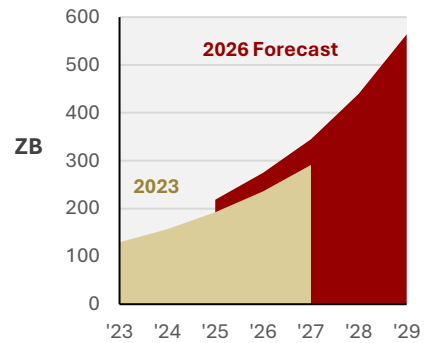
Signal AI, Omdia

*Based on FYE2025

** Market share measures as of Q1 2026 exclude China

Data generation and bandwidth are continuing to grow

Global Data Generation

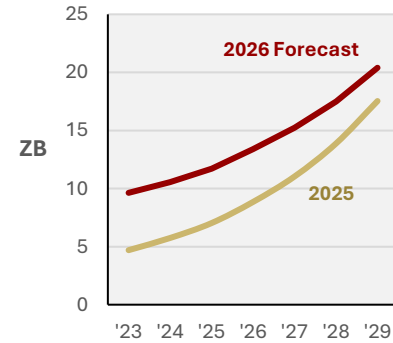


+25%
CAGR '25-'29

2026 forecast growing faster than historical trend

Source: Worldwide IDC Global DataSphere Forecast, 2025-2029, Doc#US53363625

Data Moved by SPs



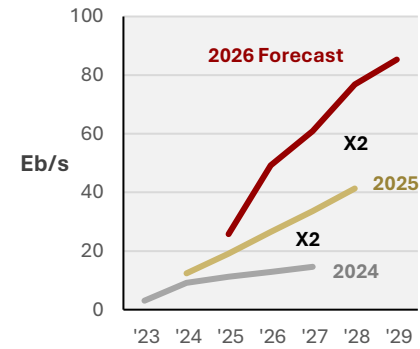
+15%
CAGR '25-'29

User consumption bandwidth is growing at lower rate than the AI "factory"

Source: Omdia, AI Network Traffic Forecast 2023-35, Feb 2026

Note: "This forecast restricts traffic growth estimates to data transiting across a network operated by a service provider."

Data Center Bandwidth

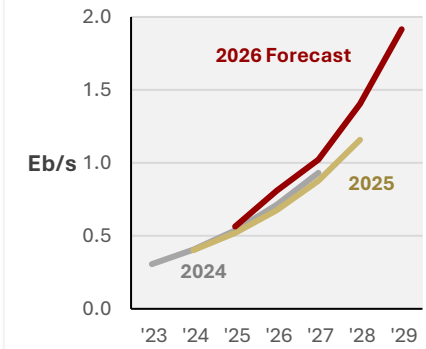


+35%
CAGR '25-'29

Actual growth is significantly higher than forecasted

Source: Signal AI, Optical Components Report, Feb 2026

Network Bandwidth



+36%
CAGR '25-'29

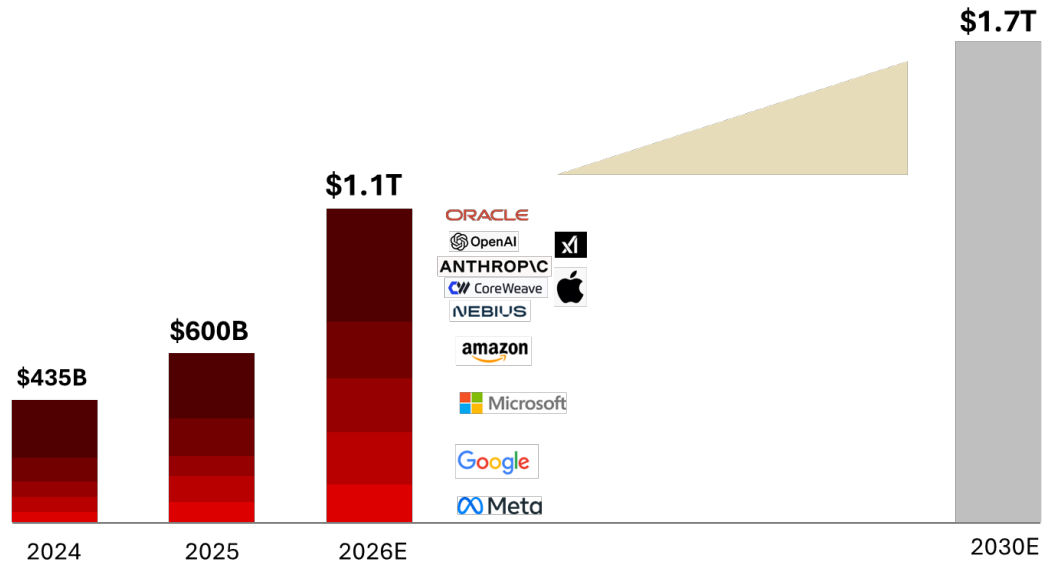
Growth is similar to data center ...but 1/50th of capacity

Source: Signal AI, Optical Components Report, Feb 2026

The size and scale of AI-driven investments are resulting in sustained high bandwidth growth

Cloud Providers are the drivers of industry change

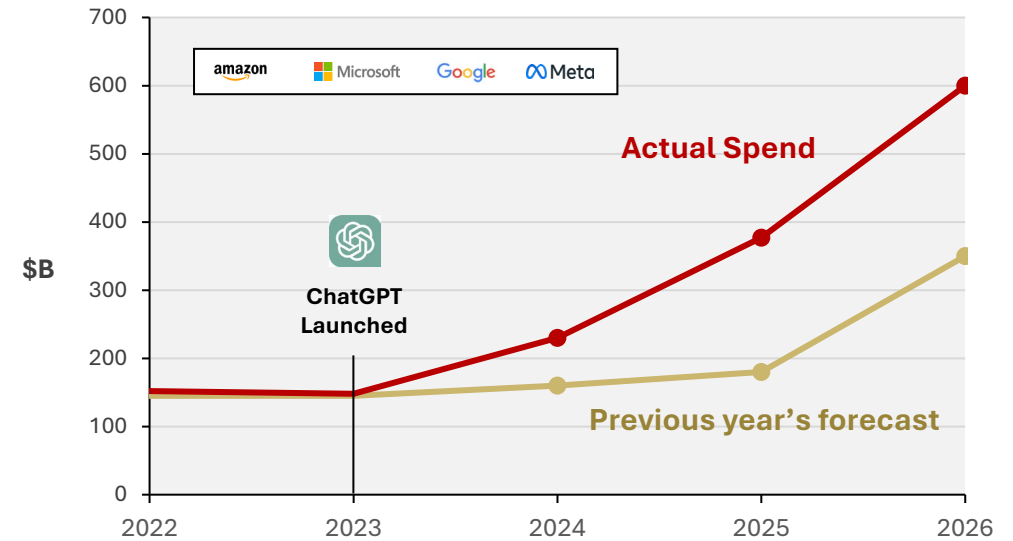
Cloud Provider CapEx forecast is accelerating rapidly



The forecasted range of Cloud Provider CapEx is far exceeding previous estimates

Sources: Company earnings, analyst projections, 2030 projections from Dell'Oro Group, and Ciena internal analysis

Cloud Provider spend has been higher than forecasted



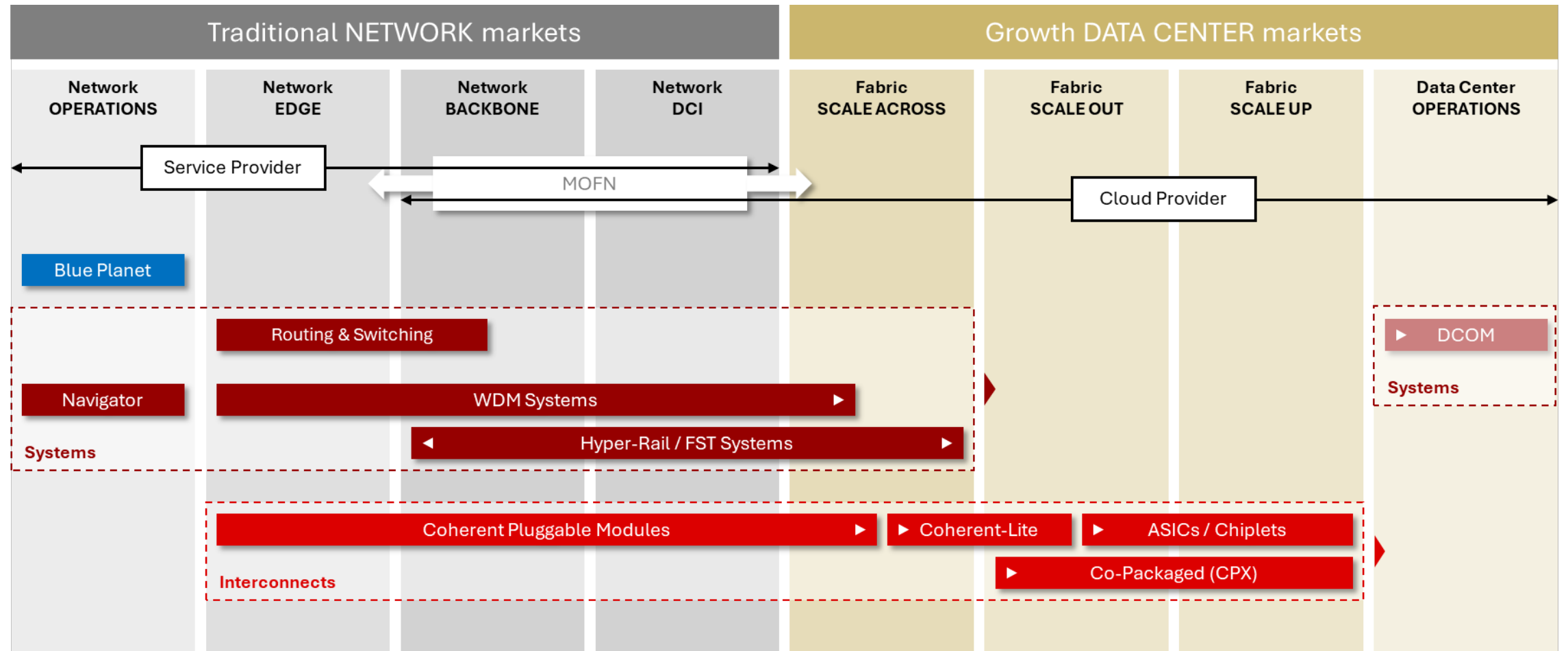
Forecasts have consistently underestimated Cloud Providers' CapEx

Sources: Company earnings for actuals, various analysts for forecasts

Cloud Providers (CP) – and especially the Hyperscalers – are funding an unprecedented scale of investment

Ciena is the leader in high-speed connectivity

Our strategic investments are extending to in-and-around the data center, leveraging our strengths to expand our footprint



Our core optical strength is the foundation for our portfolio expansion

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Q2 FY 2026 results



Ciena's differentiated position in AI is driving record performance

Achieving broad-based growth

- Revenue: \$1.6B, up 40% YoY
- Cloud provider revenue: 46% of total, up 70% YoY
- RLS and Waveserver revenue each grew more than 50% YoY
- India revenue more than doubled YoY, driven by MOFN

Driving the pace of innovation

- WL6 Extreme: 110 customers, +20 new in Q2
- Awarded the industry's first hyperscaler multi-rail opportunity with RLS Hyper-Rail, reinforcing Ciena's technology leadership in AI infrastructure solutions

Prioritizing long-term shareholder value

- Adj. gross margin: 44.9%, up +390bps YoY
- Adj. operating margin: 19.5%, up +1,130bps YoY
- Free cash flow: \$219M, up 71% YoY
- Repurchased \$83M in Q2; ~\$493M returned under the \$1B program

Q2 FY 2026 comparative financial highlights

GAAP Results	Q2 FY2025	Q1 FY2026	Q2 FY2026	YoY Change**
Revenue	\$1.13B	\$1.43B	\$1.57B	40%
Gross Margin	40.2%	43.8%	44.0%	380 bps
Operating Expense	\$420M	\$436M	\$454M	8%
Operating Margin	2.9%	13.3%	15.1%	1,220 bps
EBITDA	\$67M	\$233M	\$283M	324%
Fully Diluted EPS	\$0.06	\$1.03	\$1.49	2383%

Non-GAAP Results	Q2 FY2025	Q1 FY2026	Q2 FY2026	YoY Change**
Revenue	\$1.13B	\$1.43B	\$1.57B	40%
Adjusted Gross Margin*	41.0%	44.7%	44.9%	390 bps
Adjusted Operating Expense*	\$370M	\$383M	\$398M	8%
Adjusted Operating Margin*	8.2%	17.9%	19.5%	1,130 bps
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$117M	\$287M	\$342M	193%
Adjusted EPS*	\$0.42	\$1.35	\$1.64	290%

* Reconciliations of these non-GAAP measures to our GAAP results are included in the Appendix and in the press release for the relative period.

** Denotes % change, or in the case of margin, absolute change

Q2 FY 2026 comparative operating metrics

	Q2 FY 2025	Q2 FY 2026	YoY Change*
Cash and investments	\$1.3B	\$1.4B	8%
Cash provided by operations	\$157M	\$260M	66%
Free cash flow	\$128M	\$219M	71%
DSO	87	71	(16)
Inventory turns	2.5x	3.6x	1.1x
Net debt	\$253M	\$138M	(45)%
Gross leverage	3.2x	1.6x	(1.6)x

* Denotes % change, or in the case of DSO, inventory turns, and gross leverage, absolute change



Business outlook

Key assumptions underlying our outlook

AI infrastructure investment: Cloud providers continue to increase capital expenditure on AI data center buildout at levels consistent with recent public commitments.

Supply chain: Global supply of optical components and substrates remains broadly stable, with no material disruptions to our ability to fulfill customer orders.

Trade and tariff policy: No material change to current US and international tariff and trade policy affecting our products or our customers' purchasing decisions.

Foreign exchange: Currency exchange rates remain broadly consistent with levels prevailing at the time of this report.

For additional considerations relating to our outlook, please refer to our note about forward looking statements on Slide 2 and the risk factors disclosed in Ciena's periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Business outlook for fiscal Q3 and full-year 2026¹

	Fiscal Q3 2026	Fiscal FY 2026
Revenue	\$1.625B plus or minus \$50M	\$6.3B plus or minus \$100M
Adjusted Gross Margin	45.0% plus or minus 50 bps	44.5% to 45.0%
Adjusted Operating Expense	\$410M plus or minus \$10M	\$1.61B plus or minus \$20M
Adjusted Operating Margin	19% to 20%	19% plus or minus 50 bps

¹ Projections or outlook with respect to future operating results are only as of June 4, 2026, the date presented on the related earnings call. Actual results may differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Ciena assumes no obligation to update this information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

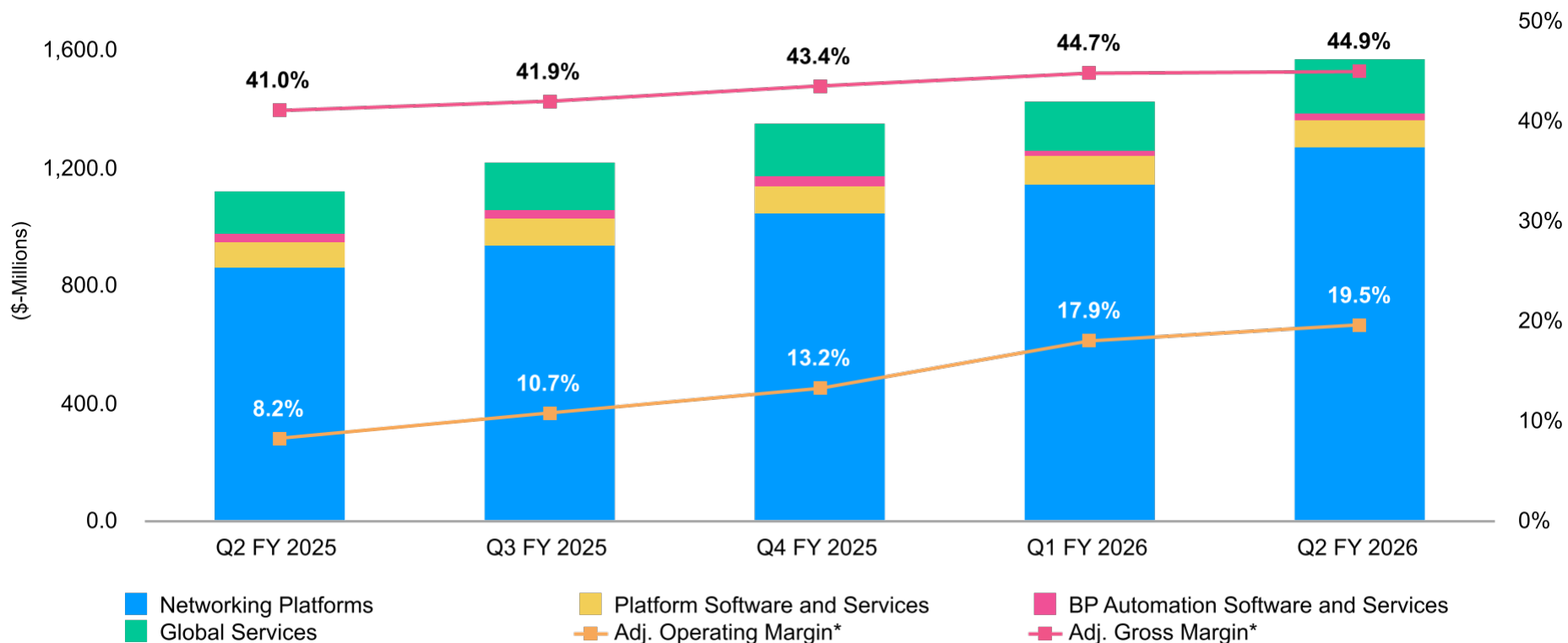


Q2 FY 2026 appendix

Glossary of terms

Term	Definition
Coherent optics	A technology for sending data over fiber optic cables using light waves — faster and more efficient than traditional methods at long distances
WaveLogic	Ciena's proprietary family of coherent optical chips — the core technology inside most of our networking products
Data center interconnect	The optical connections that link data centers to each other — the fastest-growing segment of the optical networking market
RLS (reconfigurable line system)	Optical network hardware that can be remotely reconfigured without physically sending a technician on-site
RLS Hyper-Rail	Ciena's 2nd generation intelligent photonic line systems designed to support multiple fiber pairs—or rails—in parallel. Multi-rail systems are optimized for deploying multiple fibers over the same route, with each rail functioning as a high-capacity optical highway with dedicated amplification, monitoring, and control.
DCOM	Direct optical connections between compute chips inside an AI data center — replacing copper cables with fiber
400G / 800G / 1.6T	Shorthand for data transmission speeds: 400, 800, or 1,600 gigabits per second — each generation roughly doubles the capacity of the previous
Scale-across	Connects distributed AI training clusters across multiple data centers. Enables hyperscalers to operate geographically separated GPU fabrics as a single system, delivering the bandwidth, latency, and reliability required for large-scale AI training.

Revenue by segment

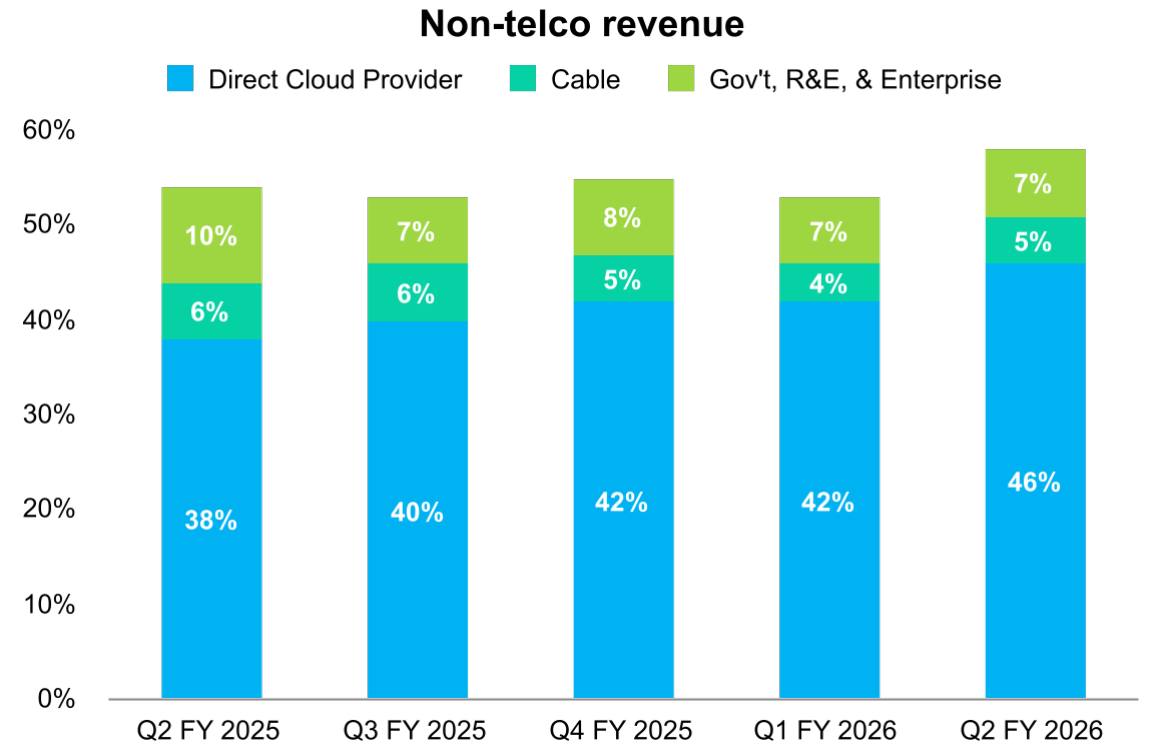
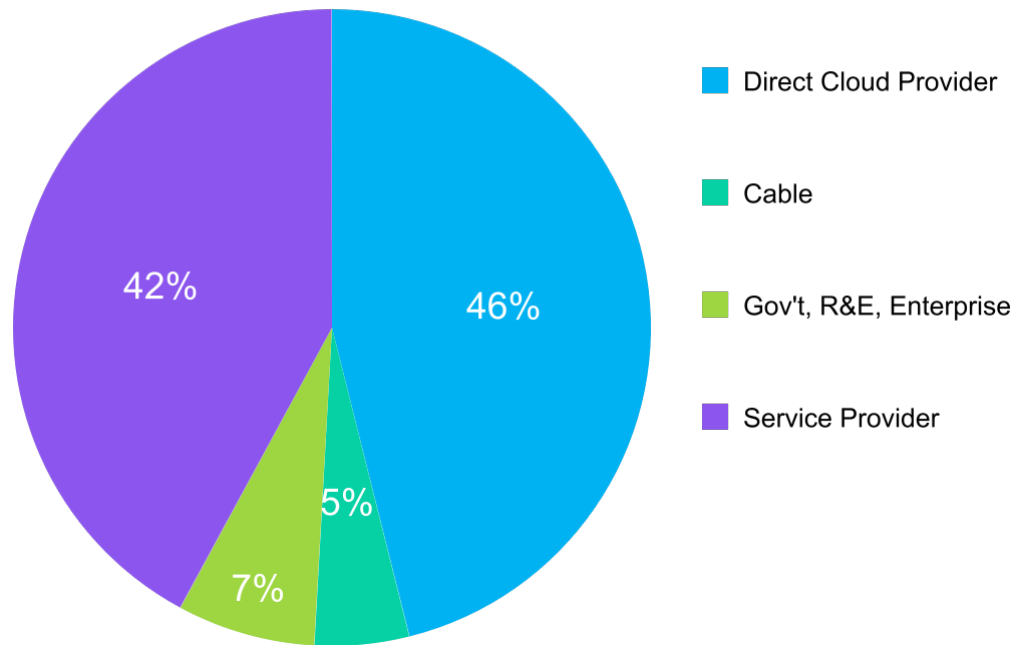


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** Denotes % of total revenue

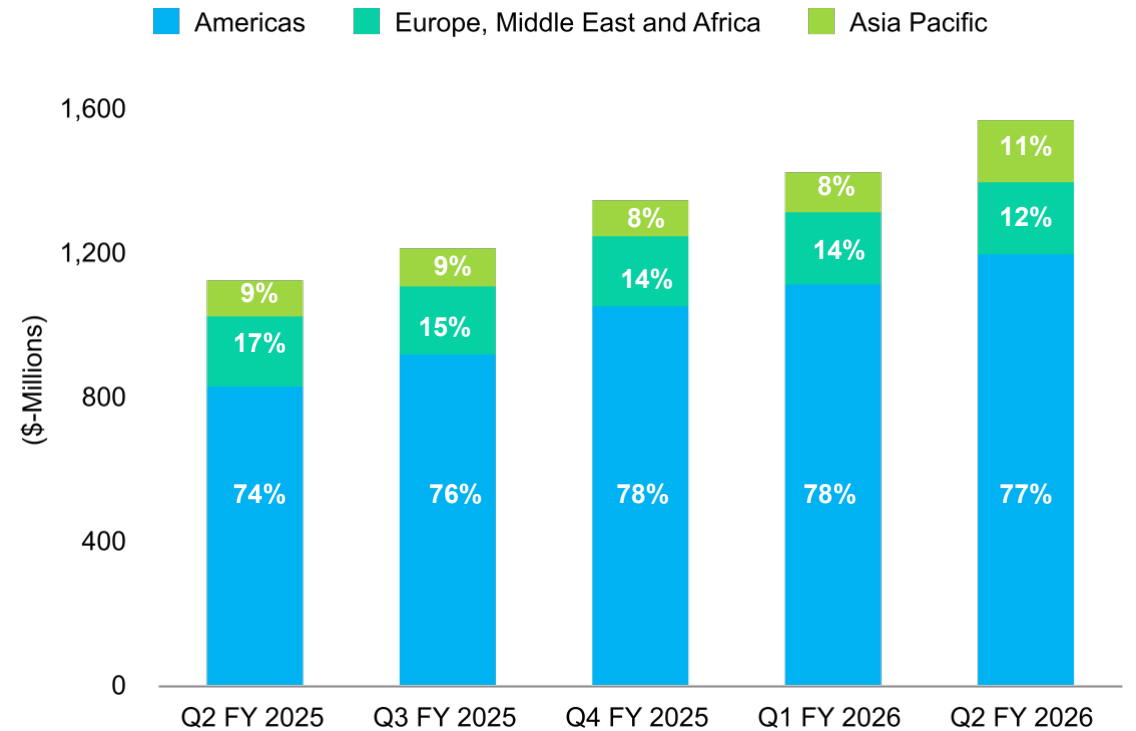
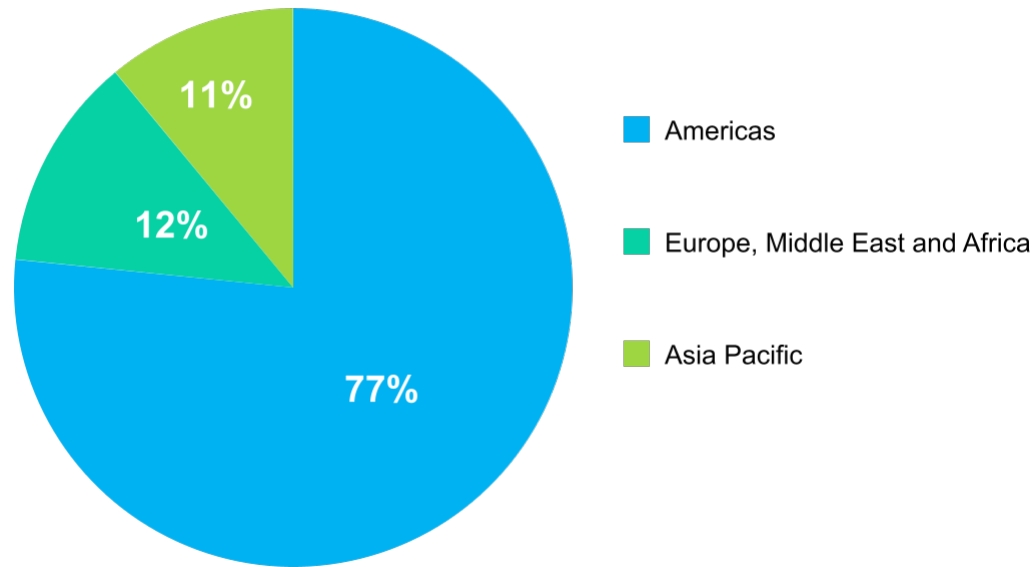
Revenue by customer type

Q2 FY 2026 Revenue
Non-telco comprised 58% of total



Revenue by geographic region

Q2 FY 2026



Gross Profit Reconciliation (Amounts in thousands)

	Q2 FY 2026	Q1 FY 2026	Q4 FY 2025	Q3 FY 2025	Q2 FY 2025
GAAP gross profit	\$691,554	\$625,520	\$577,179	\$503,079	\$452,838
Share-based compensation-products	2,010	1,822	1,964	2,027	2,033
Share-based compensation-services	4,504	4,025	3,857	3,942	3,980
Amortization of intangible assets	6,787	6,785	3,750	2,232	2,232
Total adjustments related to gross profit	13,301	12,632	9,571	8,201	8,245
Adjusted (non-GAAP) gross profit	\$704,855	\$638,152	\$586,750	\$511,280	\$461,083
Adjusted (non-GAAP) gross profit percentage	44.9 %	44.7 %	43.4 %	41.9 %	41.0 %

Operating Expense Reconciliation (Amounts in thousands)

	Q2 FY 2026	Q1 FY 2026	Q4 FY 2025	Q3 FY 2025	Q2 FY 2025
GAAP operating expense	\$453,683	\$436,108	\$566,688	\$429,544	\$419,996
Share-based compensation-research and development	18,586	16,594	16,274	16,749	17,021
Share-based compensation-sales and marketing	16,486	14,754	13,543	13,277	13,649
Share-based compensation-general and administrative	13,887	12,632	13,248	11,008	11,341
Significant asset impairments and restructuring costs	805	1,498	106,851	1,770	1,948
Amortization of intangible assets	3,713	4,736	6,112	6,556	6,545
Acquisition and integration costs	—	306	1,148	—	—
Holdback arrangement	2,411	2,403	802	—	—
Total adjustments related to operating expense	55,888	52,923	157,978	49,360	50,504
Adjusted (non-GAAP) operating expense	\$397,795	\$383,185	\$408,710	\$380,184	\$369,492

Income from Operations Reconciliation (Amounts in thousands)

	Q2 FY 2026	Q1 FY 2026	Q4 FY 2025	Q3 FY 2025	Q2 FY 2025
GAAP income from operations	\$237,871	\$189,412	\$10,491	\$73,535	\$32,842
Total adjustments related to gross profit	13,301	12,632	9,571	8,201	8,245
Total adjustments related to operating expense	55,888	52,923	157,978	49,360	50,504
Total adjustments related to income from operations	69,189	65,555	167,549	57,561	58,749
Adjusted (non-GAAP) income from operations	\$307,060	\$254,967	\$178,040	\$131,096	\$91,591
Adjusted (non-GAAP) operating margin percentage	19.5 %	17.9 %	13.2 %	10.7 %	8.2 %

Net Income Reconciliation (Amounts in thousands)

	Q2 FY 2026	Q1 FY 2026	Q4 FY 2025	Q3 FY 2025	Q2 FY 2025
GAAP net income	\$218,220	\$150,283	\$19,489	\$50,308	\$8,969
Exclude GAAP provision (benefit) for income taxes	12,840	30,832	(16,631)	15,511	10,047
Income before income taxes	231,060	181,115	2,858	65,819	19,016
Total adjustments related to income from operations	69,189	65,555	167,549	57,561	58,749
Adjusted income before income taxes	300,249	246,670	170,407	123,380	77,765
Non-GAAP tax provision on adjusted income before income taxes	60,050	49,334	37,490	27,144	17,108
Adjusted (non-GAAP) net income	\$240,199	\$197,336	\$132,917	\$96,236	\$60,657
Weighted average basic common shares outstanding	141,949	141,676	141,527	141,846	142,503
Weighted average diluted potential common shares outstanding ⁽¹⁾	146,314	145,799	145,470	144,499	144,972

Net Income per Common Share

	Q2 FY 2026	Q1 FY 2026	Q4 FY 2025	Q3 FY 2025	Q2 FY 2025
GAAP diluted net income per potential common share	\$ 1.49	\$ 1.03	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.06
Adjusted (non-GAAP) diluted net income per potential common share	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.42

⁽¹⁾ Weighted average dilutive potential common shares outstanding used in calculating Adjusted (non-GAAP) diluted net income per potential common share for the second quarter ended fiscal 2026 includes 4.4 million shares underlying certain stock option and stock unit awards.

Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA) (Amounts in thousands)

<i>Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA)</i>	Q2 FY 2026	Q1 FY 2026	Q4 FY 2025	Q3 FY 2025	Q2 FY 2025
Net income (GAAP)	\$218,220	\$150,283	\$19,489	\$50,308	\$8,969
Add: Interest expense	20,922	21,254	21,982	22,806	21,697
Less: Interest and other income, net	14,111	12,957	14,349	15,090	7,871
Add: Provision (benefit) for income taxes	12,840	30,832	(16,631)	15,511	10,047
Add: Depreciation of equipment, building, furniture and fixtures, and amortization of leasehold improvements	34,712	32,309	27,496	26,866	25,092
Add: Amortization of intangible assets	10,500	11,521	9,862	8,788	8,777
EBITDA	\$283,083	\$233,242	\$47,849	\$109,189	\$66,711
Add: Share-based compensation expense	55,473	49,827	48,886	47,003	48,024
Add: Significant asset impairments and restructuring expense	805	1,498	106,851	1,770	1,948
Add: Acquisition and integration costs	—	306	1,148	—	—
Add: Holdback arrangement	2,411	2,403	802	—	—
Adjusted EBITDA	\$341,772	\$287,276	\$205,536	\$157,962	\$116,683

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