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o REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

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

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011

OR

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

OR

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

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**Title of Each Class** 

Name of Exchange on Which Registered

Ordinary Shares, par value £0.01

**New York Stock Exchange** 

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer s classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

Ordinary Shares, par value £0.01 (Title of class)

174,691,685(1) (Number of shares)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes b No o

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes o No b

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 b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.(Check one):

Large accelerated filer b

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP b International Financial Reporting Standards as issued o Other o by the International Accounting Standards Board

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No b

(1) Net of 72,948,182 shares held in treasury. Does not include (a) 20,445,645 ordinary shares reserved for issuance upon exercise of stock options granted under our stock option plan or by companies we have acquired, and (b) 23,655 ordinary shares reserved for issuance upon conversion of outstanding convertible debt securities.

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# ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

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Unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this Annual Report on Form 20-F to Amdocs, we, our, us at the Company refer to Amdocs Limited and its consolidated subsidiaries and their respective predecessors, and references to our software products, such as Amdocs CES 8, refer to current and future versions. Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP, and are expressed in U.S. dollars. References to dollars or \$ are to U.S. dollars. Our fiscal year ends on September 30 of each year. References to any specific fiscal year refer to the year ended September 30 of the calendar year specified.

We own, have rights to or use trademarks or trade names in conjunction with the sale of our products and services, including, without limitation, each of the following: Amdocs<sup>tm</sup>, Bridgewater Systems<sup>tm</sup>, ChangingWorlds<sup>tm</sup>, Clarify<sup>tm</sup>, Cramer<sup>tm</sup>, CES<sup>tm</sup>, Collabrent<sup>tm</sup>, DST Innovis<sup>tm</sup> Ensemble<sup>tm</sup>, Enabler<sup>tm</sup>, Intelecable<sup>tm</sup>, Intentional Customer Experience<sup>tm</sup>, JacobsRimell<sup>tm</sup>, jNetX<sup>tm</sup>, MX Telecom<sup>tm</sup>, OpenMarket<sup>tm</sup>, Qpass<sup>tm</sup>, SigValue<sup>tm</sup>, Streamezzo<sup>tm</sup>, Stibo Graphic Software<sup>tm</sup> and Xacct<sup>tm</sup>.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

This Annual Report on Form 20-F contains forward-looking statements (within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws) that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. You can identify these forward-looking statements by words such as expect, anticipate, believe, seek, estimate, project, forecast, continue. intend and may, and other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcome. Statements that we make in this Annual Report that are not statements of historical fact also may be forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations that we describe in our forward-looking statements. There may be events in the future that we are not accurately able to predict, or over which we have no control. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. We do not promise to notify you if we learn that our assumptions or projections are wrong for any reason. We disclaim any obligation to update our forward-looking statements, except where applicable law may otherwise require us to do so.

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Important factors that may affect these projections or expectations include, but are not limited to: changes in the overall economy; changes in competition in markets in which we operate; changes in the demand for our products and services; the loss of a significant customer; consolidation within the industries in which our customers operate; changes in the telecommunications regulatory environment; changes in technology that impact both the markets we serve and the types of products and services we offer; financial difficulties of our customers; losses of key personnel; difficulties in completing or integrating acquisitions; litigation and regulatory proceedings; and acts of war or terrorism. For a discussion of these important factors, please read the information set forth below under the caption Risk Factors.

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### **PART I**

# ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS

Not applicable.

### ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

# ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION

### **Selected Financial Data**

Our historical consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and presented in U.S. dollars. The selected historical consolidated financial information set forth below has been derived from our historical consolidated financial statements for the years presented. Historical information as of and for the five years ended September 30, 2011 is derived from our consolidated financial statements, which have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm. You should read the information presented below in conjunction with those statements.

The information presented below is qualified by the more detailed historical consolidated financial statements, the notes thereto and the discussion under Operating and Financial Review and Prospects included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

	2011	2010	2009(1)	2008(1)	2007(1)	
	(In thousands, except per share data)					
<b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>						
Revenue	\$ 3,177,728	\$ 2,984,223	\$ 2,862,607	\$ 3,162,096	\$ 2,836,173	
Operating income	404,364	410,433	367,319	405,596	357,433	
Net income	346,665	343,906	326,176	378,906	364,937	
Basic earnings per share	1.87	1.70	1.60	1.82	1.75	
Diluted earnings per share	1.86	1.69	1.57	1.74	1.65	
Dividends declared per share						
	2011	2010	2009 (In	2008	2007	
			thousands)			
Balance Sheet Data: Cash, cash equivalents and short-term interest-bearing investments Total assets	\$ 1,173,470 4,636,572	\$ 1,433,299 4,820,604	\$ 1,173,041 4,328,417	\$ 1,244,378 4,579,063	\$ 1,179,280 4,345,350	

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Long-term obligations					
Convertible Senior Notes(2)	1,020	1,020	1,020	450,000	450,000
Long-term portion of capital					
lease obligations	457	353	510	356	
Shareholders equity	3,023,301	3,229,380	3,213,053	2,805,191	2,600,243

(1) The basic and diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009, 2008 and 2007 have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the adoption of new earnings per share authoritative guidance requiring the inclusion of unvested share-based payment awards containing nonforfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents in the calculation of basic weighted average number of shares outstanding. This adjustment reduced basic and/or diluted earnings per share for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009, 2008 and 2007 by up to \$0.01.

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(2) During fiscal 2009, using proceeds from our revolving credit facility, we purchased \$449.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 0.50% convertible notes at an average price of 99.5% of the principal amount, excluding accrued interest and transaction fees. As of September 30, 2011, \$1.02 million principal amount of the notes remain outstanding, due in 2024, in accordance with their terms.

	Ordinary Shares			A	Additional Paid-In	Treasury	
	Shares	A	mount	t]	Capital (In housands)		Stock
Statement of Changes in Shareholders Equity Data:							
Balance as of September 30, 2007	209,762	\$	3,850	\$	2,168,234	\$	(652,229)
Employee stock options exercised	2,052		41		37,527		
Tax benefit of stock options exercised/cancelled Repurchase of shares	(8,370)				1,549		(255,051)
Issuance of restricted stock, net of forfeitures Equity-based compensation expense related to	472		9				(233,031)
employees					57,490		
Balance as of September 30, 2008	203,916		3,900		2,264,800		(907,280)
Employee stock options exercised	1,289		23		27,863		
Tax benefit of stock options exercised/cancelled Repurchase of shares	(468)				(1,484)		(12,594)
Issuance of restricted stock, net of forfeitures	342		7				(12,3)
Equity-based compensation expense related to							
employees					42,911		
Balance as of September 30, 2009	205,079		3,930		2,334,090		(919,874)
Employee stock options exercised	1,097		17		23,618		
Repurchase of shares	(13,695)		0				(389,287)
Issuance of restricted stock, net of forfeitures Equity-based compensation expense related to	568		9				
employees					44,455		
Balance as of September 30, 2010	193,049	\$	3,956	\$	2,402,163	\$	(1,309,161)
Employee stock options exercised	2,590		42		56,417		(604.041)
Repurchase of shares(1) Issuance of restricted stock, net of forfeitures	(21,866) 919		15				(624,241)
Equity-based compensation expense related to employees					36,631		
Cimproyees					50,051		
Balance as of September 30, 2011	174,692	\$	4,013	\$	2,495,211	\$	(1,933,402)

(1) In April 2010, our board of directors adopted a share repurchase plan authorizing the repurchase of up to \$700.0 million of our outstanding ordinary shares over the following 12 months. In February 2011, our board of directors adopted an additional share repurchase plan authorizing the repurchase of up to \$1 billion of our outstanding ordinary shares over the following 24 months. The authorizations permit us to purchase our ordinary shares in open market or privately negotiated transactions at times and prices that we consider appropriate. In April 2011, we completed the repurchase of the remaining authorized amount under the April 2010 share repurchase plan and started executing repurchases under the February 2011 plan. In fiscal 2011, we repurchased 21.9 million ordinary shares at an average price of \$28.53 per share (excluding broker and transaction fees). As of September 30, 2011, we had remaining authority to repurchase up to \$687.1 million of our outstanding ordinary shares.

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#### **Risk Factors**

We are exposed to general global economic and market conditions, particularly those impacting the communications industry.

Developments in the communications industry, such as the impact of global economic conditions, industry consolidation, emergence of new competitors, commoditization of voice services and changes in the regulatory environment, at times have had, and could continue to have, a material adverse effect on our existing or potential customers. In the past, these conditions reduced the high growth rates that the communications industry had previously experienced, and caused the market value, financial results and prospects and capital spending levels of many communications companies to decline or degrade. During previous economic downturns, the communications industry experienced significant financial pressures that caused many in the industry to cut expenses and limit investment in capital intensive projects and, in some cases, led to restructurings and bankruptcies. The recent worldwide recession has had, and the European debt crisis and the continuing uncertainty as to economic recovery may have, adverse consequences for our customers and our business.

Downturns in the business climate for communications companies have in the past resulted in slowed customer buying decisions and price pressures that adversely affected our ability to generate revenue. Adverse market conditions may have a negative impact on our business by decreasing our new customer engagements and the size of initial spending commitments under those engagements, as well as decreasing the level of discretionary spending by existing customers. In addition, a slowdown in buying decisions may extend our sales cycle period and may limit our ability to forecast our flow of new contracts. If such adverse business conditions arise in the future, our business may be harmed.

# If we fail to adapt to changing market conditions and cannot compete successfully with existing or new competitors, our business could be harmed.

We may be unable to compete successfully with existing or new competitors. Our failure to adapt to changing market conditions and to compete successfully with established or new competitors could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. We face intense competition for the software products and services that we sell, including competition for managed services we provide to customers under long-term service agreements. These managed services include services such as management of data center operations and IT infrastructure, application management and ongoing support, systems modernization and consolidation and management of end-to-end business processes for billing and customer care operations.

The market for communications information systems is highly competitive and fragmented, and we expect competition to continue to increase. We compete with independent software and service providers and with the in-house IT and network departments of communications companies. Our main competitors include firms that provide IT services (including consulting, systems integration and managed services), software vendors that sell products for particular aspects of a total information system, software vendors that specialize in systems for particular communications services (such as Internet, wireline and wireless services, cable, satellite and service bureaus) and network equipment providers that offer software systems in combination with the sale of network equipment. We also compete with companies that provide digital commerce software and solutions.

We believe that our ability to compete depends on a number of factors, including:

the development by others of software products that are competitive with our products and services,

the price at which others offer competitive software and services,

the ability of competitors to deliver projects at a level of quality that rivals our own,

the responsiveness of our competitors to customer needs, and

the ability of our competitors to hire, retain and motivate key personnel.

A number of our competitors have long operating histories, large customer bases, substantial financial, technical, sales, marketing and other resources, and strong name recognition. Current and potential competitors have established, and may establish in the future, cooperative relationships among themselves or with third parties

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to increase their abilities to address the needs of our existing or prospective customers. In addition, our competitors have acquired, and may continue to acquire in the future, companies that may enhance their market offerings. Accordingly, new competitors or alliances among competitors may emerge and rapidly acquire significant market share. As a result, our competitors may be able to adapt more quickly than us to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements, and may be able to devote greater resources to the promotion and sale of their products. We cannot assure you that we will be able to compete successfully with existing or new competitors. If we fail to adapt to changing market conditions and to compete successfully with established or new competitors, our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

If we do not continually enhance our products and service offerings, we may have difficulty retaining existing customers and attracting new customers.

We believe that our future success will depend, to a significant extent, upon our ability to enhance our existing products and to introduce new products and features to meet the requirements of our customers in a rapidly developing and evolving market. We are currently devoting significant resources to refining and expanding our base software modules and to developing our customer experience systems. Our present or future products may not satisfy the evolving needs of the communications industry or of other industries that we serve. If we are unable to anticipate or respond adequately to such needs, due to resource, technological or other constraints, our business and results of operations could be harmed.

Our business is dependent on a limited number of significant customers, and the loss of any one of our significant customers could harm our results of operations.

Our business is dependent on a limited number of significant customers, of which AT&T has historically been our largest. AT&T accounted for 29% of our revenue in fiscal 2011 and 2010. In fiscal 2011, our two next largest customers were Bell Canada and Sprint Nextel, and certain of their subsidiaries, each of which accounted for approximately 10% or more of our revenue in fiscal 2011. Revenue from Bell Canada will be negatively affected by a scheduled price reduction under our contract with Bell Canada to be effective in fiscal 2012. Aggregate revenue derived from the multiple business arrangements we have with our ten largest customers accounted for approximately 73% of our revenue in fiscal 2011 and 75% of our revenue in fiscal 2010. The loss of any significant customer or a significant decrease in business from any such customer could harm our results of operations and financial condition. Revenue from individual customers may fluctuate from time to time based on the commencement and completion of projects, the timing of which may be affected by market conditions.

Although we have received a substantial portion of our revenue from recurring business with established customers, many of our major customers do not have any obligation to purchase additional products or services from us and generally have already acquired fully paid licenses to their installed systems. Therefore, our customers may not continue to purchase new systems, system enhancements or services in amounts similar to previous years or may delay implementation or significantly reduce the scope of committed projects, each of which could reduce our revenue and profits.

Our future success will depend on our ability to develop long-term relationships with our customers and to meet their expectations in providing products and performing services.

We believe that our future success will depend to a significant extent on our ability to develop long-term relationships with successful network operators and service providers with the financial and other resources required to invest in significant ongoing customer experience systems. If we are unable to develop new customer relationships, our business will be harmed. In addition, our business and results of operations depend in part on our ability to provide high quality services to customers that have already implemented our products. If we are unable to meet customers

expectations in providing products or performing services, our business and results of operations could be harmed.

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We may seek to acquire companies or technologies that could disrupt our ongoing business, divert the attention of our management and employees and adversely affect our results of operations.

It is a part of our business strategy to pursue acquisitions and other initiatives in order to offer new products or services or otherwise enhance our market position or strategic strengths. Since 1999, we have completed numerous acquisitions, which, among other things, have expanded our business into customer management and billing solutions for broadband media cable and satellite companies, as well as digital commerce software and solutions, enhanced our offerings in the operational support systems, or OSS, market, extended our presence into the network policy management market, and enabled us to provide integrated billing and customer care systems in high-growth emerging markets. In the future, we may acquire other companies that we believe will advance our business strategy. We cannot assure you that suitable future acquisition candidates can be found, that acquisitions can be consummated on favorable terms or that we will be able to complete otherwise favorable acquisitions because of antitrust or other regulatory concerns.

We cannot assure you that the acquisitions we have completed, or any future acquisitions that we may make, will enhance our products or strengthen our competitive position. We also cannot assure you that we have identified, or will be able to identify, all material adverse issues related to the integration of our acquisitions, such as significant defects in the internal control policies of companies that we have acquired. In addition, our acquisitions could lead to difficulties in integrating acquired personnel and operations and in retaining and motivating key personnel from these businesses. Any failure to recognize significant defects in the internal control policies of acquired companies or to properly integrate and retain personnel may require a significant amount of time and resources to address. Acquisitions may disrupt our ongoing operations, divert management from day-to-day responsibilities, increase our expenses and harm our results of operations or financial condition.

The skilled and highly qualified workforce that we need to develop, implement and modify our solutions may be difficult to hire, train and retain, and we could face increased costs to attract and retain our skilled workforce.

Our business operations depend in large part on our ability to attract, train, motivate and retain highly skilled information technology professionals, software programmers and communications engineers on a worldwide basis. In addition, our competitive success will depend on our ability to attract and retain other outstanding, highly qualified personnel. Because our software products are highly complex and are generally used by our customers to perform critical business functions, we depend heavily on skilled technology professionals. Skilled technology professionals are often in high demand and short supply. If we are unable to hire or retain qualified technology professionals to develop, implement and modify our solutions, we may be unable to meet the needs of our customers. In addition, serving several new customers or implementing several new large-scale projects in a short period of time, may require us to attract and train additional IT professionals at a rapid rate. We may face difficulties identifying and hiring qualified personnel. Although we are heavily investing in training our new employees, we may not be able to train them rapidly enough to meet the increasing demands on our business, particularly in light of high attrition rates in some regions where we have operations. Our inability to hire, train and retain the appropriate personnel could increase our costs of retaining a skilled workforce and make it difficult for us to manage our operations, meet our commitments and compete for new customer contracts. In particular, wage costs in some of the countries in which we maintain development centers, such as Cyprus and India, have historically been significantly lower than wage costs in the United States, Europe and Israel for comparably-skilled professionals, although such costs are increasing. We may need to increase the levels of our employee compensation more rapidly than in the past to remain competitive.

As a result of our entry into the digital commerce space, we now compete for high quality employees in that space s limited and competitive talent market. In addition, cost containment measures effected in recent years, such as the relocation of projects to lower costs countries, may lead to greater employee attrition and increase the cost of retaining our most skilled employees. The transition of projects to new locations may also lead to business disruptions due to

differing levels of employee knowledge, organizational and leadership skills.

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Our success will also depend, to a certain extent, upon the continued active participation of a relatively small group of senior management personnel. The loss of the services of all or some of these executives could harm our operations and impair our efforts to expand our business.

Our quarterly operating results may fluctuate, and a decline in revenue in any quarter could result in lower profitability for that quarter and fluctuations in the market price of our ordinary shares.

We have experienced fluctuations in our quarterly operating results and anticipate that such movements may continue. Fluctuations may result from many factors, including:

the size, timing and pace of progress of significant customer projects and license and service fees,

delays in or cancellations of significant projects by customers,

changes in operating expenses,

increased competition,

changes in our strategy,

personnel changes,

foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations,

penetration of new markets, and

general economic and political conditions.

Generally, our combined license fee revenue and service fee revenue relating to customization, modification, implementation and integration are recognized as work is performed, using the percentage of completion method of accounting. Given our reliance on a limited number of significant customers, our quarterly results may be significantly affected by the size and timing of customer projects and our progress in completing such projects.

We believe that the placement of customer orders may be concentrated in specific quarterly periods due to the time requirements and budgetary constraints of our customers. Although we recognize a significant portion of our revenue as projects are performed, progress may vary significantly from project to project, and we believe that variations in quarterly revenue are sometimes attributable to the timing of initial order placements. Due to the relatively fixed nature of certain of our costs, a decline of revenue in any quarter could result in lower profitability for that quarter. In addition, fluctuations in our quarterly operating results could cause significant fluctuations in the market price of our ordinary shares.

Our revenue, earnings and profitability are affected by the length of our sales cycle, and a longer sales cycle could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Our business is directly affected by the length of our sales cycle. Information systems for communications companies are relatively complex and their purchase generally involves a significant commitment of capital, with attendant delays frequently associated with large capital expenditures and procurement procedures within an organization. The purchase of these types of products and services typically also requires coordination and agreement across many departments within a potential customer—s organization. Delays associated with such timing factors could have a

material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. In periods of economic slowdown in the communications industry, such as during 2009, our typical sales cycle lengthens, which means that the average time between our initial contact with a prospective customer and the signing of a sales contract increases. The lengthening of our sales cycle could reduce growth in our revenue. In addition, the lengthening of our sales cycle contributes to increased selling expenses, thereby reducing our profitability.

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If the market for our products deteriorates, we may be required to reduce the scope of our operations, and if we fail to successfully plan and manage changes in the size of our operations, our business will suffer.

Over the last several years, we have both grown and contracted our operations in order to profitably offer our products and services in a rapidly changing market. If we are unable to manage these changes and plan and manage any future changes in the size and scope of our operations, our business will suffer.

Restructurings and cost reduction measures that we have implemented, from time to time, have reduced the size of our operations and workforce. Reductions in personnel can result in significant severance, administrative and legal expenses and may also adversely affect or delay various sales, marketing and product development programs and activities. These cost reduction measures have included, and may in the future include, employee separation costs and consolidating and/or relocating certain of our operations to different geographic locations. We accrued restructuring charges totaling \$27.3 million in fiscal 2008 and 2009.

Acquisitions and organic growth have, from time to time, increased our headcount. During periods of expansion, we may need to serve several new customers or implement several new large-scale projects in short periods of time. This may require us to attract and train additional IT professionals at a rapid rate, which we may have difficulties doing successfully.

# Volatility and turmoil in the world s capital markets may adversely affect our investment portfolio and other financial assets.

Our cash, cash equivalents and short-term interest-bearing investments totaled \$923 million, net of short-term debts, as of September 30, 2011. Our policy is to retain sufficient cash balances in order to support our growth. Our short-term investments consist primarily of money market funds, U.S. government treasuries, corporate bonds, government guaranteed debt and U.S. agency securities. Although we believe that we generally adhere to conservative investment guidelines, adverse market conditions have resulted in immaterial impairments of the carrying value of certain of our investment assets. Continuing adverse market conditions may lead to additional impairments. Realized or unrealized losses in our investments or in our other financial assets may adversely affect our financial condition.

Declines in the financial condition of banks or other global financial institutions may adversely affect our normal financial operations.

## We may be exposed to the credit risk of customers that have been adversely affected by weakened markets.

We typically sell our software and related services as part of long-term projects. During the life of a project, a customer s budgeting constraints can impact the scope of a project and the customer s ability to make required payments. In addition, adverse general business conditions may degrade the creditworthiness of our customers over time, and we can be adversely affected by bankruptcies or other business failures.

# Our international presence exposes us to risks associated with varied and changing political, cultural, legal and economic conditions worldwide.

We are affected by risks associated with conducting business internationally. We maintain development facilities in Brazil, Cyprus, India, Ireland, Israel and the United States, and have operations in North America, Europe, Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region. Although a substantial majority of our revenue is derived from customers in North America and Europe, we obtain significant revenue from customers in the Asia-Pacific region and Latin America. Our strategy is to continue to broaden our North American and European customer bases and to expand into international markets, including emerging markets, such as those in Latin America, the Commonwealth of

Independent States, India and Southeast Asia. Conducting business internationally exposes us to certain risks inherent in doing business in international markets, including:

lack of acceptance of non-localized products,

legal and cultural differences in the conduct of business,

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difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations,

longer payment cycles,

difficulties in collecting accounts receivable and withholding taxes that limit the repatriation of earnings,

trade barriers.

difficulties in complying with varied legal and regulatory requirements across jurisdictions,

immigration regulations that limit our ability to deploy our employees,

political instability and threats of terrorism, and

variations in effective income tax rates among countries where we conduct business.

One or more of these factors could have a material adverse effect on our international operations, which could harm our results of operations and financial condition. For example, in 2005, as part of our strategic plan to establish a local China presence in order to help penetrate that market, we acquired Longshine Information Technology Company Ltd., or Longshine. Although it had been our plan to fully integrate Longshine into our operations, our expansion there met with a number of business challenges, and we did not do so. In 2010, we realigned our strategy in China by divesting a majority stake in Longshine, and now retain a minority interest in that company.

As we continue to develop our business in emerging markets, we face increasing challenges that could adversely impact our results of operations, reputation and business.

As we continue to expand our business in emerging markets, such as those in Latin America, the Commonwealth of Independent States, India and Southeast Asia, we face challenges related to more volatile economic conditions, competition from companies that are already present in the market, the need to identify correctly and leverage appropriate opportunities for sales and marketing, poor protection of intellectual property, inadequate protection against crime (including counterfeiting, corruption and fraud), inadvertent breaches of local laws or regulations and not being able to recruit sufficient personnel with appropriate skills and experience. In addition, local business practices in jurisdictions in which we operate, and particularly in emerging markets, may be inconsistent with international regulatory requirements, such as anti-corruption and anti-bribery regulations to which we are subject. It is possible that some of our employees, subcontractors, agents or partners may violate such legal and regulatory requirements, which may expose us to criminal or civil enforcement actions, including penalties and suspension or disqualification from U.S. federal procurement contracting. If we fail to comply with such legal and regulatory requirements, our business and reputation may be harmed.

Our international operations expose us to risks associated with fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates that could adversely affect our business.

Although we have operations throughout the world, approximately 70% to 80% of our revenue and approximately 50% to 60% of our operating costs are denominated in, or linked to, the U.S. dollar. Accordingly, we consider the U.S. dollar to be our functional currency. Fluctuations in exchange rates between the currencies in which such costs are incurred and the dollar may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. From time to time we may experience increases in the costs of our operations outside the United States, as expressed in dollars, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

For example, during fiscal 2008, we recognized higher than usual foreign exchange losses under interest and other expense, net, mainly due to the significant revaluation of assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies attributable to the rapid and significant foreign exchange rate changes associated with the global economic turbulence. Although our foreign exchange losses have been less significant since then as a result of enhanced hedging strategies, we believe that foreign exchange rates may continue to present challenges in future periods.

In addition, a portion of our revenue (approximately 20% to 30% in fiscal 2011) is not incurred in dollars or linked to the dollar, and, therefore, fluctuations in exchange rates between the dollar and the currencies in which such revenue is incurred may have a material effect on our results of operations and financial condition. If more of

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our customers seek contracts that are denominated in currencies such as the euro and not the dollar, our exposure to fluctuations in currency exchange rates could increase.

Our policy is to hedge significant net exposures in the major foreign currencies in which we operate, and we generally hedge our net currency exposure with respect to expected revenue and operating costs and certain balance sheet items. We do not hedge all of our currency exposure, including for currencies for which the cost of hedging is prohibitively expensive. We cannot assure you that we will be able to effectively limit all of our exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations.

The imposition of exchange or price controls or other restrictions on the conversion of foreign currencies could also have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

## Political and economic conditions in the Middle East and other countries may adversely affect our business.

Of the development centers we maintain worldwide, our two largest development centers are located in Israel and India. In Israel, the centers are located in three different sites throughout Israel, and approximately 24% of our software and information technology, sales and marketing workforce is located in Israel. As a result, we are directly influenced by the political, economic and military conditions affecting Israel and its neighboring regions. Any major hostilities involving Israel could have a material adverse effect on our business. We have developed contingency plans to provide ongoing services to our customers in the event that escalated political or military conditions disrupt our normal operations. These plans include the transfer of some development operations within Israel to various of our other sites both within and outside of Israel. If we have to implement these plans, our operations would be disrupted and we would incur significant additional expenditures, which would adversely affect our business and results of operations.

While Israel has entered into peace agreements with both Egypt and Jordan, Israel has not entered into peace arrangements with any other neighboring countries and the numerous uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East, including in Egypt, Syria and Jordan which border Israel, have introduced additional uncertainty in the region. Recent events in Iran, including reports of its continuing nuclear development program, have further strained relations between Israel and Iran. Continued political or economic uncertainty, or violence, in the region could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Over the past several years there has been a significant deterioration in Israel s relationship with the Palestinian Authority and a related increase in violence, including recent hostilities related to Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. Efforts to resolve the problem have failed to result in a permanent solution. Continued violence between the Palestinian community and Israel may have a material adverse effect on our business. Further deterioration of relations with the Palestinian Authority or other countries in the Middle East might require more military reserve service by some of our workforce, which may have a material adverse effect on our business.

In recent years, we have expanded our operations internationally, particularly in India and the Commonwealth of Independent States (including Russia). Conducting business in these and other countries involves unique challenges, including political instability, threats of terrorism, the transparency, consistency and effectiveness of business regulation, business corruption, the protection of intellectual property, and the availability of sufficient qualified local personnel. Any of these or other challenges associated with operating in these countries may adversely affect our business or operations. We have development and other facilities at multiple locations in India, and approximately 36% of our software and information technology, sales and marketing workforce is located in India. Terrorist activity in India and Pakistan has contributed to tensions between those countries and our operations in India may be adversely affected by future political and other events in the region.

In addition, our development facility in Cyprus may be adversely affected by political conditions in that country. As a result of intercommunal strife between the Greek and Turkish communities, Turkish troops invaded Cyprus in 1974 and continue to occupy a large portion of the island. Despite the admission of Cyprus into the European Union and recent improvements in the relations between the parties, discussions facilitated by the United Nations, the European Union and the United States have not resulted in a plan of reunification for Cyprus. Major hostilities between Cyprus and Turkey could have a material adverse effect on our development facility in Cyprus.

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### If we are unable to protect our proprietary technology from misappropriation, our business may be harmed.

Any misappropriation of our technology or the development of competitive technology could seriously harm our business. Our software and software systems are largely comprised of software and systems we have developed or acquired and that we regard as proprietary. We rely upon a combination of trademarks, patents, contractual rights, trade secret law, copyrights, non-disclosure agreements and other methods to protect our proprietary rights. We enter into non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements with our customers, workforce and marketing representatives and with certain contractors with access to sensitive information, and we also limit our customer access to the source codes of our software and our software systems. However, we generally do not include in our software any mechanisms to prevent or inhibit unauthorized use.

The steps we have taken to protect our proprietary rights may be inadequate. If so, we might not be able to prevent others from using what we regard as our technology to compete with us. Existing trade secret, copyright and trademark laws offer only limited protection. In addition, the laws of some foreign countries do not protect our proprietary technology or allow enforcement of confidentiality covenants to the same extent as the laws of the United States.

If we have to resort to legal proceedings to enforce our intellectual property rights, the proceedings could be burdensome, protracted and expensive and could involve a high degree of risk.

# Claims by others that we infringe their proprietary technology could harm our business and subject us to potentially burdensome litigation.

Our software and software systems are the results of long and complex development processes, and, although our technology is not significantly dependent on patents or licenses from third parties, certain aspects of our products make use of readily available software components that we license from third parties, including our employees and contractors. As a developer of complex software systems, third parties may claim that portions of our systems violate their intellectual property rights. The ability to develop and use our software and software systems requires knowledge and professional experience that we believe is unique to us and would be very difficult for others to independently obtain, however, our competitors may independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to ours.

We expect that software developers will increasingly be subject to infringement claims as the number of products and competitors providing software and services to the communications industry increases and overlaps occur. Any claim of infringement by a third party could cause us to incur substantial costs defending against the claim and could distract our management from our business. Furthermore, a party making such a claim, if successful, could secure a judgment that requires us to pay substantial damages. A judgment could also include an injunction or other court order that could prevent us from selling our products or offering our services, or prevent a customer from continuing to use our products. Additionally, since our 2006 acquisition of Qpass, we support service providers and media companies with respect to digital content services, which could subject us to claims related to such services. Our entry into the digital content services market has also subjected us to direct legal claims from retail consumers arising from the delivery of such services.

If anyone asserts a claim against us relating to proprietary technology or information, we might seek to license their intellectual property. We might not, however, be able to obtain a license on commercially reasonable terms or on any terms. In addition, any efforts to develop non-infringing technology could be unsuccessful. Our failure to obtain the necessary licenses or other rights or to develop non-infringing technology could prevent us from selling our products and could therefore seriously harm our business.

# Product defects or software errors could adversely affect our business.

Design defects or software errors may cause delays in product introductions and project implementations, damage customer satisfaction and may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Our software products are highly complex and may, from time to time, contain design defects or software errors that may be difficult to detect and correct.

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Because our products are generally used by our customers to perform critical business functions, design defects, software errors, misuse of our products, incorrect data from external sources or other potential problems within or outside of our control may arise during implementation or from the use of our products, and may result in financial or other damages to our customers, for which we may be held responsible. Although we have license agreements with our customers that contain provisions designed to limit our exposure to potential claims and liabilities arising from customer problems, these provisions may not effectively protect us against such claims in all cases and in all jurisdictions. In addition, as a result of business and other considerations, we may undertake to compensate our customers for damages caused to them arising from the use of our products, even if our liability is limited by a license or other agreement. Claims and liabilities arising from customer problems could also damage our reputation, adversely affecting our business, results of operations and financial condition and the ability to obtain Errors and Omissions insurance.

System disruptions and failures may result in customer dissatisfaction, customer loss or both, which could materially and adversely affect our reputation and business.

Our systems are an integral part of our customers business operations. The continued and uninterrupted performance of these systems by our customers is critical to our success. Customers may become dissatisfied by any system failure that interrupts our ability to provide services to them. Sustained or repeated system failures would reduce the attractiveness of our services significantly and could result in decreased demand for our products and services.

Our ability to serve our customers depends on our ability to protect our computer systems against damage from fire, power loss, water damage, telecommunications failures, earthquake, terrorism attack, vandalism and similar unexpected adverse events. Despite our efforts to implement network security measures, our systems are also vulnerable to computer viruses, break-ins and similar disruptions from unauthorized tampering. Although we maintain insurance that we believe is appropriate for our business and industry, such coverage may not be sufficient to compensate for any significant losses that may occur as a result of any of these events.

We have experienced systems outages and service interruptions in the past. To date, these outages have not had a material adverse effect on us. However, in the future, a prolonged system-wide outage or frequent outages could cause harm to our reputation and could cause our customers to make claims against us for damages allegedly resulting from an outage or interruption. Any damage or failure that interrupts or delays our operations could result in material harm to our business and expose us to material liabilities.

The termination or reduction of certain government programs and tax benefits could adversely affect our overall effective tax rate.

There can be no assurance that our effective tax rate of 12.4% for the year ended September 30, 2011 will not change over time as a result of changes in corporate income tax rates or other changes in the tax laws of Guernsey, the jurisdiction in which our holding company is organized, or of the various countries in which we operate.

We have benefited or currently benefit from a variety of government programs and tax benefits that generally carry conditions that we must meet in order to be eligible to obtain any benefit. For example, through subsidiaries, we operate development centers and a business processing operations center in India. In 2011, the effective corporation tax rate applicable in India on trading activities was 32.4%. Our subsidiaries in India operate under specific favorable tax entitlements that are based upon pre-approved information technology related services activity. As a result, our subsidiary in Delhi and a business unit we established in Pune are entitled to considerable corporate income tax reductions for certain of their respective eligible income, which reduce their current applicable tax rate (cash basis) to 20%. Such favorable tax treatment is applied on all income derived from such pre-approved information technology activity, provided the subsidiaries continue to meet the conditions required for such tax benefits. The benefits

applicable to our subsidiaries based in Pune expired on March 31, 2011 and the benefits applicable to our Delhi subsidiary and the business unit established in Pune in 2010 are scheduled to phase out over 15 years from the commencement of operations. Proposed changes in Indian tax law may reduce or eliminate the availability of the noted beneficial tax rates for our Indian subsidiaries. Please see Item 10 Additional Information Taxation Certain Indian Tax Considerations for more information.

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If we fail to meet the conditions upon which certain favorable tax treatment is based, we would not be able to claim future tax benefits and could be required to refund tax benefits already received. In addition, any of the following could have a material effect on our overall effective tax rate:

some tax benefit programs may be limited in duration or may be discontinued,

we may be unable to meet the requirements for continuing to qualify for some programs,

these programs and tax benefits may be unavailable at their current levels, or

upon expiration of a particular benefit, we may not be eligible to participate in a new program or qualify for a new tax benefit that would offset the loss of the expiring tax benefit.

## The market price of our ordinary shares has and may continue to fluctuate widely.

The market price of our ordinary shares has fluctuated widely and may continue to do so. From September 30, 2009 to November 30, 2011, our ordinary shares have traded as high as \$32.44 and as low as \$24.10 per share. As of November 30, 2011, the closing price of our ordinary shares was \$28.24 per share. Many factors could cause the market price of our ordinary shares to rise and fall, including:

market conditions in the industry and the economy as a whole,

variations in our quarterly operating results,

changes in our backlog levels,

announcements of technological innovations by us or our competitors,

introductions of new products or new pricing policies by us or our competitors,

trends in the communications or software industries, including industry consolidation,

acquisitions or strategic alliances by us or others in our industry,

changes in estimates of our performance or recommendations by financial analysts,

changes in our shareholder base, and

political developments in the Middle East or other areas of the world.

In addition, in recent years, the stock market has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations. In the past, market fluctuations have, from time to time, particularly affected the market prices of the securities of many high technology companies. These broad market fluctuations could adversely affect the market price of our ordinary shares.

It may be difficult for our shareholders to enforce any judgment obtained in the United States against us or our affiliates.

We are incorporated under the laws of the Island of Guernsey and a majority of our directors and executive officers are not citizens or residents of the United States. A significant portion of our assets and the assets of those persons are

located outside the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for investors to effect service of process upon us within the United States or upon such persons outside their jurisdiction of residence. Also, we have been advised that there is doubt as to the enforceability in Guernsey of judgments of the U.S. courts of civil liabilities predicated solely upon the laws of the United States, including the federal securities laws.

## ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

# History, Development and Organizational Structure of Amdocs

Amdocs Limited was organized as a company with limited liability under the laws of the Island of Guernsey in 1988. Since 1995, Amdocs Limited has been a holding company for the various subsidiaries that conduct our business on a worldwide basis. Our global business is providing software and services solutions to enable

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communications companies that are major services providers in North America, Europe and the rest of the world to move toward an integrated approach to customer management. Our registered office is Suite 5, Tower Hill House Le Bordage, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 3QT, and the telephone number at that location is +44-1481-728444.

The executive offices of our principal subsidiary in the United States are located at 1390 Timberlake Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017, and the telephone number at that location is +1-314-212-8328.

Our subsidiaries are organized under and subject to the laws of several countries. Our principal operating subsidiaries are in Canada, Cyprus, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel and the United States.

We have pursued and may continue to pursue acquisitions in order to offer new products or services or otherwise enhance our market position or strategic strengths. Since fiscal 2000, we have completed numerous acquisitions; our principal acquisitions since fiscal 2006 are summarized below:

Fiscal Year	<b>Acquired Business</b>	Description of Business
2006	Qpass	Software systems for digital commerce
2006	Cramer	Operation support software systems
2007	SigValue	Customer care, billing and service control systems for communications
		providers in high-growth emerging markets
2008	JacobsRimell	Fulfillment software for the broadband cable industry
2009	ChangingWorlds	Mobile device personalization technology
2010	jNetX	Service delivery platform provider
2010	MX Telecom	Mobile payments and messaging aggregator
2011	Bridgewater Systems	Policy management and network control solutions

Our acquisitions have enabled us to expand our service offerings and our customer base and to enhance our ability to provide managed services solutions to our customers. Through acquisitions, we have also expanded our presence in growing and emerging communications markets, reinforcing our leadership in delivering a comprehensive portfolio of business software applications.

As the result of our organic growth and acquisitions, our software and information technology, sales and marketing workforce has increased since the recent economic downturn from 15,871 as of the end of fiscal 2009 to 18,051 as of the end of fiscal 2010 to 18,361 as of the end of fiscal 2011. In the past, our workforce has fluctuated with changes in business conditions.

Our principal capital expenditures for fiscal 2011, 2010 and 2009 have been for computer equipment in our operating facilities and development centers, for which we spent approximately \$98.6 million, \$70.6 million and \$71.5 million, respectively. We anticipate our principal capital expenditures in fiscal 2012 will be financed internally and will consist of additional computer equipment.

### **Business Overview**

Amdocs is a leading provider of software and services for communications, media and entertainment industry service providers. Although our market focus has traditionally been primarily on Tier-1 and Tier-2 service providers in developed markets, we have also focused in the last several years on Tier-3 and Tier-4 providers in developed markets and on providers in emerging markets, such as Latin America, the Commonwealth of Independent States, India and Southeast Asia.

We develop, implement and manage software and services associated with business support systems (BSS) and operational support systems (OSS) to enable service providers to introduce new products quickly, understand their customers more deeply, process orders more efficiently and support new business models. We refer to these systems collectively as customer experience systems because of the crucial impact that these systems have on the service providers end-user experience.

We believe the demand for our customer experience systems is driven by the need of service providers to anticipate and respond to consumer demands. Regardless of whether providers are bringing their first offerings to market, scaling for growth, consolidating systems or transforming the way they do business, we believe that

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providers seek to differentiate their offerings by delivering a customer experience that is simple, personal and valuable at every point of service. We refer to this type of customer experience as the intentional customer experience. In a global communications industry impacted by a growing number of connected devices and the resulting demand for increased bandwidth, consumers expect immediate and constant connectivity to personalized services, information and applications. We seek to address these market forces through a strategy of innovation from the network and business support systems to the device and end user. We continue to introduce and enhance products and services that deliver organizational and process improvements to bring value to our customers as they and their markets grow and change. Our goal is to supply scalable offerings that provide the functionality and flexibility to service providers that facilitate innovation and enable cost-effective execution.

### **Industry Background**

## Communications Industry

As economic conditions remain uncertain, we believe that service providers will continue to maintain a strong focus on cost reduction and efficient operations, as seen by a number of transformation projects planned by leading service providers worldwide. The rise of the smartphone and communications and entertainment applications, or apps, is already providing unprecedented growth in data demand, while other connected devices such as the iPad, Kindle and the improvement in machine-to-machine (M2M) technologies will only further this growth in what we refer to as the connected world. In response to the demand for increased bandwidth, service providers, both wireline and wireless, are investing in their networks and are searching for ways to optimize and monetize their investment.

In recent years, non-traditional service providers and device manufacturers have penetrated the wireless market and are now poised to compete for customer attention in the television market as well. Additionally, social networks such as Facebook and Twitter are becoming widely-accepted alternatives to traditional voice communication. To meet the challenges from new competitors and differentiate themselves, service providers are moving towards a model of converged services, with wireline operators offering Internet Protocol TV services as well as the convergence of fixed-mobile networks. Service providers are also looking to strengthen their standing with enterprise customers as well as exploring new opportunities in the wholesale market and providing M2M services to new vertical market segments, such as the health and automotive industries.

To capture new revenue streams in the connected world, service providers will need the ability to expand within existing and non-traditional business models; they will need to provide customers with a simple and personalized experience across devices, networks, screens and services, and they must continue to build cost-efficient businesses and technical environments that can change quickly and onboard new partners. We believe service providers will place a greater emphasis on modernization and transformation projects for both networks and business support systems as they look for innovative ways to improve operations.

As a result, we believe service providers require customer experience systems that provide the level of integration, flexibility and scalability needed to improve operational efficiency and to differentiate themselves from their competitors in an increasingly crowded marketplace. We believe these factors create significant opportunities for vendors of information technology software products and providers of managed services, such as Amdocs.

### The Amdocs Offerings

We believe that our product-driven approach, commitment to and support of quality personnel and deep industry knowledge and expertise enable us to create and deliver effective offerings that are highly innovative, reliable and cost-effective. In addition, we offer software products that address the specific business needs of service providers. We believe our success derives from a combination of the following factors that differentiate us from most of our

competitors.

Software Products. In fiscal 2011, we continued to release aspects of our Amdocs CES (Customer Experience Systems) 8 portfolio. We are planning additional releases of Amdocs CES 8 throughout 2012. Amdocs CES 8 provides integration between our post-paid and pre-paid billing, customer relationship management, operational support and ordering applications that are designed to enable our customers to

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achieve integrated customer management and deliver an intentional customer experience. The CES 8 portfolio was designed to enable our customers to support new business models, devices and partnerships by centralizing common assets, such as customer, network and product data. Our portfolio of pre-integrated software products was built to span the entire customer lifecycle across BSS, OSS and service delivery to align business processes around the end customer. In addition, our products are designed to allow modular expansion as a service provider evolves, ensuring rapid, low-cost, reduced-risk implementations.

The Amdocs CES 8 portfolio is based on an open architecture that is intended to provide the functionality, scalability, modularity and adaptability required by service providers in their dynamic, highly competitive markets. The open architecture is based on the principles of service-oriented architecture (SOA) and business process management, which helps to ensure our products operate together or as stand-alone applications within existing environments. We believe this flexibility enables our customers to achieve significant time-to-market advantages and reduces their dependence on technical and other personnel.

*Services*. Our services include business consulting, systems integration and delivery services, managed services and product services to support the deployment and operations of our products. We combine deep industry knowledge, advanced methodologies, industry best practices and pre-configured tools to deliver consistent results and minimize our customers—risks.

Solution Bundles and Packs. Building on products included in the Amdocs CES 8 portfolio, we offer bundled solutions of products (including those of Amdocs and third parties) and services that address specific business issues, such as subscriber profitability, the identification of consumer segments to be targeted, and system strengths to be enhanced. Packs are turnkey versions of our products, designed for fast, lower-cost implementation. We believe that these bundled and packaged offerings provide our customers with timely, cost-effective, relatively low-risk solutions to specific business issues at a consistent level of quality.

Experience. We are able to offer our customers superior products and services on a worldwide basis in large part because of our highly qualified and trained technical, sales, marketing, consulting and management personnel. We invest significantly in the ongoing training of our personnel in key areas such as industry knowledge, software technologies and management capabilities. Leveraging ongoing training and experience, we have developed a field-tested set of business processes, tools and methodologies that we apply to all ongoing product development and service delivery. Based in significant part on the skills and knowledge of our workforce, we believe that we have developed a reputation for reliably delivering quality solutions.

Due to the complex and dynamic nature of our customers business needs, the products and services that we provide are typically integrated and designed to work in concert to provide each customer with a complete solution.

## **Business Strategy**

Our goal is to provide products, services and support to the world s leading service providers as they evolve to remain relevant and competitive in the connected world. We seek to accomplish our goal by pursuing the strategies described below.

Continued Focus on the Communications, Media and Entertainment Industry. We focus our primary resources and efforts on providing customer experience systems to service providers in the communications, media and entertainment industry. This strategy has enabled us to develop the specialized industry know-how and capability necessary to deliver the technologically advanced, large-scale, specifications-intensive customer experience systems required by the leading wireless, wireline, broadband cable and satellite companies. We consider our longstanding and continuing focus on this industry a competitive advantage.

Target Industry Leaders. We intend to continue to direct our marketing efforts primarily toward communications, media and entertainment industry leaders. By targeting such leading service providers, which require the most sophisticated customer experience systems, we believe that we are better able to remain at the forefront of developments in the industry. We derive the substantial majority of our revenues from our customer base of major service providers. We believe that the development of this customer base has helped position us as a market leader, while contributing to the core strength of our business.

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Continued Expansion into Emerging Markets. We continue to improve our ability to serve the needs of service providers operating in emerging markets. Prepaid subscriber growth remains high and average revenue per user remains relatively low in these markets in comparison to more developed Western markets. At the same time, however, we have started to see a shift in service provider focus as they begin to regard the customer experience as a key competitive differentiator. Our prospective customers in these markets vary dramatically, with some service providers serving subscriber bases already numbering in the hundreds of millions and others introducing communications services to communities for the first time. We believe this shift in focus on the customer experience and the spectrum of emerging market service providers requires offerings ranging from relatively low-cost systems with pre-packaged services that can be implemented rapidly, to more robust service, to complete customer experience systems.

Provide Customers with a Broad, Deep Portfolio of Integrated Products. We seek to provide our customers with a broad, yet integrated, portfolio of products to help them deliver an intentional customer experience. We provide customer experience systems across the BSS, OSS and network control domains, service delivery platforms and multiple lines of business, including wireline, wireless, broadband cable and satellite services. Integration of our systems is achieved through an open, service-oriented architecture, allowing our products to work well together and with third-party products. This holistic approach serves to support the world s largest service providers throughout their often international operations. We believe that our ability to provide a broad, deep suite of products helps position us as a strategic partner for our customers, and also provides us with multiple avenues for strengthening and expanding our ongoing customer relationships.

Leverage Our Managed Services Capabilities. Managed services enable us to assume responsibility for the operation and management of our customers Amdocs systems, as well as systems developed by in-house IT departments or by other vendors. Our customers receive improved efficiencies and long-term savings over the day-to-day costs of operating and maintaining these systems, so they can focus on their own internal strengths, leaving systems concerns to us. Managed services also benefit us, as they can be a source of predictable revenue and long-term relationships.

Leverage Our Consulting Capabilities. We seek to maintain and develop long-term, mutually-beneficial relationships with our customers, and have organized our internal operations to better anticipate and respond to their needs. These relationships, which include consulting engagements, can lead to the sale of new licenses and additional services projects. In addition, our consultants—experience in the field is channeled into our product development process, applying the best practices and business processes we have accumulated over nearly 30 years to enhance the performance of our products and improve the success of future projects for our customers.

Maintain and Develop Long-Term Customer Relationships. We find that our most positive, productive customer relationships lead to additional product sales, as well as ongoing, long-term support, system enhancement and maintenance, and managed services agreements. We believe that such relationships are facilitated in many cases by the mission-critical, strategic nature of Amdocs systems and by the added value we provide through our specialized skills and knowledge. We believe that the longevity of our customer relationships and the recurring revenue that such relationships produce provide a competitive advantage for us.

### **Products**

Our product offerings consist of an extensive software portfolio that we have developed to provide comprehensive customer experience systems functionality for service providers. Our software systems support the full span of the customer lifecycle: revenue management, customer management, operations support and service delivery. Further, our

systems support portfolio enablers which consist of offerings to help service providers make intelligent decisions, manage the product lifecycle and simplify the integration, operation and administration of applications. We also provide solutions for high growth and emerging markets, as well as advertising and media solutions for directory publishers.

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#### Our products focus on:

Revenue Management: Products that enable service providers to manage and collect all sources of revenue through any channel, from service consumption to cash-in-hand. Amdocs Revenue Management offerings include:

Convergent Charging and Billing: facilitates the purchase, consumption and payment for all customer types, services and payment methods, including pre-paid and post-paid, across multiple lines of business.

*Mediation:* enables service providers to address BSS/OSS data processing and event handling needs across all lines of business and to transform raw network data into actionable business information that can be used to authorize events on the network, bill a customer or pay a content provider.

Partner Relationship Management: enables end-to-end partner lifecycle management for different aspects of partnership relationships, including interconnect, roaming, wholesale and mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) (a mobile service provider that does not have its own spectrum), content and advertising and dealer management.

Compact Convergence: is a real-time converged billing and service delivery solution for small to medium-sized service providers, MVNOs and for mobile virtual network enablers that provide services to MVNOs. This offering features out-of-the-box essential business functionality, such as invoicing and provisioning, customer care, self Web-care and reporting capabilities.

Customer Management: Products that transform the way service providers deliver a cost-effective, superior customer experience across all interaction channels and touch points. Amdocs Customer Management offerings include:

*Customer Care:* provides a one-stop shop solution that delivers a complete view of the customer across all lines of business, enabling customer service representatives to deliver personalized service from a single, intuitive desktop application.

*Sales and Ordering:* provides the complete order-to-cash cycle from a business or an end customer across all lines of business by capturing orders initiated from any channel, validating customer orders and sending requests to the appropriate system for completion.

Operation Support Systems (OSS): Products that comprise the core operational support systems, such as network planning, service fulfillment and assurance. Amdocs OSS offerings include:

*Network Planning:* enables network planners to analyze current, short- and long-term consumption trends of network resources and to plan and roll out a service-ready network.

Service Fulfillment: includes pre-packaged automation for specific services and lines of business, including broadband, satellite and cable; also supports the fulfillment of multiple services, either to support a convergent services bundle, or to standardize fulfillment across the organization with a single interface to orchestrate all fulfillment processes.

Service Assurance: supports service assurance by managing the problem resolution process, including impact analysis to assess what services are affected by outages.

*Inventory and Discovery:* provides a single source of service and network inventory and performance data, to support network planning and service fulfillment and assurance.

Service Order Management: provides an automated, end-to-end solution to manage the entire order fulfillment lifecycle, including multiple order channels and lines of business.

*Network Control:* Portfolio of products that feature network controls to manage how and under which circumstances subscribers and devices can access networks, and dynamic policy controls that manage what happens to the device or subscriber when on the network, such as bandwidth usage controls. The portfolio

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features Service Controller (AAA), Policy Controller (PCRF) and Home Subscriber Server (HSS), anchored by a common identity management system that stores subscriber plan, location and other data. We believe that by combining recently acquired Bridgewater s real-time network and policy control capabilities with Amdocs convergent charging technology, service providers will be able to accelerate data monetization with innovative services based on a complete view of the customer, including his or her plan, preferences and real-time data experience status.

*Service Delivery:* Solutions that help service providers solve delivery challenges for Internet Protocol (IP) and next-generation services, often known as Telco 2.0. Our service delivery offerings include:

Convergent Service Platform: provides a standards-based Java service platform for developing and deploying innovative end-user applications across any network topology. Deployed in the network, the platform gives service providers the ability to transform business models without affecting their BSS and OSS configurations.

Convergent Applications: runs on the Amdocs Convergent Service Platform, providing network-based applications for fixed, mobile and emerging devices; includes a broad suite of call-control applications and charging-based applications, helping service providers move away from legacy environments and fully leverage and monetize all their network assets.

*Digital Services:* provides a complete portal, storefront, commerce search and advertising platform that allows service providers to provide a personalized digital experience; supports mobile, broadband and IPTV.

*Portfolio Enablers:* Products that serve as the underlying drivers for technology innovation across the Amdocs CES portfolio of offerings. These products provide the foundation, enablers and building blocks to quickly create and modify business processes, provide a single customer view and effectively manage products to deliver an intentional customer experience and achieve time-to-market advantage.

#### Advertising and Media Solutions

Our advertising and media offerings for local marketing service providers and search and directory publishers are comprised of a comprehensive set of products and services designed to enable the management of the media selling, fulfillment, consumer experience and financial processes across online, print and mobile media. These directory systems offerings include:

*Sales Productivity:* Offerings that enable cost effective sales operations within media sales organizations through innovative sales tools and best practice sales processes.

Business Agility: Sales, CRM, ordering, product lifecycle management, fulfillment, content management, campaign management and billing offerings that enhance the productivity and cost efficiency of digital and print local marketing service providers.

Consumer Engagement and Monetization: Offerings that enable local search and directory publishers to add advanced search, ad serving, mobile and social lead generation functionalities to the consumer s local search experience, and to scale up partner content syndication and advertising networks.

#### **Technology**

Our portfolio architecture is designed to increase our customers business agility and lower their overall total cost of ownership. Our technology platform allows our applications to work in multiple customer environments, including:

Hardware: IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Oracle/Sun, Intel

Operating Systems: IBM AIX, HP-UX, Solaris, Windows, Red Hat Linux

Database Management Systems: Oracle, SQL Server, IBM UDB

Middleware: Oracle WebLogic, IBM WebSphere

Storage: EMC, NetApp, IBM, Hewlett-Packard

We believe our technology platform s flexibility affords our customers the freedom to choose a preferred operating environment and to maximize return on existing infrastructure investments. To help service providers

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respond more quickly to changes in their markets and lower their integration costs, we employ service-oriented architecture principles in our portfolio design. For example, Amdocs Integration Framework includes a central service repository for defining business services for both Amdocs and external applications, allowing our applications to integrate with each other and with third party enterprise server bus or legacy applications.

Our portfolio applications are based around consistent architectural guidelines and software infrastructure and they also leverage, where appropriate, consistent foundation tools and services for areas such as integration, process management, monitoring and control, security and information management. Our platform-agnostic foundation layer spans our applications and helps us evolve our products towards robust service-oriented architecture integration and business process support. With these tools, we aim to provide our customers a sound framework upon which to implement, integrate and centralize their operating environments. This allows service providers to mitigate many costs associated with deploying and operating new applications, such as those related to installation, configuration, integration and monitoring.

Our product portfolio also includes the following key characteristics:

Scalability. Our applications are designed to take full advantage of the scalability capabilities of the underlying platform, allowing progressive system expansion, proportional with the customer s growth in business volumes. Using the same software, our applications can support operations for small, as well as very large service providers.

Modularity. Our product portfolio is comprised of sets of individual functional application products. Each of our applications can be installed on an individual stand-alone basis, interfacing with the customer s existing systems, or as part of an integrated Amdocs system environment. This modularity provides our customers with a highly flexible and cost-effective solution that is able to incrementally expand with the customer s growing needs and capabilities. The modular approach preserves the customer s initial investment in products, while minimizing future disruptions and the overall cost of system implementation.

*Portability.* Our applications support diverse hardware and operating systems to ensure that our customers can choose from a variety of vendors.

*Openness.* Our product portfolio can integrate with other industry products to benefit customers that prefer a best of breed solution. Partner selection is based on the preferences of our customers.

## Services

We offer a broad suite of services to advise, transform, support and optimize business and technology processes. We provide consulting, systems integration, delivery services, managed services and product support to assist our customers with their business strategy, system implementation, integration, modification, consolidation, modernization and ongoing support, enhancement and maintenance needs. In addition, we offer comprehensive learning services to help our customers develop competency in their Amdocs systems and applications. Our services methodology incorporates rigorous focus on the people, processes and technology of an organization, and we invite active customer participation at all stages to help prioritize and implement time-critical system solutions that address the customer s individual needs.

Our services portfolio includes:

Business Consulting Services These services span the project lifecycle and range from assessment and advisory services to optimization services that measure and improve operational performance, and help to

define the project scope and implementation path of business solutions to deliver tangible operations improvements.

System Integration Services This suite of services allows us to act as a prime integrator from project deployment to implementation and operations. These services span the entire business lifecycle, including vision and strategy, transformation and delivery and management and optimization. We have developed advanced methodologies, industry best practices and pre-configured tools to deliver a cohesive implementation plan, including solution, architecture, change management and business benefit realization.

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Managed Services This set of flexible strategic sourcing services is uniquely tailored for the service provider industry to outsource the performance and management of their support business functions, operations and infrastructure support across all environments, whether Amdocs systems or other implementations. Managed services offerings include comprehensive software and other services related to the managed operations, such as IT and infrastructure management, application management and ongoing support, systems modernization and consolidation, business process operation support, end to end transformational business process outsourcing (BPO), IT outsourcing (ITO) and delivery. Our managed services models can be leveraged to support day-to-day operations and to foster strategic business objectives.

*Product Support Services* These services are designed to help our customers solve key challenges and to protect and maximize their investment in our products throughout the entire product life cycle. Our global product support organization uses certified methodologies and provides support options, including online services and personalized interactions.

The extent of services provided varies from customer to customer. Our services engagements can range in size and scope from deploying single point solutions to orchestrating large-scale transformation projects. Depending on the customer s needs, system implementation and integration activities are often conducted jointly by teams from Amdocs and the customer. Implementation and integration activities include project management, development of training methods and procedures, design of work flows, hardware planning and installation, network and system design and installation, system conversion and documentation. In some cases, Amdocs personnel provide support services to the customer s own implementation and integration team, which has primary responsibility for the task. In other cases, we take a primary role in facilitating implementation and integration. In yet other instances, customers require turnkey solutions, in which case we provide full system implementation and integration services.

Once the system becomes operational, we are generally retained by the customer to provide ongoing services, such as maintenance, enhancement design and development and operational support. For a substantial number of our customers, the implementation and integration of an initial system has been followed by the sale of additional systems and modules. We aim to establish long-term maintenance and support contracts with our customers. These contracts generally involve an expansion in the scope of support provided, while also providing us with recurring revenue.

Our business is conducted on a global basis. We maintain development and support facilities worldwide, including Brazil, Cyprus, India, Ireland, Israel and the United States, and have operations in North America, Europe, Israel, Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region.

#### Sales and Marketing

Our sales and marketing activities are primarily directed at major communications, media and entertainment companies. As a result of the strategic importance of our customer experience systems to the operations of these companies, a number of constituencies within a customer s organization are typically involved in purchasing decisions, including senior management, information systems personnel and user groups, such as the finance, customer service and marketing departments. We maintain sales offices in the United States, Europe, Latin America and Asia Pacific.

Our sales activities are supported by marketing efforts and increasing cooperation with strategic partners. We interact with other third parties in our sales activities, including independent sales agents, information systems consultants engaged by our customers or prospective customers and systems integrators that provide complementary products and services to such customers. We also have value-added reseller agreements with certain hardware and database vendors. Our marketing activities also continue to support projects with partner companies, such as IBM, Alcatel-Lucent, Hewlett-Packard and others.

## Customers

Our target market is comprised of service providers in the communication, media and entertainment industry that require customer experience systems with advanced functionality and technology. The companies in our target segment are typically market leaders. By working with such companies, we help ensure that we remain at the

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forefront of developments in the communication, media and entertainment industry and that our product offerings continue to address the market s most sophisticated needs. We have an international orientation. We have a broad base of customers in North America and Europe, however, due to our expansion in emerging markets, we also have customers in geographies as diverse as the Commonwealth of Independent States, India, Latin America and Southeast Asia.

Our customers include global communications leaders and leading network operators and service providers, as well as directory publishers in the United States and around the world. Our customers include:

America Movil DexOne
AT&T Rogers
Bakcell Sprint Nextel

Bell Canada Telefonica de Espana
BT Telefonica 02 Germany
Cablevision Telkom South Africa

Cellcom Telstra
Claro Brazil TELUS
Clearwire T-Mobile
Comcast TIM Brasil
Deutsche Telekom US Cellular

DIRECTV Verizon Communications

Elisa VimpelCom
Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad Virgin Media
LCOM

J:COM Vodafone Germany
Kazakhtelecom Vodafone Netherlands

KPN Vodafone UK MetroPCS XL Axiata

Our business is dependent on a limited number of significant customers, of which AT&T has historically been our largest. AT&T accounted for 29% of our revenue in fiscal 2011 and 2010. In fiscal 2011, our two next largest customers were Bell Canada and Sprint Nextel, and certain of their subsidiaries, each of which accounted for approximately 10% or more of our revenue in fiscal 2011. Revenue from Bell Canada will be negatively affected by a scheduled price reduction under our contract with Bell Canada to be effective in fiscal 2012. Aggregate revenue derived from the multiple business arrangements we have with our ten largest customers accounted for approximately 73% of our revenue in fiscal 2011 and 75% of our revenue in fiscal 2010. The following is a summary of revenue by geographic area. Revenue is attributed to geographic region based on the location of the customer:

	2011	2010	2009
North America	73.4%	75.8%	75.3%
Europe	12.7	11.8	13.8
Rest of the World	13.9	12.4	10.9

#### Competition

The market for customer experience systems and services in the communication, media and entertainment industry continues to become increasingly more competitive. Amdocs competitive landscape is comprised of internal IT

departments of large communication companies as well as independent competitors that can be categorized as follows:

providers of BSS/OSS systems, including Comverse, Convergys, CSG Systems, Ericsson/Telcordia and Oracle;

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system integrators and providers of IT services, such as Accenture, Cognizant, Hewlett-Packard, Huawei, IBM Global Services, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra Ltd and Wipro (some of whom we also cooperate with in certain opportunities and projects); and

network equipment providers such as Alcatel-Lucent, Ericsson, Huawei, Nokia Siemens, NEC and ZTE (some of whom we also cooperate with in certain opportunities and projects).

We expect the competition in our industry to increase from such companies.

We believe that we are able to differentiate ourselves from these competitors by, among other things:

applying our nearly 30-year heritage to the development and delivery of products and professional services that enable our customers to achieve service differentiation by means of an intentional customer experience,

focusing on communications service providers and continuing to design and develop solutions targeted specifically to this industry,

innovating and enabling our customers to adopt new business models that will improve their ability to drive new revenues, and compete and win in a changing market,

providing high-quality, reliable, scalable, integrated, yet modular applications,

providing flexible and tailored IT and business process outsourcing solutions and delivery models, and

offering customers end-to-end accountability from a single vendor.

We compete with a number of companies that have long operating histories, large customer bases, substantial financial, technical, sales, marketing and other resources, and strong name recognition. Some of these companies are continuing their attempts to expand their market penetration in the communications industry. Current and potential competitors have established, and may establish in the future, cooperative relationships among themselves or with third parties to increase their ability to address the needs of our existing or prospective customers. Accordingly, new competitors or alliances among competitors may emerge and rapidly acquire significant market share. There can be no assurance that we will be able to compete successfully with existing or new competitors. Our failure to adapt to changing market conditions and compete successfully with established or new competitors would have a material adverse effect on the results of our operations and financial condition.

## **Employees**

We invest significant resources in the training, retention and motivation of high quality personnel. Training programs cover areas such as technology, applications, development methodology, project methodology, programming standards, industry background, business, management development and leadership. Our management development efforts are reinforced by an organizational structure that provides opportunities for talented managers to gain experience in general management roles. We also invest considerable resources in personnel motivation, including providing various incentive plans for sales staff and high quality employees. Our future success depends in large part upon our continuing ability to attract and retain highly qualified managerial, technical, sales and marketing personnel and outstanding leaders.

See Directors, Senior Management and Employees Workforce Personnel for further details regarding our employees and our relationships with them.

## Research and Development, Patents and Licenses

Our research and development activities involve the development of new software architecture, modules and product offerings in response to an identified market demand, either as part of our internal product development programs or in conjunction with a customer project. We also expend additional amounts on applied research and software development activities to keep abreast of new technologies in the communications markets and to provide new and enhanced functionality to our existing product offerings.

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In fiscal 2011, we continued to release aspects of our Amdocs CES (Customer Experience Systems) 8 portfolio. We are planning additional releases of Amdocs CES 8 throughout 2012. We dedicated significant efforts and resources to the integration among CES 8 portfolio including deeper integration between our charging and billing, customer relationship management, ordering and foundation applications. The CES 8 portfolio was designed to enable our customers to support new business models, devices and partnerships by centralizing common assets, such as customer, network and product data. Our portfolio of pre-integrated software products was built to span the entire customer lifecycle across BSS and OSS to align their business processes around the end customer. Our products are designed to allow modular expansion as a service provider evolves, ensuring rapid, low-cost, reduced-risk implementations. In addition, Amdocs focuses on offering business solutions that leverage functionality from across the CES portfolio combined with services and industry knowledge. These business solutions address larger business problems and provide greater value to our customers.

Our next major product portfolio release will address additional challenges and opportunities of the connected world by delivering enhanced functionality to enable our customers to implement more cost-effective innovative solutions relating to network monetization and enhanced customer experience. For software development, Amdocs uses Agile, a software development methodology based on iterative and incremental development where requirements and solutions evolve through collaboration between self-organizing, cross-functional teams.

The majority of our research and development expenditures is directed at our customer experience systems, and the remainder is directed at directory solutions. We believe that our research and development efforts are a key element of our strategy and are essential to our success. However, an increase or a decrease in our total revenue would not necessarily result in a proportional increase or decrease in the levels of our research and development expenditures, which could affect our operating margin.

Our products are largely comprised of software and systems that we have developed or acquired and that we regard as proprietary. Our software and software systems are the results of long and complex development processes, and although our technology is not significantly dependent on patents or licenses from third parties, certain aspects of our products make use of readily available software components licensed from third parties. As a developer of complex software systems, third parties may claim that portions of our systems infringe their intellectual property rights. The ability to develop and use our software and software systems requires knowledge and professional experience that we believe is unique to us and would be very difficult for others to independently obtain. However, our competitors may independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to ours. We have taken, and intend to continue to take, several measures to establish and protect our proprietary rights in our products and technologies from third-party infringement. We rely upon a combination of trademarks, patents, contractual rights, trade secret law, copyrights and nondisclosure agreements. We enter into non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements with our customers, employees and marketing representatives and with certain contractors with access to sensitive information; and we also limit customer access to the source code of our software and software systems.

See the discussion under Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Research and Development, Patents and Licenses.

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## Property, Plants and Equipment

## **Facilities**

We lease land and buildings for our executive offices, sales, marketing, administrative, development and support centers. We lease an aggregate of approximately 2.8 million square feet worldwide, including significant leases in the United States, Israel, Canada, Cyprus, India and the United Kingdom. Our aggregate annual lease costs with respect to our properties as of October 31, 2011, including maintenance and other related costs, were approximately \$58 million. The following table summarizes information with respect to the principal facilities leased by us and our subsidiaries as of October 31, 2011:

Location	Area (Sq. Feet)
United States:	
St. Louis, MO	91,928
San Jose, CA(*)	112,120
Champaign, IL	178,063
Eldorado Hills, CA(*)	113,291
Others	210,457
Total	705,859
Israel:	
Ra anana	674,413
Hod-Hasharon	81,138
Haifa	38,147
Others(*)	108,665
Total	902,363
Canada:	
Toronto(*)	76,317
Montreal	59,537
Ottawa	40,422
Total	176,276
Cyprus (Limassol)	74,675
India:	
Pune	548,277
Delhi	134,533
Total	682,810
United Kingdom(*)	79,095
Rest of the world(*)(**)	186,323
Total	2,807,401

<sup>(\*)</sup> Includes space sublet to third parties.

(\*\*) Primarily includes Australia, Austria, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, France, Indonesia, Ireland, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Russia, and South Africa.

Our leases expire on various dates between calendar years 2011 through 2020, not including various options to terminate or extend lease terms.

Equipment

We develop our customer experience systems over a system of UNIX, Linux and Windows servers owned or leased by us. We use a variety of software products in our development centers, including products by Microsoft,

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Oracle, Synscsort, RedHat, CA, IBM and Hewlett-Packard. Our data storage is based on equipment from EMC, SUN, NetApp, IBM, Hitachi and Hewlett-Packard. Our development servers are connected to more than 20,000 personal computers owned or leased by us.

Automatic tape libraries and virtual tape libraries (VTL) provide full and incremental backups of the data used in and generated by our business. The backup tapes are kept on-site and off-site, as appropriate, to ensure security and integrity, and are used as part of our disaster recovery plan. The distributed development sites that we operate worldwide are connected by a high-speed redundant wide area network, using telecommunication equipment manufactured by, among others, Cisco and Avaya.

### ITEM 4A. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

Not applicable.

### ITEM 5. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

#### **Overview of Business and Trend Information**

Amdocs is a leading provider of software and services for communications, media and entertainment industry service providers. Although our market focus has traditionally been primarily on Tier-1 and Tier-2 service providers in developed markets, we have also focused in the last several years on Tier-3 and Tier-4 providers in developed markets, and on providers in emerging markets, such as the Commonwealth of Independent States, India, Latin America and Southeast Asia. Regardless of whether providers are bringing their first offerings to market, scaling for growth, consolidating systems or transforming the way they do business, we believe that providers seek to differentiate their offerings by delivering a customer experience that is simple, personal and valuable at every point of service. We refer to this type of customer experience as the intentional customer experience.

We develop, implement and manage software and services associated with business support systems (BSS) and operational support systems (OSS), to enable service providers to introduce new products quickly, understand their customers more deeply, process orders more efficiently and support new business models. We refer to these systems collectively as customer experience systems because of the crucial impact that these systems have on the service providers end-user experience.

In a global communications industry impacted by unprecedented growth in data demand, increasing number of connected devices, improvement in M2M technologies, the rising influence of device makers and over-the-top players that bypass traditional television providers, consumers expect immediate and constant connectivity to personalized services, information and applications. To capture new revenue streams in this connected world, service providers will need the ability to expand within existing and non-traditional business models as they simultaneously attempt to reduce their costs in providing current and new services. We seek to address these market forces through a strategy of innovation from the network and business support systems to the device and end user. Our goal is to supply cost-effective, scalable software products and services that provide functionality and flexibility to service providers as they and their markets grow and change.

In part, we have sought to expand both our functionality and geographic markets through acquisitions. Since 1999, we have completed numerous acquisitions, which, among other things, have expanded our business into customer care and billing solutions for cable and satellite companies and enhanced our offerings in the OSS, digital content and commerce markets and high growth emerging markets. In fiscal 2011, we acquired Bridgewater Systems, a Canadian-based provider of policy management and network control solutions. As part of our strategy, we may continue to pursue acquisitions and other initiatives in order to offer new products or services, or otherwise enhance

our market position or strategic strengths.

Please see Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for more information regarding our acquisitions.

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#### **Offerings**

Amdocs offerings of software and related services consist of:

A complete, modular yet integrated portfolio of customer experience systems, including revenue management (convergent charging and billing, mediation, and partner relationship management), customer management (customer care, and sales and ordering), OSS (network planning, service fulfillment, service assurance, inventory and discovery, service order management and OSS systems integration services), service delivery (convergent service platform, digital services, and convergent applications), portfolio enablers and network control.

A comprehensive line of services. Because our customers projects are complex and require systems support expertise, we provide business process and information technology, or IT, services, including consulting, systems integration and delivery services, managed services and product support to assist our customers with their business strategy, system implementation, integration, modification, consolidation, modernization, ongoing support, enhancement and maintenance needs. In addition, we offer comprehensive learning services to help our customers develop competency in their Amdocs systems and applications.

We have designed our customer experience systems to meet the high-volume, complex needs of Tier-1 and Tier-2 service providers and to address the unique issues of service providers in high growth emerging markets. We support our customers—various lines of business, including wireline, wireless, cable and satellite, and a wide range of communication services, including voice, video, data, broadband, content, electronic and mobile commerce applications. In addition, we support companies that offer bundled or convergent service packages.

We also offer advertising and media products and services for local marketing service providers and search and directory publishers designed to enable those providers and publishers to manage the entire media selling, fulfillment, consumer experience and financial processes across online, print and mobile media.

We conduct our business globally, and as a result we are subject to the effects of global economic conditions and, in particular, market conditions in the communications, media and entertainment industry. In fiscal 2011, customers in North America accounted for 73.4% of our revenue, while customers in Europe and the rest of the world accounted for 12.7% and 13.9%, respectively. Customers in emerging markets accounted for 8.6% of our revenue in fiscal 2011. We maintain development facilities in Brazil, Cyprus, India, Ireland, Israel and the United States. Historically, AT&T has been our largest customer, accounting for 29% of our revenue in fiscal 2010 and 2011. Aggregate revenue derived from the multiple business arrangements we have with our ten largest customers accounted for approximately 73% of our revenue in fiscal 2011 and 75% of our revenue in fiscal 2010.

We believe that demand for our customer experience systems is primarily driven by the following key factors:

Industry transformation, including:

increasing use of communications and content services,

widespread access to content, information and applications,

continued rapid growth in emerging markets,

expansion into new lines of business

consolidation among service providers in established markets, often including companies with multi-national operations,

increased competition, including non-traditional players,

continued bundling and blending of communications and entertainment, and

continued commoditization and pricing pressure.

Technology advances, such as:

emergence and development of new communications products and services, such as web services, video, broadband, data and content services, including IP-based services, such as Internet Protocol (IP), Internet

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Protocol Television (IPTV), machine-to-machine (M2M), worldwide interoperability for microwave access (WiMax) and Voice over IP (VoIP),

evolution to and expansion of more sophisticated and connected communication devices, such as smart devices, electronic book readers, energy meters, global positioning systems and home security systems that enable communication across and between devices and widespread access to information,

evolution to next-generation networks, such as IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS), that enable converged services offerings, such as fixed-mobile convergence, and

technological changes, such as the introduction of 3G and 4G wireless technology, next-generation content systems, FTTx, Carrier Ethernet, WiMax-, and LTE-based access technologies.

### Customer focus, such as:

the need for service providers to focus on their customers in order to build profitable customer relationships,

the need for service providers to have a unified view of the customer across multiple services, devices and channels,

the authority shift toward the consumer, with increased customer expectations for new, innovative services and applications that are personally relevant and that can be accessed anytime, anywhere and from any device,

the ever-increasing expectation of customer service and support, including access to self-service options that are convenient and consistent across all channels, and

the need for service providers to differentiate themselves by creating a unique and mutually-valuable customer experience.

The need for operational efficiency, including:

the shift from in-house management to vendor solutions,

business needs of service providers to reduce costs and lower total cost of ownership of software systems while retaining high-value customers in a highly competitive environment,

automating and integrating business processes that span service providers BSS and OSS systems and create a simple, one-company face to customers,

implementing and integrating new next-generation networks (and retiring legacy networks) to deploy new technologies, and

transforming fragmented legacy OSS systems to introduce new services in a timely and cost-effective manner.

In fiscal 2011, our total revenue was \$3.18 billion, of which \$2.98 billion, or 93.7%, was attributable to the sale of customer experience systems. Revenue from managed services arrangements (for customer experience systems and directory systems) is included in both license and service revenue. Revenue generated in connection with managed

services arrangements is a significant part of our business generating substantial, long-term recurring revenue streams and cash flow. Revenue from managed services arrangements accounted for approximately \$1.52 billion and \$1.40 billion of revenue in fiscal 2011 and 2010, respectively. In managed services contracts revenue from the operation of a customer—s system is recognized as services are performed based on time elapsed, output produced or volume of data processed. In the initial period of our managed services projects, we often invest in modernization and consolidation of the customer—s systems. Managed services engagements can be less profitable in their early stages; however, margins tend to improve over time, more rapidly in the initial period of an engagement, as we derive benefit from the operational efficiencies and from changes in the geographical mix of our resources.

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#### Research and Development, Patents and Licenses

Our research and development activities involve the development of new software architecture, modules and product offerings in response to an identified market demand, either as part of our internal product development programs or in conjunction with a customer project. We also expend additional amounts on applied research and software development activities to keep abreast of new technologies in the communications markets and to provide new and enhanced functionality to our existing product offerings.

In fiscal 2011, we continued to release aspects of our Amdocs CES (Customer Experience Systems) 8 portfolio. We are planning additional releases of Amdocs CES 8 throughout 2012. We dedicated significant efforts and resources to the integration among CES 8 portfolio including deeper integration between our charging and billing, customer relationship management, ordering and foundation applications. The CES 8 portfolio was designed to enable our customers to support new business models, devices and partnerships by centralizing common assets, such as customer, network and product data. Our portfolio of pre-integrated software products was built to span the entire customer lifecycle across BSS and OSS to align their business processes around the end customer. Our products are designed to allow modular expansion as a service provider evolves, ensuring rapid, low-cost, reduced-risk implementations. In addition, Amdocs focuses on offering business solutions that leverage functionality from across the CES portfolio combined with services and industry knowledge. These business solutions address larger business problems and provide greater value to our customers.

Our next major product portfolio release will address additional challenges and opportunities of the connected world by delivering enhanced functionality to enable our customers to implement more cost-effective and innovative solutions relating to network monetization and enhanced customer experience. For software development, Amdocs uses Agile, a software development methodology based on iterative and incremental development where requirements and solutions evolve through collaboration between self-organizing, cross-functional teams.

The majority of our research and development expenditures is directed at our customer experience systems, and the remainder is directed at directory solutions. We believe that our research and development efforts are a key element of our strategy and are essential to our success. However, an increase or a decrease in our total revenue would not necessarily result in a proportional increase or decrease in the levels of our research and development expenditures, which could affect our operating margin.

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# **Operating Results**

The following table sets forth for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2011, 2010 and 2009, certain items in our consolidated statements of income reflected as a percentage of total revenue:

	Year En	Year Ended September 30,		
	2011	2010	2009	
Revenue:				
License	3.8%	3.4%	4.7%	
Service	96.2	96.6	95.3	
	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Operating expenses:				
Cost of license	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Cost of service	65.0	63.8	64.0	
Research and development	7.0	7.0	7.3	
Selling, general and administrative	12.9	12.5	12.0	
Amortization of purchased intangible assets and other	2.3	2.9	3.0	
Restructuring charges and in-process research and development			0.8	
	87.3	86.3	87.2	
Operating income	12.7	13.7	12.8	
Interest and other expense, net	0.3	0.8		
Income before income taxes	12.4	12.9	12.8	
Income taxes	1.5	1.4	1.4	
Net income	10.9%	11.5%	11.4%	
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#### Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2011 and 2010

The following is a tabular presentation of our results of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011, compared to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010. Following the table is a discussion and analysis of our business and results of operations for these years.

	Y	Year ended 2011	-	ember 30, 2010 thousands)	Increase (D Amount		Decrease) %	
Revenue: License Service	\$	119,237 3,058,491	\$	100,967 2,883,256	\$	18,270 175,235	18.1% 6.1	
		3,177,728		2,984,223		193,505	6.5	
Operating expenses: Cost of license Cost of service Research and development Selling, general and administrative Amortization of purchased intangible assets and other		2,627 2,066,740 221,886 409,465 72,646		2,021 1,903,645 207,836 373,585 86,703		606 163,095 14,050 35,880 (14,057)	30.0 8.6 6.8 9.6 (16.2)	
Operating income Interest and other expense, net		2,773,364 404,364 8,657		2,573,790 410,433 25,135		(6,069) (16,478)	7.8 (1.5) (65.6)	
Income before income taxes Income taxes		395,707 49,042		385,298 41,392		10,409 7,650	2.7 18.5	
Net income	\$	346,665	\$	343,906	\$	2,759	0.8%	

*Revenue.* Total revenue increased by \$193.5 million, or 6.5%, to \$3,177.7 million in fiscal 2011, from \$2,984.2 million in fiscal 2010. The increase in revenue was primarily attributable to revenue related to existing and new managed services arrangements and to a lesser extent to revenue related to implementation and integration projects. Our fiscal 2011 revenue was also positively impacted by foreign exchange fluctuations.

License revenue in fiscal 2011 increased by \$18.2 million, or 18.1%, to \$119.2 million, from \$101.0 million in fiscal 2010. The increase in license revenue was primarily attributable to new implementation and integration projects.

License and service revenue attributable to the sale of customer experience systems increased by \$203.0 million, or 7.3%, to \$2,978.3 million in fiscal 2011, from \$2,775.3 million in fiscal 2010. The increase in revenue was primarily attributable to revenue related to existing and new managed services arrangements, and to a lesser extent to revenue related to implementation and integration projects. License and service revenue resulting from the sale of customer experience systems represented 93.7% and 93.0% of our total revenue in fiscal 2011 and 2010, respectively.

License and service revenue from the sale of directory systems decreased by \$9.5 million, or 4.6%, to \$199.4 million in fiscal 2011, from \$208.9 million in fiscal 2010. The decrease was primarily attributable to a decrease in revenue from existing customers. License and service revenue from the sale of directory systems represented 6.3% and 7.0% of our total revenue in fiscal 2011 and 2010, respectively.

In fiscal 2011, revenue from customers in North America, Europe and the rest of the world accounted for 73.4%, 12.7% and 13.9%, respectively, of total revenue, compared to 75.8%, 11.8% and 12.4%, respectively, for fiscal 2010. The increase in revenue as a percentage of total revenue from customers in Europe and the rest of the world, of which a significant portion was from emerging markets, was primarily attributable to revenue related to

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