UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 7, 2018

Warner Music Group Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction or incorporation) 001-32502 (Commission File Number) 13-4271875 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1633 Broadway, New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

10019 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 275-2000

	k the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following isions:
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	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
	ate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) ale 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).
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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On August 7, 2018, Warner Music Group Corp. issued an earnings release announcing its results for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits. The following Exhibit is furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

99.1 <u>Earnings release issued by Warner Music Group Corp. on August 7, 2018.</u>

SIGNATURES

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

Date: August 7, 2018

Warner Music Group Corp.

By: /s/ Eric Levin

Eric Levin

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer





WARNER MUSIC GROUP CORP. REPORTS RESULTS FOR FISCAL THIRD QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

- Total revenue grew 4.5% or was up 1.9% in constant currency
- Digital revenue grew 16.1% or was up 14.1% in constant currency
- Net income was \$321 million versus \$143 million in the prior-year quarter
- OIBDA was \$99 million versus \$115 million in the prior-year quarter

NEW YORK, New York, August 7, 2018—Warner Music Group Corp. today announced its third-quarter financial results for the period ended June 30, 2018.

"Amazing new music from our artists and songwriters and great execution from our global operators have driven our year-to-date revenue up 12%, or 7% in constant currency," said Steve Cooper, Warner Music Group's CEO. "While streaming continues to fuel our growth, we are exploring a wide array of creative and commercial opportunities in order to position ourselves for long-term success."

"We are pleased with our revenue growth in the context of a very difficult prior-year comparison," added Eric Levin, Warner Music Group's Executive Vice President and CFO. "The health of our business is evidenced by our very strong cash generation."

Total WMG

Total WMG Summary Results (dollars in millions)

	June 30, 2018	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017	% Change	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)		
Revenue	\$ 958	\$ 917	5%	
Digital revenue	576	496	16%	
Operating income	28	51	-45%	
Adjusted operating income(1)	39	57	-32%	
OIBDA(1)	99	115	-14%	
Adjusted OIBDA(1)	110	121	-9%	
Net income	321	143	-	
Adjusted net income (1)	332	149	-	
Net cash provided by operating activities	129	83	55%	

(1) See "Supplemental Disclosures Regarding Non-GAAP Financial Measures" at the end of this release for details regarding these measures.

Revenue grew 4.5% (or 1.9% in constant currency). Growth in Recorded Music digital and licensing revenue and Music Publishing digital and synchronization revenue was partially offset by a decline in Recorded Music physical and artist services and expanded-rights revenue and Music Publishing performance and mechanical revenue. Revenue grew in the U.S., Asia and Latin America and

declined in Europe due to a decrease in physical revenue and the impact of stronger releases in the prior-year quarter. Digital revenue increased 16.1% (or 14.1% in constant currency), and represented 60.1% of total revenue, compared to 54.1% in the prior-year quarter.

Operating income was \$28 million compared to \$51 million in the prior-year quarter. OIBDA declined 13.9% to \$99 million from \$115 million in the prior-year quarter and OIBDA margin declined 2.2 percentage points to 10.3% from 12.5% in the prior-year quarter. The decline in operating income, OIBDA and OIBDA margin was largely the result of higher SG&A including higher variable compensation expense, primarily attributable to the Company's deferred compensation plan based on an increase in the fair value of the Company's equity. OIBDA includes a \$16 million advance recovery related to the sale of the Company's Spotify shares. Adjusted OIBDA declined 9.1% and Adjusted OIBDA margin declined 1.7 percentage points to 11.5% due to the same factors which impacted OIBDA and OIBDA margin.

Net income was \$321 million compared to \$143 million in the prior-year quarter and Adjusted net income was \$332 million compared to \$149 million in the prior-year quarter. The increase was largely attributable to a \$317 million gain (net of tax) on the sale of the Company's Spotify shares and foreign currency gains on Euro-denominated debt, which were partially offset by foreign currency losses on intercompany loans as well as higher non-cash tax expense related to higher pre-tax income, the impact of a reversal in valuation allowance and the benefit of foreign currency losses in the prior-year quarter.

Adjusted operating income, Adjusted OIBDA and Adjusted net income exclude certain costs related to the relocation of the Company's U.S. shared service center to Nashville, the Company's Los Angeles office consolidation and restructuring in the quarter, and certain costs largely related to the Nashville relocation and PLG-related asset sales in the prior-year quarter. See below for calculations and reconciliations of OIBDA, Adjusted operating income, Adjusted OIBDA and Adjusted net income.

As of June 30, 2018, the Company reported a cash balance of \$905 million, total debt of \$2.814 billion and net debt (total long-term debt, which is net of deferred financing costs of \$30 million, minus cash) of \$1.909 billion.

Cash provided by operating activities was \$129 million compared to \$83 million in the prior-year quarter. The increase was largely a result of timing of working capital. Free Cash Flow, defined below, was \$608 million compared to \$89 million in the prior-year quarter, reflecting the change in cash provided by operating activities and the sale of the Company's Spotify shares.

Recorded Music

Recorded Music Summary Results (dollars in millions)

	For t	he Three Months Ended June 30, 2018 (unaudited)	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017 (unaudited)	% Change
Revenue	\$	802	\$ 770	4%
Digital revenue		519	448	16%
Operating income		67	77	-13%
Adjusted operating income(1)		76	82	-7%
OIBDA(1)		115	120	-4%
Adjusted OIBDA(1)		124	125	-1%

⁽¹⁾ See "Supplemental Disclosures Regarding Non-GAAP Financial Measures" at the end of this release for details regarding these measures.

Recorded Music revenue grew 4.2% (or 1.5% in constant currency). Growth in digital and licensing revenue was partially offset by a decline in physical and artist services and expanded-rights revenue. Digital growth reflects a continuing shift to streaming revenue and away from download and physical revenue. The increase in licensing revenue was largely related to currency. The decline in artist services and expanded-rights revenue was largely due to lower concert promotion activity. Recorded Music revenue grew in the U.S., Latin America and Asia but declined in Europe. Major sellers included *The Greatest Showman* soundtrack album, Ed Sheeran, Cardi B, Bruno Mars and Dua Lipa.

Recorded Music operating income was \$67 million compared with \$77 million in the prior-year quarter and operating margin declined 1.6 percentage points to 8.4%. OIBDA declined 4.2% to \$115 million from \$120 million in the prior-year quarter and OIBDA margin declined 1.3 percentage points to 14.3% driven by higher SG&A. Adjusted OIBDA was \$124 million compared with \$125 million in the prior-year quarter, and Adjusted OIBDA margin was down 0.7 percentage points to 15.5% due to the same factors which impacted OIBDA.

Music Publishing

Music Publishing Summary Results (dollars in millions)

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2018 (unaudited)	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017 (unaudited)	% Change
Revenue	\$ 159	\$ 150	6%
Digital revenue	59	50	18%
Operating income	5	(-17%
OIBDA(1)	24	23	3 4%

(1) See "Supplemental Disclosures Regarding Non-GAAP Financial Measures" at the end of this release for details regarding these measures.

Music Publishing revenue rose 6.0% (or 3.9% in constant currency). Growth in digital revenue, led by streaming, and in synchronization revenue was partially offset by a decline in performance and mechanical revenue.

Music Publishing operating income was \$5 million, compared with \$6 million in the prior-year quarter. Music Publishing OIBDA rose by \$1 million to \$24 million and Music Publishing OIBDA margin declined by 0.2 percentage points to 15.1%.

Financial details for the quarter can be found in the Company's current Form 10-Q, for the period ended June 30, 2018, filed today with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This morning, management will host a conference call to discuss the results at 8:30 A.M. EST. The call will be webcast at www.wmg.com.

About Warner Music Group

With its broad roster of new stars and legendary artists, Warner Music Group is home to a collection of the best-known record labels in the music industry, including Asylum, Atlantic, Big Beat, Canvasback, East West, Elektra, Erato, FFRR, Fueled by Ramen, Nonesuch, Parlophone, Reprise, Rhino, Roadrunner, Sire, Spinnin', Warner Bros., Warner Classics and Warner Music Nashville, as well as Warner/Chappell Music, one of the world's leading music publishers with a catalog of more than one million copyrights worldwide.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

This communication includes forward-looking statements that reflect the current views of Warner Music Group about future events and financial performance. Words such as "estimates," "expects," "anticipates," "projects," "plans," "intends," "believes," "forecasts" and variations of such words or similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends, or that do not relate to historical matters, identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are made as of today, and we disclaim any duty to update such statements. Our expectations, beliefs and projections are expressed in good faith and we believe there is a reasonable basis for them. However, we cannot assure you that management's expectations, beliefs and projections will result or be achieved. Investors should not rely on forward-looking statements because they are subject to a variety of risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations. Please refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Report on Form 10-Qs and our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission concerning factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in our forward-looking statements.

We maintain an Internet site at www.wmg.com. We use our website as a channel of distribution for material company information. Financial and other material information regarding Warner Music Group is routinely posted on and accessible at http://investors.wmg.com. In addition, you may automatically receive email alerts and other information about Warner Music Group by enrolling your email address through the "email alerts" section at http://investors.wmg.com. Our website and the information posted on it or connected to it shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this communication.

Basis of Presentation

The Company maintains a 52-53 week fiscal year ending on the last Friday in each reporting period. As such, all references to June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017 relate to the periods ended June 29, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively. For convenience purposes, the Company continues to date its financial statements as of June 30. The fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 ended on September 29, 2017.

Figure 1. Warner Music Group Corp. - Consolidated Statements of Operations, Three and Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018 versus June 30, 2017 (dollars in millions)

		For the Three oths Ended June 30, 2018 (unaudited)	Months 30	the Three Ended June 0, 2017 audited)	% Change
Revenue	\$	958	\$	917	5%
Cost and expenses:					
Cost of revenue		(531)		(519)	-2%
Selling, general and administrative expenses		(343)		(296)	-16%
Amortization expense		(56)		(51)	-10 _%
Total costs and expenses	\$	(930)	\$	(866)	-7%
Operating income	\$	28	\$	51	-45%
Loss on extinguishment of debt		(7)		(3)	
Interest expense, net		(33)		(36)	8%
Other income (expense), net		394		(21)	<u>-</u>
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	382	\$	(9)	-
Income tax (expense) benefit		(61)		152	<u>-</u>
Net income	\$	321	\$	143	-
Less: Income attributable to noncontrolling interest		(1)		(2)	50%
Net income attributable to Warner Music Group Corp.	\$	320	\$	141	-
		the Nine Months nded June 30, 2018	Ende	Nine Months d June 30, 2017	% Change
	E	nded June 30, 2018 (unaudited)	Ende (un	d June 30, 2017 audited)	<u> </u>
Revenue		nded June 30, 2018	Ende	d June 30, 2017	% Change 12%
Costs and expenses:	E	nded June 30, 2018 (unaudited) 2,966	Ende (un	d June 30, 2017 audited) 2,659	12%
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Figure 2. Warner Music Group Corp. - Consolidated Balance Sheets at June 30, 2018 versus September 30, 2017 (dollars in millions)

		June 30, 2018	\$ September 30, 2017	% Change
	_	(unaudited)	 (unaudited)	
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and equivalents	\$	905	\$ 647	40%
Accounts receivable, net		444	404	10%
Inventories		40	39	3%
Royalty advances expected to be recouped within one year		138	141	-2%
Prepaid and other current assets		58	44	32%
Total current assets	\$	1,585	\$ 1,275	24%
Royalty advances expected to be recouped after one year		170	172	-1%
Property, plant and equipment, net		203	213	-5%
Goodwill		1,686	1,685	0%
Intangible assets subject to amortization, net		1,884	2,090	-10%
Intangible assets not subject to amortization		146	117	25%
Deferred tax assets, net		8	97	-92%
Other assets		82	69	19%
Total assets	\$	5,764	\$ 5,718	1%
Liabilities and Equity	_			
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	168	\$ 208	-19%
Accrued royalties		1,492	1,263	18%
Accrued liabilities		377	365	3%
Accrued interest		19	41	-54%
Deferred revenue		212	197	8%
Other current liabilities		19	26	-27%
Total current liabilities	\$	2,287	\$ 2,100	9%
Long-term debt		2,814	2,811	0%
Deferred tax liabilities, net		197	190	4%
Other noncurrent liabilities		275	309	-11%
Total liabilities	\$	5,573	\$ 5,410	3%
Equity:				
Common stock		-	-	-
Additional paid-in capital		1,128	1,128	0%
Accumulated deficit		(758)	(654)	-16%
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net		(195)	(181)	8%
Total Warner Music Group Corp. equity	\$	175	\$ 293	-40%
Noncontrolling interest		16	15	7%
Total equity		191	308	-38%
Total liabilities and equity	\$	5,764	\$ 5,718	1%
			 	

Figure 3. Warner Music Group Corp. - Summarized Statements of Cash Flows, Three and Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018 versus June 30, 2017 (dollars in millions)

	Ended Ju	nree Months ne 30, 2018	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017
	(una	udited)	(unaudited)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	129	\$ 83
Net cash provided by investing activities		479	6
Net cash used in financing activities		(304)	(4)
Effect of foreign currency exchange rates on cash and equivalents		(11)	6
Net increase in cash and equivalents	\$	293	\$ 91
	Ended Ju	ine Months ne 30, 2018 udited)	For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2017 (unaudited)
Net cash provided by operating activities	Ended Ju	ne 30, 2018	Ended June 30, 2017
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	Ended Ju	ne 30, 2018 udited) 265	Ended June 30, 2017 (unaudited) \$ 309
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	Ended Ju	ne 30, 2018 udited) 265 451	Ended June 30, 2017 (unaudited) \$ 309 (6)

Figure 4. Warner Music Group Corp. - Recorded Music Digital Revenue Summary, Three and Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018 versus June 30, 2017 (dollars in millions)

	Ended Ju	ree Months ne 30, 2018 udited)	Ended Ju	nree Months ine 30, 2017 udited)
Streaming	\$	448	\$	360
Downloads and Other Digital		71		88
Total Recorded Music Digital Revenue	\$	519	\$	448
Total Recorded Music Digital Revenue	<u>·</u>			
· ·	Ended Ju	ine Months ne 30, 2018 udited)	Ended Ju (una	line Months ine 30, 2017 udited)
Streaming	Ended Ju	ne 30, 2018 udited) 1,267	Ended Ju	ne 30, 2017 udited) 971
· ·	Ended Ju	ne 30, 2018 udited)	Ended Ju (una	ne 30, 2017 udited)

<u>Supplemental Disclosures Regarding Non-GAAP Financial Measures</u>

We evaluate our operating performance based on several factors, including the following non-GAAP financial measures:

OIBDA

Operating income margin

OIBDA margin

OIBDA reflects our operating income before non-cash depreciation of tangible assets and non-cash amortization of intangible assets. We consider OIBDA to be an important indicator of the operational strengths and performance of our businesses, and believe the presentation of OIBDA helps improve the ability to understand our operating performance and evaluate our performance in comparison to comparable periods. However, a limitation of the use of OIBDA as a performance measure is that it does not reflect the periodic costs of certain capitalized tangible and intangible assets used in generating revenue in our businesses. Accordingly, OIBDA should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, operating income (loss), net income (loss) and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP. In addition, OIBDA, as we calculate it, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other companies.

For the Three

Months Ended June

30, 2018

6.8%

13.7%

8.4%

15.5%

For the Three

Months Ended June

30, 2017

% Change

Figure 5. Warner Music Group Corp. - Reconciliation of Net Income to OIBDA, Three and Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018 versus June 30, 2017 (dollars in millions)

	((unaudited)	(ι	ınaudited)	
Net income attributable to Warner Music Group Corp.	\$	320	\$	141	
Income attributable to noncontrolling interest		1		2	-50 <u></u> %
Net income	\$	321	\$	143	
Income tax expense (benefit)		61		(152)	<u>-</u>
Income including income taxes	\$	382	\$	(9)	
Other (income) expense, net		(394)		21	-
Interest expense, net		33		36	8%
Loss on extinguishment of debt		7		3	<u>-</u>
Operating income	\$	28	\$	51	-45%
Amortization expense		56		51	-10%
Depreciation expense		15		13	-15 <u></u> %
OIBDA	\$	99	\$	115	-14 %
Operating income margin		2.9%		5.6%	
OIBDA margin		10.3%		12.5%	
	En	the Nine Months nded June 30, 2018	End	e Nine Months ded June 30, 2017	% Change
	En	nded June 30, 2018 (unaudited)	End (t	ded June 30, 2017 unaudited)	
Net income attributable to Warner Music Group Corp.	En	nded June 30, 2018 (unaudited) 321	End	ded June 30, 2017 unaudited) 182	76%
Income attributable to noncontrolling interest	\$ \$	nded June 30, 2018 (unaudited) 321 4	(u	ded June 30, 2017 unaudited) 182 5	76% -20%
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Income attributable to noncontrolling interest Net income Income tax expense (benefit) Income including income taxes Other (income) expense net Interest expense, net Loss on extinguishment of debt Operating income Amortization expense	\$ \$ \$	nded June 30, 2018 (unaudited) 321 4 325 132 457 (392) 105 31 201 164	\$ \$ \$	ded June 30, 2017 unaudited) 182 5 187 (132) 55 21 112 35 223 152	76% -20% 74%
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Figure 6. Warner Music Group Corp. - Reconciliation of Segment Operating Income to OIBDA, Three and Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018 versus June 30, 2017 (dollars in millions)

	Months E	e Three Inded June 2018	Months I	he Three Ended June , 2017	% Change
	(unau	udited)	(una	audited)	
Total WMG operating income – GAAP	\$	28	\$	51	-45%
Depreciation and amortization expense		(71)		(64)	-11%
Total WMG OIBDA	<u>\$</u>	99	\$	115	-14%
Operating income margin		2.9%		5.6%	
OIBDA margin		10.3%		12.5%	
Recorded Music operating income - GAAP	\$	67	\$	77	-13%
Depreciation and amortization expense		(48)		(43)	-12%
Recorded Music OIBDA	<u>\$</u>	115	\$	120	<u>-4</u> %
Recorded Music operating income margin		8.4%		10.0%	
Recorded Music OIBDA margin		14.3%		15.6%	
Music Publishing operating income - GAAP	\$	5	\$	6	-17%
Depreciation and amortization expense		(19)		(17)	-12 _%
Music Publishing OIBDA	<u>\$</u>	24	\$	23	<u>4</u> %
Music Publishing operating income margin		3.1%		4.0%	
Music Publishing OIBDA margin		15.1%		15.3%	
	Ended	ine Months June 30, 018	Ended	Nine Months I June 30, 2017	% Change
	Ended 20 (unau	June 30, 018 udited)	Ended 2 (una	I June 30, 2017 audited)	
Total WMG operating income - GAAP	Ended 20	June 30, 018 udited) 201	Ended 2	1 June 30, 2017 audited) 223	-10%
Depreciation and amortization expense	Ended 20 (unau \$	June 30, 018 udited) 201 (205)	Ended 2 (una \$	1 June 30, 2017 audited) 223 (190)	- 10% -8%
Depreciation and amortization expense Total WMG OIBDA	Ended 20 (unau	June 30, 018 udited) 201 (205) 406	Ended 2 (una	2017 audited) 223 (190) 413	- 10% -8%
Depreciation and amortization expense Total WMG OIBDA Operating income margin	Ended 20 (unau \$	June 30, 018 udited) 201 (205) 406 6.8%	Ended 2 (una \$	2017 audited) 223 (190) 413 8.4%	% Change -10% -8% -2%
Depreciation and amortization expense Total WMG OIBDA	Ended 20 (unau \$	June 30, 018 udited) 201 (205) 406	Ended 2 (una \$	2017 audited) 223 (190) 413	- 10% -8%
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Depreciation and amortization expense Total WMG OIBDA Operating income margin OIBDA margin Recorded Music operating income - GAAP Depreciation and amortization expense Recorded Music OIBDA Recorded Music operating income margin Recorded Music OIBDA margin	Ended 20 (unau \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	June 30, 018 udited) 201 (205) 406 6.8% 13.7% 276 (139) 415 11.1% 16.6% 45 (56)	\$ \$ \$ \$	1 June 30, 2017 audited) 223 (190) 413 8.4% 15.5% 269 (128) 397 11.9% 17.6%	-10% -8% -2% 3% -9% 5%
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Adjusted Operating Income (Loss), Adjusted OIBDA and Adjusted Net Income (Loss)

Adjusted operating income (loss), Adjusted OIBDA and Adjusted net income (loss) is operating income (loss), OIBDA and net income (loss), respectively, adjusted to exclude the impact of certain items that affect comparability. Factors affecting period-to-period comparability of the unadjusted measures in the quarter included the items listed in Figure 8 below. We use Adjusted operating income (loss), Adjusted OIBDA and Adjusted net income (loss) to evaluate our actual operating performance. We believe that the adjusted results provide relevant and useful information for investors because they clarify our actual operating performance, make it easier to compare our results with those of other companies in our industry and allow investors to review performance in the same way as our management. Since these are not measures of performance calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP, they should not be considered in isolation of, or as a substitute for, operating income (loss), OIBDA and net income (loss) attributable to Warner Music Group Corp. as indicators of operating performance, and they may not be comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other companies.

Figure 7. Warner Music Group Corp. - Reconciliation of Reported to Adjusted Results, Three and Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018 versus June 30, 2017 (dollars in millions)

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2018												
	Ope	I WMG erating come udited)	M Ope Inc	corded lusic erating come udited)	Pub Ope Inc	usic lishing erating come udited)	 otal WMG OIBDA naudited)	Mus	ecorded ic OIBDA audited)	Pub	fusic olishing IBDA audited)	 income audited)
Reported Results	\$	28	\$	67	\$	5	\$ 99	\$	115	\$	24	\$ 321
Factors Affecting Comparability:												
Restructuring		5		5		-	5		5		-	5
L.A. Office Consolidation		3		3		-	3		3		-	3
Nashville Shared Service Costs		3		1		-	3		1		-	3
Adjusted Results	\$	39	\$	76	\$	5	\$ 110	\$	124	\$	24	\$ 332
Adjusted Margin		4.1%		9.5%		3.1%	11.5%		15.5%		15.1%	

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017												
	Ope	I WMG erating come udited)	Reco Mu: Opera Inco	sic ating ome	Publ Ope Inc	usic lishing rating come udited)	 tal WMG OIBDA naudited)	Mus	corded ic OIBDA audited)	Pub	usic lishing BDA udited)	 income
Reported Results	\$	51	\$	77	\$	6	\$ 115	\$	120	\$	23	\$ 143
Factors Affecting Comparability:												
Costs and Loss on PLG-Related Asset Sales		5		5		-	5		5		-	5
Nashville Shared Service Costs		1		-		-	1		-		-	1
Adjusted Results	\$	57	\$	82	\$	6	\$ 121	\$	125	\$	23	\$ 149
Adjusted Margin		6.2%		10.6%		4.0%	13.2%		16.2%		15.3%	

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D (1D)		dited)	(una	udited)	(unaudited	•	(unau	idited)	(un	audited)		audited)	 udited)
Reported Results	\$	201	\$	276	\$	45	\$	406	\$	415	\$	101	\$ 325
Factors Affecting Comparability:													
Restructuring		30		28		-		30		28		-	30
One-Time Compensation Payment		4		4		-		4		4		-	4
L.A. Office Consolidation		10		10		-		10		10		-	10
Nashville Shared Service Costs		9		2		-		9		2		-	9
Adjusted Results	\$	254	\$	320	\$ 4	45	\$	459	\$	459	\$	101	\$ 378
Adjusted Margin		8.6%)	12.8%	9	.5%		15.5%		18.4%		21.2%	

For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2	2017
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	Ope	I WMG erating come	M Ope	corded lusic erating come	Publ Ope	usic ishing rating ome		I WMG		corded	Pub	usic lishing BDA	Net in	ncome
	(una	udited)	(una	udited)	(una	udited)	(una	udited)	(una	audited)	(una	udited)	(unai	udited)
Reported Results	\$	223	\$	269	\$	45	\$	413	\$	397	\$	97	\$	187
Factors Affecting Comparability:														
Costs and Loss on PLG-Related Asset Sales		9		9		-		9		9		-		9
Nashville Shared Service Costs		6		3		-		6		3		-		6
Corporate Headquarters Consolidation		(1)		(1)		-		(1)		(1)		-		(1)
Adjusted Results	\$	237	\$	280	\$	45	\$	427	\$	408	\$	97	\$	201
Adjusted Margin		8.9%		12.4%		10.7%		16.1%		18.1%		23.2%		

Constant Currency

Because exchange rates are an important factor in understanding period-to-period comparisons, we believe the presentation of revenue on a constant-currency basis in addition to reported revenue helps improve the ability to understand our operating results and evaluate our performance in comparison to prior periods. Constant-currency information compares results between periods as if exchange rates had remained constant period over period. We use results on a constant-currency basis as one measure to evaluate our performance. We calculate constant-currency results by applying current-year foreign currency exchange rates to prior-year results. However, a limitation of the use of the constant-currency results as a performance measure is that it does not reflect the impact of exchange rates on our revenue. These results should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, results reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Results on a constant-currency basis, as we present them, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies and are not a measure of performance presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Figure 8. Warner Music Group Corp. - Revenue by Geography and Segment, Three and Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018 versus June 30, 2017 As Reported and Constant Currency (dollars in millions)

	Months 30 As	the Three Ended June), 2018 reported audited)	Months 30 As i	he Three Ended June <u>), 2017</u> 'eported audited)	Months 30	ne Three Ended June , 2017 nstant udited)
US revenue						
Recorded Music	\$	356	\$	341	\$	340
Music Publishing		69		66		66
International revenue						
Recorded Music		446		429		450
Music Publishing		90		84		87
Intersegment eliminations		(3)		(3)		(3)
Total Revenue	\$	958	\$	917	\$	940
Revenue by Segment:						
Recorded Music						
Digital	\$	519	\$	448	\$	457
Physical Phy		130		163		169
Total Digital and Physical		649		611		626
Artist services and expanded-rights		85		93		96
Licensing		68		66		68
Total Recorded Music		802		770		790
Music Publishing						
Performance		51		52		53
Digital Control of the Control of th		59		50		50
Mechanical		17		18		19
Synchronization		28		27		28
Other		4		3		3
Total Music Publishing		159		150		153
Intersegment eliminations		(3)		(3)		(3)
Total Revenue	\$	958	\$	917	\$	940
Total Digital Revenue	\$	576	\$	496	\$	505

		Nine Months d June 30, 2018	e Nine Months ed June 30, 2017	For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2017	
		reported audited)	reported naudited)		Constant naudited)
US revenue					
Recorded Music	\$	1,061	\$ 991	\$	990
Music Publishing		220	193		193
International revenue					
Recorded Music		1,436	1,262		1,350
Music Publishing		256	226		241
Intersegment eliminations		(7)	 (13)		(13)
Total Revenue	\$	2,966	\$ 2,659	\$	2,761
Revenue by Segment:					
Recorded Music					
Digital	\$	1,491	\$ 1,250	\$	1,285
Physical Phy		500	 532		559
Total Digital and Physical		1,991	1,782		1,844
Artist services and expanded-rights		264	264		279
Licensing		242	 207		217
Total Recorded Music		2,497	2,253		2,340
Music Publishing					
Performance		153	139		146
Digital		169	136		139
Mechanical		55	51		53
Synchronization		90	85		87
Other		9	 8		9
Total Music Publishing		476	419		434
Intersegment eliminations		(7)	 (13)		(13)
Total Revenue	<u>\$</u>	2,966	\$ 2,659	\$	2,761
Total Digital Revenue	\$	1,656	\$ 1,379	\$	1,417

Free Cash Flow

Free Cash Flow reflects our cash flow provided by operating activities less capital expenditures and cash paid or received for investments. We use Free Cash Flow, among other measures, to evaluate our operating performance. Management believes Free Cash Flow provides investors with an important perspective on the cash available to fund our debt service requirements, ongoing working capital requirements, capital expenditure requirements, strategic acquisitions and investments, and any dividends, prepayments of debt or repurchases or retirement of our outstanding debt or notes in open market purchases, privately negotiated purchases or otherwise. As a result, Free Cash Flow is a significant measure of our ability to generate long-term value. It is useful for investors to know whether this ability is being enhanced or degraded as a result of our operating performance. We believe the presentation of Free Cash Flow is relevant and useful for investors because it allows investors to view performance in a manner similar to the method management uses.

Because Free Cash Flow is not a measure of performance calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP, Free Cash Flow should not be considered in isolation of, or as a substitute for, net income (loss) as an indicator of operating performance or cash flow provided by operating activities as a measure of liquidity. Free Cash Flow, as we calculate it, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other companies. In addition, Free Cash Flow does not necessarily represent funds available for discretionary use and is not necessarily a measure of our ability to fund our cash needs. Because Free Cash Flow deducts capital expenditures and cash paid or received for investments from "net cash provided by operating activities" (the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measure), users of this information should consider the types of events and transactions that are not reflected. We provide below a reconciliation of Free Cash Flow to the most directly comparable amount reported under U.S. GAAP, which is "net cash provided by operating activities."

Figure 9. Warner Music Group Corp. - Calculation of Free Cash Flow, Three and Nine Months Ended June 30, 2018 versus June 30, 2017 (dollars in millions)

	Ended J	hree Months une 30, 2018 audited)	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017 (unaudited)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ ` 129 \$		\$	83	
Less: Capital expenditures		11		11	
Less: Net cash received for investments		(490)		(17)	
	\$	608	\$	89	
Free Cash Flow	y				
Free Cash Flow	Ended J	Nine Months une 30, 2018 audited)	For the Nine Ended June :	30, 2017	
Net cash provided by operating activities	Ended J	une 30, 2018 audited)	Ended June	30, 2017	
	Ended J	une 30, 2018 audited)	Ended June (unaudit	30, 2017 ted)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	Ended J	une 30, 2018 audited) 265	Ended June (unaudit	30, 2017 ted) 309	

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