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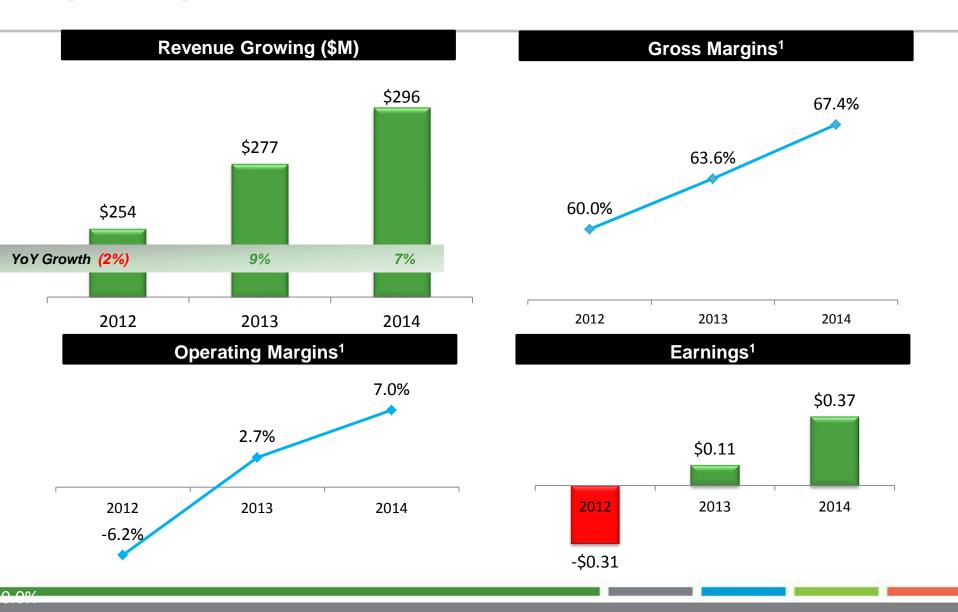


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- These slides supplement the remarks made on our April 22, 2015 earnings call which is available on the investor relations section of the Company's website and should only be read in conjunction with such call (or a transcript / replay thereof).

## 2012-2014 Financial Profile





# **2015 Financial Profile**

	Q115 Actuals	Q215 Guidance <sup>2</sup>	FY15 Guidance <sup>2</sup>
Total Company Revenue	\$50.1M	\$53M to \$55M	\$245M to \$250M
Gross Margin <sup>1</sup>	61.5% <sup>3</sup>	64% to 65%	Not provided
Opex <sup>1</sup>	\$43.5M	\$42M to \$43M	Not provided
Loss per Share <sup>1</sup>	\$0.27	\$0.14 to \$0.18	\$0.10 to \$0.15
Basic Shares	49.4M	49.5M	49.5M
Cash and Investments	\$112.8M	Above \$100M	Above \$100M

Return to Cash Flow Positive in 2H15

No Debt



<sup>1)</sup> Non-GAAP financial measures; please see reconciliation in presentation appendix

<sup>2)</sup> Guidance as provided 4/22/15

Gross margin excluding \$2.7M of excess and obsolete inventory expense would otherwise have been 66.9%

## Context for 2015 Outlook

- 1. Outlook primarily reflects timing, lower spend, and longer RFP cycles, not competitive losses
- 2. Sonus remains well-positioned despite the near term pressures
- 3. We are controlling what we can, reducing costs as appropriate and continuing to invest in growth opportunities

Recent customer conversations and our ongoing RFP activity confirm that Sonus' technology is aligned with the technology strategies of our customers



## **Sonus Core Assets**

Talented Employees Strong Balance Sheet Leading Technology and Products

Satisfied Customers

Strategic Network Positioning

# A Transition Is Underway

#### The Old IP Network

Rigid Topology and Architecture

Hardware-Centric

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#### The Old IP Network

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## The New IP Network

Fluid Topology and Architecture
Software-Centric
Disaggregated Control and Data Planes
Centralized Intelligence and Management



## So What Does This Mean?

- Business processes and work flows are being digitized and are moving to the cloud
- Work flows need to be communicationenabled in software in order to be mobilized
- The application (SaaS) layer will play a meaningful role

#### Communication-Enable the Work Flow



# Sonus Is Strategically Positioned

Applications (SaaS) Embedding Real-Time Communications

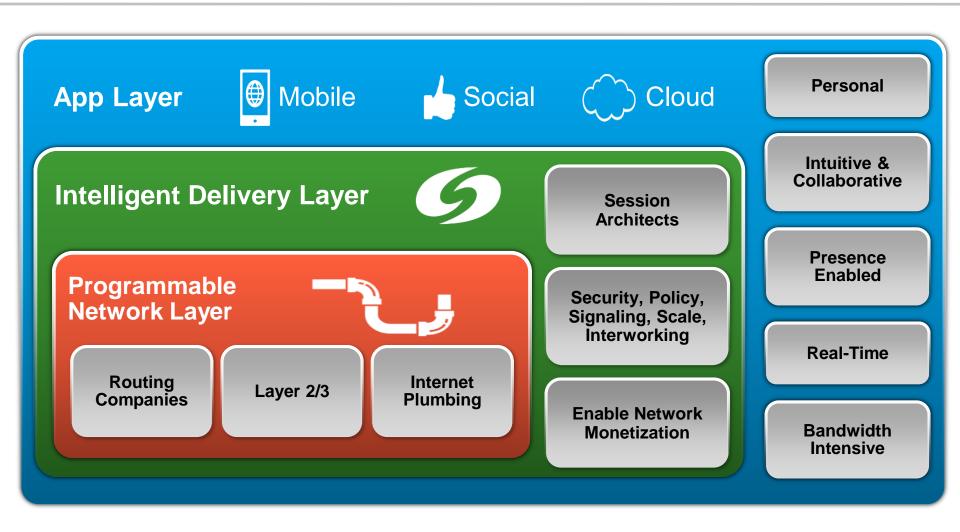
Sonus Leading the Industry to Virtualization

Sonus Trusted in the World's Largest SP Networks

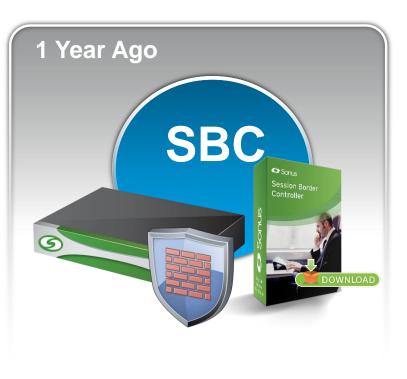
Sonus DNA in Security, Policy, Interworking, Signaling and Scale Future



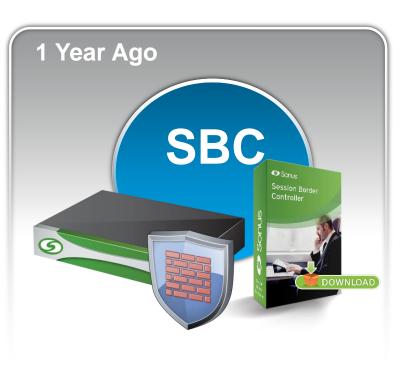
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# **Path to Virtualization**



# **Completely Virtualized Portfolio**

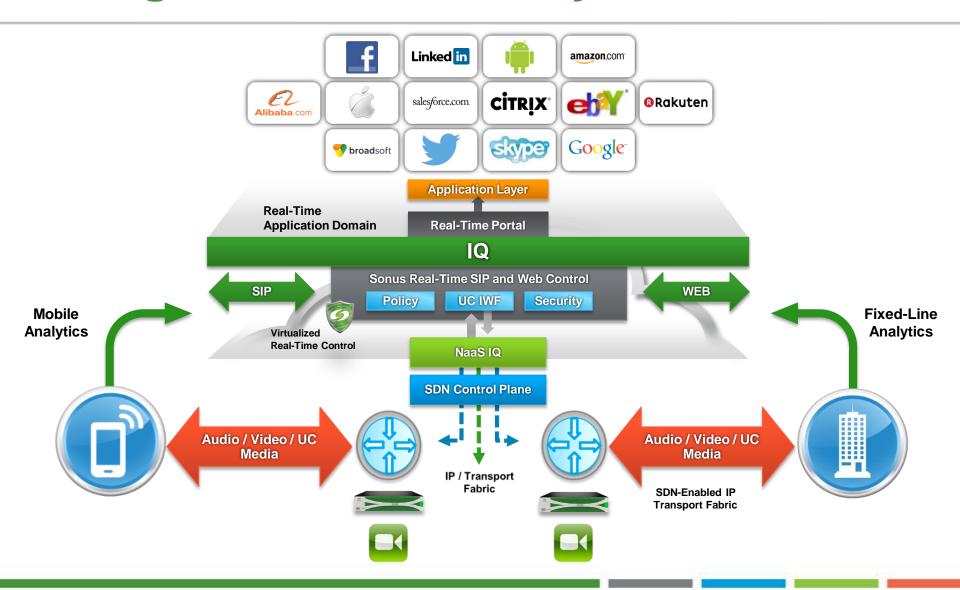




Sonus leverages a common, hardened code base across its hardware and software portfolios, providing customers an easy migration path from today's appliance/hardware based networks to NFV and the Cloud



# Intelligent Session Delivery Architecture



# Thank You

# **Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

- Sonus management uses a number of different financial measures, both GAAP and non-GAAP, in analyzing and assessing the overall performance of the business, making operating decisions, planning and forecasting future periods, and determining payments under compensation programs. Our annual financial plan is prepared both on a GAAP and non-GAAP basis, and the non-GAAP annual financial plan is approved by our board of directors. Continuous budgeting and forecasting for revenue and expenses are conducted on a non-GAAP basis (in addition to GAAP) and actual results on a non-GAAP basis are assessed against the annual financial plan. We consider the use of non-GAAP financial measures helpful in assessing the core performance of our continuing operations and liquidity, and when planning and forecasting future periods. By continuing operations we mean the ongoing results of the business excluding certain expenses and credits, including, but not limited to: stock-based compensation, amortization of intangible assets, acquisition-related costs and restructuring. We consider the use of non-GAAP earnings (loss) per share helpful in assessing the performance of the continuing operations of our business. While our management uses non-GAAP financial measures as a tool to enhance their understanding of certain aspects of our financial performance, our management does not consider these measures to be a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP measures. In addition, our presentations of these measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered alternatives for, or in isolation from, the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP.
- Investors are cautioned that there are material limitations associated with the use of non-GAAP financial measures
  as an analytical tool. In particular, many of the adjustments to Sonus' financial measures reflect the exclusion of
  items that are recurring and will be reflected in our financial results for the foreseeable future.
- Stock-based compensation is different from other forms of compensation, as it is a non-cash expense. For example, a cash salary generally has a fixed and unvarying cash cost. In contrast, the expense associated with an equity-based award is generally unrelated to the amount of cash ultimately received by the employee, and the cost to us is based on a stock-based compensation valuation methodology and underlying assumptions that may vary over time. We believe that excluding non-cash stock-based compensation expense from our operating results facilitates the ability of readers of our financial statements to compare our financial results to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry.

# **Discussion of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

- We exclude the amortization of acquired intangible assets from non-GAAP expense and income measures. These amortization amounts are inconsistent in frequency and amount and are significantly impacted by the timing and size of acquisitions. Although we exclude amortization of acquired intangible assets from our non-GAAP expenses, we believe that it is important for investors to understand that intangible assets contribute to revenue generation. We believe that excluding the non-cash amortization of intangible assets facilitates the comparison of our financial results to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry as if the acquired intangible assets had been developed internally rather than acquired.
- We consider certain transition, integration and other acquisition-related costs to be unpredictable and dependent on a significant number of factors that may be outside of our control. We do not consider these acquisitionrelated costs to be related to the continuing operations of the acquired business or the Company. In addition, the size, complexity and/or volume of an acquisition, which often drives the magnitude of acquisition-related costs, may not be indicative of such future costs. We believe that excluding acquisition-related costs facilitates the comparison of our financial results to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry.
- We have recorded restructuring expense to streamline operations and reduce operating costs by closing and consolidating certain facilities and reducing our worldwide workforce. We review our restructuring accruals regularly and record adjustments to these estimates as required. We recorded such an adjustment to our results for the current quarter, the effect of which was a restructuring credit of \$0.3 million. We believe that excluding restructuring expense and credits facilitates the comparison of our financial results to our historical operating results and to other companies in our industry.
- We believe that providing non-GAAP information to investors, in addition to the GAAP presentation, will allow investors to view the financial results in the way management views the operating results. We further believe that providing this information helps investors to better understand our financial performance and evaluate the efficacy of the methodology and information used by our management to evaluate and measure such performance.

## **GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation**

Non-GAAP outlook

		Three months ending June 26, 2015			
		Range			
Gross margin					
GAAP outlook		61.0%		62.1%	
Stock-based compensation expense		0.9%		0.9%	
Amortization of intangible assets		2.1%		2.0%	
Non-GAAP outlook		64.0%		65.0%	
Operating expenses					
GAAP outlook	\$	52.6	\$	53.6	
Stock-based compensation expense		(5.2)		(5.2)	
Amortization of intangible assets		(0.4)		(0.4)	
Restructuring		(5.0)		(5.0)	
Non-GAAP outlook	\$	42.0	\$	43.0	
Loss per share					
GAAP outlook	\$	(0.43)	\$	(0.39)	
Stock-based compensation expense		0.12		0.12	
Amortization of intangible assets		0.03		0.03	
Restructuring		0.10		0.10	
Non-GAAP outlook	\$	(0.18)	\$	(0.14)	
		Year ending			
		December 31, 2015			
Language		Range			
Loss per share	œ.	(0,00)	Φ.	(0.75)	
GAAP outlook	\$	(0.80) 0.43	\$	(0.75) 0.43	
Stock-based compensation expense					
Amortization of intangible assets		0.12		0.12	
Acquisition-related expense Restructuring		0.10		0.10	
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