

# Adtran Networks SE announces results for fiscal year 2023

- Annual revenues down by 13.8% to EUR 613.7 million
- Annual pro forma EBIT at EUR 39.8 million (6.5% of revenues)

**Munich, Germany. February 27, 2024.** Adtran Networks SE (ISIN: DE0005103006, FSE: ADV), a leading provider of open networking solutions for the delivery of cloud and mobile services, reported preliminary, unaudited financial results for Q4 2023 and full year 2023 ended on December 31, 2023. The results have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The final audited annual financial statements of Adtran Networks SE and the IFRS annual report for 2023 will be published on April 18, 2024.

## Q4 2023 financial summary<sup>1</sup>

(in thousands of EUR)	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	Change	Q3 2023	Change
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>118,470</b>	<b>195,699</b>	<b>-39.5%</b>	<b>145,655</b>	<b>-18.7%</b>
Pro forma gross profit	47,491	70,592	-32.7%	55,183	-13.9%
<b>in % of revenues</b>	<b>40.1%</b>	<b>36.1%</b>	<b>4.0pp</b>	<b>37.9%</b>	<b>2.2pp</b>
Pro forma EBIT	9,257	24,407	-62.1%	8,731	6.0%
<b>in % of revenues</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>-4.7pp</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>1.8pp</b>
Operating income <sup>2</sup>	-1,108	14,803	n/a	150	n/a
Net income/loss	-22,734	3,781	n/a	1,305	n/a

  

(in thousands of EUR)	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022	Change	Sep. 30, 2023	Change
Cash and cash equivalents	30,554	58,447	-47.7%	57,809	-47.1%
Net cash (+) / Net debt (-) <sup>3</sup>	-42,399	-19,185	121.0%	-28,442	49.1%

<sup>1</sup> Potential difference due to rounding

<sup>2</sup> Q4 2023 including EUR 7.8 million, Q3 2023 including EUR 6.7 million extraordinary expenses

<sup>3</sup> Q4 2023 including EUR 52.8 million (Q3 2023: EUR 53.6 million) financial liabilities to Adtran Holdings, Inc. and EUR 23.9 million (Q3 2023: nil) financial receivables from Adtran Holdings, Inc. due to DPLTA

## Q4 2023 IFRS financial results

Revenue in Q4 2023 was down 18.7% to EUR 118.5 million from EUR 145.7 million in Q3 2023 and was also down 39.5% compared to EUR 195.7 million in Q4 2022. The uncertain macroeconomic environment, with higher interest rates and elevated customer inventory levels impacted customer spending behavior.

Pro forma gross profit in Q4 2023 was down 13.9% to EUR 47.5 million (40.1% of revenues) from EUR 55.2 million (37.9% of revenues) in Q3 2023 and decreased by 32.7% from EUR 70.6 million (36.1% of revenues)

in Q4 2022. The margin increase was due to lower material costs, and a more favorable customer and product mix.

Pro forma EBIT in Q4 2023 was EUR 9.3 million (7.8% of revenues), up approx. 6.0% from EUR 8.7 million (6.0% of revenues) in Q3 2023 and down by 62.1% from EUR 24.4 million (12.5% of revenues). The quarter-over-quarter increase in pro forma EBIT was due to the improvement in gross margin as well as lower operational expenses. The year-over-year decline was primarily due to lower revenues, only partially compensated by a reduction in cost of goods sold and operating expenses.

Operating income decreased from EUR 0.2 million in Q3 2023 to an operating loss of EUR 1.1 million in Q4 2023 and decreased from an operating income of EUR 14.8 million in Q4 2022 by EUR 15.9 million. Main reasons for the reduction of the operating income for Q4 2023 were EUR 7.8 million extraordinary expenses related to the cost improvement program and to a goodwill impairment.

Net loss was EUR 22.7 million in Q4 2023, compared to net income of EUR 1.3 million in Q3 2023 and to a net income of EUR 3.8 million in Q4 2022. The sequential decrease in net income was related to the lower top line and due to high tax expenses in Q4 2023.

The company's cash and cash equivalents decreased by EUR 27.2 million to EUR 30.6 million compared to EUR 57.8 million at the end of Q3 2023 and decreased by EUR 27.8 million compared to EUR 58.4 million in Q4 2022. The reduction in cash is mainly due to a decline in operating cash flow as well as EUR 10 million repayment of debt.

The company's net debt increased by EUR 14.0 million from EUR 28.4 million in Q3 2023 to EUR 42.4 million in Q4 2023 and increased by EUR 23.2 million from a net debt position of EUR 19.2 million in Q4 2022.

### Full year 2023 financial summary<sup>1</sup>

(in thousands of EUR)	2023	2022	Change
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>613,671</b>	<b>712,114</b>	<b>-13.8%</b>
Pro forma gross profit	221,277	236,854	-6.6%
<b>in % of revenues</b>	<b>36.1%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>2.8pp</b>
Pro forma EBIT	39,810	50,386	-21.0%
<b>in % of revenues</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>-0.6pp</b>
Operating income <sup>2</sup>	13,302	18,112	-26.6%
Net income	-14,514	18,132	n/a

(in thousands of EUR)	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022	Change
Cash and cash equivalents	30,554	58,447	-47.7%
Net cash (+) / Net debt (-)	-42,399	-19,185	121.0%

<sup>1</sup> Potential differences due to rounding

<sup>2</sup> 2023 including EUR 18.0 million and 2022 including EUR 24.8 million extraordinary expenses

### Full year 2023 IFRS financial results

The revenues decreased by 13.8%, from EUR 712.1 million in 2022 to EUR 613.7 million in 2023. The revenues were within the guidance corridor, which was revised in August 2023, indicating a reduction in the high single-digit to low teens percentage range compared to the fiscal year 2022. Revenues were impacted

by the uncertain macroeconomic environment, higher interest rates and high inventory levels weighing on the spending behavior of customers.

Pro forma gross profit was down 6.6% from EUR 236.9 million (33.3% of revenues) in 2022 to EUR 221.3 million (36.1% of revenues) in 2023. Full year gross margins were supported by lower purchasing costs and a more favorable customer mix.

Pro forma EBIT for 2023 was down 21.0%, from 50.4 million or 7.1% of revenues in 2022 to EUR 39.8 million or 6.5% of revenues.

Operating income was down by 26.6%, from EUR 18.1 million in 2022 to EUR 13.3 million in 2023. The results for 2023 were impacted by lower revenues and extraordinary expenses resulting from cost-improvement measures.

Consequently, net income decreased from EUR 18.1 million in 2022 to a net loss of EUR 14.5 million in 2023. In addition to the lower revenues and higher operating costs, net income was also impacted negatively by substantially higher tax expenses in 2023 compared to 2022.

Basic earnings per share in 2023 amounted to EUR -0.28 compared to EUR 0.35 in 2022. Diluted earnings per share in 2023 also amounted to EUR -0.28 compared to diluted earnings per share of EUR 0.35 in 2022.

## **Management commentary**

“Q4 revenue and profitability came in at the expected range”, stated Tom Stanton, Adtran Networks SE CEO. “Although, revenues continued to remain challenging due to the macroeconomic environment and elevated customer inventories, we believe the fundamental demand landscape remains unchanged. Service providers continue to pursue the same objectives of expanding their fiber footprint and enhancing bandwidth, necessitating global infrastructure buildouts. With the ongoing implementation of our cost improvement measures, we are transforming into a more streamlined and efficient company. We believe that this positions us well to excel when spending returns to normal levels.”

The company will publish its financial results for Q1 2024 on May 7, 2024.

## **Forward-looking statements**

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