Thomson Reuters Reports Third-Quarter 2017 Results

TORONTO, November 1, 2017 – Thomson Reuters (TSX/NYSE: TRI) today reported results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017. Based on its results for the first nine months of the year, the company reaffirmed its full year guidance (as updated in August) and expects to achieve the high end of its full-year 2017 adjusted earnings per share (EPS) guidance, which was increased last quarter to between \$2.40 to \$2.45.

"It is gratifying to see that the progress we have made over the last several years is continuing to pay off," said Jim Smith, president and chief executive officer of Thomson Reuters. "And, despite lower than expected revenue growth for the quarter, margins continue to improve and our most promising growth initiatives are performing well. We will continue to manage the things within our control with the same rigor and discipline that has turned around our organization, in order to build maximum sustainable long-term profit growth. Our transformation efforts should continue to generate bottom-line growth and provide the added fuel we need to accelerate top-line growth in the future."

Consolidated Financial Highlights - Three Months Ended September 30

(Millions of U.S. dollars, except for adjusted EBITDA margin and EPS) (unaudited)					
IFRS Financial Measures ⁽¹⁾	2017	2016	Change	Change at Constant Currency	
Revenues	\$2,792	\$2,744	<u>change</u> 2%	currency	
Operating profit	\$467	\$385	21%		
Diluted EPS (includes discontinued operations)	\$0.46	\$0.36	28%		
Cash flow from operations (includes discontinued operations)	\$808	\$758	7%		
Non-IFRS Financial Measures ⁽¹⁾					
Revenues	\$2,792	\$2,744	2%	1%	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$849	\$814	4%	4%	
Adjusted EBITDA margin	30.4%	29.7%	70bp	70bp	
Adjusted EPS	\$0.68	\$0.54	26%	24%	
Free cash flow (includes discontinued operations)	\$531	\$519	2%		

Revenues increased 2% due to higher recurring revenues and a positive impact from foreign currency.

At constant currency, revenues increased 1%.

Operating profit increased 21% due to higher revenues and a gain on the sale of an investment.

 Adjusted EBITDA increased 4% to \$849 million and the margin increased 70 basis points to 30.4% from 29.7%.

Diluted EPS, which includes discontinued operations, increased 28% to \$0.46 primarily due to higher operating profit, despite the loss of earnings from IP & Science following its sale in the fourth quarter of 2016. Lower interest and tax expense were offset by higher expenses from non-cash foreign currency fluctuations on intercompany loans.

 Adjusted EPS was \$0.68, an increase of 26%, or \$0.14 per share primarily due to higher adjusted EBITDA, and lower interest and tax expense.

Cash flow from operations increased 7% due to higher operating profit.

- Free cash flow increased 2% to \$531 million as higher adjusted EBITDA was partly offset by higher capital expenditures.
- (1) In addition to results reported in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the company uses certain non-IFRS financial measures as supplemental indicators of its operating performance and financial position. These and other non-IFRS financial measures are defined and reconciled to the most directly comparable IFRS measures in the tables appended to this news release.

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The company repurchased 5.0 million shares during the third quarter at a cost of \$230 million and repurchased 18.5 million shares during the first nine months of the year at a cost of \$808 million under its \$1.0 billion share buyback program.

<u>Highlights by Business Unit - Three Months Ended September 30</u>

	Three Month Septemb			Change	
	2017	2016	Total	Foreign	Constant
Revenues	2017	2016	Iotai	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Currency</u>
Financial & Risk	\$1.542	\$1,516	2%	1%	1%
Legal	843	835	1%	0%	1%
Tax & Accounting	341	323	6%	1%	5%
Corporate & Other (Reuters News)	73	73	0%	1%	-1%
Eliminations	(7)	(3)	070	170	-170
Revenues	\$2,792	\$2,744	2%	1%	1%
Adjusted EBITDA					
Financial & Risk	\$495	\$460	8%	2%	6%
Legal	338	328	3%	1%	2%
Tax & Accounting	95	87	9%	1%	8%
Corporate & Other (includes Reuters News)	(79)	(61)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Adjusted EBITDA	\$849	\$814	4%	0%	4%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin					
Financial & Risk	32.1%	30.3%	180bp	30bp	150bp
Legal	40.1%	39.3%	80bp	10bp	70bp
Tax & Accounting	27.9%	26.9%	100bp	30bp	70bp
Corporate & Other (includes Reuters News)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Adjusted EBITDA margin	30.4%	29.7%	70bp	0bp	70bp

Unless otherwise noted, all revenue growth comparisons by business unit in this news release are at <u>constant currency</u> (or exclude the impact of foreign currency) as Thomson Reuters believes this provides the best basis to measure their performance.

Financial & Risk

Revenues increased 1% to \$1.5 billion. Organic revenues were unchanged and acquisitions contributed 1%.

Revenues by type:

- Recurring revenues grew 1% (77% of total)
- Transactions revenues grew 7% (15% of total) due to increased revenue from Tradeweb and contributions from acquisitions.
- Recoveries revenues decreased 4% (8% of total).

Revenues by geography:

• Revenues were up 3% in the Americas, up 2% in Asia, and decreased 1% in Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

Adjusted EBITDA increased 8% to \$495 million.

 The margin increased to 32.1% from 30.3%. In constant currency, the margin increased 150 basis points primarily due to savings from the company's simplification initiatives, including 2016 severance charges, and higher revenues.

Net sales were positive in the quarter.



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<u>Legal</u>

Revenues increased 1% to \$843 million.

- Recurring revenues grew 3% (76% of total)
- US Print revenues declined 7% (13% of total)
- Transactions revenues declined 8% (11% of total)

Adjusted EBITDA increased 3% to \$338 million.

 The margin increased to 40.1% from 39.3%. In constant currency, the margin increased 70 basis points due to higher revenues and savings related to fourth-quarter 2016 severance charges and ongoing simplification initiatives.

Tax & Accounting

Revenues increased 5% to \$341 million.

- Recurring revenues grew 2% (87% of total)
- Transactions revenues grew 33% (13% of total)

Adjusted EBITDA increased 9% to \$95 million.

• The margin increased to 27.9% from 26.9%. In constant currency, the margin increased 70 basis points due to higher revenues.

Corporate & Other (Including Reuters News)

Reuters News revenues were \$73 million, down 1%.

Corporate & Other costs at the adjusted EBITDA level were \$79 million compared to \$61 million in the prior-year period. The increase was primarily due to investments relating to improving customer experience and costs related to real estate consolidation initiatives.

 Including depreciation and amortization of software, Corporate & Other costs were \$85 million compared to \$77 million in the prior-year period. On this basis, the company expects full-year Corporate & Other costs will be approximately \$290 million.

Consolidated Financial Highlights - Nine Months Ended September 30

(Millions of U.S. dollars, except for adjusted EBITDA margin and EPS) (unaudited)						
IFRS Financial Measures	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>	Change At Constant Currency		
Revenues	\$8,389	\$8,306	1%			
Operating profit	\$1,310	\$1,096	20%			
Diluted EPS (includes discontinued operations)	\$1.13	\$1.15	-2%			
Cash flow from operations (includes discontinued operations)	\$1,274	\$1,986	-36%			
Non-IFRS Financial Measures						
Revenues	\$8,389	\$8,306	1%	2%		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$2,563	\$2,319	11%	10%		
Adjusted EBITDA margin	30.6%	27.9%	270bp	240bp		
Adjusted EPS	\$1.91	\$1.47	30%	29%		
Free cash flow (includes discontinued operations)	\$526	\$1,267	-58%			



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Revenues increased 1% as higher recurring revenues and contributions from acquisitions were partly offset by the impact of foreign currency.

At constant currency, revenues increased 2%.

Operating profit increased 20% primarily due to higher revenues and lower expenses, which reflected continued simplification initiatives.

 Adjusted EBITDA increased 11% to \$2.6 billion and the margin increased to 30.6% from 27.9%, reflecting the same factors.

Diluted EPS, which includes discontinued operations, decreased 2% to \$1.13 as higher operating profit and lower interest expense were more than offset by non-cash foreign currency fluctuations on intercompany loans and the loss of earnings from IP & Science following its sale.

 Adjusted EPS was \$1.91, an increase of 30%, or \$0.44 per share, primarily due to higher adjusted EBITDA, as well as lower interest expense.

Cash flow from operations declined 36% primarily due to a \$500 million pension plan contribution in the first quarter of 2017, \$137 million of payments related to 2016 severance charges, and the loss of cash flow from IP & Science following its sale (\$237 million year-on-year variance).

o Free cash flow decreased 58% to \$526 million reflecting similar factors as noted above.

<u>Highlights by Business Unit – Nine Months Ended September 30</u>

(Millions of I	U.S. dollars, except for (unaudited		nargins)			
	Nine Month Septemb			Change		
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	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>Currency</u>	
Revenues						
Financial & Risk	\$4,561	\$4,549	0%	-1%	1%	
Legal	2,509	2,503	0%	-1%	1%	
Tax & Accounting	1,108	1,036	7%	1%	6%	
Corporate & Other (Reuters News)	221	227	-3%	-1%	-2%	
Eliminations	(10)	(9)				
Revenues	\$8,389	\$8,306	1%	-1%	2%	
Adjusted EBITDA						
Financial & Risk	\$1,435	\$1,340	7%	0%	7%	
Legal	965	936	3%	0%	3%	
Tax & Accounting	339	283	20%	1%	19%	
Corporate & Other (includes Reuters News)	(176)	(240)	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$2,563	\$2,319	11%	1%	10%	
Adjusted EBITDA Margin						
Financial & Risk	31.5%	29.5%	200bp	40bp	160bp	
Legal	38.5%	37.4%	110bp	20bp	90bp	
Tax & Accounting	30.6%	27.3%	330bp	0bp	330bp	
Corporate & Other (includes Reuters News)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Adjusted EBITDA margin	30.6%	27.9%	270bp	30bp	240bp	
n/a – not applicable						

Dividend

In February 2017, the Thomson Reuters board of directors approved a \$0.02 per share annualized increase in the dividend to \$1.38 per common share. A quarterly dividend of \$0.345 per share is payable on December 15, 2017 to common shareholders of record as of November 16, 2017.



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Business Outlook 2017 (At Constant Currency)

Based on the results of the first nine months of the year, the company reaffirmed its full-year outlook, as communicated in August 2017:

- Low single-digit revenue growth
- Adjusted EBITDA margin to range between 29.3% 30.3%
- Free cash flow to range between \$0.9 billion and \$1.2 billion, which reflects cash payments in 2017 relating to
 fourth-quarter 2016 severance charges, the \$500 million pension plan contribution made in the first quarter of
 2017 and the loss of free cash flow from the sale of the IP & Science business
- Adjusted EPS target of \$2.40 \$2.45, which is now forecast to be at the top of this range.

The company's 2017 outlook does not factor in the impact of acquisitions or divestitures that may occur during the year.

The information in this section is forward-looking and should be read in conjunction with the section below entitled "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements, Material Assumptions and Material Risks."

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The company's business outlook contains various non-IFRS financial measures. For outlook purposes only, the company is unable to reconcile these non-IFRS measures to the most comparable IFRS measures because it cannot predict, with reasonable certainty, the 2017 impact of changes in foreign exchange rates which impact (i) the translation of its results reported at average foreign currency rates for the year, (ii) fair value adjustments associated with foreign currency derivatives embedded in certain customer contracts, and (iii) other finance income or expense related to foreign exchange contracts and intercompany financing arrangements. Additionally, the company cannot reasonably predict the occurrence or amount of other operating gains and losses, which generally arise from business transactions that it does not anticipate.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, MATERIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND MATERIAL RISKS

Certain statements in this news release, including, but not limited to, statements in the "Business Outlook 2017 (At Constant Currency)" section, Mr. Smith's comments and statements regarding corporate costs, are forward-looking. As a result, forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations. There is no assurance that the events described in any forward-looking statement will materialize. A business outlook is provided for the purpose of presenting information about current expectations for 2017. This information may not be appropriate for other purposes. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements which reflect expectations only as of the date of this news release. Except as may be required by applicable law, Thomson Reuters disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.



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The company's 2017 business outlook is based on various external and internal assumptions. Economic and market assumptions include, but are not limited to, GDP growth in most of the countries where Thomson Reuters operates, a continued increase in demand for high quality information and workflow solutions and a continued need for trusted products and services that help customers navigate changing geopolitical, economic and regulatory environments. Internal financial and operational assumptions include, but are not limited to, the successful execution of sales initiatives, ongoing product release programs, our globalization strategy and other growth and efficiency initiatives.

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Thomson Reuters will webcast a discussion of its third-quarter 2017 results today beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). You can access the webcast by visiting the "Investor Relations" section of www.thomsonreuters.com. An archive of the webcast will be available following the presentation.



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Thomson Reuters Corporation Consolidated Income Statement

(millions of U.S. dollars, except per share data) (unaudited)

	Three Mont	hs Ended	Nine Months Ended			
	Septemb	er 30,	Septemb	er 30,		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>		
CONTINUING OPERATIONS						
Revenues	\$2,792	\$2,744	\$8,389	\$8,306		
Operating expenses	(1,996)	(1,964)	(5,997)	(6,064)		
Depreciation	(73)	(78)	(222)	(239)		
Amortization of computer software	(171)	(177)	(519)	(518)		
Amortization of other identifiable intangible assets	(115)	(128)	(354)	(388)		
Other operating gains (losses), net	30	(12)	13	(1)		
Operating profit	467	385	1,310	1,096		
Finance costs, net:						
Net interest expense	(84)	(108)	(272)	(304)		
Other finance costs	(58)	(3)	(176)	(28)		
Income before tax and equity method investments Share of post-tax earnings (losses) in equity method	325	274	862	764		
investments	2	2	(3)	2		
Tax benefit (expense)	22	(8)	8	16		
Earnings from continuing operations	349	268	867	782		
(Loss) earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax	(1)	18	1	126		
Net earnings	\$348	\$286	\$868	\$908		
Earnings attributable to:						
Common shareholders	330	273	819	872		
Non-controlling interests	18	13	49	36		
Earnings per share:						
Basic earnings per share:						
From continuing operations	\$0.46	\$0.34	\$1.13	\$0.99		
From discontinued operations	-	0.03	-	0.17		
Basic earnings per share	\$0.46	\$0.37	\$1.13	\$1.16		
Diluted earnings per share:						
From continuing operations	\$0.46	\$0.34	\$1.13	\$0.99		
From discontinued operations	-	0.02	-	0.16		
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.46	\$0.36	\$1.13	\$1.15		
Basic weighted-average common shares	715,532,769	743,939,102	721,205,041	752,226,485		



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Thomson Reuters Corporation Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

(millions of U.S. dollars) (unaudited)

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$898	\$2,368	
Trade and other receivables	1,530	1,392	
Other financial assets	106	188	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	724	686	
Current assets	3,258	4,634	
Computer hardware and other property, net	903	961	
Computer software, net	1,411	1,394	
Other identifiable intangible assets, net	5,429	5,655	
Goodwill	15,019	14,485	
Other financial assets	93	135	
Other non-current assets	596	537	
Deferred tax	56	51	
Total assets	\$26,765	\$27,852	
Liabilities and equity			
Liabilities			
Current indebtedness	\$1,723	\$1,111	
Payables, accruals and provisions	2,219	2,448	
Deferred revenue	935	901	
Other financial liabilities	315	102	
Current liabilities	5,192	4,562	
Long-term indebtedness	5,383	6,278	
Provisions and other non-current liabilities	1,680	2,258	
Other financial liabilities	285	340	
Deferred tax	987	1,158	
Total liabilities	13,527	14,596	
Equity			
Capital	9,536	9,589	
Retained earnings	6,920	7,477	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,712)	(4,293)	
Total shareholders' equity	12,744	12,773	
Non-controlling interests	494	483	
Total equity	13,238	13,256	
Total liabilities and equity	\$26,765	\$27,852	



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Thomson Reuters Corporation Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

(millions of U.S. dollars) (unaudited)

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${\bf Thomson\ Reuters\ Corporation} \\ {\bf Reconciliation\ of\ Earnings\ from\ Continuing\ Operations\ to\ Adjusted\ EBITDA^{(1)}} \\$

(millions of U.S. dollars, except for margins) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>	2017	<u>2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
Earnings from continuing operations	\$349	\$268	30%	\$867	\$782	11%
Adjustments to remove:						
Tax (benefit) expense	(22)	8		(8)	(16)	
Other finance costs	58	3		176	28	
Net interest expense	84	108		272	304	
Amortization of other identifiable intangible assets	115	128		354	388	
Amortization of computer software	171	177		519	518	
Depreciation	73	78		222	239	
EBITDA	\$828	\$770		\$2,402	\$2,243	
Adjustments to remove:						
Share of post-tax (earnings) losses in equity						
method investments	(2)	(2)		3	(2)	
Other operating (gains) losses, net	(30)	12		(13)	1	
Fair value adjustments	53	34		171	77	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$849	\$814	4%	\$2,563	\$2,319	11%
Adjusted EBITDA margin ⁽¹⁾	30.4%	29.7%	70bp	30.6%	27.9%	270bp

${\bf Thomson~Reuters~Corporation} \\ {\bf Reconciliation~of~Earnings~Attributable~to~Common~Shareholders~to~Adjusted~Earnings}^{(2)} \\$

(millions of U.S. dollars, except for share and per share data)
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2017	2016	<u>Change</u>	2017	2016	Change		
Earnings attributable to common shareholders	\$330	\$273	21%	\$819	\$872	-6%		
Adjustments to remove:								
Fair value adjustments	53	34		171	77			
Amortization of other identifiable intangible assets	115	128		354	388			
Other operating (gains) losses, net	(30)	12		(13)	1			
Other finance costs	58	3		176	28			
Share of post-tax (earnings) losses in equity method								
investments	(2)	(2)		3	(2)			
Tax on above items	(19)	(46)		(108)	(138)			
Tax items impacting comparability	(5)	7		(3)	13			
Loss (earnings) from discontinued operations, net of tax	1	(18)		(1)	(126)			
Interim period effective tax rate normalization (3)	(13)	13		(15)	-			
Dividends declared on preference shares	(1)	(1)		(2)	(2)			
Adjusted earnings	\$487	\$403	21%	\$1,381	\$1,111	24%		
Adjusted EPS	\$0.68	\$0.54	26%	\$1.91	\$1.47	30%		
Foreign currency ⁽⁴⁾			2%			1%		
Constant currency ⁽⁴⁾			24%			29%		
Diluted weighted-average common shares (millions)	716.9	745.8		722.5	753.9			



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Thomson Reuters Corporation Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow⁽⁵⁾

(millions of U.S. dollars) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	Septembe	September 30,		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u> 2016</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$808	\$758	\$1,274	\$1,986
Capital expenditures, less proceeds from disposals	(256)	(213)	(710)	(658)
Capital expenditures from discontinued operations	-	(13)	-	(38)
Other investing activities	(1)	3	14	23
Dividends paid on preference shares	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(19)	(15)	(50)	(44)
Free cash flow	\$531	\$519	\$526	\$1,267

Footnotes

- Thomson Reuters defines adjusted EBITDA as earnings from continuing operations before tax expense or benefit, net interest expense, other finance costs or income, depreciation, amortization of software and other identifiable intangible assets, Thomson Reuters share of post-tax (earnings) losses in equity method investments, other operating gains and losses, certain asset impairment charges, fair value adjustments and corporate related items. Adjusted EBITDA margin is adjusted EBITDA expressed as a percentage of revenues. Thomson Reuters uses adjusted EBITDA because it provides a consistent basis to evaluate operating profitability and performance trends by excluding items that the Company does not consider to be controllable activities for this purpose. Adjusted EBITDA also represents a measure commonly reported and widely used by investors as a valuation metric. Additionally, this measure is used by Thomson Reuters and investors to assess a company's ability to incur and service debt.
- (2) Adjusted earnings and adjusted EPS include dividends declared on preference shares but exclude the post-tax impacts of fair value adjustments, amortization of other identifiable intangible assets, other operating gains and losses, certain asset impairment charges, other finance costs or income, Thomson Reuters share of post-tax (earnings) losses in equity method investments, discontinued operations and other items affecting comparability. Thomson Reuters calculates the post-tax amount of each item excluded from adjusted earnings based on the specific tax rules and tax rates associated with the nature and jurisdiction of each item. Adjusted EPS is calculated using diluted weighted-average shares and does not represent actual earnings or loss per share attributable to shareholders. Thomson Reuters uses adjusted earnings and adjusted EPS as they provide a more comparable basis to analyze earnings and they are also measures commonly used by shareholders to measure the company's performance.
- (3) Adjustment to reflect income taxes based on estimated full-year effective tax rate. Earnings or losses for interim periods under IFRS reflect income taxes based on the estimated effective tax rates of each of the jurisdictions in which Thomson Reuters operates. The non-IFRS adjustment reallocates estimated full-year income taxes between interim periods, but has no effect on full-year income taxes.
- (4) The changes in revenues, adjusted EBITDA and the related margins, and adjusted earnings per share before currency (at constant currency or excluding the effects of currency) are determined by converting the current and prior-year period's local currency equivalent using the same exchange rates.
- (5) Free cash flow (includes free cash flow from continuing and discontinued operations) is net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, and other investing activities less capital expenditures, dividends paid on the company's preference shares, and dividends paid to non-controlling interests. Thomson Reuters uses free cash flow as it helps assess the company's ability, over the long term, to create value for its shareholders as it represents cash available to repay debt, pay common dividends and fund share repurchases and new acquisitions.

Supplemental

Thomson Reuters Corporation Depreciation and Amortization of Computer Software by Business Segment

(millions of U.S. dollars) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	Septembe	September 30,		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Financial & Risk	\$147	\$147	\$434	\$435
Legal	60	64	183	187
Tax & Accounting	31	28	95	86
Corporate & Other (includes Reuters News)	6	16	29	49
Total depreciation and amortization of computer software	\$244	\$255	\$741	\$757