
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event Reported): May 23, 2018

ALIGN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-32259

(Commission File Number)

94-3267295

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2820 Orchard Parkway, San Jose, California 95134

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(408) 470-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check 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 provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 23, 2018, Align Technology, Inc. (the “Company”) reaffirmed its financial guidance for the second quarter and full fiscal year 2018 in conjunction with Investor Day being held at the Park Central Hotel in New York City. The Company also announced an update to its long-term financial model revenue growth rate target from a range of 15-25% to a range of 20-30%. In addition, the Company announced that its Board of Directors has approved a stock repurchase program under which the Company intends to repurchase up to \$600 million of its common stock over the next three years. The Company anticipates it will repurchase \$100 million of the current outstanding authorization through 2018. This plan is effective immediately. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 [Press Release dated May 23, 2018](#)

SIGNATURE

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.

ALIGN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Date: May 23, 2018

By: /s/ Roger E. George
Roger E. George
Sr. Vice President, Chief Legal and Regulatory Officer

Align Technology Hosts 2018 Investor Day

- *Highlights Innovative Digital Platform*
- *Reinforces Strong Company Growth*
- *Reaffirms Guidance*
- *Announces Stock Repurchase Program*

NEW YORK, May 23, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Align Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ:ALGN) will host an Investor Day at the Park Central Hotel in New York City today beginning at 8:00 am Eastern Time. After opening remarks in which Align Technology CEO, Joe Hogan, will outline the company's vision, the event will feature presentations by members of the company's executive management team from across its global operations.

In conjunction with today's meeting, Align reaffirmed its financial guidance for the second quarter and full fiscal year 2018. In addition, Align updated its long-term financial model revenue growth rate target from a range of 15-25% to a range of 20-30%, reflecting the company's view of how underpenetrated its business is into the significant market opportunity it presents globally for both Invisalign clear aligners and iTero scanners and services.

In his opening remarks, Hogan will focus on the company's key growth drivers, including international expansion; continuing to increase orthodontist utilization; expanding general practitioner customer base; and driving consumer demand and conversion, primarily in the teen market.

"Today's Investor Day comes amid continued strong growth for Align Technology across all of our regions and customer channels. We recently reported better-than-expected first quarter results and a strong start to the year with revenues, volumes, and EPS above guidance," said Hogan. "This positive momentum is fueled by the significant market opportunities we see across the globe, with an ever-expanding consumer base of potential patients who can benefit from a better smile."

The meeting will highlight Align's innovative end-to-end digital workflow, which enables the company to deliver custom solutions for hundreds of thousands of Invisalign patients every day. Align invented digital orthodontics over 21 years ago and has continued to lead the market in brand appeal, clinical efficacy, and an end-to-end digital workflow that includes:

- The iTero 3D scanning process;
- Patented clear aligner technologies and software, designed to ensure more precise tooth movement and more predictable outcomes for an even broader range of cases; and
- Industry-leading Invisalign clear aligners, retainers, and expanders produced through a 100 percent digital process that enables mass customization and scale.

During the meeting, Align will present its first directly fabricated (3D printed) appliance, the Invisalign Palatal Expander, and review its recently announced products, including Invisalign First clear aligners, Invisalign Go, expanded Invisalign treatment packages, iTero Element 2 and iTero Element Flex intraoral scanners, and Vivera Retainers with Bite Ramps.

The company will also have an onsite "pop up" of its Invisalign pilot stores, introduced last year in the San Francisco Bay Area. These pilot stores allow the company to expand the market for clear aligners by educating consumers about what they might look like with a better smile, and connecting them with Invisalign doctors.

Stock Repurchase Program Announced

In addition, Align Technology announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized a stock repurchase program. Under the program, Align Technology may purchase up to \$600 million of its common stock over the next three years. This latest authorization is in addition to the existing \$300 million authorization announced in April 2016, which brings the total authorization to \$900 million. To date, Align has repurchased approximately \$200 million of its stock against these authorizations and anticipates it will repurchase another \$100 million through 2018.

"This repurchase program reflects the Board's confidence in our strong future, as well as our commitment to delivering value to our stakeholders," Hogan said. "Align's capital strategy allows for our strong balance sheet to fund both internal and external opportunities that will accelerate our long-term growth trajectory."

The company's stock repurchase plan will operate in accordance with guidelines, specified under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Accordingly, transactions, if any, will be effected in accordance with the terms of the share repurchase plan, including specified price, volume, and timing conditions. As of Q1'18, the company had approximately 80.1 million shares outstanding and \$673.0 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term and long-term investments.

Align Investor Day Webcast Replay

Align hosted a live audio web cast of its Investor Day meeting via the Internet at <http://investor.aligntech.com/investor-day-meetings>. An audio replay of the meeting will also be available via webcast for approximately three months following the meeting.

About Align Technology, Inc.

Align Technology designs and manufactures the Invisalign® system, the most advanced clear aligner system in the world, and

iTero® intraoral scanners and services. Align’s products help dental professionals achieve the clinical results they expect and deliver effective, cutting-edge dental options to their patients. Visit www.aligntech.com for more information.

For additional information about the Invisalign system or to find an Invisalign provider in your area, please visit www.invisalign.com. For additional information about iTero digital scanning system, please visit www.itero.com.

Forward-Looking Statement

This news release contains forward-looking statements, including statements regarding certain business metrics, including, but not limited to, Align’s expectations regarding its second quarter and fiscal year ended financial guidance and its long-term revenue model growth rate. Forward-looking statements contained in this news release relating to expectations about future events or results are based upon information available to Align as of the date hereof. Readers are cautioned that these forward-looking statements are only predictions and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. As a result, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statement. Factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to, difficulties predicting customer and consumer purchasing behavior, Align's ability to protect its intellectual property rights, continued compliance with regulatory requirements, competition from existing and new competitors, the willingness and ability of our customers to maintain and/or increase product utilization in sufficient numbers, the possibility that the development and release of new products does not proceed in accordance with the anticipated timeline, the possibility that the market for the sale of these new products may not develop as expected, or that the expected benefits of new or existing business relationships will not be achieved as anticipated, the risks relating to Align's ability to sustain or increase profitability or revenue growth in future periods while controlling expenses, growth related risks, including capacity constraints and pressure on our internal systems and personnel, the security of customer and/or patient data is compromised for any reason, continued customer demand for our existing and new products, changes in consumer spending habits as a result of, among other things, prevailing economic conditions, levels of employment, salaries and wages and consumer confidence, the timing of case submissions from our doctors within a quarter, acceptance of our products by consumers and dental professionals, changes to our interpretation of the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which may change as we receive additional clarification and implementation guidance, possibly materially, foreign operational, political and other risks relating to Align's international manufacturing operations, Align's ability to develop and successfully introduce new products and product enhancements and the loss of key personnel. These and other risks are detailed from time to time in Align's periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including, but not limited to, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on February 28, 2018. Align undertakes no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason.

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