# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON D.C. 20549

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# FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): November 7, 2019

# **UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

0-21044

(Commission File No.)

33-0204817 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

15147 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite H300 Scottsdale, Arizona 85254-2494 (Address of principal executive offices, with Zip Code)

(480) 530-3000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code):

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)

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□ 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbols	Name of each exchange on which registered					
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	UEIC	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC					

Indicate 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) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company  $\square$ 

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.  $\Box$ 

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### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On November 7, 2019, Universal Electronics Inc. is issuing a press release and holding a conference call regarding its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2019. A copy of this press release is furnished with this Report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished with this Report.
  - 99.1 Press Release of Universal Electronics Inc. dated November 7, 2019.

#### 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 thereunto duly authorized.

Universal Electronics Inc.

Date: November 7, 2019

By: /s/ Bryan Hackworth

Bryan Hackworth Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

# INDEX TO EXHIBITS

 Exhibit Number
 Description

 99.1
 Press Release Dated November 7, 2019



# UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS REPORTS RECORD RESULTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2019

- 2019 Guidance to Deliver Strongest Adjusted Net Sales and EPS in the Company's 30-plus Year History -

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – November 7, 2019 – Universal Electronics Inc. (UEI), (NASDAQ: UEIC) reported financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019.

"We are delighted to report record results and are positioned to deliver the strongest year in our history," said Paul Arling, UEI's chairman and CEO. "Our mission to lead sensing and control technologies for the smart home remains consistent and drives our team strategy. Our investments to enhance our competitive position, enter new markets, attract new customers, and improve account service are coming to fruition. As UEI continues to redefine what remote wireless devices can do, we are adding more customers in traditional markets such as cable, satellite, and consumer electronics as well as extending our reach into other industries like home automation and telecom. Our customers are increasingly implementing new programs, and, in recent quarters, voice-enabled, advanced products are gaining significant traction. We believe these trends will continue to fuel our long-term, profitable growth."

#### Financial Results for the Three Months Ended September 30: 2019 Compared to 2018

- GAAP net sales were \$200.7 million, compared to \$182.7 million; Adjusted Non-GAAP net sales were \$200.9 million, compared to \$182.7 million.
- GAAP gross margins were 23.2%, compared to 22.1%; Adjusted Non-GAAP gross margins were 26.8%, compared to 24.6%.
- GAAP operating income was \$6.1 million, compared to \$4.7 million; Adjusted Non-GAAP operating income was \$18.7 million, compared to \$13.8 million.
- GAAP net income was \$2.7 million, or \$0.19 per share, compared to \$1.0 million or \$0.07 per share; Adjusted Non-GAAP net income was \$14.3 million, or \$1.01 per diluted share, compared to \$11.2 million, or \$0.80 per diluted share.
- At September 30, 2019, cash and cash equivalents were \$54.7 million.

Bryan Hackworth, UEI's CFO, stated, "The world is moving toward advanced products, and we are filling the demand. The continued adoption of our advanced platforms in subscription broadcasting and consumer electronics contributed to net sales in the third quarter of 2019 growing 10% compared to third quarter 2018. As planned, our operational performance was materially better in the third quarter 2019 as we continue to gain more experience at our manufacturing facility in Mexico."

#### **Financial Outlook**

For the fourth quarter of 2019, the company expects GAAP net sales to range between \$173 million and \$183 million, compared to \$170.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2018. GAAP earnings per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2019 are expected to range from \$0.30 to \$0.40, compared to GAAP loss per diluted share of \$0.80 in the fourth quarter of 2018.

For the fourth quarter of 2019, the company expects Adjusted Non-GAAP net sales to range between \$173 million and \$183 million, compared to \$168.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2018. Adjusted Non-GAAP earnings per diluted share are expected to range from \$0.79 to \$0.89, compared to Adjusted Non-GAAP earnings per diluted share of \$0.84 in the fourth quarter of 2018. The fourth quarter 2019 Adjusted Non-GAAP earnings per diluted share estimate excludes \$0.49 per share related to, among other things, additional Section 301 U.S. tariffs on goods manufactured in China, excess manufacturing overhead and factory transition costs, stock-based compensation, amortization of acquired intangibles, changes in contingent consideration relating to acquisitions, foreign currency gains and losses, restructuring costs and the related tax impact of these adjustments. For a more detailed explanation of Non-GAAP measures, please see the Use of Non-GAAP Financial Metrics discussion and the Reconciliation of Adjusted Non-GAAP Financial Results, each located elsewhere in this press release.

#### **Conference Call Information**

UEI's management team will hold a conference call today, Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. ET / 1:30 p.m. PT, to discuss its third quarter 2019 earnings results, review recent activity and answer questions. To access the call in the U.S. please dial 877-843-0414, and for international calls dial 315-625-3071 approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the conference. The conference ID is 2754667. The conference call will also be broadcast live at www.uei.com where it will be available for replay for one year. In addition, a replay will be available via telephone for two business days beginning two hours after the call. To listen to the replay, in the U.S. please dial 855-859-2056, and internationally dial 404-537-3406. The access code is 2754667.

#### **Use of Non-GAAP Financial Metrics**

In addition to reporting financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, UEI provides Adjusted Non-GAAP information as additional information for its operating results. References to Adjusted Non-GAAP information are to non-GAAP financial measures. These measures are not required by, in accordance with, or an alternative for, GAAP and may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. UEI's management uses these measures for reviewing the financial results of UEI, for budget planning purposes, and for making operational and financial decisions and believes that providing these non-GAAP financial measures to investors, as a supplement to GAAP financial measures, they help investors evaluate UEI's core operating and financial performance and business trends consistent with how management evaluates such performance and trends. Additionally, management believes these measures facilitate comparisons with the core operating and financial results of competitors and other companies.

Adjusted Non-GAAP net sales is defined as net sales excluding the revenue impact of the additional Section 301 U.S. tariffs on products manufactured in China and imported into the U.S. and the impact of stock-based compensation for performance-based warrants. Adjusted Non-GAAP gross profit is defined as gross profit excluding the impact of the additional Section 301 U.S. tariffs on products manufactured in China and imported into the U.S. and costs of implementing countermeasures to mitigate this impact, excess manufacturing overhead and factory transition costs, stock-based compensation expense, depreciation expense related to the increase in fixed assets from cost to fair market value resulting from acquisitions and amortization of intangibles acquired. Adjusted Non-GAAP operating expenses are defined as operating expenses excluding costs incurred related to implementing countermeasures to mitigate the impact of the additional Section 301 U.S. tariffs on products manufactured in China and imported into the U.S., stock-based compensation expense, adjusted Non-GAAP operating expenses in contingent consideration related to acquisitions and employee related restructuring and other costs. Adjusted Non-GAAP net income is defined as net income excluding the aforementioned items, foreign currency gains and losses, the net gain recognized on the sale of the company's Guangzhou factory, the related tax effects of all adjustments and adjustments to certain deferred tax assets resulting from tax incentives at one of our China factories. Adjusted Non-GAAP net income. A reconciliation of these financial measures is included at the end of this press release.

#### **About Universal Electronics**

Universal Electronics Inc. (NASDAQ: UEIC) is the worldwide leader in universal control and sensing technologies for the smart home. For more information, please visit <u>www.uei.com/about</u>.

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#### Note on Forward-looking Statements

This press release and accompanying schedules contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of federal securities laws, including net sales, profit margin and earnings trends, estimates and assumptions; our expectations about new product introductions; and similar statements concerning anticipated future events and expectations that are not historical facts. We caution you that these statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including those we identify below and other risk factors that we identify in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and the periodic reports filed thereafter. Risks that could affect forward-looking statements in this press release include our ability to enter new markets, attract new customers, and retain and grow existing customers through our ability to anticipate the needs and wants of our customers, and timely develop and deliver products and technologies that will be accepted by our customers, including with our voice-enabled advanced control products; the continuation of the ordering pattern of our customers as anticipated by management's ability to improve operating costs and efficiencies at acceptable levels through cost containment efforts including moving our administrative, operations, and manufacturing facilities; management's ability to complete the transition of certain of its manufacturing operations to our Mexico facility; and effects that changes in laws, regulations and policies may have on our business including the impact of trade regulations pertaining to importa

tion of our products and the tariffs imposed upon them. Any of these factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations we express or imply in this press release. We make these forward-looking statements as of November 7, 2019. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

# UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands, except share-related data) (Unaudited)

	Septe	ember 30, 2019	Dece	mber 31, 2018
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	54,729	\$	53,207
Accounts receivable, net		157,138		144,689
Contract assets		21,721		25,572
Inventories, net		137,522		144,350
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		6,061		11,638
Income tax receivable		3,392		997
Total current assets		380,563		380,453
Property, plant and equipment, net		91,067		95,840
Goodwill		48,404		48,485
Intangible assets, net		20,487		24,370
Operating lease right-of-use assets		19,890		_
Deferred income taxes		2,719		1,833
Other assets		2,357		4,615
Total assets	\$	565,487	\$	555,596
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	103,842	\$	107,282
Line of credit		88,000		101,500
Accrued compensation		40,343		33,965
Accrued sales discounts, rebates and royalties		9,265		9,574
Accrued income taxes		3,560		3,524
Other accrued liabilities		32,659		24,011
Total current liabilities		277,669		279,856
Long-term liabilities:				
Operating lease obligations		15,580		_
Contingent consideration		4,732		8,435
Deferred income taxes		4,195		930
Income tax payable		1,647		1,647
Other long-term liabilities		13		1,768
Total liabilities		303,836		292,636
Commitments and contingencies				
Stockholders' equity:				
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding		_		_
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized; 24,099,047 and 23,932,703 shares issued on September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively		241		239
Paid-in capital		285,487		276,103
Treasury stock, at cost, 10,170,862 and 10,116,459 shares on September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively		(277,630)		(275,889)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(25,838)		(20,281)
Retained earnings		279,391		282,788
Total stockholders' equity		261,651		262,960
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	565,487	\$	555,596

# UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2019		2018		2019		2018
Net sales	\$	200,724	\$	182,717	\$	578,783	\$	509,938
Cost of sales		154,245		142,401		458,437		405,661
Gross profit		46,479		40,316		120,346		104,277
Research and development expenses		7,930		5,593		21,884		17,703
Selling, general and administrative expenses		32,422		29,994		94,598		90,811
Operating income (loss)		6,127		4,729		3,864		(4,237)
Interest income (expense), net		(784)		(1,177)		(3,088)		(3,526)
Gain on sale of Guangzhou factory		_		_		_		36,978
Other income (expense), net		(148)		(2,282)		(426)		(3,951)
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes		5,195		1,270		350		25,264
Provision for income taxes		2,526		311		3,747		2,233
Net income (loss)	\$	2,669	\$	959	\$	(3,397)	\$	23,031
Earnings (loss) per share:								
Basic	\$	0.19	\$	0.07	\$	(0.25)	\$	1.65
Diluted	\$	0.19	\$	0.07	\$	(0.25)	\$	1.63
Shares used in computing earnings (loss) per share:								
Basic		13,894		13,836		13,861		13,997
Diluted		14,170		13,959		13,861		14,116
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# UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	N	ine Months End	led Sep	otember 30,
		2019		2018
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$	(3,397)	\$	23,031
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		23,734		25,264
Provision for doubtful accounts		275		2
Provision for inventory write-downs		11,222		6,450
Gain on sale of Guangzhou factory		_		(36,978
Deferred income taxes		2,273		(1,370
Shares issued for employee benefit plan		876		880
Employee and director stock-based compensation		6,718		6,808
Performance-based common stock warrants		1,381		747
Impairment of China factory equipment		_		2,886
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable and contract assets		(11,117)		(1,289
Inventories		(6,819)		(9,535
Prepaid expenses and other assets		5,507		(4,194
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		11,686		(13,14)
Accrued income taxes		(2,418)		(4,134
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities		39,921	·	(4,574
Cash provided by (used for) investing activities:		,		
Proceeds from sale of Guangzhou factory		_		51,29
Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment		(15,854)		(16,83
Refund of deposit received toward sale of Guangzhou factory		(10,001)		(5,053
Acquisitions of intangible assets		(1,505)		(1,91
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities		(17,359)		27,489
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities:		(17,557)		27,10
Borrowings under line of credit		57,500		48,000
Repayments on line of credit		(71,000)		(82,500
Proceeds from stock options exercised		411		864
Treasury stock purchased		(1,741)		(12,564
Contingent consideration payments in connection with business combinations		(4,251)		(3,858
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities		(19,081)		(50,058
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(1,959)		1,799
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		1,522		(25,344
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of year		53,207		67,339
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$	54,729	\$	41,995
Supplemental cash flow information:				
Income taxes paid	\$	5,608	\$	5,453
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## UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED NON-GAAP FINANCIAL RESULTS

(In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				 Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2019		2018	2019		2018	
Net sales:								
Net sales - GAAP	\$	200,724	\$	182,717	\$ 578,783	\$	509,938	
Section 301 U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China <sup>(1)</sup>		(549)		(399)	(3,195)		(399)	
Stock-based compensation for performance-based warrants		711		405	1,381		747	
Adjusted Non-GAAP net sales	\$	200,886	\$	182,723	\$ 576,969	\$	510,286	
Cost of sales:								
Cost of sales - GAAP	\$	154,245	\$	142,401	\$ 458,437	\$	405,661	
Section 301 U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China <sup>(1)</sup>		(3,954)		(1,084)	(14,461)		(1,084)	
Excess manufacturing overhead and factory transition costs <sup>(2)</sup>		(3,014)		(3,336)	(16,334)		(13,925)	
Adjustments to acquired tangible assets (3)		(121)		(158)	(361)		(474)	
Stock-based compensation expense		(37)		(23)	(102)		(63)	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		_		_	_		(37)	
Adjusted Non-GAAP cost of sales		147,119		137,800	 427,179		390,078	
Adjusted Non-GAAP gross profit	\$	53,767	\$	44,923	\$ 149,790	\$	120,208	
Gross margin:								
Gross margin - GAAP		23.2%		22.1%	20.8%		20.4%	
Section 301 U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China (1)		1.8%		0.4%	2.1%		0.2%	
Stock-based compensation for performance-based warrants		0.3%		0.2%	0.2%		0.1%	
Excess manufacturing overhead and factory transition costs <sup>(2)</sup>		1.4%		1.8%	2.8%		2.8%	
Adjustments to acquired tangible assets <sup>(3)</sup>		0.1%		0.1%	0.1%		0.1%	
Stock-based compensation expense		0.0%		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		_%		%	%		0.0%	
Adjusted Non-GAAP gross margin		26.8%	. <u> </u>	24.6%	 26.0%		23.6%	
Operating expenses:								
Operating expenses - GAAP	\$	40,352	\$	35,587	\$ 116,482	\$	108,514	
Section 301 U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China <sup>(1)</sup>		(247)		(200)	(1,786)		(200)	
Stock-based compensation expense		(2,490)		(2,117)	(6,615)		(6,746)	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		(1,398)		(1,400)	(4,200)		(4,201)	
Change in contingent consideration		(763)		(300)	(1,769)		(558)	
Employee related restructuring and other costs		(364)		(492)	(1,385)		(1,158)	
Adjusted Non-GAAP operating expenses	\$	35,090	\$	31,078	\$ 100,727	\$	95,651	

### UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED NON-GAAP FINANCIAL RESULTS

(In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			 Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2019		2018	2019		2018
Operating income (loss):							
Operating income (loss) - GAAP	\$	6,127	\$	4,729	\$ 3,864	\$	(4,237)
Section 301 U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China (1)		3,652		885	13,052		885
Stock-based compensation for performance-based warrants		711		405	1,381		747
Excess manufacturing overhead and factory transition costs (2)		3,014		3,336	16,334		13,925
Adjustments to acquired tangible assets (3)		121		158	361		474
Stock-based compensation expense		2,527		2,140	6,717		6,809
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		1,398		1,400	4,200		4,238
Change in contingent consideration		763		300	1,769		558
Employee related restructuring and other costs		364		492	1,385		1,158
Adjusted Non-GAAP operating income	\$	18,677	\$	13,845	\$ 49,063	\$	24,557
Adjusted pro forma operating income as a percentage of net sales		9.3%		7.6%	8.5%		4.8%
Net income (loss):							
Net income (loss) - GAAP	\$	2,669	\$	959	\$ (3,397)	\$	23,031
Section 301 U.S. tariffs on goods imported from China <sup>(1)</sup>		3,652		885	13,052		885
Stock-based compensation for performance-based warrants		711		405	1,381		747
Excess manufacturing overhead and factory transition costs (2)		3,014		3,336	16,334		13,925
Adjustments to acquired tangible assets <sup>(3)</sup>		121		158	361		474
Stock-based compensation expense		2,527		2,140	6,717		6,809
Amortization of acquired intangible assets		1,398		1,400	4,200		4,238
Change in contingent consideration		763		300	1,769		558
Employee related restructuring and other costs		364		492	1,385		1,158
Foreign currency (gain) loss		321		2,308	670		4,014
Gain on sale of Guangzhou factory		_		_			(36,978)
Income tax provision on adjustments		(1,268)		(1,871)	(6,939)		(1,630)
Other income tax adjustments (4)		_		694	1,772		694
Adjusted Non-GAAP net income	\$	14,272	\$	11,206	\$ 37,305	\$	17,925
Diluted shares used in computing earnings (loss) per share:							
GAAP		14,170		13,959	13,861		14,116
Adjusted Non-GAAP		14,170		13,959	14,049		14,116
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:							
Diluted earnings (loss) per share - GAAP	\$	0.19	\$	0.07	\$ (0.25)	\$	1.63
Total adjustments	\$	0.82	\$	0.73	\$ 2.90	\$	(0.36)
Adjusted Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share	\$	1.01	\$	0.80	\$ 2.66	\$	1.27

- (1) Includes incremental revenues and costs directly attributable to the additional Section 301 U.S. tariffs implemented in 2018 on goods manufactured in China and imported into the U.S. as well as costs incurred for the movement of factory equipment and other costs of countermeasures undertaken by the company to modify its manufacturing operations and supply chain.
- (2) The three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 include excess manufacturing overhead costs incurred as a result of expanding our manufacturing capacity in Mexico and transitioning certain of our manufacturing activities from China to Mexico. In addition, included are direct manufacturing inefficiencies incurred in Mexico as we were still in a start-up phase through the third quarter of 2019. The three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 include excess manufacturing overhead costs incurred as a result of expanding our manufacturing capacity in Mexico and transitioning certain of our manufacturing overhead costs incurred as a result of expanding our manufacturing capacity in Mexico and transitioning certain of our manufacturing activities from China to Mexico. The nine months ended September 30, 2018 includes excess costs incurred resulting from factory underutilization associated with ceasing manufacturing activities while transitioning our Asia operations onto our new global ERP system, which went live in Asia in April 2018. Additionally, the nine months ended September 30, 2018 includes \$4.8 million of asset writedowns associated with the closure and sale of our Guangzhou, China factory.
- <sup>(3)</sup> Consists of depreciation related to the mark-up from cost to fair value of fixed assets acquired in business combinations.
- (4) The nine months ended September 30, 2019 and three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 include net deferred tax asset adjustments resulting from a lower statutory tax rate due to tax incentives at one of our China factories.