

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

2024 Year Ahead: An elephant with the agility of a tiger

Reiterate Rating: BUY | PO: 188.00 USD | Price: 171.33 USD

Stock momentum should continue, reiterate Buy rating

Despite two years of back-to-back outperformance vs. the S&P 500, we view JPMorgan-JPM shares as offering an attractive risk/reward to add exposure to US banks. Franchise investments across businesses – payments, wealth, retail, asset management – combined with best-in-class execution should drive above average EPS growth and profitability. Investors will be watching for progress on moonshot projects, such as the UK online bank, to see if these can serve as idiosyncratic drivers for EPS growth.

EPS headwind from lower rates priced-in

An asset sensitive balance sheet is seen as a risk factor to near term EPS outlook into a rate-cutting cycle; -100bp in rates = -3.5% to net interest income (NII). However, we believe that BofA/consensus FY24 NII forecasts of ~\$86bn vs. \$92bn 4Q23e annualized are adequately discounting this risk. Potential fee revenue offsets (mortgage/investment banking) also a mitigating factor. Expense outlook well-anchored at \$88bn+ for FY24.

Regulatory clarity to boost confidence in return potential

Outside of the macro backdrop, improving visibility on the Basel III Endgame rules should boost investor confidence that mgmt. can defend its 17% return on tangible common equity (ROTCE) target, while also boosting capital return outlook. However, at current valuations, we rather that mgmt. accumulate some dry powder or deploy excess capital towards growth initiatives vs. buybacks (forecast ~\$8bn for FY24).

CEO succession a factor, but timing remains wildcard

As discussed in Bloomberg, CEO succession remains topical as the Street tries to guess when Chairman and CEO Jamie Dimon will hand off the reigns. While the timing is hard to handicap, investors should brace for the potential that there could likely be a CEO transition over the next few years. Quite possible that Chairman and CEO Jamie Dimon could potentially remain in an Executive Chair capacity after relinquishing the CEO role.

Valuation undemanding vs. best-in-class S&P stocks

At 11.4x 2024e EPS stock trades in-line with the mega-cap banks & a modest premium to 11x for super-regional peers; significant discount to ~19x P/E for the S&P. While JPM's relative size is often seen as an obstacle to achieving superior growth, mgmt. has repeatedly proven itself as able to use its scale as a strategic advantage while staying nimble when reacting to market driven opportunities (as evidenced last year). Update 4Q23/FY24e EPS to \$3.63/\$15 from \$3.67/\$14.81, PO to \$188 (from 11.8x/1.9x to 13.2x/1.9x 2024e EPS/2024e TBV driven by increasing visibility to defend ROTCE).

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
EPS	15.26	12.59	16.47	15.00	15.25
GAAP EPS	15.32	12.08	16.04	15.00	15.25
EPS Change (YoY)	70.9%	-17.5%	30.8%	-8.9%	1.7%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			16.72	15.55	15.76
DPS	3.80	4.00	4.10	4.31	4.74
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	11.2x	13.6x	10.4x	11.4x	11.2x
GAAP P/E	11.2x	14.2x	10.7x	11.4x	11.2x
Dividend Yield	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.8%

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Equity

Key Changes

(US\$)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	177.00	188.00
2023E Rev (m)	162,141.8	162,019.9
2024E Rev (m)	160,526.4	160,845.2
2025E Rev (m)	163,437.5	162,566.5
2023E EPS	16.51	16.47
2024E EPS	14.80	15.00
2025E EPS	15.00	15.25

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Stock Data

Price	171.33 USD
Price Objective	188.00 USD
Date Established	4-Jan-2024
Investment Opinion	B-1-7
52-Week Range	123.11 USD - 172.17 USD
Mrkt Val / Shares Out (mn)	495,316 USD / 2,891.0
Free Float	98.8%
Average Daily Value	1468.72 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	JPM / NYS
Bloomberg / Reuters	JPM US / JPM.N
ROE (2023E)	17.2%
ESGMeter™	High

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Income Statement Data (Dec)

(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Net Interest Income	52,741	67,144	88,535	85,694	82,871
% change	-4.1%	27.3%	31.9%	-3.2%	-3.3%
Net Fee Income	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Securities Gains / (Losses)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total Operating Income	125,054	134,276	162,020	160,845	162,566
Operating Expenses	(70,793)	(76,140)	(85,208)	(88,478)	(91,171)
% change	7.0%	7.6%	11.9%	3.8%	3.0%
Provisions Expense	9,256	(6,389)	(9,543)	(11,641)	(11,179)
% change	-153.0%	NA	49.4%	22.0%	-4.0%
Operating Pre-Tax Income	63,517	51,747	67,269	60,726	60,217
Operating Net Income to Comm S/Hold.	46,182	37,387	48,472	43,308	42,738
GAAP Net Income	47,782	38,982	49,955	44,644	44,270

Balance Sheet Data (Dec)

(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Total Assets	3,743,567	3,665,743	3,973,866	4,031,350	4,109,393
Average Interest Earning Assets	3,215,351	3,349,466	3,322,871	3,428,353	3,500,184
Total Gross Customer Loans	1,077,714	1,135,647	1,321,482	1,355,391	1,411,784
% change	6.4%	5.4%	16.4%	2.6%	4.2%
Total Customer Deposits	2,462,303	2,340,179	2,370,754	2,364,329	2,388,936
% change	14.8%	-5.0%	1.3%	-0.3%	1.0%
Tangible Equity	210,591	214,552	240,893	265,260	286,988
Common Shareholders' Equity	259,289	264,928	293,647	317,926	339,566

Key Metrics (Dec)

(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Net Interest Margin	1.64%	2.00%	2.66%	2.50%	2.37%
Effective Tax Rate	24.4%	24.3%	25.3%	26.0%	26.0%
Loan / Deposit Ratio	43.8%	48.5%	55.7%	57.3%	59.1%
Tangible Common Equity / Assets	5.6%	5.9%	6.1%	6.6%	7.0%
ROA	1.2%	1.0%	1.3%	1.1%	1.1%
ROE	18.4%	14.8%	17.2%	14.1%	13.0%
RoTE	22.4%	17.6%	21.3%	17.1%	15.5%
Dividend Payout Ratio	24.9%	31.8%	24.9%	28.7%	31.1%
Efficiency Ratio (Cost / Income Ratio)	56.6%	56.7%	52.6%	55.0%	56.1%

Quality of Earnings (Dec)

(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Total Non-Interest Inc / Operating Inc	57.8%	50.0%	45.4%	46.7%	49.0%
NPLs plus Foreclosed Real Estate / Loans	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
Loan Loss Reserves / NPLs	207.61%	289.97%	296.38%	302.43%	306.55%
Loan Loss Reserves / Total Loans	1.50%	1.72%	1.76%	1.98%	1.99%

Company Sector

Banks-Multinational/Universal

Company Description

J.P. Morgan Chase (JPM) is one of the leading global financial services firms and one of the largest banking institutions in the US, with nearly \$4 trillion in assets. The company as it is today formed through the merger of retail bank Chase Manhattan and investment bank JP Morgan. The firm has many operating divisions including investment and corporate banking, asset and wealth management, retail financial services, commercial banking, credit cards, and financial transaction services.

Investment Rationale

We view JPM as best of breed when it comes to earnings diversification combined with strong execution. JPM's commitment toward digital (such as launch of the UK retail bank, investment in Brazilian bank C6, Blockchain platform Onyx, JPM Coin, dozens of Fintech acquisitions) combined with the talent to navigate a rapidly changing banking landscape sets the bank apart from peers, in our opinion.

Stock Data

Average Daily Volume 8640,424

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

	2022	2023
Q1	2.76A	4.27A
Q2	2.91A	4.06A
Q3	3.36A	4.51A
Q4	3.56A	3.63E

Price objective basis & risk

JPMorgan Chase & Co. (JPM)

Our \$188 PO is based on a 50%/50% weighting between our 2024e EPS and 2024e TBV. We assign 13.2x/1.9x multiples, respectively, above 5Y pre-pandemic average (11.8x/1.7x, respectively) due to the bank's best-in-class revenue generation and better EPS defensibility.

Downside risks to our price objective are macro risks, such as slower-than-expected rate increases, additional regulatory requirements, and scrutiny of the financials industry. Upside risks are better-than-expected credit quality (i.e., lower loan losses) and better interest rate defensibility.

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	Blue Owl Capital Corporation	OBDC	OBDC US	Derek Hewett
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	Fifth Third Bank	FITB	FITB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	First Bancorp Puerto Rico	FBP	FBP US	Brandon Berman
	First Horizon Corporation	FHN	FHN US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Goldman Sachs	GS	GS US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	JPM	JPM US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	KeyCorp	KEY	KEY US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	M&T Bank	MTB	MTB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Morgan Stanley	MS	MS US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	New Mountain Finance Corporation	NMFC	NMFC US	Derek Hewett
	New York Community Bancorp	NYCB	NYCB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Northern Trust Corporation	NTRS	NTRS US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Royal Bank of Canada	RY	RY US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Royal Bank of Canada	YRY	RY CN	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Safehold, Inc	SAFE	SAFE US	Derek Hewett
	Sixth Street Specialty Lending, Inc	TSLX	TSLX US	Derek Hewett
	Starwood Property Trust	STWD	STWD US	Derek Hewett
	Synovus Financial Corp.	SNV	SNV US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation	BK	BK US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	U.S. Bancorp	USB	USB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Wells Fargo & Company	WFC	WFC US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Western Alliance Bancorp	WAL	WAL US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
NEUTRAL	AGNC Investment Corp	AGNC	AGNC US	Derek Hewett
	Ally Financial	ALLY	ALLY US	Brandon Berman



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	Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance	ARI	ARI US	Derek Hewett
	Associated Banc-Corp	ASB	ASB US	Brandon Berman
	Bain Capital Specialty Finance, Inc.	BCSF	BCSF US	Derek Hewett
	Bank of Nova Scotia	YBNS	BNS CN	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Bank of Nova Scotia	BNS	BNS US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Blackstone Secured Lending Fund	BXSL	BXSL US	Derek Hewett
	BrightSpire Capital Inc.	BRSP	BRSP US	Derek Hewett
	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	CM	CM US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	YCM	CM CN	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Citizens Financial Group	CFG	CFG US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Comerica Incorporated	CMA	CMA US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Goldman Sachs BDC, Inc.	GSBD	GSBD US	Derek Hewett
	Golub Capital BDC, Inc.	GBDC	GBDC US	Derek Hewett
	Huntington Bancshares Inc.	HBAN	HBAN US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Ladder Capital Corp	LADR	LADR US	Derek Hewett
	PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust	PMT	PMT US	Derek Hewett
	Popular Inc	BPOP	BPOP US	Brandon Berman
	Regions Financial	RF	RF US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	State Street Corporation	STT	STT US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
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	Bank of Hawaii Corp.	BOH	BOH US	Brandon Berman
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	Guild Holdings Company	GHLI	GHLI US	Derek Hewett
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	loanDepot Inc	LDI	LDI US	Derek Hewett
	MidCap Financial Investment Co	MFIC	MFIC US	Derek Hewett
	Prosperity Bancshares Inc	PB	PB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Texas Capital Bancshares Inc.	TCBI	TCBI US	Brandon Berman
	Zions Bancorp	ZION	ZION US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala

Method SM Measures Definitions

Business Performance

Return On Capital Employed

Return On Equity

Operating Margin

Earnings Growth

Free Cash Flow

Quality of Earnings

Cash Realization Ratio

Asset Replacement Ratio

Tax Rate

Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio

Interest Cover

Valuation Toolkit

Price / Earnings Ratio

Price / Book Value

Dividend Yield

Free Cash Flow Yield

Enterprise Value / Sales

EV / EBITDA

Numerator

NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) × (1 – Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization

Net Income

Operating Profit

Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

Numerator

Cash Flow From Operations

Capex

Tax Charge

Net Debt = Total Debt – Cash & Equivalents

EBIT

Numerator

Current Share Price

Current Share Price

Annualised Declared Cash Dividend

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt +

Other LT Liabilities

Enterprise Value

Denominator

Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill Amortization

Shareholders' Equity

Sales

N/A

N/A

Denominator

Net Income

Depreciation

Pre-Tax Income

Total Equity

Interest Expense

Denominator

Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)

Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares

Current Share Price

Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares

Sales

Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

Valuation Toolkit

Numerator

Denominator

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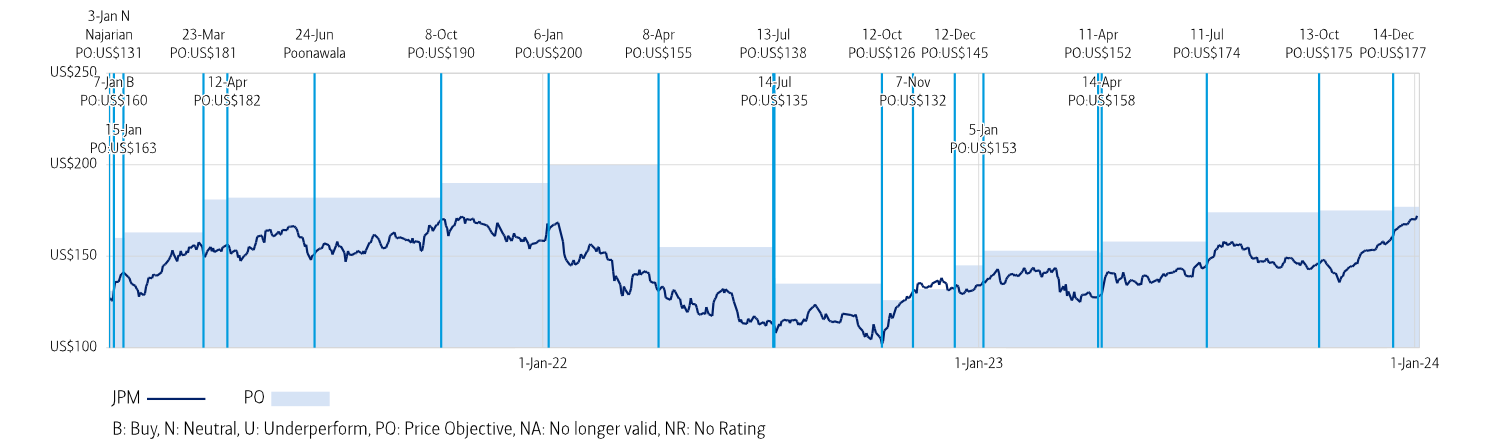
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Buy	100	49.75%	Buy	84	84.00%
Hold	54	26.87%	Hold	41	75.93%
Sell	47	23.38%	Sell	35	74.47%

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Hold	832	23.54%	Hold	454	54.57%
Sell	807	22.84%	Sell	383	47.46%

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