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## **Quintiles Transnational**

4Q13 Quick-Take: Solid Finish to 2013, Outlook Tops Consensus - ALERT

Quintiles (Q) reported solid 4Q results, coming in above revenue expectations (led by strength in Product Development) and beating on the bottom line. More importantly, the company issued above-consensus top-line guidance of \$4.09-4.15B (7.4% - 9% cc growth) and adjusted EPS of \$2.33-\$2.46. \*\*Conference call today (2/13) at 8 a.m. ET, dial in 855.484.7367\*\*

- Solid all-round beat led by Product Development. 4Q13 service revenues of \$1,004M came in above the Street (\$981M) and JPMe (\$986M) led by strength in Product Development. By segment, Product Development revenue grew 10.7% c.c. to \$775M, significantly above our estimate of \$756M, as the business benefited from a volume-related increase in clinical services and global labs and the Novella acquisition, partially offset by the continuing wind down of two large projects. Integrated Health revenue of \$229M came in slightly below JPMe (\$231M), and declined 1.1% c.c., due to lower net new business in 1H13, negative scope modifications, and cancellations. On the bottom line, adjusted EPS of \$0.58 came in above consensus of \$0.55 and JPMe of \$0.53. More importantly, book-to-bill ratios were healthy across both segments, with Product Development at 1.24 and IHS at 1.47 for the fourth quarter.
- 2014 guidance comes in above consensus. Quintiles provided 2014 service revenue guidance of \$4.09-4.15B (vs. consensus of \$4.09B). The company also guided for 2014 adjusted EPS of \$2.33-\$2.46, with the range coming in above consensus at \$2.32.
- **Key questions for the call.** (1) outlook for the Integrated Health business, as growth continues to lag; (2) the continued drivers of Product Development and sustainability of the growth rate; (3) update on mid-tier biopharmaceutical R&D trends; (4) capital deployment strategy for 2014.

Figure 1: 4Q13 Variance

	4Q12A Actual		4Q13E				4Q13A				Variance	
			JPM Estimate		Consensus		Actual		Change y/y		vs. JPM Est.	
	\$ M	%	\$ M	%	\$ M	%	\$ M	%	Δ\$	∆ margin	\$ M	%
Product Development	703		756				775		10.2%		19	
Integrated Health	243		231				229		-5.7%		(2)	
Total Revenue	946		986		981		1,004		6.2%		18	
Gross Profit	317	33.5%	341	34.6%	340	34.7%	362	36.1%	14.1%	251 bp	21	150 bp
SG&A	(203)	21.4%	(217)	22.0%			(233)	23.2%	14.8%	175 bp	(16)	119 bp
Adj. Operating Income	115	12.1%	124	12.6%	130	13.3%	129	12.9%	12.8%	76 bp	5	31 bp
Adj. EBITDA	140	14.8%	148	15.0%	156	15.9%	153	15.3%	9.3%	45 bp	5	26 bp
Income Tax	(28)	36.7%	(29)	29.3%			(30)	28.0%	5.3%	-869 bp	(1)	-128 bp
Adjusted Net Income	48	5.1%	71	7.2%			76	7.6%	58.2%	251 bp	6	43 bp
Diluted Shares	117.8M		133.5M				132.9M		12.8%		-0.6M	
GAAP EPS	\$0.30		\$0.53				\$0.55		85.0%		\$0.02	
Adjusted Diluted FPS	\$0.41		\$0.53		\$0.55		\$0.58		40.3%		\$0.04	

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates, Company data.

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### **Overweight**

Q, Q US

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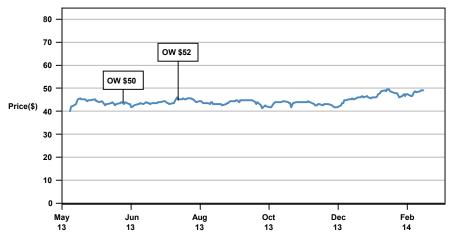
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Source: Bloomberg and J.P. Morgan; price data adjusted for stock splits and dividends. Initiated coverage Jun 18, 2013.

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