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# Zoetis, Inc. (ZTS) Zoetis Roars With Q1'13 Revenue and Earnings Beat; 2013 Guidance Solid

#### **Key Takeaway**

Q1'13 revenues and EPS beat consensus estimates, which will be a relief to many who expected a weak quarter. The company also put out its 2013 quidance for the first time. 2013 revenue guidance of \$4.425-\$4.525bn is in line with JEF (\$4.510bn) and consensus (\$4.525bn) estimates. Our 2013E EPS estimate (\$1.42) is at the top end of the guidance range of \$1.36-\$1.42, whilst the consensus EPS estimate of \$1.38 is at the bottom end.

**Summary:** Q1'13 Non-GAAP EPS of \$0.36 were 9% better than consensus expectations. Management introduced their Non-GAAP 2013 EPS range of \$1.36-\$1.42 (Cons. \$1.42, JEF \$1.38).

#### **Net Sales:**

\$1,090m (4% YoY) vs. JEF: \$1,061m; Cons. \$1,079m. Revenues were 1% higher than consensus expectations.

#### **Key Product Revenues:**

US: \$454m (JEF: \$442m) EuAfME: \$290m (JEF: \$271m) CLAR: \$171m (JEF: \$168m) APAC: \$175m (JEF: \$179m)

Major Cost Lines: The gross margin was lower than our expectation (63.5% vs. JEF: 65.1%). The operating margin was lower than our expectations (23.1% vs. JEF 26.7%), as a result of a weaker gross margin and higher non-operating expenses that were partially offset by lower than expected SG&A and R&D margins. The effective tax rate of 29.0% was in-line with our expectation.

#### **Diluted Non-GAAP EPS:**

\$0.36 (20% YoY) vs. JEF \$0.37 and Cons. \$0.33. Diluted Non-GAAP EPS were 9% higher than consensus expectations.

2013 Guidance: Management introduced their Non-GAAP 2013 EPS range of \$1.36-\$1.42 (Cons. \$1.42, JEF \$1.38).

**Conference call:** A conference call is scheduled at 8:30am EDT (866-952-1906).

Price target \$40.00 Price \$32.66

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Zoetis, Inc. is a global leader in the discovery, development, manufacture and commercialization of animal health medicines and vaccines, with a focus on both livestock and companion animals. Zoetis represents the largest animal health business in the world, with over \$4.2Bn in revenue in 2011.

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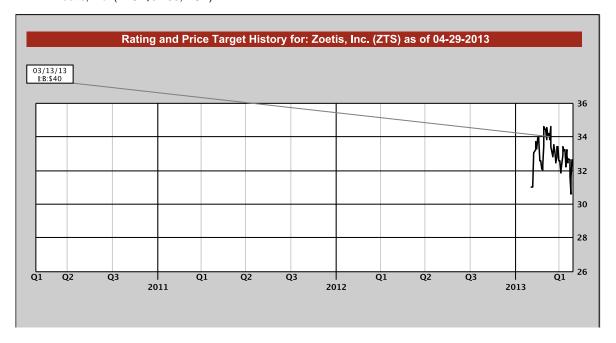
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