

FIN3380 Individual Assignment #4.

The global market is experiencing a very volatile period. Is a recession coming in the US? This corporate earnings season is more important than ever for clues to this question. Your manager believes you have received the right amount of training as an apprentice analyst and asks you to prepare for the next earning season. You are first asked to use seekingalpha.com to find the latest quarter's earning information for the five firms you are following:

Ticker Symbol	Announcement Date	Street EPS	Street Estimate	GAAP EPS	GAAP Estimate

Next, you need to pay attention to the Expectation of more experienced analysts

Ticker Symbol	Announcement Date (expected)	Street Estimate	GAAP EPS	Revisions up	Revisions down

You now are asked to go through the earning conference calls and quarterly financial reports in the last earning season. Instead of all five firms, your manager wants you to focus on two firms in your selection that you feel would be more relevant to the question above. Your manager believes that the non-numerical information in the executives' Presentation, especially the Q&A section, would reflect additional information to the financial numbers. Please try your best to do the following:

Summarize different parties' sentiments in general:

Ticker Symbol	CEO	CFO	Other Executives	Analysts

Comment on the critical information in the conference call but not in 8-K's Press Release (if available):

Ticker Symbol	Comments

Summarize the manager's guidance (outlook) about future quarters in one or two paragraphs:

Ticker Symbol	Summary