

# **Equity Research**

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**AAPL** \$114.55 12 month target \$160.00

## **BUY**

**52** week range \$103.12 - \$133.00 Market Cap (m) \$650,933



## **TMT**

# Apple, Inc.

# **Apple Growth Story Intact**

Apple's quarter was fine overall and FQ1 2016 guidance implies EPS growth even at the low end of the range.

- There is no change to our \$10 Fiscal 2016 EPS estimate, which reflects 8% EPS growth and is above consensus.
- ▶ We maintained our estimate of 80 million iPhone units sold in the December quarter, but took down our March estimate to 62.5 million units from 66 million.
- Apple is generating \$70 billion of free cash flow annually, which implies an 11% FCF yield.
- ► Valuation: Our \$160 price target is based on 16x our F2016 EPS estimate of \$10.

#### **Estimates**

|                    | 1Q14 A | 2Q14 A | 3Q14 A | 4Q14 A | FY14 A  | 1Q15 A | 2Q15 A | 3Q15 A | 4Q15 A | FY15 A  | FY16 E  |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Sales              | 57,594 | 45,646 | 37,432 | 42,123 | 182,795 | 74,599 | 58,010 | 49,605 | 51,501 | 233,715 | 248,143 |
| Gross Margin (%)   | 37.9%  | 39.3%  | 39.4%  | 38.0%  | 38.6%   | 39.9%  | 40.8%  | 39.7%  | 39.9%  | 40.1%   | 39.2%   |
| Diluted EPS (Adj.) | 2.07   | 1.66   | 1.28   | 1.42   | 6.43    | 3.06   | 2.33   | 1.85   | 1.96   | 9.20    | 10.00   |
| DPS                | 0.44   | 0.44   | 0.47   | 0.47   | 1.81    | 0.47   | 0.47   | 0.52   | 0.52   | 1.98    | 2.14    |
| EPS Growth (%)     | 5.0%   | 15.2%  | 20.0%  | 20.1%  | 13.6%   | 47.9%  | 40.1%  | 44.5%  | 38.1%  | 43.0%   | 8.7%    |

Source: BTIG Research Estimates and Company Documents (\$ in millions, except per share amount)



Apple's guidance for the December quarter indicates growth in revenue and EPS, even at the low end of the range. That growth might be low single-digits, but it's growth nonetheless for a stock that is discounting a fear of revenue and EPS declines. CEO Tim Cook also indicated that iPhone units would grow, which should be welcome news to investors after recent soft commentary from US wireless operators about upgrade rates.

While there are plenty of adjustments within our financial model, we continue to expect Apple to generate \$10 in EPS in Fiscal 2016, reflecting 8% EPS growth, thanks to the continued aggressive share repurchase. This may be a slowdown from the 43% growth in Fiscal 2015, but we believe it should be enough to deserve a 16.0x P/E multiple and \$160 price target for Apple, given the strong free cash flow conversion.

#### **iPhones**

Over the past week, the commentary from US operators about declining phone upgrade rates was starting to concern us, but apparently China continues to chug along unabated, with mainland units growing 120% during the quarter. As we learn more about phone upgrade programs, we agree with management's assessment that the benefit might actually be larger in future years than what they are seeing now. We also think there is an opportunity for Apple to expand its own upgrade program internationally, which could further accelerate replacement rates.

We maintained our estimate of 80 million iPhone units sold in the December quarter, recognizing that the US might not be as strong as we first thought. We took down our March estimate to 62.5 million units from 66 million in recognition of the potential impact of launching the iPhone into 50 markets earlier than we expected. Our new estimate reflects 2.2% unit growth in the March quarter and 5% growth for the year. We maintain our estimate of 4% ASP erosion in Fiscal 2016 as it seems implausible that Apple can continue the 5 consecutive quarters of annual iPhone ASP growth. The net impact is for slight growth in revenue for iPhones in 2016.

#### iPads

iPads continue to disappoint, declining y/y for the seventh consecutive quarter. However, the ASP outlook is improved based on the current quarter's results and the launch of the iPad Pro. As a result, our estimate for a decline in iPad revenue was cut in half to -5% from -10% in Fiscal 2016.

#### Services

There are several factors that have led us to increase our services revenue by \$1.7 billion for Fiscal 2016. The proliferation of Apple products globally from new and used purchases is leveraging the launch of Apple Music and obvious traction in Apple Pay, which got an added boost from a new deal with American Express for international use. Our new expectation of 10% growth is in-line with the growth rate Apple delivered in Fiscal Q4 and all of Fiscal 2015, yet the dynamics for accelerating growth are clearly present.



#### **Apple Watch**

While Apple does not report Apple Watch revenue or units, we estimate it sold 3.5 million in the quarter, generating \$1.5 billion in revenue. We cut our Fiscal 2016 Apple Watch unit estimate by 15 million, to 35 million, resulting in a \$6.3 billion negative impact to our Fiscal 2016 estimate. Those cuts were offset partially by higher revenue estimates for AppleTV and iPod refresh.

#### Tax rate and share repurchase

There is no change to our overall operating margins as a slight increase in our gross margin estimate was offset by slight increases in R&D and SG&A. Higher other income and a 30 basis point reduction in our estimated tax rate helped offset some of the operating reductions detailed above.

Apple bought back \$13.3 billion of stock during the quarter versus our estimate of \$12.5 billion. The purchases were also completed at an effective price of \$109 versus our \$130 estimate at the start of the quarter, resulting in 26 million more shares purchased than we estimated. This helped to offset a \$1 billion reduction in our Net Income estimate based on the adjustments above.

#### Where are we versus consensus?

Our \$3.30 FQ1 EPS estimate is at the high end of management's implied guidance range and \$0.08 above consensus going into last night's report. Our \$10 Fiscal 2016 EPS estimate is \$0.20 above consensus. Our revenue estimates are \$1 billion higher than consensus for FQ1 and \$2.7 billion for the year.

#### Buy

Apple is converting 30% of its revenue into free cash flow, generating \$70 billion of free cash flow annually. This implies an 11% FCF yield relative to its \$650 billion market cap. That is simply too high of a yield given its market position, expectation of growth and high margins, regardless of the much lower level of revenue growth and EPS expectations for 2016 detailed above.

Even with no growth in EPS, we believe Apple's valuation is too low based on cash generation. Apple bought back over 5% of its stock over the past year and will buy in another 6% this year if the stock remains at these levels. Our \$160 price target is based on 16x our Fiscal 2016 EPS estimate of \$10.



### **Income Statement**

| Apple Income Statement |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |         | Est    | Est    | Est    | Est    | Est     |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$ millions            | Dec    | Mar    | Jun    | Sep    | 2014    | Dec    | Mar    | Jun    | Sep    | 2015    | Dec    | Mar    | Jun    | Sep    | 2016    |
| Revenues               | 57,594 | 45,646 | 37,432 | 42,123 | 182,795 | 74,599 | 58,010 | 49,605 | 51,501 | 233,715 | 78,136 | 61,139 | 53,015 | 55,853 | 248,143 |
| Cost of goods sold     | 35,748 | 27,699 | 22,697 | 26,114 | 112,258 | 44,858 | 34,354 | 29,924 | 30,953 | 140,089 | 47,194 | 37,295 | 32,339 | 34,065 | 150,893 |
| Gross profit           | 21,846 | 17,947 | 14,735 | 16,009 | 70,537  | 29,741 | 23,656 | 19,681 | 20,548 | 93,626  | 30,942 | 23,844 | 20,676 | 21,788 | 97,250  |
| R&D                    | 1,330  | 1,422  | 1,603  | 1,686  | 6,041   | 1,895  | 1,918  | 2,034  | 2,220  | 8,067   | 2,250  | 2,250  | 2,250  | 2,310  | 9,060   |
| SG&A                   | 3,053  | 2,932  | 2,850  | 3,158  | 11,993  | 3,600  | 3,460  | 3,564  | 3,705  | 14,329  | 4,100  | 3,668  | 3,778  | 3,927  | 15,473  |
| Operating income       | 17,463 | 13,593 | 10,282 | 11,165 | 52,503  | 24,246 | 18,278 | 14,083 | 14,623 | 71,230  | 24,592 | 17,927 | 14,648 | 15,551 | 72,717  |
| Other inc and exp      | 246    | 225    | 202    | 307    | 980     | 170    | 286    | 390    | 439    | 1,285   | 400    | 400    | 400    | 400    | 1,600   |
| NIBT                   | 17,709 | 13,818 | 10,484 | 11,472 | 53,483  | 24,416 | 18,564 | 14,473 | 15,062 | 72,515  | 24,992 | 18,327 | 15,048 | 15,951 | 74,317  |
| Taxes                  | 4,637  | 3,595  | 2,736  | 3,005  | 13,973  | 6,392  | 4,995  | 3,796  | 3,938  | 19,121  | 6,548  | 4,802  | 3,943  | 4,179  | 19,471  |
| Net Income             | 13,072 | 10,223 | 7,748  | 8,467  | 39,510  | 18,024 | 13,569 | 10,677 | 11,124 | 53,394  | 18,444 | 13,525 | 11,105 | 11,772 | 54,846  |
| EPS                    | \$2.07 | \$1.66 | \$1.28 | \$1.42 | \$6.43  | \$3.06 | \$2.33 | \$1.85 | \$1.96 | \$9.20  | \$3.30 | \$2.46 | \$2.05 | \$2.20 | \$10.00 |
| Shares outstanding     | 6,310  | 6,157  | 6,052  | 5,972  | 6,123   | 5,882  | 5,835  | 5,773  | 5,683  | 5,793   | 5,594  | 5,509  | 5,429  | 5,352  | 5,471   |
| Dividends per share    | \$0.44 | \$0.44 | \$0.47 | \$0.47 | \$1.81  | \$0.47 | \$0.47 | \$0.52 | \$0.52 | \$1.98  | \$0.52 | \$0.52 | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$2.14  |
| Dividends              | 2,749  | 2,683  | 2,844  | 2,807  | 11,083  | 2,764  | 2,742  | 3,002  | 2,955  | 11,464  | 2,909  | 2,865  | 2,986  | 2,944  | 11,703  |
| Margins                |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |         |
| GPM                    | 37.9%  | 39.3%  | 39.4%  | 38.0%  | 38.6%   | 39.9%  | 40.8%  | 39.7%  | 39.9%  | 40.1%   | 39.6%  | 39.0%  | 39.0%  | 39.0%  | 39.2%   |
| R&D/Revenue            | 2.3%   | 3.1%   | 4.3%   | 4.0%   | 3.3%    | 2.5%   | 3.3%   | 4.1%   | 4.3%   | 3.5%    | 2.9%   | 3.7%   | 4.2%   | 4.1%   | 3.7%    |
| SG&A/Revenue           | 5.3%   | 6.4%   | 7.6%   | 7.5%   | 6.6%    | 4.8%   | 6.0%   | 7.2%   | 7.2%   | 6.1%    | 5.2%   | 6.0%   | 7.1%   | 7.0%   | 6.2%    |
| Operating Inc          | 30.3%  | 29.8%  | 27.5%  | 26.5%  | 28.7%   | 32.5%  | 31.5%  | 28.4%  | 28.4%  | 30.5%   | 31.5%  | 29.3%  | 27.6%  | 27.8%  | 29.3%   |
| NIBT                   | 30.7%  | 30.3%  | 28.0%  | 27.2%  | 29.3%   | 32.7%  | 32.0%  | 29.2%  | 29.2%  | 31.0%   | 32.0%  | 30.0%  | 28.4%  | 28.6%  | 29.9%   |
| Tax rate               | 26.2%  | 26.0%  | 26.1%  | 26.2%  | 26.1%   | 26.2%  | 26.9%  | 26.2%  | 26.1%  | 26.4%   | 26.2%  | 26.2%  | 26.2%  | 26.2%  | 26.2%   |
| Net Income             | 22.7%  | 22.4%  | 20.7%  | 20.1%  | 21.6%   | 24.2%  | 23.4%  | 21.5%  | 21.6%  | 22.8%   | 23.6%  | 22.1%  | 20.9%  | 21.1%  | 22.1%   |
| Annual growth          |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |         |        |        |        |        |         |
| Revenues               | 5.7%   | 4.7%   | 6.0%   | 12.4%  | 7.0%    | 29.5%  | 27.1%  | 32.5%  | 22.3%  | 27.9%   | 4.7%   | 5.4%   | 6.9%   | 8.5%   | 6.2%    |
| Operating income       | 1.5%   | 8.2%   | 11.7%  | 11.3%  | 7.2%    | 38.8%  | 34.5%  | 37.0%  | 31.0%  | 35.7%   | 1.4%   | -1.9%  | 4.0%   | 6.3%   | 2.1%    |
| NIBT                   | 0.2%   | 7.1%   | 11.1%  | 13.1%  | 6.6%    | 37.9%  | 34.3%  | 38.0%  | 31.3%  | 35.6%   | 2.4%   | -1.3%  | 4.0%   | 5.9%   | 2.5%    |
| EPS                    | 5.0%   | 15.2%  | 20.0%  | 20.1%  | 13.6%   | 47.9%  | 40.1%  | 44.5%  | 38.1%  | 43.0%   | 7.6%   | 5.6%   | 10.6%  | 12.4%  | 8.7%    |
| Dividends              | 15.1%  | 15.1%  | 7.9%   | 7.9%   | 11.2%   | 7.9%   | 7.9%   | 10.6%  | 10.6%  | 9.3%    | 10.6%  | 10.6%  | 5.8%   | 5.8%   | 8.1%    |



### **Revenue and Units**

| Apple Revenue Analysis    |        |        | l      | 0.             | 0044    | -      |                  | - Lon            |        | 0045    | Est    | Est              | Est    | Est    | Es      |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|---------|--------|------------------|------------------|--------|---------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| \$ millions               | Dec    | Mar    | Jun    | Sep            | 2014    | Dec    | Mar              | Jun              | Sep    | 2015    | Dec    | Mar              | Jun    | Sep    | 2016    |
| Revenue by Product        | 57,594 | 45,646 | 37,432 | 42,123         | 182,795 | 74,599 | 58,010           | 49,605           | 51,501 | 233,715 | 78,136 | 61,139           | 53,015 | 55,853 | 248,143 |
| iPhone                    | 32,498 | 26,064 | 19,751 | 23,678         | 101,991 | 51,182 | 40,282           | 31,368           | 32,209 | 155,041 | 52,785 | 39,512           | 31,676 | 32,178 | 156,150 |
| iPad                      | 11,468 | 7,610  | 5,889  | 5,316          | 30,283  | 8,985  | 5,428            | 4,538            | 4,276  | 23,227  | 7,825  | 5,385            | 4,695  | 4,235  | 22,140  |
| Mac                       | 6,395  | 5,519  | 5,540  | 6,625          | 24,079  | 6,944  | 5,615            | 6,030            | 6,882  | 25,471  | 6,938  | 5,610            | 6,025  | 6,876  | 25,448  |
| Services                  | 4,397  | 4,573  | 4,485  | 4,608          | 18,063  | 4,799  | 4,996            | 5,028            | 5,086  | 19,909  | 5,279  | 5,496            | 5,531  | 5,595  | 21,900  |
| Other Products            | 2,836  | 1,880  | 1,767  | 1,896          | 8,379   | 2,689  | 1,689            | 2,641            | 3,048  | 10,067  | 5,310  | 5,137            | 5,089  | 6,970  | 22,505  |
| Annual Revenue Growth     | 5.7%   | 4.7%   | 6.0%   | 12.4%          | 7.0%    | 29.5%  | 27.1%            | 32.5%            | 22.3%  | 27.9%   | 4.7%   | 5.4%             | 6.9%   | 8.5%   | 6.2%    |
| iPhone                    | 6.0%   | 13.5%  | 8.8%   | 21.4%          | 11.7%   | 57.5%  | 54.6%            | 58.8%            | 36.0%  | 52.0%   | 3.1%   | -1.9%            | 1.0%   | -0.1%  | 0.7%    |
| iPad                      | 7.4%   | -13.0% | -7.6%  | -14.1%         | -5.3%   | -21.7% | -28.7%           | -22.9%           | -19.6% | -23.3%  | -12.9% | -0.8%            | 3.5%   | -1.0%  | -4.7%   |
| Mac                       | 15.9%  | 1.3%   | 13.2%  | 17.8%          | 12.1%   | 8.6%   | 1.7%             | 8.8%             | 3.9%   | 5.8%    | -0.1%  | -0.1%            | -0.1%  | -0.1%  | -0.1%   |
| Services                  | 19.3%  |        | 12.4%  | 8.2%           | 12.5%   | 9.1%   | 9.2%             | 12.1%            | 10.4%  | 10.2%   | 10.0%  | 10.0%            | 10.0%  | 10.0%  | 10.0%   |
| Other Products            | -28.6% | -19.7% | -7.6%  | 0.2%           | -17.2%  | -5.2%  | -10.2%           | 49.5%            | 60.8%  | 20.1%   | 97.5%  | 204.1%           | 92.7%  | 128.7% | 123.6%  |
| Sequential Revenue Growth | 53.7%  | -20.7% | -18.0% | 12.5%          |         | 77.1%  | -22.2%           | -14.5%           | 3.8%   |         | 51.7%  | -21.8%           | -13.3% | 5.4%   |         |
| iPhone                    | 66.6%  |        | -24.2% | 19.9%          |         | 116.2% | -22.2%<br>-21.3% | -14.5%<br>-22.1% | 2.7%   |         | 63.9%  | -21.6%<br>-25.1% | -13.3% | 1.6%   |         |
| iPad                      |        |        |        |                |         | 69.0%  | -21.3%<br>-39.6% |                  | -5.8%  |         |        |                  |        |        |         |
|                           | 85.4%  |        | -22.6% | -9.7%<br>19.6% |         | 4.8%   | -39.6%<br>-19.1% | -16.4%           |        |         | 83.0%  | -31.2%           | -12.8% | -9.8%  |         |
| Mac                       | 13.7%  |        | 0.4%   |                |         |        |                  | 7.4%             | 14.1%  |         | 0.8%   | -19.1%           | 7.4%   | 14.1%  |         |
| Services                  | 3.2%   |        | -1.9%  | 2.7%           |         | 4.1%   | 4.1%             | 0.6%             | 1.2%   |         | 3.8%   | 4.1%             | 0.6%   | 1.2%   |         |
| Other Products            | 49.9%  | -33.7% | -6.0%  | 7.3%           |         | 41.8%  | -37.2%           | 56.4%            | 15.4%  |         | 74.2%  | -3.3%            | -0.9%  | 37.0%  |         |
| Revenue Mix               |        |        |        |                |         |        |                  |                  |        |         |        |                  |        |        |         |
| iPhone                    | 56.4%  | 57.1%  | 52.8%  | 56.2%          | 55.8%   | 68.6%  | 69.4%            | 63.2%            | 62.5%  | 66.3%   | 67.6%  | 64.6%            | 59.7%  | 57.6%  | 62.9%   |
| iPad                      | 19.9%  | 16.7%  | 15.7%  | 12.6%          | 16.6%   | 12.0%  | 9.4%             | 9.1%             | 8.3%   | 9.9%    | 10.0%  | 8.8%             | 8.9%   | 7.6%   | 8.9%    |
| Mac                       | 11.1%  | 12.1%  | 14.8%  | 15.7%          | 13.2%   | 9.3%   | 9.7%             | 12.2%            | 13.4%  | 10.9%   | 8.9%   | 9.2%             | 11.4%  | 12.3%  | 10.3%   |
| Services                  | 7.6%   | 10.0%  | 12.0%  | 10.9%          | 9.9%    | 6.4%   | 8.6%             | 10.1%            | 9.9%   | 8.5%    | 6.8%   | 9.0%             | 10.4%  | 10.0%  | 8.8%    |
| Other Products            | 4.9%   | 4.1%   | 4.7%   | 4.5%           | 4.6%    | 3.6%   | 2.9%             | 5.3%             | 5.9%   | 4.3%    | 6.8%   | 8.4%             | 9.6%   | 12.5%  | 9.1%    |
| Units                     |        |        |        |                |         |        |                  |                  |        |         |        |                  |        |        |         |
| iPhone                    | 51.025 | 43,719 | 35,203 | 39.272         | 169.219 | 74.468 | 61,170           | 47.534           | 48.046 | 231.218 | 80,000 | 62.500           | 50.000 | 50,000 | 242.500 |
| iPad                      | 26,035 | 16,350 | 13,276 | 12,316         | 67,977  | 21,419 | 12,623           | 10,931           | 9,883  | 54,856  | 17,500 | 12,000           | 10,500 | 9,500  | 49,500  |
| Mac                       | 4,837  | 4,136  | 4,413  | 5,520          | 18,906  | 5,519  | 4,563            | 4,796            | 5,709  | 20,587  | 5,685  | 4,700            | 4,940  | 5,880  | 21,205  |
| Annual Unit Growth        |        |        |        |                |         |        |                  |                  |        |         |        |                  |        |        |         |
| iPhone                    | 6.8%   | 16.8%  | 12.7%  | 16.2%          | 12.6%   | 45.9%  | 39.9%            | 35.0%            | 22.3%  | 36.6%   | 7.4%   | 2.2%             | 5.2%   | 4.1%   | 4.9%    |
| iPad                      | 13.9%  |        | -9.2%  | -12.5%         | -4.3%   | -17.7% | -22.8%           | -17.7%           | -19.8% | -19.3%  | -18.3% | -4.9%            | -3.9%  | -3.9%  | -9.8%   |
| Mac                       | 19.1%  | 4.7%   | 17.6%  | 20.7%          | 15.7%   | 14.1%  | 10.3%            | 8.7%             | 3.4%   | 8.9%    | 3.0%   | 3.0%             | 3.0%   | 3.0%   | 3.0%    |
| Mac                       | 19.176 | 4.7%   | 17.0%  | 20.7%          | 15.7%   | 14.176 | 10.3%            | 0.176            | 3.4%   | 0.9%    | 3.0%   | 3.0%             | 3.0%   | 3.0%   | 3.0%    |
| Sequential Unit Growth    | 54.00/ | 44.00/ | 10.50/ | 44.00/         |         | 00.00/ | 47.00/           | 00.00/           | 4.40/  |         | 22.52/ | 04.00/           | 00.00/ | 0.00/  |         |
| iPhone                    | 51.0%  |        | -19.5% | 11.6%          |         | 89.6%  | -17.9%           | -22.3%           | 1.1%   |         | 66.5%  | -21.9%           | -20.0% | 0.0%   |         |
| iPad                      | 84.9%  |        | -18.8% | -7.2%          |         | 73.9%  | -41.1%           | -13.4%           | -9.6%  |         | 77.1%  | -31.4%           | -12.5% | -9.5%  |         |
| Mac                       | 5.7%   | -14.5% | 6.7%   | 25.1%          |         | 0.0%   | -17.3%           | 5.1%             | 19.0%  |         | -0.4%  | -17.3%           | 5.1%   | 19.0%  |         |
| Average Sales Prices      |        |        |        |                |         |        |                  |                  |        |         |        |                  |        |        |         |
| iPhone                    | 637    | 596    | 561    | 603            | 603     | 687    | 659              | 660              | 670    | 671     | 660    | 632              | 634    | 644    | 644     |
| iPad                      | 440    | 465    | 444    | 432            | 445     | 419    | 430              | 415              | 433    | 423     | 447    | 449              | 447    | 446    | 447     |
| Mac                       | 1,322  | 1,334  | 1,255  | 1,200          | 1,274   | 1,258  | 1,231            | 1,257            | 1,205  | 1,237   | 1,220  | 1,194            | 1,220  | 1,169  | 1,200   |
| Annual ASP Growth         |        |        |        |                |         |        |                  |                  |        |         |        |                  |        |        |         |
| iPhone                    | -0.7%  | -2.8%  | -3.4%  | 4.4%           | -0.8%   | 7.9%   | 10.5%            | 17.6%            | 11.2%  | 11.3%   | -4.0%  | -4.0%            | -4.0%  | -4.0%  | -4.0%   |
| iPad                      | -5.7%  | 3.7%   | 1.7%   | -1.8%          | -1.0%   | -4.8%  | -7.6%            | -6.4%            | 0.2%   | -5.0%   | 6.6%   | 4.4%             | 7.7%   | 3.0%   | 5.6%    |
| Mac                       | -2.7%  | -3.2%  | -3.7%  | -2.4%          | -3.1%   | -4.8%  | -7.8%            | 0.2%             | 0.4%   | -2.9%   | -3.0%  | -3.0%            | -3.0%  | -3.0%  | -3.0%   |
| Sequential ASP Growth     |        |        |        |                |         |        |                  |                  |        |         |        |                  |        |        |         |
| iPhone                    | 10.3%  | -6.4%  | -5.9%  | 7.5%           |         | 14.0%  | -4.2%            | 0.2%             | 1.6%   |         | -1.6%  | -4.2%            | 0.2%   | 1.6%   |         |
| iPad                      | 0.3%   |        | -4.7%  | -2.7%          |         | -2.8%  | 2.5%             | -3.5%            | 4.2%   |         | 3.3%   | 0.4%             | -0.4%  | -0.3%  |         |
|                           |        |        |        |                |         |        |                  |                  |        |         |        |                  |        |        |         |
| Mac                       | 7.5%   | 0.9%   | -5.9%  | -4.4%          |         | 4.8%   | -2.2%            | 2.2%             | -4.1%  |         | 1.2%   | -2.2%            | 2.2%   | -4.1%  |         |



### **Income Statement Estimates vs Actuals**

| Apple Income Statement | Act    | Est    | Act    | Diff   |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| \$ millions            | Jun    | Sep    | Sep    |        |
| Revenues               | 49,605 | 51,168 | 51,501 | 334    |
| Cost of goods sold     | 29,924 | 30,956 | 30,953 | (3)    |
| Gross profit           | 19,681 | 20,211 | 20,548 | 337    |
| R&D                    | 2,034  | 2,150  | 2,220  | 70     |
| SG&A                   | 3,564  | 3,700  | 3,705  | 5      |
| Operating income       | 14,083 | 14,361 | 14,623 | 262    |
| Other inc and exp      | 390    | 400    | 439    | 39     |
| NIBT                   | 14,473 | 14,761 | 15,062 | 301    |
| Taxes                  | 3,796  | 3,882  | 3,938  | 56     |
| Net Income             | 10,677 | 10,879 | 11,124 | 245    |
|                        |        | 4      |        |        |
| EPS                    | \$1.85 | \$1.92 | \$1.96 | \$0.04 |
| Shares outstanding     | 5,773  | 5,679  | 5,683  | 4      |
| Dividends per share    | \$0.52 | \$0.52 | \$0.52 | \$0.00 |
| Dividends              | 3,002  | 2,953  | 2,955  | 2      |
| Margins                |        |        |        |        |
| GPM                    | 39.7%  | 39.5%  | 39.9%  | 0.4%   |
| R&D/Revenue            | 4.1%   | 4.2%   | 4.3%   | 0.1%   |
| SG&A/Revenue           | 7.2%   | 7.2%   | 7.2%   | 0.0%   |
| Operating Inc          | 28.4%  | 28.1%  | 28.4%  | 0.3%   |
| NIBT                   | 29.2%  | 28.8%  | 29.2%  | 0.4%   |
| Tax rate               | 26.2%  | 26.3%  | 26.1%  | -0.2%  |
| Net Income             | 21.5%  | 21.3%  | 21.6%  | 0.3%   |
| Annual growth          |        |        |        |        |
| Revenues               | 32.5%  | 21.5%  | 22.3%  | 0.8%   |
| Operating income       | 37.0%  | 28.6%  | 31.0%  | 2.3%   |
| NIBT                   | 38.0%  | 28.7%  | 31.3%  | 2.6%   |
| EPS                    | 44.5%  | 35.1%  | 38.1%  | 3.0%   |
| Dividends              | 10.6%  | 10.6%  | 10.6%  | 0.0%   |



### **Revenue and Units Estimates vs Actuals**

| Apple Revenue Analysis    | Act    | Est    | Act    | Diff          |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|
| \$ millions               | Jun    | Sep    | Sep    |               |
| Revenue by Product        | 49,605 | 51,168 | 51,501 | 334           |
| iPhone                    | 31,368 | 30,638 | 32,209 | 1,572         |
| iPad                      | 4,538  | 4,590  | 4,276  | (314)         |
| Mac                       | 6,030  | 7,121  | 6,882  | (239)         |
| Services                  | 5,028  | 5,000  | 5,086  | 86            |
| Other Products            | 2,641  | 3,819  | 3,048  | (771)         |
| Annual Revenue Growth     | 32.5%  | 21.5%  | 22.3%  | 0.8%          |
| iPhone                    | 58.8%  | 29.4%  | 36.0%  | 6.6%          |
| iPad                      | -22.9% | -13.7% | -19.6% | -5.9%         |
| Mac                       | 8.8%   | 7.5%   | 3.9%   | -3.6%         |
| Services                  | 12.1%  | 8.5%   | 10.4%  | 1.9%          |
| Other Products            | 49.5%  | 101.4% | 60.8%  | -40.7%        |
| Sequential Revenue Growth | -14.5% | 3.1%   | 3.8%   | 0.7%          |
| iPhone                    | -22.1% | -2.3%  | 2.7%   | 5.0%          |
| iPad                      | -16.4% | 1.1%   | -5.8%  | -6.9%         |
| Mac                       | 7.4%   | 18.1%  | 14.1%  | -4.0%         |
| Services                  | 0.6%   | -0.6%  | 1.2%   | 1.7%          |
| Other Products            | 56.4%  | 44.6%  | 15.4%  | -29.2%        |
| Revenue Mix               |        |        |        |               |
| iPhone                    | 63.2%  | 59.9%  | 62.5%  | 2.7%          |
| iPad                      | 9.1%   | 9.0%   | 8.3%   | -0.7%         |
| Mac                       | 12.2%  | 13.9%  | 13.4%  | -0.6%         |
| Services                  | 10.1%  | 9.8%   | 9.9%   | 0.1%          |
| Other Products            | 5.3%   | 7.5%   | 5.9%   | -1.5%         |
| Units                     |        |        |        |               |
| iPhone                    | 47,534 | 47,500 | 48,046 | 546           |
| iPad                      | 10,931 | 11,000 | 9,883  | (1,117)       |
| Mac                       | 4,796  | 5,934  | 5,709  | (225)         |
| Annual Unit Growth        |        |        |        |               |
| iPhone                    | 35.0%  | 21.0%  | 22.3%  | 1.4%          |
| iPad                      | -17.7% | -10.7% | -19.8% | -9.1%         |
| Mac                       | 8.7%   | 7.5%   | 3.4%   | -4.1%         |
| Sequential Unit Growth    |        |        |        |               |
| iPhone                    | -22.3% | -0.1%  | 1.1%   | 1.1%          |
| iPad                      | -13.4% | 0.6%   | -9.6%  | -10.2%        |
| Mac                       | 5.1%   | 23.7%  | 19.0%  | -4.7%<br>0.0% |
| Average Sales Prices      |        |        |        |               |
| iPhone                    | 660    | 645    | 670    | 25            |
| iPad                      | 415    | 417    | 433    | 15            |
| Mac                       | 1,257  | 1,200  | 1,205  | 5             |
| Annual ASP Growth         |        |        |        |               |
| iPhone                    | 17.6%  | 7.0%   | 11.2%  | 4.2%          |
| iPad                      | -6.4%  | -3.3%  | 0.2%   | 3.6%          |
| Mac                       | 0.2%   | 0.0%   | 0.4%   | 0.5%          |
| Sequential ASP Growth     |        |        |        |               |
| iPhone                    | 0.2%   | -2.3%  | 1.6%   | 3.8%          |
| iPad                      | -3.5%  | 0.5%   | 4.2%   | 3.7%          |
| Mac                       | 2.2%   | -4.6%  | -4.1%  | 0.4%          |



### **Income Statement Old vs New Estimates**

| Apple Income Statement | OLD           | NEW           | Diff     | OLD     | NEW            | Diff    |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------|----------------|---------|
| \$ millions            | Dec           | Dec           |          | 2016    | 2016           |         |
| Revenues               | 79,809        | 78,136        | (1,673)  | 254,257 | 248,143        | (6,114) |
| Cost of goods sold     | 48,444        | 47,194        | (1,250)  | 155,384 | 150,893        | (4,491) |
| Gross profit           | 31,365        | 30,942        | (423)    | 98,873  | 97,250         | (1,623) |
| R&D                    | 2,150         | 2,250         | 100      | 8,885   | 9,060          | 175     |
| SG&A                   | 3,816         | 4,100         | 284      | 15,183  | 15,473         | 289     |
| Operating income       | 25,399        | 24,592        | (807)    | 74,805  | 72,717         | (2,087) |
| Other inc and exp      | 325           | 400           | 75       | 1,300   | 1,600          | 300     |
| NIBT                   | 25,724        | 24,992        | (732)    | 76,105  | 74,317         | (1,787) |
| Taxes                  | 6,817         | 6,548         | (269)    | 20,168  | 19,471         | (697)   |
| Net Income             | 18,907        | 18,444        | (463)    | 55,937  | 54,846         | (1,091) |
|                        | 40.00         | 40.00         | (40.00)  | *40.00  | <b>*</b> 40.00 | 40.00   |
| EPS                    | <b>\$3.33</b> | <b>\$3.30</b> | (\$0.03) | \$10.00 | \$10.00        | \$0.00  |
| Shares outstanding     | 5,681         | 5,594         | (87)     | 5,583   | 5,471          | (112)   |
| Dividends per share    | \$0.52        | \$0.52        | \$0.00   | \$2.14  | \$2.14         | \$0.00  |
| Dividends              | 2,954         | 2,909         | (45)     | 11,943  | 11,703         | (240)   |
| Margins                |               |               |          |         |                |         |
| GPM                    | 39.3%         | 39.6%         | 0.3%     | 38.9%   | 39.2%          | 0.3%    |
| R&D/Revenue            | 2.7%          | 2.9%          | 0.2%     | 3.5%    | 3.7%           | 0.2%    |
| SG&A/Revenue           | 4.8%          | 5.2%          | 0.5%     | 6.0%    | 6.2%           | 0.3%    |
| Operating Inc          | 31.8%         | 31.5%         | -0.4%    | 29.4%   | 29.3%          | -0.1%   |
| NIBT                   | 32.2%         | 32.0%         | -0.2%    | 29.9%   | 29.9%          | 0.0%    |
| Tax rate               | 26.5%         | 26.2%         | -0.3%    | 26.5%   | 26.2%          | -0.3%   |
| Net Income             | 23.7%         | 23.6%         | -0.1%    | 22.0%   | 22.1%          | 0.1%    |
| Annual growth          |               |               |          |         |                |         |
| Revenues               | 7.0%          | 4.7%          | -2.2%    | 8.9%    | 6.2%           | -2.8%   |
| Operating income       | 4.8%          | 1.4%          | -3.3%    | 5.4%    | 2.1%           | -3.3%   |
| NIBT                   | 5.4%          | 2.4%          | -3.0%    | 5.4%    | 2.5%           | -2.9%   |
| EPS                    | 8.6%          | 7.6%          | -1.0%    | 9.2%    | 8.7%           | -0.5%   |
| Dividends              | 10.6%         | 10.6%         | 0.0%     | 8.1%    | 8.1%           | 0.0%    |
|                        |               |               |          |         |                |         |



### **Revenue and Units Old vs New Estimates**

| Apple Revenue Analysis | OLD    | NEW    | Diff    | OLD     | NEW     | Diff    |
|------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| \$ millions            | Dec    | Dec    |         | 2016    | 2016    |         |
|                        |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| Revenue by Product     | 79,809 | 78,136 | (1,673) | 254,257 | 248,143 | (6,114) |
| iPhone                 | 53,065 | 52,785 | (281)   | 159,117 | 156,150 | (2,967) |
| iPad                   | 8,081  | 7,825  | (256)   | 21,083  | 22,140  | 1,057   |
| Mac                    | 6,904  | 6,938  | 34      | 25,562  | 25,448  | (114)   |
| Services               | 5,000  | 5,279  | 279     | 20,150  | 21,900  | 1,750   |
| Other Products         | 6,759  | 5,310  | (1,449) | 28,345  | 22,505  | (5,840) |
| Annual Revenue Growth  | 7.0%   | 4.7%   | -2.2%   | 8.9%    | 6.2%    | -2.8%   |
| iPhone                 | 3.7%   | 3.1%   | -0.5%   | 3.7%    | 0.7%    | -3.0%   |
| iPad                   | -10.1% | -12.9% | -2.9%   | -10.4%  | -4.7%   | 5.8%    |
| Mac                    | -0.6%  | -0.1%  | 0.5%    | -0.6%   | -0.1%   | 0.5%    |
| Services               | 4.2%   | 10.0%  | 5.8%    | 1.6%    | 10.0%   | 8.4%    |
| Other Products         | 151.3% | 97.5%  | -53.9%  | 161.5%  | 123.6%  | -38.0%  |
| Revenue Mix            |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| iPhone                 | 66.5%  | 67.6%  | 1.1%    | 62.6%   | 62.9%   | 0.3%    |
| iPad                   | 10.1%  | 10.0%  | -0.1%   | 8.3%    | 8.9%    | 0.6%    |
| Mac                    | 8.7%   | 8.9%   | 0.2%    | 10.1%   | 10.3%   | 0.2%    |
| Services               | 6.3%   | 6.8%   | 0.5%    | 7.9%    | 8.8%    | 0.9%    |
| Other Products         | 8.5%   | 6.8%   | -1.7%   | 11.1%   | 9.1%    | -2.1%   |
| Units                  |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| iPhone                 | 80,425 | 80,000 | (425)   | 249,126 | 242,500 | (6,626) |
| iPad                   | 19,500 | 17,500 | (2,000) | 50,950  | 49,500  | (1,450) |
| Mac                    | 5,657  | 5,685  | 28      | 21,332  | 21,205  | (128)   |
| Annual Unit Growth     |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| iPhone                 | 8.0%   | 7.4%   | -0.6%   | 8.0%    | 4.9%    | -3.1%   |
| iPad                   | -9.0%  | -18.3% | -9.3%   | -9.0%   | -9.8%   | -0.8%   |
| Mac                    | 2.5%   | 3.0%   | 0.5%    | 2.5%    | 3.0%    | 0.5%    |
| Average Sales Prices   |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| iPhone                 | 660    | 660    | 0       | 639     | 644     | 5       |
| iPad                   | 414    | 447    | 33      | 414     | 447     | 33      |
| Mac                    | 1,220  | 1,220  | 0       | 1,198   | 1,200   | 2       |
| Annual ASP Growth      |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| iPhone                 | -4.0%  | -4.0%  | 0.0%    | -4.0%   | -4.0%   | 0.0%    |
| iPad                   | -1.2%  | 6.6%   | 7.8%    | -1.6%   | 5.6%    | 7.2%    |
| Mac                    | -3.0%  | -3.0%  | 0.0%    | -3.0%   | -3.0%   | 0.0%    |



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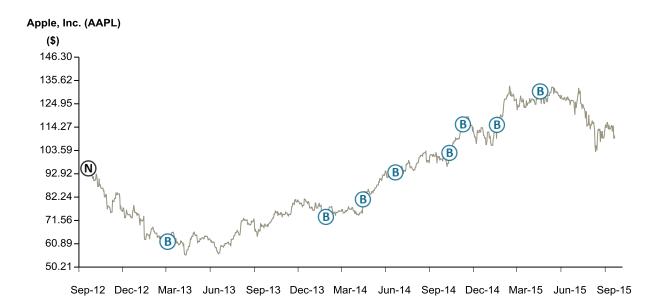
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|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------|
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| 09-Apr-12 | 90.89              |                   | Walter Piecyk | NEUTRAL |
| 14-Mar-13 | 61.79              | 77.14             | Walter Piecyk | BUY     |
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| 21-Oct-14 | 102.47             | 128               | Walter Piecyk | BUY     |
| 18-Nov-14 | 115.47             | 135               | Walter Piecyk | BUY     |
| 28-Jan-15 | 115.31             | 150               | Walter Piecyk | BUY     |
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