

# C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.

# **Upside 1Q Shows Continuing Strong Execution**

#### Strong NAST results drive upside 1Q

CHRW reported upside 1Q25 EPS of \$1.17/share compared to Consensus of \$1.04 and our estimate of \$1.08/share. Upside versus our model came from NAST where gross profit was slightly above our model but operating income was \$10 mm greater than our estimate. CHRW continued to deliver strong GM% performance with 1Q NAST GM at 14.6% or a y/y improvement of 140 bp. We expect a positive response from CHRW stock to the 1Q results which reflect continuing execution of their strategy.

### CHRW begins to leverage their broader offering; improving TL volume

The truckload market remained weak in 1Q but CHRW showed improvement in their volume performance with TL loads off -4.5% y/y compared to -6.5% y/y in 4Q. In both the TL and LTL segments CHRW performed better vs the Cass Freight Shipments index which was -6.3% y/y in 1Q. Notably we believe CHRW is starting to leverage multiple service offerings to support growth and in particular using their managed services capability to support business in truckload brokerage. We believe it is early on in CHRW's use of this strategy and there is plenty of runway to use their managed transportation capability to support contract wins in brokerage going forward.

#### Modestly reducing EPS to reflect muted freight cycle backdrop

We are tweaking down our 2025 EPS forecast by 3% to \$4.85/share to reflect a more muted freight backdrop. We also assume a more moderate cyclical lift in 2026 which drives the reduction in our 2026 EPS from \$6.00/share to \$5.65/share. Our new 2026E EPS still reflects significant growth in NAST with 11% revenue growth and 300 bp of operating margin improvement to 38.5%. This would still be below CHRW's target midcycle NAST operating margin of 40%.

## Valuation: right strategy + execution ==> upside for CHRW

We apply a 23x P/E to our 2026 EPS of \$5.65/share (prior of \$6.00/sh) to derive our price target of \$130 (vs prior of \$140). We rate CHRW Buy. We believe CHRW has the right strategy and the solid 1Q results show they continue to execute well.

## **Equities**

# United States

Trucking

12-month rating Buy

Price (30 Apr 2025) US\$89.22

RIC: CHRW.O BBG: CHRW US

#### Trading data and key metrics

52-wk range US\$114.06-78.75 Market cap. US\$10.7b Shares o/s 120m (COM) Free float 99% Avg. daily volume ('000) 1.447 Avg. daily value (m) US\$139.8 Common s/h equity (12/25E) US\$2.04b P/BV (12/25E) 5.3x Net debt to EBITDA (12/25E) 1.3x

#### EPS (UBS, diluted) (USD)

		12/25E		
	From	То	% ch	Cons.
Q1	1.08	1.17	9	1.05
Q2E	1.26	1.20	-5	1.21
Q3E	1.31	1.25	-5	1.29
Q4E	1.27	1.23	-3	1.21
12/25E	4.92	4.85	-1	4.76
12/26E	6.00	5.65	-6	5.53
12/27E	6.40	6.30	-2	5.87

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12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
24,697	17,596	17,725	16,382	17,938	18,930	19,867	20,851
1,303	553	759	771	895	974	1,026	1,077
968	386	544	586	679	740	784	827
7.59	3.22	4.51	4.85	5.65	6.30	6.80	7.31
2.24	2.43	2.44	2.24	2.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
(1,090)	(1,647)	(1,140)	(1,131)	(1,028)	(851)	(621)	(1,203)
12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
5.3	3.1	4.3	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.2
44.1	20.1	25.6	25.5	27.2	27.6	27.0	26.5
10.6	20.5	14.3	13.8	12.1	11.1	10.0	9.7
13.5	28.9	20.2	18.4	15.8	14.2	13.1	12.2
11.3	5.3	4.0	5.4	6.3	6.9	7.4	7.8
2.2	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
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source: Company accounts, LSEG Eikon, UBS estimates. Metrics marked as (UBS) have had analyst adjustments applied. Valuations: based on an average share price that year, (E): based on a share price of US\$ 89.22 on 30-Apr-2025

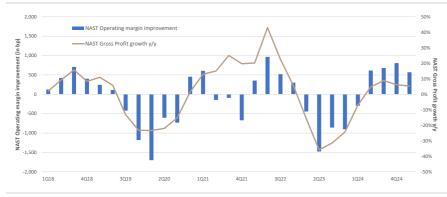
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#### **NAST GM% Moves In a Positive Direction**

CHRW's gross profit growth in NAST in 1Q25 was +5.3% y/y (vs +6.2% in 4Q24) which we think is encouraging, particularly when coupled with a NAST gross margin of 14.6% (highest level since 14.1% in 4Q22). Looking at the details it was a combination of a +1.9% increase from truckload brokerage and a +5.2% increase in LTL brokerage. CHRW pointed to its continued implementation of its new operating model which is characterized by strong execution, improving profit per load and better pricing discipline as key drivers of performance in 1Q. We anticipate continuing growth in NAST gross profit and we model 4.3% y/y growth in 2025E. We lay out the various drivers to our model in Figure 3 below, and GM% improvement remains a meaningful lever.

Figure 1: NAST Gross Profit vs. Operating Margin Improvement



Source: Company Reports, UBS

## **Forwarding Normalizing**

CHRW's Forwarding business performed weaker than expected, reporting adj gross profit of \$184.6 mm vs our \$200.9 mm estimate, and achieving an operating margin of 23.3% (vs our expectation of 23.0%). We believe that the weakening and normalization in results is largely cyclical, although with results at a more normalized level vs a year ago. In Figure 2 below we look at Forwarding gross profit on a y/y basis. Commentary on the conference call indicated that some customers pulled forward some of their ocean freight due to the ongoing concerns about tariffs. We model a 23.8% adj operating margin on gross profit in 2025E.

Figure 2: Global Forwarding Gross Profit Was Flat in 1Q



Source: Company Reports, UBS

## **Key Model Assumptions For CHRW Post 1Q Results**

In Figure 3, below, we include our key model assumptions for CHRW following the 1Q print. Our full year 2025E EPS decreases to \$4.85 from \$4.92. For the full year 2025E, we are modelling a 2.4% Y/Y Truckload volume decline and 4.5% Y/Y base pricing, while our Forwarding gross profit is modelled at -12.8% due to falling ocean shipping rates. We believe the brokerage cycle may be in the process of bottoming, although it is unclear when a sustained recovery may begin. For 2026, our EPS estimate decreases to \$5.65 from \$6.00. Drivers to our 2026E EPS include 7.0% Truckload Y/Y base pricing, while our Forwarding gross revenue is increasing 6.0%.

**Figure 3: CHRW Key Model Assumptions** 

Gross Revenue Growth	1Q Estimate	25 Actual	2Q Prior	25 <u>E</u> <u>New</u>	3Q Prior	25 <u>E</u> <u>New</u>	4Q: Prior	25 <u>E</u> <u>New</u>	Prior	25 <u>E</u> <u>New</u>	Prior	26E <u>New</u>
NAST	-4.2%	-4.4%	-1.2%	-2.2%	1.9%	1.9%	7.1%	7.1%	0.8%	0.5%	10.2%	11.3%
Truckload volume growth (y/y) Truckload base pricing growth (y/y)	-5.0% 4.0%	-4.5% 4.0%	-4.0% 5.0%	-4.0% 4.0%	-3.0% 5.0%	-3.0% 5.0%	2.0% 5.0%	2.0% 5.0%	-2.5% 4.8%	-2.4% 4.5%	3.0% 7.0%	4.0% 7.0%
Gross Margin	44.50/	44.50/	44.50/	44.50/	4450/	44.50/	44.50/	44.50/	44.50/	44.60/	4420/	44.20/
NAST Forwarding	14.5% 22.5%	14.6% 23.8%	14.5% 21.0%	14.6% 24.0%	14.5% 21.0%	14.5% 23.5%	14.6% 22.0%	14.6% 23.5%	14.5% 21.6%	14.6% 23.7%	14.2% 22.5%	14.2%
Consolidated	16.2%	16.6%	15.9%	16.5%	15.9%	16.4%	16.1%	16.4%	16.0%	16.5%	15.9%	16.1%
Gross Profit												
NAST Forwarding	417 201	418 185	428 188	427 168	433 204	433 177	438 189	438 170	1,717 781	1,717 700	1,850 846	1,862 729
Consolidated	698	673	698	667	717	682	702	679	2,816	2,701	3,017	2,879
Operating Profit												
NAST Forwarding	133 46	144 43	156 45	154 40	160 49	158 42	153 45	153 41	603 185	609 167	731 216	717 182
Consolidated	175	185	200	193	208	200	197	193	779	771	940	895
Operating Margin on Net Revenue Operating Margin on Net Revenue y/y (bps)	25.0% <b>373</b>	27.6% <b>626</b>	28.6% <b>49</b>	28.9% <b>80</b>	29.0% ( <b>390</b> )	29.3% (358)	28.0% 109	28.4% <b>142</b>	27.7% <b>20</b>	28.5% <b>107</b>	31.2% <b>349</b>	31.1% <b>255</b>
Continuing EPS EPS Growth	\$1.08 26.7%	\$1.17 36.4%	\$1.26 11.3%	\$1.20 4.4%	\$1.31 4.5%	\$1.25 -2.4%	\$1.27 6.9%	\$1.23 1.8%	\$4.92 11.0%	\$4.85 7.7%	\$6.00 22.0%	\$5.65 16.4%

Source: Company Reports, UBS estimates

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Income Statement (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	%ch	12/26E	%ch	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Revenues	24,697	17,596	17,725	16,382	-7.6	17,938	9.5	18,930	19,867	20,851
Gross profit	3,593	2,605	2,765	2,701	-2.3	2,879	6.6	3,008	3,156	3,312
EBITDA (UBS)	1,396	652	857	874	2.0	1,001	14.6	1,085	1,142	1,200
Depreciation & amortisation	(93)	(99)	(97)	(103)	-6.4	(107)	-3.1	(111)	(117)	(123)
EBIT (UBS)	1,303	553	759	771	1.5	895	16.1	974	1,026	1,077
Associates & investment income	0	0	0	0	_	0	_	0	0	0
Other non-operating income	0	0	0	0	_	0	_	0	0	0
Net interest	(101)	(97)	(90)	(67)	25.4	(62)	7.5	(60)	(58)	(56)
Exceptionals (incl goodwill)	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	1,203	456	669	704	5.1	833	18.4	914	968	1,021
Tax	(234)	(70)	(125)	(118)	6.1	(154)	-31.0	(174)	(184)	(194)
Profit after tax	968	386	544	586	7.7	679	15.9	740	784	827
Preference dividends	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Minorities	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Net earnings (local GAAP)	968	386	544	586	7.7	679	15.9	740	784	827
Net earnings (UBS)	968	386	544	586	7.7	679	15.9	740	784	827
Tax rate (%)	19.5	15.4	18.7	16.7	-10.7	18.5	10.7	19.0	19.0	19.0
Per Share (US\$)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	%ch	12/26E	%ch	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
EPS (UBS, diluted)	7.59	3.22	4.51	4.85	7.7	5.65	16.4	6.30	6.80	7.31
EPS (local GAAP, diluted)	7.59	3.22	4.51	4.85	7.7	5.65	16.4	6.30	6.80	7.31
EPS (UBS, basic)	7.59	3.22	4.51	4.85	7.7	5.65	16.4	6.30	6.80	7.31
DPS (net) (US\$)	2.24	2.43	2.44	2.24	-8.4	2.24	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash EPS (UBS, diluted) <sup>1</sup>	8.32	4.05	5.31	5.71	7.5	6.54	14.5	7.25	7.82	8.39
Book value per share	10.39	11.84	14.37	16.91	17.7	19.78	16.9	23.94	28.69	26.62
Average shares (diluted)	128	120	121	121	-0.1	120	-0.5	118	115	113
Balance Sheet (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	%ch	12/26E	%ch	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Cash and equivalents	217	146	146	204	39.9	357	75.3	585	865	332
Other current assets	3,372	2,735	2,824	3,181	12.7	3,593	12.9	4,065	4,609	5,235
Total current assets	3,589	2,881	2,970	3,385	14.0	3,950	16.7	4,650	5,474	5,567
Net tangible fixed assets	159	145	127	153	20.3	185	20.9	208	221	223
Net intangible fixed assets	1,535	1,517	1,517	1,517	0.0	1,517	0.0	1,517	1,517	1,517
Investments / other assets	671	683	684	684	0.0	684	0.0	684	684	684
Total assets	5,955	5,225	5,298	5,739	8.3	6,336	10.4	7,060	7,896	7,991
Trade payables & other ST liabilities	3,249 74	1,978 74	2,252 73	2,363	4.9	2,575	9.0	2,811	3,106	3,442 323
Short term debt  Total current liabilities	3,323		2,325	123	68.6 6.9	173 <b>2,748</b>	40.7 10.5	223 <b>3,033</b>	273 <b>3,379</b>	
Long term debt	1,234	<b>2,052</b> 1,718	1,212	<b>2,485</b> 1,212	0.0	2,746 1,212	0.0	1,212	1,212	<b>3,765</b> 1,212
Other long term liabilities	1,234	37	38	1,212	-	0	-	1,212	0	1,212
Preferred shares	0	0	0	0	_	0	_	Ö	0	0
Total liabilities (incl pref shares)	4,601	3,807	3,576	3,698	3.4	3,960	7.1	4,246	4,592	4,978
Common s/h equity	1,353	1,419	1,722	2,041	18.5	2,376	16.4	2,814	3,305	3,013
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Total liabilities & equity	5,955	5,225	5,298	5,739	8.3	6,336	10.4	7,060	7,896	7,991
Cash Flow (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	%ch	12/26E	%ch	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Net income (before pref divs)	968	386	544	586	7.7	679	15.9	740	784	827
Depreciation & amortisation	93	99	97	103	6.4	107	3.1	111	117	123
Net change in working capital	609	282	(109)	0	_	0	_	0	0	0
Other operating	(21)	(34)	(23)	(21)	8.5	(13)	37.9	(11)	(13)	(15)
Operating cash flow	1,650	732	509	668	31.2	772	15.6	840	887	935
Tangible capital expenditure	(62)	(30)	(23)	(80)	-253.2	(90)	-12.5	(90)	(90)	(90)
Intangible capital expenditure	(67)	(54)	(52)	(10)	80.6	(10)	0.0	(10)	(10)	(10)
Net (acquisitions) & disposals	64	1	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Other investing	0	0	0	0	-	0		0	0	0
Investing cash flow	(65)	(83)	(74)	(90)	-21.2	(100)	-11.1	(100)	(100)	(100)
Equity dividends paid	(285)	(292)	(295)	(270)	8.4	(269)	0.5	(263)	(258)	(253)
Share issues / (buybacks)	(1,360)	(7)	115	(300)	-	(300)	0.0	(300)	(300)	(300)
Other financing	0	0	(32)	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Change in debt & pref shares	26	(419)	(204)	50	-	50	0.0	50	50	50
Financing cash flow	(1,620)	(718)	(416)	(520)	-25.0	(519)	0.2	(513)	(508)	(503)
Cash flow inc/(dec) in cash	(34)	(69)	19	58	210.9	154	163.9	227	280	332
FX / non cash items	(6)	(3)	(19)	0	99.5	0	-	0	0	(865)
Balance sheet inc/(dec) in cash	(40)	(72)	0	58	NM	154	164.3	227	280	(533)

Source: Company accounts, UBS estimates. (UBS) metrics use reported figures which have been adjusted by UBS analysts. Cash EPS (UBS, diluted) is calculated using UBS net income adding back depreciation and amortization.

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Valuation (x)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
P/E (local GAAP, diluted)	13.5	28.9	20.2	18.4	15.8	14.2	13.1	12.2
P/E (UBS, diluted)	13.5	28.9	20.2	18.4	15.8	14.2	13.1	12.2
P/CEPS	12.3	23.0	17.1	15.6	13.6	12.3	11.4	10.6
Equity FCF (UBS) yield %	11.3	5.3	4.0	5.4	6.3	6.9	7.4	7.8
Dividend yield (net) %	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
P/BV	9.8	7.9	6.3	5.3	4.5	3.7	3.1	3.4
EV/revenues (core)	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
EV/EBITDA (UBS core)	10.6	20.5	14.3	13.8	12.1	11.1	10.0	9.7
EV/EBIT (core)	11.3	24.2	16.2	15.7	13.5	12.4	11.1	10.8
EV/OpFCF (core)	11.0	21.3	14.6	14.8	12.9	11.9	10.6	10.2
EV/op. invested capital	5.0	4.9	4.1	4.0	3.7	3.4	3.0	2.8
Enterprise value (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Market cap.	13,518	12,122	10,887	10,689	10,689	10,689	10,689	10,689
Net debt (cash)	1,267	1,267	1,393	1,393	1,393	1,393	736	912
Buy out of minorities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pension provisions/other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total enterprise value	14,785	13,389	12,280	12,082	12,082	12,082	11,424	11,601
Non core assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Core enterprise value	14,785	13,389	12,280	12,082	12,082	12,082	11,424	11,601
Growth (%)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Revenue	6.9	(28.7)	0.7	(7.6)	9.5	5.5	5.0	5.0
EBITDA (UBS)	19.0	(53.3)	31.4	2.0	14.6	8.4	5.3	5.0
EBIT (UBS)	20.5	(57.6)	37.4	1.5	16.1	8.8	5.3	5.1
EPS (UBS, diluted)	20.6	(57.6)	39.9	7.7	16.4	11.5	8.0	7.4
Net DPS	8.2	8.8	0.3	(8.4)	0.0	(100.0)	-	-
Margins & Profitability (%)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Gross profit margin	14.5	14.8	15.6	16.5	16.1	15.9	15.9	15.9
EBITDA margin	5.7	3.7	4.8	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8
EBIT (UBS) margin	5.3	3.1	4.3	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.2
Net earnings (UBS) margin	3.9	2.2	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0
ROIC (EBIT)	44.1	20.1	25.6	25.5	27.2	27.6	27.0	26.5
ROIC post tax	35.5	17.0	20.8	21.3	22.2	22.3	21.9	21.4
ROE (UBS)	57.4	27.8	34.6	31.1	30.7	28.5	25.6	26.2
Capital structure & Coverage (x)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Net debt / EBITDA	0.8	2.5	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.0
Net debt / total equity %	80.5	116.1	66.2	55.4	43.3	30.2	18.8	39.9
Net debt / (net debt + total equity) %	44.6	53.7	39.8	35.7	30.2	23.2	15.8	28.5
Net debt/EV %	8.6	10.2	11.3	9.4	8.9	7.8	6.4	7.9
Capex / depreciation %	66.7	30.3	23.3	77.4	84.5	80.9	77.1	73.4
Capex / revenue %	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
EBIT / net interest	13.0	5.7	8.4	11.5	14.4	16.2	17.7	19.2
Dividend cover (UBS)	3.4	1.3	1.8	2.2	2.5			.5.2
Div. payout ratio (UBS) %	29.5	75.6	54.2	46.1	39.6	-	-	-
Revenues by division (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Others	24,697	17,596	17,725	16,382	17,938	18,930	19,867	20,851
Total	<b>24,697</b>	17,596	17,725	16,382	17,938	18,930	19,867	20,851
	27,037	17,350	17,723	10,302	17,330	10,330	13,007	20,031
EBIT (UBS) by division (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Others	1,303	553	759	771	895	974	1,026	1,077
Total	1,303	553	759	771	895	974	1,026	1,077

Source: Company accounts, UBS estimates. (UBS) metrics use reported figures which have been adjusted by UBS analysts.

#### Forecast returns

Forecast price appreciation	45.7%
Forecast dividend yield	2.5%
Forecast stock return	48.2%
Market return assumption	8.6%
Forecast excess return	39.6%

### **Company Description**

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### C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.

Question	Response
1. Is the industry structure facing the firm likely to improve or deteriorate over the next six months? Rate on a scale of 1-5 (1 = getting worse, 3 = no change, 5 = getting better, N/A = no view)	3
2. Is the regulatory/government environment facing the firm likely to improve or deteriorate over the next six months? Rate on a scale of 1-5 (1 = getting tougher 3 = no change, 5 = getting better, N/A = no view)	3
3. Over the last 3-6 months in broad terms have things been improving/no change/getting worse for this stock? Rate on a scale of 1-5 (1 = getting a lot worse, 3 = not much change, 5 = getting a lot better, N/A = no view)	4
4. Relative to the current CONSENSUS EPS forecast, is the next company EPS update likely to lead to: (1 = negative surprise vs consensus, 3 = in-line with consensus, 5 = positive surprise vs consensus expectations, N/A = no view)	4
5. What's driving the difference?	
6. Relative to YOUR current earnings forecast, is there relatively greater risk at the next earnings result of:(1 = downside skew risk to earnings, 3 = equal upside or downside risk to earnings, 5 = upside skew risk to earnings, N/A = no view)	4
7. What's driving the difference?	
8. Is there an upcoming catalyst for the company over the next three months?	Positive Catalyst
9. Is there an actual or approximate date for the catalyst?	
10. Is the catalyst date an actual or approximate date?	
11. What is the catalyst?	

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C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. 16,28	CHRW.O	Buy	US\$89.22	30 Apr 2025

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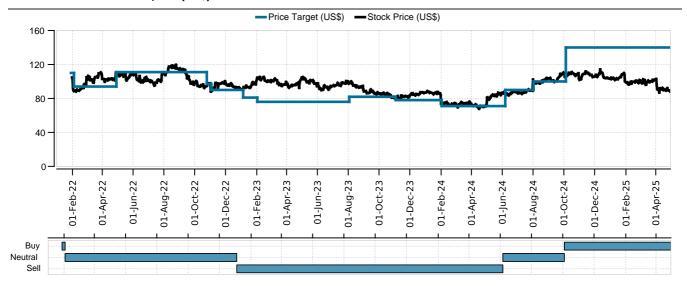
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Buy	110.00	104.10	2022-01-28
Neutral	94.00	89.56	2022-02-03
Neutral	111.00	110.34	2022-04-28
Neutral	97.00	94.44	2022-10-24
Neutral	90.00	88.17	2022-11-02

Rating	Price Target (US\$)	Stock Price (US\$)	Date
Sell	81.00	90.80	2023-01-04
Sell	76.00	102.12	2023-02-01
Sell	82.00	97.44	2023-08-02
Sell	78.00	81.43	2023-11-02
Sell	71.00	73.50	2024-02-01
Neutral	90.00	87.83	2024-06-06
Neutral	100.00	102.21	2024-08-01
Buy	140.00	106.73	2024-10-04

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