

Today's Research Reports on Stocks to Watch: Pepsi and Chipotle
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NEW YORK, NY / ACCESSWIRE / April 27, 2017 / Chipotle shares soared to a new high after posting Q1 results that beat estimates giving investors optimism that the restaurant is progressing after its E. coli outbreak. Pepsi saw mounting success in its healthier snacks division in the first quarter which pushed revenues higher.

RDI Initiates Coverage on:

Pepsico, Inc.

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Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.

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Despite posting better than expected results for Q1 that beat estimates, Pepsi shares still lost footing in the market on Wednesday and hit as low as \$111.34 in intra-day trading, compared to a close of \$114.16 the previous day. The beverage giant posted first quarter results for 2017, ending March 25th, that beat on revenue and EPS. Revenue for Pepsi came in at \$12.05 billion, a 1.6% increase from a year ago, and earning per share came in at 94 cents. Analysts on average had called for revenue of \$11.98 billion and EPS of 92 cents. The increase in revenues was largely in part due to the company's healthier segment, from which it gets 45% of its net revenue. This segment comprises of beverages that contain less than 70 calories per 12 ounces and snacks that have less salt and saturated fat. CEO Indra Nooyi remarked, "To meet the evolving needs of our consumers around the world, we are shifting our portfolio to a wider range of what we call... 'everyday nutrition products,' which are products with positive nutrients like grains, fruits and vegetables or protein." Shares of Pepsi close down 0.73%.

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Chipotle continued to gain higher on Wednesday and even hit a new 52-week high of \$497.48 after the reported impressive first quarter earnings on Tuesday. Shares rallied nearly 5% shortly after the release but edged back before the day was over as investors seemed concerned over a data breach the company revealed occurred during the quarter. Chipotle disclosed that it had identified unauthorized activity on the network that supports payment processing and an investigation is now underway, focusing on card transactions at the chain from March 24 - April 18, 2017. On Wednesday however, investors poured optimism back into the stock as it soared to a new 52-week high on heavy trading volume.

The burrito restaurant chain reported earnings of \$1.60 per share on Tuesday, which easily beat Thomson Reuter's estimates of \$1.27. Revenue came in at \$1.07 billion, which was higher than the \$1.05 billion analysts were calling for. CEO Steve Ells seems happy with the quarter's results and stated, "2017 is off to a strong start, as our restaurant managers and teams are energized by our renewed focus on the customer. By simplifying the focus in our restaurants to only those elements that lead to a great guest experience, our operations have improved every single month, which gives us confidence that we are on our way to achieve our mission to ensure that great food made with whole unprocessed ingredients is accessible to everyone."

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Our Actionable Research on Pepsico, Inc. (NYSE: [PEP](#)) and Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (NYSE: [CMG](#)) can be downloaded free of charge at Research Driven Investing.

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