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(Reuters) - Apple's board of directors recommended investors vote against a shareholder proposal to abolish the company's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs, according to a

proxy filing from the company.

The National Center for Public Policy, a conservative think tank, submitted a proposal that the

company consider abolishing its "Inclusion & Diversity program, policies, department and goals."

The proposal cited recent Supreme Court decisions, and made the argument that DEI poses

"litigation, reputational and financial risks to companies" and could make Apple more vulnerable to

lawsuits.

Apple responded that it had a well-established compliance program and the proposal was

unnecessary. It added that the shareholder proposal was an inappropriate attempt to micromanage

Apple's business strategy.

"Apple is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in recruiting, hiring, training, or

promoting on any basis protected by law", the iPhone maker said in the filing. The news was first

reported by TechCrunch.

Several major companies including Meta and Amazon are winding down diversity programs ahead

of Republican Donald Trump's return to the U.S. presidency as conservative opposition to such

initiatives grows louder.

Conservative groups have denounced DEI programs and threatened to sue companies over them,

emboldened by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2023 that struck down affirmative action in university

admissions decisions.

The changes show how some of America's biggest businesses have reacted to a larger

conservative backlash against diversity initiatives, which multiplied after widespread protests

following the police killings of George Floyd and other Black Americans in 2020.

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The lawyer for TikTok and its Chinese parent company ByteDance WASHINGTON (Reuters) -

offered a warning during Supreme Court arguments over a law that would compel the sale of the

short-video app or ban it in the United States: If Congress could do this to TikTok, it could come

after other companies, too.

The law, which was the subject of arguments before the nine justices on Friday, sets a Jan. 19

deadline for ByteDance to sell the popular social media platform or face a ban on national security

grounds. The companies have sought, at the very least, a delay in implementation of the law, which

they say violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment protection against government

abridgment of free speech.

Noel Francisco, representing TikTok and ByteDance, argued that Supreme Court endorsement of

this law could enable statutes targeting other companies on similar grounds.

"AMC movie theaters used to be owned by a Chinese company. Under this theory, Congress could

order AMC movie theaters to censor any movies that Congress doesn't like or promote any movies

that Congress wanted." Francisco told the justices.

The justices signaled through their questions during the arguments that they were inclined to uphold

the law, although some expressed serious concerns about its First Amendment implications.

TikTok is a platform used by about 170 million people in the United States, roughly half the country's

population. Congress passed the measure last year with overwhelming bipartisan support, as

lawmakers cited the risk of the Chinese government exploiting TikTok to spy on Americans and

carry out covert influence operations.

Jeffrey Fisher, the lawyer representing TikTok content creators who also have challenged the law,

noted during the Supreme Court arguments that Congress with this measure was focusing on

TikTok and not major Chinese online retailers including Temu.

"Would a Congress (that is) really worried about these very dramatic risks leave out an e-commerce site like Temu that has 70 million Americans using it?" Fisher asked. "It's very curious why you just single out TikTok alone and not other companies with tens of millions of people having their own data taken, you know, in the process of engaging with those websites and equally, if not more, available to Chinese control."

Democratic President Joe Biden signed the measure into law and his administration is defending it in this case. The deadline for divestiture is just one day before Republican Donald Trump, who opposes the ban, takes office as Biden's successor.

'FOREIGN ADVERSARIES'

Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, arguing for the Biden administration in defending the law, said it was crucial that it take effect on Jan. 19 as scheduled in order to force ByteDance to act on divestiture.

"Foreign adversaries do not willingly give up their control over this mass communications channel in the United States," Prelogar said.

"When push comes to shove, and these restrictions take effect, I think it will fundamentally change the landscape with respect to what ByteDance is willing to consider. And it might be just the jolt that Congress expected the company would need to actually move forward with the divestiture process," Prelogar said.

If the ban takes affect on Jan. 19, Apple and Alphabet's Google would no longer be able to offer TikTok for downloads for new users but existing users could still access the app. The U.S. government and TikTok agree that app would degrade and eventually become unusable over time because companies would not be able to offer supporting services.

The Supreme Court also debated whether the possibility of TikTok being used for covert influence campaigns or propaganda purposes by China justified the banning it.

"Look, everybody manipulates content," Francisco told the court. "There are lots of people who think CNN, Fox News, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times are manipulating their content. That is core protected speech."

Trump on Dec. 27 urged the court to put a hold on the Jan. 19 deadline to give his incoming administration "the opportunity to pursue a political resolution of the questions at issue in the case."

Under the law, the U.S. president has the power to extend the Jan. 19 deadline for 90 days, but under circumstances that do not appear to apply to the current situation in which ByteDance has made no apparent effort to sell TikTok's U.S. assets. The law mandates that the president certify

Regardless, Trump does not become president until after the deadline - though Francisco said "we might be in a different world" once Trump is back in the White House.

that significant progress has been made toward a sale, with binding legal agreements.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh asked Prelogar whether the president could "say that we're not going to enforce this law?"

"I think as a general matter, of course the president has enforcement discretion," Prelogar said.

"Again, that's one of the reasons why I think it makes perfect sense to issue a preliminary injunction here and simply buy everybody a little breathing space," Francisco said.

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(Bloomberg) -- Apple Inc. disclosed a 18% pay increase for Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook ahead of its annual meeting next month, while also saying it opposed a shareholder measure calling for an end to the companys diversity program.

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Cooks compensation grew to \$74.6 million in 2024, compared with \$63.2 million the prior year, Apple said in its annual proxy filing on Friday. In addition to executive compensation, investors will vote on four outside proposal at the meeting on Feb. 25. The company opposed all of them.

The measure about Apples diversity, equity and inclusion, or DEI, efforts urged the company to consider abolishing the program because it may discriminate against employees and draw lawsuits. The company said the proposal was an inappropriate attempt to restrict Apples business operations and that it already assesses legal and regulatory risks.

Cooks pay was made up of a \$3 million base salary, \$58.1 million in stock awards, and roughly \$13.5 million in additional compensation. The raise mostly comes from an increase in stock award value.

While Cooks pay is up significantly from last year, its still a far cry from his total compensation in 2022, which reached nearly \$100 million thanks to stock awards. His pay was cut at his discretion in 2023 after pushback from employees and shareholders.

Apples board of directors said it made no changes to the amount or structure of Mr. Cooks 2025 total target compensation.

Other executives, including Apples retail chief, former chief financial officer, chief operating officer and general counsel, all made more than \$27 million in 2024, representing slight increases from the prior year. Luca Maestri, the ex-CFO, was recently replaced as by Kevan Parekh.

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The clock is ticking for TikTok. The Chinese-owned video-sharing platform used by nearly half the

country could disappear from U.S. app stores later this month under a new security law. On Friday,

TikTok argued its case before the Supreme Court.

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If sentiment is anything to go by, the Magnificent 7 stocks, led by Apple Nvidia and Microsoft are set

to be replaced by a movie that may or may not be equally goodBATMMAAN. While cute names are

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Lockheed Martin Corp.s LMT business unit, Aeronautics, recently clinched a modification contract for the F-35 fighter aircraft. The award has been offered by the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD.

Valued at \$41.6 million, the contract is expected to be completed by March 2028. Per the terms of the deal, Lockheed will procure engineering, integration support, hardware, and installation support for flight test instrumentation modifications to F-35 production aircraft.

The majority of work related to this deal will be carried out in Fort Worth, TX.

Global defense spending has surged as nations strengthen their military capabilities, driving demand for advanced weaponry like fighter jets, which are essential for air combat. This trend has significantly benefited Lockheed, a leading manufacturer of combat aircraft, through steady orders from the Pentagon and U.S. allies.

Lockheeds F-35 fighter jet, renowned as the most advanced fifth-generation aircraft, stands out for its mission readiness and cutting-edge technology. Equipped with advanced sensors and

communication systems, the F-35 seamlessly connects air, land, sea, space and cyber domains, enhancing situational awareness.

These exceptional features have fueled strong demand for this jet. As of Sept. 30, 2024, Lockheed had delivered 1,040 F-35 aircraft since the program's inception. The recent contract win underscores the sustained popularity of the F-35 in the global combat jet market, further solidifying its position as a cornerstone of modern air defense systems.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, along with rapid technological advancements in combat jets, have led nations to increase their defense spending on combat-proven jets, which constitute an integral part of their defense structure.

This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 3.7% for the global fighter aircraft market during the 2024-2029 period.

Such strong market prospects drive growth opportunities for Lockheed, backed by its robust portfolio of combat jets, including the F-16, F-22 and F-21 aircraft, in addition to the F-35 jet.

Other defense companies that are likely to benefit from the expanding global fighter aircraft market are discussed below.

Northrop Grumman Corporation NOC: It is a leading provider of manned and unmanned air systems. It builds some of the worlds most advanced aircraft, such as the E-2C Hawkeye 2000, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-5 Tiger Fighter Jet and many more.

Northrop has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates growth of 3.4% from the year-ago estimated figure.

Embraer ERJ: The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of the most advanced aircraft in the combat market, which includes the A-29 Super Tucano light attack and advanced trainer and the C-390 Millennium military multi-mission aircraft.

The Zacks Consensus Estimate for ERJs 2025 sales indicates growth of 18.3% from the prior-year estimated number. The stock boasts a solid average earnings surprise of 127.28% for the trailing four quarters.

Textron TXT: Its Textron Aviation Defense unit offers the largest and most successful flight training

system in the world. Textron Aviation Defenses portfolio includes the Beechcraft AT-6E Wolverine jet, which covers a wide-mission spectrum including training, manned Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance as well as light precision attack.

Textron has a long-term earnings growth rate of 10.1%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for TXTs 2025 sales indicates growth of 7.4% from the year-ago estimated figure.

Shares of LMT have gained 1.7% in the past six months against the industrys 0.9% decline.

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RTX Corporations RTX unit, Raytheon, recently secured a \$333.3 million contract for facilitating the full-rate production of Standard Missile-6 (SM-6). RTX will also supply spares and a round design agent for SM-6 under this agreement.

The majority of the work related to this contract will be performed in Tucson, AZ, and Huntsville, AL. This contract is projected to be completed by October 2027. The award has been provided by the Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. This contract includes options that, if exercised, will bring the total value of the agreement to \$908.1 million.

With countries worldwide enhancing their defense capabilities, spending on advanced military arms and ammunition, including missiles and missile systems, has been rapidly increasing. RTX, as a prominent manufacturer of missile systems, has been benefiting from a steady flow of orders from the Pentagon and other U.S. allies. The recent contract is an example of that.RTX's SM-6 missile is an advanced and versatile defense system for naval ships. It can handle multiple missions, including defending against air attacks, surface threats and ballistic missiles, making it highly effective in protecting fleets. Its advanced design combines reliable technology to provide strong and cost-effective defense for the U.S. Navy and its allies. Such impressive features of this missile must have enabled the company to deliver more than 500 of SM-6 missiles to the U.S. Navy, which reflects the solid demand it enjoys in the missile market.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes have led nations to increase their focus on national security, particularly on missile defense systems in recent times, backed by the rapid development of advanced missile technologies over the last decade. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 5% for the global missiles and missile defense system market during the 2025-2030 period. Such massive growth projections offer a strategic advantage to RTX, which has a handful of combat-proven missiles in its product portfolio, like the TOW missile, Guidance Enhanced Missile, Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile, Tomahawk, Standard Missile 2 and a few more, in addition to the SM-6.

Other defense companies that are likely to enjoy the perks of the expanding missiles and missile system market have been discussed below:Northrop Grumman NOC: Northrop Grumman provides high-speed, long-range strike weapons like the AARGM-ER, which is a supersonic, air-launched tactical missile system. It also develops and builds advanced missile defense technology, ranging from command systems to directed energy weapons, advanced munitions and powerful sensors. The companys long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate is 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 3.4%. The Boeing Company BA: It manufactures various missile defense systems, including the Ground-based Midcourse Defense, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense and Avenger. Boeing-built and supported air and missile defense

systems have been protecting its customers for nearly 25 years against threats ranging from intercontinental ballistic missiles to hostile aircraft. The company has a long-term earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 22.1%. Lockheed Martin LMT: Lockheed Martins missile defense program includes the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 and Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense air and missile defense programs. It also manufactures the Multiple Launch Rocket System, the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile and Javelin tactical missile programs alongside other tactical missiles. The company has a long-term earnings growth rate of 4.4%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for LMTs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 4.1%.

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Lockheed Martin (LMT) has been one of the most searched-for stocks on Zacks.com lately. So, you might want to look at some of the facts that could shape the stock's performance in the near term.

Over the past month, shares of this aerospace and defense company have returned -7%, compared

to the Zacks S&P 500 composite's -2.7% change. During this period, the Zacks Aerospace - Defense industry, which Lockheed falls in, has lost 2.3%. The key question now is: What could be the stock's future direction?

Although media reports or rumors about a significant change in a company's business prospects usually cause its stock to trend and lead to an immediate price change, there are always certain fundamental factors that ultimately drive the buy-and-hold decision.

Here at Zacks, we prioritize appraising the change in the projection of a company's future earnings over anything else. That's because we believe the present value of its future stream of earnings is what determines the fair value for its stock.

We essentially look at how sell-side analysts covering the stock are revising their earnings estimates to reflect the impact of the latest business trends. And if earnings estimates go up for a company, the fair value for its stock goes up. A higher fair value than the current market price drives investors' interest in buying the stock, leading to its price moving higher. This is why empirical research shows a strong correlation between trends in earnings estimate revisions and near-term stock price movements.

Lockheed is expected to post earnings of \$6.58 per share for the current quarter, representing a year-over-year change of -16.7%. Over the last 30 days, the Zacks Consensus Estimate has changed +0.2%.

The consensus earnings estimate of \$26.68 for the current fiscal year indicates a year-over-year change of -4.1%. This estimate has changed -0.1% over the last 30 days.

For the next fiscal year, the consensus earnings estimate of \$28.03 indicates a change of +5.1% from what Lockheed is expected to report a year ago. Over the past month, the estimate has changed -0.1%.

With an impressive externally audited track record, our proprietary stock rating tool -- the Zacks Rank -- is a more conclusive indicator of a stock's near-term price performance, as it effectively harnesses the power of earnings estimate revisions. The size of the recent change in the consensus estimate, along with three other factors related to earnings estimates, has resulted in a Zacks Rank

#3 (Hold) for Lockheed.

The chart below shows the evolution of the company's forward 12-month consensus EPS estimate:

While earnings growth is arguably the most superior indicator of a company's financial health, nothing happens as such if a business isn't able to grow its revenues. After all, it's nearly impossible for a company to increase its earnings for an extended period without increasing its revenues. So, it's important to know a company's potential revenue growth.

For Lockheed, the consensus sales estimate for the current quarter of \$18.85 billion indicates a year-over-year change of -0.1%. For the current and next fiscal years, \$71.27 billion and \$74.17 billion estimates indicate +5.5% and +4.1% changes, respectively.

Lockheed reported revenues of \$17.1 billion in the last reported quarter, representing a year-over-year change of +1.3%. EPS of \$6.84 for the same period compares with \$6.77 a year ago.

Compared to the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$17.28 billion, the reported revenues represent a surprise of -1.05%. The EPS surprise was +5.72%.

The company beat consensus EPS estimates in each of the trailing four quarters. The company topped consensus revenue estimates three times over this period.

Without considering a stock's valuation, no investment decision can be efficient. In predicting a stock's future price performance, it's crucial to determine whether its current price correctly reflects the intrinsic value of the underlying business and the company's growth prospects.

Comparing the current value of a company's valuation multiples, such as its price-to-earnings (P/E), price-to-sales (P/S), and price-to-cash flow (P/CF), to its own historical values helps ascertain whether its stock is fairly valued, overvalued, or undervalued, whereas comparing the company relative to its peers on these parameters gives a good sense of how reasonable its stock price is.

The Zacks Value Style Score (part of the Zacks Style Scores system), which pays close attention to both traditional and unconventional valuation metrics to grade stocks from A to F (an An is better than a B; a B is better than a C; and so on), is pretty helpful in identifying whether a stock is overvalued, rightly valued, or temporarily undervalued.

Lockheed is graded B on this front, indicating that it is trading at a discount to its peers. Click here to see the values of some of the valuation metrics that have driven this grade.

The facts discussed here and much other information on Zacks.com might help determine whether or not it's worthwhile paying attention to the market buzz about Lockheed. However, its Zacks Rank #3 does suggest that it may perform in line with the broader market in the near term.

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Airbus SE EADSY secured a contract to provide logistics support and engineering services for the UH-72 Lakota helicopter. The award has been offered by the Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL.Valued at \$315 million, the contract is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2025. The majority of the work related to this deal will be carried out in Grand Prairie, TX.

As nations are upgrading their defense capabilities, expenditures on cutting-edge defense equipment and ammunition have been rising quickly. Increasing expenditures on military helicopters, which are essential for air combat operations, contribute to the rising defense expenditures. As a leading manufacturer of combat helicopters, Airbus has received a steady stream of orders from all over the world. More than 140 armed forces worldwide rely on Airbus for its expertise to produce high-quality multi-role helicopters. These copters are able to fulfill a wide range of operational military roles, such as armed reconnaissance, utility, attack, naval, maritime and special operations. In particular, EADSYs UH-72 Lakota is a highly adaptable and reconfigurable helicopter capable of carrying out a wide range of tasks under a variety of climates and environments. Its missions are as diverse as its operational locations, encompassing training, general utility, search

and rescue, reconnaissance, medical evacuation, disaster response, homeland security, counterdrug, command and control, and VIP transportation.

Amid rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, these combat-proven helicopters play a critical role in a country's security system. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 2.9% for the military helicopter market during the 2024-2030 period. Such growth opportunities offered by the aforementioned market should bode well for Airbus.EADSYs product portfolio consists of varied combat helicopters, such as the H125M, H160M, H175M, H215M, H225M, Tiger, NH90 and a few more. These enjoy solid demand in the global military helicopter market, with some 19,000 helicopters delivered across 150 nations.

Other defense companies that are expected to enjoy the perks of the expanding military helicopter market have been discussed below: Boeing BA: The companys helicopters are renowned for their leading-edge, relevant solutions that provide capacity. Boeings product portfolio includes combat helicopters and rotorcraft like the H-47 Chinook, AH-64 Apache, AH-6 Little Bird and V-22 Osprey. Boeing has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates an improvement of 21.9% from the 2024 estimated figure. Textron TXT: Its Bell business segment supplies advanced military helicopters and provides parts and support services to the U.S. Government and military customers outside the United States. Its portfolio of combat helicopters includes Bell 412M, Bell 429M, Bell 407M and Bell 505M. TXT boasts a long-term earnings growth rate of 10.1%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for TXTs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 7.4% from the 2024 estimated figure.Lockheed Martin LMT: Its Sikorsky business unit provides military and rotary-wing aircraft to all five branches of the U.S. armed forces, along with military services and commercial operators in 40 nations. Some of LMTs renowned products are Armed Black Hawk, CH-53K, MH-60R SEAHAWK, Raider X, S-97 Raider, S-70 BLACK Hawk, etc.Lockheed boasts a long-term earnings growth rate of 4.4%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for LMTs 2025 sales indicates an improvement of 3.9% from the 2024 estimated figure.

In the past six months, Airbus shares have risen 13.1% compared to the industrys fall of 1.7%.

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Lockheed Martin Corporations LMT Aeronautics business segment recently clinched a modification contract to support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft program. The award has been provided by the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD.

Valued at \$678.4 million, the contract is expected to be completed by December 2028. Per the terms of the deal, Lockheed will provide various material modification kits, special test and tooling equipment, and associated seed assets to support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft. The contract will serve the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and non-Department of Defense participants. The work related to this deal will be executed in Fort Worth, TX.

The F-35 program is widely recognized as the most advanced 5th-generation fighter jet, offering unmatched mission readiness. With cutting-edge sensors and communication systems, the F-35 is designed to operate seamlessly across multiple domains. These exceptional features must have been driving significant demand for the F-35 jets. This jet programs demand trend can be gauged from the fact that since its launch, Lockheed has delivered 1,040 units as of Sept. 29, 2024.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, along with rapid technological advancements in combat jets, have led nations to increase their defense spending on combat-proven jets, which constitute an integral part of their defense structure. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 5.2% for the global military aviation market during the 2024-2030 period. Such strong market prospects drive growth opportunities for Lockheed Martin, backed by its robust portfolio of combat jets, including the F-16, F-22 and F-21 aircraft, in addition to the F-35 jet. Lockheed Martins total backlog was \$165.69 billion as of Sept. 29, 2024.

Other defense companies that are likely to benefit from the expanding global fighter aircraft market are discussed below:Northrop Grumman Corporation NOC: Northrop provides manned and unmanned air systems. It builds some of the worlds most advanced aircraft like the E-2C Hawkeye 2000, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-5 Tiger Fighter Jet and many more.Northrop has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 3.4%.Embraer ERJ: The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of the most advanced aircraft in the combat market, which includes the A-29 Super Tucano light attack and advanced trainer and the C-390 Millennium military multi-mission aircraft.The Zacks Consensus Estimate for ERJs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 18.3%. The company delivered an average earnings surprise of 127.28% in the last four quarters.The Boeing Company BA: Its Defense, Space & Security segment engages in the research, development, production and modification of manned and unmanned military aircraft. BAs product portfolio includes a range of combat-proven aircraft like the F/A-18 Super Hornet, P-8, C-17 Globemaster III, EA-18G and a few more.Boeing has a long-term earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 21.9%.

Shares of LMT have risen 2.9% in the past six months against the industrys 1% decline.

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(Reuters) - Lockheed Martin delivered a total of 110 F-35 fighter jets to the United States and its allies in 2024, the Bethesda, Maryland-based defense contractor said in a statement on Wednesday.

The delivery total achieves the higher end of the range of 75 to 110 jet deliveries CEO Jim Taiclet gave in an earnings call last summer.

Lockheed lifted its sales target in July after the Pentagon resumed taking F-35 deliveries following a months-long pause on delays on its software upgrade. Lockheed has been upgrading the jets under the Technology Refresh 3, or TR-3 program, which gives the F-35 better displays and processing power.

Lockheed's F-35 program contributes around 30% of the company's revenue.

"Lockheed Martin is fully committed to advancing and delivering unmatched air dominance solutions to the United States and our allies, helping to ensure America continues to own the skies," the company said in a statement.

(Reporting by Ryan Patrick Jones and Mike Stone; editing by Diane Craft)

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(Reuters) - Apple's board of directors recommended investors vote against a shareholder proposal to abolish the company's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs, according to a proxy filing from the company.

The National Center for Public Policy, a conservative think tank, submitted a proposal that the company consider abolishing its "Inclusion & Diversity program, policies, department and goals."

The proposal cited recent Supreme Court decisions, and made the argument that DEI poses "litigation, reputational and financial risks to companies" and could make Apple more vulnerable to lawsuits.

Apple responded that it had a well-established compliance program and the proposal was unnecessary. It added that the shareholder proposal was an inappropriate attempt to micromanage Apple's business strategy.

"Apple is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in recruiting, hiring, training, or promoting on any basis protected by law", the iPhone maker said in the filing. The news was first reported by TechCrunch.

Several major companies including Meta and Amazon are winding down diversity programs ahead of Republican Donald Trump's return to the U.S. presidency as conservative opposition to such initiatives grows louder.

Conservative groups have denounced DEI programs and threatened to sue companies over them, emboldened by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2023 that struck down affirmative action in university admissions decisions.

The changes show how some of America's biggest businesses have reacted to a larger conservative backlash against diversity initiatives, which multiplied after widespread protests following the police killings of George Floyd and other Black Americans in 2020.

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) -The lawyer for TikTok and its Chinese parent company ByteDance offered a warning during Supreme Court arguments over a law that would compel the sale of the short-video app or ban it in the United States: If Congress could do this to TikTok, it could come

after other companies, too.

The law, which was the subject of arguments before the nine justices on Friday, sets a Jan. 19 deadline for ByteDance to sell the popular social media platform or face a ban on national security grounds. The companies have sought, at the very least, a delay in implementation of the law, which they say violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment protection against government abridgment of free speech.

Noel Francisco, representing TikTok and ByteDance, argued that Supreme Court endorsement of this law could enable statutes targeting other companies on similar grounds.

"AMC movie theaters used to be owned by a Chinese company. Under this theory, Congress could order AMC movie theaters to censor any movies that Congress doesn't like or promote any movies that Congress wanted." Francisco told the justices.

The justices signaled through their questions during the arguments that they were inclined to uphold the law, although some expressed serious concerns about its First Amendment implications.

TikTok is a platform used by about 170 million people in the United States, roughly half the country's population. Congress passed the measure last year with overwhelming bipartisan support, as lawmakers cited the risk of the Chinese government exploiting TikTok to spy on Americans and carry out covert influence operations.

Jeffrey Fisher, the lawyer representing TikTok content creators who also have challenged the law, noted during the Supreme Court arguments that Congress with this measure was focusing on TikTok and not major Chinese online retailers including Temu.

"Would a Congress (that is) really worried about these very dramatic risks leave out an e-commerce site like Temu that has 70 million Americans using it?" Fisher asked. "It's very curious why you just single out TikTok alone and not other companies with tens of millions of people having their own data taken, you know, in the process of engaging with those websites and equally, if not more, available to Chinese control."

Democratic President Joe Biden signed the measure into law and his administration is defending it in this case. The deadline for divestiture is just one day before Republican Donald Trump, who opposes the ban, takes office as Biden's successor.

'FOREIGN ADVERSARIES'

Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, arguing for the Biden administration in defending the law, said it was crucial that it take effect on Jan. 19 as scheduled in order to force ByteDance to act on divestiture.

"Foreign adversaries do not willingly give up their control over this mass communications channel in the United States," Prelogar said.

"When push comes to shove, and these restrictions take effect, I think it will fundamentally change the landscape with respect to what ByteDance is willing to consider. And it might be just the jolt that Congress expected the company would need to actually move forward with the divestiture process," Prelogar said.

If the ban takes affect on Jan. 19, Apple and Alphabet's Google would no longer be able to offer TikTok for downloads for new users but existing users could still access the app. The U.S. government and TikTok agree that app would degrade and eventually become unusable over time because companies would not be able to offer supporting services.

The Supreme Court also debated whether the possibility of TikTok being used for covert influence campaigns or propaganda purposes by China justified the banning it.

"Look, everybody manipulates content," Francisco told the court. "There are lots of people who think CNN, Fox News, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times are manipulating their content. That is core protected speech."

Trump on Dec. 27 urged the court to put a hold on the Jan. 19 deadline to give his incoming administration "the opportunity to pursue a political resolution of the questions at issue in the case." Under the law, the U.S. president has the power to extend the Jan. 19 deadline for 90 days, but under circumstances that do not appear to apply to the current situation in which ByteDance has made no apparent effort to sell TikTok's U.S. assets. The law mandates that the president certify that significant progress has been made toward a sale, with binding legal agreements.

Regardless, Trump does not become president until after the deadline - though Francisco said "we might be in a different world" once Trump is back in the White House.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh asked Prelogar whether the president could "say that we're not going to enforce this law?"

"I think as a general matter, of course the president has enforcement discretion," Prelogar said.

"Again, that's one of the reasons why I think it makes perfect sense to issue a preliminary injunction here and simply buy everybody a little breathing space," Francisco said.

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(Bloomberg) -- Apple Inc. disclosed a 18% pay increase for Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook ahead of its annual meeting next month, while also saying it opposed a shareholder measure calling for an end to the companys diversity program.

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Cooks compensation grew to \$74.6 million in 2024, compared with \$63.2 million the prior year, Apple said in its annual proxy filing on Friday. In addition to executive compensation, investors will vote on four outside proposal at the meeting on Feb. 25. The company opposed all of them.

The measure about Apples diversity, equity and inclusion, or DEI, efforts urged the company to consider abolishing the program because it may discriminate against employees and draw lawsuits. The company said the proposal was an inappropriate attempt to restrict Apples business operations and that it already assesses legal and regulatory risks.

Cooks pay was made up of a \$3 million base salary, \$58.1 million in stock awards, and roughly \$13.5 million in additional compensation. The raise mostly comes from an increase in stock award value.

While Cooks pay is up significantly from last year, its still a far cry from his total compensation in 2022, which reached nearly \$100 million thanks to stock awards. His pay was cut at his discretion in 2023 after pushback from employees and shareholders.

Apples board of directors said it made no changes to the amount or structure of Mr. Cooks 2025 total target compensation.

Other executives, including Apples retail chief, former chief financial officer, chief operating officer and general counsel, all made more than \$27 million in 2024, representing slight increases from the prior year. Luca Maestri, the ex-CFO, was recently replaced as by Kevan Parekh.

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The clock is ticking for TikTok. The Chinese-owned video-sharing platform used by nearly half the

country could disappear from U.S. app stores later this month under a new security law. On Friday,

TikTok argued its case before the Supreme Court.

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If sentiment is anything to go by, the Magnificent 7 stocks, led by Apple Nvidia and Microsoft are set

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Lockheed Martin Corp.s LMT business unit, Aeronautics, recently clinched a modification contract for the F-35 fighter aircraft. The award has been offered by the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD.

Valued at \$41.6 million, the contract is expected to be completed by March 2028. Per the terms of the deal, Lockheed will procure engineering, integration support, hardware, and installation support for flight test instrumentation modifications to F-35 production aircraft.

The majority of work related to this deal will be carried out in Fort Worth, TX.

Global defense spending has surged as nations strengthen their military capabilities, driving demand for advanced weaponry like fighter jets, which are essential for air combat. This trend has

significantly benefited Lockheed, a leading manufacturer of combat aircraft, through steady orders from the Pentagon and U.S. allies.

Lockheeds F-35 fighter jet, renowned as the most advanced fifth-generation aircraft, stands out for its mission readiness and cutting-edge technology. Equipped with advanced sensors and communication systems, the F-35 seamlessly connects air, land, sea, space and cyber domains, enhancing situational awareness.

These exceptional features have fueled strong demand for this jet. As of Sept. 30, 2024, Lockheed had delivered 1,040 F-35 aircraft since the program's inception. The recent contract win underscores the sustained popularity of the F-35 in the global combat jet market, further solidifying its position as a cornerstone of modern air defense systems.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, along with rapid technological advancements in combat jets, have led nations to increase their defense spending on combat-proven jets, which constitute an integral part of their defense structure.

This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 3.7% for the global fighter aircraft market during the 2024-2029 period.

Such strong market prospects drive growth opportunities for Lockheed, backed by its robust portfolio of combat jets, including the F-16, F-22 and F-21 aircraft, in addition to the F-35 jet.

Other defense companies that are likely to benefit from the expanding global fighter aircraft market are discussed below.

Northrop Grumman Corporation NOC: It is a leading provider of manned and unmanned air systems. It builds some of the worlds most advanced aircraft, such as the E-2C Hawkeye 2000, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-5 Tiger Fighter Jet and many more.

Northrop has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates growth of 3.4% from the year-ago estimated figure.

Embraer ERJ: The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of the most advanced aircraft in the combat market, which includes the A-29 Super Tucano light attack and advanced trainer and the C-390 Millennium military multi-mission aircraft.

The Zacks Consensus Estimate for ERJs 2025 sales indicates growth of 18.3% from the prior-year estimated number. The stock boasts a solid average earnings surprise of 127.28% for the trailing four quarters.

Textron TXT: Its Textron Aviation Defense unit offers the largest and most successful flight training system in the world. Textron Aviation Defenses portfolio includes the Beechcraft AT-6E Wolverine jet, which covers a wide-mission spectrum including training, manned Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance as well as light precision attack.

Textron has a long-term earnings growth rate of 10.1%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for TXTs 2025 sales indicates growth of 7.4% from the year-ago estimated figure.

Shares of LMT have gained 1.7% in the past six months against the industrys 0.9% decline.

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RTX Corporations RTX unit, Raytheon, recently secured a \$333.3 million contract for facilitating the full-rate production of Standard Missile-6 (SM-6). RTX will also supply spares and a round design agent for SM-6 under this agreement.

The majority of the work related to this contract will be performed in Tucson, AZ, and Huntsville, AL. This contract is projected to be completed by October 2027. The award has been provided by the Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. This contract includes options that, if exercised, will bring the total value of the agreement to \$908.1 million.

With countries worldwide enhancing their defense capabilities, spending on advanced military arms and ammunition, including missiles and missile systems, has been rapidly increasing. RTX, as a prominent manufacturer of missile systems, has been benefiting from a steady flow of orders from the Pentagon and other U.S. allies. The recent contract is an example of that.RTX's SM-6 missile is an advanced and versatile defense system for naval ships. It can handle multiple missions, including defending against air attacks, surface threats and ballistic missiles, making it highly effective in protecting fleets. Its advanced design combines reliable technology to provide strong and cost-effective defense for the U.S. Navy and its allies. Such impressive features of this missile must have enabled the company to deliver more than 500 of SM-6 missiles to the U.S. Navy, which reflects the solid demand it enjoys in the missile market.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes have led nations to increase their focus on national security, particularly on missile defense systems in recent times, backed by the rapid development of advanced missile technologies over the last decade. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 5% for the global missiles and missile defense system market during the 2025-2030 period. Such massive growth projections offer a strategic advantage to RTX, which has a handful of combat-proven missiles in its product portfolio, like the TOW missile, Guidance Enhanced Missile, Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile, Tomahawk, Standard Missile 2 and a few more, in addition to the SM-6.

Other defense companies that are likely to enjoy the perks of the expanding missiles and missile system market have been discussed below:Northrop Grumman NOC: Northrop Grumman provides high-speed, long-range strike weapons like the AARGM-ER, which is a supersonic, air-launched tactical missile system. It also develops and builds advanced missile defense technology, ranging from command systems to directed energy weapons, advanced munitions and powerful sensors. The

companys long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate is 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 3.4%. The Boeing Company BA: It manufactures various missile defense systems, including the Ground-based Midcourse Defense, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense and Avenger. Boeing-built and supported air and missile defense systems have been protecting its customers for nearly 25 years against threats ranging from intercontinental ballistic missiles to hostile aircraft. The company has a long-term earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 22.1%. Lockheed Martin LMT: Lockheed Martins missile defense program includes the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 and Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense air and missile defense programs. It also manufactures the Multiple Launch Rocket System, the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile and Javelin tactical missile programs alongside other tactical missiles. The company has a long-term earnings growth rate of 4.4%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for LMTs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 4.1%.

RTX shares have risen 15.2% in the past six months against the industrys 0.9% decline.

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Lockheed Martin (LMT) has been one of the most searched-for stocks on Zacks.com lately. So, you might want to look at some of the facts that could shape the stock's performance in the near term.

Over the past month, shares of this aerospace and defense company have returned -7%, compared to the Zacks S&P 500 composite's -2.7% change. During this period, the Zacks Aerospace - Defense industry, which Lockheed falls in, has lost 2.3%. The key question now is: What could be the stock's future direction?

Although media reports or rumors about a significant change in a company's business prospects usually cause its stock to trend and lead to an immediate price change, there are always certain fundamental factors that ultimately drive the buy-and-hold decision.

Here at Zacks, we prioritize appraising the change in the projection of a company's future earnings over anything else. That's because we believe the present value of its future stream of earnings is what determines the fair value for its stock.

We essentially look at how sell-side analysts covering the stock are revising their earnings estimates to reflect the impact of the latest business trends. And if earnings estimates go up for a company, the fair value for its stock goes up. A higher fair value than the current market price drives investors' interest in buying the stock, leading to its price moving higher. This is why empirical research shows a strong correlation between trends in earnings estimate revisions and near-term stock price movements.

Lockheed is expected to post earnings of \$6.58 per share for the current quarter, representing a year-over-year change of -16.7%. Over the last 30 days, the Zacks Consensus Estimate has changed +0.2%.

The consensus earnings estimate of \$26.68 for the current fiscal year indicates a year-over-year change of -4.1%. This estimate has changed -0.1% over the last 30 days.

For the next fiscal year, the consensus earnings estimate of \$28.03 indicates a change of +5.1% from what Lockheed is expected to report a year ago. Over the past month, the estimate has changed -0.1%.

With an impressive externally audited track record, our proprietary stock rating tool -- the Zacks Rank -- is a more conclusive indicator of a stock's near-term price performance, as it effectively harnesses the power of earnings estimate revisions. The size of the recent change in the consensus estimate, along with three other factors related to earnings estimates, has resulted in a Zacks Rank #3 (Hold) for Lockheed.

The chart below shows the evolution of the company's forward 12-month consensus EPS estimate: While earnings growth is arguably the most superior indicator of a company's financial health, nothing happens as such if a business isn't able to grow its revenues. After all, it's nearly impossible for a company to increase its earnings for an extended period without increasing its revenues. So, it's important to know a company's potential revenue growth.

For Lockheed, the consensus sales estimate for the current quarter of \$18.85 billion indicates a year-over-year change of -0.1%. For the current and next fiscal years, \$71.27 billion and \$74.17 billion estimates indicate +5.5% and +4.1% changes, respectively.

Lockheed reported revenues of \$17.1 billion in the last reported quarter, representing a year-over-year change of +1.3%. EPS of \$6.84 for the same period compares with \$6.77 a year ago.

Compared to the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$17.28 billion, the reported revenues represent a surprise of -1.05%. The EPS surprise was +5.72%.

The company beat consensus EPS estimates in each of the trailing four quarters. The company topped consensus revenue estimates three times over this period.

Without considering a stock's valuation, no investment decision can be efficient. In predicting a stock's future price performance, it's crucial to determine whether its current price correctly reflects the intrinsic value of the underlying business and the company's growth prospects.

Comparing the current value of a company's valuation multiples, such as its price-to-earnings (P/E), price-to-sales (P/S), and price-to-cash flow (P/CF), to its own historical values helps ascertain whether its stock is fairly valued, overvalued, or undervalued, whereas comparing the company relative to its peers on these parameters gives a good sense of how reasonable its stock price is.

The Zacks Value Style Score (part of the Zacks Style Scores system), which pays close attention to both traditional and unconventional valuation metrics to grade stocks from A to F (an An is better than a B; a B is better than a C; and so on), is pretty helpful in identifying whether a stock is overvalued, rightly valued, or temporarily undervalued.

Lockheed is graded B on this front, indicating that it is trading at a discount to its peers. Click here to see the values of some of the valuation metrics that have driven this grade.

The facts discussed here and much other information on Zacks.com might help determine whether or not it's worthwhile paying attention to the market buzz about Lockheed. However, its Zacks Rank #3 does suggest that it may perform in line with the broader market in the near term.

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Airbus SE EADSY secured a contract to provide logistics support and engineering services for the UH-72 Lakota helicopter. The award has been offered by the Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL.Valued at \$315 million, the contract is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2025. The majority of the work related to this deal will be carried out in Grand Prairie, TX.

As nations are upgrading their defense capabilities, expenditures on cutting-edge defense equipment and ammunition have been rising quickly. Increasing expenditures on military helicopters, which are essential for air combat operations, contribute to the rising defense expenditures. As a leading manufacturer of combat helicopters, Airbus has received a steady stream of orders from all over the world. More than 140 armed forces worldwide rely on Airbus for its expertise to produce high-quality multi-role helicopters. These copters are able to fulfill a wide range of operational

military roles, such as armed reconnaissance, utility, attack, naval, maritime and special operations. In particular, EADSYs UH-72 Lakota is a highly adaptable and reconfigurable helicopter capable of carrying out a wide range of tasks under a variety of climates and environments. Its missions are as diverse as its operational locations, encompassing training, general utility, search and rescue, reconnaissance, medical evacuation, disaster response, homeland security, counterdrug, command and control, and VIP transportation.

Amid rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, these combat-proven helicopters play a critical role in a country's security system. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 2.9% for the military helicopter market during the 2024-2030 period. Such growth opportunities offered by the aforementioned market should bode well for Airbus.EADSYs product portfolio consists of varied combat helicopters, such as the H125M, H160M, H175M, H215M, H225M, Tiger, NH90 and a few more. These enjoy solid demand in the global military helicopter market, with some 19,000 helicopters delivered across 150 nations.

Other defense companies that are expected to enjoy the perks of the expanding military helicopter market have been discussed below:Boeing BA: The companys helicopters are renowned for their leading-edge, relevant solutions that provide capacity. Boeings product portfolio includes combat helicopters and rotorcraft like the H-47 Chinook, AH-64 Apache, AH-6 Little Bird and V-22 Osprey.Boeing has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates an improvement of 21.9% from the 2024 estimated figure.Textron TXT: Its Bell business segment supplies advanced military helicopters and provides parts and support services to the U.S. Government and military customers outside the United States. Its portfolio of combat helicopters includes Bell 412M, Bell 429M, Bell 407M and Bell 505M. TXT boasts a long-term earnings growth rate of 10.1%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for TXTs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 7.4% from the 2024 estimated figure.Lockheed Martin LMT: Its Sikorsky business unit provides military and rotary-wing aircraft to all five branches of the U.S. armed forces, along with military services and commercial operators in 40 nations. Some of LMTs renowned products are Armed Black Hawk, CH-53K, MH-60R SEAHAWK, Raider X, S-97

Raider, S-70 BLACK Hawk, etc.Lockheed boasts a long-term earnings growth rate of 4.4%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for LMTs 2025 sales indicates an improvement of 3.9% from the 2024 estimated figure.

In the past six months, Airbus shares have risen 13.1% compared to the industrys fall of 1.7%.

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Lockheed Martin Corporations LMT Aeronautics business segment recently clinched a modification contract to support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft program. The award has been provided by the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD.

Valued at \$678.4 million, the contract is expected to be completed by December 2028. Per the terms of the deal, Lockheed will provide various material modification kits, special test and tooling equipment, and associated seed assets to support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft. The contract will serve the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and non-Department of Defense participants. The work related to this deal will be executed in Fort Worth, TX.

The F-35 program is widely recognized as the most advanced 5th-generation fighter jet, offering

unmatched mission readiness. With cutting-edge sensors and communication systems, the F-35 is designed to operate seamlessly across multiple domains. These exceptional features must have been driving significant demand for the F-35 jets. This jet programs demand trend can be gauged from the fact that since its launch, Lockheed has delivered 1,040 units as of Sept. 29, 2024.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, along with rapid technological advancements in combat jets, have led nations to increase their defense spending on combat-proven jets, which constitute an integral part of their defense structure. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 5.2% for the global military aviation market during the 2024-2030 period. Such strong market prospects drive growth opportunities for Lockheed Martin, backed by its robust portfolio of combat jets, including the F-16, F-22 and F-21 aircraft, in addition to the F-35 jet. Lockheed Martins total backlog was \$165.69 billion as of Sept. 29, 2024.

Other defense companies that are likely to benefit from the expanding global fighter aircraft market are discussed below:Northrop Grumman Corporation NOC: Northrop provides manned and unmanned air systems. It builds some of the worlds most advanced aircraft like the E-2C Hawkeye 2000, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-5 Tiger Fighter Jet and many more.Northrop has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 3.4%.Embraer ERJ: The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of the most advanced aircraft in the combat market, which includes the A-29 Super Tucano light attack and advanced trainer and the C-390 Millennium military multi-mission aircraft.The Zacks Consensus Estimate for ERJs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 18.3%. The company delivered an average earnings surprise of 127.28% in the last four quarters.The Boeing Company BA: Its Defense, Space & Security segment engages in the research, development, production and modification of manned and unmanned military aircraft. BAs product portfolio includes a range of combat-proven aircraft like the F/A-18 Super Hornet, P-8, C-17 Globemaster III, EA-18G and a few more.Boeing has a long-term earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 21.9%.

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(Reuters) - Lockheed Martin delivered a total of 110 F-35 fighter jets to the United States and its allies in 2024, the Bethesda, Maryland-based defense contractor said in a statement on Wednesday.

The delivery total achieves the higher end of the range of 75 to 110 jet deliveries CEO Jim Taiclet gave in an earnings call last summer.

Lockheed lifted its sales target in July after the Pentagon resumed taking F-35 deliveries following a

months-long pause on delays on its software upgrade. Lockheed has been upgrading the jets under the Technology Refresh 3, or TR-3 program, which gives the F-35 better displays and processing

power.

Lockheed's F-35 program contributes around 30% of the company's revenue.

"Lockheed Martin is fully committed to advancing and delivering unmatched air dominance solutions to the United States and our allies, helping to ensure America continues to own the skies," the

company said in a statement.

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(Reuters) -Apple's board of directors recommended investors vote against a shareholder

proposal to abolish the company's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs, according to a

proxy filing from the company.

The National Center for Public Policy, a conservative think tank, submitted a proposal that the

company consider abolishing its "Inclusion & Diversity program, policies, department and goals."

The proposal cited recent Supreme Court decisions, and made the argument that DEI poses

"litigation, reputational and financial risks to companies" and could make Apple more vulnerable to

lawsuits.

Apple responded that it had a well-established compliance program and the proposal was

unnecessary. It added that the shareholder proposal was an inappropriate attempt to micromanage

Apple's business strategy.

"Apple is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in recruiting, hiring, training, or

promoting on any basis protected by law", the iPhone maker said in the filing. The news was first

reported by TechCrunch.

Several major companies including Meta and Amazon are winding down diversity programs ahead

of Republican Donald Trump's return to the U.S. presidency as conservative opposition to such

initiatives grows louder.

Conservative groups have denounced DEI programs and threatened to sue companies over them,

emboldened by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2023 that struck down affirmative action in university

admissions decisions.

The changes show how some of America's biggest businesses have reacted to a larger

conservative backlash against diversity initiatives, which multiplied after widespread protests

following the police killings of George Floyd and other Black Americans in 2020.

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The lawyer for TikTok and its Chinese parent company ByteDance offered a warning during Supreme Court arguments over a law that would compel the sale of the short-video app or ban it in the United States: If Congress could do this to TikTok, it could come after other companies, too.

The law, which was the subject of arguments before the nine justices on Friday, sets a Jan. 19 deadline for ByteDance to sell the popular social media platform or face a ban on national security grounds. The companies have sought, at the very least, a delay in implementation of the law, which they say violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment protection against government abridgment of free speech.

Noel Francisco, representing TikTok and ByteDance, argued that Supreme Court endorsement of this law could enable statutes targeting other companies on similar grounds.

"AMC movie theaters used to be owned by a Chinese company. Under this theory, Congress could order AMC movie theaters to censor any movies that Congress doesn't like or promote any movies that Congress wanted," Francisco told the justices.

The justices signaled through their questions during the arguments that they were inclined to uphold the law, although some expressed serious concerns about its First Amendment implications.

TikTok is a platform used by about 170 million people in the United States, roughly half the country's population. Congress passed the measure last year with overwhelming bipartisan support, as lawmakers cited the risk of the Chinese government exploiting TikTok to spy on Americans and carry out covert influence operations.

Jeffrey Fisher, the lawyer representing TikTok content creators who also have challenged the law, noted during the Supreme Court arguments that Congress with this measure was focusing on TikTok and not major Chinese online retailers including Temu.

"Would a Congress (that is) really worried about these very dramatic risks leave out an e-commerce site like Temu that has 70 million Americans using it?" Fisher asked. "It's very curious why you just single out TikTok alone and not other companies with tens of millions of people having their own data taken, you know, in the process of engaging with those websites and equally, if not more, available to Chinese control."

Democratic President Joe Biden signed the measure into law and his administration is defending it in this case. The deadline for divestiture is just one day before Republican Donald Trump, who opposes the ban, takes office as Biden's successor.

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Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, arguing for the Biden administration in defending the law, said it was crucial that it take effect on Jan. 19 as scheduled in order to force ByteDance to act on divestiture.

"Foreign adversaries do not willingly give up their control over this mass communications channel in the United States," Prelogar said.

"When push comes to shove, and these restrictions take effect, I think it will fundamentally change the landscape with respect to what ByteDance is willing to consider. And it might be just the jolt that Congress expected the company would need to actually move forward with the divestiture process," Prelogar said.

If the ban takes affect on Jan. 19, Apple and Alphabet's Google would no longer be able to offer TikTok for downloads for new users but existing users could still access the app. The U.S.

government and TikTok agree that app would degrade and eventually become unusable over time because companies would not be able to offer supporting services.

The Supreme Court also debated whether the possibility of TikTok being used for covert influence campaigns or propaganda purposes by China justified the banning it.

"Look, everybody manipulates content," Francisco told the court. "There are lots of people who think CNN, Fox News, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times are manipulating their content. That is core protected speech."

Trump on Dec. 27 urged the court to put a hold on the Jan. 19 deadline to give his incoming administration "the opportunity to pursue a political resolution of the questions at issue in the case." Under the law, the U.S. president has the power to extend the Jan. 19 deadline for 90 days, but under circumstances that do not appear to apply to the current situation in which ByteDance has made no apparent effort to sell TikTok's U.S. assets. The law mandates that the president certify that significant progress has been made toward a sale, with binding legal agreements.

Regardless, Trump does not become president until after the deadline - though Francisco said "we might be in a different world" once Trump is back in the White House.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh asked Prelogar whether the president could "say that we're not going to enforce this law?"

"I think as a general matter, of course the president has enforcement discretion," Prelogar said.

"Again, that's one of the reasons why I think it makes perfect sense to issue a preliminary injunction here and simply buy everybody a little breathing space," Francisco said.

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Cooks compensation grew to \$74.6 million in 2024, compared with \$63.2 million the prior year, Apple said in its annual proxy filing on Friday. In addition to executive compensation, investors will vote on four outside proposal at the meeting on Feb. 25. The company opposed all of them.

The measure about Apples diversity, equity and inclusion, or DEI, efforts urged the company to consider abolishing the program because it may discriminate against employees and draw lawsuits. The company said the proposal was an inappropriate attempt to restrict Apples business operations

and that it already assesses legal and regulatory risks.

Cooks pay was made up of a \$3 million base salary, \$58.1 million in stock awards, and roughly \$13.5 million in additional compensation. The raise mostly comes from an increase in stock award value.

While Cooks pay is up significantly from last year, its still a far cry from his total compensation in 2022, which reached nearly \$100 million thanks to stock awards. His pay was cut at his discretion in 2023 after pushback from employees and shareholders.

Apples board of directors said it made no changes to the amount or structure of Mr. Cooks 2025 total target compensation.

Other executives, including Apples retail chief, former chief financial officer, chief operating officer and general counsel, all made more than \$27 million in 2024, representing slight increases from the prior year. Luca Maestri, the ex-CFO, was recently replaced as by Kevan Parekh.

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The clock is ticking for TikTok. The Chinese-owned video-sharing platform used by nearly half the country could disappear from U.S. app stores later this month under a new security law. On Friday, TikTok argued its case before the Supreme Court.

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Lockheed Martin Corp.s LMT business unit, Aeronautics, recently clinched a modification contract for the F-35 fighter aircraft. The award has been offered by the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD.

Valued at \$41.6 million, the contract is expected to be completed by March 2028. Per the terms of the deal, Lockheed will procure engineering, integration support, hardware, and installation support

for flight test instrumentation modifications to F-35 production aircraft.

The majority of work related to this deal will be carried out in Fort Worth, TX.

Global defense spending has surged as nations strengthen their military capabilities, driving demand for advanced weaponry like fighter jets, which are essential for air combat. This trend has significantly benefited Lockheed, a leading manufacturer of combat aircraft, through steady orders from the Pentagon and U.S. allies.

Lockheeds F-35 fighter jet, renowned as the most advanced fifth-generation aircraft, stands out for its mission readiness and cutting-edge technology. Equipped with advanced sensors and communication systems, the F-35 seamlessly connects air, land, sea, space and cyber domains, enhancing situational awareness.

These exceptional features have fueled strong demand for this jet. As of Sept. 30, 2024, Lockheed had delivered 1,040 F-35 aircraft since the program's inception. The recent contract win underscores the sustained popularity of the F-35 in the global combat jet market, further solidifying its position as a cornerstone of modern air defense systems.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, along with rapid technological advancements in combat jets, have led nations to increase their defense spending on combat-proven jets, which constitute an integral part of their defense structure.

This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 3.7% for the global fighter aircraft market during the 2024-2029 period.

Such strong market prospects drive growth opportunities for Lockheed, backed by its robust portfolio of combat jets, including the F-16, F-22 and F-21 aircraft, in addition to the F-35 jet.

Other defense companies that are likely to benefit from the expanding global fighter aircraft market are discussed below.

Northrop Grumman Corporation NOC: It is a leading provider of manned and unmanned air systems. It builds some of the worlds most advanced aircraft, such as the E-2C Hawkeye 2000, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-5 Tiger Fighter Jet and many more.

Northrop has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19%. The Zacks Consensus

Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates growth of 3.4% from the year-ago estimated figure.

Embraer ERJ: The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of the most advanced aircraft in the combat market, which includes the A-29 Super Tucano light attack and advanced trainer and the C-390 Millennium military multi-mission aircraft.

The Zacks Consensus Estimate for ERJs 2025 sales indicates growth of 18.3% from the prior-year estimated number. The stock boasts a solid average earnings surprise of 127.28% for the trailing four quarters.

Textron TXT: Its Textron Aviation Defense unit offers the largest and most successful flight training system in the world. Textron Aviation Defenses portfolio includes the Beechcraft AT-6E Wolverine jet, which covers a wide-mission spectrum including training, manned Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance as well as light precision attack.

Textron has a long-term earnings growth rate of 10.1%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for TXTs 2025 sales indicates growth of 7.4% from the year-ago estimated figure.

Shares of LMT have gained 1.7% in the past six months against the industrys 0.9% decline.

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RTX Corporations RTX unit, Raytheon, recently secured a \$333.3 million contract for facilitating the full-rate production of Standard Missile-6 (SM-6). RTX will also supply spares and a round design agent for SM-6 under this agreement.

The majority of the work related to this contract will be performed in Tucson, AZ, and Huntsville, AL. This contract is projected to be completed by October 2027. The award has been provided by the Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. This contract includes options that, if exercised, will bring the total value of the agreement to \$908.1 million.

With countries worldwide enhancing their defense capabilities, spending on advanced military arms and ammunition, including missiles and missile systems, has been rapidly increasing. RTX, as a prominent manufacturer of missile systems, has been benefiting from a steady flow of orders from the Pentagon and other U.S. allies. The recent contract is an example of that.RTX's SM-6 missile is an advanced and versatile defense system for naval ships. It can handle multiple missions, including defending against air attacks, surface threats and ballistic missiles, making it highly effective in protecting fleets. Its advanced design combines reliable technology to provide strong and cost-effective defense for the U.S. Navy and its allies. Such impressive features of this missile must have enabled the company to deliver more than 500 of SM-6 missiles to the U.S. Navy, which reflects the solid demand it enjoys in the missile market.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes have led nations to increase their focus on national security, particularly on missile defense systems in recent times, backed by the rapid development of advanced missile technologies over the last decade. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 5% for the global missiles and missile defense system market during the 2025-2030 period. Such massive growth projections offer a strategic advantage to RTX, which has a handful of combat-proven missiles in its product portfolio, like the TOW missile, Guidance Enhanced Missile, Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile, Tomahawk, Standard Missile 2 and a few more, in addition to the SM-6.

Other defense companies that are likely to enjoy the perks of the expanding missiles and missile

system market have been discussed below: Northrop Grumman NOC: Northrop Grumman provides high-speed, long-range strike weapons like the AARGM-ER, which is a supersonic, air-launched tactical missile system. It also develops and builds advanced missile defense technology, ranging from command systems to directed energy weapons, advanced munitions and powerful sensors. The companys long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate is 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 3.4%. The Boeing Company BA: It manufactures various missile defense systems, including the Ground-based Midcourse Defense, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense and Avenger. Boeing-built and supported air and missile defense systems have been protecting its customers for nearly 25 years against threats ranging from intercontinental ballistic missiles to hostile aircraft. The company has a long-term earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 22.1%.Lockheed Martin LMT: Lockheed Martins missile defense program includes the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 and Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense air and missile defense programs. It also manufactures the Multiple Launch Rocket System, the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile and Javelin tactical missile programs alongside other tactical missiles. The company has a long-term earnings growth rate of 4.4%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for LMTs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 4.1%.

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Lockheed Martin (LMT) has been one of the most searched-for stocks on Zacks.com lately. So, you might want to look at some of the facts that could shape the stock's performance in the near term.

Over the past month, shares of this aerospace and defense company have returned -7%, compared to the Zacks S&P 500 composite's -2.7% change. During this period, the Zacks Aerospace - Defense industry, which Lockheed falls in, has lost 2.3%. The key question now is: What could be the stock's future direction?

Although media reports or rumors about a significant change in a company's business prospects usually cause its stock to trend and lead to an immediate price change, there are always certain fundamental factors that ultimately drive the buy-and-hold decision.

Here at Zacks, we prioritize appraising the change in the projection of a company's future earnings over anything else. That's because we believe the present value of its future stream of earnings is what determines the fair value for its stock.

We essentially look at how sell-side analysts covering the stock are revising their earnings estimates to reflect the impact of the latest business trends. And if earnings estimates go up for a company, the fair value for its stock goes up. A higher fair value than the current market price drives investors' interest in buying the stock, leading to its price moving higher. This is why empirical research shows a strong correlation between trends in earnings estimate revisions and near-term stock price movements.

Lockheed is expected to post earnings of \$6.58 per share for the current quarter, representing a year-over-year change of -16.7%. Over the last 30 days, the Zacks Consensus Estimate has changed +0.2%.

The consensus earnings estimate of \$26.68 for the current fiscal year indicates a year-over-year

change of -4.1%. This estimate has changed -0.1% over the last 30 days.

For the next fiscal year, the consensus earnings estimate of \$28.03 indicates a change of +5.1% from what Lockheed is expected to report a year ago. Over the past month, the estimate has changed -0.1%.

With an impressive externally audited track record, our proprietary stock rating tool -- the Zacks Rank -- is a more conclusive indicator of a stock's near-term price performance, as it effectively harnesses the power of earnings estimate revisions. The size of the recent change in the consensus estimate, along with three other factors related to earnings estimates, has resulted in a Zacks Rank #3 (Hold) for Lockheed.

The chart below shows the evolution of the company's forward 12-month consensus EPS estimate: While earnings growth is arguably the most superior indicator of a company's financial health, nothing happens as such if a business isn't able to grow its revenues. After all, it's nearly impossible for a company to increase its earnings for an extended period without increasing its revenues. So, it's important to know a company's potential revenue growth.

For Lockheed, the consensus sales estimate for the current quarter of \$18.85 billion indicates a year-over-year change of -0.1%. For the current and next fiscal years, \$71.27 billion and \$74.17 billion estimates indicate +5.5% and +4.1% changes, respectively.

Lockheed reported revenues of \$17.1 billion in the last reported quarter, representing a year-over-year change of +1.3%. EPS of \$6.84 for the same period compares with \$6.77 a year ago.

Compared to the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$17.28 billion, the reported revenues represent a surprise of -1.05%. The EPS surprise was +5.72%.

The company beat consensus EPS estimates in each of the trailing four quarters. The company topped consensus revenue estimates three times over this period.

Without considering a stock's valuation, no investment decision can be efficient. In predicting a stock's future price performance, it's crucial to determine whether its current price correctly reflects the intrinsic value of the underlying business and the company's growth prospects.

Comparing the current value of a company's valuation multiples, such as its price-to-earnings (P/E), price-to-sales (P/S), and price-to-cash flow (P/CF), to its own historical values helps ascertain whether its stock is fairly valued, overvalued, or undervalued, whereas comparing the company relative to its peers on these parameters gives a good sense of how reasonable its stock price is.

The Zacks Value Style Score (part of the Zacks Style Scores system), which pays close attention to both traditional and unconventional valuation metrics to grade stocks from A to F (an An is better than a B; a B is better than a C; and so on), is pretty helpful in identifying whether a stock is overvalued, rightly valued, or temporarily undervalued.

Lockheed is graded B on this front, indicating that it is trading at a discount to its peers. Click here to see the values of some of the valuation metrics that have driven this grade.

The facts discussed here and much other information on Zacks.com might help determine whether or not it's worthwhile paying attention to the market buzz about Lockheed. However, its Zacks Rank #3 does suggest that it may perform in line with the broader market in the near term.

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Airbus SE EADSY secured a contract to provide logistics support and engineering services for the UH-72 Lakota helicopter. The award has been offered by the Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL.Valued at \$315 million, the contract is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2025. The majority of the work related to this deal will be carried out in Grand Prairie, TX.

As nations are upgrading their defense capabilities, expenditures on cutting-edge defense equipment and ammunition have been rising quickly. Increasing expenditures on military helicopters,

which are essential for air combat operations, contribute to the rising defense expenditures. As a leading manufacturer of combat helicopters, Airbus has received a steady stream of orders from all over the world. More than 140 armed forces worldwide rely on Airbus for its expertise to produce high-quality multi-role helicopters. These copters are able to fulfill a wide range of operational military roles, such as armed reconnaissance, utility, attack, naval, maritime and special operations. In particular, EADSYs UH-72 Lakota is a highly adaptable and reconfigurable helicopter capable of carrying out a wide range of tasks under a variety of climates and environments. Its missions are as diverse as its operational locations, encompassing training, general utility, search and rescue, reconnaissance, medical evacuation, disaster response, homeland security, counterdrug, command and control, and VIP transportation.

Amid rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, these combat-proven helicopters play a critical role in a country's security system. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 2.9% for the military helicopter market during the 2024-2030 period. Such growth opportunities offered by the aforementioned market should bode well for Airbus.EADSYs product portfolio consists of varied combat helicopters, such as the H125M, H160M, H175M, H215M, H225M, Tiger, NH90 and a few more. These enjoy solid demand in the global military helicopter market, with some 19,000 helicopters delivered across 150 nations.

Other defense companies that are expected to enjoy the perks of the expanding military helicopter market have been discussed below:Boeing BA: The companys helicopters are renowned for their leading-edge, relevant solutions that provide capacity. Boeings product portfolio includes combat helicopters and rotorcraft like the H-47 Chinook, AH-64 Apache, AH-6 Little Bird and V-22 Osprey.Boeing has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates an improvement of 21.9% from the 2024 estimated figure.Textron TXT: Its Bell business segment supplies advanced military helicopters and provides parts and support services to the U.S. Government and military customers outside the United States. Its portfolio of combat helicopters includes Bell 412M, Bell 429M, Bell 407M and Bell 505M. TXT boasts a long-term earnings growth rate of 10.1%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for

TXTs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 7.4% from the 2024 estimated figure.Lockheed Martin LMT: Its Sikorsky business unit provides military and rotary-wing aircraft to all five branches of the U.S. armed forces, along with military services and commercial operators in 40 nations. Some of LMTs renowned products are Armed Black Hawk, CH-53K, MH-60R SEAHAWK, Raider X, S-97 Raider, S-70 BLACK Hawk, etc.Lockheed boasts a long-term earnings growth rate of 4.4%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for LMTs 2025 sales indicates an improvement of 3.9% from the 2024 estimated figure.

In the past six months, Airbus shares have risen 13.1% compared to the industrys fall of 1.7%.

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Lockheed Martin Corporations LMT Aeronautics business segment recently clinched a modification contract to support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft program. The award has been provided by the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD.

Valued at \$678.4 million, the contract is expected to be completed by December 2028. Per the terms of the deal, Lockheed will provide various material modification kits, special test and tooling

equipment, and associated seed assets to support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft. The contract will serve the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and non-Department of Defense participants. The work related to this deal will be executed in Fort Worth, TX.

The F-35 program is widely recognized as the most advanced 5th-generation fighter jet, offering unmatched mission readiness. With cutting-edge sensors and communication systems, the F-35 is designed to operate seamlessly across multiple domains. These exceptional features must have been driving significant demand for the F-35 jets. This jet programs demand trend can be gauged from the fact that since its launch, Lockheed has delivered 1,040 units as of Sept. 29, 2024.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, along with rapid technological advancements in combat jets, have led nations to increase their defense spending on combat-proven jets, which constitute an integral part of their defense structure. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 5.2% for the global military aviation market during the 2024-2030 period. Such strong market prospects drive growth opportunities for Lockheed Martin, backed by its robust portfolio of combat jets, including the F-16, F-22 and F-21 aircraft, in addition to the F-35 jet. Lockheed Martins total backlog was \$165.69 billion as of Sept. 29, 2024.

Other defense companies that are likely to benefit from the expanding global fighter aircraft market are discussed below:Northrop Grumman Corporation NOC: Northrop provides manned and unmanned air systems. It builds some of the worlds most advanced aircraft like the E-2C Hawkeye 2000, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-5 Tiger Fighter Jet and many more.Northrop has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 3.4%.Embraer ERJ: The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of the most advanced aircraft in the combat market, which includes the A-29 Super Tucano light attack and advanced trainer and the C-390 Millennium military multi-mission aircraft.The Zacks Consensus Estimate for ERJs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 18.3%. The company delivered an average earnings surprise of 127.28% in the last four quarters.The Boeing Company BA: Its Defense, Space & Security segment engages in the research, development, production and

modification of manned and unmanned military aircraft. BAs product portfolio includes a range of combat-proven aircraft like the F/A-18 Super Hornet, P-8, C-17 Globemaster III, EA-18G and a few more. Boeing has a long-term earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 21.9%.

Shares of LMT have risen 2.9% in the past six months against the industrys 1% decline.

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(Reuters) - Lockheed Martin delivered a total of 110 F-35 fighter jets to the United States and its allies in 2024, the Bethesda, Maryland-based defense contractor said in a statement on

Wednesday.

The delivery total achieves the higher end of the range of 75 to 110 jet deliveries CEO Jim Taiclet

gave in an earnings call last summer.

Lockheed lifted its sales target in July after the Pentagon resumed taking F-35 deliveries following a

months-long pause on delays on its software upgrade. Lockheed has been upgrading the jets under

the Technology Refresh 3, or TR-3 program, which gives the F-35 better displays and processing

power.

Lockheed's F-35 program contributes around 30% of the company's revenue.

"Lockheed Martin is fully committed to advancing and delivering unmatched air dominance solutions

to the United States and our allies, helping to ensure America continues to own the skies," the

company said in a statement.

(Reporting by Ryan Patrick Jones and Mike Stone; editing by Diane Craft)

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(Reuters) -Apple's board of directors recommended investors vote against a shareholder

proposal to abolish the company's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs, according to a

proxy filing from the company.

The National Center for Public Policy, a conservative think tank, submitted a proposal that the

company consider abolishing its "Inclusion & Diversity program, policies, department and goals."

The proposal cited recent Supreme Court decisions, and made the argument that DEI poses

"litigation, reputational and financial risks to companies" and could make Apple more vulnerable to

lawsuits.

Apple responded that it had a well-established compliance program and the proposal was

unnecessary. It added that the shareholder proposal was an inappropriate attempt to micromanage

Apple's business strategy.

"Apple is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in recruiting, hiring, training, or

promoting on any basis protected by law", the iPhone maker said in the filing. The news was first

reported by TechCrunch.

Several major companies including Meta and Amazon are winding down diversity programs ahead

of Republican Donald Trump's return to the U.S. presidency as conservative opposition to such

initiatives grows louder.

Conservative groups have denounced DEI programs and threatened to sue companies over them,

emboldened by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2023 that struck down affirmative action in university admissions decisions.

The changes show how some of America's biggest businesses have reacted to a larger conservative backlash against diversity initiatives, which multiplied after widespread protests following the police killings of George Floyd and other Black Americans in 2020.

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) -The lawyer for TikTok and its Chinese parent company ByteDance

offered a warning during Supreme Court arguments over a law that would compel the sale of the

short-video app or ban it in the United States: If Congress could do this to TikTok, it could come after other companies, too.

The law, which was the subject of arguments before the nine justices on Friday, sets a Jan. 19 deadline for ByteDance to sell the popular social media platform or face a ban on national security grounds. The companies have sought, at the very least, a delay in implementation of the law, which they say violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment protection against government abridgment of free speech.

Noel Francisco, representing TikTok and ByteDance, argued that Supreme Court endorsement of this law could enable statutes targeting other companies on similar grounds.

"AMC movie theaters used to be owned by a Chinese company. Under this theory, Congress could order AMC movie theaters to censor any movies that Congress doesn't like or promote any movies that Congress wanted," Francisco told the justices.

The justices signaled through their questions during the arguments that they were inclined to uphold the law, although some expressed serious concerns about its First Amendment implications.

TikTok is a platform used by about 170 million people in the United States, roughly half the country's population. Congress passed the measure last year with overwhelming bipartisan support, as lawmakers cited the risk of the Chinese government exploiting TikTok to spy on Americans and carry out covert influence operations.

Jeffrey Fisher, the lawyer representing TikTok content creators who also have challenged the law, noted during the Supreme Court arguments that Congress with this measure was focusing on TikTok and not major Chinese online retailers including Temu.

"Would a Congress (that is) really worried about these very dramatic risks leave out an e-commerce site like Temu that has 70 million Americans using it?" Fisher asked. "It's very curious why you just single out TikTok alone and not other companies with tens of millions of people having their own data taken, you know, in the process of engaging with those websites and equally, if not more, available to Chinese control."

Democratic President Joe Biden signed the measure into law and his administration is defending it

in this case. The deadline for divestiture is just one day before Republican Donald Trump, who opposes the ban, takes office as Biden's successor.

'FOREIGN ADVERSARIES'

Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, arguing for the Biden administration in defending the law, said it was crucial that it take effect on Jan. 19 as scheduled in order to force ByteDance to act on divestiture.

"Foreign adversaries do not willingly give up their control over this mass communications channel in the United States," Prelogar said.

"When push comes to shove, and these restrictions take effect, I think it will fundamentally change the landscape with respect to what ByteDance is willing to consider. And it might be just the jolt that Congress expected the company would need to actually move forward with the divestiture process," Prelogar said.

If the ban takes affect on Jan. 19, Apple and Alphabet's Google would no longer be able to offer TikTok for downloads for new users but existing users could still access the app. The U.S. government and TikTok agree that app would degrade and eventually become unusable over time because companies would not be able to offer supporting services.

The Supreme Court also debated whether the possibility of TikTok being used for covert influence campaigns or propaganda purposes by China justified the banning it.

"Look, everybody manipulates content," Francisco told the court. "There are lots of people who think CNN, Fox News, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times are manipulating their content. That is core protected speech."

Trump on Dec. 27 urged the court to put a hold on the Jan. 19 deadline to give his incoming administration "the opportunity to pursue a political resolution of the questions at issue in the case." Under the law, the U.S. president has the power to extend the Jan. 19 deadline for 90 days, but under circumstances that do not appear to apply to the current situation in which ByteDance has made no apparent effort to sell TikTok's U.S. assets. The law mandates that the president certify that significant progress has been made toward a sale, with binding legal agreements.

Regardless, Trump does not become president until after the deadline - though Francisco said "we might be in a different world" once Trump is back in the White House.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh asked Prelogar whether the president could "say that we're not going to enforce this law?"

"I think as a general matter, of course the president has enforcement discretion," Prelogar said.

"Again, that's one of the reasons why I think it makes perfect sense to issue a preliminary injunction here and simply buy everybody a little breathing space," Francisco said.

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Cooks compensation grew to \$74.6 million in 2024, compared with \$63.2 million the prior year, Apple said in its annual proxy filing on Friday. In addition to executive compensation, investors will vote on four outside proposal at the meeting on Feb. 25. The company opposed all of them.

The measure about Apples diversity, equity and inclusion, or DEI, efforts urged the company to

consider abolishing the program because it may discriminate against employees and draw lawsuits.

The company said the proposal was an inappropriate attempt to restrict Apples business operations and that it already assesses legal and regulatory risks.

Cooks pay was made up of a \$3 million base salary, \$58.1 million in stock awards, and roughly \$13.5 million in additional compensation. The raise mostly comes from an increase in stock award value.

While Cooks pay is up significantly from last year, its still a far cry from his total compensation in 2022, which reached nearly \$100 million thanks to stock awards. His pay was cut at his discretion in 2023 after pushback from employees and shareholders.

Apples board of directors said it made no changes to the amount or structure of Mr. Cooks 2025 total target compensation.

Other executives, including Apples retail chief, former chief financial officer, chief operating officer and general counsel, all made more than \$27 million in 2024, representing slight increases from the prior year. Luca Maestri, the ex-CFO, was recently replaced as by Kevan Parekh.

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The clock is ticking for TikTok. The Chinese-owned video-sharing platform used by nearly half the

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Lockheed Martin Corp.s LMT business unit, Aeronautics, recently clinched a modification contract for the F-35 fighter aircraft. The award has been offered by the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD.

Valued at \$41.6 million, the contract is expected to be completed by March 2028. Per the terms of the deal, Lockheed will procure engineering, integration support, hardware, and installation support for flight test instrumentation modifications to F-35 production aircraft.

The majority of work related to this deal will be carried out in Fort Worth, TX.

Global defense spending has surged as nations strengthen their military capabilities, driving demand

for advanced weaponry like fighter jets, which are essential for air combat. This trend has significantly benefited Lockheed, a leading manufacturer of combat aircraft, through steady orders from the Pentagon and U.S. allies.

Lockheeds F-35 fighter jet, renowned as the most advanced fifth-generation aircraft, stands out for its mission readiness and cutting-edge technology. Equipped with advanced sensors and communication systems, the F-35 seamlessly connects air, land, sea, space and cyber domains, enhancing situational awareness.

These exceptional features have fueled strong demand for this jet. As of Sept. 30, 2024, Lockheed had delivered 1,040 F-35 aircraft since the program's inception. The recent contract win underscores the sustained popularity of the F-35 in the global combat jet market, further solidifying its position as a cornerstone of modern air defense systems.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, along with rapid technological advancements in combat jets, have led nations to increase their defense spending on combat-proven jets, which constitute an integral part of their defense structure.

This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 3.7% for the global fighter aircraft market during the 2024-2029 period.

Such strong market prospects drive growth opportunities for Lockheed, backed by its robust portfolio of combat jets, including the F-16, F-22 and F-21 aircraft, in addition to the F-35 jet.

Other defense companies that are likely to benefit from the expanding global fighter aircraft market are discussed below.

Northrop Grumman Corporation NOC: It is a leading provider of manned and unmanned air systems. It builds some of the worlds most advanced aircraft, such as the E-2C Hawkeye 2000, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-5 Tiger Fighter Jet and many more.

Northrop has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates growth of 3.4% from the year-ago estimated figure.

Embraer ERJ: The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of the most advanced aircraft in the combat market, which includes the A-29 Super Tucano light attack and advanced trainer and the

C-390 Millennium military multi-mission aircraft.

The Zacks Consensus Estimate for ERJs 2025 sales indicates growth of 18.3% from the prior-year estimated number. The stock boasts a solid average earnings surprise of 127.28% for the trailing four quarters.

Textron TXT: Its Textron Aviation Defense unit offers the largest and most successful flight training system in the world. Textron Aviation Defenses portfolio includes the Beechcraft AT-6E Wolverine jet, which covers a wide-mission spectrum including training, manned Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance as well as light precision attack.

Textron has a long-term earnings growth rate of 10.1%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for TXTs 2025 sales indicates growth of 7.4% from the year-ago estimated figure.

Shares of LMT have gained 1.7% in the past six months against the industrys 0.9% decline.

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RTX Corporations RTX unit, Raytheon, recently secured a \$333.3 million contract for facilitating the full-rate production of Standard Missile-6 (SM-6). RTX will also supply spares and a round design

agent for SM-6 under this agreement.

The majority of the work related to this contract will be performed in Tucson, AZ, and Huntsville, AL. This contract is projected to be completed by October 2027. The award has been provided by the Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. This contract includes options that, if exercised, will bring the total value of the agreement to \$908.1 million.

With countries worldwide enhancing their defense capabilities, spending on advanced military arms and ammunition, including missiles and missile systems, has been rapidly increasing. RTX, as a prominent manufacturer of missile systems, has been benefiting from a steady flow of orders from the Pentagon and other U.S. allies. The recent contract is an example of that.RTX's SM-6 missile is an advanced and versatile defense system for naval ships. It can handle multiple missions, including defending against air attacks, surface threats and ballistic missiles, making it highly effective in protecting fleets. Its advanced design combines reliable technology to provide strong and cost-effective defense for the U.S. Navy and its allies. Such impressive features of this missile must have enabled the company to deliver more than 500 of SM-6 missiles to the U.S. Navy, which reflects the solid demand it enjoys in the missile market.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes have led nations to increase their focus on national security, particularly on missile defense systems in recent times, backed by the rapid development of advanced missile technologies over the last decade. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 5% for the global missiles and missile defense system market during the 2025-2030 period. Such massive growth projections offer a strategic advantage to RTX, which has a handful of combat-proven missiles in its product portfolio, like the TOW missile, Guidance Enhanced Missile, Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile, Tomahawk, Standard Missile 2 and a few more, in addition to the SM-6.

Other defense companies that are likely to enjoy the perks of the expanding missiles and missile system market have been discussed below:Northrop Grumman NOC: Northrop Grumman provides high-speed, long-range strike weapons like the AARGM-ER, which is a supersonic, air-launched tactical missile system. It also develops and builds advanced missile defense technology, ranging

from command systems to directed energy weapons, advanced munitions and powerful sensors. The companys long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate is 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 3.4%. The Boeing Company BA: It manufactures various missile defense systems, including the Ground-based Midcourse Defense, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense and Avenger. Boeing-built and supported air and missile defense systems have been protecting its customers for nearly 25 years against threats ranging from intercontinental ballistic missiles to hostile aircraft. The company has a long-term earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 22.1%. Lockheed Martin LMT: Lockheed Martins missile defense program includes the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 and Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense air and missile defense programs. It also manufactures the Multiple Launch Rocket System, the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile and Javelin tactical missile programs alongside other tactical missiles. The company has a long-term earnings growth rate of 4.4%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for LMTs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 4.1%.

RTX shares have risen 15.2% in the past six months against the industrys 0.9% decline.

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Lockheed Martin (LMT) has been one of the most searched-for stocks on Zacks.com lately. So, you might want to look at some of the facts that could shape the stock's performance in the near term.

Over the past month, shares of this aerospace and defense company have returned -7%, compared to the Zacks S&P 500 composite's -2.7% change. During this period, the Zacks Aerospace - Defense industry, which Lockheed falls in, has lost 2.3%. The key question now is: What could be the stock's future direction?

Although media reports or rumors about a significant change in a company's business prospects usually cause its stock to trend and lead to an immediate price change, there are always certain fundamental factors that ultimately drive the buy-and-hold decision.

Here at Zacks, we prioritize appraising the change in the projection of a company's future earnings over anything else. That's because we believe the present value of its future stream of earnings is what determines the fair value for its stock.

We essentially look at how sell-side analysts covering the stock are revising their earnings estimates to reflect the impact of the latest business trends. And if earnings estimates go up for a company, the fair value for its stock goes up. A higher fair value than the current market price drives investors' interest in buying the stock, leading to its price moving higher. This is why empirical research shows a strong correlation between trends in earnings estimate revisions and near-term stock price movements.

Lockheed is expected to post earnings of \$6.58 per share for the current quarter, representing a year-over-year change of -16.7%. Over the last 30 days, the Zacks Consensus Estimate has changed +0.2%.

The consensus earnings estimate of \$26.68 for the current fiscal year indicates a year-over-year change of -4.1%. This estimate has changed -0.1% over the last 30 days.

For the next fiscal year, the consensus earnings estimate of \$28.03 indicates a change of +5.1% from what Lockheed is expected to report a year ago. Over the past month, the estimate has

changed -0.1%.

With an impressive externally audited track record, our proprietary stock rating tool -- the Zacks Rank -- is a more conclusive indicator of a stock's near-term price performance, as it effectively harnesses the power of earnings estimate revisions. The size of the recent change in the consensus estimate, along with three other factors related to earnings estimates, has resulted in a Zacks Rank #3 (Hold) for Lockheed.

The chart below shows the evolution of the company's forward 12-month consensus EPS estimate: While earnings growth is arguably the most superior indicator of a company's financial health, nothing happens as such if a business isn't able to grow its revenues. After all, it's nearly impossible for a company to increase its earnings for an extended period without increasing its revenues. So, it's important to know a company's potential revenue growth.

For Lockheed, the consensus sales estimate for the current quarter of \$18.85 billion indicates a year-over-year change of -0.1%. For the current and next fiscal years, \$71.27 billion and \$74.17 billion estimates indicate +5.5% and +4.1% changes, respectively.

Lockheed reported revenues of \$17.1 billion in the last reported quarter, representing a year-over-year change of +1.3%. EPS of \$6.84 for the same period compares with \$6.77 a year ago.

Compared to the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$17.28 billion, the reported revenues represent a surprise of -1.05%. The EPS surprise was +5.72%.

The company beat consensus EPS estimates in each of the trailing four quarters. The company topped consensus revenue estimates three times over this period.

Without considering a stock's valuation, no investment decision can be efficient. In predicting a stock's future price performance, it's crucial to determine whether its current price correctly reflects the intrinsic value of the underlying business and the company's growth prospects.

Comparing the current value of a company's valuation multiples, such as its price-to-earnings (P/E), price-to-sales (P/S), and price-to-cash flow (P/CF), to its own historical values helps ascertain whether its stock is fairly valued, overvalued, or undervalued, whereas comparing the company

relative to its peers on these parameters gives a good sense of how reasonable its stock price is.

The Zacks Value Style Score (part of the Zacks Style Scores system), which pays close attention to both traditional and unconventional valuation metrics to grade stocks from A to F (an An is better than a B; a B is better than a C; and so on), is pretty helpful in identifying whether a stock is overvalued, rightly valued, or temporarily undervalued.

Lockheed is graded B on this front, indicating that it is trading at a discount to its peers. Click here to see the values of some of the valuation metrics that have driven this grade.

The facts discussed here and much other information on Zacks.com might help determine whether or not it's worthwhile paying attention to the market buzz about Lockheed. However, its Zacks Rank #3 does suggest that it may perform in line with the broader market in the near term.

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Airbus SE EADSY secured a contract to provide logistics support and engineering services for the UH-72 Lakota helicopter. The award has been offered by the Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL.Valued at \$315 million, the contract is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2025. The majority of the work related to this deal will be carried out in Grand Prairie, TX.

As nations are upgrading their defense capabilities, expenditures on cutting-edge defense equipment and ammunition have been rising quickly. Increasing expenditures on military helicopters, which are essential for air combat operations, contribute to the rising defense expenditures. As a leading manufacturer of combat helicopters, Airbus has received a steady stream of orders from all over the world. More than 140 armed forces worldwide rely on Airbus for its expertise to produce

high-quality multi-role helicopters. These copters are able to fulfill a wide range of operational military roles, such as armed reconnaissance, utility, attack, naval, maritime and special operations. In particular, EADSYs UH-72 Lakota is a highly adaptable and reconfigurable helicopter capable of carrying out a wide range of tasks under a variety of climates and environments. Its missions are as diverse as its operational locations, encompassing training, general utility, search and rescue, reconnaissance, medical evacuation, disaster response, homeland security, counterdrug, command and control, and VIP transportation.

Amid rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, these combat-proven helicopters play a critical role in a country's security system. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 2.9% for the military helicopter market during the 2024-2030 period. Such growth opportunities offered by the aforementioned market should bode well for Airbus.EADSYs product portfolio consists of varied combat helicopters, such as the H125M, H160M, H175M, H215M, H225M, Tiger, NH90 and a few more. These enjoy solid demand in the global military helicopter market, with some 19,000 helicopters delivered across 150 nations.

Other defense companies that are expected to enjoy the perks of the expanding military helicopter market have been discussed below:Boeing BA: The companys helicopters are renowned for their leading-edge, relevant solutions that provide capacity. Boeings product portfolio includes combat helicopters and rotorcraft like the H-47 Chinook, AH-64 Apache, AH-6 Little Bird and V-22 Osprey.Boeing has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for BAs 2025 sales indicates an improvement of 21.9% from the 2024 estimated figure.Textron TXT: Its Bell business segment supplies advanced military helicopters and provides parts and support services to the U.S. Government and military customers outside the United States. Its portfolio of combat helicopters includes Bell 412M, Bell 429M, Bell 407M and Bell 505M. TXT boasts a long-term earnings growth rate of 10.1%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for TXTs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 7.4% from the 2024 estimated figure.Lockheed Martin LMT: Its Sikorsky business unit provides military and rotary-wing aircraft to all five branches of the U.S. armed forces, along with military services and commercial operators in 40 nations. Some

of LMTs renowned products are Armed Black Hawk, CH-53K, MH-60R SEAHAWK, Raider X, S-97 Raider, S-70 BLACK Hawk, etc.Lockheed boasts a long-term earnings growth rate of 4.4%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for LMTs 2025 sales indicates an improvement of 3.9% from the 2024 estimated figure.

In the past six months, Airbus shares have risen 13.1% compared to the industrys fall of 1.7%.

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Lockheed Martin Corporations LMT Aeronautics business segment recently clinched a modification contract to support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft program. The award has been provided by the Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, MD.

Valued at \$678.4 million, the contract is expected to be completed by December 2028. Per the terms of the deal, Lockheed will provide various material modification kits, special test and tooling equipment, and associated seed assets to support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft. The contract will serve the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and non-Department of Defense participants. The work related to this deal will be executed in Fort Worth, TX.

The F-35 program is widely recognized as the most advanced 5th-generation fighter jet, offering unmatched mission readiness. With cutting-edge sensors and communication systems, the F-35 is designed to operate seamlessly across multiple domains. These exceptional features must have been driving significant demand for the F-35 jets. This jet programs demand trend can be gauged from the fact that since its launch, Lockheed has delivered 1,040 units as of Sept. 29, 2024.

Rising military conflicts, terrorism and border disputes, along with rapid technological advancements in combat jets, have led nations to increase their defense spending on combat-proven jets, which constitute an integral part of their defense structure. This is likely to have prompted the Mordor Intelligence firm to forecast a compound annual growth rate of 5.2% for the global military aviation market during the 2024-2030 period. Such strong market prospects drive growth opportunities for Lockheed Martin, backed by its robust portfolio of combat jets, including the F-16, F-22 and F-21 aircraft, in addition to the F-35 jet. Lockheed Martins total backlog was \$165.69 billion as of Sept. 29, 2024.

Other defense companies that are likely to benefit from the expanding global fighter aircraft market are discussed below:Northrop Grumman Corporation NOC: Northrop provides manned and unmanned air systems. It builds some of the worlds most advanced aircraft like the E-2C Hawkeye 2000, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-5 Tiger Fighter Jet and many more.Northrop has a long-term (three to five years) earnings growth rate of 19%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for NOCs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 3.4%.Embraer ERJ: The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of the most advanced aircraft in the combat market, which includes the A-29 Super Tucano light attack and advanced trainer and the C-390 Millennium military multi-mission aircraft.The Zacks Consensus Estimate for ERJs 2025 sales indicates year-over-year growth of 18.3%. The company delivered an average earnings surprise of 127.28% in the last four quarters.The Boeing Company BA: Its Defense, Space & Security segment engages in the research, development, production and modification of manned and unmanned military aircraft. BAs product portfolio includes a range of combat-proven aircraft like the F/A-18 Super Hornet, P-8, C-17 Globemaster III, EA-18G and a few more.Boeing has a long-term earnings growth rate of 19.3%. The Zacks Consensus Estimate for

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(Reuters) - Lockheed Martin delivered a total of 110 F-35 fighter jets to the United States and its allies in 2024, the Bethesda, Maryland-based defense contractor said in a statement on Wednesday.

The delivery total achieves the higher end of the range of 75 to 110 jet deliveries CEO Jim Taiclet gave in an earnings call last summer.

Lockheed lifted its sales target in July after the Pentagon resumed taking F-35 deliveries following a

months-long pause on delays on its software upgrade. Lockheed has been upgrading the jets under

the Technology Refresh 3, or TR-3 program, which gives the F-35 better displays and processing

power.

Lockheed's F-35 program contributes around 30% of the company's revenue.

"Lockheed Martin is fully committed to advancing and delivering unmatched air dominance solutions

to the United States and our allies, helping to ensure America continues to own the skies," the

company said in a statement.

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