

HP Inc (HP) is an information technology company that offers a wide range of products, technologies, software, solutions and services. The company's product portfolio includes personal computing and other access devices; imaging- and printing-related products and services; enterprise IT infrastructure; and multi-vendor customer services. HP provides commercial and industrial solutions to print service providers and packaging converters. It also delivers printing products and solutions for homes, home businesses and micro businesses. HP offers its products to individual consumers, small and medium-sized businesses and large enterprises, including customers in the government, health and education sectors. The company has operations across the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia-Pacific. HP is headquartered in Palo Alto, California, the US.

Appendix A

| HP's Consolidated Balance She | et | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Consolidated Balance Sheets - USD (\$) \$ in Millions | Oct. 31, 2021 | Oct. 31, 2020 | Oct. 31, 2019 |
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 4,299 | \$ 4,864 | \$ 4,533 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 5,511 | 5,381 | 6,03 |
| Inventory | 7,930 | 5,963 | 5,73 |
| Other current assets | 4,430 | 4,440 | 3,87 |
| Total current assets | 22,170 | 20648 | 2017 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 2,546 | 2627 | 279 |
| Goodwill | 6,803 | 6380 | 637 |
| Other non-current assets | 7,091 | 5026 | 4124 |
| Total assets | 38,610 | 34681 | 3346 |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Notes payable and short-term borrowings | 1,106 | 674 | 35 |
| Accounts payable | 16,075 | 14704 | 1479 |
| Other current liabilities | 11,915 | 10842 | 1014 |
| Total current liabilities | 29,096 | 26220 | 2529 |
| Long-term debt | 6,386 | 5543 | 478 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 4,778 | 5146 | 458 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | | |
| Stockholders' deficit: | | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value (300 shares authorized; none issued) | 0 | 0 | (|
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value (9,600 shares authorized; 1,304 and 1,458 shares issued and outstanding at October 31, 2020, and 2019 respectively) | 11 | 13 | 1 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 1,060 | 963 | 83 |
| Accumulated deficit | (2,461) | -1961 | -81 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (260) | -1243 | -122 |
| Total stockholders' deficit | (1,650) | -2228 | -119 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit | \$ 38,610 | 34681 | 3346 |

| Consolidated Statements of Familian (USD (C) above in | 12 | Months End | ed |
|--|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Consolidated Statements of Earnings - USD (\$) shares in Millions, \$ in Millions | Oct. 31, | Oct. 31, | Oct. 31, |
| ivillions, \$ in ivillions | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Income Statement [Abstract] | | | |
| Net revenue | \$ 63,487 | \$ 56,639 | \$ 58,756 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | |
| Cost of revenue | 50,070 | 46,202 | 47,586 |
| Research and development | 1,907 | 1,478 | 1,499 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 5,741 | 4,906 | 5,368 |
| Restructuring and other charges | 245 | 462 | 275 |
| Acquisition-related charges | 68 | 16 | 35 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 154 | 113 | 116 |
| Total costs and expenses | 58,185 | 53,177 | 54,879 |
| Earnings from operations | 5,302 | 3,462 | 3,877 |
| Interest and other, net | 2,209 | (231) | (1,354) |
| Earnings before taxes | 7,511 | 3,231 | 2,523 |
| (Provision for) benefit from taxes | (1,008) | (387) | 629 |
| Net earnings | \$ 6,503 | \$ 2,844 | \$ 3,152 |
| Net earnings per share: | | | |
| Basic (in dollars per share) | \$ 5.38 | \$ 2.01 | \$ 2.08 |
| Diluted (in dollars per share) | \$ 5.33 | \$ 2 | \$ 2.07 |
| Weighted-average shares used to compute net earnings per | | | |
| share: | | | |
| Basic (in shares) | 1,208 | 1,413 | 1,515 |
| Diluted (in shares) | 1,220 | 1,420 | 1,524 |

| HP's Consolidated Cash Flow S | | | |
|---|------------------|------------|----------|
| | | Months End | |
| Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - USD (\$) \$ in Millions | Oct. 31, 2021 | Oct. 31, | Oct. 31, |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
| | ¢ c 503 | £ 0.044 | £ 2.450 |
| Net earnings | \$ 6,503 | \$ 2,844 | \$ 3,152 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by | | | |
| operating activities: Depreciation and amortization | 785 | 789 | 744 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 330 | 278 | 297 |
| • | 245 | 462 | 275 |
| Restructuring and other charges | | 70 | 133 |
| Deferred taxes on earnings | (605) | | |
| Defined benefit plan settlement (gains) charges | (37) | 214 | 0 |
| Other, net | 440 | 325 | 254 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions: | | | |
| Accounts receivable | (80) | 575 | (761 |
| Inventory | (2,164) | (386) | (68) |
| Accounts payable | 1,257 | (35) | (53) |
| Net investment in leases | (111) | (152) | |
| Taxes on earnings | 64 | (147) | (851) |
| Restructuring and other | (205) | (489) | (154) |
| Other assets and liabilities | (13) | (32) | 1,686 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 6,409 | 4,316 | 4,654 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Investment in property, plant and equipment | (582) | (580) | (671 |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | 0 | 3 | |
| Purchases of available-for-sale securities and other investments | (28) | (693) | (80) |
| Maturities and sales of available-for-sale securities and other | 304 | 417 | 771 |
| investments | | | |
| Collateral posted for derivative instruments | 148 | (163) | |
| Payments made in connection with business acquisitions, net of cash acquired | (854) | 0 | (458) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (1,012) | (1,016) | (438) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Proceeds from (Payments of) short-term borrowings with | 400 | 0 | (856) |
| original maturities less than 90 days, net | | | |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings with original maturities | 22 | 27 | 0 |
| greater than 90 days | | | |
| Proceeds from debt, net of issuance costs | 2,099 | 3,081 | 127 |
| Payment of debt | (1,245) | (1,849) | (680) |
| Stock-based award activities and others | (51) | (128) | (61) |
| Repurchase of common stock | (6,249) | (3,107) | (2,405) |
| Cash dividends paid | (938) | (997) | (970) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (5,962) | (2,973) | (4,845) |
| (Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (565) | 327 | (629) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 4,864 | 4,537 | 5,166 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 4,299 | 4,864 | 4,537 |

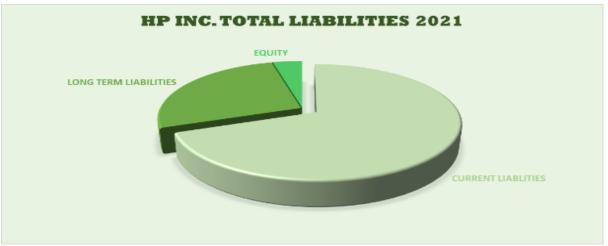
| Supplemental Cash Flow Information [Abstract] | | | |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Income taxes paid, net of refunds | 1,548 | 464 | 89 |
| Interest expense paid | 261 | 227 | 240 |
| Supplemental schedule of non-cash activities: | | | |
| Purchase of assets under finance leases | \$0 | \$ 19 | \$ 366 |

Appendix B

| | | | | | ON SIZE LYSIS | TREND B | SALANCE EET |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|----------------|
| Consolidated Balance Sheets - USD (\$) \$ in Millions | Oct. 31, 2021 | Oct. 31, 2020 | Oct. 31, 2019 | Oct. 31, 2021 | Oct. 31, 2019 | AMOUNT | PERCENT |
| | | | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 4,299 | \$ 4,864 | \$ 4,537 | 11% | 14% | \$ (238) | -5% |
| Accounts receivable, net | 5,511 | 5,381 | 6,031 | 14% | 18% | -520 | -9% |
| Inventory | 7,930 | 5,963 | 5,734 | 21% | 17% | 2,196 | 38% |
| Other current assets | 4,430 | 4,440 | 3,875 | 11% | 12% | 555 | 14% |
| Total current assets | 22,170 | 20,648 | 20,177 | 57% | 60% | 1,993 | 10% |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 2,546 | 2,627 | 2,794 | 7% | 8% | -248 | -9% |
| Goodwill | 6,803 | 6,380 | 6,372 | 18% | 19% | 431 | 7% |
| Other non-current assets | 7,091 | 5,026 | 4,124 | 18% | 12% | 2,967 | 72% |
| Total assets | 38,610 | 34,681 | 33,467 | 100% | 100% | 5,143 | 15% |
| | | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| Notes payable and short-term borrowings | 1,106 | 674 | 357 | 3% | 1% | 749 | 210% |
| Accounts payable | 16,075 | 14,704 | 14,793 | 42% | 44% | 1,282 | 9% |
| Other current liabilities | 11,915 | 10,842 | 10,143 | 31% | 30% | 1,772 | 17% |
| Total current liabilities | 29,096 | 26,220 | 25,293 | 75% | 76% | 3,803 | 15% |
| Long-term debt | 6,386 | 5,543 | 4,780 | 17% | 14% | 1,606 | 34% |
| Other non-current liabilities | 4,778 | 5,146 | 4,587 | 12% | 14% | 191 | 4% |
| Commitments and contingencies | | | | | | | |
| Stockholders' deficit: | | | | | | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value (300 shares authorized; none issued) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00/ | 00/ | | 09/ |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value (9,600 shares authorized; 1,304 and 1,458 shares issued and outstanding at October 31, 2020, and 2019 respectively) | 11 | 13 | 15 | 0% | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 1 11 | 1.000 | 0.00 | 025 | 0% | 0% | -4 | -27% |
| Additional paid-in capital | 1,060 | 963 | 835 | 3% | 2% | 225 | 27% |
| Accumulated deficit | -2,461 | -1,961 | -818 | -6% | -2% | -1,643 | 201% |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | -260 | -1,243 | -1,225 | -1% | -4% | 965 | -79% |
| Total stockholders' deficit | -1,650 | -2,228 | -1,193 | -4% | -4% | -457 | 38% |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit | \$ 38,610 | \$ 34,681 | \$ 33,467 | 100% | 100% | \$ 5,143 | 15% |

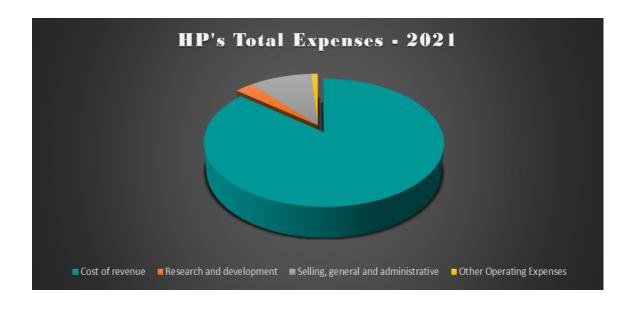
Note: Ernst & Young LLP has audited the consolidated balance sheets of HP Inc. and its subsidiaries (the company) and the related consolidated statements of earnings, comprehensive income, stockholder's deficit, and cash flows for each of the three years and the related notes. In Ernst and Young LLP's opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, and in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.





Appendix C

| Consolidated Statements of Earnings - USD (\$) | 12 N | /lonths Er | nded | | ON SIZE LYSIS | | INCOME EMENT |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| shares in Millions, \$ in | Oct. 31, | Oct. 31, | Oct. 31, | Oct. 31, | Oct. 31, | Change in | Percentage |
| Millions | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2021 | 2019 | Amount | Change |
| Income Statement [Abstract] | | | | | | | |
| Net revenue | \$ 63,487 | \$ 56,639 | \$ 58,756 | 1 | 1 | \$ 4,731 | 8.05% |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | | | |
| Cost of revenue | 50,070 | 46,202 | 47,586 | 78.87% | 80.99% | 2,484 | 5.22% |
| Research and development | 1,907 | 1,478 | 1,499 | 3.00% | 2.55% | 408 | 27.22% |
| Selling, general and administrative | 5,741 | 4,906 | 5,368 | 9.04% | 9.14% | 373 | 6.95% |
| Restructuring and other | 245 | 462 | 275 | | | | |
| charges | | | | 0.39% | 0.47% | (30) | -10.91% |
| Acquisition-related charges | 68 | 16 | 35 | 0.11% | 0.06% | 33 | 94.29% |
| Amortization of intangible | 154 | 113 | 116 | | | | |
| assets | | | | 0.24% | 0.20% | 38 | 32.76% |
| Total costs and expenses | 58,185 | 53,177 | 54,879 | 91.65% | 93.40% | 3,306 | 6.02% |
| Earnings from operations | 5,302 | 3,462 | 3,877 | 8.35% | 6.60% | 1,425 | 36.76% |
| Interest and other, net | 2,209 | (231) | (1,354) | 3.48% | -2.30% | 3,563 | -263.15% |
| Earnings before taxes | 7,511 | 3,231 | 2,523 | 11.83% | 5.70% | 4,988 | 197.70% |
| (Provision for) benefit | (1,008) | (387) | 629 | | | | |
| from taxes | | | | -1.59% | -0.68% | (1,637) | -260.25% |
| Net earnings | \$ 6,503 | \$ 2,844 | \$ 3,152 | 10.24% | 5.02% | \$ 3,351 | 106.31% |
| Net earnings per share: | | | | | | | |
| Basic (in dollars per share) | \$ 5.38 | \$ 2.01 | \$ 2.08 | | | | |
| Diluted (in dollars per share) | \$ 5.33 | \$2 | \$ 2.07 | | | | |
| Weighted-average shares used to compute net | | | | | | | |
| earnings per share: | | | | | | | |
| Basic (in shares) | 1,208 | 1,413 | 1,515 | | | | |
| Diluted (in shares) | 1,220 | 1,420 | 1,524 | | | | |



Appendix D

| HP CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| IN MILLIONS | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | | |
| For the Year Ending: | 10/31/2019 | 10/31/2020 | 10/31/2021 | | |
| Cash at Beginning: | 5,166 | 4,537 | 4,864 | | |
| Cash at Ending: | 4,537 | 4,864 | 4,299 | | |

| CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Net earnings | 3,152 | 2,844 | 6,503 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 744 | 789 | 785 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 297 | 278 | 330 |
| Restructuring and other charges | 275 | 462 | 245 |
| Deferred taxes on earnings | 133 | 70 | -605 |
| Defined benefit plan settlement (gains) charges | | 214 | -37 |
| Other, net | 254 | 325 | 440 |
| Changes in operating assets/ liabilities | | | |
| Accounts receivable | -761 | 575 | -80 |
| Inventory | -68 | -386 | -2,164 |
| Accounts payable | -53 | -35 | 1,257 |
| Net investment in leases | | -152 | -111 |
| Taxes on earnings | -851 | -147 | 64 |
| Restructuring and other | -154 | -489 | -205 |
| Other assets and liabilities | 1,686 | -32 | -13 |
| Net Cash Flow from Operations | 4,654 | 4,316 | 6,409 |

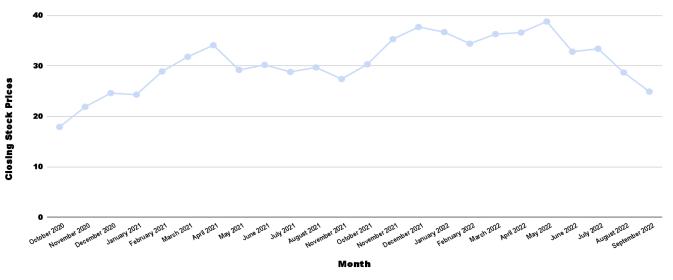
| CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|------|--------|--------|
| Investment in property, plant, and equipment | -671 | -580 | -582 |
| Proceeds from the sale of property, plant, and | | | |
| equipment | | 3 | |
| Purchases of available-for-sale securities and other | | | |
| investments | -80 | -693 | -28 |
| Maturities and sales of available-for-sale securities | | | |
| and other investments | 771 | 417 | 304 |
| Collateral posted for derivative instruments | | -163 | 148 |
| Payments made in connection with business | | | |
| acquisitions, | | | |
| net of cash acquired | -458 | | -854 |
| Net Cash Flow from Investing | -438 | -1,016 | -1,012 |

| CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Proceeds from (payments of) short-term borrowings | | | |
| with original maturities less than 90 days, net | -856 | | 400 |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings with original | | | |
| maturities greater than 90 days | | 27 | 22 |
| Proceeds from debt, net of issuance costs | 297 | 3,081 | 127 |
| Payment of debt | -680 | -1,849 | -1,245 |
| Stock-based award activities and others | -61 | -128 | -51 |
| Repurchase of common stock | -2,405 | -3,107 | -6,249 |
| Cash dividends paid | -970 | -997 | -938 |
| Net Cash Flow from Finances | -4,845 | -2,973 | -5,962 |

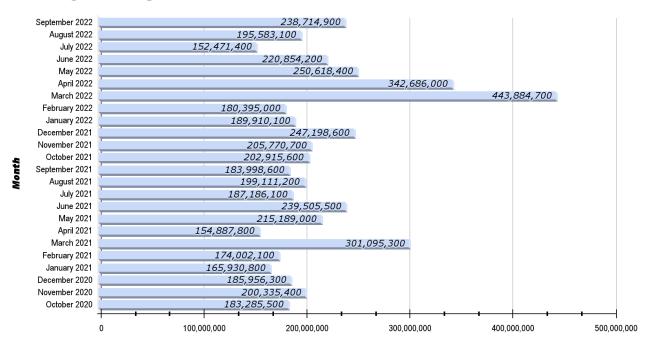
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| (Decrease) Increase in cash and cash equivalents | -629 | 327 | -565 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 5,166 | 4,537 | 4,864 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$4,537 | \$4,864 | \$4,299 |
| | | | |
| SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW DISCLOSURES | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Income taxes paid, net of refunds | \$89 | \$464 | \$1,548 |
| Interest expense paid | \$261 | \$227 | \$261 |
| | | | |
| SUPPLEMENTAL NON-CASH FLOW DISCLOSURES | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Purchase of assets under finance leases | \$ | \$19 | \$366 |

Appendix E

Monthly Closing Stock Price

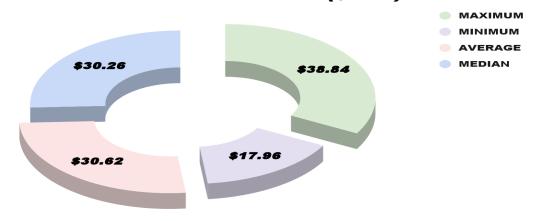


Monthly Trading Volume



Trading Volume

RANGE ANALYSIS: SHARE PRICE (\$USD)



Appendix F

| Financial Ratio Analysis - HP inc. | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| Ratio | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | | |
| Price/Earnings Ratio | 5.64 | 8.94 | 8.33 | | |
| Current Ratio | 0.76 | 0.79 | 0.8 | | |
| Receivable Turnover Ratio | 11.66 | 9.93 | 10.54 | | |
| Working Capital | -6926 | -5572 | -5116 | | |
| Return on assets | 0.18 | 0.08 | 0.09 | | |
| Financial Leverage Ratio | -18.90 | -19.92 | -37.17 | | |
| Quick Ratio | 0.34 | 0.39 | 0.42 | | |
| Total Assets Turnover Ratio | 1.73 | 1.66 | 1.73 | | |
| Net Profit Margin | 10.24% | 5.02% | 5.36% | | |
| Inventory Turnover Ratio | 7.21 | 7.9 | 8.07 | | |
| Primary (Basic) earnings per share | 5.38 | 2.01 | 2.08 | | |
| Return on equity | -3.35 | -1.66 | -3.44 | | |

| Financial Ratio Analysis - Dell Technologies Inc | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Ratio | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | | | | |
| Price/Earnings Ratio | 7.98 | 8.48 | 3.97 | | | | |
| Current Ratio | 0.81 | 0.7 | 0.8 | | | | |

| Financial Ratio Analysis - Dell Technologies Inc | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| Ratio | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | | | | |
| Price/Earnings Ratio | 7.98 | 8.48 | 3.97 | | | | |
| Receivable Turnover Ratio | 7.46 | 7.42 | 7.7 | | | | |
| Working Capital | -49280 | -15588 | -8834 | | | | |
| Return on assets | 1.82 | 0.44 | -1.95 | | | | |
| Financial Leverage Ratio | 16.34 | 37.67 | -118.704 | | | | |
| Quick Ratio | 0.74 | 0.64 | 0.72 | | | | |
| Total Assets Turnover Ratio | 0.70 | 0.81 | 0.8 | | | | |
| Net Profit Margin | 3.45% | 5.01% | -2.54% | | | | |
| Inventory Turnover Ratio | 19.22 | 19.56 | 17.97 | | | | |
| Primary (Basic) earnings per share | 4.37 | 6.38 | -2.96 | | | | |
| Return on equity | 0.6106 | 2.181 | -0.2023 | | | | |

- 1. **Price/Earnings Ratio:** HP's price-earnings per share declined from 8.94 in the prior year to 5.64 in the current year.
- 2. **Current Ratio:** this reveals that HP's current ratio declined from 0.79 in the prior year to 0.76 in 2021. It means that HP had \$0.76 in current assets for every \$1 in current liabilities at the end of year 2021.
- 3. **Receivable Turnover Ratio:** HP's receivable turnover increased from 9.93 in the prior year to 11.66 in the current year, which means HP was able to convert its account receivables into cash faster in 2021 compared to 2020.
- 4. **Working Capital:** In 2021, HP showed a shortage of working capital (-6926), an increase from -5572 in last year. HP didn't maintain adequate working capital to repay its current obligations three years in a row.
- 5. **Return on assets:** HP generated 18 cents of profit on every dollar invested in assets in 2021, an increase of 10 cents from last year, and above the Industry average ROA (7).
- 6. **Financial Leverage Ratio:** Shows for every dollar of equity financing, how many dollars invested in total assets. HP's average Total Stockholders Equity in Oct. 2021 and 2020 was \$-1,650 and -2,228 Mil respectively. In 2021, for every dollar of equity financing, HP invested -\$18.9 of total assets. The ratio declined from -\$19.92 in 2020.
- 7. **Quick Ratio:** HP's quick ratio declined from 0.39 in the prior year to 0.34 in the current year.
- 8. **Total Assets Turnover Ratio:** Every dollar invested in HP's assets generated \$1.73 of sales revenue during 2021, a slight increase of 7 cents over the prior year.
- 9. **Net Profit Margin:** Looking at 2021, HP generated 10.24 cents of profit per dollar of sales, an increase of 5.22 cents over the prior year.
- 10. **Inventory Turnover Ratio:** HP's inventory turnover ratio declined from 7.9 in the prior year to 7.21 in the current year.
- 11. **Primary (Basic) earnings per share:** HP's earnings per share increased from 2.01 in the prior year to 5.38 in the current year.

12. **Return on equity:** Shows how many dollars earned for every dollar invested. HP's average Total Stockholders Equity in Oct. 2021 and 2020 was \$-1,650 and -2,228 Mil respectively (Accumulated deficit due to its Separation of HP Enterprise that led to the reduction of shareholder's equity). Therefore, HP's annualized ROE % for 2021 and 2020 was negative equity (-3.35 and -1.66).

From the annual reports of the firm of interest and its competitor, find out the following information for HP inc.

- 1. The amount of bad debt expense was 111 Millions in 2021;
- 2. Inventory costing method for 2021 was: FIFO;
- 3. Depreciation expense is recognized on a **straight-line** basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation expense was 785 Millions for 2021;
- 4. The amount of cash paid for PPE was 582 Millions;
- 5. The company paid dividends at an amount of 938 Millions.

(See Analytical Report below.)

Analytical Report

On the HP's common-size and trend balance sheet (Appendix B), we can see that Cash and Cash equivalent decreased from 14% to 11% in the last three years while the total current liabilities also decreased from 76% to 75% implying the company is capable of covering its current liabilities by its most liquid asset instruments. The mix of current assets that comprise 57% in the current year changed only slightly with a 4% decrease in accounts receivable indicating that the company can collect cash easily from the customers and can use this cash for continuous operations, 4% increase in the ending inventory implying that the company has purchased more goods than it has sold which indicates there is additional outflow of cash which contributes to one of the reasons for decrease in company's cash and cash equivalent. Noncurrent assets include equipment and goodwill both of which declined by 1% in the last three years

On the debt and equity side of the balance sheet, the long-term liabilities climbed by 3% whereas the current liabilities declined by 1% indicating that the company is capable of settling off its short-term debts, which contributes to another element in the decrease of company's cash and cash equivalent. Because the company's short-term liabilities have decreased, the company may be able to obtain favorable interest rates on any new debt it incurs from lenders. The balance sheet also indicates negative shareholder's equity that remains constant from 2019 to 2021 which could be a warning sign that a company is in financial distress or it could mean the company has spent its retained earnings and any funds from its stock issuance on reinvesting the company.

From the common size and trend income statement analysis (Appendix C), it might seem like the company did better in 2021 because sales increased by 4,731 million. However, net income only accounted for 10.24% of 2021 revenue. The Cost of revenue diminished by 2.12% which is better as it indicates a high-profit margin that expanded by 5.22% in 2021. There has been an increase in total operating expenses like selling and administrative, Research and Development, and Amortization of intangible assets. The company should look for ways to cut costs and increase sales in order to boost profitability.

The company's non-operating expenses such as interest expenses paid on the company's debt. The income statement does not tell us how much debt the company has; however, it is reasonable to assume the company has long-term debts. Interest expense in the year 2021 increased as a result by 5.78% which indicates the company's likelihood of qualifying for additional debt financing.

Cash flow statements are one of the three main financial tools among balance sheets and income statements. The purpose of a cash flow statement is to report any changes in cash between balance sheet dates. Cash flow statements are used to summarize the movements of cash and cash equivalents throughout a company using three principal components including operating, investing, and financing activities. This financial tool is used to measure how sufficient an organization is in managing cash positions, in turn, illustrating how a company's operations are running, where its money is coming from along with how money is being spent. In the context of

HP Inc. a composition of the cash flow statements was composed over a three year span from 2019 to 2021 (Appendix D). This financial statement is useful to both creditors and investors in illustrating how much cash is available and whether the company at hand is on solid financial ground. While interpreting the statements, we can conclude that over this period of time, HP Inc. is in a mature stage of life, this is shown in the final net cash calculations for each specific activity. For example, throughout the three year span, HP net operating activities were positive whereas their net cash calculated in investing and financing activities were negative. Although during this time span there was a decrease from 14% to 11% in cash and cash equivalents due to changes in financial interests, the company is still in good financial standing considering their overall cash and cash equivalents at the end of each given period is positive meaning the company has more money moving into it then out which is essential to sustaining long term growth. One can assume that maintaining this financial stability will place HP Inc in an acceptable position for survival and financial longevity.

Appendix E shows the monthly closing stock price over a period of time from October 2021 to September 2022. The closing price is the raw price or cash value of the last transacted price in a security before the market officially closes for normal trading. The starting closing stock price in October 2020 was \$17.90 and as of lately the closing stock price of September 2022 was \$24.90. The data shows that there was an overall steady increase in closing stock price, indicating that HP as a company was doing increasingly well earnings wise, and due to the demand of the stock, the price was on an upward trend. Trading volume is the total number of shares of security that were traded during a given period of time. In this case, the data collected shows the monthly trading volume from the time of October 2020 to September 2022. There was no particular trend and the amount of shares held monthly was very sporadic. The highest number of shares sold was 443,884,700, in March of 2022 indicating a heightened interest in the stock, which makes for higher liquidity. On the other hand, the lowest amount of shares sold was 152,471,400, in July of 2022, indicating a decreasing amount of interest and liquidity. The average amount of shares sold over this time was 219,228,596. While the monthly trading volume was sporadic, the volume never dropped for over two months without increasing again. Therefore, even though there was a loss of interest in the trading sales of the company, they always seemed to recover as quickly as possible. Lastly, a range analysis of share prices from October 2020 to September 2022 was conducted. The minimum share price was \$17.96, the maximum share price was \$38.84, the average \$30.62, and the median share price was \$30.26. As an investor, now may not be the best time to invest in the company as it is trading around its fair value. This implies that mispricing provides less profit. Furthermore, the stock's poor growth prospects raises the danger of keeping the stock.

To compare HP Inc with its competitors, we considered the market capitalization of the companies and chose Dell Technologies Inc as HP's competitor. Both companies have a total market valuation of approx 30 billion USD. Considering the gross profit margin of HP Inc and its competitor Dell Technologies Inc, HP shows a positive trend. The basic earnings per share for HP Inc ranges between \$2.08 to \$3.09, whereas, for Dell, it varies between -\$2.96 and \$4.37, implying the firm's allotment from net income to common stock. While the total assets and liabilities of Dell Technologies are greater compared to HP Inc, when we look at the quick ratio of both firms, Dell has a better liquidity position in the market than HP. It can spend \$0.74 in assets for every \$1 liability compared to HP, which can pay \$0.34 in assets for every \$1 liability. The current ratio is almost the same and trending down for both. The total assets turnover ratio shows that HP Inc efficiently generates revenue from its assets. The RnD expenses of HP suggest that it has invested in the research area, with the potential of yielding higher returns in upcoming years. After

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