META PLATFORMS INC (0QZI-LN)

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DETAILED STOCK REPORT

Report Date: 2025-Mar-07

Score Averages

Large Market Cap: 7.1

Last Close 497.27 (GBX)	Avg Daily Vol 42,463	52-Week High 574.07	Trailing PE 0.3	Annual Div 1.63	ROE 37.1%	LTG Forecast 11.4%	1-Mo Return -10.6%
2025 March 06 LONDON Exchange	Market Cap (Consol) 1.3T	52-Week Low 321.17	Forward PE 0.3	Dividend Yield 0.3%	Annual Rev	Inst Own 79.2%	3-Mo Return 2.6%

AVERAGE SCORE

POSITIVE OUTLOOK: 0QZI is currently among an exclusive group of 81 stocks awarded our highest score of 10.

AVERAGE SCORE

Softwa	ire & II Servi	FIS	SE 100 Index: 6.7			
Peers	-6M	-3M	-1M	-1W	Current	1Y Trend
0QZI	7	10	9	9	10	
0RIH	8	9	10	9	9	
BOOM	3	2	5	5	3	
DBOX	5	4	3	3	3	
SEEN	NR	2	NR	1	3	

Software & IT Services Group: 5.5

HIGHLIGHTS

- The score for Meta Platforms Inc reached its 3-year high of 10 this week.
- The recent change in the Average Score was primarily due to an improvement in the Fundamental component score.

I/B/E/S MEAN

Buy 72 Analysts

Mean recommendation from all analysts covering the company on a standardized 5-point scale.



PRICE AND VOLUME CHARTS





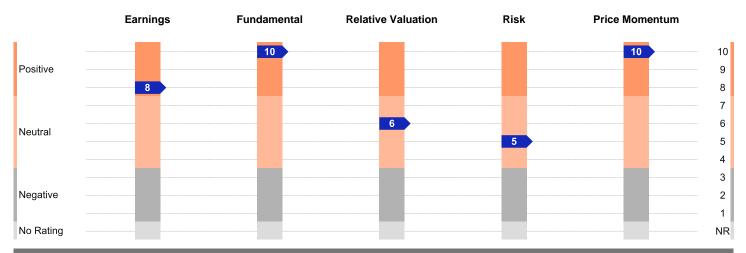
BUSINESS SUMMARY

Meta Platforms, Inc. builds technology that helps people connect and share, find communities, and grow businesses. The Company's products enable people to connect and share with friends and family through mobile devices, personal computers, virtual reality (VR) and mixed reality (MR) headsets, and wearables. It operates through two segments: Family of Apps (FoA) and Reality Labs (RL). The FoA segment includes Facebook, Instagram, Messenger, Threads and WhatsApp. The RL includes augmented, mixed and virtual reality related consumer hardware, software, and content. Instagram is a place where people and creators can connect and express themselves through photos, video, and private messaging, and discover and shop from their favorite businesses. Threads is an application for text-based updates and public conversations. Its RL product offerings in VR include Meta Quest devices, and software and content available through the Meta Horizon Store, which enable a range of social experiences.

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INDICATOR COMPONENTS

The AVERAGE SCORE combines the quantitative analysis of five widely-used investment decision making tools: Earnings, Fundamental, Relative Valuation, Risk, and Price Momentum. A simple average of the underlying component ratings is normally distributed to rank stocks on a 1-10 scale (10 being awarded to the most favorable). These factors may be evaluated differently using alternative methodologies and the importance of individual factors varies across industries, market capitalization and investment styles. Additional criteria should always by used to evaluate a stock.



PEEF	RANALYSIS									Currenc	y in GBX / Market Cap	in GBP
			PRICE	MOMENTU	JM		VALUA	TION	FUNDAM	ENTAL	ANALYSTS	
Average Score	Ticker	Price (2025-03-06)	1-Mo Return	3-Mo Return	1-Yr Return	Market Cap	Trailing PE	Forward PE	Dividend Yield	Net Margin	LTG I/B/E/S Forecast Mean	# of Analysts
10	0QZI	497.27	-10.6%	2.6%	29.0%	1.1T	0.3	0.3	0.33%	37.9%	11.4% Buy	72
9	0RIH	140.80	-5.9%	10.0%	38.0%	778.3B	0.2	0.2	0.44%	28.6%	19.9% Buy	56
8	0QYI	758.70	-3.4%	5.8%	62.5%	328.8B	0.5	0.4		22.3%	25.4% Buy	47
9	0QZ0	170.67	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	301.1B	0.2	0.2	1.1%	53.5%	12.8% Buy	41
7	0R2Z	280.05	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	259.4B	0.3	0.2	0.84%	45.7%	14.8% Buy	41
8	0A1U	59.58	13.9%	16.5%	-4.3%	124.3B	0.2	0.3		22.4%	52.3% Buy	55
9	0R3D	50.81	-2.5%	2.3%	37.0%	23.5B	0.2	0.1	1.8%	19.2%	6.6% Hold	34
9	AUTO	775.40	-1.1%	-8.2%	6.1%	6.8B	27.6	24.2	1.2%	47.2%	Hold	19
3	воом	590.00	39.6%	96.7%	150.0%	89M		26.2		-15.1%		
3	DBOX	4.30	-7.5%	1.2%	1.2%	5M		11.8		-203.6%	Strong Buy	1
3	SEEN	4.00	6.7%	0.00%	-14.9%	5M				-234.0%	Buy	1
7.1	Average	302.87	2.7%	11.5%	27.7%	269.9B	3.7	6.4	0.95%	-16.0%	20.5% Buy	36.7

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0A1U	Uber Technologies Inc	0RIH	Alphabet Inc
0QYI	Netflix Inc	AUTO	Auto Trader Group
0QZ0	Visa Inc	BOOM	Audioboom Group
0R2Z	Mastercard Inc	DBOX	Digitalbox
0R3D	eBay Inc	SEEN	Seeen

PEER COMPANIES

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Currency in USD

EARNINGS

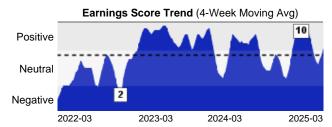
POSITIVE OUTLOOK: Strong earnings with recent analyst upgrades or a history of surpassing consensus estimates.

EARNINGS

Earnings Score Averages

Software & IT Services Group: 6.0 L
Software & IT Services Sector: 6.0

Large Market Cap: **6.4** FTSE 100 Index: **6.2**



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Peers	-6M	-3M	-1M	-1W	Current	1Y Trend
0QZI	5	10	5	8	8	
0RIH	4	7	7	4	4	
DBOX	2	NR	2	2	2	
BOOM	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
SEEN	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	

EARNINGS INDICATORS

Recommendation Changes Estimate Revisions Earnings Surprises (33.3% weight) (33.3% weight) (33.3% weight) 10 Positive 0QZI 9 9 8 7 0QZI 6 6 Neutral 0RIH **DBOX** 0RIH 5 -5 BOOM 0RIH 4 3 Negative 2 2 DBOX SEEN 1 NR NR No Rating NR SEEN -BOOM BOOM DBOX SEEN

Last 4 Years	
# Positive Surprises (>2%)	2
# Negative Surprises (<-2%)	1
# In-Line Surprises (within 2%)	1
Ava Surprise	0.47%

Up Revisions 6 # Down Revisions 3 Avg Up Revisions 8.3% Avg Down Revisions -4.2%

Last 120 Days	
# Broker Upgrades	2
# Broker Downgrades	0

Loct 120 Days

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meta Platforms Inc currently has an Earnings Rating of 8. The average Earnings Rating for its Online Services industry is 6.0 and the FTSE 100 index average is 6.2.
- Over the past 90 days, the consensus price target for 0QZI has increased notably from 642.00 to 749.00, a gain of 16.7%.
- Over the past 4 years, the company has reported 2 positive, 1 negative, and 1 in-line surprises. The average surprise for this time period has been 0.5%. Most recently on 2025-01-29, the company reported fiscal year earnings of 23.86 per share, a positive surprise of 5.2% above the consensus of 22.69.

PRICE TARGET

The chart indicates where analysts predict the stock price will be within the next 12 months, as compared to the current price.



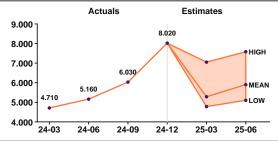
12-Month Price	Target
Mean (USD)	749.00
High	935.00
Low	260.00
Target vs. Current	11585%
# of Analysts	64



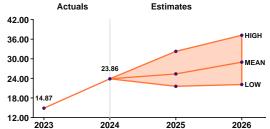
EARNINGS PER SHARE

Earnings per share (EPS) is calculated by dividing a company's earnings by the number of shares outstanding. Analysts tend to interpret a pattern of increasing earnings as a sign of strength and flat or falling earnings as a sign of weakness.

The charts provide a comparison between a company's actual and estimated EPS, including the high and low forecasts.



Quarterly	25-03	25-06
Mean	5.282	5.901
High	7.050	7.580
Low	4.780	5.100
# of Analysts	44	43



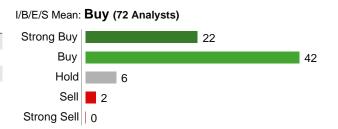
Annual	2025	2026
Mean	25.360	28.960
High	32.270	37.200
Low	21.560	22.110
# of Analysts	61	59

MEAN ESTIMATE TREND

	Q 25-03	Q 25-06	Y 2025	Y 2026	Price Target
Current	5.282	5.901	25.360	28.960	749.00
30 Days Ago	5.294	5.925	25.430	29.020	713.00
90 Days Ago	5.424	5.903	25.340	28.800	642.00
% Change (90 Days)	-2.6%	0.00%	0.10%	0.60%	16.7%

Current Fiscal Year End: 25-12 Next Expected Report Date: 2025-04-22

ANALYST RECOMMENDATIONS



EARNINGS SURPRISES

Comparing a company's actual earnings to the mean expectation of analysts results in a difference referred to as a 'positive' or 'negative' surprise. Research has shown that when a company reports a surprise, it is often followed by more of the same surprise type.

Surprise Summary (Last 6 Years)

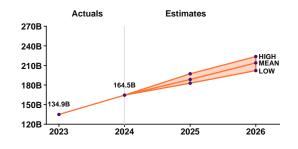
Surprise Type	Amount	Percent
Positive Years (> 2%)	3	50.0%
Negative Years (< -2%)	1	16.7%
In-Line Years (within 2%)	2	33.3%

Surprise Detail (Last 6 Periods)

Surprise Type	Announce Date	Period End Date	Actual EPS	Mean EPS	Surprise (%)
Positive	2025-01-29	2024-12-31	23.860	22.690	5.2%
Positive	2024-02-01	2023-12-31	14.870	14.400	3.3%
Negative	2023-02-01	2022-12-31	8.590	9.085	-5.4%
In-Line	2022-02-02	2021-12-31	13.770	13.920	-1.1%
Positive	2021-01-27	2020-12-31	10.090	9.379	7.6%
In-Line	2020-01-29	2019-12-31	6.430	6.426	0.10%

ANNUAL REVENUE

A pattern of increasing sales in conjunction with a rising EPS may influence a buy recommendation, while flat or falling sales and faltering earnings may explain a sell recommendation. A rising EPS with flat or falling sales may result from increased cost efficiency and margins, rather than market expansion. This chart shows the sales forecast trend of all analysts and the highest and lowest projections for the current and next fiscal year.



	2025	2026
Mean	188.5B	213.9B
High	197.2B	223.6B
Low	182.8B	202.1B
Forecasted Growth	14.6%	30.0%
# of Analysts	64	61



FUNDAMENTAL

FUND-AMENTAL

POSITIVE OUTLOOK: Strong fundamentals such as high profit margins, low debt levels, or growing dividends.

Fundamental Score Averages

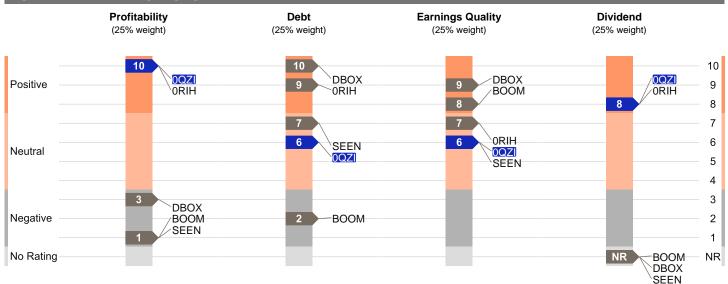
Software & IT Services Group: 5.9 Software & IT Services Sector: 5.9 Large Market Cap: 6.2 FTSE 100 Index: 5.9



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Peers	2021	2022	2023	2024	Current	6Y Trend
0QZI	10	10	10	NR	10	
0RIH	10	10	10	NR	10	
DBOX	9	9	7	NR	9	
SEEN	4	3	4	NR	4	
BOOM	7	9	1	NR	2	

FUNDAMENTAL INDICATORS



Revenue Growth	21.9%	Current Ratio	3.0	Oper. Cash Yield	46.5%	Dividend Growth	
For year over year ending 2024-12		For interim period ending 2024-12		For latest 12 months ending		For year over year ending	
Gross Margin	81.7%	Debt-to-Capital	13.9%	Accruals	15.1%	Dividend Payout	8.4%
For latest 12 months ending 2024-12		For annual period ending 2024-12		For latest 12 months ending 2024-12		For latest 12 months ending 2024-12	
Return On Equity	37.1%	Interest Funding	0.8%	Days Sales In Inv.		Dividend Coverage	17.8
For interim period ending 2024-12		For interim period ending 2024-12		For annual period ending		For annual period ending 2024-12	
Net Margin	37.9%	Interest Coverage	99.8	Days Sales In Rec.	36.8	Current Div. Yield	0.3%
For latest 12 months ending 2024-12		For interim period ending 2024-12		For annual period ending 2024-12		For latest 12 months ending 2025-03	

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meta Platforms Inc currently has a Fundamental Rating of 10, which is significantly more bullish than the Software & IT Services industry group average of 6.4.
- The company's gross margin has been higher than its industry group average for each of the past five years.
- The company's current ratio has been higher than its industry group average for each of the past five years.
- The company's days sales in receivables has been lower than its industry group average for each of the past five years.
- Of the 139 firms within the Software & IT Services industry group, Meta Platforms Inc is among 48 companies that pay a dividend. The stock's dividend yield is currently 0.33%.



RELATIVE VALUATION

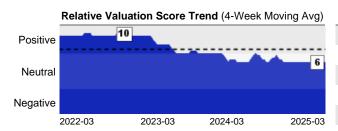
NEUTRAL OUTLOOK: Multiples relatively in-line with the market.

RELATIVE VALUATION

Relative Valuation Score Averages

Software & IT Services Group: **4.5**Software & IT Services Sector: **4.5**

Large Market Cap: 5.1 FTSE 100 Index: 4.0



Peers	-6M	-3M	-1M	-1W	Current	1Y Trend
0RIH	8	7	7	8	8	
0QZI	6	6	6	6	6	
DBOX	7	5	5	6	5	
BOOM	5	5	4	4	4	
SEEN	3	2	2	1	2	

RELATIVE VALUATION INDICATORS

Price to Sales Trailing PE Forward PE (33.3% weight) (33.3% weight) (33.3% weight) 10 10 10 0RIH 0RIH Positive 9 9 00710QZI 8 7 6 6 воом Neutral DBOX DBOX 5 4 3 0RIH Negative воом 2 SEEN 0QZI 1 NR No Rating NR NR SEEN BOOM DBOX

Price to Sales	8.7	Trailing PE	0.3	Forward PE	0.3
5-Yr Average	6.9	5-Yr Average	0.3	5-Yr Average	0.2
Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	26% Premium	Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	10% Discount	Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	8% Premium
FTSE 100 Index	1.4	FTSE 100 Index	18.3	FTSE 100 Index	12.8
Rel. to FTSE 100	>100% Premium	Rel. to FTSE 100	99% Discount	Rel. to FTSE 100	98% Discount

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meta Platforms Inc currently has a Relative Valuation Rating of 6 which is significantly above the FTSE 100 index average rating of 4.0.
- Compared to the Software & IT Services industry group, 0QZI is currently trading at a significant discount based on both Trailing P/E and Forward P/E.
- OQZI's Price to Sales ratio of 8.7 represents a 26% Premium to its 5year average of 6.9.
- 0QZI's Trailing P/E of 0.3 represents a 10% Discount to its 5-year average of 0.3.
- 0QZI's Forward P/E of 0.3 represents a 8% Premium to its 5-year average of 0.2.



PRICE TO SALES

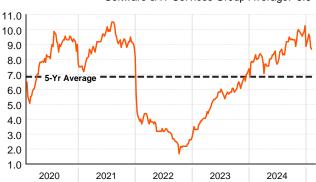
The most recent week's close price divided by the revenue per share.

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Price to Sales: 8.7 5-Year Average: 6.9

FTSE 100 Index Average: 1.4

Software & IT Services Group Average: 5.6



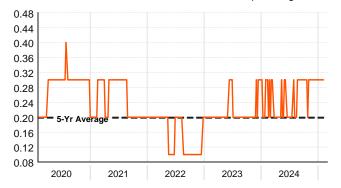
FORWARD PE

The most recent week's close price divided by the sum of the four upcoming quarterly consensus estimates.

Forward PE: 0.3 5-Year Average: 0.2

FTSE 100 Index Average: 12.8

Software & IT Services Group Average: 23.8



TRAILING PE

The most recent week's close price divided by the sum of the four most recently reported quarterly earnings.

Trailing PE: 0.3

5-Year Average: 0.3

FTSE 100 Index Average: 18.3

Software & IT Services Group Average: 28.2



FORWARD PEG

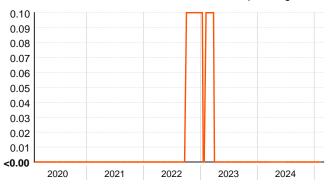
The Forward P/E divided by the five-year forecasted growth rate.

Forward PEG: 0.0

5-Year Average: 0.0

FTSE 100 Index Average: 1.4

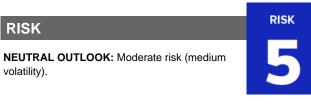
Software & IT Services Group Average: 1.6



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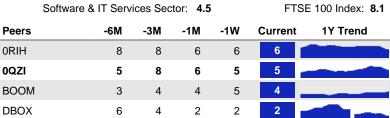
Risk Score Averages

Large Market Cap: 7.7



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Software & IT Services Group:



NR

3

Risk Score Trend (4-Week Moving Avg)

Positive

Neutral

Negative

2022-03 2023-03 2024-03 2025-03

RISK INDICATORS Magnitude of Returns Volatility Correlation Beta (1-year) (25% weight) (25% weight) (25% weight) (25% weight) 10 0RIH 9 Positive **BOOM** 8 8 7 6 6 **ORIH** SEEN Neutral BOOM **ORIH** 0QZI DBOX 5 SEEN 4 3 3 BOOM BOOM 0RIH Negative DBOX DBOX 0QZI 2 DBOX SEEN SEEN 1 No Rating NR

SEEN

NR

Daily Returns (La	st 90 Days)	Standard Deviation	1	Beta vs. FTSE 100	0.55	Correlation vs. FTSE	100
Best	8.6%	Last 90 Days	2.31	Positive Days Only	0.93	Last 90 Days	34%
Worst	-6.4%	Last 60 Months	12.15	Negative Days Only	0.62	Last 60 Months	23%
Monthly Returns	(Last 60 Months)	Intra-Day Swing (La	ast 90 Days)	Beta vs. Group	0.00	Correlation vs. Group)
Best	25.2%	Average	3.0%	Positive Days Only	0.00	Last 90 Days	28%
Worst	-32.9%	Largest	8.2%	Negative Days Only	1.62	Last 60 Months	43%

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meta Platforms Inc currently has a Risk Rating of 5, which is significantly below the FTSE 100 index average rating of 8.1.
- On days when the market is up, 0QZI tends to perform in-line with the FTSE 100 index. On days when the market is down, the shares generally decrease by less than the index.
- In both short-term and long-term periods, OQZI has shown average correlation (> 0.2 and < 0.4) with the FTSE 100 index. Thus, this stock would provide only average levels of diversification to a portfolio similar to the broader market.
- Over the last 90 days, 0QZI shares have been more volatile than the overall market, as the stock's daily price fluctuations have exceeded that of 91% of FTSE 100 index firms.

RISK ANALYSIS								
		Las	t 90 Da	ıys		Last 60	Last 60 Months	
Peers	Best Daily Return	Worst Daily Return	# Days Up	# Days Down	Largest Intra-Day Swing	Best Monthly Return	Worst Monthly Return	
0QZI	8.6%	-6.4%	29	33	8.2%	25.2%	-32.9%	
0RIH	8.4%	-9.2%	31	30	15.7%	17.5%	-18.8%	
BOOM	12.5%	-7.6%	29	31	16.5%	74.3%	-36.6%	
DBOX	14.1%	-13.9%	4	5	26.4%	60.9%	-39.1%	
SEEN	38.5%	-13.3%	5	8	44.4%	66.7%	-37.7%	
FTSE 100	1.4%	-1.3%	35	27	1.8%	12.4%	-13.8%	

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PRICE MOMENTUM PRICE MOMENTUM Currency in GBX **Price Momentum Score Averages** POSITIVE OUTLOOK: Strong recent price performance or entering historically favorable Software & IT Services Group: 6.6 Large Market Cap: 6.6 seasonal period. Software & IT Services Sector: 6.6 FTSE 100 Index: 6.4 Price Momentum Score Trend (4-Week Moving Avg) Peers -6M -3M -1M -1W Current 1Y Trend 10 0QZI 6 9 10 10 Positive 0RIH 6 6 10 9 10 Neutra 8 SEEN NR NR NR NR **BOOM** 5 4 9 10 Negative **DBOX** NR 2

2025-03

PRICE MOMENTUM INDICATORS

2022-03

2023-03

2024-03

Relative Strength Seasonality (50% weight) (50% weight) 10 10 0QZI BOOM 0QZ Positive 9 9 ORIH ORIH SEEN 8 8 7 6 Neutral SEEN 5 4 3 воом Negative **DBOX** 2 DBOX 1 No Rating NR

Relative Strength Indicator (Scale from 1 to 100)

	0QZI	Industry Avg
Last 10 Days	38	43
Last 50 Days	51	49
Last 200 Days	55	49

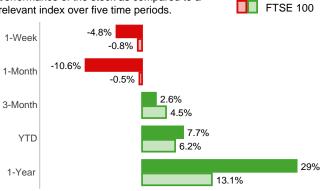
0QZI

Average Monthly Return (Last 10 Years)

	war	Apr	way
Company Avg	6.0%	5.6%	7.1%
Industry Avg	-1.7%	4.4%	0.08%
Industry Rank	23 of 82	40 of 83	57 of 81

PRICE PERFORMANCE

Daily close prices are used to calculate the performance of the stock as compared to a relevant index over five time periods.



	0QZI	FTSE 100
Close Price (2025-03-06)	497.27	8,683
52-Week High	574.07	8,871
52-Week Low	321.17	7,660

- The Price Momentum Rating for Meta Platforms Inc is at its 3year high of 10.
- On 2025-03-06, 0QZI closed at 497.27, 13.4% below its 52week high and 54.8% above its 52-week low.
- 0QZI shares are currently trading 2.3% below their 50-day moving average of 509.14, and 12.2% above their 200-day moving average of 443.27.

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DETAILED STOCK REPORT TIPS

The Stock Report from LSEG is a comprehensive, company-specific analysis that includes a proprietary Stock Rating along with underlying component indicators and supportive data elements. The report is updated daily, although some of the data elements and the ratings are updated weekly.

Average Score

The Stock Reports Plus Average Score combines a quantitative analysis of five widely-used investment decision making tools - Earnings, Fundamental, Relative Valuation, Risk, and Price Momentum. First, a simple average of the five underlying component ratings is calculated. Then, a normal distribution is used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A score of 8 to 10 is considered positive, 4 to 7 is neutral, and 1 to 3 is negative. These five factors may be evaluated differently using alternative methodologies, and the importance of individual factors varies across industry groups, market capitalization and investment styles. Additional criteria should always be used to evaluate a stock.

A company must have sufficient data available for at least three of the five component indicators in order to receive an overall Average Score. Approximately 85% of the stocks within the coverage universe meet the criteria to generate a score.

Indicator Components

The five indicators that comprise the stock rating are displayed. Like the stock rating, the component rating scale is 1 to 10, with 10 being best. A company will receive an 'NR' for No Rating if the required data elements or criteria are not met. A detailed section for each component is included in the report.

Indicator Trends

Within each component section, historical score trends are displayed, typically using a 4-week moving average over a timeframe of the past three years. The dotted orange line indicates the average of the scores over those three years. The most recent occurrences of the best and worst scores are also displayed on the chart in grey boxes to put the current score into historical context.

Next to the trend chart for the company, current score averages are included, along with peer company comparisons of values from 6 months ago, 3 months ago, 1 month ago, the most recent value from 1 week ago, and the current score. The four closest industry peers are presented based on similar market capitalization.

Peer Analysis

- The Refinitiv Business Classification (TRBC) schema is used for industry comparisons. It is designed to track and display the primary business of a corporation by grouping together correlated companies that offer products and services into similar end markets. The system includes 10 Economic Sectors, 28 Business Sectors, 54 Industry Groups, and 136 Industries.
- The Peer Analysis section of the report compares the company to its ten closest peers. The peers are selected from the industry based on similar market capitalization. The peer listing may have fewer than ten companies if there are fewer than ten companies classified within that industry.

<u>Highlights</u>

The automated text-generation system from LSEG creates highlights summarizing the most noteworthy data. The bullets will vary by company and will change from week to week as different criteria are met.

Earnings

The Earnings Rating is based on a combination of three factors: earnings surprises, estimate revisions, and recommendation changes. Each factor is equally weighted. Then, equal deciles are used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A stock needs to have at least two of the three earnings factors in order to receive a score.

- Earnings Surprises The number of positive and negative surprises within the last 4 periods (quarters or years).
- Estimate Revisions The number of up and down revisions and the average percentage change of those revisions within a 4 week period.
- Recommendation Changes The number of broker upgrades and downgrades in the last 120 days.

Price Target

The price target is based on the predictions of analysts covering the stock and shows the high, low and mean price expected within the next 12 months.

Earnings Per Share

The quarterly and annual earnings per share are presented when available, along with the mean, high and low. Quarterly data is displayed for the past 4 quarters (actual) and the next 2 quarters (estimated). Annual data is displayed for the past 2 years (actual) and the next 2 years (estimated).

Mean Estimate Trend

The mean estimates show how the consensus has changed over the past 30 days and 90 days for the upcoming two quarters (when available) and two years. The percentage change is calculated for the company as a means for comparison by measuring the difference between the current consensus estimate and that of 90 days ago.

Analyst Recommendations

The I/B/E/S Mean is the average recommendation of all analysts covering the stock, as provided by I/B/E/S, the Institutional Brokers Estimate System, from LSEG. The recommendations are presented on a five-point standardized scale: strong buy, buy, hold, sell, and strong sell.

Earnings Surprises

- The surprise summary includes the total number of time periods (and percentage) in the last 12 quarters (quarterly) or last 4 years (annual) in which earnings surprises were positive, negative, or in-line. In order to be recognized as a positive or negative surprise, the percent must be greater than 2% above or 2% below the consensus, respectively.
- The surprise detail section includes a listing of the company's quarterly earnings reported for the most recent 6 periods (quarters or years). The consensus analyst estimate is provided to determine if the actual earnings report represented a positive surprise, negative surprise, or in-line result.

Fundamental

The Fundamental Rating is based on a combination of four fundamental component factors: profitability, debt, earnings quality, and dividend. Companies that do not pay a dividend are not penalized. Each factor is equally weighted. Then, equal deciles are used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A stock needs to have at least two of the four fundamental factors present in order to receive a score.

Profitability

- Revenue Growth: (Net Sales Previous Net Sales) / Previous Net Sales
- Gross Margin: Gross Profit / Net Sales
- Return on Equity: Net Income / Total Equity
- Net Margin: Net Profit / Net Sales

Debt

- Current Ratio: Current Assets / Current Liabilities
- Debt-to-Capital: Total Debt / Total Capital
- Interest Funding: (Interest Expense on Debt + Preferred Cash Dividends) / Funds from Operations
- Interest Coverage: Earnings before Interest and Taxes / (Interest Expense on Debt + Preferred Cash Dividends)

Earnings Quality

- Operating Cash Yield: (Operating Cash Flow Net Income) / Net Income
- Accruals: (Net Income Operating Cash Flow Investing Cash Flow) / Average Net Operating Assets
- Days Sales in Inventory: 365 / (Cost of Goods Sold / Inventory)
- Days Sales in Receivables: 365 / (Net Sales / Receivables)

Dividend

The company must have a current dividend yield.

- Dividend Growth Rate: (Dividends per Share Previous Dividends per Share) / Previous Dividends per Share
- Dividend Funding: Dividends / Operating Cash Flow
- Dividend Coverage: (Pre-Tax Income + Interest Expense) / (Interest Expense + Dividends)
- Dividend Yield: Annual Dividends per Share / Current Market Price per Share

Indicator Trend

The fundamental indicator trend displays either quarterly scores over the past three years or annual scores over the past six years, depending on the reporting periods for the country. The best and worst scores can be easily determined from the values shown on the chart for each quarter or year.

Relative Valuation

The Relative Valuation Rating is based on a combination of three component factors: Price to Sales, Trailing P/E, and Forward P/E. Each factor is equally weighted. Equal deciles are then used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. These common valuation metrics are evaluated against the overall market, the index, and the company's own historic 5-year averages. A stock needs to have at least one of the three relative valuation factors in order to receive a score.

 Price to Sales: Close Price / (Sales for 4 Quarters or 1 Year / Shares Outstanding)



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- Trailing P/E: Close Price / Most Recent 4 Quarters or 1 Year of Earnings
- Forward P/E: Close Price / Upcoming 4 Quarters or 1 Year of Earnings

Valuation Averages

Negative values are excluded when calculating the averages. A maximum value of 100 is placed on Trailing P/E and Forward P/E, a maximum value of 5 is placed on Forward PEG, and a maximum value of 20 is placed on Price to Sales when calculating the averages. Higher values are rounded down to the maximum for the averages.

Valuation Multiples

The valuation multiples provide the Trailing P/E, Forward P/E, Forward PEG, and Price to Sales for the company and the relevant index average. In addition, a comparison of the current company's values to its 5-year average and an industry average are presented. A discount occurs when the company's ratio is valued more favorably (lower) than that to which it is compared.

<u>Risk</u>

The Risk Rating displays stocks on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being awarded to the least risky stocks. It is derived by looking at a series of long-term (5-year) and short-term (90-day) stock performance measures including volatility, magnitude of returns, beta, and correlation. Each factor is equally weighted. Then, equal deciles are used to rank each stock across the market. A stock needs to have at least two of the four risk factors in order to receive a score.

- Magnitude of Returns The best / worst daily returns in the past 90 days and the best / worst monthly returns in the past 60 months.
- Volatility The standard deviation of the stock price over the last 90 days and last 60 months, along with the average and largest intra-day stock swing.
- Beta Measures the tendency of a security's returns to respond to swings in the market, based on the beta of the company versus the relevant index.
- Correlation Determines how closely the returns of the stock and the relevant index move together, measured over the last 90 days and last 60 months.

Risk Analysis

Price analysis for the company and the relevant index is provided over two time periods. Daily analysis is provided for the last 90 days, whereas monthly statistics are used for the last 60 months.

Price Momentum

The Price Momentum Rating is based on a combination of two technical performance factors: relative strength and seasonality. The factors are equally weighted. Equal deciles are then used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A stock needs to have data for the relative strength factor in order to receive a score.

- Relative Strength The relative strength of the company for the last 10 days, 50 days, and 200 days on a scale of 1 to 100.
- Seasonality The average monthly return (price performance) for the current month and next 2 months for the company and industry, over the past 10 years. A lower industry rank indicates a higher return.

Price Performance

Daily close prices are used to calculate the price performance of the stock. The performance of the relevant index is also displayed as a means of comparison.

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