

Cadence

High-quality biz model and execution, but valuation elevated

Reiterate Rating: UNDERPERFORM | PO: 140.00 USD | Price: 139.20 USD

Solid Q4 but valuation elevated as semis markets rebound

Q4 sales/EPS of \$760mn/\$0.83 finished \$30mn/9c ahead of Street though benefitted from collections. Adjusting for the extra week in FY20, CDNS guided FY21 sales up +10% YoY, with solid OpMs (35.3% at mdpt) enabling mgmt. to maintain an adjusted 'Rule of 40' metric of 45%+. While we acknowledge CDNS' impressive ability to expand OpMs in recent years (Q4 OpMs reach record 37%, +630bps YoY) and believe in management's ability to execute long-term, we remain cautious surrounding investor sentiment/preference shifting towards semiconductor vendors with direct exposure to recovering cyclical and secular markets (autos, industrial, 5G, etc.). Notably, even assuming FY21 sales reach CDNS bull case scenario (+11% YoY adjusted), topline growth is well short of +14% YoY growth we model for semiconductor vendors (on average). Trading at a 41x CY22E P/E (high-end of 17x-42x range), we believe other names feature better risk-reward profiles. Reiterate Underperform. Overall, we slightly raise FY21E/22E ests and our PO to \$140 on 40x CY22E EV/FCF (vs 36x prior) given its solidified margin profile, still in line with peers trading 27x-63x.

Likes: Conservative guide, OpM growth, Systems revenue

(1) Given concerns around upfront revenues originating from China, mgmt. remained cautious in guiding 2H revenues, with sustained strength potentially enabling upside later in the year; (2) Q4 OpMs of 37.1% (+120bps QoQ) finished 230bps above Street, with FY20 OpMs reaching a record 35% for the year (up nearly 1000bps since FY16); (3) System companies now account for ~45% of sales (vs 40% a few years prior), which could be underappreciated, given that it brings CDNS much closer to the end customer and highlights increasing in-house silicon activity.

Risks: China strength, FY21 expense growth, valuation

(1) China sales increased +135% YoY which could signal pull-ins, particularly with mgmt noting an elevated mix of upfront revenues in Q4 and likely 1H21; (2) FY21E EPS guide of \$3 at mdpt 4%/12c ahead of Street, but further upside limited by ramp in expenses (+8% YoY unadjusted) as headcount increases and COVID-19 restrictions ease; (3) CDNS trading at 41x P/E is 10-15 turns above CDNS's five-year average, and we continue to believe investors will prefer higher growth semiconductor stocks.

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E
EPS	2.20	2.80	3.01	3.43	3.84
GAAP EPS	3.53	2.11	2.12	2.52	2.87
EPS Change (YoY)	17.6%	27.3%	7.5%	14.0%	12.0%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			2.70	2.88	3.18
DPS	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	63.3x	49.7x	46.2x	40.6x	36.3x
GAAP P/E	39.4x	66.0x	65.7x	55.2x	48.5x
Dividend Yield	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
EV / EBITDA*	46.6x	37.2x	34.6x	30.5x	27.4x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	1.7%	2.1%	2.1%	2.5%	2.8%
* For full definitions of <i>iQ</i> method SM measures, see page 13.					

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Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	130.00	140.00
2021E Rev (m)	2,863.0	2,890.0
2022E Rev (m)	3,091.3	3,151.2
2023E Rev (m)	NA	3,435.5
2021E EPS	3.00	3.01
2022E EPS	3.32	3.43
2023E EPS	NA	3.84

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Stock Data

Price	139.20 USD
Price Objective	140.00 USD
Date Established	23-Feb-2021
Investment Opinion	B-3-9
52-Week Range	51.39 USD - 149.08 USD
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	38,848 USD / 279.1
(mn)	
Average Daily Value (mn)	199.84 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	CDNS / NAS
Bloomberg / Reuters	CDNS US / CDNS.OQ
ROE (2021E)	31.2%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2020A)	-23.3%
ESGMeter™	High

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iQprofile[™] Cadence

(US\$ Millions)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023
Return on Capital Employed	30.4%	2020A 29.1%	26.1%	26.2%	25.59
Return on Equity	36.4%	34.0%	31.2%	30.4%	29.09
Operating Margin	32.1%	35.2%	35.3%	36.9%	37.89
Free Cash Flow	655	810	824	973	1,07
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iQ method [™] – Quality of Earnings*					
(US\$ Millions)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023
Cash Realization Ratio	1.2x	1.2x	1.1x	1.1x	1.1
Asset Replacement Ratio	0.6x	0.7x	0.8x	0.9x	0.9
Tax Rate	NM	6.7%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	-17.1%	-23.3%	-34.1%	-44.5%	-52.4
Interest Cover	NM	NM	NA	NA	N
Income Statement Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023
Sales	2,336	2,683	2,890	3,151	3,43
% Change	9.3%	14.8%	7.7%	9.0%	9.0
Gross Profit	2,117	2,430	2,656	2,848	3,06
% Change	10.0%	14.8%	9.3%	7.2%	7.8
EBITDA	819	1,026	1,102	1,252	1,39
% Change	15.0%	25.2%	7.4%	13.6%	11.4
Net Interest & Other Income	(14)	(13)	(17)	(17)	(1
Net Income (Adjusted)	618	782	843	962	1,07
% Change	17.5%	26.6%	7.8%	14.2%	11.89
Free Cash Flow Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	
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Company Sector

Technical & Design Software

Company Description

Cadence is the second largest provider of electronic design automation (EDA) software and tools used to design, verify, and lay out semiconductor chips and electronics system. Its core competency lies in analog/custom chip design. Cadence is also the 3rd largest supplier of semiconductor intellectual property, and has aspirations to expand its TAM into the adjacent system analysis market.

Investment Rationale

We rate CDNS Underperform. We like its leading position in an EDA industry that is levered to the same secular trends as semis but with much more muted cyclicality. While we think CDNS has defensiveness/scarcity value, we believe the stock could struggle to outperform in the near term as it trades at a rich premium relative to peers and as relatively fewer opportunities to derive operating leverage.

Stock Data

Average Daily Volume 1,435,628

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

	2020	2021
Q1	0.60A	0.74E
Q2	0.66A	0.76E
Q3	0.70A	0.73E
Q4	0.83A	0.78E

Summary of model changes

Table 1: Summary of sales and EPS changes

We raise FY21E/FY22E sales by 1%/2% to \$2,890mn/\$3,151mn and raise Non-GAAP EPS by 1c/11c to \$3.01/\$3.43

		Sales (\$mn) Non-GAAP EPS						
	OLD	NEW	Delta	OLD	NEW	Delta		
1Q21E	\$685	\$720	\$35	\$0.68	\$0.74	\$0.06		
2Q21E	\$700	\$725	\$26	\$0.72	\$0.76	\$0.04		
3Q21E	\$728	\$715	(\$14)	\$0.78	\$0.73	(\$0.05)		
4Q21E	\$750	\$730	(\$20)	\$0.82	\$0.78	(\$0.04)		
FY21E	\$2,863	\$2,890	\$27	\$3.00	\$3.01	\$0.01		
YoY%	7.9%	7.7%	1%	11.2%	7.5%	0%		
1Q22E	\$757	\$751	(\$6)	\$0.81	\$0.79	(\$0.02)		
2Q22E	\$760	\$772	\$12	\$0.82	\$0.83	\$0.02		
3Q22E	\$777	\$795	\$19	\$0.84	\$0.87	\$0.03		
4Q22E	\$798	\$833	\$35	\$0.86	\$0.94	\$0.08		
FY22E	\$3,091	\$3,151	\$60	\$3.32	\$3.43	\$0.11		
YoY%	8.0%	9.0%	2%	10.9%	14.2%	3%		

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company report

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Q4 reported vs. expectations

Table 2: Summary of DecQ results

CDNS reported Q4 sales 4% ahead of Street. EPS beat by 9c

	Dec-19	Sep-20				Dec-20			
AvE			Guidance	Street	BofA	New BofA	Delta	QoQ	YoY
Revenue	\$599.6	\$666.6	\$630 - \$650	\$730.0	\$730.0	\$759.9	4.1%	14.0%	26.7%
QoQ%					9.5%	14.0%			
EDA	\$521.6	\$566.6		\$640.1	\$624.0	\$661.1	5.9%	16.7%	26.7%
IP	\$77.9	\$100.0		\$95.4	\$106.0	\$98.8	-6.8%	-1.2%	26.7%
Gross Margin (GAAP)	87.8%	87.7%			86.6%	90.3%		267	255
Gross Margin (Non-GAAP)	89.7%	89.6%		89.3%	88.3%	92.2%	395	262	254
Opex (GAAP)	417.3	415.1			460.8	501.4		20.8%	20.1%
Opex (Non-GAAP)	353.3	358.3		398.2	392.4	418.8	6.7%	16.9%	18.5%
Operating Income (GAAP)	108.9	169.3			171.7	185.0		9.3%	69.9%
Operating Margin (GAAP)	18.2%	25.4%			23.5%	24.3%		(105)	618
Operating Income (Non-GAAP)	184.4	239.0		254.0	252.0	282.1	11.9%	18.0%	53.0%
Operating Margin (Non-GAAP)	30.8%	35.9%	~33%	34.8%	34.5%	37.1%	259	126	636
Other income, net (GAAP)	(3.5)	(3.6)			(7.7)	1.2		-134.0%	-134.8%
Other income,. net (Non-GAAP)	(4.0)	(4.4)			(7.0)	(3.7)		-17.7%	-8.5%
Pretax Income (GAAP)	105.4	165.7			164.0	186.2		12.4%	76.6%
Pretax Income (Non-GAAP)	180.4	234.6			245.0	278.4		18.7%	54.3%
Tax rate (GAAP)	-525.7%	2.5%			15.0%	6.7%		422	53242
Tax rate (Non-GAAP)	16.0%	16.0%			16.0%	16.0%		0	0
Net Income (GAAP)	659.7	161.6			139.4	173.7		7.5%	-73.7%
Net Income (Non-GAAP)	151.6	197.1			205.8	233.9		18.7%	54.3%
Diluted EPS (GAAP)	\$2.36	\$0.58	\$0.49 - \$0.51		\$0.50	\$0.62		7.4%	-73.7%
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$0.54	\$0.70	\$0.59 - \$0.61	\$0.74	\$0.74	\$0.83	13.6%	18.6%	54.0%
Diluted Shares (Non-GAAP)	279.6	280.0			280.0	280.2		0.1%	0.2%
Operating Cash Flow	159.3	206.6			86.3	135.5		-34.4%	-14.9%
Free Cash Flow	132.2	186.3			55.0	104.5		-43.9%	-21.0%
Free Cash Flow margin	22.1%	28.0%			7.5%	13.7%		(1421)	(831)

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company report, Bloomberg

Q1 guidance vs. expectations

Table 3: Summary of MarQ guide

CDNS guided Q1 \$23mn above Street. EPS guided 5c ahead at the midpoint

	Dec-20		Mar-21E									
		BofA	Street	Guidance	New BofA							
Revenue	\$759.9	\$685.1	\$696.6	\$710-\$730	\$720.0							
QoQ%	14.0%	-6.1%			-5.3%							
EDA	\$661.1	\$586.6	\$611.3		\$628.1							
IP	\$98.8	\$98.6	\$94.2		\$91.9							
Gross Margin (GAAP)	90.3%	88.8%			91.0%							
Gross Margin (Non-GAAP)	92.2%	90.3%	89.9%		92.5%							
Opex (GAAP)	501.4	443.6			476.9							
Opex (Non-GAAP)	418.8	387.2	385.5		413.9							
Operating Income (GAAP)	185.0	164.9			178.6							
Operating Margin (GAAP)	24.3%	24.1%		25.0%	24.8%							
Operating Income (Non-GAAP)	282.1	231.6	240.8		252.5							
Operating Margin (Non-GAAP)	37.1%	33.8%	34.6%	35.0%	35.1%							
Other income, net (GAAP)	1.2	(6.0)			(4.3)							
Other income,. net (Non-GAAP)	(3.7)	(4.5)			(4.3)							
Pretax Income (GAAP)	186.2	158.9			174.4							
Pretax Income (Non-GAAP)	278.4	227.1			248.2							
Tax rate (GAAP)	6.7%	14.0%			14.0%							
Tax rate (Non-GAAP)	16.0%	16.0%			16.0%							
Net Income (GAAP)	173.7	136.7			150.0							
Net Income (Non-GAAP)	233.9	190.8			208.5							
Diluted EPS (GAAP)	\$0.62	\$0.49		\$0.55-\$0.59	\$0.54							
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$0.83	\$0.68	\$0.69	\$0.72-\$0.76	\$0.74							
Diluted Shares (Non-GAAP)	280.2	280.1			280.1							
Operating Cash Flow	135.5	158.7			193.0							
Free Cash Flow	104.5	138.2			167.8							
Free Cash Flow margin	13.7%	20.2%			23.3%							

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company report, Bloomberg

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Balance sheet, cash flow snapshot

Table 4: Summary of cash and inventory positions

Net cash per share decreased 29% QoQ. Both operating cash and free cash flow decreased YoY

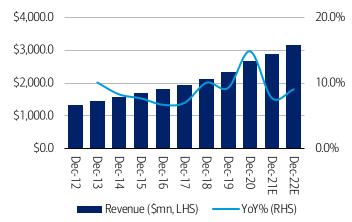
	4Q19	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	QoQ%	YoY%
Total Cash	705.2	946.3	1189.2	1306.6	928.4	-28.9%	31.7%
ST Debt	0.0	350.0	350.0	350.0	0.0	-100.0%	
LT Debt	346.0	346.2	346.4	346.6	346.8	0.1%	0.2%
Total Debt	346.0	696.2	696.4	696.6	346.8	-50.2%	0.2%
Net Cash	359.2	250.1	492.8	610.0	581.6	-4.6%	61.9%
Net Cash/Share	\$1.28	\$0.90	\$1.77	\$2.18	\$2.08	-4.7%	61.6%
DSO	46.2	41.8	44.6	41.0	40.5	-1.2%	-12.3%
DPO	393.3	289.4	371.4	321.7	433.1	34.6%	10.1%
Inventory \$	55.8	60.6	43.9	48.0	76.0	58.3%	36.1%
Inventory Turns	3.0	3.3	2.3	2.3	4.1	77.1%	35.7%
Inventory Days	119.9	112.2	156.3	156.5	88.3	-43.5%	-26.3%
Cash Flow from Ops	159.3	217.7	345.1	206.6	135.5	-34.4%	-14.9%
Capex	27.1	22.2	21.4	20.2	31.1	53.7%	14.7%
Free cash flow	132.2	195.5	323.8	186.3	104.5	-43.9%	-21.0%
Buybacks	75.0	100.0	75.0	75.0	130.0	73.3%	73.3%

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company report

Key charts

Chart 1: CDNS annual revenue and YoY growth

We model high-single digit adjusted growth annually through FY22

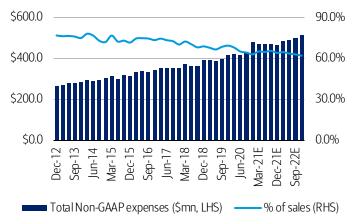


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Chart 3: CDNS qtrly Non-GAAP expenses and opex to sales ratio

CDNS total expenses are 65%-70% of sales

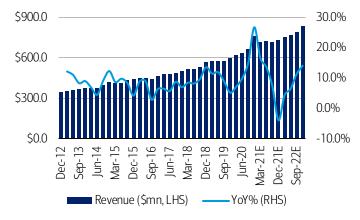


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Chart 2: CDNS quarterly revenue and YoY growth

We expect 1H21 strength with more muted 2H21 growth

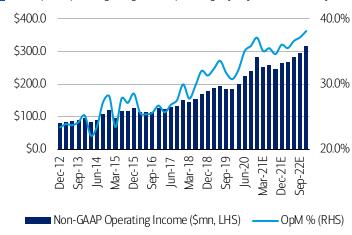


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Chart 4: CDNS quarterly operating income and operating margin

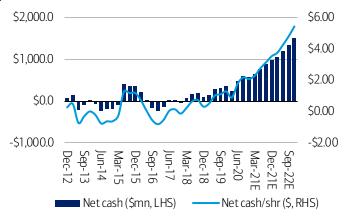
We expect operating margins to expand slightly beyond 35% in 1-2 yrs



Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company report

Chart 5: CDNS net cash and net cash per share

We believe CDNS can grow its net cash position above \$4

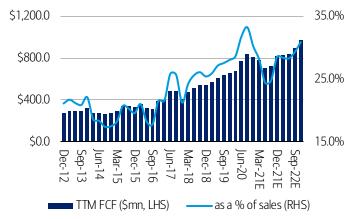


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Chart 7: CDNS TTM FCF and FCF margin

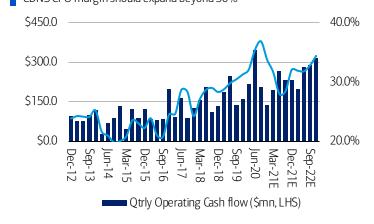
CDNS could grow FCF at a high-single digit to low-double digit CAGR



Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company report

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Chart 6: CDNS operating cash flow and operating cash flow margin CDNS CFO margin should expand beyond 30%



Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company report

Exhibit 1: Income Statement (\$mn)We model 9% revenue growth in FY22/23E respectively

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FY ends Dec P&L model (Smn)	1Q20 Mar-20	2Q20 Jun-20	3Q20 Sep-20	4Q20	•	-	3Q21E	-	1Q22E Mar-22E	2Q22E Jun-22E		4Q22E	FY19 Dec-19	FY20	FY21E Dec-21E	FY22E	
Poduct and maintenance	\$581.7	\$601.4	\$630.3	\$723.2	\$685.2	\$690.3	\$680.0	\$694.9	\$708.8	\$715.9	\$723.1	\$730.3	\$2,204.6				
Services	\$361.7	\$37.1	\$36.3	\$725.2	\$34.7	\$35.0	\$34.5	\$35.2	\$42.5	\$56.1	\$723.1	\$102.5	\$2,204.0	+-,	. ,	. ,	, -
Total Revenue	\$618.0	\$638.4	\$666.6	\$759.9	\$720.0	\$725.3	\$714.5	\$730.1	\$751.3	\$772.0	\$795.2	\$832.8			\$2,890.0	-	
QoQ%	3.1%	3.3%	4.4%	14.0%	-5.3%	0.7%	-1.5%	2.2%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	72,550.5	JZ,00Z.J	J2,030.0.	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	JJ,7JJ.J
YoY%	7.1%	10.0%	15.0%	26.7%	16.5%	13.6%	7.2%	-3.9%	4.4%	6.4%	11.3%	14.1%	9.3%	14.8%	7.7%	9.0%	9.0%
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Total cost of goods sold (GAAP)	74.5	75.2	82.3	73.5	64.4	72.0	71.2	69.4	70.7	78.7	86.3	97.8	266.4	305.5	277.0	333.5	397.8
Total cost of goods sold (Non-GAAP)	62.2	62.1	69.3	59.0	53.7	61.2	60.4	58.6	63.3	71.3	78.9	90.2	219.0	252.5	233.9	303.7	367.3
Gross Profit (GAAP)	543.5	563.2	584.3	686.4	655.5	653.4	643.4	660.7	680.7	693.2	708.8	735.0	2,070.0	2,377.4	2,613.0	2,817.8	3,037.7
Gross Profit (Non-GAAP)	555.8	576.3	597.3	700.9	666.3	664.2	654.1	671.5	688.0	700.6	716.3	742.6	2,117.3	2,430.4	2,656.1	2,847.5	3,068.3
Marketing and sales (GAAP)	125.7	120.5	123.7	146.5	151.9	149.2	147.7	152.0	155.1	154.8	153.8	155.8	481.7	516.5	600.8	619.4	636.2
Marketing and sales (Non-GAAP)	116.5	109.8	113.7	133.5	137.5	134.7	133.4	137.4	140.1	139.4	138.0	139.4	442.0	473.5	543.0	557.1	568.8
Research and development (GAAP)	241.7	250.8	250.9	290.3	280.2	275.7	277.5	273.5	286.1	284.7	290.6	296.1	935.9	1,033.7	1,106.9	1,157.4	1,253.4
Research and development (Non-GAAP)	211.5	213.9	216.2	245.6	238.2	233.5	235.8	231.1	242.6	240.2	245.0	248.7	812.1	887.2	938.5	976.5	1,058.9
General and administrative (GAAP)	33.6	35.6	35.9	49.3	48.5	49.0	48.1	50.5	49.1	49.3	48.8	48.5	139.8	154.4	196.0	195.8	190.9
General and administrative (Non-GAAP)	28.6	28.8	28.3	39.7	38.2	38.5	37.8	40.0	38.4	38.4	37.6	36.8	113.8	125.5	154.4	151.1	142.9
Total Opex (GAAP)	404.1	411.3	415.1	501.4	476.9	474.2	475.6	478.3	491.8	490.3	494.7	501.9	1,578.2	1,731.8	1,905.0	1,978.7	2,086.6
Total Opex (Non-GAAP)	356.7	352.5	358.3	418.8	413.9	406.7	406.9	408.4	421.1	418.0	420.6	424.9	1,367.9	1,486.3	1,636.0	1,684.7	1,770.6
Operating Income (GAAP)	139.4	152.0	169.3	185.0	178.6	179.2	167.8	182.5	188.9	203.0	214.1	233.1	491.8	645.6	708.1	839.1	951.1
Operating Income (Non-GAAP)	199.1	223.9	239.0	282.1	252.5	257.4	247.2	263.1	266.9	282.6	295.6	317.6	749.4	944.1	1,020.2	1,162.8	1,297.6
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GAAP Other income & Expense	(9.2)	(1.3)	(3.6)	1.2	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(12.8)	(12.8)	(17.0)	(17.0)	(17.0)
Non-GAAP Other income & Expense	(1.2)	(4.1)	(4.4)	(3.7)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(14.1)	(13.3)	(17.0)	(17.0)	(17.0)
Pretax income (GAAP)	130.2	150.7	165.7	186.2	174.4	174.9	163.5	178.2	184.6	198.7	209.9	228.9	479.0	632.7	691.1	822.1	934.1
Pretax income (Non-GAAP)	198.0	219.8	234.6	278.4	248.2	253.2	242.9	258.9	262.6	278.4	291.4	313.4	735.3	930.8	1,003.2	1,145.8	1,280.6
Net Income (GAAP)	124.0	131.3	161.6	173.7	150.0	150.5	140.6	153.3	158.8	170.9	180.5	196.8	989.0	590.6	594.3	707.0	803.4
Net Income (Non-GAAP, ex. SBC)	166.3	184.6	197.1	233.9	208.5	212.7	204.0	217.4	220.6	233.9	244.8	263.3	617.6	781.8	842.7	962.5	1,075.7
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GAAP Billion of EDC	\$0.45	\$0.48	\$0.59	\$0.63	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.51	\$0.56	\$0.58	\$0.62	\$0.66	\$0.72	\$3.62	\$2.16	\$2.17	\$2.58	\$2.93
GAAP Diluted EPS Non-GAAP Diluted EPS, ex. SBC	\$0.44 \$0.60	\$0.47 \$0.66	\$0.58 \$0.70	\$0.62 \$0.83	\$0.54 \$0.74	\$0.54 \$0.76	\$0.50 \$0.73	\$0.55 \$0.78	\$0.57 \$0.79	\$0.61 \$0.83	\$0.64 \$0.87	\$0.70 \$0.94	\$3.53 \$2.20	\$2.11 \$2.80	\$2.12 \$3.01	\$2.52 \$3.43	\$2.87 \$3.84
•	273.5	273.4	274.0	274.0	274.0	274.1	274.2	274.3	274.3	274.2	274.2	274.2	273.2	273.7	274.1	274.2	273.8
Basic shares (GAAP) Diluted shares (GAAP)	279.3	273.4	280.0	280.2	280.1	280.3	280.4	280.5	280.4	280.4	280.4	280.4	273.2 280.5	273.7	280.3	280.4	273.8 279.9
Diluted shares (Non-GAAP)	279.3	279.1	280.0	280.2	280.1	280.3	280.4	280.5	280.4	280.4	280.4	280.4	280.5	279.6	280.3	280.4	279.9
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Margin Analysis (Non-GAAP)																	
Gross Margin	89.9%	90.3%	89.6%	92.2%	92.5%	91.6%	91.5%	92.0%	91.6%	90.8%	90.1%	89.2%	90.6%	90.6%	91.9%	90.4%	89.3%
R&D	34.2%	33.5%	32.4%	32.3%	33.1%	32.2%	33.0%	31.6%	32.3%	31.1%	30.8%	29.9%	34.8%	33.1%	32.5%	31.0%	30.8%
M&S	18.9%	17.2%	17.1%	17.6%	19.1%	18.6%	18.7%	18.8%	18.7%	18.1%	17.4%	16.7%	18.9%	17.6%	18.8%	17.7%	16.6%
G&A	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%	5.2%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%	5.1%	5.0%	4.7%	4.4%	4.9%	4.7%	5.3%	4.8%	4.2%
Opex	57.7%	55.2%	53.8%	55.1%	57.5%	56.1%	57.0%	55.9%	56.1%	54.1%	52.9%	51.0%	58.5%	55.4%	56.6%	53.5%	51.5%
Operating Margin	32.2%	35.1%	35.9%	37.1%	35.1%	35.5%	34.6%	36.0%	35.5%	36.6%	37.2%	38.1%	32.1%	35.2%	35.3%	36.9%	37.8%
Tax rate	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%
Net income	26.9%	28.9%	29.6%	30.8%	29.0%	29.3%	28.6%	29.8%		30.3%	30.8%	31.6%	26.4%	29.1%	29.2%	30.5%	31.3%
Source: Rof A Global research company reports				22.276								/9					

Source: BofA Global research, company reports

Exhibit 2: Segment Model (\$mn)We expect EDA growth to remain solid for the next several years

FY ends Dec	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21E	2Q21E	3Q21E	4Q21E	1Q22E	2Q22E	3Q22E	4Q22E	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Segment Model (\$mn)	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	•	Mar-21E	-	-	-	-	-	•	Dec-22E	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21E	Dec-22E	Dec-23E
EDA	\$531.4	\$549.0	\$566.6	\$661.1	\$628.1	\$634.3	\$615.3	\$630.0	\$655.2	\$674.8	\$688.3	\$722.7	\$2,038.4	52,3082	\$2,507.7	52,741.0 \$	2.997.0
Functional Verification	\$142.1	\$153.2	\$153.3	\$197.6	·	·	·	·		•		•	\$525.9	\$646.2			•
Digital IC Design and Signoff	\$179.2	\$178.8	\$180.0	\$235.6									\$700.7	\$773.5			
Custom IC Design and Simulation	\$154.5	\$153.2	\$160.0	\$144.4									\$595.7	\$612.1			
System Interconnect and Analysis	\$55.6	\$63.8	\$73.3	\$83.6									\$216.1	\$276.4			
<u>IP</u>	\$86.5	\$89.4	\$100.0	\$98.8	\$91. <u>9</u>	\$91.0	\$99.2	\$100.2	\$96.2	\$97.1	\$106.9	\$110.1	\$297.9	\$374.7	\$382.3	<u>\$410.2</u>	\$438.5
Total	\$618.0	\$638.4	\$666.6	\$759.9	\$720.0	\$725.3	\$714.5	\$730.1	\$751.3	\$772.0	\$795.2	\$832.8	\$2,3363	2,682.9			
% of sales																	
EDA	86%	86%	85%	87%	87%	87%	86%	86%	87%	87%	87%	87%	87%	86%	87%	87%	87%
Functional Verification	23%	24%	23%	26%									23%	24%			
Digital IC Design and Signoff	29%	28%	27%	31%									30%	29%			
Custom IC Design and Simulation	25%	24%	24%	19%									25%	23%			
System Interconnect and Analysis	9%	10%	11%	11%									9%	10%			
IP	14%	14%	15%	13%	13%	13%	14%	14%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	14%	13%	13%	13%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<u>QoQ%</u>																	
EDA	2%	3%	3%	17%	-5%	1%	-3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	5%					
Functional Verification	-1%	8%	0%	29%													
Digital IC Design and Signoff	3%	0%	1%	31%													
Custom IC Design and Simulation	3%	-1%	4%	-10%													
System Interconnect and Analysis	3%	15%	15%	14%													
IP	11%	3%	12%	-1%	-7%	-1%	9%	1%	-4%	1%	10%	3%					
Total	3%	3%	4%	14%	-5%	1%	-1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	5%					
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<u>YoY%</u>																	
EDA	5%	6%	15%	27%	18%	16%	9%	-5%	4%	6%	12%	15%	8%	13%	9%	9%	9%
Functional Verification	3%	20%	32%	37%									2%	23%			
Digital IC Design and Signoff	4%	-1%	4%	35%									11%	10%			
Custom IC Design and Simulation	7%	2%	6%	-4%									8%	3%			
System Interconnect and Analysis	7%	10%	41%	55%					=		0.51		12%	28%	0.51		
IP	25%	40%	15%	27%	6%	2%	-1%	1%	5%	7%	8%	10%	18%	26%	2%	7%	7%
Total	7%	10%	15%	27%	17%	14%	7%	-4%	4%	6%	11%	14%	9%	15%	8%	9%	9%

Source: BofA Global research, company reports



Exhibit 3: Balance Sheet (\$mn)We believe CDNS could end the year with more than \$3.50 net cash/shr

FY ends Dec	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	•	2Q21E	•	4Q21E	•	2Q22E	3Q22E	4Q22E	FY19	FY20		FY22E	FY23E
Balance Sheet (\$mn)	Mar-20	Jun-20 1.189.2	Sep-20 1.306.6	928.4	Mar-21E				Mar-22E 1.400.1	•			Dec-19	Dec-20 928.4		Dec-22E	
Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments	946.3 0.0	1,189.2	0.0	928.4	986.2 0.0	1,118.5 0.0	1,226.7 0.0	1,337.1 0.0	1,400.1	1,542.7 0.0	1,694.0 0.0	1,869.9 0.0	705.2 0.0	928.4	1,337.1	1,869.9 0.0	2,441.9 0.0
Receivables, net	284.1	312.8	300.4	338.5	356.0	358.7	353.3	361.1	388.1	398.7	410.7	430.1	304.5	338.5	361.1	430.1	457.6
Inventories	60.6	43.9	48.0	76.0	63.0	70.3	69.6	67.9	73.0	81.3	89.2	101.0	55.8	76.0	67.9	101.0	102.4
Prepaid expenses and other	108.6	93.9	46.0 81.5	135.7	135.7	135.7	135.7	135.7	135.7	135.7	135.7	135.7	103.8	135.7	135.7	135.7	135.7
Total current assets				1,478.6						2,158.5				1,478.6		2,536.7	
Total culterit assets	1,399.3	1,059.0	1,/30.5	1,470.0	1,540.5	1,005.2	1,/65.5	1,301.7	1,550.0	2,130.3	2,329.0	2,550.7	1,103.5	1,470.0	1,501.7	2,330.7	3,137.7
Property, plant and equipment, net	281.2	282.7	288.2	311.1	316.0	320.9	325.7	330.6	335.7	340.9	346.3	351.9	275.9	311.1	330.6	351.9	375.1
Goodwill	779.0	778.9	780.8	782.1	782.1	782.1	782.1	782.1	782.1	782.1	782.1	782.1	661.9	782.1	782.1	782.1	782.1
Acquired intangibles, net	258.6	242.5	227.8	210.6	197.7	184.7	171.8	158.9	150.2	141.6	133.0	124.4	172.4	210.6	158.9	124.4	90.0
Long-term receivables	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other assets	1.048.4		1.106.9	1.168.4	1.168.4	1.168.4	1.168.4	1,168.4	1.168.4	1.168.4	1.168.4	1,168.4	1.076.6	1.168.4	1.168.4		1.168.4
Total assets	3.768.0	,	,	,	,	,	,		,	4,591.5	,		,	,	,	4,963.5	,
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Revolving credit facility	350.0	350.0	350.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current portion of long-term debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	236.8	306.9	290.9	350.0	306.7	342.4	338.6	330.3	313.0	348.6	382.4	433.0	316.9	350.0	330.3	433.0	444.5
Current portion of deferred revenue	425.6	494.9	477.0	446.9	446.9	446.9	446.9	446.9	446.9	446.9	446.9	446.9	355.5	446.9	446.9	446.9	446.9
Total current liabilities	1,012.4	1,151.9	1,117.9	796.8	753.5	789.3	785.5	777.2	759.9	795.5	829.3	879.9	672.4	796.8	777.2	879.9	891.4
Long-term portion of deferred revenue	95.5	87.4	84.6	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	73.4	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1
Convertible notes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long-term debt	346.2	346.4	346.6	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.0	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8
Other long-term liabilities	155.8	157.1	195.3	207.1	207.1	207.1	207.1	207.1	207.1	207.1	207.1	207.1	162.5	207.1	207.1	207.1	207.1
Total liabilities	1,610.0	1,742.9	1,744.4	1,457.8	1,414.5	1,450.3	1,446.5	1,438.1	1,420.9	1,456.4	1,490.2	1,540.8	1,254.3	1,457.8	1,438.1	1,540.8	1,552.4
Total stockholders' equity	2 1 5 0 0	2.256.6	2 205 7	2 402 0	2 500 6	2 6 9 0 1	2 706 0	2 002 E	20124	3,135.1	2 260 2	2 422 6	2 102 0	2 402 0	2 002 5	3,422.6	4 000 0
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	1 .	3,999.5	•			•	•			4,591.5	•			•		4,963.5	•
Total liabilities and Stockholders equity	3,700.0	3,333.3	4,140.2	3,930.6	4,005.1	4,139.3	4,233.3	4,541./	4,433.3	4,591.5	4,/ 39.4	4,903.3	3,337.2	3,930.6	4,341./	4,903.3	5,555.2
Cash and liquidity ratios																	
Total cash (incl. restricted cash)	946.3	1.189.2	1,306.6	928.4	986.2	1,118.5	1 226 7	1,337.1	1 400 1	1,542.7	1,694.0	1.869.9	705.2	928.4	1 337 1	1.869.9	2 441 9
Short-term debt	350.0	350.0	350.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long-term debt	346.2	346.4	346.6	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.0	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8
Total debt	696.2	696.4	696.6	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.0	346.8	346.8	346.8	346.8
Net cash	250.1	492.8	610.0	581.6	639.4	771.7	879.9		1,053.3	1,196.0		1,523.1	359.2	581.6			2,095.1
Net cash per share	\$0.90	\$1.77	\$2.18	\$2.08	\$2.28	\$2.75	\$3.14	\$3.53		\$4.26	\$4.80	\$5.43	\$1.28	\$2.08	\$3.53	\$5.43	\$7.48
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Source: BofA Global research, company reports

Exhibit 4: Statement of Cash Flows
We expect FCF margins to remain to increase to 30%+ next fiscal year

FY ends Dec	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21E	2Q21E	3Q21E	4Q21E	1Q22E	2Q22E	3Q22E	4Q22E	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Cash flow statement (\$mn)	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21E	lun-21E	Sep-21E	Dec-21E	Mar-22E	Jun-22E	Sep-22EI	Dec-22E	Dec-19 [Dec-20 I	Dec-21E	Dec-22E [Dec-23E
Net income	124.0	131.3	161.6	173.7	150.0	150.5	140.6	153.3	158.8	170.9	180.5	196.8	989.0	590.6	594.3	707.0	803.4
Depreciation and amortization	33.3	36.6	37.1	38.6	33.3	33.4	33.1	33.6	29.8	30.4	31.1	32.1	122.8	145.7	133.4	123.5	131.5
Amortization of debt discount and fees	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3									1.0	1.1			
Stock-based compensation	46.5	46.9	45.3	58.5	57.6	58.0	57.2	58.4	60.1	61.8	63.6	66.6	181.5	197.3	231.2	252.1	274.8
(Gain) loss on investments, net	3.2	0.8	1.1	(0.2)									4.1	5.0			
Deferred income taxes	3.9	(5.5)	(17.4)	(7.2)									(576.7)	(26.1)			
Provisions (recoveries) for losses (gains) on receivables, net	(0.1)	1.0	0.2	0.5									0.6	1.6			
Other non-cash items	0.9	0.9	0.7	2.8									1.0	5.3			
Receivables	26.5	(29.0)	12.4	(35.9)	(17.6)	(2.7)	5.4	(7.7)	(27.0)	(10.6)	(12.0)	(19.4)	(4.7)	(25.9)	(22.6)	(69.1)	(27.5)
Inventories	(5.3)	16.3	(4.6)	(32.1)	13.0	(7.3)	0.8	1.7	(5.1)	(8.3)	(7.9)	(11.8)	(33.0)	(25.7)	8.1	(33.1)	(1.4)
Prepaid expenses and other	(5.0)	14.9	12.9	(53.9)									(11.0)	(31.2)			
Other assets	(8.3)	(9.3)	(3.6)	(50.3)									(8.0)	(71.6)			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(84.8)	73.7	(19.3)	48.8	(43.3)	35.8	(3.8)	(8.3)	(17.3)	35.6	33.8	50.6	33.9	18.4	(19.6)	102.7	11.5
Deferred revenue	86.9	61.6	(24.0)	(14.3)									27.5	110.2			
Other long-term liabilities	(4.2)	4.7	3.9	1 - 1 - 1									1.7	10.4			
Net cash provided by operating activities	217.7	345.1	206.6	135.5	193.0	267.7	233.2	230.9	199.3	279.7	289.1	315.0	729.6	904.9	924.8	1,083.1	1,192.3
Purchases of non-marketable investments													(33.7)				
Proceeds from the sale of non-marketable investments													3.0				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(22.2)	(21.4)	(20.2)	(31.1)	(25.2)	(25.4)	(25.0)	(25.6)	(26.3)	(27.0)	(27.8)	(29.1)	(74.6)	(94.8)	(101.1)	(110.3)	(120.2)
Cash paid in business combinations and asset acquisitions, net of cash acquired	d (193.8)	(1.3)	(2.4)										(0.3)	(197.6)			
Net cash used for investing activities	(216.0)	(22.7)	(22.7)	(30.9)	(25.2)	(25.4)	(25.0)	(25.6)	(26.3)	(27.0)	(27.8)	(29.1)	(105.7)(292.2)	(101.1)	(110.3)	(120.2)
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Proceeds from revolving credit facility	350.0			(250.0)										350.0			
Payment on revolving credit facility				(350.0)									(250.0)	(350.0)			
Principal payments on term loan Proceeds from issuance of common stock	22.2	10.4	27.0	2.4									F2 0	74.8			
	33.3	10.4 (16.1)	27.8 (31.9)										52.8 (90.6)				
Stock received for payment of employee taxes on vesting of restricted stock Payments for repurchases of common stock	(37.5) (100.0)	(75.0)	' '	(24.5)	(110.0)	(1100)	(100.0)	(OE O)	(110.0)	(1100)	(1100)	(1100)	(306.1)	'	(41E O)	(440.0)	(E00.0)
Change in book overdraft	(100.0)	(75.0)	(75.0)	(130.0)	(110.0)	(110.0)	(100.0)	(93.0)	(110.0)	(110.0)	(110.0)	(110.0)	(300.1)	(360.1)	(413.0)	(440.0)	(300.0)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	245.8	(9A 9)	(70.1)	(501.2)	(1100)	/1100\	(100.0)	(05.0)	(110.0)	/110 O\	/110 O\	/110 O\	(443 0)(/15 2\	(415 O)	(440.0)	(500 O)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(6.4)	1.2			(110.0)	(110.0)	(100.0)	(33.0)	(110.0)	(110.0)	(110.0)	(110.0)	(8.1)	25.7	(413.0)	(440.0)	(500.0)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	. ,			(378.1)	57.8	132.3	108.2	110.3	63.0	142.7	151.3	175.8	. ,		408.6	532.8	572.0
Free Cash Flow (FCF)																	
FCF as a % of sales	32%	51%	28%	14%	23%	33%	29%	28%	23%	33%	33%	34%	28%	30%	28%	31%	31%
FCF/share		\$1.16	\$0.67		\$0.60	\$0.86	\$0.74	\$0.73	\$0.62	\$0.90	\$0.93	\$1.02	\$2.34			\$3.47	\$3.83
TTM FCF as a % of sales	29%	32%	33%		28%	24%	25%	28%	28%	28%	29%	31%	72.57	JZ.JU	42.54	↓ J.⊤/	45.05
TTM FCF/Share	\$2.44	\$2.77	\$2.99		\$2.79	\$2.50	\$2.58	\$2.94	\$2.96	\$2.99	\$3.18	\$3.47					
Source: BofA Global research.company reports	, +	J=., /	72.55	72.00	4 3	72.50	4 2.50	7=.0	72.50	72.55	450	40					

Source: BofA Global research, company reports



Price objective basis & risk

Cadence (CDNS)

Our \$140 PO is based on 40x FY22E EV/FCF within peer range (27x-63x) and justified given predictability of EPS/FCF/EBITDA streams and growing strategic importance of EDA in increasingly fragmented global electronics supply chain. We like CDNS leverage to all of the top secular drivers (Artificial intelligence, 5G, autonomous cars) in semis/electronics/technology, especially with much more predictable/recurring revenues. Still, limited operating leverage and highly recurring revenues that could cap growth potential as well as price appreciation.

Downside risks are: (1) Share loss in existing markets to primary competitors, (2) a broader economic downturn dampens semis R&D spending and corresponding spend on EDA tools and services, (3) escalation of US-China trade war limits CDNS' ability to sell to key customers, (4) semiconductor industry consolidation accelerates which could diminish customer spending power, (5) venture into adjacent system analysis market fails to meaningfully accelerate revenue growth and incremental investments suppress margin expansion.

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	Analog Devices Inc.	ADI	ADI US	Vivek Arya
	Applied Materials, Inc.	AMAT	AMAT US	Vivek Arya
	Broadcom Inc	AVGO	AVGO US	Vivek Arya
	Cirrus Logic	CRUS	CRUS US	Vivek Arya
	KLA Corporation	KLAC	KLAC US	Vivek Arya
	Lam Research Corp.	LRCX	LRCX US	Vivek Arya
	M/A-Com	MTSI	MTSIUS	Vivek Arya
	Marvell Technology Group Ltd.	MRVL	MRVL US	Vivek Arya

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	NXP Semiconductors NV	NXPI	NXPI US	Vivek Arya
	Qorvo Inc.	QRVO	QRVO US	Vivek Arya
	Teradyne	TER	TER US	Vivek Arya
	Texas Instruments Inc.	TXN	TXN US	Vivek Arya
NEUTRAL				
	Skyworks Solutions, Inc.	SWKS	SWKS US	Vivek Arya
	Synopsys	SNPS	SNPS US	Vivek Arya
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	Cadence	CDNS	CDNS US	Vivek Arya
	Intel	INTC	INTC US	Vivek Arya
	ON Semiconductor	ON	ONUS	Vivek Arya
RSTR				
	II-VI	IIVI	IIVI US	Vivek Arya
	Maxim Integrated Products Inc.	MXIM	MXIM US	Vivek Arya
	Xilinx Inc.	XLNX	XLNX US	Vivek Arya

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Business Performance	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) * (1 - Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill
		Amortization
Return On Equity	Net Income	Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin	Operating Profit	Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5-Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings		
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 Cash Realization Ratio
 Cash Flow From Operations
 Net Income

 Asset Replacement Ratio
 Capex
 Depreciation

 Tax Rate
 Tax Charge
 Pre-Tax Income

 Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio
 Net Debt = Total Debt, Less Cash & Equivalents
 Total Equity

 Interest Cover
 EBIT
 Interest Expense

Valuation Toolkit

Price / Earnings RatioCurrent Share PriceDiluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)Price / Book ValueCurrent Share PriceShareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares

Dividend Yield Annualised Declared Cash Dividend Current Share Price

Free Cash Flow Yield Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex Market Cap. = Current Share Price * Current Basic Shares

Enterprise Value / Sales EV = Current Share Price * Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt + Sales

Other LT Liabilities

EV / EBITDA Enterprise Value Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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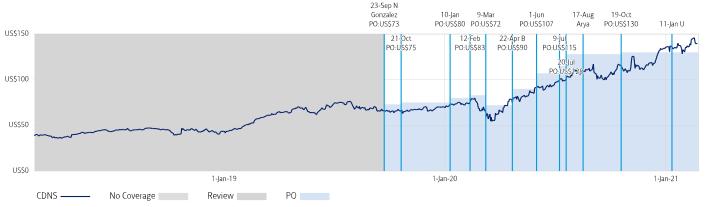
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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships*	Count	Percent
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Hold	61	21.94%	Hold	34	55.74%
Sell	48	17.27%	Sell	21	43.75%

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Hold	686	20.95%	Hold	426	62.10%
Sell	725	22 14%	Sell	358	49 38%

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