

Abbott Laboratories

S&P Capital IQ Recommendation



S&P Capital IQ Equity Analyst Jeffrey Loo, CFA

Price

\$43.81 (as of Nov 14, 2014 4:00 PM ET)

12-Mo. Target Price

\$44.00

Report Currency

USD

Investment Style

Large-Cap Growth

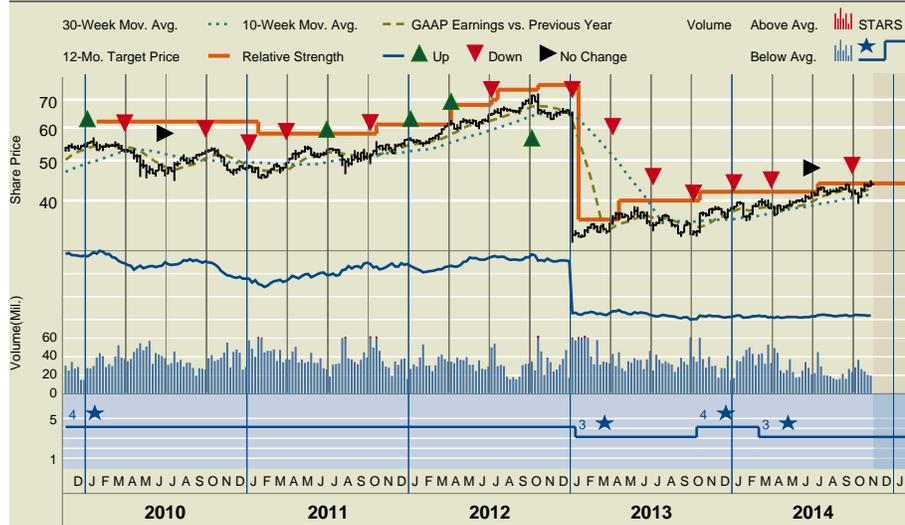
GICS Sector Health Care
Sub-Industry Health Care Equipment

Summary This diversified health care products company is now focused on nutritionals, diagnostics, generic drugs, and medical devices, following the spinoff of its R&D-based prescription pharmaceuticals business at the beginning of 2013.

Key Stock Statistics (Source S&P Capital IQ, Vickers, company reports)

52-Wk Range	\$44.77– 35.65	S&P Oper. EPS 2014E	2.26	Market Capitalization(B)	\$65.969	Beta	0.36
Trailing 12-Month EPS	\$1.27	S&P Oper. EPS 2015E	2.45	Yield (%)	2.01	S&P 3-Yr. Proj. EPS CAGR(%)	11
Trailing 12-Month P/E	34.5	P/E on S&P Oper. EPS 2014E	19.4	Dividend Rate/Share	\$0.88	S&P Quality Ranking	A
\$10K Invested 5 Yrs Ago	NA	Common Shares Outstg. (M)	1,505.8	Institutional Ownership (%)	68		

Price Performance



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Analysis prepared by Equity Analyst **Jeffrey Loo, CFA** on Oct 27, 2014 02:46 PM, when the stock traded at **\$42.20**.

Highlights

- In July, ABT agreed to sell its developed markets generic drug business to Mylan Labs (MYL 51 ****) for \$5.3B. ABT will retain its emerging markets generic drug unit. The unit ABT agreed to sell has sales of \$2B with operations in Europe, Japan, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. We view the deal positively as we believe the developed markets unit was growing slower than the emerging markets unit. ABT indicated it plans to divest its ownership interest in MYL when appropriate. In October, following new Treasury Department rules to discourage tax inversion deals, ABT and MYL re-affirmed their commitment to completing the deal, but revised the terms, and ABT will receive a 22% ownership in the combined company.
- We expect 2014 sales, including recently acquired CFR Pharmaceuticals, to grow 3.9%, to \$22.7 billion. We see sales driven by robust growth in emerging markets, which account for about 40% of sales, tempered by modest growth in developed countries. We look for operating margins to grow 80 basis points to 19.1% on leverage.
- Our 2014 EPS estimate is \$2.26.

Investment Rationale/Risk

- We see ABT as well positioned within the global health care markets, particularly in emerging markets, which we think could account for more than 45% of sales by 2015, while U.S. sales decline to less than 30% of sales. We expect solid growth in the nutritional products (despite the supplier issue in 2013) and diagnostics segments to offset softness in established pharmaceuticals and medical devices. We view its deal to sell its developed markets established pharmaceuticals unit positively as we see only flat growth in those markets. We believe medical devices aided by acquisitions will return to growth in Q4 2014. In January 2014, ABT announced a \$2 billion stock repurchase program.
- Risks to our recommendation and target price include a prolonged adverse impact from ABT's pediatric nutritional product supplier, greater-than-expected pricing pressures, and an adverse foreign currency impact.
- Our 12-month target price of \$44 applies a slight premium-to-peers P/E-to-growth ratio of 1.65X, using our forward 12-month EPS estimate of \$2.40, warranted, in our view, by ABT's leadership position in several end-markets.

Analyst's Risk Assessment

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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Our risk assessment reflects Abbott's operations in competitive markets and its exposure to rising pricing pressures in global markets. However, we believe the company has relatively strong positions in key health care product categories, with prospects brightened by ongoing launches of new medical products, and expansion in emerging markets. We also view the company as financially strong, with a sound balance sheet.

Revenue/Earnings Data

Revenue (Million U.S. \$)

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Year
2014	5,244	5,551	5,104	--	--
2013	5,378	5,446	5,369	5,655	21,848
2012	9,457	9,807	9,773	10,837	39,874
2011	9,041	9,616	9,817	10,377	38,851
2010	7,698	8,826	8,675	9,968	35,167
2009	6,718	7,495	7,761	8,790	30,765

Earnings Per Share (U.S. \$)

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Year
2014	0.22	0.30	0.29	E0.68	E2.26
2013	0.34	0.30	0.49	0.37	1.50
2012	0.78	1.08	1.21	0.66	3.72
2011	0.55	1.23	0.19	1.02	3.01
2010	0.64	0.83	0.57	0.92	2.96
2009	0.92	0.83	0.95	0.98	3.69

Fiscal year ended Dec. 31. Next earnings report expected: Late January. EPS Estimates based on S&P Capital IQ Operating Earnings; historical GAAP earnings are as reported in Company reports.

Dividend Data

Amount (\$)	Date Decl.	Ex-Div. Date	Stk. of Record	Payment Date
0.220	Oct 16	Jan 13	Jan 15	Feb 15 '14
0.220	Feb 21	Apr 11	Apr 15	May 15 '14
0.220	Jun 13	Jul 11	Jul 15	Aug 15 '14
0.220	Sep 11	Oct 10	Oct 15	Nov 15 '14

Dividends have been paid since 1926. Source: Company reports.

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Abbott Laboratories**Business Summary** October 27, 2014

CORPORATE OVERVIEW. Following the early January 2013 spinoff of its research-based pharmaceuticals operations in the form shares in a new company called AbbVie (ABBV), Abbott's businesses are now largely concentrated in nutritional products (30.8% of 2013 sales), diagnostics (20.8%), established pharmaceuticals (branded generics) (22.8%), and medical devices (13.8%), and other (11.8%). These diverse operations are largely a result of strategic acquisitions made over the years, as well as from internal R&D programs. Abbott commands leading market positions in immunoassay and blood screening products, coronary metallic drug-eluting stents, LASIK devices, and pediatric nutritionals (in the U.S.). The company is the worldwide leader in adult nutritionals.

The United States accounted for about 28.7% of company sales in 2013, developed markets outside of the U.S. for 31.3% of 2013 sales, and emerging markets for 40%. Abbott expects emerging markets to represent 45-50% of its total sales by 2015.

Nutritional Products fall under U.S.-based Ross Products and Abbott Nutrition International. Products include leading infant formulas sold under the Similac and Isomil names, as well as adult nutritionals, such as Ensure and ProSure for patients with special dietary needs, including cancer and diabetes patients. ABT also markets enteral feeding (tube feeding) items. Emerging markets account for close to 45% of the company's nutritional sales.

The company's continuing established pharmaceuticals business comprise branded generics which are sold in emerging markets (50% of this division's sales) and developed markets (50%). Branded generics typically command higher margins than conventional generics, especially in emerging markets, as their branded labels afford them a sense of quality and reliability over unbranded drugs. ABT's growth strategy for this business comprises efforts to increase the breadth of product offerings by launching new and improved formulations, and registering products across multiple geographic regions.

ABT offers a wide range of tests and diagnostic systems for blood banks, hospitals, and labs. Principal products include screening tests for hepatitis, HIV, and other infectious diseases, and for cancer; clinical chemistry systems; diagnostic instruments and chemical reagents; immunoassay test kits; hematology systems and reagents; and pregnancy tests.

Abbott Vascular markets coronary and carotid stents, catheters and guide wires, and products used for surgical closure. The principal product is the new Xience drug-eluting stent (DES), which is presently the leading product in the domestic DES market. During 2013, ABT expanded its launch of the new Xience Xpedition stent line in Japan, and increased global market penetration of newer products such as the Mitra-Clip mitral valve repair system and Absorb bioresorbable vascular scaffold.

Other products include diabetes care items such as the Precision and FreeStyle lines of hand-held glucose monitors for diabetes patients, as well as data management and point-of-care systems, insulin pumps and syringes for diabetics. Glucerna shakes and nutrition bars tailored for diabetics are also offered.

In August 2013, ABT acquired OptiMedica, an ophthalmic device maker, for \$400 million, and IDEV Technologies, a medical device maker, for \$310 million. In February 2009, Abbott acquired Advanced Medical Optics (AMO) for \$2.8 billion. AMO is a leader in ophthalmic care with the No. 1 position in LASIK surgical devices, the No. 2 position in cataract surgical products, and the No. 3 slot in contact lens care products.

Abbott launched several new products and initiated new clinical trials during 2013. These include 19 new nutritional items; the Accelerator a600 next-generation automation solution for the core laboratory; several new diagnostic tests on the Architect platform; the launch of the Xience Xpedition drug-eluting stent in the U.S. and the launch of the Tecnis OptiBlue cataract intraocular lens in Japan.

FINANCIAL TRENDS. In early 2013 after the spin-off, Abbott noted that it had significant cash flow generation potential, upward of \$4 billion, which should enable the company with ample resources for investments in future growth and returns to shareholders. In October 2013, Abbott announced it is raising its quarterly dividend 57% to \$0.22 a share, from \$0.14, payable on February 15, 2014, to shareholders of record January 15, 2014. Pro forma 2012 sales were \$21.5 billion and adjusted operating EPS was \$1.74. In 2013, sales grew 1.6% to \$21.85 billion while adjusted EPS rose 15.5% to \$2.01. We forecast 2014 sales growth of 3.9%, to \$22.7 billion, and adjusted operating EPS growth of 12.4%, to \$2.26.

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69,000

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57,854

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Quantitative Evaluations

S&P Capital IQ Fair Value Rank	4+	1	2	3	4	5
		LOWEST				HIGHEST

Based on S&P Capital IQ's proprietary quantitative model, stocks are ranked from most overvalued (1) to most undervalued (5).

Fair Value Calculation **\$46.10** Analysis of the stock's current worth, based on S&P Capital IQ's proprietary quantitative model suggests that ABT is slightly undervalued by \$2.29 or 5.2%.

Investability Quotient Percentile	99
	LOWEST = 1 HIGHEST = 100

ABT scored higher than 99% of all companies for which an S&P Capital IQ Report is available.

Volatility	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
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Technical Evaluation **BULLISH** Since October, 2014, the technical indicators for ABT have been BULLISH.

Insider Activity	UNFAVORABLE	NEUTRAL	FAVORABLE
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Expanded Ratio Analysis

	2013	2012	2011	2010
Price/Sales	2.76	2.61	2.27	2.12
Price/EBITDA	13.59	8.99	7.93	8.33
Price/Pretax Income	23.93	16.65	16.95	13.05
P/E Ratio	25.32	17.49	18.64	16.12
Avg. Diluted Shares Outstg (M)	1,574.0	1,591.8	1,567.4	1,556.0

Figures based on calendar year-end price

Key Growth Rates and Averages

Past Growth Rate (%)	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	9 Years
Sales	-45.21	-13.08	-1.78	5.41
Net Income	-60.04	-16.12	-9.00	4.59

Ratio Analysis (Annual Avg.)

Net Margin (%)	10.91	12.68	13.97	13.62
% LT Debt to Capitalization	11.82	27.95	30.17	30.62
Return on Equity (%)	9.12	NA	NA	NA

Company Financials Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31

Per Share Data (U.S. \$)	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Tangible Book Value	6.24	1.50	NM	NM	2.17	1.51	1.24	NM	2.89	2.22
Cash Flow	2.61	5.49	4.96	4.66	5.04	4.21	3.50	2.13	3.02	2.84
Earnings	1.50	3.72	3.01	2.96	3.69	3.03	2.31	1.12	2.16	2.02
S&P Capital IQ Core Earnings	1.53	3.85	3.82	3.05	3.60	2.86	2.31	1.16	2.01	1.90
Dividends	0.70	2.01	1.88	1.72	1.56	1.41	1.27	1.16	1.09	1.03
Payout Ratio	47%	54%	63%	58%	42%	46%	55%	104%	50%	51%
Prices:High	38.81	72.47	56.44	56.79	57.39	61.09	59.50	49.87	50.00	47.63
Prices:Low	31.64	53.96	45.07	44.59	41.27	45.75	48.75	39.18	37.50	38.26
P/E Ratio:High	26	19	19	19	16	20	26	45	23	24
P/E Ratio:Low	21	15	15	15	11	15	21	35	17	19

Income Statement Analysis (Million U.S. \$)

Revenue	21,848	39,874	38,851	35,167	30,765	29,528	25,914	22,476	22,338	19,680
Operating Income	4,441	11,595	11,119	8,954	8,698	8,316	7,378	6,419	5,738	5,187
Depreciation	1,719	2,783	3,044	2,624	2,090	1,839	1,855	1,559	1,359	1,289
Interest Expense	157	592	445	448	520	528	593	416	241	200
Pretax Income	2,521	6,263	5,199	5,713	7,194	5,856	4,479	2,276	4,620	4,126
Effective Tax Rate	5.47%	4.79%	9.04%	19.0%	20.1%	19.2%	19.3%	24.6%	27.0%	23.0%
Net Income	2,383	5,963	4,729	4,626	5,746	4,734	3,606	1,717	3,372	3,176
S&P Capital IQ Core Earnings	2,413	6,122	5,985	4,739	5,595	4,473	3,609	1,787	3,158	2,972

Balance Sheet & Other Financial Data (Million U.S. \$)

Cash	8,098	15,174	8,097	5,451	9,932	5,080	2,821	521	2,894	1,226
Current Assets	19,247	31,323	23,769	22,318	23,314	17,043	14,043	11,282	11,386	10,734
Total Assets	42,953	67,235	60,277	59,462	52,417	42,419	39,714	36,178	29,141	28,767
Current Liabilities	9,507	13,280	15,480	17,262	13,049	11,592	9,103	11,951	7,416	6,826
Long Term Debt	3,388	18,085	12,040	12,560	11,484	8,713	9,488	7,010	4,572	4,788
Common Equity	25,171	26,721	24,440	22,388	22,856	17,480	17,779	14,054	14,415	14,326
Total Capital	28,664	45,207	37,593	37,169	34,594	26,193	27,266	21,064	19,570	19,334
Capital Expenditures	1,145	1,795	1,492	1,015	1,089	1,288	1,656	1,338	1,207	1,292
Cash Flow	4,102	8,746	7,772	7,250	7,835	6,573	5,461	3,276	4,731	4,465
Current Ratio	2.0	2.4	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.5	1.5	0.9	1.5	1.6
% Long Term Debt of Capitalization	11.8	40.0	Nil	33.8	Nil	33.3	34.8	33.3	23.4	24.8
% Net Income of Revenue	10.9	15.0	12.2	13.2	18.7	16.0	13.9	7.6	15.1	16.1
% Return on Assets	4.3	9.4	NA	NA	NA	11.5	9.5	5.3	11.6	11.6
% Return on Equity	9.1	23.1	NA	NA	NA	26.9	22.7	12.1	23.5	23.2

Data as originally reported in Company reports.; bef. results of disc opers/spec. items. Per share data adj. for stk. divs.; EPS diluted. E-Estimated. NA-Not Available. NM-Not Meaningful. NR-Not Ranked. UR-Under Review.

Abbott Laboratories

Sub-Industry Outlook

Our fundamental outlook for the health care equipment sub-industry for the next 12 months is neutral. We continue to view many product categories as historically recession-resistant, and we expect they will continue to grow, albeit more slowly and more irregularly than they did prior to the recent recession. We remain concerned about continued weak demand for elective medical procedures. In addition, growth in procedure rates has slowed in areas we normally view as non-elective, such as cardiac rhythm management, interventional cardiology and orthopedics. Recently, however, some equipment makers believe certain procedure rates may have stabilized or started to recover.

We believe the new medical device tax required by the health care reform law that went into effect on January 1, 2013 has prompted the sub-industry to align its cost structure to partially offset the impact of the tax. However, since the levy is income tax deductible, its after-tax effect will be lower, and we therefore view its impact as manageable. Many equipment makers have implemented cost reduction initiatives to help offset the levy.

We expect 2014 revenues to rise in constant currency at a mid- to upper single digit pace, aided by new products, expansion into emerging markets, and, in some cases, acquisitions. Still, we expect extended replacement cycles at U.S. hospitals in some areas, pricing pressures, European austerity measures, lower demand in certain product categories and unfavorable foreign exchange to continue to affect reported growth. We also think U.S. hospitals have become more cautious regarding their capital budgets amid the shift in some procedures from inpatient to outpatient settings and the health care reform law.

We see positive longer-term fundamentals, including increasing global demand for quality health care, aging populations and rising R&D outlays, leading to a steady flow of new diagnostic and therapeutic products.

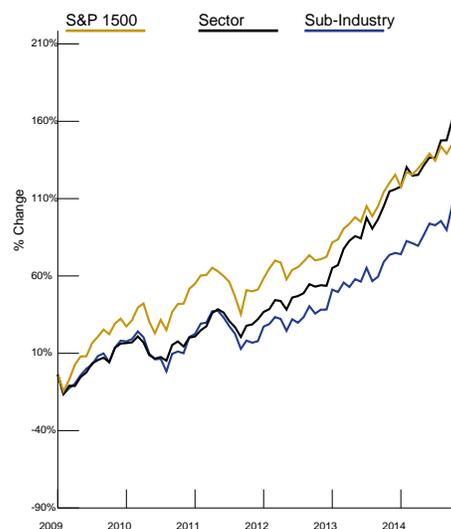
Year to date to September 19, the S&P Health Care Equipment sub-index increased 12.2%, following a 25.8% rise in 2013. The S&P 1500 Composite Index rose 8.2% in the 2014 period, following its 30.1% rise in 2013. However, we note, YTD stock performance has been aided partly by mergers and acquisitions activity.

--Jeffrey Loo, CFA

Industry Performance

GICS Sector: Health Care
Sub-Industry: Health Care Equipment

Based on S&P 1500 Indexes
Five-Year market price performance through Nov 15, 2014



NOTE: All Sector & Sub-Industry information is based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS)

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Sub-Industry : Health Care Equipment Peer Group*: Based on market capitalizations within GICS Sub-Industry

Peer Group	Stock Symbol	Stk.Mkt. Cap. (Mil. \$)	Recent Stock Price(\$)	52 Week High/Low(\$)	Beta	Yield (%)	P/E Ratio	Fair Value Calc.(\$)	Quality Ranking	S&P IQ %ile	Return on Revenue (%)	LTD to Cap (%)
Abbott Laboratories	ABT	65,969	43.81	44.77/35.65	0.36	2.0	34	46.10	A	99	10.9	11.8
CareFusion Corp	CFN	11,740	57.57	58.00/37.61	NA	Nil	29	63.30	NR	37	10.8	25.4
DexCom Inc	DXCM	3,980	52.73	54.50/28.09	0.46	Nil	NM	26.40	C	82	NM	5.1
Edwards Lifesciences	EW	13,352	124.50	125.35/60.62	0.55	Nil	17	106.80	B+	93	19.2	27.7
Globus Medical	GMED	2,089	22.74	27.14/17.45	-0.12	Nil	25	NA	NR	77	15.8	NA
HeartWare International	HTWR	1,296	79.02	105.84/74.55	-0.08	Nil	NM	NA	NR	61	NM	59.5
Insulet Corp	PODD	2,149	45.17	51.31/30.04	0.79	Nil	NM	27.10	NR	59	NM	47.7
Masimo Corp	MASI	1,539	26.42	32.20/19.30	0.71	Nil	24	37.70	NR	87	10.8	NA
Novadaq Technologies	NVDQ	876	15.79	24.09/10.35	0.50	Nil	NM	NA	NR	74	NA	NA
NxStage Medical	NXTM	1,070	17.30	17.84/8.77	0.70	Nil	NM	NA	C	37	NM	0.5
Sirona Dental Sys	SIRO	4,743	82.28	84.95/66.30	1.24	Nil	27	80.80	NR	82	13.3	6.1
Sunshine Heart	SSH	9,453	4.97	11.49/4.15	0.45	Nil	NM	NA	NR	53	NM	NA
Teleflex Inc	TFX	4,756	114.83	115.52/90.15	1.00	1.2	31	106.70	B+	62	9.0	32.7
Tornier NV	TRNX	1,292	26.42	28.53/16.68	1.33	Nil	NM	NA	NR	57	NA	11.4
ZELTIQ Aesthetics	ZLTQ	942	27.69	28.71/13.30	0.09	Nil	NM	16.10	NR	74	NM	NA

NA-Not Available NM-Not Meaningful NR-Not Rated. *For Peer Groups with more than 15 companies or stocks, selection of issues is based on market capitalization.

S&P Capital IQ Analyst Research Notes and other Company News**October 22, 2014**

12:11 pm ET ... S&P CAPITAL IQ MAINTAINS HOLD OPINION ON SHARES OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES (ABT 42.10***): We keep our 2014 EPS estimate at \$2.26 and our 12-mo. target price at \$44 based on a 1.65X PEG ratio, slightly above peers. Q3 adj. EPS of \$0.62 vs. \$0.55 is \$0.02 ahead of our estimate. Sales grew 5.8% on solid growth of 9.3% in Nutrition and 11.5% in Established Pharmaceuticals, partially offset by 4.9% growth in Diagnostics. We anticipate accelerating growth in pharmaceuticals following the Sept. acquisition of Latin American company, CFR Pharmaceuticals. ABT expects the sale of its developed markets branded generics drug unit to Mylan (MYL 51 ****) to be completed in Q1 15. /Jeffrey Loo, CFA

September 23, 2014

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July 16, 2014

11:46 am ET ... S&P CAPITAL IQ MAINTAINS HOLD OPINION ON SHARES OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES (ABT 41.04***): We raise our target price \$2 to \$44 on a 1.7X PE-to-growth ratio, slightly above peers, using our forward 12 mos. EPS estimate of \$2.37, warranted in our view by ABT's leadership position in several end-markets. Q2 adj. EPS of \$0.54 vs. \$0.46 is \$0.03 ahead of our est. Sales grew 1.9% aided by strong diagnostic and vision care sales and a recovery in India for established pharmaceuticals. We also expect continued steady improvement in Nutritional in H2 as ABT recaptures market share and the launch of new products along with the anniversary of its supplier disruption in China. /Jeffrey Loo, CFA

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July 8, 2014

Elena Kartasheva, who previously headed the Russian division of Meda

Pharmaceuticals, has been named the new head of the Russian branch of Abbott Laboratories effective July 1, 2014. Leonid Parshenkov, the former head of Abbott in Russia, has become the regional director for African countries at one of Abbott's units. In the new position, Kartasheva will focus on further developing the company's activities in Russia and increasing the pharmaceutical product portfolio. Kartasheva has held management positions at Sanofi, Novartis and Pliva (Teva). She was the head of Meda Pharmaceuticals in Russia for the last three years.

May 19, 2014

06:27 am ET ... ABBOTT LABORATORIES (ABT 39.06) UNCHANGED, CREDIT SUISSE UPGRADES ABBOTT LABORATORIES TO OUTPERFORM... Credit Suisse upgrades Abbott Laboratories (NYSE: ABT) from Neutral to Outperform. 2014 Benzinga.com. Benzinga does not provide investment advice. All rights reserved. Acquire Media

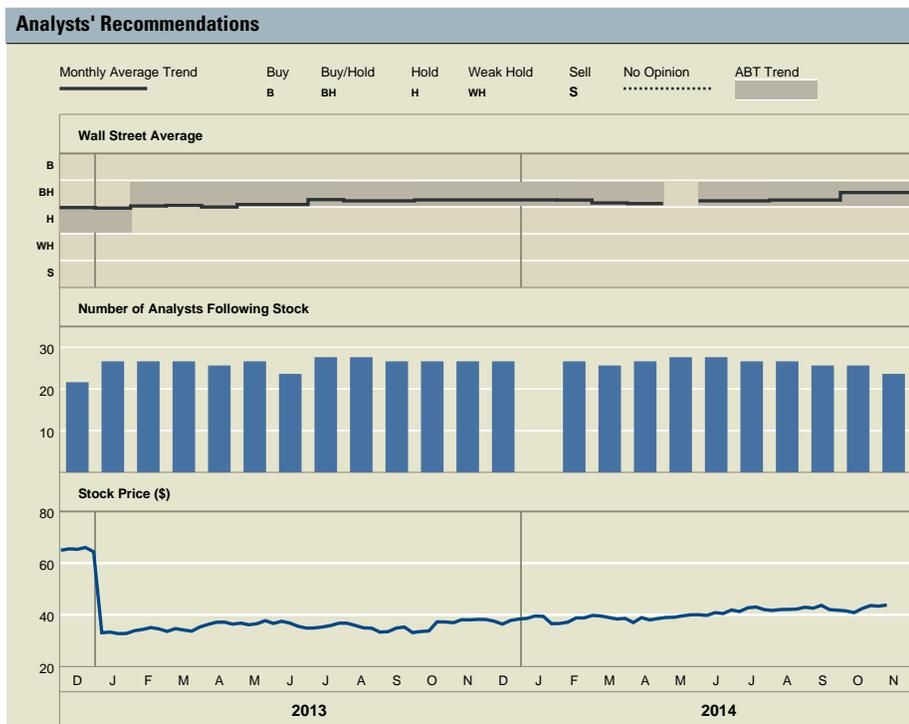
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02:03 pm ET ... ABBOTT LABORATORIES (ABT 39.42) UP 0.36, UPDATE: CREDIT SUISSE UPGRADES ABBOTT LABORATORIES FOLLOWING CFR ACQUISITION ANN... Credit Suisse on Monday upgraded Abbott Laboratories (NYSE: ABT) to Outperform from Neutral following the company's announcement to acquire CFR Pharmaceuticals SA and raised the price target to \$46 from \$44. Credit Suisse analyst Bruce Nudell says the acquisition, which has an estimated value of \$3.3 billion, is expected to close in 2014 and add \$900 million, or \$0.07/share to 2015 sales/EPs with no material 2014 impact. Nudell raised 2014 EPS estimates to \$2.23 from \$2.22. Nudell stated the increased price target derives from raised estimates and a higher as... Acquire Media

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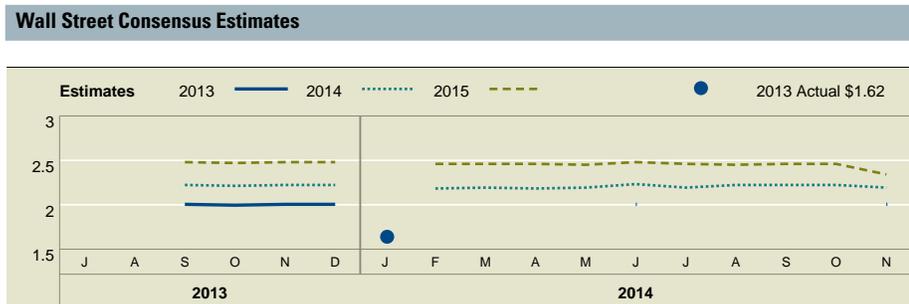
11:53 am ET ... S&P CAPITAL IQ MAINTAINS HOLD OPINION ON SHARES OF ABBOTT LABS (ABT 39.00***): ABT agrees to acquire Chile-based CFR Pharmaceuticals for \$2.9B. The deal, subject to approvals, is expected to close by the end of Q3, and is expected to be neutral to '14 EPS and add \$900M to ABT sales. CFR sells more than 1,000 products across 15 Latin American countries and will more than double ABT's presence in Latin America, where we see solid growth for branded generics. But we note we see continued sluggish growth for the rest of ABT's established pharmaceuticals unit. ABT will initially buy a holding company that owns 73% of CFR and conduct a tender offer for the rest. /Jeffrey Loo, CFA

Abbott Laboratories



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	No. of Recommendations	% of Total	1 Mo. Prior	3 Mos. Prior
Buy	8	35	8	8
Buy/Hold	7	30	7	7
Hold	8	35	8	9
Weak Hold	0	0	0	0
Sell	0	0	2	2
No Opinion	0	0	0	0
Total	23	100	25	26



Fiscal Years	Avg Est.	High Est.	Low Est.	# of Est.	Est. P/E
2015	2.35	2.51	2.16	22	18.6
2014	2.20	2.29	1.96	22	19.9
2015 vs. 2014	▲ 7%	▲ 10%	▲ 10%	0%	▼ -7%
Q4'15	0.69	0.74	0.67	7	63.5
Q4'14	0.67	0.70	0.60	15	65.4
Q4'15 vs. Q4'14	▲ 3%	▲ 6%	▲ 12%	▼ -53%	▼ -3%

A company's earnings outlook plays a major part in any investment decision. S&P Capital IQ organizes the earnings estimates of over 2,300 Wall Street analysts, and provides their consensus of earnings over the next two years, as well as how those earnings estimates have changed over time. Note that the information provided in relation to consensus estimates is not intended to predict actual results and should not be taken as a reliable indicator of future performance.

Wall Street Consensus Opinion

BUY/HOLD

Companies Offering Coverage

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- BMO Capital Markets, Canadian Equity Research
- Barclays
- BofA Merrill Lynch
- Cowen and Company, LLC
- Credit Suisse
- Deutsche Bank
- Erste Group Bank AG
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- Goldman Sachs
- Hilliard Lyons
- JP Morgan
- Jefferies LLC
- Leerink Swann LLC
- Morgan Stanley
- Morningstar Inc.
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- Raymond James & Associates
- Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., Inc.
- Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.
- Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
- William Blair & Company L.L.C.

Wall Street Consensus vs. Performance

For fiscal year 2014, analysts estimate that ABT will earn US\$ 2.20. For the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2014, ABT announced earnings per share of US\$ 0.35, representing 16% of the total annual estimate. For fiscal year 2015, analysts estimate that ABT's earnings per share will grow by 7% to US\$ 2.35.

Glossary

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A- Above Average	C Lowest
B+ Average	D In Reorganization
NR Not Ranked	

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EPS - Earnings Per Share
EV - Enterprise Value
FCF - Free Cash Flow
FFO - Funds From Operations
FY - Fiscal Year
P/E - Price/Earnings
P/NAV - Price to Net Asset Value
PEG Ratio - P/E-to-Growth Ratio
PV - Present Value
R&D - Research & Development
ROCE - Return on Capital Employed
ROE - Return on Equity
ROI - Return on Investment
ROIC - Return on Invested Capital
ROA - Return on Assets
SG&A - Selling, General & Administrative Expenses
SOTP - Sum-of-The-Parts
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