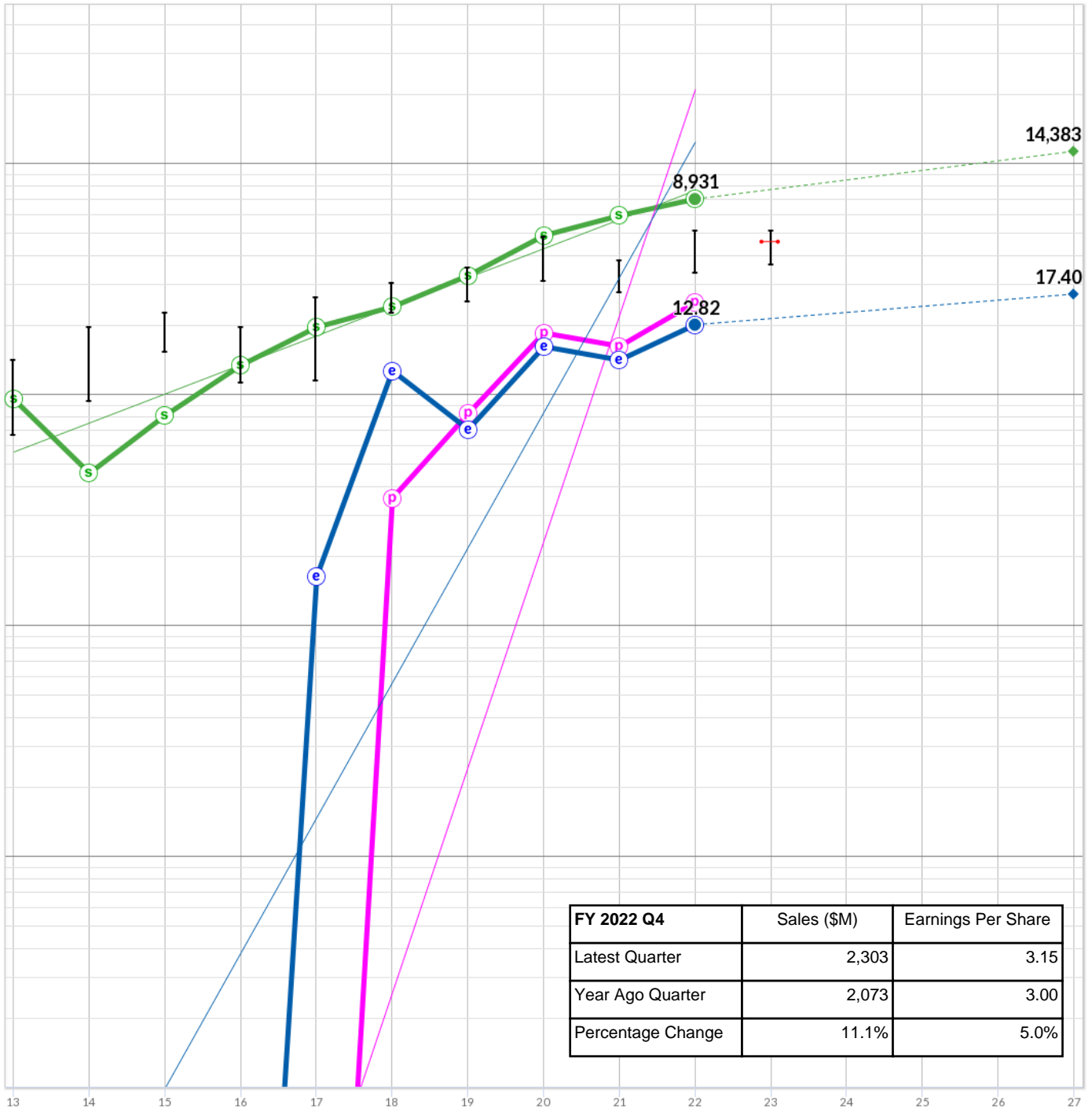


Stock Selection Guide

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|--|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-----|
| Company | Vertex Pharmaceuticals | | Date | 03/13/23 | |
| Prepared by | FWIC | | Data taken from | BI Stock Data | |
| Where traded | NAS | Industry | Biotechnology | | |
| Capitalization --- Outstanding Amounts | Reference | | | | |
| Preferred (\$M) | 0.0 | % Insiders | % Institution | | |
| Common (M Shares) | 260.3 | | 1.0 | 83.2 | |
| Debt (\$M) | 899.7 | % to Tot Cap | 6.1 | % Pot Dil | 1.3 |

Symbol: VRTX

1 VISUAL ANALYSIS of Sales, Earnings, and Price



| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--|--------|
| (1) Historical Sales Growth | 33.6% | (3) Historical Earnings Per Share Growth | 284.8% |
| (2) Estimated Future Sales Growth | 10.0% | (4) Estimated Future Earnings Per Share Growth | 6.3% |

2 EVALUATING Management

Vertex Pharmaceutica

| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Last 5 Year Avg. |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|
| % Pre-tax Profit on Sales | -80.5% | -126.6% | -54.0% | -4.0% | -0.6% | 19.7% | 33.5% | 50.2% | 36.0% | 47.4% | 37.4% |
| % Earned on Equity | -36.6% | -65.7% | -61.7% | -11.2% | 14.7% | 71.0% | 22.2% | 32.9% | 24.1% | 25.3% | 35.1% |
| % Debt To Capital | 27.2% | 43.4% | 46.8% | 42.1% | 23.0% | 11.8% | 9.7% | 9.7% | 8.5% | 6.1% | 9.2% |

3 PRICE-EARNINGS HISTORY as an indicator of the future

This shows how stock prices have fluctuated with earnings and dividends. It is building block for translating earnings into future stock prices.

CLOSING PRICE 293.46 (03/13/23)

52-WEEK HIGH 325.19

52-WEEK LOW 233.01

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Year | Price | | Earnings | Price Earnings Ratio | | Dividend | % Payout | % High Yield |
| | High | Low | Per Share | High A / C | Low B / C | Per Share | F / C * 100 | F / B * 100 |
| 2018 | 193.8 | 144.1 | 8.09 | 24.0 | 17.8 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2019 | 225.7 | 161.0 | 4.51 | 50.0 | 35.7 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2020 | 306.1 | 197.5 | 10.29 | 29.7 | 19.2 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2021 | 243.0 | 176.4 | 9.01 | 27.0 | 19.6 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2022 | 324.8 | 214.7 | 12.82 | 25.3 | 16.7 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| AVERAGE | | 178.7 | | 26.5 | 18.3 | | 0.0 | |
| CURRENT/TTM | | | 12.83 | 25.3 | 18.2 | 0.00 | 0.0 | |
| AVERAGE PRICE EARNINGS RATIO: 22.4 | | | | | CURRENT PRICE EARNINGS RATIO: 22.9 | | | |

4 EVALUATING RISK and REWARD over the next 5 years

Assuming one recession and one business boom every 5 years, calculations are made of how high and how low the stock might sell. The upside-downside ratio is the key to evaluating risk and reward.

A HIGH PRICE - NEXT 5 YEARS

Avg. High P/E 26.0 X Estimate High Earnings/Share 17.40 = Forecasted High Price \$ 452.4

B LOW PRICE - NEXT 5 YEARS

(a) Avg. Low P/E 18.0 X Estimate Low Earnings/Share 12.82 = Forecasted Low Price \$ 230.8

(b) Avg. Low Price of Last 5 Years 178.7

(c) Recent Market Low Price 176.4

(d) Price Dividend Will Support $\frac{\text{Indicated Dividend}}{\text{High Yield}} = \frac{0.00}{0.00\%} = 0.0$

Selected Forecasted Low Price \$ 230.8

C ZONING using 25%-50%-25%

Forecasted High Price 452.4 Minus Forecasted Low Price 230.8 = 221.6 Range. 25% of Range 55.4

Buy Zone 230.8 to 286.2

Hold Zone 286.2 to 397.0

Sell Zone 397.0 to 452.4

Present Market Price of 293.46 is in the **HOLD** Zone

D UPSIDE DOWNSIDE RATIO (POTENTIAL GAIN VS. RISK OR LOSS)

$\frac{\text{High Price} - \text{Present Price}}{\text{Present Price}} = \frac{452.4 - 293.46}{293.46} = 0.5416$
 $\frac{\text{High Price} - \text{Present Price}}{\text{Present Price} - \text{Low Price}} = \frac{452.4 - 293.46}{293.46 - 230.8} = 2.5$ To 1

E PRICE TARGET (Note: This shows the potential market price appreciation over the next five years in simple interest terms.)

$\frac{\text{High Price}}{\text{Closing Price}} = \frac{452.4}{293.46} = 1.5416$ X 100 = 154.16 - 100 = 54.2 % Appreciation

5 5-YEAR POTENTIAL

This combines price appreciation with dividend yield to get an estimate of total return. It provides a standard for comparing income and growth stocks.

A $\frac{\text{Indicated Annual Dividend}}{\text{Closing Price}} = \frac{0.00}{293.46} = 0.0000 = 0.0\%$ Current Yield

B AVERAGE YIELD - USING FORECAST HIGH P/E

$\frac{\text{Avg. \% Payout}}{\text{Forecast High PE}} = \frac{0.0\%}{26.00} = 0.0\%$

AVERAGE YIELD - USING FORECAST AVERAGE P/E

$\frac{\text{Avg. \% Payout}}{\text{Forecast Average PE}} = \frac{0.0\%}{22.00} = 0.0\%$

C COMPOUND ANNUAL RETURN - USING FORECAST HIGH P/E

Annualized Appreciation 9.0 %
 Average Yield 0.0 %
 Annualized Rate of Return 9.0 %

COMPOUND ANNUAL RETURN - USING FORECAST AVG P/E

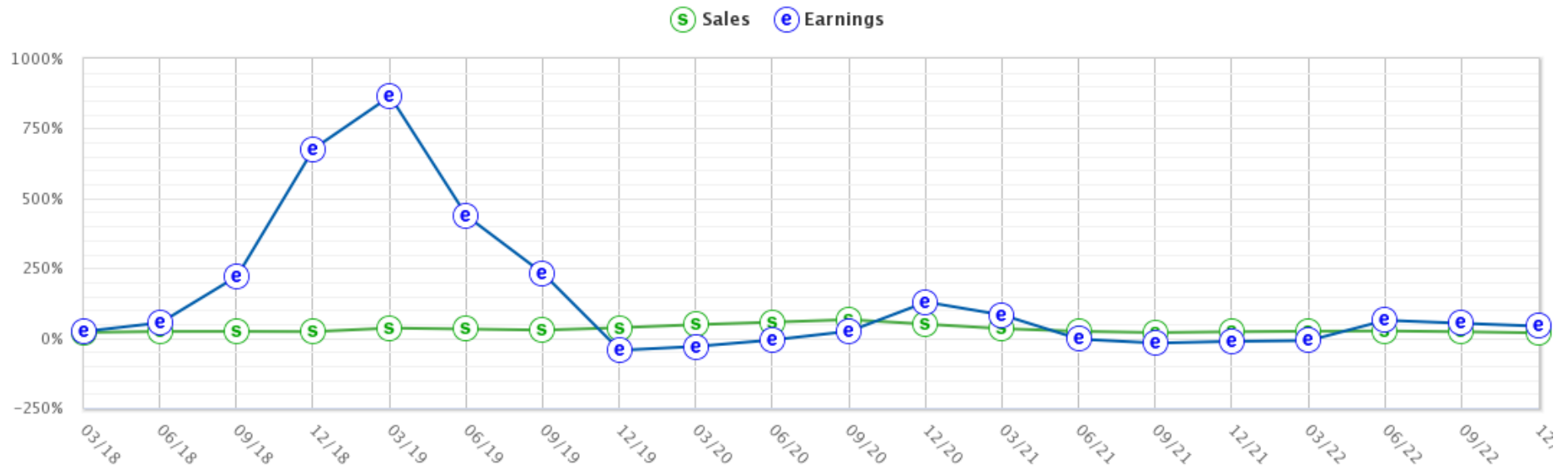
Annualized Appreciation 5.5 %
 Average Yield 0.0 %
 Annualized Rate of Return 5.5 %

Notes: VRTX - Arvind 3/14/23

| Date | Subject | Description | Type |
|-------------|---|---|-------------|
| 01/09/23 | Vertex doing well | Vertex continues to develop small molecules in the treatment of genetic diseases. Its recent collaboration with Maderna to package its RNA cystic fibrosis molecules in lipids is exciting. Sales and EPS continue on track. The recent decline in the Market makes shares inviting for long-term growth. | Community |
| 07/12/22 | Pipeline Update | VX-880 (T1D treatment) was taken off hold by the FDA. Proof-of-concept was confirmed and enrollment in the trial continues. Vertex offered an all cash buy out of ViaCyte, their biggest competitor in the T1D treatment race. This deal should close later in 2022. | Community |
| 04/01/22 | Pipeline | Vertex is making headway with a number of mid- or late-stage studies addressing such serious illnesses and conditions as sickle cell disease, beta thalassemia, Type 1 diabetes, kidney disease, pain, and protein deficiencies. The programs include Phase I/II clinical trial of VX-880, a stem cell-derived replacement therapy for Type 1 diabetes, and ongoing late-stage clinical trials on CTX001 for beta thalassemia and sickle cell disease, in collaboration with CRISPR Therapeutics | Community |
| 04/01/22 | Valueline Comment on 2021 Results | Big gains in the CF product portfolio, led by Trikafta/Kaftrio, catapulted revenues by 22% in 2021; EPS would have been higher were it not for a \$900 million payment to CRISPR Therapeutics under an amended R&D collaboration. EPS in 2021 was down 12% from 2020.. Valueline thinks EPS will be \$12.00 in 2022, \$13 in 2023 and \$16 in 5 years. | Community |
| 02/07/22 | VRTX SHARES ARE UP at the end of 4thQtr | In 2022, Analysts' expect VRTX's revenues to increase 12% Y/Y to \$8.5 billion after growing 22% Y/Y in 2021, which is largely attributable to the incredibly successful launch of Trikafta in late 2019. In the 4th quarter of 2021, Trikafta accounted for 82% of VRTX's product sales. Value Line (Dec 03 - 2021) sales growth estimates for LT (24-26) are Revenue 10,000 (\$mil) and for EPS Growth for LT (24-26) are 15.5 These figures were taken into account in developing SSG: In forecasting sales growth (11%) and EPS growth (11.2%). | Community |
| 08/01/21 | Vertex not doing very well | The past two years has shown a significant drop in the value of the company's stock. We need more specific information about its potential to increase its value. SSG says it will happen but this is a pharmaceutical company and they are totally dependent on the success of the drugs in their development line. | Community |
| 06/13/21 | Another possible drug abandoned | Abandoning further development of VX-864 for alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency ("AATD") made the stock price drop about 10% overnight. | Community |

Quarterly Growth Trend Data

Graph: Trailing 4 Quarters, Last 5 Years of Data



| Quarterly Data | | | | | | | | | Last 12 Months Data | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------|---------|----------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|---------|-------|----------------|
| Period | EPS | | Pre-Tax Profit | | | Sales | | Income Tax Rate | EPS | Pre-Tax Profit | | Sales | Income Tax | | %Change | | |
| | \$ | %Change | \$ Mil | %Sales | %Change | \$ Mil | %Change | | | \$ | \$ Mil | | %Sales | \$ Mil | %Rate | EPS | Pre-Tax Profit |
| 12/22 | 3.15 | 5.0 | 1,076.8 | 46.8 | 23.6 | 2,302.7 | 11.1 | 24.0 | 12.83 | 4,232.4 | 47.4 | 8,930.7 | 909.0 | 21.5 | 42.1 | 55.0 | 17.9 |
| 09/22 | 3.59 | 9.5 | 1,176.4 | 50.4 | 8.7 | 2,334.3 | 17.6 | 20.9 | 12.68 | 4,026.6 | 46.3 | 8,700.6 | 740.3 | 18.4 | 52.2 | 46.5 | 22.0 |
| 06/22 | 3.13 | 1,103.8 | 1,024.4 | 46.6 | 2,414.8 | 2,196.2 | 22.5 | 20.9 | 12.37 | 3,932.9 | 47.1 | 8,350.4 | 727.2 | 18.5 | 63.2 | 63.1 | 24.9 |
| 03/22 | 2.96 | 18.9 | 954.8 | 45.5 | 16.3 | 2,097.5 | 21.6 | 20.2 | 9.50 | 2,864.2 | 36.0 | 7,947.6 | 2,179.0 | 76.1 | -9.5 | -12.7 | 23.9 |
| 12/21 | 3.00 | 30.4 | 871.0 | 42.0 | -2.0 | 2,072.6 | 27.3 | 11.6 | 9.03 | 2,730.4 | 36.0 | 7,574.4 | 2,078.9 | 76.1 | -12.3 | -12.4 | 22.1 |
| 09/21 | 3.28 | 29.6 | 1,082.7 | 54.6 | 45.2 | 1,984.2 | 29.0 | 21.3 | 8.33 | 2,748.1 | 38.5 | 7,129.7 | 2,232.7 | 81.2 | -18.6 | -5.4 | 19.0 |
| 06/21 | 0.26 | -91.8 | -44.3 | -2.5 | -105.4 | 1,793.4 | 17.6 | 251.2 | 7.58 | 2,411.2 | 36.1 | 6,683.8 | 1,893.9 | 78.5 | -4.3 | 8.1 | 23.7 |

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| | \$ | %Change | \$ Mil | %Sales | %Change | \$ Mil | %Change | | | \$ | \$ Mil | %Sales | | \$ Mil | %Rate | EPS | Pre-Tax Profit | Sales | |
| 03/21 | 2.49 | 8.7 | 821.0 | 47.6 | 24.9 | 1,724.3 | 13.8 | 20.4 | 10.50 | 3,280.2 | 51.1 | 6,414.9 | 503.9 | 15.4 | 82.0 | 89.4 | 33.1 | | |
| 12/20 | 2.30 | 3.1 | 888.6 | 54.6 | 31.3 | 1,627.8 | 15.2 | 32.0 | 10.30 | 3,116.8 | 50.2 | 6,205.7 | 384.5 | 12.3 | 128.4 | 123.4 | 49.1 | | |
| 09/20 | 2.53 | 1,050.0 | 745.9 | 48.5 | 955.5 | 1,538.3 | 62.0 | 10.5 | 10.23 | 2,905.1 | 48.5 | 5,991.1 | 226.4 | 7.8 | 24.0 | 287.1 | 65.5 | | |
| 06/20 | 3.18 | 208.7 | 824.8 | 54.1 | 152.1 | 1,524.5 | 62.0 | -1.5 | 7.92 | 2,229.9 | 41.3 | 5,402.7 | 218.9 | 9.8 | -7.2 | 173.2 | 56.4 | | |
| 03/20 | 2.29 | 122.3 | 657.5 | 43.4 | 105.4 | 1,515.1 | 76.5 | 8.3 | 5.77 | 1,732.3 | 35.9 | 4,819.5 | 255.6 | 14.8 | -30.5 | 145.4 | 47.6 | | |
| 12/19 | 2.23 | -62.6 | 677.0 | 47.9 | 1,983.1 | 1,413.3 | 62.4 | 13.8 | 4.51 | 1,394.9 | 33.5 | 4,162.8 | 233.0 | 16.7 | -44.2 | 132.4 | 36.6 | | |
| 09/19 | 0.22 | -56.0 | 70.7 | 7.4 | -48.2 | 949.8 | 21.1 | 18.6 | 8.25 | 750.5 | 20.7 | 3,619.7 | -8,517.9 | -1,135.0 | 230.0 | 10.3 | 27.9 | | |
| 06/19 | 1.03 | 28.8 | 327.1 | 34.8 | 51.0 | 941.3 | 25.1 | 18.3 | 8.53 | 816.3 | 23.6 | 3,454.4 | -9,291.2 | -1,138.2 | 436.5 | 545.3 | 31.7 | | |
| 03/19 | 1.03 | 27.2 | 320.2 | 37.3 | 49.2 | 858.4 | 34.0 | 16.1 | 8.30 | 705.8 | 21.6 | 3,265.2 | -8,056.8 | -1,141.6 | 865.1 | 1,393.1 | 35.2 | | |
| 12/18 | 5.97 | 1,430.8 | 32.5 | 3.7 | -71.1 | 870.1 | 33.5 | -4,593.0 | 8.08 | 600.2 | 19.7 | 3,047.6 | -6,885.2 | -1,147.1 | 676.9 | 3,925.9 | 22.5 | | |
| 09/18 | 0.50 | 222.0 | 136.5 | 17.4 | 132.7 | 784.5 | 35.7 | 5.9 | 2.50 | 680.2 | 24.0 | 2,829.1 | 23.6 | 3.5 | 220.5 | 730.8 | 23.2 | | |
| 06/18 | 0.80 | 1,042.9 | 216.6 | 28.8 | 510.0 | 752.2 | 38.2 | 4.8 | 1.59 | 126.5 | 4.8 | 2,622.8 | 12.1 | 9.5 | 54.4 | -53.2 | 23.1 | | |
| 03/18 | 0.81 | -18.2 | 214.6 | 33.5 | -15.3 | 640.8 | -10.3 | -5.9 | 0.86 | -54.6 | -2.3 | 2,414.7 | -6.2 | 11.4 | 22.9 | -125.2 | 19.6 | | |
| 12/17 | 0.39 | 200.0 | 112.4 | 17.3 | 453.7 | 651.6 | 42.1 | 9.1 | 1.04 | -15.7 | -0.6 | 2,488.7 | -2.1 | 13.3 | 326.1 | 76.7 | 46.2 | | |
| 09/17 | -0.41 | -156.3 | -417.2 | -72.2 | -968.7 | 578.2 | 39.7 | 30.2 | 0.78 | -107.8 | -4.7 | 2,295.7 | -2.0 | 1.8 | 186.7 | 34.1 | 38.2 | | |
| 06/17 | 0.07 | 126.9 | 35.5 | 6.5 | 297.0 | 544.1 | 26.1 | 12.2 | 1.03 | 270.3 | 12.7 | 2,131.3 | -16.4 | -6.1 | 191.2 | 224.5 | 36.8 | | |
| 03/17 | 0.99 | 682.4 | 253.5 | 35.5 | 928.1 | 714.7 | 79.5 | 1.6 | 0.70 | 216.8 | 10.7 | 2,018.8 | -74.3 | -34.3 | 142.4 | 155.6 | 56.3 | | |
| 12/16 | 0.13 | 141.9 | 20.3 | 4.4 | 126.7 | 458.7 | 9.8 | -36.7 | -0.46 | -67.4 | -4.0 | 1,702.2 | 26.4 | -39.1 | 80.1 | 87.9 | 64.9 | | |
| 09/16 | -0.16 | 59.0 | -39.0 | -9.4 | 57.8 | 413.8 | 33.6 | -1.3 | -0.90 | -163.7 | -9.9 | 1,661.4 | 48.3 | -29.5 | 67.2 | 75.2 | 118.9 | | |
| 06/16 | -0.26 | 66.7 | -18.0 | -4.2 | 90.6 | 431.6 | 159.9 | -100.6 | -1.13 | -217.2 | -13.9 | 1,557.4 | 64.1 | -29.5 | 63.2 | 70.4 | 147.9 | | |
| 03/16 | -0.17 | 79.5 | -30.6 | -7.7 | 84.6 | 398.1 | 187.4 | -17.9 | -1.65 | -390.0 | -30.2 | 1,291.9 | 32.5 | -8.3 | 44.4 | 44.5 | 115.1 | | |
| 12/15 | -0.31 | 58.1 | -76.0 | -18.2 | 57.4 | 417.9 | 189.1 | 1.8 | -2.31 | -557.8 | -54.0 | 1,032.3 | 21.7 | -3.9 | 26.4 | 24.2 | 77.9 | | |
| 09/15 | -0.39 | 45.8 | -92.5 | -29.9 | 44.5 | 309.8 | 73.1 | -1.4 | -2.74 | -660.3 | -87.0 | 759.0 | 30.6 | -4.6 | -24.0 | 26.4 | -3.6 | | |
| 06/15 | -0.78 | -14.7 | -190.9 | -114.9 | -20.3 | 166.1 | 20.0 | -15.8 | -3.07 | -734.4 | -116.9 | 628.1 | 35.1 | -4.8 | -51.2 | 14.6 | -24.3 | | |
| 03/15 | -0.83 | 17.0 | -198.4 | -143.2 | 14.4 | 138.5 | 16.9 | -0.2 | -2.97 | -702.3 | -117.0 | 600.5 | 6.6 | -0.9 | -84.5 | 8.2 | -40.1 | | |
| 12/14 | -0.74 | -489.5 | -178.6 | -123.5 | 47.5 | 144.6 | -58.8 | -1.1 | -3.14 | -735.5 | -126.7 | 580.4 | 7.3 | -1.0 | -53.9 | 24.6 | -52.1 | | |
| 09/14 | -0.72 | -33.3 | -166.6 | -93.1 | -28.7 | 179.0 | -19.3 | -2.1 | -2.21 | -897.2 | -114.0 | 787.0 | -96.3 | 10.7 | | | | | |
| 06/14 | -0.68 | -161.5 | -158.7 | -114.6 | -149.9 | 138.4 | -55.5 | -0.4 | -2.03 | -860.0 | -103.6 | 829.7 | -97.9 | 11.4 | | | | | |
| 03/14 | -1.00 | 30.1 | -231.7 | -195.6 | 47.7 | 118.5 | -63.9 | -0.4 | -1.61 | -764.8 | -76.3 | 1,002.1 | -93.3 | 12.2 | | | | | |
| 12/13 | 0.19 | | -340.3 | -96.9 | | 351.2 | | 45.8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 09/13 | -0.54 | | -129.4 | -58.4 | | 221.7 | | 0.6 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | \$ | %Change | \$ Mil | %Sales | %Change | \$ Mil | %Change | \$ | | \$ Mil | %Sales | \$ Mil | | %Rate | EPS | Pre-Tax Profit | Sales | |
| 06/13 | -0.26 | | -63.5 | -20.4 | | 310.8 | | 2.8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03/13 | -1.43 | | -442.9 | -134.9 | | 328.4 | | 29.4 | | | | | | | | | | |