

TIMELINESS 3 Lowered 10/29/10	High: 31.7 27.6 35.4 39.5 42.3 58.1 74.0 68.0 76.8 96.9 112.4 109.2	LEGENDS --- 18.5 x "Cash Flow" p sh Relative Price Strength 3-for-2 split 2/99 2-for-1 split 2/00 3-for-2 split 2/05 Options: Yes Shaded areas indicate recessions	Target Price Range 2015 2016 2017 ----- ----- -----						
SAFETY 2 Raised 9/4/09	Low: 11.9 14.1 16.2 23.6 27.1 37.4 50.9 31.2 35.6 61.2 78.3 85.4								
TECHNICAL 4 Lowered 11/30/12									
BETA 1.00 (1.00 = Market)									
2015-17 PROJECTIONS									
	Price	Gain	Ann'l Return						
High	180	(+100%)	20%						
Low	135	(+50%)	12%						
Insider Decisions									
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
to Buy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Options	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
to Sell	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
Institutional Decisions									
	4Q2011	1Q2012	2Q2012	Percent shares traded					
to Buy	128	129	121	24					
to Sell	126	131	136	16					
Hld's(000)	42698	43136	41483	8					

<p>FactSet Research Systems, Inc. was formed in 1978 by Howard E. Wille, who held the positions of Chairman and CEO until May 22, 2000, the date on which he retired from active employment with the company. The company went public on June 28, 1996, selling 14.1 million shares (adjusted for stock splits) of common stock priced at \$3.78. The lead underwriter for the transaction was Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette.</p> <p>CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 8/31/12</p> <p>Total Debt None</p> <p>Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$27.6 mill.</p> <p>No Defined Benefit Pension Plan</p> <p>Common Stock 44,259,635 shares as of 10/22/12</p> <p>MARKET CAP: \$4.0 billion (Mid Cap)</p>	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	15-17
	4.06	4.40	5.39	6.47	7.92	9.84	12.00	13.15	13.93	16.12	18.20	19.90	Revenues per sh ^A	32.55
	1.16	1.34	1.55	1.82	2.12	2.86	3.25	3.73	4.08	4.63	5.03	5.50	"Cash Flow" per sh ^A	8.60
	.77	.96	1.15	1.39	1.57	2.14	2.50	2.91	3.13	3.64	4.13	4.60	Earnings per sh ^B	7.50
	.11	.15	.17	.19	.21	.30	.54	.76	.86	1.00	1.16	1.24	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	1.60
	.20	.17	.81	.45	.48	.81	.75	.51	.45	.65	.51	.60	Cap'l Spending per sh ^E	.75
	3.49	4.20	3.52	5.55	7.34	8.47	9.70	10.59	10.92	11.43	12.47	14.55	Book Value per sh ^H	24.40
	50.68	50.49	46.75	48.34	48.89	48.35	47.97	47.30	46.02	45.06	44.28	44.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	43.00
	26.7	22.8	24.6	24.0	26.0	27.4	23.9	16.2	22.2	26.3	22.8		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	21.0
	1.46	1.30	1.30	1.28	1.40	1.45	1.44	1.08	1.41	1.65	1.45		Relative P/E Ratio	1.40
.5%	.7%	.6%	.6%	.5%	.5%	.9%	1.6%	1.2%	1.0%	1.2%		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.0%	
205.9	222.3	251.9	312.6	387.4	475.8	575.5	622.0	641.1	726.5	805.8	875	Revenues (\$mill) ^A	1400	
39.0%	42.4%	40.6%	40.1%	36.1%	38.6%	37.3%	39.4%	40.4%	39.0%	38.1%	38.0%	Operating Margin	38.0%	
18.3	17.5	14.7	18.3	24.3	28.6	30.7	34.3	37.3	36.8	33.8	37.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	45.0	
40.5	50.1	58.0	69.8	79.5	109.6	125.0	142.0	150.2	171.6	188.8	205	Net Profit (\$mill)	325	
37.0%	36.5%	35.1%	35.5%	33.9%	32.7%	33.9%	33.1%	32.4%	30.5%	31.3%	32.0%	Income Tax Rate	32.0%	
19.7%	22.6%	23.0%	22.3%	20.5%	23.0%	21.7%	22.8%	23.4%	23.6%	23.4%	23.4%	Net Profit Margin	23.2%	
132.2	169.0	97.0	75.5	127.7	161.6	141.9	200.0	155.8	163.8	185.9	205	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	250	
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177.0	212.2	164.5	268.1	358.7	409.3	465.5	500.8	502.4	515.2	552.3	640	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	1050	
22.9%	23.6%	35.3%	26.0%	22.2%	26.8%	26.9%	28.3%	29.9%	33.3%	34.2%	32.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	31.0%	
22.9%	23.6%	35.3%	26.0%	22.2%	26.8%	26.9%	28.3%	29.9%	33.3%	34.2%	32.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	31.0%	
19.8%	20.5%	30.6%	22.7%	19.4%	23.2%	21.3%	21.4%	22.2%	24.8%	25.1%	23.5%	Retained to Com Eq	24.5%	
13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	21%	24%	26%	26%	26%	27%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	21%	

CURRENT POSITION (\$MILL.)	2010	2011	8/31/12
Cash Assets	195.7	181.7	203.0
Receivables	59.7	75.0	74.3
Inventory	--	--	--
Other	9.7	16.5	21.8
Current Assets	265.1	273.2	299.1
Accts Payable	24.0	24.6	27.7
Debt Due	--	--	--
Other	85.3	84.8	85.5
Current Liab.	109.3	109.4	113.2

ANNUAL RATES	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '10-'12 to '15-'17
Revenues	16.5%	15.0%	15.0%
"Cash Flow"	16.5%	15.0%	13.5%
Earnings	19.0%	16.5%	15.5%
Dividends	27.0%	34.0%	9.5%
Book Value	15.5%	10.5%	16.0%

Fiscal Year Ends	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$mill) ^A				Full Fiscal Year
	Nov.30	Feb.28	May.31	Aug.31	
2009	155.6	156.5	154.4	155.5	622.0
2010	155.3	157.3	160.3	168.2	641.1
2011	173.3	177.6	183.6	192.0	726.5
2012	196.4	199.4	202.3	207.7	805.8
2013	212	216	221	226	875

Fiscal Year Ends	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^{A B}				Full Fiscal Year
	Nov.30	Feb.28	May.31	Aug.31	
2009	.73	.71	.73	.74	2.91
2010	.74	.75	.81	.83	3.13
2011	.88	.89	.92	.96	3.64
2012	.99	1.02	1.05	1.08	4.13
2013	1.11	1.13	1.16	1.20	4.60

Calendar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^C				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2008	.12	.18	.18	.18	.66
2009	.18	.20	.20	.20	.78
2010	.20	.23	.23	.23	.89
2011	.23	.27	.27	.27	1.04
2012	.27	.31	.31		

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FactSet Research Systems continues to operate in a tough environment. Indeed, while the economy is expanding and the equity market has firmed up nicely over the past few years, spending remains restrained across the financial services industry. Moreover, unemployment within the sector remains high, and most of the growth seems to be coming from hedge funds, which still account for just a small part of the data provider's client roster. These factors are making it difficult for the company to increase its top and bottom lines as quickly as it has historically. The slowdown was evident in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 (ended August 31st), when FactSet's annual subscription value (ASV)—a key metric for those in the data business—rose 7% organically over the year-earlier period, to \$843 million. This was a decent performance in the current climate, but, notably, the ASV growth was the company's slowest since back in 2010. We still think that a double-digit share-net advance, to \$4.60, is likely in fiscal 2013. Conditions are apt to stay challenging throughout the year. Inroads into the hedge fund space ought to be a

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plus, however. And we see FactSet wrestling further market share from its largest competitors, including Thomson Reuters, News Corp. (Dow Jones), Morningstar, and Bloomberg. That's because of the company's superior customer service (client retention is generally well north of 90%), and its commitment to rolling out new, unique proprietary content. FactSet's product bundles also seem to offer more bang for the buck than those of its rivals, which is a big advantage these days.

Accretive acquisitions are a strong possibility, given the company's good cash flow and debt-free balance sheet. FactSet is no stranger to M&A activity, having recently moved to shore up its market position by purchasing StreetAccount, a leader in informative news summaries for the investment community.

This issue has worthwhile total-return potential out to 2015-2017. Yet, momentum investors should probably pass for now, since the stock still carries an Average (3) Timeliness rank. The chilly operating environment also suggests that patience may be required here.

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(A) Fiscal year ends on August 31st. (B) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring gains: '02, 1c; '03, 3c; '05, 4c; '09, 6c. Earnings may not sum to total due to rounding. (C) Dividends historically paid in mid-March, June, September, and December. (D) In millions, adjusted for stock splits. (E) Includes intangibles. In 2012: \$289.2 mill., or \$6.53/sh.

Company's Financial Strength	A+
Stock's Price Stability	75
Price Growth Persistence	95
Earnings Predictability	100