Precision Castparts Corp.

S&P Capital IQ Recommendation
STRONG BUY

S&P Capital IQ Equity Analyst
Jim Corridore

Price
$230.20 (as of Dec 12, 2014 04:08 PM ET)

12-Mo. Target Price
$320.00

Report Currency
USD

Investment Style
Large-Cap Growth

UPDATE: PLEASE SEE THE ANALYST’S LATEST RESEARCH NOTE IN THE COMPANY NEWS SECTION

GICS Sector
Industrials

Sub-Industry
Aerospace & Defense

Summary
This company is a provider of complex cast and forged metal components used primarily in the manufacture of jet engines and industrial gas turbines, and in the oil and gas, chemicals and automotive industries.

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

- **52-Wk Range**: $275.09 – 215.09
- **S&P Oper. EPS 2015E**: $14.00
- **Market Capitalization(B)**: $32.811
- **Beta**: 0.96
- **S&P 3-Yr. Proj. EPS CAGR(%)**: 18
- **S&P Quality Ranking**: B
- **Dividend Rate/Share**: $0.12
- **StARS GAAP Earnings vs. Previous Year**: HIGH
- **S&P Oper. EPS 2016E**: 16.05
- **Yield (%)**: 0.05
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Analyst’s Risk Assessment

- **LOW**: Precision Castparts operates in a cyclical and capital-intensive industry and is subject to swings in commodity prices. However, due to its large market share in most markets, we believe the company has significant pricing power for its products. We also consider its financial condition to be solid, including a relatively low debt level.

Revenue/Earnings Data

- **Revenues (Million $)**
  - 2010: $2,367
  - 2011: $2,362
  - 2012: $2,357

Earnings Per Share ($)

- **2014**: $2.90
- **2015**: $3.24

Dividend Data

- **Amount ($)**
  - 0.030
- **Date**
  - Mar 14
- **Payment Date**
  - Apr 14

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CORPORATE OVERVIEW. Precision Castparts, a manufacturer of jet engine and industrial gas turbine (IGT) engine components, conducts business through three operating units. The aerospace market accounted for 68% of FY 14 (Mar.) sales, power generation for 18%, and general industrial and automotive for the remaining 14%. General Electric accounted for 13% of FY 14 sales. Although no other customer accounted for more than 10% of sales, the Pratt & Whitney division of United Technologies, Rolls-Royce, Boeing and Airbus are all key customers.

PCP’s Investment Cast Products segment (26% and 31% of FY 14 revenues and segment operating earnings, respectively) includes Aerospace Structural Castings, Aerospace Airfoil Castings, IGT Castings, and Internal Alloy-Making Capability. These operations manufacture investment castings for aircraft engines, IGTs and airframes. PCP also makes metal castings for medical prostheses, unmanned aerial vehicles, satellites, and armament systems (such as howitzers). Investment casting involves a technical, multi-step process that uses ceramic molds in the manufacture of metal components with more complex shapes, closer tolerances and finer surface finishes than parts manufactured using other casting methods. PCP is the world’s largest maker of jet engine structural castings used to strengthen sections of a jet engine, and makes castings for every jet engine program in production or under development. It is also the leading supplier of investment castings for IGTs used in power generation. The company emphasizes low-cost, high-quality products and timely delivery. The Internal Alloy group principally provides metal alloys to the company’s investment casting operations, as well as to other companies with investment casting or foundry operations.

The Forged Products segment (44%, 39%) is a large maker of forged components for the aerospace and power generation markets. Forged Products segment aerospace and IGT sales are primarily derived from the same large engine customers served by the Investment Cast segment, with additional aerospace sales to manufacturers of landing gear and airframes. In addition, Forged Products manufactures high-performance nickel and titanium-based alloys used to produce forged components for aerospace and non-aerospace markets, which includes products for oil and gas, chemical processing and pollution control applications.

Forging involves heating high-temperature nickel alloys, titanium or steel and then shaping them through pressing or extrusion, using hydraulic and mechanical presses. Forged Products also produces extruded seamless metal pipe, used in the power generation and oil and gas industries. PCP is also the market leader in providing nickel superalloy and titanium revert management services; that is, the melting down and reuse of metal chips, casting gates, bar ends, forging flash, and other byproducts of the forging, casting and fastener manufacturing processes. Improved revert management has been one major driver of PCP’s increased operating margins in recent years.

The Airframe Products segment (30% and 30%) manufactures highly engineered fasteners, fastener systems and precision components, primarily for critical aerospace applications. A large part of Airframe Products sales come from the same aerospace customer base served by PCP’s other two segments. The balance of this segment’s sales is derived from construction, automotive, heavy truck and general industrial markets. The fastener product line includes a variety of bolts, sleeve bolts, nuts, nut plates, latches, expandable diameter fasteners, quick release pins, hydraulic fittings, bushings, inserts, collars, and other precision components. The group’s Aerostructures facilities manufacture complex components and structural assemblies, including three- to five- axis prismatic and long- bed machined aluminum and titanium components, complex sheet metal fabrications, and composite and metal- bonded components. Product applications include all wing and fuselage structural parts; engine pylon-related assemblies, engine lockplates and bracketry; complete passenger and exit door; major flap support and actuation structures; spars, skins, and bulkheads; swaged control rods, cables, and actuation and flight control assemblies; and complex latches, quick release BALL-LOK pins, and specialized fasteners.

IMPACT OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS. On January 7, 2013, PCP completed the $2.9 billion acquisition of Titanium Metals Corp. (Timet), which is included as part of the Forged Products Group. Timet, the largest titanium manufacturer in the U.S., offers a full range of titanium products, including ingot and slab, forging billet and mill forms. Timet operates seven primary melting or mill facilities in Henderson, Nevada; Toronto, Ohio; Morgantown, Pennsylvania; Vallejo, California; Witton, England; Waunarlwydd, Wales; and Savoie, France, and employs approximately 2,750 people.

FINANCIAL TRENDS. Looking at PCP’s five-year historical earnings and equity growth performance, sales rose at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 11.9%, while operating income rose at a CAGR of 11.1%, and earnings per share at 13.0%. 
Quantitative Evaluations

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

Fair Value Calculation

$280.10

Analysis of the stock’s current worth, based on S&P Capital IQ’s proprietary quantitative model suggests that PCP is Undervalued by $49.90 or 21.7%.

Investability Quotient

Percentile

LOWEST = 1 HIGHEST = 100

PCP scored higher than 98% of all companies for which an S&P Capital IQ Report is available.

Volatility

LOW AVERAGE HIGH

Technical Evaluation

BULLISH

Since November, 2014, the technical indicators for PCP have been BULLISH.

Insider Activity

UNFAVORABLE NEUTRAL FAVORABLE

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Income Statement Analysis (Million $)

| Revenue | 9,616 | 8,378 | 7,215 | 6,220 | 5,487 | 6,828 | 6,852 | 5,361 | 3,546 | 2,919 |
| Operating Income | 2,965 | 2,387 | 1,987 | 1,666 | 1,576 | 1,739 | 1,639 | 1,086 | 656 | 517 |
| Depreciation | 293 | 215 | 170 | 164 | 155 | 139 | 128 | 113 | 99.2 | 97.0 |
| Interest Expense | 76.0 | 38.1 | 12.8 | 13.5 | 16.2 | 18.1 | 81.0 | 52.2 | 41.4 | 56.6 |
| Pretax Income | 2,602 | 2,130 | 1,827 | 1,510 | 1,411 | 1,578 | 1,463 | 918 | 618 | 360 |
| Effective Tax Rate | 32.1% | 32.7% | 32.5% | 33.1% | 34.4% | 34.2% | 33.9% | 33.2% | 31.8% | 33.1% |
| Net Income | 1,780 | 1,452 | 1,231 | 1,011 | 924 | 1,038 | 966 | 615 | 349 | 240 |
| S&P Capital IQ Core Earnings | NA | 1,438 | 1,196 | 1,003 | 924 | 978 | 963 | 618 | 341 | 237 |

Balance Sheet & Other Financial Data (Million $)

| Cash | 361 | 280 | 699 | 1,159 | 112 | 554 | 221 | 150 | 59.9 | 154 |
| Current Assets | 5,507 | 5,080 | 3,786 | 3,651 | 2,522 | 2,785 | 2,372 | 2,037 | 1,234 | 1,213 |
| Total Assets | 18,586 | 16,896 | 10,559 | 8,956 | 7,661 | 7,721 | 6,050 | 5,299 | 3,751 | 3,625 |
| Current Liabilities | 1,608 | 1,712 | 1,071 | 942 | 894 | 1,061 | 1,205 | 1,858 | 768 | 780 |
| Long Term Debt | 3,569 | 3,603 | 208 | 222 | 235 | 251 | 335 | 319 | 600 | 799 |
| Common Equity | 11,286 | 9,763 | 8,361 | 7,162 | 5,899 | 4,860 | 4,045 | 2,836 | 2,244 | 1,780 |
| Total Capital | 14,994 | 13,612 | 8,573 | 7,404 | 6,142 | 5,222 | 4,400 | 3,182 | 2,844 | 2,579 |
| Capital Expenditures | 355 | 321 | 192 | 120 | 170 | 205 | 226 | 222 | 99.2 | 61.7 |
| Cash Flow | 2,053 | 1,647 | 1,400 | 1,175 | 1,080 | 1,177 | 1,094 | 727 | 448 | 337 |
| Current Ratio | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| % Long Term Debt of Capitalization | 23.8 | 26.5 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 7.6 | 10.0 | 21.1 | 31.0 |
| % Net Income of Revenue | 18.3 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 16.3 | 16.9 | 15.2 | 14.1 | 11.5 | 9.8 | 8.2 |
| % Return on Assets | 9.9 | 10.4 | 12.6 | NA | NA | 16.3 | 17.1 | 13.6 | 9.5 | 6.5 |
| % Return on Equity | 16.6 | 15.8 | 15.9 | NA | NA | 23.3 | 28.1 | 24.7 | 17.0 | 12.7 |

Data as originally reported in Company reports; bef. results of disc oper/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.

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Sub-Industry Outlook

We are positive on commercial aerospace and neutral on defense for the next 12 months. We are positive on the combined group as a single ranking must be given to both industries. We continue to see improving commercial air traffic, driven by recovering global economic trends, as driving strong commercial aerospace results.

Trade association IATA estimates global passenger air traffic grew 5.3% for 2012 and 5.2% for 2013 and sees growth of 5.8% in 2014. We see continued solid demand for new commercial jets, fueled by growth in the developing markets and a need to replace aging, less fuel-efficient aircraft in developed markets. We see commercial aerospace shares selling at reasonable valuations.

IATA estimates global airlines earned $6.1 billion net profit in 2012 and $12.9 billion for 2013 and sees growth to $18.7 billion in 2014. Combined Boeing and Airbus orders and deliveries set new records in 2013 and backlogs continue to grow, now containing some eight years of production. Both companies have announced continued production increases over the next several years and new model introduction. In 2014, we expect the growth trend in the high-end of the business jet market to continue, and see a turnaround in the lagging middle and lower ends of the market commencing, stimulated by the improving economy and new product introductions. We see commercial aftermarket growth continuing to improve over the next couple of quarters.

Conventional military equipment is aging, and we see need for replacement/repair as troops withdraw from Afghanistan. While large sums of money from both base and supplementary defense budgets are still benefiting contractors, shrinking war time funding and rising U.S. fiscal belt-tightening is pressuring defense spending. The recently forged bipartisan congressional budget agreement offsets some $22 billion of the $52 billion of mandated FY 14 defense sequestration cuts, as well as $9 billion of FY 15 cuts, resulting in base defense budget spending levels around flat with FY 13 for the next several years. FY 14 procurement and R&D accounts are set to fall some $14 billion from FY 13 levels. While the FY 15 Dept. of Defense budget submission incorporating sequestration cuts should improve overall contractor visibility and could spark a return of M&A activity, it also means specific program cuts will need to be digested.

Year to date through September 12, the S&P Aerospace & Defense Index rose 2.7%, vs. a 2.3% rise for the S&P Industrials Index and a 7.0% rise for the S&P 1500 Composite Index. The sub-industry index rose 52.5% in 2013, vs. 38.4% for Industrials and 30.1% for the S&P 1500.

--Jim Corridore
**S&P Capital IQ Analyst Research Notes and other Company News**

**October 27, 2014**
01:56 pm ET ... S&P CAPITAL IQ UPS VIEW ON SHARES OF PRECISION CASTPARTS TO STRONG BUY FROM BUY (PCP 224.65****): We keep our FY 15 (Mar.) EPS estimate at $14.00 and trim our FY 16 estimate to $16.05 from $16.11. We keep our 12-month target price at $320, 19.9X our ’15 estimate, below the company’s 5 year average of about 21X. With the shares off about 18% from their 52-week high and trading at about 14X our ’15 estimate, we find the valuation attractive. We expect PCP to continue to see long term demand for airframe, forged and cast products related to strong aerospace demand and a recovery in industrial demand. PCP fiscal Q2 EPS of $2.44 vs. $2.90 missed our $2.43 estimate. /J. Corridore

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**July 24, 2014**
10:13 am ET ... S&P CAPITAL IQ KEEP CELEB OPINION ON SHARES OF PRECISION CASTPARTS (PCP 239.68****): We cut our FY 15 (Mar.) estimate by $0.15 to $14.00, but lift our FY 16 estimate by $0.11 to $16.11. We keep our 12-month target price at $320, about 20X our FY 16 estimate in line with PCP’s long term average P/E. PCP fiscal Q1 EPS of $3.32 vs. $2.98 misses our $3.37 estimate. Revenues were a bit lighter than expected, on slow sales of products for use in turbines and military equipment, offset by strength in aerospace. We expect aerospace growth to continue to drive revenue and profit growth at PCP and expect improving turbine growth as we move through FY 15. /J. Corridore

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**May 15, 2014**
07:32 am ET ... PRECISION CASTPARTS CORP (PCP 245.46) UNCHANGED, BANK OF AMERICA MAINTAINS BUY ON PRECISION CASTPARTS CORPORATION, RAISES PO TO S... Bank of America maintains Precision Castparts Corporation (NYSE:PCP) with a Buy and raises the price target from $280.00 to $300.00. 2014 Benzinga.com. Benzinga does not provide investment advice. All rights reserved.Acquire Media

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**May 15, 2014**
10:35 am ET ... PRECISION CASTPARTS CORP (PCP 245.46) DOWN 3.47, UPDATE: BANK OF AMERICA REITERATES ON PRECISION CASTPARTS UNCHANGED EPS ESTIM... In a report published Thursday, Bank of America analyst Ronald J. Epstein reiterated a Buy rating on Precision Castparts (NYSE: PCP), and raised the price target from $280.00 to $300.00. In the report, Bank of America noted, “We continue to forecast revenue to grow at 10% CAGR and EPS to grow at 14% CAGR (FY’14A-FY’19E). Our estimates factor in operating margin expansion to 31.2% by FY’19E from 27.8% in FY’14A and a 3% CAGR decline in diluted share count. As we do not incorporate earnings growth from future possible acquisitions, from FY’15-FY’18 we are modeling ag...Acquire Media

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**May 8, 2014**
08:52 am ET ... S&P CAPITAL IQ MAINTAINS BUY OPINION ON SHARES OF PRECISION CASTPARTS (PCP 255.82****): We keep our FY 15 (Mar.) and FY 16 EPS estimates at $14.15 and $16.00. We raise our 12-month target price to $320 from $286, pushing our valuation out a year to base it on FY 16 and valuing the stock at 20X FY 16 EPS. This is toward the higher end of PCP’s ten-year historic range and a premium to peers, warranted by our positive view of commercial aerospace and PCP’s ability to gain margin leverage on incremental revenues. We think the integration of TIMET is on track and see commercial aerospace growth and oil and gas improvement as likely to benefit EPS growth. /J. Corridore

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**January 23, 2014**
01:11 pm ET ... S&P CAPITAL IQ REITERATES BUY OPINION ON SHARES OF PRECISION CASTPARTS (PCP 259.83****): We keep our $236 target price. While the FY 15 production ramp remains intact, we are making more conservative assumptions. We lower our FY14 (Mar) EPS estimate $0.21 to $12.28 and FY 15’s by $0.15 to $14.15. The TIMET integration is progressing ahead of plan and PCP upped its 24-36 month synergy goal to $150M-$200M from $80M-$100M. We are confident in its ability to attain its FY 16 EPS target of $15.50-$16.50. Dec-Q EPS of $2.95, vs. $2.31, were $0.10 below our estimate, primarily due to late in the quarter customer schedule shifts that have mostly been already made up. /Eric Hugel
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Wall Street Consensus Opinion

BUY/HOLD

Companies Offering Coverage

Barclays
BofA Merrill Lynch
Buckingham Research Group Inc.
CRT Capital Group LLC
Canaccord Genuity
Citigroup Inc
Cleveland Research Company
Cowen and Company, LLC
Credit Suisse
D.A. Davidson & Co.
Deutsche Bank
Goldman Sachs
JP Morgan
Jefferies LLC
KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc.
Morningstar Inc.
RBC Capital Markets
Sterne Agee & Leach Inc.
Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.
Topeka Capital Markets Inc.
UBS Investment Bank
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Wall Street Consensus vs. Performance

For fiscal year 2015, analysts estimate that PCP will earn US$13.70. For the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2015, PCP announced earnings per share of US$3.23, representing 24% of the total annual estimate. For fiscal year 2016, analysts estimate that PCP's earnings per share will grow by 15% to US$15.71.

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.
Glossary

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CAGR - Compound Annual Growth Rate
CAPEX - Capital Expenditures
CF - Cash Flow
DCF - Discounted Cash Flow
DDM - Dividend Discount Model
EV - Enterprise Value
FCF - Free Cash Flow
FFO - Funds From Operations
FY - Fiscal Year
P/E - Price/Earnings
PNAV - Price to Net Asset Value
PEG Ratio - P/E-to-Growth Ratio
PV - Present Value
R&D - Research & Development
ROCE - Return on Capital Employed
ROI - Return on Equity
ROIC - Return on Invested Capital
ROA - Return on Assets
SG&A - Selling, General & Administrative Expenses
SOTP - Sum-of-The-Parts
WACC - Weighted Average Cost of Capital

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STARS Ranking system and definition:

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<td>4-STAR (Buy)</td>
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In North America, the relevant benchmark is the S&P 500 Index, in Europe and in Asia, the relevant benchmarks are the S&P Europe 350 Index and the S&P Asia 50 Index, respectively.

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In general, stocks with a *flag* of A or B are those that have been analyzed with a high degree of judgment and are recommended with significant confidence. Stocks with a *flag* of D or E are those that have been analyzed with a low degree of judgment and are recommended with little confidence.

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