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Abbott Laboratories

S&P Recommendation HOLD ★★★★★	**Price** $33.02 (as of Jan 15, 2013)	**12-Mo. Target Price** $36.00	**Investment Style** Large-Cap Growth

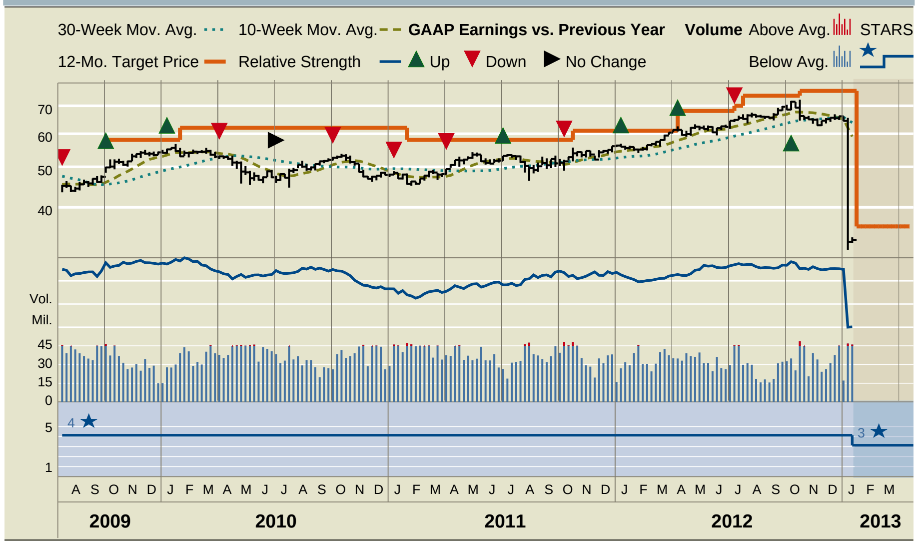
GICS Sector Health Care
Sub-Industry Health Care Equipment

Summary This diversified healthcare 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, Vickers, company reports)

52-Wk Range	**$72.47– 31.64**	S&P Oper. EPS 2012**E**	**5.08**	Market Capitalization(B)	**$52.194**	Beta	**0.32**
Trailing 12-Month EPS	**$4.09**	S&P Oper. EPS 2013**E**	**2.00**	Yield (%)	**1.70**	S&P 3-Yr. Proj. EPS CAGR(%)	**8**
Trailing 12-Month P/E	**8.1**	P/E on S&P Oper. EPS 2012**E**	**6.5**	Dividend Rate/Share	**$0.56**	S&P Credit Rating	**A+**
$10K Invested 5 Yrs Ago	**NA**	Common Shares Outstg. (M)	**1,580.7**	Institutional Ownership (%)	**66**		

Price Performance



Options: ASE, CBOE, P, Ph

Analysis prepared by Equity Analyst **Herman Saftlas** on Jan 15, 2013, when the stock traded at **$33.36**.

Highlights

- We project sales of about $22.8 billion in 2013, up from an estimated pro forma of $21.7 billion in 2012. We think nutritional products should rank among ABT's faster growing segments, helped by new products and greater penetration of foreign markets. We also see growth for diagnostics, driven by strong demand for molecular diagnostic products and core laboratory diagnostics. New products such the Xience Expedition stent, absorbable stent and MitraClip mitral valve repair system should spur volume in medical devices, while greater expansion in emerging markets should bolster sales of generic drugs.
- Gross margins this are likely to approximate or rise modestly from the pro forma 54% that we estimate for 2012, helped by better volume and efficiencies. We also see synergies accruing on the SG&A line, but new product costs will likely push up R&D spending. However, interest expense will probably be lower.
- Following a rise in the tax rate (reflecting the new medical device tax), we project EPS in 2013 of $2.00. Helped by new products, we see EPS reaching $2.20 in 2014.

Investment Rationale/Risk

- Effective January 1, 2013, ABT spun off to shareholders its research-based pharmaceuticals business in the form of shares of a new publicly traded company called Abbvie (ABBV 34 NR). Abbvie's products include Humira treatment for rheumatoid arthritis, a portfolio of other branded drugs, and a fairly robust R&D pipeline. Abbott has retained its established nutritionals, diagnostics, devices and branded generics operations. While we see Abbott well situated in solid global healthcare markets, we believe that many of those markets are relatively mature, with future growth likely to be driven primarily through margin expansion.
- Risks to our recommendation and target price include greater than expected competitive and pricing pressures in the company's principal markets, as well as possible pipeline setbacks.
- Our 12-month target price of $36 applies a premium-to-peers P/E of 18X our 2013 EPS estimate, which we believe is reasonable given ABT's dominant positions in many of its markets. Our sum-of-the-parts analysis also indicates inherent worth of about $36. The $0.56 annual dividend presently yields 1.7%.

Qualitative Risk Assessment

LOW | **MEDIUM** | HIGH

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 healthcare 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.

Quantitative Evaluations

S&P Quality Ranking **A**

D | C | B- | B | B+ | A- | **A** | A+

Relative Strength Rank **WEAK**

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LOWEST = 1 HIGHEST = 99

Revenue/Earnings Data

Revenue (Million U.S. $)

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Year
2012	9,457	9,807	9,773	--	--
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
2008	6,766	7,314	7,498	7,950	29,528
2007	5,290	6,371	6,377	7,221	25,914

Earnings Per Share (U.S. $)

2012	0.78	1.08	1.21	**E**1.52	**E**5.08
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
2008	0.60	0.85	0.69	0.89	3.03
2007	0.41	0.63	0.46	0.77	2.31

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

Dividend Data (Dates: mm/dd Payment Date: mm/dd/yy)

Amount ($)	Date Decl.	Ex-Div. Date	Stk. of Record	Payment Date
0.510	09/13	10/11	10/15	11/15/12
Stk.	11/28	01/02	12/12	01/01/13
0.140	12/14	01/11	01/15	02/15/13
0.140	12/14	01/11	01/15	02/15/13

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

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Business Summary January 15, 2013

CORPORATE OVERVIEW. Abbott Laboratories is a leading player in several growing health care markets. Through acquisitions, product diversification and R&D programs, ABT offers a wide range of infant and adult nutritionals, diagnostics, medical devices and generic drugs. The company's research-based pharmaceuticals business, which included Humira and other branded pharmaceuticals, was spun off to shareholders at the beginning of 2013.

During 2011, pharmaceuticals accounted for 58% of operating revenues, while nutritionals represented 15%, diagnostics contributed 11%, and vascular represented 9%. Sales of other products represented 7% of 2011 sales. Foreign sales accounted for 59% of total sales in 2011.

Nutritionals 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 fedding) items.

Abbott Diabetes Care markets the Precision and FreeStyle lines of hand-held glucose monitors for diabetes patients. This division also markets data management and point-of-care systems, insulin pumps and syringes, and Glucerna shakes and nutrition bars tailored for diabetics.

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. Boston Scientific has marketed the Xience stent manufactured by Abbott under the Promus name under a distributor agreement with ABT. However, Boston Scientific is moving to replace Promus sales with its own proprietary Promus Element stent.

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.

In February 2009, Abbott completed the acquisition of Advanced Medical Optics (AMO) for about $2.8 billion in cash. 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. AMO's total sales are about $1 billion.

The company's continuing established pharmaceuticals business comprise branded generics which are sold in emerging markets (60% of this division's sales) and developed markets (40%). 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.

FINANCIAL TRENDS. In early 2013, Abbott noted that it had significant cash flow generation potential, upwards of $4 billion, which should enable the company with ample resources for investments in future growth and returns to shareholders. We believe Abbott also has a fairly robust balance sheet, with cash and investments of over $9 billion, and long-term debt of about $5.4 billion.

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91,000

Stockholders
62,939

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Quantitative Evaluations

S&P Fair Value Rank 5-

1	2	3	4	5

LOWEST — HIGHEST

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

Fair Value Calculation $41.70 — Analysis of the stock's current worth, based on S&P's proprietary quantitative model suggests that ABT is Undervalued by $8.68 or 26.3%.

Investability Quotient Percentile 100

LOWEST = 1 — HIGHEST = 100

ABT scored higher than 100% of all companies for which an S&P Report is available.

Volatility LOW | AVERAGE | HIGH

Technical Evaluation BULLISH — Since January, 2013, the technical indicators for ABT have been BULLISH.

Insider Activity UNFAVORABLE | NEUTRAL | FAVORABLE

Expanded Ratio Analysis

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Price/Sales	2.27	2.12	2.73	2.82
Price/EBITDA	7.93	8.33	9.65	10.02
Price/Pretax Income	16.95	13.05	11.67	14.22
P/E Ratio	18.64	16.12	14.61	17.59
Avg. Diluted Shares Outstg (M)	1,567.4	1,556.0	1,555.1	1,560.8

Figures based on calendar year-end price

Key Growth Rates and Averages

Past Growth Rate (%)	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	9 Years
Sales	10.48	10.04	11.13	9.09
Net Income	2.23	-2.18	18.72	8.26
Ratio Analysis (Annual Avg.)				
Net Margin (%)	12.17	14.67	14.79	14.09
% LT Debt to Capitalization	32.03	33.00	33.42	29.93

Company Financials Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31

Per Share Data (U.S. $)	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Tangible Book Value	NM	NM	2.17	1.51	1.24	NM	2.89	2.22	2.90	1.93
Cash Flow	4.96	4.66	5.04	4.21	3.50	2.13	3.02	2.84	2.56	2.52
Earnings	3.01	2.96	3.69	3.03	2.31	1.12	2.16	2.02	1.75	1.78
S&P Core Earnings	3.82	3.05	3.60	2.86	2.31	1.16	2.01	1.90	1.95	1.62
Dividends	1.88	1.72	1.56	1.41	1.27	1.16	1.09	1.03	0.97	0.92
Payout Ratio	63%	58%	42%	46%	55%	104%	50%	51%	55%	51%
Prices:High	56.44	56.79	57.39	61.09	59.50	49.87	50.00	47.63	47.15	58.00
Prices:Low	45.07	44.59	41.27	45.75	48.75	39.18	37.50	38.26	33.75	29.80
P/E Ratio:High	19	19	16	20	26	45	23	24	27	33
P/E Ratio:Low	15	15	11	15	21	35	17	19	19	17
Income Statement Analysis (Million U.S. $)										
Revenue	38,851	35,167	30,765	29,528	25,914	22,476	22,338	19,680	19,681	17,685
Operating Income	11,119	8,954	8,698	8,316	7,378	6,419	5,738	5,187	4,597	4,815
Depreciation	3,044	2,624	2,090	1,839	1,855	1,559	1,359	1,289	1,274	1,177
Interest Expense	445	448	520	528	593	416	241	200	146	239
Pretax Income	5,199	5,713	7,194	5,856	4,479	2,276	4,620	4,126	3,734	3,673
Effective Tax Rate	9.04%	19.0%	20.1%	19.2%	19.3%	24.6%	27.0%	23.0%	26.3%	23.9%
Net Income	4,729	4,626	5,746	4,734	3,606	1,717	3,372	3,176	2,753	2,794
S&P Core Earnings	5,985	4,739	5,595	4,473	3,609	1,787	3,158	2,972	2,971	2,561
Balance Sheet & Other Financial Data (Million U.S. $)										
Cash	8,097	5,451	9,932	5,080	2,821	521	2,894	1,226	995	704
Current Assets	23,769	22,318	23,314	17,043	14,043	11,282	11,386	10,734	10,290	9,122
Total Assets	60,277	59,462	52,417	42,419	39,714	36,178	29,141	28,767	26,715	24,259
Current Liabilities	15,480	17,262	13,049	11,592	9,103	11,951	7,416	6,826	7,640	7,002
Long Term Debt	12,040	12,560	11,484	8,713	9,488	7,010	4,572	4,788	3,452	4,274
Common Equity	24,440	22,388	22,856	17,480	17,779	14,054	14,415	14,326	13,072	10,665
Total Capital	37,593	37,169	34,594	26,193	27,266	21,064	19,570	19,334	16,525	14,939
Capital Expenditures	1,492	1,015	1,089	1,288	1,656	1,338	1,207	1,292	1,247	1,296
Cash Flow	7,772	7,250	7,835	6,573	5,461	3,276	4,731	4,465	4,027	3,971
Current Ratio	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.5	1.5	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.3
% Long Term Debt of Capitalization	Nil	33.8	Nil	33.3	34.8	33.3	23.4	24.8	20.9	28.6
% Net Income of Revenue	12.2	13.2	18.7	16.0	13.9	7.6	15.1	16.1	14.0	15.8
% Return on Assets	NA	NA	NA	11.5	9.5	5.3	11.6	11.6	10.8	11.7
% Return on Equity	NA	NA	NA	26.9	22.7	12.1	23.5	23.2	23.2	28.3

Data as orig reptd.; 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.

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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 than they did prior to the recent recession. We remain concerned about continued weak demand for elective medical procedures. In addition, procedure rates have declined in areas we would not normally view as elective, such as cardiac rhythm management, interventional cardiology and orthopedics, partly due to a U.S. Justice Dept. probe of improper defibrillator implantation, impacting the first category, and a still-soft economy. On the other hand, a number of makers of products in the latter two categories have been expressing the view that procedure rates for such products appear to be stabilizing and/or recovering modestly.

Looking ahead, we believe the new medical device tax effective in 2013 in the health care reform law has prompted the sub-industry to align its cost structure to partially offset the impact of the tax. Moreover, since the levy is income tax deductible, its after-tax effect will be lower, and we therefore view the impact of health care reform as manageable. Many equipment makers have implemented cost reduction initiatives to help offset the levy.

We expect 2012 and 2013 revenues to rise in constant currency at a mid- to high single digit pace, aided by 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 important product categories and unfavorable currency exchange to continue to affect growth. However, we are seeing sales gains, albeit uneven ones, in equipment that hospitals believe can differentiate them from one another and/or offer a possible high return on investment.

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 in cardiology, orthopedics, and other areas.

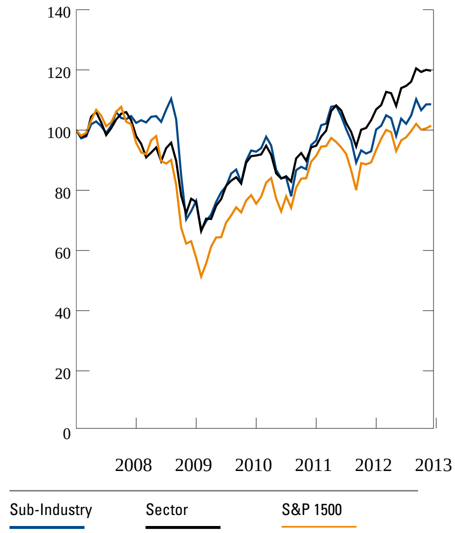
Year to date to December 21, the S&P Health Care Equipment Index was up 18.1%, versus a 14.0% increase in the S&P 1500 Composite Index. In 2011, the sub-industry index was down 2.2%, versus a 0.3% drop in the 1500. The advance in 2012 suggests to us that investors have been generally pleased with the health care equipment makers' revenue and earnings guidance for the full year and may view the momentum as sustainable through 2013.

--Phillip M. Seligman

Stock Performance

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

Based on S&P 1500 Indexes
Month-end Price Performance as of 12/31/12



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

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**	**52,194**	**33.02**	**72.47/31.64**	**0.32**	**1.7**	**8**	**41.70**	**A**	**100**	**12.2**	**NA**
CareFusion Corp	CFN	6,642	29.93	29.97/22.64	NA	Nil	22	34.20	NR	28	8.2	21.4
DexCom Inc	DXCM	1,001	14.60	15.48/9.36	1.10	Nil	NM	NA	NR	79	NM	NA
Edwards Lifesciences	EW	10,395	90.07	110.79/67.86	0.55	Nil	40	78.60	B	95	14.1	10.1
Globus Medical	GMED	1,185	13.00	19.93/10.26	NA	Nil	17	NA	NR	83	18.3	NA
HeartWare International	HTWR	1,249	87.58	97.31/61.00	-0.32	Nil	NM	NA	NR	72	NA	NA
Insulet Corp	PODD	1,078	22.66	23.21/16.85	1.54	Nil	NM	NA	NR	13	NA	60.3
MAKO Surgical	MAKO	456	10.76	45.15/10.35	0.53	Nil	NM	NA	NR	71	NM	NA
Masimo Corp	MASI	1,177	20.20	25.35/18.20	0.83	Nil	19	25.80	NR	87	14.6	NA
NxStage Medical	NXTM	585	10.50	21.87/10.15	0.86	Nil	NM	NA	NR	43	NM	22.2
Sirona Dental Sys	SIRO	3,655	65.58	67.42/40.59	1.58	Nil	28	65.20	NR	78	13.7	7.0
Sunshine Heart	SSH	6,184	6.07	22.90/2.50	NA	Nil	NM	NA	NR	20	NM	NA
Teleflex Inc	TFX	3,004	73.40	74.33/57.26	0.79	1.9	NM	60.20	B+	42	7.9	32.5
Tornier NV	TRNX	737	17.67	25.91/14.53	NA	Nil	NM	NA	NR	39	NA	4.8
Volcano Corp	VOLC	1,360	25.71	30.59/23.08	0.28	Nil	40	16.40	NR	78	11.1	22.0

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.

Source: S&P.

S&P Analyst Research Notes and other Company News

January 14, 2013
05:44 pm ET ... S&P DOWNGRADES OPINION ON SHARES OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES TO HOLD FROM BUY (ABT 33.37***): We are reducing our 12-month target price by $40, to $36, to reflect the recent spin-off of the company's research-based pharmaceuticals business as shares of a new publicly traded firm called AbbVie, Inc. (ABBV 34, NR). Our new target price applies a premium-to-peers P/E multiple of 18X to our new $2.00 EPS estimate for 2013 (versus our prior pre-spinoff estimate of $5.55). While we view ABT as well positioned in diversified health care products markets, we think many of those markets are relatively mature, with future EPS growth likely coming largely from margin expansion. /H. Saftlas

November 29, 2012
ABT announces that its Board has approved the separation of its research-based pharmaceuticals business, which will be know as AbbVie Inc., and declared a special dividend distribution of all the outstanding shares of AbbVie common stock. For every 1 shares of ABT held, ABT holders will get 1 share of AbbVie common stock.

November 29, 2012
11:33 am ET ... RETRANSMIT - S&P REITERATES BUY OPINION ON SHARES OF ABBOTT (ABT 64.87****): ABT's board approves the spin-off of its research-based pharmaceutical business named AbbVie Inc. ABT shareholders will receive one share of Abbvie (NYSE symbol ABBV) for each share of ABT held. The distribution will be on Jan. 1, 2013, to stockholders of record on Dec. 12. Our $76 target for the presently combined firm remains unchanged. We see shareholder values of legacy Abbott and Abbvie enhanced by the split, with investors now able to better focus on the growth potentials of each firm. ABBV plans to pay a $1.60 annual dividend, and ABT a $0.56 annual dividend. /H. Saftlas

October 17, 2012
03:14 pm ET ... S&P REITERATES BUY OPINION ON SHARES OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES (ABT 69.11****): We are raising our target price by $2 to $76, following robust Q3 non-GAAP EPS and enhanced valuations that we see for the planned split of ABT into two separate companies, effective Jan 1, 2013. Helped by better gross margins, Q3 EPS rose 10% to $1.30, $0.02 above our forecast. Operating sales rose 4.1%, but were down slightly after negative forex. We raise our 2012 estimate $0.03 to $5.08. We like the R&D pipeline of the new Abbvie pharmaceuticals company, which also plans to pay a $1.60 annual dividend. The legacy Abbott unit is expected to pay a $0.56 annual dividend. /H. Saftlas

July 18, 2012
11:53 am ET ... S&P REITERATES BUY OPINION ON SHARES OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES (ABT 66.25****): We are raising our target price by $4 to $74, following robust Q2 operational results, and enhanced valuations that we see for the planned split-up of ABT into two separate companies. Q2 non-GAAP EPS climbed 9.8%, to $1.23 ($0.02 above our estimate), with sales gains in Humira arthritis treatment, Xience stent, and nutritionals more than offsetting negative forex comparisons. Q2 sales rose 2.0%, after a 4.7% hit from a stronger dollar. The split-up is to be accomplished later this year with the spinoff of the R&D-based drug business to be called AbbVie. The dividend yields 3.0%. /H. Saftlas

July 16, 2012
Abbott Laboratories announced that Greg W. Linder, Vice President and Controller will retire from the company effective February 28, 2013. Robert E. Funck has been appointed Vice President and Controller, effective March 1, 2013.

June 29, 2012
11:23 am ET ... S&P REITERATES BUY OPINION ON SHARES OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES (ABT 63.75****): We are raising our target price on by $2 to $70, in view of an upward revision in our evaluation of ABT's new drug pipeline. ABT's key Humira autoimmune drug recently received a positive opinion from European regulators to add several new uses to its label. Boosted by new indications, we expect sales of Humira to rise 14% to $9B in this year. While we expect it to be the dominant drug of AbbVie, the planned spinoff of ABT's R&D-based drug business, we also see much promise for a next-generation Humira, and new treatments for hepatitis C and multiple sclerosis. /H. Saftlas

June 5, 2012
10:36 am ET ... S&P MAINTAINS BUY OPINION ON SHARES OF NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES (NBIX 6.78****): Abbott Labs (ABT 60, Buy) initiates Phase III study on Elagolix, licensed from NBIX, in female patients with endometriosis. ABT plans for a second pivotal study and regulatory filings in '16. We see program timeline as slower than we had projected, providing NBIX with fewer near-term milestone revenues. Though we see NBIX as increasingly reliant on wholly-owned NBI-98854 for tardive dyskinesia, which we expect to start Phase IIb study in '12, we view NBIX as being on solid financial footing. On revised Elagolix launch assumptions, we trim our NPV-based target price by $1 to $10. /S.Silver

June 4, 2012
Abbott Laboratories announced that effective from June 1, 2012, Brian J. Blaser is the company's Executive Vice President, Diagnostic Products, replacing Edward L. Michael, whose previously-announced retirement will be effective June 30, 2012.

May 3, 2012
Edward L. Michael, Executive Vice President, Diagnostics Products, has announced the Abbott Laboratories that he will be retiring from the company within the next couple of months.

April 18, 2012
12:21 pm ET ... S&P REITERATES BUY OPINION ON SHARES OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES (ABT 60.42****): Q1 non-GAAP EPS rose 13% to $1.03, surpassing our $0.99 forecast. We attribute the beat to better gross margins (up 260 basis points to 61.1%), and robust sales of nutritionals (+10.1%), and Humira (+17%). Despite expected negative forex, we forecast continued top line growth and margin improvement over the balance of the year, and are raising our '12 EPS estimate by $0.05 to $5.05. We also see shareholder value being enhanced by the planned spin-off of the pharmaceuticals business (to be called AbbVie) later this year. We keep our target price of $68. The dividend yields 3.4%. /H. Saftlas

April 4, 2012
03:11 pm ET ... S&P REITERATES BUY OPINION ON SHARES OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES (ABT 61.57****): ABT discloses positive Phase 2 data on two experimental compounds that were effective in suppressing hepatitis C. We believe if favorable safety and efficacy data is confirmed by Phase 3 data, these next generation hepatitis C regimens could represent a potential peak sales opportunity of over $2B. Meanwhile, we continue to see shareholder value enhanced by the planned split-up of the company into two separate firms later this year. We raise our target price by $7, to $68, applying a peer 12.6X P/E to our 2013 EPS estimate of $5.38. The recently raised dividend yields 3.3%. /H. Saftlas

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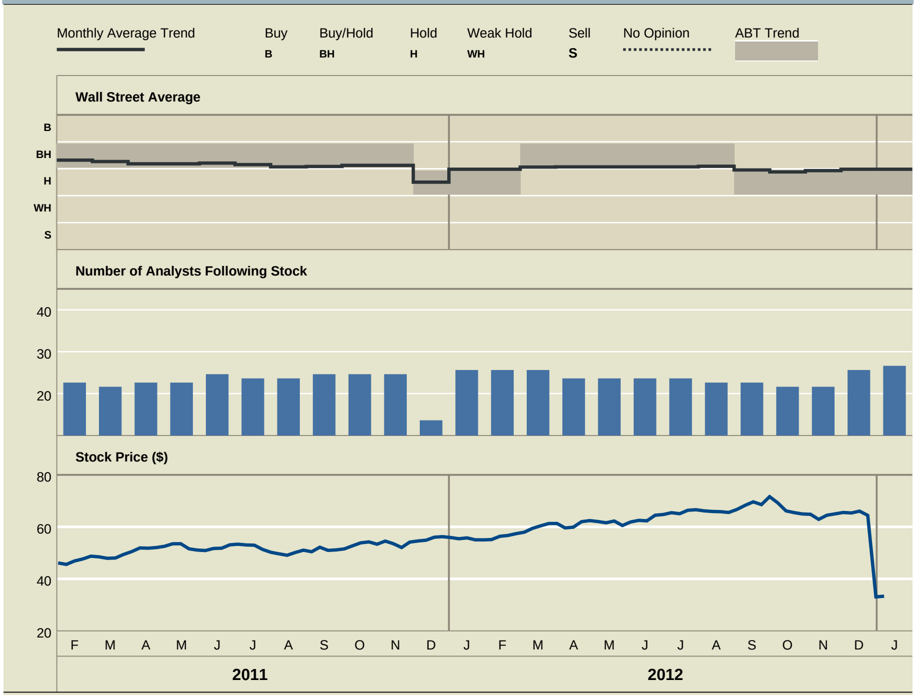
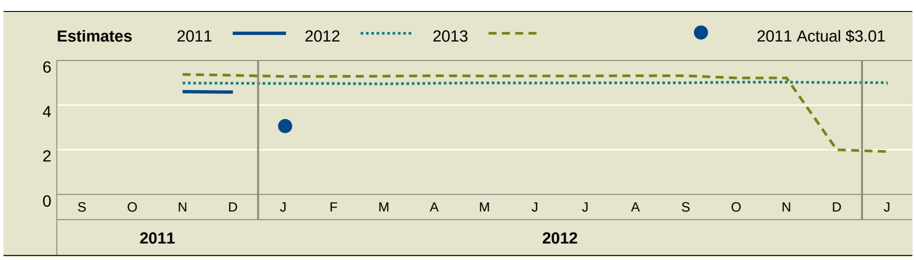
Analysts' Recommendations



Of the total 38 companies following ABT, 26 analysts currently publish recommendations.

	No. of Ratings	% of Total	1 Mo. Prior	3 Mos. Prior
Buy	6	23	5	4
Buy/Hold	3	12	4	2
Hold	16	62	15	14
Weak Hold	0	0	0	0
Sell	1	4	1	1
No Opinion	0	0	1	1
Total	**26**	**100**	**26**	**22**

Wall Street Consensus Estimates



Fiscal Years	Avg Est.	High Est.	Low Est.	# of Est.	Est. P/E
2013	1.94	5.55	1.56	13	17.0
2012	5.06	5.11	4.84	18	6.5
2013 vs. 2012	▼ -62%	▲ 9%	▼ -68%	▼ -28%	▲ 162%
Q4'13	0.52	0.58	0.41	8	63.5
Q4'12	1.50	1.53	1.47	12	22.0
Q4'13 vs. Q4'12	▼ -65%	▼ -62%	▼ -72%	▼ -33%	▲ 189%

A company's earnings outlook plays a major part in any investment decision. Standard & Poor's organizes the earnings estimates of over 2,300 Wall Street analysts, and provides their consensus of earnings over the next two years. This graph shows the trend in analyst estimates over the past 15 months.

Wall Steet Consensus Opinion

BUY/HOLD

Companies Offering Coverage

Over 30 firms follow this stock; not all firms are displayed.

Argus Research Company
Atlantic Equities LLP
Axia Financial research
BMO Capital Markets, U.S. Equity Research
Barclays
BofA Merrill Lynch
Brean Capital LLC
Citigroup Inc
Cowen and Company, LLC
Credit Suisse
Daiwa Capital Markets America Inc.
Daiwa Securities Capital Markets Co. Ltd.
Davenport & Company
Day By Day
Deutsche Bank
Erste Group Bank AG
First Global Stockbroking (P) Ltd.
Goldman Sachs
Hilliard Lyons
JP Morgan
Jefferies & Company, Inc.
Leerink Swann LLC
Management CV
Moody's
Morgan Keegan & Company
Morgan Stanley
Morningstar Inc.
Noble Financial Group
Nomura Securities Co. Ltd.
RBC Capital Markets

Wall Street Consensus vs. Performance

For fiscal year 2012, analysts estimate that ABT will earn $5.06. For the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2012, ABT announced earnings per share of $1.21, representing 24% of the total annual estimate. For fiscal year 2013, analysts estimate that ABT's earnings per share will decline by 62% to $1.94.

Source: S&P, Capital IQ Estimates, Inc.

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Since January 1, 1987, Standard and Poor's Equity Research Services has ranked a universe of common stocks based on a given stock's potential for future performance. Under proprietary STARS (STock Appreciation Ranking System), S&P equity analysts rank stocks according to their individual forecast of a stock's future total return potential versus the expected total return of a relevant benchmark (e.g., a regional index (S&P Asia 50 Index, S&P Europe 350 Index or S&P 500 Index)), based on a 12-month time horizon. STARS was designed to meet the needs of investors looking to put their investment decisions in perspective. Data used to assist in determining the STARS ranking may be the result of the analyst's own models as well as internal proprietary models resulting from dynamic data inputs.

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The S&P equity analyst's view of a given company's operational risk, or the risk of a firm's ability to continue as an ongoing concern. The Qualitative Risk Assessment is a relative ranking to the S&P U.S. STARS universe, and should be reflective of risk factors related to a company's operations, as opposed to risk and volatility measures associated with share prices.

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A+	Highest	B	Below Average
A	High	B-	Lower
A-	Above Average	C	Lowest
B+	Average	D	In Reorganization
NR	Not Ranked		

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The IQ is a measure of investment desirability. It serves as an indicator of potential medium-to-long term return and as a caution against downside risk. The measure takes into account variables such as technical indicators, earnings estimates, liquidity, financial ratios and selected S&P proprietary measures.

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	Raw Score	Max Value
Proprietary S&P Measures	47	115
Technical Indicators	31	40
Liquidity/Volatility Measures	17	20
Quantitative Measures	70	75
IQ Total	**165**	**250**

Volatility
Rates the volatility of the stock's price over the past year.

Technical Evaluation
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★★★☆☆ **3-STARS (Hold)**: Total return is expected to closely approximate the total return of a relevant benchmark over the coming 12 months, with shares generally rising in price on an absolute basis.

★★☆☆☆ **2-STARS (Sell)**: Total return is expected to underperform the total return of a relevant benchmark over the coming 12 months, and the share price not anticipated to show a gain.

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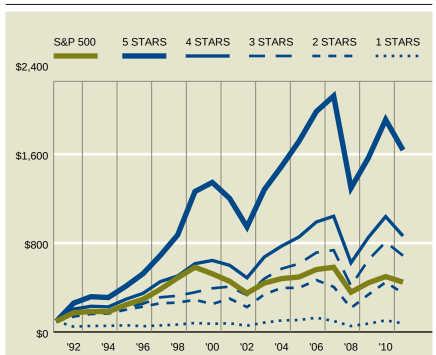
Hypothetical Growth Due to Price Appreciation of $100
For the Period 12/31/1986 through 12/31/2012



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