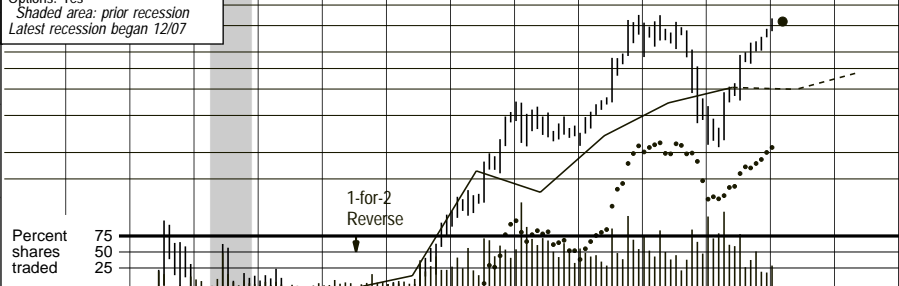


INTUITIVE SURGICAL NDQ-ISRG

RECENT PRICE **334.30** P/E RATIO **44.6** (Trailing: 56.4 Median: NMF) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **2.72** DIV'D YLD **Nil** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 1 Raised 8/28/09	High: 38.1	29.6	22.5	18.6	40.6	124.8	139.5	359.6	358.0	309.1	346.3	Target Price Range 2013 2014 2015	
SAFETY 3 New 3/3/06	Low: 10.8	6.0	11.2	7.3	15.1	35.7	85.6	86.2	110.4	84.9	301.3		640
TECHNICAL 4 Lowered 2/19/10	LEGENDS --- 23.5 x "Cash Flow" p sh Relative Price Strength 1-for-2 Rev split 7/03 Options: Yes Shaded area: prior recession Latest recession began 12/07												
BETA 1.30 (1.00 = Market)	2013-15 PROJECTIONS Ann'l Total Price Gain Return High 480 (+45%) 10% Low 320 (-5%) -1%												
Insider Decisions A M J J A S O N D to Buy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Options 1 1 1 5 1 0 1 4 3 to Sell 1 1 1 5 1 0 1 4 3													
Institutional Decisions 1Q2009 2Q2009 3Q2009 to Buy 195 183 177 to Sell 203 195 213 Hid's(000) 37795 36986 35206 Percent shares traded 75 50 25													



Intuitive Surgical, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware in 1995. In January 1999, Intuitive launched the <i>da Vinci</i> Surgical System, and in 2000, it became the first robotic surgical system cleared by the FDA for general laparoscopic surgery. The initial public offering occurred on June 13, 2000. Lehman Brothers acted as the lead underwriter in selling 2,500,000 common shares to the public at a price of \$18.00 each, adjusted for stock splits.	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 13-15	
	1.49	2.85	3.92	2.77	4.06	6.28	10.05	15.62	22.33	27.33	33.75	41.45	Sales per sh	64.45
	d.95	d.75	d.79	.03	.89	2.79	2.21	4.10	5.85	6.94	8.90	10.95	"Cash Flow" per sh	17.10
	d1.56	d.94	d1.02	d.41	.67	2.51	1.89	3.70	5.12	5.93	7.75	9.75	Earnings per sh ^A	16.00
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	.20	.31	.32	.08	.66	.83	.43	.53	1.59	1.39	1.65	1.70	Cap'l Spending per sh	1.75
	5.09	4.32	3.47	8.44	9.20	12.23	15.90	23.10	32.33	39.93	47.50	57.30	Book Value per sh ^B	96.65
	17.84	18.11	18.36	33.05	34.23	36.19	37.09	38.47	39.18	38.50	40.00	41.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	45.00
	--	--	--	--	33.6	25.5	56.4	50.7	49.8	31.1	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	25.0
	--	--	--	--	1.78	1.36	3.05	2.69	3.00	2.05			Relative P/E Ratio	1.65

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 12/31/09 Total Debt None Leases, Uncapitalized: \$1.8 mill. No Defined Pension Benefit Plan Pfd Stock None Common Stock 38,504,605 shs. as of 1/21/10 MARKET CAP: \$12.9 billion (Large Cap)	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	26.6	51.7	72.0	91.7	138.8	227.3	372.7	600.8	874.9	1052.2	1350	1700	Sales (\$mill)	2900
	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	20.3%	33.2%	31.5%	36.6%	38.4%	39.2%	39.0%	39.0%	Operating Margin	40.5%
	1.6	3.1	3.9	10.6	7.0	6.7	10.0	13.0	25.1	34.6	40.0	43.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	50.0
	d18.5	d16.7	d18.4	d9.6	23.5	94.1	72.0	144.5	204.3	232.6	315	405	Net Profit (\$mill)	720
	--	--	--	--	3.0%	--	40.0%	39.1%	39.0%	41.3%	37.0%	37.0%	Income Tax Rate	37.0%
	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	16.9%	41.4%	19.3%	24.1%	23.4%	22.1%	23.3%	23.8%	Net Profit Margin	24.8%
	83.9	67.9	52.5	117.8	138.3	150.7	293.8	477.8	539.4	643.8	975	1400	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	3300
	1.9	.8	1.8	.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	Nil	Nil	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	Nil
	90.7	78.3	63.7	279.0	314.9	442.6	589.7	888.7	1266.8	1537.3	1900	2350	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	4350

BUSINESS: Intuitive Surgical, Inc. designs and manufactures the *da Vinci* Surgical System, consisting of a surgeon's console, a patient-side cart, a high-performance vision system, and proprietary wristed instruments. The *da Vinci* System provides the control, range of motion, fine-tissue manipulation, and 3-D vision characteristic of open surgery, while allowing the surgeon to perform minimally invasive surgery. '09 R&D, 9.0% of sales. '09 depr. rate: 9.9%. Has 1263 employees. Off./dir. own 2.8% of common; Cap'l World Inv., 7.2%; Sands Cap'l Mgmt., 6.4%; Janus Cap'l Mgmt., 5.5% (3/09 Proxy). Chairman: Lonnie M. Smith. Pres. & CEO: Gary S. Guthart, Ph.D. Inc. DE. Addr.: 1266 Kifer Rd, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Tel.: (408) 523-2100. Internet: www.intuitivesurgical.com.

ANNUAL RATES Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '07-'09 to '13-'15 Sales -- 43.5% 20.0% "Cash Flow" -- 165.5% 20.5% Earnings -- -- 21.5% Dividends -- -- Nil Book Value -- 35.0% 20.5%	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	114.2	140.3	156.9	189.4	600.8	874.9	1052.2	1350	1700	2000	2300	2600	2900	3200
	188.2	219.2	236.0	231.5	874.9	1052.2	1350	1700	2000	2300	2600	2900	3200	3500
	188.4	260.6	280.1	323.1	1052.2	1350	1700	2000	2300	2600	2900	3200	3500	3800

QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) Cal-endar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Full Year 2007 114.2 140.3 156.9 189.4 600.8 2008 188.2 219.2 236.0 231.5 874.9 2009 188.4 260.6 280.1 323.1 1052.2 2010 310 330 330 380 1350 2011 390 415 415 480 1700	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	.62	.79	1.04	1.24	3.70	5.12	5.93	7.75	9.75	11.50	13.50	15.50	17.50	19.50
	1.12	1.28	1.44	1.27	5.12	6.50	7.50	8.50	9.50	10.50	11.50	12.50	13.50	14.50
	.72	1.62	1.64	1.95	5.93	7.50	9.00	10.50	12.00	13.50	15.00	16.50	18.00	19.50
	1.65	1.95	1.95	2.20	7.75	9.50	11.50	13.50	15.50	17.50	19.50	21.50	23.50	25.50

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID Cal-endar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Full Year 2006 NO CASH DIVIDENDS 2007 BEING PAID 2008 BEING PAID 2009 BEING PAID 2010 BEING PAID	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	1.12	1.28	1.44	1.27	5.12	6.50	7.50	8.50	9.50	10.50	11.50	12.50	13.50	14.50
	.72	1.62	1.64	1.95	5.93	7.50	9.00	10.50	12.00	13.50	15.00	16.50	18.00	19.50
	1.65	1.95	1.95	2.20	7.75	9.50	11.50	13.50	15.50	17.50	19.50	21.50	23.50	25.50
	2.05	2.45	2.50	2.75	9.75	11.50	13.50	15.50	17.50	19.50	21.50	23.50	25.50	27.50

(A) Diluted earnings per share. Next earnings report due mid-April. (B) Incl. intangibles. In 2009: \$167.0 mill., \$4.34 per share. (C) In millions, adjusted for stock split. (D) Earnings may not sum due to changes in share count.

Company's Financial Strength	A+
Stock's Price Stability	20
Price Growth Persistence	75
Earnings Predictability	35

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