

JAKKS Pacific, Inc.

Large Q4 revenue upside. 2023 outlook more positive on positive momentum. Lowering P/T to \$25.

COMPANY UPDATE

Large Q4 revenue upside: JAKKS recently (on March 9) reported its fiscal Q4 2022 (ending December) results. Revenue was \$132 million (-30% y-o-y), compared with our estimate of \$99 million and consensus \$95 million. Pro forma EPS was (1.44) (excluding ~\$5.47 in a special tax valuation recognition gain), compared with our estimates of (1.11) and consensus of (1.37). Q4 guidance was for revenues of ~\$81 million (guidance was for 2022 revenue to be "around" +20% from 2021 (equating to 2022 revenue of ~\$745 million)).

Solid execution: JAKKS benefited from solid results from the majority of its product lines. Disney Encanto, Sonic, Disney Princess, and Nintendo were strong.

Strong Disguise in 2022: In 2022, JAKKS's costume business (Disguise) revenue was \$149 million (+38% y-o-y), the highest revenue since Disguise joined JAKKS in 2008.

But margin pressures continued: The company had weaker margins in Q4 (22% vs. 27% y-o-y) as supply issues continued to weigh. Gross margins were negatively impacted by lower capitalization of warehouse costs, higher tooling amortization, obsolete inventory and royalty expense, offset by lower inbound freight expenses.

Reasonable inventory: The company's Q4 inventory was -4% versus last year (at \$81 million, from \$109 million in Q3 and \$84 million in Q4 2021) vs. a sales decrease of -30%. We believe inventory levels increases are reasonable.

No 2023 guidance: The company did not provide any forward guidance.

Adjusting 2023 estimates: We are adjusting our 2023 estimates for revenue to \$804 million, from \$775 million, and for EPS to \$4.47 from \$4.95. We are initiating our 2024 estimates for revenue of \$812 million, and for EPS of \$5.00.

Toy industry growth flat in 2022: NPD reported that U.S. sales of toys was about flat in 2022 (-0.2%) after rising +13% in 2021, and +16% in 2020. The toy industry's boom during the pandemic is over and now has challenges from weaker macro economic factors and high inflation.

Strong 2022 execution: 2022 revenue were very strong at +28% (γ -o- γ) and was on top of the +20% growth in 2021 (reversing declining revenues over the past several years) and helps alleviate investors' concerns that the negative momentum (from the prior three year's bad misses and significantly lowered guidance) is over.

Should drive 2023: We believe the strong 2022 results should drive momentum in 2023. Most of 2022's top sellers should sell well in 2023.

Risk/reward attractive: Maintaining our BUY rating, but lowering our 12month price target to \$25 from \$30, which reflects a P/E multiple of ~5x our 2024 EPS estimate of \$5.00. This is below the peer group median for toy companies to reflect higher execution risks but also represents significant upside from the current share price.

Company Description

Based in Santa Monica, CA, JAKKS Pacific is a multi-brand company that designs and markets a broad range of toys and consumer products.

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Stock Data

| Exchange: | NasdaqGS |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 52-week Range: | \$10.65 – 27.87 |
| Shares Outstanding (million): | 10 |
| Market cap (\$million): | \$148 |
| EV (\$million): | \$130 |
| Debt (\$million): | \$67 |
| Cash (\$million): | \$85 |
| Avg. Daily Trading Vol. (\$million): | \$2 |
| Float (million shares): | 7 |
| Short Interest (million shares): | 0.1 |
| Dividend, annual (yield): | \$0.00 (NA%) |

Revenues (US\$ million)

| | <u>2023E</u> (Cur.) | <u>2023E</u> (Old) | <u>2024E</u> (Cur.) | <u>2024E</u> (Old) |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Q1 Mar | 122E | | 123E | |
| Q2 Jun | 223E | | 225E | |
| Q3 Sep | 326E | | 330E | |
| Q4 Dec | <u>133E</u> | <u>104E</u> | <u>135E</u> | |
| Total | 804E | 775E | 812E | |
| EV/Revs | 0.2x | | 0.2x | |

Earnings per Share (pro forma)

| | <u>2023E</u> (Cur.) | <u>2023E</u> (Old) | <u>2024E</u> (Cur.) | <u>2024E</u> (Old) |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Q1 Mar | (1.66)E | (1.63)E | (1.47)E | |
| Q2 Jun | 0.05E | 0.03E | (0.14)E | |
| Q3 Sep | 5.01E | 5.44E | 5.16E | |
| Q4 Dec | <u>0.89E</u> | <u>0.92E</u> | <u>1.26E</u> | |
| Total | 4.47E | 4.95E | 5.00E | |
| P/E | Зx | | Зx | |

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Rating: BUY

Ticker: JAKK Price: \$14.82 Target: \$25.00 (from \$30)



OVERVIEW

- JAKKS recently (on March 9) reported its fiscal Q4 2022 (ending December) results.
- Revenue was \$132 million (-30% y-o-y), compared with our estimate of \$99 million and consensus \$95 million.
- Pro forma EPS was \$(1.44) (excluding ~\$5.47 in a special tax valuation recognition gain), compared with our estimates of \$(1.11) and consensus of \$(1.37).
- Q4 guidance was for revenues of ~\$81 million (guidance was for 2022 revenue to be "around" +20% from 2021 (equating to 2022 revenue of ~\$745 million)).
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ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- Gross profit for the quarter was \$29 million, compared with our estimate of \$73 million.
- Gross margin for the quarter was 22%, versus 27% last year and our expectation of 26%.
- Operating expenses were \$44 million, versus our expectation of \$38 million.
- Operating loss was \$16 million, versus our expectation of a loss of \$12 million.
- Pro forma net loss was \$14 million, versus our expectation of a loss of \$11 million.
- EBITDA was \$(12) million, compared to our estimate of \$(9) million and \$5 million last year.

The company's balance sheet remains relatively seasonally steady with \$85 million in cash and \$67 million in debt, compared with \$76 million in cash and \$68 million in debt as of September. JAKKS has ~\$8/share in cash (~\$2/share in net cash). The company in the current Q1 has paid down debt and as of March 3, 2023 has cash of ~\$40 million and debt of ~\$31 million.

The company's Q4 inventory was -4% versus last year (at \$81 million, from \$109 million in Q3 and \$84 million in Q4 2021) vs. a sales decrease of -30%. We believe inventory levels increases are reasonable.

Exhibit 1: Q4 2022 Overview

Tremendous quarter, and a tremendous year

- Q4 Net Sales were \$132 million, 30% decrease versus prior year
- Q4 gross margins were negatively impacted by lower capitalization of warehouse costs, higher tooling amortization, obsolete inventory and royalty expense
 - Full Year Gross Margins at 26.5% negatively impacted by higher freight and inbound expenses, lower capitalization of warehouse costs, obsolete inventory and royalty expense
- Retail Toy/CP POS at top customers was up 20% in Q4 and up 23% for the year
- Full Year Net Sales were \$796 million, up 28% from 2021
- Full Year Operating Income was \$61.0 million, up 57%
- Full Year Adjusted EBITDA of \$76.4 million, up 55% compared to last year

Source: Company report.



Exhibit 2: 2023 Outlook

Key Themes for 2023 – Continue to...

- Focus on timeless brands and categories "singles and doubles"
- Actively pursue the most relevant IP rights for our model
- Expand North America distribution beyond major customers
- Methodically grow International presence by going deeper into largest markets
- Work closely with our factories to insure we are securing the best prices and ontime deliveries
- Work with our customers and licensing partners to develop the right promotional programs to generate robust sell-through for this year's product while we simultaneously develop next year's
- And.... be talking to everyone all-the-time about brand new product line extensions and opportunities to continue to layer on the newness and excitement that our business requires

Source: Company report.



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Exhibit 3: JAKKS Pacific Stock Price (Five Years)

Source: https://bigcharts.marketwatch.com/

Exhibit 4: Consensus Expectations (as of March 9, 2023)

| | Revenue (mils) | | | EPS | |
|--------|----------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| | <u>2022E</u> | <u>2023E</u> | | <u>2022E</u> | <u>2023E</u> |
| Q1 Mar | \$121A | \$100E | Q1 Mar | \$(0.28)A | \$(0.81)E |
| Q2 Jun | \$220A | | Q2 Jun | \$2.10A | |
| Q3 Sep | \$323A | | Q3 Sep | \$3.80A | |
| Q4 Dec | \$95E | | Q4 Dec | \$(1.37)E | |
| Total | \$759E | \$716E | Total | \$4.37E | \$4.19E |

*Quarterly estimates may not add to annual estimates due to variations in contributing estimates and rounding.

Source: Company report, Refinitiv, and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates



FINANCIAL MODEL

| JAKKS Pacific Inc. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Income Statement (\$ millions) | Mar-21 | Jun-21 | Sep-21 | Dec-21 | 2021 | Mar-22 | Jun-22 | Sep-22 | Dec-22 | 2022 | Mar-23 | Jun-23 | Sep-23 | Dec-23 | 2023 | Mar-24 | Jun-24 | Sep-24 | Dec-24 | 2024 |
| Fiscal Year End: December 31 | Q1A | Q2A | Q3A | Q4A | FY-A | Q1A | Q2A | Q3A | Q4A | FY-A | Q1E | Q2E | Q3E | Q4E | FY-E | Q1E | Q2E | Q3E | Q4E | FY-E |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Revenue | 83.8 | 112.4 | 237.0 | 188.0 | 621.1 | 120.9 | 220.4 | 323.0 | 131.9 | 796.2 | 122.1 | 222.6 | 326.2 | 133.2 | 804.2 | 123.3 | 224.9 | 329.5 | 134.6 | 812.2 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cost of Goods | 44.0 | 61.5 | 126.1 | 111.5 | 343.1 | 72.1 | 121.9 | 174.3 | 81.4 | 449.6 | 68.4 | 122.4 | 179.4 | 71.9 | 442.2 | 65.6 | 122.2 | 178.5 | 68.3 | 434.5 |
| Royalty expense | 12.5 | 16.8 | 32.3 | 25.6 | 87.2 | 17.7 | 35.7 | 52.9 | 20.4 | 126.6 | 18.3 | 33.4 | 45.7 | 18.7 | 116.0 | 17.3 | 31.5 | 42.8 | 17.5 | 109.1 |
| Amortization of tools | <u>1.2</u> | 2.2 | <u>3.7</u> | 0.8 | <u>7.8</u> | <u>1.2</u> | <u>2.0</u> | <u>3.9</u> | <u>1.6</u> | <u>8.7</u> | <u>2.4</u> | 4.5 | <u>6.5</u> | <u>2.7</u> | <u>16.1</u> | <u>2.5</u> | 4.5 | <u>6.6</u> | <u>2.7</u> | <u>16.2</u> |
| Total Cost of sales | 57.7 | 80.5 | 162.0 | 137.9 | 438.2 | 91.0 | 159.5 | 231.1 | 103.3 | 584.9 | 89.1 | 160.3 | 231.6 | 93.3 | 574.3 | 85.4 | 158.1 | 227.9 | 88.4 | 559.8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross Profit | 26.1 | 31.9 | 74.9 | 50.0 | 183.0 | 29.9 | 60.9 | 91.9 | 28.6 | 211.3 | 33.0 | 62.3 | 94.6 | 40.0 | 229.9 | 37.9 | 66.7 | 101.6 | 46.1 | 252.4 |
| Direct Collins over server | C 0 | C D | 40.7 | 40.0 | 40.4 | 10 | | | 40.0 | 22.2 | 44.0 | 44.5 | 44.0 | 40.0 | 54 F | | 45.7 | 40.5 | 40.5 | 50.0 |
| Direct Selling expenses | 6.8 21.4 | 6.3 23.2 | 10.7 26.8 | 19.3 27.3 | 43.1 98.7 | 4.9 25.2 | 6.8 29.5 | 8.4 29.4 | 13.2 30.8 | 33.3 114.8 | 11.0 36.6 | 14.5 46.8 | 14.0 22.8 | 12.0 17.3 | 51.5 123.5 | 11.1 40.7 | 15.7 51.7 | 16.5 26.4 | 13.5 17.6 | 56.8 136.3 |
| Selling, general, admin expenses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | - | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 |
| Restructuring and other | | | | | <u>0.0</u> | | <u>0.3</u> | | | <u>0.3</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> | <u>0.0</u> |
| Operating expenses | 28.8 | 30.1 | 38.2 | 47.1 | 144.2 | 30.7 | 37.2 | 38.2 | 44.3 | 150.3 | 48.6 | 62.2 | 37.9 | 30.3 | 179.0 | 52.8 | 68.5 | 43.8 | 32.0 | 197.1 |
| | () | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | (| | | | |
| Operating Income | (2.7) | 1.8 | 36.7 | 2.9 | 38.8 | (0.7) | 23.7 | 53.7 | (15.7) | 61.0 | (15.7) | 0.1 | 56.7 | 9.7 | 50.9 | (14.8) | (1.7) | 57.8 | 14.1 | 55.3 |
| (income) | 4.0 | | 0.7 | | | | | 4.0 | | | | | 4.0 | | | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Interest expenses (income) | 4.9 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 14.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 4.3 | 2.2 | 11.1 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Other income/ JV income | (16.7) | (13.0) | 2.2 | (4.3) | (31.8) | (0.5) | 6.6 | <u>(7.5)</u> | <u>1.6</u> | <u>0.1</u> | <u>0.5</u> | 0.5 | 0.5 | <u>1.1</u> | 2.6 | <u>0.5</u> | 0.5 | <u>0.5</u> | <u>1.1</u> | 2.6 |
| Total non-operating (income)/expense | 21.6 | 17.3 | 0.4 | 6.5 | 45.9 | 2.7 | (4.2) | 11.8 | 0.7 | 10.9 | 0.6 | (0.4) | 0.5 | (1.0) | (0.3) | (0.4) | (0.4) | (0.4) | (1.0) | (2.1) |
| Pretax Income | (24.3) | (15.5) | 36.3 | (3.6) | (7.1) | (3.4) | 27.9 | 41.9 | (16.4) | 50.0 | (16.3) | 0.5 | 56.3 | 10.6 | 51.1 | (14.5) | (1.4) | 58.1 | 15.1 | 57.4 |
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| Provision for income taxes Net Income | 0.1 | (0.1) | 0.3 | (0.1) | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 11.6 | (55.6) | (42.3) | (0.2) | 0.0 | 7.9 | 1.5 | 9.2 | (0.1) | (0.0) | 8.1 | 2.1 | 10.1 |
| Net Income | (24.4) | (15.4) | 36.0 | (3.5) | (7.3) | (3.8) | 26.6 | 30.3 | 39.3 | 92.3 | (16.1) | 0.5 | 48.4 | 9.1 | 41.9 | (14.3) | (1.3) | 50.0 | 13.0 | 47.3 |
| Nonrecurring/noncash adjustments | 14.0 | 12.1 | (1.0) | 4.0 | 31.6 | 1.2 | (5.5) | 07 | (52.2) | (48.9) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 |
| Net Income (as reported) | 14.9 (9.5) | 13.1 (2.4) | (1.8) 34.2 | 4.8 1.3 | 24.2 | (2.6) | (5.5) 21.1 | 8.7 39.0 | (53.3) (14.0) | (48.9) 43.5 | (16.1) | 0.0 | 3.0 51.4 | 9.1 | 4.0 45.9 | 0.0 (14.3) | (1.3) | 3.0 53.0 | 13.0 | 4.0 51.3 |
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| EBITDA | (2.4) | 5.0 | 41.7 | 5.0 | 49.2 | 1.9 | 27.1 | 59.4 | (12.1) | 76.4 | (12.7) | 3.1 | 59.7 | 12.7 | 62.9 | (11.8) | 1.3 | 60.8 | 17.1 | 67.3 |
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| Basic Shares | 5.4 | 6.2 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 |
| Diluted Shares | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.3 |
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| Basic EPS (as reported) | (1.77) | (0.38) | | | | (0.28) | 2.20 | | (1.44) | | (1.66) | | | | | (1.47) | (0.14) | | | |
| Diluted EPS (as reported) | | | 3.76 | 0.14 | 2.59 | | 2.10 | 3.80 | | 4.28 | - | 0.05 | 5.01 | 0.89 | 4.47 | | | 5.16 | 1.26 | 5.00 |
| Income Statement Ratios | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross margin | 31.1% | 28.4% | 31.6% | 26.6% | 29.5% | 24.7% | 27.6% | 28.5% | 21.7% | 26.5% | 27.0% | 28.0% | 29.0% | 30.0% | 28.6% | 30.8% | 29.7% | 30.8% | 34.3% | 31.1% |
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| Direct Selling expenses | 8.1% | 5.6% | 4.5% | 10.2% | 6.9% 15.9% | 4.1% | 3.1% | | 10.0% 23.3% | 4.2% | 9.0% | 6.5% | 4.3% | 9.0% | 6.4% | 9.0% | 7.0% | 5.0% | 10.0% | 7.0% 16.8% |
| Selling, general, admin expenses | 25.5% | 20.6% | 11.3% | 14.5% | | 20.8% | 13.4% | 9.1% | | 14.4% 0.2% | 30.0% | 21.0% | 7.0% | 13.0% | 15.4% | 33.0% | 23.0% | 8.0% | 13.1% 0.7% | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 0.7% -3.2% | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.3% -11.9% | | 0.8% | 0.4% | 0.3% 17.4% | 0.8% | 0.5% | 0.8% | 0.4% | 0.3% | | 0.5% 6.8% |
| Operating margin | | 1.6% | 15.5% | 1.6% | 6.2% | -0.6% | 10.7% | | | 7.7% | -12.8% | 0.1% | | 7.2% | 6.3% | -12.0% | -0.8% | 17.5% | 10.5% | |
| Net margin | -29.1% | -13.7% | | -1.9% | -1.2% | -3.2% | 12.0% | 9.4% | 29.8% | 11.6% | -13.2% | 0.2% | | 6.9% | 5.2% | -11.6% | -0.6% | 15.2% | 9.6% | 5.8% |
| Tax Rate | 20.0% | 20.0% | 20.0% | 20.0% | -3.2% | 20.0% | 20.0% | 20.0% | 20.0% | -84.5% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 14.0% | 14.0% | 18.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 14.0% | 14.0% | 17.6% |
| Year-over-Year Changes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net Sales | 26.0% | 42.7% | -2.2% | 46.5% | 20.4% | 44.2% | 96.2% | 36.3% | -29.8% | 28.2% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% |
| Gross Profit | 20.0% 59.6% | 90.2% | 0.4% | 40.3% | 20.4% | 14.7% | 90.9% | | -42.9% | 15.5% | 10.2% | 2.4% | 2.9% | | 8.8% | 15.1% | 7.0% | 7.4% | 15.4% | 9.8% |
| Direct Selling expenses | -20.0% | 90.2% 60.8% | | 22.6% | 3.6% | -27.9% | 90.9% 8.8% | | -42.9% | -22.7% | | 2.4% | | -8.8% | 0.0% 54.6% | 1.0% | 8.8% | 17.4% | 12.2% | 9.8% |
| ° 1 | -20.0% | 16.1% | -20.4% | 10.8% | 9.2% | 17.5% | 27.3% | | -31.7% | -22.7% | 45.6% | 58.4% | | -43.7% | 7.6% | 11.1% | 10.6% | 15.4% | 12.2% | 10.3% |
| Selling, general, admin expenses | -6.8% -83.0% | -118.7% | -2.1% | | 9.2% 200.3% | | 27.3% | | 12.8% | 16.3% 57.3% | 45.6% ####### | -99.5% | -22.3% | | 7.6% | | 10.6% | 15.4% | 1.4% 46.0% | 10.4% 8.7% |
| Operating Income | | -118.7% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net Income | -56.3% | | 3.1% | | -486.4% | -72.2% | | | -1153.6% | 79.5% | 510.3% | -97.8% | | | 5.6% | | ###### | 3.1% | 41.9% | 11.8% |
| Diluted EPS | -70.8% | -88.2% | 5.8% | -135.8% | -417.5% | -73.6% | -908.7% | | -1076.4% | 65.5% | 470.1% | -97.8% | 31.7% | ###### | 4.5% | -11.2% | ###### | 3.1% | 41.9% | 11.8% |
| Diluted Shares Outstanding | 49.8% | 49.3% | -2.5% | 2.2% | 21.7% | 5.4% | 10.3% | 13.1% | 7.9% | 8.4% | 7.0% | 2.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
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* Numbers may not add up due to rounding and "if converted" accounting. Source: Company reports and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates



| JAKKS Pacific Inc. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance Sheet (\$ millions) | Mar-21 | Jun-21 | Sep-21 | Dec-21 | Mar-22 | Jun-22 | Sep-22 | Dec-22 | Mar-23 | Jun-23 | Sep-23 | Dec-23 | Mar-24 | Jun-24 | Sep-24 | Dec-24 |
| Fiscal Year End: December 31 | Q1A | Q2A | Q3A | Q4A | Q1A | Q2A | Q3A | Q4A | Q1E | Q2E | Q3E | Q4E | Q1E | Q2E | Q3E | Q4E |
| Assets | Q IA | 424 | QUA | 4.74 | wi A | 424 | QUA | 4 77 | | 422 | QUL | 476 | | 422 | QUL | 4.75 |
| Cash and equivalents | 80.4 | 37.5 | 25.9 | 44.5 | 39.2 | 62.3 | 76.4 | 85.3 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 73.7 | 90.8 | 39.1 | 6.5 | 107.9 | 130.6 |
| • | 00.4 | 57.5 | 23.9 | 44.5 | 35.2 | 02.5 | 70.4 | 05.5 | 0.0 | 4.0 0.0 | 0.0 | 90.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Short term investments | 0.7 | | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | 0.0 |
| Restricted cash | 3.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | | | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Accounts Receivable | 79.7 | 107.9 | 209.2 | 147.4 | 103.7 | 164.0 | 204.9 | 102.8 | 78.1 | 106.9 | 156.6 | 63.9 | 78.9 | 107.9 | 158.2 | 64.6 |
| Inventories | 36.7 | 60.6 | 89.8 | 84.0 | 85.3 | 123.7 | 109.2 | 80.6 | 71.1 | 127.3 | 78.9 | 46.0 | 68.3 | 127.0 | 78.5 | 43.7 |
| Prepaid expenses/other current assets | 23.5 | 32.5 | 12.4 | 10.9 | 17.4 | 14.5 | 11.1 | 6.3 | 24.4 | 44.5 | 26.1 | 5.3 | 24.7 | 45.0 | 26.4 | 5.4 |
| Deferred Income Tax | | | | | | | | | <u>0.0</u> |
| Total Current Assets | 223.8 | 239.3 | 338.1 | 287.6 | 245.7 | 364.5 | 401.7 | 275.2 | 176.5 | 282.9 | 335.5 | 206.3 | 211.2 | 286.6 | 371.2 | 244.4 |
| Property and equipment, net | 13.0 | 14.7 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 13.9 | 16.2 | 15.4 | 14.9 | 36.3 | 38.3 | 41.3 | 44.3 | 46.3 | 48.3 | 51.3 | 54.3 |
| Goodwill | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 |
| Intangibles, net | 4.2 | 5.4 | 1.6 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Investments In Related Parties | | | | | | | | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 22.3 | 20.7 | 21.6 | 17.0 | 17.1 | 24.6 | 22.2 | 71.7 | 71.7 | 71.7 | 71.7 | 71.7 | 71.7 | 71.7 | 71.7 | 71.7 |
| Total Assets | \$298.4 | \$315.1 | \$409.1 | | | \$443.6 | | \$399.3 | \$322.0 | \$430.5 | \$486.1 | \$359.8 | \$366.7 | \$444.1 | \$531.7 | \$408.0 |
| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Short Term debt | 6.7 | 33.6 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 25.5 | 25.5 | 25.5 | 25.5 | 25.5 | 25.5 | 25.5 | 25.5 | 25.5 |
| | 59.5 | 106.4 | 105.3 | 113.2 | 36.4 | | 105.4 | | 73.3 | | | 53.3 | 74.0 | 134.9 | 145.0 | |
| Accounts Payable | | | | | | 128.9 | | 43.5 | | 133.6 | 143.5 | | - | | | 53.8 |
| Accrued expense | 10.1 | 10.5 | 68.6 | 10.5 | 57.1 | 68.4 | 84.7 | 48.7 | 12.2 | 17.8 | 32.6 | 10.7 | 12.3 | 18.0 | 32.9 | 10.8 |
| Reserves | 39.5 | 42.3 | 47.7 | 46.3 | 39.4 | 45.6 | 59.2 | 51.9 | 14.7 | 26.7 | 39.1 | 16.0 | 14.8 | 27.0 | 39.5 | 16.1 |
| Income Tax Payable | 0.2 | <u>0.7</u> | <u>0.6</u> | <u>1.0</u> | <u>1.2</u> | 2.3 | <u>14.1</u> | <u>3.6</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | 116.0 | 193.4 | 224.1 | 173.1 | 136.6 | 247.8 | 265.9 | 173.3 | 129.3 | 207.3 | 244.5 | 109.1 | 130.3 | 209.1 | 246.6 | 109.9 |
| Long Term debt | 155.0 | 95.7 | 93.9 | 93.4 | 92.9 | 82.5 | 65.2 | 41.6 | 5.0 | 35.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Deferred Tax and other | 31.0 | 29.6 | 27.4 | 29.6 | 29.6 | 31.6 | 36.0 | 31.9 | 31.9 | 31.9 | 31.9 | 31.9 | 31.9 | 31.9 | 31.9 | 31.9 |
| Minority Interest | <u>1.2</u> | <u>1.3</u> | <u>1.3</u> | <u>1.3</u> | <u>1.2</u> | 0.9 | 0.4 | <u>1.0</u> |
| Total Liabilities | 303.2 | 320.0 | 346.7 | 297.4 | 260.4 | 362.7 | 367.5 | 247.8 | 167.2 | 275.2 | 282.4 | 147.0 | 168.2 | 247.0 | 284.5 | 147.8 |
| Preferred stock | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Common stock | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 227.1 | 241.4 | 272.6 | 272.9 | 272.8 | 273.6 | 274.0 | 275.2 | 275.2 | 275.2 | 275.2 | 275.2 | 275.2 | 275.2 | 275.2 | 275.2 |
| Deferred Comp | | | | | | | | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Treasury Stock | | | | | | | | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Retained earnings(deficit) | (221.5) | (236.6) | (200.3) | (203.4) | (207.2) | (180.7) | (150.0) | (110.7) | (126.8) | (126.4) | (78.0) | (68.8) | (83.1) | (84.5) | (34.5) | (21.5) |
| Accumulated other loss | (12.5) | (12.1) | | (13.0) | (13.6) | ` ' | (18.6) | | <u>2.0</u> | 2.0 | <u>2.0</u> | <u>2.0</u> | 2.0 | <u>2.0</u> | <u>2.0</u> | 2.0 |
| Stockholders' Equity | (4.8) | (4.9) | 62.4 | 59.6 | 55.4 | 81.0 | 109.6 | 151.5 | 154.8 | 155.3 | 203.7 | 212.8 | 198.5 | 197.2 | 247.2 | 260.2 |
| Tot. Liabilities/Stockholders' Equity | \$298.4 | \$315.1 | \$409.1 | \$357.0 | \$315.8 | \$443.6 | \$477.1 | \$399.3 | \$322.0 | \$430.5 | \$486.1 | \$359.8 | \$366.7 | \$444.1 | \$531.7 | \$408.0 |
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| Activity Ratios | - | | _ | _ | _ | | | _ | _ | | | | _ | | | |
| A/R Days Sales Outstanding | 86 | 86 | 79 | 71 | 77 | 67 | 57 | 70 | 58 | 43 | 43 | 43 | 58 | 43 | 43 | 43 |
| Inventory Turnover Reserves as % of A/R | 4.8x 50% | 4.1x 39% | 5.6x 23% | 5.3x 31% | 3.4x 38% | 3.9x 28% | 6.4x 29% | 4.0x 50% | 3.8x 19% | 3.8x 25% | 9.1x 25% | 6.3x 25% | 3.8x 19% | 3.8x 25% | 9.1x 25% | 6.3x 25% |
| A/P Days Payable | 50% 122 | 39% | 23% | 31% 91 | 38% | 28% 95 | 29% 54 | 50% 48 | 96 | ∠5% 98 | 25% 72 | 25% 67 | 19% | 25% 99 | 25% 73 | 25% 71 |
| Book & Cash Value (per share) | 122 | 130 | 75 | 51 | 40 | 90 | 54 | 40 | 30 | 30 | 12 | 07 | 101 | 59 | 13 | (] |
| Book Value per Share (diluted) | (\$0.53) | (\$0.54) | \$6.88 | \$6.27 | \$5.78 | \$8.07 | \$10.68 | \$14.76 | \$15.08 | \$15.13 | \$19.85 | \$20.74 | \$19.34 | \$19.21 | \$24.08 | \$25.35 |
| Net cash per Share (diluted) | | (\$10.09) | (\$7.71) | (\$5.36) | (\$5.86) | (\$2.26) | \$0.85 | \$1.77 | (\$2.72) | (\$5.51) | \$4.21 | \$5.87 | \$0.84 | (\$2.34) | \$7.54 | \$9.75 |
| | \$8.84 | \$4.12 | \$2.85 | \$4.68 | \$4.09 | \$6.21 | | | | | | | | | | \$12.72 |

 Cash per Share (diluted)
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 Source: Company reports and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates

| Cash Flow Statement (\$ millions) | Mar-21 | Jun-21 | Sep-21 | Dec-21 | 2021 | Mar-22 | Jun-22 | Sep-22 | Dec-22 | 2022 | Mar-23 | Jun-23 | Sep-23 | Dec-23 | 2023 | Mar-24 | Jun-24 | Sep-24 | Dec-24 | 2024 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Fiscal Year End: December 31 | Q1A | Q2A | Q3A | Q4A | FY-A | Q1A | Q2A | Q3A | Q4E | FY-E | Q1E | Q2E | Q3E | Q4E | FY-E | Q1E | Q2E | Q3E | Q4E | FY- |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net earnings | (24.1) | (15.1) | 36.4 | (3.2) | (5.9) | (3.9) | 26.2 | 30.7 | 39.3 | 92.2 | (16.1) | 0.5 | 48.4 | 9.1 | 41.9 | (14.3) | (1.3) | 50.0 | 13.0 | 47. |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1.8 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 1.4 | 10.3 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 4.3 | 0.4 | 9.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4. |
| Amortization of debt | 2.0 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | | 1.4 | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | 0. |
| Compensation stock option | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 5.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 8.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 8. |
| Investment in JV | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | 0. |
| Deferred Comp | | | | | 0.0 | | | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Deferred Taxes / Other | | | | (0.1) | (0.1) | | | 0.0 | (3.8) | (3.8) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Reserves | (3.4) | 1.9 | 6.2 | (1.9) | 2.8 | (6.9) | 6.5 | 13.7 | (7.3) | 6.0 | (37.2) | 12.1 | 12.4 | (23.2) | (35.9) | (1.2) | 12.2 | 12.6 | (23.4) | 0. |
| Deferred Rent | | | | | 0.0 | | | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Debt adjustments/change in fair value | 16.4 | 12.7 | 3.8 | (3.2) | 29.6 | 0.6 | (0.6) | 2.1 | | 2.1 | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | 0. |
| Tax benefit of stock options | | | | | 0.0 | | | | (2.0) | (2.0) | (2.0) | (2.0) | (2.0) | (2.0) | (8.0) | (2.0) | (2.0) | (2.0) | (2.0) | (8. |
| Other gains and losses | (0.1) | (0.0) | (6.2) | 7.4 | 1.1 | | (5.4) | 5.4 | | (0.0) | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | 0. |
| Impairment | | | | | 0.0 | | 0.3 | | | 0.3 | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | 0. |
| Changes in net working capital: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accounts Receivable | 23.4 | (27.5) | (101.9) | 62.3 | (43.7) | 43.7 | (60.5) | (41.0) | 102.1 | 44.3 | 24.6 | (28.7) | (49.7) | 92.6 | 38.8 | (15.0) | (29.0) | (50.2) | 93.6 | (0. |
| Inventories | 2.0 | (23.9) | (29.2) | 5.8 | (45.3) | (1.4) | (38.4) | 14.5 | 28.6 | 3.3 | 9.5 | (56.2) | 48.4 | 32.9 | 34.6 | (22.2) | (58.8) | 48.5 | 34.8 | 2. |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (5.2) | (9.1) | 20.2 | 1.5 | 7.3 | (6.5) | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | (18.1) | (20.1) | 18.4 | 20.8 | 1.0 | (19.3) | (20.3) | 18.6 | 21.0 | (0. |
| Accounts payable | (8.7) | 35.6 | 36.9 | (38.8) | 25.0 | (14.7) | 75.9 | (23.8) | (61.9) | (24.6) | 29.7 | 60.3 | 10.0 | (90.3) | 9.8 | 20.7 | 60.9 | 10.1 | (91.2) | 0. |
| Accrued liabilities | (11.1) | 9.3 | 20.6 | (11.1) | 7.8 | (16.5) | 27.6 | 15.5 | (36.0) | (9.3) | (36.5) | 5.6 | 14.8 | (22.0) | (38.1) | 1.7 | 5.7 | 15.0 | (22.2) | 0. |
| Income Tax Payable and other | <u>(0.4)</u> | <u>(0.3)</u> | <u>(0.5)</u> | 0.1 | (1.1) | <u>(0.0)</u> | 0.9 | <u>11.5</u> | <u>(10.4)</u> | <u>1.8</u> | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Net cash from Operating Activities | (7.0) | (11.6) | (8.4) | 21.1 | (5.9) | (2.7) | 39.3 | 38.7 | 55.5 | 130.8 | (43.1) | (25.6) | 103.7 | 21.1 | 56.1 | (48.7) | (29.7) | 105.5 | 26.6 | 53. |
| Net Cash Flows From Investing Activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (1.5) | (2.3) | (2.7) | (1.8) | (8.2) | (1.8) | (3.5) | (2.8) | (4.0) | (12.1) | (3.0) | (3.0) | (4.0) | (4.0) | (14.0) | (3.0) | (3.0) | (4.0) | (4.0) | (14. |
| Acquisitions | | | | | 0.0 | | | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Increase in other non-current assets | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | 0.0 | | | | (49.5) | <u>(49.5)</u> | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Net cash from Investing Activities | (1.5) | (2.2) | (2.7) | (1.8) | (8.2) | (1.8) | (3.5) | (2.8) | (53.5) | (61.6) | (3.0) | (3.0) | (4.0) | (4.0) | (14.0) | (3.0) | (3.0) | (4.0) | (4.0) | (14. |
| Cash Flows From Financing Activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from credit agreement | | 96.3 | | (2.6) | 93.7 | | | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Proceeds from notes | | (128.6) | (0.1) | 2.4 | (126.3) | (0.2) | (10.6) | (18.1) | (0.5) | (29.5) | (36.6) | 30.0 | (30.0) | 0.0 | (36.6) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Issuance (Purchase) of common stock | | (, | () | | 0.0 | (0.6) | () | (0.6) | 0.0 | (1.3) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Issuance of shares for stock options | (0.2) | | | | (0.2) | () | | () | 7.4 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Dividends | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | 0.0 | | | | | 0. |
| Net Cash From Financing | (0.2) | (32.3) | (0.1) | (0.2) | (32.8) | (0.9) | (10.6) | (18.8) | 6.9 | (23.4) | (36.6) | 30.0 | (30.0) | 0.0 | (36.6) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Effect of exchange rate on cash | (0.1) | 0.4 | (0.5) | (0.3) | (0.5) | (0.7) | (2.2) | (2.8) | 0.0 | (5.6) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash | (8.6) | (45.7) | (11.6) | 18.6 | (47.4) | (6.1) | 23.1 | 14.3 | 8.9 | 40.2 | (82.7) | 1.4 | 69.7 | 17.1 | 5.5 | (51.7) | (32.7) | 101.5 | 22.6 | 39. |
| Cash at beginning of period | 92.7 | 84.1 | 38.3 | 26.7 | 92.7 | 45.3 | 39.2 | 62.3 | 76.6 | 45.3 | 85.5 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 73.9 | 85.5 | 91.0 | 39.3 | 6.7 | 108.1 | 91. |
| Cash at end of period | \$84.1 | \$38.3 | \$26.7 | \$45.3 | \$45.3 | \$39.2 | \$62.3 | \$76.6 | \$85.5 | \$85.5 | \$2.8 | \$4.2 | \$73.9 | \$91.0 | \$91.0 | \$39.3 | \$6.7 | | \$130.8 | \$130. |

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| | Report Date | | Price |
|--------|-------------|--------|--------|
| Report | Date | Rating | Target |
| 51 | 2/22/2018 | BUY | 30.00 |
| 52 | 4/27/2018 | BUY | 27.50 |
| 53 | 7/27/2018 | BUY | 28.50 |
| 54 | 10/28/2018 | BUY | 27.50 |
| 55 | 2/27/2019 | BUY | 22.50 |
| 56 | 5/17/2019 | BUY | 15.00 |
| 57 | 8/12/2019 | BUY | 10.00 |
| 58 | 11/12/2019 | BUY | 11.00 |
| 59 | 2/21/2020 | BUY | 11.50 |
| 60 | 5/19/2020 | BUY | 11.00 |
| 61 | 8/5/2020 | BUY | 8.00 |
| 62 | 11/29/2020 | BUY | 7.50 |
| 63 | 2/21/2021 | BUY | 11.00 |
| 64 | 5/13/2021 | BUY | 12.00 |
| 65 | 8/7/2021 | BUY | 17.00 |
| 66 | 12/21/2021 | BUY | 16.00 |
| 67 | 3/21/2022 | BUY | 18.00 |
| 68 | 6/1/2022 | BUY | 19.00 |
| 69 | 8/6/2022 | BUY | 33.00 |
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|--------|-------|---------|---|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Rating | Count | Percent | Count | Percent | | | | | |
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| Hold | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | | | | | |
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