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# Johnson & Johnson Earnings: Surpassing Expectations Across

# the Board

# Analyst Note Karen Andersen, CFA, Director, 16 Jul 2025

In the second quarter, Johnson & Amp; amp; Johnson saw 4.6% constant-currency sales growth and a 1.8% decline in adjusted diluted EPS. Management raised its 2025 guidance for constant-currency revenue growth (to 4.8% at the midpoint from 3.8%) and adjusted diluted EPS growth (to 8.7% from 6.2%).

Why it matters: Johnson & amp; amp; Johnson is facing a steep patent cliff this year due to biosimilar competition to immunology blockbuster Stelara, and the company's strong growth despite this headwind is a testament to its diversified business and foundation of differentiated treatments.

- Within the innovative medicine segment (3.8% constant currency growth), strength in neurology (Spravato, Carvykti), oncology (Darzalex, Carvykti), and immunology (Tremfya) was broadly above our expectations and driven by demand, which we think is encouraging for long-term growth.
- In medtech (6.1% growth), double-digit growth in cardiology with multiple launches across electrophysiology and recent Abiomed and Shockwave acquisitions was also above our expectations and countered a slight decline in orthopedics.

**The bottom line:** We've raised our fair value estimate for wide-moat J&J to \$172 per share from \$164 after slightly increasing our growth trajectories for several drugs and devices that have strong long-term outlooks.

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### **Business Description**

Johnson & Johnson is the world's largest and most diverse healthcare firm. It has two divisions: pharmaceutical and medical devices. These now represent all of the company's sales following the divestment of the consumer business, Kenvue, in 2023. The drug division focuses on the following therapeutic areas: immunology, oncology, neurology, pulmonary, cardiology, and metabolic diseases. Geographically, just over half of total revenue is generated in the United States.

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continue to watch for updates on potential pharmaceutical tariffs, we think J&J is in a good position, with most US-bound products already made in the US and a plan for complete coverage within five years.

**Coming up:** We expect J&J's pipeline to begin to significantly contribute to growth by next year, with new products like Imaavy (approved in myasthenia gravis) and upcoming expected approvals for TAR-200 (bladder cancer) and Caplyta (new indication in major depressive disorder).

### Business Strategy & Outlook Karen Andersen, CFA, Director, 16 Jul 2025

Johnson & Johnson stands alone as a leader across the major healthcare industries. It maintains a diverse revenue base, a developing research pipeline, and exceptional cash flow generation that together create a wide economic moat.

J&J holds a leadership role in diverse healthcare segments, including medical devices and several pharmaceutical markets. Contributing close to two thirds of total revenue, the pharmaceutical division boasts several industry-leading drugs, including immunology drugs Stelara and Tremfya as well as cancer drugs Darzalex and Imbruvica. The medical device group brings in one third of sales, with the company holding controlling positions in many areas, including orthopedics and Ethicon Endo-Surgery's surgical devices. In 2023, J&J spun off its consumer division into a new stand-alone company, Kenvue, which leaves the remaining company more focused on drugs and devices.

Research and development efforts are resulting in next-generation products. The pharmaceutical segment recently launched several new blockbusters including CAR-T cell therapy Carvykti and depression drug Spravato, with upcoming launches in bladder cancer (TAR-200) and immunology (icotrokinra) poised to further support growth and counter patent expirations on older products. The company has also created new medical devices, including innovative contact lenses, minimally invasive surgical tools, and robotic instruments, and is launching several innovative cardiovascular devices that are supporting strong growth.

These multiple businesses generate substantial returns on invested capital, which look likely to remain in the midteens or approaching 20%, well above our estimated 7.2% cost of capital. Strong cash generation has enabled the firm to increase its dividend for over the past half century, and we expect this to continue. It also allows J&J to take advantage of acquisitions to opportunistically support growth, like the 2025 acquisition of Intra-Cellular (neurology drug Caplyta). Diverse operating segments coupled with expected new products insulate J&J more from patent losses relative to other Big Pharma firms.

### Bulls Say Karen Andersen, CFA, Director, 16 Jul 2025

▶ J&J's strong position in oncology (Darzalex and Carvykti) and next-generation immunology product



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Capital Allocation	Standard		Exemplary	1	Standard		Exempla	ary		
Price/Fair Value	0.96		1.22		0.74		1.10			
Price/Sales	4.22		14.23		3.24		4.48			
Price/Book	4.78		43.95		4.24		6.86			
Price/Earning	19.21		43.90		10.45		22.62			
Dividend Yield	3.24%		0.73%		3.93%		2.67%			
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Tremfya (following Stelara) create a foundation of innovative drugs.

- Diverse healthcare segments help insulate J&J from downturns in the overall economy, offering a defensive growth opportunity with a steady and likely growing dividend.
- Several of J&I's key next-generation pipeline drugs are specialty drugs that tend to carry strong pricing power as well as lower regulatory hurdles for approval.

Bears Say Karen Andersen, CFA, Director, 16 Jul 2025

- ► J&J's late-stage drug pipeline could face significant competitive threats, as oncology and immunology remain popular areas for biopharma investment.
- Biosimilar competition to Stelara is rapidly eroding sales of the drug, putting pressure on the rest of the portfolio to compensate.
- J&J's orthopedics segment is struggling to maintain share against more focused players like Stryker and Zimmer Biomet.

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### Economic Moat Karen Andersen, CFA, Director, 16 Jul 2025

We believe Johnson & Johnson carries one of the widest moats in the healthcare sector, supported by intellectual property in the drug group and intellectual property and switching costs in the device segment. The company's diverse revenue base, strong pipeline, and robust cash flow generation create a very wide economic moat. An extensive salesforce makes J&J a powerful candidate for a smaller biotechnology company looking to partner on a new drug, which strengthens J&J's ability to bring new products to market.

Johnson & Johnson's diverse operations are a major pillar supporting the wide moat. The company holds a leadership role in a number of drug and device markets. The company is not overly dependent on one particular operating segment; the pharmaceutical business and medical device group represent close to 65% and 35% of total sales, respectively. Additionally, within each segment no one product dominates sales.

Johnson & Johnson's R&D efforts support its robust revenue base. In pharmaceuticals, the firm recently launched several new blockbusters, which should allow it to escape largely unscathed from its biggest patent headwinds, led by immunology drug Stelara (12% of 2024 sales). Its efforts in medical devices, including robotics and digital data, should help maintain leadership in several medical device areas as well as support strong pricing power. Switching costs remain high with several of the device products. For example, physicians switching vendors for hip and knee devices could take weeks if not months to learn the new products, which keeps physicians tied to the company's products.

We think the firm does face environmental, social, and governance risks, particularly related to potential US drug price-related policy reform (38% of 2024 sales were generated by prescription drugs in the US) to increase access by lowering drug prices. Ongoing product governance issues, including litigation related to side effects and patents, also weigh on the company. While we have factored these threats into our analysis, we don't see them as material to the company's moat rating.

# Fair Value and Profit Drivers Karen Andersen, CFA, Director, 16 Jul 2025

We are raising our fair value estimate to \$172 per share from \$164 following broad strength in J&J's innovative medicine and medtech segments in its second-quarter results, which we expect will translate into stronger growth in 2025 and beyond as it moves past its biggest patent cliff (immunology drug Stelara, 12% of 2024 sales).

In the drug unit, strong innovative new drug launches are helping to offset increasing patent pressures. In immunology, J&J looks well positioned to mitigate the patent loss for Stelara with recently launched drugs that hold the potential to expand in approved indications and gain traction in new indications. We view Tremfya as well positioned for growth, leading to peak annual sales of \$7 billion by 2028. While the



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drug was approved in 2017 in moderate to severe psoriasis, we expect follow-up data as well as new gastrointestinal indications to drive the robust sales. Head-to-head data versus Novartis' Cosentyx showed superiority for Tremfya, positioning it as potentially one of the best-in-class drugs for psoriasis.

In oncology, J&J continues to report strong data, suggesting increased potential for several of its drugs. Adding to the firm's strong entrenchment in multiple myeloma with Darzalex, we expect CAR-T drug Carvykti to post solid gains. Also, the firm's developing Rybrevant/Lazcluze combination targeting EGFRmutated lung cancer look increasingly well positioned to develop into blockbuster sales.

We expect annual adjusted earnings per-share growth will average close to 6% during the next five years, as strong growth in new pipeline drugs should offset some patent losses in the pharmaceutical division. We expect fairly flat operating margins over the next several years as cost-containment efforts throughout the firm help offset margin pressure due to the loss of patent protection on several high-margin drugs, including immunology drug Stelara.

### Risk and Uncertainty Karen Andersen, CFA, Director, 24 May 2024

Johnson & Johnson needs to overcome several legal roadblocks, including remaining litigation surrounding several products, including talcum powder. While we believe several of these legal cases are toward the end of the process, additional hurdles can still arise. The litigation can cause major settlements and could damage its sterling reputation. Over the longer term, the company faces typical healthcare risks such as reduced pricing power from both governments and pharmacy benefit managers, regulatory delays, and nonapprovals as well as increasingly aggressive generic competition for small-molecule drugs and biologics. However, given such a wide portfolio of products, we assign the firm a Morningstar Uncertainty Rating of Low.

Our rating for the company is not materially affected by ESG risks. We see access to basic services (tied to drug pricing) as the biggest ESG risk that the firm needs to manage. J&J generates close to one third of total sales from US prescription drug sales (slightly lower relative to peers), so additional major pricing reforms could weigh on its sales and margins.

We assume a more than 50% probability of J&J seeing future costs related to product governance ESG risks (such as off-label marketing or litigation related to side effects) and model base-case annual legal costs at 3% of non-GAAP net income (on the high end relative to peers as J&J's product portfolio is more prone to possible litigation).

### Capital Allocation Karen Andersen, CFA, Director, 27 Sep 2024

We assign Johnson & Johnson a Standard Morningstar Capital Allocation Rating. The rating reflects our belief that J&J possesses a sound balance sheet, a reasonable record of investments, and largely fair shareholder distributions.



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We believe J&J holds a sound balance sheet with low levels of risk regarding the size of the debt carried, the business cyclicality facing the firm, and the debt maturity outlook. While an argument could be made to increase the leverage of the balance sheet to be more active in investing, we believe J&J, along with the majority of firms in the large-cap biopharma industry, should hold ample balance sheet strength to support opportunistic acquisitions as dynamic scientific data emerges that might require relatively quick investment action. Also, a strong balance sheet helps biopharma firms through most product litigation challenges with minimal concern from the market.

Turning to investments, we believe J&J is operating at a reasonable level. The company tends to spend over 20% of sales on R&D for the drug business (above the industry average of high teens) and close to 9% of sales on R&D for the device business (close to the industry average of 8%-9%). The company has shown high productivity with strong execution in drug pipeline development. The strong productivity in creating the next generation of drugs has yielded enough new drugs to help mitigate patent losses. The strong productivity in innovative new drugs (largely targeting areas of unmet medical need, especially in oncology and immunology) also helps fortify the firm's wide moat and expand returns on invested capital. However, the innovation in the device segment appears to have largely lagged peers in the orthopedic space, especially around robotic developments.

On the acquisition side, J&J has executed reasonably well. The acquisition of Actelion for close to \$30 billion brought in an important rare-disease franchise where pricing power looks strong. However, we are skeptical that the acquisition will create much value, given the high price paid. The \$6 billion acquisition of Momenta Pharmaceuticals also looked fairly expensive but positive on the pipeline development side. On the medical device side, the acquisitions of Abiomed and Shockwave look like reasonable uses of cash that provide J&J with innovative products that it can leverage through its strong distribution channels.

We view J&J's dividends and share repurchases as about right. J&J has a very long history of consistently raising its dividend, giving investors high confidence in the business. Further, the firm is able to fund strong internal investments while supporting the dividend and some moderate and largely well-timed share repurchases over the past several years.

Joaquin Duato took over the CEO spot from Alex Gorsky in early 2022. Given Duato's 30-plus years at J&J, including the recently successful strategy work in the drug and consumer divisions, we believe the new CEO will continue the industry-leading innovative strategy that was pursued under Gorsky. We expect continued steady growth based on the diverse group of product lines. However, we don't expect the extra-long duration typical of a J&J CEO, as Duato was 59 years old when he took on the top spot. With strong leaders supporting Duato, including Jennifer Taubert (head of the drug unit) and Tim Schmid (head of the device unit) at the two largest business segments and Joe Wolk as CFO, Duato has a strong support structure for current business operations as well as leading internal candidates for the eventual next CEO succession.



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# Biopharma Industry: Trump's Executive Order Could Help Innovation, but Range of Scenarios Still

**Open** Karen Andersen, CFA, Director, 16 Apr 2025

President Donald Trump issued an executive order on April 15 listing several potential policy changes aimed at lowering US drug prices. Why it matters: Biopharma has been holding its breath as it awaits Trump's plans for reducing drug costs, with a range of possible policy changes that could help or hinder innovation. As a worst-case scenario, international price benchmarks could significantly lower US drug pricing and reduce economic incentives for innovative drug development globally. On a more positive note, correcting the "pill penalty" that only gives small molecule drugs nine years of protection from Medicare negotiation (biologics get 13) could encourage innovation regardless of treatment modality. The bottom line: We're not making any changes to our valuations or uncertainty ratings as a result of Trump's recent executive order, which was light on details and could be construed as a positive or negative for the industry. Trump wants US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to work with Congress to correct the pill penalty, although this relies on Congressional action and does not specify how long the protection period should be. Another goal is for RFK to begin a new Medicare payment model to lower drug prices within one year, which could revive Trump's international price benchmarking model that was finalized under Trump in 2020 but halted by President Joe Biden in 2022. Big picture: We think the biopharma industry looks undervalued, as innovation and a promising mergers and acquisitions environment support long-term pricing power and help counter potential near-term tariff pressure, long-term rising tax rates as US manufacturing increases, and likely approval delays.

# Johnson & Johnson Earnings: Maintaining Valuation on Solid Innovation and Manageable Tariff Headwind Karen Andersen, CFA,Director,15 Apr 2025

J&J reported 2.4% first-quarter sales growth (2.3% in innovative medicine, 2.5% in medtech) and 2.2% adjusted EPS growth in the first quarter. Management raised reported sales growth guidance for 2025 to 3.1% at the midpoint but maintained adjusted EPS guidance for 6.2% growth at the midpoint. Why it matters: Investors were concerned about how severely the headwinds from Stelara biosimilars and the Medicare Part D redesign would hit Johnson & Johnson's financials, as well as the potential impact of tariffs, but the firm looks on track to grow as expected this year. The acquisition of neuroscience drug Caplyta and foreign exchange fluctuations account for the sales guidance increase, as adjusted operational sales growth was maintained at 2.5% at the midpoint. J&J expects a \$400 million impact this year from confirmed tariffs, mostly on its medtech business, with the biggest factor being China retaliatory tariffs for products made in the US and shipped to China. Management noted that existing contracts limit price leverage to mitigate the effects. The bottom line: We're maintaining our \$164 fair value estimate, as we have slightly increased our sales forecasts for key blood cancer product Carvykti

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and immunology drug icotrokinra, but we have also added tariff pressure on medtech and increased our assumed long-term tax rate for J&J. Strong sales for Carvykti, as well as recent promising data for icotrokinra in psoriasis, should help nudge J&J into mid-single-digit top-line growth territory over the next few years. As we discussed in our recent notes on tariffs, we think increased US manufacturing and potential tax policy changes could bring tax rates for biopharma firms closer to the 21% US corporate tax rate level over the next several years, from roughly 15% for the group currently.

# **Biopharma Industry: We Anticipate Tariffs to Bring Short-Term Margin Pressure; No Valuation Changes** Karen Andersen, CFA, Director, 9 Apr 2025

President Trump has announced that "major" pharmaceutical product tariffs are likely to be revealed soon, but at the same time, paused broader tariffs for most trade partners for 90 days to allow time for negotiations. Why it matters: The biopharma industry has largely been exempt from tariffs (except for 20% tariffs on imports to the US from China, implemented in March). The industry continues to brace for a potential pharma-specific announcement, which could have implications for global manufacturing strategies. The rumored 25% tariff could be applied to products manufactured in Europe and imported into the US. While there might be some flexibility to move toward a more domestic manufacturing strategy, avoiding tariffs completely would require new facilities that take several years to build. Both US and Europe-based firms have significant European manufacturing exposure due to tax advantages (US firms), home country manufacturing (Europe firms), and other reasons, including lower production costs and lower exposure to currency fluctuations. The bottom line: We are not changing our biopharma uncertainty ratings or fair value estimates, as we think the direct impact from tariffs on earnings is likely to be limited in scope. Moreover, the indirect impact from a potential recession should also be limited given the noncyclical nature of drug spending. We assume pharmaceutical tariffs are enacted but do not last after 2026 due to political pressure from midterm elections. In this scenario, we think biopharma is unlikely to wholesale rethink its manufacturing footprint, apart from incremental US capacity additions. Using a non-GAAP industry average margin analysis of the short-run tariff impact, a 25% tariff would only amount to a 2-percentage-point operating margin headwind in the worst case, or a 6% headwind to operating profits, using an industry average 32% operating profit margin.

# **Biopharma Industry: Exempt From Global 10% Tariff, but We Still See Margin and Tax Rate Risks** Karen Andersen, CFA,Director,3 Apr 2025

On April 2, President Donald Trump announced a 10% tariff on imports from all countries, effective on April 5. However, pharmaceuticals appear to be among the exemptions listed in the full executive order, as part of Annex II. Why it matters: The biopharma industry has been sheltered from tariffs for decades, including during the first Trump administration, but investors had been concerned about potential global tariffs, as the industry has significant manufacturing in European countries like Ireland, Germany, and Switzerland. With roughly \$200 billion in pharmaceutical imports in 2024, a 10% tariff

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could amount to a \$20 billion headwind across the industry, with the biggest firms seeing potential annual tariffs as high as \$1 billion. Previously implemented tariffs on pharmaceutical imports from China (raised from 10% in February to 20% in March) appear manageable for branded biopharma, due to limited manufacturing in China, and pharmaceuticals are generally exempt from Mexico and Canada tariffs (25%, March 2025). The bottom line: We think a future global pharmaceutical tariff is still a risk and could pressure gross margins and increase long-term tax rates. However, we expect firms to be able to adapt their manufacturing, and nearly all large-cap biopharma firms continue to hold wide economic moats. On margins, we could see near-term pressure from tariffs and long-term pressure from additional investment in US manufacturing facilities, which are not likely to receive approval for several years, even assuming US Food and Drug Administration inspections stay on track following staff reductions. With increased US manufacturing, we expect tax rates could begin to rise closer to the current 21% US corporate tax rate, a level we assume will be maintained as Trump aims to extend his tax cuts via the reconciliation process in the Republican-controlled Congress.

# Johnson & Johnson: Maintaining Our \$164 Fair Value Estimate Despite New Talc Litigation Strategy Karen Andersen, CFA,Director,1 Apr 2025

Johnson & Johnson's third effort to settle talc claims through the bankruptcy system has failed, as a federal judge did not approve a \$9 billion settlement, and the firm has decided to return to the tort system to litigate claims. Why it matters: J&J had hoped to put talc litigation behind it, as it distracts from its core business and creates uncertainty around the timing and size of legal costs. While the bankruptcy system would have allowed J&J to resolve current and future claims, returning to the courts opens up more tail risk for future claims. The bottom line: We're maintaining our \$164 fair value estimate for wide-moat Johnson & Johnson. While the firm expects to reverse about \$7 billion set aside for the settlement, we expect smaller expenses could stretch over several years. J&J expects the more than 90,000 claims to be reduced significantly before reaching courts, and the firm has a strong track record of winning individual talc cases in recent years. We think J&J's decision creates more uncertainty on the timing of payouts, but likely also reduces the overall payout amount. Coming up: We should know more about the number of cases that are proceeding to trial in the next few months, as judges decide which cases meet a threshold of evidence to go before a jury.

Johnson & Johnson Earnings: Maintaining Our \$164 FVE Despite Heavy Stelara Hit in 2025 Karen Andersen, CFA,Director,22 Jan 2025

J&J reported 4.3% top-line growth in 2024, or 7% growth at constant currencies and excluding covid vaccine sales. Assuming the Intra-Cellular acquisition closes in the second quarter, we think J&J's 2025 guidance implies \$90.3 billion in revenue (1.7% growth) and \$10.30 adjusted EPS (3.6% growth). Why it matters: The market was anchoring on at least 3% revenue growth guidance for 2025, but foreign exchange headwinds are likely to be a drag on growth, and the Intra-Cellular acquisition is also having

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Last Price 164.78 USD 16 Jul 2025	Fair Value Estimate 172.00 USD 16 Jul 2025 20:23, UTC	Price/FVE 0.96	Market Cap 396.47 USD Bil 16 Jul 2025	Economic Moat™ <sup>™</sup> Wide	Equity Style Box	<b>Uncertainty</b> Low	Capital Allocation Standard	ESG Risk Rating Assessment <sup>1</sup> () () () () () () 4 Jun 2025 05:00, UTC
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a dilutive effect on earnings in the near term. Investors are watching for J&J's ability to growth through biosimilar competition to immunology drug Stelara, which extended to the key US market in January. We assume an over \$3 billion decline in global Stelara sales in 2025. J&J's 2025 results will be the launching point for its guidance of 5%-7% revenue growth from 2025-2030, which is still well ahead of our assumed 2.5% average annual growth over this time period. The bottom line: We're maintaining our \$164 fair value estimate for wide-moat J&J following relatively in-line results for 2024 and an expected slowing of growth in 2025 as Stelara faces biosimilars. We expect a hearing in February to begin to erode the overhang on J&J shares from talc litigation. Long view: We're watching several products across J&J's portfolio as we assess whether its long-term guidance is achievable, which could provide upside to our fair value estimate. In Innovative Medicine, J&J will need to see dominance for its multiple myeloma portfolio, expanded use of Intra-Cellular neurology drug Caplyta, and solid new drug launches, including oncology drug TAR-200 and immunology drug icotrokinra. In MedTech, J&J's pulsed field ablation system Varipulse will need to prove competitive in the high-growth atrial filbrillation market against offerings from Boston Scientific and Medtronic, and J&J will also need to see significant penetration for its Ottava and Velys robotic surgery systems. MI



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# **Competitors Price vs. Fair Value**



Total Return % as of 16 Jul 2025. Last Close as of 16 Jul 2025. Fair Value as of 7 Apr 2025 20:58, UTC.



Merck & Co Inc MRK

Total Return % as of 16 Jul 2025. Last Close as of 16 Jul 2025. Fair Value as of 4 Feb 2025 19:32, UTC.

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# **Competitors Price vs. Fair Value**



Total Return % as of 16 Jul 2025. Last Close as of 16 Jul 2025. Fair Value as of 25 Apr 2025 17:35, UTC.

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Morningstar Valu	ation Model Sum	imary										
Financials as of 16 Jul	2025		I	Actual			Forecast					
Fiscal Year, ends 31 Dec			-	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Revenue (USD Mil)				79,990	85,159	88,821	93,160	97,605	99,737	102,829	107,050	
Operating Income (US	D Mil)			21,013	23,409	22,149	25,444	27,154	28,143	29,641	31,463	
EBITDA (USD Mil)				26,115	22,083	23,409	40,772	36,602	37,174	38,338	39,910	
Adjusted EBITDA (USD	Mil)			26,115	22,083	23,409	40,772	36,602	37,174	38,338	39,910	
Net Income (USD Mil)				16,370	13,350	14,026	26,871	22,807	23,562	24,714	26,111	
Adjusted Net Income (	(USD Mil)			27,037	25,410	24,240	26,170		27,497	28,235	29,260	
Free Cash Flow To The	Firm (USD Mil)			-3,854	-1,158	1,196	17,817	26,894	26,428	27,087	29,175	
Weighted Average Dilu		ling (Mil)		2,664	2,560	2,429	2,405	2,357	2,310	2,264	2,218	
Earnings Per Share (D		3		6.15	5.21	5.77	11.17	9.68	10.20	10.92	11.77	
Adjusted Earnings Per		))		10.15	9.92	9.98	10.88	11.54	11.90	12.47	13.19	
Dividends Per Share (I		,		4.45	4.70	4.91	4.96	5.21	5.47	5.74	6.03	
Margins & Returns as	,			Actual			Forecast					
	501 10 301 2023		3 Year Avg	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	5 Year Avg
Operating Margin %			19.7	26.3	27.5	24.9	27.3	27.8	28.2	28.8	29.4	31.0
EBITDA Margin % Adjusted EBITDA Marg	ain 0/		-	32.7 32.7	25.9 25.9	26.4 26.4	43.8 43.8	37.5 37.5	37.3 37.3	37.3 37.3	37.3 37.3	
Net Margin %	JIII %		17.3	20.5	15.7	15.8	28.8	23.4	23.6	24.0	24.4	24.8
Adjusted Net Margin 9	6		30.3	33.8	29.8	27.3	28.1	27.9	25.0	24.0	24.4	24.0
Free Cash Flow To The			-1.6	-4.8	-1.4	1.4	19.1	27.6	26.5	26.3	27.3	25.4
Growth & Ratios as of	f 16 Jul 2025		l	Actual			Forecast					
			3 Year CAGR	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		5 Year CAGR
Revenue Growth %	uth 0/		4.1 1.9	1.6 0.3	6.5	4.3	4.9	4.8 6.7	2.2	3.1 5.3	4.1	3.8
Operating Income Gro EBITDA Growth %	W(I) %		-3.9	-2.2	-15.4	-5.4	14.9		3.6	3.1	6.2 4.1	7.3
Adjusted EBITDA Grow	/th %		-4.3	-2.2	-15.4	6.0	74.2		1.0	3.1	4.1	14.0
Earnings Per Share Gr			-4.6	-7.7	-15.2	10.7	93.5	-13.4	5.4	7.0	7.8	15.3
Adjusted Earnings Per			-4.6	3.6	-2.2	0.5	9.0		3.1	4.8	5.8	15.3
Valuation as of 16 Jul	2025		I	Actual			Forecast					
			-	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Price/Earning				17.4	15.8	14.5	15.1	14.3	13.8	13.2	12.5	
Price/Sales Price/Book				5.8 6.1	4.4 5.8	3.9 4.9	4.3 4.8		4.0 4.4	3.9 4.2	3.7 4.0	
Price/Cash Flow				0.1	J.0 —	4.9	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.0	
EV/EBITDA				17.6	17.4	15.5	10.1	11.2	11.0	10.7	10.3	
EV/EBIT				21.9	16.4	16.4	16.1	15.1	14.6	13.8	13.0	
Dividend Yield %				2.5	3.0	3.4	3.0		3.3	3.5	3.7	
Dividend Payout % Free Cash Flow Yield %	6			43.8	47.4	49.2	45.6	45.1	45.9	46.0	45.7	
Operating Performar		of 16 Jul 2025					Forecast					
Fiscal Year, ends 31 Dec	-	5. 10 JUL 202J	-	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
ROA %				9.9	8.0	7.8	13.2		11.6	12.1	12.6	
ROE %				21.3	19.4	19.6	32.8		27.4	27.9	28.4	
ROIC %				15.1	17.1	16.3	15.3	16.2	17.1	18.2	19.5	

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Financial Leverag	Financial Leverage (Reporting Currency)		Actual		Forecast							
Fiscal Year, ends 31 l	Dec			2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Debt/Capital %				7.9	7.2	9.5	9.9	9.4	9.0	8.5	8.0	
Assets/Equity				2.2	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	
Net Debt/EBITDA				0.7	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	
Total Debt/EBITDA	-			1.5	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	
EBITDA/ Net Interes	•			-122.0	-45.2	-40.6	2,038.6	183.0	247.8	383.4	798.2	
Forecast Revision	<b>s</b> as of 16 Jul 2025		2025			2	2026		2027			
Prior data as of 15 Ap	or 2025			Curren	t	Prior	C	urrent	Prior	Cu	rrent	Prio
Fair Value Estimate	e Change (Trading Currer	ncy)		172.00	)	165.16		-			-	
Revenue (USD Mil)				93,160	)	91,029	9	7,605	94,362	99	,737	96,030
Operating Income	(USD Mil)			25,444	Ļ	24,756	2	7,154	26,300	28	,143	26,740
EBITDA (USD Mil)				40,772	2	40,390	3	6,602	35,773	37	,174	35,759
Net Income (USD N	(il)			26,170	)	25,522	2	7,206	26,530	27	,497	26,363
Earnings Per Share	(Diluted) (USD)			11.17	,	10.81		9.68	9.32	1	0.20	9.6
Adjusted Earnings	Per Share (Diluted) (USD	)		10.88	}	10.61		11.54	11.26	1	1.90	11.4′
Dividends Per Shar	e (USD)			4.96	)	4.96		5.21	5.21		5.47	5.47

Key Valuation Drivers as of 16 Jul 2025
Cost of Equity %
Pre-Tax Cost of Debt %
Weighted Average Cost of Capital %
Long-Run Tax Rate %
Stage II EBI Growth Rate %
Stage II Investment Rate %
Perpetuity Year

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# Discounted Cash Flow Valuation as of 16 Jul 2025

	USD Mil
Present Value Stage I	181,550
Present Value Stage II	94,914
Present Value Stage III	145,536
Total Firm Value	421,999
Cash and Equivalents	24,522
Debt	36,634
Other Adjustments	-945
Equity Value	404,624
Projected Diluted Shares	2,407
Fair Value per Share (USD)	172.00

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Peer Analysis 04 Jun 2025	Peers are selected f	Peers are selected from the company's Sustainalytics-defined Subindustry and are displayed based on the closest market cap values							
Company Name	Exposure		Management		ESG Risk Rating				
Johnson & Johnson	45.9   Medium	0 55+	55.5   Strong	100 — 0	22.5   Medium	0 — 40+			
Eli Lilly and Co	45.8   Medium	0 55+	53.1   Strong	100 — 0	23.1   Medium	0 40+			
Merck & Co Inc	47.3   Medium	0 — 55+	65.0   Strong	100 — 0	18.8   Low	0 — 40+			
Procter & Gamble Co	45.2   Medium	0 — 55+	48.1   Average	100 — 0	25.9   Medium	0 40+			
Novartis AG	44.2   Medium	0 55+	69.8   Strong	100 —• 0	15.6   Low	0 — 40+			

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### **Overview**

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Morningstar's equity research group ("we," "our") believes that a company's intrinsic worth results from the future cash flows it can generate. The Morningstar Rating for stocks identifies stocks trading at a discount or premium to their intrinsic worth—or fair value estimate, in Morningstar terminology. Five-star stocks sell for the biggest risk adjusted discount to their fair values, whereas 1-star stocks trade at premiums to their intrinsic worth.

Four key components drive the Morningstar rating: (1) our assessment of the firm's economic moat, (2) our estimate of the stock's fair value, (3) our uncertainty around that fair value estimate and (4) the current market price. This process ultimately culminates in our singlepoint star rating.

### **1. Economic Moat**

The concept of an economic moat plays a vital role not only in our qualitative assessment of a firm's long-term investment potential, but also in the actual calculation of our fair value estimates. An economic moat is a structural feature that allows a firm to sustain excess profits over a long period of time. We define economic profits as returns on invested capital (or ROIC) over and above our estimate of a firm's cost of capital, or weighted average cost of capital (or WACC). Without a moat, profits are more susceptible to competition. We have identified five sources of economic moats: intangible assets, switching costs, network effect, cost advantage, and efficient scale.

Companies with a narrow moat are those we believe are more likely than not to achieve normalized excess returns for at least the next 10 years. Wide-moat companies are those in which we have very high confidence that excess returns will remain for 10 years, with excess returns more likely than not to remain for at least 20 years. The longer a firm generates economic profits, the higher its intrinsic value. We believe low-quality, no-moat companies will see their normalized returns gravitate toward the firm's cost of capital more quickly than companies with moats.

When considering a company's moat, we also assess whether there is a substantial threat of value destruction, stemming from risks related to ESG, industry disruption, financial health, or other idiosyncratic issues. In this context, a risk is considered potentially value destructive if its occurrence would eliminate a firm's economic profit on a cumulative or midcycle basis. If we deem the probability of occurrence sufficiently high, we would not characterize the company as possessing an economic moat.

### 2. Estimated Fair Value

Combining our analysts' financial forecasts with the firm's economic moat helps us assess how long returns on invested capital are likely to exceed the firm's cost of capital. Returns of firms with a wide economic moat rating are assumed to fade to the perpetuity period over a longer period of time than the returns of narrow-moat firms, and both will fade slower than no-moat firms, increasing our estimate of their intrinsic value.

Our model is divided into three distinct stages:

### Stage I: Explicit Forecast

In this stage, which can last five to 10 years, analysts make full financial statement forecasts, including items such as revenue, profit margins, tax rates, changes in workingcapital accounts, and capital spending. Based on these projections, we calculate earnings before interest,



after taxes (EBI) and the net new investment (NNI) to derive our annual free cash flow forecast.

### Stage II: Fade

The second stage of our model is the period it will take the company's return on new invested capital-the return on capital of the next dollar invested ("RONIC")-to decline (or rise) to its cost of capital. During the Stage II period, we use a formula to approximate cash flows in lieu of explicitly modeling the income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow statement as we do in Stage I. The length of the second stage depends on the strength of the company's economic moat. We forecast this period to last anywhere from one year (for companies with no economic moat) to 10-15 years or more (for wide-moat companies). During this period, cash flows are forecast using four assumptions: an average growth rate for EBI over the period, a normalized investment rate, average return on new invested capital (RONIC), and the number of years until perpetuity, when excess returns cease. The investment rate and return on new invested capital decline until a perpetuity value is calculated. In the case of firms that do not earn their cost of capital, we assume marginal ROICs rise to the firm's cost of capital (usually attributable to less reinvestment), and we may truncate the second stage.

### **Stage III: Perpetuity**

Once a company's marginal ROIC hits its cost of capital, we calculate a continuing value, using a standard perpetuity formula. At perpetuity, we assume that any growth or decline or investment in the business neither creates nor destroys value and that any new investment provides a return in line with estimated WACC.

Because a dollar earned today is worth more than a dollar earned tomorrow, we discount our projections of cash flows in stages I, II, and III to arrive at a total present value of expected future cash flows. Because we are modeling free cash flow to the firm—representing cash available to provide a return to all capital providers—we discount future cash flows using the WACC, which is a weighted average of the costs of equity, debt, and preferred stock (and any other funding sources), using expected future proportionate long-term, market-value weights.

### 3. Uncertainty Around That Fair Value Estimate

Morningstar's Uncertainty Rating is designed to capture the range of potential outcomes for a company's intrinsic value. This rating is used to assign the margin of safety required before investing, which in turn explicitly drives our stock star rating system. The Uncertainty Rating is aimed at identifying the confidence we should have in assigning a fair value estimate for a given stock.

Our Uncertainty Rating is meant to take into account anything that can increase the potential dispersion of future

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outcomes for the intrinsic value of a company, and anything that can affect our ability to accurately predict these outcomes. The rating begins with a suggested rating produced by a quantitative process based on the trailing 12-month standard deviation of daily stock returns. An analyst overlay is then applied, with analysts using the suggested rating, historical rating data, and their own knowledge of the company to inform them as they make the final Uncertainty Rating decision. Ultimately, the rating decision rests with the analyst. Analysts take into account many characteristics when making their final decision, including cyclical factors, operational and financial factors such as leverage, companyspecific events, ESG risks, and anything else that might increase the potential dispersion of future outcomes and our ability to estimate those outcomes.

Our recommended margin of safety—the discount to fair value demanded before we'd recommend buying or selling the stock—widens as our uncertainty of the estimated value of the equity increases. The more uncertain we are about the potential dispersion of outcomes, the greater the discount we require relative to our estimate of the value of the firm before we would recommend the purchase of the shares. In addition, the Uncertainty Rating provides guidance in portfolio construction based on risk tolerance.

Our Uncertainty Ratings are: Low, Medium, High, Very High, and Extreme.

	Margin of Safety	
Qualitative Analysis Uncertainty Ratings	<b>★★★★</b> Rating	★Rating
Low	20% Discount	25% Premium
Medium	30% Discount	35% Premium
High	40% Discount	55% Premium
Very High	50% Discount	75% Premium
Extreme	75% Discount	300% Premium

Our uncertainty rating is based on the interquartile range, or the middle 50% of potential outcomes, covering the 25th percentile–75th percentile. This means that when a stock hits 5 stars, we expect there is a 75% chance that the intrinsic value of that stock lies above the current market price. Similarly, when a stock hits 1 star, we expect there is a 75% chance that the intrinsic value of that stock lies below the current market price.

### 4. Market Price

The market prices used in this analysis and noted in the report come from exchange on which the stock is listed which we believe is a reliable source.

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### Morningstar Equity Research Star Rating Methodology

### **Morningstar Star Rating for Stocks**

Once we determine the fair value estimate of a stock, we compare it with the stock's current market price on a daily basis, and the star rating is automatically re-calculated at the market close on every day the market on which the stock is listed is open. Our analysts keep close tabs on the companies they follow, and, based on thorough and ongoing analysis, raise or lower their fair value estimates as warranted.

Please note, there is no predefined distribution of stars. That is, the percentage of stocks that earn 5 stars can fluctuate daily, so the star ratings, in the aggregate, can serve as a gauge of the broader market's valuation. When there are many 5-star stocks, the stock market as a whole is more undervalued, in our opinion, than when very few companies garner our highest rating.

We expect that if our base-case assumptions are true the market price will converge on our fair value estimate over time generally within three years (although it is impossible to predict the exact time frame in which market prices may adjust).

Our star ratings are guideposts to a broad audience and individuals must consider their own specific investment goals, risk tolerance, tax situation, time horizon, income needs, and complete investment portfolio, among other factors.

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 $\star \star \star \star$  We believe appreciation beyond a fair risk-adjusted return is likely.

★★★ Indicates our belief that investors are likely to receive a fair risk-adjusted return (approximately cost of equity).

★★ We believe investors are likely to receive a less than fair risk-adjusted return.

★ Indicates a high probability of undesirable risk-adjusted returns from the current market price over a multiyear time frame, based on our analysis. Scenario analysis by our analysts indicates that the market is pricing in an excessively optimistic outlook, limiting upside potential and leaving the investor exposed to Capital loss.

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