

FLEETCOR Technologies(FLT)

\$230.87 (As of 08/07/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$252.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 07/08/19)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

2-Buy

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:C

Value: C

Growth: C

Momentum: A

Summary

FLEETCOR's top line continues to grow organically driven by increase in volume and revenues per transaction from certain of its payment programs. Acquisitions have been significantly contributing to FLEETCOR's top line growth. Consistency in share repurchases not only boost investors' confidence but also positively impact earnings per share. However, the company continues to witness higher interest expense due to increase in LIBOR rate and additional borrowings for share repurchases. This is likely to weigh on the company's bottom line. High debt may limit the company's future expansion and worsen its risk profile. Multiple acquisitions results in some integration risk. Partly due to these negatives, the company's shares have underperformed its industry in the past year.

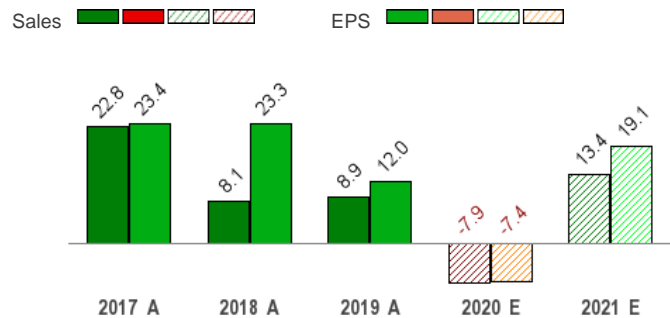
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$329.85 - \$168.51
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	483,183
Market Cap	\$20.6 B
YTD Price Change	-16.4%
Beta	1.47
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.00 / 0.0%
Industry	Financial Transaction Services
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 32% (80 out of 252)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	10.6%
Last Sales Surprise	-0.1%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	1.1%
Expected Report Date	NA
Earnings ESP	5.0%
P/E TTM	20.8
P/E F1	21.1
PEG F1	1.4
P/S TTM	8.0

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	655 E	664 E	692 E	723 E	2,765 E
2020	661 A	525 A	591 E	647 E	2,439 E
2019	622 A	647 A	681 A	699 A	2,649 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$2.90 E	\$3.15 E	\$3.38 E	\$3.54 E	\$13.00 E
2020	\$3.00 A	\$2.28 A	\$2.70 E	\$3.08 E	\$10.92 E
2019	\$2.67 A	\$2.85 A	\$3.10 A	\$3.17 A	\$11.79 A

*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 08/07/2020. The reports text is as of 08/10/2020.

Overview

Peachtree Corners, GA based FLEETCOR Technologies, Inc. is a global commercial payments solution provider. Through its portfolio of brands, FLEETCOR helps companies automate, secure, digitize and control payments to, or on behalf of, their employees and suppliers. FLEETCOR serves businesses, partners and merchants in North America, Latin America, Europe, and Asia Pacific.

FLEETCOR's predecessor company was organized in the United States in 1986, and FLEETCOR had its initial public offering in 2010.

FLEETCOR uses both proprietary and third-party networks to deliver its payment solutions. The company owns and operates proprietary networks with well-established brands throughout the world, bringing incremental sales and loyalty to affiliated merchants. Third-party networks are used to broaden payment product acceptance and use. In 2018, the company processed approximately 2.9 billion transactions within these networks, of which approximately 1.4 billion were related to its gift product line.

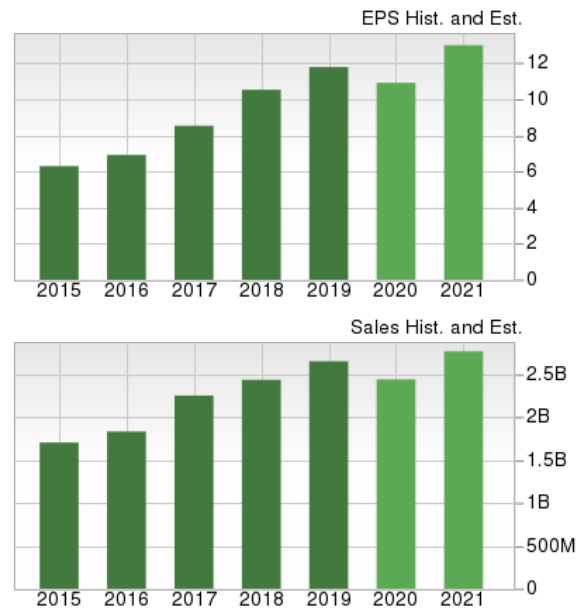
The company capitalizes on its products' specialization with sales and marketing efforts by deploying product-dedicated sales forces to target specific customer segments. The company promotes its products directly through multiple sales channels which includes field sales, telesales and digital marketing, and indirectly through its partners which include major oil companies, leasing companies, petroleum marketers, value-added resellers (VARs) and referral partners

The company has presence in 100 countries, with the United States, Brazil and the United Kingdom being its primary operating regions. These countries contributed nearly 87% of revenues in 2018.

FLEETCOR operates in five categories — fuel, lodging, tolls, corporate payments and gift. It also provides payment products including fleet maintenance, employee benefits and long-haul transportation-related services.

In 2019, FLEETCOR generated \$2.65 billion in revenues, up 8.9% year over year. The company has two reportable segments — **North America (65% of revenues in 2018)** and **International (35%)**.

As of Dec 31, 2019, the company had approximately 8,700 employees worldwide.



Reasons To Buy:

▲ FLEETCOR's **top line continues to grow organically** driven by increase in both volume and revenues per transaction in certain of its payment programs. The company continues to witness solid organic revenue growth, driven by robust double-digit growth across its product categories – fuel, corporate payments, tolls and lodging. Notably, organic revenue growth was 11%, 10%, 9% and 8% respectively in 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

FLEETCOR looks strong on the back of organic growth and strategic acquisitions.

▲ **Acquisitions** are contributing significantly to FLEETCOR's top line. The company has been continuously acquiring and investing in companies both in the United States as well as internationally to expand customer base, headcount and operations and diversify its service offerings across industries. In 2019, FLEETCOR acquired Nvoicepay, SOLE Financial, Travelliance and a tuck-in acquisition in its lodging business. While Nvoicepay should expand FLEETCOR's corporate payments business with full disbursement accounts payable cloud platform, SOLE Financial is expected to extend FLEETCOR's payroll and card portfolios and expand its addressable market, thus enabling it better serve small and medium-sized as well as larger businesses. Travelliance is expected to expand its lodging business across new international markets and the tuck-in acquisition will expand its presence into the airline segment and add international hotel coverage and capabilities. In 2018, the company made a \$21.2 million worth acquisition. In 2017, FLEETCOR completed three acquisitions - Creative Lodging Solutions ("CLS") to strengthen its hotel network through increased room nights; Cambridge Global Payments ("Cambridge") to expand its corporate payments footprint; and a fuel card provider in Russia. Since 2002, the company has acquired more than 75 companies and commercial account portfolios. During 2019, the company witnessed \$40 million of additional revenues from acquisitions completed in the year. In 2018, the company witnessed \$97 million of additional revenues from the acquisitions completed in 2017. In 2017, additional revenues of \$212 million were generated from acquisitions completed in 2016 and 2017.

▲ We are impressed with FLEETCOR Technologies' endeavors in **rewarding its shareholders** through share repurchases. In 2019, 2018 and 2017, the company had repurchased shares worth \$694.9 million, \$958.7 million and \$402.4 million, respectively. Such moves indicate the company's commitment to create value for shareholders and underline its confidence in its business. These shareholder-friendly initiatives not only instill investors' confidence but also positively impact earnings per share.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ FLEETCOR is seeing **higher interest expense** due to increase in LIBOR rate and additional borrowings for shares repurchase and to fund Cambridge acquisition (completed in 2017). During 2019, interest expense of \$150.05 million increased 8.3% year over year. The same rose 29.3% year over year in 2018. For 2020, the company expects interest expense to be between \$130-\$140 million. Hence, the bottom line is likely to remain under pressure going forward. This may weigh on its share price which has underperformed the industry in the past year, declining 16.8% compared with the industry's growth of 9%.
- ▼ FLEETCOR has a **debt-laden balance sheet**. Total debt at the end of first-quarter 2020 was \$4.34 billion, up from \$4.06 billion at the end of the prior quarter. The company's total debt to total capital ratio of 0.54 is higher than the industry's 0.37 and the previous quarter's 0.47. An increase in debt to capitalization ratio indicates higher risk of insolvency in challenging times. Further, the company's cash and cash equivalent of \$1.55 billion at the end of the first quarter was well below this debt level, underscoring that the company doesn't have enough cash to meet this debt burden. The cash level, however, can meet the short-term debt of \$1.05 billion.
- ▼ FLEETCOR's policy of acquiring a large number of companies results in some **integration risk**. Acquisitions can negatively impact its balance sheet in the form of a high level of goodwill and intangible assets, which totaled \$6.9 billion or 62.2% of total assets at the end of 2018. Moreover, frequent acquisitions are a distraction for management, which could impact organic growth.

Higher interest expense, integration risks and a debt-laden balance sheet act as headwinds.

Last Earnings Report

FLEETCOR Surpasses Q2 Earnings Estimates, Revenues Lag

FLEETCOR Technologies reported mixed second-quarter 2020 results wherein earnings surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate but revenues missed the same.

Adjusted earnings of \$2.28 per share outpaced the consensus estimate by 5.6% but decreased 20% year over year. Revenues of \$525.1 million missed the consensus mark by 0.1% and decreased 19% year over year on a reported basis and 17% on a pro-forma and macro-adjusted basis.

The quarterly performance was significantly impacted by coronavirus-related shutdowns across the globe. Volumes reduced initially in the second quarter with most businesses' volumes starting to recover as the quarter progressed. The macro-economic environment unfavorably impacted revenues during the reported quarter by almost \$22 million, thanks to unfavorable foreign-exchange rates.

Revenues in Detail

Segment wise, revenues from North America came in at \$357.43 million, down 14.5% year over year. Internationally, revenues of \$92.57 million decreased 26.3% year over year. Revenues from Brazil declined 27.5% to \$75.15 million.

Product-category wise, fuel revenues of \$249.8 million went down 15% year over year on a reported basis and 16% on a pro-forma and macro-adjusted basis.

Corporate Payments revenues of \$92.6 million decreased 18% year over year on a reported basis and 17% on a pro-forma and macro-adjusted basis.

Tolls revenues of \$64.8 million declined 25% year over year on a reported basis but improved 3% on a pro-forma and macro-adjusted basis.

Lodging revenues of \$40.6 million decreased 19% year over year on a reported basis and 37% on a pro-forma and macro-adjusted basis.

Gift revenues of \$26.5 million decreased 26% year over year on a reported as well as a pro-forma and macro-adjusted basis.

Other revenues of \$50.8 million decreased 25% year over year on a reported as well as a pro-forma and macro-adjusted basis.

Operating Results

Operating income decreased 28.4% from the prior-year quarter to \$212.81 million. Operating income margin declined to 40.5% from 45.9% in the prior-year quarter.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow

FLEETCOR exited second-quarter 2020 with cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash of \$1.19 billion compared with \$1.55 billion at the end of the prior quarter. The company generated \$382.14 million of net cash from operating activities. Capital expenditures totaled \$18.61 million. In the reported quarter, FLEETCOR repurchased shares worth \$27.12 million.

2020 Guidance

Considering the uncertainty in market recoveries due to the coronavirus outbreak, FLEETCOR has not updated its full-year 2020 guidance. The company expects volume in the second half of the year to improve as the economy improves. However, revenues in the second half of the year are anticipated to recover more slowly than volume, since bigger enterprise accounts with lower rates will recover faster than the company's SMB portfolio. Also, lower-than-expected fuel prices and foreign-exchange rates are expected to weigh on revenues.

Quarter Ending 06/2020

Report Date	Aug 06, 2020
Sales Surprise	-0.12%
EPS Surprise	10.55%
Quarterly EPS	2.28
Annual EPS (TTM)	11.07

Recent News

On **Aug 07, 2020**, FLEETCOR announced that Charles Freund, executive vice president for strategy, has been promoted as chief financial officer effective Sep 1, 2020.

On **Jul 14, 2020**, FLEETCOR's unit, Comdata Inc., announced that it is expanding the available offerings of its National Tire Discount Program to include light truck and passenger tires from leading tire manufacturer, Goodyear.

On **Apr 29, 2020**, FLEETCOR announced that in connection with BlueVine, it is helping small business customers apply for government relief funding through the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program.

Valuation

FLEETCOR shares are down 16.4% in the year-to-date period and 16.8% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Business Services sector are up 3.6% and 2.2% in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and the sector are up 9% and 5.3%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 3.9% in the year-to-date period and 16.3% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 19.75X forward 12-month price-to-earnings, which compares to 31.45X for the Zacks sub-industry, 30.24X for the Zacks sector and 22.77X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 25.85X and as low as 12.92X, with a 5-year median of 21.09X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$252.00 price target reflects 20.89X price-to-earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for FLT

Valuation Multiples - FLT					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F 12M	Current	19.75	31.45	30.24	22.77
	5-Year High	25.85	31.68	30.24	22.77
	5-Year Low	12.92	20.78	18.68	15.25
	5-Year Median	21.09	23.31	20.96	17.58
P/S F 12M	Current	7.82	11.38	4.2	3.66
	5-Year High	10.91	11.38	4.2	3.66
	5-Year Low	4.96	7.18	3.07	2.53
	5-Year Median	7.54	8.78	3.6	3.05
P/B TTM	Current	6.93	7.07	4.81	4.67
	5-Year High	8.63	12.78	6.72	4.67
	5-Year Low	3.61	5.22	3.28	2.83
	5-Year Median	4.96	8.07	5.22	3.73

As of 08/07/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 32% (80 out of 252)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Envestnet, Inc. (ENV)	Outperform	1
Cardtronics PLC (CATM)	Neutral	2
EVO Payments, Inc. (EVOP)	Neutral	3
Fiserv, Inc. (FISV)	Neutral	3
Green Dot Corporation (GDOT)	Neutral	3
Global Payments Inc. (GPN)	Neutral	3
WEX Inc. (WEX)	Neutral	3
Evertec, Inc. (EVTG)	Underperform	3

Industry Comparison Industry: Financial Transaction Services				Industry Peers		
	FLT	X Industry	S&P 500	FISV	GPN	WEX
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	2	-	-	3	3	3
VGM Score	C	-	-	B	C	B
Market Cap	20.56 B	2.55 B	23.30 B	69.57 B	52.32 B	7.08 B
# of Analysts	11	6	14	15	15	11
Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.00%	1.76%	0.00%	0.45%	0.00%
Value Score	C	-	-	C	C	B
Cash/Price	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.01	0.03	0.21
EV/EBITDA	14.76	15.80	13.32	27.05	33.36	14.09
PEG Ratio	1.36	1.80	2.94	1.81	1.37	1.60
Price/Book (P/B)	7.35	4.51	3.19	2.11	1.89	3.56
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	16.14	15.50	12.51	15.52	24.88	11.70
P/E (F1)	21.14	27.37	22.02	23.46	28.02	23.97
Price/Sales (P/S)	8.01	4.73	2.53	4.83	7.84	4.22
Earnings Yield	4.54%	3.62%	4.37%	4.26%	3.57%	4.17%
Debt/Equity	1.16	0.43	0.77	0.65	0.31	1.34
Cash Flow (\$/share)	14.90	2.39	6.94	6.70	7.03	13.91
Growth Score	C	-	-	B	C	B
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	19.87%	18.33%	10.46%	17.52%	21.71%	18.54%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-98.32%	-7.56%	-6.80%	150.24%	6.46%	501.04%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	8.28%	13.06%	5.39%	147.85%	50.80%	13.00%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	19.24%	14.80%	8.55%	29.38%	39.74%	18.68%
Current Ratio	0.93	1.28	1.33	1.04	1.03	1.38
Debt/Capital	53.72%	34.80%	44.50%	39.73%	23.40%	58.08%
Net Margin	29.88%	6.75%	10.13%	5.82%	5.68%	7.47%
Return on Equity	28.45%	16.87%	14.39%	8.34%	5.61%	16.87%
Sales/Assets	0.22	0.48	0.51	0.19	0.15	0.21
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-7.93%	-4.27%	-1.51%	36.05%	27.34%	-7.97%
Momentum Score	A	-	-	A	A	D
Daily Price Chg	-8.51%	0.00%	0.90%	1.49%	-0.95%	-3.41%
1 Week Price Chg	0.19%	0.09%	0.14%	-0.83%	3.12%	-2.00%
4 Week Price Chg	-5.02%	6.88%	8.95%	9.59%	6.50%	5.31%
12 Week Price Chg	8.62%	27.89%	18.90%	4.62%	6.40%	32.35%
52 Week Price Chg	-18.81%	0.90%	1.18%	-1.44%	9.01%	-18.74%
20 Day Average Volume	483,183	482,207	2,057,775	4,316,483	1,860,198	399,664
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	-0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.63%	5.29%	-4.76%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	1.12%	0.00%	1.36%	-0.53%	5.56%	-7.08%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	2.31%	0.00%	1.57%	-0.50%	5.05%	-5.29%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	2.87%	1.54%	0.54%	1.54%	11.40%	-5.94%

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Zacks Recommendation

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Zacks Rank

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Value Score	C
Growth Score	C
Momentum Score	A
VGM Score	C

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