

Pfizer Inc.(PFE)

\$35.46 (As of 06/01/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$37.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:
Neutral

(Since: 04/01/20)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:A

Value: B

Growth: B

Momentum: B

Summary

The Consumer Healthcare joint venture with Glaxo, the Array acquisition and the pending merger of Upjohn unit with Mylan, if successful, will make Pfizer a smaller company with a diversified portfolio of innovative drugs and vaccines. The smaller Pfizer should see better revenue growth as the Lyrica LOE cliff will go away. Pfizer expects continued strong growth of key brands like Ibrance, Inlyta and Eliquis to drive sales in 2020. Pfizer also has a strong portfolio of new drugs, which will accelerate growth in 2020 and beyond. However, Pfizer expects a significant impact from coronavirus-related business disruption in Q2, which it expects to ease in the second half of 2020. Meanwhile, currency headwinds and pricing pressure are other top-line headwinds. Shares have underperformed the industry this year so far.

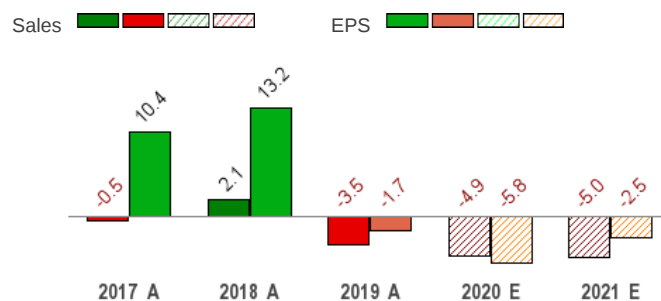
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$44.56 - \$27.88
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	24,159,612
Market Cap	\$197.0 B
YTD Price Change	-9.5%
Beta	0.70
Dividend / Div Yld	\$1.52 / 4.3%
Industry	Large Cap Pharmaceuticals
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 7% (17 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	12.7%
Last Sales Surprise	NA
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-0.6%
Expected Report Date	08/03/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	12.2
P/E F1	12.8
PEG F1	2.1
P/S TTM	3.9

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					46,750 E
2020	12,028 A				49,221 E
2019	13,118 A	13,264 A	12,680 A	12,688 A	51,750 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					\$2.71 E
2020	\$0.80 A	\$0.60 E	\$0.72 E	\$0.56 E	\$2.78 E
2019	\$0.85 A	\$0.80 A	\$0.75 A	\$0.55 A	\$2.95 A

*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

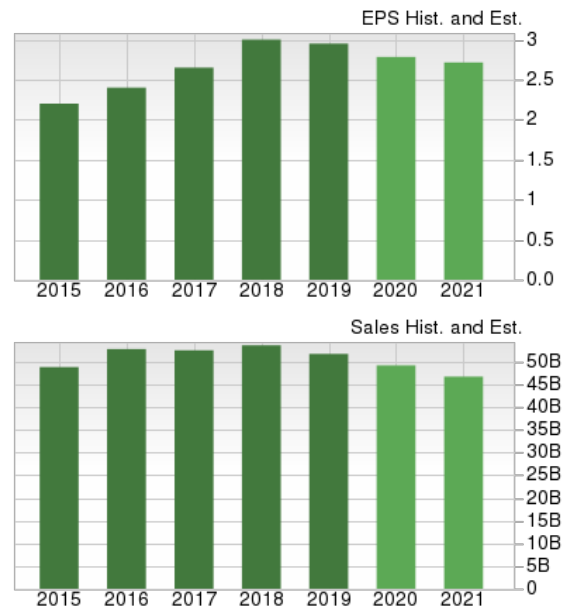
The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 06/01/2020. The reports text is as of 06/02/2020.

Overview

With eight blockbuster products in its portfolio, New York-based, Pfizer, Inc. boasts a sustainable pipeline with multiple late-stage pipeline programs that can drive growth. Pfizer markets a wide range of drugs and vaccines and reports under two business units — Pfizer Biopharmaceuticals Group and Upjohn. Biopharma comprises six business units — Oncology, Inflammation & Immunology, Rare Disease, Hospital, Vaccines and Internal Medicine. Upjohn is a global, off-patent branded and generic established medicines business, which includes 20 off patent solid oral dose legacy brands, as well as certain generic medicines. In July 2019, Pfizer announced a definitive agreement to spin-off the Upjohn unit and combine it with generic drugmaker Mylan to create a new generic pharmaceutical company to be called Viatrix. The transaction is expected to close in second half of 2020. The Consumer Healthcare segment, an over-the-counter medicines business, was merged with Glaxo's unit in July 2019 to form a new joint venture (JV). Pfizer owns a stake of 32% in the JV and Glaxo owns the remaining 68%.

The Consumer Healthcare joint venture with Glaxo and the pending merger of Upjohn unit with Mylan, if successful, will make Pfizer a smaller company with a diversified portfolio of innovative drugs and vaccines. The smaller Pfizer should see better revenue growth as the Lyrica loss of exclusivity cliff will go away. However, its Upjohn unit is a cash rich business and its divestiture will reduce the company's cash flow. Pfizer's acquisition strategy has evolved from making huge acquisitions to buying early to mid-stage opportunities, which cost much less than the massive deals. Its key acquisitions include cancer-focused biotech Array BioPharma in July 2019, cancer-focused biopharma company, Medivation in September 2016, Anacor in June 2016, sterile injectable drugs and biosimilars manufacturer, Hospira in September 2015, King Pharmaceuticals in February 2011 and Wyeth in October 2009.

Worldwide sales were \$51.8 billion in 2019 (down 4%). Biopharmaceuticals and Upjohn segments accounted for 76% and 20% of total revenues, respectively in 2019. Biopharmaceuticals segment sales were \$39.4 billion in 2019, up 5% year over year. Upjohn recorded sales of \$10.23 billion, down 18%.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ **Acquisitions to Boost Growth & Pipeline:** Pfizer's October 2009 acquisition of Wyeth helped the company become more diversified with a stronger presence in emerging markets. Wyeth's large biologics platform, strong presence in vaccines, and significant consumer products businesses has been beneficial for Pfizer. Pfizer realized synergies of more than \$4 billion from the Wyeth acquisition.

The September 2015 Hospira acquisition has significantly expanded Pfizer's sterile injectable and biosimilar capabilities. The acquisition provided Pfizer with Hospira's lucrative biosimilar portfolio of both marketed and pipeline assets.

In 2016, the company spent approximately \$40 billion on acquisitions, which enhanced the company's growth potential by expanding its footprint in the highest-growth therapeutic areas. The June 2016 Anacor acquisition added Eucrisa (crisaborole) topical ointment for treating eczema to Pfizer's pipeline. The Bamboo Therapeutics acquisition (August 2016) complemented Pfizer's rare disease portfolio and enhanced its leadership position in gene therapy. The September 2016 acquisition of cancer-focused biopharma company, Medivation, added prostate cancer (castration-resistant) treatment, Xtandi, and talazoparib (now approved as Talzenna), an orally-available PARP inhibitor, to Pfizer's portfolio, which further strengthened its cancer franchise.

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- ▲ **Active on the Licensing and Collaboration Front:** In addition to acquisitions, Pfizer is looking to drive growth through licensing deals and collaborative agreements. Pfizer has a co-marketing deal with Merck for new type II diabetes medicine Steglato, both as a monotherapy and also in two fixed-dose combinations with metformin and with Januvia/sitagliptin. Other agreements include the development and commercialization of Eliquis with Bristol-Myers Squibb, Xtandi with Astellas and Bavencio with Merck KGaA. In December 2016, Pfizer acquired the rights to AstraZeneca's late-stage small-molecule anti-infectives business, primarily in ex-U.S. markets.

- ▲ **New Drugs and Deep Pipeline to Drive Long-Term Growth:** Pfizer has committed significant number of resources toward the development of treatments in the fields of oncology, internal medicine, rare diseases, immunology, inflammation, vaccines and hospital. Most of these are areas in which the company believes it can take leading positions. Pfizer has been working on streamlining its R&D efforts and has several late-stage candidates in its pipeline.

Pfizer expects approximately 25 to 30 drug approvals through 2022, including around 15 products that have blockbuster potential, including line-extensions for Xtandi, Ibrance & Xeljanx/XR.

In oncology, Pfizer gained FDA approval for several innovative medicines like Daurismo, Lorbrena, Vizimpro, Talzenna, Besponsa, and Mylotarg in 2017/2018, which can boost its oncology sales. Braftovi plus Mektovi, which Pfizer acquired following its acquisition of Array BioPharma, was launched as a treatment for BRAF-mutant melanoma, in 2018. Meanwhile, the combination therapy is being investigated in over 30 studies across several solid tumor indications.

A key candidate in the oncology pipeline is Bavencio (avelumab), which is being evaluated for different types of cancer while being already approved for Merkel cell carcinoma and second-line treatment of locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma. Bavencio is also approved for use in combination with Inlyta for first-line treatment of advanced kidney cancer. Though approved for these three small indications currently, Bavencio can be a key long-term growth driver for Pfizer if it gains label expansion approvals. Avelumab is being evaluated in various studies as a single agent as well as in various combinations with Pfizer/Merck KGaA's approved and investigational oncology therapies.

Interesting non-oncology pipeline candidates include abrocitinib/PF-04965842 (JAK selective inhibitor for atopic dermatitis – phase III; NDA filing expected in third quarter of 2020), ritlecitinib/PF-06651600 (JAK3 inhibitor for severe alopecia areata – phase III), PF-06482077 (20-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine – phase III; NDA filing expected in the fourth quarter of 2020), tanezumab (osteoarthritis pain – under review in the United States), somatropin (children with growth hormone deficiency – phase III) and fidanacogene elaparovect/PF-06838435 (gene therapy for hemophilia B – phase III). Meanwhile, Vyndaqel and Vyndamax, two oral formulations of tafamidis to treat transthyretin cardiomyopathy (TTR-CM), were approved and launched in the United States in 2019 and are off to a strong start.

Pfizer is also working on expanding the labels of approved products like Ibrance, Xeljanx, Xalkori and Eliquis. Xeljanx was approved in the United States for new indications, psoriatic arthritis in December 2017 and ulcerative colitis in May 2018. Xeljanx is also being evaluated in late-stage studies for ankylosing spondylitis (AS) with top-line data expected to be presented in 2020. Pfizer is exploring the possibility of expanding Ibrance into recurrent and subsequent early breast cancer.

Pfizer looks well positioned to deliver several potential new breakthrough innovative medicines in the next five years, which can drive long-term growth.

- ▲ **Growing Biosimilar Portfolio:** Pfizer launched Inflectra, its first biosimilar version of Remicade in November 2016. Inflectra was the first biosimilar monoclonal antibody available in the United States and its sales are growing in certain U.S. channels as well as in developed Europe. Gradually, Pfizer is venturing into the oncology biosimilars space. In Europe and United States, Pfizer markets biosimilar versions of Amgen's drugs Neupogen and Epogen. Biosimilar versions of Roche's cancer drugs Herceptin (trade name: Trazimera), Avastin (trade name: Zirabev) and Rituxan (trade name: Ruxience) and AbbVie's Humira (trade name: Abrilada) were approved by the FDA in 2019. Zirabev, Trazimera and Ruxience were launched in the United States in early 2020. Abrilada will be launched in 2023 per a settlement with AbbVie. Biosimilar versions of Herceptin, Avastin and Rituxan are also approved in the EU. Pfizer is evaluating several biosimilar molecules in various stages of development.

- ▲ **Cost-Cutting Initiatives & Shareholder Returns:** With several new product launches lined up for the next few years, Pfizer will need to make investments in new market creation activities. Pfizer is taking steps to simplify the organization, increase spans of control and reduce organizational layers to reduce bureaucracy and expedite decision making.

In 2017/2018, Pfizer undertook more cost-reduction/productivity initiatives, which generated cost savings of approximately \$1.6 billion in the three-year period 2017-2019. In 2020, Pfizer will be working to transform into a more focused company with CHC JV and Upjohn transactions.

Actions in this regard are expected to result in cost savings of about \$1.2 billion to be achieved over the three-year period 2020-2022.

Pfizer is also looking to reward shareholders through share buybacks and dividends. The company returned about \$16.9 billion to shareholders in the form of dividends and share buybacks in 2019, \$20.2 billion in 2018 and 12.7 billion in 2017.

▲ **Favorable Debt Profile:** Pfizer has \$36.2 billion in long term debt and \$16.0 billion in short term debt as of March 31, 2020. Its cash of \$10.35 billion is slightly short of meeting its short term debt obligations. However, Pfizer has \$15 billion available in revolving credit facilities bank which should be sufficient to pay its short term debt. As of Mar 31, 2020, the company's debt to total capital ratio stands at 35.7, which compares favorably to 36.2 as of Dec 31, 2019. A lower ratio indicates lower financial risk. Moreover, the company carries an A1 rating from Moody's (as of Mar 31, 2020) for its long term debt which indicates low credit risk. For its short term debt (commercial paper) Moody's has assigned a P-1 rating which means the company has a high ability to repay short term debt. Overall, Pfizer is in good financial health.

Reasons To Sell:

▼ **Shares Underperforming Industry:** Pfizer's shares have lost 9.5% this year so far compared with the industry's decline of 0.4%.

Currency headwinds and pricing pressure are top-line headwinds.

▼ **Generics Remain a Headwind:** We are concerned about the patent expiration faced by several products in Pfizer's portfolio over the next few years. Pristiq and Viagra lost patent exclusivity in the United States in 2017 and are facing generic competition. In 2019, Pfizer's sales were significantly hurt by the loss of Lyrica exclusivity in June 2019 (multi-source generic competition began in July 2019) in the United States. Loss of exclusivities (LOEs) is expected to hurt 2020 sales by \$2.4 billion mainly due to Lyrica generic erosion.

Some other products like Chantix and Sutent will lose exclusivity in the country in 2020 (November) and 2021, respectively. Meanwhile, many companies are seeking approval for generic versions of other key products like Ibrance and Xeljanz. Generic competition not only puts pressure on the company's pricing, it will also impact gross margins.

▼ **Rising Competition in Immuno-Oncology Market:** Although Pfizer is among the major players in immunotherapy, there are several other companies, big as well as small, looking to develop and bring immunotherapy treatments to market. Though Pfizer's growing immuno-oncology portfolio holds great potential, many of these assets are a few years away from commercialization. Rising competition in the immuno-oncology market is a significant concern.

In the breast cancer market, competition for Ibrance has increased with launches for Eli Lilly's Verzenio and Novartis' Kisqali. Xtandi faces competition from J&J's new prostate cancer drug Erleada as well as generic versions of Zytiga.

▼ **Pipeline Setbacks:** Pfizer has faced high profile pipeline failures in the CNS category including insomnia drug Indiplon and antipsychotic asenapine. Pfizer's CNS franchise has been significantly impacted by the loss of exclusivity on Zolof and the failure of these two candidates. The category remains a significant need for Pfizer, which we believe was part of the interest in Wyeth. Pfizer's other high-profile pipeline failures include bapineuzumab IV for Alzheimer's disease, torcetrapib for high cholesterol, dalbavancin (Zeven), an antibiotic for the treatment of skin infections, inhaled insulin drug Exubera, Sutent for liver cancer, melanoma candidate tremelimumab, bococizumab (a PCSK9 inhibitor for the treatment of elevated cholesterol) and OTC Lipitor.

▼ **Global Pricing Pressure:** Global efforts toward health care cost containment are creating pricing pressure on drugs and market access. While many of the company's drugs face pricing pressure in the United States, in many markets outside the United States, government-mandated pricing actions have led to lowering of generic and patented drug prices. All these factors are creating pressure on sales and profits of pharma companies. Also changes in the U.S. healthcare system as part of the health care reforms could further create pricing pressure.

This pricing pressure is expected to continue and hurt the top line in the future quarters.

Last Earnings Report

Pfizer Q1 Earnings Top, Biopharma Gains From Coronavirus

Pfizer reported first-quarter 2020 adjusted earnings per share of 80 cents, which beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate of 71 cents. Earnings however declined 5% year over year as lower revenues offset spending reductions.

Revenues came in at \$12.03 billion, which declined 8% from the year-ago quarter on a reported basis. On an operational basis, excluding the 1% negative impact of currency, revenues declined 7% year over year as higher sales of some key brands in Pfizer's Biopharmaceuticals group was offset by revenue decline in the Upjohn segment and sales lost due to the spin-off of the Consumer Healthcare (CHC) unit.

In the quarter, Pfizer saw slower rates of new prescriptions for certain drugs and fewer vaccines administered due to widespread restrictions on patient visits to doctors amid coronavirus-related lockdown. However, it expects the impact of these factors to be more significant in the second quarter. Meanwhile, some of Pfizer's medicines — Plevnar 13/Prevenar 13 and certain of its hospital products — saw increased demand as Pfizer believes they were prescribed to COVID-19 patients though not approved to treat the same. Meanwhile, Pfizer also saw an increase in wholesaler buying patterns for Eliquis due to COVID-19. Overall, first-quarter revenues included a net positive impact of approximately \$150 million, or 1%, due to COVID-19. Pfizer did not see a significant disruption in its supply chain as a result of the pandemic.

Importantly, excluding the spin-off of the Consumer Healthcare (CHC) unit, first-quarter revenues declined 1% operationally. International revenues declined 8% to \$6.38 billion. On an operational basis, international sales declined 6% in the quarter. U.S. revenues declined 8% to \$5.65 billion.

Adjusted selling, informational and administrative (SI&A) expenses declined 16% (operationally) in the quarter to \$2.75 billion. Adjusted R&D expenses rose 2% to \$1.73 billion.

Segment Discussion

Pfizer Biopharma sales grew 11% on a reported basis (up 12% on an operational basis) from the year-ago period to \$10 billion. Higher sales of brands like Eliquis, Ibrance, Inlyta and Vyndaqel/Vyndamax and higher biosimilars and emerging market revenues drove this segment's sales growth. Weaker sales of Plevnar 13/Prevenar 13 in the United States and Enbrel internationally offset the increase.

Within the Biopharma group, Oncology revenues increased 25% (on an operational basis) to \$2.44 billion. Vaccine revenues rose 1% to \$1.61 billion. Internal Medicine rose 10% to \$2.33 billion. The Inflammation & Immunology franchise declined 4% to \$978 million. The portfolio of Rare Disease rose 38% to \$639 million. Hospital sub-segment's sales rose 11% to \$2.01 billion. The Hospital segment comprises Pfizer's global portfolio of sterile injectable and anti-infective medicines.

In the Hospital segment Pfizer saw an increase in demand for certain of its anti-infective medicines, as well as other sterile injectable products utilized in the incubation and ongoing treatment of mechanically ventilated COVID-19 patients.

Pfizer's Upjohn group's sales declined 37%, both on a reported and operational basis, to \$2.02 billion mainly due to U.S. loss of exclusivity of Lyrica and lower sales of Lipitor and Norvasc in China, following the implementation of the VBP program in the country in December 2019. Upjohn revenues in China declined 41% operationally.

Performance of Key Drugs

Ibrance revenues rose 11% year over year to \$1.25 billion as continued strong uptake in emerging markets and increased volumes and continued CDK class markets share gains in the United States offset the impact of pricing pressure in developed European markets.

Xeljanz sales rose 8% to \$451 million driven mainly by growth in international markets. International sales rose 38% driven by continued uptake in the rheumatoid arthritis (RA) indication as well as from the recent launch of the ulcerative colitis (UC) indication in certain developed market. U.S. sales of Xeljanz rose 4% as higher volumes were offset by higher rebating from new commercial contracts and temporary lowering of wholesaler inventories in the quarter. However, Pfizer said that the wholesaler inventory levels for Xeljanz were restored to normal levels in early April.

Inlyta revenues were \$169 million in the quarter, much higher than \$73 million in the year-ago quarter, driven mainly by 255% growth in the United States. U.S. sales gained from increased uptake resulting from recent FDA approvals for the combination of Inlyta plus Bavencio and Inlyta plus Keytruda in first-line treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma patients.

Global Plevnar 13/Prevenar 13 revenues declined 1% to \$1.45 billion. Plevnar 13 revenues declined 10% in the United States, reflecting unfavorable timing of government purchases for the pediatric indication. Prevenar 13 revenues rose 11% in international markets.

Enbrel revenues declined 21% to \$347 million in key European markets due to continued biosimilar competition.

Eliquis alliance revenues and direct sales rose 29% to \$1.3 billion driven by continued increased adoption in nonvalvular atrial fibrillation as well as oral anticoagulant market share gains. Xalkori sales rose 24% to \$149 million. Xtandi recorded alliance revenues of \$209 million in the quarter, up 25% year over year. Sutent sales declined 9% to \$205 million. Chantix sales were flat at \$270 million in the quarter.

Importantly, new drug Vyndaqel/Vyndamax recorded sales of \$231 million in the quarter compared with \$213 million in the previous quarter, driven by strong performance in the United States. However, Pfizer saw a slowdown in new diagnosis in April due to lockdown restrictions as fewer patients visited doctors.

Quarter Ending 03/2020

Report Date	Apr 28, 2020
Sales Surprise	NA
EPS Surprise	12.68%
Quarterly EPS	0.80
Annual EPS (TTM)	2.90

Braftovi and Mektovi, which Pfizer acquired following its acquisition of Array BioPharma in 2019, recorded sales of \$37 million each in the first quarter of 2020 versus \$30 million in the previous quarter

Total biosimilar revenues were \$288 million, up 63% year over year. Inflectra/ Remsima recorded sales of \$158 million globally, up 15% year over year. New biosimilar product, Retacrit, a biosimilar of Epogen and Procrit, recorded \$89 million of revenues in the first quarter versus \$79 million in the previous quarter, reflecting continued strong uptake. In the United States, Retacrit recorded sales of \$66 million. Pfizer expects additional contribution from biosimilars in 2020 with the launch of Zirabev, Ruxience and Trazimera in the year.

In sterile injectables, global revenues increased 15% operationally to \$1.41 billion and U.S. revenues increased 22% operationally driven by increasing demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as Pfizer's manufacturing recovery efforts started taking shape.

In the Upjohn segment, sales of key drug Lyrica declined 70% to \$357 million due to multi-source generic erosion. Viagra sales declined 12% to \$127 million due to generic competition.

2020 Guidance

Pfizer expects to see significant impact of the uncertainty related to COVID-19 in the second quarter. Pfizer expects minimal impact on patient starts for Ibrance and Eliquis in the second quarter while for Vyndaqel and Xeljanz, it expects a drop in new patient starts in the second quarter. It also expects a temporary slowdown in Prevnar vaccinations. However, it expects a significant negative impact on sales of Chantix as it is administered on visiting a doctor.

However, it expects trends of patient visit to doctors, vaccinations and elective surgical procedures to improve in the second half of the year. It expects enrollment in clinical studies and new study starts to resume in the second half of the year.

Despite expectations of incremental negative currency impact, the company re-affirmed its financial guidance for 2020 for the present Pfizer as well as for the "New Pfizer", after the Upjohn divestiture. The company, however, did update certain components of the guidance to reflect actual and anticipated impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

Revenues are still expected in the range of \$48.5 billion to \$50.5 billion. The midpoint of the 2020 revenue guidance indicates no change from 2019 levels, excluding Consumer Healthcare and currency headwinds.

Adjusted earnings per share are expected in the range of \$2.82-\$2.92. Unfavorable impact of currency is expected to hurt 2020 revenues by \$600 million (previously \$200 million) and adjusted earnings by 4 cents per share.

Research and development expense guidance for present Pfizer was raised from a range of \$8.1- \$8.5 billion to \$8.6 - \$9.0 billion to account for the company's coronavirus-related research efforts. S&A spending guidance was lowered from a range of \$12.0-\$13.0 billion to \$11.5 - \$12.5 billion, primarily to reflect spending reductions related to COVID-19. Adjusted tax rate is expected to be approximately 15% in 2020.

The above guidance takes into account a full year of revenues and expense contributions from Biopharma and Upjohn.

The "New Pfizer" is expected to record revenues in the range of \$40.7 billion to \$42.3 billion, the midpoint of which indicates 8% volume-driven operational growth compared to 2019 Biopharma revenues. Adjusted EPS guidance for the "New Pfizer" is in the range of \$2.25-\$2.35. Pfizer's Biopharma unit will become the "New Pfizer" following the expected separation of Upjohn.

Pfizer expects strong growth of key brands like Ibrance, Inlyta and Eliquis to drive sales in 2020. In addition, new brands such as Vyndaqel/Vyndamax, Braftovi, Mektovi and oncology biosimilars should bring in additional sales.

Recent News

Ibrance Fails in Phase III Early Breast Cancer Study – May 29

Pfizer announced that an independent Data Monitoring Committee (DMC) has recommended that a large phase III PALLAS study evaluating Ibrance (palbociclib) in early breast cancer is unlikely to show statistically significant improvement in its primary endpoint of invasive disease-free survival (iDFS).

The study compared Ibrance plus standard adjuvant endocrine therapy to standard adjuvant endocrine therapy alone in pre- and postmenopausal women or men with HR+, HER2- early invasive (stage 2 and stage 3) breast cancer, including those at moderate-to-high risk of recurrence.

The study is co-sponsored by the Austrian Breast & Colorectal Cancer Study Group and Alliance Foundation Trials along with Pfizer and involves more than 400 centers in 21 countries worldwide.

Ibrance is not yet approved to treat any early breast cancer indication. Another phase III PENELOPE-B study is evaluating Ibrance in patients with high-risk early breast cancer. Data from the study are expected this year.

Final PROSPER Data at ASCO – May 29

Pfizer and Astellas presented final overall survival (OS) data from the phase III PROSPER study on Xtandi during the virtual scientific program of the annual meeting of ASCO. OS was a key secondary endpoint of the study.

The study evaluated Xtandi plus androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) versus placebo plus ADT in patients with non-metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer ("CRPC"). The data from the study showed that Xtandi plus ADT reduced the risk of death by 27%. The median OS was 67.0 months in the Xtandi plus ADT arm compared to 56.3 months in placebo plus ADT arm.

Xtandi was approved for this patient population on the basis of metastasis-free survival data from PROSPER study in 2018.

Pfizer's New Data on PF-0693992 – May 15

Pfizer presented new phase Ib data on its investigational gene therapy, PF-06939926 in ambulatory boys with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) at a medical conference. Preliminary safety data on nine ambulatory boys (aged 6 to 12) with DMD showed that treatment with PF-06939926 led to durable and statistically significant improvements across multiple efficacy-related endpoints measured at 12 months post-infusion. This included sustained levels of mini-dystrophin expression and improvements in muscle function measured by the North Star Ambulatory Assessment (NSAA) rating scale. Pfizer believes the data supports the advancement of the candidate into a pivotal phase III study.

New Data on Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Candidate – May 14

Pfizer announced positive top-line results from the phase III lot consistency study of 20-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine in pneumococcal vaccine-naïve adults 18 through 49 years of age. The study met its primary immunogenicity objective as the 20-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine elicited consistent immune response across three different lots.

Pfizer/ BioNTech Begin U.S. Studies on Coronavirus Vaccine – May 5

Pfizer and its Germany-based partner BioNTech announced that the first patients have been dosed in the United States in the phase I/II clinical study for BioNTech's mRNA-based vaccine program, BNT162 to prevent COVID-19. Pfizer and BioNTech announced plans to co-develop a vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in March. Four vaccine candidates, each representing different mRNA formats and target antigens, will be evaluated in a single, continuous study in the United States. Last month Germany's regulatory authority granted approval to begin a phase I/II clinical study in Germany. The dosing of the first cohort in Germany was completed last week.

Valuation

Pfizer's shares are down 9.5% in the year-to-date period and 15.4% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and sector are down 0.4% and 0.1%, respectively in the year-to-date period. Over the past year, stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and sector are up 12.3% and 7.2%, respectively.

The S&P 500 Index is down 5.4% in the year-to-date period but up 11.1% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 12.82X forward 12-month earnings per share which compares to 14.77X for the Zacks sub-industry, 23.32X for the Zacks sector and 22.08X for the S&P 500 Index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 16.39X and as low as 10.25X, with a 5-year median of 13.47X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$37 price target reflects 13.4X forward 12-month earnings per share.

The table below shows summary valuation data for PFE.

Valuation Multiples - PFE				
	Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
Current	12.82	14.77	23.32	22.08

P/E F12M	5-Year High	16.39	18.12	23.32	22.08
	5-Year Low	10.25	13.07	15.92	15.23
	5-Year Median	13.47	15.34	18.95	17.49
P/S F12M	Current	4.3	4.67	2.81	3.43
	5-Year High	4.96	4.83	3.75	3.44
	5-Year Low	3.31	3.92	2.21	2.53
P/B TTM	5-Year Median	4.01	4.38	2.92	3.02
	Current	3.01	6.26	4.28	4.17
	5-Year High	4.12	7.23	5.07	4.56
	5-Year Low	2.49	3.77	2.93	2.83
	5-Year Median	3.28	5.23	4.29	3.65

As of 6/1/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 7% (17 out of 253)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
AbbVie Inc. (ABBV)	Outperform	1
Eli Lilly and Company (LLY)	Outperform	1
BristolMyers Squibb Company (BMY)	Neutral	2
GlaxoSmithKline plc (GSK)	Neutral	2
JohnsonJohnson (JNJ)	Neutral	4
MerckCo., Inc. (MRK)	Neutral	3
Novartis AG (NVS)	Neutral	3
Roche Holding AG (RHHBY)	Neutral	3

Industry Comparison Industry: Large Cap Pharmaceuticals				Industry Peers		
	PFE	X Industry	S&P 500	BMY	MRK	NVS
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	2	3	3
VGM Score	A	-	-	A	C	B
Market Cap	196.97 B	144.76 B	21.80 B	136.42 B	200.82 B	198.65 B
# of Analysts	3	2	14	5	7	5
Dividend Yield	4.29%	2.74%	1.97%	2.99%	3.07%	2.32%
Value Score	B	-	-	A	B	B
Cash/Price	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.14	0.04	0.02
EV/EBITDA	9.41	14.07	12.62	23.95	14.22	14.07
PEG Ratio	2.13	2.02	2.92	1.17	2.20	1.91
Price/Book (P/B)	3.01	3.99	2.98	2.73	7.67	3.90
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	8.63	11.89	11.85	13.73	11.89	11.11
P/E (F1)	12.76	14.84	21.45	9.82	14.84	15.38
Price/Sales (P/S)	3.89	4.14	2.30	4.40	4.18	4.09
Earnings Yield	7.84%	6.74%	4.48%	10.18%	6.74%	6.51%
Debt/Equity	0.56	0.67	0.76	0.86	0.82	0.50
Cash Flow (\$/share)	4.11	4.33	6.96	4.39	6.69	7.80
Growth Score	B	-	-	A	D	B
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	8.07%	8.53%	10.87%	21.90%	9.00%	1.77%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-5.65%	3.06%	-10.79%	30.87%	3.28%	7.56%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-6.57%	3.68%	5.46%	36.74%	5.54%	4.27%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	2.54%	7.62%	8.55%	22.46%	0.15%	7.11%
Current Ratio	1.02	1.11	1.29	1.66	1.11	0.74
Debt/Capital	35.70%	39.71%	44.75%	46.16%	45.14%	33.33%
Net Margin	31.17%	22.54%	10.59%	3.08%	21.10%	24.97%
Return on Equity	25.76%	32.02%	16.29%	30.06%	52.46%	24.39%
Sales/Assets	0.31	0.46	0.55	0.33	0.57	0.41
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-12.75%	4.52%	-2.67%	59.02%	2.59%	4.76%
Momentum Score	B	-	-	C	C	C
Daily Price Chg	-7.15%	-0.33%	0.80%	0.95%	-1.44%	-0.86%
1 Week Price Chg	1.84%	1.84%	4.60%	-1.76%	5.70%	2.97%
4 Week Price Chg	-5.74%	3.19%	8.94%	0.20%	3.51%	3.19%
12 Week Price Chg	5.04%	7.88%	8.65%	4.56%	0.76%	6.41%
52 Week Price Chg	-15.41%	15.11%	0.08%	30.72%	-0.87%	-1.12%
20 Day Average Volume	24,159,612	3,068,755	2,465,511	16,279,821	9,903,773	1,673,903
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	-0.77%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.09%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-0.60%	0.00%	-0.27%	0.46%	0.09%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-2.79%	-2.62%	-16.20%	0.05%	-7.16%	-1.81%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-7.03%	0.00%	-0.83%	-6.17%	0.00%	0.00%

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