

Teleflex Incorporated (TFX)

\$388.84 (As of 07/23/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$408.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:
Neutral

(Since: 03/11/19)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:F

Value: C

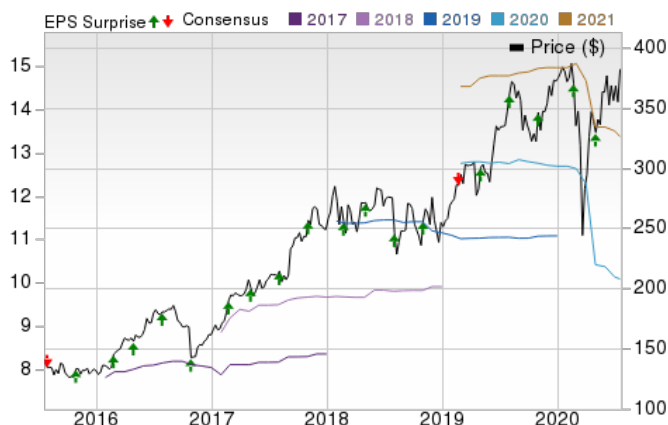
Growth: F

Momentum: F

Summary

Teleflex's robust improvement in revenues on balanced growth across majority of segments and geographies in first-quarter of 2020, despite the outbreak, is encouraging. UroLift's momentum till the second week of March was strong. Expansion of both margins and overall adjusted operating profit, and a strong solvency with high leverage bode well. Its first-quarter performance was better-than-expected. Yet, significant revenue decline in three business segments and in regions like Asia was caused by the outbreak. Shutdown of one of the company's third-party sterilization providers during the quarter is also concerning. Guidance withdrawal also does not bode well. Other factors like a stiff competitive landscape and foreign exchange fluctuations raise concern. Over the past six months, shares of Teleflex have underperformed the industry.

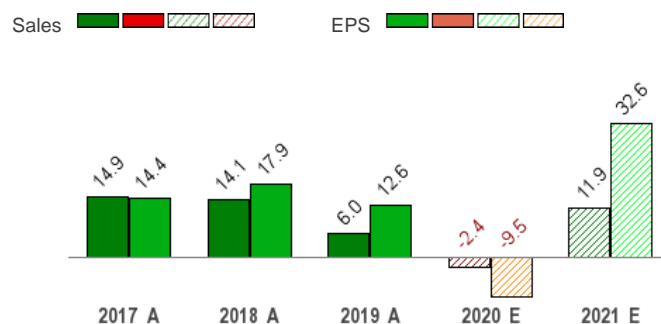
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$398.65 - \$221.27
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	186,536
Market Cap	\$18.1 B
YTD Price Change	3.3%
Beta	1.01
Dividend / Div Yld	\$1.36 / 0.3%
Industry	Medical - Instruments
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 37% (160 out of 252)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	18.3%
Last Sales Surprise	2.0%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-0.4%
Expected Report Date	07/30/2020
Earnings ESP	5.8%
P/E TTM	33.4
P/E F1	38.5
PEG F1	2.9
P/S TTM	6.9

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	684 E	711 E	722 E	757 E	2,833 E
2020	631 A	533 E	634 E	725 E	2,532 E
2019	614 A	653 A	648 A	681 A	2,595 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$3.00 E	\$3.39 E	\$3.49 E	\$3.79 E	\$13.38 E
2020	\$2.72 A	\$1.24 E	\$2.59 E	\$3.54 E	\$10.09 E
2019	\$2.24 A	\$2.66 A	\$2.97 A	\$3.28 A	\$11.15 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 07/23/2020. The reports text is as of 07/24/2020.

Overview

Teleflex is a global provider of medical technology products. The company primarily designs, develops, manufactures and supplies single-use medical devices used by hospitals and healthcare providers for common diagnostic and therapeutic procedures in critical care and surgical applications.

The company markets and sells its products to hospitals and healthcare providers worldwide through a combination of direct sales force and distributors. Teleflex has approximately 35 manufacturing sites with major manufacturing operations located in the Czech Republic, Germany, Malaysia, Mexico and the United States.

Following the acquisition of Vascular Solutions in 2017, Teleflex currently has seven reportable segments:

Vascular Access (23.2% of total revenues in fourth-quarter fiscal 2019, 6.3% growth at constant exchange rate or CER): Vascular access business which offers products that facilitate a variety of critical care therapies and other applications.

Interventional (16.5%; up 9.8%): This segment is comprised of the North American component of the company's acquired Vascular Solutions business, as well as interventional access and cardiac care businesses.

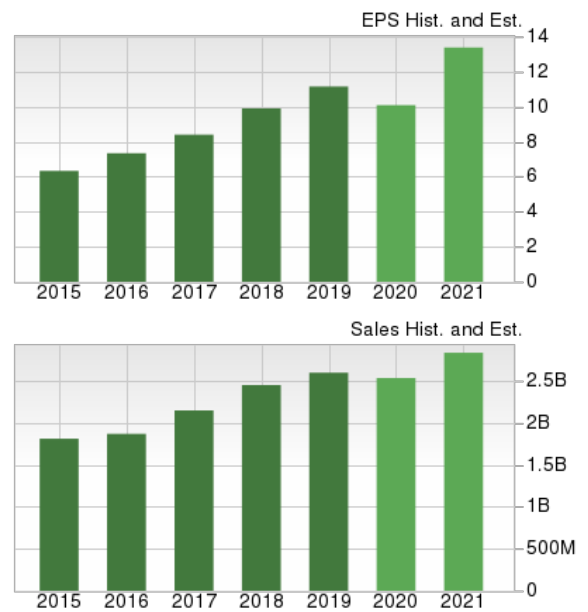
Anesthesia (13%; down 0.5%): This segment is comprised of North American pain management and airway management products and other products.

Surgical (14.3%; up 5.7%): a comprehensive range of devices for use in a variety of surgical procedures.

Interventional Urology (11.2%; up 47.8%): This segment provides medical devices primarily used in critical care, surgical applications and cardiac care and generally serves two end markets: hospitals/ healthcare providers, and home health.

Original Equipment Manufacturer and Development Services (OEM) (8.5%; up 8.2%): This segment designs, manufactures and supplies devices and instruments for other medical device manufacturers.

Other (13.4%; down 2.4%): The segment includes single-use respiratory products and also has an operating segment, encompassing the company's Latin American business.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ **NeoTract Inclusion an Upside:** NeoTract, the acquired business of Teleflex, has been performing impressively lately. This has prompted Teleflex to pay a higher level of contingent consideration than previously planned. Notably, UroLift System is a minimally invasive technology for treating lower urinary tract symptoms due to benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). In the first quarter, the Interventional Urology business improved 24.3% at CER on robust growth of UroLift till the first two weeks of March. The company trained more than 500 urologists, surpassing its target of 450.

Last November, the company received Shonin approval for UroLift in Japan. The company is currently working on a limited launch of the system in mid-to late 2020, with revenues to escalate in 2021. In February, Teleflex announced a major reimbursement milestone of receiving a positive coverage decision from health insurer Humana, adding approximately 9 million covered lives, bringing UroLift's total covered lives to over 270 million in the United States.

- ▲ **Vascular Solution Synergy Continues:** The \$976-million acquisition of Vascular Solutions (acquired in February 2017) has been accelerating growth of Teleflex' vascular and interventional access product portfolios by facilitating further expansion into the coronary and peripheral vascular market, and by generating increased cross-portfolio selling opportunities.

In the first quarter, the Vascular Access segment's reported net revenues rose 4.4% year over year and 5.6% at CER. The company registered strong growth in PICC (Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters) and EZ-IO.

- ▲ **Business in Americas and EMEA Grows Strong:** Geographically, Teleflex registered robust growth in its Americas region (up 4.1% and 4.3% at CER). This growth was primarily driven by strength in its Interventional Urology, Vascular Access and respiratory product categories despite the pandemic. In EMEA, reported growth was 1% whereas at CER, the growth was 3.8%. The uptick resulted from robust demand for Vascular Access, respiratory and Anesthesia products. Increased demand for respiratory products resulted from requirements to treat patients with COVID-19.

- ▲ **Business in Asia Holds Long-Term Potential:** Observing strong demand for the company's wide product line in emerging economies, Teleflex is currently focusing on expansion in densely populated geographies like Asia. The company has a solid market base for its Interventional Access and Anesthesia products in this region.

- ▲ **Strong Solvency With High Leverage:** Teleflex exited the first quarter of 2020 with cash and cash equivalents of \$406 million compared with \$301 million at the end of the fourth quarter of 2019. Meanwhile, total debt rose to \$2.49 billion for the period from \$2.01 billion in the sequentially last-reported quarter. This figure is much higher than the quarter-end cash and cash equivalent level, indicating weak solvency.

However, if we go by the company's debt payable in the near term, it stands at \$54 million, insignificant compared to the current cash holding. This shows that the company has sufficient cash for debt repayment despite the pandemic.

Debt comparison with the industry is favorable as the industry's total debt of \$3.69 billion is much higher than the company's debt level.

The quarter's total debt-to-capital ratio of 0.45 indicates a highly leveraged balance sheet. This represents an increase compared with the sequentially last-reported quarter's 0.40. This compares unfavorably with the total debt-to-capital of the industry, which stands at a lower level of 0.38.

Meanwhile, the times interest earned for the company stands at a 6.9%, reflecting an increase from 5.2% at the end of the fourth quarter of 2019. This, also compares favorably with the times interest earned for the industry which stands at a lower level (5.8%).

The company announced a quarterly cash dividend of 34 cents per share of common stock post its first quarter earnings release. The current payout ratio stands at a moderately low level of 11.7%, representing a sequential decline from 12.2% at the end of the fourth quarter of 2019. However, this compares unfavorably with the payout rate of the industry which stands at a lower level (6.9%).

Teleflex continues to report improvement in revenues banking on balanced growth across all segments and geographies. The newly-acquired NeoTract has already started to contribute to the company's topline quite handsomely.

Reasons To Sell:

▼ **Share Price Performance:** Over the past six months, Teleflex's stock has underperformed its industry. The stock has gained 2.7% compared with the industry's 14.9% growth. The company's Asia business experienced a revenue decline due to COVID-19. The Interventional business revenues were hampered due to the cancellation of certain nonemergent procedures whereas Anesthesia segment saw lower sales of laryngeal masks and certain regional Anesthesia products. Shutdown of one of the company's third-party sterilization providers during the quarter is also concerning. Guidance withdrawal also does not bode well. Other factors like a stiff competitive landscape and foreign exchange fluctuations raise concern.

▼ **Escalating Expenses Put Pressure on Bottom Line:** Teleflex' research and development expenses rose 0.9% in the first quarter of 2020. The company is on track with investments in research and development in order to accelerate growth from new products between 2019 and 2021.

Apart from this, over the past Teleflex has implemented a number of restructuring, realignment and cost reduction initiatives, including facility consolidations, organizational realignments and reductions in workforce-the most recent one being 2018 Footprint Realignment Plan. While the company has historically realized some efficiencies from these initiatives, it may fail to realize the benefits of these or future initiatives to the expected extent. This may also put pressure on bottom line.

▼ **Coronavirus Impact Pronounced:** The ongoing coronavirus pandemic is wreaking havoc on the economy as a whole, with Teleflex facing the impact since the second half of March. The company's Asia business experienced a revenue decline due to COVID-19. The Interventional business revenues were hampered due to the cancellation of certain nonemergent procedures whereas Anesthesia segment saw lower sales of laryngeal masks and certain regional Anesthesia products.

▼ **Competitive Landscape Tough:** Teleflex competes with companies, ranging from small start-up enterprises to larger and more established companies who have access to significantly greater financial resources. Furthermore, extensive product research and development and rapid technological advances characterize the market in which we compete. According to Teleflex, it competes primarily on the basis of clinical superiority and innovative features that enhance patient benefit, product reliability, performance, customer and sales support and cost-effectiveness. Its major competitors include Medtronic and Becton, Dickinson and Company.

▼ **Foreign Exchange Translation Impacts Sales:** Foreign exchange is a major headwind for Teleflex due to considerable percentage of its revenues coming from outside the United States. The strengthening of Euro and some other developed market currencies has been constantly hampering the company's performance in the international markets.

Escalating operating expenses are putting immense pressure on bottom line. Tough competition and pricing pressure also weigh on the stock.

Last Earnings Report

Teleflex Earnings and Revenues Beat Estimates in Q1

Teleflex's adjusted earnings per share from continuing operations of \$2.72 for the first quarter of 2020 were up 21.4% year over year. The bottom line also surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 18.3%.

GAAP earnings per share for the first quarter was \$2.78, reflecting a massive surge from the year-ago 89 cents.

Quarter Ending **03/2020**

Report Date	Apr 30, 2020
Sales Surprise	1.98%
EPS Surprise	18.26%
Quarterly EPS	2.72
Annual EPS (TTM)	11.63

Revenues in Detail

Net revenues in the first quarter rose 2.8% year over year to \$630.6 million and 4% on a constant exchange rate or CER. The top line surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 2%.

Segmental Revenues

In the first quarter, the **Vascular Access** segment reported net revenues of \$150.3 million, up 4.4% year over year and 5.6% at CER. The company registered strong growth in PICC (Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters) and EZ-IO.

The **Interventional** business registered net revenues of \$99.9 million, reflecting a 3.2% fall on a year-over-year basis and 2.3% at CER. Revenues were dented by declines in complex and drainage catheters, one less selling day and the divestiture of the catheter reprocessing product line. The segment was also adversely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic due to the cancellation of certain nonemergent procedures. However, higher sales of intra-aortic balloons, OnControl and MANTA were recorded in the quarter.

Within the **Anesthesia** segment, net revenues dropped 5.7% to \$75.7 million on a year-over-year basis and 3.9% at CER, primarily owing to lower sales of laryngeal masks and certain regional Anesthesia products as well as the impact of one less selling day.

The **Surgical** segment recorded net revenues of \$75.4 million, reflecting a 13% fall on a year-over-year basis and 11.5% at CER due to the coronavirus outbreak, shutdown of the Sterigenics Atlanta plant and a one less selling day.

Revenues of \$74.2 million in the **Interventional Urology** segment grew 24.2% on a year-over-year basis and 24.3% at CER. The uptick was primarily led by robust growth rate of UroLift till the first two weeks of March. However, the cancellation of elective procedures because of COVID-19 impacted this product line.

Meanwhile, **OEM** recorded revenue growth of \$63.4 million, up 16.9% on a year-over-year basis and 17.5% at CER. The uptick resulted from a mixture of additional revenue arising from the HPC acquisition and an increase of sales of existing products.

The **Other** product segment (consisting of the company's respiratory and urology care products) registered net revenues of \$91.7 million, highlighting growth of 7.2% year over year and 9.2% at CER. The growth was primarily supported by increased demand for respiratory products, such as filters and humidification, resulting from COVID-19.

Margins

In the reported quarter, gross profit totaled \$333.6 million. Gross margin expanded 10 basis points (bps) to 52.9% on a 2.9% rise in gross profit.

Selling, general and administrative expenses contracted 28.6% to \$147.8 million in the quarter under review, while research and development expenses rose 0.9% to \$27.4 million.

Overall adjusted operating profit was \$158.4 million, up 76.2% year over year. However, adjusted operating margin saw a massive surge of 1047 bps year over year to 25.1%.

Liquidity Position

Teleflex exited the first quarter with cash and cash equivalents of \$406.5 million, up from \$301.1 million at the end of 2019.

Cash flow used in operating activities from continuing operations was \$11.5 million at the end of first-quarter 2020 compared with net cash provided by operating activities of \$60.2 million in the year-ago period.

2020 Outlook

Teleflex is currently unable to ascertain the scope and duration of the pandemic as well as quantify the actual impact. The company also anticipates material disruption caused by the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and macroeconomic environment. It further expects significant adverse financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Accordingly, it has withdrawn its financial guidance for 2020 which was initially issued on Feb 20.

Recent News

Teleflex Presents Positive Data About UroLift: Jul 21, 2020

On Jul 21, 2020, Teleflex announced presenting data from three studies of the UroLift System at the European Association of Urology 2020 virtual congress, which demonstrated the safety and effectiveness of the minimally invasive treatment for benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) among broad patient groups.

Teleflex Publishes Early Patient Experience Data: Jun 22, 2020

On Jun 22, 2020, Teleflex announced the publication of data from a study, which compared patient experience of those treated with the UroLift System for benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) to those who received the Rezum steam injection.

Teleflex Presents Positive Data About Effectiveness of UroLift: May 18, 2020

On May 18, 2020, Teleflex announced that data from two analyses of the UroLift System were presented at the American Urological Association 2020 Virtual Science event. The results from the analyses highlight the effectiveness of the minimally invasive treatment for BPH in preserving sexual function in a real-world setting.

Teleflex Expands Production of ISO-Gard Mask: Apr 29, 2020

On Apr 29, 2020, Teleflex announced significant production expansion of the ISO-Gard Mask in response to increased demand from healthcare professionals worldwide to treat patients with respiratory needs.

Valuation

Teleflex shares are up 3.3% in the year to date period and up 12.3% in the trailing 12-month periods. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and Zacks Medical sector are up 16.4% and up 1.4% in the year to date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are up 17.2% and up 7.9%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 1.9% in the year-to-date period and up 9.9% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 32.6X Forward 12-months earnings, which compares to 43.4X for the Zacks sub-industry, 23.3X for the Zacks sector and 23.1X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 34.1X and as low as 17.1X, with a 5-year median 23.8X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$408 price target reflects 34.2X forward 12-months earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for TFX

Valuation Multiples - TFX					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F12M	Current	32.58	43.36	23.27	23.05
	5-Year High	34.14	43.36	23.27	23.05
	5-Year Low	17.10	23.23	15.89	15.25
	5-Year Median	23.79	28.04	18.98	17.52
P/S F12M	Current	6.68	4.50	2.86	3.62
	5-Year High	6.76	4.50	3.74	3.62
	5-Year Low	2.71	2.49	2.22	2.53
	5-Year Median	4.58	2.98	2.90	3.02
P/B TTM	Current	5.87	4.49	4.44	4.49
	5-Year High	6.45	4.67	5.07	4.56
	5-Year Low	2.61	2.69	2.94	2.83
	5-Year Median	4.55	3.82	4.30	3.71

As of 07/23/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 37% (160 out of 252)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
ABIOMED, Inc. (ABMD)	Neutral	4
Abbott Laboratories (ABT)	Neutral	3
AngioDynamics, Inc. (ANGO)	Neutral	4
Becton, Dickinson and Company (BDX)	Neutral	3
Cardiovascular Systems, Inc. (CSII)	Neutral	3
Masimo Corporation (MASI)	Neutral	3
Medtronic PLC (MDT)	Neutral	4
Boston Scientific Corporation (BSX)	Underperform	3

Industry Comparison Industry: Medical - Instruments				Industry Peers		
	TFX	X Industry	S&P 500	ABMD	ANGO	BSX
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Underperform
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	4	4	3
VGM Score	F	-	-	C	C	F
Market Cap	18.05 B	134.45 M	22.58 B	13.27 B	326.97 M	53.78 B
# of Analysts	8	2	14	7	2	11
Dividend Yield	0.35%	0.00%	1.81%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Value Score	C	-	-	D	A	C
Cash/Price	0.02	0.08	0.06	0.03	0.15	0.01
EV/EBITDA	31.45	-1.27	13.13	46.26	21.60	27.57
PEG Ratio	2.85	4.51	3.04	4.71	NA	4.01
Price/Book (P/B)	5.87	3.61	3.15	12.46	0.72	3.89
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	24.22	22.69	12.33	55.86	1.77	15.99
P/E (F1)	38.54	47.09	22.09	91.77	NA	42.74
Price/Sales (P/S)	6.91	4.21	2.41	15.78	1.24	4.99
Earnings Yield	2.59%	-3.56%	4.30%	1.09%	-1.27%	2.34%
Debt/Equity	0.79	0.09	0.76	0.00	0.12	0.68
Cash Flow (\$/share)	16.06	-0.13	7.01	5.27	4.91	2.40
Growth Score	F	-	-	A	D	F
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	15.60%	13.32%	10.82%	51.28%	-8.49%	13.88%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-9.54%	-5.63%	-9.01%	-32.28%	-216.67%	-43.10%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	9.60%	5.04%	5.47%	31.85%	221.89%	12.08%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	14.47%	11.49%	8.55%	51.31%	26.34%	10.33%
Current Ratio	3.60	2.64	1.31	4.82	2.97	1.21
Debt/Capital	44.23%	13.54%	44.41%	0.00%	10.73%	40.33%
Net Margin	21.12%	-14.56%	10.46%	24.14%	-62.76%	39.75%
Return on Equity	18.96%	-14.20%	15.13%	18.51%	0.62%	18.24%
Sales/Assets	0.41	0.58	0.54	0.72	0.39	0.39
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-2.44%	0.00%	-2.06%	-7.19%	3.75%	-10.81%
Momentum Score	F	-	-	D	F	F
Daily Price Chg	-0.15%	0.00%	-0.20%	-0.91%	-2.36%	0.10%
1 Week Price Chg	7.64%	3.47%	3.82%	7.58%	-6.39%	8.74%
4 Week Price Chg	9.54%	5.33%	6.02%	21.85%	-11.15%	13.40%
12 Week Price Chg	15.93%	12.27%	10.03%	54.02%	-16.68%	2.53%
52 Week Price Chg	12.34%	-9.70%	-2.89%	8.21%	-58.58%	-8.52%
20 Day Average Volume	186,536	237,540	2,026,477	376,291	282,757	10,076,421
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-625.00%	0.10%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-0.43%	0.00%	0.15%	-0.09%	-167.74%	0.10%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-10.23%	-10.08%	-3.24%	-26.66%	-167.74%	-20.51%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-0.93%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-700.00%	-1.02%

Zacks Stock Rating System

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Zacks Recommendation

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Zacks Rank

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Value Score	C
Growth Score	F
Momentum Score	F
VGM Score	F

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