



Inside Today's Blitz

- Strong Earnings Lift the Nasdaq to New Highs
- Eurozone Flash PMI Hits 21-Year High as Economy Reopens
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Could Hit 60 Votes Next Week
- **MGA** is buying **VNE** for \$3.8B; **CG** is raising \$27B for a new fund, their first in years, per reports; China is cracking down on after-school tutoring (**GOTU, EDU, TAL**)

Market Outlook

Futures indicating a positive open for the day with the **Dow** up 48 bps, the **S&P** up 49 bps, and the **Nasdaq** up 49 bps to new highs. The **Russell** is up 73 bps. Energy is slightly weak with **WTI** down 15 bps. **Gold** and **silver** both in the red with the latter down 52 bps. **Copper** is up 31 bps. The **dollar** is up 10 bps. **Bonds** are down 38 bps. **VIX** is 20. It's been a mostly positive night for stocks with flash PMI data overall positive and earnings helping lift the Nasdaq. Both Twitter and Snap crushed estimates as more companies put money into digital advertising and big validation that spending levels are back to pre-pandemic levels. Elsewhere, new data has shown that Pfizer's vaccine is just 39% effective in stopping the delta variant but protects strong against hospitalization. The new data comes as we see more shutdowns and mask mandates go back into effect globally as concerns over the new strain spread. IN Washington, the odds of a bipartisan infrastructure bill are rising

and could see the 60 votes necessary for passage as soon as next week. US State Dept. officials are heading to China for their first in-person meeting in three months.

Asian markets are mixed today with the Hang Seng down 1.45%, Shanghai down 68 bps, and Taiwan flat. Japan remains closed. In Europe, the major indices are mostly higher today. The DAX is up 87 bps, CAC is up 93 bps, and the FTSE is up 81 bps. We're seeing outperformance in autos, materials, and tech. Energy is lagging but not overly negative. It was a fairly positive day for earnings in the region. Swedish builder **Skanska AB** rose 5.5% after reporting a big jump in second-quarter profit. Swiss chemicals company **Lonza** rose 2% after raising its 2021 outlook. **Vodafone** gained nearly 2% after the British telecom major reported higher revenues in its first quarter. Security firm **Ultra Electronics** rose over 30% after receiving a takeover bid from aerospace manufacturer **Cobham**. **Dassault Aviation** shares soared 5% on strong earnings.

Calendar

Today... Manufacturing PMI, Composite PMI, Services PMI;
Earnings Before the Open: AIMC, AXP, FBP, FHB, GNTX, HON, KMB, NEE, NEP, RF, ROP, SLB, SXT, SBSI, TRTN, UBSI; **Roadshow/Analyst Meetings:** KMX, JPM

Next Week... one of the busiest weeks of the quarter with earnings from LMT, OTIS, FFIV, TSLA, GE, MMM, PHM, SHW, UPS, AAPL, AMD, GOOGL, MSFT, SBUX, V, BA, BMY, MCD, PFE, FB, NOW, LRCX, PYPL, QCOM, CMCSA, MA, MRK, AMZN, PINS, and many more. We'll also get the FOMC on Wednesday, Q2 GDP, and inflation data.

Overnight Markets

Copper	4.35	0.29%
Natural Gas	4.01	0.17%
US Dollar	92.92	0.10%
Oil (WTI)	71.8	-0.15%
Gold	1799.2	-0.35%
Silver	25.25	-0.52%
VIX	20	-2.75%

Technical View



Key Levels to Watch

S&P futures (ES_F) continuing their march higher this morning after clearing 4374. We balanced for much of the night around the closing highs at 4371 but broke higher around the EU open. The market remains very extended, so upside may be more difficult today. Targets include 4384.75 and 4395.75. A pullback would have support at 4363, 4352.25, and 4341.75.

Economic Data

- **EU** flash manufacturing PMI was 62.6 vs 62.5 est.
- **EU** flash services PMI was 60.4 vs 59.3 est.
- **UK** retail sales rose 0.5% in June vs -0.1% est.
- **Australian** services PMI fell to 44.2 vs 56.8 prior
- **Taiwan** industrial production rose 18.37% vs 12.5% est.
- **Singapore** CPI was 0.6% vs 0.9% est.
- **Russia** raises key rate to 6.5%, sharpest move since 2014, amid stubbornly high inflation

Macro News

- **China** purchases of soybeans will slow significantly in 2H, says Reuters
- **New Zealand** has suspended travel with Australia for eight weeks due to COVID, says WaPo
- **Australia** is tightening lockdown restrictions again as government officials look to contain the latest emergency, per Reuters
- **The ECB** won't consider rate hikes until projections show 2% inflation is achievable within a year, per Bloomberg
- **GOP** senators resist raising **debt ceiling** as Democrats push Biden's ambitious spending plans, per WSJ
- **NYC hotel room demand** has surged to its highest level since the start of the pandemic, says Bloomberg

Movers

Gainers: SNAP 13%, SKX 7.5%, CE 7%, Ocul 5.5%, RHI 5%, TWTR 4%, PINS 4%, FB 2.5%

Losers: SAM -17%, MLHR -9.5%, APDN -9%, VRSN -4%, INTC -3%

Insider Buying

AFIB, MCG, COSM, DAL

IPO Calendar

Ryan Specialty (RYAN) raising \$1.3B at a \$6.1B market cap; assists in the placement of hard-to-place risks for retail insurance brokers

Core & Main (CNM) raising \$750M at a \$5.2B market cap; distributes water infrastructure products

Paycor (PYCR) raising \$361M at a \$3.4B market cap; HCM software for SMID-cap businesses

VTEX raising \$304M at a \$3.2B market cap; business-to-consumer e-commerce platform in Latin

Stock-Specific News

Consumer/ Business Services

- **PF Chang's** in talks for an IPO, says Bloomberg. The popular restaurant chain could be valued at \$1B
- **California Pizza Kitchen** is looking to refinance debt ahead of a possible sale, says Bloomberg
- **Crown Resorts** said that **Star Entertainment** has pulled their merger proposal, per Bloomberg
- **LW** is expanding capacity citing confidence in their long-term growth of the global french fry market
- **China** is cracking down further on after-school tutoring, says Caixin, citing a government document. Beijing is considering asking companies to go non-profit, a significant undercut to the \$100B industry
- **WPP** has pulled out of the ongoing Facebook media agency review, says WSJ, likely ending their work handling most of the Facebook media planning and buying

Financials

- **Carlyle (CG)** is raising \$27B for a new fund, per Bloomberg. The fund would also be 46% bigger than the firm's previous flagship pool
- **JPM** is planning to boost headcount in their wealth management business, says Bloomberg, nearly doubling the number of advisors
- **NatWest** is selling more assets from their Irish business to Permanent TSB, says Reuters
- **SSB** to merge with **ACBI** in an all-stock deal valued at \$542M

Healthcare

- **ADVM** no longer plans future development for DME in INFINITY
- **PFE** said that studies show their vaccine is only 39% effective in preventing spread of the delta variant but provides strong protection against hospitalization, per Bloomberg
- **PFE, BNTX** to supply U.S. with additional 200M doses of vaccine
- **AZN** says Vaxzevria 'highly effective' after one dose in COVID variants
- **ALZN** reports positive toxicology results for AL002 in GLP study

Industrials

- **Magna (MGA)** is buying **Veoneer (VNE)** for \$3.8B or \$31.25/share. MGA sees synergies of \$100M per year through 2024.
- **TSLA** has put new Model S deliveries on hold, says Elektrek
- **Dassault Aviation** is higher today in Europe after posting strong results and noting a rebound in business jet sales, per Bloomberg

Sympathy Movers

GOTU, EDU, TAL all getting hit hard this morning on the news, down around 40-50%

Chart Watch

CG working back to June VPOC this week and a move higher targets \$48 and then new highs, impressive strength since February

Hawk Database

PFE buyers recently in the January \$41 calls and June 2020 \$40 calls while the Sept \$41 puts sold to open 2850X

Sympathy Movers

APTV on watch today as a peer of VNE that could move with the deal and above \$159 has room to run

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- **Signify** is lower in Europe today after the world's largest lighting manufacturer warned about supply chain pressures, per Reuters
- **Skanska** is rallying in Europe after the construction company posted a strong quarter and guidance, per Reuters. Profit growth was powered by its Construction division which is refocusing on higher-margin projects, and by high activity and profitability at its residential property development business.
- **Thales (HO:FP)** shares higher in Europe after raising 2021 sales goal and new orders rose 37%. Europe's largest defence electronics company, whose systems range from radar to rail, and biometric sensors to satellites, said the increase reflected a broad rebound compared with the worst stages of the pandemic, except for civil aerospace.
- French auto parts company **Valeo** is soaring today after solid 1H numbers and FY guidance
- **Cobham** has made a \$3.6B bid for UK rival **Ultra Electronics**, says Reuters. The move could trigger national security concerns due to Cobham's US ownership

Energy & Materials

- **Norsk Hydro** is higher in Europe after a solid Q2 and outlook. Higher all-in metal prices and volumes in Aluminum Metal, improved margins and volumes in Extrusions, and better results from Hydro Energy contributed positively to adjusted EBITDA.

Tech/Telecom

- **INTC** said last night that they look to be a 'consolidator' within the industry, per WSJ, but didn't mention **Global Foundries** by name
- **VOD** CEO teased a potential spinoff of its African mobile money service M-Pesa, per Bloomberg. Read said that as the business scales, it may be prudent to look at whether they want to anything with the business
- **FoxConn** says it expects only a minimal impact from the current flooding in China, per Nikkei
- **TSM** is planning to boost output for automotive chips, says Digitimes, as the foundry has struck multiple contracts set to be fulfilled next year
- **TBLA** is buying Connexity for \$800M; Connexity is one of the largest independent e-Commerce media platforms in the open web
- **Buyers Edge**, a software provider for food-service firms, is going public via SPAC with **SNII**, says Bloomberg.

Hawk Database

VOD buyers recently in size for the September \$16 and \$17 calls while the October \$18 and \$19 calls also have large OI from May

Analyst Notes

Upgrades

- **MNST** raised to Buy at Citi, the analyst likes Monster's long-term outlook and believes the company can gain share in growing global energy drink category. Further, its large cash position and zero debt leaves scope for share repurchases
- **SBUX** raised to Outperform at Baird, the analyst's recent U.S. coffee category data points have strengthened his confidence that Starbucks can show upside to near-term comps and earnings estimates. When looking further ahead, the company is well positioned to deliver scarce compounding growth characteristics for many years to come
- **TTD** raised to Overweight at Stephens, the firm believes Trade Desk's dominant positioning as the independent demand side platform of choice makes the stock a compelling pick and views the proliferation of Connected TV as a worthwhile catalyst
- **DHI** raised to Strong Buy from Outperform at RJF
- **WSO** raised to Overweight at Stephens
- **CBT** raised to Overweight at JP Morgan
- **LIND** raised to Buy at Craig Hallum
- **AAL** raised to Buy at Seaport
- **WSFS** upgraded to Outperform at KBW
- **BANC** raised to Outperform at RJF

Chart Watch

MNST has a great coiled weekly wedge pattern, a recent buy of 1500 September \$95/\$105 call spreads, and above \$94.25 triggers a breakout.

Chart Watch

TTD recently rejected at \$80.50 resistance but held a 38.2% retracement on the dip and could make another run, some recent call action, including the 40,000 October \$75 bought on 7/7.

Downgrades

- **SQM** cut to Underweight at MSCO
- **SAM** cut to Neutral at Goldman after big Q2 miss and weak outlook
- **MCRB** cut to Sell at Goldman, \$7 target, as disappointing top line results for the company's SER-287 Phase 2b ECO-RESET study prompts the analyst to remove projections for the asset from the model. SER-287 failed to demonstrate any evidence of efficacy over placebo in inducing remission in patients with mild-to-moderately active ulcerative colitis, across the range of primary or secondary endpoints
- **DPZ** cut to Neutral at JP Morgan
- **LPRO** cut to Neutral at Goldman

Initiations

- **IS** started Buy at Goldman, \$11 target; ironSource is a mobile ad network and business platform for app publishers & telecom operators that should deliver strong revenue growth. ironSource should benefit from growth in the mobile app market, driving increased spend by existing and new

customers. Second, new product innovation in user acquisition, monetization, and publishing should help to drive market share gains. Third, Sonic Publishing, ironSource's publishing-as-a-service business, helps independent developers publish games and recent successes (e.g., Bridge Race, Going Balls) could provide additional upside risk to estimates

- **INSE** started Buy at Truist
- **OGN** started Buy at Citi, \$35 target
- **INDI** started Buy, \$14 target at Deutsche Bank
- **MP, PLL** started Buy at DA Davidson
- **CERT** started Outperform at Baird

Other Notes

- **BP, CVX, COP** estimates raised at Piper, the analyst says crude oil tightness adds further momentum to the robust free cash flow outlooks for the integrated oils. He views the outlook into the Q2 quarter results as unquestionably positive for the sector.
- **DOCN** target raised to \$64 from \$58 at Barclays, firm expects a positive Q2 earnings season for U.S. software saying end demand continues to improve and checks show that pipeline visibility into the second half is improving. This should enable management teams to provide more optimistic commentary around second half guidance and help fuel the current rotation back into growth
- **CROX** target to \$155 from \$130 at Pivotal
- **SCHW** sell-off a buying opportunity says Citi
- **NKE** target to \$195 from \$150 at OpCo

Chart Watch

CERT has pulled back since February with a large falling wedge pattern, above \$28.25 would be a key trend inflection move.

Hawk Database

DOCN a featured write-up today with recent buys of 1000 August \$50 and \$55 calls into its early August earnings report

Trade Ideas

United Rentals (URI) strong move this week back up to resistance of a multi-week range and put in a nice inside day yesterday just under \$324. A breakout above has a measured move to \$360. MACD crossed back over bullish this week and RSI is above 50, plenty of room for acceleration higher out of this downtrend. URI a top performer in 2020/2021 and earnings on 7-28, higher each of the last three.



Technical Scans

Inside Days: EW, TSCO, TXRH, PPG, CMCSA, ICE, HD, LHX, SCCO, NFLX, ROST, TDG, AVGO, URI

Bullish Reversal Days: SBAC, AMT, TMUS, CHD, DGX, GLD, BGNE, MKTX, NLOK, AEE, XEL, CLX, ANTM

Ready to Run: FFIV, TEAM, ZI, LOB, PPD, CRM, DDS, MEOH, ALXO, TDUP, CENX, RDWR, DRVN, CMC, WEX, DASH

Biotech Event

Forte Biosciences (FBRX) interesting small-cap biotech with a buyer on 7/22 of 1,000 August \$40/\$55 call spreads for \$2.78. The \$491M company has traded flat in 2021, rather rangebound with support below at \$26 and resistance at \$40. FBRX is focused on dermatology, and they are developing a live biotherapeutic FB-401 to treat pediatric atopic dermatitis patients. FBRX has collaborations with the NIH and NIAID. Atopic dermatitis is a relapsing inflammatory skin disorder that is both chronic and incurable and leads to immune dysregulation. AD is often inflamed by environmental factors like irritants and allergens. According to FBRX, "a 2010 study in the US evaluating AD severity in children found that 67% had mild disease, 26% had moderate disease and 7% had severe disease. Approximately 85% of all cases of AD begin before age 5." FBRX's treatment is a new approach to treating AD by using therapeutic strains of a gram-negative bacteria, *Roseomonas mucosa*, which has a significant impact on AD. Recent Phase 1/2 studies have shown significant reduction in AD as well as helping slow usage of steroid use. They have key data upcoming with their Phase 2 readout for FB-401 which is seen as a significant binary event as it could validate microbiome medicines. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$82 with a Street High \$105 from Chardan. B Riley with a Buy rating in May noting that FB-401 could fill the therapeutic gap for a steroid-free treatment for mild to moderate atopic dermatitis. FB-401 appears to repair tissue and reduce underlying inflammation by modulating key immune pathways while simultaneously suppressing specific bacterial species known to exacerbate. Forte shares offer a compelling risk/reward profile to investors ahead of potentially de-risking clinical results from an ongoing Phase II study expected in Q3. Citi thinks success in Phase 2 trials would push the Forte closer to its \$2B unadjusted opportunity.

Extras

Carter's (CRI) late trade selling August \$90 puts to buy \$100/\$110 call spreads 1500X

SeaWorld (SEAS) late day buyer 1500 September \$46 puts to open \$4.10 offer

Six Flags (SIX) late day buyers 1450 September \$40 puts \$3.10 offer

eXp World (EXPI) opening sale 500 March \$35 ITM calls \$9.60

Open Interest Checks

Ticker	Contract	OI Checks		
		Prior OI	New OI	OI Change
T	October \$29 Puts	6,988	14,982	114.40%
GPRE	December \$35 Calls	1,260	2,260	79.37%
VOYA	November \$60 Puts	1,992	3,492	75.30%
TWTR	September \$75 Calls	5,952	10,154	70.60%
BKR	October \$18 Calls	2,786	4,658	67.19%
T	August \$28 Calls	13,399	20,492	52.94%
TGT	January \$280 Calls	1,896	2,636	39.03%
COIN	August \$220 Puts	2,975	3,949	32.74%
ABNB	October \$140 Calls	2,189	2,905	32.71%
SE	August \$310 Puts	2,017	1,740	-13.73%
GOOS	January \$40 Calls	1,279	1,083	-15.32%
CPRT	August \$140 Calls	1,301	1,089	-16.30%
AFYA	September \$22.5 Calls	1,000	521	-47.90%
ASAN	January \$50 Calls	1,017	409	-59.78%

What They're Saying

Croc's (CROX) earnings call on new products and megatrends... "Jibbitz sales were once again exceptional, more than tripling for the quarter versus last year. The global personalization megatrend continues. And Crocs fans enjoy the experience of shopping for Charms in our retail and wholesale stores. From a channel perspective, global DTC revenues, which include revenues from e-commerce and company-owned retail stores, grew by 79%. Retail had extraordinary performance with traffic and conversion up significantly from a more normalized second quarter of 2019. E-commerce performed well, and this was the 17th consecutive quarter of double-digit e-commerce growth. Sandal sales were a standout, increasing 57% for Q2 and 38% for the first half, driven by our Classic Slide and Classic Sandal but both feature personalization."

Blackstone (BX) earnings call on its top fee engine... "The largest single engine of perpetual capital and fee-related earnings at the firm is our real estate Core+ business. AUM has grown to \$85 billion across 5 vehicles. The largest of these, BREIT, raised nearly \$6 billion in the second quarter and an additional \$2.6 billion

of monthly subscriptions after quarter end on July 1, bringing it to \$34 billion in total size. We are launching a sixth Core+ vehicle, BPF, which like BREIT will target high-quality income-producing assets on behalf of retail investors, this time focused on European real estate. BREIT will separately acquire AIG's affordable housing portfolio in the U.S. for \$5.1 billion. This speaks to the leading scale of our BREIT franchise and the advantages of long-duration capital. Blackstone will also acquire a 9.9% stake in AIG Life and Retirement, which is consistent with the disciplined capital-light approach we've talked about previously as well as our other insurance partnerships. We are establishing the leading platform in our industry with a menu of bespoke products, including our nontraded REIT; BREIT; and our new BTC, BCRED. The response from individual investors for Blackstone-managed private real estate and credit has been powerful. We are now raising nearly \$4 billion per month. That's \$4 billion per month for BREIT and BCRED together. We believe that demand for these 2 products will continue for years to come and I believe will continue to grow, that this powerful distribution channel is ideal for other products we're developing as well."

Vicor (VICR) earnings call on its advanced products growth... "So the growth in the end markets there, AI, HPC, data center, being driven by AI in the interim period here, although we've seen some new projects kick in on the HPC side as well adding to that growth. And then the new rollout of the Intel, CPUs and AMD, EPYC CPUs, we did 48-volt data centers where the bridging 48 to 12 is going into quite a substantial market opportunity for us. I talked about that as a \$500 million SAM as 5 years from now. So that's an important piece, and we're playing in it. And that piece is growing as well and will continue to grow over the rest of this year and into next, we'll see a ramp-up in opportunities there, those CPU platforms from Intel and AMD start to get really rolled out into these hyperscaler data centers. But AI is dominating right now."

Chart Industries (GTLS) on its 2023 TAM... "With our portfolio structured in a way that we can pull on multiple levers for this decade's anticipated growth, I thought now would be a good time to address many questions that have received about what a 2030 total addressable market could look like for our business, based solely on what is in our portfolio today and excluding new product introductions that we anticipate to have across the coming years. Note that this is a product and market level, bottoms-up build from our team, and we have specific assumptions for each specialty area. As you can see, at \$36.5 billion of addressable market in 2030, we have considerable runway for growth. In a market like hydrogen, which is one of -- with very fast evolution for over the next 2 to 5 years, options in the value chain will be assessed and chosen, we're well positioned. I would note that Hydrogen Council just released updated data that indicates announced hydrogen projects increased by \$200 billion since February of this year, bringing the total amount of investment in this decade to \$500 billion. This is a 67% increase in 6 months on these announced projects."

Snap (SNAP) earnings call on AR Shopping... "We're super excited about AR shopping. In particular, we're focused on apparel and accessories. It's obviously a huge spending category for young people, but more importantly, it's a real opportunity for us to differentiate. So if you think about the in-store experience in a changing room, that's not particularly pleasant at home trying to shop online and find the right size and roll through thousands of little tiles of models we're in clothing. None of those feel personal, and none of them really capture the experience of trying something on which is so important for consideration with apparel and accessories. So AR can really solve this problem in an interesting way. There are some places where I think from a product perspective, we have solved the technical challenge. So trying on a pair of shoes or watch sunglasses, those are all areas where today we see really great results for retailers, and that's where we're focused on scaling. So helping people create and manage their 3D models and make sure that they can easily turn them into lenses. And then there are other problems that we're still working on solving. So for example, trying on a t-shirt and making sure the cost looks really realistic and drapes over your shoulders in the right way. That's much more complicated to do from a technical perspective. And making good progress there, but it's not perfect

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yet. So I'd say what we've tried to do is focus on the areas where we've got a great technical solution and the product works and delivers results. And of course, brands are seeing success with the lenses that they're creating. And then we're making much longer-term investments with things like fit analytics to find the right fit and the right size with all of our efforts around closing try-on. And we released some really great new features in 1 Studio 4.0 recently that helped get us part of the way there, but it may take a little longer for full on apparel try on. But nevertheless, we think AR is going to play a really important role. There's lots of stuff we can do to scale today, and you may have seen some of our efforts to make our beauty AR lenses more scalable so that we can ingest someone's entire catalog of beauty SKUs and help people try them on really easily through Lens web builder. So a lot of efforts to reduce friction and make it easier to scale and then a lot of really exciting technical and product opportunities for the future."

Earnings Grid

7/26 BMO Reports

Stock	Next Earn Date	Time	Open Interest	Historical Moves	Implied Move	Aug. 8 Q Max Move	Med. 8 Q Close Move	Sum. 8 Q Close Move	IV30 Skew	IV30 Avg Crush	Hist Put/Call OI %ile	Short Float	\$I Change (3mo)
LMT	7/26/2021	BMO	Bear: \$6.98M (58%), Bull: \$4.25M (35%), Stock: \$0.77M (6%)	Lower 5 of 8, Lower last 3	0.90%	2.73%	-0.61%	-6.72%	3.93	-7.56%	5.78%	1.00%	-30.92%
CHKP	7/26/2021	BMO	Bull: \$2.24M (100%)	Lower 6 of 8, Lower last 4	4.85%	4.69%	-1.56%	-14.94%	-0.26	-22.30%	75.65%	6.19%	-22.54%
HAS	7/26/2021	BMO	Bear: \$0.58M (81%), Bull: \$0.14M (19%)	Lower 6 of 8	1.24%	8.88%	-5.30%	-33.59%	1.43	-26.42%	98.78%	2.71%	-23.79%
RPM	7/26/2021	BMO	No Trades Since Last Report	Higher 5 of 8, Lower last 2	5.31%	5.26%	0.84%	5.46%	3.83	-20.12%	38.29%	1.09%	6.87%

Earnings Review

Ticker	Stock	EPS Actual	EPS Est.	Revs Actual	Revs Est.	Y/Y Change	Notes
OZK	Bank OZK	\$1.16	\$0.92	\$268.49	\$259.35	11.90%	
SAM	Boston Beer Co	\$4.75	\$6.68	\$602.80	\$657.65	33.30%	FY Below
COF	Capital One	\$7.71	\$4.52	\$7,374.00	\$7,125.25	12.50%	
CSL	Carlisle Cos	\$2.16	\$2.12	\$1,177.80	\$1,151.55	22.00%	
CE	Celanese	\$5.02	\$4.49	\$2,198.00	\$1,953.05	84.20%	FY Above
BOOM	DMC Global	\$0.10	\$0.15	\$65.44	\$69.48	51.50%	FY Below
FE	FirstEnergy	\$0.59	\$0.57	\$2,600.00	\$2,650.98	4.00%	FY In Line
INTC	Intel	\$1.28	\$1.07	\$18,500.00	\$17,797.94	1.60%	FY In Line
RNR	RenaissanceRe	\$5.64	\$4.77	\$1,512.29	\$1,503.67	28.10%	
RHI	Robert Half	\$1.33	\$1.04	\$1,580.58	\$1,474.89	42.60%	
SKX	Skechers USA	\$0.80	\$0.50	\$1,657.77	\$1,486.61	127.30%	FY Above
SNAP	Snap	\$0.10	-\$0.01	\$982.11	\$846.57	116.20%	FY Above
SIVB	SVB Financial Group	\$9.09	\$6.52	\$1,489.00	\$1,141.97	68.10%	
TWTR	Twitter	\$0.20	\$0.07	\$1,190.43	\$1,062.11	74.20%	FY Above

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VRSN	VeriSign	\$1.31	\$1.38	\$329.40	\$328.16	4.80%	
VICR	Vicor	\$0.43	\$0.37	\$95.38	\$93.98	34.80%	
WRB	W.R. Berkley	\$1.17	\$1.00	\$1,971.60	\$1,904.60	17.60%	
WSFS	WSFS Financial	\$2.00	\$0.88	\$106.75	\$120.98	-6.20%	

Earnings Before the Open

Ticker	Stock	EPS Actual	EPS Est.	Revs Actual	Revs Est.	Y/Y Change	Notes
AIMC	Altra Industrial	\$0.89	\$0.82	\$488.60	\$467.91	21.90%	FY Above
AXP	American Express	\$2.80	\$1.62	\$10,243.00	\$9,590.05	33.50%	
GNTX	Gentex		\$0.43		\$458.02		
HON	Honeywell	\$2.02	\$1.95	\$8,088.00	\$8,661.52	8.20%	FY In Line
KMB	Kimberly-Clark		\$1.71		\$4,766.43		
NEE	NextEra Energy		\$0.69		\$4,907.76		
ROP	Roper	\$3.76	\$3.66	\$1,587.60	\$1,579.50	21.60%	FY In Line
SLB	Schlumberger	\$0.30	\$0.26	\$5,634.00	\$5,517.13	5.60%	
SXT	Sensient	\$0.79	\$0.77	\$335.80	\$315.81	3.90%	

SAM – Missed on EPS and Revs – During Q2 we saw significant growth in the On-Premise channel and re-opened all our retail locations as most COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. However, our 24% depletions growth for Q2 decelerated from our Q1 growth of 48% and was below our expectations, as the hard seltzer category and overall beer industry were softer than we had anticipated...We are encouraged that four of our five major brands grew in Q2 and we continue to expand our market share...We are thankful to our outstanding coworkers, distributors and retailers for their continued focus and diligence to continue to operate and help grow our business and achieve our thirteenth consecutive quarter of double-digit volume growth...We recently announced plans to develop new innovative beverages with Beam Suntory that we are planning to launch in early 2022. We believe these new beverages will further demonstrate our ability to innovate and grow our business as drinker preferences evolve. We remain highly positive about the future growth of our brands and that our diversified brand portfolio continues to fuel double-digit growth.

INTC – Beat on EPS and Revs – "There's never been a more exciting time to be in the semiconductor industry. The digitization of everything continues to accelerate, creating a vast growth opportunity for us and our customers across core and emerging business areas. With our scale and renewed focus on both innovation and execution, we are uniquely positioned to capitalize on this opportunity, which I believe is merely the beginning of what will be a decade of sustained growth across the industry. Our second-quarter results show that our momentum is building, our execution is improving, and customers continue to choose us for leadership products," said Pat Gelsinger, Intel CEO

SKX – Beat on EPS and Revs – Domestic wholesale sales grew 205.7%, Direct-to-consumer sales grew 137.8%. The company said, "Skechers second quarter financial results exceeded expectations as we achieved record

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quarterly sales of over \$1.6 billion, a 127.3% increase over the same period in 2020, and 31.7% increase over 2019. This growth, along with both record gross margin of 51.2% and record quarterly diluted earnings per share of \$0.88, was the result of triple-digit improvements in both our domestic and international businesses compared to second quarter 2020, and over 30% as compared to the second quarter of 2019. We accomplished these financial results even as we continued to face COVID-19 related challenges including delayed shipments and port constraints as well as temporary store closures in some key markets, including India, Canada, and parts of Europe and South America.

SNAP – Beat on EPS and Revs – DAUs were 293 million in Q2 2021, an increase of 55 million, or 23%, year-over-year; DAUs increased sequentially and year-over-year in each of North America, Europe, and Rest of World; DAUs increased sequentially and year-over-year on both iOS and Android platforms. "Our second quarter results reflect the broad-based strength of our business, as we grew both revenue and daily active users at the highest rates we have achieved in the past four years," said Evan Spiegel, CEO. "We are pleased by the progress our team is making with the development of our augmented reality platform, and we are energized by the many opportunities to grow our community and business around the world."

TWTR – Beat on EPS and Revs – Average monetizable daily active users, or mDAU, were 206 million for Q2, compared to 186 million in the same period of the previous year and compared to 199 million in the previous quarter. Average U.S. mDAU were 37 million for Q2, compared to 36 million in the same period of the previous year and 38 million in the previous quarter. Average international mDAU were 169 million for Q2, compared to 150 million in the same period of the previous year and 162 million in the previous quarter. As we enter the second half of 2021, we are shipping more, learning faster, and hiring remarkable talent. For example, our increased shipping cadence contributed to reaching 206 million average monetizable DAU in Q2, up 11% year over year and 3% quarter over quarter. There's a tremendous opportunity to get the whole world to use Twitter. We delivered better-than-expected performance across all major products and geographies while growing our audience. We continued to make significant progress on our direct response and brand products with updated ad formats, improved measurement, and better prediction. We are driving more value for advertisers with our strong push into performance-based advertising and expanded offerings for small and medium-sized businesses

HON – Beats EPS, Misses Revenues (+8.2%), Raises FY21 Outlook – Building on our first-quarter momentum, we executed extremely well in the second quarter. Our results were driven by top-line growth and margin expansion in all four segments. Organic sales grew 15%, led by double-digit growth in Performance Materials and Technologies, Honeywell Building Technologies, and Safety and Productivity Solutions. We are especially pleased to see a turnaround in several of our key end markets that were hardest hit by the pandemic, with commercial aerospace aftermarket and the UOP business returning to growth in the quarter. We are well positioned to capitalize on improving conditions as they unfold around the world and to execute on near-term growth opportunities across our portfolio, including in the warehouse automation, productivity, building products, and advanced materials markets. **Aerospace** sales for the second quarter were up 7% on an organic basis driven by a strong recovery in business and general aviation aftermarket demand as flight hours returned to 2019 levels, partially offset by lower defense volumes and a more gradual recovery in commercial original equipment build rates. Air transport aftermarket returned to growth as increased flight hours drove aftermarket demand. **Honeywell Building Technologies** sales for the second quarter were up 13% on an organic basis driven by broad-based global strength across the portfolio. Orders were up over 35% year over year, driven by strong bookings for building products and solutions. The buildings solutions services backlog was up over 30% year over year driven by strong bookings in North America and Asia. In addition, demand continued for our portfolio of healthy buildings solutions, with approximately \$150 million of orders in the first half. **Performance Materials and Technologies** sales for the second quarter were up 10% on an organic basis driven by demand for process

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solutions products and thermal solutions, higher equipment volumes, licensing, and petrochemical catalyst shipments in UOP, and continued strong growth across advanced materials. Orders were up 20% year over year driven by robust demand for services, thermal solutions, catalysts, and fluorine products. **Safety and Productivity Solutions** sales for the second quarter were up 35% on an organic basis driven by another quarter of double-digit growth in the warehouse and workflow solutions, personal protective equipment, and productivity solutions and services businesses. In addition, short-cycle demand accelerated in the gas analysis and advanced sensing businesses, which both grew by high single-digits sequentially from the first quarter. Orders were up triple digits year over year in productivity solutions and services, giving us confidence in continued growth for that business.

SLB – Beats EPS and Revenues (+5.6%) – Our second-quarter results demonstrate the broad strength of our portfolio, the extent of our market participation—both in North America and internationally—and our enhanced ability to capture and translate activity growth into sustained margin expansion and strong free cash flow. The quarter marks a leap forward in achieving our full-year financial targets with the potential for further upside given the right conditions. Second-quarter global revenue grew 8% sequentially, outperforming the rig count growth in both North America and the international markets. All four Divisions grew, resulting in the highest sequential quarterly revenue growth rate since the second quarter of 2017. This performance was driven by US land revenue, which increased 19% due to higher drilling activity and increased sales of well and surface production systems. Well Construction revenue in US land grew more than 30% sequentially, significantly outperforming the rig count growth of 16%. In addition, Canada land revenue increased despite the spring breakup, due to higher Asset Performance Solutions (APS) project revenue, while North America offshore revenue was slightly higher due to sales of subsea production systems. Globally, the second-quarter revenue growth was led by Reservoir Performance and Well Construction, where activity intensified beyond the seasonal recovery. Reservoir Performance revenue increased 12% sequentially due to the seasonal activity rebound in the Northern Hemisphere, in addition to higher exploration and appraisal activity. Well Construction revenue increased 9% sequentially from increased drilling activity in US land and broadly across the international markets, particularly offshore. Digital & Integration revenue increased 6% sequentially due to higher sales of digital solutions and higher APS project revenue. Production Systems revenue grew 6%, primarily due to higher sales of well, surface, and subsea production systems.

ROP – Beats EPS and Revenues (+21.6%), Raises FY21 Above Street – Organic revenue grew 7% with broad-based contributions from each of our four segments, including strong organic growth across our portfolio of software businesses. Our outstanding first half performance was driven by accelerating recurring revenue growth, broadly improving end-market conditions, and ongoing benefits from the enhanced quality of our portfolio.

AXP – Beats EPS and Revenues (+33.5%) – Demand for our premium, fee-based products continued to be robust, with acquisitions of U.S. Platinum Card Members reaching record levels this quarter. We acquired 2.4 million new proprietary cards in the quarter, while continuing to retain Card Members at rates above pre-pandemic levels. We saw Card Member spending accelerate from the prior quarter and exceed pre-pandemic levels in June, with the largest portion of this spending growth coming from Millennial, Gen Z, and small business customers. Global goods and services spending volumes strengthened even further, growing 16 percent on an FX-adjusted basis³ over Q2 2019, even as travel and entertainment spending continued to improve. As we look ahead, we are increasingly optimistic that the momentum we've generated will continue given the strength we see in our core business, particularly in the U.S., even as the pace of the recovery remains uneven in different regions around the world. Based on current trends, we are confident in our ability to be within the high end of the range of EPS expectations we had for 2020 in 2022.

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