



Oracle Corp. (ORCL)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$328	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	-3.4%	Market Cap:	\$935B
Fair Value Price:	\$150	5 Year Growth Estimate:	12.0 %	Ex-Dividend Date:	10/09/25
% Fair Value:	219%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	-14.5%	Dividend Payment Date:	10/23/25
Dividend Yield:	0.6%	5 Year Price Target	\$264	Years Of Dividend Growth:	14
Dividend Risk Score:	B	Sector:	Technology	Rating:	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Oracle is an information technology company that provides software, hardware, and services. Its offerings include applications, platforms, and infrastructure technologies (cloud software), hardware products such as servers, hardware-related software products (e.g., operating systems) and services such as consultation & education. Oracle was founded in 1977, is headquartered in Redwood City, CA.

Oracle reported its most recent quarterly results, for its fiscal first quarter, in September. The company announced that it generated revenues of \$14.9 billion during the quarter, which represents an increase of 12% year over year. This was a little less than what was expected by the analyst community.

Oracle generated earnings-per-share of \$1.47 during the first quarter, which was up 6% versus the prior year's quarter, but which missed the consensus estimate slightly. Oracle is seeing compelling growth tailwinds from the ongoing Artificial Intelligence revolution, with its cloud infrastructure revenues rising by a strong 55% during the quarter, and with its backlog and remaining performance obligations growing at a very strong pace: Remaining performance obligations were up by more than 350% , rising to more than \$450 billion, which was applauded by the analyst community. For the current fiscal year, Oracle is forecasted to earn significantly more compared to the previous fiscal year, at around \$6.80 per share, which would be up by double-digits compared to the previous year. Thanks to the huge bookings growth Oracle experiences, earnings growth will likely be appealing in the coming years, too.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	\$2.61	\$2.74	\$3.05	\$3.52	\$3.85	\$4.67	\$4.90	\$5.12	\$5.56	\$6.03	\$6.80	\$11.98
DPS	\$0.60	\$0.64	\$0.76	\$0.81	\$0.96	\$1.04	\$1.20	\$1.44	\$1.60	\$1.70	\$2.00	\$2.81
Shares¹	4.13	4.14	4.05	3.50	3.10	2.90	2.74	2.79	2.83	2.87	2.85	2.75

Oracle recorded compelling growth rates in the 2015-2025 time frame, with earnings-per-share growth averaging around 8% over that time frame. There were some ups and downs in Oracle's earnings, however, and growth was not very evenly distributed. Investments in its business to move it towards the software-as-a-service model were necessary, which led to somewhat uneven margins. The company fared well during the pandemic and during the Great Recession before that, indicating that Oracle's business isn't very cyclical.

Oracle is not operating a cloud business as large as its peers Amazon or Microsoft, but it still is generating attractive growth in the markets it addresses. Infrastructure-as-a-Service, as well as Platform-as-a-Service, are markets that are growing at a fast pace, and should allow Oracle to maintain an attractive cloud computing growth rate going forward. Oracle Fusion ERP and Oracle's Autonomous Database are touted by management as current and future growth drivers due to compelling pricing and top-tier technology. Cost reduction programs have also had a positive margin effect at times in the past, and the company could be able to improve its cost basis further in the future. Despite a high number of new shares being issued to employees and management, Oracle's share count has declined over the last decade. Thanks to cloud and AI tailwinds, we believe earnings growth will be compelling in the foreseeable future.

¹ In Billions

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Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Now	2031
Avg. P/E	14.8	15.0	15.4	14.5	13.8	16.9	14.7	20.6	21.0	27.0	48.2	22.0
Avg. Yld.	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%	1.9%	1.8%	1.3%	1.7%	1.4%	1.4%	1.0%	0.6%	1.1%

Oracle's share price has risen since our last update, and shares are trading well above our fair value estimate. We would deem Oracle's shares fairly valued if they traded at 22 times net profits, with the premium versus the average over the last decade being justified by an improving growth outlook.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	23%	23%	25%	23%	25%	22%	24%	28%	29%	28%	29%	23%

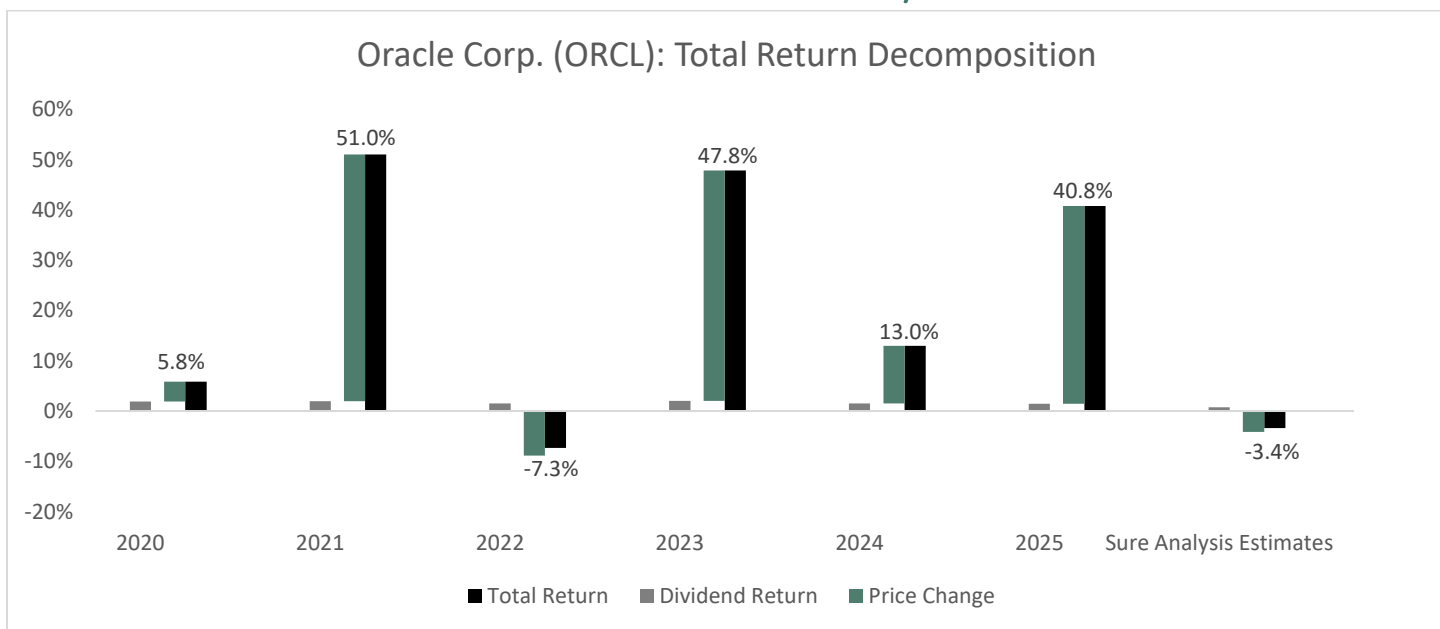
Oracle's dividend payout ratio was very low a decade ago, but since then the payout ratio has risen to some degree. At a payout ratio of less than 30%, the dividend is still very well-covered, and there is still a lot of room for further dividend increases. Due to the low payout ratio and the fact that the company was not impacted to a large degree during past crises, Oracle's dividend is rated safe.

Oracle was not hurt during the Great Recession, and the coronavirus pandemic did not have a large impact on Oracle's business, either. Oracle has some size and scale advantages over smaller peers, although it is itself a smaller player versus peers such as Microsoft in the cloud computing industry. Thanks to strong market-wide growth rates, all companies in this field can grow at the same time, which eases competitive pressures.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Oracle's shift towards cloud computing continues. Between revenue growth, strong cost controls, and buybacks, Oracle's earnings-per-share grew at a nice pace over the last decade, and thanks to AI tailwinds, growth could even accelerate going forward. Oracle hit a new record profit in fiscal 2025, and fiscal 2026 will most likely be better as Oracle is forecasted to see its earnings-per-share improve meaningfully this year. Oracle's shares trade well above our fair value estimate today and promise unconvincing total returns, however, which is why we rate it a hold at current prices.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	37,047	37,792	39,383	39,506	39,068	40,479	42,440	49,954	52,961	57,399
Gross Profit	29,568	30,340	31,323	31,511	31,130	32,624	33,563	36,390	37,818	40,472
Gross Margin	79.8%	80.3%	79.5%	79.8%	79.7%	80.6%	79.1%	72.8%	71.4%	70.5%
SG&A Exp.	9,039	9,257	9,715	9,774	9,275	8,936	9,364	10,412	9,822	10,253
D&A Exp.	2,509	2,451	2,785	2,919	2,968	2,916	3,122	6,108	6,139	6,174
Operating Profit	13,104	13,479	13,904	14,022	14,202	15,782	15,830	13,773	16,071	18,052
Op. Margin	35.4%	35.7%	35.3%	35.5%	36.4%	39.0%	37.3%	27.6%	30.3%	31.5%
Net Profit	8,901	9,452	3,587	11,083	10,135	13,746	6,717	8,503	10,467	12,443
Net Margin	24.0%	25.0%	9.1%	28.1%	25.9%	34.0%	15.8%	17.0%	19.8%	21.7%
Free Cash Flow	12,496	12,105	13,650	12,891	11,575	13,752	5,028	8,470	11,807	(394)
Income Tax	2,541	2,228	8,837	1,185	1,928	(747)	932	623	1,274	1,717

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Assets	112,180	134,991	137,851	108,709	115,438	131,107	109,297	134,384	140,976	168,361
Cash & Equiv.	20,152	21,784	21,620	20,514	37,239	30,098	21,383	9,765	10,454	10,786
Acc. Receivable	5,385	5,300	5,136	5,134	5,551	5,409	5,953	6,915	7,874	8,558
Inventories	212									
Goodwill & Int.	39,533	50,724	50,425	49,058	47,507	46,365	45,251	72,098	69,120	66,794
Total Liabilities	64,390	80,745	90,978	86,346	102,721	125,155	115,065	132,828	131,737	147,392
Accounts Pay	504	599	529	580	637	745	1,317	1,204	2,357	5,113
Long-Term Debt	43,855	57,909	60,619	56,167	71,597	84,245	75,882	90,481	86,869	92,568
Total Equity	47,289	53,860	46,372	21,785	12,074	5,238	(6,220)	1,073	8,704	20,451
LTD/E Ratio	0.93	1.08	1.31	2.58	5.93	16.08	(12.20)	84.33	9.98	4.53

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Return on Assets	8.0%	7.6%	2.6%	9.0%	9.0%	11.2%	5.6%	7.0%	7.6%	8.0%
Return on Equity	18.4%	18.5%	7.1%	32.0%	57.8%	147.3%	7301%		193.9%	82.4%
ROIC	9.7%	9.3%	3.3%	11.9%	12.4%	15.8%	8.4%	10.5%	11.1%	11.9%
Shares Out.	4.13	4.14	4.05	3.50	3.10	2.90	2.74	2.79	2.83	2.87
Revenue/Share	8.61	8.96	9.29	10.59	11.86	13.39	15.23	18.06	18.76	20.03
FCF/Share	2.90	2.87	3.22	3.45	3.51	4.55	1.80	3.06	4.18	(0.14)

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.

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