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Server OEMs: Agentic AI driving next leg of AI infra build - what does this mean for DELL, HPE, SMCI?



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We believe that Agentic AI will be significantly more CPU intensive driving upside to traditional server TAM, which in turn should benefit the server OEMs. In addition, challenges and pushouts from SMCI could portend the beginning of share losses from SMCI from its most recent reputational challenges (the most recent being the smuggling case see [here](#)). This note explains these trends and implications for DELL, HPE and SMCI.

The rise of more complex inference workloads, and in particular Agentic AI, is expected to drive increased demand for CPU-based (aka “traditional”) servers. Agentic AI is more CPU intensive than training or simple chatbot inference with CPUs and traditional servers orchestrating workloads. Recent commentaries from Intel/AMD/ARM suggest the early inning of CPU demand upcycle. **We see potential for a 3x-4x expansion of traditional server TAM by 2030 which bodes well for all server OEMs.**

Meanwhile, SMCI’s recent earnings showed a higher mix of enterprise and non-AI revenue, with AI server mix declining for the first time in 10 quarters. This likely reflects 1) strength in traditional servers and 2) potential share loss in AI servers following recent reputational challenges. We believe Dell and HPE are positioned to benefit from both dynamics. While these are longer-term themes and may not yet be reflected in the upcoming earnings, **we see the current setup as supportive of upside heading into the prints - Dell reports on May 28th, HPE reports on Jun 1st.**

Dell is our more preferred beneficiary, given its scale, financing capacity, and robust support/services across the AI infrastructure. We consider Dell to be the real AI winner. Being the scale leader with the broadest financing capacity and deepest customer relationships, Dell is best positioned to absorb displaced SMCI demand across cloud, enterprise, and sovereign, **we take up estimates and raise our multiple from 14x to 17x FY28 EPS and our target price to \$280. Reiterate Outperform.**

HPE should also benefit from stronger server demand and incremental share gains in enterprise and sovereign accounts, **justifying our estimates increase and multiple raise from 8x to 12.5x FY27 EPS and a \$35 target price, Market-perform.**

SMCI’s compliance overhang creates a real share shift opportunity as cloud, enterprise, and sovereign customers reassess vendor risk. **SMCI’s FQ4 and beyond faces a much harder setup** as pre-scandal enterprise momentum fades, unusual data center delays raise the risk of soft cancellations, and potential risks around Nvidia GPU supply **-leaves risk-reward firmly skewed to the downside (we rate SMCI Market-perform).**

BERNSTEIN TICKER TABLE

Ticker	Rating	Cur	19 May	TTM		Adjusted EPS			Adjusted P/E (x)			
			Closing Price	Price Target	Rel. Perf.	Cur	2026A	2027E	2028E	2026A	2027E	2028E
SMCI (SMCI)	M	USD	30.56	37.00	(51.9)%	USD	2.60	2.80	3.25	11.8	10.9	9.4
DELL (Dell)	O	USD	235.26	280.00	82.6%	USD	10.35	13.46	16.47	22.7	17.5	14.3
<i>OLD</i>				220.00				13.14	15.99			
HPE (HPE)	M	USD	32.62	35.00	60.8%	USD	1.96	2.43	2.85	16.6	13.4	11.5
<i>OLD</i>				21.00				2.39	2.66			
SPX			7,353.61									

PRICE TARGET CHANGE / ESTIMATE CHANGE IN BOLD

O - Outperform, M - Market-Perform, U - Underperform, NR - Not Rated, CS - Coverage Suspended

DELL estimate is Reported EPS; HPE base year is 2025;

Source: Bloomberg, Bernstein estimates and analysis.

INVESTMENT IMPLICATIONS

We value Dell at ~17x (up from 14x previously) our FY 2028 EPS, or \$280.

We value HPE at ~12.5x (up from 8x previously) our FY 2027 EPS, or \$35.

We value Super Micro at 13.2x our revised FY27 EPS of \$2.80= \$37.

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DETAILS

PART I: AGENTIC AI DRIVING NEXT LEG OF AI INFRASTRUCTURE BUILD - TRADITIONAL SERVERS TO BENEFIT

We see AI infrastructure demand beginning to broaden beyond GPU-centric systems. In particular, the rise of more complex inference workloads, including agentic AI, is expected to drive increased demand for CPU-based servers.

- **Agentic inference is more CPU intensive than training or simple chatbot inference** ([Exhibit 1](#), [Exhibit 2](#)). Training workloads are typically large, batch-oriented processes dominated by GPUs. In contrast, agentic workloads involve multi-step task execution, including tool calls, retrieval, routing, memory and context management, validation loops, and significant data movement. These functions rely more heavily on general-purpose compute and orchestration, driving greater demand for CPU-based servers alongside GPU clusters.

- **Recent industry commentary points to a broader reassessment of CPU demand within AI infrastructure.** AMD raised its server CPU TAM growth outlook from 18% to over 35% annually, reaching over \$120bn by 2030. Intel noted on its Q1 2026 earnings call that the CPU-to-GPU ratio in inference has already compressed from 1:8 to 1:4 and could trend toward 1:1, while guiding to double-digit server CPU unit growth for the full year with momentum extending into 2027. Arm CEO Rene Haas also highlighted that as agentic AI scales, data centers could require more than 4 times today's CPU capacity ([Exhibit 3](#)).

According to above comments, our quick back-of-the-envelope analysis suggests that if assuming CPUs account for 20-25% of traditional server ASP, total traditional server TAM could reach roughly \$500-600B by 2030, or about 2.5x the \$213B TAM in 2025. If instead traditional server TAM grows at a 35% CAGR, in line with Server CPU, it would expand to approximately \$955B, or 4.5x 2025 levels, pointing to substantial upside potential ([Exhibit 4](#)).

- **We believe the buyer profile for CPU servers is also expanding beyond enterprise.** We think traditional server demand is no longer solely an enterprise refresh cycle story - it is also becoming a neocloud/hyperscaler infrastructure story, which makes the demand base both larger and more durable. For Dell and HPE, both of which have strong positions in traditional server infrastructure, this is a meaningful incremental tailwind that should support the next print and sustain in the future, particularly for Dell, which also has success with neoclouds (tier-2 CSPs) that HPE does not.

EXHIBIT 1: Chatbot inference workflow

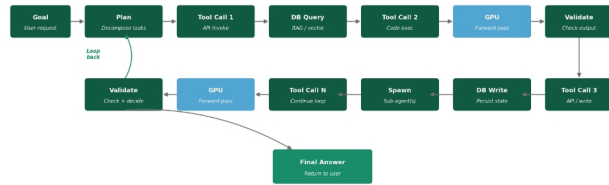
Chatbot Inference
Single-pass: prompt in → answer out



Source: Bernstein analysis

User prompt → CPU (head node, I/O) → GPU (one forward pass) → CPU → response

EXHIBIT 2: Agentic inference workflow



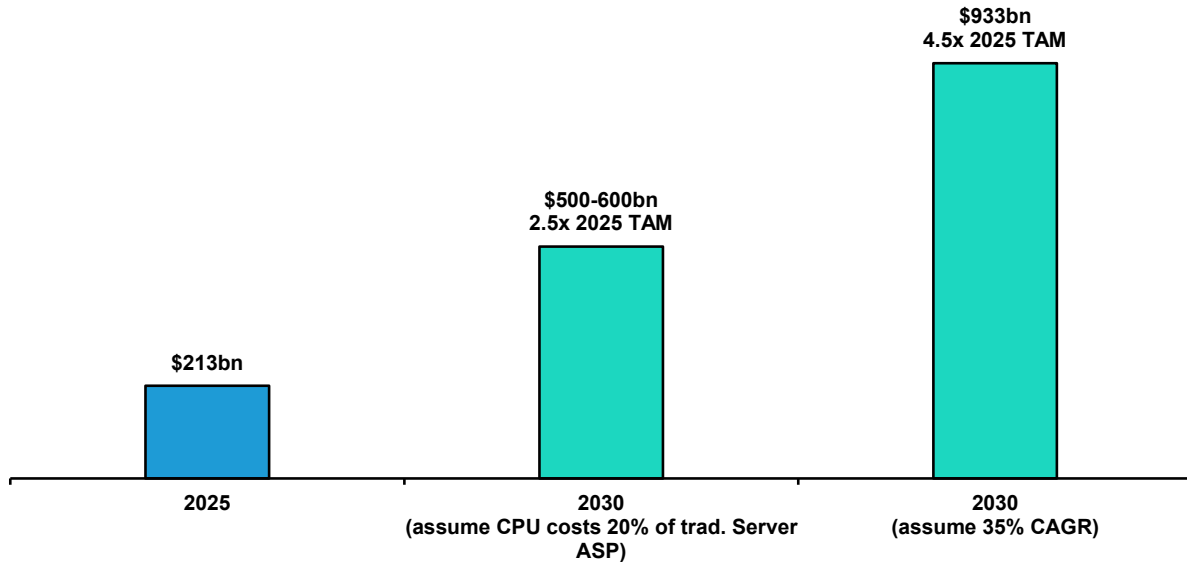
Source: Bernstein analysis

Goal → Plan → Tool call 1 (API) → DB query → Tool call 2 (code exec) → GPU (forward pass) → validate → Tool call 3 → DB write → spawn sub-agent → ... → loop back ... → final answer

EXHIBIT 3: CPU Vendor Comments on Agentic AI driving CPU demand growth

Company	Source	Quantified Comments
AMD	Q1 2026 call	"Based on the demand signals we are seeing today and the structural increase in CPU compute requirements driven by Agentic AI, we now expect the server CPU TAM to grow at greater than 35% annually, reaching over \$120 billion by 2030." vs. 18% annually guided at Nov 2025 Analyst Day
Intel	Q1 2026 call	Inference side , I think in terms of orchestration, control plane and also managing all the different agent with data, CPU is much more efficient. So I think the ratio of CPU to GPU used to be 1 and 8, and now it's 1:4 and I think towards parity or even better... Our outlook for server CPU demand has improved over the last 90 days , and we expect a strong year of double-digit unit growth for the industry and for us with momentum extending into 2027.
Arm	Arm Everywhere, March 2026	"A typical AI data center today requires around 30 million CPU cores per gigawatt of capacity . With agentic workloads, however, that figure rises to roughly 120 million cores per gigawatt "

Source: Company reports, Bernstein analysis

EXHIBIT 4: **2.5x-4.5x Traditional server TAM expansion by 2030****CPU server TAM BY 2030**

Source: Gartner, Bernstein analysis and estimates

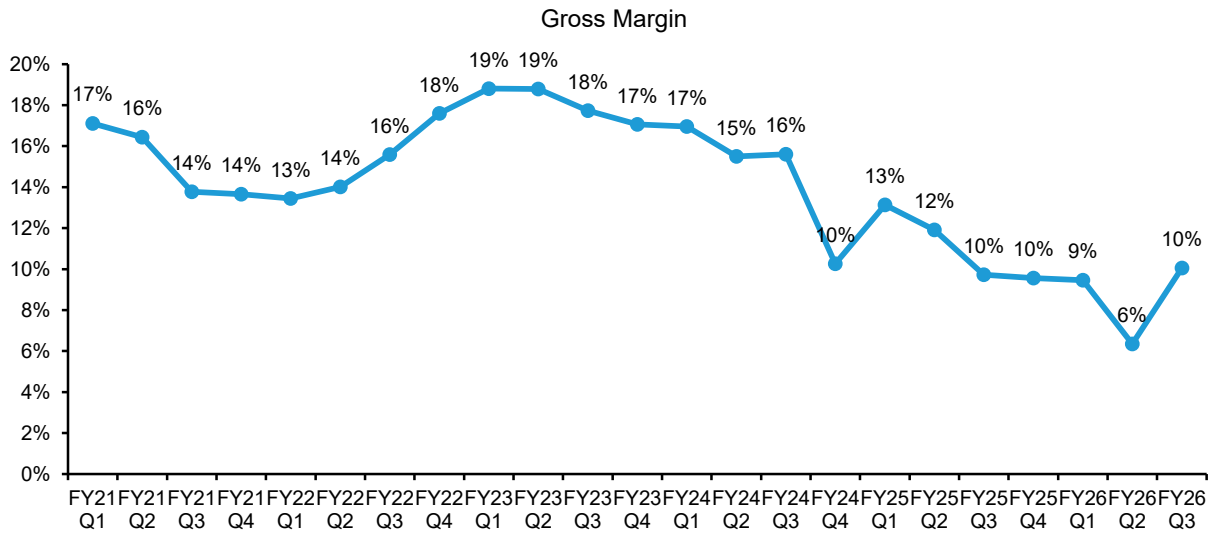
PART II: WHY DID SMCI BEAT FQ3'26? AND WHAT COULD SMCI'S ISSUES MEAN FOR DELL, HPE?

SMCI delivered an EPS beat in FQ3'26, driven by stronger gross margin from mix shift. As discussed in our note "[SMCI FQ3'26: The Rollercoaster continues...](#)", non-GAAP EPS of \$0.84 was 34% above consensus, with gross margin rebounding to 10.1% from 6.4% in the prior quarter ([Exhibit 5](#)). We attribute the gross margin expansion to two key factors:

- **Higher implied mix of traditional servers relative to AI servers ([Exhibit 6](#)).** AI server mix declined from 90% to 80% in the past quarter, marking the first decrease in the last 10 quarters, while the implied traditional server mix increased. During the earnings call, management also highlighted traditional server strength driven by the enterprise business. This mix shift was margin-accretive, as AI servers typically carry lower margins due to higher component (compute) costs, whereas traditional servers generally offer higher margins. We understand SMCI doesn't directly disclose the traditional server mix, but given the drop in AI server mix and the CEO remark on Agentic AI workload as a reason for traditional server strength, we believe it can be inferred that the traditional server mix increased.
- **Higher mix of enterprise clients relative to data centers ([Exhibit 7](#)).** Data center mix declined from 84% to 72%, while enterprise mix increased from 16% to 28%. This also benefits gross margin, as large data center customers typically have greater bargaining power and therefore generate lower margins compared to enterprise customers.

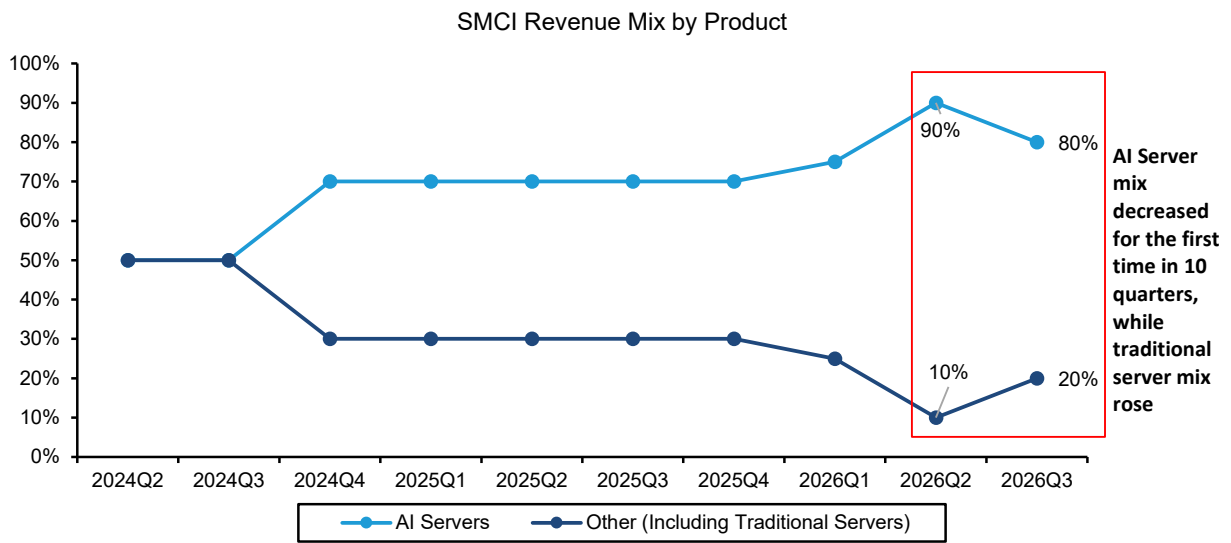
However, while the mix shift provided support to the bottom line, it does not signal a positive development for the stock thesis. SMCI's AI bull case is driven by strong AI server demand and growth among large data center customers, both of which softened during the quarter. As such, this is not a beat that investors are likely to view positively.

EXHIBIT 5: **SMCI Gross Margin**



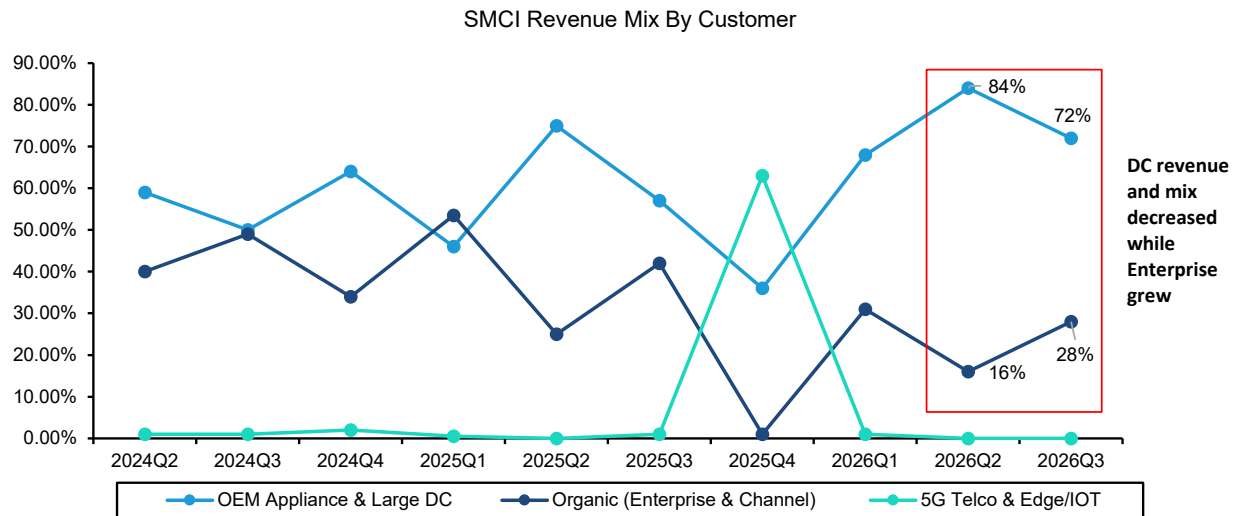
Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 6: **SMCI Revenue Mix by Product**



Source: Company reports, Bernstein analysis

EXHIBIT 7: **SMCI Revenue Mix: In FQ3, data center revenue and mix decreased while Enterprise grew**



Source: Company reports, Bloomberg, Bernstein analysis

PART III: THE READ ACROSS FROM SMCI HINTS UPSIDE FOR DELL & HPE INTO THE NEXT PRINT AND BEYOND

Based on the recent smuggling reports around SMCI and the company's reported FQ3 earnings, we see a positive set up for Dell and HPE, with Dell being the clearest beneficiary.

First, we expect strength from traditional servers, driven by a combination of pull-forward demand to manage memory cost dynamics and, more importantly, early signs that rising agentic inference workloads are supporting a more durable recovery in CPU server demand - as explain in part I. As leading traditional server vendors, Dell and HPE are well positioned to benefit from this trend in the upcoming quarter and beyond.

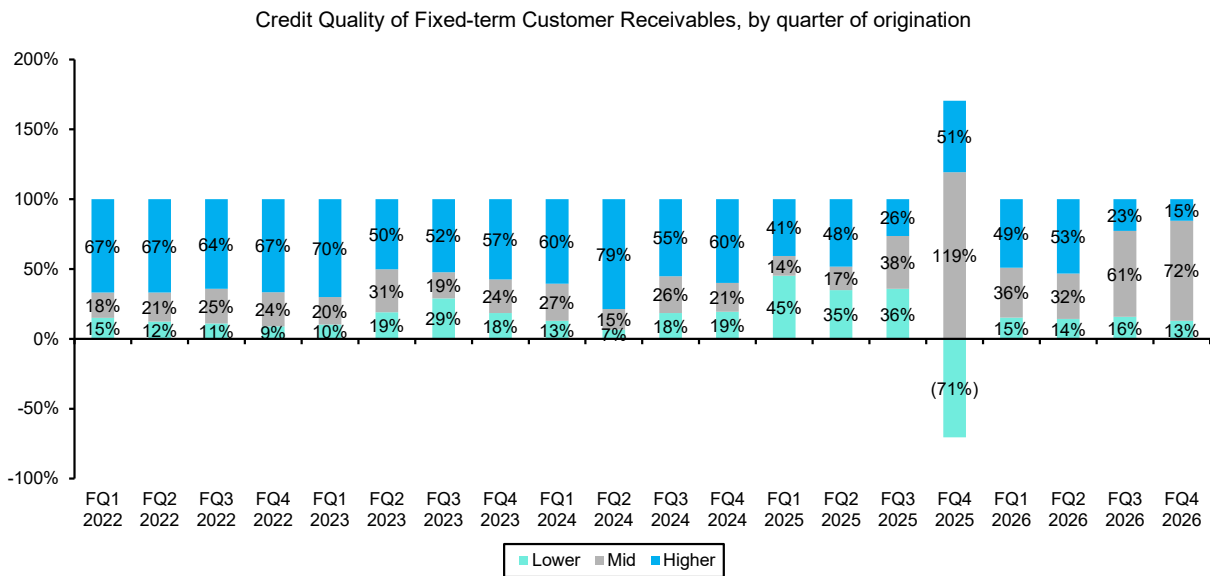
Second, we see risk related to order exodus from SMCI across cloud, enterprise, and sovereign accounts, as customers revisit vendor decisions and reassess vendor risk. One company's loss is another's gain: both Dell and HPE are positioned to benefit, but we see Dell as best positioned to capture the most share given its greater scale, stronger financing capabilities, and leading position in large-scale AI infrastructure deployments.

- For cloud, SMCI was already seeing weaker demand heading into FQ3, and we see little reason to expect a clean rebound under the current governance overhang.** A meaningful portion of the Q4 "push-out" that management framed as data center readiness issues could turn into cancellations as customers reassess vendor risk. For example, Bloomberg reported in February that xAI, historically an SMCI customer, was negotiating a +\$5 billion server deal with Dell ([Dell Nears Deal With Musk's xAI for \\$5B in Servers With Nvidia Chips - Bloomberg](#)). If that shift was already underway before, the smuggling reports only increases the incentive to move more toward Dell. More broadly, Dell's financing capability remains a structural advantage that SMCI cannot easily replicate: its balance sheet allows it to support the large upfront commitments that cloud customers increasingly value in competitive bids. As we discuss in [US IT Hardware: What we learned from our meetings with Michael Dell](#) and [AI Server OEMs: Rising Financing Receivables at Dell - Sign of the times or something to worry about?](#), Dell has been taking on more financing receivables, which we believe likely reflects increased support for large infrastructure deals ([Exhibit 8](#), [Exhibit 9](#)). In this setup, delayed cloud revenue is more likely to leak out of the SMCI ecosystem than to snap back cleanly. **Dell appears best positioned to capture these incremental cloud business, since HPE is hesitant or unable to finance the significant upfront working capital in cloud deals.**
- For commercial enterprise, both Dell and HPE start from a structurally advantaged position relative to SMCI**, as enterprise customers value long-standing CIO relationships, proven deployment capabilities, and a long history of running mission-critical workloads with incumbent vendors. We believe Dell is likely to be the larger share gainer, because it executes at greater scale through a larger installed base, broader direct account coverage, stronger financing capacity, and a more standardized support and deployment model. Against that backdrop, it is difficult for SMCI, whose support and lifecycle

capabilities are less established in large enterprise accounts, to defend share as risk-aware customers re-open vendor reviews after the smuggling reports. The enterprise and broader infrastructure traction that helped offset weaker cloud demand in Q3 may therefore prove difficult to sustain, **with Dell likely taking the greater share of displaced business and HPE also benefiting.**

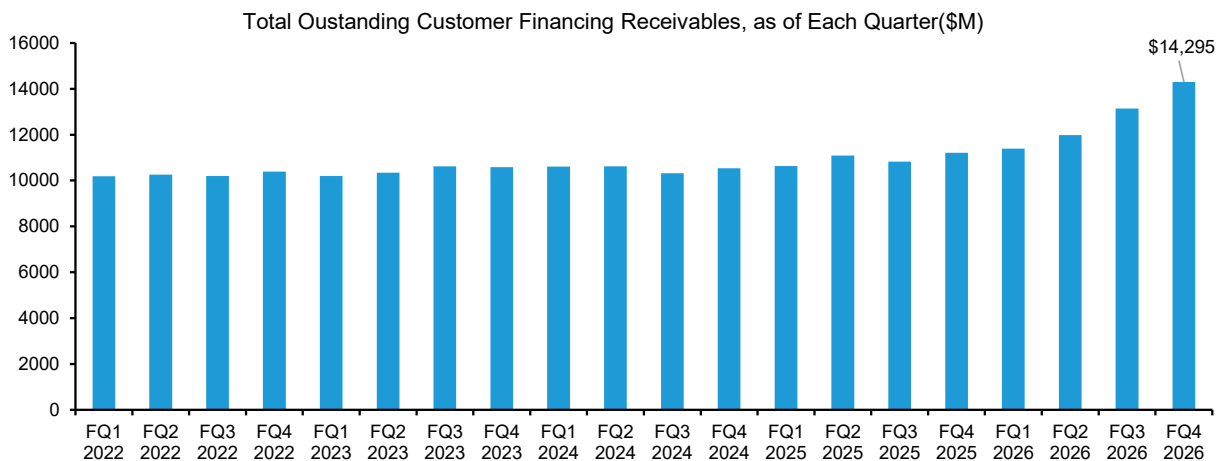
- **For U.S. government and sovereign-type buyers, governance and political optics matter even more.** These customers place outsized weight on vendor compliance, security posture, and headline risk around long-lived infrastructure deployments. Dell, in particular, has been repeatedly highlighted as a trusted company by the current administration, while HPE brings a long track record in sovereign infrastructure projects as well. In that environment, once internal legal, risk, and procurement teams fully digest the SMCI risks, it becomes materially harder for SMCI to win or keep these accounts, **while Dell and HPE would benefit.**

EXHIBIT 8: **DELL: Credit Quality of Fixed-term Customer Receivables, by quarter of origination (\$M)**



Used disclosed credit quality from the FQ1 10-Q of each year, so does not account for subsequent improvement or deterioration in credit quality
 Source: Company filings, Bernstein analysis

EXHIBIT 9: **DELL: Total Outstanding Customer Financing Receivables, as of Each Quarter(\$M)**



Source: Company reports, Bernstein analysis

PART IV: VALUATION AND MODEL CHANGES

DELL: AI INFRA WINNER - RAISE ESTIMATES AND INCREASE TP TO \$280, REITERATE OUTPERFORM

We view Dell as the real winner in AI infrastructure - and the biggest beneficiary from SMCI's recent compliance issues. Dell is already a scale leader in AI infrastructure, and it now has the broadest ability to capture displaced SMCI demand across cloud, enterprise, and sovereign accounts through its financing capacity, direct account reach, installed base, and proven deployment model. HPE should benefit too, but Dell is better positioned to take the most share because it can compete more aggressively and execute at greater scale. In our view, that combination makes Dell the highest-quality way to play AI infrastructure, justifying a premium multiple.

Citing incremental strength from Traditional server due to Agentic AI and additional revenue in AI server from share taking, we raise our FY 2028 EPS by 3% to \$16.47. **Moreover, we raise our multiple from 14x to 17x FY28 EPS and arrives at our target price of \$280.**

EXHIBIT 10: Dell Model Before vs After

(\$USD Millions)	FY 2027E			FY 2028E			FY 2029E		
	New	Old	Delta	New	Old	Delta	New	Old	Delta
Total Revenue	\$145,481	\$142,640	2.0%	\$163,309	\$160,194	1.9%	\$180,617	\$177,137	2.0%
ISG Revenue	\$93,305	\$90,464	3.1%	\$109,925	\$106,810	2.9%	\$125,184	\$121,704	2.9%
CSG Revenue	\$51,576	\$51,576	0.0%	\$52,984	\$52,984	0.0%	\$55,033	\$55,033	0.0%
Total Op. Profit	\$11,955	\$11,696	2.2%	\$13,533	\$13,230	2.3%	\$14,777	\$14,454	2.2%
OP Margin %	8.2%	8.2%	2bps	8.3%	8.3%	3bps	8.2%	8.2%	2bps
ISG Op. Profit	\$9,162	\$8,904	2.9%	\$10,392	\$10,089	3.0%	\$11,365	\$11,042	2.9%
OP Margin %	9.8%	9.8%	-2bps	9.5%	9.4%	1bps	9.1%	9.1%	1bps
CSG Op. Profit	\$2,786	\$2,786	0.0%	\$3,141	\$3,141	0.0%	\$3,412	\$3,412	0.0%
OP Margin %	5.4%	5.4%	0bps	5.9%	5.9%	0bps	6.2%	6.2%	0bps
Net Income	\$8,620	\$8,408	2.5%	\$9,914	\$9,666	2.6%	\$10,934	\$10,669	2.5%
EPS (\$ per share)	\$13.46	\$13.14	2.4%	\$16.47	\$15.99	3.0%	\$18.92	\$18.40	2.9%

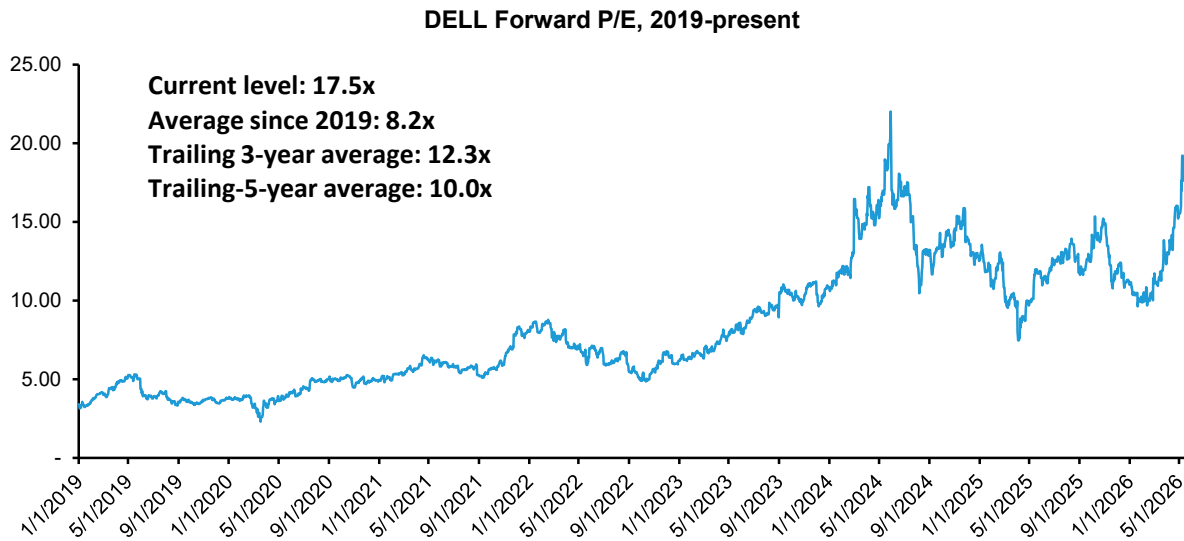
Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 11: DELL Bloomberg Consensus

DELL	FY2027E	FY2028E	FY2029E
Revenues (\$M)			
Consensus	\$141,800	\$155,747	\$164,955
Actual / Bernstein Est.	\$145,481	\$163,309	\$180,617
Bernstein vs. Cons.	2.6%	4.9%	9.5%
Operating Margin (%)	8.4%	8.5%	8.8%
vs. Bernstein	8.2%	8.3%	8.2%
EPS (\$)			
Consensus	\$13.05	\$14.96	\$16.82
Actual / Bernstein Est.	\$13.46	\$16.47	\$18.92
Bernstein vs. Cons.	3.2%	10.1%	12.5%
FCF (\$)			
Consensus	\$9,529	\$10,230	\$11,057
Actual / Bernstein Est.	\$10,595	\$9,591	\$11,678

Source: Bloomberg, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 12: **Dell P/FE**



Source: Bloomberg, Bernstein Analysis and estimates

HPE: ALSO STANDS TO BENEFIT, RAISE ESTIMATES AND TP TO \$35, MARKET-PERFORM

HPE has re-rated meaningfully, and we believe the premium is justified if server demand strengthens and the company gains incremental share as customers gravitate toward vendors with established relationships and stronger governance, particularly for enterprise and sovereign accounts. However, with HPE's effective exit from AI servers for all cloud (including neoclouds) is becoming apparent as last reported revenues and orders all on the very low-end of recent trends, we do not expect it to capture as much upside as Dell. Most of our EPS change is driven by lower share count projection rather than revenue. We raise valuation multiple from 8x to 12.5x FY27 EPS and increase our target price to \$35.

EXHIBIT 13: **HPE Model Before vs After**

(\$USD Millions)	FY 2026E			FY 2027E			FY 2028E		
	New	Old	Delta	New	Old	Delta	New	Old	Delta
Revenue	\$40,540	\$39,968	1.4%	\$43,007	\$42,346	1.6%	\$45,658	\$44,963	1.5%
Gross Profit	\$14,337	\$14,137	1.4%	\$15,052	\$14,821	1.6%	\$15,980	\$15,737	1.5%
<i>Gross Margin %</i>	35.4%	35.4%	-1bps	35.0%	35.0%	0bps	35.0%	35.0%	0bps
Op. Profit	\$4,626	\$4,580	1.0%	\$5,195	\$5,137	1.1%	\$5,601	\$5,538	1.1%
<i>OP Margin %</i>	11.4%	11.5%	-5bps	12.1%	12.1%	-5bps	12.3%	12.3%	-5bps
Net Income	\$3,483	\$3,423	1.8%	\$4,076	\$4,026	1.2%	\$4,633	\$4,580	1.2%
EPS (\$ per share)	\$2.43	\$2.39	1.8%	\$2.85	\$2.66	6.8%	\$3.24	\$3.03	6.7%
Adj FCF	\$1,936	\$2,083	-7.0%	\$2,407	\$2,359	2.0%	\$3,400	\$3,367	1.0%

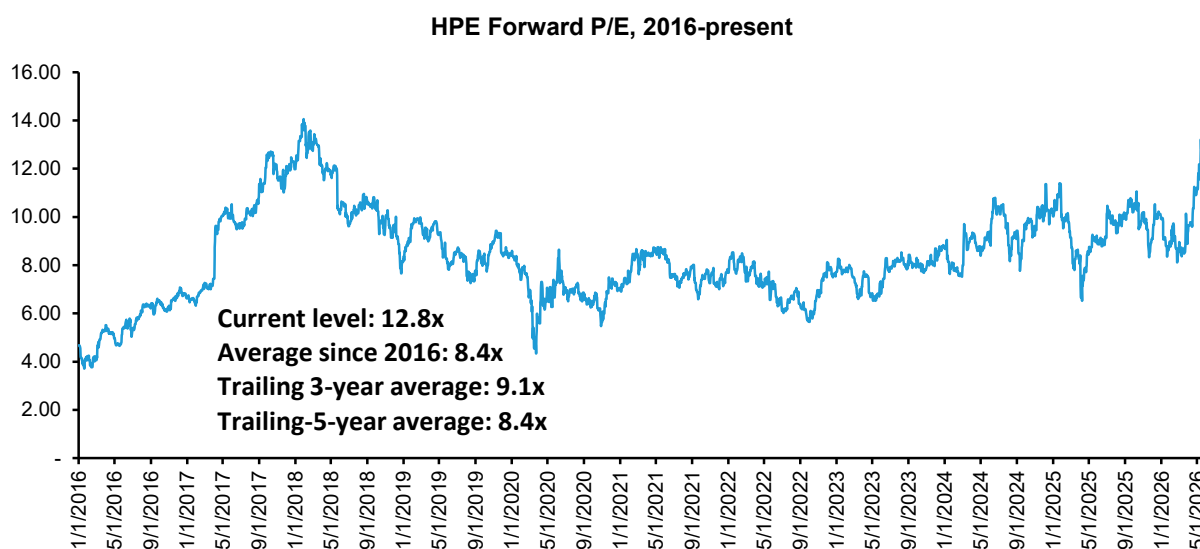
Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 14: HPE Bernstein vs. Consensus

HPE	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Total Revenues (\$M)			
Consensus	\$40,888	\$43,082	\$45,302
Bernstein Est.	\$40,540	\$43,007	\$45,658
<i>Bernstein vs. Cons.</i>	-0.9%	-0.2%	0.8%
Operating Margin (%)			
vs. Bernstein	11.2%	11.8%	12.6%
	11.4%	12.1%	12.3%
EPS (\$)			
Consensus	\$2.42	\$2.72	\$3.06
Bernstein Est.	\$2.43	\$2.85	\$3.24
vs. Bernstein	0.5%	4.5%	5.7%
FCF (\$)			
Consensus	\$2,211	\$2,537	\$3,378
Bernstein Est.	\$1,936	\$2,407	\$3,400
<i>Bernstein vs. Cons.</i>	-12.4%	-5.1%	0.7%

Source: Bloomberg, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 15: HPE P/FE



Source: Bloomberg, Bernstein analysis and estimates

SMCI: STRONG POSITION IN AI SERVERS IN JEOPARDY (IN A BOOMING MARKET); MARKET-PERFORM

While SMCI looks cheap compared to the other two, we do not think the post-earnings rally should be chased.

All eyes are on FQ4'26. FQ3 was largely insulated: the indictment was unsealed on March 19, just days before the March 31 quarter-end, leaving little time for vendor reviews or procurement changes to affect reported results. That makes FQ4 the more important test, as any shipment slippage or scandal-related demand impact should become much clearer in the numbers and guidance.

The step-up in enterprise is likely not sustainable as we head into Q4. The 45% QoQ enterprise channel growth (\$2.8B, 28% of revenue) was likely almost entirely in-flight before March 19th, and the higher-margin enterprise growth is a big part of

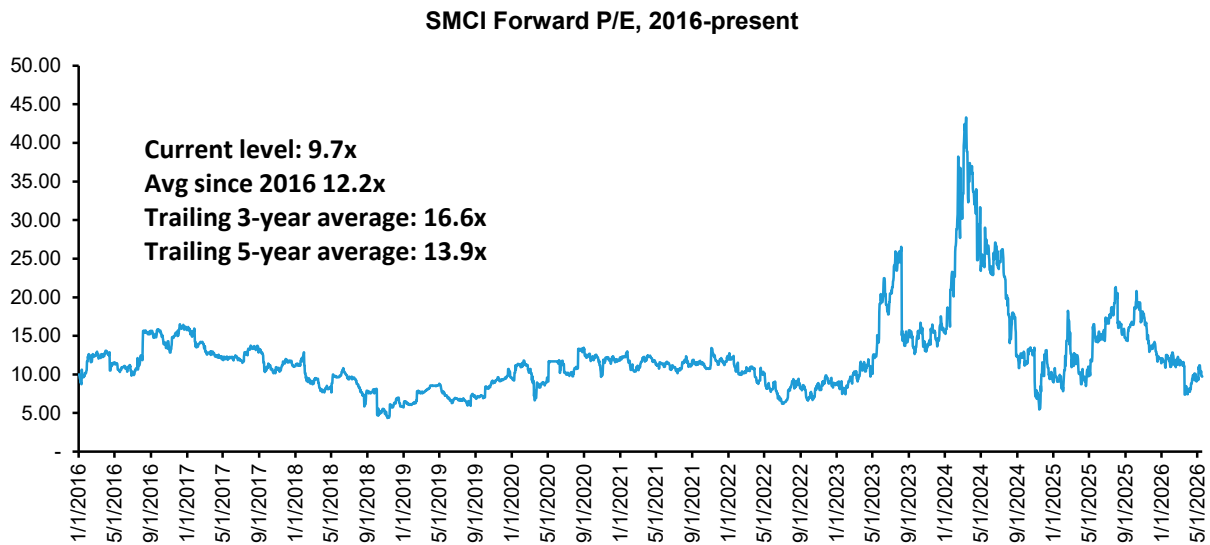
what drove the margin/EPS upside. This means Q3 EPS upside is driven by pre-scandal enterprise momentum, not a validation of the AI thesis or post-scandal durability. As compliance reviews and procurement reassessments fully catch up, that same enterprise strength may be unsustainable and start to unwind in Q4, putting both revenue and margins at risk.

Management’s explanation for the Q3 Data Center revenue miss also raises incremental concern, in our view. Q3 revenue came in at \$10.2B vs \$12.4B expected. Management attributed the shortfall to "datacenter readiness" delays and later clarified that these were not tied to just one large customer but to several unrelated customers experiencing infrastructure issues in Q3. Multiple independent customers simultaneously encountering delays is quite unusual and further raises the concern that some of these delays might be soft cancellations or compliance-driven deferrals.

Against this backdrop of governance overhang and unusual delay patterns, SMCI heading into Q4 faces an unfavorable setup. In our view, SMCI is more likely than not to miss Q4 guidance, which would actually be consistent with its historical pattern of guidance volatility and misses, since the company has missed revenue 7 times and EPS 6 times in the past 8 quarters.

Longer term, GPU supply from NVIDIA is another potential pressure point. As of FQ3, around 80% of SMCI revenue is tied to NVIDIA GPU-based platforms, and that exposure is managed almost entirely via purchase orders with no long-term allocation guarantees or contractual supply protection. NVIDIA, for its part, could have rational incentives over time to lean allocations toward Tier 1 OEMs that offer cleaner compliance optics, more diversified end-markets, and stronger government relationships, even if no explicit shift is signaled today. Even a modest 10-15% allocation reduction would likely cascade disproportionately through SMCI’s P&L via factory underutilization, weaker fixed-cost absorption, margin compression, and a higher risk of delayed or unfilled customer orders. And if SMCI’s customers are already starting to re-source toward Dell/HPE, NVIDIA’s allocation could simply follow end-customer demand, potentially creating a self-reinforcing negative cycle where customer defections and incremental supply tightening compound each other over subsequent quarters.

EXHIBIT 16: **SMCI P/FE**



Source: Bloomberg, Bernstein analysis

APPENDIX - FINANCIAL FORECASTS**EXHIBIT 17: DELL Income Statement**

	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027E	FY2028E	FY2029E	FY27 Q1E	FY27 Q2E	FY27 Q3E	FY27 Q4E
Non-GAAP Income Statement									
Revenue	95,567	113,538	145,481	163,309	180,617	35,763	35,242	35,016	39,460
COGS	73,757	90,379	119,968	134,649	149,009	29,648	29,145	28,818	32,358
Gross Profit	21,810	23,159	25,513	28,660	31,608	6,116	6,097	6,198	7,103
SG&A	10,653	10,370	10,647	11,704	12,944	2,646	2,608	2,591	2,802
R&D	2,628	2,798	2,911	3,423	3,887	683	728	677	823
Opex	13,281	13,168	13,558	15,127	16,831	3,330	3,336	3,268	3,625
Operating Income	8,529	9,991	11,955	13,533	14,777	2,786	2,761	2,930	3,478
Interest and Other, Net	(1,376)	(1,398)	(1,440)	(1,440)	(1,440)	(360)	(360)	(360)	(360)
Pre-tax Income	7,153	8,593	10,515	12,093	13,337	2,426	2,401	2,570	3,118
Income Tax	1,287	1,547	1,895	2,179	2,403	437	433	463	562
<i>Effective Tax Rate %</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>18.0%</i>	<i>18.0%</i>
Net Income (Loss)	5,866	7,046	8,620	9,914	10,934	1,989	1,968	2,107	2,556
Less: NCI	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income Attributable to Dell Technolo	5,864	7,046	8,620	9,914	10,934	1,989	1,968	2,107	2,556
Earnings per Share									
Basic	\$ 8.33	\$ 10.50	\$ 13.68	\$ 16.75	\$ 19.26	\$ 3.03	\$ 3.09	\$ 3.42	\$ 4.14
Diluted	\$ 8.10	\$ 10.35	\$ 13.46	\$ 16.47	\$ 18.92	\$ 2.99	\$ 3.04	\$ 3.36	\$ 4.07
Share Count									
Basic	704	671	628	602	568	655	637	616	617
Diluted	724	681	639	612	578	666	647	626	628

Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 18: **DELL Cash Flow Statement**

Cash flows from operating activities	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027E	FY2028E	FY2029E	0 FY27 Q1E	FY27 Q2E	FY27 Q3E	FY27 Q4E
Net income	4,576	5,936	7,628	8,381	9,531	2,253	1,576	1,676	2,123
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation and Amortization	3,123	3,029	3,320	3,547	3,789	807	824	838	852
Stock-based compensation	785	723	829	925	1,029	204	204	200	222
Deferred income tax	(208)	(60)	(1,854)	(886)	(860)	(882)	(272)	(398)	(302)
Other, Net	453	714	(7,125)	(3,794)	(2,671)	(5,120)	283	123	(2,411)
Change in Working Capital	(4,208)	843	11,314	5,211	5,092	4,930	1,734	2,621	2,030
Net cash provided by operating activities	4,521	11,185	14,112	13,384	15,911	2,192	4,348	5,059	2,513
Cash flows from investing activities									
Capital Expenditure and Capitalized Software	(2,652)	(2,633)	(3,517)	(3,793)	(4,232)	(879)	(879)	(879)	(879)
Other	180	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisitions of Businesses and Assets, Net	-	(84)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Divestiture of Businesses and Assets, Net	-	533	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases (net of maturities and sales) of investments	257	49	(21)	(21)	(21)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing	(2,215)	(2,055)	(3,538)	(3,814)	(4,253)	(884)	(884)	(884)	(884)
Cash flows from financing activities									
Proceeds from new debt	9,258	15,004	13,067	11,610	31,136	3,267	3,267	3,267	3,267
Payments to settle debt	(10,570)	(8,522)	(13,588)	(12,172)	(13,341)	(3,397)	(3,397)	(3,397)	(3,397)
Repurchase (net of issuance) of Parent Company Common Stock	(3,164)	(6,399)	(6,608)	(5,726)	(8,025)	124	(3,030)	(3,642)	(60)
Financing - other	(64)	(88)	562	743	778	446	12	22	82
Cash dividends paid	(1,275)	(1,459)	(1,555)	(1,624)	(1,830)	(400)	(397)	(386)	(373)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing	(5,815)	(1,464)	(8,123)	(7,169)	8,718	40	(3,545)	(4,136)	(481)
Cash reconciliation									
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(179)	221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(3,688)	7,887	2,452	2,401	20,376	1,347	(81)	38	1,147
Net change in cash minus sum of cash flow items	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Check	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Restricted cash balance	186	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
Net Change in Restricted Cash	45	(8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	-	-	11,706	14,158	16,559	0	0	0	0
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	3,819	11,706	14,158	16,559	36,935	13,053	12,972	13,011	14,158
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	7,507	3,819	11,706	14,158	16,559	11,706	13,053	12,972	13,011
Free Cash Flow									
As reported:									
Free cash flow	1,869	8,552	10,595	9,591	11,678	1,312	3,469	4,180	1,634
FCF growth	-68.4%	357.6%	23.9%	-9.5%	21.8%	-41.1%	85.7%	731.0%	-58.7%
FCF margin	2.0%	7.5%	7.3%	5.9%	6.5%	3.7%	9.8%	11.9%	4.1%
FCF per share	2.58	12.56	16.59	15.66	20.21	1.97	5.36	6.67	2.60
FCF conversion	32%	121%	123%	97%	107%	66%	176%	198%	64%
Quarterly as % of full year	-	-	-	-	-	12%	33%	39%	15%
Financing	(1,079)	(1,078)	(2,002)	(1,854)	(1,305)	1,022	(138)	(60)	1,178
Free cash flow ex. Financing	2,948	11,505	8,593	7,737	10,373	290	3,607	4,240	456

Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 19: **DELL Balance Sheet**

Assets	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027E	FY2028E	FY2029E	0 FY27 Q1E	FY27 Q2E	FY27 Q3E	FY27 Q4E
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,633	11,528	13,980	16,381	36,757	12,875	12,794	12,833	13,980
Accounts Receivable, Net	10,298	17,585	17,936	20,134	22,268	15,525	16,199	17,186	17,936
Short-Term Financing Receivables, Net	5,304	8,458	10,460	12,314	13,619	9,480	9,342	9,282	10,460
Inventories	6,716	10,437	11,175	12,543	13,880	9,474	9,934	10,633	11,175
Other current assets	9,610	9,594	11,734	13,171	14,567	10,156	10,597	11,243	11,734
Current Assets Held For Sale	668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	36,229	57,602	65,285	74,543	101,091	57,510	58,866	61,177	65,285
Sum - Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Check	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Property, plant and equipment, net	6,336	6,676	7,413	8,136	8,998	6,890	7,083	7,257	7,413
Long-Term Financing Receivables, Net	5,927	5,822	10,945	12,885	14,251	9,920	9,775	9,712	10,945
Goodwill	19,120	19,547	19,547	19,547	19,547	19,547	19,547	19,547	19,547
Intangible Assets, Net	4,988	4,533	3,992	3,516	3,097	4,391	4,254	4,121	3,992
Deferred taxes	5,650	5,376	7,230	8,116	8,976	6,258	6,529	6,927	7,230
Other Non-Current Assets	1,496	1,730	1,751	1,772	1,793	1,735	1,741	1,746	1,751
Total Non-Current Assets	43,517	43,684	50,878	53,971	56,661	48,741	48,929	49,311	50,878
Sum - Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Check	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Total Assets	79,746	101,286	116,163	128,514	157,752	106,252	107,795	110,487	116,163
Sum - Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Check	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Liabilities									
Short-term debt	5,204	7,990	7,990	7,990	7,990	7,990	7,990	7,990	7,990
Accounts payable	20,832	33,630	36,155	40,579	44,907	30,651	32,140	34,400	36,155
Short-Term Deferred Revenue	13,673	13,334	17,679	19,845	21,949	15,302	15,966	16,940	17,679
Accrued & Other	6,818	8,315	12,171	13,660	15,117	10,318	10,819	11,580	12,171
Total Current Liabilities	46,527	63,269	73,994	82,075	89,963	64,261	66,916	70,910	73,994
Sum - Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Check	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Long-Term Debt	19,363	23,513	22,992	22,430	40,225	23,383	23,252	23,122	22,992
Long-Term Deferred Revenue	12,292	13,596	17,413	19,547	21,619	15,072	15,727	16,685	17,413
Other Non-Current Liabilities	2,951	3,378	3,478	3,881	4,318	3,362	3,374	3,396	3,478
Total Non-Current Liabilities	34,606	40,487	43,883	45,858	66,161	41,817	42,353	43,204	43,883
Sum - Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Check	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Total Liabilities	81,133	103,756	117,878	127,932	156,124	106,079	109,269	114,114	117,878
Sum - Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Check	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Equity									
Dell Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)									
Common Stock and Capital In Excess of \$	9,119	9,457	10,286	11,211	12,240	9,661	9,865	10,064	10,286
Treasury Stock At Cost	(8,502)	(14,533)	(21,141)	(26,867)	(34,892)	(14,409)	(17,439)	(21,082)	(21,141)
Accumulated Deficit	(1,160)	3,325	9,398	16,154	23,855	5,179	6,358	7,647	9,398
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(939)	(719)	(257)	84	425	(257)	(257)	(257)	(257)
Total IBM Stockholders' Equity	(1,482)	(2,470)	(1,715)	582	1,628	173	(1,474)	(3,627)	(1,715)
Non-Controlling Interest	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Equity	(1,387)	(2,470)	(1,715)	582	1,628	173	(1,474)	(3,627)	(1,715)
Book value per share	(1.92)	(3.63)	(2.69)	0.95	2.82	0.26	(2.28)	(5.79)	(2.73)

Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 20: HPE Income Statement and Balance Sheet

Non-GAAP Income Statement	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	Q1 26	Q2 26E	Q3 26E	Q4 26E
Total Revenues	\$34,296	\$40,540	\$43,007	\$45,658	\$48,355	\$9,301	\$9,784	\$10,984	\$10,472
COGS	\$23,491	\$26,203	\$27,955	\$29,678	\$31,431	5,898	6,359	7,139	6,807
Gross Profit	\$10,805	14,337	15,052	15,980	16,924	3,403	3,424	3,844	3,665
OPEX						2,221	2,384	2,635	2,471
R&D	\$2,280	\$3,151	\$2,976	\$3,074	\$3,246	659	818	878	795
SG&A	\$5,172	\$6,560	\$6,881	\$7,305	\$7,737	1,562	1,565	1,757	1,675
Operating Profit	\$3,353	\$4,626	\$5,195	\$5,601	\$5,941	1,182	1,041	1,209	1,194
Interest and Other, Net	-\$114	-\$576	-\$400	-\$150	-\$200	-101	-135	-170	-170
Income Before Tax	\$3,239	\$4,050	\$4,795	\$5,451	\$5,741	1,081	906	1,039	1,024
Taxes	\$486	\$567	\$719	\$818	\$861	151	127	145	143
Net Income	\$2,753	\$3,483	\$4,076	\$4,633	\$4,880	\$930	\$779	\$893	\$881
Diluted EPS without Adjustments	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Convertible Debt Interest Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported EPS (ex SBC starting FY19)	\$1.96	\$ 2.43	\$ 2.85	\$ 3.24	\$ 3.48	\$0.65	\$0.54	\$0.62	\$0.62
SBC per share	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reported EPS including SBC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Diluted Shares Outstanding	1,378	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,404	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432
Memo: Tax Rate	15.0%	14.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%
HPE - Balance Sheet (\$M)									
ASSETS									
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,773	6,318	7,877	9,427	11,318	4,841	6,652	6,008	6,318
Accounts Receivable	5,290	5,967	6,071	6,505	7,021	4,931	5,361	6,018	5,967
Inventory	6,352	8,205	8,681	9,188	10,333	6,913	7,666	8,606	8,205
Property, Plant and Equip.	6,002	5,967	6,057	6,113	6,148	5,911	5,815	6,131	5,967
Total Financing Receivables and Other	17,643	18,849	20,386	21,642	22,921	17,636	17,610	19,771	18,849
Goodwill / Intangible Assets	30,138	29,238	28,507	27,823	27,183	29,929	29,622	29,429	29,238
Other Assets	4,708	6,313	6,679	7,091	7,510	5,607	5,898	6,621	6,313
Total Assets	75,906	80,856	84,257	87,788	92,434	75,768	78,624	82,584	80,856
Accounts Payable	7,731	8,951	10,023	9,350	9,903	8,379	8,363	9,389	8,951
Other Current Liabilities (Deferred Revenue, Employee Comp)	12,303	14,825	15,040	15,837	16,758	12,072	14,302	15,813	14,825
Total Debt and Notes Payable	22,365	21,311	20,911	20,911	20,911	21,611	21,511	21,411	21,311
Other Non-Current Liabilities	8,753	9,870	10,013	10,544	11,157	8,872	9,522	10,528	9,870
Total Liabilities	51,152	54,957	55,988	56,643	58,729	50,934	53,698	57,140	54,957
HPE Shareholders' Equity	24,688	25,949	28,319	31,195	33,754	24,774	24,976	25,493	25,949
Non-Controlling Interest / Other	66	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Total Shareholders' Equity	24,754	26,009	28,379	31,255	33,814	24,834	25,036	25,553	26,009
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	75,906	80,966	84,367	87,898	92,543	75,768	78,733	82,694	80,966

Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 21: HPE Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flow	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	0	Q1 26	Q2 26E	Q3 26E	Q4 26E
Net income	57	1,627	2,370	4,633	4,880		452	202	517	456
Depreciation and amortization	2,737	3,168	3,002	2,989	2,966		872	765	752	779
Stock Based Compensation	643	665	591	623	659		216	143	158	148
Other	2,189	(854)	(349)	(349)	(349)		(593)	32	(371)	79
Difference b/t Non-Cash & Cash Restructuring	-	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Net change in deferred taxes / taxes on earnings	-	(151)	0	0	0		-151	0	0	0
Change in Financing receivables	-	(1,143)	(1,537)	(1,256)	(1,278)		70	26	(2,160)	922
Change in Working Capital	-	603	341	(1,228)	(608)		312	740	215	(665)
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,626	3,915	4,419	5,412	6,269		1,178	1,907	(888)	1,719
Capex	(2,292)	(2,078)	(2,012)	(2,012)	(2,012)		(569)	(503)	(503)	(503)
Asset Dispositions	380	66	0	0	0		66	0	0	0
Net investment purchases / sales	973	(2)	0	0	0		-2	0	0	0
Net Financial Collateral	(183)	(288)	0	0	0		-288	0	0	0
Acquisitions	(12,278)	-	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Divestitures	210	-	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,190)	(2,302)	(2,012)	(2,012)	(2,012)		(793)	(503)	(503)	(503)
Debt-Related	2,343	(1,094)	(400)	-	-		(794)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Stock Buybacks	(491)	(780)	(591)	(1,350)	(1,871)		(331)	(143)	(158)	(148)
Dividends	(796)	(219)	0	(1,030)	(1,109)		(219)	0	0	0
Net transfer from former parent	-	-	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Other	(10)	990	143	531	613		(8)	650	1,006	(658)
Net cash used in financing activities	1,046	(1,104)	(848)	(1,849)	(2,367)		-1352	407	748	-906
FX impact	(21)	33	0	0	0		33	0	0	0
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(6,584)	543	1,559	1,550	1,890		(934)	1,811	(643)	310
Net change in cash minus sum of cash flows	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Cash held for Sale	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Restricted cash	(3,963)	(3,965)	(3,965)	(3,965)	(3,965)		(3,965)	(3,965)	(3,965)	(3,965)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at start of period	8,190	1,810	2,353	3,912	5,462		1,810	876	2,687	2,043
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	1,810	2,353	3,912	5,462	7,353		876	2,687	2,043	2,353

Free Cash Flow

As reported:

Free cash flow	986	1,936	2,407	3,400	4,257		708	1,404	(1,391)	1,216
Sum - Total	-	0	(0)	-	-		-	-	-	-
FCF growth	-57%	96%	24%	41%	25%		-63%	98%	-199%	-187%
FCF margin	3%	5%	6%	7%	9%		8%	14%	-13%	12%
FCF per share	0.72	1.35	1.68	2.37	3.03		0.49	0.98	-0.97	0.85

Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 22: SMCI Income Statement

Super Micro Computer, Inc. thousands of dollars	6/30/2025 FY 2025	6/30/2026 FY 2026E	6/30/2027 FY 2027E	6/30/2028 FY 2028E	6/30/2029 FY 2029E	9/30/2025 FY26 Q1	12/31/2025 FY26 Q2	3/31/2026 FY26 Q3	6/30/2026 FY26 Q4E
non-GAAP Income Statement									
Net Sales	21,972,042	39,735,053	49,458,773	55,516,652	59,823,806	5,017,790	12,682,491	10,243,014	11,791,758
Cost of Sales	19,517,615	36,446,317	45,600,989	51,186,353	55,157,549	4,543,342	11,877,121	9,212,812	10,813,042
Gross Profit	2,454,427	3,288,736	3,857,784	4,330,299	4,666,257	474,448	805,370	1,030,202	978,716
R&D	441,106	520,578	607,990	638,036	687,537	115,881	121,219	132,544	150,934
Sales and marketing	235,355	265,728	360,386	382,316	411,978	36,828	62,754	77,234	88,912
G&A	210,520	254,578	318,803	335,640	361,680	50,344	56,614	68,622	78,998
Opex	886,981	1,040,884	1,287,178	1,355,992	1,461,194	203,053	240,587	278,400	318,844
Operating Income	1,567,446	2,247,852	2,570,606	2,974,306	3,205,062	271,395	564,783	751,802	659,872
Other income (expense)	48,746	188,078	27,796	27,796	81,224	51,227	51,267	49,584	36,000
Interest income (expense)	-59,573	-179,255	-74,064	-47,766	-100,362	-24,931	-25,358	-64,483	-64,483
Earnings before income tax provis	1,556,619	2,256,675	2,524,338	2,954,337	3,185,924	297,691	590,692	736,903	631,389
Income tax benefit (provision)	-239,686	-465,375	-514,965	-602,685	-649,929	-59,362	-121,610	-155,600	-128,803
Net Income attributable to Super M	1,316,933	1,791,300	2,009,373	2,351,652	2,535,996	238,329	469,082	581,303	502,586
Share of income (loss) from equity ir	-6,211	-1,857	-895	-895	-1,216	-106	-492	-695	-564
Net Income (Loss)	1,314,656	1,825,220	2,008,478	2,350,757	2,534,780	238,223	486,478	598,497	502,022
Earnings Per Share									
Diluted & Split Adjusted	2.04	2.59	2.80	3.25	3.47	0.35	0.69	0.84	0.71
Basic	2.21	3.05	3.31	3.83	4.09	0.40	0.81	1.00	0.83
Diluted	2.04	2.60	2.80	3.25	3.47	0.35	0.69	0.84	0.71
Share Count									
Diluted & Split Adjusted	643,259	701,823	716,619	723,515	729,863	677,017	709,115	709,150	712,011
Basic	593,683	599,225	607,674	614,570	619,963	595,624	598,004	600,205	603,066
Diluted	643,259	701,823	716,619	723,515	729,863	677,017	709,115	709,150	712,011

Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 23: **SMCI Balance Sheet**

Balance Sheet	FY 2025	FY 2026E	FY 2027E	FY 2028E	FY 2029E	0	FY26 Q1	FY26 Q2	FY26 Q3	FY26 Q4E
Assets										
Current Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	5,169,911	5,833,732	4,654,658	5,443,313	6,975,361		4,196,867	4,091,083	1,290,324	5,833,732
Accounts receivable	2,203,942	9,685,501	10,596,146	11,904,845	12,828,460		2,525,039	11,004,122	8,413,396	9,685,501
Inventories	4,680,375	9,598,426	10,558,141	11,862,146	12,782,448		5,730,002	10,595,448	11,103,376	9,598,426
Prepaid expenses	247,426	876,282	958,671	1,077,074	1,160,637		209,426	433,944	761,190	876,282
Total Current Assets	12,301,654	25,993,941	26,767,616	30,287,378	33,746,905		12,661,334	26,124,597	21,568,286	25,993,941
PP&E										
Deferred income taxes, net	607,416	523,752	562,550	651,254	702,305		617,257	655,367	632,715	523,752
Other assets	604,871	740,646	810,283	910,359	980,987		586,734	683,062	643,369	740,646
Investment in equity investee	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Total non-current assets	1,716,775	1,903,446	2,175,216	2,467,749	2,571,002		1,724,703	1,877,013	1,883,743	1,903,446
Total assets	14,018,429	27,897,387	28,942,833	32,755,127	36,317,908		14,386,037	28,001,610	23,452,029	27,897,387
Implied restricted cash	2,390	49,642	49,642	49,642	49,642		2,388	102,642	49,642	49,642
Liabilities										
Current Liabilities										
Accounts payable	1,281,977	7,109,945	7,820,845	8,786,775	9,468,480		1,279,667	13,753,207	3,686,991	7,109,945
Accrued liabilities	565,637	974,176	1,071,581	1,203,928	1,297,333		313,393	548,179	830,007	974,176
Income taxes payable	53,381	31,731	34,082	39,456	42,549		56,235	118,700	38,333	31,731
Short-term debt	75,060	2,095,069	2,095,069	2,095,069	2,095,069		100,618	201,776	2,095,069	2,095,069
Deferred revenue	368,737	1,694,837	1,854,188	2,083,193	2,244,814		597,322	774,846	1,472,235	1,694,837
Total Current Liabilities	2,344,792	11,905,759	12,875,765	14,208,421	15,148,245		2,347,235	15,396,708	8,122,635	11,905,759
Deferred revenue, non-current										
Long-term debt	37,415	2,018,675	-	-	-		25,199	21,437	2,018,675	2,018,675
Convertible notes	4,645,178	4,659,357	4,659,357	4,659,357	4,659,357		4,649,889	4,654,623	4,659,357	4,659,357
Other long-term liabilities	326,528	472,266	486,096	511,784	551,490		409,472	408,756	412,361	472,266
Total non-current liabilities	5,371,766	7,914,015	5,980,977	6,109,858	6,222,392		5,515,242	5,612,725	7,753,803	7,914,015
Total Liabilities	7,716,558	19,819,774	18,856,742	20,318,279	21,370,636		7,862,477	21,009,433	15,876,438	19,819,774
Stockholder's equity										
Common stock and Additional Paid In	2,866,449	3,221,877	3,601,722	4,001,870	4,440,228		2,919,868	2,987,932	3,087,963	3,221,877
Treasury stock	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Accumulated other comprehensive ir	705	692	692	692	692		698	695	692	692
Retained earnings	3,434,539	4,854,883	6,483,516	8,434,125	10,530,546		3,602,824	4,003,388	4,486,775	4,854,883
Common Stockholder's equity	6,301,693	8,077,452	10,085,930	12,436,687	14,971,467		6,523,390	6,992,015	7,575,430	8,077,452
Noncontrolling interest	178	161	161	161	161		170	162	161	161
Total stockholders' equity	6,301,871	8,077,613	10,086,091	12,436,848	14,971,628		6,523,560	6,992,177	7,575,591	8,077,613
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	14,018,429	27,897,387	28,942,833	32,755,127	36,342,264		14,386,037	28,001,610	23,452,029	27,897,387

Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

EXHIBIT 24: **SMCI Cash Flow Statement**

Cash Flow Statement	FY 2025	FY 2026E	FY 2027E	FY 2028E	FY 2029E	0	FY26 Q1	FY26 Q2	FY26 Q3	FY26 Q4E
Cash Flows from Operating Activities										
Net Income	1,048,854	1,420,344	1,628,633	1,950,609	2,096,422		168,285	400,564	483,387	368,108
Depreciation and amortization	68,612	148,290	302,908	362,492	406,833		12,341	13,013	57,764	65,172
Stock-based compensation expense	314,452	439,472	379,845	400,148	438,358		89,139	90,485	125,934	133,914
Share of loss (income) from equity in	6,211	1,293	-	-	-		106	492.00	695.00	-
Foreign currency exchange (gain) los	18,832	(4,428)	-	-	-		(1,017)	1,176.00	(4,587.00)	-
Deferred income taxes, net	(214,638)	78,043	(38,798)	(88,704)	(51,051)		(12,201)	(39,674)	20,955	108,963
Other	(3,077)	94,260	(253,530)	(280,946)	(253,780)		53,669	147,649	43,382	(150,440)
Changes in Working Capital, net	390,027	(5,200,619)	(913,288)	(1,300,631)	(917,921)		(1,227,845)	(637,603)	(7,342,956)	4,007,785
Net cash provided by (used in) op	1,659,524	(3,023,344)	1,105,770	1,042,968	1,718,861		(917,523)	(23,898)	(6,615,426)	4,533,503
Cash Flows from Investing Activities										
Purchases of property, plant and equi	(127,214)	(183,769)	(280,000)	(280,000)	(250,000)		(32,270)	(21,221)	(80,278)	(50,000)
Investment in a privately-held compa	(56,000)	(42,000)	-	-	-		-	(25,000.00)	(17,000.00)	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Net cash used in investing activiti	(183,214)	(225,769)	(280,000)	(280,000)	(250,000)		(32,270)	(46,221)	(97,278)	(50,000)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities										
Proceeds from borrowings, net of del	(380,659)	4,010,197	(2,018,675)	-	-		17,048	98,361	3,894,788	-
Proceeds from exercise of stock opti	20,898	18,347	-	-	-		7,922	5,003	5,422	-
Payment of withholding tax on vestin	(142,348)	(102,391)	-	-	-		(43,642)	(27,424)	(31,325)	-
Stock issuance (repurchase)	(200,000)	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
Other	(182,298)	64,070	13,830	25,688	39,706		7	7	4,151	59,905
Net cash (used in) provided by fin	2,024,045	3,990,221	(2,004,845)	25,688	39,706		(18,665)	66,162	3,859,338	59,905
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations c	1,673	(6,554)	-	-	-		(4,588)	(1,573.00)	(393.00)	-
Net increase in cash, cash equival	3,502,028	734,554	(1,179,074)	788,656	1,508,567		(973,046)	(5,530)	(2,853,759)	4,543,408
Beginning Cash Balance	1,670,273	5,172,301	5,906,855	4,727,781	5,516,436		5,172,301	4,199,255	4,193,725	1,339,966
Ending Cash Balance	5,172,301	5,906,855	4,727,781	5,516,436	7,025,003		4,199,255	4,193,725	1,339,966	5,883,374
Free Cash Flow										
Free cash flow	1,532,310	(3,207,113)	825,770	762,968	1,468,861		(949,793)	(45,119)	(6,695,704)	4,483,503

Source: Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

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Dell Technologies Inc

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Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co

We value HPE at ~12.5x our FY 2027 EPS, or \$35.

RISKS**Super Micro Computer Inc**

The biggest risks to the upside on SMCI and to our price target are that: 1) Super Micro could leverage its initial traction in AI into building out more established credibility in AI servers, along to sustain its success beyond first mover advantage. This would open doors to sustained market share and revenue growth; 2) Any significant working capital improvements, could meaningfully improve free cash flow (and thus valuation). The biggest risk to the downside is: 3) Any new accounting issues or concerns around circumventing US-China trade restrictions could cause a crisis in confidence.

Dell Technologies Inc

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Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co

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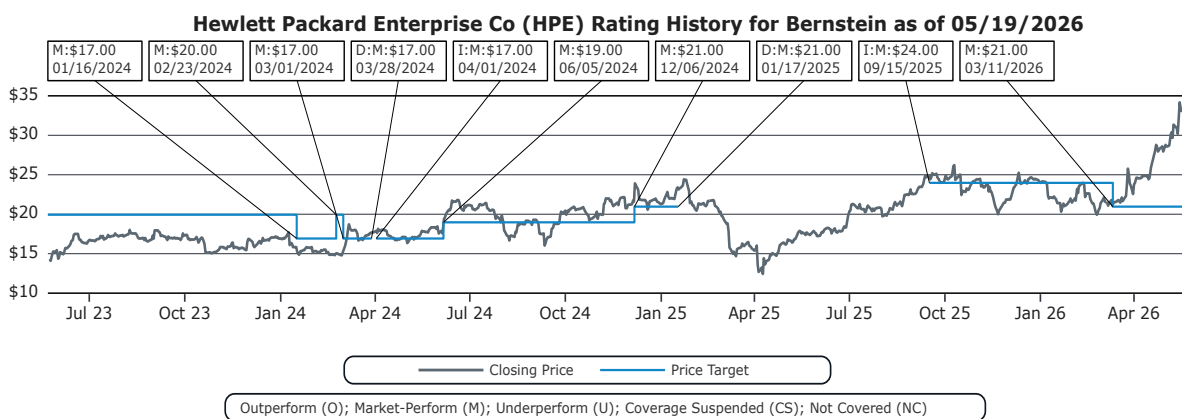
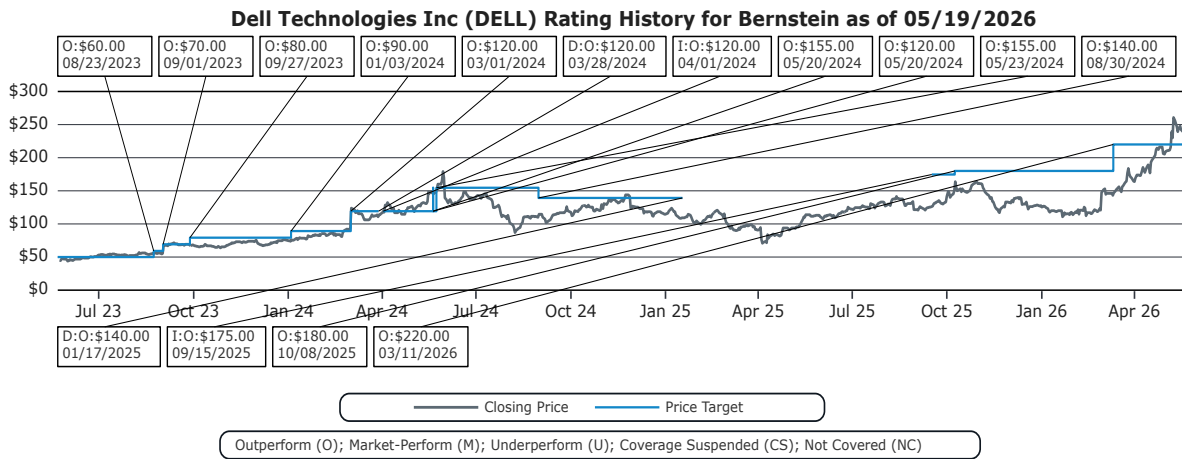
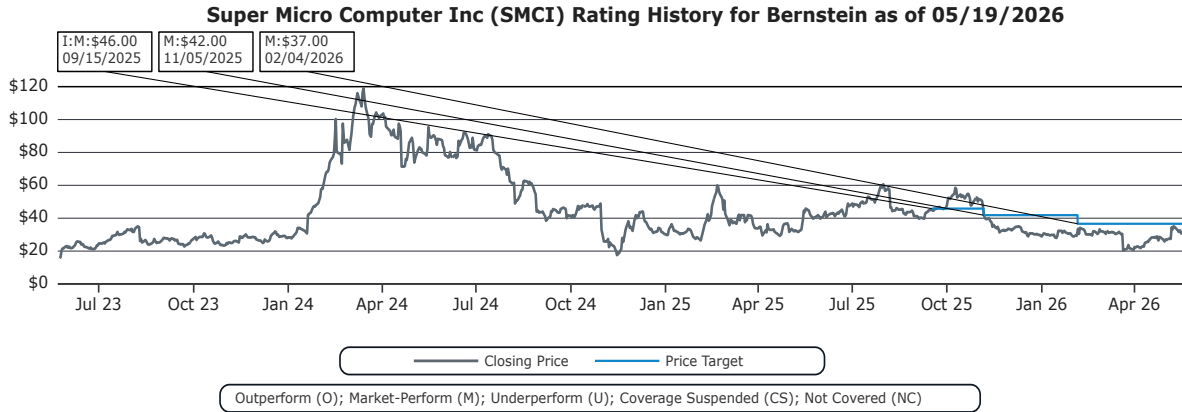
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