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# ZACKS DATA CAN BE USED TO EMPIRICALLY ANALYZE ANALYSTS' FORECASTS AND THEIR REVISIONS, PRICE TARGETS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▲ Estimates and recommendations ▲ Detail and summary historical files
- ✓ Pre-announcement history ✓ Broker translation table ✓ Construct popular measures—consensus forecast, earnings surprises, analyst track records and more

#### What can I do with Zacks data?

Study the historical patterns in analyst behavior and how their actions interact with the companies' behavior and the market, as a whole.

### What is the primary difference between Zacks and other financial data providers?

Zacks entire business is providing market data services covering US and Canadian equities, while other vendors provide market data for US and non-US, and for fixed income and equities.

## Why does the Zacks consensus EPS differ from other consensus data providers?

Zacks adjusts analyst estimates to include or exclude selected non-recurring (NRI) items in order to obtain the Zacks consensus of EPS before non-recurring items (BNRI). When a company issues guidance, Zacks will drop all individual estimates made prior to the guidance that fall outside of its range. Zacks includes all estimates made after the date of guidance. This policy removes outliers that are based on old information.



#### **DATA COVERAGE**

US AND CANADA

- EPS and Long-Term Growth from 1979
- Actuals from 1983
- Quarterly EPS and LTG Estimates from 1981
- EPS Surprise from 1994
- Recommendations from 1982
- Sales Surprise from 2001
- Sales Consensus from 2000
- Target Price Consensus from 2000
- EPS Pre-Announcements from 1990

#### **USERS OF THIS DATASET**

Academic Researchers
Hedge Fund
Private Equity
Research Analysts
Government Agencies
Investment Managers
Investment Bankers
Consultants and Advisors



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