

### **Company Overview:**

Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. engages in the business of technology, solutions and services for merchants, banks and capital markets businesses.

- 1. Banking Solutions This segment generates revenue by serving regional and community banks across North America by providing core processing, digital and mobile banking, fraud and risk management, and item processing.
- 2. Merchants Solutions This segment is a payment service provider (PSP) that offers shops online services for accepting electronic payments. The goal is to provide traditional point-of-sale payment processing for merchants of all sizes with a focus on large multi-national enterprises.
- 3. Capital Market Solutions This segment is focused on serving global financial services clients with a broad array of buyand sell-side solutions.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ticker</u>	<u>D + G</u>	Compounder Score
Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.	FIS	12.61%	4

### **Last Twelve Months Highlights:**

The company pre-released their Q1 2020 earnings. Specifically, FIS announced that adj. EPS would be \$1.26-\$1.28 (vs. street estimates of \$1.29) and organic revenue growth would be 1-2% (vs. street expectations of 3%). More importantly, the implied exit rates are worse than expected, as consolidated revenue likely exited the quarter down 12%, weighed down by a softer Merchant Solutions segment (~35% of revenue). Although results are certainly weaker than expected, we still believe FIS is the best house in the neighborhood and feel incrementally worse about the high-quality group, as those exposed to merchant acquiring (SQ, FISV) and spending trends in general (V, MA, PYPL) are likely worse off than FIS.

#### **Bull Case:**

- It's All About the Worldpay Acquisition We believe the success of the FIS will hinge on the transformative Worldpay acquisition. If management successfully integrates the business and delivers on its initial synergy expectations, we struggle to see what would keep the stock from outperforming. The significant FCF generation and relatively limited use of the balance sheet should enable the company to de-lever quickly and pursue further M&A and/or buybacks.
- Cheap Valuation → Multiple Re-Rating We believe the combination of core processing and back-office software for financial institutions and merchant acquiring gives FIS a diversified set of revenue streams that immediately raises FIS' revenue growth profile and de-risks the faster growing but more macro sensitive Worldpay. FIS currently trades at a discount to peers, which we expect to narrow given the improving quality of the business and faster earnings growth.
- Superior Competitive Positioning with Best-in-Class Suite of Payments Solutions Should Modestly Accelerate Revenue Growth We believe the core FIS processing business can deepen its relationships with existing bank clients, positioning it for new client wins globally. We believe this is enabled by cross-selling Worldpay's payment processing capabilities particularly in e-commerce, fraud/risk, and B2B payments.

# **Bear Case:**

- Integration / Execution Risk of World Pay While both legacy FIS and WP management teams have a solid track record of integration and executing on large acquisitions, this combination is by far the largest and bring a significant challenge, especially given the Vantiv/Worldpay deal closed just last year.
- **Economic Slowdown** The majority of Worldpay's revenue is tied to the health of small and mid-size businesses (SMBs), and volumes would begin to decline and merchant attrition rates would likely begin to climb in an economic slowdown or recession significantly impacting the overall revenue growth.
- Slower Growth Profile for Legacy FIS We expect the organic growth rate for legacy FIS to remain in the low-single digits as its client base faces regulatory headwinds and continues to consolidate (~4% per year) as well as modest market share losses at the lower end of the market. While we believe that FIS likely has the most comprehensive, customizable solutions for large financial institutions, that market is only so big and outside of low-single digit market growth, share gains and losses come slowly.

# **Overall Thesis:**

Simply put, we believe Wall Street under appreciates the strategic value of the Worldpay acquisition. The deal structurally changes the growth profile of the company essentially overnight, plus enhancing the margin profile as well. In terms of just the merchant acquiring, relative to high-quality peers, the asset is more integrated with e-commerce and defensive business such as grocery stores. Couple this with FIS's legacy business, the combined asset is more defensive now going into a downturn, which was very apparent during Q1 2020. In short, we believe the Worldpay deal makes a lot of sense and we expect the stock to rerate higher once investors begin to fully appreciate this transformative combination.



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