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Earnings Note

Investors should consider this report as only a single factor in making their investment decision.

DRI Corporation

Rating: Speculative Buy

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DRI Corporation (TBUS), headquartered in Dallas, TX, develops and markets technology for the worldwide surface mass transit industry. The company manufactures information display (both on- and off-vehicle) systems, and monitoring, video security, and GPS-based location and tracking systems. The technology is used by around 500 customers, principally on buses, of which many operate in developing countries. Roughly half of sales are to overseas customers.

2009 1Q results (\$ thousands), derived from a May 15, 2009 10-Q filing, and our 1Q estimates, are as follows:

	Quarter Ending March 31			%Δ 09 vs. '08
	2009A	2009E	2008A	
Sales	13,265	16,599	17,025	(22.1%)
Cost of sales	9,516	11,228	10,993	(13.4%)
Gross profit	3,749	5,372	6,032	(37.8%)
Operating expenses				
SG&A	4,473	4,980	4,309	3.8%
R&D	79	274	287	(72.5%)
Total	4,552	5,254	4,596	(1.0%)
Operating income (loss)	(803)	118	1,436	(155.9%)
Other income (loss)	(6)	50	92	NM
Foreign currency gain (loss)	(125)	150	163	(176.7%)
Interest expense	(336)	(371)	(303)	10.9%
Pre-tax loss	(1,270)	(53)	1,388	(191.5%)
Income taxes	19		(370)	(105.1%)
Profit (loss) before minority interest	(1,251)	(53)	1,018	(222.9%)
Minority interest	241	(200)	(296)	(181.4%)
Net profit (loss)	(1,010)	(253)	722	(239.9%)
Preferred dividends	(76)	(76)	(74)	2.7%
Net profit (loss) to common shareholders	(1,086)	(329)	648	(267.6%)
Avg. shares outstanding	11,473	12,200	12,873	
Net income (loss) per share	(0.09)	(0.03)	0.06	(257.8%)
Margin analysis				
Gross margin	28.3%	32.4%	35.4%	
SG&A	33.7%	30.0%	25.3%	
R&D	0.6%	1.7%	1.7%	
Operating margin	(6.1%)	0.7%	8.4%	
Pre-tax margin	(9.6%)	(0.3%)	8.2%	
Net margin	(7.6%)	(1.5%)	4.2%	
Income tax rate	(1.5%)	0.0%	(26.7%)	

Source: Company reports and Taglich Brothers estimates

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Estimate Comment: The 1Q loss was significantly larger than we forecasted. Revenue was \$3.3 million less, or 20% lower, than we estimated. The sharp year-on-year (and sequential) decline in sales reduced overhead coverage, narrowing the gross margin and raising the SG&A expense margin, leading to an operating loss, vs. the small operating profit we forecasted.

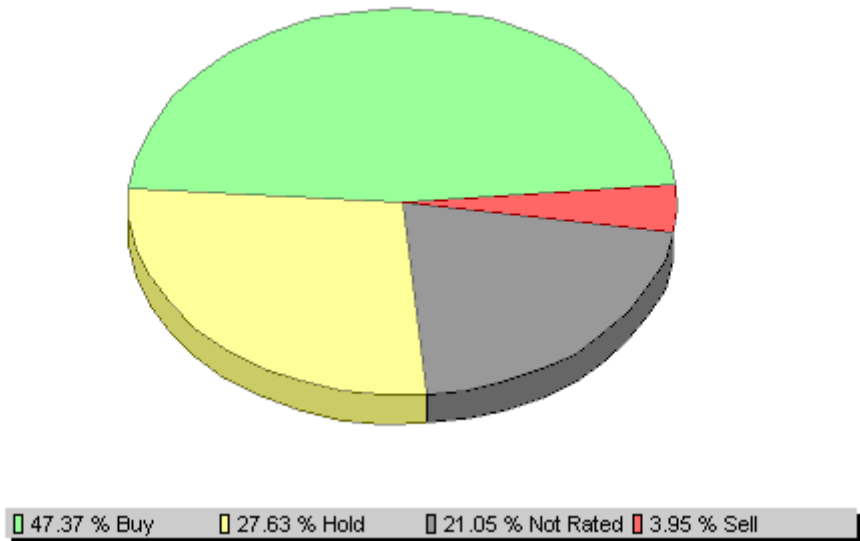
Rating: Reiterate Speculative Buy

Risks: Please review our latest research report (April 27, 2009) for a summary of the principal risks underlying the stock.

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Taglich Brothers Current Ratings Distribution



Investment Banking Services for Companies Covered in the Past 12 Months		
Rating	#	%
Buy	2	7.69%
Hold	0	0
Sell	0	0
Not Rated	0	0

Meaning of Ratings

Buy

We believe the Company is undervalued relative to its market and peers. We believe its risk reward ratio strongly advocates purchase of the stock relative to other stocks in the marketplace. Remember, with all equities there is always downside risk.

Speculative Buy

We believe that the long run prospects of the Company are positive. We believe its risk reward ratio advocates purchase of the stock. We feel the investment risk is higher than our typical “buy” recommendation. In the short run, the stock may be subject to high volatility and continue to trade at a discount to its market.

Neutral

We will remain neutral pending certain developments.

Underperform

We believe that the Company may be fairly valued based on its current status. Upside potential is limited relative to investment risk.

Sell

We believe that the Company is significantly overvalued based on its current status. The future of the Company's operations may be questionable and there is an extreme level of investment risk relative to reward.

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