

Understanding the FAANG Stocks



Introduction



FAANG acronym stands for

Facebook (now Meta)

Amazon,

Apple ,

Netflix and,

Google (now Alphabet)

They are considered to be elite tech firms with strong financials and promising returns.

As of **August 5, 2023**, the FAANG Portfolio has achieved a remarkable Year-To-Date return of **74.93%**. The products and services offered by these firms exert substantial global influence and contribute to their status as some of the largest companies on a global scale.

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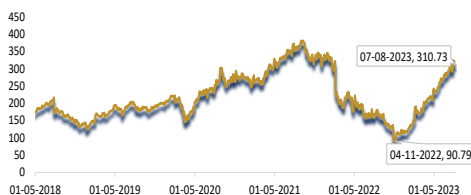


FACEBOOK

(Meta Platforms)

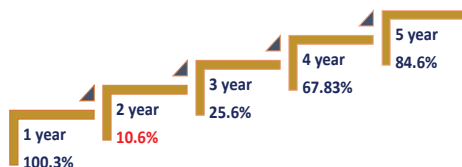
- Meta develops technologies that facilitate human connections, community discovery, and business growth. Facebook's inception in 2004 revolutionized connectivity, and subsequent apps like Messenger, Instagram, and WhatsApp continued to empower billions globally. Presently, Meta is expanding into immersive realms like augmented and virtual reality, aiming to shape the future of social technology beyond traditional 2D screens.

Facebook (Meta Platforms Inc.): Trend over the last 5 years



- Over the past few months, the company's shares experienced a substantial increase in share price, exceeding 20% on the NASDAQ. The market price as on 7th August 2023 stood at \$310.73.

Facebook (Meta Platforms, Inc.) Yearly Performance



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- In its recent financial report, Meta showcased strong performance. Revenue was \$32B, surpassing the projected \$31.12B. Earnings per Share stood at \$2.98, exceeding \$2.91. Daily Active Users were 2.06B, surpassing 2.04B. These results highlight Meta's market strength and ability to consistently exceed expectations. The revenue rise eases Meta's efforts in bolstering data centers for AI competitiveness. It allocates over \$10B yearly to "metaverse" hardware and software advancement.
- These advancements reflect a favorable outlook for Meta Platforms and its growth potential in the market.



- Amazon, founded by Jeff Bezos in 1994, began as an online bookstore and has grown into a global tech and e-commerce giant, providing a diverse array of services such as e-commerce, cloud computing, digital streaming, and AI. Renowned for its customer focus and innovative solutions, Amazon has revolutionized online shopping and emerged as a major industry player.
- In its fiscal second quarter ending June 30, 2023, Amazon.com Inc. recorded a rise in net sales to \$134.4 billion, marking an 11% increase compared to its Q2 2022 sales of \$121.2 billion. This total encompasses various components such as Amazon's own
- product sales, marketplace seller fees, advertising fees, and revenue derived from Amazon Web Services (AWS).

Amazon's stock has experienced a 52%

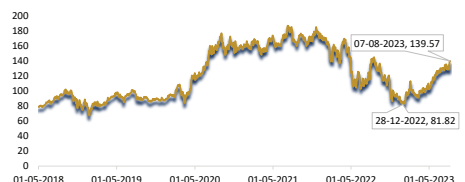
- increase year-to-date, contributing to the broader market's upward momentum. The company observed a significant rise in profits in comparison to the same period last year, with net income reaching \$6.7 billion in Q2.

While significant investments in AI haven't led to immediate acceleration in AWS growth, the technology behemoth remains

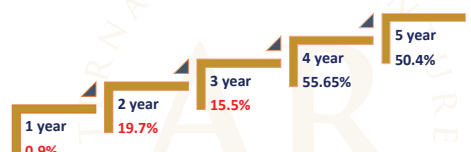
positive about its prospects and is exploring innovations in the e-commerce shopping journey. It foresees third-quarter sales expanding by 9% to 13% in comparison to the same period the previous year.

Amazon Inc's stock performance has been varied over different time frames. While there have been recent short-term declines in the past indicating potential challenges or market fluctuations, the stock has exhibited strong growth over the longer term. This suggests that despite short-term fluctuations, Amazon's stock has the potential to deliver significant returns

Amazon Inc : Price trend over the last 5 years



Amazon Inc: Yearly Performance



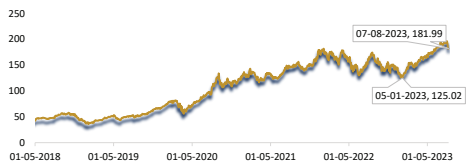
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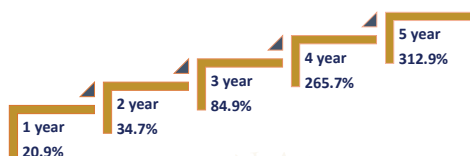
Apple

- Founded in 1976 by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Ronald Wayne, Apple is a global tech firm celebrated for its creation, production, and sale of consumer electronics, software, and services, with notable products like iPhone, iPad, Mac, and Apple Watch. Renowned for its elegant design, user-friendly interfaces, and extensive app ecosystem, Apple's profound influence on technology is evident, cementing its position as a world-renowned valuable and influential identity.
- During the three-month span, the company posted a net income of \$19.8 billion from net sales of \$81.8 billion. Although revenue increased year-over-year, foreign exchange impacts caused a 4% decline. Notably, the company achieved a record gross margin of 44.5% in the June quarter, highlighting the expanding role of the high-margin (70.5%) services segment.
- The active device base achieved record highs across all regions, with robust operating cash flow of \$26 billion, over \$24 billion returned to shareholders, and sustained investments in long-term growth initiatives.
- The iPhone still remains a pivotal product for Apple, the company has strategically safeguarded itself against potential disruptions through forward-looking investments in emerging markets, services, and accessories.
- Apple's stock performance has been exceptionally positive. The stock's growth has been even more impressive with 312.9% over last 5 years. This showcases Apple's consistent ability to generate substantial returns for both short-term and long-term making it an attractive investment option.

Apple Inc : Price trend over the last 5 years



Apple Inc: Yearly Performance



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Netflix

- Netflix, Inc. is a leading American subscription-based streaming service and content production firm. It provides subscription-driven video on demand from a content repository of movies and TV series, with 40% being in-house Netflix originals.
- The company, established in 1997 by American entrepreneurs Reed Hastings and Marc Randolph, has significantly influenced independent film distribution.

Netflix stock jumped as much as 3% to \$457 in Monday morning trading, hitting their

- highest level since February 1, 2022.

The company's revenue reached \$8.19 billion, marking a 3% increase from the previous year's \$7.97 billion. Net income also saw growth, rising to \$1.49 billion from

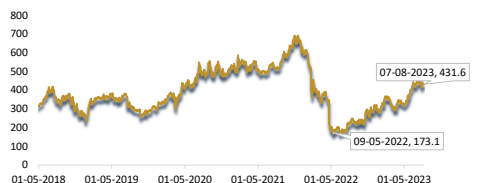
- the year-ago quarter's \$1.44 billion.

It also witnessed robust growth in global memberships, gaining approximately 5.9 million new subscribers this quarter, reaching a total of nearly 239 million worldwide. The introduction of ad-supported

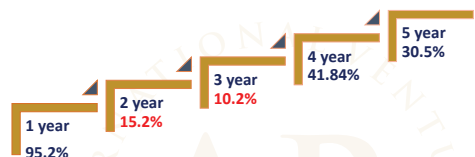
- subscriptions and measures like discontinuing password sharing contributed to attracting new customers.

- Netflix stock's cites potential revenue growth from ad-supported services and upcoming quarters.
- Netflix exhibited remarkable growth of 95.2%, suggesting strong returns. Looking at the long run, the stock demonstrated positive returns over extended investment horizons despite short-term fluctuations.

Netflix Inc : Price trend over the last 5 years



Netflix Inc: Yearly Performance



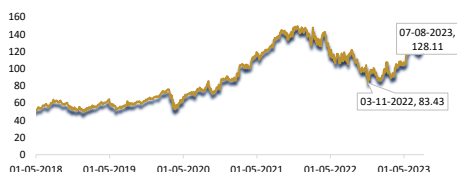
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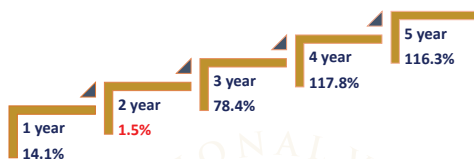
- Google, now formerly managed under the parent company Alphabet and on average, Google processes 40,000 search queries every second. This translates to 3.5 billion searches per day and 1.2 trillion per year.
- Alphabet's Q2 revenue rose by 7% to \$74.6 billion from the year-ago \$69.7 billion, marking the fourth consecutive quarter of single-digit growth amid reduced digital ad spending linked to economic uncertainties. Google's revenue of \$74.6 billion exceeded the projected \$72.82 billion.
- Alphabet's advertising revenue surged by 3.2% to \$44.68 billion, propelled by a 4.8% increase to \$40.69 billion from Google Search and other segments. YouTube contributed to the growth, climbing 4.4% to \$7.67 billion, surpassing the estimated \$7.43 billion.
- At present, 80% of advertisers employ AI-driven search tools. Alphabet plans to integrate generative AI into Gmail, Google Photos, and Android OS, enabling the creation of text, images, and videos akin to human-made content.
- It can now be seen that Alphabet has firmly established its dominance in the fiercely competitive cloud industry, paving the way for concentrated growth in the realm of artificial intelligence.

- Alphabet's stock performance has been favorable over various timeframes. Despite a minor dip of -1.5%, the stock has demonstrated strong growth over the longer term. This suggests Alphabet's stock has the potential to deliver significant returns from long-term investment perspective.

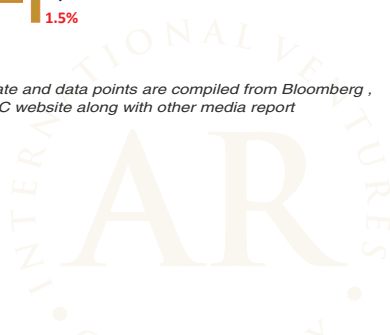
Google (Alphabet Inc): Price trend over the last 5 years



Google (Alphabet Inc): Yearly Performance



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Top 10 gainers of US stocks- NSE IFSC Receipts (% returns in last 1 year)



Source : Bloomberg

Note: 1 year return as on 31st July 2023 vs 31st July 2022

Top 50 US Stocks* and their Performances

Sr.No	US Stocks	1 year Performance			3 years Performance			5 years Performance		
		Close price July 2023	Close price July 2022	% change	Close price July 2023	Close Price July 2020	% change	Close price July 2023	Close Price July 2018	% change
1	Apple	196	163	21	196	106	85	196	48	313
2	Amazon	134	135	-1	134	158	-16	134	89	50
3	Alphabet	133	116	14	133	74	78	133	61	116
4	Tesla	267	297	-10	267	95	180	267	20	1245
5	Meta	319	159	100	319	254	26	319	173	85
6	Microsoft	336	281	20	336	205	64	336	106	217
7	Netflix	439	225	95	439	489	-10	439	337	30
8	Walmart	160	132	21	160	129	24	160	89	79
9	NVIDIA Corporation	467	182	157	467	106	340	467	61	663
10	Johnson & Johnson	168	175	-4	168	146	15	168	133	26
11	United Health	506	542	-7	506	303	67	506	253	100
12	JP Morgan Chase & Co	158	115	37	158	97	63	158	115	37
13	Berkshire Hathway	352	301	17	352	196	80	352	198	78
14	Procter & Gamble	156	139	13	156	131	19	156	81	93
15	Home Depot Inc	334	301	11	334	265	26	334	198	69
16	Bank of America	32	34	-5	32	25	29	32	31	4
17	VISA INC	238	212	12	238	190	25	238	137	74
18	Master card Incorporated	394	354	11	394	309	28	394	198	99
19	EXXON MOBIL CORP	107	97	11	107	42	155	107	82	32
20	PFIZER INC	36	51	-29	36	36	-1	36	38	-5
21	COCA-COLA COMPANY	62	64	-3	62	47	31	62	47	33
22	WALT DISNEY COMPANY	89	106	-16	89	117	-24	89	114	-22
23	CHEVRON CORPORATION	164	164	0	164	84	95	164	126	30
24	ADOBE INC	546	410	33	546	444	23	546	245	123
25	ABBVIE INC	150	144	4	150	95	58	150	92	62
26	BROADCOM INC	899	535	68	899	317	184	899	222	305
27	PEPSICO INC	187	175	7	187	138	36	187	115	63
28	CISCO SYSTEMS INC	52	45	15	52	47	10	52	42	23
29	ELI LLLY AND COMPANY	455	330	38	455	150	202	455	99	360
30	NIKE INC	110	115	-4	110	98	13	110	77	44
31	SALESFORCE.COM INC	225	184	22	225	195	15	225	137	64
32	THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	549	598	-8	549	414	33	549	235	134
33	COMCAST CORPORATION	45	38	21	45	43	6	45	36	26
34	ABBOTT LABORATORIES	111	109	2	111	101	11	111	66	70
35	COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION	561	541	4	561	326	72	561	219	156
36	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	34	46	-26	34	57	-41	34	52	-34
37	ORACLE CORPORATION	117	78	51	117	55	111	117	48	146
38	MERCK & COMPANY INC	107	89	19	107	77	39	107	63	70
39	DANAHER CORPORATION	255	291	-12	255	204	25	255	103	149
40	WELLS FARGO & COMPANY	46	44	5	46	24	90	46	57	-19
41	PAYPAL HOLDINGS INC	76	87	-12	76	196	-61	76	82	-8
42	INTEL CORPORATION	36	36	-1	36	48	-25	36	48	-26
43	QUALCOMM INCORPORATED	132	145	-9	132	106	25	132	64	106
44	MCDONALD'S CORPORATION	293	263	11	293	194	51	293	158	86
45	MORGAN STANLEY	92	84	9	92	49	87	92	51	81
46	AT&T INC	15	19	-23	15	22	-35	15	24	-40
47	TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED	180	179	1	180	128	41	180	111	62
48	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL INC	100	97	3	100	77	30	100	86	16
49	LOWE'S COMPANIES INC	234	192	22	234	149	57	234	99	136
50	CHARLES SCHWAB	66	69	-4	66	33	99	66	51	29



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