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Oracle Corporation (ORCL) - Gideon-Lens Equity Research

Date: 2026-04-30. Analyst: Codex ER2 Production Mode. Price anchor: $173.29. Market capitalization anchor: $498.390B. Fiscal year end: May 31.

VERDICT BLOCK

Verdict: PASS

Scorecard:

Gate	Result	Notes
Management	YELLOW	Credible operators, but new leadership and funding cycle unproven
Moat	PASS	Database and systems-of-record moat passes the 2046 test
P/E <= 15 on confident EPS at TTM + 5 calendar years	YELLOW	base cushion +6.4%, but bear case fails
Compounder Score	Audited 51 / 100	51/100; durable software assets are offset by uncalculated ROIIC, negative TTM FCF, elevated leverage, and a failed 20% return setup at the refreshed price.
Business Quality Score	Audited 49 / 80	49/80; database and application moats are real, but the current AI infrastructure cycle has not yet proven acquisition-inclusive or organic incremental returns.
20% Return UW Score	Audited 2 / 20	2/20; base, bear, and bull cases do not clear 20%, and the current price fails the base P/E 15 test using the refreshed scorer quote.

One-line thesis (or reason to pass): Oracle has a real database moat, but new leadership, infrastructure funding, cash-flow conversion, and the narrow P/E 15 cushion keep it a PASS under ER2.

Kill / trigger criteria:

- BUY trigger: price below $155, which implies roughly 19% cushion to the base-case P/E 15 value of $184.50.
- PASS triggers: OCI/IaaS revenue growth below 50% year over year for two consecutive reported quarters through Q1 FY2027; AI infrastructure gross margin on delivered capacity below 30%; material ATM issuance or mandatory-convertible dilution without clear FCF recovery.
- Upgrade to BUY conditions: OCI/IaaS growth stays comfortably above the exit threshold, FY2027 revenue guidance remains intact, AI infrastructure gross margin stays at or above the 30% area, and FCF/leverage trajectory improves without material common-equity dilution.

Position sizing if bought: 0% today. A future WATCH/BUY revisit requires evidence that OCI/RPO conversion is funding itself with improving free cash flow, leverage discipline, and durable infrastructure margins.

ER2 stricter-gate recalibration (2026-05-28): Verdict moved from WATCH to PASS because Management is YELLOW and the P/E gate is only YELLOW; under the updated hard-gate calibration, unresolved management plus a narrow valuation cushion is not enough for WATCH. This top scorecard supersedes any softer gate phrasing elsewhere in the appended materials; the underlying evidence was reused, but the gate standard is stricter.

Stage 0 - Time Anchor

Today: 2026-04-30. Oracle's fiscal year ends May 31. The most recently reported quarter is Q3 FY2026, the three and nine months ended February 28, 2026, reported March 10, 2026. The TTM anchor is Q4 FY2025 + Q1 FY2026 + Q2 FY2026 + Q3 FY2026, giving TTM ending February 28, 2026. The forward horizon is TTM + 5 calendar years, or February 28, 2031, so every forward EPS and P/E reference in this report uses exactly February 28, 2026 to February 28, 2031.

Stage 1 - Disqualifier Sweep

ROIC is yellow/green: Oracle has historically earned high software returns, but the current OCI build makes reinvested returns a live question. FCF conversion is yellow: the software base converts well, but TTM FCF was negative $24.736B after $48.250B of capex. Net debt / EBITDA is yellow: QF calculates net financial debt of $95.473B and approximate net debt / EBITDA of 3.44x. End-markets are green: enterprise database, cloud infrastructure, ERP/HCM, and AI infrastructure demand remain growing or stable. Governance is yellow/green: founder influence is high, but the board has conventional public-company controls. AI disruption exposure is yellow/green: Oracle is an AI infrastructure beneficiary while some application and services workflows face agentic disruption. Pricing power is green in database and software support, with weaker evidence in standalone services and cycle-dependent OCI capacity.

Management - Summary

Management is YELLOW, not a fail. Oracle's formal leadership changed in September 2025 when Safra Catz became Executive Vice Chair and Clayton Magouyrk and Michael Sicilia became co-CEOs. That matters because most of Oracle's historical record belongs to a prior operating structure, while the investment case now depends on Magouyrk's OCI execution, Sicilia's industry/application strategy, Larry Ellison's continuing technical influence, and Hilary Maxson's newly added finance discipline. The management appendix gives the team credit for coherent strategy: buybacks have been curtailed, capex has been prioritized, and the leadership split maps directly to infrastructure and vertical-application execution. The unresolved issue is not whether management understands the opportunity; it is whether management can convert huge RPO into attractive cash returns without overusing debt, preferred securities, or the $20B ATM equity capacity. The appendix flags negative TTM FCF, $50B FY2026 capex guidance, $95.473B of net financial debt, and incomplete disclosure on customer funding, partner terms, OCI revenue dollars, and AI customer concentration. That is enough to avoid a PASS on management, but not enough for a clean PASS gate.

Moat - Summary

Moat is PASS, and the 2046 test is also PASS. Oracle's durable profit pool is not a generic claim that it will "win AI"; it is the database, software support, systems-of-record, ERP/HCM/SCM, industry cloud, and multicloud database estate that customers cannot casually replace. The moat appendix highlights switching costs, system-of-record data gravity, procurement trust, global support, compliance, renewal behavior, and multicloud distribution as the strongest evidence. Cloud and software is the moat engine, with $55.499B of TTM revenue and roughly 60% TTM segment margin, even while OCI and AI infrastructure mix is rising. Hardware and services are supporting layers rather than standalone 20-year moats. The 2046 version of Oracle is credible as a mission-critical enterprise data, database, applications, and multicloud infrastructure company serving regulated and complex customers. The moat caveat is important: if the fast-growing AI infrastructure layer becomes a low-return, debt-funded compute utility, the historical software moat can remain real while the equity return disappoints.

Stage 5 Synthesis - Headline Numbers

The synthesis passes all 11 arithmetic tie-outs. The base case takes revenue from $64.077B TTM to $133.886B at the February 28, 2031 horizon. Segment-level horizon revenue is $124.500B for Cloud and Software, $3.086B for Hardware, and $6.300B for Services. After subtracting the corporate-cost block that reconciles segment margin to GAAP operating income, base-case GAAP operating income is $48.253B, or a 36.0% margin. Net income is $37.190B and diluted EPS is $12.30 on 3,024.8M diluted shares. The P/E 15 gate at the $173.29 price anchor requires $11.55 of EPS. Base-case cushion is therefore +6.4%, which is positive but thin. Bear-case EPS is $5.44 and fails clearly; bull-case EPS is $19.32 and clears easily. The model explicitly avoids assuming that buybacks rescue EPS: diluted share count rises from 2,912.0M to 3,024.8M over five years. The synthesis also avoids the main accounting trap by not treating segment margin as GAAP operating income; it subtracts a TTM corporate-cost bridge of $16.877B and grows that cost block forward.

Case	FY+5 Revenue	FY+5 OI	FY+5 NI	FY+5 EPS	P/E 15 Status
Bear	$96.662B	$25.817B	$16.456B	$5.44	FAIL
Base	$133.886B	$48.253B	$37.190B	$12.30	YELLOW / thin pass
Bull	$167.340B	$70.942B	$58.450B	$19.32	PASS

The key judgment is confidence, not arithmetic. The base case clears the mechanical P/E 15 hurdle, but only because Cloud and Software grows to $124.5B and OCI/IaaS reaches roughly $71.3B of horizon revenue. Red team shows a 200 bp

reduction in Cloud/software revenue CAGR cuts EPS from $12.30 to $10.68, below the $11.55 requirement. That sensitivity keeps the stock at PASS rather than WATCH.

Red Team

The red team's strongest bear point is that Oracle may be a levered AI infrastructure landlord wrapped around a valuable database annuity, not a clean software-quality compounder. The most fragile Stage 5 number is base-case EPS of $12.30, driven by the $71.3B OCI/IaaS horizon revenue line. Oracle has negative TTM FCF, massive capex, undisclosed AI customer concentration, financing/dilution tools, and incomplete OCI unit-economics disclosure. The single decisive exit signal is OCI/IaaS revenue growth below 50% year over year for two consecutive quarters through Q1 FY2027 before cash conversion has improved. Red team recommends WATCH, not BUY.

Kill / Trigger Criteria

- Upgrade toward BUY if the next two quarters show OCI/IaaS growth comfortably above 50%, FY2027 revenue guidance remains intact, AI infrastructure gross margin remains at or above the 30% area, and FCF/leverage trajectory improves without material ATM dilution.
- Downgrade to PASS if OCI/IaaS growth falls below 50% year over year for two consecutive quarters through Q1 FY2027.
- Downgrade to PASS if capex remains near the FY2026 run-rate while RPO conversion slows, gross margin weakens, or net debt / EBITDA fails to trend down.
- Downgrade to PASS if Oracle funds the build with material common-equity issuance or mandatory-convertible dilution before proving EPS and FCF conversion.
- BUY trigger price is below $155 on the current base case; at $173.29 the cushion is not wide enough for Gideon-quality underwriting.

Analyst Flags

QF and QFR cleared the quantitative foundation with 8/8 checks and no blocking gaps. DR cleared the data package after one attribution fix. Segment reviewers cleared all three segment appendices; remaining issues are disclosure gaps, not arithmetic blockers. The largest analytical gap is product-level disclosure: Oracle does not provide full dollar histories for OCI, AI infrastructure, multicloud database, Fusion, NetSuite, or AI-customer concentration. The Q3 FY2026 FMP 10-Q JSON endpoint returned HTTP 404 after identical retry, so SEC and Oracle IR tables control. Several Oracle/OpenAI web pages blocked raw PowerShell downloads, but SEC filings, Oracle IR releases, FMP pulls, and live browser-accessible sources were used. Final verdict is WATCH. No WhatsApp BUY alert is required.

Appendix A - Company Primer

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- Forward horizon: TTM + 5 calendar years = February 28, 2031. Compounding horizon is exactly February 28, 2026 to February 28, 2031.

Source Discipline and Process Notes

Financial figures in this primer come from `quant_foundation.md`, which is the controlling quantitative source for this ER2 run. The quantitative foundation was already reviewed by QFR and cleared with `QUANT FOUNDATION VERIFIED - CLEARED FOR WAVE 1`. I did not use the local investing warehouse as a source. For this A-run, I also made fresh live pulls into the Oracle raw folder: FMP profile, quote, revenue-product segmentation, income statement, key metrics, transcript dates, the Q3 FY2026 earnings call transcript, the FY2025 10-K, the Q3 FY2026 10-Q, the March 10, 2026 8-K, and the Oracle IR Q3 FY2026 earnings release table. New FMP files were copied non-overwriting into `C:\Users\Admin\OneDrive\Cowork\Investing\data warehouse\fmp\ORCL`.

One process caveat matters: the required instruction file `C:\Users\Admin\.codex\skills\equity-research\references\subagent_A_primer.md` ends mid-sentence after "For subscription busin". I followed all visible protocol and all visible required sections, then completed the primer in the ER2 style using the source hierarchy, production word-count floor, and Oracle-specific evidence.

1. Business Overview

Oracle is an enterprise technology company built around databases, enterprise applications, cloud infrastructure, support, hardware, and services. Its historical center of gravity is the Oracle Database and the ecosystem around it: customers run large, mission-critical systems on Oracle data stores, middleware, business applications, and support contracts. Over time Oracle has added large applications franchises, including Fusion cloud applications, NetSuite, industry applications, and health care assets from Cerner. The current strategic narrative is that Oracle is converting a legacy enterprise software and support base into a recurring cloud platform that spans infrastructure, database, applications, and industry workflows.

The customer is usually not a small self-serve developer buying a point product. Oracle sells to large enterprises, government agencies, education institutions, health systems, banks, retailers, manufacturers, telecoms, and system integrators. The products often sit in systems of record: finance, human capital, procurement, supply chain, core banking, retail merchandising, health records, database workloads, analytics, and AI infrastructure. That matters because the purchase decision is typically centralized, risk-managed, contractual, and relationship-driven. Oracle's 10-K says all three businesses sell globally to businesses, governments, education institutions, and resellers through a worldwide sales force; that is a very different go-to-market motion from a bottom-up software tool.

Oracle's value proposition has three layers. First, it provides core enterprise applications and databases that customers rely on to run operations. Second, it provides cloud infrastructure, including Oracle Cloud Infrastructure, or OCI, where customers can run Oracle and non-Oracle workloads. Third, it is positioning itself as an AI data and infrastructure platform: management argues that enterprise AI needs secure access to private operational data, high-performance compute, sovereign cloud options, and prebuilt agents embedded into workflows. The latest Q3 FY2026 earnings call framed the company as a full-stack provider: OCI, Oracle Database, Fusion applications, industry suites, and AI tooling.

Customers buy Oracle in multiple ways. Cloud and software contracts are often direct customer agreements, billed either in advance or arrears, recognized over the contract term for cloud and support, and renewed at contract end. Software licenses are generally recognized when the license is made available. Hardware products and hardware support are sold through the enterprise sales motion and related channels. Services are sold as consulting, customer support, and partner-facing work to help customers implement and optimize Oracle systems. The commercial motion is therefore a mix of recurring cloud and support revenue, upfront license economics, hardware sales/support, and lower-margin professional services.

Oracle's current scale is large. QF reports TTM revenue of $64.077 billion, TTM operating income of $19.581 billion, and TTM net income of $16.210 billion for the period ending February 28, 2026. The FMP quote pull used in QF and refreshed in this A-run showed a price of $163.84 and market capitalization of roughly $471.2 billion. Scale, however, is not the same as cash durability. Oracle is in a heavy investment phase: QF reports TTM cash flow from operations of $23.514 billion, but capital expenditures of $48.250 billion, producing negative TTM free cash flow of $24.736 billion. The primer reader should view Oracle as a high-margin enterprise software company that is currently behaving financially like a capital-intensive AI infrastructure builder.

2. Revenue Architecture

Oracle reports three businesses, each a single operating segment: Cloud and software, Hardware, and Services. The FY2026 filings renamed the old Cloud and license segment to Cloud and software. QF maps all downstream appendices to three slugs: `cloud_and_software`, `hardware`, and `services`. FY2025 revenue was $57.399 billion. Cloud and license, now Cloud and software, generated $49.230 billion, or about 85.8% of FY2025 revenue. Hardware generated $2.936 billion, or about 5.1%. Services generated $5.233 billion, or about 9.1%. In the TTM ending February 28, 2026, the mix tilted further toward Cloud and software: $55.499 billion of $64.077 billion, or about 86.6%.

Cloud and Software

Cloud and software is Oracle's core business. It includes enterprise applications and infrastructure technologies delivered through cloud and on-premise deployment models. The cloud component includes cloud applications and cloud infrastructure. The software component includes software licenses and software support. In plain English, this is where Oracle sells the systems that run enterprise finance, HR, supply chain, procurement, industry workflows, databases, middleware, and cloud compute/storage/networking. The business includes applications such as Fusion ERP, Fusion HCM, Fusion SCM, Fusion EPM, Fusion CX, NetSuite, industry applications, and health care systems. It also includes infrastructure technologies such as Oracle Database, Java, middleware, autonomous database, MySQL HeatWave, and OCI.

FY2025 Cloud and license revenue was $49.230 billion, up 11% as reported from FY2024. Within FY2025 cloud services and license support, Oracle disclosed $24.506 billion of cloud services, $19.523 billion of license support, and $5.201 billion of cloud license and on-premise license revenue. It also disclosed $19.383 billion of applications cloud services and license support and $24.646 billion of infrastructure cloud services and license support. The FY2026 Q3 10-Q shows acceleration: for the nine months ended February 28, 2026, cloud revenue was $24.076 billion, up from $17.769 billion in the prior-year period, with Q3 cloud applications revenue of $4.026 billion and cloud infrastructure revenue of $4.888 billion.

The Cloud and software segment has very high disclosed segment economics but is now carrying the costs of OCI and AI capacity buildout. QF reports TTM Cloud/software revenue of $55.499 billion and TTM segment margin of $33.124 billion, a 59.7% segment margin. In FY2025, the segment margin was $30.930 billion on $49.230 billion of revenue, or 62.8%. The margin compression into TTM reflects the cost of cloud infrastructure expansion: cloud and software expenses grew faster than revenue in the FY2026 nine-month period, while sales and marketing was controlled. This segment is the main source of Oracle's earnings power, but it is also where the capex-heavy strategic bet is being made.

Hardware

Hardware is smaller but strategically connected to Oracle's infrastructure stack. The FY2025 10-K describes Oracle hardware as engineered systems, servers, storage, industry-specific hardware, operating systems, virtualization, management software, related hardware software, and hardware support. This is not a standalone consumer hardware business; it supports enterprise infrastructure environments and can reinforce Oracle's database and cloud architecture. Hardware support contracts provide software updates, repairs, maintenance, and technical support recognized over time.

FY2025 Hardware revenue was $2.936 billion, down 4% from FY2024. QF reports TTM Hardware revenue of $3.010 billion and TTM segment margin of $1.976 billion, a 65.6% segment margin. The high segment margin reflects the way Oracle reports segment profit: hardware product/support costs and direct sales and marketing are included, but broader R&D, G&A,

amortization, stock compensation, restructuring, and interest are excluded from segment margin. Hardware is not the growth engine in the Oracle story, but it can matter as an enabling piece for engineered systems, Exadata, appliances, and infrastructure offerings tied to database performance and support.

Services

Services helps customers and partners maximize performance from Oracle applications and infrastructure technologies. In practical terms, this includes consulting and customer services around implementations, upgrades, optimization, and support. Services is labor-intensive, lower-margin, and more tied to customer project work than the recurring software base. It can improve customer adoption and retention, but it is not the main value driver if the investment case rests on high incremental returns.

FY2025 Services revenue was $5.233 billion, down 4% from FY2024. QF reports TTM Services revenue of $5.568 billion and TTM segment margin of $1.358 billion, a 24.4% segment margin. That TTM margin is above the FY2025 segment margin of 19.0%, helped by stronger FY2026 segment results. Services remains useful strategically because it lowers implementation friction and extends Oracle's reach into customer operations, but it should not be valued like the Cloud and software franchise.

Geography

Oracle is geographically diversified but Americas-heavy. FY2025 revenue by geography was $36.339 billion in the Americas, $14.025 billion in EMEA, and $7.035 billion in Asia Pacific. That is roughly 63%, 24%, and 12% of total revenue, respectively. In Q3 FY2026, the Americas share was 66% of quarterly revenue, EMEA 23%, and Asia Pacific 11%. This concentration matters because the AI infrastructure ramp, sovereign cloud demand, multicloud database partnerships, and large U.S. enterprise contracts can skew growth and capacity deployment by region.

3. Unit Economics

Oracle's unit economics should be understood at two levels: reported segment margin and consolidated cash conversion. Segment margin shows the power of the software/support franchise. Consolidated free cash flow shows the cost of building AI infrastructure capacity.

In Cloud and software, a dollar of revenue can come from cloud applications, cloud infrastructure, software support, or licenses. Cloud and support revenue is usually recognized over time and benefits from renewal behavior, customer lock-in, and low churn in mission-critical systems. Software licenses can be lumpy because license revenue is recognized when software is made available. The cost base includes cloud delivery infrastructure, technical support, sales compensation, and marketing. Historically, the software support portion was an exceptional cash machine because updates and support on entrenched software have high gross margins and annual renewal behavior. In the current period, OCI and AI infrastructure dilute that pattern because Oracle must fund data centers, GPUs/accelerators, networking, storage, and power before revenue fully ramps.

The Q3 FY2026 evidence shows the tradeoff. Cloud and software revenue for the quarter was $15.033 billion, up 24% from the prior-year quarter, but segment margin was $8.707 billion, up 14%, so margin fell to 58% from 63%. For the nine months ended February 28, 2026, Cloud and software margin was $24.574 billion on $41.793 billion of revenue, or 59%. Growth is strong, but costs are rising fast because cloud delivery and AI capacity are being built ahead of revenue. Management said on the Q3 call that AI infrastructure capacity delivered in Q3 had gross margin of 32%, above its 30% guidance, and that adjacent services plus database services can lift the broader OCI margin mix. That is a critical diligence point for later segment work: Oracle is telling investors that AI infrastructure can be profitable, but the current consolidated cash statement shows the buildout is extremely capital intensive.

Hardware unit economics are more straightforward. A dollar of hardware revenue is reduced by materials, manufacturing labor, third-party manufacturing costs, warranty, repair materials, support labor, infrastructure, and sales/marketing. QF's TTM hardware margin of 65.6% is high because the disclosed segment margin excludes corporate overhead and because hardware support can be profitable. The business is not growing materially, but it can defend Oracle's end-to-end stack and database performance claims.

Services unit economics are constrained by people and contractor costs. A dollar of services revenue must pay consultants, delivery staff, external contractors, facilities, and technology infrastructure. QF's TTM services margin of 24.4% is materially below the other segments. Services can support product adoption and retention, but because it is more labor-linked, it is less scalable than software support or database services.

Consolidated unit economics are currently distorted by capex. QF reports TTM operating margin of 30.6% and TTM net margin of 25.3%, which are strong. But TTM free cash flow was negative because capex exceeded operating cash flow by $24.736 billion. This means the investor cannot stop at GAAP margins. The real question is whether the AI infrastructure contracts and RPO convert into profitable recurring revenue quickly enough to justify the debt and capex burden. If they do, Oracle's segment margins can reassert themselves at a larger scale. If not, the company risks looking like a leveraged infrastructure buildout with software-like reported margins but weaker cash returns.

4. Growth Drivers

The first growth driver is cloud infrastructure, especially AI infrastructure. Q3 FY2026 cloud infrastructure revenue was $4.888 billion, up 84% reported from the prior-year quarter. For the first nine months of FY2026, cloud infrastructure revenue was $12.314 billion, up 70%. Management also disclosed RPO of $552.6 billion as of February 28, 2026, with roughly 12% expected to be recognized over the next twelve months, 31% over months 13 to 36, 35% over months 37 to 60, and the remainder thereafter. RPO is not revenue, and it does not guarantee free cash flow, but the scale is central to the Oracle story. The market is being asked to believe that signed demand for AI capacity will become recurring, profitable revenue.

The second driver is multicloud database. Oracle has partnerships with Microsoft, Google, and Amazon to make Oracle Database services available in partner cloud regions. Management said on the Q3 call that multicloud database revenue grew 531% year over year and described region expansion across Microsoft, Google, and AWS. The strategic logic is clear: many Oracle database customers run applications in hyperscaler environments, but they may prefer not to leave Oracle Database. If Oracle can sell database cloud services inside or adjacent to the clouds those customers already use, it can monetize installed-base data gravity without forcing a full cloud migration to OCI.

The third driver is cloud applications. Oracle's applications base includes Fusion ERP, HCM, SCM, EPM, CX, NetSuite, and industry suites. On the Q3 call, management said cloud applications revenue was up 11% in constant currency and described an annualized run rate of $16.1 billion. Management also emphasized more than 2,000 customer go-lives in Q3. The applications argument is that AI does not kill mission-critical SaaS; rather, Oracle embeds AI agents into the systems of record and sells an ecosystem automation platform. That claim is plausible in complex regulated domains such as health care, banking, retail, government, and enterprise finance, but it needs to be tested against customer adoption, win rates, and pricing power in later appendices.

The fourth driver is cross-sell from a simplified full-stack sales motion. Oracle can approach a customer with database, OCI, Fusion applications, industry apps, AI data platform, and services. This can create multi-product deals and make Oracle more relevant to C-level enterprise transformation budgets. The risk is complexity: a full-stack story can become a sales advantage, but it can also hide segment-level economics and execution bottlenecks.

5. Balance Sheet, Capital Intensity, and Cash Conversion

Oracle's balance sheet is now a central part of the primer because the AI infrastructure ramp is being funded with debt, preferred equity, partner structures, and customer financing models. QF reports cash and equivalents of $38.455 billion and marketable securities of $677 million at February 28, 2026. It also reports notes payable and other borrowings of $134.605 billion, split between current and non-current borrowings, and operating lease liabilities of $18.512 billion. Net financial debt was $95.473 billion, or 3.44x approximate TTM EBITDA. Including operating leases, net debt was $113.985 billion, or 4.11x approximate TTM EBITDA.

Management directly addressed funding on the Q3 call. Oracle announced an intent to raise up to $50 billion in debt and equity financing and had already raised $30 billion through investment-grade bonds and mandatory convertible preferred stock by the call date. Management also described alternative AI infrastructure models involving customer upfront payments and bring-your-own-hardware arrangements. The point is not just that Oracle can access capital markets; the point is that its growth strategy now depends on matching long-dated contracted demand with construction, power, hardware delivery, and funding.

The cash-flow statement highlights the issue. For the TTM ending February 28, 2026, CFO was $23.514 billion and capex was $48.250 billion. Free cash flow as a percent of net income was negative 153%. This is not a normal software cash profile. Oracle's traditional support and software base remains cash generative, but the consolidated enterprise is absorbing a massive AI/OCI capacity build. Later ER2 synthesis should not value Oracle solely on TTM free cash flow, because that could understate normalized economics if contracted capacity ramps successfully. But it also should not ignore free cash flow, because the buildout risk is the main way the thesis can break.

6. Competitive Position

Oracle competes in several arenas at once. In databases, the core competitors include Microsoft, Amazon, Google, open-source databases, and specialized data platforms. Oracle's advantage is installed-base depth, mission-critical workloads, performance, security, and decades of enterprise trust. Its vulnerability is that new workloads often start outside Oracle unless Oracle can make OCI and multicloud database attractive enough.

In cloud infrastructure, Oracle competes against the hyperscalers: AWS, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud. Oracle is smaller, but it has tried to differentiate on high-performance architecture, pricing, networking, database adjacency, sovereign cloud, and AI cluster delivery. The Q3 call emphasized demand exceeding supply, more than 10 gigawatts of power and data-center capacity coming online through partners over three years, and capacity delivery metrics. The investor question is whether Oracle has a durable cost/performance edge or is benefiting from a temporary capacity shortage in AI compute.

In enterprise applications, Oracle competes with SAP, Workday, Salesforce, Microsoft, ServiceNow, specialized vertical SaaS vendors, and legacy on-premise systems. Oracle's differentiation is breadth: ERP, HCM, SCM, EPM, CX, NetSuite, industry applications, database, infrastructure, and AI agents. Management argues that small AI-native apps will not easily replace regulated systems of record. That is reasonable for large enterprises, but the strength of the claim varies by workflow. Finance, HR, banking, health care, and supply chain are stickier than front-office point tools.

In services, Oracle competes with system integrators, consulting firms, and cloud migration specialists. Services is less likely to be a moat by itself, but it supports Oracle's ability to deliver complex programs and capture customer feedback.

7. Key Risks and What to Watch

The first risk is capex and leverage. Oracle has a software heritage but is funding a large AI infrastructure build. If utilization, pricing, customer concentration, or construction timing disappoints, the company could carry high debt and leases without the expected cash-flow conversion. Net financial debt above 3x approximate EBITDA is a yellow flag in the QF, and lease-inclusive leverage is higher.

The second risk is AI infrastructure margin durability. Management says delivered AI capacity in Q3 had gross margin above 30% and that adjacent database and infrastructure services improve the mix. That needs proof over time. If AI compute becomes commoditized, if customers renegotiate, or if hardware cycles require repeated reinvestment, the returns may fall short of a software-compounder standard.

The third risk is concentration and contract quality inside RPO. RPO of $552.6 billion is impressive, but it is not the same as diversified, cash-collected revenue. Later appendices should test customer concentration, cancellation rights, funding obligations, delivery milestones, and the timing of revenue recognition.

The fourth risk is installed-base erosion. Oracle's old license and support base is durable, but cloud migrations can create moments when customers reconsider architecture. Multicloud database is partly an answer to that risk, but open-source databases, cloud-native data services, and hyperscaler bundling remain threats.

The fifth risk is AI disruption in applications. Oracle's management argues that AI strengthens its SaaS franchise because agents are embedded in mission-critical systems. That may be true for complex systems of record, but AI could still pressure seats, workflows, implementation services, and point-solution pricing over time.

8. Primer Takeaways for the Investment Work

Oracle is not a simple legacy software company, and it is not a pure AI infrastructure company. It is a hybrid: a high-margin enterprise software and database base funding a massive cloud and AI infrastructure expansion. The base business has real durability: large enterprises, government agencies, banks, retailers, health systems, and education institutions rely on Oracle systems, and the segment margin profile remains strong. The growth story is also real in the reported numbers: Q3 FY2026 revenue grew 22%, cloud infrastructure grew 84%, cloud applications grew double digits, and RPO expanded to a scale that changes the forward revenue discussion.

The central diligence question is whether Oracle can convert RPO and AI infrastructure demand into high-return cash earnings by the February 28, 2031 horizon. The February 28, 2026 TTM base is $64.077 billion of revenue, $19.581 billion of operating income, and $16.210 billion of net income, but it also includes negative $24.736 billion of free cash flow. If Oracle's AI buildout normalizes into recurring, profitable capacity revenue and pulls through database and application growth, the company can look like a software compounder with a much larger revenue base. If the buildout remains capital hungry, the thesis becomes much less attractive even if GAAP revenue growth remains strong.

For downstream ER2 work, the Cloud and software appendix should carry most of the analytical weight. It must separate software support, cloud applications, cloud infrastructure, licenses, database, and AI infrastructure economics as much as disclosure allows. Hardware and Services matter as enablers and mix items, but they are not likely to decide the investment case. Management, moat, and synthesis work should focus on whether the AI infrastructure strategy enhances Oracle's installed-base moat or converts a high-return software franchise into a lower-return capital project.

Source Trail

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Appendix M - Management Assessment

Oracle Corporation (ORCL) - Management Assessment

Date: 2026-04-30 Asia/Singapore. Fiscal year ends May 31. TTM anchor is Q4 FY2025 + Q1 FY2026 + Q2 FY2026 + Q3 FY2026, ending February 28, 2026. Forward horizon is February 28, 2031.

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1. Who Is Running the Company

Oracle is no longer run by the same formal CEO structure that produced most of the last decade's record. On September 22, 2025, the board moved Safra Catz from Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer to Executive Vice Chair and appointed Clayton Magouyrk and Michael Sicilia as co-Chief Executive Officers. That is a real succession event, not a title reshuffle. Catz remains on the board and the proxy says she will continue to help oversee strategic direction, but operating accountability now sits with two product operators: Magouyrk for cloud infrastructure and Sicilia for vertical applications/industries.

Magouyrk is the more important operator for the current investment case because Oracle's thesis has become an OCI and AI-infrastructure conversion thesis. He joined Oracle in 2014 after engineering roles at Amazon and AWS, served in Oracle Cloud Infrastructure engineering leadership from 2019, became President, OCI in June 2025, and became CEO in September 2025. The proxy credits him with Gen2 OCI and with expanding OCI to more than 100 public regions. Sicilia joined Oracle through the Primavera Systems acquisition, has been at Oracle since 2009, led Global Business Units and Industries, became President, Industries in June 2025, and became CEO in September 2025. He is the executive tied most directly to Oracle's industry cloud, vertical application, healthcare, retail, banking, utilities, and applied-AI product strategy. Larry Ellison remains Executive Chair and Chief Technology Officer, and that is economically material: he is still Oracle's founder, product strategist, largest shareholder, and the person management and the board repeatedly identify with technology direction.

The CFO role is also newly reset. Douglas Kehring was promoted to Principal Financial Officer in September 2025 after serving as EVP, Operations and earlier in corporate development and strategic planning. On April 6, 2026, Hilary Maxson became Chief Financial Officer and Principal Financial Officer. Maxson came from Schneider Electric, where she served as EVP and Group CFO from 2020 to April 2026 and led a global finance organization through capital allocation and business-model transformation. That background is relevant because Oracle now needs infrastructure-finance discipline as much as software-margin discipline. Kehring remains EVP, Operations, focused on strategic initiatives.

Board accountability is mixed but not broken. The 2025 proxy lists 13 director nominees. If elected, the board is five non-independent directors - Ellison, Catz, Jeffrey Henley, Magouyrk, and Sicilia - and eight independent directors. Bruce Chizen, former Adobe CEO, is lead independent director and Governance Committee chair. The board has a majority of independent directors, 100% independent standing committees, annual elections, single-class voting stock, proxy access, special meeting rights at 20%, and written-consent rights. Those are positives. The yellow flags are unusually heavy insider influence, a founder/CTO with 40.6% beneficial ownership as of the 2025 proxy record date, some long-tenured directors, and a large founder pledge discussed below.

2. Tenure and Track Record

The current CEOs have only been CEOs since September 2025, so they are not yet proven public-company chief executives. They are, however, not outsiders. The current strategy is essentially a promotion of Oracle's most important internal operating engines: OCI scale-up and vertical/AI applications. That gives the transition more credibility than a generic CEO handoff.

The first major decision this team owns is OCI capacity acceleration. Under Magouyrk's operating area, Oracle moved from a cloud-laggard perception to an AI-infrastructure supplier with TTM revenue of $64.077 billion, TTM operating income of $19.581 billion, and Q3 FY2026 RPO of $553 billion per the data package. The data package also records Q3 FY2026 management comments that AI infrastructure demand still exceeds supply, that partners have secured more than 10 gigawatts of power and data capacity over the next three years, that more than 400 megawatts were delivered to customers in Q3, and that delivered AI capacity carried 32% gross margin. This is a strong operating claim, but not yet a fully proven capital allocation outcome because TTM free cash flow is negative $24.736 billion and net financial debt / approximate EBITDA is 3.44x.

The second decision is the multicloud database strategy. Oracle historically protected database economics through proprietary infrastructure and support. Management now explicitly sells Oracle Database inside Microsoft, Google, and Amazon cloud regions. In Q3 FY2026, Magouyrk said multicloud database revenue grew 531% year over year, but Oracle does not disclose the dollar base. Strategically this is coherent: it protects Oracle's database franchise by meeting customers where their workloads already live. The disclosure weakness is also obvious: growth-rate disclosure without a dollar base can make a small revenue stream look larger than it is.

The third decision is the applications and industry-AI strategy under Sicilia. He argues that the "system of record" position in ERP, HCM, supply chain, healthcare, retail, banking, utilities, and other verticals gives Oracle a better AI posture than standalone AI tools because Oracle already controls the mission-critical data and workflows. The Q3 FY2026 call disclosed cloud applications revenue up 11% constant currency, Fusion ERP up 14%, Fusion SCM and HCM both up 15%, NetSuite up 11%, and industry SaaS up 19%. That is not hypergrowth, but it is durable enough to support the idea that Oracle's applications base is not collapsing under AI disruption.

The decision that has not yet worked in cash terms is the speed and financing intensity of the AI infrastructure buildout. FY2025 capex was $21.2 billion, or 37.0% of revenue, and TTM capex through Q3 FY2026 was $48.250 billion. The Q3 guide held FY2026 capex at $50 billion. Management says partner funding, customer prepayments, bring-your-own-hardware structures, and financing mechanisms can uncouple capacity growth from Oracle cash outlays. That may prove correct, but until cash conversion improves it remains a management execution question, not a settled fact.

3. Capital Allocation Behavior

Oracle's capital allocation has changed sharply. From FY2021 through FY2024, Oracle combined high margins, dividends, and buybacks with positive FCF. Data package Section 7 shows FY2021 to FY2025 capex of $2.1 billion, $4.5 billion, $8.7 billion, $6.9 billion, and $21.2 billion; R&D of $6.5 billion, $7.2 billion, $8.6 billion, $8.9 billion, and $9.9 billion; buybacks of $21.6 billion, $17.3 billion, $2.5 billion, $3.2 billion, and $1.5 billion; dividends of $3.1 billion, $3.5 billion, $3.7 billion, $4.4 billion, and $4.7 billion; and M&A of $0.0 billion, $0.1 billion, $27.7 billion, $0.1 billion, and $0.0 billion. The five-year pattern is clear: aggressive buybacks early, a major Cerner-related acquisition year in FY2023, then a pivot toward infrastructure capex.

That pivot is strategically consistent with what management is telling investors. Oracle says it is building the cloud capacity required to convert a massive RPO backlog into recurring revenue. It has not kept buybacks at the old pace while doing this; buybacks fell from $21.6 billion in FY2021 and $17.3 billion in FY2022 to $1.5 billion in FY2025. That is the right direction. The harder question is balance-sheet tolerance. Q3 FY2026 net financial debt was $95.473 billion, lease-inclusive net debt was $113.985 billion, and the company issued $25.0 billion of notes in February 2026, closed mandatory convertible preferred financing, and established an at-the-market common equity program up to $20.0 billion. This is a capital allocation regime with real external funding risk.

M&A track record is mixed but not reckless. Oracle has a long history of acquiring assets and extracting margin, and the FY2023 M&A spike reflects the Cerner acquisition. Cerner moved Oracle deeper into healthcare and industry applications, which fits Sicilia's vertical strategy, but the company does not provide a clean post-deal ROIC bridge. There is no obvious write-off signal in the reviewed filings, but there is also not enough disclosure to conclude the healthcare push has already cleared a high-return hurdle.

Buybacks look more opportunistic now than they did earlier in the decade simply because they have been curtailed while capex rises. Earlier repurchases were large and partly mechanical, including $38.9 billion across FY2021 and FY2022. The current restraint is positive, but the more important test is whether management resists buybacks while debt, preferred dividends, construction commitments, and potential ATM issuance compete for cash.

4. Compensation Alignment

Executive compensation is equity-heavy and broadly aligned, but the structure deserves a yellow mark because the new CEO grants lean heavily time-based. The September 2025 CEO grants were large: Magouyrk received options to purchase $250 million of Oracle common stock and Sicilia received options to purchase $100 million. In both cases, 80% is time-based over four years and 20% is performance-based over a three-year period ending May 31, 2028, tied to revenue metrics. Maxson's April 2026 CFO package has the same 80% time-based / 20% performance-based split on an intended $26 million equity grant, plus a $950,000 salary and $2.5 million target bonus.

There are positives. The legacy Ellison/Catz performance-stock-option program had operational and market-cap goals over an eight-year period, including SaaS revenue, PaaS/IaaS gross-margin, total cloud revenue, and PaaS/IaaS revenue targets. Five of seven tranches vested from FY2018 through FY2025; two did not. The proxy also says Ellison and Catz received no new FY2025 equity awards, and FY2025 cash bonuses were reduced to zero so funds could be directed to growth capex. That is a real alignment signal during an investment cycle.

Ownership is also meaningful at the top. Ellison beneficially owned 1.158 billion shares, or 40.6%, as of the 2025 proxy record date. Catz owned 1.119 million shares, Magouyrk 228,695 shares before the large September option grant, and Sicilia 201,996 shares before his grant. The current CEOs' actual pre-grant holdings are not founder-scale, but the new option packages create major upside exposure. Recent insider-trade data show Magouyrk sold roughly 96,000 shares since September 2025, worth about $24 million, while retaining and receiving a much larger option-linked exposure. Catz had large June 2025 option-related sales after PSO vesting. I do not treat this as a management failure, but it is a monitoring item because Oracle's stock price spike coincided with a leadership transition and major financing needs.

Stock-based compensation has risen. FMP live cash-flow data show SBC of $1.837 billion in FY2021, $2.613 billion in FY2022, $3.547 billion in FY2023, $3.974 billion in FY2024, and $4.674 billion in FY2025. Against data-package revenue, SBC/revenue moved from about 4.5% to 8.1%. For a software company this is not disqualifying, but it is no longer trivial. Oracle's proxy cites clawback, stock ownership guidelines, anti-hedging, and disciplined dilution practices. The exception is Ellison's pledging policy.

5. Disclosure Quality and Candor

Oracle's disclosure quality is useful but selective. On the useful side, management provides concrete RPO, cloud growth, cloud infrastructure growth, cloud application growth, capex guide, customer/go-live commentary, and some AI-infrastructure operational KPIs. The last eight transcripts show a management team willing to talk directly about capex, RPO conversion, data-center supply, gross margin, and funding structures. In Q2 FY2026, when asked how AI margins ramp to a 30% to 40% range, Magouyrk answered with a specific mechanism: expenses start when capacity is built and running, handover time is short, mix matters while buildout is rapid, and margins improve as capacity goes live. In Q3 FY2026, when asked about FY2027 capex, Kehring did not give the number but stated the company would address next year's capex after year-end while emphasizing investment-grade rating discipline and the existing financing envelope.

The candor issue is not evasiveness in tone; it is disclosure granularity. Oracle gives massive RPO and selected growth rates, but it does not disclose full OCI revenue, AI infrastructure revenue dollars, customer concentration inside AI RPO, contract economics by customer, depreciation timing, or the revenue base behind several hypergrowth claims. The company says partner/customer funding reduces Oracle cash needs, but public filings still show large debt issuance, preferred financing, possible ATM equity, negative TTM FCF, and large lease/infrastructure commitments. Investors can understand the direction, but cannot independently reconstruct the economics at a customer-cohort level.

Guidance discipline has been good recently. In Q1 FY2025 and Q4 FY2025, Catz explicitly compared results with prior guidance and highlighted revenue/EPS at or above guidance. The Q3 FY2026 guide reset to FY2026 revenue of $67 billion, FY2026 capex of $50 billion, and FY2027 revenue of $90 billion is bold. Because those figures are still forward-looking, they cannot be scored as a beat yet. The correct management assessment is that Oracle communicates confidently and with some specific operating metrics, but withholds enough segment detail that downside analysis must remain conservative.

6. Strategic Coherence

Oracle's stated strategy is coherent. The FY2025 10-K frames Oracle Cloud Applications and Oracle Cloud Infrastructure as integrated offerings and says Oracle is in the early stages of material migration of its customer base from on-premise applications and infrastructure to Oracle Cloud. It also says R&D is essential to competitive position and that Oracle invested $9.9 billion, $8.9 billion, and $8.6 billion in R&D in FY2025, FY2024, and FY2023. The investment pattern backs the words: R&D rose, capex surged, buybacks fell, and leadership moved to OCI and industries/application operators.

There is also a clear 5-10 year destination: turn Oracle's database, applications, industry software, and AI infrastructure into a larger recurring cloud platform. The co-CEO split maps directly to that strategy. Magouyrk is the infrastructure and multicloud database operator; Sicilia is the applications and vertical industry operator; Ellison remains the technology architect; Maxson is a finance leader suited to a data-center capital cycle. This is not a random sequence of pivots.

Management does name some competitive threats indirectly rather than directly. Sicilia pushed back on the idea of a "SaaS apocalypse" and argued that systems of record and private data access protect Oracle applications. The 10-K is more direct: Oracle competes with the largest technology companies and many vendors spend more than Oracle on applications and infrastructure. The risk-factor disclosure is appropriately sober about data-center capacity, supplier concentration, AI accelerator availability, and less favorable supplier terms. That candor in the 10-K matters because the earnings calls themselves are understandably promotional.

7. Governance Flags

No dual-class share structure exists; Oracle has a single class of voting stock. There is no reviewed primary-source indication of a recent financial restatement, material weakness in internal controls, or SEC enforcement action that should fail the management gate. The FY2025 10-K indicates the auditor attestation on internal control was filed and the filing was not an error-correction restatement.

Related-party review is mostly clean but not empty. The proxy's related-person section identifies an Independence Committee process for affiliate transactions over $120,000. It also discloses payments to Stanford University equal to about 0.0002% of Oracle FY2025 revenue and about 0.0005% of Stanford's last fiscal-year revenue, within NYSE limits. That is immaterial.

The real governance flag is Ellison's pledge. As of September 19, 2025, he had pledged 346.0 million Oracle shares as collateral for personal indebtedness. The board says the pledged shares are not margin-account collateral, are not used to hedge economic exposure, and that the Governance Committee reviews the arrangements quarterly with outside advice. Because Ellison still owned 1.158 billion shares and is more than 4,600 times above stock ownership requirements, the pledge is not an automatic fail. It is, however, a permanent yellow flag: a founder with 40.6% voting/economic influence, an executive-chair/CTO role, and a large pledge is not the same governance risk profile as a widely held company with a purely independent chair.

8. Peer Comparison

Against Microsoft under Satya Nadella, Oracle's management is less proven at the current cloud scale. Nadella has already compounded Azure, Office, security, developer tools, and AI partnerships through a decade of CEO tenure with cleaner segment disclosure and stronger FCF conversion. Oracle has a more dramatic near-term RPO story, but its cash conversion and disclosure are weaker.

Against Amazon under Andy Jassy, Oracle's current operators have a narrower but sharper infrastructure thesis. Jassy built AWS and now runs a broader company with retail, logistics, advertising, and cloud capital allocation complexity. Magouyrk may be an excellent OCI operator, but he has not yet shown Jassy-level public-company capital allocation under a full cycle. Oracle's advantage is focus; Amazon's advantage is a longer demonstrated infrastructure return record.

Against Alphabet/Google Cloud leadership under Sundar Pichai and Thomas Kurian, Oracle communicates a more enterprise-database-specific wedge and appears more willing to use financial engineering to win AI-infrastructure scale quickly. Google has stronger native AI research assets and a larger balance sheet. Oracle's management looks more aggressive and more concentrated. That can outperform if the RPO converts at attractive margins, but it carries more downside if AI infrastructure economics commoditize or key customers renegotiate.

Overall, Oracle's leadership ranks above average on product coherence and founder/product intensity, below Microsoft on governance/disclosure/FCF quality, and not yet proven versus Amazon or Google on AI-infrastructure capital returns.

9. Verdict on the Management Gate

Management gate: YELLOW. Oracle has credible internal operators, a coherent strategy, meaningful insider ownership, and recent evidence that management can convert product architecture into bookings and RPO. The team is not a fail: the board executed a planned succession, the new CEOs directly match the strategic priorities, the CFO hire is relevant to the financing challenge, and compensation is substantially equity-linked.

The reason this is not a clean PASS is the combination of short CEO/CFO tenure, founder influence, Ellison's large share pledge, limited customer-level disclosure, negative TTM FCF, and a financing-heavy AI infrastructure buildout. Oracle's

management can earn a PASS if FY2027 shows that the $553 billion RPO converts into revenue, AI infrastructure gross margins remain around or above the 30% guide after depreciation and financing costs, leverage trends down without heavy common dilution, and Maxson establishes clear capex/cash-return discipline. Until then, Gideon's treatment should be: strong operators, coherent strategy, but provisional management gate.

Capital allocation assessment: strategically coherent but high-risk. The company correctly redirected cash from buybacks toward OCI/AI capacity, but the scale of capex, debt, preferred issuance, lease commitments, and possible ATM equity means shareholders are underwriting execution and financing discipline, not just software compounding.

Unresolved flags: exact AI-infrastructure revenue base not disclosed; RPO customer concentration not disclosed; FY2027 capex not yet guided; partner/customer funding terms only partially visible; Cerner/healthcare post-deal ROIC not cleanly disclosed; new co-CEOs and CFO have not completed a full fiscal year in role.

Appendix W - Moat and 2046 Durability

Oracle Corporation (ORCL) - Moat and 2046 Durability

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1. Moat Taxonomy Applied

Switching costs are Oracle's primary moat. They are strongest in the cloud and software segment, especially database, ERP, HCM, supply chain, industry applications, and software support. Oracle's systems sit inside operational records, transaction processing, compliance processes, payroll, procurement, finance close, healthcare records, retail, hospitality, and other workflows where failed migration is not merely inconvenient but operationally risky. The moat is not that no customer can migrate; the moat is that the expected cost, project risk, retraining burden, data-model rewrite, integration rewrite, and audit risk often exceed the visible license or cloud bill. The Q3 FY2026 10-Q describes cloud and software contracts as term-based access to updates and support, and the FY2025 10-K says Oracle expects substantially all customers to renew license support contracts. That is the core durable evidence: renewal behavior plus multi-decade database estate gravity, not brand language.

Scale economies are real but split by business type. In legacy software, scale shows up in R&D leverage, sales coverage, global support, and the ability to amortize database and application engineering across a large installed base. In OCI and AI infrastructure, scale is now physical: datacenters, power, GPUs, networking, storage, standardized rack designs, and a procurement machine. Oracle reported Q3 FY2026 RPO of $553 billion, up 325% year over year, and management said most of the Q3 RPO increase related to large AI contracts supported by customer prepayments or customer-provided GPUs. Scale is therefore meaningful, but it is less software-like than the historical moat. Physical scale can compound if Oracle keeps utilization high and converts RPO on schedule; it can also destroy value if customers, financing partners, power availability, or GPU economics disappoint.

Network effects are present but secondary. Oracle does not have a consumer-style direct network effect. The useful network effects are enterprise ecosystem effects: trained DBAs and implementation partners, ISVs certified on Oracle, systems integrators, compliance templates, industry application templates, and cloud marketplace availability through Azure, Google Cloud, and AWS. Multicloud database strengthens this ecosystem because it lets customers use Oracle Database on partner clouds without rewriting the database layer. Oracle's Q3 FY2026 release said multicloud database revenue grew 531% year over year; Oracle's CEO blog said Oracle had 33 Microsoft regions live, 14 Google regions live, and was scaling AWS regions. That is a distribution and ecosystem reinforcement, not a pure network effect.

Brand and procurement trust matter in high-trust enterprise software. Oracle's brand is not loved in every procurement office, but mission-critical buyers do not choose databases, ERP ledgers, health systems, or regulated infrastructure only on price. They need security, auditability, uptime, global support, disaster recovery, compliance certifications, and a vendor that will still be accountable a decade later. This benefits the cloud and software segment and, to a lesser extent, the hardware and services segments when they are bundled into enterprise architecture decisions. Brand is not an independent moat if products lose parity; it is a procurement accelerator attached to switching costs and trust.

Regulatory moat is moderate and segment-specific. Oracle does not own a license like a regulated utility, but regulated customers in government, healthcare, banking, defense, public safety, utilities, and large multinationals create high qualification barriers. Once Oracle applications, databases, or Exadata deployments are qualified inside those environments, replacement cycles are slow. Oracle's industry applications increase this effect. The moat comes from certification, audit trail, data residency, and operational continuity requirements rather than legal exclusivity.

IP and patents are supportive, not sufficient alone. Oracle owns deep database, Java, middleware, applications, and systems IP. The IP matters because it enables differentiated performance, Exadata integration, database compatibility, RAC-like resilience, in-database AI/vector features, and application suites. But patents are not the main moat. Open-source databases,

hyperscaler databases, SaaS point solutions, and AI tooling have shown that IP alone does not prevent competition. Oracle's defensibility comes when that IP is embedded into customer data models and support contracts.

High-trust procurement is material. Oracle sells to large enterprises and public-sector institutions through global direct sales, long-term relationships, multi-year contracts, and broad account coverage. This procurement layer is especially important as Oracle pivots toward AI infrastructure. A startup can rent GPUs, but it cannot easily sign, finance, construct, and support multi-gigawatt infrastructure relationships with the same enterprise assurance. That said, high-trust procurement does not eliminate customer concentration risk in AI infrastructure; it only improves Oracle's access to large contracts.

2. Per-Segment Moat

Cloud and software is the moat engine. It was $49.2 billion of FY2025 revenue, 85.8% of total, and $55.5 billion of TTM revenue through Q3 FY2026. The segment contains the database estate, license support, cloud services, OCI, SaaS, Fusion, NetSuite, industry applications, and cloud license/on-premise license lines. Its moat is a combination of switching costs, data gravity, mission-critical procurement trust, and increasingly multicloud distribution. Durability is 20-year credible for database and core systems of record, 10-year credible for Fusion/NetSuite and industry SaaS, and 5- to 10-year still-proving for AI infrastructure. What would break it: a platform shift where AI-native operational systems bypass Oracle's databases and applications; a database migration wave to Postgres/hyperscaler-native systems; or OCI capex converting into low-return commodity compute. Earliest observable signs: declining software support renewal rates, cloud/software segment margin falling below the low-50s on Oracle's segment measure without a temporary buildout explanation, multicloud database growth stalling, or RPO converting into revenue with weak gross margin and rising customer concentration.

Hardware is small as an external revenue segment but strategically relevant. FY2025 hardware revenue was $2.9 billion, about 5.1% of total, with segment margin of $1.9 billion. The standalone moat is weak to moderate: engineered systems, Exadata, support, and installed-base integration create switching costs, but generic servers, storage, accelerators, and networking are competitive markets. The durability is 5-year as a standalone segment, 10-year as a database/OCI complement, and not independently 20-year. What would break it: customers moving fully to cloud services without needing Oracle-controlled hardware, or Oracle's hardware designs losing performance/cost advantage. Earliest signal: hardware support revenue decline accelerating, segment margin slipping despite lower revenue, or AI infrastructure supply-chain claims failing to translate into rack delivery.

Services is an adoption moat, not a profit moat. FY2025 services revenue was $5.2 billion, about 9.1% of total, with segment margin of $1.0 billion. Services helps customers implement and maximize Oracle applications and infrastructure, but the standalone consulting market is fragmented and labor-intensive. Durability is 5-year standalone and 10-year as a customer-success layer attached to cloud applications and industry deployments. It is unlikely to be a 20-year independent moat. What would break it: AI-assisted implementation tools and partner ecosystems reducing Oracle's direct services role. Earliest signal: services revenue declining while application go-lives remain healthy, which may be acceptable for the company if software retention rises but would confirm the services moat is not standalone.

The blended moat is weaker than cloud/software alone, but the revenue mix keeps the company-level moat strong. Hardware and services are not large enough to dilute the equity story severely. The real blend problem is inside cloud and software: Oracle is mixing very high-return software support and database economics with rapidly growing AI infrastructure economics that require enormous capex. If AI infrastructure becomes a low-margin, debt-funded utility, the blended moat will compress even if database remains durable.

3. Margin Persistence Evidence

The five-year consolidated record supports a real moat, with a funding caveat. Data package Section 2 shows revenue rising from $40.5 billion in FY2021 to $57.4 billion in FY2025. Consolidated operating margin was 37.6% in FY2021, then 25.7%, 26.2%, 29.0%, and 30.8% in FY2022-FY2025. TTM operating income through February 28, 2026 was $19.581 billion on $64.077 billion of revenue, or about 30.6%. The FY2022-FY2023 margin step-down means Oracle is not a frictionless pure software compounder, but the return to roughly 30% GAAP operating margin while Cerner integration, OCI expansion, and AI infrastructure investment accelerated is evidence of underlying pricing and cost discipline.

Segment margin persistence is stronger. Cloud and software segment margin was 67.9% in FY2021, 66.8% in FY2022, 63.6% in FY2023, 64.1% in FY2024, and 62.8% in FY2025. The TTM cloud/software segment margin was $33.124 billion on $55.499 billion of revenue, or 59.7%. That decline is material but still leaves a high-margin segment despite the mix shift toward cloud infrastructure. Hardware segment margin improved from 60.3% in FY2021 to 65.3% in FY2025, although revenue declined. Services margin moved in a narrower low-margin band: 20.8%, 20.8%, 19.7%, 16.9%, 19.0%, with TTM

about 24.4%. Segment margin excludes R&D, G&A, stock compensation, amortization, restructuring, and other corporate costs, so it should not be mistaken for economic free cash flow. Still, segment stability through intense hyperscaler and SaaS competition is real moat evidence.

The caveat is cash conversion. The data package records TTM CFO of $23.514 billion and capex of $48.250 billion, producing negative TTM FCF of $24.736 billion. A moat that cannot convert to cash over a cycle is not a moat Gideon can underwrite. For now, the negative FCF is tied to contracted OCI/AI capacity buildout and management's $50 billion FY2026 capex guide. This is acceptable only if RPO conversion produces recurring high-utilization revenue and if customer/partner funding limits incremental balance-sheet strain.

4. AI Disruption Stress Test

Cloud and software contains both the most AI-protected and the most AI-exposed pieces. Database, ERP, HCM, supply chain, healthcare, industry applications, and license support are not simple prompt-to-output workflows. They are systems of record with permissions, audit trails, transactions, integrations, regulatory requirements, and decades of data-model history. A foundation model can make interfaces easier, generate SQL, automate close tasks, and write code, but it cannot by itself replace the trusted transaction system that posts the journal entry, pays the employee, books the inventory, maintains the health record, or proves compliance. Oracle's own Q3 transcript framed Fusion as the system of record and a starting point for AI agents; that is the right defense.

The exposed part of cloud and software is application workflow surface area. If AI-native agents become the primary user interface for procurement, HR, sales, finance, and industry workflows, SaaS vendors can lose seat-based value even while the underlying database remains. Oracle's defense is to embed agents inside the suite and attach them to operational data, not to sell standalone AI wrappers. Management said it had delivered more than 1,000 agents inside horizontal back-office and industry applications. That helps, but it also confirms the front-end workflow layer is contestable.

OCI and AI infrastructure are chokepoint economics, not workflow economics. The value is physical capacity, power, GPU clusters, networking, storage, data-center construction, security, and enterprise support. AI makes demand larger; it does not dissolve the need for compute capacity. But chokepoint economics are cyclical and capital-intensive. If GPU supply normalizes, model efficiency improves faster than demand, or hyperscalers overbuild, Oracle's AI infrastructure margin can compress. Management's Q3 transcript said AI infrastructure revenue grew 243% year over year, demand exceeds supply, more than 10 gigawatts of power and data-center capacity had been secured through partners over the next three years, and Q3 delivered capacity had gross margin of 32%. The protected segment today is AI infrastructure capacity plus database multicloud. The segment most exposed to AI disruption is services and the human-facing workflow layer of SaaS.

Hardware is indirectly exposed. AI improves systems design and operations, but hardware remains governed by supply chain, component costs, accelerators, networking, and customer support. The risk is not AI replacing hardware; the risk is commoditization or inability to source/finance components. Services is directly exposed because AI can compress implementation, configuration, testing, training, and support labor. That may reduce services revenue while improving customer adoption and software margins.

5. The 2046 Test

Today is 2026-04-30. Twenty years forward is 2046-04-30. A credible 2046 Oracle still sells mission-critical data platforms, autonomous and AI-native databases, ERP/HCM/SCM/industry systems of record, regulated enterprise cloud services, multicloud database services running inside the major public clouds, and selected high-performance infrastructure for customers whose data, latency, sovereignty, or performance needs make generic cloud insufficient. The buyers are large enterprises, governments, health systems, banks, telecom operators, retailers, hotels, utilities, defense agencies, and global mid-market companies using NetSuite-like systems. The cloud and software segment still exists and is larger. Hardware as a reported external segment is likely smaller or fully subordinated to engineered systems and cloud capacity. Services still exists but is more automated, partner-led, and focused on high-risk migrations rather than broad manual implementation.

Directionally, 2046 operating margin can be stable to modestly lower than today's 30%-31% GAAP level if AI infrastructure remains a large part of revenue. The database and applications pieces can sustain high margins, but physical cloud capacity carries depreciation, power, lease, hardware refresh, and financing costs. The company still makes money because the surviving moat is not "Oracle is good at AI"; it is Oracle controls and operates mission-critical enterprise data estates and offers those estates where customers want to compute: OCI, customer sites, sovereign environments, and partner hyperscaler regions. A 2046 Oracle that is mostly database, systems of record, and multicloud data control passes the 2046 test.

The bear-case 2046 description is also specific. Oracle becomes a debt-heavy AI infrastructure lessor whose largest 2025-2031 contracts were profitable for a few years but reset at lower prices as GPU scarcity faded. Meanwhile, enterprises used AI-assisted migration to move transaction systems to open-source databases, hyperscaler-native databases, and AI-native application layers. Oracle's software support renewal base slowly eroded, Fusion/NetSuite lost workflow ownership to agent platforms, and services shrank without offsetting application expansion. In that bear case, revenue may still be large, but returns on invested capital fall and the moat becomes a legacy annuity plus commodity infrastructure. I would assign this bear case a meaningful but not base-case probability: roughly 25%-35%. The reason it is not higher is Oracle's database switching costs and multicloud distribution. The reason it is not lower is the unprecedented capex/RPO cycle and concentration in AI infrastructure demand.

6. Competitive Threat Inventory

Threat	Mechanism	Segment(s) affected	Earliest observable signal	Plausibility
Hyperscaler database and application stack	AWS, Microsoft, Google, and SAP push native databases, AI platforms, and enterprise apps that reduce need for Oracle-controlled systems	Cloud and software	License support renewal weakness; slower multicloud database growth; cloud/software segment margin below low-50s without explanation	High
AI infrastructure commoditization or overbuild	GPU supply normalizes, model efficiency rises, or hyperscalers overbuild, reducing capacity pricing and utilization	OCI/AI infrastructure, hardware	RPO conversion slows; gross margin on delivered AI capacity falls below 30%; capex remains high while revenue guide slips	Medium-high
AI-native workflow disintermediation	Agents own user workflows while systems of record become lower-value data stores	SaaS applications, services	SaaS growth decelerates; services revenue compresses without higher software retention; customer adoption of third-party agent platforms rises	Medium

7. Pricing Power Verification

Observable pricing power is strongest in renewal and margin behavior, weaker in explicit price-increase disclosure. The live FY2025 10-K states Oracle expects substantially all customers to renew license support contracts, and the Q3 FY2026 10-Q explains cloud contracts renew after contractual terms and include access to updates and support. That is not a posted price increase, but it is a structural pricing framework: customers pay recurring amounts to preserve support, updates, uptime, and compliance. The cloud/software segment holding 60%+ segment margins for years while shifting toward cloud is the best numerical evidence.

RPO is also pricing-power evidence, with concentration caveats. Oracle's Q3 FY2026 release reported $553 billion of RPO and said the quarter's increase was mainly large AI contracts, with much of the equipment funded upfront or supplied by customers. That indicates customers are willing to make long-term commitments to Oracle capacity. However, RPO is not the same as durable pricing power; it can reflect scarcity-period capacity contracts. The correct underwriting treatment is to credit near-term demand visibility but haircut 2046 durability unless OCI proves high utilization and margin through several hardware cycles.

No clean recent company-wide price-increase adoption rate was found in the W live pulls. Therefore explicit price-increase evidence is weak. Pricing power should be described as strong in database/license support and mission-critical SaaS, moderate in multicloud database, currently strong but cycle-dependent in AI infrastructure, and weak in standalone services.

8. Moat Verdict

Moat gate: PASS. Oracle has a concrete moat in cloud and software, driven by database/application switching costs, system-of-record data gravity, enterprise procurement trust, and multicloud database distribution. Margin persistence supports the claim: cloud/software segment margin remained above 60% in FY2021-FY2025 and roughly 60% on the TTM base, while consolidated GAAP operating margin returned to about 31% despite OCI and AI infrastructure investment.

2046 test: PASS. A specific 2046 Oracle can still be described: a mission-critical enterprise data, database, applications, and multicloud infrastructure company serving regulated and complex customers. The test passes because the durable profit pool is the database and systems-of-record estate, not a generic claim that Oracle will be a leader in future AI. The main unresolved risk is that the fast-growing AI infrastructure layer may be less durable and more capital intensive than the historical software moat.

Unresolved flags: the three segment appendices available during this W run were placeholders, so this appendix could not integrate completed segment-level competitive dynamics from Section 4/5 of each B appendix. Oracle also does not disclose a full five-year dollar P&L for OCI, AI infrastructure, multicloud database, Fusion, NetSuite, or industry SaaS. Finally, Oracle/OpenAI public webpages blocked raw PowerShell downloads with HTTP 403 after retry, though the live browser pages were accessible and cited.

Source Notes

- Oracle FY2025 Form 10-K, live W pull: `raw/ORCL_W_20260430_0738_sec_2025_10k.htm`; SEC URL: https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1341439/000095017025087926/orcl-20250531.htm
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Appendix B1 - Cloud and Software

Oracle Corporation (ORCL) - Appendix B: Cloud and Software Segment Deep Dive

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Production Mode: yes. Run date: 2026-04-30 Asia/Singapore. Segment: Cloud and Software. Segment slug: `cloud_and_software`. Stage 0 anchor: TTM is Q4 FY2025 + Q1 FY2026 + Q2 FY2026 + Q3 FY2026, ending February 28, 2026. Forward horizon is February 28, 2031, exactly five calendar years after the TTM end date.

Historical Oracle dollar figures, historical growth rates, and management quote fragments in this appendix come from `data_package.md`, `quant_foundation.md`, and `quant_foundation_review.md`, which were cleared before Wave 2. Incremental live context was checked from Oracle investor releases, the SEC Q3 FY2026 10-Q, Oracle's Q3 FY2026 CEO blog summary, Synergy Research Group cloud market share data, and live FMP transcript pulls saved under `raw\ORCL_B_cloud_and_software_*_live_20260430.json`. I did not use the local data warehouse as an input; newly pulled FMP raw files were copied into the investing data warehouse only after the live pulls completed.

0. Segment Boundary and Taxonomy Note

Oracle's largest reportable business is currently named Cloud and software. The FY2026 filings rename the former cloud and license line, while FMP continues to label the same economic line as Cloud And License Business. The data package Section 1 states that this is a naming change, not a new operating-segment split, and QF/QFR verified the FY2025, FY2024, and FY2023 annual rows against the 10-K and FMP annual product-segmentation endpoint. I therefore use the current FY2026 name, "Cloud and software," but cite older annual tables as cloud and license where that is the legacy source label. No restatement boundary requiring a break in the five-year segment revenue table was identified. The important taxonomy warning is not to double count "cloud revenue" as a separate segment: cloud revenue is a subset/driver inside Cloud and software, not an additional reportable segment.

1. What This Segment Actually Is

Cloud and software is Oracle's database, software support, SaaS, OCI, license, and cloud subscription engine. It contains cloud services, license support, cloud licenses, on-premise licenses, database, middleware, applications, OCI, SaaS, and related software support, per data_package Section 1. The segment is therefore a hybrid of three economically different businesses: a high-retention installed-base software support business, a cloud applications business, and a rapidly scaling infrastructure cloud business tied to AI training, inference, multicloud database deployment, and enterprise workloads.

The customer set is also broader than a pure public-cloud vendor. The installed base includes enterprises that bought Oracle Database, middleware, ERP, human capital management, supply-chain, and industry applications across decades of on-premise and hosted deployments. The cloud applications base includes Fusion Cloud ERP, NetSuite Cloud ERP, and industry applications. The OCI side serves enterprises that want Oracle Database and application workloads on Oracle Cloud, but the recent growth story is increasingly driven by AI customers needing GPU capacity, networking, storage, and power at scale.

Pricing varies by product family. License support is a recurring maintenance and support stream attached to prior license deployments. Cloud applications are subscription SaaS contracts. OCI infrastructure is usage, reserved capacity, or contract-backed cloud infrastructure. Cloud license and on-premise license revenue is more transactional and lumpy. This matters for the forecast because the segment's reported revenue can accelerate sharply when OCI capacity is delivered, but the margin mix can deteriorate if lower-margin AI infrastructure becomes a larger share of the segment before scale efficiencies and depreciation absorption catch up.

Oracle's go-to-market is not just direct cloud selling. The segment sells through the installed database/application estate, cloud migrations, multicloud partnerships with Microsoft, Google, and AWS, enterprise applications, and large AI infrastructure commitments. The live Q3 FY2026 release reported RPO of $553B and cloud infrastructure revenue of $4.9B, up 84% YoY; those numbers show that the segment is no longer only a steady database/support annuity with a modest SaaS layer. It is now also a hyperscale infrastructure execution story.

2. Current Economics

The segment is the core of Oracle. Data_package Section 3 reports FY2025 Cloud and software revenue of $49.2B, 85.8% of company revenue, and FY2025 segment margin of $30.9B. Quant_foundation P4 reports TTM Cloud/software revenue of $55.499B and TTM segment margin of $33.124B for the four-quarter period ending February 28, 2026. The TTM segment margin rate is 59.7%, down from 62.8% in FY2025 and from 67.9% in FY2021. The mix explanation is straightforward: high-margin license support remains large, but the growth engine is increasingly OCI and AI infrastructure, where management discloses lower gross margin on delivered AI capacity and where depreciation, power, lease, and financing consequences show up outside the narrow segment-margin measure.

The most useful current product view is a TTM driver stack rather than a perfect product P&L, because Oracle does not disclose a complete annual dollar history for OCI, database cloud, multicloud database, Fusion, NetSuite, industry SaaS, or AI infrastructure. Data_package Section 4 gives the last four quarters of cloud revenue: Q4 FY2025 $6.7B, Q1 FY2026 $7.2B, Q2 FY2026 $8.0B, and Q3 FY2026 $8.9B. That implies roughly $30.8B of TTM cloud revenue inside the $55.499B Cloud/software segment. The same table gives cloud infrastructure/IaaS of $3.0B, $3.3B, $4.1B, and $4.9B, or roughly $15.3B TTM, and cloud applications/SaaS of $3.7B, $3.8B, $3.9B, and $4.0B, or roughly $15.4B TTM. The residual software/license/support pool is therefore approximately $24.7B, calculated as segment TTM revenue less disclosed cloud revenue. I treat this residual as a modeling bucket, not as a separately disclosed Oracle product line.

The latest-quarter growth profile is unusually bifurcated. Data_package Section 5 shows Q3 FY2026 cloud revenue of $8.9B, up 44%; IaaS of $4.9B, up 84%; SaaS of $4.0B, up 13%; Fusion Cloud ERP of $1.1B, up 17%; and NetSuite Cloud ERP of $1.1B, up 14%. The data package does not separately retabulate a quarterly software/support/license growth row, so the residual software/support/license pool should be treated as an inferred mature bucket rather than a disclosed high-frequency product series. This means the forward model cannot apply one segment growth rate to the whole segment. OCI and AI infrastructure are the high-growth layer; SaaS is a durable but slower compounder; the residual software/support/license pool is mostly a low-growth annuity plus lumpy license revenue.

Capital intensity is the biggest change in current economics. Oracle's Cloud/software segment margin is an Oracle-defined segment profit measure that excludes several corporate and financing costs. Data_package Section 3 warns that segment margin excludes R&D, G&A, stock compensation, amortization, restructuring, interest, and other non-segment items. Data_package Section 7 shows FY2025 capex of $21.2B, and quant_foundation P4/P6 shows TTM capex of $48.250B and TTM free cash flow of negative $24.736B. A forecast that takes segment margin at face value without testing capex conversion would overstate earnings quality.

3. Unit Economics

This segment has two different unit-economic engines. The first is the historical Oracle software annuity. License support and enterprise software subscriptions have high renewal behavior because Oracle systems sit in databases, ERP, industry workflows, and regulated systems of record. The cost to serve is mostly support, cloud hosting where applicable, product development, account coverage, and sales capacity. The segment P&L includes direct/service expense and sales and marketing expense, but excludes corporate R&D and G&A, so its 59.7% TTM segment margin should be interpreted as contribution-like segment profit, not fully burdened operating income.

The second engine is OCI and AI infrastructure. Revenue is recognized as Oracle delivers contracted capacity and usage. The gross-unit inputs are datacenter shells, power, GPUs, networking, storage, maintenance, support, and utilization. Data_package Section 6 records management's Q3 FY2026 statement that demand exceeds supply, that Oracle referenced more than 10 gigawatts of access/plans, that 400 megawatts had been delivered to customers, and that AI infrastructure gross margin was described as 32%. The Q3 release adds that most Q3 RPO growth related to large AI contracts for which Oracle expected equipment funding through customer prepayments or customer-supplied GPUs rather than incremental Oracle financing. These details are central to the margin model: OCI can scale very fast if capacity is delivered, but the economics are sensitive to who funds accelerators, how quickly capacity turns revenue-generating, and how much depreciation/lease cost lands before full utilization.

Cloud applications sit between these two poles. Fusion, NetSuite, and industry SaaS have lower infrastructure intensity than GPU-heavy OCI and better pricing/retention characteristics than pure commodity compute. They also reinforce the database and support moat because they keep enterprise data in Oracle systems. Data_package Section 6 records management commentary around more than 1,000 agents and system-of-record positioning. I treat SaaS as a steady compounder with high incremental margin but not a hypergrowth line. Q3 FY2026 SaaS growth of 13% is healthy, but it is not the source of the $553B RPO step-change.

The downside unit-economic break is also clear. If OCI capacity is sold to a small number of very large AI customers at returns that look acceptable before full-cycle depreciation, power, networking, maintenance, and customer concentration risk, reported revenue can grow while economic profit per dollar disappoints. Segment margin may remain high because Oracle's segment definition excludes some costs, while consolidated GAAP operating margin, FCF, and leverage absorb the pain. That is why the forward margin table below uses lower margins for OCI than for legacy software/support, even in the bull case.

4. Competitive Dynamics

Oracle is competing in at least three markets inside this one segment. In cloud infrastructure, it competes with AWS, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, Alibaba, neoclouds such as CoreWeave and Crusoe, and private/on-premise AI infrastructure. Synergy Research Group reported that AWS, Microsoft, and Google had 63% of enterprise cloud infrastructure services spending in Q3 2025, with shares of 29%, 20%, and 13% respectively; Synergy also noted that Oracle and neoclouds were gaining attention but remained far smaller than the big three. The competitive implication is that Oracle is not displacing AWS/Azure/GCP broadly across all cloud workloads. Its wedge is narrower: database gravity, multicloud database placement, AI capacity availability, performance/cost for specific workloads, and the willingness to structure very large AI infrastructure commitments.

In database, Oracle's competitive position is stronger than its generic cloud share suggests. Oracle Database remains deeply embedded in enterprise systems, and the multicloud partnerships let customers access Oracle Database services from Azure, Google Cloud, and AWS environments. The live Oracle CEO blog summary of the Q3 call framed multicloud database and AI infrastructure as two fast-growing areas, with multicloud database revenue up 531% YoY and AI infrastructure up 243% YoY. The exact dollar base is not disclosed in the data package, so those growth rates should not be converted into a product P&L. But strategically they explain why Oracle can grow database cloud revenue even when customers standardize much of their cloud estate on hyperscalers other than OCI.

In SaaS applications, Oracle competes with SAP, Workday, Salesforce, Microsoft, ServiceNow, and best-of-breed vertical software vendors. Oracle's advantage is breadth across finance, HR, supply chain, database, analytics, and industry-specific applications. Its disadvantage is that enterprise SaaS is mature, competitive, and implementation-sensitive. Fusion Cloud ERP and NetSuite both grew in the mid-teens in Q3 FY2026, according to data_package Section 5, but they are not likely to sustain OCI-like growth rates. The relevant question is whether AI agents embedded in applications increase retention and ARPU or whether standalone AI/workflow tools compress application pricing. My base case assumes Oracle's system-of-record position protects retention but does not create a new SaaS hypergrowth cycle.

Pricing power differs by layer. Oracle has pricing power in database support, mission-critical applications, and integrated database-plus-cloud arrangements. It has less pricing power in generic compute because hyperscalers, neoclouds, and customer-owned GPU options can discipline price. However, in the 2025-2026 AI capacity shortage, availability itself is a pricing lever. The bear case assumes this supply-constrained window normalizes faster than Oracle's capex payback period. The bull case assumes Oracle converts power, datacenter design, customer-funded equipment, and database relationships into a durable AI infrastructure niche.

5. Moat at the Segment Level

The segment moat is real but uneven. The strongest moat is database and system-of-record lock-in. Customers do not casually migrate mission-critical Oracle Database, ERP, finance, and industry application estates. Support contracts, data schemas, stored procedures, integrations, compliance controls, and trained IT staff create switching costs. Oracle's multicloud database strategy makes the moat more valuable because it reduces the customer's need to choose between Oracle Database and the customer's preferred hyperscaler environment.

The second moat is application breadth. Fusion and NetSuite are not the only cloud applications in the market, but Oracle's suite depth creates cross-sell and retention advantages. If AI agents are embedded inside workflows that already control finance, supply chain, HR, and industry data, Oracle can defend its application estate better than a vendor with a standalone AI overlay. This is not a guarantee of faster growth, but it supports pricing and retention.

The third moat is emerging, not proven: AI infrastructure execution. Oracle claims demand exceeds supply, RPO is enormous, and large AI contracts are often equipment-funded upfront or customer-supplied. That can be a real moat if Oracle has durable access to power, datacenter locations, networking design, GPU supply, and customers willing to commit for multi-year capacity. It is not yet a 20-year moat. It is an execution position in a supply-constrained market. The moat could fade if GPU supply loosens, if hyperscalers match price/performance, if customers move training workloads to owned infrastructure, or if

Oracle's large contracts do not convert into attractive FCF.

For a 5-10 year view, the moat supports high retention and moderate pricing power in software support and applications, plus a plausible but still unproven OCI growth runway. It does not support treating every dollar of AI infrastructure RPO as software-like recurring revenue. The segment can compound, but the quality of that compounding depends on whether the high-growth OCI layer earns acceptable returns after full-cycle infrastructure costs.

6. Historical Growth Rates Reproduced From Data Package

All rows below cite the cleared data package or quant foundation. Where the data package did not retabulate a full product history, I mark the gap rather than refetching or inventing the missing historical dollars.

Product / sub-segment	FY2022 rev	FY2023 rev	FY2024 rev	FY2025 rev	3-yr CAGR	Most recent YoY	Data package cite
Cloud and software segment total	$36.1B	$41.1B	$44.5B	$49.2B	10.9%	FY2025 +10.7%; Q3 FY2026 segment revenue +23.9% YoY using QF P1/Q3 rows	data_package Section 3; FMP revenue-product-segmentation annual; FY2025 10-K segment table; QF P4
Cloud services and license support	[DATA GAP]	[DATA GAP]	[DATA GAP]	$44.0B	[DATA GAP]	[DATA GAP: YoY not retabulated in data_package]	data_package Section 4; FY2025 10-K; Q4 FY2025 8-K EX-99.1
Cloud license and on-premise license	[DATA GAP]	[DATA GAP]	[DATA GAP]	$5.2B	[DATA GAP]	[DATA GAP: YoY not retabulated in data_package]	data_package Section 4; FY2025 10-K; Q4 FY2025 8-K EX-99.1
Cloud revenue, IaaS plus SaaS	n/a	n/a	n/a	Last four quarters: Q4 FY2025 $6.7B; Q1 FY2026 $7.2B; Q2 FY2026 $8.0B; Q3 FY2026 $8.9B	n/a	Q3 FY2026 +44%	data_package Sections 4 and 5; SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Cloud infrastructure / IaaS	n/a	n/a	n/a	Last four quarters: $3.0B; $3.3B; $4.1B; $4.9B	n/a	Q3 FY2026 +84%	data_package Sections 4 and 5; SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Cloud applications / SaaS	n/a	n/a	n/a	Last four quarters: $3.7B; $3.8B; $3.9B; $4.0B	n/a	Q3 FY2026 +13%	data_package Sections 4 and 5; SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Fusion Cloud ERP	n/a	n/a	n/a	Q3 FY2026 $1.1B rounded quarterly disclosure	n/a	Q3 FY2026 +17%	data_package Sections 4 and 5; SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
NetSuite Cloud ERP	n/a	n/a	n/a	Q3 FY2026 $1.1B rounded quarterly disclosure	n/a	Q3 FY2026 +14%	data_package Sections 4 and 5; SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Multicloud database	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not separately disclosed	n/a	Q3 FY2026 +531%	data_package Section 4; Q4/Q1/Q3 releases and transcripts
AI infrastructure	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not separately disclosed	n/a	Q3 FY2026 +243%	data_package Section 4; FMP transcript FY2026 Q3

Internal arithmetic check: the segment total row ties. FY2022 $36.052B to FY2023 $41.086B implies 14.0% growth, matching data_package Section 3. FY2023 $41.086B to FY2024 $44.464B implies 8.2% growth. FY2024 $44.464B to FY2025 $49.230B implies 10.7% growth. QF P4 TTM segment revenue of $55.499B equals Q4 FY2025 $13.705B + Q1 FY2026 $12.907B + Q2 FY2026 $13.854B + Q3 FY2026 $15.033B. Product rows that lack full annual history are not back-solved because the data package explicitly warns that Oracle does not disclose a full five-year dollar P&L for OCI, cloud infrastructure, multicloud database, Fusion, NetSuite, or industry SaaS.

7. Management Guidance Quoted From Data Package Section 6

Data package source row	Short verified quote fragment	Topic	Interpretation
Q3 FY2026 call, Clay Magouyrk	"Demand ... continues to exceed supply"	AI infrastructure	OCI is capacity-constrained. Near-term revenue growth depends on power, datacenter, rack, and financing execution, not just demand.
Q3 FY2026 call, Clay Magouyrk	"more than 10 gigawatts"	AI infrastructure supply	Oracle is positioning power and datacenter access as an asset. This supports a larger OCI opportunity but raises execution risk.
Q3 FY2026 call, Clay Magouyrk	"400 megawatts to customers"	Delivery execution	This is a concrete conversion KPI. RPO is only valuable if Oracle can deliver capacity on time.
Q3 FY2026 call, Clay Magouyrk	"gross margin ... 32%"	AI infrastructure margin	AI infrastructure can be profitable, but lower gross margin than software support should pressure segment mix.
Q3 FY2026 call, Clay Magouyrk	"Multicloud database revenue grew 531%"	Database cloud	Growth is real but the dollar base is undisclosed. Treat as a driver of OCI/database growth, not a standalone disclosed revenue stack.
Q2 FY2026 call, management	"revenue-generating equipment"	Capex mix	Management argues capex is contract-linked rather than speculative. This is important but must be tested against FCF and leverage.
Q1 FY2026 release/call, Safra Catz	"four multi-billion-dollar contracts"	RPO formation	The RPO step-up is concentrated in large AI/OCI contracts. Customer concentration and funding terms are first-order risks.
Q4 FY2025 release, Safra Catz	"over 40% in FY26"	Cloud growth aspiration	This guided the high-growth cloud baseline before Q1-Q3 FY2026 results.
Q3 FY2026 release, Oracle release	"FY27 ... $90 billion"	Forward revenue guide	This is the near-term consolidated anchor. Cloud/software must do most of the work if Oracle reaches this guide.
Q3 FY2026 release, Oracle release	"capital expenditures of $50 billion"	FY2026 capex guide	Revenue acceleration and capex funding must be modeled together.
Q3 FY2026 call, Mike Sicilia	"over 1,000 agents"	Applications AI	Oracle is embedding AI in applications; this supports SaaS retention and modest uplift.
Q3 FY2026 call, Mike Sicilia	"system of record"	Applications moat	Data gravity and workflow depth are Oracle's SaaS defense against standalone AI workflow tools.

The guidance anchor is unusually strong on demand and unusually weak on full-cycle return disclosure. The live Q3 release reported RPO of $553B and said roughly 12% of remaining performance obligations should become revenue in the next twelve months, with a large share recognized over months 13 to 60 per the Q3 10-Q. That supports a front-loaded revenue path. It does not by itself prove that incremental revenue earns software-like margins.

8. Forward Growth Assumptions

I model three lines that sum to the Cloud/software segment: OCI/IaaS, cloud applications/SaaS, and residual software/license/support. This is not Oracle's official product P&L; it is a disciplined bottom-up driver stack based on the data package's disclosed quarterly cloud dollars and QF P4 segment TTM total. Base TTM starting points are OCI/IaaS $15.3B, SaaS $15.4B, and residual software/license/support $24.7B. The residual equals $55.499B segment TTM revenue less roughly $30.8B disclosed cloud revenue from data_package Sections 4 and 5.

Base Case Revenue Growth

Product / driver	TTM base	3-yr historical CAGR	Latest YoY	Mgmt FY+1 guide	Base CAGR TTM to TTM+5y	TTM+5y revenue	Justification
OCI / cloud infrastructure / IaaS	$15.3B	[DATA GAP]	Q3 FY2026 +84%	Cloud growth aspiration above 40% in FY2026; FY2027 company revenue guide $90B	36.0%	$71.3B	Base assumes the current supply-constrained AI build converts into revenue but decelerates rapidly as the base scales. A year path of about +60%, +45%, +34%, +24%, +20% is consistent with a very large contracted backlog but not with indefinite 80% growth.
Cloud applications / SaaS	$15.4B	[DATA GAP]	Q3 FY2026 +13%	Management emphasizes agents and system-of-record positioning	11.0%	$25.9B	Fusion and NetSuite mid-teens growth supports low-double-digit compounding; AI agents help retention and upsell but do not turn mature ERP/HCM into an OCI-like business.
Residual software/license/support	$24.7B	[DATA GAP]	[DATA GAP: not separately tabulated in data_package]	No separate high-growth guide	2.0%	$27.3B	License support and on-premise license remain sticky but mature. Base assumes small price/mix growth, offset by cloud migration and license lumpiness.
Cloud/software total	**$55.5B**	FY2022-FY2025 segment CAGR 10.9%	Q3 FY2026 segment +23.9% by QF P4/P1 rows	FY2027 total company revenue guide $90B	**17.5%**	**$124.5B**	The total CAGR is above the FY2022-FY2025 segment CAGR because OCI/RPO acceleration is new, but below latest cloud growth because the residual annuity remains large.

Bear Case Revenue Growth

Product / driver	TTM base	Latest YoY	Bear CAGR TTM to TTM+5y	TTM+5y revenue	What changes versus base
OCI / cloud infrastructure / IaaS	$15.3B	Q3 FY2026 +84%	24.0%	$44.8B	AI capacity demand remains strong but Oracle delivers slower, customer concentration rises, and pricing normalizes as GPU supply improves. The deceleration path is roughly +40%, +30%, +22%, +17%, +13%.
Cloud applications / SaaS	$15.4B	Q3 FY2026 +13%	7.0%	$21.6B	ERP/HCM/NetSuite remain sticky, but AI upsell is modest and competition limits price.
Residual software/license/support	$24.7B	[DATA GAP: not separately tabulated in data_package]	-1.5%	$22.9B	On-premise license and support dollars decline as workloads migrate and customers resist support pricing.
Cloud/software total	**$55.5B**	Q3 FY2026 segment +23.9%	**9.9%**	**$89.3B**	Bear still grows because RPO is real, but the FY2027 guide is harder to meet and post-guide growth slows sharply.

Bull Case Revenue Growth

Product / driver	TTM base	Latest YoY	Bull CAGR TTM to TTM+5y	TTM+5y revenue	What changes versus base
OCI / cloud infrastructure / IaaS	$15.3B	Q3 FY2026 +84%	45.0%	$98.1B	Oracle converts power, customer-funded GPUs, multicloud database, and AI contracts faster than expected. Growth remains front-loaded but the base exits much larger.
Cloud applications / SaaS	$15.4B	Q3 FY2026 +13%	14.0%	$29.7B	AI agents raise retention and module adoption across Fusion, NetSuite, and industry applications.
Residual software/license/support	$24.7B	[DATA GAP: not separately tabulated in data_package]	3.0%	$28.6B	Support pricing and database cloud migration offset license pressure.
Cloud/software total	**$55.5B**	Q3 FY2026 segment +23.9%	**23.1%**	**$156.4B**	Bull requires Oracle to be a durable AI infrastructure winner, not merely a short-term capacity broker.

The thesis-consistency check is the OCI deceleration. Current Q3 IaaS growth is 84%, but the base five-year CAGR is 36%. That is a sharp deceleration only if viewed as a smooth CAGR; the actual base path is intentionally front-loaded. The reason is that RPO conversion, customer prepayments, and capacity deployment can produce very high near-term revenue growth, while the law of large numbers forces deceleration after OCI becomes a $50B-plus business. The bear case is not a demand-collapse case; it is a "revenue grows but returns and conversion timing disappoint" case.

9. Forward Operating Margin Assumptions

Current TTM segment margin is $33.124B on $55.499B revenue, or 59.7%, per QF P4. FY2025 segment margin was 62.8%, per data_package Section 3. The decline is already visible before the largest AI infrastructure contracts fully ramp. I model product-level segment margins and compute the segment margin as a revenue-weighted average.

Product / driver	TTM+5y revenue - Bear	Bear margin	Bear OI	TTM+5y revenue - Base	Base margin	Base OI	TTM+5y revenue - Bull	Bull margin	Bull OI
OCI / cloud infrastructure / IaaS	$44.8B	30.0%	$13.4B	$71.3B	40.0%	$28.5B	$98.1B	48.0%	$47.1B
Cloud applications / SaaS	$21.6B	63.0%	$13.6B	$25.9B	68.0%	$17.6B	$29.7B	70.0%	$20.8B
Residual software/license/support	$22.9B	79.0%	$18.1B	$27.3B	82.0%	$22.4B	$28.6B	83.0%	$23.7B
Cloud/software total	**$89.3B**	**50.5%**	**$45.1B**	**$124.5B**	**55.0%**	**$68.5B**	**$156.4B**	**58.5%**	**$91.5B**

The base margin is 470 bps below FY2025 segment margin and 470 bps below the high-quality historical software view because OCI becomes much larger. The mechanism is mix: AI infrastructure carries lower gross margin, more depreciation pressure, higher support and power intensity, and more contract execution risk than software support. Scale offsets some of this by TTM+5y, but not enough to restore the old 60%-plus segment margin. The bull case margin is still below the FY2021-FY2025 high watermark because even a very successful OCI business is not an 80% margin support annuity. The bear case margin falls to 50.5% because OCI scales with weaker pricing/utilization and residual support declines.

These are segment-margin assumptions, not GAAP consolidated operating margin assumptions. Synthesis must still bridge from segment margin to corporate R&D, G&A, amortization, stock compensation, restructuring, interest, preferred dividends, and tax. The most important cross-check is that a higher Cloud/software revenue path can still reduce consolidated FCF if it requires sustained capex and debt-funded capacity.

10. Segment Rollup

The rollup is built from the product driver tables above. All revenue totals are sums of the three modeled product buckets. Operating income is calculated as product revenue multiplied by the product segment margin, then summed. The blended margin is segment operating income divided by segment revenue.

Case	OCI / IaaS revenue	SaaS revenue	Residual software/support/license revenue	Segment TTM+5y revenue	Segment TTM+5y op margin	Segment TTM+5y op income	Probability
Bear	$44.8B	$21.6B	$22.9B	$89.3B	50.5%	$45.1B	25%
Base	$71.3B	$25.9B	$27.3B	$124.5B	55.0%	$68.5B	50%
Bull	$98.1B	$29.7B	$28.6B	$156.4B	58.5%	$91.5B	25%

Arithmetic tie-out: Bear revenue $44.8B + $21.6B + $22.9B = $89.3B; OI $13.4B + $13.6B + $18.1B = $45.1B; blended margin $45.1B / $89.3B = 50.5%. Base revenue $71.3B + $25.9B + $27.3B = $124.5B; OI $28.5B + $17.6B + $22.4B = $68.5B; blended margin $68.5B / $124.5B = 55.0%. Bull revenue $98.1B + $29.7B + $28.6B = $156.4B; OI $47.1B + $20.8B + $23.7B = $91.5B; blended margin $91.5B / $156.4B = 58.5%. Differences are rounding only.

The probability-weighted revenue is $123.7B and probability-weighted segment operating income is $68.4B. The 50% base / 25% bear / 25% bull weighting is intentionally non-uniform: the base gets the highest weight because RPO, FY2027 revenue guidance, and Q3 FY2026 cloud acceleration create real visibility, while the two tails stay meaningful because customer concentration, funding terms, and full-cycle OCI margins remain unresolved. The more important insight is dispersion: the segment can plausibly produce $89B to $156B of TTM+5y revenue depending on OCI conversion and margin quality. That range is too wide for a high-conviction BUY by itself. The thesis requires Synthesis to decide whether the consolidated model still clears the required EPS hurdle after debt, preferred equity, dilution, capex, and corporate costs.

11. Key Risks and Wildcards

Bear risk - RPO conversion is slower than the headline. Oracle's Q3 FY2026 10-Q says RPO was $552.6B and gives expected recognition buckets, but customer contracts still need capacity delivery. If power, permitting, GPUs, networking, or construction cadence slips, revenue can lag while financing and capex commitments remain.

Bear risk - customer concentration in AI infrastructure. Data_package Section 6 ties recent RPO formation to large AI/OCI contracts, and the Q2 release highlighted major commitments from Meta, NVIDIA, and others. Large customers can bring scale, but they can also bring pricing leverage, bespoke terms, and step-function churn/renewal risk.

Bear risk - lower full-cycle OCI returns. Management's disclosed AI infrastructure gross margin above 30% is encouraging, but it is not a full-cycle return on capital. If Oracle earns low returns after depreciation, power, leases, support, interest, and future refresh capex, the revenue story will not translate into Gideon-quality compounding.

Bear risk - residual software erosion. The support and license base funds a large share of segment profit. If customers use cloud migration as a chance to renegotiate support, shift database workloads away, or reduce on-premise license dependence, the high-margin residual pool can shrink faster than modeled.

Base risk - disclosure granularity remains poor. Oracle does not disclose a full five-year dollar P&L for OCI, multicloud database, AI infrastructure, Fusion, NetSuite, or industry SaaS. The model relies on quarterly rounded cloud dollars and management growth rates. This is usable for a segment appendix but not ideal for a high-confidence five-year underwriting case.

Bull wildcard - multicloud database becomes the killer wedge. If Oracle Database services inside Azure, Google Cloud, and AWS become the default migration path for enterprise Oracle estates, Oracle can grow database cloud revenue without needing customers to standardize broadly on OCI.

Bull wildcard - customer-funded infrastructure lowers capital risk. The Q3 release says much of the RPO increase relates to large AI contracts where equipment is funded through prepayments or customer-supplied GPUs. If that pattern holds, Oracle's revenue growth may be less balance-sheet intensive than the headline capex numbers imply.

Bull wildcard - AI agents reinforce applications. If embedded agents materially improve finance, HR, supply-chain, and industry workflows, Oracle's SaaS growth could stay in the mid-teens longer than the bear/base cases assume. The application moat would then compound with database and OCI rather than simply defend the installed base.

Source Notes

- Cleared local historical ground truth: `data_package.md` Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10; `quant_foundation.md` P1, P2, P4, P5, P6; `quant_foundation_review.md` gate review.

- Live Oracle Q3 FY2026 release: https://investor.oracle.com/investor-news/news-details/2026/Oracle-Announces-Fiscal-Year-2026-Third-Quarter-Financial-Results/default.aspx
- Live Oracle Q2 FY2026 release: https://investor.oracle.com/investor-news/news-details/2025/Oracle-Announces-Fiscal-Year-2026-Second-Quarter-Financial-Results/default.aspx
- Live Oracle Q1 FY2026 release: https://investor.oracle.com/investor-news/news-details/2025/Oracle-Announces-Fiscal-Year-2026-First-Quarter-Financial-Results/
- Live Oracle FY2025 Q4/FY release: https://investor.oracle.com/investor-news/news-details/2025/Oracle-Announces-Fiscal-2025-Fourth-Quarter-and-Fiscal-Full-Year-Financial-Results/default.aspx
- Live SEC Q3 FY2026 10-Q: https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1341439/000119312526101045/orcl-20260228.htm
- Live Oracle Q3 CEO blog context: https://blogs.oracle.com/ceo/from-the-q3-earnings-call
- Live Synergy cloud market context: https://www.srgresearch.com/articles/cloud-market-share-trends-big-three-together-hold-63-while-oracle-and-the-neoclouds-inch-higher
- Live FMP files saved for this B appendix: `raw\ORCL_B_cloud_and_software_FMP_Q3FY26_transcript_live_20260430.json`, `raw\ORCL_B_cloud_and_software_FMP_Q2FY26_transcript_live_20260430.json`, and `raw\ORCL_B_cloud_and_software_FMP_revenue_product_segmentation_annual_live_20260430.json`.

Summary Table

Case	Segment TTM+5y Revenue	Segment TTM+5y Op Margin	Segment TTM+5y Op Income	Probability
Bear	$89.3B	50.5%	$45.1B	25%
Base	$124.5B	55.0%	$68.5B	50%
Bull	$156.4B	58.5%	$91.5B	25%

Unresolved flags: [DATA GAP: the data package does not provide full annual dollar histories for OCI/IaaS, SaaS, Fusion, NetSuite, multicloud database, AI infrastructure, or the residual software/support/license bucket.] [DATA GAP: product-level segment operating margins are not disclosed; margin assumptions are modeled from segment margin, management AI infrastructure gross-margin commentary, and product mix.] [DATA GAP: RPO customer concentration and contract-level economics are not disclosed.]

Appendix B2 - Hardware

Hardware - Segment Deep Dive

Company: Oracle Corporation (ORCL) Segment: Hardware Run date: 2026-04-30 Asia/Singapore TTM anchor: Q4 FY2025 + Q1 FY2026 + Q2 FY2026 + Q3 FY2026, ending 2026-02-28 Forward horizon: 2026-02-28 to 2031-02-28, exactly five calendar years

Source discipline

This appendix treats `data_package.md` as the controlling source for Oracle's own historical segment revenue, segment margin, product disclosure granularity, quarterly recency, and management commentary. I did not re-fetch or replace Oracle's historical dollar figures with alternative historicals. Live incremental source pulls for context were saved under `C:\Users\Admin\OneDrive\GPT\ER 2.0\Oracle Corporation\raw` with the `ORCL_B_hardware_20260430_` prefix. They include the FY2025 10-K HTML from SEC EDGAR, the Q3 FY2026 10-Q HTML from SEC EDGAR, the FMP Q3 FY2026 transcript JSON, and the FMP annual revenue-product-segmentation JSON. External competitive context uses live public sources, including IDC's server market update, Oracle's engineered systems product pages and Exadata X11M blog, and a Global Electronics Council data-storage market report that cites IDC storage-share data.

Live-source URLs used for incremental context:

Source	URL	Use in appendix
SEC FY2025 10-K	https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1341439/000095017025087926/orcl-20250531.htm	Hardware definition, revenue recognition, costs, channel, manufacturing risk
SEC Q3 FY2026 10-Q	https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1341439/000119312526101045/orcl-20260228.htm	Latest-quarter filing context; QF remains the controlling source for TTM figures
FMP transcript endpoint	`earning-call-transcript ORCL --param year=2026 --param quarter=3`	Live transcript check for hardware-adjacent supply-chain commentary; data_package Section 6 controls quotes
FMP segmentation endpoint	`revenue-product-segmentation ORCL --param period=annual`	Live endpoint availability check; data_package and QF control historical figures
IDC server market update	https://www.idc.com/promo/servers/	Server market growth and AI infrastructure backdrop
Oracle Engineered Systems	https://www.oracle.com/engineered-systems/	Product positioning and engineered-systems use cases
Oracle Exadata X11M blog	https://blogs.oracle.com/database/introducing-exadata-x11m-for-cloud	Co-engineering and hybrid/multicloud positioning
Global Electronics Council storage report	https://globalelectronicscouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/Data-Storage-FINAL-PCP_SOSR_2APR2025.pdf	Enterprise storage competitive-share context

0. Segment boundary + taxonomy note

Oracle's Hardware segment is stable for the period used here. The data package says Oracle reports three businesses, each treated as a single operating segment, and that the FY2026 name change from "cloud and license" to "cloud and software" affects the largest segment only, not Hardware. No restated Hardware taxonomy boundary was identified in the FY2025 10-K, FY2026 10-Qs, or recent 8-Ks. Hardware therefore remains a single segment containing engineered systems, servers, storage, industry-specific hardware, related hardware software, and hardware support. The main modeling boundary is not a restatement; it is disclosure granularity. Oracle does not disclose a product-level Hardware revenue stack below the segment total, so this appendix uses one bottom-up line, "Hardware products and support," and explicitly refuses to create unsupported sub-lines for Exadata, servers, storage, AI accelerators, or industry devices. Sources: data_package Section 1 taxonomy table and narrative; data_package Section 4 Hardware row; FY2025 10-K live SEC pull.

1. What this segment actually is

Oracle Hardware is not a commodity PC or generic device business. It is an enterprise infrastructure segment built around Oracle-controlled hardware and hardware-adjacent software used to run Oracle databases, enterprise workloads, industry systems, and hybrid cloud deployments. The FY2025 10-K describes the segment as infrastructure technologies, including Oracle Engineered Systems, servers, storage, industry-specific hardware, operating systems, virtualization, management software, and related hardware support. The data package compresses the segment into "Hardware products and support,"

with dollar disclosure at the segment level but not at the SKU or product-family level.

The customer is typically an enterprise, government, telecom, financial institution, healthcare system, retailer, hospitality operator, or other organization that already runs important Oracle workloads and wants an integrated infrastructure stack rather than assembling servers, storage, networking, database tuning, operating software, virtualization, support, and firmware coordination from separate vendors. The practical buyer is often a CIO, infrastructure leader, database platform owner, procurement team, or business unit running a mission-critical workload. The strongest use case is not "buy Oracle hardware because it is cheaper." The use case is "run Oracle Database and related enterprise workloads on an integrated platform with fewer integration seams, stronger support accountability, and predictable performance."

The product set includes engineered systems such as Exadata, Oracle Database Appliance, Private Cloud Appliance, Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance, server and storage products, industry-specific hardware, and support contracts tied to that installed base. Oracle's public engineered systems page emphasizes consolidation, lower management workload, and using the same technology as Oracle's public cloud in customer-controlled deployments. Oracle's Exadata X11M blog, published in January 2025, frames Exadata as a platform that can run in OCI, multicloud deployments, Dedicated Region Cloud@Customer, Oracle Alloy, and customer datacenters through Exadata Cloud@Customer. That matters for the Hardware appendix because the hardware business is increasingly a hybrid-cloud and database-platform appendage rather than a standalone hardware-growth engine.

Pricing and revenue recognition are mixed. Hardware products and related embedded software are treated as a combined performance obligation and generally recognized when the product is delivered and ownership transfers. Hardware support is optional, usually renewed annually, priced as a percentage of net hardware product fees, and recognized ratably as support is delivered over the contract term. That combination creates lumpy product revenue and steadier support revenue. The hardware-product portion depends on enterprise refresh cycles, large transactions, availability of parts, channel execution, and customer choices between on-premises equipment and cloud infrastructure. The support portion depends on the installed base, renewal rates, the age of systems, customer decisions to keep or replace infrastructure, and Oracle's ability to keep the support bundle economically attractive.

Go-to-market is mixed but channel-heavy. The FY2025 10-K says the majority of hardware products are sold through indirect channels, including independent distributors and value-added resellers. Oracle also markets hardware directly where the hardware sale is tied to a database, cloud, engineered systems, or industry application relationship. This makes Hardware strategically useful even though it is only 5.1% of FY2025 revenue. The product sale can defend a database estate, anchor an Exadata Cloud@Customer or private cloud conversation, or make the Oracle Cloud transition more natural for customers who want operational consistency across on-premises and public cloud environments.

The important accounting distinction is that reported Hardware revenue captures external hardware products and support. It does not capture all hardware-like economics inside Oracle's AI and OCI expansion. The data package explicitly warns that Oracle's cloud buildout depends on hardware procurement, standardized datacenter design, rack output, networking, storage, and accelerators, while the accounting segment captures external hardware revenue and the strategic hardware function also appears inside cloud capex and OCI delivery economics. Therefore, this appendix models reported Hardware conservatively while recognizing that hardware competence can create value in the Cloud and software segment.

2. Current economics (FY2025 and TTM)

FY2025 Hardware revenue was $2.936B, or 5.1% of Oracle's $57.399B consolidated revenue. FY2025 Hardware segment margin was $1.918B, a 65.3% segment-margin rate. The five-year revenue path was not growth-like: $3.359B in FY2021, $3.183B in FY2022, $3.274B in FY2023, $3.066B in FY2024, and $2.936B in FY2025, using exact values from quant_foundation P1/P2 (FMP revenue-product-segmentation annual endpoint and SEC 10-K/FMP 10-K JSON segment tables) and the data_package Section 3 Hardware row. The data package's rounded Section 3 table presents the same path as $3.4B, $3.2B, $3.3B, $3.1B, and $2.9B, with YoY growth of -5.2%, +2.9%, -6.4%, and -4.2%. Hardware has been a small declining segment on annual revenue, not a hidden hypergrowth product line.

The TTM through February 28, 2026 was modestly better than the FY2025 trend. Hardware revenue for the four-quarter TTM was $3.010B and TTM segment margin was $1.976B, a 65.6% segment-margin rate, from quant_foundation P4's SEC-controlled TTM construction. The quarter mix was $0.850B in Q4 FY2025, $0.670B in Q1 FY2026, $0.776B in Q2 FY2026, and $0.714B in Q3 FY2026, sourced from the FY2025 10-K-derived Q4 row and FY2026 Q1-Q3 SEC 10-Q segment tables in QF P4/data_package Section 5. The same table shows Hardware margin of $0.532B, $0.447B, $0.512B, and $0.485B across those quarters. The year-over-year TTM comparison, built from the cleared QF quarterly rows and not from a new historical pull, was approximately +2.8% versus the prior four comparable quarters, because the current TTM included a

stronger Q4 FY2025 and Q2 FY2026. That does not erase the multi-year decline, but it argues against mechanically extrapolating a steep runoff from the FY2025 annual number alone.

The data package Section 4 gives only one disclosed Hardware product line: Hardware products and support, defined as engineered systems, servers, storage, industry devices, and related support. It states that this line is dollar-disclosed at the segment level, not at the product SKU level, and gives FY2023 $3.3B, FY2024 $3.1B, and FY2025 $2.9B. No Oracle-disclosed annual revenue split exists for Exadata, commodity servers, storage, industry devices, hardware support, or AI-related hardware inside the segment. The appendix therefore uses one product line. Any lower-level split would be fiction.

Capital intensity is ambiguous at the segment reporting level. Oracle discloses corporate capex, and the QF shows a TTM capex surge to $48.250B, but that capex is mainly OCI and AI infrastructure rather than a separately reported Hardware segment asset base. Oracle also says it does not track assets by business. For segment economics, direct Hardware costs include materials and labor, manufacturing partner costs, warranty and repair costs, inventory valuation movements, support labor and infrastructure, and sales and marketing. For enterprise value, however, the bigger capital-intensity issue is that Oracle's internal hardware and supply-chain capability is a gating function for OCI capex conversion, which is economically captured outside the external Hardware segment.

The current economics are therefore unusual: revenue is small and broadly mature, but the segment margin rate is high on Oracle's segment-margin definition. Oracle segment margin excludes R&D, G&A, stock compensation, amortization, restructuring, interest, and other non-segment items. The 65% Hardware segment-margin rate should not be read as product gross margin or consolidated operating income. It is a contribution-like measure after direct/service expenses and sales and marketing, before shared corporate costs.

3. Unit economics

Hardware unit economics are a blend of low-to-mid margin product economics and higher-retention support economics, reported through Oracle's segment-margin lens. The product sale begins with system design, component procurement, third-party manufacturing or internal production, assembly, delivery, warranty obligations, and channel or direct selling costs. A customer receives an integrated system with hardware and related software that are interdependent, so Oracle recognizes the combined performance obligation at delivery. The support sale begins after or alongside the product sale and can persist as long as the customer keeps the hardware estate alive. Support includes software updates for essential hardware software components, repairs, maintenance, and technical support, recognized over the support contract term.

What makes the segment margin high despite being called Hardware is the likely mix of support and engineered systems rather than undifferentiated server resale. The data package does not disclose support revenue separately, so this is an inference from Oracle's business description and margin history rather than a directly disclosed product P&L. A segment that sells only commodity servers would be unlikely to sustain a 59% to 66% contribution margin after direct costs and sales and marketing. Oracle's reported margin path - 60.3% in FY2021, 59.0% in FY2022, 59.0% in FY2023, 62.5% in FY2024, and 65.3% in FY2025 - is more consistent with a base of support renewals, specialized engineered systems, disciplined channel economics, and cost takeout than a volume-led commodity hardware business.

Margin breaks down if any of four things happen. First, product mix can shift toward lower-margin hardware product sales without enough attached support. Second, component cost inflation, tariffs, constrained accelerators, memory, storage, or networking equipment can lift direct costs faster than Oracle can reprice contracts. Third, customers can choose cloud infrastructure instead of on-premises hardware, reducing product revenue and over time shrinking the support base. Fourth, third-party manufacturing disruptions can cause delays, expedited freight, inventory write-downs, missed large transactions, or warranty costs.

Margin can also improve or remain resilient. A declining product base can leave a higher mix of support revenue if customers stretch replacement cycles and keep paying for maintenance. Engineered systems can command higher value than commodity servers if the system materially improves Oracle Database performance, support accountability, or hybrid-cloud consistency. Oracle's Exadata X11M positioning supports this point: Oracle says the platform uses full-stack co-engineering with Oracle Database, runs across OCI and customer-controlled deployment models, and is optimized for database workloads rather than being generic hardware. That co-engineering gives Oracle pricing room where the customer values performance, support, and compatibility more than the lowest possible server price.

The reinvestment need is not captured fully inside segment margin. Oracle's FY2025 10-K says the company expects to continue R&D investment to improve existing hardware products and services and develop new ones. Segment margin excludes R&D, so the reported Hardware segment economics overstate the stand-alone after-R&D economics of a hardware

product roadmap. The appendix therefore uses segment-margin assumptions for consistency with QF and main-model segment rollups but treats the margin as a segment contribution margin, not a true fully loaded operating margin.

The most important unit-economic bridge to the rest of Oracle is indirect. Management's Q3 FY2026 transcript commentary says AI infrastructure depends on designing, manufacturing, delivering, and installing compute, networking, and storage, and that Oracle increased rack output materially over the last year. That hardware execution does not necessarily become external Hardware segment revenue. Much of it becomes OCI capacity, cloud capex, and future Cloud and software revenue. The Hardware segment's accounting P&L is therefore a partial view of Oracle's hardware competence.

4. Competitive dynamics

Oracle competes in two overlapping hardware markets: external enterprise infrastructure sold to customers, and internal/hybrid infrastructure platforms that support cloud, database, and AI workloads. In external enterprise servers, Oracle faces Dell Technologies, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Lenovo, Supermicro, IBM in specialized systems, Cisco/UCS, and ODM-direct suppliers for large cloud-scale deployments. In enterprise storage, competitors include Dell, HPE, NetApp, Pure Storage, Hitachi Vantara, IBM, Huawei, and cloud storage alternatives. In engineered systems and database appliances, the direct competitive question is narrower: should an Oracle Database customer run on Oracle Exadata or appliance infrastructure, on a do-it-yourself stack from Dell/HPE/Lenovo plus storage/networking vendors, or migrate the workload to a hyperscale or multicloud alternative?

The market backdrop is bifurcated. IDC's server market update dated April 3, 2026 says worldwide server spending grew 52.4% in Q4 2025, driven by mass GPU-server deployment, while non-accelerated server growth slowed as the 2024 refresh ended. That supports a bullish market-growth backdrop for hardware generally, but not necessarily for Oracle's reported Hardware segment. The fastest-growing pool is accelerated infrastructure for cloud and AI. Oracle participates in that pool mainly through OCI capex and partner/customer-funded cloud capacity, not through the external Hardware segment. A rising AI server tide therefore helps Oracle's strategic hardware system more than it helps the external Hardware revenue line.

Market share context also argues for modest expectations. StorageReview's summary of IDC Q3 2025 server data says the global server market hit $112.4B in quarterly revenue, with ODM Direct accounting for 59.4% of global market share, Dell at 8.3%, Supermicro at 4.0%, IEIT/Inspur at 3.7%, Lenovo at 3.6%, and HPE at 3.0%. Oracle is not a named top server-share vendor in that table. That does not mean Oracle has no viable hardware business; it means Oracle's hardware advantage is not scale leadership in generic servers. The advantage, where it exists, is specialization around Oracle workloads.

In storage, a Global Electronics Council report citing IDC's Worldwide Quarterly Enterprise Storage Systems Tracker describes the main enterprise storage hardware vendors as Dell EMC, HPE, NetApp, Hitachi, Pure Storage, IBM, and Huawei, with Dell Technologies as the largest external enterprise storage supplier at 28.8% of worldwide revenue and HPE/New H3C at 10.8%. Oracle is not presented as a leading generic enterprise storage share holder. Again, the relevant conclusion is not that Oracle storage disappears; it is that Oracle must win on integrated Oracle Database/platform value, not broad storage scale.

Cloud substitution is the largest competitive threat. Oracle itself says Hardware revenues are affected by customer demand for competing offerings, including cloud infrastructure offerings. If an Oracle customer can run the workload in OCI, AWS, Azure, Google Cloud, or a partner environment with acceptable performance, lower upfront spending, and better operational flexibility, the customer may reduce on-premises hardware purchases. Oracle partly offsets this through Exadata Cloud@Customer, Dedicated Region Cloud@Customer, Oracle Alloy, and multicloud Exadata-style deployments, but those products blur the accounting line. They can strengthen Oracle Cloud and software revenue while weakening reported external Hardware sales.

Pricing power is therefore narrow but real. Oracle has weak pricing power in generic compute and storage because customers can benchmark against Dell, HPE, Lenovo, Supermicro, ODMs, and cloud providers. Oracle has stronger pricing power when the buyer's main concern is running Oracle Database with low latency, tuned storage, integrated support, and cloud/on-premises compatibility. Exadata is the clearest example: the product is not a loose bundle of commodity parts; it is sold as a co-engineered database platform. The buyer may still negotiate hard, but the alternative is not a simple server SKU with identical workload behavior.

Entry barriers are software-hardware co-design, installed base, support trust, certification, and workload risk. A competitor can build a server. It is harder to persuade a conservative bank, telco, public-sector agency, or healthcare system to move a mission-critical Oracle Database estate off a proven Oracle engineered platform if downtime, performance regression, or support ambiguity would be costly. The barrier is highest for customers already standardized on Exadata or Oracle Database

Appliance and lower for new workloads that can begin in cloud-native infrastructure.

5. Moat at the segment level

The Hardware segment has a niche moat, not a broad hardware moat. Oracle is not protected by general hardware scale, lowest component cost, or server-market share leadership. The segment is protected where hardware is inseparable from Oracle Database, Oracle support, Oracle Cloud deployment models, and mission-critical enterprise risk tolerance. The moat is strongest in engineered systems and hardware support attached to Oracle database estates. It is weakest in generic servers, generic storage, and any workload where the customer can move to hyperscale infrastructure without losing Oracle-specific performance or support benefits.

The main moat element is co-engineering. Oracle's Exadata X11M blog says any platform can use modern hardware components, but simply putting components into a traditional server architecture does not yield the same performance benefits as Exadata; Oracle attributes Exadata's performance to co-engineering with Oracle Database. Avoiding long quotation, the point is that software-specific optimization can make the hardware more valuable than its bill of materials. If customers believe that claim based on workload results, Oracle can defend premium economics.

The second moat element is installed-base support. Hardware support contracts are optional and renewable, but enterprise customers running mission-critical systems often value vendor support, updates, repair capability, and maintenance continuity. The support stream is not permanent; it decays as systems age or move to cloud. But it can be sticky over the five-year forecast horizon because many large enterprises migrate slowly, maintain hybrid architectures, and treat core systems conservatively.

The third moat element is hybrid-cloud consistency. Oracle sells Exadata and related infrastructure across on-premises, Cloud@Customer, OCI, multicloud partnerships, and sovereign or dedicated-region models. That gives the customer a path from owned infrastructure to cloud-like consumption without fully abandoning Oracle's database architecture. It also lets Oracle turn a hardware conversation into a cloud migration conversation. For segment modeling, that is a double-edged moat: it can protect Oracle's total customer relationship while shifting revenue away from reported Hardware and into Cloud and software.

Moat durability over five to ten years is moderate. The base case assumes Hardware can stabilize around the current revenue base rather than continue a linear decline. The bear case assumes cloud substitution and component/channel pressure overwhelm support resilience. The bull case assumes Oracle's hybrid-cloud and engineered systems positioning creates a mild refresh cycle, especially where data sovereignty, latency, database performance, and regulated workloads keep customers on Oracle-controlled infrastructure. None of the cases assumes Hardware becomes a major growth segment. The moat is too narrow, and Oracle's own strategy points the fastest growth toward OCI and database cloud services.

6. Historical growth rates - reproduced from data package, not re-derived

Oracle discloses Hardware at the segment level. The only product/sub-segment line available for this appendix is "Hardware products and support." The table below uses the finest dollar-disclosed level available in the data package. The revenue cells cite the data_package Section 3 Hardware revenue row and Section 4 Hardware product row, whose controlling sources are the FMP revenue-product-segmentation annual endpoint and FY2025 10-K segment table. The CAGR and YoY use the data_package Section 3 Hardware YoY row and the same annual Hardware row; exact arithmetic uses the unrounded QF P1/P2 dollars behind the data package because the data_package display rounds to one decimal.

Product / sub-segment	FY-3 rev	FY-2 rev	FY-1 rev	3-yr CAGR	Most recent YoY	Data package cite
Hardware products and support	FY2023 $3.3B [data_package Section 4 Hardware row; FMP segmentation annual / FY2025 10-K source basis]	FY2024 $3.1B [data_package Section 4 Hardware row; FMP segmentation annual / FY2025 10-K source basis]	FY2025 $2.9B [data_package Section 4 Hardware row; FMP segmentation annual / FY2025 10-K source basis]	-2.7% from FY2022-FY2025 exact dollars [data_package Section 3 Hardware revenue and YoY rows; QF P1/P2 exact dollar backing]	FY2025 -4.2% [data_package Section 3 Hardware YoY row]	data_package Section 3 Hardware table rows Revenue/YoY/Segment margin; data_package Section 4 Hardware products and support row; QF P1/P2 exact values

Arithmetic check: the rounded data_package annual display is directionally correct but too rounded for precise tie-outs. Using exact cleared QF P2 values that underlie the data package, FY2023 revenue was $3.274B, FY2024 was $3.066B, and FY2025 was $2.936B. FY2023 to FY2024 tie-out: $3.274B x (1 - 6.4%) = $3.065B, versus $3.066B actual, within 0.1%. FY2024 to FY2025 tie-out: $3.066B x (1 - 4.2%) = $2.937B, versus $2.936B actual, within 0.1%. FY2022 to FY2023 tie-out: $3.183B x (1 + 2.9%) = $3.275B, versus $3.274B actual, within 0.1%. The data package passes the internal arithmetic check

when exact cleared values are used; no inconsistency flag is inserted.

The five-year historical view is important because FY2025 alone understates the stability of contribution margin and overstates the certainty of continuing decline. Hardware revenue fell from $3.359B in FY2021 to $2.936B in FY2025, a roughly -3.3% four-year CAGR, but Hardware segment margin stayed between $1.878B and $2.026B over FY2021-FY2025. The margin rate rose from 60.3% in FY2021 to 65.3% in FY2025, which suggests either a richer support mix, cost discipline, or less low-margin product volume. That pattern is central to the forecast: revenue can be pressured while contribution margin remains high unless the installed base support stream breaks.

7. Management guidance - quoted from data package Section 6

Hardware has minimal standalone management guidance. The data package explicitly says management discusses hardware mostly as part of OCI supply chain, accelerators, networking, storage, and engineered datacenter deployment rather than as a legacy hardware segment. I therefore treat management commentary as strategic context for Oracle's hardware capability, not as a disclosed growth guide for external Hardware revenue.

Data-package row	Source / speaker	Verbatim short quote fragment from data package	Interpretation
data_package Section 6 Hardware row 1	Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10, Clay Magouyrk	"rack output by 4x"	This is not external Hardware revenue guidance. It is evidence that Oracle's supply-chain and assembly system is scaling to support OCI/AI capacity conversion. It raises confidence in Oracle's strategic hardware execution but should not be mapped directly to the Hardware segment revenue line.
data_package Section 6 Hardware row 2	Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10, Clay Magouyrk	"networking and storage"	AI infrastructure deals require adjacent infrastructure beyond accelerators. This supports the view that hardware design, storage, and networking competence can help OCI margin mix, while still leaving reported Hardware product dollars undisclosed.
data_package Section 6 Hardware row 3	FY2025 10-K, Oracle filing, SEC URL in source ledger	"outsource the manufacturing"	This is a risk anchor. Oracle relies on third-party manufacturing partners for hardware sold externally and used internally for cloud services, so supply-chain disruption can affect both Hardware and OCI delivery.

[DATA GAP: Oracle does not provide standalone Hardware FY2026/FY2027 revenue guidance, product-level Hardware growth guidance, Hardware support renewal rates, or separate AI hardware/server/storage/engineered-system revenue inside the Hardware segment.]

The interpretation is deliberately conservative. The Q3 FY2026 commentary about data centers, power, rack output, compute, networking, storage, and customer-funded capacity is central to the Oracle consolidated thesis, but it is mostly a Cloud and software/OCI capacity thesis. It does not justify forecasting reported Hardware at OCI-like growth rates. The more defensible reading is that Hardware's strategic relevance has increased even as reported external Hardware revenue remains a small segment.

8. Forward growth assumptions - explicit, per product, justified

The product table uses one disclosed line: Hardware products and support. Current TTM revenue is $3.010B from QF P4's SEC-controlled TTM segment table. The historical 3-year CAGR shown below is FY2022-FY2025 exact-dollar CAGR, because the data package provides a five-year Hardware segment history and Section 4 gives only FY2023-FY2025 rounded product-level dollars. Latest annual YoY is FY2025 -4.2% from data_package Section 3; current TTM YoY is approximately +2.8% from the cleared QF quarterly rows, used only as recency context.

Base case growth

Product	3-yr historical CAGR	Latest YoY	Mgmt FY+1 guide	Base CAGR TTM to TTM+5y	Justification
Hardware products and support	-2.7% FY2022-FY2025 exact dollars; -3.3% FY2021-FY2025 longer view	FY2025 -4.2%; TTM +2.8% recency	No standalone Hardware revenue guide; management commentary is supply-chain/OCI context only [DATA GAP]	+0.5%	Base assumes the segment stops shrinking but does not become a growth engine. Support mix, Exadata/engineered systems refreshes, hybrid cloud consistency, and OCI-adjacent credibility offset cloud substitution; generic server/storage competition prevents more than low-single-digit growth.

Base year-by-year path from the $3.010B TTM anchor: FY+1 $3.025B, FY+2 $3.040B, FY+3 $3.055B, FY+4 $3.071B, FY+5 $3.086B. This is deliberately flatter than the FY2021-FY2025 decline because TTM revenue has stabilized and because the Hardware segment margin profile suggests a durable support component. It is also far below the AI infrastructure market growth rate because reported Hardware is not the accounting home for most OCI/AI capacity.

Bull case growth

Product	3-yr historical CAGR	Latest YoY	Mgmt FY+1 guide	Bull CAGR TTM to TTM+5y	Justification
Hardware products and support	-2.7% FY2022-FY2025 exact dollars; -3.3% FY2021-FY2025 longer view	FY2025 -4.2%; TTM +2.8% recency	No standalone Hardware revenue guide; management says rack output and supply-chain execution improved, but not as segment guidance [DATA GAP]	+3.0%	Bull assumes Exadata X11M, Cloud@Customer, sovereign/private cloud, regulated workload refreshes, and data-residency needs create a mild external hardware cycle. It still rejects an OCI-like growth rate because Oracle's large AI infrastructure revenue is reported mainly in Cloud and software, not Hardware.

Bull year-by-year path from $3.010B: FY+1 $3.100B, FY+2 $3.193B, FY+3 $3.289B, FY+4 $3.388B, FY+5 $3.489B. The change versus base is customer willingness to keep buying Oracle-controlled infrastructure rather than migrate everything into public cloud services. It also assumes Oracle can use supply-chain scale, standardized designs, and engineered systems positioning to improve the refresh cadence without chasing low-margin commodity hardware.

Bear case growth

Product	3-yr historical CAGR	Latest YoY	Mgmt FY+1 guide	Bear CAGR TTM to TTM+5y	Justification
Hardware products and support	-2.7% FY2022-FY2025 exact dollars; -3.3% FY2021-FY2025 longer view	FY2025 -4.2%; TTM +2.8% recency	No standalone Hardware revenue guide; no product-level support renewal guide [DATA GAP]	-5.0%	Bear assumes cloud substitution accelerates, customers defer refreshes, component/tariff costs pressure pricing, and generic server/storage alternatives erode Oracle's non-Exadata hardware footprint. The rate is worse than the historical CAGR because the installed base and support stream begin to decay faster.

Bear year-by-year path from $3.010B: FY+1 $2.860B, FY+2 $2.717B, FY+3 $2.581B, FY+4 $2.452B, FY+5 $2.329B. This path is not a collapse. It recognizes that support renewal and mission-critical installed base inertia slow the decline. A sharper decline would require evidence that Oracle customers are abandoning engineered systems or hardware support at scale, which is not disclosed.

Thesis-consistency check: The base case moves from FY2025 -4.2% and TTM +2.8% recency to a +0.5% five-year CAGR. That is a mild stabilization, not an aggressive acceleration. The bull case at +3.0% is plausible only if hybrid-cloud and engineered-systems demand improves; it remains below the broad AI server market because Oracle's reported Hardware segment is not the main AI server revenue bucket. The bear case at -5.0% is worse than the historical decline but not extreme because the segment likely includes support revenue.

9. Forward operating margin assumptions - explicit and justified

Current TTM Hardware segment margin is $1.976B on $3.010B revenue, or 65.6%, from QF P4's SEC-controlled TTM segment table. FY2025 margin was $1.918B on $2.936B revenue, or 65.3%, from data_package Section 3 and QF P2's SEC 10-K/FMP 10-K JSON segment table. The segment margin rate has risen despite revenue pressure: 60.3% in FY2021, 59.0% in FY2022, 59.0% in FY2023, 62.5% in FY2024, and 65.3% in FY2025. The forecast uses Oracle's disclosed segment-margin measure, not GAAP operating margin.

Product	Current margin anchor	Bear TTM+5y margin	Base TTM+5y margin	Bull TTM+5y margin	Mechanism
Hardware products and support	65.6% TTM segment margin	58.0%	63.0%	66.0%	Bear reflects lower support renewal density, weaker product absorption, component/tariff friction, and price pressure. Base normalizes below the unusually high TTM level as some product refresh mix returns and cost inflation persists. Bull assumes support/engineered-systems mix remains rich and Oracle keeps cost discipline.

The base margin declines by 260 bps from TTM. That is more conservative than simply carrying forward the 65.6% TTM margin. The mechanism is mix normalization: a stabilizing revenue base likely requires some product refresh volume, and product volume should carry lower contribution margin than mature support. The base case also allows for supply-chain, energy, tariff, and channel costs that Oracle itself identifies as hardware margin risks.

The bull margin rises slightly above FY2025 but only 40 bps above TTM. The mechanism is not broad pricing power in generic servers; it is a high support mix, Exadata/engineered systems value capture, and fewer low-margin product dollars. The bull case assumes Oracle avoids price-led competition and sells hardware primarily where it is tied to database performance or hybrid-cloud control.

The bear margin falls 760 bps from TTM to 58.0%. This is still profitable on Oracle's segment-margin definition but closer to the FY2022/FY2023 level. The mechanism is a shrinking support base, lower renewal rates as customers migrate to cloud, product discounts to defend legacy footprint, higher component costs, and manufacturing-partner disruption. A deeper margin cut would be plausible if Oracle pursued generic server volume, but the revenue forecast does not assume such a strategy.

Because Oracle does not disclose product-level margins inside Hardware, the appendix does not compute separate Exadata, storage, server, industry hardware, and support margins. The revenue-weighted segment margin is the product-level margin because the disclosed product stack has one line. This is a disclosure limitation, not an analytical preference.

10. Segment rollup - bottoms-up arithmetic

The segment rollup is a one-line rollup because Oracle discloses only one Hardware product/sub-segment line. The TTM anchor is $3.010B. The five-year case revenue is the TTM anchor compounded for exactly five calendar years to February 28, 2031.

Case	Product / sub-segment	TTM revenue	CAGR TTM to TTM+5y	TTM+5y revenue	TTM+5y margin	TTM+5y operating income
Bear	Hardware products and support	$3.010B	-5.0%	$2.329B	58.0%	$1.351B
Base	Hardware products and support	$3.010B	+0.5%	$3.086B	63.0%	$1.944B
Bull	Hardware products and support	$3.010B	+3.0%	$3.489B	66.0%	$2.303B

Arithmetic tie: Bear $3.010B x 0.95^5 = $2.329B, and $2.329B x 58.0% = $1.351B. Base $3.010B x 1.005^5 = $3.086B, and $3.086B x 63.0% = $1.944B. Bull $3.010B x 1.03^5 = $3.489B, and $3.489B x 66.0% = $2.303B. Each segment total reconciles exactly to the one product line.

The segment's modeled contribution to Oracle's 2031 value is therefore modest in revenue but non-trivial in margin dollars. In the base case, Hardware revenue barely changes from the $3.010B TTM anchor, and segment margin dollars are slightly lower because the margin normalizes from 65.6% to 63.0%. That is intentional. The segment should not be used to carry Oracle's growth case; Cloud and software must do that. Hardware's role is to preserve high-margin installed-base contribution and support the broader infrastructure platform.

The bear case matters more for quality of earnings than for consolidated revenue. A $0.615B decline in segment margin from TTM to TTM+5y would not break Oracle by itself, but it would remove a stable contribution stream at the same time the company is funding a large AI infrastructure buildout. The bull case matters mainly as evidence that Oracle's hybrid-cloud and engineered systems approach can create a small but durable external hardware refresh cycle.

11. Key risks and wildcards

Bear - cloud substitution accelerates. Customers can move Oracle workloads to OCI, Oracle Database@Azure/Google/AWS, or other cloud infrastructure rather than buying external Oracle hardware. This can be good for Oracle overall but bad for reported Hardware revenue.

Bear - support base decays faster than expected. If customers retire older hardware estates instead of renewing support or refreshing to new Oracle systems, the high-margin support component likely shrinks and segment margin falls toward FY2022/FY2023 levels.

Bear - third-party manufacturing disruption. The data package's 10-K quote fragment "outsource the manufacturing" is important. Oracle depends on third-party manufacturing and delivery partners for hardware sold to customers and hardware used internally for cloud services. Disruption could delay transactions, create cost overruns, or damage service levels.

Bear/base - component costs, tariffs, and trade policy. Oracle identifies supply chain, energy costs, tariffs, trade policy, and geographic factors as hardware margin risks. This is especially relevant in a world where AI demand tightens memory, networking, storage, and accelerator supply.

Base/bull - engineered systems remain differentiated. If Exadata X11M and related platforms continue to show clear performance, manageability, and support advantages for Oracle Database workloads, Oracle can stabilize revenue and defend high segment margins even without broad server share leadership.

Bull - sovereign and hybrid cloud pull-through. Sovereign cloud, regulated workloads, Cloud@Customer, Dedicated Region, and multicloud database deployments can keep Oracle-controlled infrastructure relevant. Some of the economics may land in Cloud and software, but external hardware and support can benefit from the same architectural preference.

Bear - AI infrastructure shifts value away from external Hardware. Oracle's fastest hardware-related activity may increasingly be internal cloud buildout and customer/partner-funded OCI capacity. That helps consolidated growth but may make the reported Hardware segment less strategically visible and less likely to grow.

Wildcard - Oracle's Ampere and custom silicon exposure. The FY2025 10-K discusses Oracle's investment in Ampere and the pending SoftBank acquisition of Ampere. If Oracle's access to CPU designs, accelerator alternatives, or partner silicon changes, the effect may be more visible in OCI economics than external Hardware revenue, but it can influence hardware strategy.

Summary table

Case	Segment TTM+5y Revenue	Segment TTM+5y Op Margin	Segment TTM+5y Op Income	Probability
Bear	$2.329B	58.0%	$1.351B	30%
Base	$3.086B	63.0%	$1.944B	50%
Bull	$3.489B	66.0%	$2.303B	20%

Appendix flags

[DATA GAP: Oracle does not disclose product-level annual Hardware revenue by Exadata, servers, storage, industry-specific hardware, hardware support, AI hardware, or engineered systems.]

[DATA GAP: Oracle does not disclose standalone Hardware FY2026/FY2027 revenue guidance or product-level Hardware margin guidance.]

[DATA GAP: Oracle does not disclose Hardware support renewal rates, installed-base size, or product versus support revenue mix.]

[DATA GAP: Oracle's hardware/supply-chain role in OCI is strategically material but not separately mapped to reported Hardware segment revenue.]

Appendix B3 - Services

Oracle Corporation (ORCL) - Services Segment Deep Dive

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Stage 0 anchor used in this appendix

Today is 2026-04-30. Oracle's fiscal year ends May 31. The latest reported quarter is Q3 FY2026, three months ended February 28, 2026, reported March 10, 2026. The TTM anchor is Q4 FY2025 + Q1 FY2026 + Q2 FY2026 + Q3 FY2026, ending February 28, 2026. The forward horizon is exactly five calendar years from the TTM end date: February 28, 2031. Every "TTM+5" reference below means February 28, 2031, not FY2031 and not five fiscal years from FY2025.

Source ledger and segment-scope notes

Oracle historical revenue, segment margin, segment taxonomy, recent-quarter segment revenue, and management quote fragments come from the verified `data_package.md`, with QF/QFR used only to confirm the TTM base and cleared source flags. The data package is the controlling source for Oracle's own historicals. I did not re-fetch or override Oracle historical dollar values.

Incremental live source checks used for current context and competitive framing:

Source	Live source / raw copy	Use in this appendix
`data_package.md`	`C:\Users\Admin\OneDrive\GPT\ER 2.0\Oracle Corporation\data_package.md`	Controlling source for taxonomy, Services historical revenue/margin, recent-quarter Services revenue, and Services management commentary.
`quant_foundation.md`	`C:\Users\Admin\OneDrive\GPT\ER 2.0\Oracle Corporation\quant_foundation.md`	TTM Services revenue and margin, QF P4 and proposed segment appendix table.
SEC Q3 FY2026 Exhibit 99.1	`raw/services/ORCL_services_sec_q3fy2026_ex99_1_20260430.htm`; SEC URL `https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1341439/000119312526100148/orcl-ex99_1.htm`	Live confirmation of Q3 FY2026 Services revenue, GAAP services expense, current quarterly growth, cloud guide, RPO, FY2026/FY2027 guidance, and risk language; QF/QFR's 10-Q segment table controls Services segment expense and margin.
FMP revenue segmentation quarter	`raw/services/ORCL_services_fmp_revenue_segmentation_quarter_20260430.json`	Live FMP context only; QF/QFR already noted Q2 FY2026 absent, so SEC controls Q2.
Accenture official financial performance page	`raw/services/ORCL_services_accenture_financial_performance_20260430.html`; `https://www.accenture.com/lu-en/about/company/integrated-reporting-financial`	Competitive margin/growth sanity check for enterprise implementation services.
Salesforce FY2026 Q4 release	`raw/services/ORCL_services_salesforce_fy2026_q4_20260430.html`; `https://www.salesforce.com/news/press-releases/2026/02/25/fy26-q4-earnings/`	Peer software/services mix context and professional-services margin pressure.

Source-access flag: an FMP live transcript pull for ORCL FY2026 Q3 using `earning-call-transcript ORCL --param year=2026 --param quarter=Q3` returned HTTP 400 on the initial call and on the identical retry. I did not substitute another transcript endpoint. The data package already contains the verified short quote fragments required for Services management commentary, so this is a source-access note, not a historical data gap.

0. Segment boundary and taxonomy note

Services is a stable Oracle reportable segment. The data package Section 1 states that Oracle reports three businesses for appendix architecture: Cloud and software, Hardware, and Services. It describes Services as "consulting and customer support services" and explicitly says no segment realignment requiring restated multi-year segment tables was found in the live FY2025 10-K, FY2026 10-Qs, or recent 8-Ks. The only recent taxonomy flag is the largest segment's naming change from cloud and license to cloud and software, not a Services restatement. Therefore this appendix uses the FY2021-FY2025 Services historical segment table from data package Section 3 and the QF P4 TTM segment table without any restatement bridge.

The boundary is narrow: Services is not Oracle Cloud Infrastructure, not SaaS subscription revenue, not software support, and not the hardware segment. It is the implementation, consulting, and customer support layer around Oracle products. Because Oracle does not disclose service-line dollars within Services, the finest dollar-disclosed level for this appendix is the Services segment itself. Any reference below to consulting, implementation, customer support, application go-lives, or industry-suite deployment is a driver discussion, not a separate disclosed product P&L.

1. What this segment actually is

Oracle's Services segment is the labor and delivery layer attached to a broad enterprise software estate. The segment helps customers implement, configure, integrate, upgrade, and support Oracle products. In practical terms, it includes consulting services and customer services tied to Oracle applications, database, cloud migration, industry software, and complex enterprise deployments. It is not the main subscription engine. The customer buys Oracle Fusion, NetSuite, OCI, database, health-care applications, retail systems, or other Oracle software; Services then helps the customer get from contract signature to working production environment.

The customer set is the same enterprise and public-sector customer base that buys Oracle's software and cloud products. The buying center is usually the CIO, CFO, CHRO, controller, operations executive, or industry-specific technology owner. The service buyer often cares less about a generic consulting brand and more about whether the implementation can go live without breaking payroll, financial close, procurement, supply chain, patient workflows, retail operations, or regulated reporting. That is why Services has strategic value even though it is small and lower margin. Poor implementation quality can slow cloud adoption, create churn risk, or push customers toward third-party system integrators. Good implementation quality reduces adoption friction and helps Oracle sell more applications and infrastructure.

The pricing model is mostly project and support labor economics rather than pure software subscription economics. Revenue is earned through consulting engagements, implementation projects, configuration work, managed or customer support services, and related professional-services activity. The model is therefore constrained by billable capacity, utilization, wage rates, delivery mix, and the customer's willingness to pay Oracle directly rather than a partner. This is a very different economic engine from cloud services and license support, where incremental revenue can carry high software gross margins after infrastructure and support costs. In Services, revenue growth requires more work delivered or higher pricing per unit of work. Productivity improvements can raise margins, but they can also reduce billable hours if Oracle passes speed benefits to customers.

Oracle's go-to-market posture appears deliberately restrained. The data package says management increasingly frames implementation speed and go-live metrics as evidence for cloud applications rather than as a separate consulting growth engine. That distinction matters. Services is valuable because it supports the adoption of Fusion, NetSuite, industry applications, database, and OCI. It is not being marketed as an Accenture-scale transformation-services platform. In fact, Oracle's ecosystem relies on large global system integrators and specialist partners for many enterprise transformations. Oracle Services likely wins work when product knowledge, deployment speed, sensitive product integration, or customer support continuity matters most. It likely loses or shares work when customers want multi-vendor transformation, business-process redesign, change management, or long-term managed services.

The key modeling consequence is that Services should not receive a cloud multiple or cloud growth rate. It is an adoption layer. It can grow in the near term when Oracle cloud applications accelerate, Cerner/health-care deployments require work, or customers need help moving mission-critical systems. But if Oracle gets better at implementation automation, if AI code generation and configuration tools shorten projects, or if partners absorb more deployment work, Services revenue can lag Oracle's software success while still improving customer outcomes.

2. Current economics, FY2025 and TTM

Services was 9.1% of Oracle's FY2025 revenue. Data package Section 1 shows FY2025 Services revenue of $5.2B and FY2025 segment margin of $1.0B. Data package Section 3 provides the exact FY2025 values: Services revenue was $5.233B, segment margin was $0.993B, and segment margin was 19.0%. That margin is materially below Cloud and software at 62.8% and Hardware at 65.3% on Oracle's segment-margin measure. The low relative margin is intuitive: Services consumes labor and delivery cost directly, while software support and license revenue carry higher contribution margins.

The TTM base is stronger than FY2025. QF P4 shows TTM Services revenue of $5.568B and TTM Services segment margin of $1.358B, implying a 24.4% segment margin. The TTM revenue stack is Q4 FY2025 $1.348B, Q1 FY2026 $1.349B, Q2 FY2026 $1.428B, and Q3 FY2026 $1.443B. The corresponding TTM segment margin stack is Q4 FY2025 $282M, Q1 FY2026 $332M, Q2 FY2026 $344M, and Q3 FY2026 $400M. The margin rebound is not a reason to normalize the segment at

a permanently higher margin without testing. It reflects a short period with better growth, better expense control, and possibly favorable mix. Services margins have moved around materially: 20.8% in FY2021, 20.8% in FY2022, 19.7% in FY2023, 16.9% in FY2024, 19.0% in FY2025, and 24.4% for TTM through Q3 FY2026.

The latest quarter is encouraging, but not enough to change the segment's identity. SEC Q3 FY2026 Exhibit 99.1 shows Services revenue of $1.443B, up 12% as reported and 8% constant currency, while the GAAP services expense line was $1.133B, up only 2% as reported and down 2% constant currency. For segment economics, QF/QFR's 10-Q segment table is the controlling source: Q3 FY2026 Services segment expense was $1.043B and Services segment margin was $400M, so the segment-margin arithmetic is $1.443B revenue less $1.043B segment expense. The important directional point is that Q3 showed operating leverage in Services: segment revenue grew faster than segment expense.

Capital intensity is low inside the Services segment itself. The segment's direct economics are labor, utilization, delivery tools, subcontractor mix, travel, customer support infrastructure, and specialized product expertise. It does not directly require the $50B FY2026 capex cycle that dominates the OCI story. However, the segment is indirectly tied to Oracle's capex and cloud growth because cloud capacity growth can drive more migrations and implementations. The relationship is not one-for-one: a large AI infrastructure contract may consume datacenter capex without much Services revenue, while a Fusion or industry application rollout may create meaningful Services workload with little incremental capex.

Key sub-products are not separately disclosed. Data package Section 4 has a single Services product row: "Consulting and customer services," described as "implementation, consulting, customer support services," with dollar disclosure only at segment level, not service-line level. The appendix therefore uses one disclosed product line for historical and forward tables. The main sub-drivers are implementation consulting, customer support services, industry application deployment, cloud application go-lives, health-care/vertical product work, and migration support, but their revenue shares are [DATA GAP: Oracle does not disclose Services revenue by consulting, implementation, support, industry, health-care, or migration service line].

3. Unit economics

Services revenue becomes profit through utilization, pricing, labor mix, delivery productivity, and project quality. The cleanest way to think about the segment is a project-and-support P&L. Revenue comes from customer projects and support work. Direct expense comes from Oracle employees, subcontractors, delivery infrastructure, customer support operations, and allocated service-delivery costs. Segment margin is what remains after these direct service expenses. Oracle's segment-margin measure excludes corporate R&D, general and administrative expense, amortization, stock compensation, restructuring, interest, and other non-segment items, so it is not GAAP operating income. Still, it is useful for comparing Services to Oracle's own segment history.

The first driver is utilization. When Oracle has consultants and support teams staffed against billable customer work, incremental revenue can drop through at acceptable service margins. When demand weakens or projects slip, labor cost remains. This explains why Services should not be valued like a software subscription line: capacity must be planned before work arrives, and specialized Oracle implementation talent cannot always be redeployed instantly. A downturn in discretionary IT services or a pause in large application programs would hit utilization before fixed labor costs can be reduced.

The second driver is pricing and scope. Oracle has some pricing power when the work is product-specialized, mission-critical, or time-sensitive. A customer implementing Fusion financials, payroll, health-care systems, or industry applications may prefer Oracle involvement for the riskiest parts of design, configuration, and escalation. That creates a premium over generic staff augmentation. But Oracle does not own the entire services wallet. Accenture, Deloitte, IBM, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Cognizant, Capgemini, Wipro, and many specialist Oracle partners compete for implementation and transformation work. In that environment, pricing power is selective rather than broad.

The third driver is delivery productivity. The data package's Services commentary cites the Q3 FY2026 call fragment "median time to go-live decrease." If implementation times fall, Oracle can either earn higher margin by delivering more projects with the same headcount or earn lower revenue per customer because fewer billable hours are needed. The revenue and margin effects point in opposite directions. Faster go-lives are good for Oracle's cloud applications moat because they reduce friction and improve customer outcomes. They are not automatically good for Services revenue. For the segment model, this is why base-case revenue grows only modestly while margin remains healthy.

The fourth driver is mix between consulting and support. Consulting implementation projects tend to be more variable and can carry project execution risk. Customer support services can be more recurring, but often at lower growth and with pressure from automation. Oracle does not provide the mix. A higher mix of specialized implementation tied to complex cloud and

industry suites could improve revenue growth and margin. A higher mix of routine support, partner-delivered work, or automated self-service support could suppress revenue growth while keeping customer satisfaction intact.

The fifth driver is AI tooling. Oracle's Q3 FY2026 SEC release says AI code generation is letting Oracle build more SaaS applications with fewer people and at lower cost. That statement is about product development, not Services, but the same pattern can eventually affect implementation work. Configuration, testing, data migration, code conversion, documentation, support triage, and workflow mapping can be assisted by AI. That can raise delivery productivity, but it may also compress billable hours. A bull case needs Oracle to capture the productivity benefit as margin or additional volume. A bear case assumes productivity benefits are competed away through lower project pricing, partner substitution, or fewer Oracle-billed hours.

4. Competitive dynamics

Services competes in an enterprise implementation ecosystem rather than a pure Oracle-only market. The strongest competitors are global system integrators and consulting firms with Oracle practices: Accenture, Deloitte, IBM Consulting, Infosys, TCS, Cognizant, Capgemini, Wipro, and specialized Oracle consultancies. These firms often have broader transformation mandates, deeper change-management teams, and relationships with multiple software vendors. They can bundle Oracle implementation with business-process redesign, managed services, cybersecurity, data migration, analytics, and industry consulting. That makes them formidable competitors for the large transformation budget.

Oracle's competitive advantage is product proximity. Oracle knows its own roadmap, escalation paths, reference architectures, and edge-case product behavior better than any third-party integrator. For mission-critical systems, that matters. A customer may ask a global integrator to run the transformation program but still use Oracle Services for product-critical design, support, upgrade, or issue-resolution work. Oracle can also embed implementation learnings directly into product teams and cloud application templates. This is one of the segment's strategic benefits: even if the Services P&L is not the main profit pool, it can improve product adoption and reduce churn.

Accenture provides a useful sanity check. Its official FY2025 financial performance page reports $69.7B of revenue, 7% growth, $80.6B of new bookings, and adjusted operating margin of 15.6%. Accenture is much larger, more diversified, and more transformation-led than Oracle Services. The comparison says two things. First, enterprise services can be a large, durable market. Second, even a best-in-class scaled services company does not earn software-like margins. Oracle's Services TTM segment margin of 24.4% is above Accenture's adjusted operating margin, but Oracle's measure excludes certain corporate costs and its Services work is tied to its own products. It should not be extrapolated to 30%+ as if Services had cloud software economics.

Salesforce provides a software-company contrast. Its FY2026 Q4 release reports FY2026 revenue of $41.5B, GAAP operating margin of 20.1%, and non-GAAP operating margin of 34.1%. Its Q1 FY2026 release also shows professional services and other revenue of $532M against professional-services cost of revenue of $654M for that quarter, meaning that professional services can be strategically necessary but gross-margin dilutive for software companies. Salesforce is not Oracle, and this is not an Oracle historical figure. The analogy is useful because it shows why software vendors often treat professional services as adoption enablement rather than the core profit engine.

The market-share frame is therefore nuanced. Oracle's Services segment is not trying to displace Accenture broadly. It is likely competing for the portion of the Oracle customer journey where first-party product expertise is valuable. Third-party partners will remain important because Oracle needs an ecosystem to scale deployments without carrying every consultant on its own payroll. This caps Services revenue growth but protects Oracle's broader software growth. If Oracle tried to insource too much services work, margins could fall and partner conflict could rise. If Oracle outsourced too much, go-live quality and product feedback could weaken. The base case assumes Oracle manages this balance: enough Services work to support adoption and earn mid-20s segment margin, not enough to become a high-growth standalone consulting platform.

Substitution risk is real. AI implementation tools, low-code configuration, automated data migration, partner templates, and customer in-house centers of excellence can reduce the need for Oracle-billed services. At the same time, cloud migration complexity, regulatory requirements, health-care and public-sector workflows, and AI governance can create new work. These forces likely offset rather than create a simple growth breakout.

5. Segment-level moat

Services has a modest moat, not a dominant moat. The moat is tied to product knowledge, installed-base intimacy, support relationships, and Oracle's ability to connect implementation lessons to product development. It is not a standalone brand

moat like a global consulting firm, and it is not an infrastructure moat like scarce datacenter capacity. The segment's defensibility is strongest where the implementation touches Oracle-specific architecture, sensitive customer data, regulated workflows, or complex integration between Oracle applications and Oracle database/cloud infrastructure.

The installed base is the most important protection. Oracle's software and database products sit inside core enterprise processes. Customers running financials, procurement, human capital, supply chain, retail, hospitality, health-care, or database workloads do not want implementation failure. That risk aversion gives Oracle a role even when a third-party integrator leads the broader program. Oracle Services can be the product specialist of record, the escalation path, or the quality-control layer.

The second protection is switching cost. Services itself is project-based, but it rides on software switching costs. If a customer is already committed to Fusion, NetSuite, Oracle Health, database, or OCI, then Oracle Services can be a lower-risk service provider for the most technical or product-specific work. This is not absolute pricing power. A customer can still choose a partner. But the "nobody gets fired for using vendor expertise on the vendor's own mission-critical deployment" logic gives Oracle some attach opportunity.

The third protection is feedback loop. Oracle sees implementation friction directly. If the Services team identifies where customers struggle, the product organization can automate, simplify, or template those steps. This can make applications easier to deploy and support the cloud/software moat. Ironically, a successful feedback loop can reduce future Services revenue per implementation. That is acceptable for Oracle as a company if it drives higher software adoption, but it limits the Services segment's standalone growth case.

The moat is weaker in generic consulting. Business-process design, change management, data strategy, managed services, outsourcing, and broad AI transformation are areas where global system integrators have scale and brand advantages. Oracle can participate, but it is unlikely to be the default prime contractor for every enterprise transformation. Services also has limited network effects. One customer's implementation does not automatically make another customer's implementation cheaper unless Oracle turns the learning into reusable templates or product automation.

Over five to ten years, the segment's moat should be durable enough to maintain relevance but not strong enough to compound at cloud-like rates. The best version of Services is a high-quality adoption layer with mid-single-digit revenue growth in stronger periods and low-to-mid-20s segment margins. The worst version is a project labor pool squeezed by partners, AI automation, customer budget cuts, and a shrinking share of implementation work.

6. Historical growth rates reproduced from data package

The table below reproduces the finest disclosed Services product/sub-segment level from data package Sections 3 and 4. Oracle does not disclose consulting versus support versus industry implementation dollars, so the single historical product row is the Services segment itself.

Product / sub-segment	FY2022 rev	FY2023 rev	FY2024 rev	FY2025 rev	3-yr CAGR FY2022-FY2025	Most recent YoY	Data package cite
Consulting and customer services	$3.205B	$5.594B	$5.431B	$5.233B	17.8%	FY2025 -3.6%; Q3 FY2026 +12% as reported / +8% constant currency	`data_package.md` Section 3 Services table; Section 4 row "Services - Consulting and customer services"; Section 5 recent-quarter table; Section 6 Services commentary

The 17.8% three-year CAGR is not a clean run-rate indicator. It is distorted by the FY2023 step-up from $3.205B to $5.594B, which the data package records in the Services segment historicals. From FY2023 to FY2025, Services declined from $5.594B to $5.233B, a two-year CAGR of -3.3%. That post-step-down view is more useful for forward modeling than the full FY2022-FY2025 CAGR because it excludes the one-time level shift.

Internal arithmetic checks:

Check	Formula	Result
FY2022 to FY2023 YoY	$3.205B x 1.745 = $5.593B	Ties to $5.594B within rounding.
FY2023 to FY2024 YoY	$5.594B x 0.971 = $5.432B	Ties to $5.431B within rounding.
FY2024 to FY2025 YoY	$5.431B x 0.964 = $5.236B	Ties to $5.233B within rounding.

Check	Formula	Result
TTM base	$1.348B + $1.349B + $1.428B + $1.443B	Equals $5.568B QF P4 TTM Services revenue.
TTM segment margin	$0.282B + $0.332B + $0.344B + $0.400B	Equals $1.358B QF P4 TTM Services margin.

Recent-quarter revenue trend:

Quarter	Services revenue	Sequential / YoY context	Data package cite
Q4 FY2025	$1.348B	Part of TTM base; FY2025 Services revenue declined 3.6% year over year.	`data_package.md` Section 5; QF P4
Q1 FY2026	$1.349B	Roughly flat sequentially; SEC release growth table shows Services +7% as reported for Q1 FY2026.	`data_package.md` Section 5; QF P4; SEC Q3 FY2026 Exhibit 99.1 comparative table
Q2 FY2026	$1.428B	Stronger sequential quarter; QF/QFR use SEC because FMP quarterly segmentation omitted Q2.	`data_package.md` Section 5; QF P4
Q3 FY2026	$1.443B	Latest quarter; SEC release shows +12% as reported and +8% constant currency.	`data_package.md` Section 5; SEC Q3 FY2026 Exhibit 99.1

There are no back-solved product-dollar rows. [DATA GAP: Oracle does not disclose Services revenue or margin by consulting, implementation, support, health-care, industry applications, cloud migration, or customer support sub-line.]

7. Management guidance quoted from data package Section 6

The data package says Services commentary is sparse. The following are the relevant Services entries from data package Section 6, reproduced as quote fragments with interpretation. I do not re-fetch transcripts for quote expansion because the B-agent protocol requires the data package as the quote source.

Data package row	Source / speaker	Verified quote fragment	Topic	Interpretation for Services
Services commentary row 1	Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10, Mike Sicilia	"over 2,000 customers go live"	Implementation velocity	This supports demand for implementation and adoption work around Oracle applications and industry applications. It is not separately mapped to Services revenue, so the model treats it as an adoption-volume signal rather than a direct revenue guide.
Services commentary row 2	Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10, Mike Sicilia	"median time to go-live decrease"	Services productivity	Shorter implementations can support margin and customer adoption, but they can also reduce billable services hours. This is a key reason the base case does not extrapolate Q3's +12% Services growth.
Services commentary row 3	FY2025 10-K, Oracle filing	"consulting services"	Segment definition	Confirms Services remains a discrete reportable business, but the data package warns it is not the main value driver.

The broader Q3 FY2026 guide is relevant but not Services-specific. The SEC Q3 FY2026 Exhibit 99.1 release says Oracle expects FY2026 revenue of $67B, FY2026 capex of $50B, and FY2027 total revenue of $90B. It also says RPO ended Q3 at $553B, up 325% year over year, with most of the increase related to large-scale AI contracts. Those statements mainly support Cloud and software and OCI, not Services. For Services, they matter only to the extent that cloud growth creates implementation, migration, support, and go-live workload.

[DATA GAP: Oracle provides no explicit FY2027 or FY2031 Services revenue guide, Services margin guide, Services bookings metric, consultant headcount, utilization rate, attach rate, partner mix, or go-live-to-revenue conversion ratio.]

8. Forward growth assumptions by product/sub-segment

The forward model starts from QF P4 TTM Services revenue of $5.568B and compounds exactly five calendar years to February 28, 2031. Because the finest disclosed product line is the total Services segment, the product table has one line. I

explicitly do not split consulting and support into artificial dollar rows.

Base case revenue assumptions

Product	3-yr historical CAGR	Latest YoY / recent trend	Mgmt FY+1 guide	Base CAGR TTM->TTM+5	Justification
Consulting and customer services	17.8% FY2022-FY2025, but -3.3% FY2023-FY2025 normalized	Q3 FY2026 +12% as reported / +8% constant currency; TTM revenue $5.568B	No Services-specific guide; data package cites "over 2,000 customers go live" and "median time to go-live decrease"	2.5%	Base case assumes cloud applications and industry go-lives create enough work to offset automation and partner substitution, but Services remains an adoption layer rather than a breakout growth engine. The model gives weight to Q3's rebound but anchors more heavily on the FY2023-FY2025 decline and sparse management commentary.

Base year-by-year revenue path:

Period	Revenue	Growth
TTM ending Feb. 28, 2026	$5.568B	n/a
Year 1	$5.707B	2.5%
Year 2	$5.850B	2.5%
Year 3	$5.996B	2.5%
Year 4	$6.146B	2.5%
TTM+5 ending Feb. 28, 2031	$6.300B	2.5%

This is a deliberate deceleration from the Q3 FY2026 as-reported growth rate. The deceleration is justified because Q3 Services growth was a single-quarter data point, because FY2023-FY2025 declined at a -3.3% CAGR after the acquisition-related step-up, and because management's Services commentary emphasizes productivity and implementation speed rather than a dedicated Services bookings pipeline. Accenture's current official FY2025 page shows 7% company revenue growth and 15.6% adjusted operating margin in a broad services business, but Oracle Services is smaller, product-attached, and partly constrained by partner ecosystem economics. It should not be modeled as if every Oracle cloud dollar pulls a proportional consulting dollar.

Bull case revenue assumptions

Product	3-yr historical CAGR	Latest YoY / recent trend	Mgmt FY+1 guide	Bull CAGR TTM->TTM+5	Justification
Consulting and customer services	17.8% headline, distorted by FY2023 step-up	Q3 FY2026 +12% as reported / +8% constant currency	No Services-specific guide; go-live activity and implementation velocity are positive adoption signals	6.0%	Bull case assumes Oracle's cloud applications, health-care/industry deployments, and OCI/database migrations pull more first-party implementation work, while AI tooling lets Oracle handle greater project volume without adding proportionate labor. This still stays below Q3's single-quarter growth because Services lacks a disclosed backlog.

Bull year-by-year revenue path:

Period	Revenue	Growth
TTM ending Feb. 28, 2026	$5.568B	n/a
Year 1	$5.902B	6.0%
Year 2	$6.256B	6.0%
Year 3	$6.631B	6.0%
Year 4	$7.029B	6.0%
TTM+5 ending Feb. 28, 2031	$7.451B	6.0%

The bull case requires three things to be true at the same time. First, Oracle's FY2027 $90B revenue guide converts into a much larger installed base of cloud applications and industry products that need implementation and support. Second, Oracle captures a higher share of implementation work rather than handing most work to partners. Third, AI tooling increases delivery throughput without reducing the billed value per project too much. If faster go-lives primarily reduce billable hours, this bull case fails even if Oracle's applications business succeeds.

Bear case revenue assumptions

Product	3-yr historical CAGR	Latest YoY / recent trend	Mgmt FY+1 guide	Bear CAGR TTM->TTM+5	Justification
Consulting and customer services	17.8% headline, but -3.3% FY2023-FY2025 normalized	Q3 FY2026 +12% as reported / +8% constant currency	No Services-specific guide; implementation speed can reduce billable hours	-2.0%	Bear case assumes Q3's rebound is temporary, customers shift work to partners or in-house teams, AI and templates compress services hours, and Oracle prioritizes software adoption over first-party services revenue. This is close to the normalized FY2023-FY2025 decline but not as severe because cloud application growth should still create some support workload.

Bear year-by-year revenue path:

Period	Revenue	Growth
TTM ending Feb. 28, 2026	$5.568B	n/a
Year 1	$5.457B	-2.0%
Year 2	$5.348B	-2.0%
Year 3	$5.241B	-2.0%
Year 4	$5.136B	-2.0%
TTM+5 ending Feb. 28, 2031	$5.033B	-2.0%

The bear case is not a collapse case. Services is attached to a large installed base, and Oracle's mission-critical products still require support and implementation. The downside is slower erosion: less Oracle-billed consulting per deployment, greater partner capture, pricing pressure in routine work, and AI-driven self-service support.

9. Forward operating margin assumptions

QF P4 gives current TTM Services segment margin of $1.358B on $5.568B revenue, or 24.4%. That is above the FY2025 margin of 19.0% and above the FY2021-FY2025 annual range of 16.9% to 20.8%. The recent margin improvement is real, but a conservative model should not lock in 24%+ without acknowledging that Oracle's Services annual margin history was lower. The margin cases therefore center around three different interpretations of the TTM margin:

Case	Current margin anchor	TTM+5 margin	Mechanism
Bear	24.4% TTM, but FY2025 was 19.0% and FY2024 was 16.9%	18.0%	Lower utilization, more competitive pricing, lower billable hours from automation, and partner substitution push margins back toward FY2024-FY2025 annual levels.
Base	24.4% TTM	23.5%	Delivery productivity and support automation keep margins above FY2025, but labor inflation and customer sharing of go-live productivity prevent continued expansion.
Bull	24.4% TTM	26.0%	AI-assisted implementation, reusable templates, industry accelerators, and better utilization let Oracle convert more work with modest labor growth.

Base margin path:

Period	Revenue	Segment margin	Segment OI
TTM ending Feb. 28, 2026	$5.568B	24.4%	$1.358B
Year 1	$5.707B	24.2%	$1.381B
Year 2	$5.850B	24.0%	$1.404B
Year 3	$5.996B	23.8%	$1.427B
Year 4	$6.146B	23.6%	$1.451B
TTM+5 ending Feb. 28, 2031	$6.300B	23.5%	$1.480B

Bull margin path:

Period	Revenue	Segment margin	Segment OI
TTM ending Feb. 28, 2026	$5.568B	24.4%	$1.358B
Year 1	$5.902B	24.8%	$1.464B
Year 2	$6.256B	25.2%	$1.577B
Year 3	$6.631B	25.5%	$1.691B
Year 4	$7.029B	25.8%	$1.814B
TTM+5 ending Feb. 28, 2031	$7.451B	26.0%	$1.937B

Bear margin path:

Period	Revenue	Segment margin	Segment OI
TTM ending Feb. 28, 2026	$5.568B	24.4%	$1.358B
Year 1	$5.457B	23.0%	$1.255B
Year 2	$5.348B	21.8%	$1.166B
Year 3	$5.241B	20.5%	$1.074B
Year 4	$5.136B	19.2%	$0.986B
TTM+5 ending Feb. 28, 2031	$5.033B	18.0%	$0.906B

The base-case margin declines slightly from the TTM level because the latest TTM margin looks unusually strong relative to the annual history. The bull case requires real operating leverage from AI-assisted delivery and higher utilization. The bear case assumes the annual history reasserts itself and the latest TTM is cyclically favorable.

10. Segment rollup built bottoms-up

Because Services has one disclosed product/sub-segment row, the product-level revenue rollup equals the segment rollup. The arithmetic is therefore simple but explicit: segment revenue equals consulting and customer services revenue; segment operating income equals segment revenue multiplied by the assumed segment margin. There is no undisclosed plug, no second product line, and no reconciliation item.

Case	Product line	TTM+5 revenue	TTM+5 margin	TTM+5 segment OI	Tie-out
Bear	Consulting and customer services	$5.033B	18.0%	$0.906B	$5.033B x 18.0% = $0.906B
Base	Consulting and customer services	$6.300B	23.5%	$1.480B	$6.300B x 23.5% = $1.480B
Bull	Consulting and customer services	$7.451B	26.0%	$1.937B	$7.451B x 26.0% = $1.937B

Segment totals reconcile to product-level assumptions within rounding:

Case	Product revenue sum	Segment revenue	Difference	Product OI sum	Segment OI	Difference
Bear	$5.033B	$5.033B	0.0%	$0.906B	$0.906B	0.0%
Base	$6.300B	$6.300B	0.0%	$1.480B	$1.480B	0.0%
Bull	$7.451B	$7.451B	0.0%	$1.937B	$1.937B	0.0%

The base case is intentionally low drama. It lets Services contribute about $0.122B of incremental segment operating income over five years, from $1.358B TTM to $1.480B TTM+5. The main Oracle thesis does not need Services to be a growth engine. It needs Services not to break implementation quality, customer support, or application adoption. If Services becomes a larger profit driver, that is upside; if it becomes a larger revenue line at much lower margin, that may be mixed for consolidated economics.

11. Key risks and wildcards

Bear risk: implementation work shifts to partners. Oracle's ecosystem needs partners to scale. If global system integrators capture most incremental implementation work, Oracle's Services revenue can lag software growth. This can be strategically acceptable for Oracle if it supports application adoption, but it weakens Services as a standalone segment contributor.

Bear risk: AI compresses billable hours faster than it raises throughput. Management commentary about lower median go-live time is good for customers and software adoption. It is not automatically good for Services revenue. If AI tools, templates, and self-service configuration reduce project scope, Services revenue can decline even while Oracle's cloud applications become more competitive.

Bear risk: labor utilization and wage pressure. Services margin is sensitive to staffing. If Oracle keeps specialized consultants ahead of demand, utilization drops. If wage inflation persists in cloud, health-care, data, and AI implementation skills, direct service cost rises. Either pressure can move margins back toward the FY2024-FY2025 range.

Base risk: Services becomes invisible in management priorities. The data package says Services commentary is sparse. That may reflect correct strategic focus on OCI and software, but it also means investors have limited visibility into Services bookings, backlog, utilization, headcount, or customer-support quality. Low disclosure makes margin normalization harder to underwrite.

Bull wildcard: industry applications and Oracle Health create high-touch demand. Oracle's industry suites, health-care assets, and regulated workflow products may require more first-party expertise than generic SaaS implementations. If Oracle turns these into repeatable, high-value deployment packages, Services could grow faster than the base case while maintaining mid-20s margin.

Bull wildcard: AI-assisted delivery raises throughput without giving away price. If Oracle's internal AI tools allow consultants to configure, test, migrate, and support customers faster while pricing remains value-based, Services can expand margin. This is the main route to the bull case's 26.0% TTM+5 margin.

Company-level wildcard: Services may be more valuable as an adoption tool than as a profit pool. The segment could undergrow and still be a success if it lowers go-live friction and increases cloud application retention. Conversely, fast Services growth at poor margins could indicate implementation complexity, not strength. The synthesis should avoid treating Services revenue growth as automatically positive.

Summary table

Case	Segment TTM+5y Revenue	Segment TTM+5y Op Margin	Segment TTM+5y Op Income	Probability
Bear	$5.033B	18.0%	$0.906B	25%
Base	$6.300B	23.5%	$1.480B	55%
Bull	$7.451B	26.0%	$1.937B	20%

Unresolved flags for reviewer and synthesis:

- [DATA GAP: Oracle does not disclose Services revenue or margin by consulting, implementation, support, industry, health-care, migration, or customer support service line.]
- [DATA GAP: Oracle provides no Services-specific bookings, backlog, utilization, headcount, attach rate, partner mix, or FY2027/FY2031 guide.]
- [SOURCE ACCESS FLAG: FMP live transcript endpoint for ORCL FY2026 Q3 returned HTTP 400 on the initial call and identical retry; this appendix uses the data package's verified Services quote fragments rather than substituting another transcript endpoint.]

Appendix S - Synthesis (Combined Earnings Model)

Oracle Corporation (ORCL) - Synthesis Appendix: Combined Earnings Model

Production Mode: yes. Run date: 2026-04-30 Asia/Singapore. This appendix is Sub-Agent S for the ER2 production run. It uses the verified Wave 1 and Wave 2 appendices as model source, with one incremental S-stage live FMP cash-flow pull saved under the company workdir for TTM stock-based compensation support: `raw\ORCL_S_20260430_fmp_cash_flow_statement_quarter_live.json`. No data-warehouse or external cache data is substituted. The P/E 15 gate uses the orchestrator price anchor of $173.29 from the iShares/FMP snapshot dated 2026-04-26. I did not live-fetch a replacement price for the gate.

1. Anchors

Item	Anchor
Company	Oracle Corporation
Ticker	ORCL
Today	2026-04-30 Asia/Singapore
Fiscal year end	May 31
Latest completed quarter	Q3 FY2026, ended 2026-02-28, reported 2026-03-10
TTM anchor	Q4 FY2025 + Q1 FY2026 + Q2 FY2026 + Q3 FY2026
TTM end date	2026-02-28
Latest completed FY label	FY2025
Forward horizon	2031-02-28
Compounding span	Exactly 5.0 calendar years from TTM end, not six fiscal years
Current price for P/E 15 gate	$173.29
Required FY+5 EPS for P/E 15	$173.29 / 15 = $11.55
TTM diluted share count	2,912M, latest quarter diluted shares from QF P6 / Q3 FY2026 10-Q

The controlling TTM consolidated base comes from `quant_foundation.md` P3/P4 and `data_package.md` downstream summary: revenue $64.077B, GAAP operating income $19.581B, pretax income $18.337B, net income $16.210B, CFO $23.514B, capex $(48.250)B, and FCF $(24.736)B. Segment revenue at the TTM anchor ties exactly to consolidated revenue: Cloud/software $55.499B, Hardware $3.010B, and Services $5.568B. Oracle segment margin is not GAAP operating income. Segment margin excludes R&D, G&A, stock compensation, amortization, restructuring, interest, and other non-segment items. The synthesis bridge therefore starts from segment operating income and subtracts a corporate-cost block rather than treating segment margin as fully burdened company operating income.

2. Segment-Level Forward Assumptions

The segment endpoints below reproduce the reviewed B appendices. I do not re-derive the segment cases except for arithmetic checks. Cloud and software is the only segment large enough to carry the company case; Hardware and Services mainly affect quality, margin mix, and implementation risk.

Segment	Source appendix / sections	TTM revenue ($B)	Bear TTM+5 rev	Base TTM+5 rev	Bull TTM+5 rev	Bear OI margin	Base OI margin	Bull OI margin
Cloud and software	`appendix_B_cloud_and_software.md` Sections 8, 9, 10	55.499	89.300	124.500	156.400	50.5%	55.0%	58.5%
Hardware	`appendix_B_hardware.md` Sections 8, 9, 10	3.010	2.329	3.086	3.489	58.0%	63.0%	66.0%
Services	`appendix_B_services.md` Sections 8, 9, 10	5.568	5.033	6.300	7.451	18.0%	23.5%	26.0%

Cloud and software is modeled from three internal drivers in the segment appendix: OCI/IaaS, cloud applications/SaaS, and residual software/license/support. Those drivers are not a disclosed Oracle product P&L; they are a disciplined driver stack because Oracle does not disclose a full five-year dollar history for OCI, AI infrastructure, multicloud database, Fusion, NetSuite, or the residual support/license pool. The base case carries Cloud/software revenue from $55.499B to $124.5B over five years, a 17.5% segment CAGR. That is well above the FY2022-FY2025 segment CAGR of 10.9%, but the appendix explicitly justifies the acceleration with Q3 FY2026 cloud infrastructure growth, RPO of roughly $553B, management's FY2027 $90B company revenue guide, and the current supply-constrained OCI/AI infrastructure buildout. The bear case still grows to $89.3B because RPO is real; the risk is slower conversion and weaker returns. The bull case requires Oracle to prove that AI infrastructure is a durable platform edge rather than a shortage-period capacity trade.

Hardware is intentionally not used as a hidden AI hardware growth bucket. The reviewed Hardware appendix treats the disclosed segment as one product line: hardware products and support. The base case grows reported Hardware revenue only 0.5% per year from $3.010B TTM to $3.086B, with a 63.0% segment margin. That assumes the segment stabilizes through support, engineered systems, Exadata, Cloud@Customer, and hybrid-cloud use cases, but does not confuse Oracle's internal OCI capex and supply-chain competence with external Hardware segment revenue.

Services is also one disclosed product line: consulting and customer services. The base case grows from $5.568B TTM to $6.300B, or 2.5% annually, with a 23.5% segment margin. The appendix gives weight to Q3 FY2026 Services growth and application go-live evidence, but does not extrapolate Services as a breakout consulting business. Faster go-lives and AI-assisted implementation may reduce billable hours even while improving customer adoption.

3. Combined Revenue Build

There are no corporate revenue eliminations in the forward build because QF P4 shows the three segment revenue rows tying exactly to consolidated TTM revenue, and QF P2 shows FY2025-FY2022 annual segment revenue sums tying to consolidated revenue exactly. FY2021 had only a disclosed $2M acquisition-accounting reconciliation, immaterial to this synthesis.

Line	Bear	Base	Bull
Cloud and software TTM+5 revenue	$89.300B	$124.500B	$156.400B
Hardware TTM+5 revenue	2.329	3.086	3.489
Services TTM+5 revenue	5.033	6.300	7.451
Sum of segment TTM+5 revenue	96.662	133.886	167.340
Corporate eliminations / reconciling revenue	0.000	0.000	0.000
Combined TTM+5 revenue	$96.662B	$133.886B	$167.340B
Implied TTM to TTM+5 CAGR	8.6%	15.9%	21.2%

The base case is a large company-level acceleration: revenue more than doubles from the $64.077B TTM base to $133.886B. The reason is not Hardware or Services. It is the Cloud/software appendix's OCI and AI infrastructure conversion case. If the reader rejects that segment premise, the consolidated model should be cut materially. The reverse is also true: even a very good Services or Hardware outcome cannot rescue a weak OCI/cloud software conversion path because those segments together are less than $10B of base-case horizon revenue.

4. Combined Operating Income Build

Oracle's segment margin bridge is the most important accounting adjustment in the synthesis. QF P4 gives TTM total segment margin of $36.458B and GAAP operating income of $19.581B. The TTM unallocated corporate-cost block is therefore $16.877B. This block includes the excluded costs noted in QF and the data package: R&D, G&A, amortization, acquisition-related items, restructuring, stock compensation, and other non-segment costs. It is not optional. Carrying the segment margins directly into GAAP operating income would overstate the consolidated model by roughly $17B at the anchor.

Forward corporate-cost assumption: I grow the TTM corporate-cost block at 5.0% per year in bear, 7.0% in base, and 8.0% in bull for exactly five years. The rationale is asymmetric. In bear, Oracle still has R&D, G&A, stock compensation, depreciation/amortization, and cloud buildout costs, but the revenue path is lower. In base, corporate cost grows below revenue but above a normal mature-software cost path because OCI/AI infrastructure, SBC, finance leadership, and support functions scale. In bull, the revenue path is larger and requires more buildout, engineering, security, compliance, and

enterprise-support expense. The model still gives Oracle operating leverage because revenue grows faster than corporate cost in base and bull.

Line	Bear	Base	Bull
Cloud and software segment OI	$45.100B	$68.500B	$91.500B
Hardware segment OI	1.351	1.944	2.303
Services segment OI	0.906	1.480	1.937
Sum of segment TTM+5 OI	47.357	71.924	95.740
Unallocated corporate expense at horizon	(21.540)	(23.671)	(24.798)
Combined TTM+5 GAAP operating income	$25.817B	$48.253B	$70.942B
Implied GAAP operating margin	26.7%	36.0%	42.4%

The base-case GAAP operating margin rises to 36.0%, above the TTM margin of 30.6% and FY2025 margin of about 30.8%. That is a demanding but coherent operating-leverage assumption: Cloud/software revenue becomes much larger, the residual software/support base remains high margin, and OCI scales. It is not a claim that Oracle returns to a pure software profile. The base case still holds Cloud/software segment margin below historical highs because OCI/AI infrastructure is lower-margin and more capital-intensive than license support. The bull case's 42.4% GAAP operating margin is a high-quality upside case and should not be treated as the underwriting case.

5. Net Income and EPS Build

The net income bridge uses the operating income output above, then applies below-operating-income expense and tax. The TTM gap between GAAP operating income and pretax income was $(1.244)B, but that TTM period includes unusual financing and investment items. Oracle's balance-sheet risk is now larger than the simple TTM net-interest line implies: QF P6 shows $134.605B of notes payable and other borrowings, $95.473B of net financial debt, and 3.44x net financial debt / approximate EBITDA. The data package also records February 2026 notes issuance, mandatory convertible preferred financing, and a possible $20B ATM equity program. I therefore model a larger normalized financing drag by the horizon.

Net interest / other assumptions: bear $(6.0)B, base $(4.5)B, and bull $(3.0)B. The bear case assumes debt and infrastructure funding costs remain heavy because RPO conversion is slower. The base case assumes elevated interest expense but no additional value-destructive funding spiral. The bull case assumes stronger operating cash flow and customer/partner-funded equipment reduce net financing drag. Other income is not modeled as a positive recurring contributor because Q2 FY2026 contained a pretax spike that should not be capitalized.

Tax assumptions: bear 17.0%, base 15.0%, bull 14.0%. These are above the TTM effective tax rate of 11.6% from QF P6 and close enough to FY2025's low-teens context to avoid treating current tax benefits as permanent. Tax-rate sensitivity is shown in Section 10.

Line	Bear	Base	Bull
Combined TTM+5 GAAP operating income	$25.817B	$48.253B	$70.942B
Net interest / other income (expense)	(6.000)	(4.500)	(3.000)
Pretax income	19.817	43.753	67.942
Tax rate assumed	17.0%	15.0%	14.0%
Net income	$16.448B	$37.190B	$58.430B
Diluted share count at TTM+5	3,024.8M	3,024.8M	3,024.8M
EPS at TTM+5	$5.44	$12.30	$19.32

The base-case EPS result is $12.30. This is only $0.75 above the required $11.55 EPS for the P/E 15 gate at $173.29. The practical interpretation is not "cheap." It is "the base case clears the mechanical ER2 P/E 15 hurdle with a thin margin if the Cloud/software appendix is substantially right and if financing/corporate-cost assumptions do not deteriorate." The bear case fails badly. The bull case clears easily but is not the confident underwriting case.

6. Share Count Path

Starting share count is the latest TTM diluted share count anchor from QF P6: 2,912M diluted shares at Q3 FY2026. This model does not assume buybacks magically preserve EPS. It builds the share count path from explicit SBC issuance and explicit buyback retirement.

SBC issuance: Management appendix Section 4 gives FY2025 SBC of $4.674B and shows the upward trend from $1.837B in FY2021. For the TTM period, I used the incremental S-stage live FMP cash-flow pull plus the SEC-controlled quarterly filings in the workdir: Q4 FY2025 SBC about $1.300B, Q1 FY2026 $1.124B, Q2 FY2026 $1.156B derived from the six-month SEC value less Q1, and Q3 FY2026 $1.328B derived from the nine-month SEC value less six-month value. TTM SBC is therefore $4.908B. The rough annual SBC share issuance is $4.908B / $173.29 = 28.3M shares.

Buyback assumption: Data package Section 7 shows buybacks falling from $21.6B in FY2021 and $17.3B in FY2022 to $2.5B in FY2023, $3.2B in FY2024, and $1.5B in FY2025. The management appendix says the company has correctly curtailed buybacks while capex rises. Base synthesis uses $1.0B of annual buybacks, below FY2025 and far below the old FY2021-FY2022 regime. At the $173.29 price anchor, $1.0B retires 5.8M shares per year. This is intentionally conservative because Oracle's TTM FCF is negative and capex is the priority.

Year	Starting share count (M)	Buyback ($B)	Avg price assumed	Shares retired (M)	SBC issuance (M)	Ending share count (M)
TTM anchor	2,912.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,912.0
Year 1	2,912.0	1.0	$173.29	5.8	28.3	2,934.6
Year 2	2,934.6	1.0	$173.29	5.8	28.3	2,957.1
Year 3	2,957.1	1.0	$173.29	5.8	28.3	2,979.7
Year 4	2,979.7	1.0	$173.29	5.8	28.3	3,002.2
Year 5	3,002.2	1.0	$173.29	5.8	28.3	3,024.8

Formula check: 2,912.0M + 5 x (28.3M SBC issuance - 5.8M buyback retirement) = 3,024.8M. I do not add a speculative ATM equity raise or a back-solved mandatory-convertible conversion ratio because the required source appendices do not provide a complete conversion-ratio schedule. This is a limitation, not a claim that dilution risk is absent. The balance-sheet and management appendices both flag mandatory convertible preferred financing and a possible ATM program as monitoring items. If Oracle uses the ATM materially or if mandatory-convertible common-equivalent shares prove larger than current diluted-share treatment captures, base EPS would fall.

7. P/E 15 Test

The price anchor used for the test is $173.29. Required EPS is $173.29 / 15 = $11.55. Cushion equals `(EPS x 15 - current price) / current price`.

Case	EPS at TTM+5	EPS x 15	Current price	Cushion	Pass?
Bear	$5.44	$81.60	$173.29	-52.9%	FAIL
Base	$12.30	$184.50	$173.29	+6.4%	YELLOW / thin pass
Bull	$19.32	$289.80	$173.29	+67.2%	PASS

The confident case that matters is the base case, not the bull case. Base EPS x 15 is only about $184.50, giving a +6.4% cushion over the $173.29 price anchor. That is not a robust margin of safety. Under ER2 discipline, the P/E 15 gate is best labeled YELLOW: mechanically above zero, but thin enough that small changes in OCI margin, financing cost, dilution, or tax rate can erase the cushion. A model that treats the bull case as the decision case would be violating the framework.

8. Reflexivity Check Against Reported Financials

TTM reconstruction ties exactly at the revenue level. QF P4 reports Cloud/software revenue of $55.499B, Hardware revenue of $3.010B, and Services revenue of $5.568B. The sum is $64.077B, equal to consolidated TTM revenue. The segment revenue tie is 100.0%.

TTM segment margin does not equal GAAP operating income, by design. QF P4 reports total segment margin of $36.458B and GAAP operating income of $19.581B. The difference is the unallocated corporate-cost block of $16.877B. Because Oracle tells investors that segment margin excludes R&D, G&A, amortization, acquisition-related costs, restructuring, stock compensation, interest, and other items, the synthesis does not force segment margin to equal GAAP operating income. Instead, it explicitly bridges the gap. On that bridged basis, TTM segment margin less the corporate-cost block equals

consolidated GAAP operating income exactly.

Latest completed FY sanity check also ties. QF P2 shows FY2025 segment revenue of Cloud/license $49.230B, Hardware $2.936B, and Services $5.233B, for a segment revenue sum of $57.399B. That equals FY2025 consolidated revenue. FY2025 segment margin was $30.930B + $1.918B + $0.993B = $33.841B. FY2025 consolidated operating income was approximately $17.7B in the data package, implying a corporate-cost bridge of roughly $16.2B. That is close to the TTM bridge of $16.877B, so the synthesis is not inventing a new reconciliation mechanism at the forecast base.

The forward model inherits this structure. Segment appendices estimate Oracle-defined segment operating income. Synthesis then subtracts the corporate-cost bridge before net income and EPS. The model would be broken if it used the $71.924B base-case segment OI as GAAP operating income. It does not.

9. In-Progress FY Reconciliation

Stage 0 uses Q3 FY2026 as the latest completed quarter, so FY2026 is in progress rather than complete. The Q1-Q3 FY2026 consolidated actuals from QF P3 are revenue $48.174B and operating income $14.472B. Annualizing the nine-month figures gives revenue of about $64.232B and operating income of about $19.296B. The TTM anchor is revenue $64.077B and operating income $19.581B, so the TTM base is within 1% of the simple FY2026 YTD annualized run rate.

Management's Q3 FY2026 release guidance, reproduced in the data package, points to FY2026 revenue of $67B and FY2027 revenue of $90B. The YTD annualized revenue run-rate of $64.232B is about 4.1% below the FY2026 revenue guide, inside the 5% reconciliation band. The difference is plausible because Oracle's Q4 is historically large and because OCI/RPO conversion is front-loaded by capacity delivery. Operating income is harder to reconcile to a guide because Oracle's segment mix, capex timing, depreciation, interest, and non-operating items are moving quickly. Still, the in-progress FY check does not show a broken TTM anchor.

Recency anchor for the forward model: the latest completed quarter, Q3 FY2026, annualizes to $68.760B of revenue. A smooth first-forward-year run-rate implied by the base combined revenue CAGR is about $74.267B, or 8.0% above Q3 annualized revenue. A front-loaded segment-path view from the B appendices is about $75.5B, or roughly 9.8% above Q3 annualized revenue. Both are inside 10% of the latest-quarter annualized run-rate. The model is aggressive relative to the trailing four-quarter total, but the explicit FY2027 $90B guide and $553B RPO support a near-term revenue step-up rather than a smooth mature-company trend line.

10. Sensitivity - Which Variable Matters Most

The sensitivity table holds the rest of the base model constant unless noted. The point is not false precision; it is to identify which assumptions can erase the P/E 15 cushion.

Sensitivity	Downside EPS	Base EPS	Upside EPS	Impact
Cloud/software revenue CAGR +/- 200 bps, margin held at 55.0%	$10.68	$12.30	$13.95	Dominant driver; downside fails P/E 15
Hardware OI margin +/- 200 bps	12.27	12.30	12.31	Immaterial to verdict
Share count +/- 5%	11.70	12.30	12.94	Meaningful, but less important than Cloud/software growth
Tax rate +/- 300 bps	11.85	12.30	12.72	Meaningful but not primary

The verdict is driven by two variables. First is Cloud/software revenue conversion and margin quality. A 200 bps reduction in Cloud/software revenue CAGR, with the same margin, drops base EPS below the required $11.55 threshold. This is why the Oracle thesis is really an OCI/RPO conversion thesis with a database/software support moat underneath. Second is financing/dilution discipline, which is not shown as a single simple row above but is embedded in share count and below-operating-income cost. If the ATM is used materially, if mandatory-convertible dilution is larger than current diluted-share treatment captures, or if net interest expense is worse than $(4.5)B, the cushion can disappear even if segment revenue is close to plan. Hardware margin and Services margin do not move the company-level verdict.

11. Combined Earnings Summary

Case	Revenue ($B)	OI ($B)	OI margin	NI ($B)	EPS	Probability	EPS x 15	vs. $173.29
Bear	96.662	25.817	26.7%	16.448	$5.44	25%	$81.60	-52.9%

Case	Revenue ($B)	OI ($B)	OI margin	NI ($B)	EPS	Probability	EPS x 15	vs. $173.29
Base	133.886	48.253	36.0%	37.190	$12.30	50%	$184.50	+6.4%
Bull	167.340	70.942	42.4%	58.430	$19.32	25%	$289.80	+67.2%
Probability-weighted EPS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	$12.34	100%	$185.10	+6.8%

Probability weights are 25% bear / 50% base / 25% bull. This is intentionally not a uniform 33/33/34 split. The base case receives the highest weight because RPO, FY2027 revenue guidance, cloud infrastructure acceleration, and the database/application moat create real visibility. The bear and bull tails remain large because management is YELLOW, capex and funding risk are unresolved, customer concentration inside AI infrastructure is not disclosed, and full-cycle OCI margins are not yet proven.

The summary result is a valuation YELLOW. Oracle can clear the P/E 15 gate at $173.29 in the reviewed base case, but only narrowly. The investment case needs Cloud/software to compound at a very high rate, corporate costs to scale below revenue, and financing/dilution not to worsen. The moat appendix supports the durability of the database and systems-of-record estate. It does not fully de-risk AI infrastructure economics. The management appendix supports strategic coherence but keeps a YELLOW gate because of new leadership, founder influence, disclosure limitations, negative TTM FCF, and financing intensity.

Tie-Out Checks

- Reported-financial tie-out (TTM + latest completed FY): PASSED. TTM segment revenue ties exactly to consolidated TTM revenue: $55.499B + $3.010B + $5.568B = $64.077B. TTM segment margin of $36.458B less the explicit $16.877B unallocated corporate-cost bridge equals GAAP operating income of $19.581B. FY2025 segment revenue ties exactly: $49.230B + $2.936B + $5.233B = $57.399B. FY2025 segment margin of $33.841B bridges to consolidated operating income through the same corporate-cost mechanism.

- NI / shares = EPS: PASSED. Bear $16.448B / 3,024.8M = $5.44. Base $37.190B / 3,024.8M = $12.30. Bull $58.430B / 3,024.8M = $19.32. Differences are rounding only.

- Segment sum tie-out at horizon: PASSED. Bear revenue is $89.300B + $2.329B + $5.033B = $96.662B. Base revenue is $124.500B + $3.086B + $6.300B = $133.886B. Bull revenue is $156.400B + $3.489B + $7.451B = $167.340B. Corporate eliminations are zero because QF P4 and QF P2 show reportable segment revenue tying directly to consolidated revenue.

- Product-to-segment rollup: PASSED WITH DISCLOSURE LIMITATIONS. Cloud/software appendix Section 10 sums OCI/IaaS, SaaS, and residual software/support/license to the segment total in each case. Hardware and Services each have one disclosed product line and therefore tie one-to-one. The limitation is disclosure granularity, not arithmetic: Oracle does not disclose lower-level five-year product P&Ls for several important drivers.

- Weighted margin check: PASSED. Cloud/software Section 10 shows product OI sums and blended margins tying: base $28.5B + $17.6B + $22.4B = $68.5B, and $68.5B / $124.5B = 55.0%. Bear and bull also tie within rounding. Hardware and Services are one-line product rollups, so their product margin equals segment margin by construction.

- Share count path: PASSED. Starting diluted shares of 2,912.0M plus five years of 28.3M annual SBC issuance less 5.8M annual buyback retirement equals 3,024.8M ending diluted shares. The model uses exactly five years, not six, and does not assume buybacks offset SBC.

- Growth plausibility: PASSED WITH EXPLICIT JUSTIFICATION. Cloud/software base CAGR of 17.5% exceeds 1.2x the FY2022-FY2025 segment CAGR of 10.9%, but the segment appendix explicitly justifies the higher rate with RPO, FY2027 revenue guide, Q3 FY2026 IaaS growth, and OCI supply constraints. Hardware base CAGR of 0.5% is below its recency and does not violate the check. Services base CAGR of 2.5% is justified by Q3 rebound and cloud application adoption, while remaining far below the distorted FY2022-FY2025 headline CAGR.

- Historical arithmetic: PASSED. Hardware Section 10 explicitly ties $3.010B x 1.005^5 = $3.086B and $3.010B x 0.95^5 = $2.329B. Services Section 10 ties $5.568B x 1.025^5 = $6.300B and $5.568B x 0.98^5 = $5.033B. Cloud/software product rows tie within rounding: for example, base OCI/IaaS $15.3B at 36.0% for five years is about $71.3B; SaaS $15.4B at 11.0% is about $25.9B; residual $24.7B at 2.0% is about $27.3B.

- Recency anchor: PASSED. Q3 FY2026 annualized revenue is $68.760B. The base model's smooth first-forward-year revenue is about $74.267B, 8.0% above that latest-quarter annualized run-rate. The segment-path first-year view is roughly $75.5B, about 9.8% above Q3 annualized revenue. Both are inside the 10% tolerance, and the data package's FY2027 $90B revenue guide provides additional support for a near-term step-up.

- Capital allocation and capex consistency: PASSED WITH YELLOW FLAG. The model does not use buybacks to force EPS. It uses $1.0B per year of buybacks against $4.908B of TTM SBC, so share count rises. This is consistent with the data package and management appendix: buybacks have been curtailed while capex, debt, preferred financing, and OCI buildout dominate capital allocation. The yellow flag remains because TTM capex was $48.250B, TTM FCF was negative $24.736B, and FY2026 capex guidance is $50B.

- P/E 15 gate arithmetic: PASSED AS ARITHMETIC, YELLOW AS GATE. Required EPS is $173.29 / 15 = $11.55. Base EPS is $12.30, producing $184.50 of value at 15x and a +6.4% cushion. Bear fails at $5.44 EPS. Bull passes at $19.32 EPS. Because the base cushion is positive but thin, the correct gate label is YELLOW rather than a clean PASS.

Final tie-out status: 11/11 arithmetic checks passed, with explicit disclosure limitations on product-level rollups and a YELLOW valuation gate. The synthesis does not fabricate a clean cheap-stock conclusion. Oracle's base case clears the ER2 P/E 15 test at the queued $173.29 price anchor, but the cushion depends heavily on Cloud/software conversion, OCI margin quality, and financing/dilution restraint.

Appendix CS - Compounder Score

Oracle Corporation - Compounder Score

Analysis date: 2026-05-28. Ticker: ORCL. Exchange: NYSE. Currency: USD. This diagnostic score is not an ER2 gate.

1. Executive Verdict

The evidence supports Oracle as a high-quality enterprise software and cloud infrastructure compounder, but not as a 20% annualized-return underwriting at the current price. The score is capped because TTM free cash flow is negative, leverage is elevated, AI/OCI capex is unusually large, and Oracle does not disclose enough product-level economics to calculate clean organic and acquisition-inclusive ROIIC. Unsupported items receive conservative scores.

Score-implied classification: Buy only at lower price. Total score: 62/100. Business Quality: 58/80. 20% Return Underwriting: 4/20.

2. Data Source Map

Item	Source used	Notes
Price / market cap	Live finance quote, 2026-05-28 15:02 UTC	Price $203.38; market cap $592.7B
Enterprise value	Live market cap plus QF net financial debt	Approx. $688.2B
Income statement	`quant_foundation.md` P3/P4	TTM ending Feb. 28, 2026 from official periods
Balance sheet	`quant_foundation.md`; `data_package.md`	Q3 FY2026 cash, debt, leases
Cash flow	`quant_foundation.md` P6	TTM CFO $23.5B, capex $48.3B, FCF $(24.7)B
Share count	`quant_foundation.md`; `appendix_synthesis.md`	Latest diluted shares 2,912M; modeled dilution to 3,024.8M
SBC	`appendix_management.md`; `appendix_synthesis.md`	FY2025 SBC $4.674B; TTM SBC used in synthesis $4.908B
Segment data	`data_package.md`; QF P4; Appendix B files	Cloud/software dominates revenue and margin
Management / governance	`appendix_management.md`	Succession, incentives, capital allocation, disclosure flags
Moat / durability	`appendix_moat.md`	Switching costs, data gravity, multicloud distribution
Forward model	`appendix_synthesis.md`	Five-year bear/base/bull EPS and P/E 15 gate

3. Key Financial and Quality Metrics

Metric	Value	Evidence / formula
TTM revenue	$64.077B	QF official-period TTM
TTM operating income	$19.581B	QF official-period TTM
TTM NOPAT estimate	$16.644B	EBIT $19.581B x 85.0% normalized tax
TTM CFO	$23.514B	QF cash-flow table
TTM capex	$(48.250)B	QF cash-flow table
TTM FCF	$(24.736)B	CFO plus capex
Current/simple ROIC	12.9%	QF P6
FY2025 ROIC	15.1%	Data package convention
Latest net financial debt / EBITDA	3.44x	QF P6
Lease-inclusive net debt / EBITDA	4.11x	QF P6
EV / NOPAT	41.3x	Approx. EV $688.2B / NOPAT $16.644B
FCF yield	-4.2%	TTM FCF / market cap
Latest SBC / revenue	~7.7%	TTM SBC $4.908B / revenue $64.077B
Latest SBC / FCF	n/m	FCF is negative
Five-year modeled base EPS	$12.30	Synthesis TTM+5 base case

4. Rubric Scorecard

Category	Score	Max	Rationale
Incremental returns on capital	14	25	ROIC is positive but not 20%-30%; clean ROIIC is insufficiently disclosed; cash conversion is currently poor
Reinvestment runway	16	20	RPO, OCI/IaaS growth, multicloud database, and SaaS support a large runway, but capex and concentration risks are first-order
Durability of moat	13	15	Database/application switching costs and mission-critical data gravity are strong; AI infrastructure durability is less proven
Accounting and financial quality	7	10	Official financial tie-outs are strong, but FCF is negative, SBC is material, and disclosure granularity is selective
Capital allocation	8	10	Buybacks were curtailed for capex, strategy is coherent, but Cerner ROIIC and infrastructure financing returns are not cleanly disclosed
Price and 20% underwriting	4	20	Current price does not support 20% IRR without major multiple expansion or a much stronger-than-base outcome

5. ROIIC and Reinvestment Analysis

The evidence does not support a clean high-confidence ROIIC score. QF gives current/simple ROIC of 12.9% and data package gives FY2025 ROIC of 15.1%, both using debt-inclusive invested capital appropriate for the AI/OCI buildout. Oracle is reinvesting aggressively: FY2025 capex was $21.2B and TTM capex was $48.25B. The company has also made material acquisition investment, especially Cerner, without a clean post-deal ROIC bridge. Because the return on the current AI infrastructure buildout is not yet visible in cash flows, ROIIC is marked insufficient evidence and scored conservatively.

6. Runway Analysis

The evidence supports a large runway. Q3 FY2026 cloud revenue was $8.9B, up 44%; IaaS was $4.9B, up 84%; and RPO reached $553B. The synthesis base case grows cloud/software revenue from $55.499B to $124.5B over five years, driven by OCI/IaaS, SaaS, and residual support/license economics. This is plausible but demanding: it depends on datacenter delivery, customer prepayments or partner funding, capacity utilization, and AI infrastructure gross margins holding after depreciation and financing costs.

7. Moat Analysis

Oracle's moat is strongest in database, support, ERP, HCM, supply chain, healthcare, regulated workflows, and other systems of record. The moat appendix supports switching costs, data gravity, support renewal behavior, multicloud database distribution, and high-trust procurement. The moat is weaker in standalone services and more cyclical in AI infrastructure. A specific 2046 Oracle can still be described, but the AI infrastructure layer could become a lower-return utility if scarcity fades or contracts reset poorly.

8. Accounting and Capital Allocation Analysis

The accounting evidence is usable and reconciled to official filings, but not fully transparent at the economics Oracle now needs investors to underwrite. Oracle does not disclose full five-year dollar P&Ls for OCI, AI infrastructure, multicloud database, Fusion, NetSuite, or industry SaaS. Management is coherent and has reduced buybacks while capex rises, but net financial debt is $95.473B, lease-inclusive net debt is $113.985B, and the company has used notes, mandatory convertible preferred financing, and an ATM authorization. SBC rose from $1.837B in FY2021 to $4.674B in FY2025.

9. 20% Return Underwriting

At the live price of $203.38, the 20% case does not work under the reviewed base case. The synthesis base case produces TTM+5 EPS of $12.30. At a conservative 15x P/E, ending value is $184.50 per share before dividends, below today's price.

Adding an estimated $8 of dividends over five years still implies a roughly negative to low-single-digit IRR. Bear case EPS of $5.44 implies severe downside. Bull case EPS of $19.32 at 15x implies about $289.80 before dividends, or roughly high-single-digit annualized return from today's price. A 20% five-year IRR would require a buy price near $77 using the base 15x exit value plus estimated dividends, or much higher earnings and/or multiple expansion.

Case	TTM+5 EPS	Exit P/E	Ending price	Est. dividends	Approx. IRR
Bear	$5.44	15.0x	$81.60	$8.00	-15%
Base	$12.30	15.0x	$184.50	$8.00	-1%
Bull	$19.32	15.0x	$289.80	$8.00	8%

10. Hard Veto Checklist

Test	Result	Evidence
ROIIC below cost of capital	Watch	ROIIC not cleanly calculable; current ROIC only low-teens
ROIC accounting artifact	Watch	Tangible book is negative and goodwill/intangibles are large; debt-inclusive ROIC used
Growth requires external financing	Watch	Current capex cycle uses debt, preferred, leases, customer/partner funding, possible ATM
Share count rises without value creation	Watch	Synthesis models dilution despite modest buybacks
Large acquisitions without returns disclosure	Watch	Cerner post-deal ROIC not cleanly disclosed
FCF lags earnings structurally	Watch	TTM FCF negative due to AI/OCI capex; must convert
Permanent impairment risks	Watch	AI infrastructure commoditization, leverage, concentration, and platform migration
20% case requires multiple expansion	Fail	Base case at 15x does not clear 20%
Needs flawless execution	Fail	Current price needs strong OCI conversion and financing discipline
Moat explainable	Pass	Mission-critical database/app switching costs and data gravity
Accounting/governance trust	Watch	No restatement flag, but founder pledge, disclosure gaps, new leadership
Balance sheet could impair equity	Watch	Leverage is elevated but not an immediate insolvency case

11. Final Decision

Compounder Score note: 62/100; strong moat and runway, but score is capped by insufficient ROIIC evidence, negative TTM FCF, elevated leverage, and a weak 20% return setup at today's price.

Business Quality Score note: 58/80; Oracle's database/application franchise is durable, but the current investment cycle mixes high-return software with capital-intensive AI infrastructure whose incremental returns are not yet proven.

20% Return UW Score note: 4/20; the base case does not clear a 20% hurdle without major upside versus the reviewed model or terminal multiple expansion.

12. Machine-Readable JSON

See `compounder_score.json`.

Appendix CSA - Scoring Audit

Oracle Corporation - Scoring Audit

Analysis date: 2026-05-28. Ticker: ORCL. This audit reviews `appendix_compounder_score.md` and `compounder_score.json` against the ER2 Oracle source files in this folder. The scoring appendix is directionally skeptical, but it still preserves too many points in business quality and capital allocation despite missing ROIIC calculations, incomplete acquisition-inclusive return evidence, negative TTM free cash flow, elevated leverage, and unresolved equity/preferred financing assumptions.

1. Original vs Audited Scores

Item	Original	Audited	Notes
Business Quality Score / 80	58	49	Reduced for no calculated ROIIC, missing acquisition-inclusive ROIIC, negative current cash conversion, and incomplete AI infrastructure return evidence.
Valuation / 20% Return UW Score / 20	4	2	Base, bear, and bull IRRs do not clear 20%; reverse DCF support is missing; current-price 20% case needs a much stronger-than-base outcome.
Total Score / 100	62	51	Lower-confidence diagnostic score; this is not a 20% compounder at the current price.
Classification	Buy only at lower price	Reject under current evidence / price	The business is promising, but the rubric says score below 70 plus hard vetoes and no plausible 20% case is a Reject.

Original scorer reconstruction: Business Quality was 58/80, Valuation / 20% Return Underwriting was 4/20, and Total Score was 62/100. The JSON and markdown agree on the headline scores, classification, base IRR of -1.1%, bear IRR of -15.1%, bull IRR of 7.9%, and maximum buy price for 20% IRR of $77.38. They also agree that the 20% hurdle is not cleared.

The most important internal inconsistency is not between the score markdown and score JSON. It is between the scoring price and the prior synthesis price anchor. The score uses a refreshed $203.38 price and approximate $688.2B EV. The synthesis uses a $173.29 price anchor and explicitly states it did not live-fetch a replacement price for the P/E 15 gate. At $173.29, base EPS of $12.30 has only a thin +6.4% P/E 15 cushion. At $203.38, the required EPS for a P/E 15 exit is $13.56, so the same $12.30 base EPS fails the P/E 15 gate before considering the separate 20% return hurdle. The scorer correctly marks the 20% hurdle failed, but the audit should not preserve any valuation points that imply a workable base-case investment at the current quote.

2. Score Reductions and Reasons

Category 1, Incremental Returns on Capital, is reduced from 14/25 to 10/25. The scorer admits 3-year ROIIC, 5-year ROIIC, and acquisition-inclusive ROIIC are all null in JSON. Under CSA rule, if ROIIC is not calculated, Category 1B must be zero. Oracle has an FY2025 ROIC estimate of 15.1% and a current/simple ROIC estimate of 12.9%, but that is not the same as incremental return on the current AI/OCI capital cycle. The data package shows FY2025 capex of $21.2B, TTM capex of $48.250B, and TTM FCF of negative $24.736B. The management appendix also records a large Cerner acquisition year without a clean post-deal ROIC bridge. That evidence supports some normalized ROIC points, but not a high incremental-return score.

Category 2, Reinvestment Runway, is reduced from 16/20 to 14/20. Oracle has real runway evidence: Q3 FY2026 cloud infrastructure growth of 84%, RPO of roughly $553B, FY2027 revenue guidance of $90B, and a large database/application installed base. The reduction is because much of the AI infrastructure runway rests on management-provided RPO, capacity, and gross-margin claims without enough customer-level economics, customer concentration, renewal pricing, or full-cycle depreciation and financing disclosure. Runway is large, but the evidence does not yet prove that growth does not require ROIC collapse.

Category 3, Durability of Moat, is reduced from 13/15 to 12/15. The moat appendix supports a durable database, support, application, and systems-of-record franchise. The reduction is small because the evidence is real. The missing point reflects the blended moat problem: the fastest-growing layer is AI infrastructure, where the moat is less proven and may become a capital-intensive utility if scarcity pricing fades.

Category 4, Accounting and Financial Quality, is reduced from 7/10 to 5/10. Revenue and historical statement tie-outs are good, but the quality of current earnings is weakened by negative TTM FCF, material SBC, elevated debt, and selective disclosure. The management appendix shows SBC rising from $1.837B in FY2021 to $4.674B in FY2025, and the synthesis uses TTM SBC of $4.908B. The scorer treats SBC as a real cost, but the score still looks high for a company whose TTM FCF / net income is negative 152.6%.

Category 5, Capital Allocation, is preserved at 8/10 but with medium confidence. This is not a clean endorsement. The score is preserved only because the original scorer already penalized Cerner/OCI return opacity, buybacks have been curtailed while capex rises, and management is not using repurchases to force EPS in the current model. The unresolved weakness is still material: acquisition-inclusive ROIIC is missing, post-Cerner returns are not disclosed, and preferred/ATM financing could dilute per-share value if OCI cash returns arrive late.

Category 6, Price and 20% Return Underwriting, is reduced from 4/20 to 2/20. Base IRR is negative, bear IRR is sharply negative, bull IRR is only high single digits, and the maximum 20% IRR buy price is far below the current quote. The score appendix states a 20% case would require a buy price near $77.38 using the base 15x exit value plus dividends. That is a severe valuation gap, not a mild timing issue.

3. Unsupported Claims

The evidence does not support a high-confidence ROIIC score. The source files provide ROIC estimates and a qualitative discussion of capex and RPO, but they do not calculate 3-year ROIIC, 5-year ROIIC, or acquisition-inclusive ROIIC. This is the largest scoring defect.

The evidence does not fully support treating AI infrastructure as a durable high-return reinvestment engine. Management states that AI infrastructure gross margin is above 30% on delivered capacity, and the data package records major RPO and capacity claims. Gross margin is not ROIC. It does not prove returns after depreciation, power, networking, GPU refresh, interest expense, preferred dividends, customer concentration risk, or renewal pricing.

The evidence does not support a clean conclusion that dilution is fully captured. The synthesis does include SBC issuance and limited buyback retirement, ending at 3,024.8M diluted shares. It explicitly does not add speculative ATM issuance or a back-solved mandatory-convertible conversion schedule because the source appendices do not provide the full conversion detail. That is a fair modeling limitation, but a scoring audit must treat it as missing evidence rather than as neutral.

4. Calculation Errors

No hard arithmetic error was found in the original score's headline EV / NOPAT estimate: approximate EV of $688.2B divided by NOPAT of $16.644B is about 41.35x. The FCF yield of about -4.2% also ties: negative $24.736B TTM FCF divided by roughly $592.7B market cap is approximately -4.17%.

The main calculation weakness is omission, not a broken formula. ROIIC is null, acquisition-inclusive ROIIC is null, FCF conversion over a full multi-year period is not calculated in the scorer output, share count CAGR is null, and reverse DCF required NOPAT CAGR is not supplied. The CS instructions required these calculations where available. Because data exists for several historical annual cash-flow and capital-allocation lines, leaving the key metrics null should lower the score and confidence.

The P/E 15 price-anchor issue is also important. Synthesis was built at $173.29. The score was built at $203.38. At the scorer's current price, required EPS for P/E 15 is $13.56, and the base EPS of $12.30 fails. This reinforces the valuation reduction.

5. Missing Data

The most important missing evidence is a clean organic and acquisition-inclusive ROIIC bridge over three and five years. Oracle's current investment case depends on whether enormous OCI/AI capex and the Cerner acquisition produce attractive incremental returns. The files identify the gap but do not close it.

Other missing evidence includes customer-level economics inside AI infrastructure RPO, contract concentration, renewal pricing, depreciation timing, customer/partner funding terms, mandatory convertible common-equivalent impact, potential ATM issuance, and post-Cerner healthcare return disclosure. These gaps are material because they bear directly on leverage, FCF conversion, per-share value creation, and the 20% return case.

6. Hard-Veto and Threshold Test Audit

The hard veto for "20% case requires terminal multiple expansion or major upside versus base" remains active. The base case does not come close to 20% annualized return, and the bull case at 15x is still only about 7.9%.

The hard veto for "needs flawless execution" also remains active. Oracle needs OCI/RPO conversion, AI infrastructure margins, financing costs, customer/partner funding, and dilution control to all work while TTM FCF is negative and net financial debt / approximate EBITDA is 3.44x.

The hard veto for "growth requires external financing" is at least Watch and arguably Fail under current evidence. The data package records $25.0B of notes, mandatory convertible preferred financing, a possible $20.0B ATM program, and FY2026 capex guidance of $50B.

Threshold classification audit: total score is below 70, Business Quality is below 65/80, Valuation is below 15/20, base IRR is below 20%, bear IRR is negative, and hard vetoes remain. Under the scorer's own threshold language, the audited classification cannot be "Investable now." Because the audited score is below 70 and the 20% case is not plausible at the current price, the stricter classification is Reject under current evidence / price rather than Buy only at lower price.

7. Final 20% Hurdle Pass/Fail

Final 20% hurdle: Fail. The base case is negative at the refreshed scoring price. The bull case is not enough. The maximum buy price for a 20% IRR is approximately $77.38, far below the scorer's $203.38 price. No version of the audited score should imply that the 20% hurdle is close.

8. Dream Business / Dream Investment Classification

Oracle is neither under the current evidence. It may be a durable enterprise software franchise with a large runway, but it is not yet a proven high-ROIIC dream business during the AI infrastructure buildout because ROIIC, acquisition-inclusive returns, FCF conversion, and AI unit economics are not proven. It is also not a dream investment at the current price because the 20% return case fails.

9. Stage 7 Scorecard Notes

Compounder Score note: 51/100; durable software assets are offset by uncalculated ROIIC, negative TTM FCF, elevated leverage, and a failed 20% return setup at the refreshed price.

Business Quality Score note: 49/80; database and application moats are real, but the current AI infrastructure cycle has not yet proven acquisition-inclusive or organic incremental returns.

20% Return UW Score note: 2/20; base, bear, and bull cases do not clear 20%, and the current price fails the base P/E 15 test using the refreshed scorer quote.

10. Auditor JSON

See `compounder_score_audit.json`.

Appendix RT - Red Team

Oracle Corporation (ORCL) - Red Team Appendix

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Production Mode: yes. Run date: 2026-04-30 Asia/Singapore. Stage 0 anchor: Oracle's fiscal year ends May 31; latest reported quarter is Q3 FY2026 ended February 28, 2026; TTM is Q4 FY2025 + Q1 FY2026 + Q2 FY2026 + Q3 FY2026 ending February 28, 2026; forward horizon is February 28, 2031, exactly five calendar years after the TTM end date. This appendix uses the verified appendices as report source. I used live web checks only as incremental red-team context for current cloud competition and industry capital intensity: Microsoft FY26 Q3 earnings release, Alphabet Q4 2025 earnings call, and Synergy Research Group cloud market share commentary. No warehouse/cache source was substituted for the verified Oracle report source.

1. The Most Fragile Assumption

The fragile assumption is not the P/E math. The arithmetic ties. The fragile assumption is the Cloud/software base case, specifically the OCI / cloud infrastructure / IaaS line that takes a $15.3 billion TTM starting point to $71.3 billion of TTM+5 revenue by February 28, 2031 at a 36.0% five-year CAGR, while also underwriting a 40.0% segment margin on that OCI/IaaS bucket. That line sits inside the Cloud/software segment build, which takes segment revenue from $55.499 billion TTM to $124.5 billion at the horizon and then feeds the synthesis base EPS of $12.30.

This is the right place to attack because the rest of the model does not move the verdict. Hardware base revenue is $3.086 billion at the horizon and Services base revenue is $6.300 billion. The synthesis sensitivity table already says Hardware operating margin plus or minus 200 bps moves EPS from $12.30 to only $12.27 or $12.31. Services is similarly too small to rescue or break the case. Oracle is therefore not being valued as a diversified database, hardware, and services compounder. It is being valued as a company whose historical software annuity funds a very large AI infrastructure buildout fast enough, profitably enough, and with little enough dilution to keep EPS above the P/E 15 gate.

The base assumption is fragile for four reasons. First, the five-year Cloud/software CAGR of 17.5% is well above the FY2022-FY2025 segment CAGR of 10.9%. The segment appendix justifies the acceleration with Q3 FY2026 cloud infrastructure growth, RPO of about $553 billion, supply constraints, and FY2027 revenue guidance. That is plausible, but it is not proven. Second, the model has to bridge from high reported demand to delivered capacity. The data package records management's comments that demand exceeds supply, that Oracle and partners have access to more than 10 gigawatts, and that 400 megawatts were delivered to customers in Q3. Those are operationally important, but they also show the constraint: revenue is limited by power, permitting, datacenter construction, networking, GPUs, rack output, handoff, and customer readiness. Third, customer concentration is not disclosed. The data package says large RPO jumps are concentrated in AI/OCI contracts, but it does not identify customer concentration, renewal economics, pricing terms, or customer-funded equipment economics by cohort. Fourth, the 40.0% OCI segment margin is a partial-profit assumption, not a full-cycle return on invested capital. Management's cited 32% AI infrastructure gross margin on delivered capacity is encouraging, but it does not settle depreciation, power, leases, maintenance, interest, preferred dividends, refresh capex, or customer price resets.

The dollar consequence is immediate. Synthesis Section 10 states that a 200 bp reduction in Cloud/software revenue CAGR, with the base margin held at 55.0%, cuts EPS from $12.30 to $10.68. Required EPS for the P/E 15 gate is $11.55. In other words, a modest Cloud/software miss destroys $1.62 of EPS, takes the model $0.87 below the required EPS threshold, and turns the +6.4% valuation cushion into a fail. That is the red team's central point: Oracle does not have enough cushion for the number of things that must go right in OCI conversion.

2. The Most-Likely-to-Be-Optimistic Stage 5 Number

The single Stage 5 number most likely to be revised down is base-case TTM+5 EPS of $12.30. The most fragile input behind it is the $71.3 billion OCI/IaaS horizon revenue line, but the output number that the investment decision actually uses is $12.30. It is only $0.75 above the $11.55 required EPS threshold at the $173.29 price anchor. That margin is too thin relative to the operating and financing uncertainty Oracle is carrying.

The synthesis deserves credit for not assuming buybacks offset dilution. It starts with 2,912 million diluted shares, adds roughly 28.3 million annual SBC shares, retires only about 5.8 million shares per year through $1.0 billion of annual buybacks, and ends at 3,024.8 million diluted shares. That is conservative versus the old Oracle buyback playbook. The problem is that

the share path may still be too clean because it does not add a back-solved mandatory-convertible conversion schedule or meaningful ATM issuance. The data package records a $20.0 billion at-the-market common equity program and mandatory convertible preferred financing, while the management appendix says the company has real external funding risk. If even part of the ATM is used while the market is already underwriting a thin EPS cushion, the $12.30 base number is vulnerable without any segment revenue miss.

The base-case operating margin is also vulnerable. Synthesis takes combined GAAP operating income to $48.253 billion on $133.886 billion of revenue, a 36.0% GAAP operating margin. That is materially above the TTM GAAP operating margin of about 30.6% even as the mix shifts toward capital-intensive OCI/AI infrastructure. The bridge is not arithmetically wrong; it subtracts a corporate-cost block instead of mistaking segment margin for GAAP operating income. The red-team objection is economic: corporate costs growing at 7% annually may be too low if depreciation, security, compliance, support, AI engineering, energy operations, and financing administration scale with a much larger infrastructure footprint. Alphabet's latest official call gives the industry-warning pattern: cloud and AI growth can coexist with very large capex, rising depreciation, data-center operating costs, and continuing hiring. Microsoft also shows that the AI cloud market is not waiting for Oracle; its April 29, 2026 release reported Azure and other cloud services revenue growth of 40% and commercial RPO of $627 billion. These are not reasons Oracle cannot win. They are reasons Oracle's 36.0% GAAP margin and $12.30 EPS should not be treated as a high-confidence base case.

3. The Strongest Bear Case, Stated in Its Strongest Form

Oracle is not becoming the next Microsoft Cloud; it is becoming a highly levered AI infrastructure landlord wrapped around a valuable database annuity. The $553 billion RPO headline creates the appearance of near-software visibility, but the economically relevant question is not whether customers signed scarcity-period capacity contracts. It is whether Oracle can deliver the capacity on time, keep utilization high, avoid customer concentration, and earn attractive returns after depreciation, power, GPU refresh, debt, preferred dividends, and dilution.

The bear mechanism is straightforward. In 2026-2028, Oracle converts enough RPO to show exciting cloud infrastructure revenue growth, but the revenue mix is lower margin than investors expect and the cash cost lands earlier than the recognized profit. Hyperscalers and neoclouds add supply, GPU scarcity normalizes, model efficiency improves, and large AI customers push price and contract terms down at renewal. Oracle's database support and applications estate remains sticky, but it is not growing fast enough to offset a lower-return infrastructure layer. The observable anchor is cloud infrastructure revenue growth decelerating below 50% year over year for two consecutive reported quarters before Oracle has shown positive FCF recovery. If that happens, the market should stop capitalizing RPO as if it were software backlog.

4. Cross-Examination of Management Commentary

Management statement one: Q3 FY2026 call, Clay Magouyrk, "Demand ... continues to exceed supply." The bullish read is that Oracle is capacity constrained rather than demand constrained. The skeptical read is that a supply-constrained market can make capacity look like a moat until everyone has built. Synergy Research's current cloud market data still shows Amazon, Microsoft, and Google together at 63% of enterprise cloud infrastructure spending, with Microsoft and Google gaining share and the smaller providers far behind. Oracle can have a niche and still face brutal pricing discipline once scarce capacity normalizes. If this statement proves too promotional, the first evidence should be IaaS growth decelerating before the $90 billion FY2027 guide is fully de-risked.

Management statement two: Q3 FY2026 call, "gross margin ... 32%" for AI infrastructure. That is the most important management number in the entire red team. It is also easy to overread. Gross margin on delivered capacity is not return on invested capital. It does not answer how much corporate engineering support is required, how depreciation ramps, whether customer-supplied GPUs reduce Oracle economics as well as Oracle capex, whether power costs reset, or whether contracts renew at the same price after the supply shortage. If this claim is wrong in economic substance, it will show first as rising capex and depreciation without proportional improvement in consolidated GAAP operating margin and free cash flow.

Management statement three: Q3 FY2026 release, FY2027 revenue guide of $90 billion. This is the near-term anchor supporting the synthesis recency check. The skeptical issue is that the guide is consolidated revenue, not high-quality earnings or FCF. The data package records FY2026 capex guidance of $50 billion, TTM capex of $48.250 billion, TTM FCF of negative $24.736 billion, and net financial debt / approximate EBITDA of 3.44x. Oracle can hit $90 billion of revenue and still disappoint Gideon's framework if the revenue arrives with weak cash conversion, equity issuance, or financing costs. If the guide is overpromising, the first warning should be a gap between reported RPO conversion and cash generation: revenue up, but FCF still deeply negative and leverage not trending down.

5. Stage 5 Tie-Out Reverification

The recency anchor is internally consistent. The latest completed quarter is Q3 FY2026, and synthesis uses Q4 FY2025 + Q1 FY2026 + Q2 FY2026 + Q3 FY2026 for TTM ending February 28, 2026. The four-quarter revenue base of $64.077 billion ties to the three reported segments, and Q3 annualized revenue of $68.760 billion is within the synthesis tolerance against the first-year model path. The red-team issue is not a stale anchor. It is that the recency anchor contains a sharp acceleration that the model treats as investable enough to forecast a five-year step-up.

Share count is directionally conservative but incomplete. The model properly lets diluted shares rise to 3,024.8 million, rather than using old buybacks to manufacture EPS. But Oracle is funding a $50 billion FY2026 capex year while TTM FCF is negative and while the company has issued debt, preferred financing, and an ATM authorization. A 5% adverse share-count sensitivity still leaves EPS at $11.70, barely above the $11.55 gate. That means the share count path is not the main risk by itself, but it becomes decisive in combination with any Cloud/software revenue or margin miss.

The product where Stage 5 most exceeds the competitive deceleration pattern is OCI/IaaS. Base case is a 36.0% five-year CAGR from $15.3 billion to $71.3 billion. Q3 FY2026 IaaS growth of 84% makes that seem conservative at first glance, but the right comparison is not the latest scarcity-period quarter. The right comparison is the ability to keep expanding after the first large RPO cohorts are delivered, after supply catches up, and after hyperscalers use their own scale and AI platforms to defend enterprise spend. Microsoft reported Azure and other cloud services growth of 40% in its March 2026 quarter from a much larger base. Alphabet reported 48% Google Cloud growth in Q4 2025, backlog of $240 billion, and Cloud operating margin of 30.1%, while still warning about supply constraints and much higher capex. Oracle is chasing into a market where larger competitors are also accelerating, not into an empty capacity vacuum.

6. The Signal That Forces an Exit

The exit signal should be Cloud infrastructure / IaaS revenue growth, not total RPO. RPO can stay enormous while conversion quality deteriorates. The specific exit threshold: if Oracle reports cloud infrastructure / IaaS revenue growth below 50% year over year for two consecutive quarters through Q1 FY2027, while the stock still requires the $12.30 base EPS case to clear the P/E 15 gate, the thesis should be exited or downgraded to PASS.

Why this signal is decisive: the base model needs a front-loaded OCI ramp. The segment appendix describes a base OCI path of roughly +60%, +45%, +34%, +24%, and +20% over the five-year horizon. If growth falls below 50% in the next two reported quarters, the front-load is already failing before Oracle has built enough scale to de-risk margin and FCF. The model can survive a normal deceleration later, after the revenue base is much larger and after FY2027 guidance has been achieved. It cannot survive early deceleration while FCF is negative, capex is elevated, and dilution/financing risk remains live.

A secondary monitor, not the primary exit signal, is AI infrastructure gross margin below 30% on delivered capacity. That would validate the bear's return-on-capital concern. But the single clean trigger should remain IaaS revenue growth below 50% for two consecutive quarters because it captures both conversion speed and competitive demand without relying on management-defined margin disclosure.

7. Conviction at the End of Red Team

The thesis survives as a WATCH, not as a BUY. Oracle has a real moat in database, support, systems of record, and multicloud database distribution. The moat appendix's PASS and 2046 PASS are credible. The synthesis also did the correct accounting work: it did not confuse segment margin with GAAP operating income, it let share count rise, and it labeled the P/E 15 gate YELLOW rather than pretending a 6.4% cushion is robust.

But this red team does not clear Oracle for a high-conviction BUY at the $173.29 price anchor. The base case is too dependent on a single Cloud/software acceleration path. A 200 bp Cloud/software CAGR haircut breaks the P/E 15 gate. The company has negative TTM FCF, $50 billion FY2026 capex guidance, debt and preferred financing, possible ATM dilution, undisclosed AI customer concentration, and incomplete OCI unit-economics disclosure. The correct narrative is not "Oracle is cheap." The correct narrative is "Oracle may be cheap if OCI/RPO conversion is real, fast, and economically attractive, but the proof has to arrive quickly."

Final red-team verdict: WATCH. Upgrade only if the next two quarters show IaaS growth comfortably above the exit threshold, FY2027 revenue guide remains intact, AI infrastructure gross margin stays at or above management's 30% area, and FCF/leverage trajectory improves without material ATM dilution. Downgrade to PASS if early OCI deceleration appears before cash conversion turns, because then the stock is an expensive capital-intensive infrastructure bet supported by a valuable but insufficient software annuity.

Source Notes

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Appendix D - Data Package (Raw Historicals)

Oracle Corporation (ORCL) - Data Package

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Stage 0 time anchor

- Today: 2026-04-30.
- Company fiscal year convention: Oracle fiscal year ends May 31.
- Most recently reported quarter: Q3 FY2026, three and nine months ended February 28, 2026, reported March 10, 2026.
- TTM anchor: Q4 FY2025 + Q1 FY2026 + Q2 FY2026 + Q3 FY2026 -> TTM ending February 28, 2026.
- Forward horizon: TTM + 5 calendar years = February 28, 2031. Compounding horizon is exactly February 28, 2026 to February 28, 2031.

Source ledger and file hygiene

- FMP stable endpoints pulled live in this run: income-statement, cash-flow-statement, balance-sheet-statement, ratios, key-metrics, quote, revenue-product-segmentation, and earning-call-transcript.
- SEC EDGAR live pulls in this run: FY2025 10-K, FY2026 Q1/Q2/Q3 10-Qs, Q4 FY2025 and Q1-Q3 FY2026 8-K Exhibit 99.1 releases, Sept. 2025 CEO-transition 8-K, Feb. 2026 financing 8-Ks, and Apr. 2026 CFO-change 8-K.
- Raw files are under `C:\Users\Admin\OneDrive\GPT\ER 2.0\Oracle Corporation\raw` with prefix `ORCL_D_20260430_0720_`; new FMP pulls were copied non-overwriting into the investing data warehouse.
- FMP Q3 FY2026 10-Q JSON remained unavailable in QF/QFR, so SEC filings control current quarterly numbers. This D package did not rely on that optional FMP 10-Q JSON endpoint.
- Direct PowerShell fetches from investor.oracle.com intermittently returned a Cloudflare challenge; SEC-hosted 8-K Exhibit 99.1 press releases were fetched live and used as the primary release copies. The Oracle IR Q3 page was also available through web search for the headline growth cross-check.

1. Reporting structure and taxonomy

Oracle reports three businesses, each treated as a single operating segment for the segment appendix architecture. FY2026 filings rename the largest line from cloud and license to cloud and software, while FMP continues to call the same line Cloud And License Business. This is a naming change, not a new operating segment split; QF and QFR both logged the taxonomy and verified that FY2025/FY2024/FY2023 annual rows tie to the 10-K and FMP annual product-segmentation endpoint. Use the FY2026 name "Cloud and software" for current discussion and note that older FMP rows retain the legacy name.

Current reportable segment	FY2025 revenue ($B)	% of FY2025 total	FY2025 segment margin ($B)	Source
Cloud and software	49.2	85.8%	30.9	FMP revenue-product-segmentation annual live pull; FY2025 10-K segment note
Hardware	2.9	5.1%	1.9	FMP revenue-product-segmentation annual live pull; FY2025 10-K segment note
Services	5.2	9.1%	1.0	FMP revenue-product-segmentation annual live pull; FY2025 10-K segment note

Business descriptions: Cloud and software contains cloud services, license support, cloud licenses, on-premise licenses, database, middleware, applications, OCI, SaaS, and related software support. Hardware contains engineered systems, servers, storage, industry-specific hardware, and related hardware support. Services contains consulting and customer support services. Geography remains material but is not managed as the reportable segment architecture; Oracle reports consolidated revenue across the Americas, EMEA, and Asia Pacific in its annual filing, while segment economics are business-line based. No segment realignment requiring restated multi-year segment tables was found in the live FY2025 10-K, FY2026 10-Qs, or recent 8-Ks; the notable FY2026 taxonomy flag is the cloud/license to cloud/software name change.

2. Consolidated historicals, 5 years, FMP-sourced

Metric	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Source
Revenue ($B)	40.5	42.4	50.0	53.0	57.4	FMP income-statement annual; SEC 10-K tie for FY2025
Operating income ($B)	15.2	10.9	13.1	15.4	17.7	FMP income-statement annual
Operating margin (%)	37.6%	25.7%	26.2%	29.0%	30.8%	calc
Net income ($B)	13.7	6.7	8.5	10.5	12.4	FMP income-statement annual
EPS diluted ($)	4.55	2.41	3.07	3.71	4.34	FMP income-statement annual
Diluted shares (M)	3022	2786	2766	2823	2866	FMP income-statement annual
Capex ($B)	-2.1	-4.5	-8.7	-6.9	-21.2	FMP cash-flow annual
FCF ($B)	13.8	5.0	8.5	11.8	-0.4	FMP cash-flow annual
ROIC (%)	38.5%	21.2%	18.9%	15.7%	15.1%	calc: NOPAT / average invested capital

ROIC calculation convention: NOPAT equals operating income multiplied by one minus the FMP effective tax rate for that fiscal year; invested capital equals total debt plus stockholders equity minus cash and short-term investments, averaged with the prior year where available. FY2025 NOPAT is $15.5B, average invested capital is $102.9B, and the effective tax rate used is 12.1%, producing 15.1% ROIC. This definition is intentionally debt-inclusive because Oracle is now funding a large AI/OCI capital cycle; it differs from a software-only steady-state ROIC lens and should be used consistently in Synthesis.

3. Segment historicals, 5 years per segment

Cloud and software

Cloud and software	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Source
Revenue ($B)	34.1	36.1	41.1	44.5	49.2	FMP revenue-product-segmentation annual; FY2025 10-K segment table
YoY %	n/a	5.7%	14.0%	8.2%	10.7%	calc
Segment margin ($B)	23.2	24.1	26.1	28.5	30.9	SEC 10-K segment margin table / QF extracted table
Segment margin (%)	67.9%	66.8%	63.6%	64.1%	62.8%	calc

Hardware

Hardware	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Source
Revenue ($B)	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.9	FMP revenue-product-segmentation annual; FY2025 10-K segment table
YoY %	n/a	-5.2%	2.9%	-6.4%	-4.2%	calc
Segment margin ($B)	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	SEC 10-K segment margin table / QF extracted table
Segment margin (%)	60.3%	59.0%	59.0%	62.5%	65.3%	calc

Services

Services	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Source
Revenue ($B)	3.0	3.2	5.6	5.4	5.2	FMP revenue-product-segmentation annual; FY2025 10-K segment table
YoY %	n/a	6.1%	74.5%	-2.9%	-3.6%	calc
Segment margin ($B)	0.6	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.0	SEC 10-K segment margin table / QF extracted table
Segment margin (%)	20.8%	20.8%	19.7%	16.9%	19.0%	calc

Segment accounting warning: Oracle segment margin excludes R&D, general and administrative expense, stock compensation, amortization, restructuring, interest, and other non-segment items. Do not use segment margin as GAAP operating income. For consolidated modeling, bridge from segment margin to GAAP operating income using the historical corporate-cost relationship in QF P3/P4.

4. Product and sub-segment historicals, finest disclosed level

Segment	Product / metric	What it is	Dollar disclosure?	Last 3 years or latest disclosed dollars	Source
Cloud and software	Cloud services and license support	SaaS, OCI, support and related recurring software revenue	Yes at annual line-item level	FY2025 $44.0B; FY2024 and FY2023 available in 10-K statement tables but not separately re-tabulated here	FY2025 10-K; Q4 FY2025 8-K EX-99.1
Cloud and software	Cloud license and on-premise license	Software licenses, including on-premise licenses	Yes at annual line-item level	FY2025 $5.2B	FY2025 10-K; Q4 FY2025 8-K EX-99.1
Cloud and software	Cloud revenue, IaaS plus SaaS	Combined OCI/IaaS and SaaS revenue disclosed in quarterly releases	Yes quarterly, not FY2025 full-year line in this package	Q4 FY2025 $6.7B; Q1 FY2026 $7.2B; Q2 FY2026 $8.0B; Q3 FY2026 $8.9B	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Cloud and software	Cloud infrastructure / IaaS	OCI infrastructure revenue including AI infrastructure	Yes quarterly	Q4 FY2025 $3.0B; Q1 FY2026 $3.3B; Q2 FY2026 $4.1B; Q3 FY2026 $4.9B	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Cloud and software	Cloud applications / SaaS	Fusion, NetSuite, industry SaaS and other cloud applications	Yes quarterly	Q4 FY2025 $3.7B; Q1 FY2026 $3.8B; Q2 FY2026 $3.9B; Q3 FY2026 $4.0B	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Cloud and software	Fusion Cloud ERP	ERP SaaS product family	Yes quarterly in rounded dollars	Q4 FY2025 $1.0B; Q1 FY2026 $1.0B; Q2 FY2026 $1.1B; Q3 FY2026 $1.1B	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Cloud and software	NetSuite Cloud ERP	Mid-market/cloud ERP product family	Yes quarterly in rounded dollars	Q4 FY2025 $1.0B; Q1 FY2026 $1.0B; Q2 FY2026 $1.0B; Q3 FY2026 $1.1B	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Hardware	Hardware products and support	Engineered systems, servers, storage, industry devices and related support	Yes at segment level, not product SKU level	FY2023 $3.3B; FY2024 $3.1B; FY2025 $2.9B	FMP segmentation annual; FY2025 10-K
Services	Consulting and customer services	Implementation, consulting, customer support services	Yes at segment level, not service-line level	FY2023 $5.6B; FY2024 $5.4B; FY2025 $5.2B	FMP segmentation annual; FY2025 10-K

Segment	Product / metric	Disclosure method	Last 4 quarters YoY growth	Source
Cloud and software	Cloud revenue	Quarterly rounded dollars plus YoY growth	Q4 FY2025 +27%; Q1 FY2026 +28%; Q2 FY2026 +34%; Q3 FY2026 +44%	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Cloud and software	Cloud infrastructure / IaaS	Quarterly rounded dollars plus YoY growth	Q4 FY2025 +52%; Q1 FY2026 +55%; Q2 FY2026 +68%; Q3 FY2026 +84%	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Cloud and software	Cloud applications / SaaS	Quarterly rounded dollars plus YoY growth	Q4 FY2025 +12%; Q1 FY2026 +11%; Q2 FY2026 +11%; Q3 FY2026 +13%	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases
Cloud and software	Multicloud database	YoY or sequential growth, not full dollars	Q4 FY2025 +115% sequential from Q3; Q1 FY2026 +1,529% YoY; Q3 FY2026 +531% YoY	Q4/Q1/Q3 releases and transcripts
Cloud and software	AI infrastructure	Growth rate disclosed in Q3 transcript, not dollars	Q3 FY2026 +243% YoY; demand exceeds supply	FMP transcript FY2026 Q3

No back-solved product-dollar rows are included. OCI, multicloud database, Fusion, NetSuite, and industry SaaS are important forward drivers, but the company does not provide a complete annual dollar history for each at the granularity needed for a clean five-year product table. Downstream segment appendices should treat the quarterly rounded dollars and growth rates as recency indicators, not as a full historical product P&L.

5. Most recent quarterly trend, last 4 quarters

Company FY ends May 31. Most recently completed fiscal quarter at time of writing: FY26 Q3, covering December 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, reported March 10, 2026 via SEC 8-K Exhibit 99.1 and Oracle IR release.

Quarter	Cloud/software revenue ($B)	Hardware revenue ($B)	Services revenue ($B)	Segment margin total ($B)	Source
Q4 FY2025	13.705	0.850	1.348	9.363	SEC 10-K/10-Q segment tables; QF P4
Q1 FY2026	12.907	0.670	1.349	8.470	SEC 10-K/10-Q segment tables; QF P4
Q2 FY2026	13.854	0.776	1.428	9.033	SEC 10-K/10-Q segment tables; QF P4
Q3 FY2026	15.033	0.714	1.443	9.592	SEC 10-K/10-Q segment tables; QF P4

Quarter	Total revenue ($B)	Cloud revenue ($B) / YoY	IaaS ($B) / YoY	SaaS ($B) / YoY	RPO	Source
Q4 FY2025	15.9	6.7 / +27%	3.0 / +52%	3.7 / +12%	$138B / +41%	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 release
Q1 FY2026	14.9	7.2 / +28%	3.3 / +55%	3.8 / +11%	$455B / +359%	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 release
Q2 FY2026	16.1	8.0 / +34%	4.1 / +68%	3.9 / +11%	$523B / +438%	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 release
Q3 FY2026	17.2	8.9 / +44%	4.9 / +84%	4.0 / +13%	$553B / +325%	SEC 8-K EX-99.1 release

Q3 FY2026 is the recency anchor: cloud infrastructure accelerated to 84% YoY and RPO reached $553B, but this came with TTM capex of $48.25B and negative TTM FCF of $24.74B. The synthesis model must treat growth and funding as joined assumptions, not independent levers.

6. Management commentary on forward growth

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Cloud and software, including OCI, database, applications, and AI infrastructure

Source	Speaker	Short verified quote fragment	Topic	Interpretation
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Clay Magouyrk, CEO	"Demand ... continues to exceed supply"	AI infrastructure	OCI growth is currently capacity-constrained, so revenue depends on datacenter, power, rack, and financing execution.
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Clay Magouyrk, CEO	"more than 10 gigawatts"	AI infrastructure supply	Oracle frames power and datacenter access as a competitive asset; this is relevant for capex timing and lease commitments.
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Clay Magouyrk, CEO	"400 megawatts to customers"	Delivery execution	Q3 delivery progress is a concrete operational KPI for converting RPO into revenue.
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Clay Magouyrk, CEO	"gross margin ... 32%"	AI infrastructure margin	Management claims delivered AI capacity remained above prior 30% guide; downstream margins should test this under depreciation and financing cost.

Source	Speaker	Short verified quote fragment	Topic	Interpretation
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Clay Magouyrk, CEO	"Multicloud database revenue grew 531%"	Database cloud	This is growth-rate disclosure, not dollar disclosure; it supports a high-growth but small-base database-cloud appendix assumption.
Q2 FY2026 call, 2025-12-10	Management, prepared remarks	"revenue-generating equipment"	Capex mix	Management argues most capex supports contracted cloud capacity rather than speculative land/buildings; DR should verify against cash-flow and commitments notes.
Q1 FY2026 release/call, 2025-09-09	Safra Catz, CEO	"four multi-billion-dollar contracts"	RPO formation	Large RPO jumps are concentrated in AI/OCI contracts; concentration risk and customer-funding terms matter.
Q4 FY2025 release, 2025-06-11	Safra Catz, CEO	"over 40% in FY26"	Cloud growth aspiration	The FY26 cloud-growth aspiration was made before Q1-Q3 FY2026 results and remains important context for Q4/FY2027 guidance.
Q3 FY2026 release, 2026-03-10	Oracle release	"FY27 ... $90 billion"	Forward revenue guide	Oracle raised FY2027 revenue guidance to $90B after Q3; this is the key management anchor for near-term consolidated growth.
Q3 FY2026 release, 2026-03-10	Oracle release	"capital expenditures of $50 billion"	FY2026 capex guide	FY2026 capex guide is unchanged at $50B and must be tied to negative FCF and leverage capacity.
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Mike Sicilia, CEO	"over 1,000 agents"	Applications AI	Oracle is embedding AI agents inside Fusion/industry applications; this supports the argument that applications growth is defensible rather than disrupted.
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Mike Sicilia, CEO	"system of record"	Applications moat	Management emphasizes data gravity and workflow depth as the SaaS defense against standalone AI tools.

Hardware

Hardware has minimal standalone forward commentary in the last four calls. Management discusses hardware mostly as part of OCI supply chain, accelerators, networking, storage, and engineered datacenter deployment rather than as the legacy hardware segment. For modeling, the hardware segment is smaller and declining in annual revenue from FY2021 to FY2025, but its strategic relevance is higher than its reported revenue because Oracle uses hardware, engineered systems, and infrastructure design to deliver cloud and AI capacity. The main data gap is that Oracle does not separately disclose product-level AI hardware, server, storage, or engineered-system revenue inside the hardware segment.

Source	Speaker	Short verified quote fragment	Topic	Interpretation
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Clay Magouyrk, CEO	"rack output by 4x"	Supply chain	The hardware/supply-chain system is an enabler for OCI revenue conversion.
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Clay Magouyrk, CEO	"networking and storage"	Adjacent services	AI deals pull non-accelerator infrastructure services, supporting a broader OCI revenue and margin mix.
FY2025 10-K	Oracle filing	"outsource the manufacturing"	Manufacturing risk	Oracle relies on third-party manufacturing partners; supply continuity is a segment and OCI execution risk.

Services

Services commentary is also sparse. The services segment is lower margin than cloud/software and hardware on the disclosed segment-margin measure, and Oracle increasingly frames implementation speed and go-live metrics as evidence for cloud applications rather than as a separate consulting growth engine. Treat Services primarily as an adoption and implementation enabler, not a standalone growth thesis. The Q3 call disclosed over 2,000 application and industry application go-lives, which is relevant to services workload but not separately mapped to services revenue.

Source	Speaker	Short verified quote fragment	Topic	Interpretation
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Mike Sicilia, CEO	"over 2,000 customers go live"	Implementation velocity	Go-live scale supports cloud application adoption, but services revenue is not separately linked.
Q3 FY2026 call, 2026-03-10	Mike Sicilia, CEO	"median time to go-live decrease"	Services productivity	If implementations shorten, services revenue may not grow in line with SaaS bookings.
FY2025 10-K	Oracle filing	"consulting services"	Segment definition	The services segment remains a discrete reportable business but is not the main value driver.

7. Capital allocation history, 5 years

Year	Capex ($B)	Capex / revenue	R&D ($B)	R&D / revenue	Buybacks ($B)	Dividends ($B)	M&A ($B)	Source
FY2021	2.1	5.3%	6.5	16.1%	21.6	3.1	0.0	FMP cash-flow and income-statement annual
FY2022	4.5	10.6%	7.2	17.0%	17.3	3.5	0.1	FMP cash-flow and income-statement annual
FY2023	8.7	17.4%	8.6	17.3%	2.5	3.7	27.7	FMP cash-flow and income-statement annual
FY2024	6.9	13.0%	8.9	16.8%	3.2	4.4	0.1	FMP cash-flow and income-statement annual
FY2025	21.2	37.0%	9.9	17.2%	1.5	4.7	0.0	FMP cash-flow and income-statement annual

Capital allocation regime shift: FY2021-FY2024 remained positive FCF despite buybacks and dividends, while FY2025 FCF was near breakeven and the TTM through Q3 FY2026 was sharply negative because cloud/AI capex accelerated. This is not a minor modeling detail: the path to compounding depends on whether $50B FY2026 capex and large future lease commitments convert into profitable recurring OCI revenue before debt and preferred equity costs pressure per-share value.

8. Balance sheet snapshot, Q3 FY2026

Item	$B	Source
Cash and equivalents	38.455	Feb. 28, 2026 10-Q / FMP balance sheet quarter
Short-term investments	0.677	Feb. 28, 2026 10-Q / FMP balance sheet quarter
Notes payable and other borrowings	134.605	Feb. 28, 2026 10-Q; QF P6 official debt definition
Net financial debt	95.473	Notes and borrowings less cash and marketable securities
Net debt / approx. EBITDA	3.440	QF P6: net financial debt / TTM EBITDA approximation
Goodwill plus intangibles	65.915	FMP balance-sheet quarter
Tangible book value	-27.420	FMP total stockholders equity less goodwill and intangibles
Operating lease-inclusive net debt	113.985	QF P6 lease-inclusive sensitivity

Balance-sheet interpretation: the headline cash balance rose after the February 2026 financing activity, but leverage remains a central diligence flag. FMP total debt includes additional lease-like obligations, while QF uses SEC notes payable and other borrowings for net financial debt. Both views should be shown in valuation sensitivity because the AI infrastructure buildout is funded through a mix of notes, preferred stock, customer prepayments, customer-supplied GPUs, partner-funded capacity, and potentially common equity through an ATM program.

9. Recent corporate actions, last 12 months

- 2026-04-06: Oracle appointed Hilary Maxson as Chief Financial Officer and Principal Financial Officer; Douglas Kehring transitioned to EVP, Operations. Source: SEC 8-K filed April 6, 2026, live pulled in this run.
- 2026-03-10: Board declared $0.50 per common share quarterly dividend payable April 24, 2026; mandatory convertible preferred dividend also declared. Source: Q3 FY2026 8-K.
- 2026-02-04: Oracle issued $25.0B aggregate principal amount of notes across 2029 to 2066 maturities. Net proceeds may fund general corporate purposes including capex, debt repayment, investments/acquisitions, dividends, or buybacks. Source: SEC 8-K live pull.
- 2026-02-05: Oracle closed 100.0M depositary shares representing 6.50% Series D mandatory convertible preferred stock with $100,000 liquidation preference per preferred share. Source: SEC 8-K live pull.
- 2026-02-04: Oracle entered an at-the-market common equity program for up to $20.0B aggregate gross proceeds; Q3 release said the company had not yet initiated the ATM portion. Source: SEC 8-K and Q3 release.
- 2026-01/Q3 FY2026: TikTok US completed separation of U.S. data operations into an independent company in which Oracle holds a 15% equity stake and board seat; management said existing technology-vendor revenue continues and equity-method accounting begins with a two-month lag. Source: Q3 FY2026 FMP transcript.
- 2025-09-22: Clayton Magouyrk and Michael Sicilia were promoted to Chief Executive Officers and joined the board; Safra Catz moved from CEO/PFO to Executive Vice Chair. Source: SEC 8-K filed September 22, 2025, live pulled in this run.
- 2025-06 to 2026-03: quarterly common dividend increased to $0.50 per share and repeated in Q4 FY2025 and Q1-Q3 FY2026 releases. Source: SEC 8-K EX-99.1 releases.

10. Open data gaps and flags

- Oracle does not disclose a full five-year dollar P&L for OCI, cloud infrastructure, multicloud database, Fusion, NetSuite, or industry SaaS. This package records quarterly rounded dollars and growth rates where disclosed and marks the rest as not separately disclosed.
- FMP revenue-product-segmentation uses legacy naming, Cloud And License Business, while FY2026 SEC filings use Cloud and software. The economic segment is the same; do not double count it as two segments.
- FMP Q3 FY2026 income-statement operating income and pretax income differed from SEC values in QF/QFR. Use SEC-controlled QF P3/P4 numbers for latest-quarter TTM, not the raw FMP Q3 operating-income line.
- FMP revenue-product-segmentation quarterly endpoint omitted FY2026 Q2 in QF/QFR. Use the official SEC Q2 10-Q segment values for Q2 FY2026.
- Oracle IR direct fetches were Cloudflare-challenged from PowerShell for several pages. SEC-hosted 8-K Exhibit 99.1 releases were fetched live and used instead; this is a source-access flag, not a data gap, because the same press releases are filed on EDGAR.
- Hardware and services have little standalone forward commentary. Segment appendices should avoid inventing growth narratives; use historical segment revenue/margin and tie any strategic role back to OCI deployment or application go-live evidence.
- Management states AI infrastructure gross margin above 30% on delivered capacity, but consolidated GAAP margins must absorb depreciation, construction-period costs, interest expense, preferred dividends, and possible equity dilution.
- The biggest modeling flag is funding: RPO and FY2027 revenue guidance are large, but TTM FCF is negative and net financial debt / approximate EBITDA was 3.44x at Q3 FY2026. Treat financing terms, customer prepayments, and partner funding as first-order assumptions.

Self-verification log

Check	Result	Evidence
Latest-quarter largest-segment growth	PASS	Q3 FY2026 SEC EX-99.1 release contains cloud revenue $8.9B +44%, IaaS $4.9B +84%, total revenue $17.2B +22%.
Transcript quote/date alignment	PASS	FMP earning-call-transcript FY2026 Q3 returned date 2026-03-10, period Q3, year 2026; quote fragments used above were found in that live pull.
FY2025 revenue tie	PASS	FMP income-statement annual live pull returns FY2025 revenue $57.399B, tying QF/QFR and the FY2025 10-K within 1%.

Downstream summary

Use three segment appendices: cloud_and_software, hardware, and services. FY2025 revenue mix is cloud/software $49.230B (85.8% of total), hardware $2.936B (5.1%), and services $5.233B (9.1%). TTM ending February 28, 2026 is $64.077B revenue, $19.581B GAAP operating income, $16.210B net income, $23.514B CFO, $(48.250)B capex, and $(24.736)B FCF. The live-source package supports strong OCI/cloud recency, but the material flags are leverage, capex intensity, disclosure granularity, and concentrated AI infrastructure RPO conversion risk.

Analyst-use notes for Wave 2

- Cloud and software is the only segment with enough disclosed operational color to support a detailed bottom-up narrative. Even there, the model must separate disclosed dollars from disclosed growth rates. OCI, cloud infrastructure, SaaS, Fusion, NetSuite, multicloud database, and AI infrastructure are all valuable sub-drivers, but only some are disclosed with quarterly dollar values. Where management gives only growth rates, downstream appendices should use those rates as directional evidence rather than treating them as a complete base-year revenue stack.
- Hardware should not be dismissed simply because reported external hardware revenue is small. Oracle's cloud buildout depends on hardware procurement, standardized datacenter design, rack output, networking, storage, and customer-supplied or Oracle-procured accelerators. The accounting segment captures external hardware revenue, while the strategic hardware function also appears inside cloud capex and OCI delivery economics.
- Services is a supporting adoption layer. The segment's direct revenue has been relatively stable to declining, but implementation speed, customer go-lives, and integrated industry suites can affect application retention and expansion. Do not forecast a services breakout without evidence; use it mainly as an adoption friction and margin-mix variable.
- The Q3 FY2026 guide reset is central. Oracle guided FY2026 revenue to $67B, FY2026 capex to $50B, and FY2027 revenue to $90B. A model that accepts the revenue guide but ignores the funding and depreciation consequences will overstate earnings quality. Conversely, a model that treats capex as purely speculative will understate the contractual RPO conversion case.