



Key Facts

Business address: **Norwalk, Connecticut, United States**  
 Industry: **Software Publishers** (NAICS 511210)  
 SEC filer status: **Large Accelerated Filer** as of Mar 2021  
 Index member: **S&P 400, Russell 1000**  
 Market Cap: **\$12.8b** as of Jul 22, 2021  
 Annual revenue: **\$1.49b** as of Aug 31, 2020

Corporate Governance

CEO: **Philip Snow** since 2015  
 CFO: **Helen Shan** since 2018 1st level

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Board Chairman: **Robin A. Abrams** since 2020  
 Audit Committee Chair: **NOT AVAILABLE** 2nd level

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Auditor: **Ernst & Young LLP** since 2013  
 Outside Counsel (most recent): **Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP** 3rd level

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SEC Reviewer: **(unknown)** 4th level

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Accounting and financial disclosure data from [Audit Analytics](#).  
 Executive compensation data from [Shore Group and Intrinio](#).  
 Data from [Sharadar](#).  
[Data from Barchart via Quandl](#).  
[Data from Exchange Data International via Quandl](#).

Jul 23, 2021 Jan 1, 2020 Jan 1, 2016

RECENT PERIOD HISTORICAL PERIOD

10-Q filed on Jul 2, 2021 for period ending Mar 2021

Reporting Irregularities

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Financial Restatements	✓
✓	Revisions	✓
✓	Out of Period Adjustments	✓
✓	Late Filings	✓
!	Impairments	✓
✓	Changes in Accounting Estimates	✓
!	Disclosure Controls	!
✓	Internal Controls	✓
!	Critical / Key Audit Matters	!

Anomalies in the Numbers

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Benford's Law	✓
✓	Beneish M-Score	✓
✓	Accounting Disclosure Complexity	✓

Securities & Exchange Commission Concerns

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	SEC Oversight	✓
!	SEC Letters to Management	!
✓	Revenue Recognition	✓
✓	Non-GAAP Measures	✓

Litigation & External Pressures

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Significant Litigation	!
✓	Securities Class Actions	✓
✓	Shareholder Activism	✓
✓	Cybersecurity	✓

Management Review

RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	CEO Changes	✓
✓	CFO Changes	!
!	Insider Sales	!
✓	Pledged Securities	✓
✓	Mergers & Acquisitions	!
✓	Sales of Assets	✓

Auditor Assessment

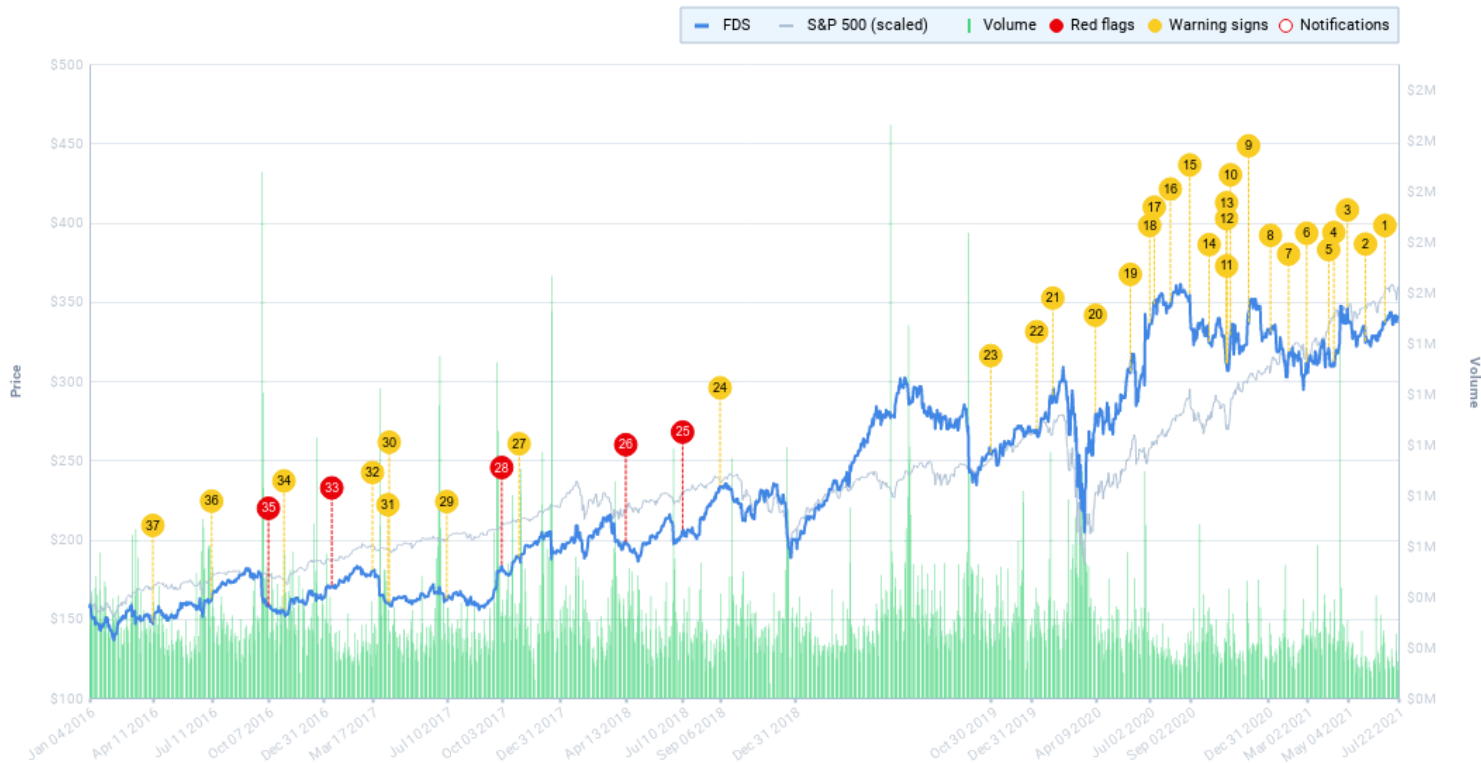
RECENT		HISTORICAL
✓	Auditor Changes	✓
✓	Auditor Experience	✓
✓	Auditor Tenure	✓
!	Audit Fees	!
✓	Non-Audit Fees	✓



## Overview

### Price and Volume History

This graph shows the price and trading history for FactSet. Warning signs and red flags are marked on the graph according to their disclosure dates.



- 1 Jul 1, 2021 - Insider Sale
- 2 Jun 1, 2021 - Insider Sale
- 3 May 4, 2021 - Insider Sale
- 4 Apr 13, 2021 - SEC letters to management
- 5 Apr 5, 2021 - Insider Sale
- 6 Mar 2, 2021 - Insider Sale
- 7 Feb 2, 2021 - Insider Sale
- 8 Jan 5, 2021 - Insider Sale
- 9 Dec 2, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 10 Nov 4, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 11 Oct 29, 2020 - Impairment
- 12 Oct 29, 2020 - Disclosure Controls
- 13 Oct 29, 2020 - Critical / Key Audit Matters
- 14 Oct 2, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 15 Sep 2, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 16 Aug 3, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 17 Jul 9, 2020 - Disclosure Controls
- 18 Jul 2, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 19 Jun 2, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 20 Apr 9, 2020 - Disclosure Controls
- 21 Feb 3, 2020 - Insider Sale
- 22 Jan 9, 2020 - Disclosure Controls
- 23 Oct 30, 2019 - Critical / Key Audit Matters
- 24 Sep 6, 2018 - Change in CFO
- 25 Jul 10, 2018 - Insider Sale
- 26 Apr 13, 2018 - Insider Sale
- 27 Oct 30, 2017 - Disclosure Controls
- 28 Oct 3, 2017 - Insider Sale
- 29 Jul 10, 2017 - Disclosure Controls
- 30 Apr 12, 2017 - SEC letters to management
- 31 Apr 10, 2017 - Disclosure Controls
- 32 Mar 17, 2017 - Mergers & Acquisitions
- 33 Jan 13, 2017 - Insider Sale
- 34 Oct 31, 2016 - Disclosure Controls
- 35 Oct 7, 2016 - Insider Sale
- 36 Jul 11, 2016 - Disclosure Controls
- 37 Apr 11, 2016 - Disclosure Controls



## Notifications

Important notifications related to the company are listed here. Notifications may come from the SEC, exchanges such as the NYSE or NASDAQ, or Watchdog Research. Examples of notifications include announcements of bankruptcy proceedings, company name changes, and noncompliance with SEC regulations or exchange rules.

**There are no notifications for FactSet at least since 2016.**

## Peer Group

Peer groups are used by companies to benchmark executive compensation and performance. Each company identifies its own peer group. Peer groups vary from company to company.

### Peer Group

Company	Ticker	Market Cap
S&P Global Inc.	SPGI	\$101b
Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.	FIS	\$90.6b
Moody's Corp.	MCO	\$71.4b
Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.	ICE	\$67.7b
Thomson Reuters Corp.	TRI	\$51.4b
MSCI Inc.	MSCI	\$47.2b
IHS Markit Ltd.	INFO	\$46.1b
Costar Group Inc.	CSGP	\$35.2b
Verisk Analytics, Inc.	VRSK	\$30.3b
FactSet Research Systems Inc.	FDS	\$12.8b

### Companies Who Named FactSet as a Peer

Company	Ticker	Market Cap
Mercadolibre Inc.	MELI	\$79.3b
MSCI Inc.	MSCI	\$47.2b
Costar Group Inc.	CSGP	\$35.2b
Equifax Inc.	EFX	\$30.4b
Nasdaq, Inc.	NDAQ	\$30.4b
VeriSign Inc.	VRSN	\$26.1b
Transunion	TRU	\$21.9b
SS&C Technologies Holdings Inc.	SSNC	\$19.2b
MarketAxess Holdings Inc.	MKTX	\$17.6b
FactSet Research Systems Inc.	FDS	\$12.8b



## Peer Flag Comparison

The return to a company's stock is not the only measure of executive performance. Ethics matter, and growth can quickly reverse and gains evaporate if a company's accounting and financial reporting processes are not fundamentally sound and trustworthy. How does FactSet's accounting quality compare to its peer group?

	FDS	PEERGROUP FLAGS		
<b>Reporting Irregularities</b>				
Financial Restatements	✓	8		1
Revisions	✓	8	1	
Out of Period Adjustments	✓	9		
Impairments	!	3	6	
Changes in Accounting Estimates	✓	7	2	
Disclosure Controls	!	1	8	
Internal Controls	✓	9		
Critical / Key Audit Matters	!		8	1
<b>Anomalies in the Numbers</b>				
Benford's Law	✓	8		1
Beneish M-Score	✓	2	2	
Accounting Disclosure Complexity	✓	6	2	1
<b>Securities &amp; Exchange Commission Concerns</b>				
SEC Oversight	✓	7	2	
SEC Letters to Management	!		9	
Revenue Recognition	✓	8	1	
Non-GAAP Measures	✓	9		

	FDS	PEERGROUP FLAGS		
<b>Litigation &amp; External Pressures</b>				
Significant Litigation	!	1	2	6
Securities Class Actions	✓	5		4
Shareholder Activism	✓	8	1	
Cybersecurity	✓	7	2	
<b>Management Review</b>				
CEO Changes	✓	6		2
CFO Changes	!	2	3	3
Insider Sales	!	1	3	5
Pledged Securities	✓	8	1	
Mergers & Acquisitions	!	3	3	3
Sales of Assets	✓	9		
<b>Auditor Assessment</b>				
Auditor Changes	✓	8	1	
Auditor Experience	✓	9		
Auditor Tenure	✓	7	2	
Audit Fees	!	2	7	
Non-Audit Fees	✓	5	4	



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