

Research Report – Update

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Unique Fabricating, Inc.

Speculative Buy

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UFAB \$3.49 — (NYSE MKT)

	<u>2018A</u>	<u>2019A</u>	<u>2020E</u>	<u>2021E</u>
Revenues (millions)	\$174.9	\$152.5	\$116.7	\$142.0
Earnings (loss) per share*	\$0.37	\$(0.93)	\$(0.57)	\$0.09

52-Week range	\$4.80 – \$1.44	Fiscal year ends:	December
Common shares out as of 8/7/20	9.8 million	Revenue per share (TTM)	\$12.67
Approximate float	7.2 million	Price/Sales (TTM)	0.3X
Market capitalization	\$34 million	Price/Sales (FY2021)E	0.2X
Tangible book value/share	\$0.24	Price/Earnings (TTM)	NMF
Price/tangible book value	14.5X	Price/Earnings (FY2021)E	NMF

*2019 includes an estimated \$(0.69) per share restructuring/impairment charge. 2020 includes an estimated \$(0.09) per share restructuring charge. Headquartered in Auburn Hills, MI, Unique Fabricating (UFAB) is engaged in the engineering and manufacture of multi-material foam, rubber, and plastic components. These components are utilized for reducing noise, vibration and harshness, acoustical management, water and air sealing, decorative and other functional applications.

Key investment considerations:

Reiterating Speculative Buy rating and raising our twelve-month price target to \$5.00 per share from \$4.00 based on our increased 2021 sales forecast, a return to profitability, and increased sector valuation.

The outbreak and subsequent spread of COVID-19 had an adverse impact on the outlook for North American vehicle production with most vehicle manufacturers having had some form of a shutdown at their facilities. This is expected to result in reduced sales for UFAB in 2020. As COVID-19 conditions ease, projections are for North American vehicle production to grow in 2021, reaching 17 million by 2023, up from 12.9 million in 2020.

Growing North American vehicle production along with the trend of reducing a vehicle's weight and increasing passenger comfort should support our 2021 sales growth forecast. Contributing to 2021 sales growth should be growing medical market sales (face shields and masks) that is a new revenue stream for the company.

For FY20, we project a 23.4% decrease in revenue to \$116.7 million and a loss of \$(0.57) per share. We previously projected revenue of \$114 million and a loss of \$(0.76) per share. Our projections reflect 1H20 results.

For FY21, we project a 21.6% increase in revenue to \$142 million and EPS of \$0.09. We previously projected revenue of \$136 million and a loss of \$(0.03) per share. Our projections reflect a higher 2021 North American vehicle production rate and contribution from UFAB's new medical market segment.

UFAB reported (8/13/20) a 2Q20 loss of \$(0.44) per share on a 62% decrease in revenue to \$14.8 million. The loss in 2Q19 was \$(0.78) per share. Excluding impairment charges, we estimate the adjusted loss was \$(0.09) per share in 2Q19. We projected 2Q20 revenue of \$14 million and a loss of \$(0.55) per share.

****Please view our disclosures on pages 13 - 15.***

Recommendation and Valuation

Reiterating Speculative Buy rating on Unique Fabricating, Inc. and raising our twelve-month price target to \$5.00 per share from \$4.00 based on our increased 2021 sales forecast, a return to profitability, and increased sector valuation.

The company's product sales and programs are highly correlated with new vehicle production in North America. The outbreak and subsequent spread of COVID-19 had an adverse impact on the outlook for North American vehicle production with most vehicle manufacturers having had some form of a shutdown at their facilities. According to LMC Automotive, North American production is projected to decrease to 12.9 million in 2020 from approximately 16.2 million in 2019. As COVID-19 conditions ease, projections are for North American vehicle production to begin growing in 2021, reaching 17 million by 2023.

Growing North American vehicle production along with the trend of reducing a vehicle's weight and increasing passenger comfort should result in UFAB's sales growth outpacing vehicle production rates in 2021. Contributing to our 2021 sales growth forecast should be medical market sales (face shields and masks) that is a new revenue stream. The company is targeting medical market sales reaching more than 10% of total sales by the end of 2022.

UFAB currently trades at a trailing twelve-month P/S multiple of 0.3X. Company peers trade at a multiple of 0.5X trailing twelve-month sales (0.4X previously). We believe UFAB'S valuation should improve as pandemic conditions ease and sales growth resumes. We applied a multiple of 0.4X to our FY21 sales projection of \$14.52 per share, discounted to account for execution risk, to obtain a year-ahead value of approximately \$5.00 per share.

Business

Headquartered in Auburn Hills, MI, Unique Fabricating (UFAB) is engaged in the engineering and manufacture of multi-material foam, rubber, and plastic components. These components are utilized to reduce noise, vibration and harshness, acoustical management, water and air sealing, decorative and other functional applications.

UFAB's products are sold mainly to the North American automotive industry (approximately 85% of total sales in 2019) and are used in industrial applications such as appliances, water heaters, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems (approximately 10% of total sales in 2019).

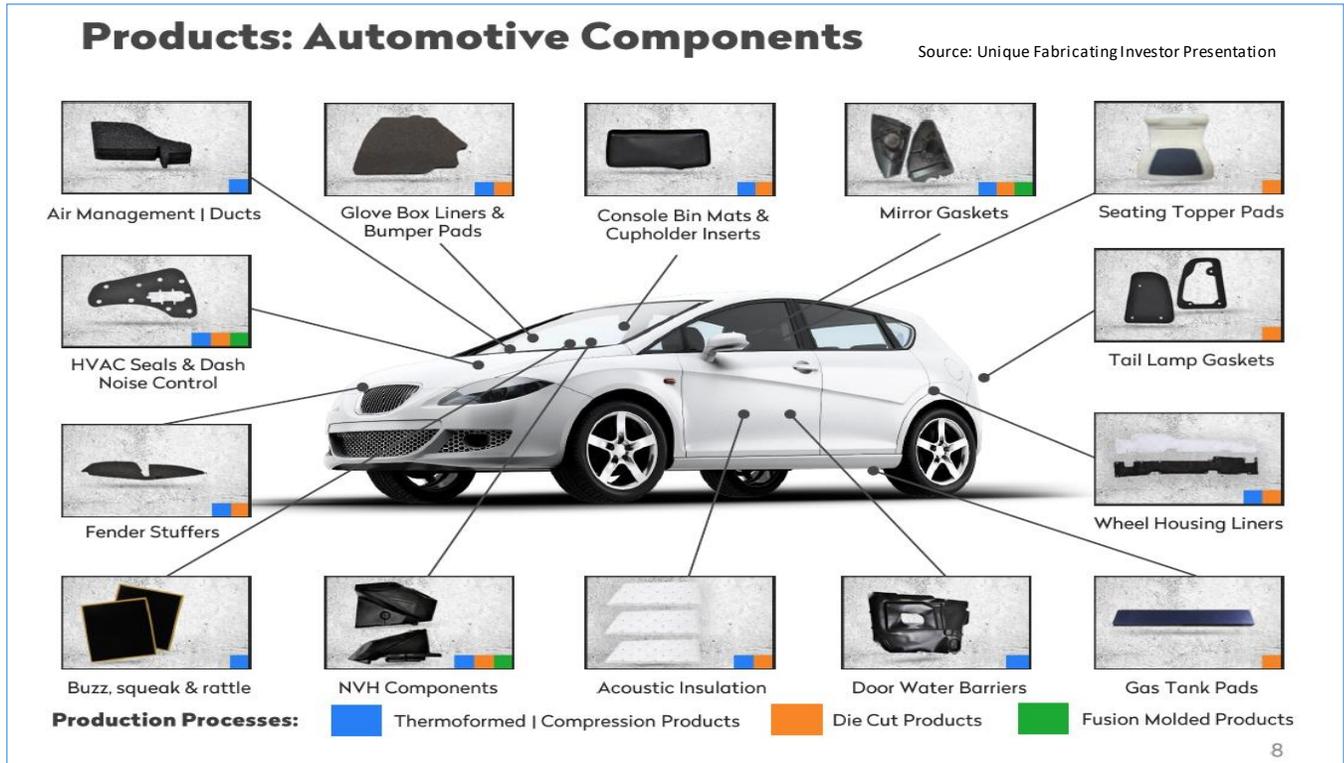
Unique's primary products are identified by their manufacturing processes, die cut products, thermoformed/compression molded products (includes reaction injection molding), and fusion molded products. Die cut products are utilized in applications such as air and water sealing, insulation, NVH (noise, vibration, and harshness) performance and BSR (buzz, squeak, rattle) conditions. Thermoformed and compression molded products include HVAC air ducts, door water shields, evaporator liners, console bin mats and fender insulators, among others. Fusion molded products include exterior mirror seals, cowl-to-hood seals, cowl-to-fender seals, and other NVH management and sealing applications like fillers, spacers and gaskets. Pictured at the top on the next page are UFAB's products used by automotive customers.

Industry

UFAB engineers and manufactures multi-material foam, rubber, and plastic components.

Urethane Foam Products Manufacturing

Products made with this type of foam are used to insulate objects, reduce shock in packaging, seat cushioning, carpet cushioning, car interiors, fluid filtration systems, and anti-noise and vibration systems.



The Urethane Foam Manufacturing industry is expected to expand annually by 0.4% reaching \$12 billion in 2020 from 2015. This projection has been adjusted downward from 0.6% since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. IBISWorld projects average annual revenue growth of 1.1% to \$12.6 billion in 2025 from \$12 billion in 2020. With automotive at 11.9% of the total market, this would equate to a \$1.5 billion market for automotive and automotive parts manufacturers by 2025 assuming the current percentages hold steady.

The state of the US automotive industry, including domestic production volumes, affects demand for foam products. The automotive industry uses polyurethane foam in car seats and insulation applications with demand directly correlated to automobile production levels. When more vehicles are manufactured, more foam products will be purchased by the automotive industry for inputs into their vehicles and their components. A greater focus on fuel efficiency will result in more prevalent use of foam in automobile production, given its light weight. LMC Automotive projects North American vehicle production to decrease to 12.9 million in 2020 from approximately 17 million in 2017. As COVID-19 conditions ease, projections are for North American vehicle production to begin growing in 2021 and reach 17 million in 2023.

Rubber Products Manufacturing

The rubber products manufacturing industry is estimated to have generated sales of approximately \$18.9 billion in 2019 (according to IBISWorld) with 25.2% or \$4.8 billion coming from the automotive segment. IBISWorld projects overall industry revenue growth at an annualized rate of 1.4% reaching \$20.2 billion in 2024. However, these projections were made in December 2019, before the onslaught of the coronavirus. We believe the pandemic will result in a decline in sales in 2020 versus the 1% growth IBISWorld originally projected. We believe growth will resume in 2021 as the pandemic conditions ease.

Plastic Products Manufacturing

Revenue for the Plastic Products Miscellaneous Manufacturing industry is projected to decline in 2020 as a result of weakened demand and falling prices from COVID-19. IBISWorld projects the plastic products manufacturing industry to generate approximately \$103.4 billion in sales in 2020, down 1.2% from \$104.7 billion in 2019. The overall industry is projected to grow at an annualized rate of 0.9% to \$108.2 billion in 2025.

Automotive manufacturers are the industry’s second-largest market segment (23.8%). Plastic offers automobile manufacturers an inexpensive, lightweight and corrosive-free material that can be used inside and outside the vehicle. While the overall segment has declined over the five years to 2020, plastic product usage in automobiles has expanded as manufacturers have increasingly sought to improve vehicle fuel efficiency.

Federal regulations requiring cars to have an average fuel economy of 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025 could boost automotive manufacturing moving forward. A simple way for car manufacturers to increase fuel efficiency is to produce lighter cars by using plastic materials instead of steel.

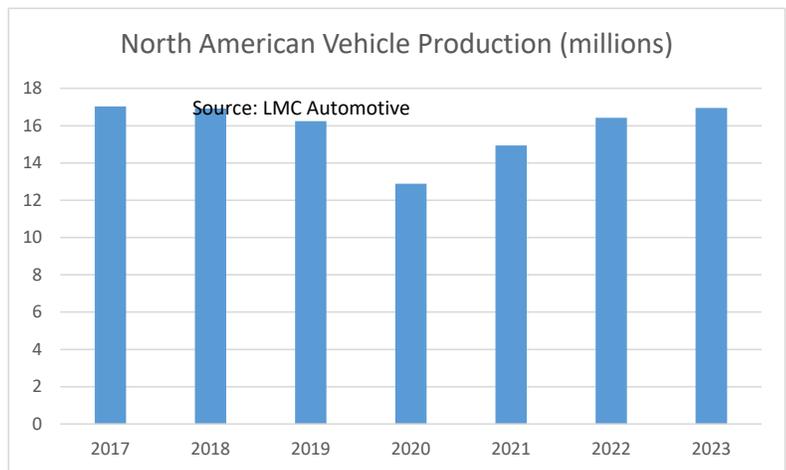
Primary End Market

The automotive parts industry provides components, systems, subsystems and modules to OEMs for the manufacture of new vehicles. Within the automotive parts industry, North America is UFAB’s core market.

Demand for automotive parts in the OEM market is generally a function of the number of new vehicles produced. Although OEM demand is tied to actual vehicle production, participants in the automotive parts industry also have the opportunity to grow through increasing product content per vehicle. We believe that the current trend of increasing fuel efficiency and lowering vehicle weight should help drive increased usage of parts produced by UFAB.

The evolution of materials utilized in vehicles is moving away from conventional steel and is expected to be increasingly replaced by lighter weight materials such as plastics and foam materials.

The outbreak and subsequent spread of COVID-19 has had an adverse impact on the outlook for North American vehicle production in the short- to mid-term with most vehicle manufacturers having had some form of a shutdown at their facilities. North American production is projected to decrease to 12.9 million in 2020 from approximately 16.2 million in 2019. As COVID-19 conditions ease, projections for North American vehicle production are 17 million by 2023 (see chart at right).



2Q and 1H20 Financial Results

2Q20 – The net loss was \$4.3 million or \$(0.44) per share on a 62% decrease in revenue to \$14.8 million. The net loss in 2Q19 was \$7.6 million or \$(0.78) per share. The net loss for 2Q19 included \$6.8 million or \$(0.69) per share of impairment expenses. Excluding this item, we estimate a \$(0.09) loss per share in 2Q19. We projected 2Q20 revenue of \$14 million and a net loss of \$5.4 million or \$(0.55) per share.

The decrease in revenue was primarily driven by customer shutdowns related to the COVID-19 pandemic partially offset by new sales of personal protective equipment.

Gross profit decreased to \$1.7 million from \$8.2 million with gross margins decreasing to 11.8% from 21.1%. SG&A expenses decreased 15.4% to \$6.3 million from \$7.4 million. Operating expense margin (excluding impairment charges) increased to 42.6% from 19.1%. The operating loss was \$4.8 million versus \$6.7 million in the year-ago period. Interest expense decreased to \$624,000 from \$1.3 million due primarily to reduced debt levels. The company received an income tax benefit of \$1.1 million compared to a benefit of \$389,000 in 2Q19.

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1H20 – The net loss was \$5.5 million or \$(0.56) per share on a 36.5% decrease in revenue to \$49.7 million. The net loss in 1H19 was \$7.8 million or \$(0.80) per share. The net loss for 1H19 included \$6.8 million or \$(0.69) per share of impairment expenses. Excluding this item, we estimate an \$(0.11) loss per share in 1H19.

The decrease in revenue was primarily driven by customer shutdowns related to the COVID-19 pandemic partially offset by new sales of personal protective equipment.

Gross profit decreased to \$8.8 million from \$16.5 million with gross margins decreasing to 17.7% from 21.1%. SG&A expenses decreased 17.4% to \$12.1 million from \$14.7 million. Operating expense margin (excluding impairment charges) increased to 24.4% from 18.8%. The operating loss was \$4.5 million versus \$5.8 million in the year ago period. Interest expense decreased to \$2.3 million from \$2.4 million. The company received an income tax benefit of \$1.4 million compared to a benefit of \$346,000 in 1H19.

Liquidity - As of June 30, 2020, the company had \$4.7 million cash, a current ratio of 2.5, \$50.5 million of debt (of which \$2.8 million is current) for a debt/equity ratio of 1.5X, and approximately 31% of assets are covered by equity.

In 1H20, cash provided by operations was approximately \$1.4 million consisting of a cash loss of \$2.2 million and a \$3.5 million decrease in working capital. The decrease in working capital was primarily due to a decrease in receivables offset in part by an increases in inventory and prepaid expenses. Cash provided by investing activities of \$88,000 consisted of proceeds from the sale of property, plant, and equipment offset in part by capital expenditures. Cash provided by financing of \$2.6 million consisted primarily of a net increase in debt. Cash increased by \$4.1 million to \$4.7 million at June 30, 2020.

The company has a \$61 million credit agreement with Citizens Bank, NA. The credit agreement consists of a revolving line of credit of up to \$30 million, term loans totaling \$26 million, and a two year \$5 million line of credit dedicated to capital expenditures. The revolver and term loans mature on November 7, 2023 and bear interest at the greater of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus a margin ranging from 1.75% to 3.25%, or LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 2.75% to 4.25%, based on senior leverage ratio thresholds measured quarterly. The effective interest rate as of June 30, 2020 was approximately 5%.

As of June 30, 2020, the company was in compliance with its financial covenants. In response to the anticipated impact of COVID-19, on April 24, 2020, Unique Fabricating entered into a Promissory Note for approximately \$6 million with Citizens Bank, NA pursuant to the US Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. The Note is unsecured, bears interest at an annual rate of 1% with principal and interest payments deferred for the first six months, and matures in two years.

On August 7, 2020, Unique Fabricating entered into the eighth amendment to the credit agreement. The agreement amended the definition of consolidated EBITDA and made changes to the calculations of financial covenants. The definition of consolidated EBITDA now includes as an addition to consolidated net income, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the amendment not to exceed \$175,000, restructuring expenses not to exceed \$500,000 in any 12 month period, costs incurred with respect to the purchase and implementation of the ERP system not to exceed \$200,000 during each fiscal quarter in 2020 and \$100,000 during each fiscal quarter in 2021, and any portion of the PPP loan that has been forgiven and cancelled.

	6 Months Ended (in thousands \$)	
	<u>6/20A</u>	<u>6/19A</u>
Sales	49,736	78,356
Cost of sales	<u>40,921</u>	<u>61,844</u>
Gross profit	8,815	16,512
Selling, general, and administrative	12,146	14,696
Restructuring / impairment expenses	<u>1,193</u>	<u>7,585</u>
Operating income	(4,524)	(5,769)
Other income (expense)	(6)	43
Interest expense	<u>(2,289)</u>	<u>(2,432)</u>
Income before income taxes	<u>(6,819)</u>	<u>(8,158)</u>
Income tax (benefit)	(1,366)	(346)
Net income	<u>(5,453)</u>	<u>(7,812)</u>
EPS	<u>(0.56)</u>	<u>(0.80)</u>
Shares Outstanding	9,780	9,779
<u>Margin Analysis</u>		
Gross margin	17.7%	21.1%
SG&A	24.4%	18.8%
Operating margin	(9.1)%	(7.4)%
Tax rate	20.0%	4.2%
Net margin	(11.0)%	(10.0)%
<u>Year / Year Growth</u>		
Total Revenues	(36.5)%	
Net Income	NMF	
EPS	NMF	
Source: Company filings		

The changes to the calculation of certain financial covenants is based upon 12 month results to effectively exclude results of the quarter ended June 30, 2020. The calculation of maximum total leverage ratio has been amended, commencing with the quarter ending September 30, 2020 and through and including the quarter ending March 31, 2021, to annualize consolidated EBITDA for the periods beginning July 1, 2020 through the date of calculation. The calculation of minimum debt service coverage ratio for the quarters ended September 30, 2020, December 31, 2020 and March 31, 2021, are based upon results for one, two and three quarters, respectively. The eighth amendment further adds a minimum liquidity requirement to be calculated monthly through June 30, 2021 and minimum consolidated EBITDA for each measurement period, as defined, through June 30, 2021.

Economic Outlook

As Unique's customers are principally engaged in the North American automotive industry (approximately 85% of FY19 sales), the economic outlook for this region should have a direct influence on its sales.

In June 2020, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) updated its global economic growth estimates to a decline of 4.9% for 2020 and growth of 5.4% for 2021, down from its April 2020 estimates calling for a decline of 3% for 2020 and growth of 5.8% for 2021. The revisions primarily reflect a more negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in 1H20 than originally anticipated and a more gradual recovery than previously forecast.

The IMF updated its economic growth estimate for the US to a decline of 8% for 2020 and growth of 4.5% for 2021. In April 2020, the IMF projected a decline in US growth of 5.9% for 2020 and growth of 4.7% for 2021.

The advance estimate of US GDP growth (released on July 30, 2020) showed the US economy decreased at an annual rate of 32.9% in 2Q20, greater than the 5% decline reported in 1Q19. The 2Q20 US GDP estimate primarily reflects decreases in consumer spending, exports, inventory investment, business investment, and housing investment, partially offset by an increase government spending.

Projections

The company's product sales and programs are highly correlated with new vehicle production in North America. The outbreak and subsequent spread of COVID-19 had an adverse impact on the outlook for North American vehicle production with most vehicle manufacturers having had some form of a shutdown at their facilities. According to LMC Automotive, North American production is projected to decrease to 12.9 million in 2020 from approximately 16.2 million in 2019. As COVID-19 conditions ease, projections are for North American vehicle production to begin growing in 2021, reaching 17 million by 2023.

Growing North American vehicle production along with the trend of reducing a vehicle's weight and increasing passenger comfort should result in UFAB's sales growth outpacing vehicle production rates in 2021. Also contributing to our 2021 sales growth forecast should be medical market sales (face shields and masks) that is a new revenue stream. The company is targeting medical market sales reaching more than 10% of total sales by the end of 2022.

FY20 - We project a 23.4% decrease in revenue to \$116.7 million and a net loss of \$5.6 million or \$(0.57) per share. We previously projected revenue of \$114 million and a net loss of \$7.4 million or \$(0.76) per share. The change in our projections reflects 1H20 results.

We project gross profit decreasing 30.7% to \$21.8 million due primarily to the reduction in revenue and gross margin compression to 18.7% from 20.7% on reduced overhead coverage. Helping to offset the gross margin compression should be a full year of cost savings from the closing of UFAB'S Evansville, Indiana facility in September 2019, and the Bryan, Ohio facility closing in January 2020.

SG&A expenses should decrease to \$24.1 million from \$26.8 million due primarily to cost reduction efforts. SG&A margins should increase to 20.7% from 17.5%.

We project interest expense decreasing to \$3.5 million from \$4.3 million on lower debt levels. Our tax rate estimate is 20.2%.

We project UFAB will generate \$9.2 million cash from operations on \$1.2 million of cash earnings and an \$8 million decrease in working capital. The decrease in working capital should come primarily from a decrease in receivables offset in part by an increased in prepaid expenses. Cash from operations should cover projected capital expenditures and repayment of debt, increasing cash by \$1.2 million to \$1.8 million at December 31, 2020.

FY21 - We project a 21.6% increase in revenue to \$142 million and net income of \$839,000 or \$0.09 per share. We previously projected revenue of \$136 million and a net loss of \$320,000 or \$(0.03) per share. Our projections reflect a higher projected 2021 North American vehicle production rate.

We project gross profit increasing 29.7% to \$28.3 million due primarily to the increase in revenue and gross margin expansion to 20% from 18.7% on greater overhead coverage.

SG&A expenses should increase to \$25 million from \$24.1 million as the company continues to control costs. SG&A margins should decrease to 17.6% from 20.7%. Operating income is projected to increase to \$3.3 million from an operating loss of \$3.5 million in 2020.

We project interest expense decreasing to \$2.2 million from \$3.5 million as the company reduces its debt levels. Our tax rate estimate is 26%.

We project UFAB will generate \$2.3 million cash from operations on \$6.4 million of cash earnings and a \$4.1 million increase in working capital. The increase in working capital should come primarily from an increase in receivables. Cash from operations is unlikely to cover projected capital expenditures and repayment of debt, decreasing cash by \$226,000 to \$1.6 million at December 31, 2021.

Risks

In our view, these are the principal risks underlying the stock.

Pandemic concerns – The outbreak of COVID-19 and any other outbreaks of contagious diseases could have a material adverse effect on UFAB’s business. COVID-19 has significantly impacted economic activity and markets worldwide, and could continue to negatively affect the company’s business. These effects could include, but are not limited to, disruptions or restrictions on UFAB’s employees’ ability to work effectively due to illness, travel bans, quarantines, shelter-in-place orders or other limitations. Temporary closures of the company’s facilities or the facilities of its customers or suppliers could affect UFABs ability to timely meet its customer’s orders and negatively impact its supply chain.

A substantial portion of 1H20 was affected by the shutdown of manufacturing operations in North America by General Motors Company (GM), Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) and Ford Motor Company (Ford). Direct and indirect sales through Tier I suppliers, to GM, FCA, and Ford represented approximately 51%, of UFAB’s net sales for FY19. The closures of customers’ operations had a substantial adverse effect on UFAB’s business.

Substantial debt level – As of June 30, 2020, UFAB had approximately \$50.5 million of debt outstanding. If the company were to default on paying its debt or fail to comply with the covenants, its lenders could take action that could lead to stockholders losing their investment.

Major customers may exert significant influence - The vehicle component supply industry is highly fragmented and serves a limited number of large OEMs that have a significant amount of leverage over their suppliers. The company’s contracts with major OEM and Tier 1 customers frequently provide for annual productivity cost reductions which UFAB has been able to offset through product design changes, increased productivity and similar programs with its suppliers. If UFAB is unable to generate sufficient production cost savings to offset price reductions, its gross margins and profitability would be adversely affected.

Competition – The vehicle component supply industry is highly competitive. UFAB’S products primarily compete on the basis of price, breadth of product offerings, product quality, technical expertise and development capability, product delivery and product service. Increased competition may lead to price reductions resulting in reduced gross margins and loss of market share.

Exchange rate risks – UFAB has two manufacturing facilities in Mexico and one in Canada. Because a portion of the company’s manufacturing costs are incurred in Mexican pesos and Canadian dollars, fluctuations in the US dollar/Mexican peso, and US dollar/Canadian dollar exchange rates, may have a material effect on profitability, cash flows, and financial position.

Cyclical nature of business - The demand for the company’s products is largely dependent on North American production of automobiles. UFAB’s business is cyclical in nature as new vehicle demand is dependent on, among other things, consumer spending, which is closely tied to the overall strength of the economy. A weakening economy would likely lead to declines in vehicle production and adversely impact the company’s financial condition. A potential disruption of US economic conditions lies in the global spread of the coronavirus that is likely to cause supply chain and demand issues which could adversely impact corporate operating results.

Potential impact of tariffs – The current US administration has taken steps to apply or consider applying tariffs on automobiles, parts, and other products and materials which could have the potential to disrupt existing supply chains and impose additional costs on UFAB’s business.

Material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting – As of June 30, 2020, the company identified a material weakness, primarily related to limited staffing levels that are not commensurate with its financial accounting and reporting requirements. If UFAB is unable to successfully remediate this material weakness, its financial statements could contain material misstatements.

Liquidity risk - Shares of Unique Fabricating have risks common to those of the microcap segment of the market. Often these risks cause microcap stocks to trade at discounts to their peers. The most common of these risks is liquidity risk, which is typically caused by small trading floats and very low trading volume and can lead to large spreads and high volatility in stock price. There are 7.2 million shares in the float and the average daily volume is approximately 21,000 shares.

Miscellaneous risk - The company's ability to maintain its dividend and its financial results and equity values are subject to other risks and uncertainties including competition, operations, financial markets, regulatory risk, and/or other events. These risks may cause actual results to differ from expected results.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in thousands \$)

	<u>FY17A</u>	<u>FY18A</u>	<u>FY19A</u>	<u>6/20A</u>	<u>FY20E</u>	<u>FY21E</u>
Cash	1,431	1,410	650	4,737	1,840	1,615
Accounts receivable	27,204	30,831	24,701	15,683	15,240	18,539
Inventory	16,330	16,285	13,047	15,137	13,555	16,238
Prepaid expenses and other	4,608	3,495	4,160	5,045	5,045	5,045
Total current assets	49,573	52,021	42,558	40,602	35,681	41,437
Property, plant and equipment	22,975	25,078	23,415	22,815	23,057	22,691
Goodwill	28,871	28,871	22,111	22,111	22,111	22,111
Intangible assets	19,636	15,568	11,625	9,625	7,711	5,255
Other assets	1,750	1,749	1,959	13,172	13,172	13,172
Total assets	<u>122,805</u>	<u>123,287</u>	<u>101,668</u>	<u>108,325</u>	<u>101,732</u>	<u>104,666</u>
Accounts payable	11,708	11,465	9,324	7,784	10,279	12,314
Current portion of long-term debt	3,800	3,350	2,847	2,847	2,847	2,847
Income taxes payable	349	41	-	-	-	-
Accrued compensation	2,841	2,848	1,225	993	993	993
Other accrued liabilities	1,027	1,432	1,979	4,312	4,312	4,312
Total current liabilities	19,725	19,136	15,375	15,936	18,431	20,466
Long-term debt	27,289	34,668	33,220	37,794	30,294	25,994
Line of credit	22,476	17,905	11,418	9,874	8,374	12,624
Other liabilities	2,433	2,690	2,195	10,659	10,659	10,659
Total liabilities	71,923	74,399	62,208	74,263	67,758	69,743
Total stockholders' equity	<u>50,882</u>	<u>48,888</u>	<u>39,460</u>	<u>34,062</u>	<u>33,974</u>	<u>34,923</u>
Total liabilities & stockholders' equity	<u>122,805</u>	<u>123,287</u>	<u>101,668</u>	<u>108,325</u>	<u>101,732</u>	<u>104,666</u>

Source: Company filings and Taglich Brothers' estimates

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Income Statements for the Fiscal Years Ended
(in thousands \$)

	<u>2017A</u>	<u>2018A</u>	<u>2019A</u>	<u>2020E</u>	<u>2021E</u>
Sales	175,288	174,910	152,489	116,735	142,000
Cost of sales	<u>135,234</u>	<u>135,575</u>	<u>120,981</u>	<u>94,887</u>	<u>113,666</u>
Gross profit	40,054	39,335	31,507	21,848	28,334
Selling, general, and administrative	29,767	29,781	26,751	24,146	25,000
Restructuring / impairment expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>1,156</u>	<u>9,512</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>-</u>
Operating income	10,287	8,398	(4,755)	(3,491)	3,334
Other income (expense)	78	(59)	11	(6)	-
Interest expense	<u>(2,745)</u>	<u>(3,778)</u>	<u>(4,287)</u>	<u>(3,515)</u>	<u>(2,200)</u>
Income before income taxes	<u>7,620</u>	<u>4,561</u>	<u>(9,031)</u>	<u>(7,012)</u>	<u>1,134</u>
Income tax (benefit)	1,133	862	37	(1,416)	295
Net income	<u>6,487</u>	<u>3,699</u>	<u>(9,068)</u>	<u>(5,596)</u>	<u>839</u>
EPS	<u>0.66</u>	<u>0.37</u>	<u>(0.93)</u>	<u>(0.57)</u>	<u>0.09</u>
Shares Outstanding	9,899	9,909	9,779	9,780	9,780
EBITDA		14,969	2,119	3,283	8,656
<u>Margin Analysis</u>					
Gross margin	22.9%	22.5%	20.7%	18.7%	20.0%
SG&A	17.0%	17.0%	17.5%	20.7%	17.6%
Operating margin	5.9%	4.8%	(3.1)%	(3.0)%	2.3%
Tax rate	14.9%	18.9%	(0.4)%	20.2%	26.0%
Net margin	3.7%	2.1%	(5.9)%	(4.8)%	0.6%
<u>Year / Year Growth</u>					
Total Revenues	2.8%	(0.2)%	(12.8)%	(23.4)%	21.6%

Source: Company filings and Taglich Brothers' estimates

Unique Fabricating, Inc.

Quarterly Income Statement 2019A to 2021E
(in thousands \$)

	<u>3/19A</u>	<u>6/19A</u>	<u>9/19A</u>	<u>12/19A</u>	<u>2019A</u>	<u>3/20A</u>	<u>6/20A</u>	<u>9/20E</u>	<u>12/20E</u>	<u>2020E</u>	<u>3/21E</u>	<u>6/21E</u>	<u>9/21E</u>	<u>12/21E</u>	<u>2021E</u>
Sales	39,467	38,889	38,550	35,583	152,489	34,976	14,759	33,000	34,000	116,735	36,250	35,750	35,250	34,750	142,000
Cost of sales	<u>31,167</u>	<u>30,677</u>	<u>31,375</u>	<u>27,762</u>	<u>120,981</u>	<u>27,901</u>	<u>13,019</u>	<u>26,631</u>	<u>27,336</u>	<u>94,887</u>	<u>28,891</u>	<u>28,600</u>	<u>28,271</u>	<u>27,904</u>	<u>113,666</u>
Gross profit	8,300	8,212	7,174	7,821	31,507	7,075	1,740	6,369	6,664	21,848	7,359	7,150	6,980	6,846	28,334
Selling, general, and administrative	7,273	7,424	6,538	5,516	26,751	5,865	6,281	6,000	6,000	24,146	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	25,000
Restructuring / impairment expenses	<u>90</u>	<u>7,494</u>	<u>991</u>	<u>937</u>	<u>9,512</u>	<u>920</u>	<u>273</u>	-	-	<u>1,193</u>	-	-	-	-	-
Operating income	937	(6,706)	(354)	1,368	(4,755)	290	(4,814)	369	664	(3,491)	1,109	900	730	596	3,334
Other income (expense)	17	25	(13)	(18)	11	(24)	18	-	-	(6)	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	<u>(1,100)</u>	<u>(1,331)</u>	<u>(1,149)</u>	<u>(707)</u>	<u>(4,287)</u>	<u>(1,666)</u>	<u>(624)</u>	<u>(625)</u>	<u>(600)</u>	<u>(3,515)</u>	<u>(580)</u>	<u>(560)</u>	<u>(540)</u>	<u>(520)</u>	<u>(2,200)</u>
Income before income taxes	<u>(146)</u>	<u>(8,012)</u>	<u>(1,516)</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>(9,031)</u>	<u>(1,400)</u>	<u>(5,420)</u>	<u>(256)</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>(7,012)</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>1,134</u>
Income tax (benefit)	43	(389)	(252)	635	37	(263)	(1,103)	(67)	17	(1,416)	137	88	49	20	295
Net income	<u>(189)</u>	<u>(7,623)</u>	<u>(1,264)</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>(9,068)</u>	<u>(1,137)</u>	<u>(4,317)</u>	<u>(189)</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>(5,596)</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>839</u>
EPS	<u>(0.02)</u>	<u>(0.78)</u>	<u>(0.13)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(0.93)</u>	<u>(0.12)</u>	<u>(0.44)</u>	<u>(0.02)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(0.57)</u>	<u>0.04</u>	<u>0.03</u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>0.09</u>
Shares Outstanding	9,779	9,779	9,779	9,779	9,779	9,780	9,780	9,780	9,780	9,780	9,780	9,780	9,780	9,780	9,780
EBITDA					2,119					3,283					8,656
<u>Margin Analysis</u>															
Gross margin	21.0%	21.1%	18.6%	23.0%	20.7%	20.2%	11.8%	19.3%	19.6%	18.7%	20.3%	20.0%	19.8%	19.7%	20.0%
SG&A	18.4%	19.1%	17.0%	15.5%	17.5%	16.8%	42.6%	18.2%	17.6%	20.7%	17.2%	19.8%	17.7%	18.0%	17.6%
Operating margin	2.4%	(17.2)%	(0.9)%	3.8%	(3.1)%	0.8%	(32.6)%	1.1%	2.0%	(3.0)%	3.1%	2.5%	2.1%	1.7%	2.3%
Tax rate	NMF	NMF	NMF	26.0%	(0.4)%	18.8%	20.4%	26.0%	26.0%	20.2%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%
Net margin	(0.5)%	(19.6)%	(3.3)%	0.0%	(5.9)%	(3.3)%	(29.2)%	(0.6)%	0.1%	(4.8)%	1.1%	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.6%
<u>Year / Year Growth</u>															
Total Revenues	(16.6)%	(15.0)%	(8.3)%	(10.6)%	(12.8)%	(11.4)%	(62.0)%	(14.4)%	(4.4)%	(23.4)%	3.6%	142.2%	6.8%	2.2%	21.6%

Source: Company filings and Taglich Brothers' estimates

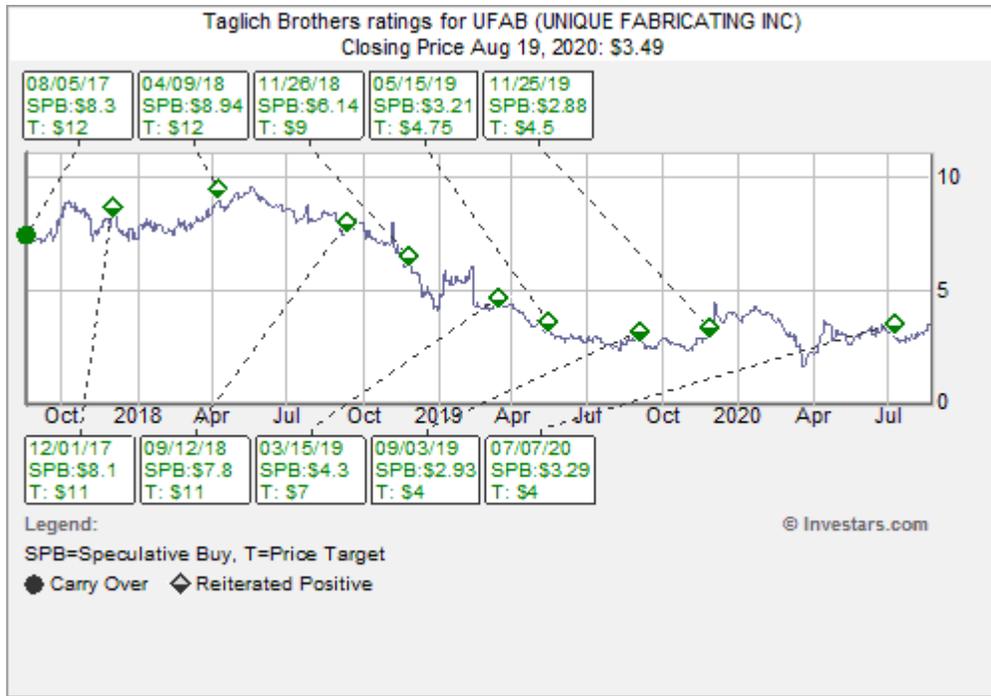
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Statement of Cash Flows for the Periods Ended
(in thousands \$)

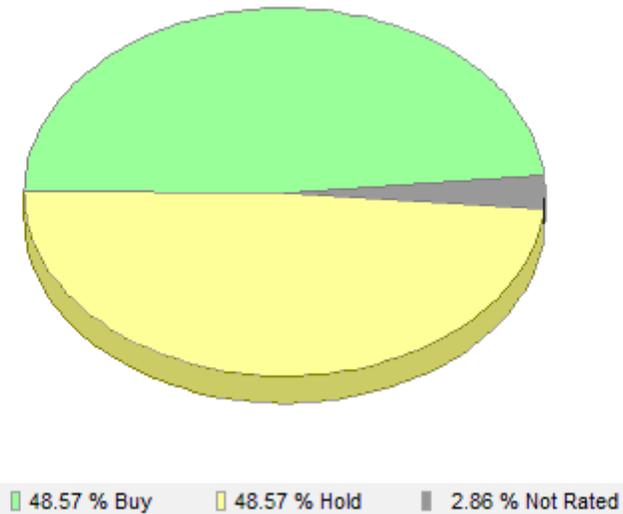
	FY17A	FY18A	FY19A	6M20A	FY20E	FY21E
Net income (loss)	6,487	3,699	(9,068)	(5,453)	(5,596)	839
Impairment of goodwill	-	-	6,760	-	-	-
Inventory allowance	-	-	1,742	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	6,320	6,630	6,863	3,458	6,780	5,322
Amortization of debt issuance costs	149	147	177	74	148	148
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	63	(138)	68	108	108	-
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-	59	-	-	-	-
Bad debt adjustment	128	13	243	554	554	-
Loss (gain) on derivative instruments	(228)	452	578	598	598	-
Stock option expense	150	131	130	55	110	110
Deferred taxes	(1,552)	(291)	(1,153)	(1,571)	(1,501)	(44)
Cash earnings (loss)	11,517	10,702	6,340	(2,177)	1,201	6,375
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>						
Accounts receivable	(444)	(3,641)	5,888	8,464	9,461	(3,298)
Inventory	402	45	2,584	(2,021)	(508)	(2,683)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(1,766)	1,212	(570)	(1,889)	(1,701)	(104)
Accounts payable	(1,706)	1,008	(1,104)	(1,228)	955	2,034
Accrued and other liabilities	(194)	104	(1,117)	219	(232)	-
(Increase) decrease in working capital	(3,708)	(1,272)	5,681	3,545	7,975	(4,051)
Net cash provided by (used in) operations	7,809	9,430	12,021	1,368	9,176	2,324
Purchase of property and equipment	(4,140)	(5,394)	(2,759)	(796)	(2,500)	(2,500)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	52	904	119	884	884	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing	(4,088)	(4,490)	(2,640)	88	(1,616)	(2,500)
Net change in bank overdraft	(38)	(1,251)	(1,036)	(311)	(311)	-
Proceeds from debt	-	10,132	1,300	-	-	-
Payments on term loans	(3,375)	(2,962)	(3,350)	(1,474)	(8,974)	(4,300)
Proceeds from (payments on) revolving facilities	6,231	(4,422)	(6,565)	(1,583)	(3,083)	4,250
Debt issuance costs	-	(634)	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and warrants	37	38	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from PPP loan	-	-	-	5,999	5,999	-
Distribution of cash dividends	(5,850)	(5,862)	(490)	-	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) financing	(2,995)	(4,961)	(10,141)	2,631	(6,369)	(50)
Net change in cash	725	(21)	(760)	4,087	1,191	(226)
Cash - beginning of period	706	1,431	1,410	650	650	1,840
Cash - end of period	1,431	1,410	650	4,737	1,840	1,615

Source: Company filings and Taglich Brothers' estimates

Price Chart



Taglich Brothers' Current Ratings Distribution



Investment Banking Services for Companies Covered in the Past 12 Months		
Rating	#	%
Buy	2	11
Hold		
Sell		
Not Rated		

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