## May 7, 2009

IICE Systems	(NICE: \$21.57)
verweight	Analyst: Craig Nankervis

Key outlook ch	anges		
METRIC		то	FROM
2009e EPS	DOWN	\$1.50	\$1.80
2010e EPS	START	\$1.68	
2009e Revenue	DOWN	\$577.2	\$662.0
2010e Revenue	START	\$628.5	

Estimate	es summary				
YEAR	REVENUE				
(DEC)	(MILLIONS)	CHANGE	EPS	CHANGE	P/E
2008	\$628.1		\$1.67	15.6%	12.9
2009e	\$577.2	(8.1%)	\$1.50	(10.5%)	14.4
2010e	\$628.5	8.9%	\$1.68	12.1%	12.9

Fundamentals	
Equity market capitalization (MM)	\$1,327.8
Debt/total capitalization	0%
Return on average equity (2009e)	5%
Price/book value	1.4
Total market cap./2009e EBITDA	5.4
52-week price range	\$16.11 - \$35.87
12-month price target	\$26

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# Macro picture tougher to sidestep; hanging in with overweight

- We think geographic challenges (a buying freeze in parts of Europe, mainly) are the primary top-line culprit.
- We note on a constant-currency basis, Q1 revenue was flat or slightly up year-over-year.

We retain our overweight rating for NICE Systems after reviewing its mixed Q1 results (good EPS, but a slight top-line miss from guidance) and lower-than-expected Q2 outlook. Extended sales cycles and we think especially some geographic particulars (Europeans halting expenditures) have surprised NICE and us, and are throwing a wrench of uncertainty into the full-year picture. NICE has admirably weathered macro headwinds until now ('08 organic growth was 12%), though its near-term fortunes, particularly on the Enterprise side (70% of revenue), have become more intertwined with macro trends.

We don't believe the need for NICE products has slipped, nor do we think the company is losing ground competitively. We also note the key Americas geography (56% of '08 revenue) saw 9% currency-unadjusted y-o-y growth, with financial services and other major verticals performing respectably.

It's tough to build a bullet-proof case for the name, but we think several factors combine to still make NICE an interesting medium-term tech story: a newly streamlined cost structure (Q1 opex was down 10% y-o-y on 5% lower

revenue), attractive follow-on software opportunities into its installed base, and a security business that should see interesting multi-year momentum.

We regard valuation metrics as reasonable: At an intra-day price of \$22.50, the stock trades at 2.6X its cash/share value, we calculate a roughly 7% free cash flow yield, and the P/E multiple on our forward-12-month EPSe is about 14.6X, which is in the lower half of the two-year historical FTM P/E range of 9X to 26X. We think that most any indication of an incrementally better macro picture should spur the stock.

## Estimates

Q2 guidance is for a top- and bottom-line result 'similar' to Q1, and we thus model the quarter to be basically sequentially flat.

Our bias is to think customer budgets should solidify as the year progresses, which should help NICE performance. At a very high level, the company expects H2 to see some sort of pickup over Q1, and we model a 48%-52% H1-H2 revenue split. We see the leaner cost structure progressively helping operating margin through the quarters this year.

We forecast a 15% y-o-y call center decline, roughly flat Actimize transaction analytics revenue (10% of total), and 6% security growth (27% of revenue). Given the very strong backlog and good momentum, our bias is to think our security forecast is conservative (it was up 21% last year).

The result is our forecast is down 13% and 17% on the top- and bottomline, respectively, from our previous estimate profile.

2010

We introduce a best-guess for 2010 that assumes some macro rebound. Our 9% top-line growth projection off a soft '09 includes assumption for 4% call center growth, 8% Actimize growth, and 20% security growth (off a soft '09). We model operating margin to grow about 80 basis points y-o-y, resulting in 12% EPS growth.

# **QUARTER SKETCH**

- NICE reported Q1 pro forma EPS of \$0.35, two cents below our estimate but on target with consensus, on revenue of \$139.2 million, 6% below our estimate. Revenue fell 5% y-o-y; adjusted for currency, revenue was flat to slightly up y-o-y. GAAP EPS was \$0.17.
  - ✓ Gross margin of 63.2% fell 170 basis points y-o-y (below our estimate by a little more) on light product revenue. Opex was 10% below our estimate, producing operating margin of 16.8% that matched our estimate and enabled NICE to achieve a respectable EPS result despite the slight revenue miss.
  - ✓ We note the product/services revenue mix of 49%/51% was significantly different than the 56%/44% seen all last year, as product sales were delayed while services (maintenance and professional services) were largely as the company expected.
  - ✓ We were again encouraged to hear of another significant security win (\$9 million, with an emerging-market government entity). However, beyond that, overall large-deal color was absent from the dialogue, likely indicating a tough quarter on that front.
- In terms of business tone, NICE saw no meaningful changes in its pipeline, but its close rates changed and sales cycles became extended beyond what the company had already assumed. It sounds like NICE hasn't lost many

deals, but the deals it had won await final signatures (some of which have closed in April).

- We consider the geographic breakdown of revenue to be a key to the quarter's story. We noted the favorable Americas growth above (64% of revenue). We think EMEA (30% of revenue last year, 24% this year) was the main culprit, falling 24% y-o-y.
  - ✓ We believe this decline was due in part to some European entities cutting off-- not just cutting back--technology expenditures, as many domestic buyers might do in an macro downturn. We have heard of such color from other tech companies in the last couple weeks, and believe there's can be a cultural difference in how Europeans react to a downturn vs. how Americans do.
  - ✓ We think the magnitude of delays surprised the company in the last few weeks of the quarter.
  - ✓ APAC (12% of revenue) was down 20% y-o-y.
- Enterprise revenue (contact center, trading recording, transaction analytics) of \$103 million (74% of revenue) was 6% below our estimate and down 8% year-over-year.
  - ✓ It sounds like there was no particular vertical weakness (domestic financial services business held up), but that contact center was soft across the board.
  - ✓ The smallest component, transaction analytics, was in line with expectations, and we believe NICE saw favorable uptake with its contact center applications domestically.
- Security revenue of \$36 million (26% of revenue) grew a handsome 29% y-oy and was just below our forecast.
  - We have written extensively about NICE's security momentum previously.
    We noted above the company's most recent mega-win.
  - ✓ We think the attractive security backlog and opportunity for NICE are unchanged, though the above-noted European spending slowdown makes forecasting this business this year somewhat problematic.

# **Balance sheet**

- ✓ Cash of \$529 million grew 6% sequentially, helped by free cash flow of \$29 million (down 32% y-o-y).
- ✓ DSOs of 60 were in line with recent trends and unchanged y-o-y.

# **INVESTMENT SUMMARY**

# Company

- NICE Systems provides call center recording and quality monitoring with a growing presence in the digital video surveillance and communication interception industries.
- Revenue profile: roughly 70% enterprise business and 30% security.

# Positives

Ongoing Enterprise installed-base opportunities for higher-margin VoIP (voice over Internet protocol) upgrades and follow-on software application sales (both at best 10% penetrated).

- Likely continued growth-driving acquisition profile.
- NICE is in the best position to benefit from international call centers adopting quality-monitoring solutions.
- Video security has attractive growth opportunities over the next several years.

## **Risks**

- Competition from companies such as Verint/Witness, General Electric, and Honeywell.
- Cyclicality of call center spending market.

### **COMPANY DESCRIPTION**

NICE Systems, headquartered in Ra'anana, Israel, is a leading vendor in the call center recording and quality monitoring marketplace with a growing presence in the digital video surveillance and communication interception industries. Also features transaction analytics for banks.

	2005	2006	2007	Mar-08	Jun-08	Sep-08	Dec-08	2008	Mar-09	Jun-09e	Sep-09e	Dec-09e	2009e	2010e
Products	\$206,355	\$264,752	\$319,152	\$85,216	\$88,850	\$87,991	\$91,568	\$353,625	\$68,617	\$70,000	\$73,000	\$78,000	\$289,617	\$350,000
Services		\$153,379	\$202,652	\$61,530	\$66,440	\$75,005	\$71,520	\$274,495	\$70,623	\$70,000	\$72,000	\$75,000	\$287,623	\$278,500
Total Revenue	\$311,110	\$418,131	\$521,804	\$146,746	\$155,290	\$162,996	\$163,088	\$628,120	\$139,240	\$140,000	\$145,000	\$153,000	\$577,240	\$628,500
Cost of Products	\$66,092	\$77,086	\$76,673	\$18,309	\$18,546	\$20,839	\$21,266	\$78,960	\$16,018	\$16,100	\$15,695	\$16,770	\$64,583	\$77,000
Cost of Services	\$68,637	\$88,323	\$113,402	\$33,133	\$35.048	\$36,542	\$35.059	\$139.782	\$35.218	\$35,350	\$36,360	\$37,875	\$144.803	\$144,820
Total Cost of Revenue	\$134.729	\$165.409	\$190.075	\$51.442	\$53,594	\$57.381	\$56,325	\$218.742	\$51.236	\$51,450	\$52.055	\$54.645	\$209.386	\$221.820
Gross Profit	\$176,381	\$252,722	\$331,729	\$95,304	\$101,696	\$105,615	\$106,763	\$409,378	\$88,004	\$88,550	\$92,945	\$98,355	\$367,854	\$406,680
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Financial income, net	\$5,390	\$12.921	\$14.879	\$3,676	\$3.828	\$3.145	\$5,131	\$15.780	\$2.743	\$2.500	\$2.500	\$2.500	\$10.243	\$10,500
Other income (expense), net	(\$5)	\$274	(\$80)	(\$8)	(\$6)	(\$16)	\$0	(\$31)	\$52	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$52	\$0
Pretax Income	\$40,299	\$76,422	\$102,041	\$27,019	\$29,506	\$33,403	\$35,193	\$125,121	\$26,143	\$26,250	\$28,945	\$31,555	\$112,893	\$127,680
Income tax provision (benefit)	\$5,731	\$15,363	\$20,585	\$5,037	\$5,556	\$6,706	\$4,623	\$21,922	\$4,792	\$4,856	\$5,500	\$5,364	\$20,512	\$23,621
Pro Forma Net Income	\$34,568	\$61,059	\$81,456	\$21,982	\$23,950	\$26,697	\$30,570	\$103,199	\$21,351	\$21,394	\$23,445	\$26,191	\$92,381	\$104,059
Amort. of intangible assets, other	\$2,859	\$9,766	\$22,956	\$7,841	\$8,436	\$8,289	\$8,057	\$32,623	\$7,985	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$24,985	\$20,000
Amort. of stock-based comp	\$9,000	\$11,500	\$13,500	\$7,582	\$6,419	\$5,384	\$5,932	\$25,317	\$2,942	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$13,442	\$15,000
Valuation adj: acq. Def.rev.	\$0	\$8,487	\$5,362	\$2,303	\$1,152	\$504	\$253	\$4,212	\$80	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$380	\$1,000
Pro forma income tax effect	(\$4,829)	(\$6,772)	(\$8,287)	(\$3,676)	(\$3,438)	(\$2,916)	(\$2,412)	(\$12,442)	(\$2,490)	(\$569)	(\$663)	\$249	(\$3,473)	(\$5,000)
Income from discon. operation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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GAAP Net Income	\$36,538	\$25,896	\$47,925	\$7,932	\$1,511	\$10,924	\$18,740	\$39,107	\$10,621	\$12,863	\$14,509	\$16,841	\$54,834	\$73,059
Fully-diluted Shares out	41,283	52,215	56,275	61,606	61,892	61,874	61,426	61,700	61,560	61,600	61,700	62,000	61,715	62,000
Reported GAAP EPS	\$0.89	\$0.50	\$0.85	\$0.13	\$0.02	\$0.18	\$0.31	\$0.63	\$0.17	\$0.21	\$0.24	\$0.27	\$0.89	\$1.18
Pro forma EPS (ex-cash)	\$0.73	\$0.97	\$1.24					\$1.46					\$1.36	\$1.54
Pro forma EPS (w/stock comp)	\$0.62	\$0.95	\$1.21					\$1.26				:	\$1.28	\$1.44
Pro Forma EPS	\$0.84	\$1.17	\$1.45	\$0.36	\$0.39	\$0.43	\$0.50	\$1.67	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.38	\$0.42	\$1.50	\$1.68
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Operating margin	11.2%	15.1%	16.7%	15.9%	16.5%	18.6%	18.4%	17.4%	16.8%	17.0%	18.2%	19.0%	17.8%	18.6%
Pretax Margin	13.0%	18.3%	19.6%	18.4%	19.0%	20.5%	21.6%	19.9%	18.8%	18.8%	20.0%	20.6%	19.6%	20.3%
Tax Rate	14.2%	20.1%	20.2%	18.6%	18.8%	20.1%	13.1%	17.5%	18.3%	18.5%	19.0%	17.0%	18.2%	18.5%
Net Margin	11.1%	14.6%	15.6%	15.0%	15.4%	16.4%	18.7%	16.4%	15.3%	15.3%	16.2%	17.1%	16.0%	16.6%
Revenue Mix: Products	66.3%	63.3%	61.2%	58.1%	57.2%	54.0%	56.1%	56.3%	49.3%	50.0%	50.3%	51.0%	50.2%	55.7%
Services	33.7%	36.7%	38.8%	41.9%	42.8%	46.0%	43.9%	43.7%	50.7%	50.0%	49.7%	49.0%	49.8%	44.3%
Enterprise Interactions	76.3%	74.0%	76.7%	81.1%	74.8%	72.4%	77.9%	76.4%	74.1%	74.3%	72.4%	70.6%	72.8%	70.0%
Public safety & security	23.7%	26.0%	23.5%	19.1%	25.2%	27.6%	22.1%	23.6%	25.9%	25.7%	27.6%	29.4%	27.2%	30.0%
Enterprise Interactions	\$237,400	\$309,500	\$400,300	\$119,000	\$116,150	\$118,000	\$127,000	\$480,150	\$103,240 222 222	\$104,000	\$105,000	\$108,000	\$420,240	\$440,000
Public safety & security	\$13,800	\$108,/00	\$122,050	\$28,000	\$53, 143	\$44,996	\$36,088	\$148,233	\$35,000	\$36,UUU	\$40,000	\$45,UUU	\$15/,000	\$188,5UU
YUY Growth: Products	13%	28% 46%	21%	16.1%	16.4% 33.2%	8.3% AF A%	3.8%	11%	-19.5%	-21.2%	-17.U%	-14.8%	-18%	21%
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Enterprise interactions Public safety & security	26%	30% 47%	13%	51.3% 61%	42.9%	22.3%	11.4%	21%	-13.2% 28.6%	-8.0%	-11.0%	-13.0%	-12% 6%	%0C
TOTAL REV.	23%	34%	25%	25.4%	23.1%	22.7%	11.9%	20%	-5.1%	-9.8%	-11.0%	-6.2%	-8%	6%
OPERATING INC.		81%	38%	32.6%	20.1%	33.5%	17.5%	25%	0.0%	-7.5%	-12.6%	-3.3%	-6%	14%
Pro Forma EPS	41%	40%	24%	14.7%	6.6%	14.0%	27.7%	16%	-2.8%	-10.2%	-11.9%	-15.1%	-11%	12%
Guidance: Revenue \$308m-\$311m	\$308m-\$311m	\$413-\$418	519-523	142-146	151-155	159-163	161-168	627-635	141-151	similar				
EPS	\$1.62-\$1.66	\$1.12-\$1.17	1.41-1.45	.3437	.3741	C47-745	.4249	1.65-1./5	.3147	to U1				

Earnings Model (Dollars in thousands except per-share data)

2009e																																\$13,000	\$142,936	\$129,936	\$45,000	\$147,598	5%										
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2008																																\$15,782	\$134,845	\$119,063	\$42,680	\$152,052	%2										
Dec-08	\$330,448 \$104 115	\$23.697	\$0	\$11,500	\$8,400	\$0	\$478,160	U¥.	¢	¢128 273	0,00,4 67 272	0/0/10 00	0¢	\$23,394	\$145,402	\$445,504	\$1,288,705	Ċ	D¢	\$23,060	\$237,589	\$0	\$260,649	\$0	\$37,060	\$20,174	\$317,883	\$970,822	\$15.80	\$6.18	60	\$3,798	\$41,974	\$38,176	\$11,116	\$41,178				\$97,000	\$47,000	\$19,000	\$163,000	:	21.7%	6.8%	-13.6%
Sep-08	\$252,814 \$107 989	\$25.000	\$0	\$11,865	\$12,353	\$0	\$410,021	U\$	¢ ¢	¢777 062	\$2 607	100,00	000 000	\$22,893	\$157,321	\$450,635	\$1,266,625	Ċ		\$21,212	\$233,841	\$0	\$255,053	\$0	\$40,404	\$21,944	\$317,401	\$903,794	\$14.61	\$4.78	60	\$4,938	\$32,344	\$27,406	\$10,964	\$41,238				\$88,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$163,000		18.9%	28.2%	%N'C7
Jun-08	\$201,977 \$110 795	\$24.528	\$0	\$13,512	\$8,721	\$0	\$359,533	O\$	o ¢		\$6.070 \$6.070	00°00		\$20°825	\$163,933	\$454,409	\$1,266,518	Ċ		\$25,165	\$234,514	\$0	\$259,679	\$0	\$41,656	\$20,402	\$321,737	\$944,781	\$15.26	\$5.27	65	\$3,772	\$13,821	\$10,049	\$10,600	\$36,284				\$83,000	\$49,000	\$23,290	\$155,290		15.3%	35.4%	28.4%
Mar-08	\$226,520 \$96 855	\$23.799	\$0	\$13,023	\$8,166	\$0	\$368,363	C#	o ⊂	673A 701	\$0.766	007'6¢		\$19,549	\$156,012	\$445,843	\$1,233,824	ç	D¢	\$23,601	\$224,808	\$0	\$248,409	\$0	\$38,906	\$18,619	\$305,934	\$927,890	\$15.06	\$5.29	60	\$3,274	\$46,706	\$43,432	\$10,000	\$33,352				\$82,000	\$45,000	\$20,000	\$147,000		19.2%	30.1%	41.1%
2007																																\$10,915	\$118,049	\$107,134	\$31,125	\$118,367											
2006																												\$569,574				\$8,092	\$87,375	\$79,283	\$21,917	\$85,144	12%			\$248,600	\$113,500	\$56,000	\$418,100		52.2%	14.3%	%C'CI
2005											~																	\$487,041							\$13,151	\$48,065	10%			•		\$48,500	\$311,100				28.6%
	Cash equivalents & ST/LT investments Trade receivables net	Other receivables & prepaid expense	Related party receivables	Inventories	Current deferred taxes	Assets of discontinued operation	Total Current Assets	Investment in affiliates		Other leng term investments	Curci for and the second second second		LI receivables & prepaid expense	Property & equipment, net	Other Intangible assets	Goodwill	Total Assets	17 1 <b>-</b> 1 <b>-</b>		Trade payables	Accrued expenses & other liabilities	Liabilities of discontinued operation	Total Current Liabilities	Accrued severance pay	Long-term tax liabilities	Other LT liabilities	Total Liabilities	Shareholders Equity	BV per share	Tangible BV per share	DSO	Capex	Operating Cash Flow	Free Cash Flow	Depr'n & Amort'n	EBITDA	Annualized ROE	Geographic Breakdown	Revenue	Americas	EMEA	Asia-Pacific	Total revenue	YOY Growth	Americas	EMEA	Asia-Pacific

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# Balance Sheet (Dollars in thousands except per-share data)

**NICE Systems** 

## Institutional sales: (800) 866-3272

FIRST ANALYSIS SECURITIES EQUITY RESEARCH

OUTSOURCED SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE Corey Greendale

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION Corey Greendale

HR AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES James Macdonald, Todd Van Fleet

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES • HEALTH CARE CLAIMS SERVICES HOME HEALTH SERVICES *Tony Perkins* 

> CLINICAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS Todd Van Fleet

> > MARKETING SERVICES Todd Van Fleet

OFFENDER MANAGEMENT Todd Van Fleet, James Macdonald

IT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE • HEALTH CARE IT Frank Sparacino

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MANAGEMENT • FINANCIAL TRANSACTION PROCESSING Lawrence Berlin

> TELECOM BILLING & ENHANCED SERVICES Lawrence Berlin

NETWORK SECURITY • OUTSOURCED E-COMMERCE SERVICES CALL CENTER PRODUCTS Craig Nankervis

> OUTSOURCED CALL CENTER SERVICES Howard Smith

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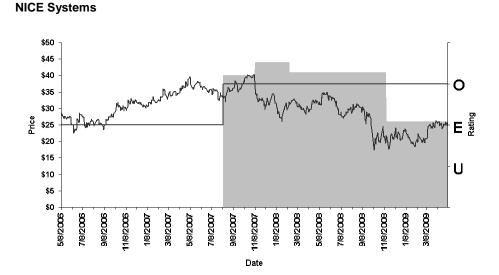
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Date	Close	Target	Rating
5/8/2006	\$27.67		E
8/10/2007	\$32.94	\$40	0
11/8/2007	\$35.99	\$44	0
2/13/2008	\$31.99	\$41	0
11/13/2008	\$21.72	\$26	0



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