# Healthcare earnings beat expectations as Deliveroo takeover offer boosts food delivery sector



Last week saw all 16 S&P 500 healthcare companies that reported earnings surpass analyst expectations, according to Seeking Alpha. Among those, Gilead Sciences was the only firm to narrowly miss revenue forecasts. Notable sector updates included AbbVie raising its guidance, Merck lowering its outlook due to tariff impacts, and Bristol-Myers Squibb increasing its forecast. Investors will be closely monitoring the upcoming earnings releases this week from healthcare giants Pfizer, CVS Health, Amgen, Moderna, and Eli Lilly.

In corporate news from the food delivery sector, London-listed Deliveroo experienced a significant share price jump of over 18% following confirmation of a £1.80 per share cash offer from US-based DoorDash. The takeover proposal values Deliveroo at approximately $3.6 billion. Deliveroo indicated it is likely to recommend the bid and concurrently announced a suspension of its £100 million share buyback programme. If completed, this acquisition would mark the second major food delivery merger within the year, following Prosus’s €4.1 billion takeover of Just Eat Takeaway.

On the technology front, the Financial Times reports that advertisers and tech start-ups are rapidly adapting their search engine optimisation (SEO) strategies to enhance brand visibility within artificial intelligence chatbot results. Early adopters include fintech company Ramp and job search platform Indeed. Jack Smyth, partner at marketing technology group Brandtech, told the Financial Times, “This is about much more than just getting your website indexed in their results. This is about recognising large language models as the ultimate influencer.”

Cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike recently launched its Charlotte AI Agentic Response and Agentic Workflows technologies, which integrate automation capabilities with human expertise. These solutions build on the company’s previously launched Detection Triage, allowing for autonomous reasoning and action based on both first- and third-party data. This initiative reflects CrowdStrike’s expanding use of AI to enhance cybersecurity operations.

Meanwhile, Japan’s electronics supplier TDK has issued a subdued revenue outlook for the fiscal year beginning in April, disappointing market expectations. CEO Noboru Saito cited negative effects from the ongoing global trade war, forecasting revenue between ¥2.12 trillion and ¥2.2 trillion, below analyst estimates. Saito warned that smartphone demand may decline by 2%, with automotive production potentially falling by 3%.

Finally, the so-called ‘magnificent seven’ group of stocks, tracked by the Roundhill Magnificent Seven ETF, has endured its worst monthly and quarterly performance on record. The ETF remains down 14.57% year-to-date, despite a partial recovery of 14.79% from its low point earlier in April. With four of these high-profile stocks set to report earnings this week, many investors are preparing for detailed scrutiny of their performance.

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