1. Trading Activity

Ticker	Company	Buy Date	Buy Price	Sell Date	Sell Price	Share	Return
APPL	Apple	9/16/26	$333.91			3	+0.82%
ANET	Arista Networks	10/2/26	$207.35			3	+4.53%
NNE	NANO Nuclear Energy	10/2/26	$15.62			4	-1.79%
FSLR	First Solar	10/2/26	$174.61			2	+1.84%
RIOT	Riot Platforms	10/2/26	$19.73	10/7/26		15	
META	Meta	10/2/26	$728.08			4	-1.29%
NVDA	Nvidia	10/2/26	$233.95			5	-2.00%
ABBV	AbbVie	10/7/26	$266.79			5	+3.63%
NOW	Now Health Group	10/7/26	$137.97			3	+2.09%
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas	10/7/26	$275.26			2	+1.06%
ETN	Eaton Corporation plc	10/7/26	$445.09			2	-3.47%
GE	General Electric	10/726	$209.29			2	-0.38%

2. Company Profile: Apple

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Revenue	383.29B	391.04B	416.16B	466.82B
Revenue Growth	169.15B	180.68B	195.2B	227.12B
Operating Income	114.3B	123.22B	133.05B	154.86B
Net Income	97B	93.74B	112.01B	128.93B
EPS (per share)	6.16	6.11	7.49	8.76

Apple sells consumer electronics, computer software and digital services. Customers for Apple can be everyday consumers, students, small businesses, large enterprises, and government agencies. Apple makes money primarily through selling hardware devices and a fast-growing, high-margin services ecosystem. The main competitors for Apple are Samsung and Alphabet (Google).

3. Why I Bought

Reason 1: High-margin Services revenue drives resilient and growing profitability.

- Apple's expanding Services sector generates high-margin, recurring cash flow that buffers total corporate earnings. In fiscal 2025, Services generated $109.16 billion (up14%) with a 75.4% gross margin compared to 36.8% for Products, and reached

$91.73 billion in the first nine months of fiscal 2026. Subscription-based services reduce reliance on hardware cycles, raising overall profit stability and justifying a premium valuation.

Fiscal year	Services gross margin (%)	Products gross margin (%)
2021	69.7	35.3
2022	71.7	36.3
2023	70.8	36.5
2024	73.9	37.2
2025	75.4	36.8

Reason 2: A temporary pullback provided an attractive entry into key technical support.

- Apple stock offered a favorable risk-rewarded entry dipping to a monthly low before rebounding toward its 52-week highs. Apple pulled back to a low of $315.34 on September 9 before recovering to trade between $335.92 and $341.07 near the end of the month, holding well above its 52-week low of $243.42. Buying during a temporary dip allowed for a lower cost basis right before market momentum pushed the stock back up.



Reason 3: Strong institutional backing and massive market scale provided a fundamental safety net.

- High market capitalization and steady trading volume reflected strong institutional confidence heading into seasonal catalysts. Apple maintained a market capitalization exceeding $5.0 trillion through September 2026 with a trailing P/E ratio of approximately 39.37 and consistent trading volume of around 60 million shares daily. Strong liquidity and stable valuation show that large investors view Apple as a reliable compounder, limiting downside risk.

4. Why I Sold (Note: Actually I held Apple in the competition, I evaluated this write-up through a hypothetical completed sale to analyze exit strategy dynamics.)

If I executed a hypothetical sale when Apple reached its peak of $348.15 during the product launch cycle, I would have locked in strong gains. I chose this exit point based on three market backed reasons: first, its trailing P/E expanded to 39.37x, well above the 5-year median of 31.25x, indicating future growth was fully priced in; second the news cycle surrounding new product announcements was fully digested; and third, surpassing a $5.0 trillion market capitalization signaled a limited near-term upside, making it prudent to de-risk.

What I Learned:

Without a predefined exit strategy, mega-cap gains can retrace once hype cools. Next time, I will set a clear profit target or scale out gradually instead of waiting for a signal peak.

Part 1

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Part 2

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Part 3

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