

Affiliated Managers (AMG)

\$68.59 (As of 08/21/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$72.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 09/02/19)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:A

Value: A

Growth: C

Momentum: A

Summary

Shares of Affiliated Managers have underperformed the industry so far this year. The company's earnings have surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate in each of the trailing four quarters. In second-quarter 2020, it recorded a decline in revenues and lower assets under management (AUM) balance. Persistently declining AUM balance, owing to outflows and pressure on revenues, are major near-term concerns. These are expected to hurt the company's profitability in the quarters ahead. The presence of substantial intangible assets on its balance sheet might hamper financials. Nevertheless, the company is well-poised for growth, backed by successful partnerships, diverse product mix, strong balance sheet position and focus on strengthening the retail market operations. Further, the BlueMountain stake sale is likely to be accretive to earnings.

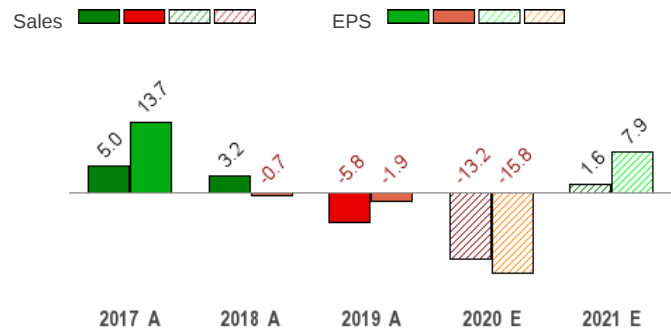
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$89.98 - \$44.37
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	341,230
Market Cap	\$3.2 B
YTD Price Change	-19.1%
Beta	1.51
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.04 / 0.1%
Industry	Financial - Investment Management
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 19% (49 out of 252)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	1.5%
Last Sales Surprise	1.5%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	0.7%
Expected Report Date	NA
Earnings ESP	-1.2%
P/E TTM	5.1
P/E F1	5.7
PEG F1	0.6
P/S TTM	1.5

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					1,976 E
2020	507 A	471 A	482 E	489 E	1,944 E
2019	543 A	592 A	549 A	556 A	2,240 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$3.22 E	\$3.18 E	\$3.28 E	\$3.75 E	\$12.93 E
2020	\$3.16 A	\$2.74 A	\$2.81 E	\$3.31 E	\$11.98 E
2019	\$3.26 A	\$3.33 A	\$3.16 A	\$4.52 A	\$14.22 A

*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 08/21/2020. The reports text is as of 08/24/2020.

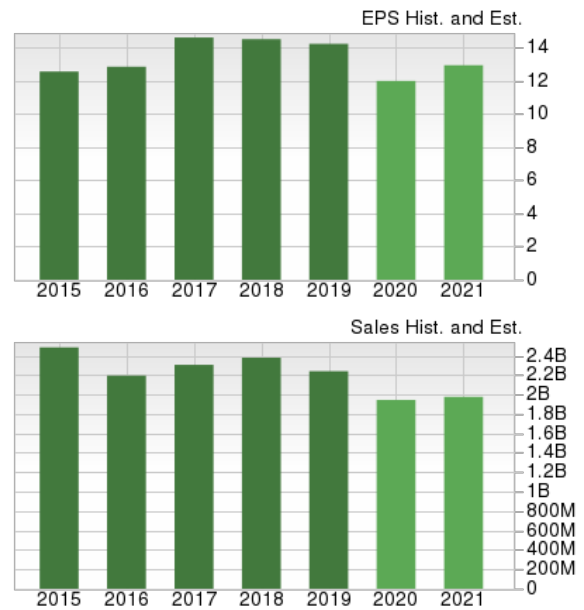
Overview

Headquartered in Massachusetts, Affiliated Managers Group is a global asset manager with equity investments in a large group of investment management firms or affiliates.

On the whole, the affiliates manage more than 500 investment products across each major product category – global, international and emerging markets equities, domestic equities, alternative and fixed income products. As of Jun 30, 2020, Affiliated Managers had total AUM of \$638.4 billion.

The company operates its business through three principal distribution channels:

- Institutional:** Through affiliates, this channel manages assets for large institutional investors worldwide, including sovereign wealth funds, foundations, endowments and retirement plans for corporations and municipalities. Moreover, affiliates manage assets for non-U.S. clients in more than 50 countries. AUM acquired through the channel was \$364.9 billion as of Jun 30, 2020.
- Retail:** Through this channel, the company provides advisory or sub-advisory services to mutual funds and other retail-oriented products, which are distributed to retail and institutional clients directly and through intermediaries. AUM acquired through the channel was \$161.8 billion as of Jun 30, 2020.
- High Net Worth:** Through affiliates, the company offers advisory services to ultra-high net worth individuals, families and charitable foundations. Direct services to these clients include customized investment counseling, investment management and fiduciary services. Further, it provides advisory services to high net worth individuals through managed account relationships with intermediaries and provides enhanced managed account distribution and administration capabilities to individual managed account clients through AMG Funds. AUM acquired through the channel was \$111.7 billion as of Jun 30, 2020.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ Affiliated Managers with its strong balance sheet and liquidity position has considerable capability to invest in other companies and is expected to continue generating meaningful growth through new investments. The company is targeting investments in alternatives and global strategies, given the strong preference of investors for the same. In June 2020, it announced that it will become a minority equity partner to Inclusive Capital Partners. In February 2020, it acquired a minority equity interest in Comvest Partners, while in July 2019, it had acquired an equity interest in Garda Capital Partners. Besides, in October 2019, the company had divested its stake in BlueMountain, which will likely be accretive to earnings. Despite the current crisis owing to the coronavirus pandemic, rising demand for equity and alternative strategies among institutional clients are expected to aid the company's profitability, going forward.
- ▲ Though Affiliated Managers lowered quarterly dividends, it has a steady capital deployment plan in place. In the third quarter of 2020, the company expects to repurchase \$50 million worth of shares, similar to the second quarter. Given a robust capital position and lower dividend payout ratio than peers, it is expected to sustain capital-deployment activities, thereby, continuing to enhance shareholder value.
- ▲ Affiliated Managers' trailing 12-month return on equity (ROE) reflects its superiority in terms of utilizing shareholders' funds. The company's ROE of 18.94% compares favorably with 11.91% for the industry and 14.67% for the S&P 500.
- ▲ Shares of Affiliated Managers have underperformed the industry so far this year. Nevertheless, the company's earnings estimates for the current year have moved 1% upward over the past 30 days. Moreover, the stock seems undervalued when compared with the broader industry. Its current price-to-book (P/B) and price-earnings (P/E) (F1) ratios are lower than the respective industry averages. Also, the stock has a Value Score of A. Given the strength in fundamentals and positive estimate revisions, the price performance is expected to improve in the near term.

Affiliated Managers is well positioned for growth on successful partnerships, global distribution capability and a robust balance sheet position. Its capital deployment activities are sustainable.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ Though Affiliated Managers' revenues improved in 2017 and 2018 on the back of solid performance of affiliates and strong equity markets, the company has been facing revenue pressure of late. Its revenues declined 5.8% in 2019 amid a challenging operating backdrop and significant market volatility, with the continuation of the same trend in the first half of 2020. Despite the company's portfolio of investment products, which provides it a competitive edge when it comes to fulfilling diverse needs of clients, the downward trend in revenues is likely to continue in the near term, owing to the coronavirus outbreak-related crisis.
- ▼ Also, Affiliated Managers' affiliates have been witnessing a steady increase in net outflows over the past several months. In 2019, net client cash outflows were \$53.5 billion, which resulted in a decline in AUM balance. Likewise, outflows continued in the first six months of 2020, which resulted in a further plunge in the AUM balance on a year-over-year basis. Though the company's differentiated product categories will likely support cash flows across the channels, a challenging operating backdrop is expected to keep investors on the sidelines in the near term.
- ▼ As of Jun 30, 2020, Affiliated Managers had total debt worth \$2.04 billion, marginally down from the end of the prior quarter. However, total debt was significantly higher than the cash and cash equivalents balance of \$681.6 million. Moreover, the company's second-quarter 2020 times-interest-earned ratio of 5.9 declined sequentially and has remained volatile over the past several quarters. Also, its second-quarter total debt to total capital of 37.9% increased from the previous quarter and has been witnessing an upward trend over the past several quarters. Thus, in addition to being highly leveraged, the company's earnings position does not seem sufficient to be able to meet debt obligations in the near term if the economic situation worsens.
- ▼ Intangible assets form a substantial portion of Affiliated Managers' balance sheet. These intangible assets are subject to annual impairment reviews. As of Jun 30, 2020, intangible assets (goodwill and acquired client relationships) constituted 49.1% of total assets. Several factors may initiate the impairment of the book value of such assets, due to which the value of these assets may have to be written down. This will adversely affect the company's financials.

Pressure on revenues owing to substantial outflows and decline in the assets balance will hurt Affiliated Managers' prospects. Presence of intangible assets on its balance sheet is a key concern.

Last Earnings Report

Affiliated Managers' Q2 Earnings Top Estimates, Revenues Fall Y/Y

Affiliated Managers' second-quarter 2020 economic earnings of \$2.74 per share surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$2.70. However, the bottom line declined 17.7% year over year.

Results reflected lower operating expenses and a robust liquidity position. However, lower revenues, fall in AUM balance and decline in adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) were headwinds.

Economic net income was \$129.6 million, down 23.8% from the prior-year quarter.

Revenues & AUM Down, Expenses Fall

Total revenues fell 20.4% year over year to \$471.1 million. However, the top line beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$464 million.

Adjusted EBITDA was \$162.1 million, down 26.1% from the year-ago quarter.

Total expenses decreased nearly 1% from the prior-year quarter to \$409.6 million. Decline in compensation and related expenses, and selling, general and administrative costs primarily led to the fall.

As of Jun 30, 2020, total AUM was \$638.4 billion, down 17.3% year over year. Net client cash outflows of \$18.2 billion hurt AUM.

Capital & Liquidity Position Decent

As of Jun 30, 2020, Affiliated Managers had \$681.6 million in cash and cash equivalents compared with \$539.6 million on Dec 31, 2019. The company had \$2 billion of debt, up 13.9% from the Dec 31, 2019 level.

Shareholders' equity as of Jun 30, 2020 was \$2.9 billion, on par with the Dec 31, 2019 level.

Share Repurchase Update

During the quarter, the company repurchased shares worth \$50 million.

Third-Quarter 2020 Outlook

Management expects adjusted EBITDA of \$170-\$175 million. Performance fee is anticipated to be seasonally lower in the range of \$1-\$5 million.

Interest expenses are expected to be \$23 million, suggesting 4.5% increase from the prior quarter level. The company's share of reported amortization and impairments are expected to be \$50 million, down 41.9% sequentially.

Adjusted weighted average share count is estimated to be \$46.5 million.

GAAP tax rate is expected to be 25%. Additionally, cash tax rate is expected to be 18%.

Intangible-related deferred taxes are expected to be \$6 million. Other economic items are anticipated to be \$1 million.

Quarter Ending 06/2020

Report Date	Jul 27, 2020
Sales Surprise	1.52%
EPS Surprise	1.48%
Quarterly EPS	2.74
Annual EPS (TTM)	13.58

Recent News

Affiliated Managers Partners With Inclusive Capital - Jun 23, 2020

Affiliated Managers announced its plans of becoming a minority equity partner to the recently founded San Francisco-based independent investment firm, Inclusive Capital Partners. Notably, Inclusive Capital Partners was launched, following the completion of ValueAct Capital Management's long-term succession plan, established in 2007.

ValueAct Capital Management is a longtime affiliate of Affiliated Managers. Its founder, Jeffrey W. Ubben, will retire from ValueAct Capital and continue to manage the ValueAct Spring Fund after he transitions to Inclusive Capital Partners.

Affiliated Managers' president and CEO, Jay C. Horgen, stated, "The success of this generational transition has enabled ValueAct founder Jeff Ubben to retire and launch Inclusive Capital Partners, which will focus on the important mission of allocating capital to corporate leaders who prioritize long-term responsible decision-making. AMG's investment in ValueAct was the first investment I led upon joining AMG, which has now come full-circle."

He added, "Long-term sustainability has been at the very heart of AMG's business strategy since inception, in working closely with Affiliates to design and implement management succession over time and support Affiliate growth initiatives. We are very pleased with the excellent execution of ValueAct's succession plan over the past decade, which has resulted in the successful transition from the founding generation to a truly outstanding next generation of partners, led by CEO Mason Morfit, and we are highly confident in ValueAct's forward prospects."

In fact, Mr. Ubben said, "Inclusive Capital Partners will seek to demonstrate that high returns should accrue to businesses that responsibly and creatively address environmental and societal problems by using sustainable business models, and we have partnered with stakeholders who we believe are world pioneers in wildlife, conservation, governance, and social equality to help encourage companies to embrace these principles. I am thrilled to announce the formation of Inclusive Capital Partners as the next iteration of my investing career."

Dividend Update

On Jul 27, Affiliated Managers announced a quarterly dividend of 1 cent per share. The dividend was paid out on Aug 20 to shareholders of record on Aug 6.

Valuation

Affiliated Managers' shares are down 19% in the year-to-date period and 8.7% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Finance sector are down 3.8% and 17.1% in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry is up 10.1% while the sector is down 7%.

The S&P 500 index is up 5.4% in the year-to-date period and 18.3% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 5.45X forward 12 months earnings, which compares to 12.51X for the Zacks sub-industry, 16.40X for the Zacks sector and 22.85X for the S&P 500 Index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 14.18X and as low as 3.27X, with a 5-year median of 9.70X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$72 price target reflects 5.72X forward earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for AMG

Valuation Multiples - AMG					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F12M	Current	5.45	12.51	16.4	22.85
	5-Year High	14.18	14.38	16.4	22.85
	5-Year Low	3.27	9.73	11.6	15.25
	5-Year Median	9.7	12.46	14.26	17.58
P/B	Current	0.96	1.88	2.45	4.56
	5-Year High	2.85	2.23	2.91	4.56
	5-Year Low	0.64	0.97	1.72	2.83
	5-Year Median	1.92	1.78	2.53	3.75
P/S F12M	Current	1.63	3.97	6.22	3.71
	5-Year High	4.94	3.97	6.67	3.71
	5-Year Low	1.08	2.35	4.97	2.53
	5-Year Median	3.19	3.03	6.06	3.05

As of 08/21/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 19% (49 out of 252)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc. (APAM)	Outperform	1
Janus Capital Group, Inc (JHG)	Outperform	2
SEI Investments Company (SEIC)	Outperform	2
Apollo Global Management, LLC (APO)	Neutral	3
Ares Management L.P. (ARES)	Neutral	3
Eaton Vance Corporation (EV)	Neutral	2
Federated Hermes, Inc. (FHI)	Neutral	2
Lazard Ltd (LAZ)	Neutral	2

Industry Comparison Industry: Financial - Investment Management				Industry Peers		
	AMG	X Industry	S&P 500	ARES	JHG	LAZ
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Outperform	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	3	2	2
VGM Score	A	-	-	F	A	A
Market Cap	3.19 B	1.02 B	23.62 B	10.26 B	3.72 B	3.25 B
# of Analysts	5	3	14	5	3	2
Dividend Yield	0.06%	1.69%	1.65%	4.03%	7.13%	6.08%
Value Score	A	-	-	F	A	A
Cash/Price	0.20	0.16	0.07	0.11	0.23	0.77
EV/EBITDA	4.57	6.07	13.29	13.62	4.76	3.60
PEG Ratio	0.59	1.45	3.03	3.19	1.31	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	0.96	1.61	3.11	6.02	0.84	4.75
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	3.81	8.52	12.69	19.61	7.02	4.03
P/E (F1)	5.93	10.76	21.51	23.89	8.01	14.47
Price/Sales (P/S)	1.53	1.90	2.43	6.75	1.68	1.30
Earnings Yield	17.47%	9.20%	4.46%	4.18%	12.47%	6.89%
Debt/Equity	0.00	0.20	0.76	0.57	0.07	3.36
Cash Flow (\$/share)	17.98	1.75	6.93	2.03	2.88	7.67
Growth Score	C	-	-	C	C	C
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	2.99%	8.05%	10.44%	16.12%	8.75%	-0.52%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-15.72%	-4.99%	-5.53%	-0.36%	2.16%	-34.91%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-3.43%	-4.05%	5.20%	-37.87%	-11.77%	-13.25%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	2.29%	4.10%	8.52%	-3.84%	21.01%	1.06%
Current Ratio	0.45	2.07	1.33	0.16	3.18	2.05
Debt/Capital	16.95%	25.38%	44.50%	32.71%	15.03%	77.07%
Net Margin	5.95%	9.10%	10.13%	6.39%	3.48%	10.43%
Return on Equity	18.94%	11.91%	14.67%	15.46%	10.27%	51.35%
Sales/Assets	0.27	0.34	0.51	0.12	0.32	0.46
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-13.20%	0.00%	-1.54%	0.50%	-2.01%	-17.59%
Momentum Score	A	-	-	F	B	B
Daily Price Chg	-1.31%	-0.23%	-0.15%	-0.23%	-0.10%	-0.19%
1 Week Price Chg	1.11%	0.02%	1.09%	-1.96%	-2.03%	2.65%
4 Week Price Chg	-5.13%	0.44%	1.64%	-1.83%	-9.17%	7.85%
12 Week Price Chg	-0.44%	4.82%	6.72%	9.35%	-7.67%	11.83%
52 Week Price Chg	-10.35%	-9.69%	1.00%	37.64%	8.95%	-10.59%
20 Day Average Volume	341,230	107,161	1,873,576	545,867	1,057,370	594,463
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	0.72%	0.81%	1.79%	0.24%	9.71%	28.61%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	2.96%	8.35%	3.35%	0.48%	22.29%	30.98%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	0.54%	1.68%	0.42%	-5.77%	7.02%	24.24%

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Zacks Recommendation

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Zacks Rank

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Value Score	A
Growth Score	C
Momentum Score	A
VGM Score	A

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