

Arrow Electronics (ARW)

\$62.14 (As of 05/07/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$66.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 04/26/20)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

4-Sell

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:A

Value: C

Growth: A

Momentum: A

Summary

Arrow's first-quarter results were aided by a strong uptrend in design activity across all regions. Notably, a sequential improvement in backlog was also a positive. Strong momentum in infrastructure software, next-generation hardware and hybrid cloud architectures is encouraging as well. However, demand for electronic components and IT remained low during the first quarter, as a result of the coronavirus-led economic disruptions. Moreover, the quarter ended two days earlier on Mar 28, instead of Mar 30. This also had a negative impact on revenues. Also, consumption of Arrow's European exports continues to decline. Shares have underperformed the industry in the past year.

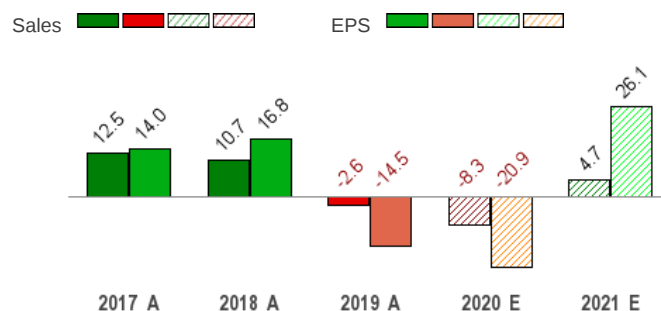
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$85.80 - \$39.25
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	636,224
Market Cap	\$4.9 B
YTD Price Change	-26.7%
Beta	1.46
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.00 / 0.0%
Industry	Electronics - Parts Distribution
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 1% (250 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	-12.6%
Last Sales Surprise	7.0%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-7.9%
Expected Report Date	08/06/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	9.4
P/E F1	10.4
PEG F1	3.9
P/S TTM	0.2

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	6,490 E	6,893 E	7,061 E	7,503 E	27,767 E
2020	6,381 A	6,371 E	6,561 E	7,204 E	26,518 E
2019	7,156 A	7,345 A	7,078 A	7,338 A	28,917 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$1.48 E	\$1.72 E	\$1.87 E	\$2.38 E	\$7.53 E
2020	\$0.97 A	\$1.45 E	\$1.59 E	\$2.19 E	\$5.97 E
2019	\$1.84 A	\$1.60 A	\$1.86 A	\$2.20 A	\$7.55 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 05/07/2020. The reports text is as of 05/08/2020.

Overview

New York-based Arrow Electronics Inc. is one of the world's largest distributors of electronic components and enterprise computing products. Arrow provides one of the broadest product ranges in the electronic components and enterprise computing solutions distribution industries. Along with these, the company provides a wide range of value-added services to help customers reduce their marketing time, lower the total cost of ownership, introduce innovative products through demand creation opportunities and enhance their overall competitiveness.

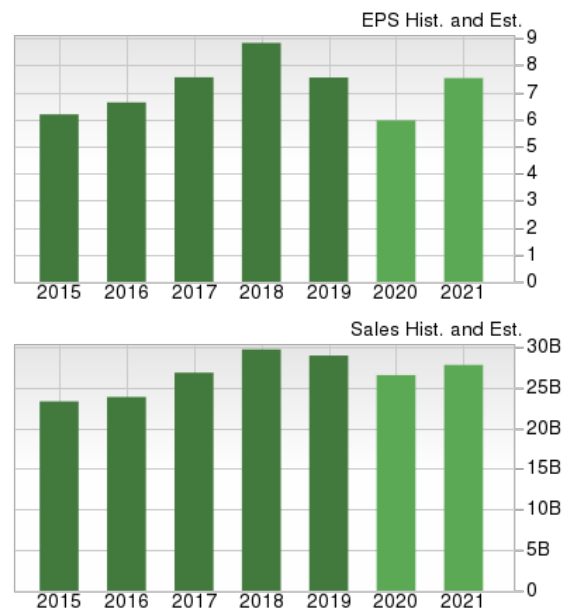
The company serves over 150,000 customers — original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), contract manufacturers (CMs) and commercial customers — through 300 sales facilities and 45 distribution centers in over 80 countries. The company's customer base comprises OEMs, CMs, value-added resellers (VARs) and other commercial users. The company's products primarily target the industrial sector (companies manufacturing machine tools, factory automation equipment or robotics equipment).

Arrow's offerings can be broadly divided into two categories:

1) Global Components (71% of 2018 revenues): Arrow distributes electronic components to OEMs and CMs through its global components business segment. This segment deals in semiconductor products and related services; passive, electro-mechanical and interconnect products such as capacitors, resistors, potentiometers, power supplies, relays, switches and connectors; and computing and memory. Within this segment, semiconductor products and related services contributed nearly 45% of total sales in 2018.

2) Global Enterprise Computing Solutions (29%): Arrow provides enterprise computing solutions to VARs through its global ECS business segment. The computing segment includes products like servers, workstations, storage products, microcomputer boards and systems, design systems, desktop computer systems, software, monitors, printers, flat panel displays, system chassis and enclosures, controllers and communication control equipment.

Total adjusted revenues generated in 2018 were \$29.65 billion, up 10.9% year over year. Moreover, 59% of the revenues came from its operations outside the United States, reflecting the influence of foreign exchange rate on its revenues.



Reasons To Buy:

▲ Spending on electronic components and computer products is highly dependent on overall IT spending. Gartner expects worldwide IT spending to reach \$3.9 trillion in 2020, representing a 3.4% increase from 2019. The growth will be mainly driven by increased spending by companies toward digitalization and infrastructure build-up. In its earlier report, Gartner had indicated that major technology trends that include Internet of Things (IoT), big data, artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain have been driving overall IT spending. All this encourages us about the company's near-term prospects.

We believe that Arrow's core strength of providing best-in-class services and easy-to-acquire technologies will bolster its growth in the future.

▲ A significant portion of the company's revenues comes from the sales of semiconductors. Despite the recent uncertainties and slowdown in the semiconductor market, per the recent predictions of WSTS, the semiconductor industry is expected to return to modest growth in 2020. Arrow Electronics' sale of semiconductor products accounted for approximately 42%, 46% and 45% of consolidated sales in 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively. Therefore, an improvement in this market indicates an improvement in the company's business.

▲ Arrow's core strength of providing best-in-class services and easy-to-acquire technologies is expected to bolster growth in the future. Moreover, the company has secured significant market share through its broad portfolio of products and services and continued efforts to maximize consumer satisfaction. The company's diverse product range includes ArrowSphere, UC in the Cloud solutions, engineering design capabilities and remote infrastructure-management (Live Virtual Help Desk) services. This platform is particularly designed for aggregating, merchandizing and delivering cloud-related services to system integrators, autonomous software dealers and IT service providers all over the world. There is a huge scope for the company to earn additional revenues through the enhancement of the cloud-related portal. We believe its expertise in understanding market dynamics and strong product portfolio will continue to support growth.

▲ Arrow has been active on the acquisitions front. Over the last three decades, the company had acquired as many as 45 businesses. In January 2018, the company acquired eInfochips which is specialized in chip designing for products and IoT solutions. The acquisition of eInfochips will not only broaden Arrow Electronics' IoT capabilities but will also add a large skilled talent pool. Apart from this, the acquisition will be accretive to the electronic parts distributor's top and bottom lines. Acquisitions are likely to enable Arrow to enter markets, diversify and broaden its product portfolio and maintain its leading position. We believe, the company's continued acquisitions are expected to be a significant contributor to its revenue stream.

▲ Arrow returns cash to investors through share repurchases. Share buybacks are a good way to return cash to investors when growth opportunities are limited. These also have a positive effect on earnings per share. The company repurchased shares worth nearly \$390 million in 2019, reducing its outstanding shares by approximately 6%.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ Arrow's near-term financial results are likely to be impacted by the demand and supply chain disruptions of electronics components due to rapidly spreading coronavirus outside of China. Furthermore, organizations are pushing back their big and expensive technology investments due to global economic slowdown concerns, which is anticipated to hamper Arrow's sales in the near-term.
- ▼ Arrow has a highly leveraged balance sheet. The company has always had a good amount of debt on its balance sheet. Its long-term debt was \$2.64 billion as of Dec 31, 2019. Liquidity is low, since cash and liquid assets are just a fraction of its total assets. We think that the company has limited financial flexibility because of its high debt burden and further increases in debt could make investment in the shares risky. Thus, the company has to generate substantial amount of cash flow to effectively service its debt.
- ▼ Arrow derived approximately 56% of total revenue from outside the U.S. in 2019, in the form of key currencies such as pound, Euro, Australian Dollar and Yen. Thus, currency fluctuations can impact overall profitability of the company.
- ▼ Arrow's competitors are also keen on solidifying their respective positions in the electronics distribution market through strategic acquisitions. In the past few years, Avnet acquired RTI Holdings, TSSLink, Nexicore Assets, Ascendant Technology, Seamless Technologies, Inc. and MSC Investoren GmbH (or MSC Group).
- ▼ Arrow is significantly dependent on sales of semiconductors for revenues. The fears of trade war have been an overhang on chip stocks. With China being one of the biggest markets for semiconductors, investors are apprehensive about the impact of a full-fledged trade war on chip stocks. This makes us anxious about the near-term prospects of the company.

An uncertain economic condition, competition from Avnet and Ingram Micro, and a highly leveraged balance sheet remain concerns.

Last Earnings Report

Arrow's Q1 Earnings Miss Estimates, Revenues Beat

Arrow Electronics reported fourth-quarter 2019 adjusted earnings per share of 97 cents, down 49% on a year-over-year basis. The figure also missed the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 12.6%.

Revenues came in at \$6.38 billion, down 11% from the year-ago quarter. Adjusted revenues dropped 9% year over year. The revenue figure, however, beat the consensus mark of \$5.96 billion.

Demand for electronic components and IT remained low during the first quarter, as a result of the coronavirus-led economic disruptions.

However, a strong uptrend in design activity across all regions was a breather.

Segmental Details

Adjusted revenues from Global Components decreased 12% year over year to \$4.55 billion. On a reported basis, revenues declined 10%.

Region-wise, the segment's adjusted revenues from the Americas decreased 15% due to high levels of inventory with customers. Adjusted sales from the Asia Pacific declined 5% year over year. Global Components' contribution from Europe fell 10% on an adjusted basis. Components sales in the Americas decreased 16% year over year, as adjusted.

Adjusted revenues from Global Enterprise Computing Solutions (ECS) came in at \$1.83 billion, down 6% year over year. The decline in demand for servers, networking and services took a toll on revenues from this segment. Moreover, the quarter ended two days earlier on Mar 28, instead of Mar 30. This also had a negative impact on revenues.

Billings for the ECS segment were flat year over year during the first quarter.

ECS revenues from the Americas declined 6% after adjusting for foreign-currency changes. Adjusted sales from Europe fell 5% year over year.

Notably, backlog improved sequentially. However, lead times declined year over year in the first quarter. The overall book-to-bill ratio improved and came above parity at 1.12.

Strong design activity was a positive.

Margins

Arrow's non-GAAP gross profit decreased 14.7% from the prior-year quarter to \$728.4 million.

Operating income dropped 43.5% to \$156.5 million.

Balance Sheet and Cash Flow

Arrow exited the first quarter with cash and cash equivalents of \$201 million compared with the previous quarter's \$300.1 million.

Long-term debt was \$2.22 billion compared with \$2.64 billion at the end of the prior quarter.

The company's cash flow from operations was \$466.9 million.

In the first quarter, Arrow returned approximately \$150 million to shareholders through the stock-repurchase program and was left with approximately \$188 million of authorization.

Guidance

For the second quarter of 2020, sales are expected between \$6.08 billion and \$6.68 billion.

Global Components sales are projected at \$4.4-\$4.7 billion. Global ECS sales are estimated to be \$1.68-\$1.98 billion.

Interest and other expenses will presumably be about \$40 million. As a result, the company projects non-GAAP earnings per share of \$1.38-\$1.54.

Quarter Ending **03/2020**

Report Date	Apr 30, 2020
Sales Surprise	7.00%
EPS Surprise	-12.61%
Quarterly EPS	0.97
Annual EPS (TTM)	6.63

Recent News

On Jan 30, 2020, Arrow Electronics partnered with Microchip Technology on an engineering services project to simplify connectivity and security across industrial, smart building and energy markets.

On Nov 4, 2019, Arrow Electronics announced enhancements to its multi-tier cloud platform, ArrowSphere. The new functionalities will enable channel customers to customize multi-vendor solutions for their clients.

Valuation

Arrow's shares have plunged 35.9% in the year-to-period (YTD), and 35.5% over the trailing 12 months. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Computer & Technology sector have fallen 33.9% and 7.6% YTD, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry has decreased 30.6%, while the sector inched down 0.8%.

The S&P 500 Index has declined 11.7% YTD and 2.4% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 10.49X forward 12-month earnings, which compares with 11.32X for the Zacks sub-industry, 23.31X for the Zacks sector and 20.81X for the S&P 500 Index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 11.51X and as low as 5.33X, with a 5-year median of 9.09X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$66 price target reflects 11.01X forward 12-months earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for ARW

Valuation Multiples - ARW					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F12M	Current	10.49	11.32	23.31	20.81
	5-Year High	11.51	12.3	23.31	20.81
	5-Year Low	5.33	7.71	16.71	15.19
	5-Year Median	9.09	9.65	19.23	17.44
EV/Sales TTM	Current	0.3	0.31	3.90	2.82
	5-Year High	0.4	0.44	4.43	3.43
	5-Year Low	0.28	0.26	2.58	2.11
	5-Year Median	0.34	0.33	3.58	2.80
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	7.8	7.38	13.02	12.31
	5-Year High	8.48	9.02	13.02	12.85
	5-Year Low	5.59	5.09	7.68	8.47
	5-Year Median	7.2	7.06	10.53	10.7

As of 05/07/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 1% (250 out of 253)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Applied Materials Inc (AMAT)	Neutral	3
AMETEK Inc (AME)	Neutral	3
Avnet Inc (AVT)	Neutral	5
KLA Corporation (KLAC)	Neutral	3
NVIDIA Corporation (NVDA)	Neutral	2
Teledyne Technologies Incorporated (TDY)	Neutral	3
Tech Data Corporation (TECD)	Neutral	3
WESCO International Inc (WCC)	Neutral	4

Industry Comparison Industry: Electronics - Parts Distribution				Industry Peers		
	ARW	X Industry	S&P 500	AVT	NVDA	TDY
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	4	-	-	5	2	3
VGM Score	A	-	-	A	B	D
Market Cap	4.89 B	1.94 B	19.51 B	2.79 B	187.54 B	11.74 B
# of Analysts	4	4	14	4	11	1
Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.00%	2.15%	2.98%	0.21%	0.00%
Value Score	C	-	-	A	D	F
Cash/Price	0.04	0.13	0.06	0.14	0.06	0.02
EV/EBITDA	21.41	6.62	11.77	5.50	52.66	20.40
PEG Ratio	4.04	1.94	2.54	1.94	2.70	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	1.05	0.76	2.67	0.76	15.30	4.26
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	5.84	5.84	10.44	3.78	58.03	23.08
P/E (F1)	10.83	14.73	19.30	20.16	40.92	34.43
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.17	0.17	1.99	0.15	17.18	3.67
Earnings Yield	9.61%	7.43%	4.91%	4.96%	2.44%	2.90%
Debt/Equity	0.48	0.48	0.75	0.39	0.21	0.31
Cash Flow (\$/share)	10.65	7.46	7.01	7.46	5.25	13.88
Growth Score	A	-	-	A	A	B
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	6.71%	5.73%	10.87%	-6.71%	43.93%	18.64%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-20.99%	-27.80%	-9.87%	-65.94%	28.67%	-11.51%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-14.43%	-0.83%	5.88%	-8.48%	-20.70%	14.47%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	1.86%	1.86%	8.55%	1.13%	28.68%	11.00%
Current Ratio	1.46	2.42	1.24	2.42	7.67	1.80
Debt/Capital	32.34%	32.34%	44.23%	28.17%	17.30%	23.89%
Net Margin	-1.05%	-0.63%	10.68%	-0.63%	25.60%	12.78%
Return on Equity	11.57%	10.11%	16.36%	6.14%	26.08%	15.49%
Sales/Assets	1.77	1.77	0.55	2.13	0.71	0.72
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-8.30%	-8.30%	-2.26%	-10.92%	21.87%	0.13%
Momentum Score	A	-	-	C	B	D
Daily Price Chg	2.64%	0.53%	1.52%	0.53%	2.38%	1.06%
1 Week Price Chg	13.03%	2.66%	0.53%	5.86%	-2.35%	1.20%
4 Week Price Chg	4.97%	0.00%	0.73%	0.00%	15.94%	-2.34%
12 Week Price Chg	-21.55%	-17.42%	-21.09%	-23.17%	12.59%	-18.31%
52 Week Price Chg	-12.26%	-12.26%	-10.17%	-37.68%	79.14%	29.19%
20 Day Average Volume	636,224	332,284	2,398,409	845,308	10,536,805	217,083
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	2.40%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.23%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-7.91%	-9.83%	-6.95%	-15.66%	0.05%	-4.50%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-23.03%	-28.98%	-15.68%	-28.57%	4.50%	-16.50%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	23.86%	-9.77%	-13.12%	-96.43%	0.53%	25.16%

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Zacks Recommendation

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

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