

Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH)

\$88.58 (As of 08/27/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$94.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 05/04/20)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:B

Value: C

Growth: A

Momentum: D

Summary

Booz Allen Hamilton is in the process of implementing Vision 2020 which is aimed at achieving sustainable long-term growth. The company is witnessing significantly higher backlog growth, shift in talent to more technical expertise, a strong performance in the global commercial market and disciplined acquisition. These initiatives might have impacted the company's share price, which has outperformed its industry in the past year. The company is also laboring hard in innovation areas like Machine Intelligence and Directed Energy, thereby ensuring business development over the long haul. However, Booz Allen Hamilton is seeing an escalation in capital expenditure as it has increased investments in facilities, systems, infrastructure and technology. High debt may weigh on its future expansion and worsen its risk profile. Seasonality is a concern.

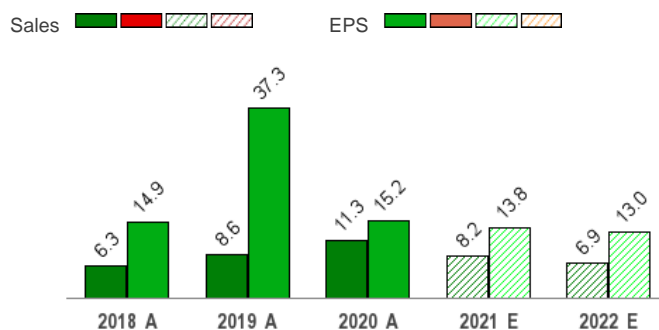
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$89.29 - \$54.37
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	847,746
Market Cap	\$12.2 B
YTD Price Change	24.5%
Beta	0.80
Dividend / Div Yld	\$1.24 / 1.4%
Industry	Government Services
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 22% (55 out of 252)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	6.9%
Last Sales Surprise	-0.5%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	1.3%
Expected Report Date	11/06/2020
Earnings ESP	0.2%
P/E TTM	27.1
P/E F1	24.5
PEG F1	1.7
P/S TTM	1.6

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2022	2,128 E	2,098 E	2,132 E	2,269 E	8,633 E
2021	1,956 A	1,974 E	2,006 E	2,130 E	8,077 E
2020	1,825 A	1,820 A	1,849 A	1,970 A	7,464 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2022	\$1.05 E	\$0.97 E	\$0.98 E	\$1.08 E	\$4.09 E
2021	\$0.93 A	\$0.92 E	\$0.91 E	\$0.86 E	\$3.62 E
2020	\$0.83 A	\$0.81 A	\$0.80 A	\$0.73 A	\$3.18 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 08/27/2020. The reports text is as of 08/28/2020.

Overview

McLean, VA-based Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corporation is a provider of management and technology consulting, analytics, engineering, digital solutions, mission operations as well as cyber expertise to the United States and international governments, corporations plus not-for-profit organizations. The company operates as a single profit center with a single bonus pool for partners, vice presidents, principals and senior associates.

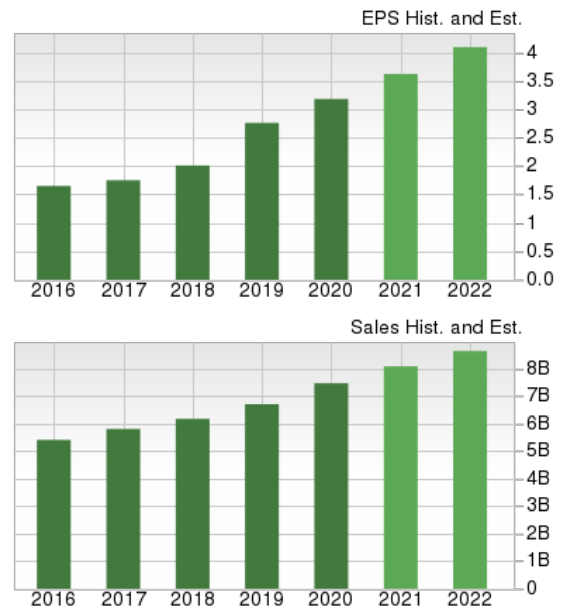
The company serves a diverse base of federal government clients, helping them to tackle complex challenges such as protecting soldiers in combat and supporting their families, keeping national infrastructure secure, advancing cyber capabilities, enabling and enhancing digital services, transforming the healthcare system, and improving governmental efficiency.

Booz Allen has commercial clients from across various industries including aerospace, health and life sciences, energy, financial services and transportation.

Booz Allen was founded by Edwin Booz, one of the pioneers of management consulting, in 1914. The company started serving the U.S. government by advising the Secretary of the Navy in preparation for World War II. With changing needs of clients in terms of both nature and complexity, the company expanded beyond management consulting foundation to develop deep expertise in the analytics, engineering, digital solutions and cyber.

Booz Allen currently has five service offerings, namely Consulting, Analytics, Digital Solutions, Engineering and Server. Consulting solutions are offered to various domains like business strategies, human capital and operations. Analytics services are focused on delivering transformational solutions in the areas of decision analytics, data science and automation plus the emerging areas of artificial intelligence and deep learning. Digital Solutions combines modern system development techniques with cloud platforms and machine learning for providing powerful solutions to clients.

Engineering delivers an array of engineering services and solutions to complex systems like the Launch and Test Range System (LTRS) for the U.S. Air Force Space Command or the Flush Air Data Systems (FADS) for NASA. Cyber provides cyber risk management solutions, such as prevention, detection and cost effectiveness.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ Booz Allen Hamilton is currently in the process of implementing **Vision 2020**, a strategy aimed at countering competition and achieving sustainable long-term growth. The strategy focuses on getting closer to clients' core missions, increasing technical content of work, attracting and retaining talent from diverse areas of expertise, increasing innovation, creating a wide network of external partners and alliances and expansion into commercial and international business. Through implementation of Vision 2020, Booz Allen Hamilton is seeing significantly higher backlog growth, a shift in talent to more technical expertise, strong performance in the global commercial market as well as disciplined acquisition. These initiatives might have positively impacted the company's share price, which has improved 17.1% over the past year. The company acquired the technology firm Morphick in October 2017 to expand its managed security portfolio and increase capacity to help clients offset advanced cyber threats.
- ▲ Booz Allen Hamilton developed its solutions business in a way that it creates **differentiated business** models and sales channels, increases client acquisition and enhances future revenue opportunities. The company also differentiated itself in the talent market so as to ensure attraction and retention of quality talent from diverse disciplines. These initiatives bumped up its ability to bring a variety of offerings through which, it has been winning highly technical, mission-critical work for its federal government business. All these ensure long-term sustainable growth for the company.
- ▲ The company is also laboring hard in **innovation** areas ensuring business development over the long haul. These areas are Machine Intelligence and Directed Energy. On the Machine Intelligence front, Booz Allen Hamilton is using machine learning and artificial intelligence to create a congenial working environment across its client organizations wherein people and intelligent machines will collaborate on achieve targets. Through its Directed Energy business, the company is trying to help its clients as a technology maturation agent, integrator and a solutions provider.

Booz Allen is seeing backlog growth, enhanced technical expertise and a strong performance in the global commercial market.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ Booz Allen Hamilton's business experiences **seasonality** related to U.S. Government's fiscal year that ends on Sep 30. The company experiences higher bid and proposal costs in the months leading to the government's fiscal year-end. Seasonality is beyond the company's control and continues to weigh on its profitability.
- ▼ **Capital expenditure** is expected to increase significantly year over year in fiscal 2019 as Booz Allen Hamilton has increased investments in facilities, systems, infrastructure and technology to support long-term growth. Notably, the company's capital expenditure for fiscal 2020 was \$128.1 million that increased significantly from \$94.7 million in fiscal 2019.
- ▼ Booz Allen's total debt to total capital ratio of 0.73 was higher than the industry's 0.63 at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2021. A high debt to capitalization ratio indicates that the proportion of debt to finance the company's assets is on the rise. Further, cash and cash equivalent balance of \$621 million at the end of quarter was well below the debt level of \$2.3 billion, underscoring that the company doesn't have enough cash to meet this **debt burden**. The cash level can however meet the short-term debt of \$128 million.

Increased investment and seasonality related to the U.S. Government's fiscal year escalated expenditure and cost.

Last Earnings Report

Booz Allen Beats on Earnings in Q1

Booz Allen reported mixed first-quarter fiscal 2021 results, with earnings beating the Zacks Consensus Estimate but revenues missing the same.

Adjusted earnings per share of 93 cents beat the consensus mark by 6.9% and improved 12% on a year-over-year basis. The bottom line benefited from top-line growth, strong contract-level performance and operational management.

Quarter Ending 06/2020

Report Date	Jul 31, 2020
Sales Surprise	-0.48%
EPS Surprise	6.90%
Quarterly EPS	0.93
Annual EPS (TTM)	3.27

Revenues, Backlog & Headcount Increase Y/Y

Total revenues of \$1.96 billion lagged the Zacks Consensus Estimate by a slight margin and increased 7.1% year over year. Revenues, excluding billable expenses, were \$1.41 billion, increasing 10.5% on a year-over-year basis. Billable expenses accounted for 28.1% of revenues.

Total backlog increased 15.9% from the prior-year quarter's reported figure to \$23 billion. Funded backlog of \$3.44 billion increased 7.6% year over year. Unfunded backlog was up 8.8% to \$4.73 billion. Priced options went up 4.9% to \$12.8 billion. Book-to-bill ratio was 2.17, up 68.2% year over year. Headcount of 27,381 increased 3.8% year over year.

Operating Results

Adjusted EBITDA amounted to \$213 million, up 6.8% year over year. Adjusted EBITDA margin on revenues stayed flat year over year at 10.9%. Adjusted EBITDA margin on revenues, excluding billable expenses, decreased to 15.1% from 15.6% in the year-ago quarter.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow

Booz Allen Hamilton exited fiscal first quarter with cash and cash equivalents of \$620.6 million compared with \$450.8 million at the end of the prior quarter. Long-term debt (net of current portion) was \$2 billion, roughly flat with the previous quarter. The company generated \$140.4 million of net cash from operating activities. Capital expenditure was \$20.1 million and free cash flow was \$120.4 million for the March-end quarter.

The company paid out dividends worth \$43.8 million and repurchased shares worth \$85.9 million in the reported quarter.

Fiscal 2021 Outlook

The company's revenue-growth projection is 6-10%. The adjusted earnings per share guidance is \$3.40-\$3.60. The midpoint (\$3.50) of the guided range is below the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$3.59.

Adjusted EBITDA margin on revenues is anticipated to be 10%. Operating cash flow is expected in the range of \$550-\$600 million.

Recent News

On **Jun 26, 2020**, Booz Allen announced the appointments of Kevin Richards and Tony Sharp in leadership positions in its commercial business. Richards joins as an executive vice president and will lead the company's Strategic Cyber Readiness and Response teams. Sharp will serve as a senior vice president and will lead Booz Allen's Security Architecture and Engineering team.

On **Apr 30, 2020**, Booz Allen announced that it has created a \$1 million Innovation Fund for supporting development of creative solutions to address the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

On **Apr 2, 2020**, Booz Allen announced that it has committed more than \$100 million to support its employees and their surrounding communities through a pandemic-resilience program. The program aims at enabling the company's employees to continue working with government and commercial clients, while taking care of themselves and their families amid coronavirus-induced challenging conditions.

Valuation

Booz Allen shares are up 23.8% in the year-to-date period and 17.1% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Business Services sector are up 13.7% and 3.2% in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and the sector are up 9.7% and 4.2%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 8.2% in the year-to-date period and 19.5% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 23.22X price to forward 12 months' earnings, which compares to 21.28X for the Zacks sub-industry, 31.12X for the Zacks sector and 23.37X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 23.96X and as low as 14.92X, with a 5-year median of 18.55X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$94.00 price target reflects 23.68X price to forward 12 months' earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for BAH

Valuation Multiples - BAH					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F12 M	Current	23.22	21.28	31.12	23.37
	5-Year High	23.96	21.55	31.12	23.37
	5-Year Low	14.92	15.94	18.68	15.25
	5-Year Median	18.55	18.47	20.95	17.58
P/S F12M	Current	1.47	1.4	4.31	3.81
	5-Year High	1.47	1.45	4.31	3.81
	5-Year Low	0.69	0.93	3.06	2.53
	5-Year Median	0.92	1.11	3.6	3.05
P/B TTM	Current	13.83	9.31	4.73	4.71
	5-Year High	19.61	12.16	6.71	4.71
	5-Year Low	8	6.03	3.28	2.83
	5-Year Median	10.82	8.29	5.22	3.76

As of 08/27/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 22% (55 out of 252)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Accenture PLC (ACN)	Neutral	3
CACI International, Inc. (CACI)	Neutral	3
CGI Group, Inc. (GIB)	Neutral	2
ICF International, Inc. (ICFI)	Neutral	2
Leidos Holdings, Inc. (LDOS)	Neutral	3
ManTech International Corporation (MANT)	Neutral	2
Maximus, Inc. (MMS)	Neutral	3
Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)	Neutral	3

Industry Comparison Industry: Government Services				Industry Peers		
	BAH	X Industry	S&P 500	ACN	GIB	LDOS
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	3	2	3
VGM Score	B	-	-	B	B	A
Market Cap	12.21 B	4.78 B	23.67 B	153.38 B	18.35 B	13.04 B
# of Analysts	9	3	14	11	7	9
Dividend Yield	1.40%	1.40%	1.64%	1.33%	0.00%	1.48%
Value Score	C	-	-	C	B	B
Cash/Price	0.05	0.02	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.05
EV/EBITDA	18.12	14.25	13.33	20.51	12.81	13.34
PEG Ratio	1.67	2.10	3.05	3.16	2.63	1.57
Price/Book (P/B)	13.83	4.00	3.18	9.31	3.66	3.68
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	23.17	15.26	12.81	27.03	14.90	13.04
P/E (F1)	24.36	23.86	21.68	31.57	20.00	16.86
Price/Sales (P/S)	1.61	1.45	2.50	3.44	2.02	1.12
Earnings Yield	4.09%	4.19%	4.43%	3.17%	5.00%	5.93%
Debt/Equity	2.55	0.80	0.74	0.00	0.52	1.17
Cash Flow (\$/share)	3.82	5.11	6.94	8.91	4.75	7.03
Growth Score	A	-	-	A	B	A
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	19.35%	11.95%	10.41%	11.11%	9.72%	14.85%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	13.84%	-12.33%	-4.94%	3.67%	-0.08%	5.20%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	13.32%	13.32%	5.22%	8.06%	3.80%	6.19%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	11.25%	10.95%	8.50%	9.75%	1.29%	6.45%
Current Ratio	1.81	1.81	1.35	1.37	1.33	0.89
Debt/Capital	71.82%	44.39%	43.86%	0.36%	34.30%	53.90%
Net Margin	6.51%	6.41%	10.25%	11.11%	9.77%	5.26%
Return on Equity	52.76%	17.29%	14.66%	31.51%	18.99%	23.81%
Sales/Assets	1.62	1.62	0.50	1.35	0.87	1.11
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	8.22%	8.22%	-1.43%	2.52%	-1.19%	11.78%
Momentum Score	D	-	-	D	D	D
Daily Price Chg	1.26%	1.26%	0.43%	0.17%	0.34%	1.26%
1 Week Price Chg	-0.13%	-0.57%	-1.45%	3.14%	0.74%	-5.86%
4 Week Price Chg	13.96%	5.63%	3.75%	7.54%	-0.39%	-0.74%
12 Week Price Chg	9.83%	7.24%	3.95%	18.60%	5.79%	-13.49%
52 Week Price Chg	17.78%	1.44%	2.75%	21.20%	-9.83%	5.14%
20 Day Average Volume	847,746	303,480	1,887,168	1,490,454	169,499	1,080,809
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.49%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	1.27%	2.04%	0.79%	0.00%	0.73%	3.71%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	1.40%	2.04%	3.43%	0.74%	4.46%	5.03%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	1.22%	-0.36%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.97%	-6.06%

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Value Score	C
Growth Score	A
Momentum Score	D
VGM Score	B

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