Neutral



#### BorgWarner Inc. (BWA) Long Term: 6-12 Months Zacks Recommendation: (Since: 09/25/19) \$24.94 (As of 03/26/20) Prior Recommendation: Underperform Price Target (6-12 Months): \$26.00

3-Hold Short Term: 1-3 Months Zacks Rank: (1-5) VGM:C

Zacks Style Scores: Value: A Growth: D Momentum: F

# Summary

As the global auto industry evolves to meet increasingly stringent emissions, BorgWarner is likely to benefit from accelerating vehicle electrification. In the long term, BorgWarner expects that hybrid and electric technologies will be the major revenue drivers. BorgWarner's planned buyout of Delphi Technologies will strengthen its propulsion leadership. The company's restructuring efforts is likely to help the firm to sustain margin profile and competitiveness in the long term. However, decline in light-vehicle production across all its major markets served, is likely to mar BorgWarner's top line. Sales and profits of the firm are likelly to feel the heat of the COVID-19 pandemic. High R&D costs and unfavorable foreign exchange translations are other headwinds. As such, investors are advised to wait for a better entry point.

# Price, Consensus & Surprise



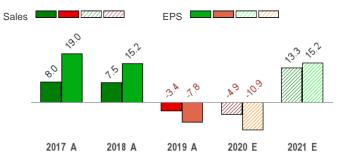
# **Data Overview**

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| 52 Week High-Low           | \$46.60 - \$17.00                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 20 Day Average Volume (sh) | 4,800,728                          |
| Market Cap                 | \$5.2 B                            |
| YTD Price Change           | -42.5%                             |
| Beta                       | 1.75                               |
| Dividend / Div Yld         | \$0.68 / 2.7%                      |
| Industry                   | Automotive - Original<br>Equipment |
| Zacks Industry Rank        | Bottom 12% (223 out of 253)        |

# Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



| Last EPS Surprise         | 4.5%       |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Last Sales Surprise       | -0.0%      |
| EPS F1 Est- 4 week change | -8.4%      |
| Expected Report Date      | 05/06/2020 |
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| EPS F1 Est- 4 week change | -8.4%      |
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| Earnings ESP              | -14.6%     |
|                           |            |
| P/E TTM                   | 6.0        |
| P/E F1                    | 6.8        |

| Sales Estimates (millions of \$) |          |         |         |         |          |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--|--|--|
|                                  | Q1       | Q2      | Q3      | Q4      | Annual*  |  |  |  |
| 2021                             | 2,597 E  | 2,651 E | 2,602 E | 2,748 E | 10,960 E |  |  |  |
| 2020                             | 2,370 E  | 2,430 E | 2,474 E | 2,560 E | 9,673 E  |  |  |  |
| 2019                             | 2,566 A  | 2,551 A | 2,492 A | 2,559 A | 10,168 A |  |  |  |
| EPS E                            | stimates |         |         |         |          |  |  |  |
|                                  | Q1       | Q2      | Q3      | Q4      | Annual*  |  |  |  |

|           | Q1               | Q2               | Q3       | Q4       | Annual*  |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2021      | \$1.02 E         | \$1.11 E         | \$1.07 E | \$1.18 E | \$4.24 E |
| 2020      | \$0.84 E         | \$0.90 E         | \$0.97 E | \$1.12 E | \$3.68 E |
| 2019      | \$1.00 A         | \$1.00 A         | \$0.96 A | \$1.17 A | \$4.13 A |
| *Quarterl | y figures may no | t add up to annu | ual.     |          |          |

The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 03/26/2020. The reports text is as of 03/27/2020.

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#### Overview

Michigan-based BorgWarner, Inc. is a global leader in clean and efficient technology solutions required for combustion, hybrid and electric vehicles. Its products include four-wheel-drive and all-wheel-drive transfer cases (primarily for light trucks and sport utility vehicles or SUVs), as well as automatic transmission and timing chain systems. These products are aimed at to improve vehicle performance, propulsion efficiency, stability and air quality. These products are produced and sold worldwide, primarily to OEMs of passenger cars, SUVs, trucks and commercial transportation products.

BorgWarner's largest customers include Volkswagen and Ford. The company operates manufacturing facilities catering to the customers in Europe, the Americas and Asia and is an original equipment supplier to every major automotive OEM in the world. The company's production and technical facilities are spread over 64 locations in 17 countries.

BorgWarner operates under two segments:

**Engine segment** (60.7% of sales in 2019): This segment develops and manufactures products to manage engines. Products include turbochargers, chains as well as emission and thermal systems. The segment also produces fluid pumps, including engine hydraulic pumps for variable cam timing and engine lubrication.

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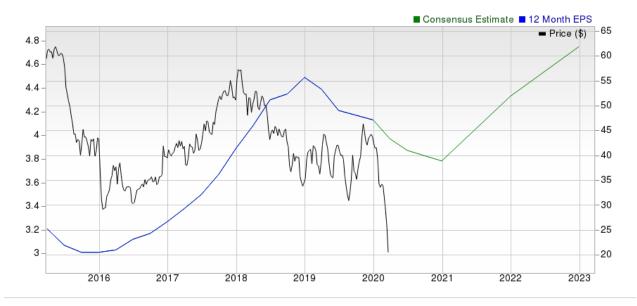
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**Drivetrain segment** (39.3%): This segment engineers and manufactures components for automatic transmission and systems that combine such components. Products include friction plates, one-way clutches, transmission bands, torque converters and lock-up clutches for automatic transmission. The segment also offers polymer fans for engine cooling systems and sells products to OEMs of commercial trucks, buses as well as agricultural and off-highway vehicles, primarily in North America, South America, Europe and Asia.



# **Reasons To Buy:**

▲ BorgWarner's planned buyout of Delphi Technologies will further strengthen its propulsion leadership. The combined company would offer flexibilities across the combustion, hybrid and electric propulsion lines, which is consistent with BorgWarner's evolution toward the future propulsion industry and transition toward electric vehicles. BorgWarner will also achieve cost synergies of approximately \$125 million by 2023 primarily by SG&A and procurement savings.

BorgWarner's planned buyout of Delphi Technologies is likely to strengthen its propulsion unit.

- As the global auto industry evolves to meet increasingly stringent emissions, BorgWarner is likely to benefit from accelerating vehicle electrification. In the long term, BorgWarner expects that hybrid and electric technologies will be the major revenue drivers. Electrification programs are likely to drive the company's backlog. Between 2020 and 2023, the backlog is expected to be \$2.5-\$2.63 billion. With a diverse product range, it projects that the new business gains will be more for its products that cater to hybrid and electric vehicles by 2023. Region wise, it expects 20% backlog in the Americas, 10% in Europe and 70% in Asia.
- ▲ The company's restructuring efforts, including footprint reduction in manufacturing technical centers and consolidation of Turbo/ETS business, bode well and is likely to help the firm to sustain margin profile and competitiveness in the long term. BorgWarner's turbocharger and timing products are its primary growth drivers. Since turbochargers help auto engines to remain in compliance with the tough emission standards, the demand for turbocharged engines is increasing. The timing system, which comes with one of the key technologies namely VCT, results in improved fuel economy and reduced emissions. High sales of turbocharger and timing products are likely to drive the top-line of the firm.
- ▲ The company fares well in the cash flow parameter. BorgWarner's FCF totaled \$700 million in 2019 and the company expects to generate \$675-\$725 million of FCFs in 2020. Full-year operating cash flow is expected to be approximately \$1,250 million, suggesting an uptick from \$1,008 million in 2019.BorgWarner's investor friendly moves also boost investors' confidence. In January 2020, the firm approved the implementation of a share-repurchase program of up to \$1 billion over the next three years.

### **Reasons To Sell:**

✓ Bleak outlook for 2020 has dampened investors' sentiments. For full-year 2020, net sales are expected in the range of \$9,750 million to \$10,075 million, suggesting a year-over-year fall of 2.5% at the mid-point of the guidance. Adjusted operating margin is expected to be in the range of 11.6% to 12%, suggesting a decline from 2019. Adjusted net earnings are expected to lie between \$3.85 and \$4.15 per share, suggesting a 3.1% y/y decline at the mid-point of the guidance. Coronavirus outbreak is further denting the near-term prospects of the company.

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- ▼ BorgWarner expects a decline in light-vehicle production across all its major markets served, which is likely to mar its top line. The company expects the light-vehicle markets to decline in the range of 2%-4% in 2020.Due to softening demand in China amid trade tensions, the company is increasingly pessimistic about the Chinese market. The firm expects production in China, Europe and North America to decline around 1%-5%, 2%-5% and 1%-2%, respectively, on a year-over-year basis.
- ▼ Higher research and development costs are likely to mar its margins in 2020. The company expects R&D costs to be higher in 2020 as it continues to invest heavily in electrification-related programs. Unfavorable foreign currency translations are also likely to dent the results of the firm. The company expects foreign currencies to result in a year-over-year decrease in sales of \$130 million, primarily due to the depreciation of the Euro, Chinese Renminbi and Korean Won against the U.S. dollar.
- ▼ As the company has to deal with a struggling Tier 2 supplier base, margins are expected to erode. Annual price reductions for OEM customers have become a common practice. While BorgWarner faces pressure from OEMs to reduce prices, it is unable to pass on any increase in raw material costs to OEM customers. While it's normal for auto OEMs to demand price reductions from tier-1 suppliers like BorgWarner, these firms try to recover the costs from Tier-2 suppliers. However, weakness witnessed in Tier 2 suppliers is limiting BWA's ability to pass on pricing concessions to OEMs.

# **Last Earnings Report**

## BorgWarner Beats Q4 Earnings & Revenue Estimates

BorgWarner delivered adjusted earnings of \$1.17 per share in fourth-quarter 2019, beating the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$1.05. This was mainly driven by the better-than-anticipated performance of the Drivetrain and Engine segments. However, the reported figure came in lower than the year-ago quarter's \$1.21 per share. Net income amounted to \$220 million compared with the \$230 million reported in the prior-year quarter.

| BorgWarner's     | net   | sales  | edged    | down   | 0.6%    | year   | over    | year   | to  | \$2,559   | million, | due    | to    | the  |
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| The reported fig | gure, | howev  | er, beat | the Za | acks Co | onsen  | sus E   | stimat | e o | f \$2,533 | million. |        |       |      |

| Quarter Ending   | 12/2019      |
|------------------|--------------|
| Report Date      | Feb 13, 2020 |
| Sales Surprise   | -0.04%       |
| EPS Surprise     | 4.46%        |
| Quarterly EPS    | 1.17         |
| Annual EPS (TTM) | 4.13         |

In the fourth guarter, operating income amounted to \$478 million compared with the prior-year guarter's figure of \$266 million.

## **Segmental Performance**

Net sales in the Engine segment fell to \$1,533 million from the year-ago quarter's \$1,541 million. The figure, however, surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$1,480 million. Excluding impact of foreign-currency translation and divestiture of the thermostat product line, net sales went up 3.5% year over year and adjusted EBIT (earnings before interest, income taxes and non-controlling interest) climbed 8.6% to \$264 million. This was primarily aided by higher revenues, excluding the impact of weaker currencies, and lower SG&A and R&D expense.

In the Drivetrain segment, net sales decreased to \$1,042 million from the \$1,047 million reported in the prior-year quarter. The figure, however, outpaced the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$1,041 million. Excluding impacts of foreign currencies, net sales inched up 1.5% on a year-over-year basis and adjusted EBIT rose 4.6% to \$136 million owing to supplier cost savings and lower R&D costs.

#### **Financial Position**

As of Dec 31, 2019, BorgWarner had \$832 million in cash compared with \$739 million as of Dec 31, 2018. Long-term debt was \$1.67 billion, down from the \$1.94 billion recorded at the end of 2018. The debt-to-capital ratio stands at 25.68%.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,008 million as of Dec 31, 2019, compared with \$1,126 million as of Dec 31, 2018. Investment in capital expenditure, including tooling outlays, declined to \$481 million from the \$546 million recorded as of Dec 31, 2018.

#### Outlook

For full-year 2020, net sales are expected in the range of \$9,750 million to \$10,075 million, suggesting a year-over-year fall of 2.5% at the midpoint of the guidance. Further, it envisions adjusted net earnings between \$3.85 and \$4.15 per diluted share. In addition, adjusted operating margin is expected in the range of 10-11% and full-year free cash flow is estimated between \$675 million and \$725 million.

### **Recent News**

### **BorgWarner Provides Business Update Amid Coronavirus**

On **Mar 24**, BorgWarner warned the investors that it expects material impact on its 2020 performance amid the coronavirus-induced uncertainty. The maker of clean and efficient engine solutions expects its sales to decline as many of its customers have suspended operations. As of Mar 20, the firm had liquidity of approximately \$2.3 billion, including cash balance of approximately \$820 million and an undrawn revolving credit facility of \$1.5 billion.

### **Valuation**

BorgWarner's shares are down 42.5% and 34% in the year-to-date period and over the trailing 12-month period, respectively. Stocks in the Zacks Automotive - Original Equipment industry and the Zacks Auto-Tires-Trucks sector are down 31.3% and 22.8%, respectively, on a year to date basis. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are down 24.2% and 13.7%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is down 23% and 12.8% in the year-to-date period and over the past year, respectively.

The stock is currently trading at 6.38X forward 12-month earnings, which compares to 10.53X for the Zacks sub-industry, 9.8X for the Zacks sector and 14.92X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 17.67X and as low as 4.86X, with a 5-year median of 10.7X.

Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will in line with the market. Our \$26 price target reflects 6.66X forward 12-month earnings per share.

The table below shows summary valuation data for BWA:

| Valuation Multiples - BWA |               |       |              |        |         |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------|--------------|--------|---------|
|                           |               | Stock | Sub-Industry | Sector | S&P 500 |
|                           | Current       | 6.38  | 10.53        | 9.8    | 14.92   |
| P/E F12M                  | 5-Year High   | 17.67 | 13.46        | 11.75  | 19.34   |
|                           | 5-Year Low    | 4.86  | 8.52         | 8.23   | 14.92   |
|                           | 5-Year Median | 10.7  | 11.59        | 9.88   | 17.42   |
|                           | Current       | 3.33  | 4.86         | 8.81   | 9.16    |
| EV/EBITDA TTM             | 5-Year High   | 11.02 | 8.62         | 11.34  | 12.88   |
|                           | 5-Year Low    | 2.73  | 4.35         | 6.97   | 8.27    |
|                           | 5-Year Median | 6.73  | 6.57         | 9.3    | 10.78   |
|                           | Current       | 0.52  | 0.46         | 0.52   | 2.68    |
| P/S F12M                  | 5-Year High   | 1.6   | 0.81         | 0.76   | 3.43    |
|                           | 5-Year Low    | 0.4   | 0.46         | 0.5    | 2.54    |
|                           | 5-Year Median | 0.88  | 0.64         | 0.62   | 3       |

As of 03/26/2020

#### Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 12% (223 out of 253) ■ Industry Price -65 400 - Industry ■ Price -60 -55

# **Top Peers**

| Caterpillar Inc. (CAT)                             | Neutral      |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Deere & Company (DE)                               | Neutral      |
| Navistar International Corporation (NAV)           | Neutral      |
| Autoliv, Inc. (ALV)                                | Underperform |
| American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. (AXL) | Underperform |
| Dana Incorporated (DAN)                            | Underperform |
| PACCAR Inc. (PCAR)                                 | Underperform |
| Tenneco Inc. (TEN)                                 | Underperform |

| Industry Comparison Industry: Automotive - Original Equipment |             |            |           | Industry Peers |            |            |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------|--|--|
|                                                               | BWA Neutral | X Industry | S&P 500   | CAT Neutral    | DE Neutral | NAV Neutra |  |  |
| VGM Score                                                     | С           | -          | -         | В              | E          | В          |  |  |
| Market Cap                                                    | 5.16 B      | 518.95 M   | 18.50 B   | 60.78 B        | 43.62 B    | 2.03 E     |  |  |
| # of Analysts                                                 | 9           | 2          | 13        | 9              | 8          | 3          |  |  |
| Dividend Yield                                                | 2.73%       | 0.00%      | 2.35%     | 3.73%          | 2.19%      | 0.00%      |  |  |
| Value Score                                                   | Α           | -          | -         | В              | D          | В          |  |  |
| Cash/Price                                                    | 0.20        | 0.22       | 0.07      | 0.16           | 0.12       | 0.62       |  |  |
| EV/EBITDA                                                     | 3.41        | 3.95       | 11.16     | 6.81           | 9.23       | 6.69       |  |  |
| PEG Ratio                                                     | 0.80        | 1.08       | 1.74      | 1.31           | 3.12       | 0.61       |  |  |
| Price/Book (P/B)                                              | 1.06        | 0.86       | 2.44      | 4.16           | 3.66       | NA         |  |  |
| Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)                                        | 3.98        | 3.19       | 9.87      | 6.86           | 8.42       | 3.19       |  |  |
| P/E (F1)                                                      | 6.21        | 9.45       | 15.29     | 12.71          | 15.62      | 9.45       |  |  |
| Price/Sales (P/S)                                             | 0.51        | 0.30       | 1.93      | 1.13           | 1.12       | 0.19       |  |  |
| Earnings Yield                                                | 14.76%      | 10.45%     | 6.47%     | 7.86%          | 6.40%      | 10.58%     |  |  |
| Debt/Equity                                                   | 0.35        | 0.51       | 0.70      | 1.80           | 2.55       | -1.14      |  |  |
| Cash Flow (\$/share)                                          | 6.26        | 3.19       | 7.01      | 16.10          | 16.53      | 6.40       |  |  |
| Growth Score                                                  | D           | -          | -         | С              | F          | D          |  |  |
| Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)                                    | 9.76%       | 7.17%      | 10.85%    | 27.28%         | 16.20%     | NA         |  |  |
| Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)                                      | -10.82%     | -14.14%    | 2.89%     | -21.39%        | -10.42%    | -49.18%    |  |  |
| Curr. Cash Flow Growth                                        | -5.66%      | -4.22%     | 5.93%     | -6.65%         | 4.09%      | 9.70%      |  |  |
| Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)                              | 3.79%       | 3.83%      | 8.55%     | 4.31%          | 3.09%      | 81.17%     |  |  |
| Current Ratio                                                 | 1.65        | 1.60       | 1.23      | 1.47           | 2.12       | 1.41       |  |  |
| Debt/Capital                                                  | 25.68%      | 38.59%     | 42.57%    | 64.24%         | 71.88%     | NA         |  |  |
| Net Margin                                                    | 7.34%       | 2.50%      | 11.64%    | 11.32%         | 8.41%      | 1.63%      |  |  |
| Return on Equity                                              | 18.68%      | 14.04%     | 16.74%    | 41.85%         | 26.92%     | -8.89%     |  |  |
| Sales/Assets                                                  | 1.01        | 1.30       | 0.54      | 0.68           | 0.53       | 1.54       |  |  |
| Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)                                    | -4.87%      | -3.49%     | 2.37%     | -11.50%        | -8.80%     | -16.38%    |  |  |
| Momentum Score                                                | F           | -          | -         | D              | F          | A          |  |  |
| Daily Price Chg                                               | 5.14%       | 3.92%      | 6.21%     | 5.57%          | 8.25%      | 6.80%      |  |  |
| 1 Week Price Chg                                              | -20.11%     | -20.37%    | -16.96%   | -4.15%         | -19.67%    | -34.75%    |  |  |
| 4 Week Price Chg                                              | -18.47%     | -26.29%    | -15.70%   | -10.36%        | -13.06%    | -43.01%    |  |  |
| 12 Week Price Chg                                             | -43.25%     | -36.76%    | -23.67%   | -26.59%        | -21.36%    | -28.49%    |  |  |
| 52 Week Price Chg                                             | -34.04%     | -34.16%    | -13.99%   | -16.52%        | -12.01%    | -36.85%    |  |  |
| 20 Day Average Volume                                         | 4,800,728   | 241,408    | 4,286,768 | 7,275,647      | 2,843,391  | 1,428,464  |  |  |
| (F1) EPS Est 1 week change                                    | -2.64%      | 0.00%      | -0.15%    | -0.62%         | -4.69%     | 0.00%      |  |  |
| (F1) EPS Est 4 week change                                    | -8.43%      | -10.53%    | -2.28%    | -6.92%         | -5.68%     | 1.07%      |  |  |
| (F1) EPS Est 12 week change                                   | -11.01%     | -17.01%    | -3.22%    | -18.84%        | -4.83%     | -5.60%     |  |  |
| (Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg                                        | -7.96%      | -7.96%     | -1.60%    | -3.99%         | -6.71%     | -26.24%    |  |  |

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| Value Score    | Α |
|----------------|---|
| Growth Score   | D |
| Momentum Score | F |
| VGM Score      | C |
|                |   |

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