

Copart, Inc. (CPRT)

\$100.80 (As of 02/03/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$107.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:
Neutral

(Since: 01/31/20)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:B

Value: F

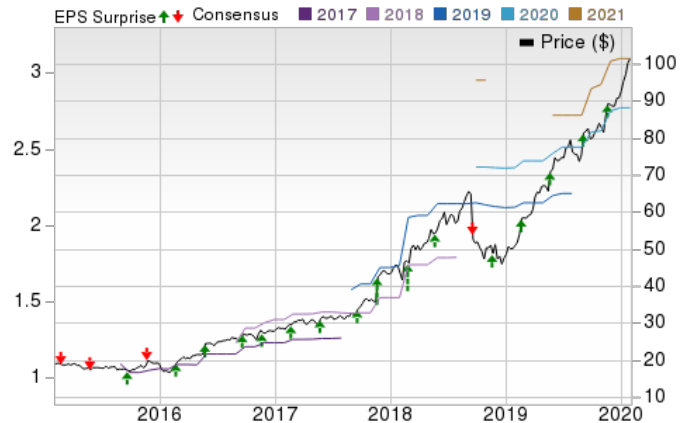
Growth: A

Momentum: A

Summary

Shares of Copart have outperformed the industry over the past year. The company's active presence across U.S. and international markets is aiding worldwide sales volumes. High activity levels in the United States and expansion efforts in Canadian and European markets are expected to boost the company's prospects. Increased demand for its vehicle remarketing services and the higher average selling prices from the international online bidders are buoying the firm's profits and revenues. However, increased investments to support growth initiatives, including expansion of the business in international markets and the United States, are hampering its bottom line. Improving safety features in vehicles will also likely have a negative impact on Copart's future earnings. Hence, the investors are recommended to wait for a better point.

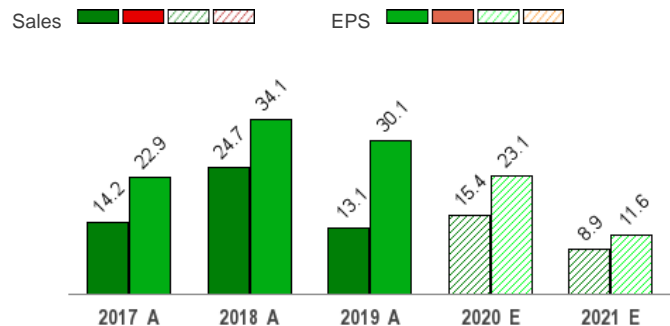
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$103.31 - \$51.03
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	1,217,031
Market Cap	\$23.4 B
YTD Price Change	10.8%
Beta	0.79
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.00 / 0.0%
Industry	Auction and Valuation Services
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 22% (197 out of 254)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	10.2%
Last Sales Surprise	4.4%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	0.0%
Expected Report Date	02/19/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	41.5
P/E F1	36.4
PEG F1	1.8
P/S TTM	11.0

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	604 E	630 E	695 E	666 E	2,566 E
2020	554 A	572 E	628 E	602 E	2,357 E
2019	461 A	485 A	553 A	543 A	2,042 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$0.72 E	\$0.73 E	\$0.88 E	\$0.79 E	\$3.09 E
2020	\$0.65 A	\$0.65 E	\$0.77 E	\$0.70 E	\$2.77 E
2019	\$0.47 A	\$0.52 A	\$0.66 A	\$0.60 A	\$2.25 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 02/03/2020. The reports text is as of 02/04/2020.

Overview

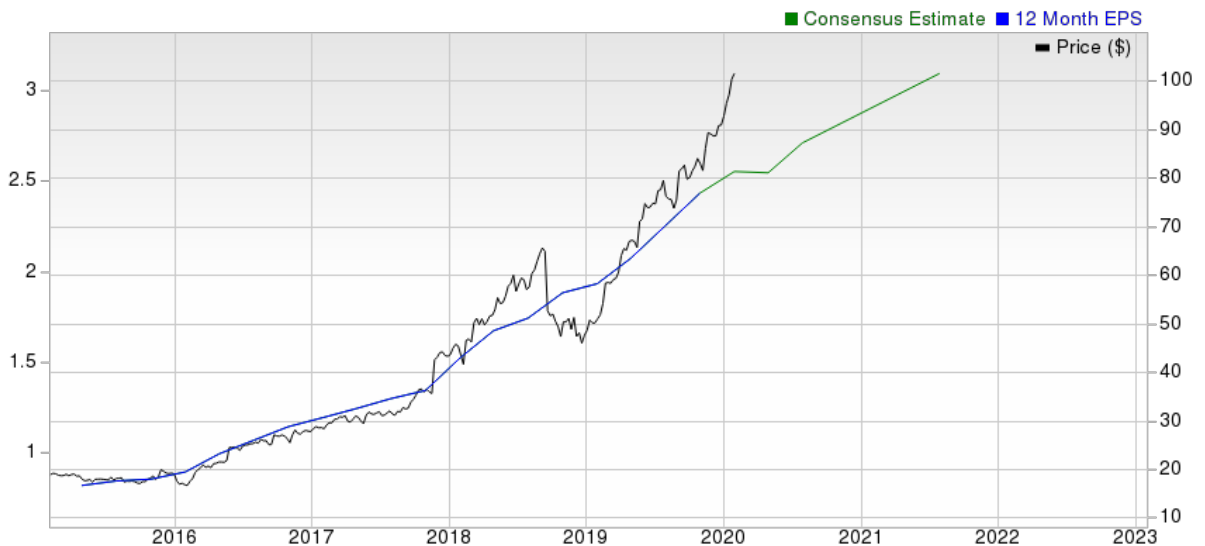
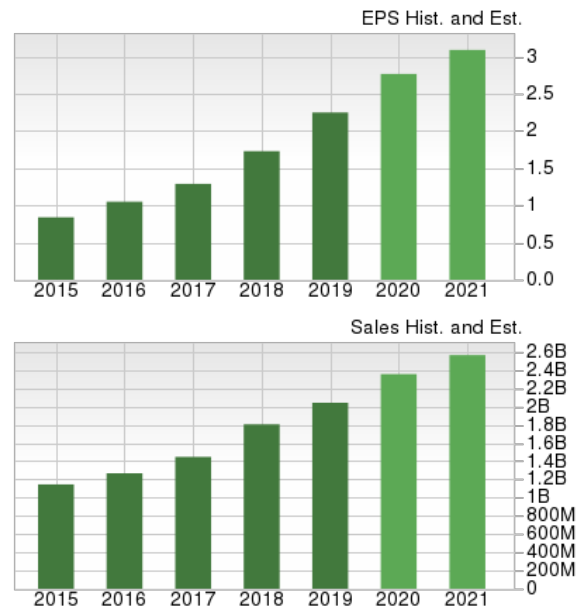
Based in Dallas, TX, Copart, Inc. was founded in 1982. The company provides online auction and a wide range of remarketing services to process and sell salvage and clean title vehicles. This is done mainly over the Internet, through its Virtual Bidding Third Generation (VB3) Internet auction-style sales technology.

Sellers are primarily insurance companies, banks and financial institutions, charities, car dealerships, fleet operators, and vehicle rental companies. Buyers include licensed vehicle dismantlers, rebuilders, repair licensees, used vehicle dealers and exporters, along with the general public.

Copart's services include online supplier access, salvage estimation services, end-of-life vehicle processing, virtual insured exchange, transportation services, vehicle inspection stations, on-demand reporting, DMV processing and flexible vehicle processing programs, among others.

In the United States, Canada, Brazil, the Republic of Ireland, Finland, the U.A.E., Oman, Bahrain, and Spain, Copart sells vehicles primarily as an agent and earns revenue from sales transaction fees paid by vehicle suppliers and vehicle buyers, as well as the associated fees for services, such as towing and storage. In the United Kingdom and Germany, it operates on a principal basis, purchasing the salvage vehicle from insurance companies and reselling it to buyers. It also serves as an agent in the United Kingdom. In Germany and Spain, Copart generates revenue from sales listing fees for listing vehicles for insurance companies.

Copart acquires and develops hubs in new as well as existing regions as an expansion strategy. It believes that acquisitions and facility opening will strengthen its footprint across the United States, the U.K., Brazil, the Republic of Ireland, Germany, Finland, the U.A.E., Oman, Bahrain, and Spain.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ Copart is expanding its network of facilities to manage the inflating volume of vehicles. The company's active presence across U.S. and international markets is aiding worldwide sales volumes. High activity levels in the United States and expansion efforts in Canadian and European markets are expected to boost the company's prospects further. Expanding footprint will aid Copart in a fast pickup across the country, leading to improved growth in a competitive marketplace.
- ▲ To meet the ever-increasing demand from car buyers and sellers, Copart has been doubling down on storage capacity expansion. Along with that, an increased demand for its vehicle remarketing services and the higher average selling prices from the international online bidders are buoying the firm's profits and revenues. Notably, the revenues have witnessed a CAGR of 15.5% from 2015-2019.
- ▲ In addition to opening hubs and expanding its network of facilities, the company's strategic acquisitions are likely to drive revenues. Copart's 2019 buyout of Kentucky-based online auctioning platform, Vincent Auto Solutions, has strengthened its footprint in western Kentucky. In 2018, with an aim to expand its presence throughout Europe, it acquired AVK, a leading Finland-based salvage auto auction company. In 2017, it acquired that supported its expansion in the areas of Atlanta, Cincinnati, Dallas, Philadelphia and San Diego. Further, the company has a good track record in profitably integrating acquisitions to their benefit.

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Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ Increased investments to support growth initiatives, including expansion of the business in international markets and the United States, are hampering Copart's bottom line. Further, the company is still struggling with increased labor and temporary storage costs, and equipment lease expenses to handle the increased volume as a result of Hurricane Harvey. In third-quarter fiscal 2019, the company's operating expenses rose to \$345 million from the year-ago figure of \$304 million.
- ▼ Copart's presence in various international markets makes it vulnerable to foreign currency fluctuations and country-specific policy threats. In fact, during third-quarter 2019, the company's year-over-year revenue growth was partly offset by strength of the U.S. dollar in comparison with the pound and the Brazilian real.
- ▼ Improving safety features in vehicles will likely have a negative impact on Copart's future earnings. As safety features improve, the accident rate and hence, the supply of salvage vehicles is expected to reduce. Moreover, the rapid progress in the development of driverless cars is a looming threat in the long run. In the medium term, the increasing addition of driver-assist features to vehicles is expected to lower accident rates. This could affect Copart's inventory levels, which in turn, will hamper revenue growth.

Increased expenses due to business expansion and costs associated with hurricanes are concerns before Copart. Moreover, improving safety features in vehicles may impact revenue growth.

Last Earnings Report

Copart Extends its Winning Streak as Q1 Earnings Top

Copart delivered a comprehensive beat in first-quarter fiscal 2020 (ended Oct 31), wherein it managed to surpass earnings and revenue estimates. Rising service revenues across markets served by the company and expanding network of facilities have aided the results.

The Texas-based online vehicle auctioning company reported adjusted earnings per share of 65 cents, surpassing the Zacks Consensus Estimate of 59 cents and increasing from the year-ago figure of 47 cents. Markedly, this is the fifth consecutive earnings beat for the company. Higher-than-expected service revenues led to the outperformance. Precisely, service revenues came in at \$487.8 million, outpacing the consensus estimate of \$462 million.

Total revenues came in at \$554.4 million, surpassing the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$531 million. The top line was also 20.2% higher than the year-ago figure of \$461.4 million. While service revenues accounted for nearly 88% of total revenues, vehicle sales totaled \$66.5 million during the quarter under review, almost flat with the year-ago level.

Gross profit was up roughly 30% year over year to \$254.8 million. Total operating expenses rose to \$349 million from \$309.9 million recorded in the prior-year period. Operating income increased to \$205.4 million from \$151.4 million reported a year ago.

Copart had cash and cash equivalents of \$181.1 million as of Oct 31, 2019. Long-term debt, revolving loan facility and capital lease obligations were \$400 million. Its debt-to-capital ratio stands at 17.2%. During the quarter, the Zacks Rank #2 (Buy) firm generated net cash flow of \$212.4 million from operations compared with \$107.7 million in the prior-year period.

Quarter Ending **10/2019**

Report Date	Nov 20, 2019
Sales Surprise	4.41%
EPS Surprise	10.17%
Quarterly EPS	0.65
Annual EPS (TTM)	2.43

Recent News

Copart Becomes Largest Auction Facility With Munich Location

On **Jan 10**, Copart, Inc., opened doors to its new Munich East location establishing the largest network of salvage auction facilities in Germany. Copart's Munich East location is 17.3 acres and has the capacity to store 1,800 vehicles.

Valuation

Copart's shares are up 10.8% in the year-to-date period and up 94.4% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks Auction and Valuation Services industry and the Zacks Business Services sector are up 8.3% and 4.8%, in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are up 73.8% and 14.5%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 1.1% in the year-to-date period and up 20.3% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 34.35X forward 12-month earnings, which compares to 32.4X for the Zacks sub-industry, 25.73X for the Zacks sector and 18.61X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 34.94X and as low as 16.56X, with a 5-year median of 22.37X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$107 price target reflects 36.52X forward 12-month earnings per share.

The table below shows summary valuation data for CPRT:

Valuation Multiples - CPRT					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F12M	Current	34.35	32.4	25.73	18.61
	5-Year High	34.94	32.4	25.73	19.34
	5-Year Low	16.56	18.42	18.77	15.18
	5-Year Median	22.37	24.32	20.57	17.46
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	32.38	24.02	12.19	11.95
	5-Year High	32.38	24.02	12.55	12.85
	5-Year Low	10.55	10.6	8.75	8.49
	5-Year Median	18.57	17.1	10.42	10.66
P/S F12M	Current	9.51	6.34	4.09	3.45
	5-Year High	9.67	6.34	5.13	3.45
	5-Year Low	3.25	3.31	3.09	2.54
	5-Year Median	4.73	4.1	3.63	3

As of 02/03/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 22% (197 out of 254)



Top Peers

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (ABG)	Neutral
AutoNation, Inc. (AN)	Neutral
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (CTB)	Neutral
KAR Auction Services, Inc (KAR)	Neutral
CarMax, Inc. (KMX)	Neutral
LKQ Corporation (LKQ)	Neutral
Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)	Neutral
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (GT)	Underperform

Industry Comparison Industry: Auction And Valuation Services				Industry Peers		
	CPRT Neutral	X Industry	S&P 500	ABG Neutral	KAR Neutral	LKQ Neutral
VGM Score	B	-	-	A	B	A
Market Cap	23.43 B	720.86 M	23.66 B	1.92 B	2.67 B	9.98 B
# of Analysts	7	6	13	5	7	10
Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.22%	1.82%	0.00%	3.66%	0.00%
Value Score	F	-	-	A	A	B
Cash/Price	0.01	0.15	0.04	0.00	0.20	0.04
EV/EBITDA	29.33	18.23	13.87	7.75	4.81	11.84
PEG Ratio	1.84	4.16	1.97	0.64	1.43	0.91
Price/Book (P/B)	12.16	2.41	3.24	3.20	1.69	2.05
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	37.18	20.39	13.40	8.78	4.10	10.18
P/E (F1)	36.82	36.41	18.48	9.17	14.59	12.79
Price/Sales (P/S)	10.97	1.22	2.60	0.27	0.79	0.80
Earnings Yield	2.75%	2.36%	5.40%	10.91%	6.84%	7.83%
Debt/Equity	0.27	0.27	0.72	1.55	1.36	1.00
Cash Flow (\$/share)	2.71	1.67	6.92	11.30	5.07	3.20
Growth Score	A	-	-	A	D	A
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	27.30%	41.91%	10.80%	15.41%	12.78%	14.16%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	23.05%	23.01%	7.46%	14.44%	25.05%	8.85%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	25.44%	25.44%	10.59%	-3.66%	10.02%	25.24%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	19.27%	20.56%	8.55%	9.51%	16.85%	19.94%
Current Ratio	2.30	1.31	1.21	1.17	1.29	2.18
Debt/Capital	21.04%	21.04%	42.91%	60.74%	57.62%	49.97%
Net Margin	32.59%	9.90%	11.76%	2.56%	6.95%	3.50%
Return on Equity	34.06%	27.38%	17.24%	32.96%	16.67%	14.79%
Sales/Assets	0.85	0.85	0.55	2.53	0.48	1.02
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	15.42%	7.38%	4.22%	22.12%	4.03%	1.88%
Momentum Score	A	-	-	D	A	C
Daily Price Chg	-0.65%	-0.42%	0.67%	2.91%	-1.19%	-0.34%
1 Week Price Chg	1.17%	-4.16%	-2.60%	-3.30%	-4.37%	-2.75%
4 Week Price Chg	7.82%	1.55%	-0.76%	-7.87%	-6.53%	-6.55%
12 Week Price Chg	21.49%	0.05%	2.84%	-9.64%	-3.98%	-7.59%
52 Week Price Chg	95.61%	44.41%	13.93%	37.57%	-60.73%	19.89%
20 Day Average Volume	1,217,031	69,937	1,915,782	200,340	1,553,604	1,518,755
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-1.29%	-1.73%	-0.31%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	5.79%	-7.35%	-0.13%	8.63%	-6.49%	-0.12%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.86%	-2.67%	0.00%

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Value Score	F
Growth Score	A
Momentum Score	A
VGM Score	B

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