

Copart, Inc. (CPRT)

\$99.98 (As of 08/12/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$105.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 02/02/20)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:C

Value: D

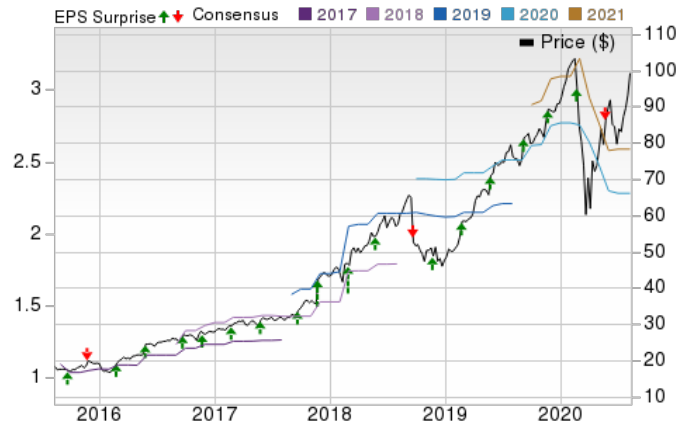
Growth: B

Momentum: D

Summary

Copart's active presence across U.S. and international markets is anticipated to aid worldwide sales volumes. High activity levels in the United States, and expansion efforts in the Canadian and European markets are expected to boost its prospects. Higher average selling prices from the international online bidders are buoying Copart's profits. However, increased investments to support growth initiatives, including expansion of the business in international markets, are hampering its bottom line. Copart's overall vehicle sales volumes and revenues declined year over year in Q3 on sluggish demand amid the coronavirus pandemic and the trend is likely to continue in the upcoming quarter. Improving safety features in vehicles might dampen its earnings in the upcoming period. Hence, the stock warrants a cautious stance.

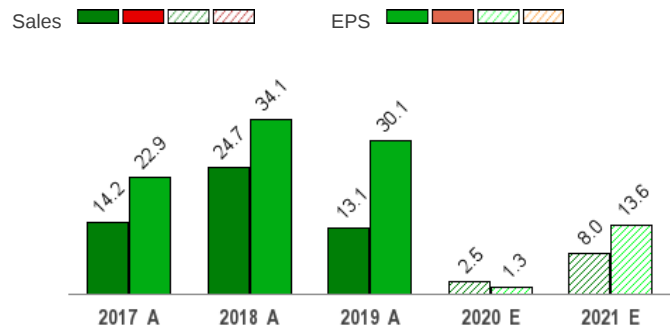
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$104.88 - \$55.69
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	1,376,546
Market Cap	\$23.5 B
YTD Price Change	9.9%
Beta	1.14
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.00 / 0.0%
Industry	Auction and Valuation Services
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 2% (4 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	-9.4%
Last Sales Surprise	-0.7%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	0.0%
Expected Report Date	09/02/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	40.3
P/E F1	38.6
PEG F1	1.9
P/S TTM	10.6

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	521 E	587 E	602 E	556 E	2,262 E
2020	554 A	575 A	550 A	414 E	2,094 E
2019	461 A	485 A	553 A	543 A	2,042 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$0.58 E	\$0.68 E	\$0.73 E	\$0.63 E	\$2.59 E
2020	\$0.65 A	\$0.65 A	\$0.58 A	\$0.40 E	\$2.28 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 08/12/2020. The reports text is as of 08/13/2020.

Overview

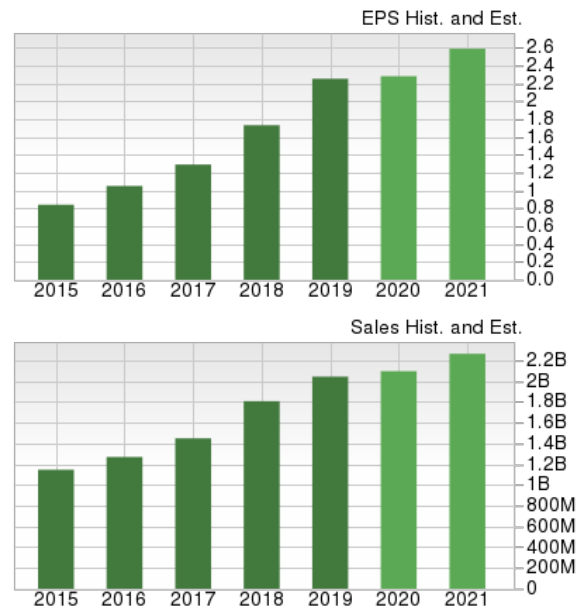
Based in Dallas, TX, Copart, Inc. was founded in 1982. The company provides online auction and a wide range of remarketing services to process and sell salvage and clean title vehicles. This is done mainly over the Internet, through its Virtual Bidding Third Generation (VB3) Internet auction-style sales 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 likely to bolster worldwide sales and volume in the coming periods. 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, fueling 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. The company noted that unique international bidders were up 20% year over year in third-quarter fiscal 2020, while international bids and bids per unit sold also increased. This growth is anticipated to favourably impact Copart's financials, as the larger international buyer base generally drives increased bidding activity and higher auction prices.
- ▲ Copart's total debt-to-capital ratio stands at 0.18, lower than its industry's 0.28. This favorable reading indicates that the firm is not a much leveraged company. Moreover, the company's times interest earned ratio of 40.44 is favorable to the industry ratio of 18.58. While the low leverage of the firm increases its financial flexibility to tap onto growth opportunities, the high times earned ratio lowers Copart's default risk.
- ▲ 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. Furthermore, the company has a good track record in profitably integrating acquisitions to their benefit.

High activity levels in the United States and expansion efforts in Canadian and European markets are expected to boost the company's prospects further.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted Copart's operations across the United States, the U.K. and others. In fact, its operating results for the fiscal third quarter were affected by lower processed vehicle volume. Copart's overall vehicle sales volumes and revenues are likely to be under pressure in the fiscal fourth quarter as well amid sluggish demand of vehicles and weak consumer sentiment. Moreover, auction prices for used cars are falling significantly. Orders are slowing too. As supply is exceeding demand, used car values are going into a tailspin, which is likely to adversely impact Copart's near-term results.
- ▼ 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. In 2019, the company's operating expenses rose to \$1.32 billion from the year-ago figure of \$1.22 billion. In Q3, the company's operating expenses rose to \$355.26 million from the year-ago figure of \$345.62 million.
- ▼ Copart's presence in various international markets makes it vulnerable to foreign currency fluctuations and country-specific policy threats resulting in a loss of purchasing power. In fact, during 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. Unfavourable foreign-currency translations might strain the firm's overall earnings in 2020 as well.
- ▼ Improving safety features in vehicles will likely have a negative impact on Copart's bottom line. As the 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 for the long run. In the medium term, the increasing addition of driver-assist features to vehicles is likely to lower accident rates. This might affect Copart's inventory levels, which in turn, will hamper revenue growth.

Increased expenses due to business expansion is a concern before Copart. Moreover, improving safety features in vehicles may impact revenue growth.

Last Earnings Report

Copart Q3 Earnings Miss Estimates, Down Y/Y

Copart reported third-quarter fiscal 2020 (ended Apr 30, 2020) adjusted earnings per share of 58 cents, missing the Zacks Consensus Estimate of 64 cents. The figure also came in lower than the year-ago number of 66 cents.

Total revenues came in at \$550.4 million, missing the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$554 million. The top line also came in 0.5% lower than the year-ago figure of \$553.1 million.

Service revenues came in at \$491.6 million, up from the \$473.7 million recorded in the year-ago quarter. Service revenues accounted for 89.3% of total revenues. Vehicle sales totaled \$58.8 million during the quarter, down from the year-ago level of \$79.4 million.

Gross profit was down 3.6% year over year to \$242.6 million. Total operating expenses flared up to \$355.2 million from the \$345.6 million incurred in the prior-year period. Operating income decreased to \$195.1 million from the \$207.5 million reported in the previous year. Net income came in at \$147.5 million, down 23.5% from the year-ago figure of \$192.7 million. Adjusted net income was \$138.2 million in the reported quarter compared with \$154.9 million in the prior year quarter.

Copart had cash and cash equivalents of \$306.4 million as of Apr 30, 2020, compared with \$186.3 million as of Jul 31, 2019. Long-term debt, revolving loan facility and capital-lease obligations were \$403.6 million as of Apr 30, 2020, up from \$400.1 million as of Jul 31, 2019.

Quarter Ending 04/2020

Report Date	May 20, 2020
Sales Surprise	-0.70%
EPS Surprise	-9.38%
Quarterly EPS	0.58
Annual EPS (TTM)	2.48

Valuation

Copart's shares are up 10% in the year-to-date period and up 34.6% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks Auction and Valuation Services industry and the Zacks Business Services sector are up 14.7% and 1.7%, in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are up 38.1% and 6.5%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 3.3% in the year-to-date period and up 17.5% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 38.46X forward 12-month earnings, which compares to 36.85X for the Zacks sub-industry, 29.94X for the Zacks sector and 22.6X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 43.27X and as low as 16.56X, with a 5-year median of 23.62X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$105 price target reflects 40.38X 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	38.46	36.85	29.94	22.6
	5-Year High	43.27	36.85	29.94	22.62
	5-Year Low	16.56	18.42	18.68	15.25
	5-Year Median	23.62	24.71	20.96	17.58
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	29.48	23.71	12.65	12.55
	5-Year High	32.66	24.6	13.36	12.84
	5-Year Low	10.39	10.49	8.6	8.24
	5-Year Median	19.27	17.76	10.67	10.9
P/S F12M	Current	10.35	6.98	4.18	3.65
	5-Year High	11.06	6.98	4.18	3.65
	5-Year Low	3.25	3.31	3.07	2.53
	5-Year Median	5.7	4.3	3.6	3.05

As of 08/12/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 2% (4 out of 253)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (ABG)	Outperform	1
AutoNation, Inc. (AN)	Outperform	1
Cooper TireRubber Company (CTB)	Outperform	1
Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)	Outperform	1
The Goodyear TireRubber Company (GT)	Neutral	3
KAR Auction Services, Inc (KAR)	Neutral	3
CarMax, Inc. (KMX)	Neutral	3
LKQ Corporation (LKQ)	Neutral	3

Industry Comparison Industry: Auction And Valuation Services				Industry Peers		
	CPRT	X Industry	S&P 500	ABG	KAR	LKQ
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Outperform	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	1	3	3
VGM Score	C	-	-	A	A	A
Market Cap	23.47 B	6.70 B	23.75 B	2.13 B	2.31 B	9.83 B
# of Analysts	7	4	14	5	8	9
Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.07%	1.68%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Value Score	D	-	-	A	A	A
Cash/Price	0.01	0.22	0.07	0.31	0.45	0.05
EV/EBITDA	29.20	15.21	13.35	7.01	6.71	10.95
PEG Ratio	1.93	4.56	2.98	NA	5.39	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	10.29	4.82	3.20	2.99	1.48	1.91
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	36.88	29.63	12.97	8.82	6.77	9.43
P/E (F1)	38.62	43.03	22.17	11.08	29.86	15.95
Price/Sales (P/S)	10.56	3.20	2.54	0.31	0.95	0.83
Earnings Yield	2.59%	1.95%	4.31%	9.03%	3.36%	6.28%
Debt/Equity	0.21	0.45	0.77	1.77	1.42	0.83
Cash Flow (\$/share)	2.71	2.40	6.94	12.52	2.63	3.43
Growth Score	B	-	-	A	C	A
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	28.31%	28.31%	10.41%	14.20%	-5.84%	11.88%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	13.48%	12.44%	-6.32%	5.45%	-42.55%	-14.53%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	25.44%	24.70%	5.22%	6.74%	-41.97%	6.66%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	19.27%	19.27%	8.55%	7.11%	-4.24%	15.32%
Current Ratio	2.77	2.01	1.33	1.78	1.62	2.11
Debt/Capital	17.66%	29.06%	44.59%	63.85%	58.64%	45.34%
Net Margin	30.95%	12.21%	10.13%	2.32%	1.05%	4.72%
Return on Equity	29.08%	18.52%	14.59%	27.07%	5.72%	13.83%
Sales/Assets	0.77	0.66	0.51	2.31	0.38	0.95
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	8.01%	0.00%	-1.40%	-2.29%	-24.71%	-8.70%
Momentum Score	D	-	-	D	A	A
Daily Price Chg	0.04%	0.04%	0.67%	4.79%	4.76%	2.70%
1 Week Price Chg	6.42%	7.41%	2.30%	2.36%	15.80%	6.92%
4 Week Price Chg	15.48%	19.32%	4.87%	9.31%	28.34%	13.49%
12 Week Price Chg	15.33%	47.57%	13.54%	56.29%	40.25%	26.63%
52 Week Price Chg	34.54%	34.54%	6.06%	23.56%	-29.46%	30.55%
20 Day Average Volume	1,376,546	317,272	2,006,991	258,791	2,076,228	2,797,969
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.13%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	0.00%	18.48%	1.95%	2.48%	71.33%	29.29%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-3.10%	17.22%	2.72%	85.20%	32.78%	29.02%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	0.00%	36.58%	0.84%	9.94%	60.20%	22.88%

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

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