

Hasbro Inc. (HAS)

\$99.74 (As of 02/07/20)

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

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 02/06/20)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:B

Value: C

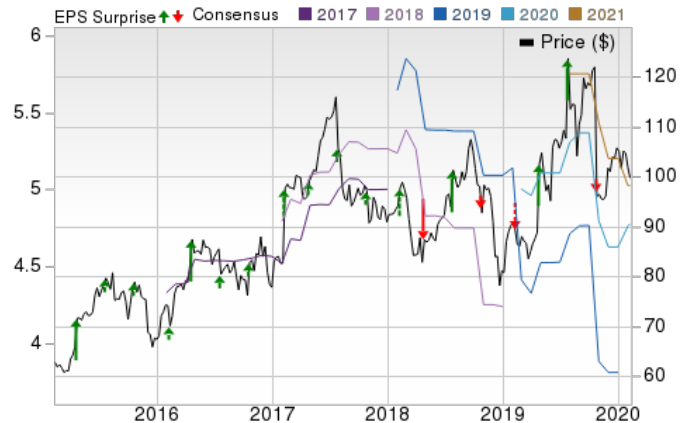
Growth: B

Momentum: A

Summary

Shares of Hasbro have underperformed the industry in the past six months. This dismal performance can be attributed to the company's weak revenue numbers. Furthermore, its revenues lagged analysts' expectations in five of the trailing eight quarters. However, new product launches, strategic partnerships, strong product lineup and increased focus on gaming are expected to drive performance, going forward. Mattel's aggressive efforts to improve its point of sale while managing its costs coupled with expansion in international markets bode well. Moreover, robust Barbie sales across all region has also been impressive. Earnings estimate for 2020 have witnessed upward revision over the past seven days, reflecting analysts optimism regarding growth potential.

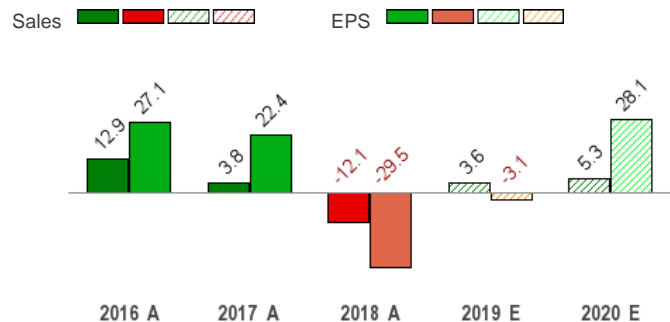
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$126.87 - \$82.87
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	991,303
Market Cap	\$12.6 B
YTD Price Change	-5.6%
Beta	1.06
Dividend / Div Yld	\$2.72 / 2.7%
Industry	Toys - Games - Hobbies
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 31% (176 out of 254)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	-17.1%
Last Sales Surprise	-9.0%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	4.0%
Expected Report Date	02/11/2020
Earnings ESP	-3.0%
P/E TTM	24.0
P/E F1	20.9
PEG F1	2.0
P/S TTM	2.7

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2020	799 E	1,034 E	1,655 E	1,531 E	4,997 E
2019	733 A	985 A	1,575 A	1,453 E	4,745 E
2018	716 A	904 A	1,570 A	1,389 A	4,580 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2020	\$0.15 E	\$0.74 E	\$1.96 E	\$1.31 E	\$4.78 E
2019	\$0.21 A	\$0.78 A	\$1.84 A	\$0.89 E	\$3.73 E
2018	\$0.10 A	\$0.48 A	\$1.93 A	\$1.33 A	\$3.85 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 02/07/2020. The reports text is as of 02/10/2020.

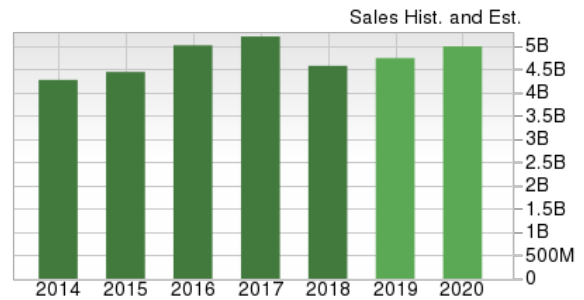
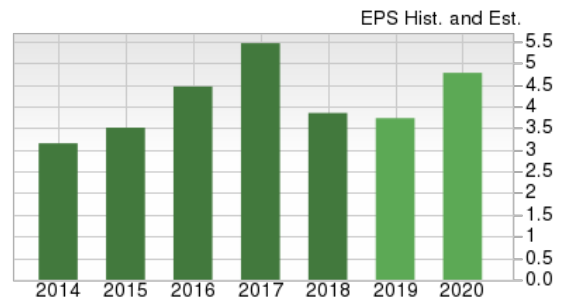
Overview

Based in Pawtucket, RI, Hasbro Inc. is engaged in the design, manufacture and marketing of games and toys. The company, founded in 1923, offers traditional, high-tech and digital toys, games and licensed products under various well-known brands.

Meanwhile, beginning with the first quarter of 2017 earnings, Hasbro has started reporting its revenues by brand portfolio that includes Franchise Brands, Partner Brands, Hasbro Gaming and Emerging Brands. Earlier, the company used to provide revenues breakdown by product category: Boys, Games, Girls and Preschool.

Hasbro has four business segments:

- The **U.S. and Canada segment** (accounting for 57% of total third-quarter 2019 revenue) develops, markets and sells boys' action figures, arts and crafts and creative play products, electronic toys and related electronic interactive products, fashion and other dolls, infant products, play sets, preschool toys, plush products, sports action blasters and accessories, vehicles and toy-related specialty products, along with traditional board games, trading cards and role-playing games primarily within the United States and Canada.
- Within the **International segment** (35.6%), the company develops, markets, and sells both toys as well as certain games in markets outside the U.S. and Canada, primarily in the European, Asia-Pacific, and Latin and South American regions.
- The company's **Entertainment and Licensing segment** (7.4%) includes the consumer products licensing, digital gaming, movie, television and online entertainment operations.
- The **Global Operations segment** is engaged in manufacturing and sourcing finished products for the company's U.S. and Canada and International segmen



Reasons To Buy:

▲ **Sales Boosting Initiatives, Product Launches & Partnerships:** Hasbro continues to invest in innovation. It partnered with Paramount to enhance storytelling and content capabilities. Also, the company invested in Boulder Media — the company's animation studio — and increased digital capacities to drive sales. Hasbro continues to release Transformers Franchise in all forms of entertainment including movies, television and digital expressions. Given the company's several innovative and productive plans for Transformers franchise over the next 10 years, revenues are expected to grow. Notably, in third-quarter 2019, Partner Brand's revenues increased 40% year over year on the back of these initiatives, along with Avengers and Spider-Man franchises.

New products and strategic partnerships, major theatrical releases, along with increased focus on gaming bode well

Apart from Paramount, the company announced that it entered several partnerships in the recent past, all of which indicate Hasbro's efforts to diversify revenues beyond retail sales and expand the customer base. Global retail support for STAR WARS: Solo, a Star Wars story product, was popular among consumers. It is expected to boost growth in the days ahead. During the first quarter, Hasbro launched a crowdsourcing campaign called the Has Lab. It also initiated the largest STAR WARS vehicle, Jabba's Sail Barge. Notably, the company believes that the multi-year entertainment slate for STAR WARS has created a bigger, more sustainable level of business for this top industry property. Moreover, the deal with Walt Disney to manufacture dolls based on Disney Princess stories and characters is expected to continue bolstering Hasbro's top line.

On the product innovation front, Hasbro launched several social games. Among them, Dungeons & Dragons was particularly successful. With the launch of DROPMIX, the company further strengthened its digital gaming revenues. The company further plans to launch Black Panther, beyond the home entertainment window for holidays, including product in the MARVEL LEGENDS series for Black Panther.

▲ **Gaming Category to Drive Growth:** Hasbro has a supreme gaming portfolio and the company is refining gaming experiences across a multitude of platforms like face-to-face gaming, off-the-board gaming and digital gaming experiences in mobile. Robust performances by MAGIC: THE GATHERING, MONOPOLY and TRANSFORMERS in the third quarter of 2019 bode well for the gaming category. Given a strong product lineup and a greater focus on entertainment backed products, Hasbro's Entertainment and Licensing segment is poised for growth. The company stated that it is currently investing in longer-term larger game play.

Meanwhile, in the last year, Hasbro announced that they were launching a gaming subscription service named Hasbro Gaming Crate. Given the latest craze for board games, if Hasbro becomes successful in creating an exclusive set of games, which is available solely via subscription service in the interval of every three months, it is expected to entice consumers and fare well against competitors in the future.

▲ **Rapid Growth in Emerging Markets:** In addition to growing brands and leveraging opportunistic toy lines and licenses, the company seeks to grow its international business by expanding into emerging markets in Eastern Europe, Asia and Latin and South America. Emerging markets offer greater opportunities for revenue growth than developed markets and have been contributing to a significant share of Hasbro's revenues, given its investments in advertising and other brand-building efforts.

Despite difficult operating conditions in some key markets, Hasbro's emerging brands' revenues (excluding Fx impact) have increased consistently since 2012. In the first nine months of 2019, emerging brands' revenues increased 11% year over year. Encouragingly, the brand's revenues improved in all the three operating segments in the said period. We expect the momentum to continue in the remainder of 2019 as well. Over the next few years, Hasbro expects emerging markets to grow in double digits backed by innovation in products, entertainment and market share gains.

▲ **Leveraging the Power of Television:** The company continues to increase its brand awareness through television. Hasbro Studio is responsible for the creation and development of storytelling based on Hasbro's brands, across mediums including television, film and digital shorts. Moreover, the company recently aired a TV series on CCTV, on a Chinese Television platform. Hasbro has 40% interest in a joint venture with Discovery Communications called the Discovery Family Channel (formerly known as 'The Hub Network'). This network offers high-quality children's shows as well as family entertainment and educational programs. The deal has been contributing meaningfully to Hasbro's revenues for quite a while now.

Reasons To Sell:

▼ **Dismal Revenue Trend:** The company has been reporting dismal revenues for quite some time now. Its revenues lagged analysts' expectations in five of the trailing eight quarters. The company's revenues in the U.S. and Canada segment grew just 3% in the past nine months, while the International unit declined 1% in the same period. Partner Brands' dismal performance, which overshadowed growth in the Entertainment, Licensing and Digital segment, resulted in the downturn.

▼ Toys "R" Us liquidation, a tighter retail inventory and soft consumer demand remain Hasbro's concerns.

Revenues in terms of product category remained soft, particularly in Franchise Brands and Hasbro Gaming, in the reported quarters of 2019. The company's third-quarter results were affected by choppy market conditions owing to increased tariffs and trade tensions. Retailers have changed their order patterns to ease excess burden that has enabled the supply chain to meet high demand in a condensed period of time. Meanwhile, the stock declined 11.8% in the past six months.

▼ **Toys "R" Us Liquidation Might Pressurize Bottom Line:** The U.S. toy industry was taken by surprise when the country's largest independent toy seller, Toys "R" Us filed for bankruptcy in last September. The toy chain recently confirmed that it is liquidating its entire U.S. operations (735 Toys "R" Us and Babies "R" Us stores). Hasbro, along with other toymakers like Mattel and JAKKS Pacific is affected and will continue to be affected as a considerable portion of their revenues were generated from sales to Toys "R" Us.

In fact, Hasbro's net revenues in 2018 declined 12% year over year primarily due to the liquidation. It also led to a sales slump across the majority of brands under Hasbro. We believe that the effect of this liquidation will linger further as Toys "R" Us was the last major chain fully dedicated to selling toys. The overall industry is expected to grow at a much slower pace for quite some time. According to NPD, the company is still languishing in the Pacific markets like Australia due to the liquidation of Toys "R" Us.

▼ **Higher Costs to Hurt Profits:** Hasbro's initiatives including product launches and shift toward more technology-driven toys for reviving its brands and boosting sales would aid profits in the long term. Costs related to those initiatives might prove detrimental to the company in the near term.

▼ **Traditional Toys and Age Compression Mar the Top Line:** Toy manufacturers have to battle a broad array of alternative modes of entertainment including video games, MP3 players, tablets, smartphones and other electronic devices. Hasbro's revenues have been under some pressure over the past few quarters due to lower demand for games as children are opting for electronic versions of games on smartphones and tablets.

Another factor affecting demand for these brands is age compression. Kids are growing up and moving on much faster than they used to and also get bored easily. For instance, demand for some toys that were preferred by kids aged 3 to 9 years previously has narrowed down to the band of 3 to 6 years. This is tapering the demand for toys, thereby hurting revenues.

Last Earnings Report

Hasbro (HAS) Q3 Earnings and Revenues Lag, Margins Down

Hasbro, Inc. reported lower-than-expected results in third-quarter 2019. Both the top and bottom lines lagged the Zacks Consensus Estimate.

It reported adjusted earnings of \$1.84 per share, missing the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$2.22 by 17.1%. Also, the said metric declined 4.7% from year-ago reported figure of \$1.93 per share.

In the quarter under review, net revenues came in at \$1,575 million, which lagged the consensus estimate of \$1,735 million by 9.2% but grew slightly from the prior-year figure of \$1,570 million.

The upside was primarily attributed to robust performance of the Entertainment, Licensing and Digital business, partially offset by a decline in the U.S. and Canada segment's revenues.

Quarter Ending **09/2019**

Report Date	Oct 22, 2019
Sales Surprise	-9.03%
EPS Surprise	-17.12%
Quarterly EPS	1.84
Annual EPS (TTM)	4.16

Brand Performances

The **Franchise Brand** posted revenues of \$779.7 million, down 8% year over year. Revenues increased in MAGIC: THE GATHERING, MONOPOLY and TRANSFORMERS, but were more than offset by declines in NERF, MY LITTLE PONY, BABY ALIVE and PLAY-DOH. Revenues declined in the U.S. and Canada, and International segments, but improved in the Entertainment, Licensing and Digital segment.

Partner Brands' revenues increased an impressive 40% from the prior-year quarter to \$427 million owing to Marvel's Avengers and Spider-Man franchises, and Disney's Descendants 3. The same grew in the United States and Canada, and in international regions served by the company.

Revenues at **Hasbro Gaming** totaled \$232.3 million, reflecting fall of 17% from the prior-year period. Revenues increased from DUNGEONS & DRAGONS and other games, which were offset by declines in PIE FACE and SPEAK OUT. Hasbro gaming revenues decreased in all the three operating segments. However, its total gaming category increased marginally to \$449.4 million.

Meanwhile, **Emerging Brands'** revenues grew 1% year over year to \$136.2 million, driven by increased shipments in POWER RANGERS and PLAYSKOOL, partially offset by lower Quick Strike collectible offerings.

Segmental Revenues

Regionally, net revenues at the **U.S. and Canada** segment fell 2% to \$898.3 million in the quarter. The segmental performance was attributed to decline in revenues from Franchise Brands and Hasbro Gaming. Moreover, operating margin contracted 170 basis points (bps) from the prior-year quarter to a negative 13%.

The **International** segment's revenues amounted to \$561.1 million, which rose 1% year over year. The segment's operating margin came in at 1% versus a negative 50% reported in the year-ago quarter.

Meanwhile, revenues at the **Entertainment, Licensing and Digital** segment — which was named Entertainment and Licensing earlier — improved 20% year over year to \$115.8 million. However, the segment's operating margin contracted to 34% from 99% recorded in the prior-year quarter.

Operating Highlights

Hasbro's cost of sales, as a percentage of net revenues, contracted 200 bps to 39.8%. Selling, distribution and administration expenses — as a percentage of net revenues — were 17.5%, up 10 bps from the prior-year quarter.

Balance Sheet

Cash and cash equivalents as of Sep 29, 2019 amounted to \$1,060 million, up from \$907.1 million on Sep 30, 2018. At the end of the reported quarter, inventories totaled \$589.1 million compared with \$610.9 million in the comparable year-ago period. As of Sep 29, 2019, long-term debt increased slightly to \$1,696.2 million from 2018-end.

Hasbro's board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of 68 cents per common share. The dividend will be payable on Nov 15, 2019 to its shareholders of record at the close of business as of Nov 1, 2019.

In third-quarter 2019, the company repurchased 14,345 shares of common stock at an average price of \$104.82 per share for \$9.5 million. At the end of the quarter, \$367.8 million was available under the current share repurchase authorization.

Valuation

Hasbro's shares are up 12.3% over the trailing 12-month period. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector is up by 22% and 14.5%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 21.9% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 20.77X forward Price to Earnings value, which compares to 27.34X for the Zacks sub-industry, 19.97X for the Zacks sector and 19.13X for the S&P 500 index.

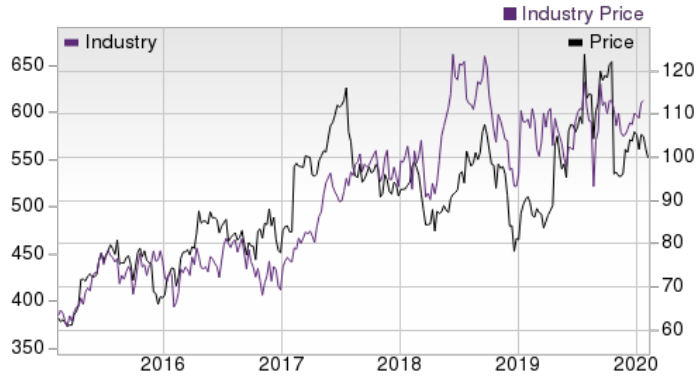
Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 27.73X and as low as 17.2X, with a 5-year median of 21.95X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$105 price target reflects 21.87X forward Price to Earnings value

The table below shows summary valuation data for HAS.

Valuation Multiples - HAS					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F1	Current	20.77	27.34	19.97	19.13
	5-Year High	27.73	28.01	20.35	19.13
	5-Year Low	17.2	24.57	18.34	16.13
	5-Year Median	21.95	26.4	18.99	17.24
P/S F1	Current	2.52	5.48	2.44	3.51
	5-Year High	3.19	5.48	2.44	3.51
	5-Year Low	2.14	4.51	2.18	3.04
	5-Year Median	2.65	4.96	2.24	3.22
P/B TTM	Current	6.84	4.06	3.5	4.54
	5-Year High	9.27	4.19	8.31	4.56
	5-Year Low	6.02	3.59	3.13	3.76
	5-Year Median	7.25	3.84	3.49	4.04

As of 02/07/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 31% (176 out of 254)



Top Peers

Activision Blizzard, Inc. (ATVI)	Neutral
Electronic Arts Inc. (EA)	Neutral
Glu Mobile Inc. (GLUU)	Neutral
International Game Technology (IGT)	Neutral
JAKKS Pacific, Inc. (JAKK)	Neutral
Mattel, Inc. (MAT)	Neutral
Nintendo Co. (NTDOY)	Neutral
Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc. (TTWO)	Neutral

Industry Comparison Industry: Toys - Games - Hobbies				Industry Peers		
	HAS Neutral	X Industry	S&P 500	EA Neutral	MAT Neutral	TTWO Neutral
VGM Score	B	-	-	C	D	B
Market Cap	12.59 B	8.74 B	24.00 B	31.60 B	4.88 B	12.76 B
# of Analysts	7	6.5	13	14	4	21
Dividend Yield	2.73%	0.00%	1.78%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Value Score	C	-	-	D	F	D
Cash/Price	0.08	0.14	0.04	0.18	0.04	0.15
EV/EBITDA	21.89	21.68	14.07	22.05	204.83	21.48
PEG Ratio	1.98	1.92	2.04	1.76	NA	1.92
Price/Book (P/B)	6.84	4.81	3.28	4.37	10.76	5.85
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	17.24	20.49	13.58	24.27	NA	17.88
P/E (F1)	21.12	23.22	18.86	23.09	NA	23.26
Price/Sales (P/S)	2.69	3.29	2.65	5.86	1.07	4.45
Earnings Yield	4.79%	4.20%	5.30%	4.33%	-0.50%	4.30%
Debt/Equity	0.92	0.20	0.71	0.14	6.30	0.05
Cash Flow (\$/share)	5.79	2.86	6.89	4.50	-0.35	6.30
Growth Score	B	-	-	B	C	B
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	7.52%	15.98%	10.80%	16.39%	-38.87%	33.73%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	28.02%	19.31%	7.23%	0.73%	84.37%	-19.72%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-18.74%	11.18%	9.51%	11.18%	22.75%	98.75%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	3.99%	17.55%	8.55%	17.13%	NA	0.39%
Current Ratio	2.33	1.97	1.20	2.84	1.60	1.48
Debt/Capital	47.96%	16.73%	42.90%	12.09%	86.30%	5.16%
Net Margin	5.59%	8.70%	11.76%	52.52%	-4.53%	11.81%
Return on Equity	30.40%	14.63%	16.98%	18.86%	-26.03%	15.85%
Sales/Assets	0.90	0.79	0.54	0.53	0.87	0.64
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	5.31%	5.78%	4.15%	3.55%	0.78%	-2.63%
Momentum Score	A	-	-	B	A	A
Daily Price Chg	-2.68%	0.00%	-0.64%	-0.83%	-1.61%	-11.85%
1 Week Price Chg	-2.68%	-1.03%	-2.60%	-3.93%	2.45%	-0.51%
4 Week Price Chg	-4.00%	-0.12%	0.72%	-0.25%	-1.26%	-12.05%
12 Week Price Chg	4.63%	2.82%	4.69%	11.84%	14.29%	-7.93%
52 Week Price Chg	10.51%	13.92%	16.01%	29.71%	13.92%	16.82%
20 Day Average Volume	991,303	181,189	1,961,054	2,630,800	4,074,096	1,368,052
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.32%	0.00%	0.00%	0.20%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	3.97%	-0.02%	-0.00%	0.18%	35.24%	-0.28%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-0.40%	0.27%	-0.16%	0.91%	33.66%	0.54%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-9.38%	-0.74%	0.00%	4.31%	0.00%	-1.47%

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

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