

Harley-Davidson, Inc (HOG)

\$20.44 (As of 05/08/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$18.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation: Underperform

(Since: 01/30/20)

Prior Recommendation: Neutral

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

5-Strong Sell

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:F

Value: C

Growth: F

Momentum: D

Summary

Shares of Harley-Davidson have underperformed the industry over the past year. As the company lacks youth appeal and a fewer people are riding motorcycles, sales of Harley Davidson are on the decline. Demand for its bikes is likely to remain depressed in the near future due to coronavirus woes. Amid the growing COVID-19 uncertainty and financial crisis, the motorcycle maker has scrapped its annual view. It has slashed quarterly payout by 94.7% and halted stock buybacks, which dampened investors' confidence further. Contracting cash flow amid declining net income is raise concern. Even though the company is implementing cost-cut efforts, such initiatives are not likely to counter weak margins due to low revenues. Rising SG&A expenses, increasing competition and high leverage are other headwinds. As such, the stock is viewed as a risky bet.

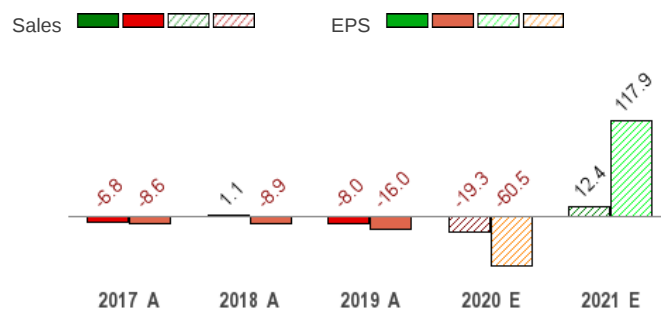
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$40.89 - \$14.31
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	4,049,134
Market Cap	\$3.3 B
YTD Price Change	-42.3%
Beta	1.42
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.08 / 7.1%
Industry	Automotive - Domestic
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 6% (239 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	12.5%
Last Sales Surprise	8.2%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-49.4%
Expected Report Date	NA
Earnings ESP	-57.8%

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	1,074 E	1,072 E	951 E	847 E	4,149 E
2020	1,100 A	782 E	946 E	863 E	3,690 E
2019	1,196 A	1,434 A	1,069 A	874 A	4,573 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$0.77 E	\$0.93 E	\$0.66 E	\$0.22 E	\$2.31 E
2020	\$0.45 A	\$0.05 E	\$0.40 E	\$0.18 E	\$1.06 E
2019	\$0.80 A	\$1.23 A	\$0.55 A	\$0.09 A	\$2.68 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 05/08/2020. The reports text is as of 05/11/2020.

Overview

Milwaukee, WI-based Harley-Davidson, Inc. is the parent entity of company groups doing business as Harley-Davidson Motor Company (HDMC) and Harley-Davidson Financial Services (HDFS). The two reportable segments of the company are:

The **Motorcycles and Related Products** segment (accounting for 87% of total revenues in 2019) consists of HDMC that designs, manufactures and sells Harley-Davidson motorcycles (currently comprising cruiser and touring models among others) along with motorcycle parts, accessories, general merchandise and related services. HDMC has presence across the globe and segregates regional markets like the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe/Middle East/Africa (EMEA) and the Asia Pacific.

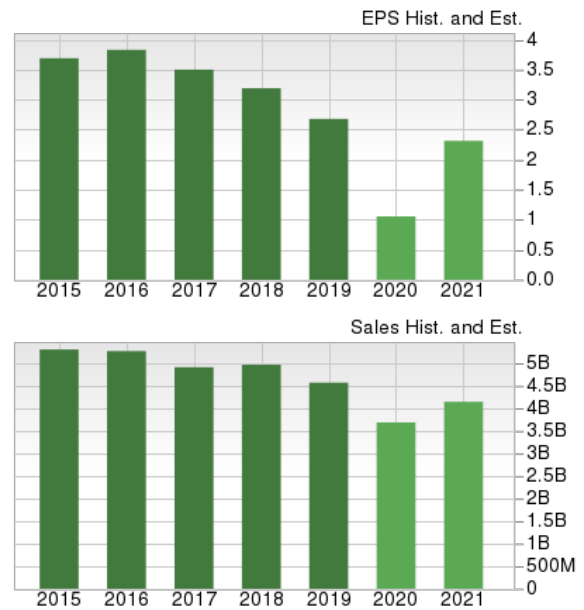
Beside motorcycles, the segment offers a complete line of Harley-Davidson Parts & Accessories (P&A) and General Merchandise. P&A products are replacement parts while General Merchandise includes MotorClothes apparel and riding gear.

It distributes motorcycles and related products through the network of independent dealers present in roughly 100 countries worldwide. At the end of 2018, the company' independent dealerships in the United States, Canada, Latin America, EMEA and the Asia Pacific were 691, 69, 64, 412 and 299, respectively.

As of 2018, the U.S. and European markets accounted for roughly 76% of total independent dealer retail sales of new Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Apart from these two major markets, other markets that drove the company's retail sales were Japan, Australia and Canada.

The **Financial Services** segment (13% of the total revenues in 2019) operates HDFS that provides financing and servicing wholesale inventory receivables and retail consumer loans majorly to buy Harley-Davidson motorcycles. The segment primarily operates in the United States and Canada.

Harley-Davidson is undertaking strategies to grow its rider base worldwide. In sync with the strategy, the company plans to launch 100 motorcycles, add two million Harley-Davidson riders in the United States and grow international business to 50% of its total annual volume. In March, it acquired California-based StaCyc Inc., an entity that designs and sells electric-powered two-wheeled bikes for children.



Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ The company has been battling challenging demographic trends over the past few years, as its core audience grows past the age at which people generally buy motorcycles. As the company lacks youth appeal and a fewer people are riding motorcycles, sales of Harley Davidson are on the decline. With millennial consumers preferring convenient modes of transportation and ridesharing services, they are of the opinion that owning a motorcycle might simply not be an attractive option. Hence, the company's aging core customer base and industry demographics shift seem to be the most pressing issue for Harley-Davidson.
- ▼ Harley-Davidson's sales tend to be strongest when general economic conditions are good, as it's basically a discretionary purchase. Thanks to economic shutdown as a result of the spread of COVID-19, unemployment levels are rising, spelling more trouble for the company's sales. During first-quarter 2020, sales of Harley-Davidson declined in all major markets served due to factory closures amid coronavirus. Demand for its bikes is likely to remain depressed in the near future. In response to disruptions to the firm's supply chain and coronavirus-led uncertainty, Harley-Davidson revoked its 2020 annual view.
- ▼ Contracting cash flow amid declining net income is a dampener. The firm's full-year operating cash flow declined 28% year over year in 2019. The trend is likely to continue amid high costs and declining sales. In first-quarter 2020, the firm had negative operating cash flow of \$8.6 million against positive operating cash flow of \$32.7 million generated in the prior-year quarter. Even though the company is implementing cost-cut efforts, such initiatives are not likely to counter weak margins due to low revenues. Further, Harley-Davidson has a stretched balance sheet, which restricts its financial flexibility. As of Mar 29, the motorcycle maker had a long term debt of \$4,478 million. Long-term debt-to-capital ratio of the company stands at around 0.73, higher than the industry's 0.51.
- ▼ Weak results in the financial services division is also a concern. Operating income from its financing arm decreased 8.6% year over year in 2019. In first-quarter 2020, operating income of the segment plunged around 61% year over year. At HDFS, the firm expects higher credit losses in 2020. Even though the financing division of the firm forms a small portion of its overall profits, it could be a potential red flag if consumers struggle to make payments. Lower profits at the financing arm are expected to weigh on overall results, going forward.
- ▼ Rising costs due to tariffs on steel and aluminum, along with tariffs levied on bikes sold in international markets are likely to dent profit margins of Harley-Davidson. Soaring SG&A expenses also remain a headwind. Increasing competition is also a cause of concern. Harley-Davidson is facing competition from small brands and foreign bike makers that are resorting to competitive pricing. Amid coronavirus-led financial crisis, Harley-Davidson slashed quarterly dividend by 94.7% and suspended share repurchases, which dampened investors' confidence further.

Amid the lack of youth appeal and with fewer people riding motorcycles, sales of Harley Davidson's motorbikes are on the decline.

Risks

- In sync with long-term growth objectives to expand product portfolio and customer base, Harley-Davidson will be launching new motorcycle models and technologies that better align with market trends and the taste of younger generations. The new model launches — in sync with its “More Roads to Harley-Davidson” growth plan — include LiveWire, Low Rider S and CVO Tri Glide. The company’s growth plans are aimed at encouraging 2 million new riders in the United States, achieving growth without increasing environmental impact and boosting the international business.
 - By 2027, it aims at launching 100 motorcycles. The company plans to boost prospects by launching lighter motorcycles and bolstering dealer networks. Apart from adding dealerships globally, it also launched a program to improve response time, and the quality of online and in-dealership leads. The firm’s aim of investing in markets, products and customer segments that offer the most profit potential is appreciable. This includes building on Harley-Davidson’s strong position in the United States.
 - The firm’s front foot approach to innovation including touring traction control with advanced ABS and H-D Connect is boosting Harley-Davidson’s U.S. leadership in Touring and Cruiser motorcycle markets. In 2019, the firm forayed into electric motorcycles with the launch of LiveWire. Harley-Davidson can certainly benefit from early market entry into the world of electric bikes. It will be able to leverage its already existing network, as the current electric motorcycle brands are mainly startups that lack solid distribution and ability to scale. In 2019, the firm also acquired StaCyc, a maker of electric-powered two wheelers for kids, in sync with its objective to adapt to the changing dynamics of the industry.
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Last Earnings Report

Harley-Davidson's Q1 Earnings & Sales Fall Y/Y

Harley-Davidson reported earnings per share of 45 cents in first-quarter 2020, surpassing the Zacks Consensus Estimate of 40 cents. This outperformance resulted from solid revenues in the company's Financial Services segment. Sales in the Financial Services segment totaled \$198.4 million, topping the consensus mark of \$194 million.

The bottom-line figure, however, declined from the prior-year's 80 cents per share. The company's net income amounted to \$69.7 million compared with the year-ago quarter's \$127.9 million.

Total revenues from Motorcycle and Related products, which form the bulk of overall revenues of the firm, declined 8% year over year to \$1099.8 million in the reported quarter. However, the top line surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$1,017 million. The company reported consolidated revenues (including motorcycle sales and financial services revenues) of \$1.30 billion, down 5.8% year over year.

Segmental Highlights

Motorcycles and Related Products: In the first quarter, operating income from the Motorcycles and Related Products segment amounted to \$84.6 million, lower than the operating income of \$108.4 million reported in the year-ago period. This decline was mainly due to the temporary suspension of global motorcycle manufacturing in March amid the coronavirus crisis.

In the quarter ended Mar 29, 2020, the company shipped 52,973 motorcycles, down 10.05% year over year.

Harley-Davidson's worldwide retail motorcycle units sold dropped 17.7% to 40,439 from the year-ago quarter's 49,151. The company's retail motorcycle units sold in the United States also declined 15.5% from the year-ago quarter to 23,732. International units sold decreased 20.7% to 16,707 motorcycles from 21,060 in the prior-year quarter. Sales in the Middle East and Africa, Asia Pacific, Canada and Latin America declined 28.4%, 5.3%, 24.7% and 21.5%, respectively from the year-ago period.

Revenues for Parts & Accessories fell 15.7% from the prior year to \$134.7 million. The same for General Merchandise — including Motor Clothes apparel and accessories — declined 11.3% from the prior-year quarter to \$49.2 million.

Financial Services: Revenues for Harley-Davidson Financial Services increased to \$198.4 million from the prior-year quarter's \$188.7 million. However, the operating income slumped 60.9% to \$22.9 million from the year-ago quarter's \$58.7 million.

Financial Position

Harley-Davidson had cash and cash equivalents of \$1,465 million as of Mar 29, 2020, higher than the \$749.6 million reported in the prior-year quarter. Net long-term debt decreased to \$4,478 million from the year-ago period's \$4,744 million. Its long-term debt-to-capital ratio was 72.58% at the end of the first quarter.

As of Mar 29, 2020, the company's net operating cash outflow was \$8.58 million compared with \$32.67 million as of Mar 31, 2019. Capital expenditure in the quarter was \$32.93 million compared with the \$35.25 million recorded in 2019.

Cost-Containment Measures Amid Coronavirus Crisis

Harley-Davidson has enforced a number of measures, including a substantial reduction in all non-essential spending, a company-wide hiring freeze, staffing-level adjustments and no merit increments for 2020, in a bid to minimize costs during this period of reduced business. Additionally, the company has suspended discretionary share repurchases. In total, it expects these efforts to preserve around \$250 million of cash in 2020.

During second-quarter 2020, the company approved a cash dividend of 2 cents per share, down from the first-quarter 2020 dividend of 38 cents.

2020 Outlook

Harley-Davidson withdrew its 2020 guidance in response to disruptions to the company's supply chain due to the coronavirus crisis.

Quarter Ending 03/2020

Report Date	Apr 28, 2020
Sales Surprise	8.17%
EPS Surprise	12.50%
Quarterly EPS	0.45
Annual EPS (TTM)	2.32

Recent News

Here's How Harley-Davidson is Fighting Against Coronavirus

On **Apr 15**, Harley Davidson announced that it has enforced a variety of measures, including a substantial reduction in all non-essential spending, a company-wide hiring freeze, staffing-level adjustments and no merit increments for 2020, in a bid to minimize costs during this period of reduced business. Compensation reductions include 30% salary cuts for executive leadership and 10-20% pay cut for U.S.-based salaried employees. The CEO and board of directors will forgo their entire salary compensations to lower costs amid coronavirus outbreak. The majority of the company's global production employees are currently on a temporary layoff. Nevertheless, medical benefits remain unchanged for all employees worldwide.

Valuation

Harley-Davidson's shares are down 42.4% in the year-to-date period and down 36.9% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks Automotive – Domestic industry and the Zacks Automotive sector are up 16.8% and down 8.4% in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are up 43% and 4.9% respectively.

The S&P 500 index is down 9% and up 4% in the year-to-date period and over the past year, respectively.

The stock is currently trading at 14.23X forward 12-month earnings, which compares to 64.5X for the Zacks sub-industry, 18.78X for the Zacks sector and 21.16X for the S&P 500 index.

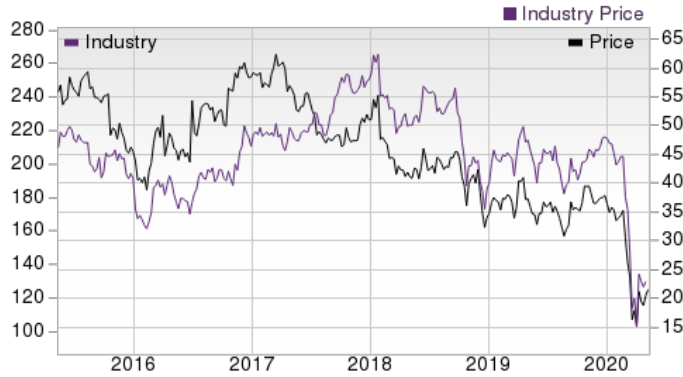
Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 15.98X and as low as 4.78X, with a 5-year median of 11.55X. Our Underperform recommendation indicates that the stock will perform worse than the market. Our \$18 price target reflects 11.92X forward 12-month earnings per share.

The table below shows summary valuation data for HOG:

Valuation Multiples - HOG					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F12M	Current	14.23	64.5	18.78	21.16
	5-Year High	15.98	66.38	18.78	21.16
	5-Year Low	4.78	7.95	8.23	15.19
	5-Year Median	11.55	10.47	9.93	17.44
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	11.21	15.15	10.63	10.75
	5-Year High	13.51	16.44	11.26	12.86
	5-Year Low	8.81	6.11	6.82	8.28
	5-Year Median	11.15	11.74	9.22	10.77
P/S F12M	Current	0.85	1.05	0.69	3.3
	5-Year High	2.21	1.05	0.76	3.44
	5-Year Low	0.52	0.52	0.5	2.54
	5-Year Median	1.54	0.65	0.62	3.01

As of 05/08/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 6% (239 out of 253)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Ford Motor Company (F)	Neutral	3
LKQ Corporation (LKQ)	Neutral	4
Toyota Motor Corporation (TM)	Neutral	4
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	Neutral	3
General Motors Company (GM)	Underperform	5
Garrett Motion Inc (GTX)	Underperform	5
Honda Motor Co Ltd (HMC)	Underperform	5
PACCAR Inc (PCAR)	Underperform	4

Industry Comparison Industry: Automotive - Domestic				Industry Peers		
	HOG	X Industry	S&P 500	F	GM	HMC
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Underperform	-	-	Neutral	Underperform	Underperform
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	5	-	-	3	5	5
VGM Score	F	-	-	F	C	B
Market Cap	3.28 B	3.88 B	20.19 B	20.78 B	34.25 B	42.18 B
# of Analysts	6	5.5	14	6	6	3
Dividend Yield	7.09%	0.00%	2.12%	0.00%	6.35%	3.46%
Value Score	C	-	-	D	B	A
Cash/Price	0.50	0.11	0.06	2.38	0.78	0.56
EV/EBITDA	6.83	8.49	11.95	10.01	4.39	3.77
PEG Ratio	2.55	2.23	2.60	NA	1.40	3.62
Price/Book (P/B)	1.94	2.22	2.75	0.70	0.77	0.52
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	3.90	6.95	10.78	1.61	1.61	3.51
P/E (F1)	20.43	21.08	19.85	NA	13.85	11.69
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.62	0.65	2.03	0.14	0.25	0.30
Earnings Yield	4.90%	4.17%	4.83%	-23.28%	7.23%	8.55%
Debt/Equity	2.65	1.07	0.75	3.85	1.84	0.48
Cash Flow (\$/share)	5.50	3.25	7.01	3.25	14.84	6.82
Growth Score	F	-	-	F	C	C
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	-2.92%	4.54%	10.87%	-10.72%	6.93%	8.61%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-60.63%	-34.65%	-9.87%	-202.38%	-64.14%	-25.72%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-13.75%	6.65%	5.88%	-2.64%	-8.62%	-7.09%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	-5.50%	7.39%	8.55%	1.90%	9.37%	-2.43%
Current Ratio	1.09	1.31	1.24	1.32	1.07	1.30
Debt/Capital	72.58%	58.92%	44.23%	79.39%	64.76%	32.33%
Net Margin	6.93%	3.82%	10.68%	-2.06%	3.60%	3.06%
Return on Equity	24.99%	6.54%	16.36%	6.54%	12.73%	5.53%
Sales/Assets	0.49	0.82	0.55	0.57	0.57	0.76
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-19.29%	-12.57%	-2.26%	-21.84%	-12.64%	-12.73%
Momentum Score	D	-	-	F	F	B
Daily Price Chg	4.94%	4.74%	2.40%	7.60%	6.64%	5.18%
1 Week Price Chg	9.21%	2.33%	0.53%	1.03%	-4.78%	0.92%
4 Week Price Chg	1.51%	16.13%	2.68%	-2.42%	-0.54%	7.34%
12 Week Price Chg	-37.93%	-25.48%	-19.20%	-36.49%	-32.19%	-11.48%
52 Week Price Chg	-40.33%	-31.57%	-8.44%	-48.63%	-36.32%	-7.88%
20 Day Average Volume	4,049,134	1,266,024	2,398,409	78,449,104	15,747,139	765,602
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	-0.27%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-49.42%	-26.97%	-6.95%	-980.72%	-43.85%	-35.94%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-61.27%	-55.46%	-15.68%	-213.69%	-70.77%	-45.33%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-89.68%	-44.17%	-13.12%	-285.40%	-72.30%	NA

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Value Score	C
Growth Score	F
Momentum Score	D
VGM Score	F

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