

Hertz Global Holdings (HTZ)

\$19.58 (As of 02/13/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$21.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:
Neutral

(Since: 11/28/19)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:A

Value: A

Growth: C

Momentum: B

Summary

Akin to the first three quarters of 2019, Hertz Global's fourth-quarter performance is likely to have been aided by solid revenues at the U.S. Rental Car segment, courtesy of efficient fleet management. Its cost-containment measures are encouraging too. Also, steady improvement in the operating cash flow is commendable. The company expects full-year 2019 adjusted free cash flow to have been positive. Primarily due to these tailwinds, shares of Hertz Global outperformed its industry in a year. However, the International Rental Car unit's performance (revenues declined 5.3% in the first nine months of 2019) is a concern. Furthermore, Hertz Global's investments in its turnaround plan are limiting bottom-line growth. The company's high debts are also worrisome. Also, structural issues with the car rental model are worrisome.

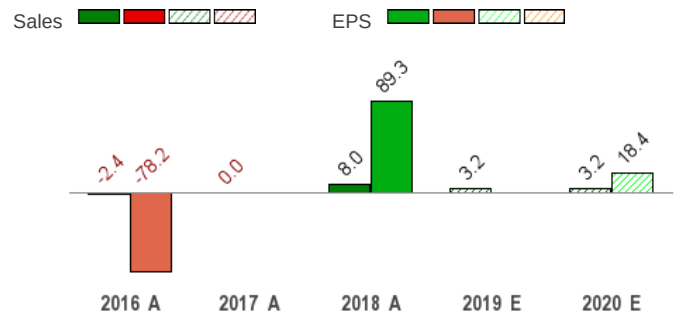
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$19.79 - \$11.24
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	2,210,985
Market Cap	\$2.8 B
YTD Price Change	24.3%
Beta	2.26
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.00 / 0.0%
Industry	Transportation - Services
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 18% (209 out of 255)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	8.1%
Last Sales Surprise	-1.4%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	0.0%
Expected Report Date	02/24/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2020					10,120 E
2019	2,107 A	2,511 A	2,836 A	2,341 E	9,807 E
2018	2,063 A	2,389 A	2,758 A	2,294 A	9,504 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2020	-\$0.36 E	\$0.70 E	\$1.64 E	\$0.30 E	\$1.67 E
2019	-\$0.99 A	\$0.74 A	\$1.60 A	-\$0.25 E	\$1.41 E
2018	-\$1.58 A	-\$0.19 A	\$2.14 A	-\$0.55 A	-\$0.17 A

*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

P/E TTM	24.5
P/E F1	11.7
PEG F1	NA
P/S TTM	0.3

The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 02/13/2020. The reports text is as of 02/14/2020.

Overview

Hertz Global Holdings, incorporated in Delaware in 2015, is the holding company for Rental Car Intermediate Holdings, LLC, which owns Hertz, the primary operating company of Hertz Global. Hertz was incorporated in Delaware in 1967.

The company, based in Estero, FL, is a key player in the vehicle rental industry and is responsible for the operation of vehicle rental services under the Hertz, Dollar and Thrifty brands.

The services are offered in approximately 10,200 corporate and franchisee locations spanning across North America, Europe, the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

On Jun 30, 2016, Hertz Global Holdings spun off its equipment rental business. Following the spinoff, a new Hertz Global Holdings, Inc. was formed to focus exclusively on its car rental and related services business.

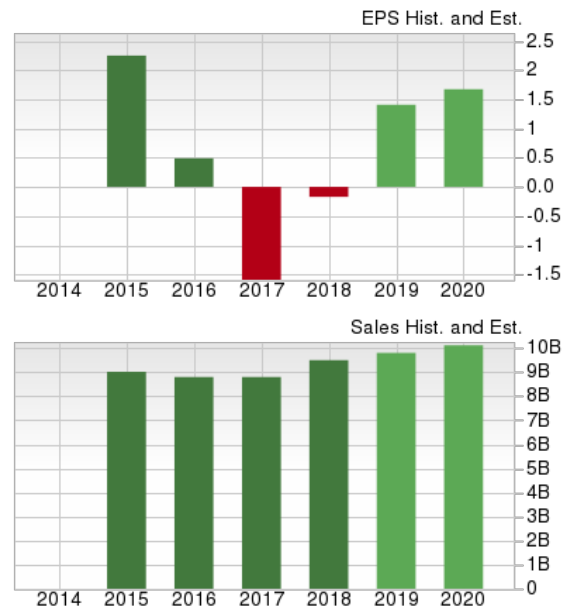
Hertz Global Holdings operates under three segments: **U.S. RAC** (accounted for 68.2% of the company's revenues in 2018), **International RAC** (23.9%) and **All Other Operations** (7.9%).

The U.S. RAC unit is responsible for the rental of vehicles, and sales of value-added products and services in the United States. Internationally, rental and leasing of vehicles as well as sales of value-added products and services are regulated by the International RAC unit.

The above segments offer various brands in order to present customers with a wide range of rental services at different prices, levels of offerings and products.

The company's Donlen operations fall under its 'All Other Operations' unit. The Donlen business is responsible for providing vehicle leasing and fleet management services, apart from offering other business activities in the United States and Canada. Notably, Donlen is a leading provider of services pertaining to vehicle leasing and fleet management for corporate fleets.

Geographically, 75.9% of the company's 2018 revenues stemmed from the United States and the rest was generated internationally. Hertz Global Holdings operated a rental fleet of approximately 535,100 vehicles in the United States and 207,100 vehicles internationally. The company's fiscal year coincides with the calendar year.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ Hertz Global is being aided by the strong performance of the U.S. Rental Car segment. Revenues at the segment grew 8.1% in 2018. Continuing with the trend, segmental revenues increased 7.4% in the first nine months of 2019. Efficient fleet management is driving growth at this key unit. Hertz Global's performance in fourth-quarter 2019 is also likely to have been aided by its U.S. Rental Car segment. Detailed results will be available on Feb 24.
- ▲ We are also impressed with the company's efforts to control costs. Strong free cash flow generation is an added positive for Hertz Global . Notably, the company's adjusted free cash flow was \$99 million in 2018, reflecting an improvement on a year-over-year basis. The company believes that its performance with respect to operating cash flow will continue to improve. As a result, the company expects full-year 2019 adjusted free cash flow to have been positive.
- ▲ The travel and leisure industry is being aided by factors like a higher income, improved consumer confidence and a strong labor market. This bodes well for companies like Hertz Global as it looks to benefit from the expected increase in rental pick-ups, courtesy of thousands of locations across the country and a dedicated customer service team.

Hertz Global is being aided by strong performance of the U.S. Rental Car segment.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ Hertz Global is a highly leveraged company. This is evident from the fact that the ratio of its long-term debt-to-capitalization (expressed as a percentage) is 90.8, which compares unfavorably to that of the industry's average of 39.6. A high debt-to-equity ratio implies that the company is funding most of its ventures with borrowings.
- ▼ The presence of players like Uber and Lyft is a major threat as far as the need for car rental is concerned. Additionally, structural issues with the car rental model are worrisome. Furthermore, Hertz Global's heavy investment in its turnaround plan is limiting bottom-line growth.
- ▼ Furthermore, the company's International Rental Car segment delivered below-par performance in the first nine months of 2019. The segment generated revenues of \$1,695 million in the period, down 5.3% year over year. The unit's performance in the December-end quarter is also likely to have been dismal because of the sluggish European market.

Below-par performance of the International Rental Car segment is concerning.

Last Earnings Report

Earnings Beat at Hertz Global in Q3

The company's earnings (excluding 34 cents from non-recurring items) of \$1.60 surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 12 cents. However, quarterly earnings declined from the year-ago figure. Moreover, quarterly revenues of \$2,836 million were marginally short of the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$2,876.9 million. However, the top line improved 2.8% year over year driven by impressive performance of the U.S. Rental Car segment.

Segmental Performance

In the quarter under review, the U.S. Rental Car segment generated revenues of \$1,962 million, up 5.9% year over year. This upside can be attributed to favorable pricing and upbeat demand.

Vehicle utilization decreased to 79% from 81% a year ago. Transaction days improved 5% year over year on the back of robust demand from summer leisure renters and ride-hailing drivers. Total revenue per transaction day (RPD) inched up 1%. Adjusted EBITDA for the segment were up 29% year over year to \$269 million, but short of the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$308 million.

Segmental direct vehicle operating expenses inched up 2.9% to \$1,099 million. Meanwhile, interest expenses increased 12.8% while selling, general and administrative expenses declined 2.3% year over year.

The International Rental Car segment generated revenues of \$702 million, down 4% year over year. The downside was due to decreased volumes as a result of weakness in the European market. Meanwhile, segmental revenues were flat on a constant currency basis. Vehicle utilization was flat at 80%. Segmental RPD inched up 1%.

Segmental direct vehicle operating costs increased marginally year over year to \$386 million. Meanwhile, interest expenses were flat while selling, general and administrative expenses declined 7.5% year over year. Adjusted EBITDA for the segment not only declined 18% year over year to \$115 million, but also fell short of the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$118 million. Meanwhile, revenues from all other operations dipped 1.1% to \$172 million.

Balance Sheet Highlights

The company exited the third quarter with cash and cash equivalents of \$465 million compared with \$1.13 billion at the end of 2018. Restricted cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period totaled \$230 million compared with \$283 million at 2018 end. As of Sep 30, 2019, total debt amounted to \$18.04 billion compared with \$16.32 billion as of Dec 31, 2018.

Quarter Ending **09/2019**

Report Date	Nov 04, 2019
Sales Surprise	-1.42%
EPS Surprise	8.11%
Quarterly EPS	1.60
Annual EPS (TTM)	0.80

Recent News

Partnership with Air France - Nov 27, 2019

In a customer-friendly move, Hertz International and Air France are offering passengers of the latter a new transfer service with private driver Hertz DriveU. The high-quality, hassle-free airport transfer service is available at more than 300 airports across the globe.

Valuation

Hertz Global shares are up 13.7% over the past year. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Transportation sector are up 8.5% and 3.1% in a year's time respectively. Over the past year, the S&P 500 index is up 20.8%.

The stock is currently trading at 1.4X trailing 12-month price-to-book value, which compares to 4.02X for the Zacks sub-industry, 3.26X for the Zacks sector and 4.35X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past three years, the stock has traded as high as 2.65X and as low as 0.79X, with a 3-year median of 1.33X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$21 price target reflects 1.5X trailing 12-month book value.

The table below shows summary valuation data for HTZ

Valuation Multiples - HTZ					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/B TTM	Current	1.4	4.02	3.26	4.35
	3-Year High	2.65	5.89	3.9	4.42
	3-Year Low	0.79	3.13	2.68	3.36
	3-Year Median	1.33	4.54	3.45	3.91
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	5.1	13.17	7.83	11.36
	3-Year High	5.86	17.22	11.09	12.85
	3-Year Low	3.83	9.93	6.82	9.32
	3-Year Median	4.69	13.18	7.82	11.16
P/S F 12M	Current	0.27	1.55	1.14	3.57
	3-Year High	0.28	2.26	1.4	3.57
	3-Year Low	0.08	1.35	1.02	2.76
	3-Year Median	0.18	1.57	1.27	3.16

As of 02/13/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 18% (209 out of 255)



Top Peers

Penske Automotive Group, Inc. (PAG)	Outperform
AutoNation, Inc. (AN)	Neutral
Avis Budget Group, Inc. (CAR)	Neutral
CarMax, Inc. (KMX)	Neutral
Ryder System, Inc. (R)	Neutral
Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)	Neutral
WYNDHAM DESTINATIONS, INC. (WYND)	Neutral
J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. (JBHT)	Underperform

Industry Comparison Industry: Transportation - Services				Industry Peers		
	HTZ Neutral	X Industry	S&P 500	AN Neutral	CAR Neutral	KMX Neutral
VGM Score	A	-	-	A	A	C
Market Cap	2.78 B	1.87 B	24.56 B	4.27 B	3.06 B	16.16 B
# of Analysts	5	2	13	8	5	8
Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.00%	1.78%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Value Score	A	-	-	A	A	C
Cash/Price	0.29	0.06	0.04	0.01	0.24	0.03
EV/EBITDA	6.61	9.01	14.00	6.40	6.41	22.39
PEG Ratio	NA	2.14	2.10	2.79	NA	1.59
Price/Book (P/B)	1.40	2.90	3.31	1.42	6.19	4.40
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	0.59	7.62	13.68	7.21	1.26	16.42
P/E (F1)	11.74	17.79	19.23	9.77	11.06	19.23
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.29	0.70	2.69	0.20	0.34	0.82
Earnings Yield	8.53%	5.52%	5.20%	10.24%	9.04%	5.20%
Debt/Equity	9.91	0.36	0.71	0.63	34.23	4.07
Cash Flow (\$/share)	33.36	2.26	6.92	6.64	32.97	6.02
Growth Score	C	-	-	A	C	C
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	NA%	10.62%	10.85%	4.07%	4.81%	15.43%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	18.89%	17.92%	7.17%	7.61%	8.76%	7.39%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-2.64%	5.08%	8.56%	1.35%	2.74%	18.60%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	40.24%	10.42%	8.36%	4.47%	3.69%	10.83%
Current Ratio	1.53	1.45	1.23	0.85	0.94	2.43
Debt/Capital	90.83%	28.97%	42.91%	38.53%	97.16%	80.28%
Net Margin	-0.42%	1.22%	11.81%	2.11%	1.91%	4.40%
Return on Equity	12.04%	10.31%	16.86%	14.80%	66.13%	24.53%
Sales/Assets	0.40	1.24	0.54	2.00	0.40	1.00
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	3.19%	3.57%	3.85%	0.26%	2.61%	10.37%
Momentum Score	B	-	-	C	C	B
Daily Price Chg	4.48%	0.00%	0.00%	0.29%	1.47%	0.67%
1 Week Price Chg	6.73%	1.07%	2.47%	2.21%	6.31%	-0.76%
4 Week Price Chg	17.25%	-3.51%	0.56%	4.04%	15.61%	4.42%
12 Week Price Chg	27.39%	1.45%	6.96%	-6.85%	44.48%	0.72%
52 Week Price Chg	14.64%	3.03%	16.68%	25.03%	48.04%	61.69%
20 Day Average Volume	2,210,985	76,422	2,020,569	902,361	858,964	1,019,592
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.71%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	0.00%	0.00%	-0.05%	1.61%	0.00%	0.05%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	4.79%	-0.37%	-0.17%	2.01%	5.12%	-2.70%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	0.00%	0.00%	-0.24%	-7.32%	0.00%	0.26%

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

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