

ITT Corporation (ITT)

\$48.11 (As of 05/05/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$51.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 02/18/19)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

4-Sell

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:C

Value: C

Growth: C

Momentum: D

Summary

ITT is well-positioned to gain from its diversified business operations, operational execution and supply-chain adjustments in the quarter ahead. Also, its cost-reduction measures and healthy liquidity position might help it tide over the pandemic-related uncertainties. It will continue to pay dividends, while suspended share buybacks. In first-quarter 2020, ITT's earnings and revenues surpassed estimates by 8.1% and 6.5%, respectively. However, both metrics declined on a year-over-year basis. For 2020, ITT withdrew its projections due to the pandemic. It noted that its business segments will continue to suffer from the pandemic through 2020. Forex woes might be dragging too. In the past three months, the company's shares have underperformed the industry. Its earnings estimates have been lowered for 2020 and 2021 in the past seven days.

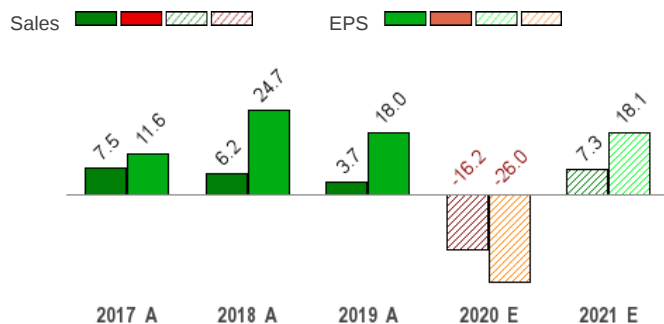
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$75.56 - \$35.41
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	641,305
Market Cap	\$4.2 B
YTD Price Change	-34.9%
Beta	1.59
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.68 / 1.4%
Industry	Diversified Operations
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 42% (147 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	8.1%
Last Sales Surprise	6.5%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-19.4%
Expected Report Date	08/07/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	13.0
P/E F1	17.1
PEG F1	1.9
P/S TTM	1.5

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					2,559 E
2020	663 A	516 E	579 E	627 E	2,385 E
2019	696 A	720 A	712 A	719 A	2,846 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					\$3.33 E
2020	\$0.80 A	\$0.35 E	\$0.63 E	\$0.72 E	\$2.82 E
2019	\$0.91 A	\$0.93 A	\$0.97 A	\$0.99 A	\$3.81 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 05/05/2020. The reports text is as of 05/06/2020.

Overview

Headquartered in the New York City, ITT Inc. is a global multi-industry leader in high-technology engineering and manufacturing projects. It engages in the design, manufacture and sale of a wide range of engineered products and services.

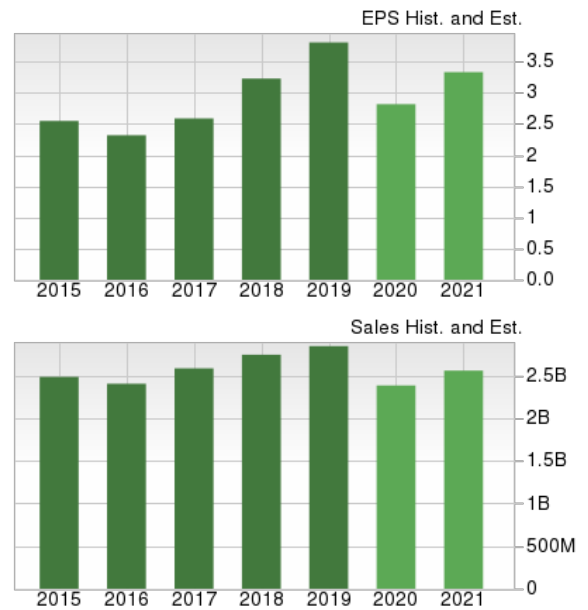
At the end of 2019, the company employed 10,500 people and provided services in 125 countries. The company operates in three business segments; a brief discussion is provided below.

Industrial Process segment (34.2% of first-quarter 2020 revenues) deals in manufacturing engineered fluid-process equipments for diverse industries like oil & gas, mining, power generation and chemical, among others. The segment also provides plant optimization & efficiency solutions, and aftermarket services & parts. It is divided into five product categories, namely, Goulds Pumps, Bornemann, ITT Engineered Valves, ITT PRO Services and ITT C'treat. The segment has a global manufacturing footprint with operations located in the United States, Germany and South Korea.

Motion Technologies segment (44.9%) specializes in manufacturing highly engineered and durable components, such as brake pads, shock absorbers and damping technologies for the transportation industry. Friction Technologies and KONI represent two of this segment's most important product categories. Friction Technologies equips the automotive market with high-performance, high-quality brake pads, while KONI provides the transportation industry with shock absorber and damping equipment.

Connect and Control Technologies segment (20.9%) is a combination of the former Interconnect Solutions and Control Technologies businesses. The new segment specializes in designing and manufacturing harsh-environment connector solutions and critical energy absorption and flow control components. It will primarily cater to customers in the aerospace and defense, general industrial, medical, and oil & gas markets.

Notably, the segment sells its products directly and through several networks including distribution channels.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ In the first quarter of 2020, ITT's earnings and revenues surpassed estimates by 8.1% and 6.5%, respectively. In the quarters ahead, the company anticipates gaining from its diversified business operations, operational execution and supply-chain adjustments. Further, cost-reduction measures are being considered to deal with the pandemic-induced financial stress. This includes the restructuring plan worth \$50 million (expected to yield \$70 million pre-tax gains), salary reductions, lowering discretionary spending and others.
- ▲ ITT recently noted that its healthy liquidity position might help it tide over the difficult operating conditions caused by the pandemic. At the end of first-quarter 2020, the company's cash on hand was \$840 million, while free cash flow in the quarter increased by \$18.4 million from the year-ago quarter. Also, its borrowing under revolving credit facility was \$500 million.
- ▲ ITT intends to become more competent on the back of innovation investments. In May, the company's Engineered Valves unveiled Integrated Sensing Platform. The valve sensing platform will help in simplifying operations for customers as well as reduce piping footprint and lower set-up time. Also, several investments — to upgrade its ITT Smart Pad, expand manufacturing automation capabilities at friction technologies business, and pursue value analysis and value engineering initiatives made over the past few quarters are expected to aid. Further, acquisitions made might prove beneficial for the company. In May 2019, ITT acquired Germany-based Rheinhutte Pumpen Group, while added Matrix Composites to its portfolio in July 2019. ITT noted that in the first quarter of 2020, Rheinhutte Pumpen and Matrix buyouts boosted revenues by 2%.
- ▲ ITT believes in rewarding shareholders through share buybacks and dividend payments. In first-quarter 2020, the company bought back shares worth \$83.4 million and paid out dividends of \$0.2 million. Notably, the quarterly dividend rate was hiked by 15% in February 2020, while \$500 million share buyback program was declared in October 2019. The company recently noted that there is no change to its dividend plans, while share buyback activities have been temporarily halted due to the pandemic.

Cost-reduction measures, healthy liquidity, innovation investments, acquired assets and diversified business operation might aid ITT, going forward. Also, dividend payouts will help enhance shareholder value.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ In the past three months, ITT's shares have fallen 30.1% as compared with the industry's decline of 22.1%. In first-quarter 2020, the company's earnings decreased 12.1% on weak sales generation and high expenses. Due to the uncertainties related with the coronavirus outbreak, the company withdrew its financial projections for 2020. It seems that analysts have become increasingly bearish about ITT over the past seven days. The company's earnings estimates have been lowered by 6% to \$2.82 for 2020 and by 4.6% to \$3.33 for 2021. In addition, the Zacks Consensus Estimate for the second quarter has gone down 34% to 35 cents per share.
- ▼ ITT expects the pandemic impact to continue impacting its businesses throughout 2020. It believes that demand reduction for brake pads due to declining production by automakers will have adverse impact on the Motion Technologies segment. On the other hand, weak prices for oil and gas as well as governmental restrictions due to the pandemic will continue to hurt the Industrial Process segment. Also, fall in demand for aftermarket and aerospace OEM components and connectors due to a decline in commercial air traffic will adversely impact the Connect and Control Technologies segment. Also, the segment might suffer due to 737 Max-related issues.
- ▼ Due to the pandemic-related worries, ITT expects that operating income of its business segments will decline, while its working capital will be hurt badly in 2020. The headwinds are predicted to have adverse impacts on the company's operating cash flows in the year. In addition, it develops proprietary technology for the industries, where it operates and relies on intellectual property laws and a number of patents to protect such technology. Failure to enforce and defend its intellectual property could hurt its business.
- ▼ The company intends to strengthen its competency on the back of overseas business expansion. However, this exposes it to foreign exchange, environmental and political headwinds. For instance, a stronger U.S. dollar is currently weighing over the company's international revenues. Notably, foreign exchange headwinds had an adverse impact of \$12.4 million (or 2%) on the company's first-quarter 2020 revenues and \$12.7 million impact on orders.

The pandemic-related uncertainties are expected to hurt ITT's business segments in 2020. Also, forex woes and the pandemic-impact on cash flow might be concerning.

Last Earnings Report

ITT Q1 Earnings & Revenues Surpass Estimates, Decline Y/Y

ITT reported better-than-expected results in first-quarter 2020, wherein both earnings and revenues surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate.

In the quarter, the company pulled off a positive earnings surprise of 8.1%. Quarterly adjusted earnings were 80 cents per share, outpacing the Zacks Consensus Estimate of 74 cents. However, the bottom line declined 12.1% from the year-ago figure.

Revenues of \$663.3 million were down 4.6% year over year. However, the top line surpassed the consensus mark of \$623 million by 6.4%. Also, revenues fell 5% on an organic basis.

Quarter Ending **03/2020**

Report Date	May 01, 2020
Sales Surprise	6.54%
EPS Surprise	8.11%
Quarterly EPS	0.80
Annual EPS (TTM)	3.69

Segmental Breakup

First-quarter revenues of Industrial Process were \$227 million, up 5% year over year. Organic sales climbed 1%, driven by an increase in pump projects.

Quarterly revenues of Motion Technologies declined 5% year over year to \$298 million. Organic sales decreased 3% in the quarter mainly due to lower Friction sales on account of soft demand in China and Europe, owing to the coronavirus outbreak.

Connect & Control Technologies generated \$139 million revenues, down 16% year over year. Organic sales dipped 17% due to temporary plant shutdowns in China and Europe, owing to the coronavirus outbreak, lower commercial and defense components sales.

Costs/Margins

Cost of sales in the first quarter was \$453.9million, down 4.8% year over year. Sales and marketing expenses were \$41.6 million compared with \$40.2 million in the year-ago quarter.

Gross profit margin was 31.6%, up 10 basis points (bps).

Income tax expenses were \$24.7 million, up from \$19.7 million.

Balance Sheet/Cash Flow

Exiting the first quarter, ITT had cash and cash equivalents of \$839.9 million, up from \$612.1 million as of Dec 31, 2019.

In the first three months of 2020, the company generated \$53.5 million in cash from operating activities, higher than \$42.1 million recorded in the year-ago comparable period. Capital expenditure totaled \$22.2 million, declining from \$29.2 million spent in the year-ago comparable period. Free cash flow was \$31.3 million, up from \$12.9 million reported a year ago.

2020 Guidance

On uncertainties, regarding the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak on financial and operating results, ITT has now withdrawn its previously announced guidance for 2020.

Recent News

Launch

On **May 4, 2020**, ITT's Engineered Valves unveiled Integrated Sensing Platform. As noted, this valve sensing platform will help in simplifying operations for customers as well as reduce piping footprint and lower set-up time.

Dividend

On **Apr 6, 2020**, ITT paid out a quarterly cash dividend of 16.9 cents per share to shareholders of record as of Mar 16, 2020. Notably, on Feb 21, 2020, the company's board of directors approved a 15% hike in the quarterly dividend rate.

Valuation

ITT's shares are down 34.9% and 22% in the year-to-date period and over the trailing 12-month period, respectively. Stocks in both the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Conglomerates sector are down 20.4% in the year-to-date period. Over the past year, both the Zacks sub-industry and sector are down 15.6%.

The S&P 500 index is down 10.9% in the year-to-date period and 0.8% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 9.04x forward 12-month EV/EBITDA, which compares to 22.08x for both the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks sector as well as 10.96x for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 10.47x and as low as 4.91x, with a 5-year median of 7.9x. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$51 price target reflects 15.94x forward 12-month earnings per share.

The table below shows summary valuation data for ITT.

Valuation Multiples - ITT					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
EV/EBITDA F12M	Current	9.04	22.08	22.08	10.96
	5-Year High	10.47	99	99	14.17
	5-Year Low	4.91	16.98	16.98	9.07
	5-Year Median	7.9	21.66	21.66	10.84
P/E F12M	Current	15.18	23.26	23.26	20.63
	5-Year High	21.1	23.26	23.26	20.63
	5-Year Low	9.66	15.76	15.76	15.19
	5-Year Median	15.61	18.31	18.31	17.44
EV/Sales F12M	Current	1.6	2.88	2.88	2.59
	5-Year High	2.06	4.1	4.1	3.52
	5-Year Low	1.01	2.56	2.56	2.3
	5-Year Median	1.41	3.41	3.41	2.81

As of 05/05/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 42% (147 out of 253)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Crane Company (CR)	Neutral	4
Eaton Corporation, PLC (ETN)	Neutral	4
Graco Inc. (GGG)	Neutral	4
Honeywell International Inc. (HON)	Neutral	3
IDEX Corporation (IEX)	Neutral	4
Rexnord Corporation (RXN)	Neutral	4
Snap-On Incorporated (SNA)	Neutral	4
Flowserve Corporation (FLS)	Underperform	4

Industry Comparison Industry: Diversified Operations				Industry Peers		
	ITT	X Industry	S&P 500	FLS	GGG	RXN
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Underperform	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	4	-	-	4	4	4
VGM Score	C	-	-	B	F	B
Market Cap	4.15 B	4.14 B	19.65 B	3.54 B	7.43 B	3.20 B
# of Analysts	8	1	14	8	6	6
Dividend Yield	1.41%	2.00%	2.18%	2.94%	1.57%	1.22%
Value Score	C	-	-	B	F	B
Cash/Price	0.19	0.23	0.06	0.19	0.06	0.09
EV/EBITDA	6.31	8.34	11.77	8.76	15.75	10.11
PEG Ratio	1.90	2.47	2.49	1.95	4.14	2.72
Price/Book (P/B)	2.06	0.83	2.64	1.96	7.29	2.34
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	9.36	6.12	10.48	9.05	19.86	8.56
P/E (F1)	17.07	17.22	19.10	15.48	33.10	16.24
Price/Sales (P/S)	1.48	0.67	2.00	0.90	4.60	1.55
Earnings Yield	5.86%	5.46%	4.99%	6.46%	3.03%	6.17%
Debt/Equity	0.00	0.75	0.74	0.84	0.39	0.84
Cash Flow (\$/share)	5.14	2.43	7.01	3.01	2.24	3.07
Growth Score	C	-	-	B	D	B
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	10.27%	10.44%	10.87%	-14.64%	14.61%	6.27%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-26.02%	-21.63%	-9.07%	-20.00%	-29.12%	-18.48%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	13.73%	2.77%	5.88%	15.12%	0.13%	34.59%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	7.28%	5.78%	8.55%	-8.93%	7.47%	5.48%
Current Ratio	1.76	1.76	1.24	2.25	3.36	2.79
Debt/Capital	0.00%	41.54%	44.07%	45.52%	28.20%	45.61%
Net Margin	12.03%	3.82%	11.00%	6.43%	20.43%	9.66%
Return on Equity	16.26%	11.50%	16.39%	16.44%	31.40%	18.82%
Sales/Assets	0.68	0.76	0.55	0.82	0.93	0.63
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-16.22%	0.00%	-2.17%	-7.05%	-13.99%	-11.89%
Momentum Score	D	-	-	C	D	B
Daily Price Chg	1.28%	0.00%	0.74%	1.30%	0.45%	2.90%
1 Week Price Chg	1.80%	0.47%	0.53%	4.00%	0.36%	3.90%
4 Week Price Chg	0.54%	2.12%	6.47%	2.10%	-3.17%	15.28%
12 Week Price Chg	-30.66%	-25.83%	-20.68%	-42.73%	-20.63%	-24.10%
52 Week Price Chg	-22.00%	-31.05%	-10.95%	-45.11%	-12.78%	-6.58%
20 Day Average Volume	641,305	68,699	2,492,530	1,295,520	780,594	831,387
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	-6.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-19.44%	-8.44%	-7.39%	-12.56%	-25.42%	-5.92%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-29.71%	-30.96%	-14.21%	-28.46%	-32.04%	-23.38%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-61.21%	-29.55%	-13.52%	-24.15%	-45.56%	-22.32%

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Zacks Recommendation

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

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