

ITT Corporation (ITT)

\$63.34 (As of 08/11/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$67.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:
Neutral

(Since: 06/25/20)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:A

Value: B

Growth: B

Momentum: A

Summary

In the past three months, ITT's shares have outperformed the industry. The company's second-quarter 2020 earnings surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 58.3%, and revenues beat the same by 1.5%. It is well-positioned to gain from its diversified business operations, operational execution and supply-chain adjustments in the quarter ahead. Its cost-reduction measures and healthy liquidity position might help it tide over the pandemic-related uncertainties. Further, the company will continue to pay dividends, while it suspended share buybacks. Acquisitions made might prove beneficial for ITT. However, it refrained from providing its financial projections for 2020 due to the pandemic-related issues. Also, operating income of its business segments and working capital are likely to be hurt significantly in 2020.

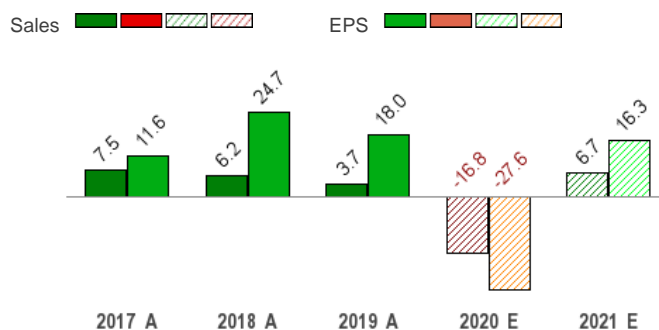
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$75.56 - \$35.41
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	507,763
Market Cap	\$5.5 B
YTD Price Change	-14.3%
Beta	1.57
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.68 / 1.1%
Industry	Diversified Operations
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 24% (192 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	58.3%
Last Sales Surprise	1.5%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	9.5%
Expected Report Date	11/06/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%

P/E TTM	19.0
P/E F1	23.0
PEG F1	2.6
P/S TTM	2.1

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					2,526 E
2020	663 A	515 A	575 E	614 E	2,367 E
2019	696 A	720 A	712 A	719 A	2,846 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					\$3.21 E
2020	\$0.80 A	\$0.57 A	\$0.68 E	\$0.70 E	\$2.76 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 08/11/2020. The reports text is as of 08/12/2020.

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.

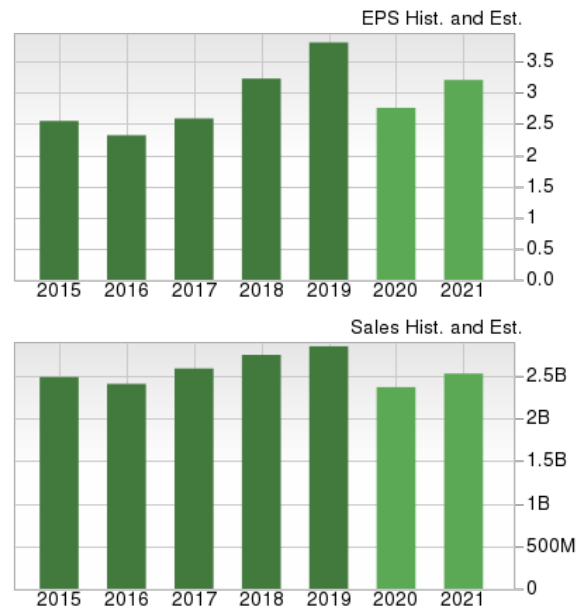
At the end of 2019, the company employed 10,500 people and provided services in 125 countries. The company operates in three business segments; a brief discussion is provided below.

Industrial Process segment (37.5% of second-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 (38.7%) 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 (23.8%) 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 past three months, ITT's shares have gained 35.5% as compared with the industry's growth of 23.6%. In the second quarter of 2020, the company's earnings and revenues surpassed estimates by 58.3% and 1.5%, respectively. In the quarters ahead, it will likely benefit from diversified business operations, operational execution, footprint-optimization initiatives, restructuring 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 \$55 million (expected to yield annualized \$80 million pre-tax gains), salary reductions, lowering discretionary spending and others. It seems that analysts have become increasingly bullish about ITT over the past 30 days. The company's earnings estimates have been increased by 9.5% for 2020 and 6.3% for 2021.

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.

▲ ITT noted that its healthy liquidity position might help it tide over the difficult operating conditions caused by the pandemic. At the end of second-quarter 2020, the company's cash on hand was \$819 million, while free cash flow in the quarter increased \$113.5 million from the year-ago quarter. Also, exiting the second quarter, the available borrowing capacity under its \$500-million revolving credit agreement was \$388 million. In addition, the company believes in rewarding shareholders through share buybacks and dividend payments. In the first half of 2020, the company bought back shares worth \$83.7 million and paid out dividends of \$14.6 million. Notably, the quarterly dividend rate was hiked by 15% in February 2020, while a \$500-million share buyback program was declared in October 2019. The company noted that there is no change to its dividend plans, while share buyback activities have been temporarily halted due to the pandemic.

▲ ITT intends to become more competent on the back of innovation investments. In May, the company's Engineered Valves unveiled the Integrated Sensing Platform. The valve sensing platform will help in simplifying operations for customers as well as reduce piping footprint and lowering 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 Rheinhalte Pumpen Group, while added Matrix Composites to its portfolio in July 2019. ITT noted that in the second quarter of 2020, Rheinhalte Pumpen and Matrix buyouts boosted revenues by 1%.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ In second-quarter 2020, ITT's earnings declined 38.7% on weak sales generation. Due to the uncertainties related with the coronavirus outbreak, it refrained from reinstating its financial projections for 2020. It believes that demand reduction for automotive components due to declining production by automakers will continue to have adverse impacts on the Motion Technologies segment. Further, weak prices for oil and gas, reduction in customer capital expenditure, and maintenance spending amid the pandemic will continue to hurt the Industrial Process segment. Also, a fall in demand for aerospace OEM and aftermarket components due to a decline in commercial air traffic will likely adversely impact the Connect and Control Technologies segment. Also, the segment might suffer from 737 Max-related issues.
- ▼ Due to the pandemic-related worries, ITT expects operating income of its business segments to decline and its working capital to be hurt badly in 2020. The headwinds are predicted to impact 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 \$13.7 million (or 2%) on the company's second-quarter 2020 revenues and \$14.3 million impact on orders.

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

Last Earnings Report

ITT Q2 Earnings & Revenues Beat Estimates, Decrease Y/Y

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

In the reported quarter, the company pulled off an earnings surprise of 58.3%. Quarterly adjusted earnings were 57 cents per share, outpacing the Zacks Consensus Estimate of 36 cents. However, the bottom line declined 38.7% from the year-ago figure.

Revenues of \$514.7 million were down 29% year over year. However, the top line surpassed the consensus mark of \$507 million by 1.5%. Also, revenues fell 27.6% on an organic basis.

Quarter Ending 06/2020

Report Date	Jul 31, 2020
Sales Surprise	1.48%
EPS Surprise	58.33%
Quarterly EPS	0.57
Annual EPS (TTM)	3.33

Segmental Breakup

Second-quarter revenues of Industrial Process were \$193.3 million, down 16.9% year over year. Organic sales declined 16.6%, owing to lower revenues from pump projects and weakness across the short-cycle business.

Quarterly revenues of Motion Technologies declined 37.3% year over year to \$199.3 million. Organic sales decreased 34.7% in the quarter mainly due to lower Friction sales on account of soft demand, owing to the coronavirus outbreak.

Connect & Control Technologies generated \$122.9 million revenues, down 27.8% year over year. Organic sales dipped 29.3%, owing to weakness across aerospace and defense end markets amid the coronavirus outbreak.

Costs/Margins

Cost of sales in the second quarter was \$351.1 million, down 28.1% year over year. Sales and marketing expenses were \$35.7 million compared with \$42.7 million in the year-ago quarter.

Gross profit margin was 31.8%, down 40 basis points.

In the quarter, income tax benefits were \$28.1 million compared with income tax expenses of \$19.3 million in the year-ago quarter.

Balance Sheet/Cash Flow

Exiting the second quarter, ITT had cash and cash equivalents of \$819.1 million, up from \$612.1 million as of Dec 31, 2019. Short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt were \$247.5 million compared with \$86.5 million at the end of 2019. Free cash flow in the quarter increased to \$168.8 million from \$55.3 million in the year-ago quarter.

In the first six months of 2020, the company generated \$203.1 million in cash from operating activities, higher than \$101.1 million recorded in the year-ago comparable period. Capital expenditure totaled \$34.3 million, declining from \$45.8 million spent in the year-ago comparable period.

2020 Guidance

ITT expects the pandemic to continue impacting its businesses throughout 2020. It believes that the reduction in demand for automotive and aerospace components will continue to hurt its top-line performance. In addition, volatile oil and gas market, and weak capital expenditure might affect its performance.

On uncertainties, regarding the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak on financial and operating results, ITT has not provided its earnings and revenues guidance for 2020.

Recent News

Dividend

On **Jul 6, 2020**, ITT paid a quarterly cash dividend of 16.9 cents per share to shareholders of record as of Jun 15, 2020.

ITT's HiRPM Qualified for F-35 Lighting Program

On **May 27, 2020**, ITT confirmed that its advanced closed molding process, Hot Isostatic Resin Pressure Molding ("HiRPM") has been qualified on Lockheed Martin's F-35 lighting program.

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.

Valuation

ITT's shares are down 14.3% in the year-to-date period and increased 13.2% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in both the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Conglomerates sector have decreased 7.9% in the year-to-date period. Over the past year, both the Zacks sub-industry and sector have moved up 0.3%.

The S&P 500 index has moved up 4.2% year to date and increased 15% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 20.87x forward 12-month earnings per share, which compares to 26.81x for both the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks sector as well as 22.8x for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 23.48x and as low as 9.66x, with a 5-year median of 15.74x. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in line with the market. Our \$67 price target reflects 21.91x 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
P/E F12M	Current	20.87	26.81	26.81	22.8
	5-Year High	23.48	26.81	26.81	22.8
	5-Year Low	9.66	15.76	15.76	15.25
	5-Year Median	15.74	18.47	18.47	17.58
P/S F12M	Current	2.22	3.84	3.84	3.67
	5-Year High	2.33	3.84	3.84	3.67
	5-Year Low	1.05	2.29	2.29	2.53
	5-Year Median	1.57	3.03	3.03	3.05

As of 08/11/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 24% (192 out of 253)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Flowserve Corporation (FLS)	Outperform	3
Rexnord Corporation (RXN)	Outperform	1
Crane Company (CR)	Neutral	3
Eaton Corporation, PLC (ETN)	Neutral	3
Graco Inc. (GGG)	Neutral	1
Honeywell International Inc. (HON)	Neutral	3
IDEX Corporation (IEX)	Neutral	3
SnapOn Incorporated (SNA)	Neutral	3

Industry Comparison Industry: Diversified Operations				Industry Peers		
	ITT	X Industry	S&P 500	FLS	GGG	RXN
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Outperform	Neutral	Outperform
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	3	1	1
VGM Score	A	-	-	B	D	F
Market Cap	5.47 B	5.14 B	23.61 B	4.12 B	9.57 B	3.76 B
# of Analysts	8	4	14	8	6	5
Dividend Yield	1.07%	1.93%	1.69%	2.53%	1.22%	1.02%
Value Score	B	-	-	B	F	D
Cash/Price	0.16	0.25	0.07	0.14	0.05	0.10
EV/EBITDA	8.87	8.64	13.32	10.10	20.37	11.88
PEG Ratio	2.57	2.55	2.95	3.84	4.57	2.80
Price/Book (P/B)	2.66	1.01	3.22	2.44	9.31	2.78
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	12.32	7.08	12.79	10.52	25.57	11.27
P/E (F1)	23.14	19.66	22.02	19.36	36.59	19.80
Price/Sales (P/S)	2.10	0.91	2.57	1.06	6.16	1.87
Earnings Yield	4.36%	4.40%	4.29%	5.15%	2.74%	5.04%
Debt/Equity	0.00	0.83	0.77	0.89	0.39	0.85
Cash Flow (\$/share)	5.14	2.35	6.94	3.01	2.24	2.78
Growth Score	B	-	-	B	D	D
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	10.77%	10.24%	10.41%	-9.02%	13.64%	8.99%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-27.56%	-22.68%	-6.51%	-25.68%	-17.46%	-21.29%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	13.73%	9.67%	5.22%	15.12%	0.13%	5.35%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	7.28%	7.02%	8.55%	-8.93%	7.47%	4.56%
Current Ratio	1.93	1.64	1.34	2.23	3.35	2.52
Debt/Capital	0.00%	45.22%	44.59%	47.12%	28.03%	45.89%
Net Margin	12.26%	2.97%	10.13%	3.77%	17.42%	8.42%
Return on Equity	14.40%	10.35%	14.59%	14.96%	28.29%	17.52%
Sales/Assets	0.63	0.73	0.51	0.81	0.86	0.59
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-16.83%	-0.72%	-1.45%	-7.71%	-8.10%	-8.48%
Momentum Score	A	-	-	B	C	F
Daily Price Chg	1.28%	0.13%	-0.17%	2.36%	4.31%	-1.20%
1 Week Price Chg	4.54%	4.01%	2.30%	7.50%	2.80%	6.14%
4 Week Price Chg	6.90%	3.63%	6.41%	8.83%	11.59%	6.35%
12 Week Price Chg	19.76%	13.40%	15.42%	30.45%	23.88%	14.68%
52 Week Price Chg	13.25%	-17.27%	2.88%	-27.00%	23.64%	15.06%
20 Day Average Volume	507,763	53,516	2,007,486	979,531	654,452	721,376
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.50%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.10%	0.00%	2.86%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	9.52%	0.00%	1.84%	16.11%	17.48%	7.13%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	2.46%	0.00%	2.40%	17.65%	16.46%	1.30%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	8.37%	0.00%	0.72%	2.65%	18.50%	8.20%

Zacks Stock Rating System

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Zacks Recommendation

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Zacks Rank

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

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