

Universal Display (OLED)

\$165.00 (As of 06/05/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$173.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 04/21/20)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:F

Value: D

Growth: F

Momentum: D

Summary

Universal Display's top line is expected to benefit from a surge in red and green emitter sales. Improving demand from panel makers holds promise. Moreover, increasing demand from panel makers bodes well for the company's growth prospects in the near-term. Growing clout of OLED panels in automotive end-markets is also a tailwind for revenues. Further, its efforts to reward shareholders through dividend payments are noteworthy. However, significant customer concentration is an overhang. Moreover, the company has withdrawn its guidance for 2020 due to coronavirus-related uncertainties prevailing in the market, which is a concern. Notably, shares of Universal Display have underperformed the industry on a year-to-date basis.

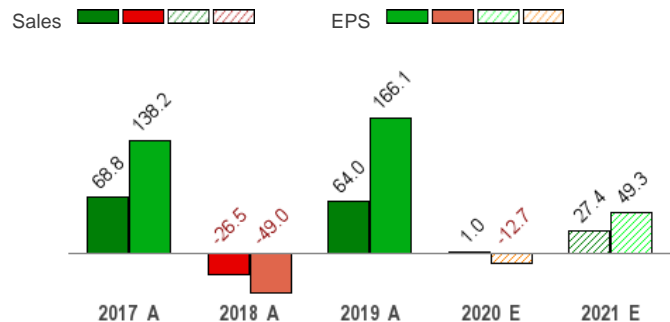
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$230.32 - \$105.11
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	445,811
Market Cap	\$7.8 B
YTD Price Change	-19.9%
Beta	1.56
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.60 / 0.4%
Industry	Electronics - Miscellaneous Components
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 28% (183 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	17.7%
Last Sales Surprise	9.0%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-9.0%
Expected Report Date	NA
Earnings ESP	-15.0%
P/E TTM	51.9
P/E F1	57.3
PEG F1	1.9
P/S TTM	18.1

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	97 E	116 E	84 E	156 E	521 E
2020	112 A	79 E	100 E	118 E	409 E
2019	88 A	118 A	98 A	102 A	405 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$0.56 E	\$0.79 E	\$1.15 E	\$1.29 E	\$4.30 E
2020	\$0.80 A	\$0.32 E	\$0.65 E	\$0.81 E	\$2.88 E
2019	\$0.66 A	\$0.92 A	\$0.78 A	\$0.68 A	\$3.30 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 06/05/2020. The reports text is as of 06/08/2020.

Overview

Ewing, NJ-based Universal Display Corporation is a leading developer of technology and intellectual property (IP) for the Organic Light Emitting Diodes (OLED) market.

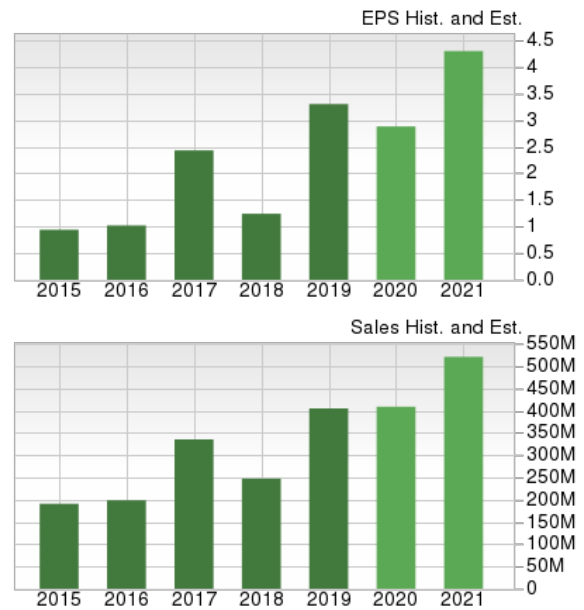
OLEDs are thin, lightweight and power-efficient solid-state devices that emit light. This can be manufactured on both flexible and rigid substrates, making them highly suitable for use in full-color displays and also as lighting products.

Universal Display reported revenues of \$405.2 million in 2019. The company reports operations under three heads, namely Material sales (60.1% of 2019 revenues), Royalty and license fees (37% of revenues) and Contract research services (2.9% of revenues).

Material sales include revenues from both phosphorescent emitter and host materials. Royalty and license fees include fee payments under patent license agreement with SDC, and licensed sales and royalties from customers.

Contract research services include revenues earned by Adesis, which performs organic and organometallic synthetics research, development and commercialization on a contractual basis for the company's customers. It also includes technology development and support revenues along with government contracts.

Notably, 97.1% revenues were generated from non-U.S. locations in 2019. Country wise, South Korea accounted for 61.8% of revenues followed by China contributing 33.4%.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ Universal Display is a dominant provider of OLED technology. The technology is expected to eventually replace LED and liquid crystal displays (LCD) technologies due to energy efficiency, higher contrast ratio, better viewing angle, lower video response time and smaller form factor. These superior properties of OLED provide ample room for growth that brightens up Universal Display's prospects.
- ▲ We believe strong end-market demand presents significant growth opportunity for Universal Display over the long term. OLED is suitable for commercial usage in a number of industries, including smartphones, television, virtual reality devices and automotive markets. The increasing proliferation of smartphones, wearables and tablets are driving adoption of small-area OLEDs. Large-area OLED displays are increasingly used in televisions. Further, unlike LEDs, OLEDs can be viewed directly and doesn't need diffusers. It is also expected to be cost-effective when manufactured in high volumes, which makes it suitable for commercial application in the solid-state lighting market. Universal Display expects the installed base of OLED square meter capacity to increase by approximately 50% over the next two years, which will improve revenue opportunities for the company.
- ▲ Universal Display's dominance in OLED technology is primarily driven by its strong portfolio of 5,000 patents issued and pending worldwide, per the latest update provided on Feb 17, 2020. Notably, the company's UniversalPHOLED phosphorescent OLED technology produces OLEDs that are four times more efficient than fluorescent OLEDs and significantly more efficient than current LCDs. This provides Universal Display with a competitive advantage over other OLED makers. Additionally, collaborations with the likes of Princeton University, the University of Southern California, the University of Michigan and PPG Industries will continue to strengthen its patent portfolio in the long haul.
- ▲ The strong patent portfolio also helps Universal Display earn significant licensing revenues. Samsung, LG Display, BOE Technology, Visionox and Tianma are notable users of the company's licenses. Universal Display also has license agreements with Konica Minolta, Sumitomo, Lumiotec, Pioneer, Kaneka and OLEDWorks to manufacture OLED lighting products.
- ▲ Universal Display's solid debt-free balance sheet and liquidity position is noteworthy. As of Mar 31, 2020, the company had cash and cash equivalents (including short-term investments) of \$639.8 million. The strong cash balance helps it pursue strategic acquisitions. Moreover, cash flow from operations during the quarter was \$5.7 million. The cash flows help the company to continue shareholder-friendly initiatives like dividend payments. Notably, the company approved a quarterly cash dividend of 15 cents per share in the first quarter. Moreover, the company has paid out quarterly dividends worth \$18.9 million in 2019 and \$7.1 million in first-quarter 2020. The company's ability to generate solid free cash flow is expected to help it sustain current dividend payout (0.19) level, at least in the near term.

Dominance in the OLED market, solid patent portfolio, strong end-market demand, solid balance sheet and liquidity position favor growth prospects of the company.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ The coronavirus outbreak in China and South Korea is expected to hurt Universal Display's top-line growth. Notably, South Korea accounted for 61.8% of revenues followed by China contributing to 33.4% in 2019. Management estimates the coronavirus outbreak to affect 2020 revenues by \$40-\$50 million.
- ▼ OLED adoption is still in very early stages and is expected to take some time to gain significant traction. Additionally, long lead times for incremental capacity addition are a headwind. Moreover, change in accounting rules increase volatility in licensing revenues. These factors don't bode well for investors at least in the near term.
- ▼ Moreover, sluggishness in premium smartphone market doesn't bode well for the company. Further, Universal Display faces significant competition not only from other OLED makers but also from other emerging technologies like quantum dots or thermally activated delayed fluorescence (TADF). Also, LCD continues to dominate the display market. Increasing competition can hurt the company's market share as well as pricing power that will negatively impact profitability in the near term.
- ▼ The company has substantial operations outside the United States. Notably, 97% of revenues in 2019 were derived from sales to customers outside the United States. Hence, volatility in foreign exchange is a significant concern.
- ▼ Further, Universal Display faces significant customer concentration, as a huge chunk of revenues come from few customers like Samsung Display, BOE Technology and LG, each contributing more than 10% to revenues in 2019.

Long lead times, intensifying competition, significant customer concentration, stretched valuation and volatility in foreign exchange are key headwinds.

Last Earnings Report

Universal Display Q1 Earnings Surpass Estimates, Up Y/Y

Universal Display Corporation reported first-quarter 2020 adjusted earnings of 80 cents per share (per ASC Topic 606 basis), which improved 40% year over year and beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 17.7%.

Revenues surged 27.9% year over year to \$112.3 million. Revenues include full recognition of safety stock worth \$24 million purchased in the fourth quarter by a China-based customer due to trade-related concerns as well as some estimated advanced customer material purchases due to COVID-19 related uncertainties.

Segment Details

Material sales (59.3% of total revenues) rallied 22.2% from the year-ago quarter's figure to \$66.6 million. Green emitters sales (including yellow-green emitters) were \$52.6 million, up 26.4% year over year. Red emitter sales were \$13.9 million, up 8.6% year over year.

Royalty and license fees (38.4% of total revenues) increased 42.2% year over year to \$43.1 million. Adesis revenues came in at \$2.6 million during the reported quarter compared with \$3 million reported in the year-ago quarter.

Contract research services revenues (2.3% of total revenues) came in at \$2.6 million, down 12.5% year over year.

Operating Details

Gross margin in the quarter under review came in at 80%, which contracted 200 basis points (bps) from the year-ago quarter's figure. Material gross margin contracted 600 bps year over year to 70%.

Operating expenses of \$45.3 million were up 20.5% year over year. As a percentage of revenues, operating expenses contracted 240 bps on a year-over-year basis to 40.4%.

Consequently, operating margin expanded 400 bps year over year to 39.6%.

Balance Sheet

As of Mar 31, 2020, Universal Display had cash and cash equivalents (including short-term investments) of \$639.8 million compared with of \$646 million as of Dec 31, 2019.

Cash flow from operating activities was \$5.7 million compared with \$193.9 million in the prior quarter.

The company recently approved a quarterly cash dividend of 15 cents per share, to be paid out on Jun 30, to its shareholders of record on June 15.

Guidance

The company has withdrawn its guidance for 2020 due to COVID-19 related uncertainties prevailing in the market.

Quarter Ending **03/2020**

Report Date	May 07, 2020
Sales Surprise	9.03%
EPS Surprise	17.65%
Quarterly EPS	0.80
Annual EPS (TTM)	3.18

Recent News

On May 7, Universal Display approved a quarterly cash dividend of 15 cents per share, to be paid out on Jun 30, to its shareholders of record on Jun 15.

On the same day, Universal Display announced the signing of a new agreement with Wuhan China Star Optoelectronics to supply phosphorescent OLED materials to the latter through its wholly-owned subsidiary UDC Ireland Limited.

Valuation

Universal Display shares are down 19.9% in the year-to-date period and 4.7% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry are down 3.8% while the same in the Zacks Computer& Technology sector are up 8.1% in the year-to-date period. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are up 2.2% and 23.6%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is down 1.1% in the year-to-date period and but up 10.4% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 47.19X forward 12-month earnings compared with 22.97X for the Zacks sub-industry, 25.07X for the Zacks sector and 23.09X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 80.8X and as low as 21.26X, with a 5-year median of 47.15X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in line with the market. Our \$173 price target reflects 49.57X forward 12-month earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for OLED

Valuation Multiples - OLED					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F12M	Current	47.19	22.97	25.07	23.09
	5-Year High	80.8	22.97	25.07	23.09
	5-Year Low	21.26	13.67	16.72	15.23
	5-Year Median	47.15	16.69	19.26	17.49
P/S F12M	Current	16.98	1.39	3.82	3.59
	5-Year High	26.69	1.85	3.82	3.59
	5-Year Low	6.92	0.92	2.32	2.53
	5-Year Median	14.11	1.41	3.11	3.02
EV/Sales TTM	Current	16.62	2.1	4.33	3.13
	5-Year High	29.27	2.22	4.43	3.46
	5-Year Low	6.34	1.07	2.55	2.13
	5-Year Median	15.51	1.78	3.6	2.83

As of 06/05/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 28% (183 out of 253)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
CalAmp Corp. (CAMP)	Neutral	3
Fabrinet (FN)	Neutral	3
Corning Incorporated (GLW)	Neutral	3
IntriCon Corporation (IIN)	Neutral	3
SMTC Corporation (SMTX)	Neutral	3
TE Connectivity Ltd. (TEL)	Neutral	3
Vicor Corporation (VICR)	Neutral	4
Vishay Precision Group, Inc. (VPG)	Neutral	4

Industry Comparison Industry: Electronics - Miscellaneous Components				Industry Peers		
	OLED	X Industry	S&P 500	GLW	SMTX	VICR
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	3	3	4
VGM Score	F	-	-	F	A	F
Market Cap	7.77 B	154.78 M	23.09 B	20.30 B	82.11 M	2.82 B
# of Analysts	5	2	14	5	1	2
Dividend Yield	0.36%	0.00%	1.82%	3.30%	0.00%	0.00%
Value Score	D	-	-	D	A	F
Cash/Price	0.09	0.15	0.06	0.12	0.02	0.03
EV/EBITDA	114.47	9.66	13.17	9.66	5.78	108.49
PEG Ratio	1.90	2.76	3.13	13.93	NA	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	9.19	1.93	3.15	2.04	1.95	13.62
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	160.04	10.93	12.43	6.66	3.68	115.00
P/E (F1)	57.09	26.87	22.80	25.90	19.40	420.18
Price/Sales (P/S)	18.09	1.26	2.52	1.83	0.22	10.82
Earnings Yield	1.75%	2.58%	4.19%	3.86%	5.15%	0.25%
Debt/Equity	0.00	0.19	0.76	0.78	0.92	0.00
Cash Flow (\$/share)	1.03	0.72	7.01	4.01	0.79	0.60
Growth Score	F	-	-	F	A	D
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	31.56%	12.56%	10.87%	5.35%	NA	55.72%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-12.73%	-29.20%	-10.79%	-41.48%	-44.44%	-51.47%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	237.80%	-15.98%	5.48%	3.88%	253.76%	-40.38%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	-0.62%	10.40%	8.55%	-1.86%	102.64%	102.02%
Current Ratio	5.95	2.15	1.29	2.18	1.23	5.26
Debt/Capital	0.00%	22.55%	44.75%	38.88%	48.01%	0.00%
Net Margin	33.74%	3.49%	10.59%	3.29%	-1.76%	3.10%
Return on Equity	18.85%	9.56%	16.26%	13.01%	17.18%	3.99%
Sales/Assets	0.40	0.83	0.55	0.40	1.72	1.09
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	0.93%	0.00%	-2.61%	-10.91%	7.15%	3.18%
Momentum Score	D	-	-	D	D	D
Daily Price Chg	4.55%	0.98%	2.89%	7.80%	-5.52%	5.01%
1 Week Price Chg	-0.85%	1.85%	4.60%	6.59%	-8.07%	4.31%
4 Week Price Chg	6.11%	10.71%	15.60%	27.35%	-4.59%	31.46%
12 Week Price Chg	17.46%	23.49%	29.34%	30.34%	27.07%	111.11%
52 Week Price Chg	5.36%	0.00%	2.76%	-12.50%	-8.20%	125.98%
20 Day Average Volume	445,811	50,772	2,537,324	4,429,253	63,158	213,385
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-9.03%	0.00%	-0.08%	0.00%	-34.78%	-13.16%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-10.56%	-39.88%	-16.19%	-35.89%	-31.82%	-75.37%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-26.73%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-166.67%	0.00%

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

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