

Universal Display (OLED)

\$179.89 (As of 08/21/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$189.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:
Neutral

(Since: 08/05/20)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:F

Value: D

Growth: C

Momentum: F

Summary

Universal Display's second-quarter 2020 results were disappointing. Revenues declined primarily due to weakened demand for emitter products as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and higher inventory level. Soft consumer-electronics spending impacted OLED demand and factory-utilization rates that resulted in sluggish customer orders. The company has withdrawn its guidance for 2020 due to coronavirus-related uncertainties prevailing in the market. Notably, shares of Universal Display have underperformed the industry year to date. Nevertheless, growing demand for OLED panels in automotive end-market is a tailwind for revenues. Moreover, Universal Display's strong patent portfolio is likely to drive Royalty and license-fees revenues. Further, the company's efforts to reward shareholders through dividend payouts remain noteworthy.

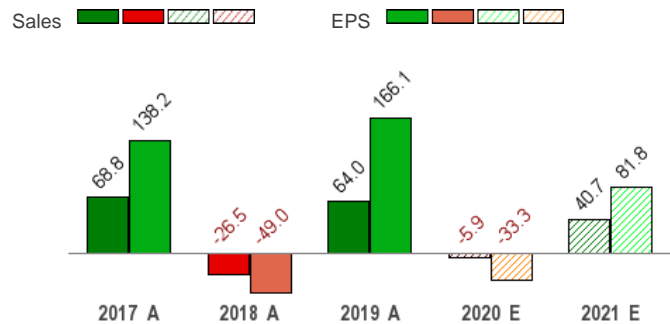
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$230.32 - \$105.11
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	591,172
Market Cap	\$8.5 B
YTD Price Change	-12.7%
Beta	1.59
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.60 / 0.3%
Industry	Electronics - Miscellaneous Components
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 27% (69 out of 252)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	-91.7%
Last Sales Surprise	-18.6%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-16.2%
Expected Report Date	NA
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	78.9
P/E F1	81.8
PEG F1	2.7
P/S TTM	22.9

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	94 E	113 E	145 E	158 E	536 E
2020	112 A	58 A	96 E	111 E	381 E
2019	88 A	118 A	98 A	102 A	405 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$0.48 E	\$0.74 E	\$1.13 E	\$1.28 E	\$4.00 E
2020	\$0.80 A	\$0.02 A	\$0.54 E	\$0.67 E	\$2.20 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 08/21/2020. The reports text is as of 08/24/2020.

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.

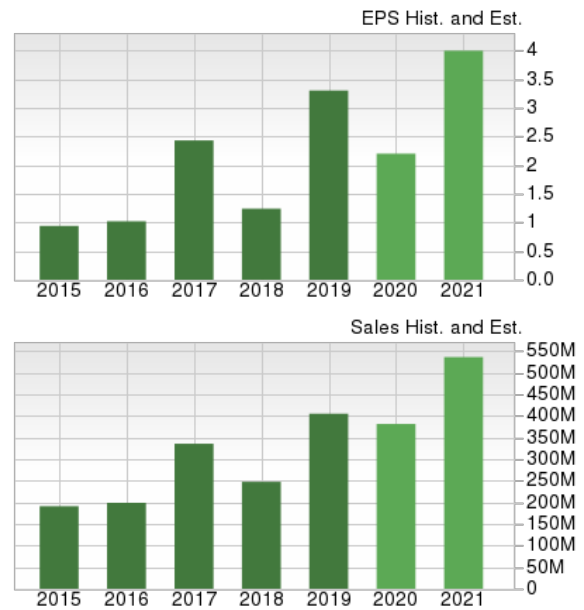
Universal Display reported revenues of \$405.2 million in 2019. The company reports operations under three heads, namely Material sales (60.1% of 2019 revenues), Royalty and license fees (37% of revenues) and Contract research services (2.9% of revenues).

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%.

Universal Display's primary competitors are Cambridge Display Technology, Novaled AG, iFire Technology, Luxell Technologies, Ostendo Technologies, eMagin Corporation, Seoul Semiconductor, and Illuminex Inc.



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 Jun 30, the company had cash and cash equivalents (including short-term investments) of \$644 million compared with of \$639.8 million as of Mar 31, 2020. The strong cash balance helps it pursue strategic acquisitions. Moreover, cash flow from operating activities was \$32 million compared with \$5.7 million in the previous quarter. The cash flows help the company to continue shareholder-friendly initiatives like dividend payments. Markedly, the company approved a quarterly cash dividend of 15 cents per share for the third quarter. The company's ability to generate solid free cash flow is expected to help it sustain current dividend payout 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 Q2 Earnings Miss, Revenues Fall Y/Y

Universal Display reported second-quarter 2020 adjusted earnings of 2 cents per share (per ASC Topic 606 basis), which declined 78.3% year over year and missed the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 16.7%.

Revenues declined 50.9% year over year to \$58 million and missed the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 18.3%. The decrease in revenues was mainly due to weakened demand for emitter products as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and higher inventory level.

Quarter Ending **06/2020**

Report Date	Aug 06, 2020
Sales Surprise	-18.60%
EPS Surprise	-91.67%
Quarterly EPS	0.02
Annual EPS (TTM)	2.28

Segment Details

Material sales (55% of total revenues) decreased 58.2% from the year-ago quarter's figure to \$31.9 million. Green emitters sales (including yellow-green emitters) were \$24.2 million, down 54% year over year. Red emitter sales were \$7.5 million, down 53.1% year over year.

Royalty and license fees (38.6% of total revenues) decreased 42.4% year over year to \$22.4 million. Adesis revenues came in at \$3.7 million during the reported quarter compared with \$2.9 million reported in the year-ago quarter.

Contract research services revenues (6.3% of total revenues) came in at \$3.6 million, up 26.2% year over year.

Operating Details

Gross margin in the quarter under review came in at 78.1%, which contracted 150 basis points (bps) from the year-ago quarter's figure. Material gross margin contracted 300 bps year over year to 68%.

Operating expenses of \$46.5 million were up 2.4% year over year. As a percentage of revenues, operating expenses expanded to 80.2% on a year-over-year basis from 38.4% in the year-ago quarter.

The company reported operating loss of \$1.1 million against operating income of \$48.6 million in the year-ago quarter.

Balance Sheet

As of Jun 30, 2020, Universal Display had cash and cash equivalents (including short-term investments) of \$644 million compared with of \$639.8 million as of Mar 31, 2020.

Cash flow from operating activities was \$32 million compared with \$5.7 million in the prior quarter.

Guidance

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

Recent News

On Aug 6, Universal Display announced that its board has approved a third-quarter cash dividend of 15 cents per share payable on Sep 30 to shareholders of record on Sep 16, 2020.

On Jul 14, Universal Display announced the establishment of its wholly-owned subsidiary, OVJP Corporation, with Jeff Hawthorne being appointed as the CEO. This subsidiary will support the commercialization of Universal Display's novel OLED TV Manufacturing Technology.

On May 7, 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's shares have declined 12.7% in the year-to-date period and 12.3% in the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry fell 3%, while the same in the Zacks Computer & Technology sector rose 23.7% in the year-to-date period. In the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and the sector are up 9.5% and 40.8%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 5.4% in the year-to-date period and 18.3% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 53.53X forward 12-month earnings compared with 21.08X for the Zacks sub-industry, 26.81X for the Zacks sector and 22.85X for the S&P 500 index.

In the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 80.8X and as low as 21.26X, with a five-year median of 47.67X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$189 price target reflects 56.24X 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	53.53	21.08	26.81	22.85
	5-Year High	80.8	21.38	26.81	22.85
	5-Year Low	21.26	13.9	16.72	15.25
	5-Year Median	47.67	17.1	19.6	17.58
P/S F12M	Current	17.6	1.72	4.17	3.71
	5-Year High	26.69	1.87	4.17	3.71
	5-Year Low	6.92	0.94	2.32	2.53
	5-Year Median	14.67	1.46	3.14	3.05
EV/Sales TTM	Current	21.19	2.25	4.86	3.33
	5-Year High	29.27	2.31	4.86	3.46
	5-Year Low	6.34	1.1	2.59	2.14
	5-Year Median	16.21	1.84	3.64	2.88

As of 08/21/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 27% (69 out of 252)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
SMT Corporation (SMTX)	Outperform	1
CalAmp Corp. (CAMP)	Neutral	4
Fabrinet (FN)	Neutral	2
Corning Incorporated (GLW)	Neutral	3
IntriCon Corporation (IIN)	Neutral	3
TE Connectivity Ltd. (TEL)	Neutral	3
Vicor Corporation (VICR)	Neutral	2
Vishay Precision Group, Inc. (VPG)	Neutral	3

Industry Comparison Industry: Electronics - Miscellaneous Components				Industry Peers		
	OLED	X Industry	S&P 500	GLW	SMTX	VICR
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Outperform	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	3	1	2
VGM Score	F	-	-	B	B	D
Market Cap	8.47 B	110.96 M	23.62 B	24.73 B	92.82 M	3.44 B
# of Analysts	4	2	14	5	1	2
Dividend Yield	0.33%	0.00%	1.65%	2.71%	0.00%	0.00%
Value Score	D	-	-	B	B	F
Cash/Price	0.07	0.13	0.07	0.09	0.01	0.06
EV/EBITDA	125.64	7.34	13.29	11.11	6.44	128.58
PEG Ratio	2.74	2.93	3.03	NA	NA	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	10.09	2.02	3.11	2.52	2.15	10.53
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	174.48	12.19	12.69	8.11	4.16	132.48
P/E (F1)	82.18	27.44	21.51	27.06	18.28	313.22
Price/Sales (P/S)	22.93	1.22	2.43	2.31	0.25	12.83
Earnings Yield	1.22%	2.84%	4.46%	3.70%	5.47%	0.31%
Debt/Equity	0.00	0.18	0.76	0.79	0.95	0.00
Cash Flow (\$/share)	1.03	0.69	6.93	4.01	0.79	0.60
Growth Score	C	-	-	C	C	C
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	29.22%	9.60%	10.44%	4.02%	NA	49.67%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-33.33%	-27.39%	-5.53%	-31.82%	-33.33%	-25.00%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	237.80%	-16.49%	5.20%	3.88%	253.76%	-40.38%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	-0.62%	8.99%	8.52%	-1.86%	102.64%	102.02%
Current Ratio	5.10	2.37	1.33	2.27	1.23	7.36
Debt/Capital	0.00%	16.27%	44.50%	39.12%	48.84%	0.00%
Net Margin	27.70%	3.42%	10.13%	1.89%	-0.83%	3.05%
Return on Equity	13.15%	6.40%	14.67%	11.59%	20.56%	3.47%
Sales/Assets	0.33	0.83	0.51	0.38	1.70	0.98
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-5.87%	0.00%	-1.54%	-7.94%	3.23%	10.61%
Momentum Score	F	-	-	B	B	C
Daily Price Chg	-0.72%	0.00%	-0.15%	1.88%	-4.64%	-0.47%
1 Week Price Chg	0.55%	0.00%	1.09%	1.48%	10.46%	2.82%
4 Week Price Chg	14.80%	2.68%	1.64%	8.96%	5.11%	9.61%
12 Week Price Chg	22.42%	7.53%	6.72%	40.87%	6.47%	35.03%
52 Week Price Chg	-15.00%	6.01%	1.00%	15.22%	0.61%	157.81%
20 Day Average Volume	591,172	41,691	1,873,576	4,494,372	68,758	230,488
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-16.19%	3.08%	1.79%	16.50%	20.00%	54.54%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-23.61%	2.62%	3.35%	16.50%	20.00%	34.21%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-17.44%	0.84%	0.42%	12.00%	-60.00%	13.33%

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

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