

Omnicom Group Inc. (OMC)

\$53.70 (As of 04/06/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$58.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 09/13/18)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:A

Value: A

Growth: B

Momentum: D

Summary

Consistency and diversity of operations and increased focus on delivering consumer-centric strategic business solutions ensure persistent profitability for Omnicom. The company's bottom line is currently benefiting from ongoing operating efficiency initiatives in real estate, back office services, procurement and IT areas. Change in business mix resulting from disposition of some non-core or underperforming agencies over the past year, is also aiding the bottom line. Omnicom has a consistent record of dividend payment and share repurchases. However, global presence exposes it to foreign exchange rate risks. Dependence on information technology systems makes it vulnerable to cybersecurity threats. The company's CRM Execution and Support segment remains weak thereby impacting the share price that has declined over the past year .

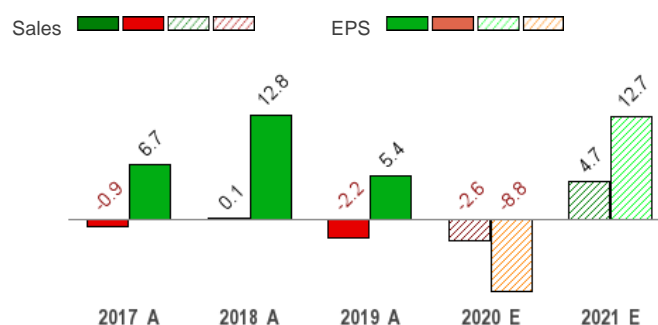
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$85.05 - \$46.37
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	3,317,015
Market Cap	\$11.6 B
YTD Price Change	-33.7%
Beta	0.83
Dividend / Div Yld	\$2.60 / 4.8%
Industry	Advertising and Marketing
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 34% (86 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	1.1%
Last Sales Surprise	1.5%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-14.1%
Expected Report Date	04/21/2020
Earnings ESP	-2.0%

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					15,250 E
2020	3,386 E	3,321 E	3,239 E	3,999 E	14,562 E
2019	3,469 A	3,720 A	3,624 A	4,141 A	14,954 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					\$6.23 E
2020	\$1.23 E	\$1.55 E	\$1.24 E	\$1.80 E	\$5.53 E
2019	\$1.17 A	\$1.68 A	\$1.32 A	\$1.89 A	\$6.06 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 04/06/2020. The reports text is as of 04/07/2020.

Overview

New York based Omnicom is one of the largest advertising, marketing and corporate communications companies in the world. The company's agencies operate in all the major markets across the globe and provide an extensive range of services. Areas of operation include North America, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Africa, New Zealand, Singapore, and other Asian countries.

The company operates in a fiercely competitive industry and competes with global, national and regional advertising and marketing services companies. It also competes with technology, social media and professional services companies.

In 2017, Omnicom realigned its CRM (Customer Relationship Management) discipline into two separate categories, namely CRM Consumer Experience and CRM Execution & Support. Omnicom also realigned and renamed the Specialty Communications discipline as Healthcare. The operating segments of the company at present are:

Traditional Media Advertising (56% of total revenues in 2019): The segment includes three of the top ten global advertising brands - BBDO Worldwide, DDB Worldwide, and TBWA Worldwide.

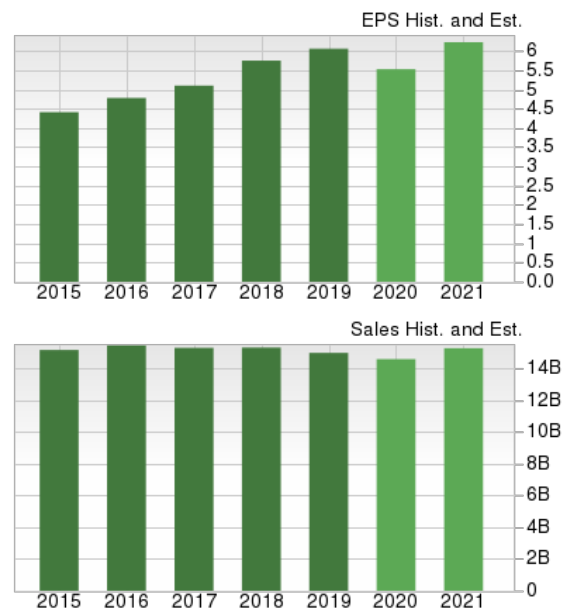
CRM Consumer Experience (18%): The segment includes Omnicom Precision Marketing Group's Digital / Direct agencies as well as Consulting & Branding agencies, Shopper Marketing agencies and Experiential Marketing agencies.

CRM Execution & Support (9%): The segment includes Field Marketing, Sales Support, Merchandising & Point of Sale and other Specialized Marketing and Custom Communications agencies.

Public Relations (9%): This group provides services through three of the top seven public relations firms in the world, Fleishman-Hillard, Ketchum Pleon, and Porter Novelli International, as well as specialist agencies including Brodeur Partners, Clark & Weinstock, Kreab Gavin Anderson, and Cone.

Healthcare (8%): The segment exclusively includes agencies offering Healthcare Marketing and Communication services.

Omnicom has its clients spread across the world. The company's 100 largest clients included the world's major marketers and comprised roughly 51% of its revenue in 2018. Each of these clients were served, on average, by more than 60 agencies.



Reasons To Buy:

▲ Omnicom's continues to focus on its **internal development initiatives**. To increase operational efficiency, the company has been making investments in real estate, back office services, procurement and IT. It is also investing in data, analytics and precision marketing. Driven by such positives, we expect Omnicom to witness higher revenues on the back of organic growth. Notably, in 2018, organic growth resulted in a 2.8% increase in total revenues.

Internal development initiatives ensure long-term profitability for this shareholder-friendly company.

▲ Omnicom's **bottom line is in good shape** as the company has been divesting underperforming and non-core businesses and reorganizing to meet clients' ever-changing needs. We believe that consistency and diversity of Omnicom's operations and increased focus on delivering consumer-centric strategic business solutions, ensures long-term profitability for Omnicom.

▲ Omnicom has a consistent record of **returning value to shareholders** in the form of dividend and share repurchases. In 2019, Omnicom paid \$571.2 million in dividend and repurchased shares worth \$610.2 million. Previously, Omnicom paid dividends of \$544.5 million and \$523.4 million to its shareholders, respectively in 2018 and 2017. The company repurchased shares amounting to \$581.3 million and \$568.4 million, in 2018 and 2017 respectively. Such moves not only instill investors' confidence but also positively impact earnings per share.

Reasons To Sell:

▼ Omnicom is a global enterprise and its international operations contribute around 46% to revenues. It operates in all major international markets including the Eurozone, the United Kingdom, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China and Japan, with business transactions occurring in more than 50 different currencies other than the U.S. dollar. The company's vast international presence exposes it to risks associated with **foreign exchange rate fluctuations**. In the fourth quarter of 2019, there was negative foreign exchange rate impact of 0.9% on revenues.

Foreign currency exchange rate risks and cybersecurity threats weigh on Omnicom's prospects.

▼ Omnicom depends on information technology systems and infrastructure to process, store and transmit data, manage business and maintain client advertising and marketing information. This makes the company vulnerable to **cybersecurity threats and attacks** like material security breaches, theft, modification or loss of data, employee malfeasance and other related threats. These activities can hurt its business as well as popularity. Additionally, the company's use of third-party service providers like cloud providers, to store, transmit and process data also increases cybersecurity risks.

▼ The company's **CRM Execution and Support segment remains weak**. The segment's revenues decreased 6% year over year in the fourth quarter of 2019. This might have negatively impacted the company's share price, that has declined 28.8% over the past year.

Last Earnings Report

Omnicom Surpasses Q4 Earnings Estimates

Omnicom reported solid fourth-quarter 2019 results wherein the company's earnings and revenues surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate.

Adjusted earnings of \$1.89 per share beat the consensus mark by 1% and increased 6.8% on a year-over-year basis.

Total revenues of \$4.1 billion beat the consensus estimate by 1.5% and increased 1.3% year over year on a reported basis. The year-over-year increase was driven by organic revenue growth of 3.5%, partially offset by negative foreign exchange rate impact of 0.9% and a decline in acquisition revenues, net of disposition revenues of 1.2%.

Other Quarterly Details

Across fundamental disciplines, advertising increased 5.1%, CRM Consumer Experience was up 3.3%, CRM Execution & Support declined 6%, Public Relations declined 2.5% and Healthcare increased 12.9%, organically, year over year.

Across regional markets, year-over-year organic growth was 2.8% in the United States, 3.3% in the United Kingdom, 4.7% in the Euro Markets and Other Europe, 4.5% in Asia Pacific and 19.5% in Middle East and Africa. Other North America and Latin America were down 2.3% and 1.3%, respectively.

Operating profit in the quarter came in at \$646.4 million, up 3.1% year over year. Operating margin increased to 15.6% from 15.3% in the year-ago quarter.

Quarter Ending **12/2019**

Report Date	Feb 11, 2020
Sales Surprise	1.49%
EPS Surprise	1.07%
Quarterly EPS	1.89
Annual EPS (TTM)	6.06

Recent News

On **Apr 6, 2020**, Omnicom Chairman and CEO John Wren announced resignation of Wendy Clark, President and CEO, DDB Worldwide.

On **Mar 03, 2020**, FleishmanHillard, part of Omnicom Public Relations Group announced that the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE) has named it as one of the 2020 NAFE Top Companies for Executive Women.

On **Feb 11, 2020**, Omnicom announced quarterly dividend of 65 cents per share payable on Apr 8 to shareholders of record at the close of business on Mar 10.

Valuation

Omnicom shares are down 33.7% in the year-to-date period and 28.8% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Business Services sector are down 45.5% and 18.4% in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are down 44.3% and 11.8%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is down 17.22% in the year-to-date period and 8.2% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 8.22X price to forward 12 months' earnings, which compares to 8.58X for the Zacks sub-industry, 21.66X for the Zacks sector and 15.73X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 17.99X and as low as 8.22, with a 5-year median of 14.02X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$58.00 price target reflects 8.88X price to forward 12 months' earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for OMC

Valuation Multiples - OMC					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F 12M	Current	10.48	8.98	23.54	17.3
	5-Year High	17.99	17.63	25.25	19.34
	5-Year Low	10.48	8.98	18.76	15.18
	5-Year Median	14.14	13.23	20.56	17.44
P/S F 12M	Current	0.96	1.08	3.72	3.19
	5-Year High	1.31	1.43	4	3.43
	5-Year Low	0.96	0.85	3.08	2.54
	5-Year Median	1.14	1.16	3.63	3.01
P/B TTM	Current	4.38	13.69	4.61	4.04
	5-Year High	7.75	17.53	6.7	4.54
	5-Year Low	4.38	2.47	4.12	2.85
	5-Year Median	5.89	10.33	5.24	3.63

As of 03/05/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 34% (86 out of 253)



Top Peers

DISH Network Corporation (DISH)	Outperform
FLUENT, INC. (FLNT)	Outperform
Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc. (CCO)	Neutral
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corporation (CTSH)	Neutral
Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (The) (IPG)	Neutral
Nielsen Holdings Plc (NLSN)	Neutral
Publicis Groupe SA (PUBGY)	Neutral
WPP PLC (WPP)	Underperform

Industry Comparison Industry: Advertising And Marketing				Industry Peers		
	OMC Neutral	X Industry	S&P 500	IPG Neutral	PUBGY Neutral	WPP Underperform
VGM Score	A	-	-	A	C	A
Market Cap	11.65 B	40.76 M	18.06 B	5.83 B	7.39 B	7.75 B
# of Analysts	4	1.5	13	3	1	2
Dividend Yield	4.84%	0.00%	2.34%	6.79%	5.70%	8.78%
Value Score	A	-	-	A	B	A
Cash/Price	0.40	0.46	0.06	0.23	0.57	0.52
EV/EBITDA	5.48	4.22	11.15	6.11	4.22	NA
PEG Ratio	2.12	4.93	1.87	NA	7.54	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	3.45	0.84	2.46	2.06	0.89	0.78
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	7.49	3.43	9.59	5.18	3.02	3.84
P/E (F1)	10.02	6.46	15.66	9.01	9.04	6.80
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.78	0.33	1.92	0.57	NA	NA
Earnings Yield	10.30%	12.91%	6.30%	11.12%	11.06%	14.70%
Debt/Equity	1.72	0.13	0.70	1.49	0.88	0.71
Cash Flow (\$/share)	7.17	0.14	7.01	2.90	2.70	8.24
Growth Score	B	-	-	A	C	C
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	8.06%	8.15%	10.92%	14.41%	NA	NA
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-8.79%	-8.10%	0.33%	-13.64%	-36.17%	-6.81%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-0.22%	-42.48%	5.93%	10.62%	14.72%	-24.78%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	2.46%	7.22%	8.55%	11.98%	14.09%	-2.36%
Current Ratio	0.91	1.21	1.24	0.93	0.88	0.99
Debt/Capital	64.06%	19.94%	42.36%	60.71%	46.72%	41.52%
Net Margin	8.95%	-9.25%	11.64%	6.42%	NA	NA
Return on Equity	43.58%	-21.26%	16.74%	29.83%	NA	NA
Sales/Assets	0.59	0.83	0.54	0.62	NA	NA
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-2.62%	0.00%	1.00%	-15.08%	0.00%	-16.61%
Momentum Score	D	-	-	D	F	B
Daily Price Chg	8.29%	0.01%	7.93%	10.60%	9.56%	7.26%
1 Week Price Chg	-4.60%	-7.15%	-4.40%	-10.72%	15.47%	-7.15%
4 Week Price Chg	-11.05%	-21.18%	-6.89%	-17.61%	-6.00%	-25.99%
12 Week Price Chg	-32.61%	-41.50%	-24.81%	-35.70%	-32.34%	-54.36%
52 Week Price Chg	-28.71%	-51.54%	-17.63%	-30.20%	-36.60%	-43.43%
20 Day Average Volume	3,317,015	87,753	4,147,873	7,474,655	266,686	499,525
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	-1.43%	-0.71%	0.00%	-2.91%	-9.09%	1.75%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-14.07%	-18.17%	-4.97%	-18.17%	-31.30%	-15.76%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-12.47%	-19.13%	-6.79%	-16.53%	-29.69%	-22.50%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-12.43%	-13.71%	-7.32%	-15.00%	NA	NA

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

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