

#### **Owl Rock Capital (ORCC)** Long Term: 6-12 Months Zacks Recommendation: Neutral (Since: 08/19/19) \$16.10 (As of 09/30/19) Prior Recommendation: NA Price Target (6-12 Months): \$17.00 3-Hold Zacks Rank: (1-5) Short Term: 1-3 Months VGM:F Zacks Style Scores: Value: F Growth: F Momentum: A

## **Summary**

Owl Rock Capital has been witnessing a strong revenue momentum since 2015 owing to increasing interest income. It boasts a solid diversified portfolio of investments in middle-market companies, comprising numerous new investment commitments. The addition of companies to its portfolio should drive growth. Its profile now consists of 96 portfolio companies across 27 industries. The company has also been effectively reducing its debt level over the last few quarters. It flaunts a strong capital position, which should enable business investments. Its shares have underperformed its industry in a year's time. However, Owl Rock Capital has been witnessing an elevated expense level due to growth-related investments, which might weigh its margins.

## Price, Consensus & Surprise



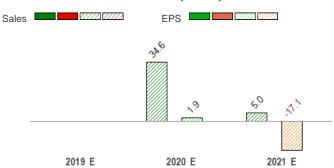
## **Data Overview**

PEG F1

52 Week High-Low	\$18.15 - \$15.02
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	260,833
Market Cap	\$6.3 B
YTD Price Change	-9.8%
Beta	NA
Dividend / Div Yld	\$1.24 / 7.7%
Industry	Financial - Miscellaneous Services
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 23% (196 out of 254)

Last EPS Surprise	0.0%
Last Sales Surprise	3.5%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	0.0%
Expected Report Date	02/19/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	NA
P/E F1	10.2

# Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



# Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
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2021					1,025 E
2020	226 E	243 E	253 E	255 E	976 E
2019		176 A	188 A	209 E	725 E
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#### **EPS Estimates**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$0.32 E	\$0.33 E	\$0.34 E	\$0.34 E	\$1.31 E
2020	\$0.40 E	\$0.42 E	\$0.44 E	\$0.33 E	\$1.58 E
2019		\$0.42 A	\$0.36 A	\$0.38 E	\$1.55 E
*Quarterly	y figures may no	t add up to anni	ual.		

The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 09/30/2019. The reports text is as of 01/16/2020.

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#### Overview

Founded in 2015, Owl Rock Capital Corporation is a specialty finance company that lends funds to the U.S. middle market companies. Owl Rock Capital Partners and units are based in New York as a direct lending platform. As of Jun 30, 2019, Owl Rock Capital Partners and its subsidiaries had around \$13 billion of assets under management.

The company started investment activities from April 2016 onward and deals in senior secured or unsecured loans, subordinated loans or mezzanine loans and to a lesser extent, equity-related securities including warrants, preferred stock and similar forms of senior equity that may or may not be transferred to a portfolio company's common equity. It ended 2018 with investments in 73 companies across 26 industries.

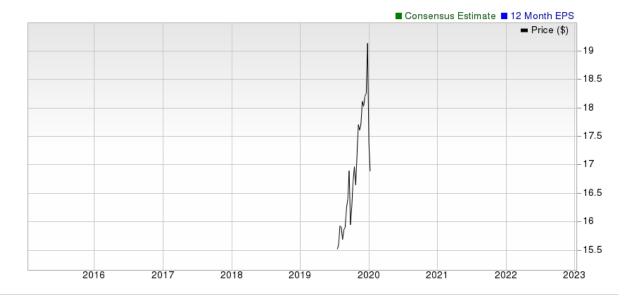
In July 2019, Owl Rock Capital Corporation, externally managed by Owl Rock Capital Advisors LLC, announced its plan to make a first public offering of 9,500,000 shares of its common stock. This Business Development Company started trading under the symbol "ORCC" on the New York Stock Exchange effective Jul 18, 2019.

The Owl Rock Lending LLC formed in 2016 provides loans to borrowers. It has headquarters in California. This is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the parent company.

Owl Rock Capital Advisors LLC, works as an investment adviser pursuant to an investment advisory agreement. This is an indirect subsidiary of Owl Rock Capital Partners LP ("Owl Rock Capital Partners"). It mainly aims at providing advisory and management services. It is also affiliated to Owl Rock Technology Advisors LLC and Owl Rock Capital Private Fund Advisors LLC.

Owl Rock Capital Corporation II is a company founded to be treated as a Business Development Company (BDC). It ended 2018 with gross proceeds of around \$449 million.

Owl Rock Technology Finance Corp. intends to invest at least 80% of the value of its assets in technology-rated companies. It offers its common stock to investors depending on exemptions from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act.



#### **Reasons To Buy:**

▲ Growing Top Line: The company has been witnessing strong revenue growth since its inception in 2015 on the back of higher interest income. In fact, its total revenues saw a 2016-2018 CAGR of 267.4%, which is impressive. In the first nine months of 2019, the investment income skyrocketed 101% year over year on the back of higher interest income. A steady rise in revenues, primarily from the company's rapidly-growing interest income and growth strategies, is likely to pave the way for long-term growth.

Growing top line on the back of interest income and a steady investment portfolio are key positives for the company. Its strong capital position also impresses.

▲ Increasing Investment Commitments: The company also boasts a strong portfolio of investments in companies consisting of several new commitments. The uptick is evident from its 2016-2018 new investment commitments CAGR of 127.9%. It made new investment commitments in 21, 25 and 44 new portfolio companies in 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively. This metric basically reflects its commitments to a particular portfolio company. This upside, in turn, has a favorable effect on the company's net assets. This also reflects the company's strong portfolio.

The company ended 2018 with 73 portfolio companies, the average investment size in each portfolio company being around \$79.2 million based on fair value. It exited the third quarter of 2019 with a portfolio size of \$8.3 billion. The company continues to seek opportunities in stable, large and recession-resistant businesses. Given the company's robust portfolio, the top line is continued to be favored.

- ▲ Solid Capital Position: The company has an impressive capital position. On the back of its solid balance sheet position, it recently announced a dividend to enhance shareholder value. Its dividend yield stands at 6.8%, much higher than its industry's average of 1.8%. It recently cleared a special dividend of 4 cents per share, second of the company's previously announced six special dividends. Moreover, its leverage ratio (total debt to equity) stands at 41.5%, much lower than its industry's average of 175%. It also came up with a 10b5-1 buyback program. This reflects adequate financial flexibility.
- ▲ Share Price Performance: Shares of the company have underperformed its industry in a year's time. However, the stock is expected to bounce back on the back of its strong fundamentals, such as steady capital position and a strong portfolio.

# **Reasons To Sell:**

- ▼ Low Return on Equity: Its return on equity a profitability measure stands at 9.2%, much lower than the industry's average of 22.3%. This reflects the company's relative inefficiency in using shareholder's funds.
- ▼ Escalating Expenses: Owl Rock's expenses have been rising from the last few years. Its operating expenses escalated 239% and 116%, respectively, in 2017 and 2018. Although the same decreased 13% in the first nine months of 2019, escalating expenses are a persistent concern for us. The company is likely to witness increasing costs going forward due to its investigation.

Elevated expense level and a weak return on equity are major headwinds hounding the company.

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# **Last Earnings Report**

#### Owl Rock Capital's Q3 Earnings Fall Y/Y on Cost Woes

Owl Rock Capital's third-quarter 2019 earnings per share of 31 cents declined 29.5% year over year due to rise in expenses, which outpaced growth in net investment income.

Net investment income of the company jumped 92.6% year over year to \$137.9 million on the back of higher investment portfolio.

09/2019		
Oct 30, 2019		
3.48%		
0.00%		
0.36		
NA		

#### Results in Detail

In the quarter, new investment commitments decreased 10.1% year over year to \$1.5 billion.

The company concluded the third quarter with investments in 96 portfolio companies across 27 industries.

The company's interest expenses shot up 37.6% year over year to \$29.4 million.

For the quarter under review, total operating expenses skyrocketed 111.3% to \$81.6 million due to higher interest expense, management fees, performance-based incentive fees plus other general and administrative costs.

#### **Capital Position**

As of Sep 30, 2019, the company has cash and restricted cash of \$197.6 million, up 30.2% year over year. It ended the third quarter with debt of \$2.4 billion, down 4.2% from the last year-end level.

As of Sep 30, 2019, the company had total assets of \$8.6 billion, up 44% from the level at 2018 end.

Net cash used in operating activities for the first nine months of 2019 totaled \$2.1 billion, up 2.8% year over year.

As of Sep 30, 2019, member's equity stands at \$183.9 million.

#### **Recent News**

Owl Rock Capital Prices Public Offering of \$500 Million 3.750% Notes — Jan 15, 2020

Owl Rock Capital announced the pricing of an underwritten public offering worth \$500 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.750% notes due

Owl Rock Capital Issues Notice to Shareholders Related to Share Buyback Plan — Jan 14, 2020

Owl Rock Capital recently addressed a notice to its stockholders wherein it stated that its board of directors has authorized a share repurchase program to acquire up to \$150 million in the aggregate of ORCC's outstanding common stock.

Owl Rock Capital Declares Minority Investment by Dyal Capital — Nov 11, 2019

Owl Rock Capital recently announced that it has sold a passive, non-voting minority stake to Dyal Capital Partners. However, terms of the deal were not disclosed.

#### **Valuation**

Owl Rock's shares are up 4% over the trailing 12-month period. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are up 19% and 12.2%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 24% over the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 10.31X trailing 12-month price to earnings ratio, which compares to 11.54X for the Zacks sub-industry, 14.85X for the Zacks sector and 18.96X for the S&P 500 index.

The stock has traded as high as 12.15X and as low as 9.9X, with a median of 10.78X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$17 price target reflects 10.89X price to earnings ratio.

The table below shows summary valuation data for ORCC

Valuation Multiples - ORCC						
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500	
	Current	10.31	11.54	14.85	18.96	
P/E F12M	High	12.15	14.19	16.21	19.32	
	Low	9.9	8.71	12	15.15	
	Median	10.78	11.69	13.98	17.42	
	Current	6.42	1.15	6.53	3.52	
P/S F12M	High	9.6	1.92	6.62	3.52	
	Low	6.42	1.06	5.2	2.55	
	Median	7.19	1.44	6.04	3	
	Current	1.06	2.09	2.83	4.49	
P/B TTM	High	1.06	2.66	2.89	4.49	
	Low	1.03	1.58	1.83	2.85	
	Median	1.11	2.06	2.5	3.61	

As of 01/15/2020

#### Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 23% (196 out of 254) ■ Industry Price 145 – Industry **■** Price -19 MM 140 -18.5 135 18 130 125 17.5 120 17 115 16.5 110 16 105 15.5 100 2016 2018 2017 2019 2020

# **Top Peers**

AXA Equitable Holdings, Inc. (EQH)	Outperform
TCG BDC, Inc. (CGBD)	Neutral
Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. (CPSS)	Neutral
FS KKR Capital Corp. (FSK)	Neutral
Moodys Corporation (MCO)	Neutral
On Deck Capital, Inc. (ONDK)	Neutral
FEDNAT HOLDING CO (FNHC)	Underperform
Fortress Transportation and Infrastructure Investors LLC (FTAI)	Underperform

Industry Comparison Ind	dustry: Financial - Miscellaneous Services			Industry Peers			
	ORCC Neutral	X Industry	S&P 500	CPSS Neutral	FNHC Underperform	FTA Underperforn	
VGM Score	E	-	-	В	D	Α	
Market Cap	6.28 B	305.36 M	24.22 B	77.06 M	243.22 M	1.60 E	
# of Analysts	6	3	13	2	1	4	
Dividend Yield	7.69%	0.00%	1.75%	0.00%	2.22%	7.01%	
Value Score	F	-	-	Α	В	C	
Cash/Price	0.03	0.24	0.04	1.76	0.51	0.0	
EV/EBITDA	27.87	5.96	14.11	15.58	8.06	7.0	
PEG Ratio	NA	1.91	2.06	NA	NA	N/	
Price/Book (P/B)	1.06	1.31	3.34	0.38	0.91	1.4	
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	NA	9.45	13.57	3.11	9.92	8.7	
P/E (F1)	10.19	11.27	18.90	7.77	8.13	24.80	
Price/Sales (P/S)	9.77	1.59	2.65	0.22	0.60	2.7	
Earnings Yield	9.80%	8.65%	5.29%	12.87%	12.31%	4.04%	
Debt/Equity	0.42	0.42	0.72	10.46	0.41	0.0	
Cash Flow (\$/share)	NA	0.55	6.94	1.10	1.64	2.1	
Growth Score	F	-	-	D	F	Α	
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	NA%	9.30%	10.56%	-19.52%	-33.97%	-6.54%	
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	1.61%	9.51%	7.59%	41.94%	60.00%	47.09%	
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	153.66%	4.38%	14.73%	-12.73%	60.22%	62.00%	
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	NA%	9.91%	9.00%	18.03%	7.25%	43.40%	
Current Ratio	1.30	1.26	1.24	11.54	0.50	0.1	
Debt/Capital	29.33%	39.26%	42.99%	91.27%	29.32%	3.75%	
Net Margin	65.71%	13.70%	11.14%	3.05%	-0.35%	6.97%	
Return on Equity	9.20%	9.25%	17.16%	4.32%	0.91%	3.62%	
Sales/Assets	0.09	0.22	0.55	0.14	0.40	0.2	
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	34.63%	5.03%	4.23%	-5.87%	15.30%	18.719	
Momentum Score	Α	-	-	В	D	Α	
Daily Price Chg	-3.53%	0.00%	0.27%	-0.87%	0.56%	-0.32%	
1 Week Price Chg	-2.88%	0.00%	0.39%	2.06%	-1.18%	-4.43%	
4 Week Price Chg	-10.29%	0.00%	2.17%	3.01%	-1.46%	0.32%	
12 Week Price Chg	-5.12%	2.38%	6.65%	1.18%	5.66%	17.54%	
52 Week Price Chg	NA%	0.00%	22.43%	-7.07%	-16.19%	24.45%	
20 Day Average Volume	260,833	77,056	1,545,017	7,980	58,493	214,66	
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-0.63%	-2.84%	-0.41%	-21.43%	-11.11%	-39.88%	
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.45%	

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