

RenaissanceRe Holdings (RNR)

\$182.18 (As of 07/15/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$191.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 06/23/20)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

5-Strong Sell

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:D

Value: F

Growth: C

Momentum: F

Summary

RenaissanceRe's shares have outperformed its industry in a year's time. It has witnessed its 2021 earnings estimate move north over the past seven days. Its investment portfolio, consisting of high-quality, liquid-fixed income government and corporate securities with a relatively low allocation to equities is impressive. It has been witnessing steady premium growth over the past few quarters, driven by Casualty and Specialty plus Property segments. It has been acquiring companies to strengthen its core operating business. Its capital position is another positive. However, it remains exposed to severe losses associated with catastrophic events. This property and casualty insurer's weak return on equity also bothers. A Zacks Rank #5 and an Earnings ESP of 3.21% leaves us inconclusive as it is set to report its Q2 earnings on Jul 28.

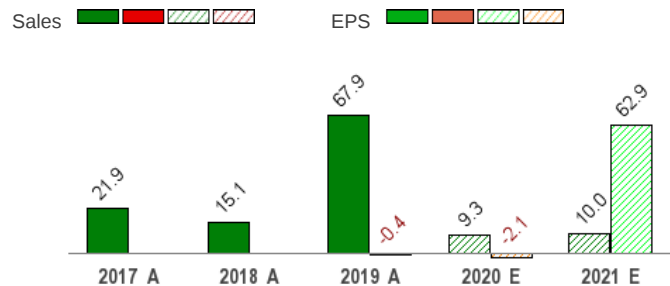
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$202.68 - \$113.27
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	396,868
Market Cap	\$8.0 B
YTD Price Change	-7.1%
Beta	0.44
Dividend / Div Yld	\$1.40 / 0.8%
Industry	Insurance - Property and Casualty
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 30% (175 out of 251)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	-80.4%
Last Sales Surprise	NA
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-3.8%
Expected Report Date	07/28/2020
Earnings ESP	4.0%
P/E TTM	28.7
P/E F1	20.4
PEG F1	2.2
P/S TTM	1.9

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					4,528 E
2020	1,008 A				4,117 E
2019	635 A	1,028 A	1,022 A	1,083 A	3,767 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$4.19 E	\$4.30 E	\$3.02 E	\$4.28 E	\$14.56 E
2020	\$0.76 A	\$3.10 E	\$1.86 E	\$2.91 E	\$8.94 E
2019	\$3.60 A	\$4.78 A	\$0.29 A	\$0.52 A	\$9.13 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 07/15/2020. The reports text is as of 07/16/2020.

Overview

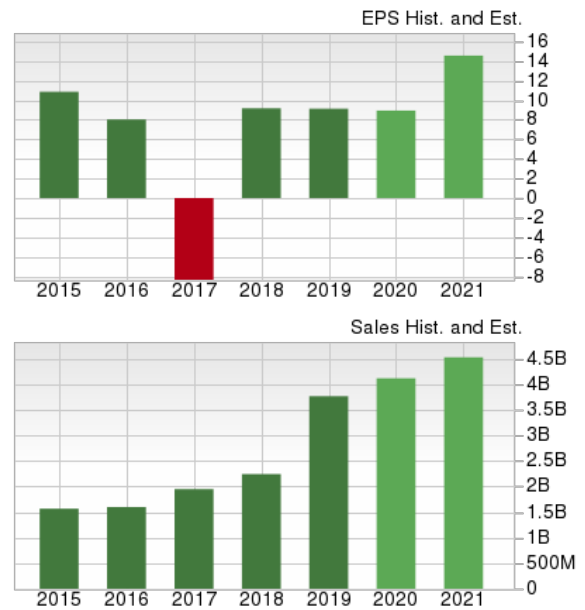
Founded in 1993 and based in Hamilton, Bermuda, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. primarily provides property-catastrophe reinsurance to insurers and reinsurers globally on the basis of excess of loss (coverage of losses over a specified limit). Additionally, RenaissanceRe provides certain specialty reinsurance coverage on accident, health, aviation and satellite concerns, as well as homeowners' insurance in various parts of the U.S. The company also writes specialty and catastrophe reinsurance through two joint ventures, Top Layer Re and Reinsurance, and through certain specialty reinsurance and primary insurance lines.

RenaissanceRe conducts its business through three reportable segments: **Property**, **Specialty** and **Other**.

The Property segment (accounted for 50.6% of the total gross premium written in 2019): This includes its catastrophe class of business, principally consisted of excess of loss reinsurance and excess of loss retrocessional reinsurance to insure insurance and reinsurance companies against natural and man-made catastrophes, and its other property class of business.

Specialty (49.4%): The Company writes Specialty reinsurance and insurance covering primarily targeted classes of business. The Company offers its casualty and specialty reinsurance products principally on a proportional basis, and it also provides excess of loss coverage.

The company's **Other** segment category primarily includes the results of its share of investments in certain markets. It also includes the results of its investment unit, which manages and invests the funds generated by its consolidated operations.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ **Price Impact:** Shares of RenaissanceRe have outperformed its industry in a year's time. The company has witnessed its 2021 earnings estimate move 0.3% upward over the past seven days. Growing premiums, strategic portfolio realignment and efficient capital deployment should continue to drive the stock going forward.
- ▲ **Growing Premiums:** RenaissanceRe has been witnessing a positive trend in gross premiums written, which has doubled over a span of five years, driven by premium growth at both its Casualty and Specialty plus Property segments. This upside is pretty visible from its five-year CAGR (2014 to 2019) of 25.4%, primarily led by strong segmental results. In the first quarter of 2020, gross premiums written increased 29.5% year over year to \$2 billion. This consistent increase in premiums is likely to drive the top line further for RenaissanceRe.
- ▲ **Inorganic growth:** The company has been undertaking divestitures to streamline its operations by getting rid of low-return high-risk businesses. To this end it sold off its U.S based weather and weather-related energy risk management unit, to save itself from the uncertainties associated with that business. On the other hand, it is also acquiring and expanding businesses which provides scope to grow. In March 2019, the company bought Tokio Millennium Re for a value of \$1.5 billion to increase the scale and boost the company's portfolio. We expect such strategic initiatives will enable the company to focus and grow its core operating business.
- ▲ **Strong Solvency Position:** Net debt of the company represents 3.5% of its capital, lower than the industry's average of 16.6%. Its time interest earned stands at 11.1X, higher than the industry's average of 4.3X. As of Mar 31, 2020, it has cash and cash equivalents worth \$896.2 million and around \$1 billion in excess capital, higher than its debt level of \$1.1 billion. Moreover, it doesn't have any additional debt maturing until 2025. The company also has \$500 million available under its revolving credit facility, which is still undrawn. Thus the company's solvency position looks strong.
- ▲ **Capital Deployment:** The company has been witnessing growing free cash flow over the past few years. This is evident from its 2014-2019 CAGR of 26.5% for cash flow from operations. RenaissanceRe has been deploying excess capital to business over the last several quarters. It has been raising dividend since the past many years. It currently has a dividend yield of 0.8%, higher than the industry average of 0.5%.

Accelerated capital deployment and strategic divestitures should boost investor confidence. Its rising premiums on the back of solid segmental contributions also impresses.

Reasons To Sell:

▼ **Catastrophe Loss:** RenaissanceRe remains exposed to high severity loss associated with catastrophic events on a worldwide basis. In 2018, the company suffered a negative impact of \$340 million on underwriting results due to catastrophe losses. In 2019, the company faced a \$75-million of insured catastrophe losses, California wildfires, Typhoons Faxai and Hagibis in Japan and Hurricane Dorian in the Caribbean. Being a property and casualty insurer, the company is always exposed to cat activities, the occurrence of which imparts volatility to its results.

▼ **Overvalued:** Looking at the company's valuation, investors might not want to pay any further premium. The company's price to book ratio stands at 1.6, higher than the industry's average of 1.2.

▼ **Weak Return on Equity:** Its return on equity is a concern, which currently stands at 6.1%, lower than its industry's average of 6.5%.

Exposure to catastrophe loss as well as weak return on equity are some of the concerns facing the company.

Last Earnings Report

RenaissanceRe's Q1 Earnings Miss Estimates, Drop Y/Y

RenaissanceRe delivered first-quarter 2020 operating earnings per share of 76 cents, missing the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$3.87 by 80.4% due to the COVID-19 effect. Moreover, the bottom line plunged 78.8% year over year.

Quarterly Operational Update

Total revenues of \$896 million improved 11% year over year on the back of higher gross premium written and solid net investment income.

Gross premiums written increased 29.5% year over year to \$2 billion owing to higher premiums at the Property as well as the Casualty and Specialty segments.

Net investment income of \$99.4 million rose 21.2% year over year.

RenaissanceRe's total expenses of \$880 million escalated 97.1% year over year, primarily due to steep net claims and claim expenses, acquisition costs and operational expenses.

Underwriting income of \$64.1 million slumped 58.4% year over year. The company's underwriting results were negatively impacted by an underwriting loss at the Casualty and Specialty segment.

Combined ratio of 93% in the first quarter compared with the year-ago quarter's 72%.

Quarterly Segment Update

Property Segment

Gross premiums written were \$1.2 billion, up 18.2% year over year in the first quarter.

Underwriting income of \$147.1 million was down 3.5% year over year due to higher current accident year net claims and claim expenses and a greater number of small insured catastrophe events.

Combined ratio of 65.1% expanded 1750 basis points (bps) year over year.

Casualty and Specialty Segment

Gross premiums written of \$805.2 million were up 51.4% from the prior-year quarter. This upside is driven by the buyouts in connection with TMR Group Entities and growth in the current and new business opportunities within a few classes of business.

The segment's underwriting loss of \$83.2 million was against the year-ago quarter's underwriting gain of \$1.7 million.

Combined ratio of 116.9% expanded 1760 bps year over year.

Share Repurchase Update

RenaissanceRe bought back shares worth \$62.6 million in the quarter under review.

Business Update

The company successfully closed the buyout of Tokio Millennium Re AG (now known as RenaissanceRe Europe AG) and Tokio Millennium Re (UK) Limited in March.

Financial Position

As of Mar 31, 2020, total assets of RenaissanceRe were \$27.4 billion, up 4.3% from the level at 2019 end.

The company had total debt of \$1.1 billion as of Mar 31, 2020, down 18% from the level at 2019 end.

Cash and cash equivalents were \$896.2 million, down 35% from the figure at 2019 end.

Book value per share of \$117.15 decreased 2.8% from the number at 2019 end.

Annualized operating return on equity for the quarter under review was 2.6%.

Quarter Ending 03/2020

Report Date	May 06, 2020
Sales Surprise	NA
EPS Surprise	-80.36%
Quarterly EPS	0.76
Annual EPS (TTM)	6.35

Recent News

RenaissanceRe Announces Pricing of Common Shares — Jun 3, 2020

RenaissanceRe announced the pricing of an underwritten public offering of 5,500,000 of its common shares at a price of \$166 per share, before underwriting discounts and commissions. Subject to conditions, this is anticipated to close on Jun 5, 2020.

RenaissanceRe Announces Quarterly Dividend — May 20, 2020

RenaissanceRe announced quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share, payable Jun 30, 2020, to its shareholders of record as of Jun 15, 2020.

Valuation

RenaissanceRe shares are down 6.7% in the year-to-date period and 0.1% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Finance sector are down 16.3% and 18.4% in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are down 11.1% and 12.2%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 0.6% in the year-to-date period and 10% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 1.56x trailing 12-month tangible book value, which compares to 1.25x for the Zacks sub-industry, 2.35x for the Zacks sector and 4.38x for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 1.68x and as low as 0.99x, with a 5-year median of 1.26x. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$191 price target reflects 1.63x tangible book value.

The table below shows summary valuation data for RNR

Valuation Multiples - RNR					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/B TTM	Current	1.56	1.25	2.35	4.38
	5-Year High	1.68	1.67	2.9	4.55
	5-Year Low	0.99	0.92	1.71	2.83
	5-Year Median	1.26	1.46	2.53	3.7
P/S F12M	Current	1.85	1.7	6.04	3.55
	5-Year High	3.52	11.26	6.66	3.55
	5-Year Low	1.26	1.4	4.96	2.53
	5-Year Median	2.79	1.85	6.06	3.02

As of 07/15/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 30% (175 out of 251)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Principal Financial Group, Inc. (PFG)	Outperform	1
Stewart Information Services Corporation (STC)	Outperform	1
Arch Capital Group Ltd. (ACGL)	Neutral	3
ProAssurance Corporation (PRA)	Neutral	3
Everest Re Group, Ltd. (RE)	Neutral	3
Selective Insurance Group, Inc. (SIGI)	Neutral	3
State Auto Financial Corporation (STFC)	Neutral	3
Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. (ARGO)	Underperform	4

Industry Comparison Industry: Insurance - Property And Casualty				Industry Peers		
	RNR	X Industry	S&P 500	ARGO	SIGI	STC
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Underperform	Neutral	Outperform
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	5	-	-	4	3	1
VGM Score	D	-	-	D	C	C
Market Cap	8.02 B	1.21 B	22.66 B	1.20 B	3.35 B	819.87 M
# of Analysts	4	2	14	3	3	1
Dividend Yield	0.77%	1.25%	1.83%	3.58%	1.64%	3.47%
Value Score	F	-	-	B	C	C
Cash/Price	2.24	0.23	0.07	0.78	0.17	0.40
EV/EBITDA	-7.78	5.22	12.99	13.21	7.92	4.83
PEG Ratio	2.16	2.24	2.97	NA	9.30	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	1.56	1.11	3.12	0.73	1.60	1.11
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	21.13	9.85	12.14	NA	10.43	8.84
P/E (F1)	20.49	14.06	22.04	33.50	16.64	13.11
Price/Sales (P/S)	1.87	0.81	2.38	0.63	1.19	0.41
Earnings Yield	4.91%	7.02%	4.32%	2.98%	6.00%	7.63%
Debt/Equity	0.22	0.24	0.76	0.30	0.26	0.29
Cash Flow (\$/share)	8.62	3.12	6.94	-0.10	5.38	3.92
Growth Score	C	-	-	F	C	C
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	-4.38%	7.13%	10.85%	-5.96%	11.89%	9.03%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-2.08%	-7.69%	-9.64%	214.81%	-23.33%	-4.00%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	3.81%	3.79%	5.51%	-102.44%	21.30%	13.14%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	-6.72%	4.78%	8.55%	NA	13.47%	8.81%
Current Ratio	1.50	0.45	1.30	0.57	0.32	4.45
Debt/Capital	43.45%	20.20%	44.46%	23.37%	20.80%	22.25%
Net Margin	9.16%	3.92%	10.59%	-6.24%	8.02%	4.57%
Return on Equity	6.06%	7.24%	15.75%	-3.30%	12.30%	11.32%
Sales/Assets	0.16	0.31	0.54	0.18	0.32	1.29
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	9.30%	0.00%	-2.52%	-1.83%	-2.28%	0.00%
Momentum Score	F	-	-	C	D	C
Daily Price Chg	2.57%	1.36%	1.91%	3.93%	3.35%	2.94%
1 Week Price Chg	1.34%	1.14%	-0.41%	-1.78%	3.36%	4.57%
4 Week Price Chg	0.47%	1.59%	1.88%	3.04%	8.53%	10.08%
12 Week Price Chg	22.69%	7.03%	16.37%	6.42%	14.95%	21.99%
52 Week Price Chg	-0.80%	-18.19%	-4.22%	-51.70%	-25.94%	-14.58%
20 Day Average Volume	396,868	152,593	2,266,132	242,371	267,986	153,735
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	-2.51%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-1.08%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-3.82%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-1.08%	21.66%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-38.27%	-14.29%	-5.76%	-59.74%	-18.85%	-2.22%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-3.80%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	27.04%	NA

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

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