Workday Inc. (WDAY)

$213.62 (As of 08/26/20)

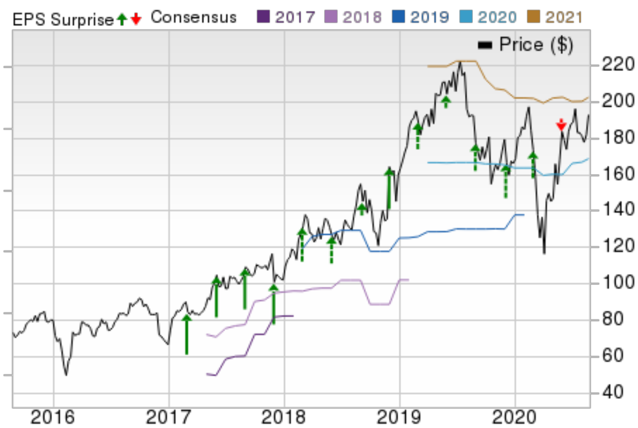
Price Target (6-12 Months): **$224.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months	**Zacks Recommendation:** (Since: 03/11/19) Prior Recommendation: Outperform	**Neutral**
Short Term: 1-3 Months	**Zacks Rank:** (1-5)	**3-Hold**
	Zacks Style Scores:	VGM:B
	Value: F | Growth: A | Momentum: A	

Summary

Workday is poised to gain from solid adoption of subscription-based software solutions, which is driving revenues. Moreover, synergies from Scout RFP acquisition are helping it secure deal wins. Extended capabilities and tools in Human Capital Management and Financial Management solutions are likely to boost user base. Also, strong balance sheet and cash flow generating ability are anticipated to drive growth initiatives in the long haul. However, stiff competition from Oracle and SAP is likely to hurt profitability at least in the near term. Moreover, coronavirus-induced layoffs are expected to negatively impact contract renewals, which is a headwind. The company has lowered fiscal 2021 guidance for subscription and professional revenues due to the same. Notably, shares of the company have underperformed the industry on a year-to-date basis.

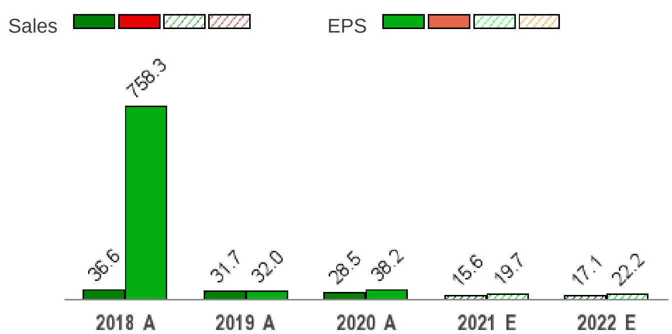
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	$216.77 - $107.75
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	1,464,278
Market Cap	$50.2 B
YTD Price Change	29.9%
Beta	1.50
Dividend / Div Yld	$0.00 / 0.0%
Industry	Internet - Software
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 47% (119 out of 252)
Last EPS Surprise	-6.4%
Last Sales Surprise	1.7%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	2.8%
Expected Report Date	08/27/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	111.8
P/E F1	94.9
PEG F1	3.5
P/S TTM	13.1

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Sales Estimates (millions of $)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2022	1,153 E	1,205 E	1,246 E	1,299 E	4,909 E
2021	1,018 A	1,043 E	1,051 E	1,087 E	4,193 E
2020	825 A	888 A	938 A	976 A	3,627 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2022	$0.63 E	$0.68 E	$0.69 E	$0.72 E	$2.75 E
2021	$0.44 A	$0.65 E	$0.59 E	$0.56 E	$2.25 E
2020	$0.43 A	$0.44 A	$0.53 A	$0.50 A	$1.88 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 08/26/2020. The reports text is as of 08/27/2020.

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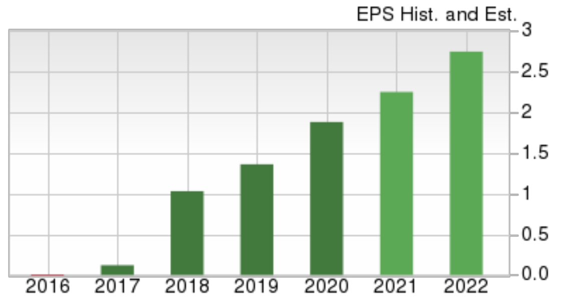
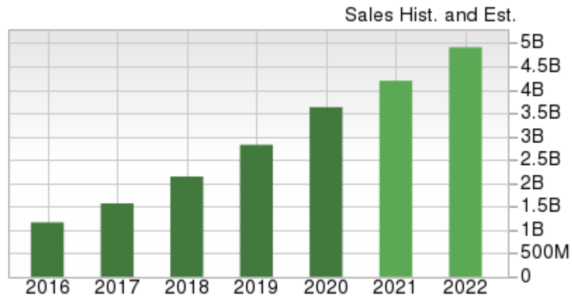
Overview

Founded in 2005 and headquartered in Pleasanton, CA, Workday Inc. (WDAY) is a provider of enterprise-level software solutions for financial management and human resource domains. The company's cloud-based platform combines finance and HR in a single system that makes it easier for organizations to provide analytical insights and decision support.



Notably, organizations ranging from medium-sized businesses to Fortune 50 enterprises have opted for Workday solutions. The company also offers open, standards-based web-services application programming interfaces and pre-built packaged integrations and connectors.

In fiscal 2020, the company reported revenues of $3.63 billion. Subscription revenues accounted for 85.4% of total revenues, while professional revenues made up the rest.



Apart from Financial Management and Human Capital Management (HCM) solutions, the company offers applications related to Payroll, Time Tracking, Recruiting, Learning, Planning, Professional Services Automation and Student.

The company offers Adaptive Insights Business Planning Cloud solutions, Workday Prism Analytics, Workday Data-as-a-Service (DaaS) and Workday Marketplace. Workday Prism Analytics helps in business planning and collaborative approach.

Workday Prism Analytics helps customers to bring Workday data and data from any outside source together in order to make better business decisions. Workday DaaS is a cloud service that provides important data to customers which in turn help in decision-making.

The company serves technology, financial services, business services, healthcare and life sciences, manufacturing, and consumer and retail industries, as well as education and government industries.

Workday ended fiscal 2020 with more than 3,200 customers, including 45% of the Fortune 500, precisely 60% of the Fortune 50, as HCM customers and penetration in the Global 2000 clientele of up to 20%.

Workday's peers in HCM market include SAP SE, Oracle Corporation, Automated Data Processing, and Ceridian, among others.

Reasons To Buy:

Workday is benefiting from increasing demand for human capital management and financial software solutions, diversified product portfolio, expanding customer base and strong liquidity.

- Workday's revenue growth continues to be driven by high demand for its HCM and financial management solutions. The company's cloud-based business model and expanding product portfolio have been the primary growth drivers. Moreover, growing clout of Workday Prism Analytics and Adaptive Insights business planning cloud offerings holds promise. According to Technavio, the global Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) market is expected to grow by $7.42 billion between 2020 and 2024. Based on its expanding product portfolio, we believe that Workday is well positioned to gain from this strong growth prospect going forward.

- Workday's HCM suite of applications demonstrates strong growth momentum driven by the transition of organizations to the cloud. In fact, per research firm MarketsandMarkets, the HCM market size is anticipated to hit $26.5 billion by 2024 from $16.7 billion in 2019, seeing a CAGR of 9.7%. Notably, the company witnessed rapid deployment of HCM solution in the fiscal first quarter. Apart from the city of Los Angeles, key deal wins include EMEA-based utility company with over 80,000 employees and Asia Pacific-based large insurance company with over 50,000 employees.

- Workday's diversified product portfolio continues to yield a steady flow of customers. We believe that the company's high customer satisfaction rate bodes well for its long-term business model.. Moreover, Workday is gaining traction in the international market, which is evident from 30% year-over-year increase in revenues to $256 million (25% of total revenues) in first-quarter fiscal 2021.

- Workday has a strong balance sheet with ample liquidity position. The company had a net cash position of $830 million as of Apr 30, 2020, compared with $680 million as of Jan 31, 2020. Moreover, the company generated approximately $264 million cash from operating activities in the fiscal first quarter. Further, free cash flow was reported at $204 million in first-quarter fiscal 2021. The increasing cash flow trend reflects that the company is making investments in the right direction. Moreover, the ample cash is available for pursuing strategic acquisitions, investment in growth initiatives and distribution to shareholders.

Reasons To Sell:

> Intensifying competition from the likes Oracle and SAP and increasing marketing spending are major concerns.

- Competition in the HCM and financial management software market is increasing, which could lead to pricing pressure and affect Workday's margins. Oracle's strong momentum in the cloud is a headwind for the company. Moreover, we believe that Workday's dominance could be challenged by new entrants. This could make the company take resort to competitive pricing to maintain and capture further market share. This apart, the ongoing trend to invest more in cloud solutions exposes Workday to the risk of losing existing "on-premise customers", which can adversely impact its top-line performance, especially in the near term.

- The company's margin continues to be affected by higher operating expense, primarily due to an increase in headcount and marketing spending. As of Jan 31, 2019, Workday had about 12,200 employees (including 150 from Scout RFP acquisition) compared with about 1,500 employees as of its listing date in October 2012. Notably, non-GAAP sales and marketing expenses in fiscal 2020 increased 25.7% year over year to $929 million. We believe Workday's continuous investments in order to achieve long-term growth will hurt its margins in the short haul.

- We note that Workday currently has a trailing 12-month Price/Book (P/B) ratio of 19.29X. This level compares unfavorably with what the industry witnessed in the last year. Additionally, the ratio is higher than the average level of 16.4X and is near the high end of the valuation range in this period. Hence, valuation looks slightly stretched from a P/B perspective.

Last Earnings Report

Workday Earnings & Revenues Top Estimates in Q4

Quarter Ending	04/2020
Report Date	May 27, 2020
Sales Surprise	1.67%
EPS Surprise	-6.38%
Quarterly EPS	0.44
Annual EPS (TTM)	1.91

Workday reported fourth-quarter fiscal 2020 non-GAAP earnings of 50 cents per share, which beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 25% and surged 22% year over year.

Robust growth can primarily be attributed to an improvement of 23.8% in revenues, which amounted to $976.3 million. The top line outpaced the Zacks Consensus Estimate for revenues by 1.1%. The upside was driven by solid growth in subscription and professional services revenues.

Quarter in Detail

Subscription services revenues (86% of total revenues) rallied 24.7% year over year to $839.7 million on the back of expanding customer base. The figure surpassed management's guidance of $828-$830 million.

Workday ended the fiscal fourth quarter with 45% of the Fortune 500, precisely 60% of the Fortune 50, as HCM customers and penetration in the Global 2000 clientele of up to 20%.

Management is optimistic regarding the growing clout of Workday Financial Management, Business Planning Cloud, and Workday Prism Analytics offerings. Further, synergies from Adaptive Insights acquisition and strength in product suite drove revenues in the reported quarter.

Backlogs from Subscription revenues came in at $8.29 billion, up 23% year over year, primarily on the back of growth in net new bookings and deal renewals, and net retention of customers.

During the reported quarter, Workday concluded acquisition of Scout RFP. The buyout is anticipated to aid customers in enhancing source-to-pay solution and optimizing spend.

Professional services revenues (14% of total revenues) grew 18.7% from the year-ago quarter to $136.6 million and surpassed management's guidance of $134 million.

Revenues outside the United States improved 33% to $244 million and contributed 25% to total revenues.

The company witnessed rapid deployment of HCM solution in the fiscal fourth quarter. The company added 16 Global 2000 and 11 Fortune 500 companies in the reported quarter.

Key deal wins include Southwest Airlines, Wells Fargo and Spain-based multinational bank Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria or BBVA. Moreover, companies like Prudential Company of America, the U.K.-based Natwest Group and Spain-based Banco Santander, went live with Workday's HCM solutions during the fiscal fourth quarter.

Margin Highlights

Non-GAAP expenses pertaining to Product development, Sales and marketing, and General and administrative climbed 23.9% year over year to $621.3 million. As a percentage of revenues, the figure came in at 63.6%, flat on a year-over-year basis.

The company generated non-GAAP operating income of $116.6 million, up 25.8% year over year.

Non-GAAP operating margin expanded 10 bps on a year-over-year basis to 11.9% on higher revenue base.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow

Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities were $1.94 billion as of Jan 31, 2020, compared with $2.10 billion as of Oct 31, 2019.

Workday generated operating cash flow of $297.1 million compared with prior-quarter figure of $258 million.

Guidance

For first-quarter fiscal 2021, Workday expects subscription revenues in the range of $873-$875 million (indicating year-over-year growth of 25%). Professional services revenues are projected at $137 million.

The company raised fiscal 2021 guidance for subscription services revenues. It now expects subscription services revenues in the range of $3.755-$3.770 billion (previously $3.73 billion). For fiscal 2021, Scout RFP is anticipated to contribute less than 1% to subscription services revenue growth. Professional services revenues are projected to be around $580 million.

The company anticipates non-GAAP operating margin to be approximately 14.5%, up from the prior guidance of 14%. The guidance takes dilution of 150 bps margin from acquisition of Scout RFP, into account.

Recent News

On Aug 12, Workday and IBM expanded partnership with the roll out of a joint return-to-workplace focused solution to help enterprises reopen safely. The integrated solution combines Workday's Adaptive Planning and HCM solutions, and IBM's Watson Works.

On Jul 8, Workday announced that it has been named a leader in the 2020 Gartner Magic Quadrant for Cloud Core Financial Management Suites for Midsize, Large, and Global Enterprises for the fourth year in a row.

On Jun 24, Workday announced the launch of the Workday Help and Workday Journeys solutions to expand the capabilities of its employee experience offering — Workday People Experience.

On the same day, Workday rolled out Workday People Analytics, an augmented analytics application that delivers deep insights regarding the risks and opportunities related to a company's workforce.

On Jun 16, Workday announced the expansion of operations into Mexico, with Guillermo Reynoso being appointed the new country manager.

On May 27, Workday announced that it has partnered with Microsoft to accelerate enterprise planning in the cloud and increase the number of solutions available to customers.

On the same day, Workday announced its partnership with salesforce to develop solutions that will allow joint customers to safely return back to work amid the global coronavirus pandemic.

Valuation

Workday shares are up 29.9% in the year to date period, and 15.2% in the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and Zacks Computer & Technology sector are up 67.5% and 28.5% in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and the sector are up 54.4% and 46.5%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 8.1% in the year-to-date period and 20.8% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 10.91X forward 12-month sales, which compares to 8.89X for the Zacks sub-industry, 4.34X for the Zacks sector and 3.81X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 13.02X and as low as 5.92X, with a five-year median of 9.32X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in line with the market. Our $224 price target reflects 11.44X forward 12-month sales.

The table below shows summary valuation data for WDAY

Valuation Multiples - WDAY

		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/S F12M	Current	10.91	8.89	4.34	3.81
	5-Year High	13.02	8.89	4.34	3.81
	5-Year Low	5.92	3.01	2.32	2.53
	5-Year Median	9.32	5.27	3.14	3.05
P/B TTM	Current	19.29	10.51	5.85	4.71
	5-Year High	24.35	10.51	5.85	4.71
	5-Year Low	8.39	2.28	3.16	2.83
	5-Year Median	15.76	5.33	4.44	3.76
EV/Sales TTM	Current	12.92	10.73	5.05	3.42
	5-Year High	15.9	10.73	5.05	3.46
	5-Year Low	6.54	3.03	2.59	2.15
	5-Year Median	10.89	5.99	3.64	2.88

As of 08/26/2020

Industry Analysis **Zacks Industry Rank:** Top 47% (119 out of 252)

Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Ceridian HCM Holding Inc. **(CDAY)**	Neutral	3
salesforce.com, inc. **(CRM)**	Neutral	2
HubSpot, Inc. **(HUBS)**	Neutral	3
Microsoft Corporation **(MSFT)**	Neutral	3
Oracle Corporation **(ORCL)**	Neutral	4
Anaplan, Inc. **(PLAN)**	Neutral	3
SAP SE **(SAP)**	Neutral	2
Automatic Data Processing, Inc. **(ADP)**	Underperform	4

Industry Comparison Industry: Internet - Software

	WDAY	X Industry	S&P 500	CDAY	CRM	HUBS
				Industry Peers		
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	3	2	3
VGM Score	B	-	-	C	D	F
Market Cap	50.20 B	939.65 M	23.69 B	11.25 B	245.36 B	13.53 B
# of Analysts	29	3	14	4	14	10
Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.00%	1.65%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Value Score	F	-	-	F	F	F
Cash/Price	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.09
EV/EBITDA	-802.76	-0.87	13.37	93.75	64.74	1,551.47
PEG Ratio	3.57	5.14	3.04	NA	5.10	11.51
Price/Book (P/B)	19.05	7.24	3.17	5.66	6.38	17.92
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	475.03	28.61	12.78	114.84	62.25	438.93
P/E (F1)	96.63	92.12	21.63	179.21	91.78	305.52
Price/Sales (P/S)	13.14	4.97	2.50	13.96	12.66	17.75
Earnings Yield	1.05%	0.21%	4.44%	0.56%	1.09%	0.33%
Debt/Equity	0.68	0.13	0.75	0.50	0.13	1.03
Cash Flow ($/share)	0.45	-0.00	6.94	0.67	4.37	0.68
Growth Score	A	-	-	B	B	D
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	NA%	15.48%	10.41%	NA	110.92%	NA
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	19.66%	-0.65%	-4.92%	-7.07%	-0.77%	-35.20%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	10.10%	5.16%	5.22%	58.18%	36.39%	-1,293.74%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	23.82%	21.83%	8.50%	NA	40.05%	21.83%
Current Ratio	1.25	1.56	1.34	1.22	1.15	3.89
Debt/Capital	40.39%	24.65%	44.18%	33.33%	11.67%	50.67%
Net Margin	-13.68%	-17.37%	10.25%	9.34%	12.21%	-9.50%
Return on Equity	-14.70%	-14.72%	14.66%	1.74%	3.99%	-3.90%
Sales/Assets	0.58	0.59	0.50	0.14	0.36	0.47
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	15.57%	5.69%	-1.45%	1.94%	20.92%	23.22%
Momentum Score	A	-	-	A	F	C
Daily Price Chg	10.10%	0.46%	-0.18%	2.12%	26.05%	3.81%
1 Week Price Chg	6.10%	0.00%	-1.45%	1.87%	7.27%	2.01%
4 Week Price Chg	16.16%	2.40%	2.10%	-6.22%	40.65%	27.85%
12 Week Price Chg	17.56%	7.95%	3.61%	1.46%	55.62%	41.31%
52 Week Price Chg	15.28%	13.33%	3.61%	33.89%	79.36%	49.90%
20 Day Average Volume	1,464,278	588,515	1,883,291	1,769,874	8,971,668	631,558
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.72%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	2.80%	0.76%	0.93%	7.69%	0.00%	3.72%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	7.78%	3.88%	3.41%	8.21%	0.49%	3.72%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	4.15%	0.00%	0.00%	-10.00%	-1.98%	7.32%

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Value Score	F
Growth Score	A
Momentum Score	A
VGM Score	B

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