

Xerox Corporation (XRX)

\$17.69 (As of 08/11/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$15.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation: Underperform

(Since: 08/03/20)

Prior Recommendation: Neutral

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

5-Strong Sell

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:C

Value: A

Growth: D

Momentum: D

Summary

Xerox continues to grapple with decreased demand for paper-related systems and products. Presence of large number of substitutes raises competitive pressure. Global presence exposes the company to unfavorable foreign currency movements, which has been impacting its top-line growth. Moreover, the company does not have enough cash to meet its debt burden. Partly due to these negatives, the stock has declined significantly over the past year. However, Xerox's bottom line is benefiting from "Project Own It," an initiative aimed at increasing productivity and operational efficiency, reducing costs and realigning business to changing market conditions. Moreover, the company has an aggressive product development program in new high growth markets.

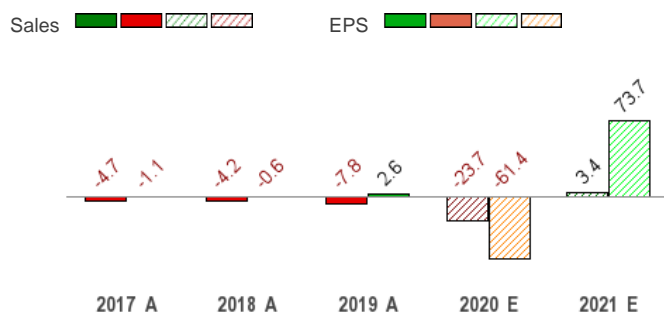
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$39.47 - \$14.22
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	4,182,755
Market Cap	\$3.8 B
YTD Price Change	-52.0%
Beta	1.63
Dividend / Div Yld	\$1.00 / 5.7%
Industry	Office Supplies
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 5% (240 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	25.0%
Last Sales Surprise	-5.2%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-27.2%
Expected Report Date	11/03/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	6.4
P/E F1	12.9
PEG F1	NA
P/S TTM	0.5

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					7,155 E
2020	1,860 A	1,465 A	1,682 E	2,054 E	6,920 E
2019	2,206 A	2,289 A	2,200 A	2,444 A	9,066 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$0.42 E	\$0.49 E	\$0.45 E	\$0.82 E	\$2.38 E
2020	\$0.21 A	\$0.15 A	\$0.33 E	\$0.69 E	\$1.37 E
2019	\$0.91 A	\$0.99 A	\$1.08 A	\$1.33 A	\$3.55 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 08/11/2020. The reports text is as of 08/12/2020.

Overview

Despite experiencing top-line decline over the years on decreased demand for paper-related systems and products, Norwalk, Connecticut-based Xerox remains a leader in the contractual print and document services market.

Post reorganization (that does not involve any change in operations, directors and executive officers) as a wholly-owned subsidiary of a new holding company in 2019, the company is trying to attain greater strategic, operational as well as financial flexibility.

Xerox deploys an aggressive product-development program to revive sales. It has developed one of the industry's strongest portfolios of managed print service (MPS) solutions and services.

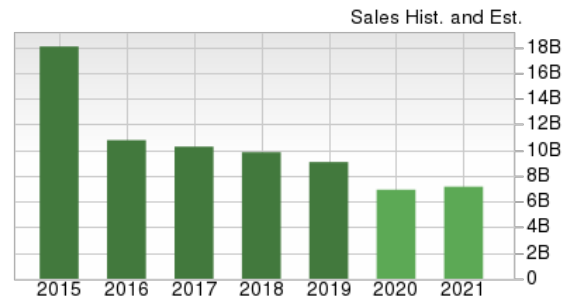
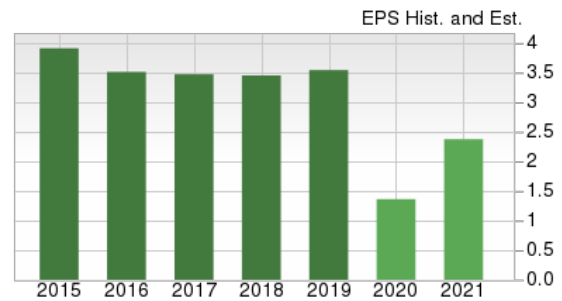
Xerox's strategy is to use data-centric technologies to better help customers in their digital transformation journey, taking advantage of the changing market conditions. The company is trying to offer end-to-end management of the entire office print infrastructure. It focuses on market trends, such as cloud, analytics, digital and security, with a view to effectively address customer needs.

The company is using security and digital transformation as key competitive differentiators. A global service delivery model, flexibility and scalability of MPS services and billing options, and close relationships with customers and partners are its key strengths. Programs like Virtual Print and FedRAMP authorization are helping the company broaden its market opportunities.

Xerox's bottom line is benefiting from "Project Own It," an initiative aimed at increasing productivity and operational efficiency, reducing costs and realigning business to changing market conditions. It produced \$640 million in cost savings through the project in 2019.

An aggressive business strategy of Xerox makes sense as it continues to operate in a highly competitive market. It competes based on technology, price, performance, quality, reliability, distribution, brand and customer service and support. The largest competitors include Hewlett-Packard, Canon, Konica Minolta and Ricoh.

The company believes its business strengths are brand recognition, reputation for document management expertise, innovative technology and service delivery excellence.



Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ Advancements in IT have replaced the traditional means of sending and storing information by digital media. As a result, Xerox is **grappling with decreased demand** for paper-related systems and products while its attempts to leverage the business process outsourcing market failed to lend growth momentum.
- ▼ Xerox's cash and cash equivalent balance of \$2.27 billion at the end of the second quarter was well below the long-term debt level of \$3.97 billion underscoring that the company **doesn't have enough cash to meet this debt burden**. The cash level, however, can meet the short-term debt of \$1.79 billion.
- ▼ Another major threat involves the availability of a **large number of substitutes** because of strong peer presence, although there are lesser chances of new entry. Companies like Canon, Hewlett-Packard, Lexmark and Toshiba are capable of giving tough competition to Xerox. Moreover, those companies are also broadening their product lines and strengthening their global presence in almost the same way as Xerox. This has largely affected the profit margin of Xerox.
- ▼ Given its international presence, Xerox faces **unfavorable foreign currency movements**, impacting its top-line growth. For the year 2019, the company's year over year revenue decline of 6.2% included a 1.5% unfavorable impact from currency. This probably weighed on its share price which has decreased 37.6% over the past year.

Xerox is grappling with decreased demand for paper-related systems and products.

Risks

- Xerox has **reorganized** as a wholly-owned subsidiary of a new holding company. The reorganization is aimed at attaining greater strategic, operational as well as financial flexibility and does not involve any change in operations, directors and executive officers. A holding company structure helps to protect patents, reduce tax bill and diversify businesses efficiently. So, the move seems appropriate as Xerox is executing a Strategic Transformation program to achieve productivity and cost reduction. Also, the company has an aggressive product development program in new high growth markets.
 - Xerox has a solid track of record strong margins which it has been attaining through cost and productivity initiatives. The company's bottom line is benefiting from "**Project Own It,**" an enterprise-wide transformation initiative aimed at increasing productivity and operational efficiency, reducing costs, as well as realigning business to changing market conditions. Xerox produced \$640 million in cost savings through the project in 2019 and expects to produce another \$450 million in 2020. The company's adjusted operating margin improved 180 basis points year over year to 13.1%.
 - Xerox has a **post-sale driven business model** that provides significant recurring revenue and cash generation. Around 77% of the company's total revenues in 2019 was associated with contracted services, equipment maintenance services, consumable supplies and financing. This business model supports strong cash flows that help the company to make strategic investments and penetrate in markets with high growth potential.
 - Xerox continues to expand its **Small and Mid-sized (SMB) coverage** through acquisitions of local area resellers and partners. In 2019, the company acquired Heritage Business Systems, a Delaware Valley dealer and Rabbit Office Automation, a San Francisco Bay area dealer. These acquisitions have expanded the company's distribution capabilities of office technology sales, services and supplies to SMB customers. Moreover, the company has significantly expanded internationally, with a footprint across approximately 160 countries. We believe expansion of SMB coverage will help Xerox improve its top line going forward.
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Last Earnings Report

Xerox's Earnings Beat Estimates in Q2

Xerox reported mixed second-quarter 2020 results, with earnings beating the Zacks Consensus Estimate but revenues missing the same.

Adjusted earnings per share of 15 cents beat the consensus mark by 25% and declined year over year. Total revenues of \$1.47 billion missed the consensus mark by 5.2% but declined year over year. The coronavirus pandemic had a significant negative impact on the company's quarterly results.

Quarter Ending **06/2020**

Report Date	Jul 28, 2020
Sales Surprise	-5.15%
EPS Surprise	25.00%
Quarterly EPS	0.15
Annual EPS (TTM)	2.77

Revenues in Detail

Sales revenues totaled \$460 million, down 42.5% year over year. Services, maintenance and rentals revenues totaled \$949 million, down 32.3% year over year. Financing revenues of \$56 million declined 8.2%.

Operating Performance

Adjusted operating profit of \$62 million declined 77.9% year over year. Adjusted operating margin shrunk 820 basis points (bps) year over year to 4.2%.

Selling, administrative and general expenses, as a percentage of revenues, increased to 29.1% from the 22.8% reported in the year-ago quarter. Research, development and engineering expenses, as a percentage of revenues, came in at 5.2%, up from the year-ago quarter's 3.9%.

Balance Sheet and Cash Flow

Xerox exited the second quarter with cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash balance of \$2.3 billion. Long-term debt was \$2.2 billion at the end of the quarter.

The company generated \$34 million of cash from continuous operations and free cash flow was \$15 million.

Recent News

On **Jul 23, 2020**, Xerox announced that its board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents per share, payable on Oct. 30, 2020 to shareholders of record on Sep 30, 2020.

On **Jul 15, 2020**, Xerox announced launch of Xerox AltaLinkC8100 and Xerox AltaLink B8100 Series multi-function printers (MFPs).

On **Jun 25, 2020**, Xerox announced that it has launched Team Availability App that offers quick-to-deploy, customizable, real-time solutions for management of flexible work environments amid the continued coronavirus pandemic.

On **May 22, 2020**, Xerox announced that its board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents per share, payable on Jul 31, 2020 to shareholders of record on Jun 30, 2020. The board also declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$20 per share on the outstanding Xerox Holdings Corporation Series A Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock. This dividend will be paid on Jul 1, 2020 to shareholders of record on Jun 15, 2020.

Valuation

Xerox shares are down 51.6% in the year-to-date period and 37.6% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and Zacks Industrial Products sector are down 27.1% and 1.6% in the year-to-date period respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry is down 12.2% but the sector is up 12.5%.

The S&P 500 index is up 4.2% in the year-to-date period and 15% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 8.9X price to forward 12 months' earnings, which compares to 13.05X for the Zacks sub-industry, 22.17X for the Zacks sector and 22.8X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 11.49X and as low as 3.29X, with a 5-year median of 8.53X. Our Underperform recommendation indicates that the stock will perform worse than the market. Our \$15.00 price target reflects 7.57X forward 12 months' earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for XRX

Valuation Multiples - XRX					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F12M	Current	8.9	13.05	22.17	22.8
	5-Year High	11.49	13.44	22.17	22.8
	5-Year Low	3.29	8.07	12.55	15.25
	5-Year Median	8.53	11.23	17.48	17.58
P/S F12M	Current	0.53	0.91	2.96	3.67
	5-Year High	0.98	1.13	2.96	3.67
	5-Year Low	0.4	0.51	1.52	2.53
	5-Year Median	0.71	0.86	2.04	3.05
P/B TTM	Current	0.69	1.62	5.44	4.68
	5-Year High	1.86	2.63	5.94	4.68
	5-Year Low	0.57	1.07	3.34	2.83
	5-Year Median	1.3	2.03	4.51	3.74

As of 08/11/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 5% (240 out of 253)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Sony Corporation (SNE)	Outperform	3
Canon, Inc. (CAJ)	Neutral	4
CDW Corporation (CDW)	Neutral	3
Dell Technologies Inc. (DELL)	Neutral	3
Flex Ltd. (FLEX)	Neutral	3
HP Inc. (HPQ)	Neutral	3
SYNNEX Corporation (SNX)	Neutral	3
Fujifilm Holdings Corp. (FUJIIY)	Underperform	5

Industry Comparison Industry: Office Supplies				Industry Peers		
	XRX	X Industry	S&P 500	CAJ	CDW	DELL
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Underperform	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	5	-	-	4	3	3
VGM Score	C	-	-	B	A	C
Market Cap	3.77 B	581.55 M	23.61 B	18.44 B	16.72 B	45.59 B
# of Analysts	2	5	14	3	7	5
Dividend Yield	5.65%	2.83%	1.69%	4.30%	1.30%	0.00%
Value Score	A	-	-	A	A	B
Cash/Price	0.64	0.19	0.07	0.26	0.06	0.27
EV/EBITDA	3.11	5.74	13.32	3.64	14.36	9.32
PEG Ratio	NA	2.15	2.95	23.21	1.55	0.85
Price/Book (P/B)	0.69	1.06	3.22	0.73	15.80	14.06
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	3.07	8.67	12.79	5.55	14.55	4.22
P/E (F1)	12.80	12.96	22.02	23.21	20.30	10.19
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.47	1.14	2.57	0.62	0.92	0.49
Earnings Yield	7.74%	7.74%	4.29%	4.33%	4.92%	9.81%
Debt/Equity	0.40	0.40	0.77	0.03	3.79	14.92
Cash Flow (\$/share)	5.75	2.09	6.94	3.12	8.05	14.60
Growth Score	D	-	-	C	A	F
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	-3.30%	9.82%	10.41%	-7.30%	22.51%	6.05%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-61.55%	-38.06%	-6.51%	-29.56%	-5.36%	-17.80%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-12.33%	3.06%	5.22%	-27.71%	10.39%	-17.89%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	-8.30%	4.68%	8.55%	-6.35%	13.51%	40.84%
Current Ratio	1.42	1.79	1.34	1.75	1.47	0.82
Debt/Capital	27.73%	27.73%	44.59%	2.85%	79.12%	93.77%
Net Margin	13.35%	7.83%	10.13%	2.18%	4.09%	5.13%
Return on Equity	11.87%	11.87%	14.59%	2.51%	94.36%	141.86%
Sales/Assets	0.54	0.66	0.51	0.68	2.23	0.78
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-24.28%	-5.27%	-1.45%	-7.34%	-2.27%	-3.12%
Momentum Score	D	-	-	D	A	D
Daily Price Chg	-0.79%	0.00%	-0.17%	0.70%	3.73%	-0.47%
1 Week Price Chg	0.66%	2.19%	2.30%	6.00%	-1.27%	1.62%
4 Week Price Chg	9.54%	8.37%	6.41%	-14.92%	2.46%	17.22%
12 Week Price Chg	1.78%	1.78%	15.42%	-14.92%	10.59%	39.74%
52 Week Price Chg	-37.60%	-8.42%	2.88%	-34.11%	3.41%	24.27%
20 Day Average Volume	4,182,755	130,248	2,007,486	552,204	711,344	3,237,695
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	6.95%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-27.20%	4.12%	1.84%	-22.22%	7.68%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-27.20%	5.72%	2.40%	-23.02%	5.79%	3.61%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-31.58%	4.05%	0.72%	-106.67%	5.14%	0.00%

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Zacks Recommendation

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Zacks Rank

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Value Score	A
Growth Score	D
Momentum Score	D
VGM Score	C

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