

Xerox Corporation (XRX)

\$17.66 (As of 03/27/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$20.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 03/30/20)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:A

Value: A

Growth: B

Momentum: D

Summary

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 has an aggressive product development program in new high growth markets. Its post-sale driven business model provides significant cash generation capacity. Xerox has expanded its Small and Mid-sized coverage through distribution acquisitions. Reorganization under a new holding company should help the company attain greater strategic, operational and financial flexibility. However, Xerox continues to grapple with decreased demand for paper-related systems and products. Its revenues have declined over years. Due to these negatives, the stock has underperformed its industry in the past year.

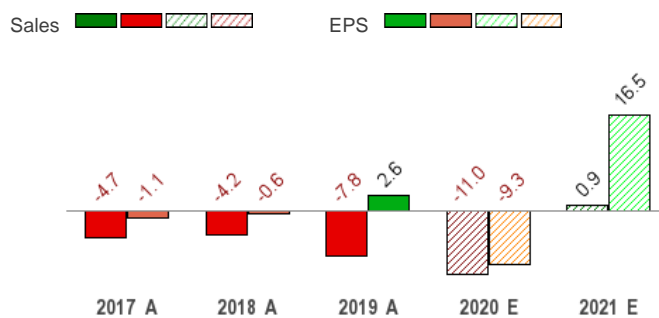
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$39.47 - \$15.01
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	3,441,680
Market Cap	\$3.8 B
YTD Price Change	-52.1%
Beta	1.77
Dividend / Div Yld	\$1.00 / 5.7%
Industry	Office Supplies
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 13% (34 out of 254)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	24.3%
Last Sales Surprise	3.2%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-12.9%
Expected Report Date	04/23/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	4.1
P/E F1	5.5
PEG F1	NA
P/S TTM	0.4

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021					8,145 E
2020	2,072 E	2,087 E	2,085 E	2,271 E	8,073 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	\$0.74 E	\$0.86 E	\$0.87 E	\$1.35 E	\$3.75 E
2020	\$0.67 E	\$0.69 E	\$0.72 E	\$1.15 E	\$3.22 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 03/27/2020. The reports text is as of 03/30/2020.

Overview

Founded in 1906 and headquartered in Norwalk, Connecticut, Xerox is a print technology and intelligent work solutions provider. The company designs, develops, and sells document management systems and solutions. The company's geographic footprint spans across more than 160 countries.

Xerox's intelligent workplace service offerings include managed print services; digitization services; and digital solutions including workflow automation, personalization and communication software, and content management.

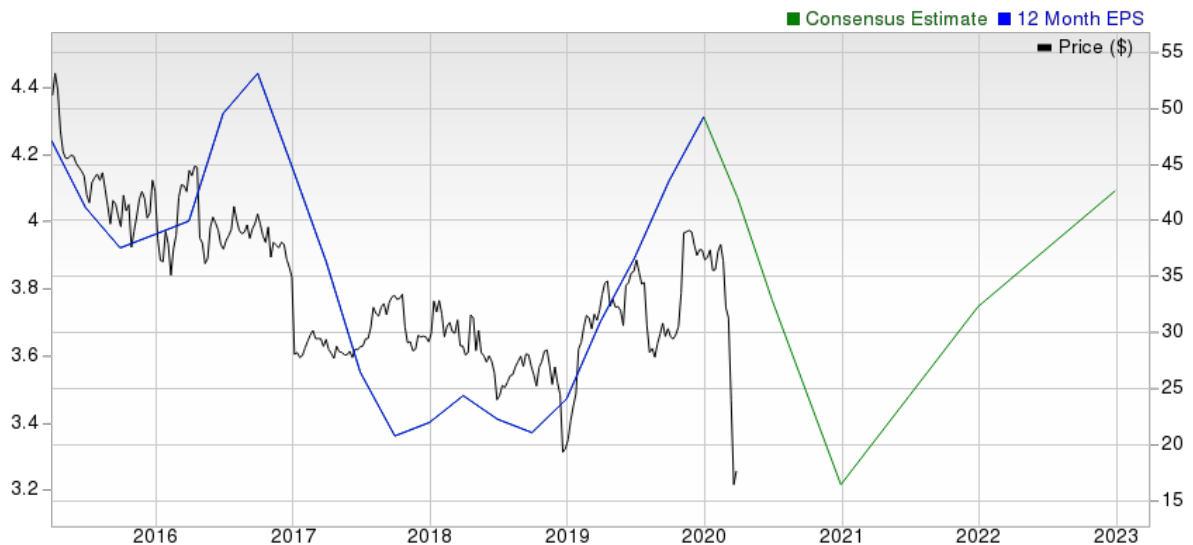
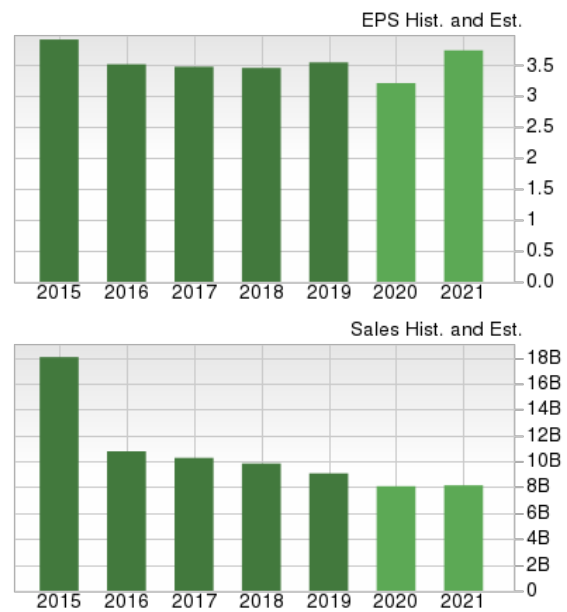
The company also offers desktop monochrome and color printers, multifunction printers, graphic communications and commercial printers, digital printing presses, light production devices, copiers, inkjet presses and FreeFlow portfolio of software solutions for automation and integration of print jobs processing.

In addition, Xerox offers paper products, wide-format systems, and network integration solutions. Products and services are sold directly through sales force, as well as through independent agents, value-added resellers, dealers, systems integrators, and the Web.

Post the separation of its BPO business, the company realigned its operations to better manage its business and serve its customers. The company is focusing on geographic expansion and is mainly organized from a sales perspective on the basis of "go-to-market" sales channels. These sales channels are helping to serve customers a wide range of products and services. As a result of this transition and change in structure, the company currently operates as one reportable segment - the design, development and sale of document management systems and solutions.

Xerox operates in a highly competitive market. It competes based on technology, price, performance, quality, reliability, distribution, brand and customer service and support. Largest competitors include Hewlett-Packard, Canon, Konica Minolta and Ricoh. The company believes that its competitive advantages are brand recognition, reputation for document management expertise, innovative technology and service delivery excellence.

The company has a strong and sustainable cash flow business model to support investment in business as well as direct return of capital to shareholders.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ 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.

A post-sale driven business model, strategic-transformation program and acquisition are positives for Xerox.

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.
- ▼ 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 may weigh on its share price which has decreased 46.5% over the past year compared with 23% decline of the industry it belongs to.

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

Last Earnings Report

Xerox Beats Earnings Estimates in Q4

Xerox reported strong fourth-quarter 2019 results, with earnings and revenues beating the Zacks Consensus Estimate.

Adjusted earnings per share of \$1.33 beat the consensus mark by 30.4% and increased year over year. Total revenues of \$2.44 billion surpassed the consensus mark by 3.2% but declined year over year on a reported as well as constant-currency (cc) basis.

Quarter Ending **12/2019**

Report Date	Jan 28, 2020
Sales Surprise	3.18%
EPS Surprise	24.30%
Quarterly EPS	1.33
Annual EPS (TTM)	4.31

Revenues by Segment

Equipment sales totaled \$616 million, which declined 2.1% year over year on a reported basis and 1.5% on a constant-currency basis. The segment contributed 25% to total revenues.

Post sale revenues of \$1.83 billion declined 2.2% year over year on a reported basis and 1.7% at cc. The segment contributed 75% to total revenues.

Revenues by Region

Revenues from **Americas** came in at \$1.56 billion, down 3.4% year over year on a reported basis and 3.3% at cc. The region contributed 64% to total revenues.

EMEA revenues amounted to \$756 million, down 8.9% year over year on a reported basis and 7.4% at cc. The region contributed 31% to total revenues.

Revenues from **Other** region totaled \$126 million, compared with \$51 million reported in the year-ago quarter. The region contributed 5% to total revenues.

Operating Performance

Adjusted operating profit of \$411 million rose 16.8% year over year. Adjusted operating margin improved 270 basis points (bps) year over year to 16.8%.

Selling, administrative and general expenses, as a percentage of revenues, declined to 20.9% from 22.1% reported in the year-ago quarter. Research, development and engineering expenses, as a percentage of revenues, came in at 3.8%, flat year over year.

Balance Sheet and Cash Flow

Xerox exited the fourth quarter with cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash balance of \$2.8 billion compared with \$979 million at the end of the prior quarter. Long-term debt was \$3.23 billion at the end of the quarter.

The company generated \$398 million of cash from continuous operations and capex was \$17 million in the reported quarter. Free cash flow was \$381 million. Xerox paid out \$60 million in dividends in the quarter.

2020 Guidance

Xerox expects adjusted EPS in the range of \$3.6 to \$3.7. Revenues are expected to decline roughly 4% at cc.

Adjusted operating margin is expected to be around 13%. The company expects free cash flow of approximately \$1.2 billion and operating cash flow of roughly \$1.3 billion.

Recent News

On **Mar 3, 2020**, Xerox launched a tender offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of HP Inc. for \$24. per share. The price will include \$18.40 in cash and 0.149 Xerox shares for each HP share.

On **Feb 28, 2020**, Xerox announced that its board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents per share. The dividend will be paid out on Apr 30, 2020 to shareholders of record on Mar 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, payable on Apr 1, 2020 to shareholders of record on Mar 15, 2020.

On **Feb 27, 2020**, Xerox announced the appointment of Tali Rosman as vice president of Xerox's 3D Business. Tali Rosman will be reporting to Naresh Shanker, chief technology officer of Xerox.

On **Feb 24, 2020**, Xerox announced the appointment of Xavier Heiss as executive vice president and president of EMEA Operations, effective Feb 29, 2020. Xavier Heiss will be reporting to John Visentin, vice chairman and CEO of Xerox.

Valuation

Xerox shares are down 46.5% over the trailing 12-month period. The Zacks sub-industry, sector and S&P 500 index are down 23%, 22.7% and 8.7%, respectively in the same time frame.

The stock is currently trading at 4.78X price to forward 12 months' earnings, which compares to 8.96X for the Zacks sub-industry, 14.45X for the Zacks sector and 16.03X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 12.51X and as low as 3.29X, with a 5-year median of 8.66X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$20 price target reflects 5.42X price to 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 F 12M	Current	4.78	8.96	14.45	16.03
	5-Year High	12.51	13.44	19.96	19.34
	5-Year Low	3.29	8.07	12.57	15.18
	5-Year Median	8.66	11.23	16.48	17.42
P/S F12M	Current	0.44	0.75	2.08	2.85
	5-Year High	0.98	1.13	2.72	3.43
	5-Year Low	0.4	0.51	1.52	2.54
	5-Year Median	0.71	0.85	1.99	3
P/B TTM	Current	0.68	1.49	4.06	3.54
	5-Year High	1.86	2.63	5.63	4.56
	5-Year Low	0.62	1.07	3.29	2.85
	5-Year Median	1.32	2.03	4.46	3.63

As of 03/27/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 13% (34 out of 254)



Top Peers

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

Industry Comparison Industry: Office Supplies				Industry Peers		
	XRX Neutral	X Industry	S&P 500	CAJ Underperform	CDW Neutral	DELL Underperform
VGM Score	A	-	-	C	A	B
Market Cap	3.76 B	469.10 M	17.63 B	23.33 B	13.38 B	28.28 B
# of Analysts	2	3	13	3	7	5
Dividend Yield	5.66%	2.80%	2.41%	5.32%	1.62%	0.00%
Value Score	A	-	-	C	B	B
Cash/Price	0.78	0.15	0.07	0.17	0.01	0.36
EV/EBITDA	3.57	4.77	10.81	5.90	12.10	8.37
PEG Ratio	NA	1.20	1.69	4.05	1.18	0.55
Price/Book (P/B)	0.68	1.10	2.35	0.88	14.03	7.29
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	3.07	8.62	9.47	7.03	11.64	2.27
P/E (F1)	5.49	5.49	14.74	18.22	15.45	6.59
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.41	1.02	1.89	0.72	0.74	0.31
Earnings Yield	18.18%	18.18%	6.73%	5.47%	6.47%	15.17%
Debt/Equity	0.58	0.58	0.70	0.15	3.56	11.54
Cash Flow (\$/share)	5.75	2.03	7.01	3.12	8.05	17.07
Growth Score	B	-	-	D	A	C
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	-2.18%	11.49%	10.85%	0.55%	22.23%	11.98%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-9.44%	5.62%	2.89%	13.52%	-0.54%	-20.00%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-12.33%	3.06%	5.93%	-27.71%	10.39%	4.09%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	-8.30%	4.68%	8.55%	-6.35%	13.51%	77.13%
Current Ratio	1.79	1.79	1.23	1.92	1.24	0.71
Debt/Capital	35.76%	35.76%	42.57%	13.23%	78.05%	92.17%
Net Margin	14.81%	8.77%	11.64%	3.48%	4.09%	5.30%
Return on Equity	19.48%	15.79%	16.74%	4.27%	94.72%	260.49%
Sales/Assets	0.62	0.72	0.54	0.74	2.30	0.81
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-11.66%	0.02%	2.37%	-0.81%	0.35%	-1.57%
Momentum Score	D	-	-	B	F	F
Daily Price Chg	-10.22%	-1.65%	-3.35%	-1.22%	-7.23%	-8.91%
1 Week Price Chg	-31.34%	-6.79%	-16.96%	2.47%	-21.46%	-9.62%
4 Week Price Chg	-47.80%	-18.67%	-18.79%	-12.35%	-19.24%	-11.04%
12 Week Price Chg	-52.18%	-22.43%	-25.68%	-20.43%	-34.84%	-25.89%
52 Week Price Chg	-44.83%	-11.25%	-17.12%	-25.00%	-1.43%	-31.92%
20 Day Average Volume	3,441,680	221,391	4,286,768	777,720	2,112,926	4,767,691
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	-10.24%	0.00%	-0.15%	0.00%	-4.14%	-5.19%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-12.93%	-1.75%	-2.28%	-14.96%	-4.14%	-12.24%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-5.04%	-3.77%	-3.22%	-26.40%	-1.15%	-12.89%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-12.99%	-0.96%	-1.60%	0.00%	-4.26%	-22.15%

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

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