



Becton, Dickinson & Co. (BDX)

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Key Metrics

Current Price: \$250	5 Year CAGR Estimate: 7.1%	Volatility Percentile: 14.0%
Fair Value Price: \$203	5 Year Growth Estimate: 10.0%	Momentum Percentile: 73.3%
% Fair Value: 123%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate: -4.1%	Valuation Percentile: 24.9%
Dividend Yield: 1.2%	5 Year Price Target \$326	Total Return Percentile: 43.6%

Overview & Current Events

Around since 1897, Becton, Dickinson & Co., or BD, is a global leader in the medical supply industry with sales of more than \$12 billion in 2017. The company has almost 50,000 employees and does business in 190 countries.

BD has been very active on the acquisition front in recent years. In 2015, the company acquired CareFusion, a leading supplier of diagnostic products and medical devices. BD completed its \$24 billion purchase of C.R. Bard at the end of 2017. Bard's four divisions, Vascular, Oncology, Urology and Surgical Specialties, all saw mid to high single digit growth in the last quarter as an independent company. Bard should help BD grow sales in China by mid double digits.

After the Bard acquisition, BD is now composed of three segments. Approximately 53% of sales come from the company's Medical Division. Products sold from this division include needles for diabetes care, drug delivery systems, hypodermic syringes and surgical blades. The Life Sciences division is responsible for 25% of sales and sells products that include those used in the collection and transportation of diagnostic specimens. The Intervention segment makes up the remainder of sales and includes several of the products produced by Bard.

BD reported 3rd quarters earnings on August 2nd. The company earned \$2.91 per share, topping estimates by \$0.05 and growing 18.3% year over year. Revenues grew 40.8% to \$4.28 billion. This came in \$40 million ahead of expectations.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2023
EPS	\$4.46	\$4.95	\$4.94	\$5.62	\$5.36	\$5.81	\$6.25	\$7.16	\$8.59	\$9.48	\$11.00	\$17.71
DPS	\$1.14	\$1.32	\$1.48	\$1.64	\$1.80	\$1.98	\$2.18	\$2.40	\$2.64	\$2.92	\$3.00	\$5.19

BD has increased earnings-per-share 7.8% per year over the past 10 years. BD has grown earnings in 9 out of the last 10 years. The company expects growth to continue in 2018 and beyond. This has already been the case in the first nine months of the company's fiscal 2018. We continue to feel that BD can grow earnings at a rate of 10% per year through 2023, higher than the historical average. If Bard continues to be a catalyst for the company that it so far has been, then we might raise our forecasted earnings growth rate. For now, we are comfortable leaving it as is.

In the second quarter, Medical sales increased 20% (5.7% on a comparable basis) thanks to Bard and demand for medication delivery and management solutions products. Life Sciences had revenue growth of 8.2%, as demand for pre-analytical and diagnostic systems was especially strong. The Interventional division had sales growth of 5.1%, due to peripheral intervention and urology and critical care products. After 3rd quarter results, BD raised the midpoint of its EPS guidance to \$11.00 from \$10.98 previously. Bard is expected to contribute high single digit earnings growth for FY 2019.

BD has increased dividends for 46 years and at a rate of 11.6% per year over the past decade. The company most recently raised its dividend 2.7% on November 21st. While this is well below the long-term average, investors should acknowledge that the Bard acquisition is the largest in BD's history and that 70% of the purchase price was paid for in cash. BD has a very low payout ratio (~31% in 2017). Investors should see double digit growth resume in the future.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Now	2023
Avg. P/E	19	13.7	14.9	14.5	14.1	15.6	18.1	19.5	18.4	19.4	22.7	18.4
Avg. Yld.	1.3%	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.4%	2.2%	1.9%	1.7%	1.7%	1.6%	1.2%	1.6%

Shares of BD have returned more than 4.2% since our June 30th report. Based on updated guidance for the year, BD's stock currently has a price to earnings multiple of 22.7. The stock's 10-year historical average is 16.7. BD's P/E has expanded in recent years, making shares seem unattractive relative to its history. Our targets P/E for 2023 is 18.4, which is a result of factoring in the forecasted 10% rise in EPS. Based off this estimate, shares are overvalued at current levels. If the company reverts to the P/E of 18.4, shares of BD could see share price reduced by 4.1% through 2023.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2023
GP/A	45.9%	39.5%	38.3%	38%	34.8%	34.3%	34.6%	17.7%	23.4%	15.7%	17.3%	25.1%
Debt/A	37.6%	44.7%	43.7%	53.7%	63.6%	58.5%	59.4%	72.9%	70.2%	65.7%	63.5%	65.3%
Int. Cov.	---	223.6	100.3	41.7	18.9	13.3	18.6	3.1	4.0	3.4	5.0	10.0
Payout	25.6%	26.7%	30%	29.2%	33.6%	34.1%	34.9%	33.5%	30.7%	30.8%	27.3%	29.3%
Std. Dev.	30.7%	25.3%	16.2%	22.2%	13.4%	13.8%	16.7%	17.9%	18.7%	15.7%	16.4%	19.0%

BD showed that it can perform well in less than ideal economic conditions during the last recession and managed to show growth at a time most other companies saw an earnings decline. The company's products are in high demand as medical devices and other healthcare products are still sought out during a recession. This ability to grow or maintain earnings in any economic climate makes BD a quality company and a relatively safe stock. The addition of Bard's portfolio of products has already contributed to the company's earnings and should continue to do so in future years. BD's has a very low payout, which could allow the company to quickly raise payments to shareholders.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

After a slight uptick in EPS guidance and the share price increase since our last update, we see shares of BD offering a total return of 7.1% through 2023, down from 8% previously. This estimate is based off a combination of growth (10%), dividends (1.2%) and multiple mean revision (4.1%). While shares of BD trade with an elevated price-to-earnings ratio when compared to its historical average, we continue to feel that there is still a decent amount of growth potential for the company. While the stock offers a low yield, BD's dividend growth history is one of the longest in the market. With the addition of Bard, BD should continue to grow earnings and dividends at a double digit clip over the next five years. We recommend investors consider purchasing Becton, Dickinson & Company at current prices.

Total Return Breakdown by Year

