



Organon & Co. (OGN)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$20	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	15.4%	Market Cap:	\$5.2 B
Fair Value Price:	\$30	5 Year Growth Estimate:	3.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	05/12/23
% Fair Value:	66%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	8.5%	Dividend Payment Date:	06/15/23
Dividend Yield:	5.6%	5 Year Price Target	\$35	Years Of Dividend Growth:	1
Dividend Risk Score:	B	Retirement Suitability Score:	A	Rating:	Buy

Overview & Current Events

On June 3rd, 2021, Merck & Company (MKR) completed its spinoff of Organon & Co. Organon is a pharmaceutical company that develops and markets health solutions in a variety of areas. It's established brands portfolio consists of nearly 50 products that have lost patent exclusivity and are used for treatment in the areas of cardiovascular, respiratory and dermatology and non-opioid pain management. Organon's women's health portfolio includes fertility and contraception brands, such as Nexplanon/Implanon and Nuva Ring. The company also has a small portfolio of biosimilars which are used in immunology and oncology. The spinoff has resulted in 15% of revenue, 25% of manufacturing sites and 50% of products being transferred from Merck to Organon.

On May 4th, 2023, Organon reported first quarter results for the period ending March 31st, 2023. For the quarter, revenue of \$1.54 billion was lower by 1.9% from the prior year, but in-line with expectations. Adjusted earnings-per-share of \$1.08 compared unfavorably to \$1.65 in the prior year and was \$0.08 below estimates.

Excluding currency exchange, revenue was up 3% for the period. For the quarter, Established Brands, which contributed 65% of quarterly revenue, fell 5%. The decrease was mostly due once again to currency exchange. Women's health, which contributed ~25% of sales, was up 18% due to high demand for oral contraceptives. Sales for Biosimilars grew 18% due to double-digit growth in Renflexis, Brenys, and Ontruzant,

Organon reaffirmed guidance for 2023 as well, with the company still expecting revenue of \$6.15 billion to \$6.45 billion. We maintain our forecasted earnings-per-share of \$4.30 per year 2023.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2028
EPS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	\$6.20	\$5.03	\$4.30	\$4.98
DPS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	\$0.56	\$1.12	\$1.12	\$1.30
Shares¹	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	253	255	255	255

Organon's parent company experienced an earnings per share growth rate of more than 5% over the last decade and nearly 12% over the last five years. Given that much of this growth was due to accelerating pharmaceutical sales that remain with Merck, we believe a slightly lower growth rate for Organon is likely to take place. Given the unknowns of the company at this point, we are comfortable forecasting earnings-per-share growth of 3% through 2028.

Organon does have several factors working in its favor for future growth. The established brands business should provide Organon with strong cash flows as the off-patent products don't require much in the way of the research and development expenses. The women's healthcare business has long been a pioneer in its field since its founding in 1923. The company produced the first-ever hormonal oral contraceptive as well the first-ever lower dose estrogen combined oral contraceptive. More recently, Organon developed the first once-a-month contraceptive ring. Biosimilars are the smallest portion of the new company, but Organon does expect to expand its portfolio, including a biosimilar to Humira for the U.S. market starting in 2023. Organon operates a fairly diverse business, including geographically.

¹ In millions of shares

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Valuation Analysis

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Now	2028
Avg. P/E	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4.7	5.6	4.7	7.0
Avg. Yld.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.8%	4.0%	5.6%	3.7%

Shares of Organon have decreased \$4, or 16.7%, since our February 18th, 2023 report. Using the current share price and expected earnings-per-share for 2023, Organon trades with a price-to-earnings ratio of 4.7. This is an incredibly low valuation relative to other healthcare companies. However, we feel that this new company will likely see low, but stable, growth in future years. We believe a starting price-to-earnings ratio of 7 is appropriate for the time being, implying an 8.5% contribution from multiple expansion to annual returns over the next five years.

Even at the targeted low payout ratio, Organon's dividend yield is quite substantial at 5.6%. We believe that dividend growth will match earnings-per-share growth over the next five years.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

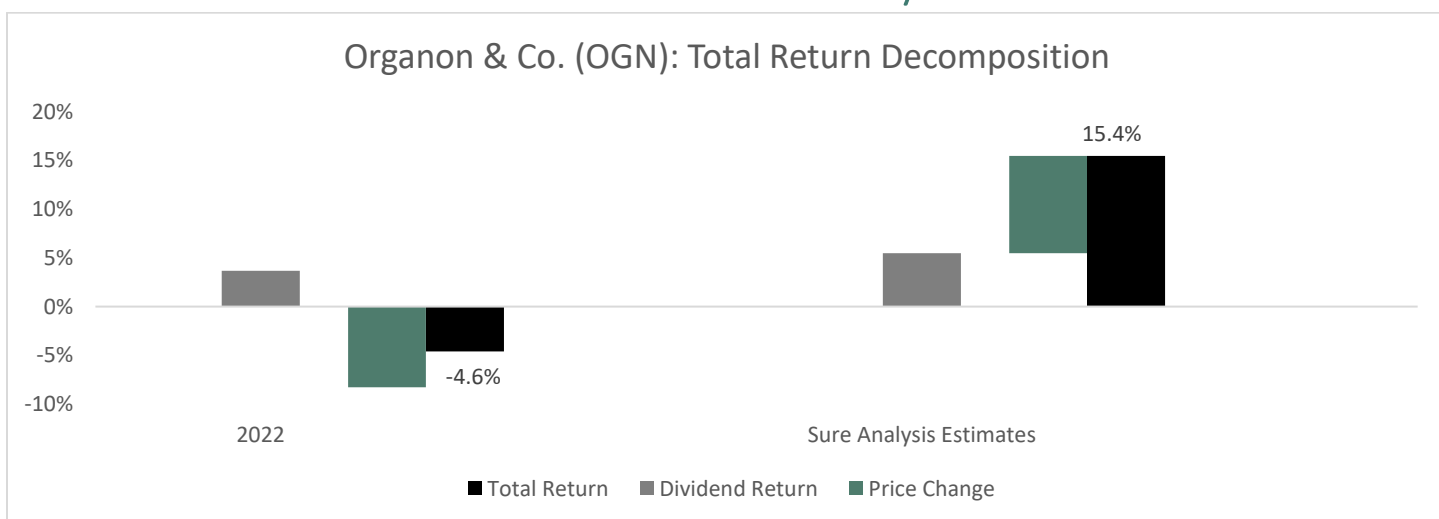
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2028
Payout	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9%	22%	26%	26%

Organon has not yet been tested during a recession. Its former parent company generated of earnings-per-share growth of 33% from 2007 through 2009. Including 2006 in this calculation actually results an earnings-per-share decrease of nearly 11% for this period of time, showing that Merck's business was more unpredictable than its healthcare peers. However, Merck is a vastly different company now than it was during that period of time, thanks to the explosive growth of its key product *Keytruda*. Nevertheless, we believe that Organon would perform well during a recession as its product portfolio can largely be considered recession resistant. Healthcare companies tend to hold up much better than more cyclical companies in economic downturns as their products are in demand regardless of economic conditions.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Organon is projected to return 15.4% annually through 2028, up from our prior estimate of 9.5%. Our projected return stems from an earnings growth rate of 3%, a 5.6% starting dividend yield, and a high single-digit contribution from multiple expansion. Organon produced a solid quarter, though currency exchange continues to impact results. We reaffirm our five-year price target of \$35, but we now rate shares of Organon as a buy due to projected returns.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Revenue	---	---	---	---	---	9,777	9,530	8,096	6,304	6,174
Gross Profit	---	---	---	---	---	5,084	5,909	4,749	3,922	3,880
Gross Margin	---	---	---	---	---	52.0%	62.0%	58.7%	62.2%	62.8%
SG&A Exp.	---	---	---	---	---	2,013	1,922	1,666	1,668	1,704
D&A Exp.	---	---	---	---	---	1,673	354	157	195	212
Operating Profit	---	---	---	---	---	2,706	3,655	2,779	1,811	1,705
Op. Margin	---	---	---	---	---	27.7%	38.4%	34.3%	28.7%	27.6%
Net Profit	---	---	---	---	---	2,153	3,218	2,160	1,351	917
Net Margin	---	---	---	---	---	22.0%	33.8%	26.7%	21.4%	14.9%
Free Cash Flow	---	---	---	---	---	3,586	2,658	1,909	1,970	431
Income Tax	---	---	---	---	---	576	337	520	178	205

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Assets (\$B)	---	---	---	---	---	10,548	10,548	10,109	10,681	10,955
Cash & Equivalents	---	---	---	---	---	319	319	12	737	706
Acc. Receivable	---	---	---	---	---	1,474	1,474	1,038	1,382	1,475
Inventories	---	---	---	---	---	1,071	1,071	913	915	1,003
Goodwill & Int.	---	---	---	---	---	5,172	5,172	5,106	5,254	5,252
Total Liabilities	---	---	---	---	---	3,513	3,513	4,623	12,189	11,847
Accounts Payable	---	---	---	---	---	258	258	259	1,382	1,132
Long-Term Debt	---	---	---	---	---	---	104	1,339	9,134	8,913
Total Equity	---	---	---	---	---	7,035	7,035	5,486	(1,508)	(892)
LTD/E Ratio	---	---	---	---	---	---	0.01	0.24	(6.06)	(9.99)

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Return on Assets	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20.6%	13.0%	8.5%
Return on Equity	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	69.5%	67.9%	
ROIC	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	68.4%	18.7%	11.7%
Shares Out.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	253	255
Revenue/Share	---	---	---	---	---	38.62	37.65	31.98	24.80	24.20
FCF/Share	---	---	---	---	---	14.17	10.50	7.54	7.75	1.69

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.

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