



# Otis Worldwide Corp. (OTIS)

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## Key Metrics

|                             |      |                                            |       |                                  |                       |
|-----------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Current Price:</b>       | \$75 | <b>5 Year CAGR Estimate:</b>               | 4.5%  | <b>Market Cap:</b>               | \$31 B                |
| <b>Fair Value Price:</b>    | \$63 | <b>5 Year Growth Estimate:</b>             | 6.0%  | <b>Ex-Dividend Date:</b>         | 11/17/23 <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>% Fair Value:</b>        | 118% | <b>5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:</b> | -3.2% | <b>Dividend Payment Date:</b>    | 12/08/23 <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>Dividend Yield:</b>      | 1.8% | <b>5 Year Price Target</b>                 | \$85  | <b>Years Of Dividend Growth:</b> | 3                     |
| <b>Dividend Risk Score:</b> | B    | <b>Retirement Suitability Score:</b>       | D     | <b>Rating:</b>                   | Hold                  |

## Overview & Current Events

Otis Worldwide Corp. debuted as an independent, publicly traded company on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, after being spun off from United Technologies (previously UTX, now Raytheon Technologies, RTX). However, the company's history is extensive after being founded in 1853 and having previously gone public in 1920. Today Otis is the leading company for elevator and escalator manufacturing, installation, and service. The company's products move 2 billion people per day and maintain approximately 2.2 million customer units worldwide. Headquartered in Connecticut, the \$31 billion market cap company generated \$13.7 billion in sales in 2022 and employs 69,000 people.

Previously, Otis was a constituent of the S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrat Index due to its United Technologies lineage. However, the company was removed in 2021. The company has increased its dividend for three years on its own.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Otis announced a \$0.34 quarterly dividend, a 17.2% increase.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Otis reported Q3 results for the period ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For the quarter total revenue equaled \$3.52 billion, a 5.4% increase compared to Q3 2022. New Equipment sales declined -0.8%, while the Service segment saw a 10.1% increase in sales. Adjusted net income equaled \$395 million or \$0.95 per share compared to \$338 million or \$0.80 per share in Q3 2022.

Otis also updated its 2023 outlook. The company now expects ~\$14.1 billion in sales (from \$14.0 billion to \$14.3 billion previously), and adjusted earnings-per-share of ~\$3.52 (from \$3.45 to \$3.50 previously). We have updated our forecast accordingly.

## Growth on a Per-Share Basis

| Year                      | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   | 2021   | 2022   | 2023          | 2028          |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>EPS</b>                | \$6.21 | \$6.82 | \$6.29 | \$6.61 | \$6.60 | \$7.61 | \$8.26 | \$2.52 | \$2.95 | \$3.17 | <b>\$3.52</b> | <b>\$4.71</b> |
| <b>DPS</b>                | \$2.20 | \$2.36 | \$2.56 | \$2.62 | \$2.72 | \$2.84 | \$2.94 | \$0.60 | \$0.92 | \$1.11 | <b>\$1.36</b> | <b>\$1.82</b> |
| <b>Shares<sup>2</sup></b> | 917    | 909    | 838    | 809    | 799    | 861    | 864    | 433    | 431    | 423    | <b>415</b>    | <b>405</b>    |

Note that we have elected to show United Technologies' historical data through 2019, to illustrate the type of operating company from which Otis was spun off. This is an imperfect measure as Otis made up less than 20% of United Technologies sales; however, it does offer some clues into the consistency of the new business.

Otis has a number of long-term growth drivers available in the way of increased urbanization, a growing middle class and digitalization. All these factors will continue to spur demand for Otis' products and should bode well for the category leader. At the very least, Otis stands a very good shot at capturing its "fair share" of growth in the industry. Moreover, the Service segment adds some resiliency to the business. We are forecasting \$3.52 in 2023 EPS, management's current guidance, and a 6% growth rate over the next five years. While there is some uncertainty in near-term results, we believe mid-to-high single-digit intermediate-term EPS growth can come to fruition.

<sup>1</sup> Estimated date.

<sup>2</sup> In millions.

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## Valuation Analysis

| Year      | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Now  | 2028 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Avg. P/E  | 16.0 | 16.4 | 17.0 | 15.3 | 17.7 | 16.8 | 16.1 | 18.2 | 26.1 | 23.7 | 21.2 | 18.0 |
| Avg. Yld. | 2.2% | 2.1% | 2.4% | 2.6% | 2.3% | 2.2% | 2.2% | 1.3% | 1.2% | 1.5% | 1.8% | 2.1% |

We are again using United Technologies history through 2019 to give you a sense for how shares traded in the past. During the past decade shares of UTX traded hands with an average P/E ratio of about 16 times earnings. We are using 18 times earnings as a fair starting multiple for Otis, taking into consideration the enhanced risk to the standalone business paired against strong growth avenues and reoccurring revenue from servicing. Still, with shares currently trading near 21 times expected earnings, this could result in a valuation headwind. The \$0.34 quarterly dividend implies a payout ratio of about 39% of anticipated earnings.

## Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

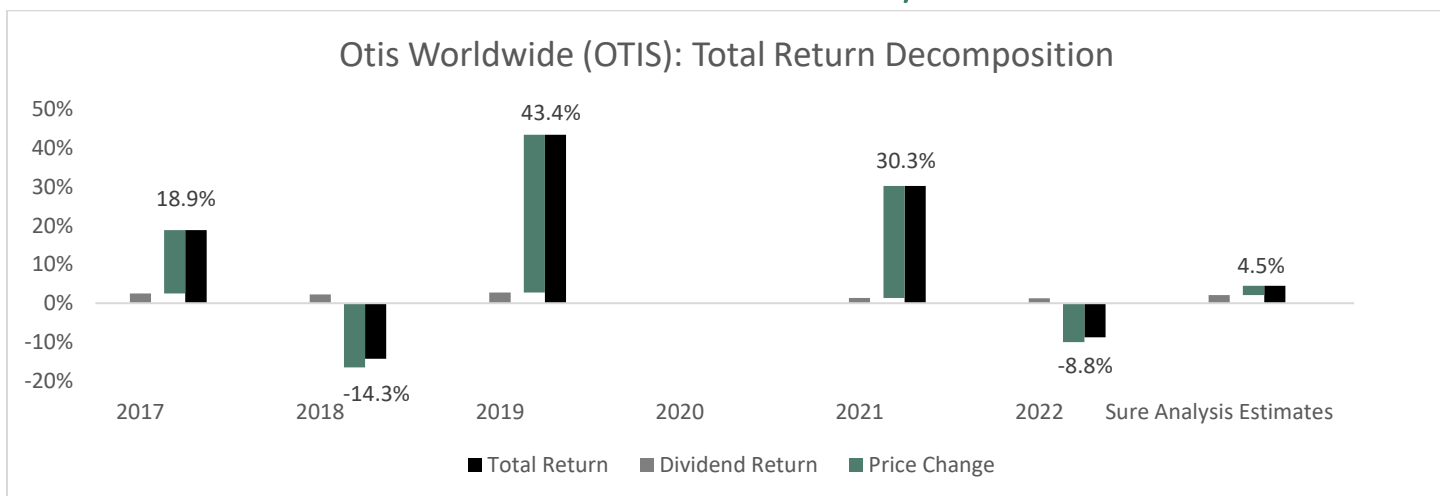
| Year   | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2028 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Payout | 35%  | 35%  | 41%  | 40%  | 41%  | 37%  | 36%  | 24%  | 31%  | 35%  | 39%  | 39%  |

Otis enjoys a competitive advantage in its namesake brand, along with the #1 position in the category the company created. Moreover, with the largest installed base of elevators and escalators, reoccurring service revenue can smooth out results in less certain times. During the last recession United Technologies posted earnings-per-share of \$4.90, \$4.12, \$4.74, and \$5.49 during the 2008 through 2011 timeframe. While some of that ballast is gone with the company splitting up, we still believe Otis should perform reasonably well in leaner times. Moreover, the targeted ~40% payout ratio will allow for flexibility in the future.

## Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Shares are up 10% in the last year. Otis has been a very strong business for 170 years. Now that it is once again a standalone company, it offers a “pure play” on a variety of important and growing trends around the world. While the cyclicity of the firm may have increased, we are encouraged by the ongoing service revenue. However, today’s valuation continues to leave something to be desired. Total return potential comes in at 4.5% per annum, driven by 6% growth and a 1.8% dividend yield, offset by the potential for a valuation headwind. This view could be too conservative if the business performs better than expected or if the valuation remains elevated, but we are not yet willing to make either speculation. Shares earn a hold rating.

## Total Return Breakdown by Year



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## Income Statement Metrics

| Year             | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   | 2021   | 2022   |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue          | 56,600 | 57,900 | 56,098 | 57,244 | 59,837 | 66,501 | 77,046 | 12,760 | 14,300 | 13,680 |
| Gross Profit     | 16,132 | 17,002 | 15,667 | 15,773 | 15,636 | 16,516 | 19,981 | 3,779  | 4,193  | 3,920  |
| Gross Margin     | 28.5%  | 29.4%  | 27.9%  | 27.6%  | 26.1%  | 24.8%  | 25.9%  | 29.6%  | 29.3%  | 28.7%  |
| SG&A Exp.        | 6,364  | 6,172  | 5,886  | 5,958  | 6,429  | 7,066  | 8,521  | 1,924  | 1,948  | 1,7630 |
| D&A Exp.         | 1,735  | 1,820  | 1,863  | 1,962  | 2,140  | 2,433  | 3,783  | 191    | 203    | 191    |
| Operating Profit | 8,549  | 9,593  | 7,291  | 8,221  | 8,138  | 8,553  | 8,966  | 1,639  | 2,108  | 2,033  |
| Op. Margin       | 15.1%  | 16.6%  | 13.0%  | 14.4%  | 13.6%  | 12.9%  | 11.6%  | 12.8%  | 14.7%  | 14.9%  |
| Net Profit       | 5,721  | 6,220  | 7,608  | 5,055  | 4,552  | 5,269  | 5537   | 906    | 1,246  | 1,253  |
| Net Margin       | 10.1%  | 10.7%  | 13.6%  | 8.8%   | 7.6%   | 7.9%   | 7.2%   | 7.1%   | 8.7%   | 9.2%   |
| Free Cash Flow   | 4,586  | 5,134  | 4,294  | 1,793  | 3,237  | 4,020  | 6,276  | 1,297  | 1,594  | 1,445  |
| Income Tax       | 1,999  | 2,244  | 2,111  | 1,697  | 2,843  | 2,626  | 2,295  | 455    | 541    | 519    |

## Balance Sheet Metrics

| Year               | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   | 2017   | 2018    | 2019    | 2020   | 2021   | 2022   |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Assets       | 90,594 | 91,206 | 87,484 | 89,706 | 96,920 | 134,211 | 139,716 | 10,710 | 12,280 | 9,819  |
| Cash & Equivalents | 4,619  | 5,229  | 7,075  | 7,157  | 8,985  | 6,152   | 7,378   | 1,782  | 1,565  | 1,189  |
| Acc. Receivable    | 11,458 | 10,448 | 10,653 | 11,481 | 12,595 | 14,271  | 13,524  | 3,309  | 3,117  | 3,357  |
| Inventories        | 10,330 | 7,642  | 8,135  | 8,704  | 9,881  | 10,083  | 10,950  | 659    | 622    | 617    |
| Goodwill & Int.    | 43,689 | 42,976 | 42,904 | 42,743 | 43,793 | 74,536  | 74,109  | 2,257  | 2,086  | 1,936  |
| Total Liabilities  | 57,375 | 58,642 | 58,640 | 60,537 | 65,499 | 93,601  | 95,485  | 13,990 | 15,260 | 14,480 |
| Accounts Payable   | 6,965  | 6,250  | 6,875  | 7,483  | 9,579  | 11,080  | 10,809  | 1,453  | 1,556  | 1,717  |
| Long-Term Debt     | 20,241 | 19,701 | 20,425 | 23,901 | 27,485 | 45,537  | 43,648  | 5,963  | 7,273  | 6,786  |
| Total Equity       | 31,866 | 31,213 | 27,358 | 27,579 | 29,610 | 38,446  | 41,774  | -3,832 | -3,625 | -4,870 |
| LTD/E Ratio        | 0.64   | 0.63   | 0.75   | 0.87   | 0.93   | 1.18    | 1.04    | ---    | ---    | ---    |

## Profitability & Per Share Metrics

| Year             | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Return on Assets | 6.4%  | 6.8%  | 8.5%  | 5.7%  | 4.9%  | 4.6%  | 4.0%  | 8.9%  | 10.8% | 11.3% |
| Return on Equity | 19.8% | 19.7% | 26.0% | 18.4% | 15.9% | 15.5% | 13.8% | ---   | ---   | ---   |
| ROIC             | 11.0% | 11.8% | 15.0% | 9.9%  | 8.1%  | 7.3%  | 6.4%  | 36.6% | 35.3% | 39.2% |
| Shares Out.      | 917   | 909   | 838   | 809   | 799   | 795   | 864   | 435   | 431   | 423   |
| Revenue/Share    | 61.85 | 63.51 | 63.52 | 69.29 | 74.88 | 82.09 | 89.18 | 29.35 | 33.14 | 32.35 |
| FCF/Share        | 5.01  | 5.63  | 4.86  | 2.17  | 4.05  | 4.96  | 7.26  | 2.98  | 3.70  | 3.42  |

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

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