



American Homes 4 Rent (AMH)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$35	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	7.5%	Market Cap:	\$14 billion
Fair Value Price:	\$35	5 Year Growth Estimate:	5.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	12/14/23
% Fair Value:	100%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	-0.2%	Dividend Payment Date:	12/29/23
Dividend Yield:	2.5%	5 Year Price Target	\$44	Years Of Dividend Growth:	3
Dividend Risk Score:	D	Retirement Suitability Score:	F	Rating:	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Based in Maryland, American Homes 4 Rent is an internally managed real estate investment trust which focuses on acquiring, developing, renovating, operating, and leasing single-family homes as rental properties. The trust holds nearly 54,000 single-family properties in sub-markets of metropolitan statistical areas in 22 states. AMH formed in August of 2013, has a market capitalization of \$14 billion, and generates annual revenues of \$1.6 billion.

On February 10th, 2023, AMH announced an 22.2% quarterly dividend increase to \$0.22 per share. This follows the trust's 80% and 100% raises over the last two years.

On November 2nd, 2023, AMH reported third quarter results for the period ending September 30th, 2023. For the quarter, revenue increased 7.7% to \$421.7 million, which was \$6.5 million more than expected. FFO of \$0.35 compared unfavorably to FFO of \$0.39 in the previous year and was \$0.06 below estimates.

For the quarter, AMH had a same-home average occupied day percentage of 96.4%, down 60 basis points sequentially. New leases signed had rental rate growth of 7.2%. Rents and other single-family property revenues improved nearly 8% while occupied homes totaled 55,901 compared to 54,658 in the third quarter of 2022. Average monthly rents per property grew 7.6%. Property expenses increased 10.3% to \$111.2 million.

AMH updated its guidance for 2023 as well. The trust now expects core FFO of \$1.65, for the year, up from \$1.64 previously. This would also be above the high end of the range given at the beginning of the year. Updated FFO guidance would represent a 7.1% improvement from 2022 if achieved. 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
FFO	\$0.15	\$0.57	\$0.72	\$0.97	\$1.02	\$1.06	\$1.11	\$1.16	\$1.36	\$1.54	\$1.65	\$2.11
DPS	\$0.05	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.40	\$0.72	\$0.88	\$1.42
Shares¹	186	211	208	243	287	297	301	317	336	354	363	365

AMH has a short history as a publicly traded REIT, but funds-from-operation growth was extensive at the beginning of the trust's existence. AMH's funds-from-operation grew at a rate of 7.8% annually over the last five year as growth has slowed since 2013. We now forecast a 5% funds-from-operation growth annually through 2028.

AMH's quarterly dividend had amounted to \$0.05 per share since the trust's inception. That changed when the trust doubled its dividend for the March 31st, 2021 payment date and followed that up with an 80% increase for March 31st, 2022 distribution. Given the aggressive growth recently and the reasonable payout ratio, we project dividend growth will be 10% per year moving forward.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2028
Avg. P/FFO	---	30.1	22.9	19.3	21.8	19.6	21.9	23.5	32.1	19.6	21.2	21.0
Avg. Yld.	0.3%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%	0.8%	0.7%	0.9%	2.4%	2.5%	3.2%

¹ Share count in millions.

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Shares of the trust are down \$2, or 5.4%, since our July 29th, 2023 report. AMH has enjoyed a rich valuation since the beginning of its existence. With the stock trading at 21.2 times funds-from-operations, AMH's valuation is just above our target price-to-funds-from-operations of 21. Reverting to this valuation by 2028 would reduce annual returns by 0.2% over this period.

Investors often hold shares of REITs for the high yields. AMH is the rare name in the sector that has a very low yield. At 2.5%, the current yield is below that of the typical REIT stock, but this is above the average yield of the S&P 500 index.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

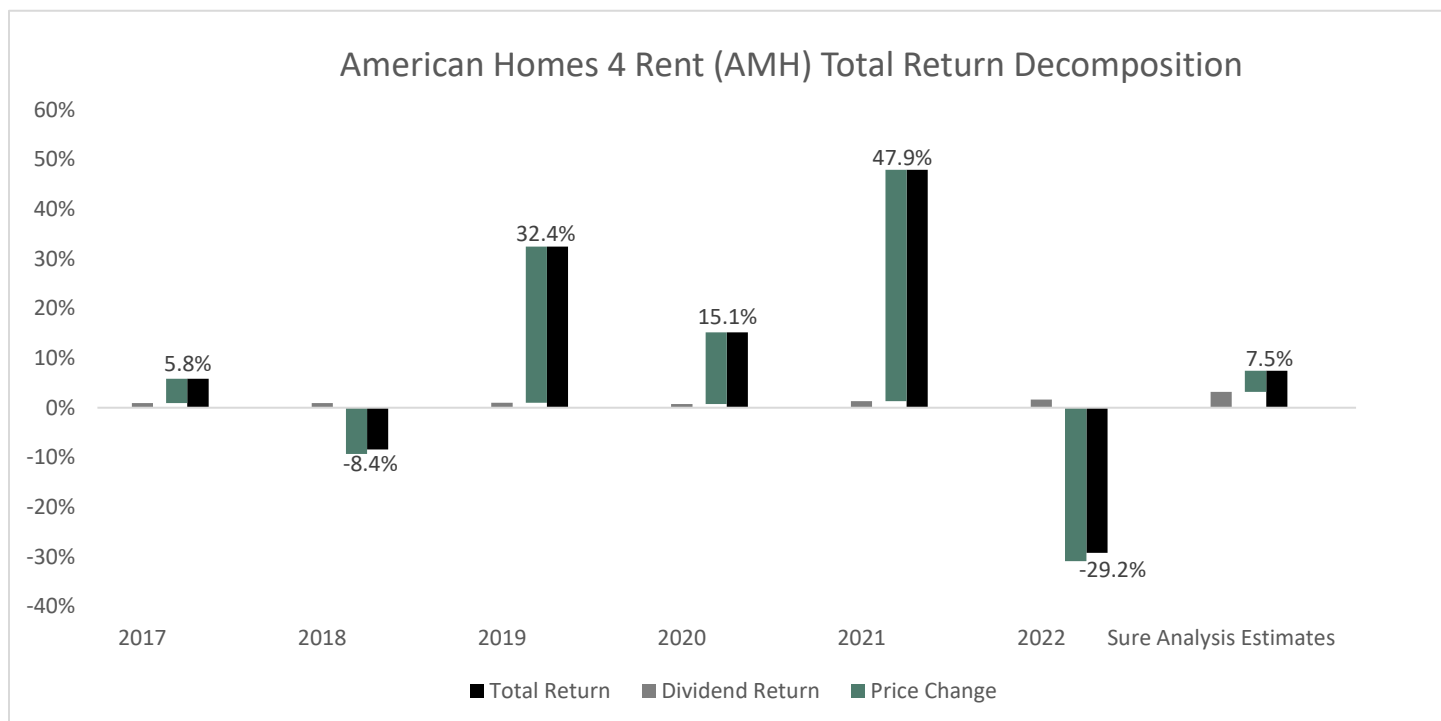
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2028
Payout	33%	35%	28%	21%	20%	19%	18%	17%	29%	47%	57%	67%

AMH was not publicly traded during the 2007 to 2009 recession so understanding the trust's ability to withstand an economic downturn is not possible. Even so, we believe that the trust would encounter some difficulty. Consumers would still need places to live, so occupancy rates could well remain high. We fear that rental rates would probably decline. AMH is one of the largest operators of single-family in the U.S., giving it a size and scale that is above most of its peer group.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

American Homes 4 Rent is expected to see total annual returns of 7.5% through 2028, up from our prior estimate of 6.1%. Our projected return stems from a 5% funds-from-operation growth rate and a starting yield of 2.5%, offset by a small headwind from valuation reversion. The trust once again saw strong growth metrics in its business. American Homes 4 Rent benefited from a high occupancy rate, an increase in rent and lease agreements, and a larger portfolio of houses. Guidance for 2023 was also raised once again. We reaffirm our five-year price target of \$44 due to estimates for the year, but maintain our hold rating on shares of American Homes 4 Rent 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	139	399	631	879	960	1,073	1,143	1,183	1,304	1,491
Gross Profit	65	214	337	491	536	585	623	643	717	826
Gross Margin	47.0%	53.7%	53.5%	55.8%	55.8%	54.6%	54.5%	54.3%	55.0%	55.4%
SG&A Exp.	16	25	27	33	35	37	43	49	56	68
Operating Profit	(22)	24	68	159	204	230	250	251	288	331
Op. Margin	-15.8%	6.0%	10.7%	18.1%	21.2%	21.4%	21.9%	21.2%	22.1%	22.2%
Net Profit	(32)	(48)	(62)	7	81	108	141	140	189	273
Net Margin	-23.2%	-12.0%	-9.9%	0.8%	8.4%	10.1%	12.3%	11.9%	14.5%	18.3%
Free Cash Flow	16	176	185	251	348	356	386	369	473	527

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Assets	4,224	6,227	6,751	8,107	8,609	9,001	9,100	9,594	10,962	12,175
Cash & Equivalents	149	109	58	119	46	30	38	137	48	69
Acc. Receivable	7	11	14	18	30	29	30	42	42	48
Goodwill & Int.	117	104	110	118	115	110	112	110	120	120
Total Liabilities	573	2,058	2,816	3,170	2,733	3,028	3,081	3,121	4,224	5,000
Accounts Payable	1	5	1	0	2	0	5	0	1	6
Long-Term Debt	442	1,850	2,594	2,923	2,476	2,804	2,833	2,817	3,880	4,516
Total Equity	2,935	3,450	3,259	4,193	5,149	5,252	5,335	5,789	6,059	6,496
LTD/E Ratio	0.15	0.54	0.80	0.70	0.48	0.53	0.53	0.49	0.64	0.70

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Return on Assets	-1.3%	-0.9%	-1.0%	0.1%	1.0%	1.2%	1.6%	1.5%	1.8%	2.4%
Return on Equity	-1.7%	-1.5%	-1.9%	0.2%	1.7%	2.1%	2.7%	2.5%	3.2%	4.4%
ROIC	-1.3%	-1.0%	-1.0%	0.1%	1.0%	1.3%	1.6%	1.5%	1.9%	2.4%
Shares Out.	186	211	208	243	287	297	301	317	336	354
Revenue/Share	1.12	2.03	2.99	3.76	3.63	3.65	3.81	3.85	4.01	4.26
FCF/Share	0.13	0.89	0.88	1.07	1.32	1.21	1.29	1.20	1.45	1.51

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

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