



Expeditors International of Washington Inc. (EXPD)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$119	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	-1.6%	Market Cap:	\$17.30 B
Fair Value Price:	\$92	5 Year Growth Estimate:	2.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	11/30/23
% Fair Value:	129%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	-5.0%	Dividend Payment Date:	12/15/23
Dividend Yield:	1.2%	5 Year Price Target	\$102	Years Of Dividend Growth:	28
Dividend Risk Score:	A	Retirement Suitability Score:	C	Rating:	Sell

Overview & Current Events

Expeditors is a global logistics company headquartered in Seattle, Washington. The company was founded in 1979 as a single-office ocean forwarder in Seattle. The company was publicly traded by 1984. Expeditors' services include the consolidation or forwarding of air and ocean freight, customs brokerage, vendor consolidation, cargo insurance, time-definite transportation services, order management, warehousing and distribution, and customized logistics solutions. Currently, the company has over 250 locations and ~17,500 employees worldwide. In 2022, the company reported \$17.1 billion in revenue. The company has a market capitalization of \$17.30 Billion, and the company has been growing its dividend for 28 consecutive years. The company is also part of the exclusive Dividend Aristocrats list, which has increased its dividends for 25 years or more.

On November 7th, 2023, EXPD reported third-quarter results for Fiscal Year (FY)2023. This company reported a decline in key financial metrics for Q3 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Diluted Net Earnings Attributable to Shareholders per share (EPS1) dropped 54% to \$1.16, with Net Earnings Attributable to Shareholders decreasing by 59% to \$171 million. Operating Income also saw a 59% decline to \$216 million, and Revenues contracted by 50% to \$2.2 billion. Both airfreight tonnage volume and ocean container volume experienced respective decreases of 14% and 15%.

Jeffrey S. Musser, President and CEO, acknowledged the anticipated continuation of decreased demand since H2 2022, citing ongoing challenges in the shipping industry, such as soft rates and excess capacity. Bradley S. Powell, CFO, expressed optimism in the first sequential quarterly growth in tonnage and volumes since Q3 2022. Powell highlighted the company's commitment to efficiency improvements, cost control, and aligning resources with transaction volumes. He also addressed an increase in overhead expenses, primarily due to indirect tax and contingency-related costs.

Expeditors, headquartered in Seattle, operates globally, providing logistics services in air and ocean freight, customs brokerage, cargo insurance, and more. Despite the challenging market conditions, the company remains focused on adjusting operations, maintaining financial strength, and returning value to shareholders, having repurchased over \$2 billion in stock and dividends over the past 12 months.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2028
EPS	\$1.68	\$1.92	\$2.40	\$2.36	\$2.69	\$3.48	\$3.39	\$4.07	\$8.27	\$8.26	\$5.12	\$5.65
DPS	\$0.60	\$0.64	\$0.72	\$0.80	\$0.84	\$0.90	\$1.00	\$1.04	\$1.16	\$1.34	\$1.38	\$1.68
Shares¹	207.0	197.0	190.0	182.0	182.0	178.0	174.0	171.0	169.0	169.0	169.0	169.0

Over the past ten years, the company has seen earnings grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 19.4%. It has decreased to 8.0% CAGR for the past five years. However, we see the economy slowing down; therefore, we expect the growth rate to slow down to about 2% for the foreseeable future. Net margin has expanded slightly from 8.6% in FY2021 to 7.9% in FY2022. This will help with to continue profit growth. EXPD has grown its dividend for 28 consecutive years, with a 10-year dividend growth rate of 9.3% and a five-year growth rate of 8.3%. We estimate future dividend growth to

¹ Shares count in millions.

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be 4% because of the earnings slow down. The company pays out dividends semi-annually. Most recent dividend increase was announced on May 2nd, 2023, with a dividend increase of 3%.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Now	2028
Avg. P/E	24.3	22.1	19.7	20.9	23	20	23	23.4	16.2	16.2	23.2	18.0
Avg. Yld.	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%	1.2%	1.7%

EXPD shares have always demanded a high P/E multiple, averaging 20.9x for the past ten years. However, we will use a PE of 18.0x for our fair value estimate due to the slower growth expected. The company has a current PE of 23.2x, which is based on our FY 2023 EPS estimate of \$5.12. This is higher than its own 5-year average PE of 19.8x. Thus, EXPD looks to be overvalued at the current price. The current dividend yield of 1.2% is in line with its past 10-year dividend yield average of 1.3%. While the dividend yield is not spectacular, it is very well covered with a payout ratio of 27% and the tendency to grow over time.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2028
Payout	35.7%	33.3%	30.0%	33.9%	31.2%	25.9%	29.5%	25.6%	14.0%	16.2%	27%	30%

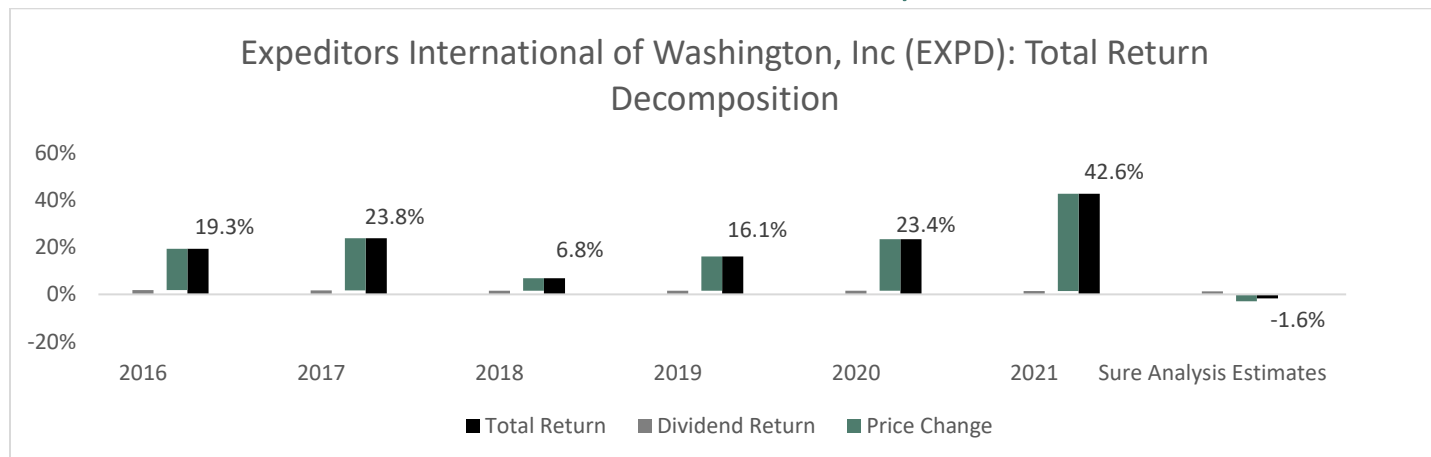
Expeditor's competitive advantage is the global footprint and an extensive network of shippers and carriers, which produce a substantial value that would be challenging to replicate for new entrants.

During the Great Recession, EXPD decreased by 19% in earnings from \$1.37 in 2008 to \$1.11 in 2009. However, EPS bounced right back up to \$1.59 in 2010. The company also grew its dividend during that period. There have been times when EPS came in lower than the previous year, like in 2012, 2016, and 2019. However, Expeditors adjusted and continued to grow earnings. EXPD has a strong balance sheet with a debt-to-equity ratio of only 0.2. The dividend is very safe; the dividend payout ratio has not passed 36% for the past ten years. Using Free Cash Flow, the company has a dividend payout of only 29%, which means that the dividend is very well covered with Free Cash Flow.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Expeditor has a long history of growing earnings and dividends. The company is expected to continue to grow its earnings for the foreseeable future and its dividend. We expect total negative return of $-(1.6)\%$ at the current valuation. However, since it is under our hold criteria of 3% or higher, we rate EXPD as a sell at the current price.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Revenue	\$6,080	\$6,565	\$6,617	\$6,098	\$6,921	\$8,138	\$8,175	\$10,116	\$16,524	17071
Gross Profit	\$704	\$764	\$896	\$851	\$883	\$1,020	\$997	\$1,163	\$2,165	2171
Gross Margin	11.6%	11.6%	13.5%	14.0%	12.8%	12.5%	12.2%	11.5%	13.1%	12.7%
SG&A Exp.	\$33	\$38	\$42	\$42	\$44	\$45	\$44	\$18	\$16	24
D&A Exp.	\$48	\$49	\$46	\$47	\$49	\$54	\$51	\$57	\$51	57
Operating Profit	\$552	\$595	\$721	\$670	\$700	\$797	\$767	\$940	\$1,909	1824
Operating Margin	9.1%	9.1%	10.9%	11.0%	10.1%	9.8%	9.4%	9.3%	11.6%	10.7%
Net Profit	\$349	\$377	\$457	\$431	\$489	\$618	\$590	\$696	\$1,415	1357
Net Margin	5.7%	5.7%	6.9%	7.1%	7.1%	7.6%	7.2%	6.9%	8.6%	8.0%
Free Cash Flow	\$354	\$330	\$522	\$470	\$394	\$525	\$725	\$607	\$832	2043
Income Tax	\$223	\$231	\$277	\$254	\$228	\$199	\$204	\$258	\$506	475

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Assets	\$3,015	\$2,891	\$2,566	\$2,791	\$3,117	\$3,315	\$3,692	\$4,928	\$7,610	5590
Cash & Equivalents	\$1,248	\$927	\$808	\$974	\$1,051	\$924	\$1,230	\$1,528	\$1,729	2034
Accounts Receivable	\$1,074	\$1,236	\$1,112	\$1,190	\$1,415	\$1,582	\$1,315	\$1,998	\$3,810	2108
Goodwill & Int. Ass.	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	8
Total Liabilities	\$928	\$1,019	\$871	\$944	\$1,123	\$1,327	\$1,495	\$2,264	\$4,112	2477
Accounts Payable	\$648	\$770	\$645	\$727	\$866	\$902	\$736	\$1,137	\$2,012	1109
Long-Term Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0
Shareholder's Equity	\$2,085	\$1,868	\$1,692	\$1,845	\$1,992	\$1,987	\$2,195	\$26,60	\$3,494	3110

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Return on Assets	11.7%	12.8%	16.8%	16.1%	16.6%	19.2%	16.9%	16.2%	22.6%	20.6%
Return on Equity	16.9%	19.1%	25.7%	24.4%	25.5%	31.1%	28.2%	28.7%	46.0%	41.1%
ROIC	16.9%	19.0%	25.6%	24.3%	25.5%	31.0%	28.2%	28.6%	45.9%	41.1%
Shares Out.	206.9	196.8	190.2	182.7	181.7	177.8	174.0	171.0	169.0	164.4
Revenue/Share	\$29.39	\$33.36	\$34.78	\$33.38	\$38.10	\$45.76	\$46.93	\$59.20	96.49	103.8
FCF/Share	\$1.71	\$1.68	\$2.75	\$2.57	\$2.17	\$2.95	\$4.16	\$3.55	4.86	12.4

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

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