



Oil-Dri Corporation of America (ODC)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$59	5 Year Annual Expected Total Return:	4.8%	Market Cap:	\$860.6 M
Fair Value Price:	\$50	5 Year Growth Estimate:	7.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	02/20/26
% Fair Value:	118%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	-3.3%	Dividend Payment Date:	03/06/26
Dividend Yield:	1.4%	5 Year Price Target:	\$70	Years Of Dividend Growth:	13
Dividend Risk Score:	C	Sector:	Consumer Staples	Rating:	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Oil-Dri Corporation (ODC) of America designs, produces, and markets sorbent products made from clay. Its absorbent goods include cat litter, floor products, animal toxin control agents, and agriculture chemical carriers. During the fiscal year 2022, the company employed 869 employees. The firm is divided into two business segments: Retail and Wholesale Products Group and Business to Business Products Group. Cat's Pride, Agsorb, Jonny Cat, Verge, Amlan, Ultra-Clear, and Pure-Flo are the brands under which the company's products are sold. The company serves several markets, including Pet Care, Fluids Purification, Industrial & Automotive, Animal Health & Nutrition, Agriculture & Horticulture, and Sports.

On December 8th, 2025, Oil-Dri Corporation of America announced its results for Q1 of fiscal year 2026, posting non-GAAP EPS of \$1.06 and revenues of \$120.49 million, which were down 5.8% year-over-year.

Oil-Dri Corporation of America reported first-quarter fiscal 2026 results that, while below last year's record-setting performance, underscored the durability of its business model. Net sales totaled \$120.5 million for the quarter, which was a 6% decline from the prior-year period, primarily due to lower volumes in fluids purification and cat litter following an exceptionally strong comparison. Even so, the company delivered the second-highest quarterly gross profit and net income in its history, highlighting the strength of its diversified portfolio. Agricultural products achieved all-time high net sales, and co-packaging cat litter revenues increased year over year, partially offsetting volume softness elsewhere.

Income from operations was \$17.0 million, down 20% compared to last year, but up 8% sequentially from the fourth quarter of fiscal 2025. EBITDA totaled \$23.6 million, a 10% year-over-year decrease and an 11% sequential improvement. Gross margins were 29.5%, reflecting lower volumes and a 3% increase in domestic cost of goods sold per ton, though margins improved compared to the prior two quarters. With \$42.4 million in cash, continued capital investments, shareholder returns, and disciplined cost management, management remains focused on long-term growth and sustained expansion.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	\$0.94	\$0.74	\$0.56	\$0.84	\$1.23	\$0.77	\$0.40	\$2.07	\$2.72	\$3.70	\$2.50	\$3.51
DPS	\$0.43	\$0.45	\$0.47	\$0.49	\$0.51	\$0.53	\$0.55	\$0.57	\$0.59	\$0.65	\$0.82	\$1.00
Shares¹	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.3	14.1	13.8	13.6	13.7	13.9	13.9	13.8

Oil-Dri is a leader in developing and marketing sorbent products. The robust nature of the company's performance in a challenging macro-environment can be attributed to its products' quality and customer base. The company has diversified sources of revenue with a large customer base, and no customer accounts for more than 10% of the total sales in the Business to Business Products Group.

Comparing this year to last, the domestic cost of goods sold per ton increased by 11% due to higher freight and non-fuel manufacturing costs, which include large labor, repair, and asset replacement expenditures. ODC has successfully passed on the cost pressures to customers, but there is still a way to go until they reach pre-pandemic levels. Therefore, we maintain our forecast as the company is well-positioned to keep posting solid results and forecasting a 7.0% growth in EPS

¹ In millions of shares

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through 2031. In addition, the company will be able to grow its dividends at a healthy pace in the future, and we have assumed a dividend growth rate of 4.0% for the next five years.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Now	2031
Avg. P/E	42.2	55.6	35.8	29.3	52.3	92.4	15.7	12.7	9.4	13.3	23.6	20.0
Avg. Yld.	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.6%	1.5%	1.6%	2.0%	1.1%	0.9%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%

Oil-Dri Corporation of America is trading at a forward P/E of 23.6, which is lower than the company's five-year average P/E of 28.7. We expect the multiple to further contract, and we have used a P/E of 20.0 as our fair value target for the stock in 2031, suggesting a target price of \$70.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

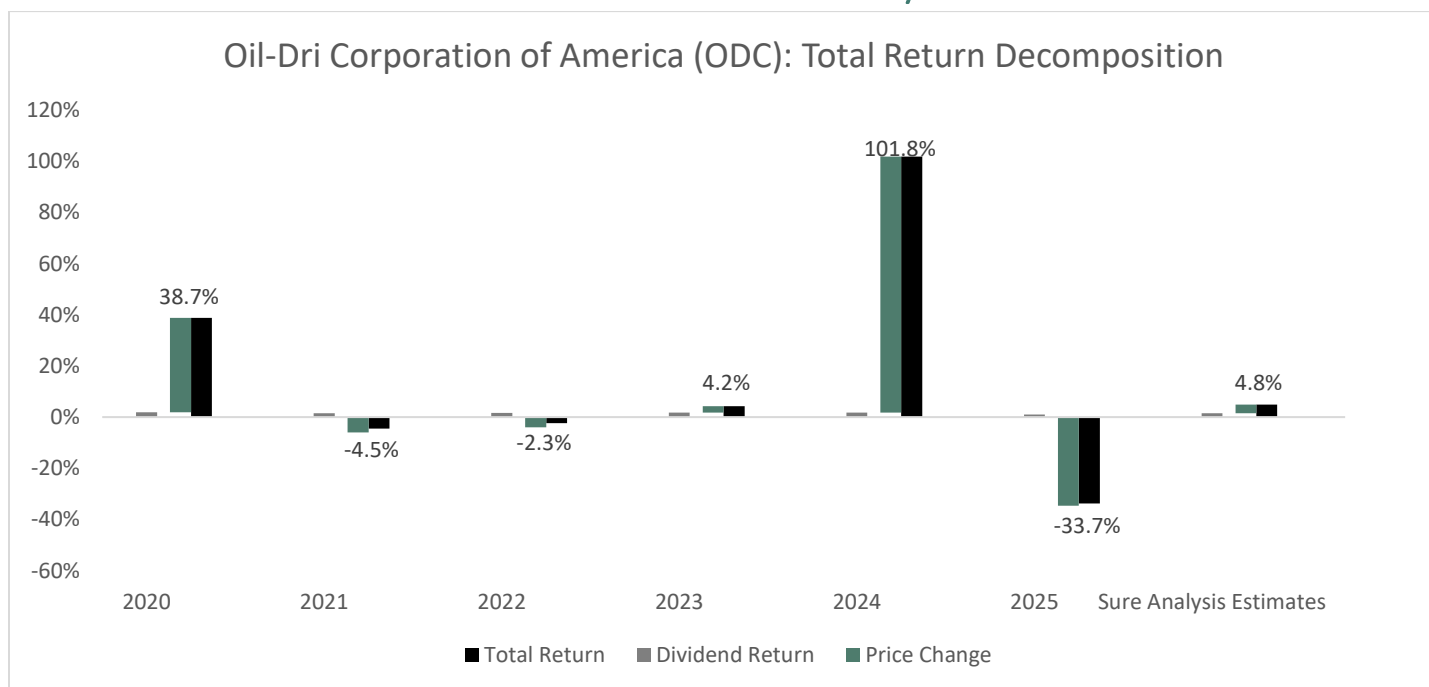
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	46%	61%	84%	58%	41%	69%	138%	28%	22%	18%	33%	28%

Oil-Dri has continued to invest in organic growth opportunities, including lightweight cat litter, animal health, and agricultural products, which has continued to drive demand for the company's products. The company is committed to providing returns to shareholders, and its five-year average payout ratio stands at 55%.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Oil-Dri has continued to post solid results despite the challenging macro-environment and is on its way to improving margins to pre-pandemic levels. The betterment in margins could cause an expansion in the stock's valuation. The global market for cat litter has expanded in recent years, and, given the substantial brand value of the company's products, we expect a healthy growth rate in the company's revenue in the coming years. Following the strong bull run of the stock, we assign a hold rating. This is premised upon the 4.8% annualized total returns for the medium-term, stemming from the forecasted earnings-per-share growth of 7.0%, the 1.4% dividend yield, and a valuation headwind.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	262	262	266	277	283	305	349	413	438	
Gross Profit	77	74	72	66	69	65	63	103	125	
Gross Margin	29.4%	28.1%	27.0%	23.7%	24.3%	21.4%	17.9%	24.9%	28.5%	
SG&A Exp.	62	58	56	55	57	52	52	62	73	
D&A Exp.	12	13	13	13	14	14	13	16	19	
Operating Profit	15	15	16	10	25	13	10	41	52	
Op. Margin	5.9%	5.8%	6.0%	3.8%	8.8%	4.3%	3.0%	9.9%	11.9%	
Net Profit	14	11	8	13	19	11	6	30	39	
Net Margin	5.2%	4.1%	3.1%	4.6%	6.7%	3.6%	1.6%	7.3%	8.9%	
Free Cash Flow	14	12	(4)	12	28	(5)	(13)	25	28	
Income Tax	1	4	7	2	4	2	0	5	10	

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Assets	205	213	195	205	236	228	250	286	355	
Cash & Equivalents	19	9	13	22	41	25	16	32	23	
Acc. Receivable	30	33	34	35	35	41	52	59	62	
Inventories	23	23	23	24	24	24	36	43	54	
Goodwill & Int.	14	13	13	12	12	11	5	5	42	
Total Liabilities	89	87	63	70	88	68	99	109	144	
Accounts Payable	7	10	7	8	13	9	13	17	15	
Long-Term Debt	15	12	9	6	10	9	33	32	51	
Total Equity	116	126	132	136	148	160	151	177	211	
LTD/E Ratio	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.22	0.18	0.24	

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Return on Assets	6.9%	5.2%	4.0%	6.3%	8.6%	4.8%	2.4%	11.0%	12.3%	
Return on Equity	12.0%	8.9%	6.4%	9.4%	13.3%	7.2%	3.7%	18.0%	20.3%	
ROIC	10.5%	8.0%	5.9%	8.9%	12.6%	6.8%	3.2%	15.1%	16.8%	
Shares Out.	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	8.7	17.7	
Revenue/Share	36.98	36.65	36.83	38.21	53.99	42.24	49.37	47.24	24.76	
FCF/Share	2.04	1.70	(0.62)	1.62	5.28	(0.72)	(1.84)	2.91	1.60	

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

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