



SEI Investments (SEIC)

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Key Metrics

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|-----------------------------|-------|--|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Current Price: | \$84 | 5 Year CAGR Estimate: | 16.3% | Market Cap: | \$10.3 B |
| Fair Value Price: | \$103 | 5 Year Growth Estimate: | 11.0% | Ex-Dividend Date: | 03/27/26 ¹ |
| % Fair Value: | 82% | 5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate: | 4.1% | Dividend Payment Date: | 04/23/26 |
| Dividend Yield: | 1.2% | 5 Year Price Target | \$173 | Years Of Dividend Growth: | 35 |
| Dividend Risk Score: | A | Sector: | Financials | Rating: | Buy |

Overview & Current Events

SEI Investments was founded in 1968 and over the last 50+ years has grown into a market capitalization of \$10.3 billion. SEI is a global provider of investment processing, investment management, and investment operations solutions for financial institutions and advisors. SEI has about \$1.6 trillion combined in assets under administration and management. The company should produce about \$2.6 billion in revenue this year.

SEI posted fourth quarter and full-year earnings on January 28th, 2026, and results were better than expected on both the top and bottom lines. Earnings were \$1.38 per share, which was three cents ahead of estimates. Revenue was up 9% year-on-year to \$608 million, which was over \$10 million better than expected.

Strength was seen in Private Banking, but management noted that revenue and margin expansion was seen across nearly all of its business segments. Looking forward, the management team sees strong growth in launches in ETFs and select alternative products where they feel SEIC has an edge.

SEI repurchased \$101 million of shares during the quarter, and \$616 million for the year. That was good for a ~6% reduction based upon the 2024 closing share count. The company raised its dividend by 6% to a new payout of \$1.04 annually in December of 2025, its 35th consecutive year of dividend increases.

We start 2026 with an estimate of \$5.70 in earnings-per-share, noting that 2025's earnings came in much better than expected, which will make growth this year tougher. We see no deterioration in the long-term prospects of earnings for SEIC, but rather a short-term roadblock.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

| Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2031 |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| EPS | \$2.03 | \$2.42 | \$3.14 | \$3.24 | \$3.00 | \$3.81 | \$3.81 | \$3.51 | \$4.41 | \$5.63 | \$5.70 | \$9.60 |
| DPS | \$0.54 | \$0.58 | \$0.63 | \$0.68 | \$0.72 | \$0.77 | \$0.83 | \$0.89 | \$0.95 | \$1.01 | \$1.04 | \$1.39 |
| Shares² | 159 | 157 | 159 | 154 | 146 | 138 | 134 | 131 | 127 | 122 | 117 | 100 |

From 2013 to 2019, SEI managed to double its earnings, and looking forward, we believe that strong growth can continue. SEI saw higher earnings-per-share in each year since 2011, until the COVID-impacted 2020. We are forecasting 11% earnings-per-share growth over the next five years as momentum remains strong. We see SEI achieving this result through continued revenue expansion as more customers adopt its SEI Wealth Platform, and its relatively newer IT services, as well as assets under management and advisement growth. We see mid-single-digit revenue growth as the primary driver of earnings going forward. SEI also buys back stock at low single-digit rates and is seeing margin expansion with its higher revenue. The key is revenue growth as SEI invests heavily in its future, and revenue growth has slowed.

SEI's dividend growth has been decent in recent years but it is not a high-income stock at this point. We see dividend growth going forward, but keep in mind that investors own SEI for the earnings growth potential, not for the yield, and

¹ Estimated date

² Share count in millions

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that is not going to change anytime soon. Indeed, the payout ratio remains very low and given how much SEI invests in its platform on a regular basis, in addition to share repurchases, we expect the payout ratio to remain fairly constant.

Valuation Analysis

| Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | Now | 2031 |
|-----------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Avg. P/E | 22.60 | 22.3 | 20.3 | 15.8 | 18.3 | 16 | 15.3 | 18.1 | 18.7 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 18.0 |
| Avg. Yld. | 1.2% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.2% | 1.3% | 1.3% | 1.4% | 1.4% | 1.2% | 1.2% | 1.2% | 0.8% |

SEI's price-to-earnings multiple is lower than our last report, and it is now trading at 14.7 times this year's earnings, which is well below our estimate of fair value at 18 times earnings. The stock's historical range is fairly narrow at 16 to 22 times earnings. We therefore see a meaningful positive impact from the valuation looking forward. The dividend is not a priority for SEI as it continues to spend cash on its products and services to fuel future growth. This is not a stock one owns for the yield, and its yield is quite close to that of the S&P 500.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

| Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2031 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Payout | 27% | 24% | 20% | 21% | 24% | 20% | 22% | 25% | 22% | 18% | 18% | 14% |

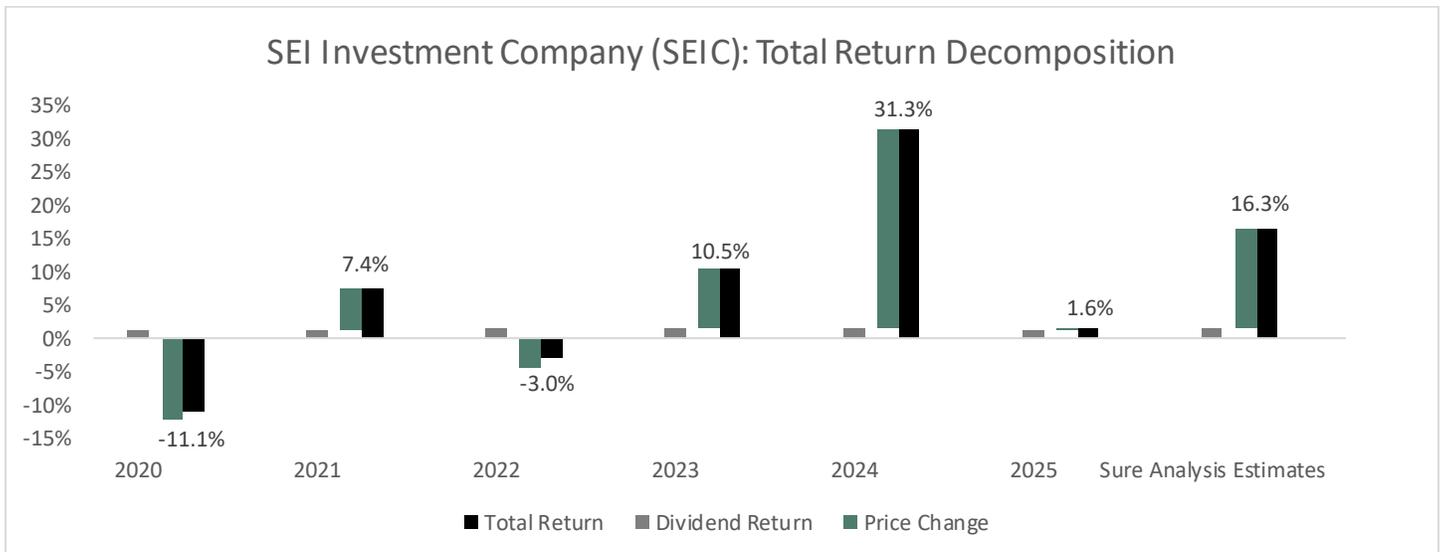
The payout ratio is very low as earnings-per-share expansion has outpaced dividend growth in recent years. There may come a time when the dividend is a significant source of returns, but SEI is understandably focused on growth today.

SEI's competitive advantage is in its platform and services, which allow it to drive efficiencies and lower risk for its clients. That does not make it immune from economic downturns, however, as the Great Recession dinged revenue and earnings meaningfully. Given the industry SEI serves, it is reasonable to expect material weakness during a recession, so that is something investors should consider. In addition, weak equity market performance is another headwind that comes up from time to time.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Overall, SEI looks like an undervalued stock with good growth potential. We are forecasting 16.3% total annual returns going forward, comprised of the 1.2% current yield, 11% earnings-per-share growth, and a 4.1% tailwind from the valuation. We're reiterating the stock at a buy after Q4 results. So long as assets in custody rise, SEI is a strong growth stock to consider owning.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

| Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Revenue | 1,402 | 1,527 | 1,624 | 1,650 | 1,684 | 1,918 | 1,991 | 1,920 | 2,125 | 2,303 |
| Gross Profit | 763 | 840 | 900 | 921 | 946 | 1,088 | 1,045 | 984 | 1,128 | 1,979 |
| Gross Margin | 54.5% | 55.0% | 55.4% | 55.8% | 56.2% | 56.7% | 52.5% | 51.3% | 53.1% | 85.9% |
| SG&A Exp. | 316 | 367 | 380 | 379 | 416 | 442 | 482 | 263 | 270 | --- |
| D&A Exp. | 72 | 76 | 78 | 81 | 84 | 93 | 88 | 74 | 75 | --- |
| Operating Profit | 376 | 397 | 442 | 460 | 446 | 553 | 476 | 425 | 552 | 633 |
| Operating Margin | 26.8% | 26.0% | 27.2% | 27.9% | 26.5% | 28.8% | 24.2% | 22.1% | 26.0% | 27.5% |
| Net Profit | 334 | 404 | 506 | 501 | 447 | 547 | 475 | 462 | 581 | 718 |
| Net Margin | 23.8% | 26.5% | 31.1% | 30.4% | 26.6% | 28.5% | 23.9% | 24.1% | 27.3% | 31.2% |
| Free Cash Flow | 352 | 373 | 515 | 468 | 410 | 581 | 492 | 388 | 622 | --- |
| Income Tax | 175 | 153 | 108 | 130 | 121 | 147 | 134 | 132 | 166 | 199 |

Balance Sheet Metrics

| Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total Assets | 1,637 | 1,853 | 1,972 | 2,151 | 2,167 | 2,354 | 2,384 | 2,520 | 2,685 | 3,260 |
| Cash & Equivalents | 696 | 744 | 755 | 841 | 785 | 825 | 853 | 835 | 840 | 434 |
| Accounts Receivable | 110 | 133 | 126 | 140 | 154 | 501 | 519 | 557 | 622 | --- |
| Goodwill & Int. Ass. | 296 | 392 | 406 | 389 | 360 | 429 | 408 | 460 | 484 | 723 |
| Total Liabilities | 334 | 377 | 379 | 413 | 427 | 494 | 430 | 388 | 432 | 556 |
| Accounts Payable | 6 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 13 | --- |
| Long-Term Debt | --- | 30 | --- | --- | --- | 40 | --- | --- | 24 | --- |
| Shareholder's Equity | 1,303 | 1,477 | 1,593 | 1,739 | 1,740 | 1,861 | 1,954 | 2,132 | 2,252 | 2,448 |
| LTD/E Ratio | --- | 0.02 | --- | --- | --- | 0.02 | --- | --- | 0.01 | 0.00 |

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

| Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Return on Assets | 20.7% | 23.2% | 26.5% | 24.3% | 20.7% | 24.2% | 20.1% | 18.9% | 22.3% | 24.0% |
| Return on Equity | 25.7% | 29.1% | 33.0% | 30.1% | 25.7% | 30.4% | 24.9% | 22.6% | 26.5% | 29.0% |
| ROIC | 25.7% | 28.8% | 32.6% | 30.1% | 25.7% | 30.0% | 24.7% | 22.6% | 26.5% | 28.7% |
| Shares Out. | 159 | 157 | 159 | 154 | 146 | 138 | 137 | 134 | 132 | 127 |
| Revenue/Share | 8.52 | 9.41 | 10.07 | 10.65 | 11.30 | 13.39 | 14.49 | 14.36 | 16.13 | 18.12 |
| FCF/Share | 2.14 | 2.30 | 3.19 | 3.02 | 2.75 | 4.05 | 3.58 | 2.90 | 4.72 | --- |

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

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