



# Home Depot (HD)

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## Key Metrics

<b>Current Price:</b>	\$353	<b>5 Year CAGR Estimate:</b>	6.8%	<b>Market Cap:</b>	\$360 B
<b>Fair Value Price:</b>	\$328	<b>5 Year Growth Estimate:</b>	6.0%	<b>Ex-Dividend Date<sup>1</sup>:</b>	03/12/2026
<b>% Fair Value:</b>	108%	<b>5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:</b>	-1.5%	<b>Payment Date<sup>1</sup>:</b>	03/26/2026
<b>Dividend Yield:</b>	2.6%	<b>5 Year Price Target</b>	\$439	<b>Years of Dividend Growth:</b>	17
<b>Dividend Risk Score:</b>	D	<b>Sector:</b>	Consumer Discretionary	<b>Rating:</b>	Hold

## Overview & Current Events

Home Depot was founded in 1978 and since that time has grown into a juggernaut home improvement retailer with over 2,300 stores in the US, Canada and Mexico that generate around \$165 billion in annual revenue. The stock has a market value of \$360 billion, making it one of the larger companies by market capitalization in the United States. It trades under the ticker symbol HD on the NYSE.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Home Depot completed its acquisition of SRS Distribution, a leading residential specialty trade distribution company, for an enterprise value of \$18.25 billion. This acquisition expanded Home Depot's total addressable market by \$50 billion to \$1 trillion.

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the company completed its acquisition of GMS Inc., a specialty building products distributor, for \$110 per share, for a total enterprise value of roughly \$5.5 billion. GMS merged into SRS, creating a network of over 1,200 locations and a fleet of over 8,000 trucks which could make 10,000+ jobsite deliveries per day.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Home Depot announced a 1.3% increase to the dividend to \$9.32 per share annualized.

Home Depot reported fourth quarter 2025 results on February 24th, 2026. The company posted sales of \$38.2 billion, a 3.8% decrease from the previous year, largely because the prior fiscal year included an extra week. Comparable sales in the quarter rose 0.4%. Net earnings equaled \$2.6 billion, or \$2.58 per share, compared to \$3.0 billion, or \$3.02 per share in Q4 2024. Adjusted EPS was \$2.72, down 3.5% from Q4 24 when excluding last year's extra week.

The average ticket price rose by 2.4% over last year, increasing from \$89.11 to \$91.28. However, the number of customer transactions fell 8.5% to 366.5 million.

As of the end of 3Q25, Home Depot had cash and cash equivalents amounting to \$1.389 billion.

Management initiated its guidance for 2026, expecting total sales growth of 2.5% to 4.5%, the addition of 15 new stores, and diluted EPS to increase by 0% to 4% from 2025.

## Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
<b>EPS</b>	\$6.45	\$7.46	\$9.73	\$10.25	\$11.94	\$15.53	\$16.69	\$15.11	\$14.91	\$14.23	<b>\$15.06</b>	<b>\$20.15</b>
<b>DPS</b>	\$2.76	\$3.56	\$4.12	\$5.44	\$6.00	\$6.60	\$7.60	\$8.36	\$9.00	\$9.20	<b>\$9.32</b>	<b>\$10.80</b>
<b>Shares<sup>2</sup></b>	1203	1158	1121	1088	1078	1058	1025	1002	994	995	<b>992</b>	<b>935</b>

Home Depot's earnings momentum has been enormous in the past decade as it has been able to fully capitalize on the housing and construction boom that ensued following the Great Recession. Then, in the depths of the COVID pandemic, business boomed as the demand for home remodeling and renovations surged. We see five-year annual earnings per share growth of 6.0%, consisting of comparable sales in the low single digits, a low single-digit tailwind from buybacks, a potential low single-digit tailwind from operating margin improvements, and acquisitions. Average ticket sales increases will also continue to add to the top line.

<sup>1</sup> Estimate based on last year

<sup>2</sup> In millions

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On the share repurchase front, Home Depot spent nearly \$8.0 billion and \$6.7 billion in 2023 and 2022, respectively. In August 2023, the company approved a \$15 billion share repurchase program. However, in 2024, it only repurchased \$649 million of its stock, as it spent a significant sum on its acquisition of SRS. And in 2025, it did not repurchase any of its shares, but it acquired GMS Inc.

The company's streak of meaningful dividend growth should continue, however, given the recent low increases, we now see the payout rising at only half the pace of earnings, reaching \$10.80 per share in five years. Home Depot's 2.6% yield is above its historic average. The company still has room to continue raising the payout in the years to come.

## Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Now	2031
Avg. P/E	20.3	21.6	19.4	21	23.5	24.2	19.6	19	24.3	25.3	23.5	21.8
Avg. Yld.	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%	2.0%	2.3%	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%

The share price of Home Depot has come down recently, but the stock still trades above our estimate of fair value. Shares trade for 23.5 times our earnings estimate for this year, while we see fair value at 21.8 times earnings. As a result, we see the potential for a valuation headwind.

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

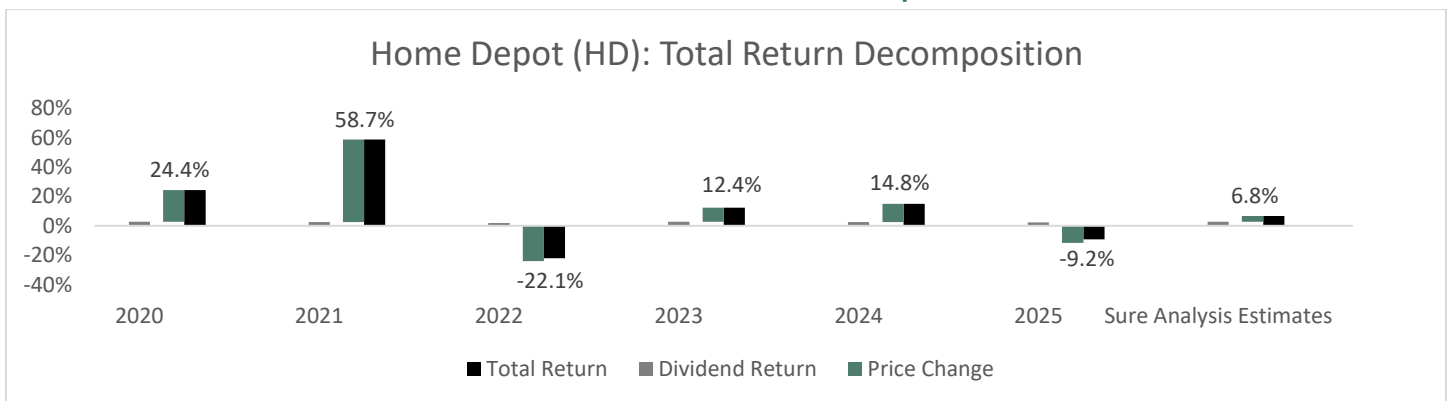
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	43%	48%	42%	53%	50%	42%	46%	55%	60%	65%	62%	54%

Home Depot's payout ratio is above half of earnings, and we expect it will remain in this range for the foreseeable future. Still, the dividend remains safe at this level, and it has room to grow in the future as earnings expand. Home Depot's competitive advantage is its enormous footprint, strong brand recognition and inventory variety. Supplanting its dominant position in home improvement will be extremely difficult for all comers, including rival Lowe's. The company is likely to suffer during a recession, but weakness would be a buying opportunity for long-term investors. With the coronavirus pandemic forcing many to stay home, home renovations is how many people spent their time, which was reflected in Home Depot's stock, seeing total returns of 24.4% in 2020 and 58.7% in 2021.

## Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Home Depot offers investors the chance to own a stock that is dominant in its industry with stable long-term earnings and dividend growth outlooks. The share price of HD has increased by 3% year-to-date, and it is now trading at 108% of our fair value estimate. We expect total annual returns of 6.8% going forward, consisting of the current 2.6% yield, and 6.0% earnings-per-share growth, partly offset by -1.5% P/E multiple contraction. HD maintains its hold rating.

## Total Return Breakdown by Year



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## Income Statement Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Revenue (\$B)</b>	83.18	88.52	94.60	100.90	108.20	110.23	132.11	151.16	152.67	159.51
<b>Gross Profit</b>	28,389	30,265	32,313	34,356	37,160	37,572	44,853	50,832	50,960	53,310
<b>Gross Margin</b>	34.1%	34.2%	34.2%	34.0%	34.3%	34.1%	34.0%	33.6%	33.4%	33.4%
<b>SG&amp;A Exp.</b>	16,280	16,801	17,132	17,864	19,513	19,740	24,447	25,406	26,600	28,750
<b>D&amp;A Exp.</b>	1,786	1,863	1,973	2,062	2,152	2,296	2,519	2,862	3,247	3761
<b>Operating Profit</b>	10,469	11,774	13,427	14,681	15,777	15,843	18,278	23,040	21,690	21,530
<b>Op. Margin</b>	12.6%	13.3%	14.2%	14.5%	14.6%	14.4%	13.8%	15.2%	14.2%	13.5%
<b>Net Profit</b>	6,345	7,009	7,957	8,630	11,121	11,242	12,866	16,433	15,140	14,810
<b>Net Margin</b>	7.6%	7.9%	8.4%	8.6%	10.3%	10.2%	9.7%	10.9%	9.9%	9.3%
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	6,800	7,870	8,162	10,134	10,723	11,009	16,376	14,005	17,950	16,320
<b>Income Tax</b>	3,631	4,012	4,534	5,068	3,435	3,473	4,112	5,304	4,781	4,600

## Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Total Assets</b>	39,946	41,973	42,966	44,529	44,003	51,236	70,581	71,876	76,530	96,120
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>	1,723	2,216	2,538	3,595	1,778	2,133	7,895	2,343	3,760	1,659
<b>Acc. Receivable</b>	1,484	1,890	1,570	1,604	1,640	1,738	2,550	2,901	3,328	4,903
<b>Inventories</b>	11,079	11,809	12,549	12,748	13,925	14,531	16,627	22,068	20,980	23,450
<b>Goodwill &amp; Int.</b>	1,353	2,102	2,093	2,275	2,252	2,254	7,126	7,449	8,455	28,460
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	30,624	35,657	38,633	43,075	45,881	54,352	67,282	73,572	75,490	89,480
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	5,807	6,565	7,000	7,244	7,755	7,787	11,606	13,462	10,040	11,940
<b>Long-Term Debt</b>	17,197	21,216	23,601	27,028	29,202	31,483	37,238	40,086	44,110	53,380
<b>Total Equity</b>	9,322	6,316	4,333	1,454	-1,878	-3,116	3,299	-1,696	1,044	6,640
<b>LTD/E Ratio</b>	1.84	3.36	5.45	18.59	-15.55	-10.10	11.29	-23.64	42.25	8.04

## Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Return on Assets</b>	15.8%	17.1%	18.7%	19.7%	25.1%	23.6%	21.1%	23.1%	19.8%	17.2%
<b>Return on Equity</b>	58.1%	89.6%	149.4%	298.3%	---	---	---	---	---	385.4%
<b>ROIC</b>	23.6%	25.9%	28.7%	30.6%	39.9%	40.4%	37.3%	41.6%	33.7%	28.15%
<b>Shares Out.</b>	1,346	1,283	1,234	1,184	1,143	1,097	1,078	1,058	1,002	993
<b>Revenue/Share</b>	61.79	68.99	76.66	85.22	94.67	100.48	122.55	142.87	152.36	160.64
<b>FCF/Share</b>	5.05	6.13	6.61	8.56	9.38	10.04	15.19	13.24	17.91	16.44

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

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