



ABB Ltd. (ABBNY)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$94	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	-6.2%	Market Cap:	\$173 B
Fair Value Price:	\$56	5 Year Growth Estimate:	2.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	3/24/2026 ¹
% Fair Value:	168%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	-9.8%	Dividend Payment Date:	5/7/2026
Dividend Yield:	1.3%	5 Year Price Target	\$62	Years Of Dividend Growth:	7
Dividend Risk Score:	D	Sector:	Industrials	Rating:	Hold

Overview & Current Events

On May 23rd, 2023, ABB changed its ticker from ABB to ABBNY because it was delisted from NYSE and was listed on an OTC (over-the-counter) market. ABB is a global provider of automation technologies and power solutions. It operates in more than 100 countries and has four business units: Electrification Products, Robotics & Discrete Automation, Motion and Industrial Automation. ABB is based in Switzerland, but domestic investors can initiate an ownership stake in the company through American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) that trade with a market capitalization of US\$173 billion under the ticker ABBNY.

In late April, ABB reported (4/22/26) financial results for the first quarter of fiscal 2026. Comparable revenue and orders grew 11% and 24%, respectively, over the prior year's quarter thanks to strong demand in the electrification segment, with particularly high demand from data centers. EBITDA margin expanded from 20.3% to 23.5% thanks to price hikes. Earnings-per-share grew 22%, from \$0.60 to \$0.73.

ABB improved its already strong guidance for 2026. It raised its guidance for growth of comparable revenue from 6%-9% to 8%-12% and still expects an improvement in the EBITDA margin. Management also expects a positive book-to-bill ratio, i.e., it expects backlog to increase this year. Thanks to strong order intake amid soaring demand from booming AI data centers, the stock has nearly doubled off its bottom about a year ago.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	\$0.88	\$1.25	\$1.33	\$1.24	\$0.98	\$2.25	\$1.30	\$2.01	\$2.13	\$2.59	\$3.50	\$3.86
DPS	\$0.75	\$0.76	\$0.81	\$0.79	\$0.83	\$0.85	\$0.88	\$0.92	\$0.96	\$1.03	\$1.22	\$1.35
Shares²	2139	2139	2135	2135	2071	2053	1881	1856	1846	1823	1810	1750

ABB's growth over the last decade has been far from compelling. The company faced a downturn due to the pandemic in 2020 but it has recovered strongly thanks to the recovery of the global economy. Moreover, ABB has a number of current growth opportunities that lead us to believe its future performance will be stronger than its historical track record. The Electrification segment, which generates 45% of the total revenues, seems to have the most promising prospects thanks to strong demand in key segments, such as data centers, rail, wind and electric vehicle infrastructure. Nevertheless, due to the high comparison base formed by the blowout earnings expected this year, we expect 2% average annual growth of earnings-per-share beyond this year.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Now	2031
Avg. P/E	22.9	23.5	17.3	16.0	23.8	15.0	22.5	18.2	24.9	24.1	26.9	16.0
Avg. Yld.	3.7%	3.1%	3.4%	4.0%	3.6%	2.5%	3.0%	2.5%	1.8%	1.7%	1.3%	2.2%

¹ Annual dividend.

² In millions.

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ABB has traded at an average price-to-earnings ratio of 20.8 over the last decade. With that said, this sample includes several years (2015-2017) in which the stock traded with an elevated P/E ratio. We believe that fair value for a company of ABB’s caliber lies somewhere around 16 times earnings. The stock is currently trading at a price-to-earnings ratio of 26.9 thanks to the enthusiasm of the market over record orders from AI data centers. If ABB trades at our estimated fair earnings multiple in five years, it will incur a -9.8% annualized drag in its returns.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	85.2%	73.8%	58.6%	63.7%	84.7%	37.8%	67.7%	45.8%	45.1%	39.8%	34.9%	35.0%

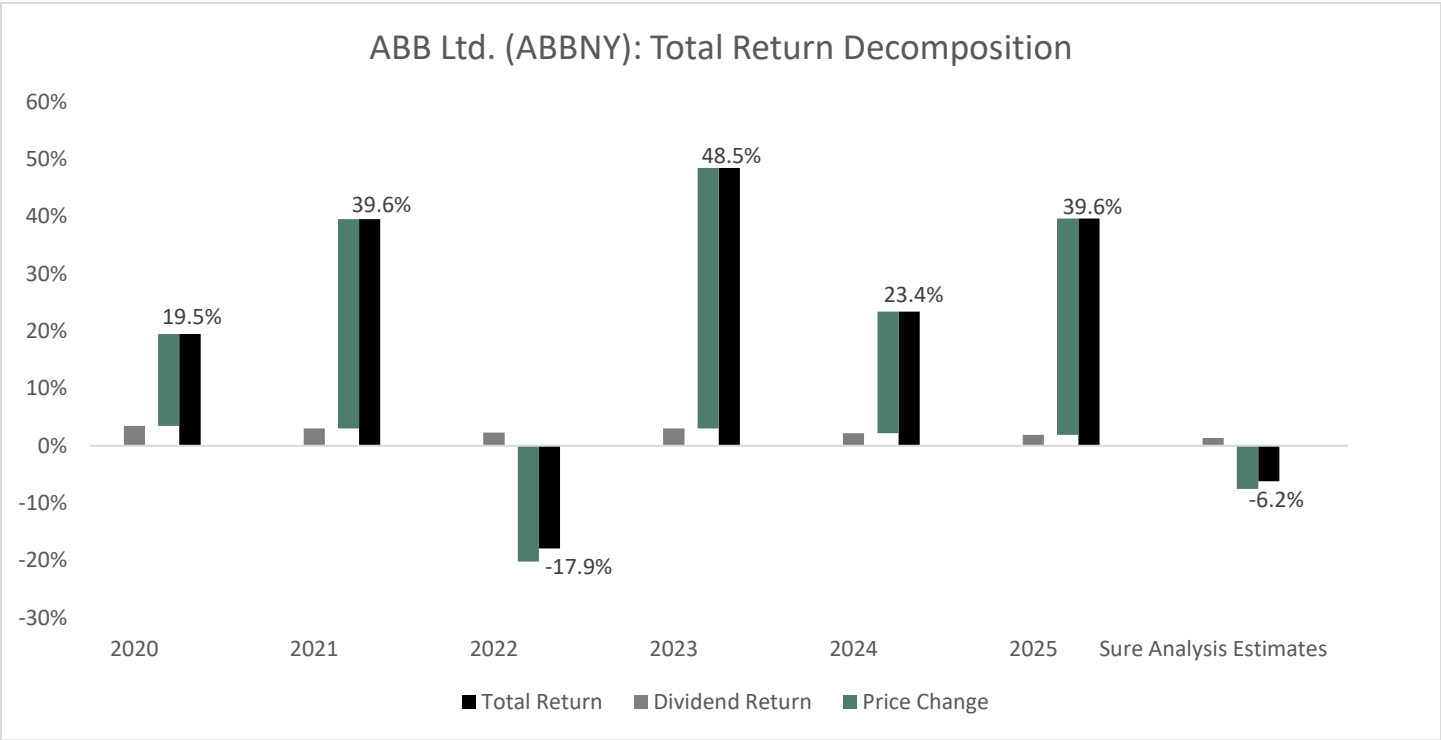
ABB has global businesses that are either the #1 or #2 player in attractive markets, with strong secular growth. The company expects its business markets to grow by 3.5%-4.0% per year on average over the long run. Thanks to its dominant position in its segments, ABB has a strong reputation and thus enjoys a significant competitive advantage over its peers.

Moreover, the company has a rock-solid balance sheet and pays negligible interest expense. On the other hand, the performance of ABB is greatly affected by economic growth, which is beyond its control. Due to this vulnerability, the stock tends to underperform the market during sell-offs. Consequently, only investors who can tolerate significant price pressure should consider this stock.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

ABB has a variety of appealing characteristics. It is a global business with leadership in many segments of the industrial sector. Moreover, it is thriving right now thanks to record orders from AI data centers. However, we are concerned over the volatile and unreliable business performance of ABB. The stock has more than tripled off its bottom in 2022 and hence it could offer a -6.2% average annual return over the next five years, as its 2.0% earnings growth and its 1.3% dividend may be offset by a -9.8% valuation drag. ABB maintains its hold rating.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	24929	25196	27662	27978	26,134	28,945	29,446	32,235	32,850	33,224
Gross Profit	7533	7846	8544	8906	7,878	9,467	9,710	11,214	12,274	13,392
Gross Margin	30.2%	31.1%	30.9%	31.8%	30.1%	32.7%	33.0%	34.8%	37.4%	40.3%
SG&A Exp.	4532	4765	5295	5447	4,895	5,162	5,132	5,543	5,708	6,627
D&A Exp.	870	836	916	961	915	893	814	780	802	817
Operating Profit	2034	2068	2102	2261	1,904	5,718	3,337	4,871	5,097	5,627
Op. Margin	8.2%	8.2%	7.6%	8.1%	7.3%	19.8%	11.3%	15.1%	15.5%	16.9%
Net Profit	1899	2213	2173	1439	5,146	4,546	2,475	3,745	3,935	4,673
Net Margin	7.6%	8.8%	7.9%	5.1%	19.7%	15.7%	8.4%	11.6%	12.0%	14.1%
Free Cash Flow	3211	3047	2152	1563	999	2,510	525	3,520	3,830	4,491
Income Tax	526	583	544	772	496	1,057	757	930	1,278	1,578

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Assets	39202	43458	44441	46108	41,088	40,260	39,148	40,940	40,357	44,885
Cash & Equivalents	3644	4526	3445	3544	3,278	4,159	4,156	3,891	4,311	6,621
Acc. Receivable	7293	5553	5970	6434	6,820	6,551	6,858	7,446	7,114	8,625
Inventories	4347	3737	4284	4184	4,469	4,880	6,028	6,149	5,859	5,862
Goodwill & Int.	11497	11961	13371	13077	12,928	12,043	11,917	11,784	11,603	10,756
Total Liabilities	25305	28109	29907	32128	25,089	24,303	25,876	26,794	25,297	28,226
Accounts Payable	4446	3736	4424	4353	4,571	4,921	4,904	4,847	5,036	5,210
Long-Term Debt	6803	7408	8618	9059	6,121	5,561	7,678	7,828	6,945	8,362
Total Equity	13395	14819	13952	13526	15,685	15,579	12,777	13,410	14,488	16,087
LTD/E Ratio	0.51	0.50	0.62	0.67	0.39	0.36	0.60	0.58	0.48	0.57

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Return on Assets	4.7%	5.4%	4.9%	3.2%	11.8%	11.2%	6.2%	9.4%	9.7%	11.0%
Return on Equity	13.6%	15.7%	15.1%	10.5%	35.2%	29.1%	17.5%	27.3%	26.9%	29.5%
ROIC	8.8%	10.2%	9.5%	6.2%	22.8%	20.8%	11.7%	17.4%	17.9%	19.2%
Shares Out.	2138.7	2138.7	2135.0	2135.0	2071.0	2053	1910	1867	1851	1831
Revenue/Share	11.57	11.73	12.93	13.10	12.33	14.34	15.42	17.27	17.75	18.15
FCF/Share	1.49	1.42	1.01	0.73	0.47	1.24	0.27	1.89	2.07	2.45

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

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