

Dave & Buster's Entertainment Inc.

NASDAQ:PLAY

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Sector: Consumer Discretionary

BUY

Price Target: \$51.78

Key Statistics as of 4/8/2016

Market Price:	\$38.83
Industry:	Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure
Market Cap:	\$1.63B
52-Week Range:	\$29.54-\$43.35
Beta:	N/A

Thesis Points:

- D&B has successfully rebranded themselves to compete with competitors
- Organic growth through promotions ran.
- Growth potential due to untapped markets in many states and overseas.
- Fastest growing segment, gaming, has best margins and is creating value.

Company Description:

Dave & Buster's Entertainment Inc. owns and operates high-volume venues that combine dining and entertainment in North America for both adults and families. The Company operates entertainment centers that offer a full menu of food and beverage items combined with a wide assortment of entertainment attractions, including skill and sports oriented redemption games.



Thesis

Dave & Buster's Entertainment Inc. (NASDAQ:PLAY) has a unique business model with the ability to eat and play under the same roof. They are backed by their slogan of Eat, Drink, Play, and Watch Sports! Despite having such unique characteristics, D&B only has 81 stores in 30 states. There is great growth potential for them to add new stores and continue to grow revenues. They are the best in class due to the unique model that they possess resulting in increasing margins and a competitive advantage over their competitors. At a price of \$38.83, Dave & Buster's is considered a BUY. With a one-year target of \$51.78, an upside potential of 33.3% can be seen

Porter's 5 Forces

Threat of New Entrants: Low

There is a high capital requirement that is needed to open stores and fund operations. Also, there is the capital needs to operate at the beginning when times are slow. Customers will start going to a new restaurant if it has a recognizable brand name or by advertisement. A reputation has to be built up that the company has good service.

Bargaining Power of Suppliers: Low

There is a multitude of suppliers with regards to food, TVs and other electronic entertainment. This has them competing against each other to be the supplier for the company. There are substitutes readily available if an individual supplier is no longer used.

Threat of Substitute Products: High

There is no cost to the buyer by switching where they want to eat. Also, substitutes such as fast food is cheaper than the prices that would be paid at Dave & Buster's.

Bargaining Power of Buyers: Medium

When choosing a place to go out to eat, buyers have a multitude of places that they can choose from. The reason that this is medium is because the product differentiation that D&B has. They are one of the only companies to offer both food and gaming in the same establishment.

Competitive Rivalry: High

Any restaurant, whether it is a chain or family owned, is competing for the same customers as D&B. Though having entertainment through gaming adds product

differentiation, D&B is now competing with other forms of leisure. This could be movie theaters or other arcades.

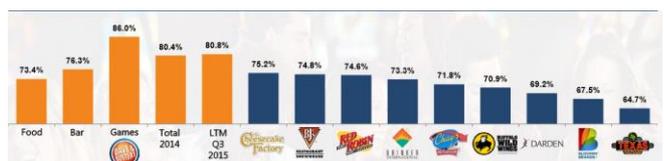
Re-Branding

The original motto of Dave & Buster's was Eat, Drink and Play! This slogan left individual's view of D&B that it was just an arcade for adults. Though D&B has a unique business model of combining food and leisure, it still has the aspects of a sports bar. In the bar/restaurant section of the establishment, there is a wall of TVs. This can be expected from any sports bar. The problem is that individuals would not know that the big fight is on at D&B unless they have been there before. Even then they might not know depending on whether they even went into the bar section. To help themselves better compete with sports bars, D&B has a new slogan. Eat, Drink, Play, and Watch Sports! This has helped D&B better compete with sports bars as their revenues have increased since introducing this slogan.



Value Creation

D&B has better margins than their competitors due to the addition of gaming. With the arcade sales now surpassing that of food & beverage, D&B has seen improving margins. For the past year, arcade sales consisted of 53% of all revenues. This is up from 2011 when the arcade only consisted of 49% of all revenues. The profit margins that comes from games is 86% while the margins from food is 73%. This equates to total profit margins of around 81%. This is much higher than any other of their competitors.



This is the main value creator for D&B, their segment with the greatest margins, games, is growing faster than any other segment. Despite D&B making a push to be seen as a sports bar, this trend of game revenues growing faster than food revenue is most likely to continue. The

reason is people go to D&B for the product differentiation that they possess. They are able to eat, drink, play games and watch sports all in the same establishment. People will continue to go to D&B because of the arcade that is possess with the newest and the customer's favorite games that D&B has. They will go even if they do not eat. Contrary, no one goes to eat at D&B without playing any of their games.

Growth Potential

Despite D&B having a competitive niche in the market, they are far from their total potential. They currently have 81 stores in 30 different states and Canada. None of these stores are franchised and all are company owned.



In the past, D&B has not grown as fast as they liked with the introduction of new stores. They are fairly optimistic on their future of further growth due to the past success the company has seen. In 2014, 18 new stores were opened. This was over 22% of their total stores in one year. For this upcoming year, they have 19 leases signed and already 5 new stores under construction. Going into the future, D&B has identified 200 spots for new stores in North America alone. This has been done without the untapped potential that is international stores. With D&B's aggressive growth, they will continue to improve margins not only through the arcade growing segment but economies of scale.

Promotions

As started earlier, consumers hold a lot of power when choosing where to eat. D&B runs a multitude of promotions to try and get a wide range of customers into their stores. This promotions include: half-priced games on Wednesday, Eat and Play combos, unlimited wings first three Sundays of NFL action, as well as a variety of events that the stores themselves host. This is a ploy in getting the customer to return to the store. Another

promotion that they run is that if the customer spends \$23 on games, they can come spin the wheel. The wheel includes different prizes as well as coupons for games. These are ways that D&B has been successful in getting their customers to return to their store.

Competitors

As discussed prior, D&B has better margins than any of their competitors. Their margins have continued to grow due to their gaming segment being the fastest growing segment. Despite D&B's aggressive expansion, they have continued to improve on same-store sales. With the passing of every year, a new high in same-store sales is achieved. 2015 was no different for D&B as they posted an 8.9% for same-store sales. This is much higher than their competitors such as Buffalo Wild Wings, who had a 4.2% same-store sales. The competitor with the next closest margins to D&B, Cheesecake Factory, only had a 2.6% same-store sales. Not only has D&B have the highest margins but, are having success in stores once they are open. This shows organic growth for them.

Conclusion

At a price of \$38.83, Dave & Buster's is considered a BUY. Their ability to rebrand has left them able to compete with other foods services, more specifically sports bars. They have growth potential due to a number of potential store and due to a possible international presence. Lastly, D&B has continued to beat out competitors in margins and same-store sales and are creating value due to their fastest growing gaming segment.

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Current Price: **\$38.83**

Intrinsic Value: **\$45.80**

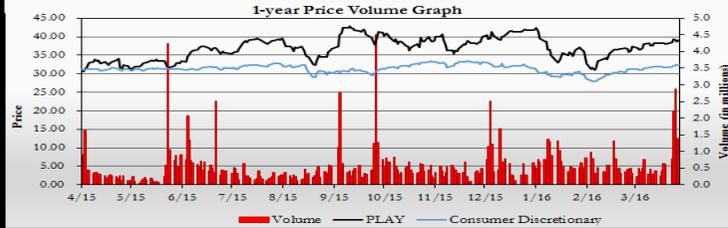
Target 1 year Return: **33.34%**

4/8/2016

Divident Yield: **0.0%**

Target Price: **\$51.78**

Probability of Price Increase: **99%**



Description	
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General Information	
Sector	Consumer Discretionary
Industry	Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure
Last Guidance	November 3, 2015
Next earnings date	NM
Estimated Country	Risk Premium 7.29%
Effective Tax rate	40%
Effective Operating Tax rate	35%

Market Data	
Market Capitalization	\$1,625.42
Daily volume (mil)	1.42
Shares outstanding (mil)	41.67
Diluted shares outstanding (mil)	42.78
% shares held by institutions	55%
% shares held by investments Managers	72%
% shares held by hedge funds	12%
% shares held by insiders	1.34%
Short interest	9.21%
Days to cover short interest	5.70
52 week high	\$43.35
52-week low	\$29.54
Levered Beta	
Volatility	0.00%

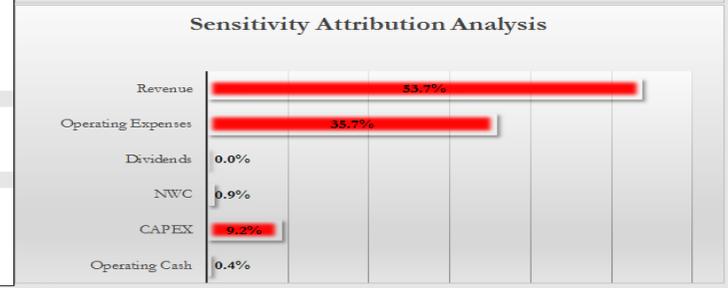
Past Earning Surprises	
Quarter ending	Revenue
2/1/2015	1.38%
5/3/2015	2.74%
8/2/2015	6.38%
11/1/2015	3.97%
1/31/2016	2.12%
Mean	3.32%
Standard error	0.9%

EBITDA	
2/1/2015	1.70%
5/3/2015	7.05%
8/2/2015	11.95%
11/1/2015	5.89%
1/31/2016	6.90%
Mean	6.70%
Standard error	1.6%



Management	
King, Stephen	Chief Executive Officer and President and Chief Operatin
Beale, Dolf	Chief Financial Officer and
Jenkins, Brian	Chief Financial Officer and
Metzinger, Michael	Vice President of Accounting
Tobin, Jay	Senior Vice President, Gener
Gleason, John	Chief Marketing Officer and

Total compensations growth	
per annum over 4y	N/M
per annum over 3y	N/M
per annum over 4y	N/M
per annum over 1y	N/M
per annum over 1y	N/M



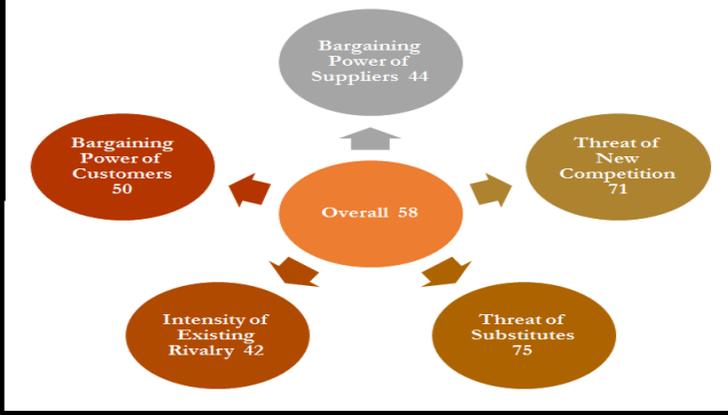
Profitability	
ROIC	11.5%
NOPAT Margin	14%
Revenue/Invested Capital	0.83
ROE	15.7%
Adjusted net margin	12%
Revenue/Adjusted Book Value	1.28

Industry (LTM)	
ROIC	27.55%
NOPAT Margin	12.7%
Revenue/Invested Capital	2.17
ROE	34.60%
Adjusted net margin	10.9%
Revenue/Adjusted Book Value	3.17

Invested Funds	
Total Cash/Total Capital	2.1%
Estimated Operating Cash/Total Capital	2.1%
Non-cash working Capital/Total Capital	-4.7%
Invested Capital/Total Capital	100.1%

Industry (LTM)	
Total Cash/Total Capital	17%
Estimated Operating Cash/Total Capital	N/A
Non-cash working Capital/Total Capital	-42%
Invested Capital/Total Capital	86%

Porter's 5 forces (scores are out of 100)



Revenue growth	
Base Year	16.1%
1/31/2017	13.2%
1/31/2018	12.2%
1/31/2019	11.1%
1/31/2020	10.1%
1/31/2021	9.1%
1/31/2022	8.1%
1/31/2023	7.1%
1/31/2024	6.1%
1/31/2025	5.0%
1/31/2026	4.0%
Continuing Period	3.0%

Valuation	
NOPAT margin	
Base Year	13.8%
1/31/2017	11.5%
1/31/2018	11.6%
1/31/2019	11.5%
1/31/2020	11.6%
1/31/2021	11.6%
1/31/2022	11.5%
1/31/2023	11.4%
1/31/2024	11.4%
1/31/2025	11.3%
1/31/2026	11.2%
Continuing Period	11.2%

Invested Capital	
Base Year	\$864.44
1/31/2017	\$878.92
1/31/2018	\$903.22
1/31/2019	\$940.81
1/31/2020	\$1,040.17
1/31/2021	\$1,215.09
1/31/2022	\$1,361.18
1/31/2023	\$1,546.08
1/31/2024	\$1,746.23
1/31/2025	\$1,963.22
1/31/2026	\$2,148.87
Continuing Period	

ROIC/WACC	
Base Year	1.41
1/31/2017	1.16
1/31/2018	1.19
1/31/2019	1.19
1/31/2020	1.20
1/31/2021	1.18
1/31/2022	1.19
1/31/2023	1.14
1/31/2024	1.15
1/31/2025	1.16
1/31/2026	1.21
Continuing Period	1.39

Net Claims	
Base Year	\$790.33
1/31/2017	\$830.23
1/31/2018	\$894.98
1/31/2019	\$962.60
1/31/2020	\$1,031.52
1/31/2021	\$1,058.17
1/31/2022	\$1,174.35
1/31/2023	\$1,174.48
1/31/2024	\$1,153.15
1/31/2025	\$1,107.77
1/31/2026	\$1,036.19

Price per share	
Base Year	\$45.80
1/31/2017	\$50.80
1/31/2018	\$56.13
1/31/2019	\$61.84
1/31/2020	\$67.97
1/31/2021	\$74.47
1/31/2022	\$81.28
1/31/2023	\$88.55
1/31/2024	\$96.08
1/31/2025	\$103.84
1/31/2026	\$111.47