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Tech Data: (TECD)

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Sector: Information Technology Industry: Electronic Equipment

Current Price: \$74.79 Target Price: \$59.25

#### **Company Description:**

Tech Data Corporation distributes technology products. They provide logistical services for companies worldwide. As one of the largest wholesale distributors of technology products, TECD has large distribution channels set up over the globe, and although US based, Europe is their primary market with 61% of sales.



#### **SHORT**

Current Price: \$74.79

Target Price: \$59.25

Market Cap: 2.89 B

Key LTM Data						
	TECD	Peers				
NOPAT Margin	0.4%	1.1%				
Adj. NI Margin	0.4%	0.9%				
ROIC	3.75%	4.2%				
ROE	4.90%	5.2%				
Total Debt/Capital	34.42%	30.3%				
Kd	5.60%	6.16%				
Credit Quality Rating	BBB-	BBB-				
Ke	15.60%	14.17%				
WACC	11.80%	11.23%				

#### Thesis:

TECD is in a unique situation. They seem to be a good company in a positive industry, but they may have come across some bad luck with their business. Looking at Balance Sheet items like inventories and a freshly declining cash balance, the short term outlook is quite negative. I believe that TECD can turn this around, but the market is currently overvaluing this stock given its recent volatility.

\*This will improve the value of the company in the long run which I believe will happen, but there is a short term opportunity to sell short TECD stock

# Catalysts:

- Short Term:
- Consumer Uncertainty
- \*Long Term: Balance Sheet items improve, showing a stronger business





### **Earnings Performance:**

TECD grew revenues in 2017 by 40.2%. This was after two poor years of performance. So far TCD has not kept up with projected earnings and this has accounted for part of their drop in market cap. Taking a closer look at the table below, you can see Cash from operations drop roughly 30%. This has shown how the first part of 2018 has been a poor showing for the company. Even more importantly their Net Income Margin has remained almost unchanged over 4 years. After researching the company, it seems as though their company is spread too far and is spending to much on their operations. Revenue for the twelve months eding on



1/31/18 were at 36,775. EBITDA was a measly 655.4. This shows an extraordinary amount of COGS and other expenses. This has all impacted their cash flow, which is discussed in depth later. For now, note that TECD had expanded in their prior boom year, and as their revenues have decreased which has killed their cash flow. TECD is spending too much to continue their operations and this is destroying value. For the company.

### Analyzing the Balance Sheet:

One sign of a struggling company is their cash deposits. While they hit a record high in the beginning of 2017, but they used a lot of this to finance a 2.6 billion dollar acquisition which allows them to boost their revenues, This has now created an issue because this larger business requires more capital to run, and without margins improving to help mitigate the added costs, the cash reserves are being used as a short term cap for this issue. While this one period decline can't be determined as a trend, in the short term, the risk associated with TECD will be increased due to a declined cash base, which can help reduce the company's risk profile. For Tech Data, they have a real issue that needs to be solved.





In Millions of USD except Per Share	2013 Y	2014 Y	2015 Y	2016 Y	2017 Y	2018 Y
12 Months Ending	01/31/2013	01/31/2014	01/31/2015	01/31/2016	01/31/2017	01/31/2018
Total Assets						
+ Cash, Cash Equivalents & STI	340.6	570.1	543.0	531.2	2,125.6	955.6
+ Cash & Cash Equivalents	340.6	570.1	543.0	531.2	2,125.6	955.6
+ ST Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
+ Accounts & Notes Receiv	3,215.9	3,215.7	2,812.0	2,995.1	3,047.9	5,783.7
+ Accounts Receivable, Net	3,215.9	3,215.7	2,812.0	2,995.1	3,047.9	5,783.7
+ Notes Receivable, Net	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
+ Inventories	2,254.5	2,450.8	1,959.6	2,117.4	2,118.9	3,065.2

In addition to the cash issue inventory levels have increased dramatically. While this could be expected for a wholesale distributor growing in size, the growth in finished goods in inventory has seemed to be at a high rate, which may explain the decline in sales revenue. In my opinion, these factors seem to create doubt that TECD will show positive value creation, and therefore a increase in stock price in the short term. This doubt shows why I fee this stock should be shorted.

### Cost of Capital:

From the first page of this analysis you saw my cost of capital for the company. In my opinion a cost of debt of 5.6% is too low. In my evaluation, assumed that given their declining cash reserve, their liquidity ratios would be sub-par, pushing

Kd	5.60%	
Credit Quality Rating	BBB-	
Ke	15.60%	I
Ke WACC	11.80%	

there credit rating to even lower levels. This would have a tremendous impact on the company, due to their sensitivity to the discount rate used in a basic valuation of the company.

Shown below is TECD's ROIC/WACC. This number has declined in the past 12 months due their sales revenue drop. This has further destroyed value for the company and needs to be reversed quickly if the company hopes to increase stock prices. Going off of the previous paragraph, if there WAC were to increase in the coming months, due to their declining financials, they may even destroy more value, which wouldn't be good after their large acquisition already stretching them thin.

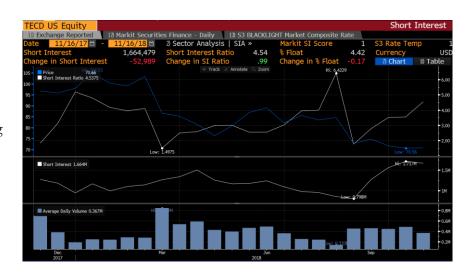
ROIC /WACC						
	History	LTM				
TECD	0.69	0.66				
Competitors	0.68	0.56				
Target	0.59					





# **Existing Short Interest:**

Currently Short Interest has increased, which reflects the doubts that I have in the company. I think that this will continue in the coming weeks, due to the weakening of TECD's financials, and the market not properly adjusting for it. I feel that this firm has issues that will push the price down soon, and the outside macro factors will currently be of no help to TECD.



# A Look at TECD's Investing:

First and foremost the company's goodwill has almost increased five-fold in the past year. I feel that their acquisition of Avnet's Tech solution has overpriced, which they are feeling now. As a result of the over payment, TECD wasted cash and stock, used t purchase this segment. As the initial surge helped them, they are now left trying to recoup their investment, which may not happen for some time. This is another uncertainty that raises the risk level of TECD.

In Millions of USD except Per Share	2015 Y		2016 Y		2017 Y		2018 Y	
12 Months Ending	01/31/20	15	01/31/20	16	01/31/20	17	01/31/20	18
	318.0	100.0%	310.0	100.0%	199.0	100.0%	969.2	100.0%
Americas	8.8	2.8%	35.6	11.5%	19.6	9.8%	488.8	50.4%
<b>Lil</b> Europe	309.2	97.2%	274.4	88.5%	179.5	90.2%	395.4	40.8%
APAC	_		_		_		85.0	8.8%
	6,136.7	100.0%	6,358.3	100.0%	7,931.9	100.0%	12,652.6	100.0%
<b>Lil</b> Europe	4,187.3	68.2%	4,279.8	67.3%	4,693.7	59.2%	7,158.1	56.6%
	1,949.4	31.8%	2,078.4	32.7%	3,238.2	40.8%	4,925.6	38.9%
APAC	_		_		_		569.0	4.5%
Long-Term Assets	63.1	100.0%	66.0	100.0%	74.2	100.0%	_	
<b>Lil</b> Europe	39.0	61.8%	36.6	55.5%	38.7	52.1%	_	
<u>Id</u> Americas	24.1	38.2%	29.4	44.5%	35.6	47.9%	_	
<b>11</b> ▼ Depreciation and Amortization	68.7	100.0%	57.3	100.0%	54.4	100.0%	150.0	100.0%
Americas	16.7	24.2%	18.2	31.9%	18.8	34.6%	84.3	56.2%
<u>III</u> Europe	52.1	75.8%	39.0	68.1%	35.6	65.4%	57.8	38.5%
APAC	_		_		_		8.0	5.3%

We should also look into TECD's efficiency problem. Take it for what you will, but they have a leading revenue geographic segment in Europe. However, Revenue for the Americas was 43.4% of the company's





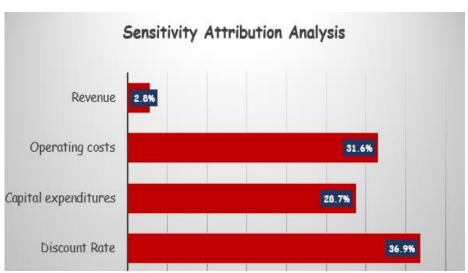
total, but America's Operating Income represented 56.5%. While they have increased their asset base in America more, They have also entered the speculative segment of APAC, which could be a large drain on their operating efficiency. There are many issue with TECD, from financials, to management and beyond.

▼ Revenue	27,670.6 100.0%	26,379.8 100.0%	26,234.9 100.0%	36,775.0 100.0%
Europe	17,264.4 62.4%	16,023.1 60.7%	15,850.4 60.4%	19,713.9 53.6%
Americas	10,406.2 37.6%	10,356.7 39.3%	10,384.5 39.6%	15,950.0 43.4%
APAC	_	_	_	1,111.1 3.0%
→ Operating Income	267.6 100.0%	401.4 100.0%	291.9 100.0%	410.1 100.0%
Americas	145.1 51.6%	235.6 56.6%	144.2 47.2%	248.4 56.5%
Europe	136.2 48.4%	180.7 43.4%	161.6 52.8%	173.6 39.5%
APAC	_	_	_	17.5 4.0%
Stock-based compensation exp	-13.7	-14.9	-13.9	-29.4

#### **Conclusion:**

TECD has a short term that seems pretty shaky and the market will soon react to their weakening financials. Whether through a hike in their cost of debt, or through investor panic, and a demand for a higher return for the added business risk.

For my alternative scenario, kept the cost of borrowing at its current level as given in the proforma. For my base case, I increased the cost of borrowing to 7%, which I feel more properly reflects the company. For keeping the Kd the same for the alternative case, I ended up with a upside of 34%, still a grim outlook on the stock moving forward.



TECD will drop in value in the ear future, and if able we need to closely look at shorting the wholesale distributor as it may be temporarily over valued by the greater part of the market. They still hold a bullish mentality given the previous years, but the time has come that speculative stock will drop due to lacking financials, just like TECD may.

