

Boyd Gaming (BYD)

\$86.60 (Stock Price as of 12/26/2025)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$88.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 09/25/25)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM: B

Value: A

Growth: D

Momentum: A

Summary

Shares of Boyd Gaming have outperformed the industry in the past year. In third-quarter 2025, both earnings and revenues topped the Zacks Consensus Estimate, aided by strength from core customers and ongoing expansion initiatives. Its online division, Boyd Interactive, continues to perform well, prompting management to lift 2025 EBITDAR guidance for the segment to \$60 million. Looking ahead, the company plans to emphasize property enhancements and targeted investments to drive sustainable growth. Still, results were held back by ongoing weakness in the destination business, with softness at the Orleans and Downtown Las Vegas tied to lower visitation and pedestrian activity. And while the online segment remains a growth driver, the sale of Boyd's 5% stake in FanDuel has reduced its exposure to the rapidly expanding sports betting market.

Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$88.49 - \$58.94
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	814,709
Market Cap	\$6.8 B
YTD Price Change	19.4%
Beta	1.24
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.72 / 0.8%
Industry	Gaming
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 26% (178 out of 243)

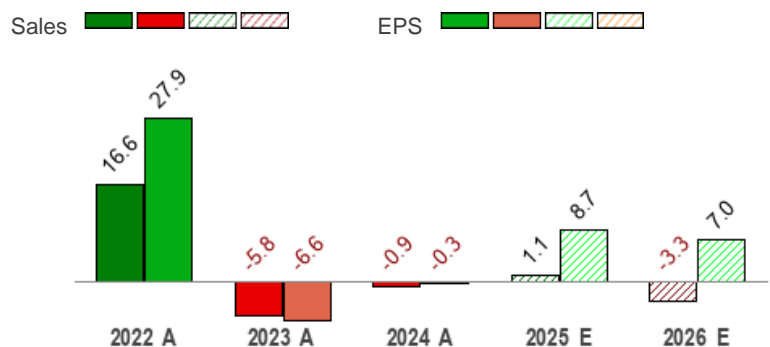
Last EPS Surprise	9.6%
Last Sales Surprise	15.2%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	0.0%
Expected Report Date	02/05/2026
Earnings ESP	1.6%

P/E TTM	12.1
P/E F1	14.2
PEG F1	1.8
P/S TTM	1.7

Price, Consensus & Surprise⁽¹⁾



Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)⁽¹⁾



Sales Estimates (millions of \$)⁽¹⁾

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2026	905 E	942 E	919 E		3,841 E
2025	992 A	1,034 A	1,004 A	963 E	3,993 E
2024	961 A	968 A	961 A	1,041 A	3,930 A

EPS Estimates⁽¹⁾

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2026	1.78 E	1.97 E	1.79 E		7.62 E
2025	1.62 A	1.87 A	1.72 A	1.92 E	7.13 E
2024	1.51 A	1.58 A	1.52 A	1.96 A	6.55 A

*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

(1) The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and sales estimates, is as of 12/26/2025.

(2) The report's text and the price target are as of 12/02/2025.

Overview

Founded in 1975 and headquartered in Las Vegas, Boyd Gaming Corporation is a multi-jurisdictional gaming company. It owns and operates gaming entertainment properties in Nevada, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania. As of Mar 31, 2024, the company owns and operates 28 properties, offering 1.71 million square feet of casino space, 28,917 slot machines, 617 table games and 10,405 hotel rooms.

Boyd Gaming reports its operating results under the following reportable segments:

Las Vegas Locals (22.8% of total revenues in 2024): This segment consists of nine casinos and mainly targets the people of Las Vegas metropolitan area. The segment competes directly with other local casinos and gaming companies.

Downtown Las Vegas (5.9%): This segment consists of three casinos, which competes with eight other casinos in the area.

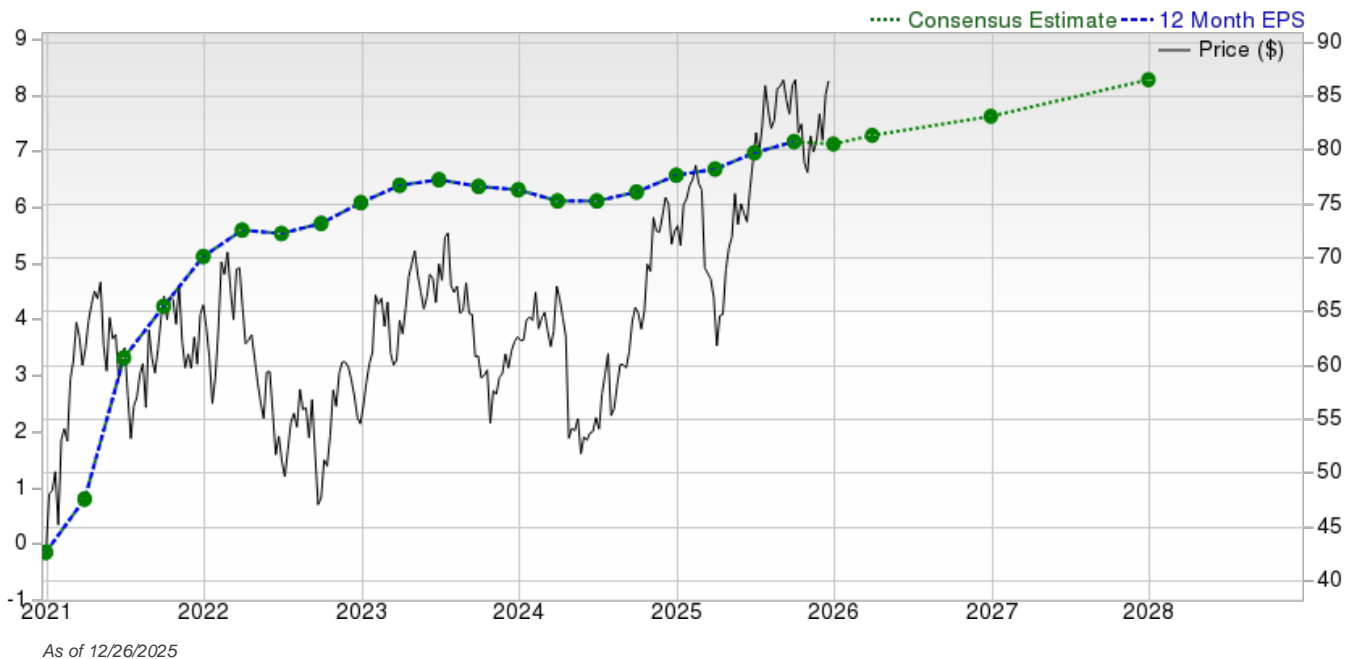
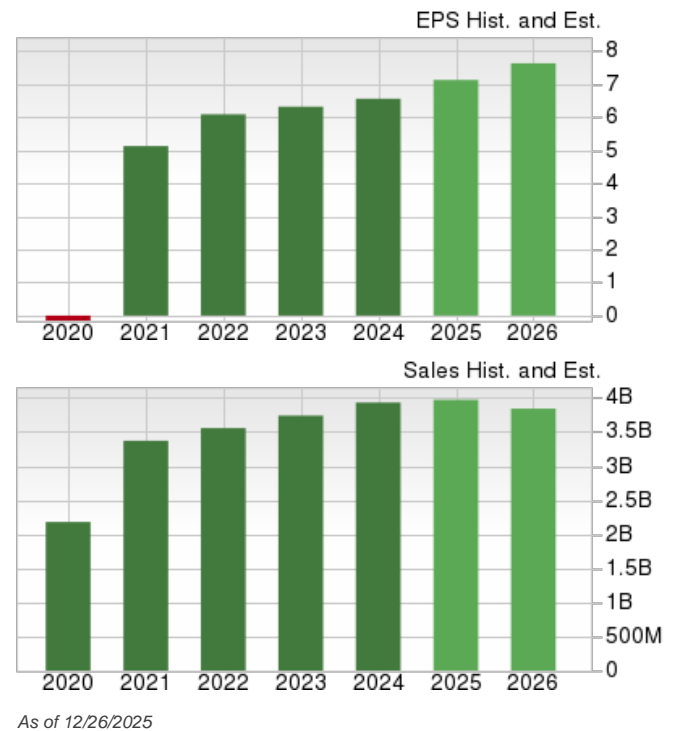
Midwest and South (52.5%): The segment has four land-based casinos, six dockside riverboat casinos, three racinos and four barge-based casinos. These casinos operate in nine states in the Midwest and southern United States.

Online (15.4%): This segment includes operations from online gaming operations through collaborative arrangements with third parties throughout the United States and the operations of Boyd Interactive.

During 2019, Boyd Gaming completed several transactions to improve its long-term financial position. In the fourth quarter of 2019, the company issued a \$1 billion aggregate principal amount of 4.750% senior notes due December 2027. Furthermore, in June 2021, the company closed its previously announced offering of \$900 million aggregate principal amount of 4.750% senior notes due June 2031. The proceeds from both the debt issuance are used to finance the redemption of all of its outstanding 6.375% senior notes due 2026.

In July 2018, the company entered a partnership with MGM Resorts International, under which the companies have the opportunity to offer online and mobile gaming platforms, including sports betting, casino gaming and poker.

In 2018, Boyd Gaming opened sports books at its two Mississippi properties, IP Casino Resort Spa ("IP") in Biloxi, and Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall in Tunica.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ **Managed & Other Segment Supported by Sky River Expansion:** The Managed & Other segment delivered a strong second quarter, driven by growth in management fees from Sky River Casino. Ongoing expansion at this property is expected to provide a foundation for future growth. Phase one, slated for completion early next year, includes 400 slot machines and a 1,600-space parking structure. The second phase will add a 300-room hotel, two restaurants, a day spa and an entertainment center. Upon full completion by mid-2027, Sky River is expected to emerge as one of Northern California's premier gaming destinations.
- ▲ **Strong Core Customer Trends:** Boyd Gaming continues to benefit from resilient and expanding play among its core customer base. Both its locals and regional players have shown consistent growth in gaming activity, offsetting softness in the destination segment. The company also reported stronger spending and frequency trends from retail customers, indicating a broadening demand base that supports sustainable revenue growth.
- ▲ **Expansion and Property Enhancements:** Boyd Gaming is actively investing in property upgrades and new developments to drive growth. Renovation projects at Suncoast and Orleans are modernizing assets while maintaining stable performance. Growth projects such as Cadence Crossing in Las Vegas and the \$750 million Norfolk resort in Virginia are positioned to generate attractive returns, with management targeting 15-20% cash-on-cash returns on capital investments. These initiatives enhance competitiveness and strengthen long-term growth visibility.
- ▲ **Online and Managed Business Growth:** The company's online gaming segment, Boyd Interactive, is showing solid growth, with EBITDAR guidance raised to \$60 million for 2025. Additionally, Boyd Gaming benefits from its management of Sky River Casino, which has strong momentum and is undergoing an expansion to further drive future fee income. These asset-light revenue streams diversify earnings and enhance profitability beyond traditional casino operations.

The company's Online segment delivered gains driven by Boyd Interactive, along with the impact of its recent FanDuel deal. Based on the current momentum, the company is raising its full-year EBITDAR outlook for this segment to \$60 million. Looking ahead to 2026, the company anticipates generating around \$30 million in EBITDAR from the segment.
- ▲ **Supportive Market Backdrop:** Southern Nevada's economy remains resilient, with wage growth outpacing the national average, strong population growth and continued economic diversification beyond hospitality. These factors underpin demand in Boyd Gaming's Las Vegas Locals market, where gaming revenues have consistently grown. The recently enacted tax bill, which includes higher standard deductions and tip-related benefits, is also expected to add incremental spending power for Boyd Gaming's customer base nationwide.
- ▲ **Strong Financial Position and Capital Returns:** The sale of Boyd Gaming's stake in FanDuel significantly reduced leverage to 1.5x, giving it the strongest balance sheet in history. This financial flexibility enables continued investment in growth while maintaining an aggressive shareholder return program. In third-quarter 2025 alone, Boyd Gaming repurchased \$160 million worth of stock and paid \$15 million in dividends. Since 2021, more than \$2.5 billion has been returned to its shareholders, reflecting management's commitment to delivering value.

Boyd Gaming is poised to benefit from portfolio expansion, acquisitions and increased focus on online betting.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ **Weakness in Destination Business:** One of the clearest pressure points for Boyd Gaming is the persistent weakness in its destination segment. Management acknowledged that softness in the Orleans property and Downtown Las Vegas, particularly from reduced tourism and pedestrian traffic, weighed on results. While local play continues to perform well, the reliance on visitors for hotel, food & beverage, and banquet revenues has become a drag. This weakness has directly cut into gaming revenues and EBITDAR, raising concerns that destination trends could remain sluggish for longer than anticipated.
- ▼ **Heavy Capital Expenditure and Renovation Disruptions:** Boyd Gaming is committing close to \$600 million in capital expenditures this year, a significant allocation that includes hotel renovations, new developments and large-scale projects such as the \$750 million Virginia resort. While these investments may drive long-term growth, they also carry near-term risks. Renovations at Suncoast and the upcoming Orleans project introduce operational disruptions, with management already acknowledging that customer experience has been impacted. Investors may worry that these disruptions could continue to offset gains and erode margins in the near term.
- ▼ **Lower Online Profit Contribution Post-FanDuel Transaction:** Although the online segment reported solid growth, the divestiture of Boyd Gaming's 5% FanDuel stake reduces its earnings leverage to the fast-growing sports betting market. Guidance calls for only \$30 million in online EBITDAR for 2026, half of the 2025 projection. This sharp decline signals reduced profitability from digital operations and raises questions about the company's ability to compete effectively against larger, more deeply entrenched players in online gaming.
- ▼ **Rising Competitive Pressure in Key Markets:** Management noted that competitors in several regional markets have stepped up marketing spend and promotional intensity. While Boyd Gaming has resisted matching these moves in order to protect margins, the risk remains that aggressive competitor strategies could chip away at its market share. The company may eventually be forced to respond with higher marketing costs, which could dilute operating margins and earnings momentum.
- ▼ **Dependence on Discretionary Spending:** The gambling industry is cyclical and a worsening of global economic conditions might, in turn, dent Boyd Gaming's revenues and profits. Consumer demand for services is closely linked to the performance of the general economy and is sensitive to business and personal discretionary spending levels. Consumer trends uncertainty persists as the company moves toward 2024, as a decline in consumer demand due to adverse general economic conditions, poor travel patterns, lower consumer confidence and high unemployment can lower the revenues and profitability of Boyd Gaming.

Boyd Gaming's growth is hindered by weaknesses in destination businesses and intense competition from various casinos and hotel casinos.

Last Earnings Report

Boyd Gaming Q3 Earnings Beat, Revenues Surpass Estimates

Boyd Gaming Corporation reported adjusted earnings of \$139.1 million, or \$1.72 per share, for third-quarter 2025. This compares with \$139.3 million, or \$1.52 per share, in the prior-year quarter. The bottom line surpassed the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$1.57 per share. On a GAAP basis, net income totaled \$1.4 billion, or \$17.81 per share, largely reflecting a one-time after-tax gain from the sale of the company's FanDuel equity stake.

Quarterly revenues came in at \$1.0 billion, marking a 4.5% increase from \$961.2 million a year ago. The figure also outpaced the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$0.9 billion, driven by continued growth in play from core and retail customers across multiple segments.

Margins and Profitability

Adjusted EBITDAR was \$321.8 million compared with \$336.6 million in the year-ago quarter, reflecting lower market-access fees following the FanDuel transaction. Adjusted EBITDAR margin contracted to 32% from 35%. Adjusted operating income stood at \$139.8 million, down from \$220 million a year earlier, while adjusted operating margin fell to 13.9% from 22.9%.

Segment Results

The Las Vegas Locals segment generated revenues of \$211 million and EBITDAR of \$92 million, driven by strong play from local customers, though softness at the Orleans weighed on results.

The Downtown Las Vegas segment posted revenues largely in line with last year, supported by Hawaiian customers, but pedestrian traffic and hotel revenues remained soft. The Midwest & South segment reported revenues of \$539 million, up 3% year over year, and EBITDAR of \$202 million, its best third-quarter showing in three years.

Online revenues reflected growth from Boyd Interactive but were offset by the FanDuel transaction, while the Managed & Other segment benefited from higher management fees at Sky River Casino.

Balance Sheet and Capital Returns

As of Sept. 30, 2025, cash and cash equivalents were \$319.1 million, while total debt stood at \$1.9 billion. Total liquidity amounted to \$2.4 billion. Boyd Gaming repurchased \$160 million of stock during the quarter, reducing shares outstanding by 11% year over year and paid \$15 million in dividends. The company has \$547 million remaining under its current repurchase authorization.

Outlook

For 2025, management raised its guidance for the Online segment to \$60 million in EBITDAR, while projecting a decline to about \$30 million in 2026 post-FanDuel. Looking ahead, Boyd Gaming continues to invest in property upgrades and large-scale projects, including the \$750 million Norfolk, VA, resort slated to open in November 2027. The company reaffirmed its commitment to \$150 million in quarterly buybacks, supported by robust free cash flow and a strong balance sheet.

FY Quarter Ending **12/31/2024**

Earnings Reporting Date	Oct 23, 2025
Sales Surprise	15.23%
EPS Surprise	9.55%
Quarterly EPS	1.72
Annual EPS (TTM)	7.17

Valuation

Boyd Gaming's shares are up 10.2% in the past six months, and 9.6% in the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry is up 9.7%, but the Zacks Consumer Discretionary sector is down 2.8% in the past six months. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry is up 5.8% and the sector is down 1.7%.

The S&P 500 index is up 15.5% in the past six months and 17.1% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 1.67X forward 12-month sales, which compares to 2.715X for the Zacks sub-industry, 2.38X for the Zacks sector and 5.33X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 2.66X and as low as 1.26X, with a 5-year median of 1.76X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$88 price target reflects 1.78X forward 12-month sales.

The table below shows summary valuation data for BYD.

Valuation Multiples - BYD					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/S F12M	Current	1.67	2.71	2.38	5.33
	5-Year High	2.66	4.69	3.48	5.5
	5-Year Low	1.26	2.2	1.68	3.83
	5-Year Median	1.76	2.8	2.3	5.04
P/B TTM	Current	2.41	11.46	3.46	8.52
	5-Year High	6.5	12.67	5.55	9.16
	5-Year Low	2.25	4.5	2.48	6.6
	5-Year Median	4.08	7.86	3.55	8.04
P/CF	Current	6.9	19.93	12.06	24.36
	5-Year High	25.9	210.24	25.76	30.13
	5-Year Low	5.27	N/A	10.49	18.52
	5-Year Median	6.88	21.83	16.47	23.69

As of 12/01/2025

Source: Zacks Investment Research

Industry Analysis⁽¹⁾ Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 26% (178 out of 243)



Top Peers⁽¹⁾

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Churchill Downs, Inc..(CHDN)	Neutral	3
MGM Resorts Internat...(MGM)	Neutral	3
Melco Resorts & Ente...(MLCO)	Neutral	3
Roblox Corporation (RBLX)	Neutral	3
DraftKings Inc. (DKNG)	Underperform	5
GameStop Corp. (GME)	NA	
Melco International ...(MDEVF)	NA	
SJM Holdings Ltd. (SJMHF)	NA	

Industry Comparison⁽¹⁾ Industry: Gaming

	BYD	X Industry	S&P 500	Industry Peers
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	3
VGM Score	B	-	-	B
Market Cap	6.77 B	537.98 M	39.23 B	53.84 B
# of Analysts	4	2	22	9
Dividend Yield	0.83%	0.00%	1.4%	0.00%
Value Score	A	-	-	F
Cash/Price	0.05	0.16	0.04	0.05
EV/EBITDA	6.87	6.87	14.67	-69.27
PEG Ratio	1.80	2.02	2.24	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	2.54	1.82	3.34	137.97
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	8.55	11.93	15.39	NA
P/E (F1)	14.15	22.97	19.90	NA
Price/Sales (P/S)	1.66	1.30	3.12	12.06
Earnings Yield	8.22%	3.32%	5.01%	-1.93%
Debt/Equity	0.71	0.01	0.56	2.54
Cash Flow (\$/share)	10.13	0.30	8.98	-1.30
Growth Score	D	-	-	A
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	24.96%	1.65%	8.16%	NA
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-6.56%	22.59%	8.50%	-10.42%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-0.99%	-9.17%	6.86%	-22.29%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	12.84%	5.71%	7.48%	NA
Current Ratio	0.51	1.18	1.18	0.96
Debt/Capital	41.50%	6.44%	38.01%	71.78%
Net Margin	46.02%	-2.40%	12.78%	-21.70%
Return on Equity	34.63%	-1.57%	17.00%	-314.20%
Sales/Assets	0.63	0.58	0.53	0.57
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-5.80%	0.22%	5.84%	51.90%
Momentum Score	A	-	-	A
Daily Price Chg	1.39%	0.00%	-0.03%	0.42%
1 Week Price Chg	1.49%	-0.86%	2.29%	-7.42%
4 Week Price Chg	3.86%	-2.58%	1.72%	-11.33%
12 Week Price Chg	-0.47%	-16.35%	3.20%	-38.41%
52 Week Price Chg	20.03%	-11.36%	14.78%	37.19%
20 Day Average Volume	814,709	100,052	2,745,060	6,675,989
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.22%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	2.98%	-0.30%	0.64%	6.92%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	1.19%	0.00%	0.00%	4.58%

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Zacks Recommendation

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Zacks Rank

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Value Score	A
Growth Score	D
Momentum Score	A
VGM Score	B

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