

## **Expeditors (EXPD)**

**\$151.76** (Stock Price as of 12/12/2025)

Price Target (6-12 Months): \$161.00

Long Term: 6-12 Months Zacks Recommendation: Outperform (Since: 11/11/25)

Prior Recommendation: Neutral

Short Term: 1-3 Months Zacks Rank: (1-5) 1-Strong Buy
Zacks Style Scores: VGM: F

Value: D Growth: F Momentum: B

## **Summary**

Shares of Expeditors have gained 26% so far this year, outperforming the 2.7% decline of the industry it belongs to. We are impressed with Expeditors' efforts to reward its shareholders through dividend payments and share buybacks. Such moves instill investor confidence and positively impacts the company's bottom line. The acquisition of Fleet Logistics' Digital Platform has boosted Expeditors' online less-than-truckload or LTL shipping platform, Koho. Expeditors' strong financial position supports its growth-by-acquisition strategy. E-commerce growth acts as a tailwind. The positive sentiment surrounding the stock is evident from the fact that the Zacks Consensus Estimate for current-year earnings has been revised upward in the past 90 days. So, we encourage investors to add EXPD stock to their portfolio for healthy returns.

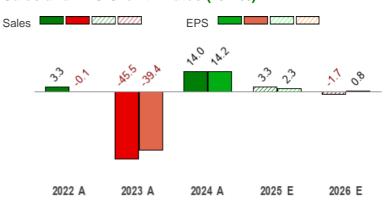
#### **Data Overview**

52 Week High-Low	\$155.04 - \$151.10
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	1,342,903
Market Cap	\$20.3 B
YTD Price Change	37.0%
Beta	1.15
Dividend / Div Yld	\$1.54 / 1.0%
Industry	<u>Transportation - Services</u>
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 29% (172 out of 243)

## Price, Consensus & Surprise<sup>(1)</sup>



## Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)(2)



Last EPS Surprise	17.1%
Last Sales Surprise	7.8%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	1.3%
Expected Report Date	02/17/2026
Earnings ESP	-5.8%

P/E TTM	24.8
P/E F1	25.9
PEG F1	16.6
P/S TTM	1.8

## Sales Estimates (millions of \$)<sup>(2)</sup>

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2026	2,526 E	2,565 E	2,794 E	2,708 E	10,763 E
2025	2,666 A	2,652 A	2,895 A	2,753 E	10,952 E
2024	2,207 A	2,439 A	3,000 A	2,955 A	10,601 A

### **EPS Estimates**<sup>(2)</sup>

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2026	1.26 E	1.40 E	1.57 E	1.40 E	5.90 E
2025	1.47 A	1.34 A	1.64 A	1.44 E	5.85 E
2024	1.17 A	1.24 A	1.63 A	1.68 A	5.72 A

<sup>\*</sup>Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

<sup>(1)</sup> The data in the charts and tables, except the estimates, is as of 12/12/2025.

<sup>(2)</sup> The report's text, the analyst-provided estimates, and the price target are as of 11/12/2025.

#### **Overview**

Expeditors International of Washington Inc. is a leading third-party logistics (3PL) provider. The company, based in Seattle, WA, is engaged in the business of global logistics management, including international freight forwarding and consolidation, for both air and ocean freight.

As of Dec 31, 2024, Expeditors operated 172 district offices across the globe. Out of them, 70 were in the Americas, 17 in North Asia, 16 in South Asia, 45 in Europe and 24 in areas covering Middle East, Africa and India.

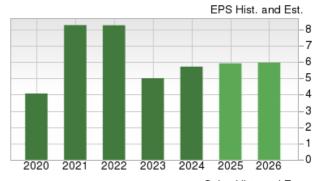
The company also has branch offices, aligned with and dependent on a district office. Furthermore, the company has contracts with independent agents for providing services.

Expeditors, whose fiscal year coincides with the calendar year, has the following three reporting segments:

Airfreight Services (accounted for 34% of 2024 revenues) – Expeditors typically acts either as a freight consolidator, or as an agent for the airline carrying the shipment.

The company procures shipments from its customers, determines the routing, consolidates shipments bound for a particular airport distribution point, and selects the airline for transportation to the distribution point.

Expeditors also acts as a freight forwarder, whereby it receives and forwards individual, unconsolidated shipments and arranges the transportation with the concerned airline.



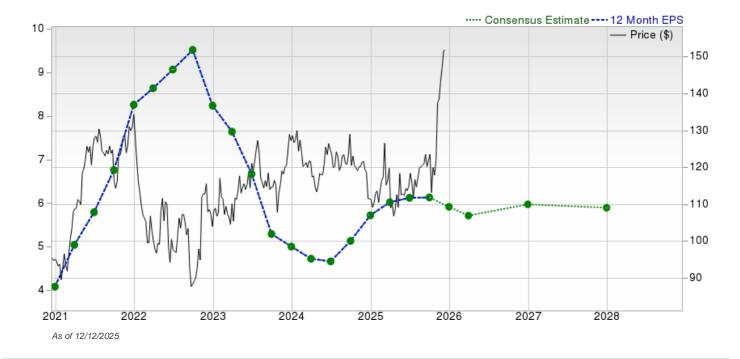


As of 11/12/2025

Ocean Freight and Ocean Services (30%) – Expeditors operates Expeditors International Ocean (EIO), an Ocean Transportation Intermediary, sometimes referred to as a Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier specializing in ocean freight consolidation from Asia to the United States.

The company's revenues as an ocean freight forwarder are also derived from commissions paid by the carrier and revenues from fees charged to customers for ancillary services, which the company may provide. The company does not own vessels, nor does it physically handle the cargo.

Customs Brokerage and Other Services (36%) – As a customs broker, the company assists importers to clear shipments through customs by preparing the necessary documents, calculating and providing for payment of duties and other taxes on behalf of the importer.



#### **Reasons To Buy:**

▲ E-commerce growth is a tailwind for Expeditors. E-commerce, which has gained in importance, leads to greater demand for intermodal services – the long-haul movement of shipping containers from ship to rail and truck. It is hardly surprising that the pace of growth of e-commerce demand has slowed from the levels witnessed at the peak of the pandemic, with the reopening of economies. However, it remains impressive, driven by the convenience associated with online shopping. E-commerce demand strength should continue to support the growth of companies like Expeditors.

Expeditors' strong financial position supports its growth-by-acquisition strategy. Efforts to reward its shareholders also bode well.

- ▲ Expeditors is **cutting costs** in a bid to counter the soft demand scenario. In February 2024, the company's CFO, Bradley Powell said "Despite the company reducing headcount in each quarter of 2023, expenses are still high when compared to our efficiency target." The company looks to cut costs further to combat the downturn in freight demand. On a positive note, management noted that compensation, its largest and most variable expense, has decreased significantly in 2023 compared to the previous year.
- ▲ Expeditors' strong balance sheet increases financial flexibility. The company ended third-quarter 2025 with cash and cash equivalents of \$1.19 billion with no current debt level.
- ▲ We are impressed by Expeditors' consistent efforts to **reward its shareholders**. In 2022, EXPD paid dividends worth \$213.79 million and repurchased shares worth \$1.58 billion. In 2023, the company paid dividends worth \$202.02 million and repurchased shares worth \$1.39 billion. In 2024, EXPD paid dividends worth \$204.08 million and repurchased shares worth \$855.06 million. This was the third consecutive year when the company returned more than \$1 billion of capital to its shareholders. During the first nine months of 2025, EXPD repurchased shares worth \$620.76 million and paid dividends worth \$104.14. In May 2025, Expeditors' board of directors approved a 5.5% dividend hike, raising its quarterly semi-annual cash dividend from 73 cents per share to 77 cents. Such shareholder-friendly initiatives should boost investor confidence and positively impacts the bottom line.

## Risks<sup>(2)</sup>

- The **still-high inflation reading** continues to hurt consumer sentiment and growth expectations. The still-high inflation reading shows that we are not yet out of the woods as far as inflation is concerned. When consumers see inflationary pressure, they are more reluctant to absorb fuel surcharges. Fuel surcharge revenues are the additional fees that transportation players like EXPD collect to cover the rising costs of fuel.
- Consumer spending and business investments remain low, and production levels have decreased in response to reduced demand, affecting demand for goods transportation and resulting in a freight recession. The Cass Freight Shipments Index, which declined 2.4% year over year in June 2025, deteriorated in each of the past 11 months, and led to sub-par freight rates. EXPD is being hurt by reduced demand for freight services. Due to the weakness in freight demand, shipment volumes and rates are low.
- EXPD operates in over 60 countries across the globe so its health is tied to that of the global economy. The **ongoing trade tensions** between the United States and China is likely to impact EXPD's results, as it has substantial exposure to China. Foreign exchange related woes too likely to hurt the company.

## **Last Earnings Report**

#### **Expeditors' Q3 Earnings Surpass Estimates**

Expeditors International of Washington's third-quarter 2025 earnings of \$1.64 per share beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$1.40. The bottom line also increased 0.6% year over year. Total revenues of \$2.89 billion beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$2.68 billion but decreased 4% year over year, due to weakness in ocean freight and services.

Airfreight tonnage volume increased 4% during the quarter, while ocean container volume decreased 3%. Operating income decreased 4% year over year to \$288 million. Total operating expenses slid 3.5% year over year to \$2.6 billion.

FY Quarter Ending	12/31/2024
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Earnings Reporting Date	Nov 04, 2025
Sales Surprise	7.84%
EPS Surprise	17.14%
Quarterly EPS	1.64
Annual EPS (TTM)	6.13

Airfreight Services revenues increased 3.4% year over year to \$1 billion in the third quarter of 2025, driven by growth of airfreight tonnage on exports, mainly from North and South Asia. Ocean freight and ocean services revenues plummeted 26.7% year over year to \$746.1 million. Pricing volatility and lower volumes hurt segmental results. Customs Brokerage and other services revenues increased 13.5% year over year to \$1.13 billion, with all the businesses in this category exhibiting strong growth.

During the third quarter of 2025, EXPD rewarded its shareholders to the tune of \$212 million through share buybacks. The transportation company returned \$725 million to its shareholders through share repurchases and dividends year to date. EXPD exited the third quarter with cash and cash equivalents of \$1.19 billion compared with \$1.15 billion at the 2024 end.

#### **Recent News**

#### New CFO Appointed — Aug. 6, 2025

EXPD announced the appointment of David A. Hackett as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, effective Oct. 1, 2025. Hackett has served as Vice President, Finance, since May 2024. On August 4, 2025, Expeditors' current Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Bradley S. Powell, notified the Board of Directors of his intention to retire, effective September 30, 2025. These announcements demonstrate the company's commitment to succession planning.

#### **Valuation**

EXPD's shares are up 26% year to date. Shares of the company inched up 16.8%% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Transportation sector are down 3.5% and 4.8%, year to date, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Transportation sector have been down 10.9% and 13%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 18% year to date and 19.6% in a year's time.

The stock is currently trading at 24.19X forward 12-month price-to-earnings, which compares to 17.91X for the Zacks sub-industry, 13.81X for the Zacks sector and 23.39X for the S&P 500 Index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 28.49X and as low as 11.99X, with a 5-year median of 22.55X. Our Outperform recommendation indicates that the stock will perform better than the market. Our \$161.00 price target reflects 27.92X forward 12-month earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for EXPD

Valuation Multiples - EXPD					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
	Current	24.19	17.91	13.81	23.39
P/E F12M	5-Year High	28.49	22.94	28.27	23.62
	5-Year Low	11.99	16.13	11.82	15.73
	5-Year Median	22.55	19.71	14.41	21.2
	Current	15.31	18	9.98	18.35
EV/EBITDA TTM	5-Year High	18.4	26.28	24.93	22.59
	5-Year Low	5.85	16.14	8.39	13.95
	5-Year Median	13.56	20.28	11.33	18.11
	Current	1.38	7.05	1.46	5.41
P/S F12M	5-Year High	2.9	10.89	2.72	5.55
	5-Year Low	1.34	6.37	1.36	3.84
	5-Year Median	1.84	8.17	1.73	5.01

As of 11/11/2025

Source: Zacks Investment Research

# Industry Analysis<sup>(1)</sup> Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 29% (172 out of 243)

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## Top Peers (1)

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
ZTO Express (Cayman)(ZTO)	Outperform	1
Avis Budget Group, I(CAR)	Neutral	3
Hertz Global Holding(HTZ)	Neutral	3
TFI International In(TFII)	Underperform	5
U-Haul Holding Compa(UHAL)	NA	
Firstgroup PLC Unspo(FGROY)	NA	
Jungheinrich AG (JGHAF)	NA	
U-Haul Holding Compa(UHALB)	NA	

Industry Comparison <sup>(1)</sup> In	ison <sup>(1)</sup> Industry: Transportation - Services Industry Peers					
	EXPD	X Industry	S&P 500	CAR	HTZ	TF
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Outperform	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Underperfor
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	1	-	-	3	3	5
VGM Score	E	-	-	А	А	C
Market Cap	20.34 B	181.15 M	39.38 B	4.61 B	1.60 B	8.43
# of Analysts	7	4	22	3	2	
Dividend Yield	1.01%	0.00%	1.41%	0.00%	0.00%	1.759
Value Score	D	-	-	Α	В	С
Cash/Price	0.06	0.12	0.04	0.12	0.97	0.0
EV/EBITDA	16.57	5.66	14.60	10.68	9.11	8.1
PEG Ratio	16.62	2.32	2.23	NA	NA	5.9
Price/Book (P/B)	9.02	1.41	3.35	NA	NA	3.2
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	24.38	8.09	15.20	1.10	0.58	8.0
P/E (F1)	25.93	24.58	19.78	NA	NA	24.5
Price/Sales (P/S)	1.82	0.78	3.06	0.39	0.19	1.0
Earnings Yield	3.90%	3.17%	4.99%	-3.09%	-34.37%	4.07%
Debt/Equity	0.00	0.18	0.57	-10.65	-54.91	0.8
Cash Flow (\$/share)	6.22	2.98	8.99	119.11	8.91	12.6
Growth Score	F	-	-	Α	Α	В
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	-3.14%	0.87%	8.16%	-9.88%	NA	5.20%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	2.27%	-1.80%	8.57%	NA	62.89%	-27.309
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	6.16%	-5.20%	6.75%	-18.29%	-2.50%	9.319
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	6.32%	6.98%	7.43%	3.93%	-1.81%	14.699
Current Ratio	1.79	1.38	1.19	0.71	1.60	1.0
Debt/Capital	0.00%	18.33%	38.01%	NA	NA	46.729
Net Margin	7.57%	3.77%	12.78%	-17.95%	-12.12%	4.069
Return on Equity	37.61%	8.75%	17.00%	NA	-6,000.00%	14.209
Sales/Assets	2.34	0.86	0.53	0.38	0.38	1.1
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	3.30%	0.00%	5.77%	-0.30%	-6.30%	-6.30%
Momentum Score	В	-	-	Α	D	D
Daily Price Chg	-0.82%	-0.62%	-1.07%	-2.86%	-0.77%	-0.069
1 Week Price Chg	0.19%	1.07%	-0.63%	-2.83%	1.78%	5.57%
4 Week Price Chg	9.64%	4.24%	1.39%	-5.43%	-8.85%	19.839
12 Week Price Chg	26.31%	-4.42%	2.45%	-16.89%	-24.27%	9.88%
52 Week Price Chg	28.06%	-12.90%	12.83%	42.13%	22.04%	-32.829
20 Day Average Volume	1,342,903	82,340	2,728,366	505,456	7,218,207	277,91
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.95%	-4.73%	0.009
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	1.27%	-0.51%	0.00%	3.80%	-4.73%	-1.43%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	7.80%	-7.29%	0.69%	9.39%	7.65%	-10.109
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	1.49%	-0.17%	0.00%	-117.35%	-10.34%	0.009

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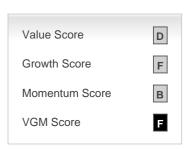
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