PDD HOLDINGS INC (PDD-O)

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Last Close 148.35 (USD)	Avg Daily Vol 10.1M	52-Week High 149.63	Trailing PE 33.3	Annual Div	ROE 34.3%	LTG Forecast 21.3%	1-Mo Return 29.7%
2023 December 15 NASDAQ Exchange	Market Cap	52-Week Low 59.67	Forward PE 23.6	Dividend Yield	Annual Rev 198.6B	Inst Own 33.1%	3-Mo Return 49.2%

AVERAGE SCORE

POSITIVE OUTLOOK: PDD is currently among an exclusive group of 286 stocks awarded our highest score of 10.

AVERAGE SCORE

Software & IT Services Group:	5.3
Software & IT Services Sector:	5.3

Score Averages

Mega Market Cap: 6.9

S&P 500 Index: 6.6

	Average S	Score Trend (4	-Week Moving A	vg)
Positive	A			10
Neutral		4		
Negative				
	2020-12	2021-12	2022-12	2023-12

Peers	-6M	-3M	-1M	-1W	Current	1Y Trend
PDD	10	9	10	10	10	
MELI	8	7	10	10	9	
BABA	10	10	10	8	8	
CPRT	6	8	9	9	8	
SHOP	6	6	7	8	8	

HIGHLIGHTS

- The score for PDD Holdings Inc last changed from 9 to 10 on 2023-11-19 and has remained the same for 5 weeks.
- The recent change in the Average Score was primarily due to an improvement in the Earnings component score.

I/B/E/S MEAN

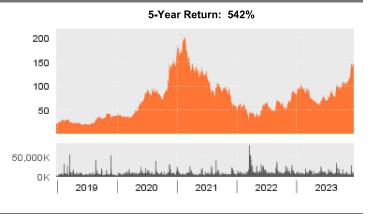
Buy 45 Analysts

Mean recommendation from all analysts covering the company on a standardized 5-point scale.



PRICE AND VOLUME CHARTS





BUSINESS SUMMARY

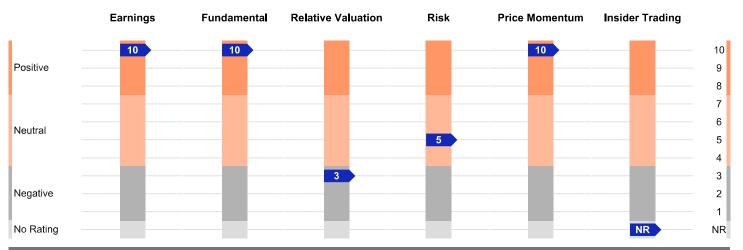
PDD Holdings Inc. is a multinational commerce company that owns and operates a portfolio of businesses. The Company is focused on bringing businesses and people into the digital economy, which benefits local communities and small businesses from improved productivity and new opportunities. The Company has built a network of sourcing, logistics, and fulfillment capabilities that support its underlying businesses.

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INDICATOR COMPONENTS

AVERAGE SCORE

The **AVERAGE SCORE** combines the quantitative analysis of six widely-used investment decision making tools: Earnings, Fundamental, Relative Valuation, Risk, Price Momentum and Insider Trading. A simple average of the underlying component ratings is normally distributed to rank stocks on a 1-10 scale (10 being awarded to the most favorable). These factors may be evaluated differently using alternative methodologies and the importance of individual factors varies across industries, market capitalization and investment styles. Additional criteria should always be used to evaluate a stock.



OPTIMIZED SCORE

optimized score

Historically, companies with an Optimized Score of 10 have tended to significantly outperform the market over the following 12-month period.



As an alternative approach to equally weighting each of the six factors, independent research firm, Verus Analytics, conducted a backtest to empirically determine an optimal factor blend. Results and weighting vary across four different market capitalization categories. For large/mid cap stocks, Fundamental and Earnings historically provided the most explanatory power among the factors and are weighted heavily in the Optimized Score. Among the small/micro cap universe, Insider Trading joined Fundamental and Earnings as the most significant factors to explain returns.

PEEF	R ANALYS I S										Curre	ency in USD
			PRICE	MOMENTU	JM		VALUA	TION	FUNDAM	ENTAL	ANALYS	rs
Average Score	Ticker	Price (2023-12-15)	1-Mo Return	3-Mo Return	1-Yr Return	Market Cap	Trailing PE	Forward PE	Dividend Yield	Net Margin	LTG I/B/E/S Forecast Mean	# of Analysts
10	PDD	148.35	29.7%	49.2%	70.2%	197.1B	33.3	23.6		23.3%	21.3% Buy	45
8	BABA	74.51	-14.4%	-14.4%	-13.6%	189.5B	10.4	7.6	1.3%	14.0%	11.8% Buy	48
8	SHOP	76.82	13.2%	23.1%	111.1%	92.6B		73.9		-17.3%	Buy	47
9	MELI	1,606.19	11.3%	15.0%	92.3%	81.2B	82.2	49.3		7.6%	64.3% Buy	19
8	CPRT	48.91	-0.63%	11.5%	61.5%	47.0B	35.8	32.6		33.1%	Buy	11
9	EBAY	41.75	2.8%	-6.3%	-1.3%	21.7B	8.3	9.7	2.4%	27.0%	7.0% Hold	29
10	VIPS	16.75	6.1%	14.0%	27.3%	7.8B	9.3	9.2		6.7%	Buy	25
8	GLBE	39.29	36.7%	4.4%	83.3%	6.5B				-26.7%	Buy	12
3	ACVA	14.54	-7.5%	-6.8%	63.2%	2.0B				-16.6%	Buy	14
8	BYON	24.49	42.8%	23.3%	17.3%	1.1B				-10.3%	Hold	10
9	FVRR	28.21	14.0%	0.61%	-8.6%	1.1B		13.2		-0.7%	Buy	11
8.2	Average	192.71	12.2%	10.3%	45.7%	58.9B	29.9	27.4	1.9%	3.6%	26.1% Buy	24.6

PEER COMPANIES				
ACVA	ACV Auctions Inc	FVRR	Fiverr International	
BABA	Alibaba Group Holding	GLBE	Global-E Online	
BYON	Beyond Inc	MELI	MercadoLibre Inc	
CPRT	Copart Inc	SHOP	Shopify Inc	
EBAY	eBay Inc	VIPS	Vipshop Holdings	

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Currency in CNY

EARNINGS

POSITIVE OUTLOOK: Strong earnings with recent analyst upgrades or a history of surpassing consensus estimates.

EARNINGS

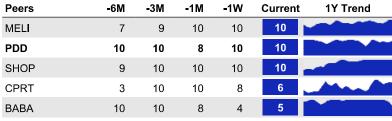
Earnings Score Averages

Software & IT Services Group: 6.3 Software & IT Services Sector: 6.3

Mega Market Cap: 6.9 S&P 500 Index: 6.6



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EARNINGS INDICATORS

Earnings Surprises Estimate Revisions Recommendation Changes (33.3% weight) (33.3% weight) (33.3% weight) SHOP 10 10 10 BABA PDD Positive **CPRT** MELI 9 /SHOP MELI 8 8 PDD 7 CPRT 6 PDD Neutral MELI SHOP 5 BABA 4 3 BABA Negative 2 CPRT 1 No Rating NR

Last 4 Quarters	
# Positive Surprises (>2%)	3
# Negative Surprises (<-2%)	0
# In-Line Surprises (within 2%)	1
Avg Surprise	31.9%

Last 4 Weeks # Up Revisions 10 # Down Revisions 2 Avg Up Revisions 22.2% Avg Down Revisions 4.4%

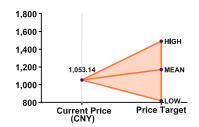
Last 120 Days	
# Broker Upgrades	2
# Broker Downgrades	0

HIGHLIGHTS

- PDD Holdings Inc currently has an Earnings Rating of 10, which is significantly more bullish than the Online Services industry average of 5.9. PDD scores a bullish 7 or greater for all three component ratings.
- Over the past 90 days, the consensus price target for PDD has increased notably from 883.00 to 1,170.00, a gain of 32.5%.
- On 2023-11-28, the company announced quarterly earnings of 11.61 per share, a positive surprise of 33.4% above the consensus 8.70. Over the past 4 quarters, the company has reported 3 positive, 0 negative, and 1 in-line surprises. The average surprise for this time period has been 31.9%.

PRICE TARGET

The chart indicates where analysts predict the stock price will be within the next 12 months, as compared to the current price.



12-Month Price Target				
Mean (CNY)	1,170.00			
High	1,490.00			
Low	818.00			
Target vs. Current	11.1%			
# of Analysts	36			

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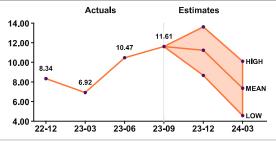
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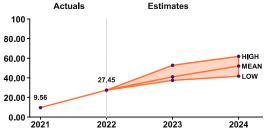
EARNINGS PER SHARE

Earnings per share (EPS) is calculated by dividing a company's earnings by the number of shares outstanding. Analysts tend to interpret a pattern of increasing earnings as a sign of strength and flat or falling earnings as a sign of weakness.

The charts provide a comparison between a company's actual and estimated EPS, including the high and low forecasts.



Quarterly	23-12	24-03
Mean	11.230	7.360
High	13.620	10.100
Low	8.660	4.570
# of Analysts	12	7



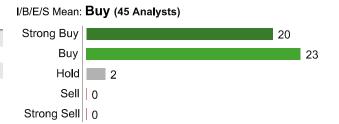
Annual	2023	2024
Mean	40.950	51.980
High	52.800	61.900
Low	37.400	41.690
# of Analysts	28	29

MEAN ESTIMATE TREND

	Q 23-12	Q 24-03	Y 2023	Y 2024	Price Target
Current	11.230	7.360	40.950	51.980	1,170.00
30 Days Ago	9.232	7.026	36.020	45.130	908.00
90 Days Ago	9.121	7.026	35.690	43.850	883.00
% Change (90 Days)	23.1%	4.8%	14.7%	18.5%	32.5%
Current Fiscal Year End: 23-1:					

Next Expected Report Date: 2024-03-18

ANALYST RECOMMENDATIONS



EARNINGS SURPRISES

Comparing a company's actual earnings to the mean expectation of analysts results in a difference referred to as a 'positive' or 'negative' surprise. Research has shown that when a company reports a surprise, it is often followed by more of the same surprise type.

Surprise Summary (Last 12 Quarters)

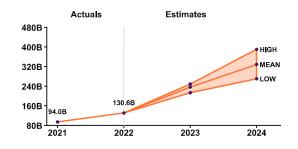
Surprise Type	Amount	Percent
Positive Quarters (> 2%)	10	83.3%
Negative Quarters (< -2%)	1	8.3%
In-Line Quarters (within 2%)	1	8.3%

Surprise Detail (Last 6 Periods)

Surprise Type	Announce Date	Period End Date	Actual EPS	Mean EPS	Surprise (%)
Positive	2023-11-28	2023-09-30	11.610	8.702	33.4%
Positive	2023-08-29	2023-06-30	10.470	7.277	43.9%
Positive	2023-05-26	2023-03-31	6.920	3.787	82.7%
In-Line	2023-03-20	2022-12-31	8.340	8.304	0.40%
Positive	2022-11-28	2022-09-30	8.620	4.690	83.8%
Positive	2022-08-29	2022-06-30	7.540	2.758	173.4%

ANNUAL REVENUE

A pattern of increasing sales in conjunction with a rising EPS may influence a buy recommendation, while flat or falling sales and faltering earnings may explain a sell recommendation. A rising EPS with flat or falling sales may result from increased cost efficiency and margins, rather than market expansion. This chart shows the sales forecast trend of all analysts and the highest and lowest projections for the current and next fiscal year.



	2023	2024
Mean	236.3B	328.5B
High	248.7B	390.0B
Low	213.2B	270.2B
Forecasted Growth	80.9%	151.5%
# of Analysts	38	38



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FUNDAMENTAL

POSITIVE OUTLOOK: Strong fundamentals such as high profit margins, low debt levels, or growing dividends.

FUND-AMENTAL

Fundamental Score Averages

Software & IT Services Group: 5.5 Software & IT Services Sector: 5.5 Mega Market Cap: 6.4 S&P 500 Index: 6.2

SHOP



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Peers	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Current	3Y Trend
CPRT	10	10	10	10	10	
PDD	10	10	10	10	10	
BABA	7	9	5	9	6	dibbilita
MELI	7	7	7	7	6	Inititi
SHOP	3	5	5	8	6	IIII.

FUNDAMENTAL INDICATORS Profitability Debt **Earnings Quality** Dividend (25% weight) (25% weight) (25% weight) (25% weight) 10 10 10 MELI CPRT PDD Positive PDD 9 PDD SHOP CPRT BABA 8 8 7 6 BABA SHOP Neutral BABA MELI CPRT 5 4 4 3 Negative SHOP MELI BABA 2 1 No Rating **CPRT** NR MELI PDD

Revenue Growth	68.3%	Current Ratio	1.8	Oper, Cash Yield	-74.0%	Dividend Growth	
For year over year ending 2023-09		For interim period ending 2023-09		For latest 12 months ending		For year over year ending	
Gross Margin	67.0%	Debt-to-Capital	1.3%	Accruals	-7.7%	Dividend Payout	
For latest 12 months ending 2023-09		For annual period ending 2022-12		For latest 12 months ending 2022-12		For latest 12 months ending	
Return On Equity	34.3%	Interest Funding	0.0%	Days Sales In Inv.	0.1	Dividend Coverage	
For interim period ending 2023-09		For interim period ending 2023-09		For annual period ending 2022-12		For annual period ending	
Net Margin	23.3%	Interest Coverage	1561.5	Days Sales In Rec.	18.6	Current Div. Yield	
For latest 12 months ending 2023-09		For interim period ending 2023-09		For annual period ending 2022-12		For latest 12 months ending	

HIGHLIGHTS

- PDD Holdings Inc currently has a Fundamental Rating of 10, which is significantly more bullish than the Online Services industry average of
- The company's gross margin has been higher than its industry average for each of the past five years.
- The company's current ratio has been lower than its industry average for each of the past five years.
- The company's days sales in receivables has been lower than its industry average for each of the past five years.
- PDD Holdings Inc does not currently pay a dividend. Of 140 firms within the Online Services industry, it is among the 132 companies without a dividend.



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RELATIVE VALUATION **RELATIVE VALUATION Relative Valuation Score Averages NEGATIVE OUTLOOK:** Multiples significantly above the market or the stock's historic norms. Software & IT Services Group: 5.3 Mega Market Cap: 4.1 Software & IT Services Sector: 5.3 S&P 500 Index: 4.7 Relative Valuation Score Trend (4-Week Moving Avg) -6M -3M -1W Current 1Y Trend Peers -1M 9 BABA 7 8 9 Positive **PDD** 5 4 3 3 3 5 Neutra 2 **CPRT** 2 2 2 2 MEL 2 2 2 2 Negative

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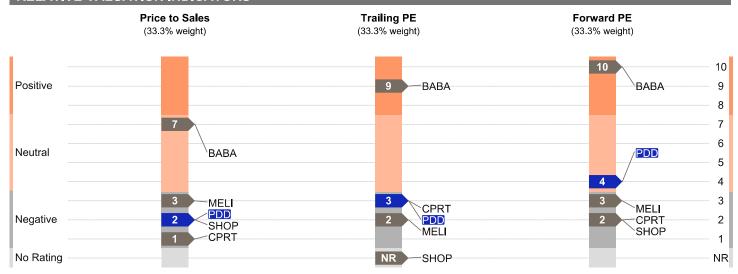
2023-12

RELATIVE VALUATION INDICATORS

2020-12

2021-12

2022-12



Price to Sales	6.9	Trailing PE	33.3	Forward PE	23.6
5-Yr Average	7.8	5-Yr Average	32.0	5-Yr Average	40.3
Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	11% Discount	Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	4% Premium	Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	42% Discount
S&P 500 Index	2.5	S&P 500 Index	25.8	S&P 500 Index	20.4
Rel. to S&P 500	>100% Premium	Rel. to S&P 500	29% Premium	Rel. to S&P 500	15% Premium

HIGHLIGHTS

- PDD Holdings Inc currently has a Relative Valuation Rating of 3 which is significantly below the S&P 500 index average rating of 4.7.
- Based on Forward PEG, PDD currently trades at a 2% Premium to its Online Services industry peers. On average, the company has traded at a 54% Discount over the past five years.
- PDD's Trailing P/E of 33.3 represents a 4% Premium to its 5-year average of 32.0.

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- PDD's 23.6 Forward P/E is currently at the low end of its 5-year range (lowest 16.0 to highest 100.0).



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PRICE TO SALES

The most recent week's close price divided by the revenue per share.

Price to Sales: 6.9 5-Year Average: 7.8

S&P 500 Index Average: 2.5 Online Services Industry Average: 2.8



2021

TRAILING PE

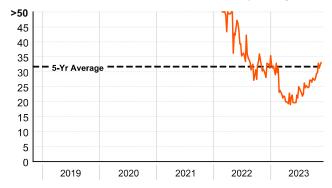
The most recent week's close price divided by the sum of the four most recently reported quarterly earnings.

Trailing PE: 33.3

5-Year Average: 32.0

S&P 500 Index Average: 25.8

Online Services Industry Average: 32.1



FORWARD PE

2019

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The most recent week's close price divided by the sum of the four upcoming quarterly consensus estimates.

2020

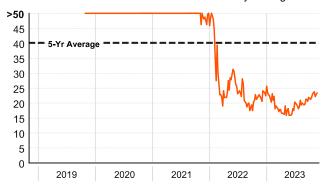
Forward PE: 23.6

2023

5-Year Average: 40.3 S&P 500 Index Average: 20.4

2022

Online Services Industry Average: 22.1



FORWARD PEG

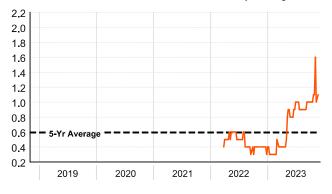
The Forward P/E divided by the five-year forecasted growth rate.

Forward PEG: 1.1

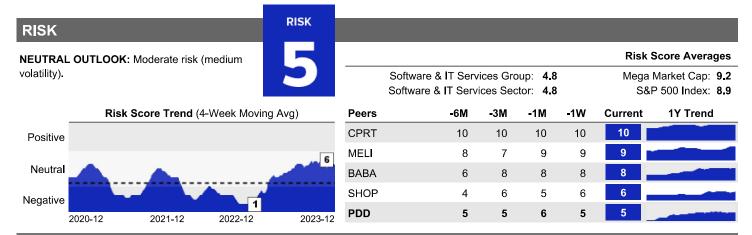
5-Year Average: 0.6

S&P 500 Index Average: 1.9

Online Services Industry Average: 1.1



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RISK INDIC	CATORS			
	Magnitude of Returns (25% weight)	Volatility (25% weight)	Beta (1-year) (25% weight)	Correlation (25% weight)
Positive —	10 CPRT MELI	9 BABA CPRT MELI	BABA 8	10 CPRT 9 MELI 8
Neutral	BABA PDD SHOP	7 6 PDD SHOP	7 6 CPRT 5 MELI SHOP	5 BABA 5 4
Negative				3 3 PDD 2 1
No Rating				NR

Daily Returns (La	ast 90 Days)	Standard Deviation		Beta vs. S&P 500	1.52	Correlation vs. S&P 5	00
Best	18.1%	Last 90 Days	3.04	Positive Days Only	0.26	Last 90 Days	24%
Worst	-3.9%	Last 60 Months	19.88	Negative Days Only	2.11	Last 60 Months	18%
Monthly Returns	(Last 60 Months)	Intra-Day Swing (La	st 90 Days)	Beta vs. Group	1.02	Correlation vs. Group)
Best	54.3%	Average	3.2%	Positive Days Only	0.79	Last 90 Days	23%
Worst	-27.9%	Largest	8.1%	Negative Days Only	1.66	Last 60 Months	42%

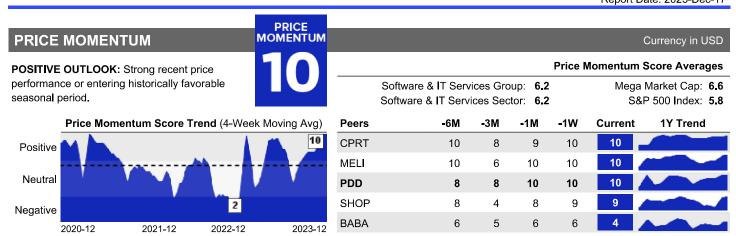
HIGHLIGHTS

- PDD Holdings Inc currently has a Risk Rating of 5, which is significantly below the S&P 500 index average rating of 8.9.
- On days when the market is up, PDD tends to underperform versus the S&P 500 index. Also, on days when the market is down, the shares generally decrease more than the index.
- In the short term, PDD has shown average correlation (>= 0.2 and < 0.4) with the S&P 500 index. The stock has, however, shown low correlation (>= -0.1 and < 0.2) with the market in the long term.
- Over the last 90 days, PDD shares have been more volatile than the overall market, as the stock's daily price fluctuations have exceeded that of 96% of S&P 500 index firms.

RISK ANALYSIS								
		Las	t 90 Da	ıys		Last 60	Last 60 Months	
Peers	Best Daily Return	Worst Daily Return	# Days Up	# Days Down	Largest Intra-Day Swing	Best Monthly Return	Worst Monthly Return	
PDD	18.1%	-3.9%	39	25	8.1%	54.3%	-27.9%	
BABA	5.0%	-9.1%	30	35	4.1%	37.7%	-23.0%	
CPRT	4.4%	-3.1%	36	28	5.7%	17.4%	-18.9%	
MELI	5.2%	- 3.2%	35	30	10.2%	41.4%	- 22.5%	
SHOP	22.4%	-7.4%	33	32	7.8%	51.7%	-42.6%	
S&P 500	1.9%	-1.6%	37	27	2.4%	12.7%	-12.5%	

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PRICE MOMENTUM INDICATORS

Relative Strength Seasonality (50% weight) (50% weight) 10 10 CPRT MELI PDD Positive PDD 9 MELI SHOP SHOP 8 7 6 CPRT Neutral BABA BABA 5 5 4 3 Negative 2 1 No Rating NR

Relative Strength Indicator (Scale from 1 to 100)

	PDD	Industry Avg
Last 10 Days	76	54
Last 50 Days	68	50
Last 200 Days	58	49

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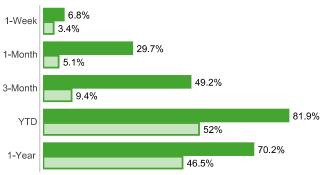
Average Monthly Return (Last 10 Years)

	Dec	Jan	Feb
Company Avg	3.6%	9.2%	-5.2%
Industry Avg	-1.4%	5.9%	0.11%
Industry Rank	111 of 128	9 of 128	70 of 128

PRICE PERFORMANCE

Daily close prices are used to calculate the performance of the stock as compared to a relevant index over five time periods.

1-Week 6.8%



	PDD	NASDAQ 100
Close Price (2023-12-15)	148.35	16,620
52-Week High	149.63	16,623
52-Week Low	59.67	10,679

- The Price Momentum Rating for PDD Holdings Inc is at its 3year high of 10.
- On 2023-12-15, PDD closed at 148.35, 0.90% below its 52-week high and 148.6% above its 52-week low.
- PDD shares are currently trading 24.9% above their 50-day moving average of 118.81, and 67.2% above their 200-day moving average of 88.70.

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Currency in USD

INSIDER TRADING

This company does not currently meet the data requirements to calculate a score for this component.

INSIDER TRADING

Insider Trading Score Averages

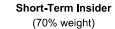
Software & IT Services Group: 3.6 Software & IT Services Sector: 3.6 Mega Market Cap: 3.5 S&P 500 Index: 4.0

	Insider Trading Score Trend (4-Week Moving Avg)				
Positive					
Neutral					
Negative					
	2020-12	2021-12	2022-12	2023-12	

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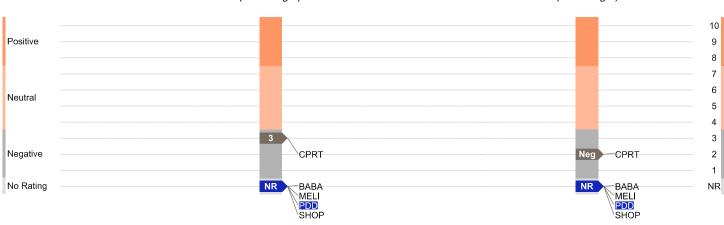
-6M	-3M	-1M	-1W	Current	1Y Trend
1	2	1	2	2	
NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
5	NR	NR	NR	NR	
NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
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INSIDER TRADING INDICATORS



Long-Term Insider

(30% weight)



Most Recent Buys and Sells (Last 90 Days) **Insider Name**

There are no insider transactions during this time period.

Tran Date Role **Tran Type Shares**

Insider Summary (Last 6 Months) **Total Shares Acquired**

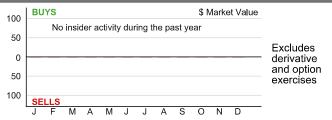
Total Shares Disposed Net Shares

Sector Average -970,177

HIGHLIGHTS

There is no significant insider activity for this company.

MONTHLY BUYS AND SELLS



TOP INSTITUTIONAL HOLDERS					
	Inst.	%	Shares Reported		

Institution Name	Туре	O/Š	Held Date	
Sequoia Capital Partners	Inv Mgmt	3.6%	48.2M 2023-09-30	
Baillie Gifford & Co	Inv Mgmt	2.7%	35.7M 2023-09-30	
The Vanguard Group Inc	Inv Mgmt	1.8%	24.0M 2023-09-30	
BlackRock Institutional	Inv Mgmt	1.3%	17.1M 2023-09-30	
Fidelity Management	Inv Mgmt	1.1%	14.5M 2023-09-30	
Updated daily as of 2023-12-16				

TOP EXECUTIVE HOLDERS

Insider Name	Role	Direct Shares	Value	Reported Date	

There is no available holdings information.

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DETAILED STOCK REPORT TIPS

The Stock Report from LSEG is a comprehensive, company-specific analysis that includes a proprietary Stock Rating along with underlying component indicators and supportive data elements. The report is updated daily, although some of the data elements and the ratings are updated weekly.

Average Score

The Stock Reports Plus Average Score combines a quantitative analysis of six widely-used investment decision making tools - Earnings, Fundamental, Relative Valuation, Risk, Price Momentum, and Insider Trading. First, a simple average of the six underlying component ratings is calculated. Then, a normal distribution is used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A score of 8 to 10 is considered positive, 4 to 7 is neutral, and 1 to 3 is negative. These six factors may be evaluated differently using alternative methodologies, and the importance of individual factors varies across groups, market capitalization and investment styles. Additional criteria should always be used to evaluate a stock.

A company must have sufficient data available for at least four of the six component indicators in order to receive an overall Average Score. Approximately 85% of the stocks within the coverage universe meet the criteria to generate a score.

Optimized Score

As an alternative to the Average Score, the Stock Report includes an Optimized Score generated by independent research firm Verus Analytics. It uses the same six component ratings, but rather than equally weighting each of the factors, the weighting varies by market capitalization of the underlying security based on backtesting research. These scores are also updated weekly and distributed normally on a 1 to 10 scale, with 10 being best. The variable size is assigned monthly by ranking the market capitalization and assigning the appropriate category as follows:

Large - Top 5.55% Mid - Next 13.87% Small - Next 34.68% Micro - Remaining 45.9%

Indicator Components

The six indicators that comprise the stock rating are displayed. Like the stock rating, the component rating scale is 1 to 10, with 10 being best. A company will receive an 'NR' for No Rating if the required data elements or criteria are not met. A detailed section for each component is included in the report.

Indicator Trends

Within each component section, historical score trends are displayed, typically using a 4-week moving average over a timeframe of the past three years. The dotted orange line indicates the average of the scores over those three years. The most recent occurrences of the best and worst scores are also displayed on the chart in grey boxes to put the current score into historical context.

Next to the trend chart for the company, current score averages are included, along with peer company comparisons of values from 6 months ago, 3 months ago, 1 month ago, the most recent value from 1 week ago, and the current score. The four closest industry peers are presented based on similar market capitalization.

Peer Analysis

- The Refinitiv Business Classification (TRBC) schema is used for industry comparisons. It is designed to track and display the primary business of a corporation by grouping together correlated companies that offer products and services into similar end markets. The system includes 10 Economic Sectors, 28 Business Sectors, 54 Industry Groups, and 136 Industries.
- The Peer Analysis section of the report compares the company to its ten closest peers. The peers are selected from the industry based on similar market capitalization. The peer listing may have fewer than ten companies if there are fewer than ten companies classified within that industry.

<u>Highlights</u>

The automated text-generation system from LSEG creates highlights summarizing the most noteworthy data. The bullets will vary by company and will change from week to week as different criteria are met.

Earnings

The Earnings Rating is based on a combination of three factors: earnings surprises, estimate revisions, and recommendation changes. Each factor is equally weighted. Then, equal deciles are used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A stock needs to have at least two of the three earnings factors in order to receive a score.

- Earnings Surprises The number of positive and negative surprises within the last 4 quarters
- Estimate Revisions The number of up and down revisions and the average percentage change of those revisions within a 4 week period.
- Recommendation Changes The number of broker upgrades and downgrades in the last 120 days.

Price Target

The price target is based on the predictions of analysts covering the stock and shows the high, low and mean price expected within the next 12 months.

Earnings Per Share

The quarterly and annual earnings per share are presented when available, along with the mean, high and low. Quarterly data is displayed for the past 4 quarters (actual) and the next 2 quarters (estimated). Annual data is displayed for the past 2 years (actual) and the next 2 years (estimated).

Mean Estimate Trend

The mean estimates show how the consensus has changed over the past 30 days and 90 days for the upcoming two quarters and two years. The percentage change is calculated for the company as a means for comparison by measuring the difference between the current consensus estimate and that of 90 days ago.

Analyst Recommendations

The I/B/E/S Mean is the average recommendation of all analysts covering the stock, as provided by I/B/E/S, the Institutional Brokers Estimate System, from LSEG. The recommendations are presented on a five-point standardized scale: strong buy, buy, hold, sell, and strong sell.

Earnings Surprises

- The surprise summary includes the total number of quarters (and percentage) in the past 12 quarters in which earnings surprises were positive, negative, or inline. In order to be recognized as a positive or negative surprise, the percent must be greater than 2% above or 2% below the consensus, respectively.
- The surprise detail section includes a listing of the company's quarterly earnings reported for the most recent 6 quarters. The consensus analyst estimate is provided to determine if the actual earnings report represented a positive surprise, negative surprise, or in-line result.

Fundamental

The Fundamental Rating is based on a combination of four factors: profitability, debt, earnings quality, and dividend. Companies that do not pay a dividend are not penalized. Each factor is equally weighted. Then, equal deciles are used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A stock needs to have at least two of the four fundamental factors present for a given fiscal quarter in order to receive a score.

Profitability

- Revenue Growth: (Net Sales Previous Net Sales) / Previous Net Sales
- Gross Margin: Gross Profit / Net Sales
- Return on Equity: Net Income / Total Equity
- Net Margin: Net Profit / Net Sales

Debt

- Current Ratio: Current Assets / Current Liabilities
- Debt-to-Capital: Total Debt / Total Capital
- Interest Funding: (Interest Expense on Debt + Preferred Cash Dividends) / Funds from Operations
- Interest Coverage: Earnings before Interest and Taxes / (Interest Expense on Debt + Preferred Cash Dividends)

Earnings Quality

- Operating Cash Yield: (Operating Cash Flow Net Income) / Net Income
- Accruals: (Net Income Operating Cash Flow Investing Cash Flow) / Average Net Operating Assets
- Days Sales in Inventory: 365 / (Cost of Goods Sold / Inventory)
- Days Sales in Receivables: 365 / (Net Sales / Receivables)

Dividend

The company must have a current dividend yield.

- Dividend Growth Rate: (Dividends per Share Previous Dividends per Share) / Previous Dividends per Share
- Dividend Funding: Dividends / Operating Cash Flow
- Dividend Coverage: (Pre-Tax Income + Interest Expense) / (Interest Expense + Dividends)
- Dividend Yield: Annual Dividends per Share / Current Market Price per Share

Indicator Trend

The fundamental indicator trend displays quarterly scores over the past three years. The best and worst scores over that timeframe can be easily determined from the values shown on the chart for each quarter.



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Relative Valuation

The Relative Valuation Rating is based on a combination of three factors: Price to Sales, Trailing P/E, and Forward P/E. Each factor is equally weighted. After the individual factors are combined, equal deciles are used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. These common valuation metrics are evaluated against the overall market, the index, and the company's own historic 5-year averages. A stock needs to have at least one of the three relative valuation factors in order to receive a score.

- Price to Sales: Close Price / (Sales for 4 Quarters / Shares Outstanding)
- Trailing P/E: Close Price / Most Recent 4 Quarters of Earnings
- Forward P/E: Close Price/ Upcoming 4 Quarters of Earnings

Valuation Averages

Negative values are excluded when calculating the averages. A maximum value of 100 is placed on Trailing P/E and Forward P/E, a maximum value of 5 is placed on Forward PEG, and a maximum value of 20 is placed on Price to Sales when calculating the averages. Higher values are rounded down to the maximum for the averages.

Valuation Multiples

The valuation multiples provide the Trailing P/E, Forward P/E, Forward PEG, and Price to Sales for the company and the S&P 500 index average. In addition, a comparison of the current company's values to its 5-year average and an industry average are presented. A discount occurs when the company's ratio is valued more favorably (lower) than that to which it is compared.

Risk

The Risk Rating displays stocks on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being awarded to the least risky stocks. It is derived by looking at a series of long-term (5-year) and short-term (90-day) stock performance measures including volatility, magnitude of returns, beta, and correlation. Each factor is equally weighted. Then, equal deciles are used to rank each stock across the market. A stock needs to have at least two of the four risk factors in order to receive a score.

- Magnitude of Returns The best / worst daily returns in the past 90 days and the best / worst monthly returns in the past 60 months.
- Volatility The standard deviation of the stock price over the last 90 days and last 60 months, along with the average and largest intra-day stock swing.
- Beta Measures the tendency of a security's returns to respond to swings in the market, based on the beta of the company versus the relevant index.
- Correlation Determines how closely the returns of the stock and the relevant index move together, measured over the last 90 days and last 60 months.

Risk Analysis

Price analysis for the company and the S&P 500 is provided over two time periods. Daily analysis is provided for the last 90 days, whereas monthly statistics are used for the last 60 months.

Price Momentum

The Price Momentum Rating is based on a combination of two technical performance factors: relative strength and seasonality. The factors are equally weighted. Equal deciles are then used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A stock needs to have data for the relative strength factor in order to receive a score.

- Relative Strength The relative strength of the company for the last 10 days, 50 days, and 200 days on a scale of 1 to 100.
- Seasonality The average monthly return (price performance) for the current month and next 2 months for the company and industry, over the past 10 years. A lower industry rank indicates a higher return.

Price Performance

Daily close prices are used to calculate the price performance of the stock. The performance of the S&P 500 is also displayed as a means of comparison.

Insider Trading

The Insider Trading Rating is based on short-term (70% weight) and long-term (30% weight) legal insider trading behavior. After the weightings are considered to combine individual factors, a function similar to a normal distribution is used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A stock needs to have at least one of the two insider trading factors in order to receive a score.

- Short-Term Insider Uses insider buy and sell transactions within the past 90 days. This factor is based on the quantitative insider trading model from LSEG that considers the insider's role, consensus, number of shares, market capitalization of the company, and the historic stock performance following trades by the given insider.
- Long-Term Insider Looks at buying, selling and option exercise decisions over the past six months relative to other stocks within the same business sector. The net shares are presented alongside the business sector average as a means of comparison.

Monthly Buys and Sells

The total market value of open-market buying and selling is displayed by month in the chart for easy comparison. Transactions by trusts and corporations are excluded, along with buys greater than \$10 million and sales greater than \$50 million. Transactions for the exercise of derivatives and option exercises are excluded from the totals.

Institutional Holders

The top five institutional holders of the company are listed in descending order, based on their total share holdings. Possible values for the institution type include Brokerage, Funds, Inv Mgmt, or Strategic.

Executive Holders

The top five executive insiders of the company are listed in descending order, based on their total direct common share holdings (options are not considered). Indirect holdings are excluded, as the owner may not actually have investment discretion over these shares. This table is updated monthly. Insiders who have not filed any transactions or holdings over the past two years are excluded as this may indicate that the individual is no longer associated with the company. Additionally, direct shares held must be greater than 1,000 to be considered.

Insider Roles

These role codes may appear in the data for recent insider buys and sells or top executive holders:

AF - Affiliate IA - Investment Advisor
AI - Affiliate of Advisor MC - Member of Committee
B - Beneficial Owner MD - Managing Director

C - Controller O - Officer

CB - Chairman OB - Officer / Beneficial Owner

CEO - Chief Executive Officer

CFO - Chief Financial Officer

CI - Chief Investment Officer

CO - Chief Operating Officer

CT - Chief Technology Officer

D - Director P - President
DO - Director / Beneficial Owner R - Retired
DS - Indirect Shareholder S - Secretary
EC - Member of Exec Committee SH - Shareholder

EVP - Exec Vice President SVP - Senior Vice President

 FO - Former
 T - Trustee

 GC - General Counsel
 UT - Unknown

 GP - General Partner
 VC - Vice Chairman

 H - Officer / Director / Owner
 VP - Vice President

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