



Medtronic plc (MDT)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$81	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	12.7%	Market Cap:	\$114 B
Fair Value Price:	\$93	5 Year Growth Estimate:	7.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	6/28/24
% Fair Value:	87%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	2.7%	Dividend Payment Date:	7/12/24
Dividend Yield:	3.5%	5 Year Price Target	\$130	Years Of Dividend Growth:	47
Dividend Risk Score:	A	Retirement Suitability Score:	A	Rating:	Buy

Overview & Current Events

Medtronic is the largest manufacturer of biomedical devices and implantable technologies in the world. It serves physicians, hospitals, and patients in more than 150 countries and has over 95,000 employees. Medtronic has four operating segments: Cardiovascular, Medical Surgical, Neuroscience and Diabetes. Medtronic has raised its dividend for 47 consecutive years. The \$114 billion market cap company generated \$32 billion in revenue in its last fiscal year.

Prospective Medtronic investors should note that the company has established tax residence in Ireland. Dividends are considered Irish source income and Irish dividend withholding tax may automatically be applied to Medtronic's dividend payments. Many investors will qualify for an exemption from this withholding tax.

In late May, Medtronic reported (5/23/24) financial results for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024. Organic revenue grew 5% over the prior year's quarter thanks to broad-based, mid-single digit growth or higher in all the four segments. Earnings-per-share decreased -7%, from \$1.57 to \$1.46, due to a -4% currency headwind and higher R&D costs and selling & administrative costs, but exceeded the analysts' consensus by \$0.01. Thanks to expectations for somewhat improved business trends, Medtronic provided decent guidance for fiscal 2025. It expects 4.5%-5.0% organic revenue growth and earnings-per-share of \$5.40-\$5.50. We expect earnings-per-share around \$5.45, in line with the guidance of management. Notably, Medtronic has beaten the analysts' estimates in 21 of the last 24 quarters.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2030
EPS	\$4.28	\$4.34	\$4.60	\$4.77	\$5.22	\$4.59	\$4.44	\$5.55	\$5.29	\$5.20	\$5.45	\$7.64
DPS	\$1.22	\$1.52	\$1.72	\$1.84	\$2.00	\$2.16	\$2.32	\$2.52	\$2.72	\$2.77	\$2.80	\$4.00
Shares¹	1,422	1,399	1,369	1,354	1,341	1,352	1,354	1,345	1,333	1,325	1,320	1,250

Medtronic has grown its earnings-per-share by only 2.2% per year on average over the last nine years. This is a low growth rate but it has partly resulted from temporary headwinds, such as high cost inflation and supply chain issues.

The company has reduced its share count by only -1% per year on average over the last nine years. Moving forward, we anticipate that share repurchases will continue to aid bottom line growth to a small degree. In addition, Medtronic's pipeline in new treatments could lead to further market share gains.

The pandemic formed a headwind for Medtronic, especially with the deferral of elective procedures, but the company has proved resilient in the last three years, with record earnings in 2022. Medtronic benefits from long-term healthcare trends. Moreover, we expect business performance to improve as soon as supply chain issues ease and cost inflation moderates. Overall, we expect Medtronic to grow its earnings-per-share by 7.0% per year on average until 2030.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Now	2030
Avg. P/E	16.1	17.3	17.7	17.3	17.3	22.6	24.4	21.2	16.3	15.9	14.9	17.0
Avg. Yld.	1.8%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	3.1%	3.3%	3.5%	3.1%

¹ In millions.

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Excluding the years 2020 and 2021, in which shares of Medtronic had an abnormally high price-to-earnings ratio due to low earnings, shares have traded hands at an average price-to-earnings ratio of 17.0 over the last decade. We believe that this is a fair valuation baseline, taking into consideration the quality of the company and average growth prospects. The stock is currently trading at an earnings multiple of 14.9. If it trades at fair valuation level in five years, it will enjoy a 2.7% annualized gain in its returns.

Medtronic has an exceptional dividend growth record, with 47 consecutive years of dividend growth. It has grown its dividend by 9.4% per year on average over the last decade and by 6.7% per year on average over the last 5 years, though the last two dividend raises were only 1.5% and 1.4%. The 3.5% dividend yield is not spectacular, but investors should be encouraged by the safety and growth over time.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2030
Payout	29%	35%	37%	39%	38%	47%	52%	45%	51%	53%	51%	52%

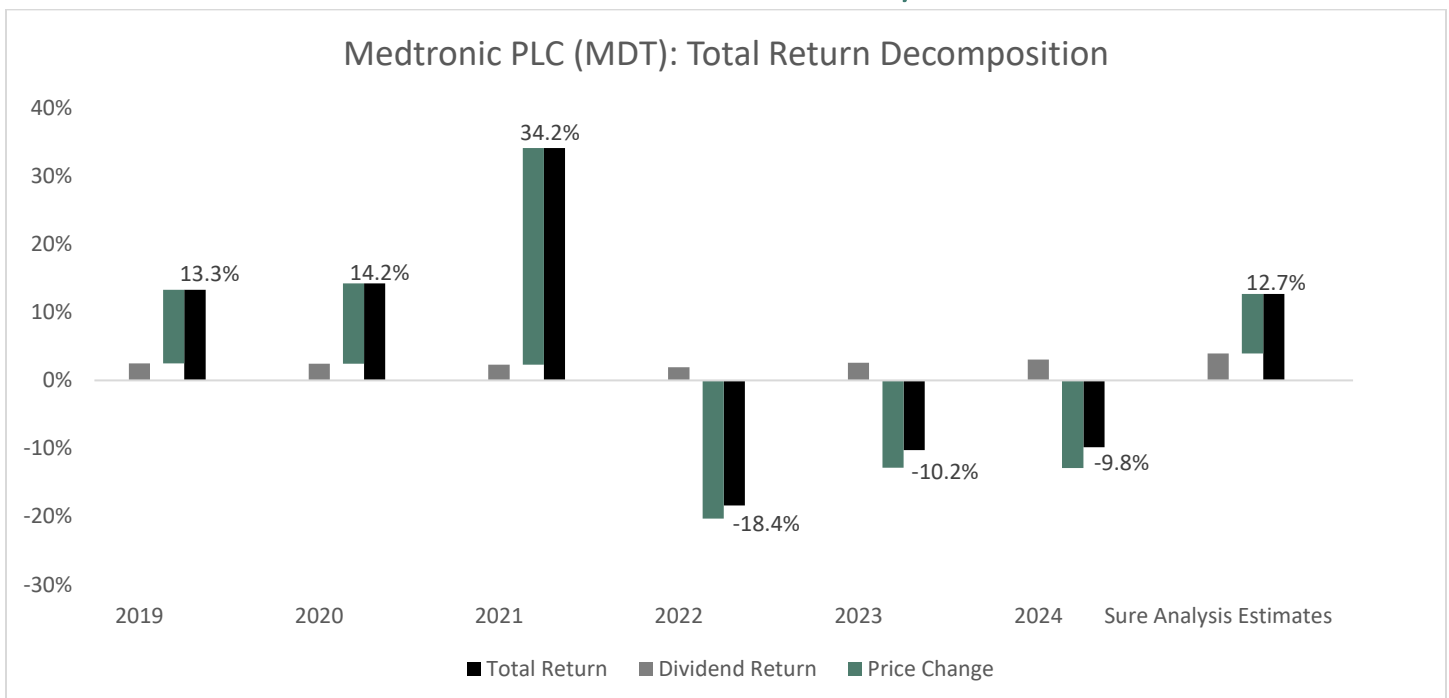
Medtronic's most compelling competitive advantage is its intellectual leadership in a complicated industry within the healthcare sector. Medtronic also has a strong product pipeline that should drive its growth for the foreseeable future.

In the Great recession, Medtronic proved resilient, with earnings-per-share of \$2.61, \$2.92, \$3.22, \$3.37, and \$3.46 during the 2007 through 2011 stretch. In addition, the dividend kept on rising every year as well. While the payout ratio has been climbing from 25% in 2009 to 51% today, there is still ample room for dividend growth combined with share repurchases. Moreover, Medtronic has a rock-solid balance sheet, which is essential during downturns.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

From a quality, earnings and dividend growth standpoint, Medtronic is attractive. The stock could offer a 12.7% total annual return over the next five years thanks to 7.0% earnings growth, its 3.5% dividend and a 2.7% valuation tailwind. It thus maintains its buy rating.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenue	20,261	28,833	29,710	29,953	30,557	28,913	30,117	31,686	31,227	32,364
Gross Profit	13,952	19,691	20,416	20,886	21,402	19,489	19,634	21,541	20,508	21,148
Gross Margin	68.9%	68.3%	68.7%	69.7%	70.0%	67.4%	65.2%	68.0%	65.7%	65.3%
SG&A Exp.	6,904	9,469	10,018	10,238	10,418	10,109	10,148	10,292	10,415	10,736
D&A Exp.	1,306	2,820	2,917	2,644	2,659	2,663	2,702	2,707	2,697	2,647
Operating Profit	4,557	5,960	5,986	6,034	6,632	5,222	4,895	5,908	5,830	5,520
Operating Margin	22.5%	20.7%	20.1%	20.1%	21.7%	18.1%	16.3%	18.6%	18.7%	17.1%
Net Profit	2,675	3,538	4,028	3,104	4,631	4,789	3,606	5,039	3,758	3,676
Net Margin	13.2%	12.3%	13.6%	10.4%	15.2%	16.6%	12.0%	15.9%	12.0%	11.4%
Free Cash Flow	4,331	4,172	5,626	3,616	5,873	6,021	4,885	5,978	4,580	5,200
Income Tax	811	798	578	2,580	547	(751)	265	456	1,580	1,133

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Assets	106,685	99,644	99,857	91,393	89,694	90,689	93,083	90,981	90,948	89,981
Cash & Equivalents	4,843	2,876	4,967	3,669	4,393	4,140	3,593	3,714	1,543	1,284
Accounts Receivable	5,112	5,562	5,591	5,987	6,222	4,645	5,462	5,551	5,998	6,128
Inventories	3,463	3,473	3,338	3,579	3,753	4,229	4,313	4,616	5,293	5,217
Goodwill & Int. Ass.	68,631	68,399	61,922	61,266	60,519	58,904	59,701	56,097	56,269	54,211
Total Liabilities	53,455	47,581	49,527	40,571	39,482	39,817	41,481	38,259	39,283	39,561
Accounts Payable	1,610	1,709	1,555	1,628	1,953	1,996	2,106	2,276	2,662	2,410
Long-Term Debt	35,962	30,881	33,373	25,737	25,299	24,747	26,318	24,114	24,300	25,024
Shareholder's Equity	53,230	52,063	50,208	50,720	50,091	50,737	51,428	52,551	51,483	50,214
LTD/E Ratio	0.68	0.59	0.66	0.51	0.51	0.49	0.51	0.46	0.47	0.50

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Return on Assets	3.7%	3.4%	4.0%	3.2%	5.1%	5.3%	3.9%	5.5%	4.1%	4.1%
Return on Equity	7.4%	6.7%	7.9%	6.2%	9.2%	9.5%	7.1%	9.7%	7.2%	7.2%
ROIC	4.4%	4.1%	4.8%	3.9%	6.1%	6.3%	4.7%	6.5%	4.9%	4.9%
Shares Out.	1,422	1,399	1,369	1,354	1,341	1,352	1,354	1,345	1,333	1,330
Revenue/Share	18.27	20.22	21.35	21.89	22.51	21.40	22.24	23.45	23.43	24.33
FCF/Share	3.91	2.93	4.04	2.64	4.33	4.46	3.61	4.42	3.44	3.91

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.

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