



2 Dividend Stocks That Endured the 2008 Market Crash

Description

The latest [ensuing market crash](#) is devastating global stock markets across the board. It is crushing Canada's Big Five Banks. Shares of Canada's largest lender, **Royal Bank of Canada**, are down by more than 15% from the February 21, 2020, peak.

Similarly, shares of **Bank of Nova Scotia** ([TSX:BNS](#))([NYSE:BNS](#)) and **Toronto-Dominion Bank** ([TSX:TD](#))([NYSE:TD](#)) are down by 18.14% and 18.01%, respectively, from the start of the year.

The short-term outlook for all significant equities looks poor. The statement is more accurate for Canada's most prolific financial institutions. Despite the near-term outlook, I think both BNS and TD offer investors something to look forward to.

Let's take a look at how the two financial institutions fared during the market crash of 2008 for reference.

Scotiabank

At writing, the Scotiabank stock is trading for a forward P/E ratio of 7.93 and a 1.12 P/B value ratio. The bank's shares will likely pull back further, as the coronavirus-crazed sell-off increases. Still, I think it should not deter you from investing in the stock.

In 2008, Scotiabank pulled through the financial crisis like a champion. The bank delivered a total return of 125% during the 2008 recession, and it has grown significantly since then. With dividends reinvested, the bank has a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.34%.

The price chart for BNS during October 2008 and October 2009 has a V-shape. The stock dipped along with the broader markets, but it came out of recession significantly stronger.

Until the coronavirus epidemic took a foothold, BNS reported a solid fiscal Q1 2020, despite a softer outlook. The bank has an excellent balance sheet this year. It finished its first quarter of fiscal 2020 with a common equity tier one capital ratio of 11.4% — 0.3% higher than 12 months ago.

Toronto-Dominion

At writing, the Toronto-Dominion stock is trading for a forward P/E ratio of 8.55, and it has a 1.31 times P/B value. Like other financial institutions, we can expect TD to see a further decline due to the ensuing market correction.

Would I recommend running away from it? No.

The TSX Composite Index lost 35.03% of its value during the 2008 financial crisis. In the same period, TD lost 35.33% of its share prices, reflecting the performance of the broader market during the financial crisis. It is apparently on the same trend during the coronavirus-fueled sell-off.

In the years following the stock market crash more than a decade ago, TD crushed the market. It became the strongest-performing bank among the Big Five with substantial gains. The stock has a 10-year CAGR of 9.41% at writing — one of the most impressive I've seen for any equity on the TSX.

Foolish takeaway

Shares from both stocks have a historical reputation for being reliable among peers in the sector. I think the current share prices for both the BNS stock and TD stock are at [a discount](#). Considering the possibility of doubling down on shares from both banks could be a lucrative long-term prospect for investors.

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