



TSX Stocks: 2 OVERSOLD Canadian Giants I'd Avoid

Description

Markets have been brutally volatile this year. **TSX** stocks on average have surged more than 40% in the last four months, marking one of the best recoveries of all time. However, economic worries amid the pandemic continue to haunt investors and make them skeptical of a recovery.

The recent volatility has pushed some Canadian giants in an oversold zone. A momentum oscillator called Relative Strength Index (RSI) takes values from 0 to 100. Stocks with RSI below 30 are considered oversold, while those above 70 are considered overbought.

Notably, an RSI at extremes indicates a looming reversal in the stock's direction. Even if this indicator suggests a recovery in these TSX stocks, I would rather happily avoid them. Let's see why.

Top TSX stocks: BlackBerry

After a steady recovery post-COVID-19 crash, **BlackBerry** ([TSX:BB](#))([NYSE:BB](#)) stock yet again witnessed a steady decline since last month. It has lost 26% so far this year, notably outperforming TSX stocks at large.

The recent transformation in BlackBerry, from smartphone business to an enterprise software company, brought a much-needed revenue growth. The company reported a soothing top-line growth of 20% year over year for the fiscal year ended February 2020. This was particularly notable given the declining top-line streak in the earlier quarters.

However, despite the recent green shoots, what might concern BlackBerry investors is its declining margins. In its fourth quarter of fiscal 2019, it [reported](#) a gross profit margin of 82%, which fell to 71% in the recently reported quarter.

In addition, the pandemic might impact corporate investments, further affecting the enterprise software company. Analysts expect a significant dent on BlackBerry's profits for the fiscal year 2021.

For investors, business uncertainty amid the pandemic and expensive stock valuation make it a risky

bet at the moment.

Top TSX stocks: Air Canada

Air Canada ([TSX:AC](#)) is among the worst-hit Canadian giants amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The stock has lost two-thirds of its value this year and is currently trading close to an oversold zone.

Subdued air travel demand and high cash burn are significantly [squeezing Air Canada](#). Even if economies are gradually re-opening, fear and uncertainty continue to dominate flyers.

Air Canada expects in three years' time to reach air travel demand to its pre-pandemic levels. That means declining revenues, continued losses, and ultimately a weaker market performance, at least in short to intermediate term.

The country's biggest airline has managed to raise capital quite a few times in the last few months, which will likely help it weather the crisis. However, travel restrictions lasting longer than expected could notably alter the case.

After a poor show in the first quarter, Air Canada's second-quarter earnings are expected to be a lot gloomier. A sustained weaker quarterly performance and a balance sheet stress could further weigh on the stock in the short term.

Interestingly, Air Canada's leading market share, fleet size and scale will likely support a relatively faster recovery once this pandemic wanes. However, macro challenges will continue to dominate in the near term and make it a speculative bet.

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