

My Top Tech Stocks Under \$20

## **Description**

The **S&P/TSX Composite Index** fell 38 points on July 16. Markets have continued to build momentum in the face of a troubled economy. This has stirred anxiety among investors of all stripes. Today, I want to focus on Canada's small technology sector. Namely, I want to look at some of my favourite tech stocks that are priced under the \$20 mark.

## This top tech stock is a rising star in cybersecurity

Towards the beginning of 2020, I'd explained why investors looking long-term should seek <a href="mailto:exposure to the cybersecurity space">exposure to the cybersecurity space</a>. The COVID-19 pandemic may have a revolutionary impact on the way we work. If working from a home office becomes more common, it will require more investment into the digital space. Security will be a huge focus for companies with so many remote workers. Tech stocks in cybersecurity are some of my favourites.

**Absolute Software** (TSX:ABT) develops, markets, and provides cloud-based endpoint visibility and control platform for the management and security of computing devices, applications, and data for enterprise and public sector organizations. Its shares have climbed 69% in 2020 as of close on July 16. The stock is up 90% year over year.

In Q3 FY2020, the company achieved revenue growth of 5% from the prior year to \$26.1 million. Absolute maintained its full-year outlook on revenue between \$103 million and \$106 million. Moreover, the company boosted its expectation for adjusted EBITDA to between 21% and 25% of revenue. This illustrates Absolute's robust business in the face of a devastating pandemic.

Better yet, this tech stock also offers a quarterly dividend of \$0.08 per share. This represents a 2.2% yield.

# One stock that will benefit from the growth of wireless communications

In February, I'd discussed the rollout of the 5G network and how investors could get in on the <u>telecommunications transformation</u>. Telecom companies have been powered by wireless growth in recent years. The COVID-19 pandemic has encouraged even more Canadians to trim their cable packages in order to save money.

**Sierra Wireless** is not a telecom, but it does provide device-to-cloud Internet of Things (IoT) solutions around the world. It is well-positioned to benefit from the growth of wireless in Canada and abroad. Shares of this tech stock had dropped 4.5% in 2020 at the time of this writing.

In Q1 2020, the company saw revenue decline 9.3% year-over-year to \$157.6 million. The IoT Solutions segment experienced impressive service revenue growth of 17%, fuelled by growth in connected devices. Meanwhile, its net loss more than doubled to \$22.7 million.

Shares of Sierra last had a favourable price-to-book value of 0.9. Moreover, the company also possesses an excellent balance sheet. Sierra is a volatile tech stock that is still worth your attention in July.

# Don't sleep on this tech stock in the summer

**Quarterhill** was founded in the early 1990s as a wireless technology company. However, it has transitioned to one focused on the acquisition and management of tech companies with global reach. Shares of Quarterhill have climbed 21% in 2020 so far.

The tech stock last had a P/E ratio of 32 and a P/B value of 0.9, which puts it in favourable value territory relative to industry peers. Quarterhill is notable for its immaculate balance sheet. Moreover, the company recently achieved profitability.

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