

1 Tech Stock Soaring to All-Time Highs, But Should You Buy?

## **Description**

It's a hard decision. You see a tech stock soaring to all-time highs and think perhaps you've missed the boat. However, there is usually a reason behind the soaring prices. Usually. Though in this world of meme stocks and retail traders, it makes it even harder to decipher whether a tech stock is a good buy.

So, today, I'm going to be taking a look at what analysts are saying about **Kinaxis** (<u>TSX:KXS</u>). Kinaxis stock continues to climb back to all-time highs, trading at \$216.25 as of writing and up 21% year to date. That comes after falling dramatically during the summer months.

Let's see what's going on with this tech stock.

# **Earnings boost**

It seems the catalyst for this most <u>recent climb</u> comes from a strong earnings report for this tech stock. Kinaxis stock reported that software-as-a-service (SaaS) revenue rose 14% year over year, with adjusted EBITDA hitting a margin of 19%. The tech stock won a record number of new customers, growing its annual recurring revenue by 23% year over year.

This also led to the company announcing updated full-year 2021 guidance. Management now believes it will reach total revenue between US\$248 and US\$250 million, representing SaaS growth of 17-20% for the year and 23-25% in the midterm.

Management believes this future growth is based on the company *tripling* its new customer wins compared to the same time last year. While supply chain issues remain, Kinaxis stock has proven invaluable to companies navigating this difficult time.

# Analysts weigh in

So, here is what Motley Fool investors want to know. Kinaxis stock soars past all-time highs, but is it still a buy? According to all the analysts weighing on the tech stock, it's a resounding "yes."

The consensus price estimate for Kinaxis stock by analysts is now at around \$225 after this earnings report. That's a potential upside of 4% as of writing. Yet this is the consensus. There are some analysts believing the tech stock will outperform the industry. Among the nine analysts <u>currently</u> weighing in on the stock, all suggest it as a buy, and four believe it will outperform.

In fact, based on earnings analysts at **TD** Securities, **Royal Bank of Canada**, **BMO** Capital Markets, **CIBC**, and **Scotiabank** all boosted their predicted share prices for the next year.

# Foolish takeaway

Kinaxis stock is expensive, there is no two ways about it. The P/E ratio is through the roof, along with its EV/EBITDA. But it's the future growth that analysts and Motley Fool investors should pay attention to. First, there is the need for a company like Kinaxis stock among businesses that need to navigate <a href="supply chain issues">supply chain issues</a>. Second, this tech stock continues to win record contracts that will see cash flow in for years, perhaps decades.

The dip in Kinaxis stock is over, but if you're a long-term Motley Fool investor, that shouldn't matter. With analysts across the board agreeing that this tech stock is a buy, any time is a good time to pick it up — especially with a potential upside of around 5% for the next year.

However, it's never a bad idea to do more research and perhaps wait for a dip. We're still riding the post-earnings wave. So, for now, it could be a good time to add this tech stock to your watchlist and wait for a quick bounce back. But long term, this supply chain stock is a gold mine for any portfolio.

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