

3 Speculative Growth Stocks to Put on the Watchlist During This Downturn

### Description

<u>Growth</u> stocks are companies that will likely grow their earnings and sales faster than the market average. The Toronto Stock Exchange certainly has a wide range of such options to choose from. However, some are better than others.

Here are three top speculative growth stocks I've got my eye on right now.

# Top growth stocks: Shopify

**Shopify** (<u>TSX:SHOP</u>)(<u>NYSE:SHOP</u>) was a stellar Wall Street growth behemoth for several years before the pandemic, as investors looking for ways to play the e-commerce trend. However, growth in the e-commerce sector only accelerated with the pandemic, driving Shopify's valuation to astronomical levels.

Now, Shopify has done an excellent job of growing into its valuation. Combined with a significant dip of late, this company currently trades at only <u>26 times earnings</u>. At these levels, the company certainly looks attractive for investors looking for long-term growth. Indeed, this is a stock that traded at a higher price-to-sales multiple just a few years ago.

As e-commerce continues to surge, Shopify remains a top stock investors will want to watch as a long-term buy at these levels.

## Lightspeed

Another beaten-up growth stock that's seen its valuation take a huge hit is **Lightspeed** (<u>TSX:LSPD</u>)( <u>NYSE:LSPD</u>). Unlike Shopify, Lightspeed isn't profitable and may take some time to get into the back. Accordingly, with interest rates on the rise, this is a stock many investors don't want to touch.

That said, the company's aggressive moves into omnichannel payment platforms for merchants could get a boost from the pandemic reopening. This is a company that has made a number of high-profile

acquisitions, targeting e-commerce and other growth sectors as the company expands.

Whether this expansion will ultimately prove to be profitable is the key question many investors have. Right now, this company's subscription-based revenue model is valued at its cheapest rate in some time. Accordingly, I would certainly put Lightspeed on the more speculative end of the list of growth stocks that investors may want to add to the watch list right now.

### BlackBerry

Another growth stock most investors would call speculative is **BlackBerry** (TSX:BB)(NYSE:BB). This former smartphone maker turned pure-play software company has been in a turnaround for years. However, the company has yet to find a way to become consistently profitable.

Despite various high-profile partnerships, the company's software margins remain rather low, and there are a number of issues with this company's growth profile that investors don't like.

That said, in the autonomous vehicle software market, BlackBerry remains a leader. Those bullish on the company's ability to grow its market share in this space may want to give BlackBerry a shot at default watermark these levels.

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