

### **BAXTER REPORT**

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## BAXTER INTERNATIONAL (BAX)

#### ERS's Computer Programs Produce More Accurate, Reliable, Fast and Low-Cost Risk Analyses Than Any Human

On Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Baxter's price was \$85.45., and a market capitalization of \$42.9 billion. The Wall Street consensus was that Baxter was worth On that date, ERS's proprietary FRI Rating™ was 31.

The next day, on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Baxter's FRI Rating™ rose to an extremely high-risk 91. This indicated a very substantial deterioration in the company's financial condition. The stock's price did not fall immediately.

#### However, the table on the right shows the stock's price fell in each of the following 12 months.



Date	Price	FRI™	Loss from 2/15/22
2/14/22	\$85.45	31	
2/15/22	\$85.59	92	
3/15/22	\$78.67	92	-8.1%
4/15/22	\$76.44	92	-10.7%
5/15/22	\$73.03	92	-14.7%
6/15/22	\$67.83	92	-20.8%
7/15/22	\$64.91	92	-24.2%
8/15/22	\$62.02	91	-27.5%
9/15/22	\$58.97	91	-31.1%
10/15/22	\$54.50	91	-36.3%
11/15/22	\$54.34	91	-36.5%
12/15/22	\$50.76	88	-40.7%
1/15/23	\$44.84	88	-47.6%
2/15/23	\$40.06	88	-53.2%
3/15/23	\$38.23	88	-55.3%



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Date	Price	Analyst Firm	Price Target Change	Rating Change	Previous / Current Rating
2/18/22	\$82.35	Morgan Stanley	\$110 → \$105	Maintains	Overweight
2/18/22	\$82.35	Raymond James	\$99 → \$96	Maintains	Outperform
2/18/22	\$82.35	Keybanc	\$98 → \$95	Maintains	Overweight
4/4/22	\$75.47	Goldman Sachs	\$88 → \$77	Downgrade	Neutral → Sell
4/29/22	\$71.06	Raymond James	\$96 → \$85	Maintains	Outperform
4/29/22	\$71.06	Morgan Stanley	\$105 → \$100	Maintains	Overweight
4/29/22	\$71.06	Wells Fargo	\$93 → \$90	Maintains	Overweight
4/29/22	\$71.06	Keybanc	\$95 → \$87	Maintains	Overweight
5/17/22	\$74.34	Citigroup	\$98 → \$85	Maintains	Buy
5/23/22	\$73.37	Morgan Stanley	\$100 → \$95	Maintains	Overweight
6/24/22	\$66.78	Wells Fargo	<b>→</b> \$71	Downgrade	Overweight → Equal-Weight
6/24/22	\$66.78	JP Morgan	\$90 → \$78	Maintains	Overweight
7/15/22	\$64.91	Morgan Stanley	\$95 → \$86	Maintains	Overweight
7/18/22	\$64.36	Stifel	\$85 → \$75	Maintains	Buy
7/29/2022	\$58.66	Raymond James	\$85 → \$66	Maintains	Outperform
7/29/2022	\$58.66	Morgan Stanley	\$86 → \$72	Maintains	Overweight

On 2/15/2022, ERS downgraded Baxter's FRI Rating™ from "safe" at 31, to "very high-risk" 92.

Thirteen (13) months later, Baxter's price declined 55.2%.

Following ERS's downgrade alert, 8 major Wall Street firms maintained their positive ratings.

Just two, Goldman Sachs and Wells Fargo on downgraded their ratings, but maintained price targets of \$77 and \$71, respectively.

Six major investment banks maintained their positive ratings on Baxter. Did a "conflict of interest" have a role in their rating?

From 2/15/22 until 7/31/22, Baxter fell 31%. From 7/31/22 to 2/15/23, it fell a further 32%.

ERS's Financial Risk Indicator FRI™ provided asset managers warning so they might sell BAX, or short it well before its substantial decline.

ERS's FRI™ is a valuable tool for asset mangers.

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