# **Bloomberg dividend forecasts**

An enterprise solution for equity option traders.

#### The need for dividend data

Equity option traders and market makers need reliable, real-time data on dividends if they are to accurately price their options. Dividends are a critical component of option prices, affecting the call and put prices as the underlying stock's price typically drops by the amount of any cash dividend on the ex-dividend date.

Despite their need for dividend amount, relevant dates and other key factors, option traders have traditionally had the challenge of scant access to accurate dividend estimate data.

# **Bloomberg's enterprise solution**

Bloomberg Dividend Forecast (BDVD) provides up to four years of dividend forecasts, as well as historical dividend data on covered equities. It also delivers dividend forecast data for equity indices and ETFs.

And now the information available to Bloomberg Terminal® subscribers is available in an enterprise solution, off-Terminal, with the same benefits:

# **Accuracy**

BDVD has been consistently more accurate than street analysts in forecasting dividend amounts. For example, in the third quarter of 2017, BDVD forecasts were accurate 73% of the time, compared to 44% by the analyst consensus estimate compiled by Bloomberg.

#### Coverage

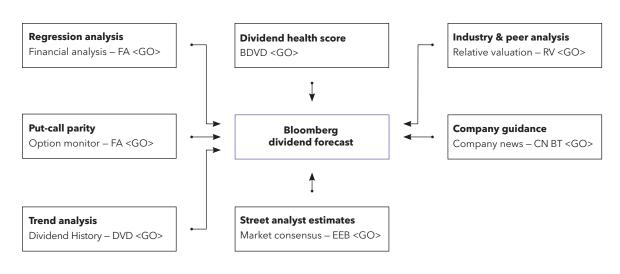
Bloomberg provides global coverage for nearly 90% of companies that pay regular dividends with a market cap of at least \$250 million, provided equity options are available for the company.

Security coverage is dependent on a combination of the following factors:

- Options trading
- Index membership
- Fundamentals/company guidance
- Market capitalization
- Street analyst coverage

## Strong methodology

To assist this process, forecasts are created by an experienced global dividend analyst team to provide accurate forecasts for both dividend dates and amounts for up to four years. Through bottom-up analysis that takes into consideration key publicly available information, including guidance, financials and pricing data, our independent and dedicated analysts leverage the full power of the Bloomberg Terminal to develop best-in-class forecasts.



## **BDVD - Value proposition**

#### **Timeliness**

Bloomberg analysts leverage the power of Bloomberg news and data to ensure any new relevant data point is factored into estimates.

The types of data leveraged include:

- Macroeconomic data
- Industry trends
- Company specific news
- Corporate actions
- M&A activity

#### **Data content**

#### **Current dividend data**

- Frequency, type and amount
- Dates (declared, ex-date, record and pay date)
- Three year dividend growth
- 12 month dividend yield

#### **Estimated dividend data**

- Frequency, type and amount
- Dates (declared, ex-date and pay date)
- Projected three year dividend growth
- Projected 12 month dividend yield
- Projected index dividend points

#### **Learn more**

To learn more about the Data License Bulk File email eprise@bloomberg.netor for individual security forecasting email BDVD@bloomberg.net.

Feature	Benefit	Advantage
Expansive coverage:  • Over 8,000 companies  • 1,300 ETFs  • Thousands of equity indices	Complete solution that covers equity securities with active options.	Rely on one single source for your dividend forecast data.
Robust methodology based on 7 factors:  1. Company guidance  2. Dividend health score  3. Industry analysis  4. Historical trend analysis  5. Market analysts' consensus estimates  6. Options market implied dividends  7. Historical regression analysis of fundamentals compared to dividends	Bloomberg produces dividend estimates that are significantly more accurate than street analysts and often superior to those of competing products.	Price options more effectively with better dividend estimate data. Accurate option price is key for both option market makers and players using options for hedging strategies.
Four years of forecast data	Allows models to work beyond next year's estimates.	Extend the scope of your models and feed them with BDVD data.
Multiple data points:  Dividend amount  Declared date  Ex-date  Pay date  Trend  Three-year growth rate  Dividend health score	Better modelling through multiple data points.	Feed more data to your equity option pricing models. Better models deliver more accurate pricing and hedging strategies.
Reported dividend data in equities	Historical data for dividends	Access historical dividend data for analysis.



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