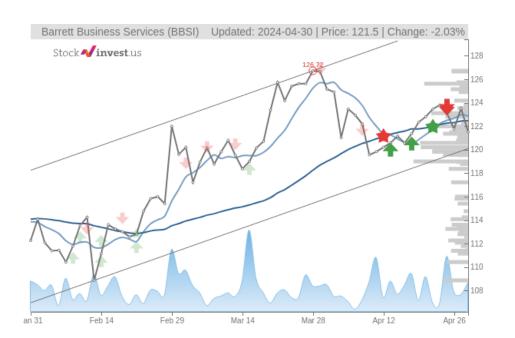
Barrett Business Services (Tue, Apr 30, 2024)

Sell candidate since Apr 30, 2024



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Trend: MV Long: MV Short: Volume: Buy MACD:

Tech commentaries:

The Barrett Business Services stock price fell by -1.64% on the last day (Tuesday, 30th Apr 2024) from \$123.53 to \$121.50. During the last trading day the stock fluctuated 1.50% from a day low at \$121.45 to a day high of \$123.27. The price has risen in 6 of the last 10 days and is up by 0.28% over the past 2 weeks. Volume has increased on the last day by 8 thousand shares but on falling prices. This may be an early warning and the risk will be increased slightly over the next couple of days. In total, 30 thousand shares were bought and sold for approximately \$3.60 million.

The stock lies in the lower part of a strong rising trend in the short term, and this may normally pose a very good buying opportunity. If the lower trend floor at \$120.10 is broken, it will firstly indicate a slower rate of rising, but may also be an early warning for a trend shift. Given the current short-term trend, the stock is expected to rise 11.11% during the next 3 months and, with a 90% probability hold a price between \$133.44 and \$145.97 at the end of this 3-month period.

Furthermore, there is a buy signal from the 3 month Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD). Some negative signals were issued as well, and these may have some influence on the near short-term development. The Barrett Business Services stock holds sell signals from both short and long-term Moving Averages giving a more negative forecast for the stock. On corrections up, there will be some resistance from the lines at \$122.86 and \$122.49. A break-up above any of these levels will issue buy signals. A sell signal was issued from a pivot top point on Thursday, March 28, 2024, and so far it has fallen -4.12%. Further fall is indicated until a new bottom pivot has been found. Volume rose on falling prices yesterday. This may be an early warning and the stock should be followed more closely.

Barrett Business Services finds support from accumulated volume at \$120.58 and this level may hold a buying opportunity as an upwards reaction can be expected when the support is being tested. On the upside the stock meets some resistance just above today's level from accumulated volume at \$121.99, \$123.11 and \$125.62.

In general the stock tends to have very controlled movements and with good liquidity the risk is considered very low in this stock. During the last day, the stock moved \$1.82 between high and low, or 1.50%. For the last week the stock has had daily average volatility of 1.22%.

The Barrett Business Services stock holds several negative signals and despite the positive trend, we believe Barrett Business Services will perform weakly in the next couple of days or weeks. Therefore, we hold a negative evaluation of this stock. Due to some small weaknesses in the technical picture we have downgraded our analysis conclusion for this stock since the last evaluation from a Strong Buy to a Sell candidate.

Risk: Low

Evaluation: Sell Candidate