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Coca-Cola KO FAIRLY VALUED

Estimated Fair Value

**Economic Castle** 

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Very Attractive \$43.00 - \$69.00 Coca-Cola continues to drive strong price/mix growth, but the company's free Investment Conside

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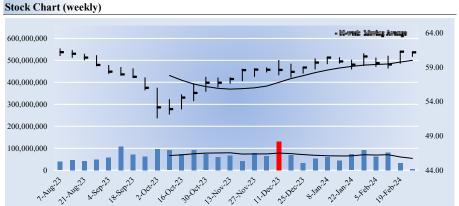
**Investment Style** MEGA-CAP CORE

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cash flow is worth watching closely. Its equity stakes in CCEP and Monster pad our fair value estimate.



Company Vitals	
Market Cap (USD)	\$265,330
Avg Weekly Vol (30 wks)	65,516
30-week Range (USD)	51.55 - 61.73
Valuentum Sector	Consumer Staples
5-week Return	3.1%
13-week Return	4.4%
30-week Return	0.6%
Dividend Yield %	3.2%
Dividends per Share	1.94
Forward Dividend Payout R	atio 73.9%
Est. Normal Diluted EPS	3.05
P/E on Est. Normal Diluted	EPS 20.0
Est. Normal EBITDA	18,048
Forward EV/EBITDA	18.8
EV/Est. Normal EBITDA	16.3
Forward Revenue Growth (5	5-yr) 4.0%
Forward EPS Growth (5-yr) NMF = Not Meaningful; Est. = Estimated; F	7.3% Y = Fiscal Year

Returns Summary	3-year Historical Average
Return on Equity	43.3%
Return on Assets	10.8%
ROIC, with goodwill	25.9%
ROIC, without goodwill ROIC = Return on Invested Capital; NMF =	47.5% Not Meaningful

#### Leverage, Coverage, and Liquidity

Quick Ratio

NMF = Not Meaningful

In Millions of USD	
Total Debt	42,064
Net Debt	28,401
Total Debt/EBITDA	2.9
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.0
EBITDA/Interest	9.4
Current Ratio	1.1

### **Investment Highlights**

- Coca-Cola is the world's largest beverage company. The firm owns and markets four of the world's top five nonalcoholic sparkling beverage brands: Coca-Cola, Diet Coke, Fanta, and Sprite. In 2021, Coca-Cola launched hard seltzer products under the Topo Chico brand in the US. Coca-Cola was founded in 1886 and is based in Atlanta, Georgia.
- The company boasts a number of competitive advantages: its brands, financial strength, distribution system, and global reach. Coca-Cola decided to directly enter the domestic energy drink market by launching its Coca-Cola Energy offering nationwide in 2020.
- · Coca-Cola plans to list its Coca-Cola Beverages Africa business as an independent bottler via an IPO as part of its broader bottler refranchising pivot over the past few years. The company has also been consolidating its vast brand portfolio in recent years. These efforts along with various other initiatives support Coca-Cola's margin expansion outlook.
- · We're big fans of Coca-Cola's business model and ability to generate significant free cash flows. The firm "refranchised" its bottling operations in the U.S., and we like the strategic pivot. Coca-Cola has also been divesting its international bottling operations over the years. Its current stakes in CCEP and Monster are quite valuable, offering a boost to its intrinsic value.
- · Coca-Cola has raised its dividend in each of the past ~60 years. Investors, however, should be cognizant of the generosity embedded in its fair value estimate, originating from a low discount rate and elevated expected top-line growth and margin enhancement.

Investment Considerations	
DCF Valuation	FAIRLY VALUED
Relative Valuation	UNATTRACTIVE
ValueCreation <sup>TM</sup>	EXCELLENT
ValueRisk <sup>TM</sup>	MEDIUM
ValueTrend <sup>TM</sup>	POSITIVE
Cash Flow Generation	STRONG
Financial Leverage	HIGH
Growth	MODEST
Technical Evaluation	BULLISH
Relative Strength	WEAK
Money Flow Index (MFI)	NEUTRAL

Near-term Technical Support, 10-week MA

Upside/Downside Volume (U/D)

60.00 DCF = Discounted Cash Flow; MFI, U/D = Please see glossary. MA = Moving Average

<b>Business Quality</b>	ValueCreation <sup>TM</sup>			
ValueRisk <sup>TM</sup>	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Excellent
Low				
Medium				
High				
Very High				

Firms that generate economic profits with little operating variability score near the top right of the matrix

Relative Valuation	Forward P/E	PEG	Price / FV
Anheuser-Busch InBev	20.5	1.7	99.3%
Philip Morris	15.0	2.0	100.4%
Procter & Gamble	24.1	2.2	103.3%
Wal-Mart	25.9	1.5	98.7%
Peer Median	22.3	1.8	99.8%
Coca-Cola	23.3	3.4	109.2%

Price / FV = Current Stock Price divided by Estimated Fair Value

Financial Summary	Actua	1	Projected
Fiscal Year End:	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24
Revenue	43,004	45,754	45,754
Revenue, YoY%	11.3%	6.4%	0.0%
Non-GAAP Operating Income	12,250	13,204	14,516
Non-GAAP EBIT %	28.5%	28.9%	31.7%
Non-GAAP Net Income	9,542	10,714	11,406
Non-GAAP NI Margin %	22.2%	23.4%	24.9%
Non-GAAP Diluted EPS	2.19	2.47	2.63
Non-GAAP Dil EPS, YoY %	-2.6%	12.6%	6.3%
Non-GAAP FCF (CFO-capex)	9,534	9,747	10,257
Non-GAAP FCF Margin % In Millions of USD (except for per share items)	22.2%	21.3%	22.4%

#### Structure of the Nonalcoholic Beverages Industry

The nonalcoholic beverage segment of the commercial beverage industry is highly competitive, consisting of numerous companies that make various sparkling beverages, water products, juices, fruit drinks, energy and other performanceenhancing drinks. Pricing, advertising, product innovation, the availability of in-store private-label beverages, and health concerns about sugar-sweetened beverages are key drivers that impact demand. Leading brands with high levels of consumer acceptance and an expansive distribution network are sources of competitive strengths. We like the structure of the group.



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# **Economic Profit Analysis**

#### ValueCreation<sup>TM</sup> **EXCELLENT**

The best measure of a firm's ability to create value for shareholders is expressed by comparing its return on invested capital (ROIC) with its weighted average cost of capital (WACC). The gap or difference between ROIC and WACC is called the firm's economic profit spread. Coca-Cola's 3-year historical return on invested capital (without goodwill) is 47.5%, which is above the estimate of its cost of capital of 8.5%. As such, we assign the firm a ValueCreation<sup>TM</sup> rating of EXCELLENT. In the chart to the right, we show the probable path of ROIC in the years ahead based on the estimated volatility of key drivers behind the measure. The solid grey line reflects the most likely outcome, in our opinion, and represents the scenario that results in our fair value

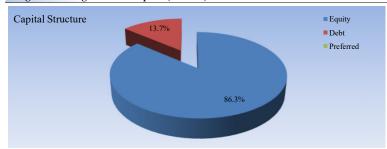
ROIC - WACC Spread, 3-year historical average	38.9%
ROIC - WACC Spread, 5-year projected average	51.9%

These spreads equal the firm's annual average ROIC (excluding goodwill) less its WACC

ValueTrend™ **POSITIVE** 

Coca-Cola receives a ValueTrendTM rating of POSITIVE, which is based on the company's trailing three-year performance. The firm's ROIC (excluding goodwill) increased to 48.7% last year from its trailing 3-year average of 47.5%. We expect ROIC (excluding goodwill) to be in the ballpark of about 69% by the end of our discrete forecast period, with upside potential to about 76% over that time period.

### Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)



#### **Cost of Equity**

Risk Free Rate Assumption	4.3%
Fundamental Beta (ERP multiplier)	0.8
Estimated Equity Risk Premium	6.5%
Cost of Equity Assumption	9.2%

### After-tax Cost of Debt

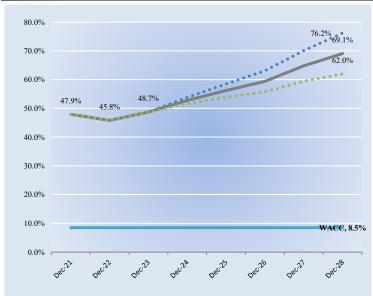
After-tax Cost of Debt Assumption	5.5%
Cash Tax Rate Assumption	18.0%
Cost of Debt Assumption	6.6%
Synthetic Credit Spread	2.33%
Risk Free Rate Assumption	4.3%
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Cost of Preferred Stock	
Preferred Dividends	0
Value of Preferred Stock	0
Cost of Preferred Assumption	NA

#### Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

ERP = Equity Risk Premium

### Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)



The graph above shows the firm's ROIC (excluding goodwill) compared with historical averages and its WACC

#### **Assessment of Company Dividend Strategy**

### **Key Strengths**

The steady demand for Coca-Cola's products and nearly incomparable brand recognition allow it to generate strong and consistent free cash flows. Its strong business profile has helped the Dividend Aristocrat increase its payout over the past 60+ consecutive years. Coca-Cola's dividend policy calls for it to pay out ~75% of its free cash flows as dividends. Over the long haul, Coca-Cola targets an adjusted free cash flow conversion ratio of ~95%-100%. Coca-Cola aims to grow its coffee and energy drink business and is also pushing into the alcoholic beverage market. Its valuable ownership stakes in CCEP and Monster offer increased financial flexibility, too. We are expecting continued dividend increases for the foreseeable future.

#### **Potential Weaknesses**

The single biggest risk to Coca-Cola's dividend program is its large net debt load. Coca-Cola has a solid handle on that burden for now given that the beverage giant is a tremendous generator of free cash flow. Historically, Coca-Cola has been highly acquisitive and potential M&A activity needs to be monitored. Additionally, Coca-Cola's share repurchase program competes for capital against its dividend program. Coca-Cola remains committed to rewarding income seeking shareholders, and we expect the Dividend Aristocrat will continue to steadily increase its dividend going forward. Inflationary pressures and supply chain hurdles have been significant of late, but it will take much more than that to derail Coca-Cola's dividend growth.

Note: Valuentum may provide an adjusted ROIC measure to better reflect the economic substance of a company's operations, as in the case of companies with negative invested capital.



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## **Growth Analysis**

<b>Revenue Growth</b>				MODEST
		Last Fiscal		
		Year Revenue	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
Coca-Cola	USD	45,754	11.5%	4.0%
Anheuser-Busch InBev	USD	57,786	3.4%	4.8%
Philip Morris	USD	31,762	2.1%	6.0%
Procter & Gamble	USD	83,265	3.0%	4.0%
Wal-Mart	USD	611,289	5.3%	2.0%
Peer Median			3.2%	4.4%
Industry Median			5.6%	3.1%

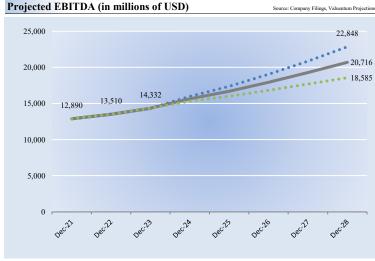
Coca-Cola's revenue expansion has been greater than the median of both its peer group and industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's revenue to trail its peer group but outpace that of its industry group during the next five years. Our growth assessment of each firm is based on the firm's 5-year forward revenue CAGR. Coca-Cola's future pace of revenue growth is MODEST, in our opinion.

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In the chart above, we show our baseline forecast for revenue as well as potential upside and downside cases.

#### **EBITDA** Growth Last Fiscal Year 3-year Historical 5-year Projected **EBITDA CAGR** CAGR Coca-Cola USD 14,332 7.5% Anheuser-Busch InBev 18,834 -3.1% 6.0% USD 13,585 4 2% 6.6% Philip Morris USD 21,771 4.4% 8.1% Procter & Gamble USD Wal-Mart USD 35,473 3.0% 8.9% Peer Median 3.6% 7.3% 3.7% Industry Median

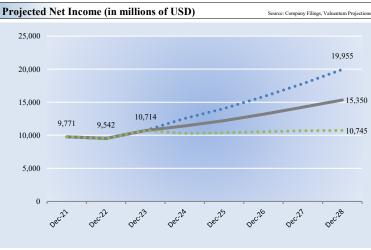
Coca-Cola's EBITDA expansion has been greater than that of both its peer group and industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's EBITDA expansion to outpace its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Wal-Mart sports the highest EBITDA growth rate among peers.



In the chart above, we show our baseline forecast for EBITDA as well as potential upside and downside cases.

<b>Net Income Growth</b>				
		Last Fiscal		
		Year Net Income	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
Coca-Cola	USD	10,714	11.4%	7.5%
Anheuser-Busch InBev	USD	5,969	-13.3%	13.6%
Philip Morris	USD	9,048	8.0%	7.5%
Procter & Gamble	USD	14,653	4.0%	9.6%
Wal-Mart	USD	11,680	-7.8%	22.4%
Peer Median			-1.9%	11.6%
Industry Median			-0.5%	10.1%

Coca-Cola's net income expansion has been greater than that of both its peer group and industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's pace of net income growth to fall below that of both its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Wal-Mart sports the highest net income growth rate among peers.



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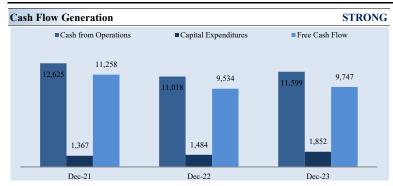
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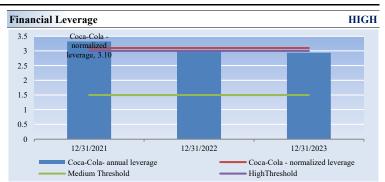
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# Cash Flow and Financial Leverage Analysis



The bars above show the firms operating cash flow, capital expenditures, and free cash flow, respectively

Firms that generate a free cash flow margin (free cash flow divided by total revenue) above 5% are usually considered cash cows. Coca-Cola's free cash flow margin has averaged about 24.2% during the past 3 years. As such, we think the firm's cash flow generation is relatively STRONG. The free cash flow measure shown above is derived by taking cash flow from operations less capital expenditures and differs from enterprise free cash flow (FCFF), which we use in deriving our fair value estimate for the company. For more information on the differences between these two measures, please visit our website at Valuentum.com. At Coca-Cola, cash flow from operations decreased about 8% from levels registered two years ago, while capital expenditures expanded about 35% over the same time period.



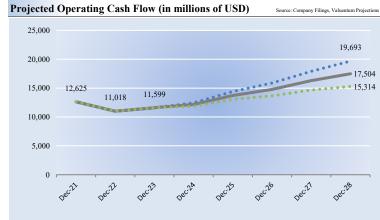
The bars above show the firm's annual debt-to-EBITDA. The red line shows the firm's normalized measure.

Firms that exhibit high leverage tend to be more risky than firms with relatively low debt loads, all else equal. We measure financial leverage by taking a firm's current total debt load and dividing it by the firm's trailing average 3-year annual EBITDA. Firms that are over 3 for this metric, we rate as having high leverage. Companies that have less than 1.5 turns of leverage (or a measure below 1.5), we rate as having low leverage. Coca-Cola's normalized debt-to-EBITDA measure of about 3.1 puts it in the HIGH camp.

#### **Cash Flow from Operations**

		Last Fiscal Year CFO	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
Coca-Cola	USD	11,599	5.6%	8.6%
Anheuser-Busch InBev	USD	13,298	-1.8%	6.1%
Philip Morris	USD	10,803	2.3%	6.1%
Procter & Gamble	USD	16,848	-1.1%	11.7%
Wal-Mart	USD	28,841	4.5%	11.7%
Peer Median			0.6%	8.9%
Industry Median			-1.0%	8.7%

Coca-Cola's cash flow from operations expansion has been greater than that of both its peer group and industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's pace of cash flow from operations growth to fall below that of both its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Procter & Gamble sports the highest expected cash flow from operations growth rate among peers.

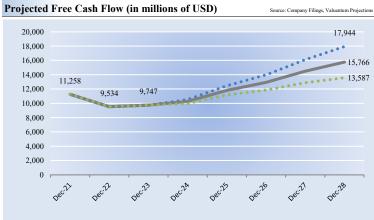


In the chart above, we show our baseline forecast for CFO as well as potential upside and downside cases.

### Free Cash Flow (CFO-capital expenditures)

		Last Fiscal Year FCF	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
Coca-Cola	USD	9,747	4.0%	10.1%
Anheuser-Busch InBev	USD	8,138	-2.8%	9.0%
Philip Morris	USD	9,726	1.7%	6.1%
Procter & Gamble	USD	13,786	-1.3%	13.4%
Wal-Mart	USD	11,984	-6.3%	21.7%
Peer Median			-2.0%	11.2%
Industry Median			-2.7%	9.9%

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## Valuation Analysis

Valuation Assumptions					
In Millions of USD (except for per share items)	5-year Projections				
Revenue CAGR %	4.0%				
Avg. EBIT Margin %	33.1%				
Avg. Cash Tax Rate %	18.0%				
Earnings Before Interest CAGR %	9.1%				
Earnings Per Share CAGR %	7.3%				
Free Cash Flow to the Firm CAGR %	6.8%				
Earnings before interest = Net operating profits less adjusted taxes	Long-term Projections				
Phase II> III FCFF CAGR %	2.9% (II) 3% (III)				
Cost of Equity %	9.2%				
After-tax Cost of Debt %	4.4%				
Discount Rate (WACC) %	8.5%				
Synthetic credit spread = 2.333%	<u>Results</u>				
Phase I Present Value	52,534				
Phase II Present Value	110,454				
Phase III Present Value	91,166				
Total Firm Value	254,154				
Net Balance Sheet Impact	-10,883				
Total Equity Value	243,271				
Diluted Shares Outstanding	4,339.0				
Fair Value per Share	\$56.00				

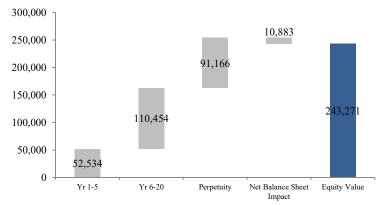
#### **DCF Valuation Summary**

We think Coca-Cola is worth \$56 per share with a fair value range of \$43.00 - \$69.00. The margin of safety around our fair value estimate is driven by the firm's MEDIUM ValueRisk™ rating, which is derived from an evaluation of the historical volatility of key valuation drivers and a future assessment of them. Our near-term operating forecasts, including revenue and earnings, do not differ much from consensus estimates or management guidance. Our model reflects a compound annual revenue growth rate of 4% during the next five years, a pace that is lower than the firm's 3-year historical compound annual growth rate of 11.5%. Our model reflects a 5-year projected average operating margin of 33.1%, which is above Coca-Cola's trailing 3-year average. Beyond year 5, we assume free cash flow will grow at an annual rate of 2.9% for the next 15 years and 3% in perpetuity. For Coca-Cola, we use a 8.5% weighted average cost of capital to discount future free cash flows.

#### Valuation Breakdown

In the chart below, we show the build up to our estimate of total enterprise value for Coca-Cola and the break down to the firm's total equity value, which we estimate to be about 243.27USD billion. The present value of the enterprise free cash flows generated during each phase of our model and the net balance sheet impact, which considers the firm's pension, is displayed. We divide total equity value by diluted shares outstanding to arrive at our \$56 per share fair value estimate.

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In addition to the firm's cap structure, the net balance sheet impact considers its stake in CCEP and Monster Beverage (17517.76). In Millions of USD

Fiscal Year End:	12/31/2021	12/31/2022	12/31/2023
	10,913	10,352	10,595
	1,287	1,140	1,128
	1,367	1,484	1,852
	-3,024	460	-1,901
	4,766	73	62
7)	9,091	9,475	11,710
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Our future forecasts for key valuation drivers result in a future free enterprise cash flow stream. Above, we show how we calculate enterprise free cash flow and the historical performance of the metric for Coca-Cola. Over the next five years, we expect the firm's enterprise free cash flow to expand at about a 7% compound annual growth rate. During years 6 through 20, we expect the measure to grow at a 2.9% rate. Beyond year 20 (in perpetuity), we grow the firm's free cash flow at inflation (3%).

Source: Company Filings, Valuentum Projection

#### **Company Metrics versus Peer and Industry Medians**

Company Name	Valuentum Buying Index <sup>TM</sup>	Forward Price-to- Earnings	P/E on Est. Normal Diluted EPS	Price/Earnings-to- Growth (PEG), 5- year	Forward EV/EBITDA	EV/Est. Normal EBITDA	5-year Forward Earnings per Share CAGR	3-year Hist Avg ROIC, without goodwill	Dividend Yield %	Stock Price / Fair Value Estimate
Coca-Cola	6	23.3	20.0	3.4	18.8	16.3	7.3%	47.5%	3.2%	109.2%
Anheuser-Busch InBev	7	20.5	15.1	1.7	10.9	9.2	13.1%	27.6%	1.3%	99.3%
Philip Morris	6	15.0	12.7	2.0	12.8	11.2	8.0%	121.8%	5.6%	100.4%
Procter & Gamble	6	24.1	19.2	2.2	18.4	15.6	11.9%	44.4%	2.4%	103.3%
Wal-Mart	3	25.9	17.9	1.5	14.0	10.9	23.6%	24.5%	1.5%	98.7%
Peer Median	6.0	22.3	16.5	1.8	13.4	11.0	12.5%	36.0%	1.9%	99.8%
Industry Median	6.0	18.2	15.3	2.1	12.2	11.0	10.8%	23.9%	3.0%	101.2%

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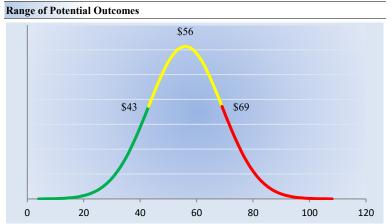
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## **Margin of Safety Analysis**



Our discounted cash flow process values each firm on the basis of the present value of all future free cash flows. Although we estimate the firm's fair value at about \$56 per share, every company has a range of probable fair values that's created by the uncertainty of key valuation drivers (like future revenue or earnings, for example). After all, if the future were known with certainty, we wouldn't see much volatility in the markets as stocks would trade precisely at their known fair values. Our ValueRisk<sup>TM</sup> rating sets the margin of safety or the fair value range we assign to each stock. In the graph above, we show this probable range of fair values for Coca-Cola. We think the firm is attractive below \$43 per share (the green line), but quite expensive above \$69 per share (the red line). The prices that fall along the yellow line, which includes our fair value estimate, represent a reasonable valuation for the firm, in our opinion.

# ValueRisk<sup>™</sup> MEDIUM

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Coca-Cola receives a ValueRisk<sup>TM</sup> rating of MEDIUM based of the historical volatility of key drivers of economic value creation. The fair value range sets the margin of safety around our fair value estimate of the firm's shares.

Revenue Volatility	12.1%
Gross Margin Volatility	11.9%
Earnings (EBI) Volatility	8.2%
Cash Flow (FCFF) Volatility	13.2%
Fair Value Range	22.5%
The Fair Value Range sets the premium or discount on our estimate of the firm's fair value.	

#### **Upside and Downside Probabilities**

Probability (fair value < \$0) Less than 0.1% Probability (fair value > 2x current share price) 0.00%

We strive to answer a few questions that investors often ask: 1) What are the chances of a total loss of investment in this company? and 2) What is the chance that the company is really worth twice what I paid for it? The probability (fair value < 0) strives to answer the first question. It indicates the chance that the firm may encounter insolvency based on the characteristics of its cash flow stream, capital structure, and risk profile. The probability (fair value > 2x current share price) strives to answer the second question. It is our best estimate of whether investors are participating in a half-off sale by buying the company's shares at current prices.

### **Future Path of Fair Value**

We estimate Coca-Cola's fair value at this point in time to be about \$56 per share. As time passes, however, companies generate cash flow and pay out cash to shareholders in the form of dividends. The chart to the right compares the firm's current share price with the path of Coca-Cola's expected equity value per share over the next three years, assuming our long-term projections prove accurate. The range between the resulting downside fair value and upside fair value in Year 3 represents our best estimate of the value of the firm's shares three years hence. This range of potential outcomes is also subject to change over time, should our views on the firm's future cash flow potential change. The expected fair value of \$67 per share in Year 3 represents our existing fair value per share of \$56 increased at an annual rate of the firm's cost of equity less its dividend yield. The upside and downside ranges are derived in the same way, but from the upper and lower bounds of our fair value estimate range.



The graph above shows the expected future fair value of the firm's shares relative to its current stock price.

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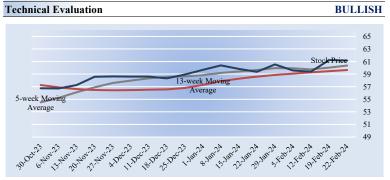
Economic Castle Very Attractive Estimated Fair Value \$56.00 **Fair Value Range** \$43.00 - \$69.00

Investment Style MEGA-CAP CORE **Sector** Consumer Staples

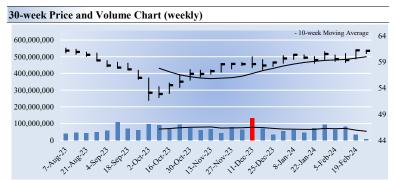
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**Industry** Recession Resistant

# **Technical Analysis**



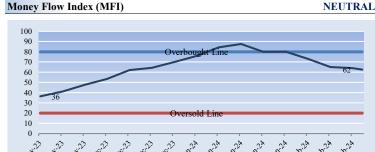
The firm's near-term moving average (5-week, grey line) and medium-term moving average (13-week, red line) are shown in the chart above. Typically, when a shorter-term moving average crosses a medium- or longer-term moving average from below, it represents a bullish signal. If the short-term moving average crosses from above, traders often view this as bearish. Coca-Cola's 5-week moving average resides above its 13-week measure, indicating a BULLISH trend. We'd grow wary of the firm's technicals should its 5-week moving average drop below its 13-week moving average.



In the chart above, we pinpoint the heaviest accumulation or distribution week of the firm, determined by the week with the highest trading volume during the past 30 weeks. A heavy accumulation (buying) or distribution (selling) week often determines the future near-term direction of the firm's share price, as money managers continue to move in or out of the stock in the days and weeks ahead driving the stock up or down, respectively. For Coca-Cola, the week with the highest trading volume out of the last 30 weeks was a week of heavy selling, or distribution (red bar). Such market activity could indicate a reversal of an uptrend or further confirmation of a downtrend.



The level and trend of the Upside/Downside (U/D) volume ratio reveals whether institutional participation has been bullish or bearish as of late. Coca-Cola's U/D volume ratio of 0.7 is not only less than 1 but also is lower than its trailing average, indicating BEARISH institutional interest during the past several weeks.



The Money Flow Index (MFI) is an oscillator that uses price and volume to measure buying and selling pressure. Chartists often look for overbought (above 80) and oversold (below 20) levels to warn of unsustainable near-term price extremes. Coca-Cola's MFI of 62 is neutral, suggesting the firm's stock is neither overbought nor oversold at this time. However, a score over 50 tends to favor bulls. The MFI can also be used to gauge the strength or weakness of a firm's price trend. In Coca-Cola's case, its stock price and money flow neither reveals a bullish nor bearish divergence, further supporting our neutral view on its money flow action.

#### Relative Price Strength WEAK

A firm's relative price strength can be assessed over any number of time horizons. We show the firm's performance over the past 5 weeks, 13 weeks, and 30 weeks below. In arriving at our relative strength rating for each company, we assess the past 13 weeks, which includes the market's reaction to the firm's most recently reported quarter, where applicable, and other more recent economic events. During the past 13 weeks, Coca-Cola's shares returned 4.4%, while the market benchmark returned 10.4%. We think Coca-Cola's 13-week relative price performance is WEAK.

5-week Company Performance	3.1%
5-week Market Benchmark Performance	5.1%
5-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark	-2.1%
13-week Company Performance	4.4%
13-week Market Benchmark Performance	10.4%
13-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark	-6.0%
30-week Company Performance	0.6%
30-week Market Benchmark Performance	12.2%
30-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark	-11.6%

Timeliness Ma	Timeliness Matrix <sup>TM</sup> Equity Valuation						
Relative Strength	Overvalued	Fairly Valued Undervalue					
Strong							
Neutral							
Weak							

Firms that are undervalued and currently showing near-term pricing strength score near the top right of the matrix.

Companies that are undervalued and showing near-term relative price strength could represent timely buys, as the stock may be attractive to both value and momentum investors. A cross section of the firm's equity valuation and its relative share price strength is shown in the matrix above. We tend to prefer undervalued stocks that have strong pricing momentum, also called Valuentum stocks.



#### Coca-Cola KO FAIRLY VALUED

Income Available to Common, excluding extra items

Diluted Earnings per Share, excluding extra items

Diluted Weighted Shares Outstanding

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# **Pro Forma Income Statement**

------ Historical ----------- Projected -----In Millions of USD (except for per share items) Dec-22 Dec-21 Dec-23 Dec-24 Dec-25 Total Revenue 38,655 43,004 48,042 45,754 45,754 Cost of Goods Sold 15,357 18,000 18,520 17,774 18,519 11,867 13,972 13,971 Selling, General and Administrative Expenses 12,662 13,409 (7)92 58 Other Operating Expenses 58 56 11,438 12,250 13,204 **Operating Income** 14,516 15,494 Unusual items 0 0 0 0 0 11,438 12,250 13,204 14,516 15,494 Operating Income, including unusual items Interest Expense (1,597)(882)(1,527)(1,527)(1,527)Other Non-operating Income 2,584 318 1.275 907 907 Pre-tax Income 12,425 11,686 12,952 13,896 14,874 Income Taxes 2,621 2,115 2,249 2,501 2,677 Income after tax 9,804 9,571 10,703 11,395 12,196 Minority Interest and Equity Income (33)(29)11 11 11 9,771 10,714 12,207 Net Income, excluding extra items 9,542 11,406

Source: Company Filings, Xignite, Valuentum Projections, Seeking Alpha

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**Estimated Fair Value Economic Castle** Fair Value Range **Investment Style** Sector Industry Very Attractive \$56.00 \$43.00 - \$69.00 MEGA-CAP CORE Consumer Staples Recession Resistant

----- Historical -----

# **Pro Forma Balance Sheet**

In Millions of USD (except for per share items)						
	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25	
Assets						
Total Cash (including marketable securities)	12,626	11,631	13,663	15,759	19,144	
Inventory	3,414	4,233	4,424	4,239	4,409	
Accounts Receivable	3,512	3,487	3,410	3,460	3,685	
Other Current Assets	2,993	3,240	5,235	5,235	5,235	
Total Current Assets	22,545	22,591	26,732	28,693	32,473	
Gross Fixed Assets	20,280	20,481	20,481	22,370	24,287	
(Accumulated Depreciation)	(8,942)	(9,234)	(11,245)	(12,373)	(13,557)	
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	11,338	11,247	9,236	9,997	10,730	
Goodwill, Net	19,363	18,782	18,358	18,358	18,358	
Intangibles, Net	15,250	14,849	14,865	14,865	14,865	
Other Long-term Assets	25,858	25,294	28,512	28,512	28,512	
Total Assets	94,354	92,763	97,703	100,425	104,938	
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	4,602	5,307	15,485	13,979	14,083	
Other Current Liabilities	10,703	11,645	1,569	2,812	3,348	
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	4,645	2,772	6,517	6,517	6,517	
Total Current Liabilities	19,950	19,724	23,571	23,309	23,947	
Long-term Debt	38,130	38,053	35,547	35,547	35,547	
Other Long-term Liabilities	13,275	10,881	12,644	12,644	12,644	
Total Liabilities	71,355	68,658	71,762	71,500	72,138	
Preferred Stock	0	0	0	0	0	
Shareholders' Equity						
Common Stock and Additional Paid in Capital	19,876	20,582	20,969	21,234	21,500	
Retained Earnings	69,094	71,019	73,782	76,751	80,259	
Other Equity	(65,971)	(67,496)	(68,810)	(69,060)	(68,960)	
Total Shareholders' Equity	22,999	24,105	25,941	28,925	32,799	
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	94,354	92,763	97,703	100,425	104,938	
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(10=best) Data as of 22-Feb-2024 Valuentum Retail Equity Research

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Estimated Fair Value **Economic Castle** Fair Value Range **Investment Style** Sector Industry Very Attractive \$56.00 \$43.00 - \$69.00 MEGA-CAP CORE Consumer Staples Recession Resistant

----- Historical -----

# **Pro Forma Cash Flow Statement**

In Millions of USD (except for per share items)					
	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25
Cash from Operations					
Net Income	9,771	9,542	10,714	11,395	12,196
Depreciation and Amortization	1,452	1,260	1,128	1,128	1,184
Deferred Income Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Gains Or Losses	1,402	216	(243)	(250)	100
Changes in Working Capital	0	0	0	(127)	243
Cash Flow from Operations	12,625	11,018	11,599	12,146	13,724
Cash from Investing					
9	(1.2(7)	(1.494)	(1.952)	(1,000)	(1.017)
Purchase of Property, Plant, Equipment	(1,367)	(1,484)	(1,852)	(1,889)	(1,917)
Other Investing Cash Flows	(1,398)	721	(1,497)	0	0
Cash Flow from Investing	(2,765)	(763)	(3,349)	(1,889)	(1,917)
Cash from Financing					
Issuance (Retirement) of Stock	591	(581)	(1,750)	265	266
Issuance (Retirement) of Debt	228	(958)	1,857	0	0
Dividends Paid	(7,252)	(7,616)	(7,952)	(8,426)	(8,688)
Other Financing Cash Flows	(353)	(1,095)	(465)	0	0
Cash Flow from Financing	(6,786)	(10,250)	(8,310)	(8,161)	(8,422)
Foreign Exchange	(159)	(205)	(73)	0	0
Net Change in Cash	2,915	(200)	(133)	2,096	3,385

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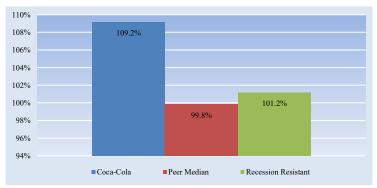
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**Industry** Recession Resistant

#### **Recession Resistant**

#### Recession Resistant FAIRLY VALUED

We think the Recession Resistant industry is fairly valued at this time. The industry's market cap is trading between 80% and 120% of our estimate of its fair value based on our DCF process. Although we use a firm-specific ValueRisk™ measure to determine whether a firm is undervalued or overvalued based on our DCF process, we consider an industry to be undervalued if it is trading below 80% of our estimate of its fair value and overvalued if it is trading at over 120% of our estimate of its fair value. We think these fair value ranges are appropriate given the diversification benefits of holding a basket of stocks. Although there may be individual opportunities within the Recession Resistant industry, we don't find the industry as a whole attractive based solely on valuation.



The above bar chart reveals the price/fair value of the company, its peers, and the industry as a whole.

Shaded blue denotes that the firm has earned the highest rating for that respective category.

Market Cap (USD-

Company Name	Ticker	mil)	Investment Style	DCF Valuation	Relative Valuation	ValueCreation <sup>™</sup>	ValueRisk™	ValueTrend™	Technicals	Relative Strength
Altria Group	MO	76,219	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	130,216	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Archer-Daniels-Midland	ADM	30,057	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	POOR	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Campbell Soup	CPB	12,851	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Casey's General	CASY	10,668	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Church & Dwight	CHD	23,178	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	NEUTRAL
Clorox	CLX	18,735	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Coca-Cola	КО	265,330	MEGA-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Colgate-Palmolive	CL	65,770	LARGE-CAP CORE	OVERVALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Costco	COST	321,388	MEGA-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Fresh Del Monte	FDP	1,243	SMALL-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	POOR	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
General Mills	GIS	40,001	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	NEUTRAL
Hormel Foods	HRL	15,705	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Kellanova	K	18,368	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Keurig Dr Pepper	KDP	46,419	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	GOOD	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	NEUTRAL
Kimberly-Clark	KMB	40,796	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Kraft Heinz	KHC	44,553	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	GOOD	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Kroger	KR	32,799	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	GOOD	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Lancaster Colony	LANC	4,612	MID-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
McCormick	MKC	17,979	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Molson Coors	TAP	13,417	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	GOOD	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Mondelez Intl	MDLZ	97,235	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	NEUTRAL
PepsiCo	PEP	232,683	MEGA-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Philip Morris	PM	142,695	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Procter & Gamble	PG	389,923	MEGA-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Smucker	SJM	13,128	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Sysco	SYY	37,366	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Target	TGT	67,809	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	NEUTRAL
Tyson Foods	TSN	18,281	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Wal-Mart	WMT	423,770	MEGA-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK

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**DCF Valuation** 

Shows whether the firm is undervalued, fairly valued, or overvalued based on our DCF process and by how much.

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### Investment Considerations

Evaluates firms on 12 different measures, from the firm's growth and cash flow generation to the stock's money flow index and upside/downside volume. We reveal technical support and resistance levels.

**Business Quality** 

for shareholders

operations.

compared wth the

underlying risk of its

**Investment Highlights** 

analysis of its financial

and technical strengths

**Relative Valuation** 

Comparison of the

peers.

firm's PE, PEG, and

Price/FV ratios versus

Our opinion of the

and weaknesses.

company, including

Summary of the firm's

ability to create value

#### 30-week Price and Volume Action

Displays the last accumulation or distribution week of the stock and historical price and volume action.

**Company Vitals** 

industry and other

relevant company

**Normalized EPS** 

Estimation of the

firm's normalized

earnings measures

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Stock Chart (weekly) ValueCreation<sup>TM</sup> ValueRisk<sup>TM</sup> 1.800.000.000 ValueTrend<sup>TM</sup> 116.00 Cash Flow Generation 111 1,200,000,000 Technical Evaluatio 800,000,000 Relative Strength Company Vitals

Apple is as much a brand as it is one of the world's

most innovative companies. The firm is no longer

known for its iPods and personal computers, as the

proliferation of the iPhone over the past several years

has been a sight to behold. The company's execution

remains top notch, and we enter it it to continue to out innovative products in technology, its most recent many product launch.

UNDERVALUED Relative Valuation UNATTRACTIVE EXCELLENT LOW POSITIVE STRONG MODEST BULLISH STRONG Money Flow Index (MFI) NEUTRAL Upside/Downside Volume (U/D) BULLISH Near-term Technical Support, 10-week MA 112.00 ited Cash Flow; MFI, U/D = Please see glos

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	· Criticism over the firm's dependence on sales of the	Firms that generate economic profits with little ope	postine specialistic score	a near the top riv	
	iPhone gained momentum in fiscal 2016, as the second quarter of the fiscal year marked the first	Relative Valuatio	Forward P/E	PEG	
	quarterly sales decline in 13 years. High levels of	BlackBerry	-53.0	NMF	
	demand for the iPhone 7 and multiple safety issues at	Cray	49.4	0.9	
	rival Samsung have eased concerns for the time being.	Hewlett-Packard	9.0	NMF	
	· Apple's rollout of future iterations of the iPhone	IBM	11.7	2.6	
	should propel its fundamentals higher. Though we're	Peer Median	10.4	1.8	
	not embedding another blockbuster hit in our model,	Apple	14.0	2.0	
	we wouldn't be surprised if Apple delivers another one	Price / FV = Current Stor Vided by Estimated Fair Value			
from its pipeline. Perhaps only a dream five years ago, the popularity of the new Apple Watch is now worth		Financial Summar	Actual		
	watching, though it has yet to catch fire in the eyes of	Fiscal Year End:	Sep-14	Sep-1	

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Apple	14.0	2.0	79.3%	
Price / FV = Current Stor vided by I	Estimated Fair Val	lue		
Financial Summar	Actual		Projected	
Fiscal Year End:	Sep-14	Sep-15	Sep-16	
Revenue	182,795	233,715	215,485	
Revenue, YoY%	7.0%	27.9%	-7.8%	
Operating Income	52,503	71,230	63,313	
Operating Margin %	28.7%	30.5%	29.4%	
Net Income	39,510	53,394	48,329	
Net Income Margin %	21.6%	22.8%	22.4%	
Diluted EPS	6.45	9.22	8.34	
Diluted EPS, YoY %	13.6%	42.8%	-9.5%	
Free Cash Flow (CFO-capex)	49,900	69,778	47,138	
Free Cash Flow Margin %	27.3%	29.9%	21.9%	

#### · Investors should pay close attention to the firm's Return on Equity 36.8% gross margin, which is expected to fall to 37.5%-38% in fiscal 2016 from 40% in fiscal 2015. Pricing and 19.3% Return on Assets ROIC, with goodwill cost pressures may be unavoidable. A slight step back ROIC, without goodwill ROIC = Return on Invested Capital; N

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Leverage, Coverage, and Liquidity Total Debt 64,462 Net Debt -141.204 Total Debt/EBITDA 0.8 Net Debt/EBITDA EBITDA/Interest Current Ratio Quick Ratio

Market Cap (USD)

Valuentum Sector

5-week Return

13-week Return

30-week Return

Dividend Yield %

Dividends per Share

Est. Normal Diluted EPS

Est. Normal EBITDA

Forward EV/EBITDA

Returns Summary

EV/Est. Normal EBITDA

Forward Dividend Payout Ratio

P/E on Est. Normal Diluted EPS

Forward Revenue Growth (5-yr)

Forward EPS Growth (5-yr)
NMF = Not Meaningful: Est. = Estimated: FY = Fiscal Year

Avg Weekly Vol (30 wks)

30-week Range (USD)

fiscal 2016 should not be a major conce vestors given Apple's massive cash position and impressive track record

· Apple's cash hoard is more than some of the market capitalizations of the largest companies in the S&P 500. The company retains tremendous flexibility in this regard, and we continue to expect dividend increases and share buybacks.

Structure of the Computer Hardware Industry The computer hardware space, which spans the personal computer to the iPhone and iPad, is highly competitive. The indu is characterized by frequent product introductions and rapid technological advances that can cause dramatic market share shifts. Though some firms benefit from a strong brand, participants often price aggressively, pressuring margins. Firms are also subject to potential component shortages/disruptions, which can punish perform some, and services revenue has become critical for others. We're neutral on the space

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77.3%

75.9%

### **Returns Summary**

3-year averages of the firm's key return measures, including return on invested capital, with and without goodwill.



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### Leverage, Coverage, and Liquidity

A snapshot of the company's financial health.



## **Financial Summary**

A summary of the proforma financial statements found in the extended report.

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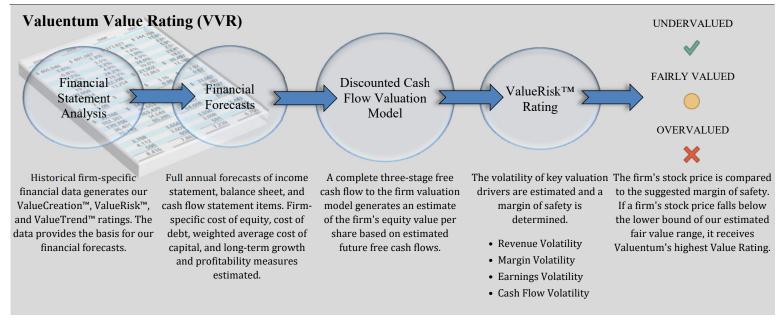
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The core of our process is grounded in rigorous discounted cash flow analysis and incorporates the concept of a margin of safety. We offer a fair value estimate for each company and provide a relative valuation assessment in the context of a company's industry and closest peers. A cross section of our ValueCreation<sup>TM</sup> and ValueRisk<sup>TM</sup> ratings provides a financial assessment of a company's business quality, while our ValueTrend<sup>TM</sup> rating offers insight into the trajectory of a firm's economic profit creation. The Economic Castle rating measures the magnitude of future economic value generation, and the Dividend Cushion ratio assesses the financial capacity of a company to keep raising its dividend.

Our analysis doesn't stop there. We also offer a technical evaluation of the stock as well as other momentum indicators. We not only want to reveal to readers which firms may be undervalued, in our view, but we also want to provide readers with information to help them assess entry and exit points. Most research publishers focus on arriving at a target price or fair value estimate, but may fall short of providing a technical assessment to bolster buy and sell disciplines. We strive to go the distance and provide readers with answers--not half the story.

An explanation of our approach would not be complete if we didn't describe our ideal stock idea. We're looking for companies that are undervalued--both on a DCF basis and versus peers--have strong growth potential, have a solid track record of creating economic profits for shareholders with reasonable risk, are strong cash flow generators, have manageable financial leverage, and are currently showing bullish technical and momentum indicators. For dividend growth ideas, we look for companies that have both the capacity and willingness to keep raising the dividend.

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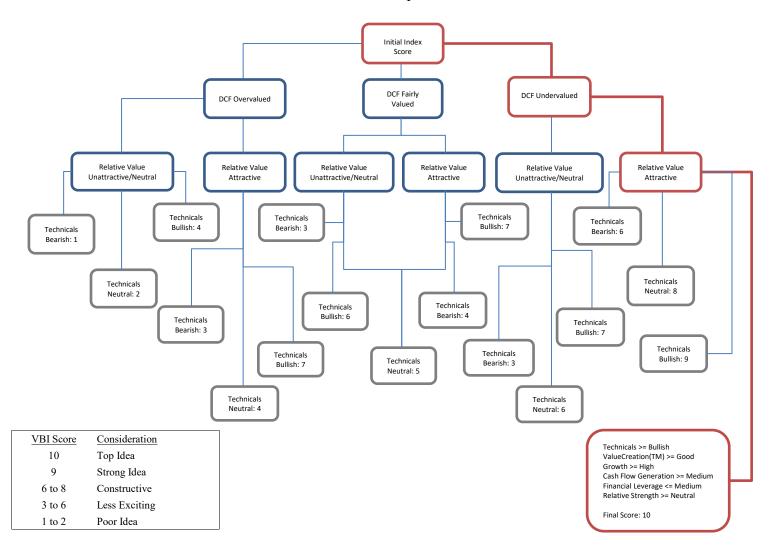
# Methodology for Picking Stocks - Valuentum Buying Index<sup>TM</sup> (VBI)

@ Valuentum, we like to look at companies from a number of different perspectives. The Valuentum Buying Index (VBI) combines rigorous financial and valuation analysis with an evaluation of a stock's technicals to derive a rating between 1 and 10 for each company. The VBI places considerable emphasis on a company's discounted cash-flow (DCF) valuation, its relative valuation versus peers (both forward PE and PEG ratios), and its technicals in order to help readers assess entry and exit points on the most interesting ideas.

Let's follow the red line on the flow chart below to see how a company can score a 10, the best mark on the index. First, the company would need to be 'undervalued' on a DCF basis and 'attractive' on a relative value basis. The stock would also have to be exhibiting 'bullish' technicals. The firm would need a ValueCreation<sup>TM</sup> rating of 'good' or 'excellent', exhibit 'high' or 'aggressive' growth prospects, and generate at least a 'medium' or 'neutral' assessment for cash flow generation, financial leverage, and relative price strength.

This is a tall order for any company. Stocks that don't make the cut for a 10 are ranked accordingly, with the least attractive stocks, in our opinion, garnering a rating of 1. Most of our coverage universe registers ratings between 3 and 7, but at any given time there could be large number of companies garnering either very high or very low scores, especially at market lows or tops, respectively.

The Best Ideas Newsletter portfolio puts the VBI into practice.



# Glossary

**Estimated Fair Value.** This measure is our opinion of the fair equity value per share of the company. If our forecasts prove accurate, which may not always be the case, we may expect a firm's stock price to converge to this value within the next 3 years.

Fair Value Range. The fair value range represents an upper bound and lower bound, between which we would consider the firm to be fairly valued. The range considers our estimate of the firm's fair value and the margin of safety suggested by the volatility of key valuation drivers, including revenue, gross margin, earnings before interest, and enterprise free cash flow (the determinants behind our ValueRisk<sup>TM</sup> rating).

**DCF Valuation.** We opine on the firm's valuation based on our DCF process. Firms that are trading with an appropriate discount to our fair value estimate receive an UNDERVALUED rating. Firms that are trading within our fair value range receive a FAIRLY VALUED rating, while firms that are trading above the upper bound of our fair value range receive an OVERVALUED rating.

Relative Value. We compare the firm's forward price-to earnings (PE) ratio and its price/earnings-to-growth (PEG) ratio to that of its peers. If both measures fall below the peer median, the firm receives an ATTRACTIVE rating. If both are above the peer median, the firm receives an UNATTRACTIVE rating. Any other combination results in a NEUTRAL rating.

ValueCreation™. This is a proprietary Valuentum measure. ValueCreation™ indicates the firm's historical track record in creating economic value for shareholders, taking the average difference between ROIC (without goodwill) and the firm's estimated WACC during the past three years. The firm's performance is measured along the scale of EXCELLENT, GOOD, POOR, and VERY POOR. Those firms with EXCELLENT ratings have a demonstrated track record of creating economic value, while those that register a VERY POOR mark have been destroying economic value.

ValueRisk™. This is a proprietary Valuentum measure. ValueRisk™ indicates the historical volatility of key valuation drivers, including revenue, gross margin, earnings before interest, and enterprise free cash flow. The standard deviation of each measure is calculated and scaled against last year's measure to arrive at a percentage deviation for each item. These percentage deviations are weighted equally to arrive at the corresponding fair value range for each stock, measured in percentage terms. The firm's performance is measured along the scale of LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, and VERY HIGH. The ValueRisk™ rating for each firm also determines the fundamental beta of each firm along the following scale: LOW (0.85), MEDIUM (1), HIGH (1.15), VERY HIGH (1.3).

ValueTrend™. This is a proprietary Valuentum measure. ValueTrend™ indicates the trajectory of the firm's return on invested capital (ROIC). Firms that earned an ROIC last year that was greater than the 3-year average of the measure earn a POSITIVE rating. Firms that earned an ROIC last year that was less than the 3-year average of the measure earn a NEGATIVE rating.

Cash Flow Generation. Firms' cash flow generation capacity are measured along the scale of STRONG, MEDIUM, and WEAK. A firm with a 3-year historical free cash flow margin (free cash flow divided by sales) greater than 5% receives a STRONG rating, while firms earning less than 1% of sales as free cash flow receive a WEAK rating.

**Financial Leverage.** Based on the firm's normalized debt-to-EBITDA metric, we rank firms on the following scale: LOW, MEDIUM, and HIGH. Companies with a normalized debt-to-EBITDA ratio below 1.5 receive a LOW score, while those with a measure above 3 receive a HIGH score.

**Upside/Downside Volume.** Heavy volume on up days and lower volume on down days suggests that institutions are heavily participating in a stock's upward advance. We use the trailing 14-week average of upside and downside volume to calculate an informative ratio. We rank each firm's U/D volume ratio along the following scale: BULLISH, IMPROVING, DETERIORATING, and BEARISH.

Investment Style. Valuentum uses its own proprietary stock-classification system. Nano-cap: Less than \$50 million; Micro-cap: Between \$50 million and \$200 million; Small-cap: Between \$200 million and \$2 billion; Mid-cap: Between \$2 billion and \$10 billion; Large-cap: Between \$10 billion and \$200 billion; Mega-cap: Over \$200 billion. Blend: Firm's that we think are undervalued and exhibit high growth prospects (growth in excess of three times the rate of assumed inflation). Value: Firm's that we believe are undervalued, but do not exhibit high growth prospects. Growth: Firms that are not undervalued, in our opinion, but exhibit high growth prospects. Core: Firms that are neither undervalued nor exhibit high growth prospects.

Company Vitals. In this section, we list key financial information and the sector and industry that Valuentum assigns to the stock. The P/E-Growth (5-yr), or PEG ratio, divides the current share price by last year's earnings (EPS) and then divides that quotient by our estimate of the firm's 5-year EPS growth rate. The estimated normalized diluted EPS and estimated normalized EBITDA represent the five-year forward average of these measures used in our discounted cash flow model. The P/E on estimated normalized EPS divides the current share price by estimated normalized diluted EPS. The EV/estimated normalized EBITDA considers the current enterprise value of the company and divides it by estimated normalized EBITDA. EV is defined as the firm's market capitalization plus total debt, minority interest, preferred stock less cash and cash equivalents.

Business Quality Matrix. We compare the firm's ValueCreation™ and ValueRisk™ ratings. The box is an easy way for investors to quickly assess the business quality of a company. Firms that generate economic profits with little operating variability score near the top right of the matrix.

**Timeliness Matrix.** We compare the company's recent stock performance relative to the market benchmark with our assessment of its valuation. Firms that are experiencing near-term stock price outperformance and are undervalued by our estimate may represent timely buys.

Range of Potential Outcomes. The firm's margin of safety is shown in the graphic of a normal distribution. We consider a firm to be undervalued if its stock price falls along the green line and overvalued if the stock price falls along the red line. We consider the firm to be fairly valued if its stock price falls along the yellow line.

**Return on Invested Capital.** At Valuentum, we place considerable emphasis on return on invested capital (both with and without goodwill). The measure focuses on the return (earnings) the company is generating on its operating assets and is superior to return on equity and return on assets, which can be skewed by a firm's leverage or excess cash balance, respectively.

**Technical Evaluation.** We evaluate a firm's near-term and medium-term moving averages and money flow index (MFI) to assign each firm a rating along the following scale: VERY BULLISH, BULLISH, NEUTRAL, BEARISH, and VERY BEARISH.

Stock Price Relative Strength. We assess the perfomance of the company's stock during the past quarter, 13 weeks, relative to an ETF that mirrors the aggregate performance of constituents of the stock market. Firms are measured along the scale of STRONG, NEUTRAL, and WEAK. Companies that have outperformed the market index by more than 2.5% during this 13-week period receive a STRONG rating, while firms that trailed the market index by more than 2.5% during this 13-week period receive a WEAK rating.

Money Flow Index (MFI). The MFI is a technical indicator that measures buying and selling pressure based on both price and volume. Traders typically use this measure to identify potential reversals with overbought and oversold levels. We use a 14-week measure to rank firms along the following scale: EXTREMELY OVERBOUGHT (>90), OVERBOUGHT (80-90), NEUTRAL (20-80), OVERSOLD (10-20), EXTREMELY OVERSOLD (0-10).



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22-Feb-24	\$61.15	\$56.00	6
1-Dec-23	\$58.53	\$50.00	6
28-Aug-23	\$59.31	\$54.00	3
17-Feb-23	\$60.09	\$53.00	3
28-Oct-22	\$60.76	\$51.00	6
7-Apr-22	\$63.15	\$46.00	4
7-May-21	\$54.51	\$41.00	4
15-Oct-20	\$49.92	\$39.00	4
8-Nov-19	\$52.21	\$39.00	1
24-Jul-19	\$53.76	\$39.00	4
1-Apr-19	\$46.48	\$39.00	4
11-Jan-19	\$47.34	\$39.00	3
12-Nov-18	\$50.17	\$39.00	4
13-Jul-18	\$44.74	\$39.00	6

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