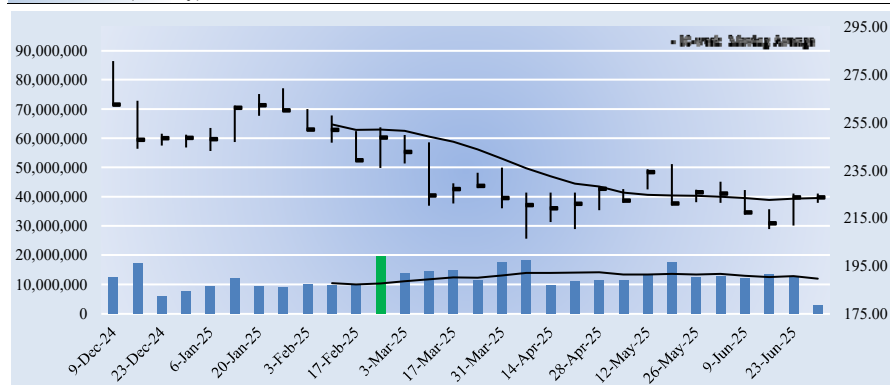


**Lowe's LOW FAIRLY VALUED****Buying Index™****6****Value Rating**

Economic Castle	Estimated Fair Value	Fair Value Range	Investment Style	Sector	Industry
Attractive	\$228.00	\$177.00 - \$279.00	LARGE-CAP VALUE	Consumer Discretionary	Discretionary Spending

**Lowe's is laser-focused on maintaining its strong return on invested capital performance as the home improvement retailer rides out the ups and downs of the home improvement market.**

**Stock Chart (weekly)**

The week with the highest trading volume out of the last 30 weeks was a week of heavy selling, or distribution (red bar).

**Company Vitals**

Market Cap (USD)	\$127,022
Avg Weekly Vol (30 wks)	12,130
30-week Range (USD)	206.39 - 280.64
Valuentum Sector	Consumer Discretionary
5-week Return	-0.2%
13-week Return	2.6%
30-week Return	-18.4%
Dividend Yield %	2.1%
Dividends per Share	4.80
Forward Dividend Payout Ratio	38.8%
Est. Normal Diluted EPS	15.40
P/E on Est. Normal Diluted EPS	14.5
Est. Normal EBITDA	14,251
Forward EV/EBITDA	13.0
EV/Est. Normal EBITDA	11.3
Forward Revenue Growth (5-yr)	3.3%
Forward EPS Growth (5-yr)	9.2%

NMF = Not Meaningful; Est. = Estimated; FY = Fiscal Year

**Returns Summary**

3-year Historical Average

Return on Equity	-55.9%
Return on Assets	16.3%
ROIC, with goodwill	35.7%
ROIC, without goodwill	35.8%

ROIC = Return on Invested Capital; NMF = Not Meaningful

**Leverage, Coverage, and Liquidity**

In Millions of USD

Total Debt	35,487
Net Debt	33,354
Total Debt/EBITDA	2.9
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.7
EBITDA/Interest	9.5
Current Ratio	1.1
Quick Ratio	0.1

NMF = Not Meaningful

**Investment Highlights**

- Lowe's is the world's second largest home improvement retailer and is tied to the professional and do-it-yourself markets. It operates 1,700+ stores in the U.S. and recently exited Mexico and sold its Canadian retail business. The company strives to be its customer's first choice for home improvement. The firm was founded in 1946 and is headquartered in North Carolina.
- Lowe's is a fantastic company, and its e-commerce operations continue to impress. The long-term outlook for new home construction activity and the home improvement market in the U.S. is bright, and Lowe's is in a prime position to capitalize on that upside going forward.
- In fiscal 2018-2019, Lowe's launched a major restructuring program that saw the firm close underperforming stores and exit Mexico. This program has yielded significant cost savings, which is helping offset sizable inflationary headwinds seen of late. Lowe's views its total addressable market standing at ~\$900 billion. We like the long-term story.

- Lowe's places a great emphasis on constantly improving the customer experience to grow its sales over the long haul. By updating its store format to make it easier for Pro customers to quickly find related products, Lowe's aims to grow sales to its Pro customers by twice the market rate going forward.

- Lowe's is focused on improving its e-commerce operations as investing in its omni-channel selling capabilities remains a top priority. It recently launched same-day delivery nationwide and expanded its rural merchandising network.

**Structure of the Specialty Retailers Industry**

The specialty retail segment is fragmented, highly competitive, and economically-sensitive. The group covers a broad array of businesses and is dominated by retailers with large brick-and-mortar store footprints. Though some constituents may be insulated from e-commerce competition, others risk obsolescence as product distribution moves to digital means, and online retailers offer lower prices for identical goods and services. We're fairly neutral on the structure of the industry, though some constituents will inevitably face secular and permanent declines.

**Investment Considerations**

DCF Valuation	FAIRLY VALUED
Relative Valuation	NEUTRAL
ValueCreation™	EXCELLENT
ValueRisk™	MEDIUM
ValueTrend™	NEGATIVE
Cash Flow Generation	STRONG
Financial Leverage	MEDIUM
Growth	MODEST
Technical Evaluation	VERY BULLISH
Relative Strength	STRONG
Money Flow Index (MFI)	NEUTRAL
Upside/Downside Volume (U/D)	BEARISH
Near-term Technical Support, 10-week MA	223.00

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

**Business Quality**

ValueCreation™

ValueRisk™	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
Disney	19.5	1.7	99.2%
Home Depot	25.0	1.7	97.4%
McDonald's	24.0	3.1	102.4%
Nike	28.7	1.0	98.4%
Peer Median	24.5	1.7	98.8%
<b>Lowe's</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>98.1%</b>

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

**Financial Summary**

	Actual	Projected
Fiscal Year End:	Feb-24	Jan-25
Revenue	86,377	83,674
Revenue, YoY%	-11.0%	-3.1%
Operating Income	11,557	10,466
Operating Margin %	13.4%	12.5%
Net Income	7,726	6,957
Net Income Margin %	8.9%	8.3%
Diluted EPS	13.23	12.25
Diluted EPS, YoY %	29.7%	-7.4%
Free Cash Flow (CFO-capex)	6,176	7,698
Free Cash Flow Margin %	7.2%	9.2%

In Millions of USD (except for per share items)

**Lowe's LOW FAIRLY VALUED****Buying Index™****6****Value Rating**

<b>Economic Castle</b>	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>	<b>Fair Value Range</b>
Attractive	\$228.00	\$177.00 - \$279.00

<b>Investment Style</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Industry</b>
LARGE-CAP VALUE	Consumer Discretionary	Discretionary Spending

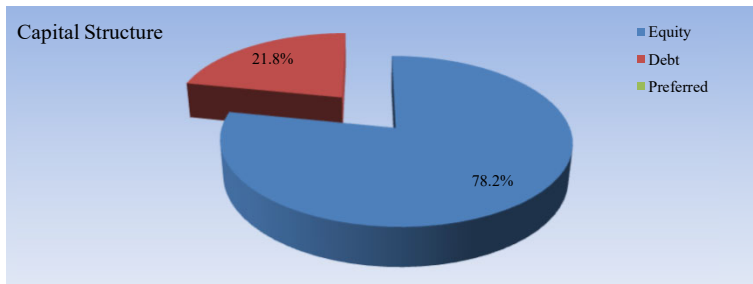
**Economic Profit Analysis****ValueCreation™****EXCELLENT**

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. Lowe's 3-year historical return on invested capital (without goodwill) is 35.8%, which is above the estimate of its cost of capital of 8.7%. As such, we assign the firm a ValueCreation™ 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 estimate.

ROIC - WACC Spread, 3-year historical average	27.1%
ROIC - WACC Spread, 5-year projected average	32.1%
These spreads equal the firm's annual average ROIC (excluding goodwill) less its WACC.	

**ValueTrend™****NEGATIVE**

Lowe's receives a ValueTrend™ rating of NEGATIVE, which is based on the company's trailing three-year performance. The firm's ROIC (excluding goodwill) fell to 35.8% last year from its trailing 3-year average of 35.8%. We expect ROIC (excluding goodwill) to be in the ballpark of about 47% by the end of our discrete forecast period, with downside risk to about 41% over that time period.

**Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)****Cost of Equity**

Risk Free Rate Assumption	4.3%
Fundamental Beta (ERP multiplier)	0.9
Estimated Equity Risk Premium	6.5%
<b>Cost of Equity Assumption</b>	<b>9.8%</b>

**After-tax Cost of Debt**

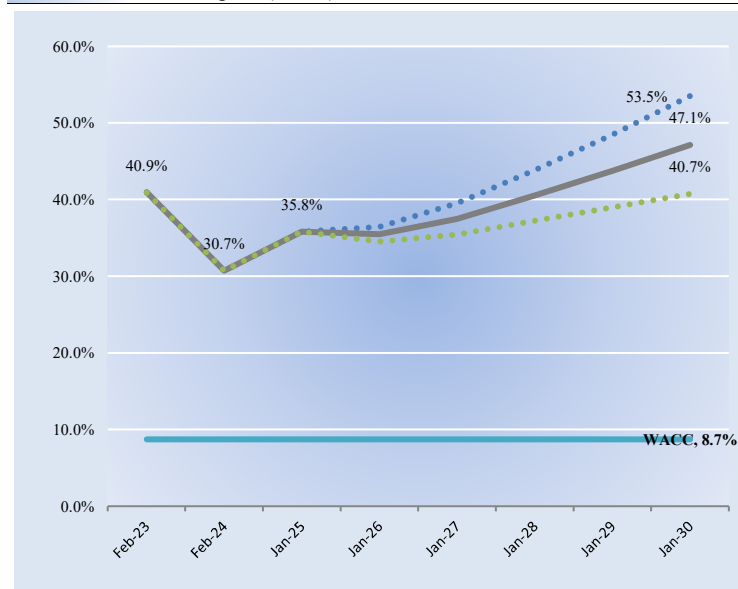
Risk Free Rate Assumption	4.3%
Synthetic Credit Spread	3.00%
Cost of Debt Assumption	7.3%
Cash Tax Rate Assumption	24.0%
<b>After-tax Cost of Debt Assumption</b>	<b>5.6%</b>

**Cost of Preferred Stock**

Preferred Dividends	0
Value of Preferred Stock	0
Cost of Preferred Assumption	NA

**Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)****8.7%**

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**

Lowe's is a Dividend Aristocrat that has fundamentally transformed its business over the past several years. This strategy involved the firm exiting Mexico and Canada and placing a great emphasis on bolstering its omni-channel selling capabilities. On the digital and e-commerce front, Lowe's is firing on all cylinders which supports the company's long-term outlook. Lowe's updated its store format to better enable Pro customers to find related products quickly, among other things. So far, Lowe's restructuring program has yielded meaningful results with room for additional upside. We expect Lowe's to continue to grow its dividend going forward.

**Potential Weaknesses**

The biggest threat to the long-term dividend health of Lowe's is its balance sheet as its large net debt load weighs negatively on its Dividend Cushion ratio. Additionally, share repurchases compete for capital against the company's dividend payout. However, Lowe's remains a great generator of free cash flow and its past restructuring efforts have gone a long way in improving its cash flow outlook. We expect Lowe's will continue to grow its payout at a brisk pace going forward. The Dividend Aristocrat remains committed to rewarding income seeking shareholders, and we do not expect that to change anytime soon as Lowe's continues to grow its e-commerce business.

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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**Value Rating**



**Investment Style**  
LARGE-CAP VALUE

**Sector**  
Consumer Discretionary

**Industry**  
Discretionary Spending

## Growth Analysis

### Revenue Growth

**MODEST**

		Last Fiscal Year Revenue	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
<b>Lowe's</b>	USD	<b>83,674</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Disney	USD	91,361	10.7%	4.9%
Home Depot	USD	159,514	1.8%	3.7%
McDonald's	USD	25,920	3.7%	4.9%
Nike	USD	51,362	4.9%	-0.2%
Peer Median			4.3%	4.3%
Industry Median			4.9%	4.1%

Lowe's revenue expansion has trailed the median of both its peer group and its industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's pace of revenue growth to fall below the median of both its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Our growth assessment of each firm is based on the firm's 5-year forward revenue CAGR. Lowe's's future pace of revenue growth is MODEST, in our opinion.

### EBITDA Growth

		Last Fiscal Year EBITDA	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
<b>Lowe's</b>	USD	<b>12,438</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
Disney	USD	17,308	26.2%	8.6%
Home Depot	USD	25,287	-0.8%	10.6%
McDonald's	USD	13,949	5.1%	5.9%
Nike	USD	7,598	-1.8%	-0.4%
Peer Median			2.1%	7.3%
Industry Median			2.6%	6.1%

Lowe's EBITDA expansion has trailed both that of its peer group and its industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's pace of EBITDA growth to fall below that of both its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Home Depot sports the highest expected EBITDA growth rate among peers.

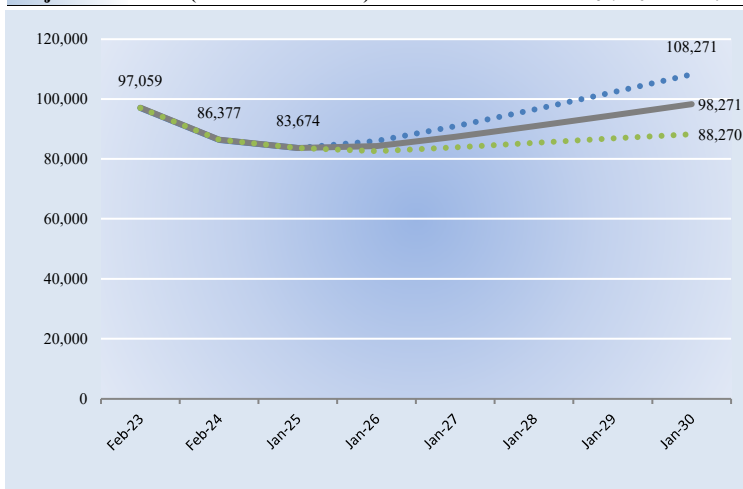
### Net Income Growth

		Last Fiscal Year Net Income	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
<b>Lowe's</b>	USD	<b>6,957</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
Disney	USD	4,972	35.6%	24.8%
Home Depot	USD	14,806	-3.4%	12.6%
McDonald's	USD	8,223	2.9%	7.3%
Nike	USD	5,700	-0.2%	0.2%
Peer Median			1.4%	10.0%
Industry Median			-3.4%	9.1%

Lowe's net income expansion has trailed both that of its peer group and its 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. Disney sports the highest expected net income growth rate among peers.

### Projected Revenue (in millions of USD)

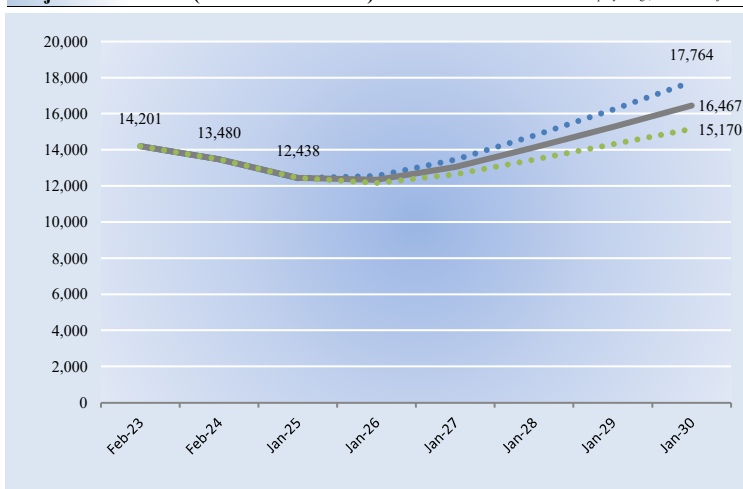
Source: Company Filings, Valuentum Projections



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

### Projected EBITDA (in millions of USD)

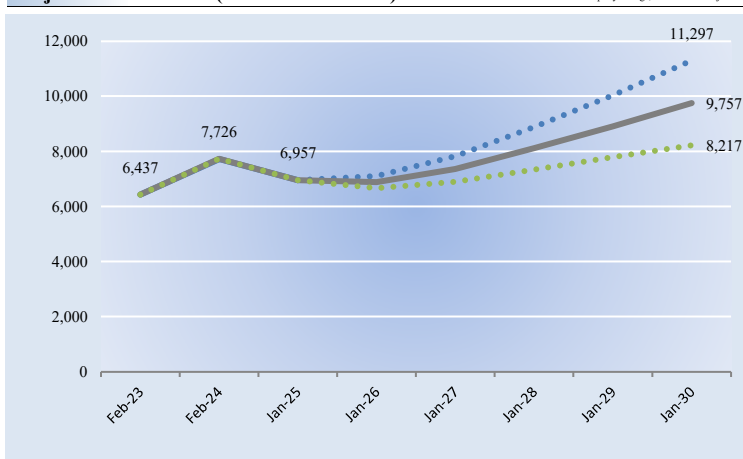
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### Projected Net Income (in millions of USD)

Source: Company Filings, Valuentum Projections



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

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**Estimated Fair Value**  
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**Fair Value Range**  
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**Value Rating**

**Investment Style**  
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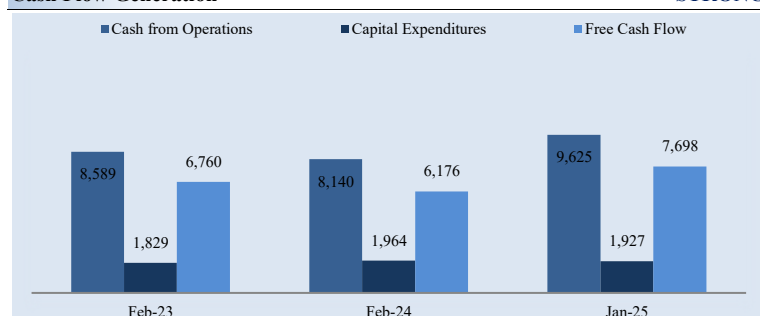
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**Industry**  
Discretionary Spending

## Cash Flow and Financial Leverage Analysis

### Cash Flow Generation

**STRONG**



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. Lowe's free cash flow margin has averaged about 7.8% 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 Lowe's, cash flow from operations increased about 12% from levels registered two years ago, while capital expenditures expanded about 5% over the same time period.

### Cash Flow from Operations

		Last Fiscal Year CFO	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
<b>Lowe's</b>	USD	<b>9,625</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
Disney	USD	13,971	35.9%	9.4%
Home Depot	USD	19,810	6.1%	10.2%
McDonald's	USD	9,447	1.1%	9.7%
Nike	USD	7,429	3.7%	-2.6%
Peer Median			4.9%	9.5%
Industry Median			1.2%	8.1%

Lowe's cash flow from operations expansion has trailed both that of its peer group and its 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. Home Depot sports the highest expected cash flow from operations growth rate among peers.

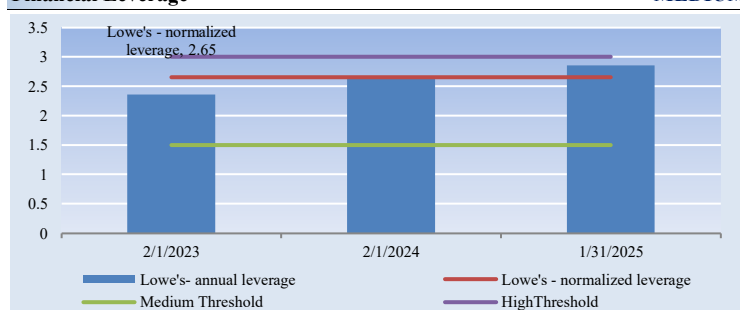
### Free Cash Flow (CFO-capital expenditures)

		Last Fiscal Year FCF	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
<b>Lowe's</b>	USD	<b>7,698</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
Disney	USD	8,559	62.7%	14.3%
Home Depot	USD	16,325	5.2%	11.5%
McDonald's	USD	6,672	-2.1%	13.0%
Nike	USD	6,617	3.5%	-3.5%
Peer Median			4.4%	12.3%
Industry Median			-2.1%	9.6%

Lowe's free cash flow expansion has trailed both that of its peer group and its industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's pace of free cash flow growth to fall below that of both its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Disney sports the highest expected free cash flow growth rate among peers.

### Financial Leverage

**MEDIUM**

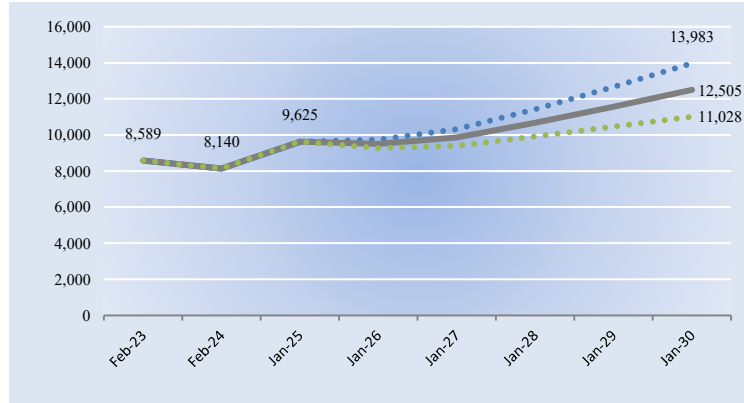


The bars above show the firm's annual debt-to-EBITDA. The red line shows the firm's normalized measure.

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. Lowe's normalized debt-to-EBITDA measure of about 2.65 puts it in the **MEDIUM** camp.

### Projected Operating Cash Flow (in millions of USD)

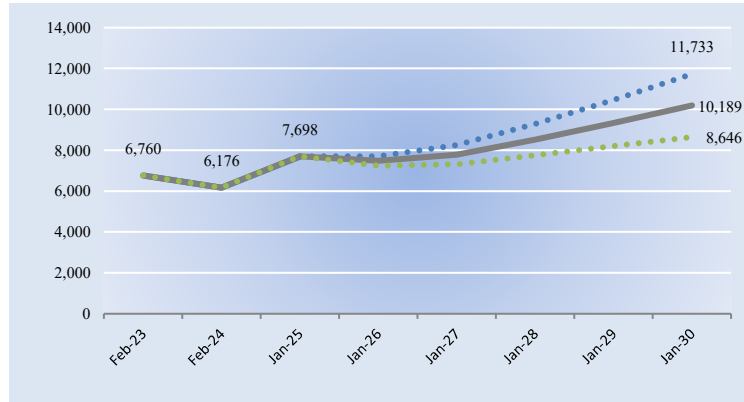
Source: Company Filings, Valuentum Projections



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### Projected Free Cash Flow (in millions of USD)

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Lowe's LOW FAIRLY VALUED

Economic Castle Attractive	Estimated Fair Value \$228.00	Fair Value Range \$177.00 - \$279.00	Investment Style LARGE-CAP VALUE	Sector Consumer Discretionary	Industry Discretionary Spending
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Valuation Analysis

Valuation Assumptions		
In Millions of USD (except for per share items)		
		5-year Projections
Revenue CAGR %		3.3%
Avg. EBIT Margin %		13.3%
Avg. Cash Tax Rate %		24.0%
Earnings Before Interest CAGR %		5.4%
Earnings Per Share CAGR %		9.2%
Free Cash Flow to the Firm CAGR %		7.9%
Earnings before interest = Net operating profits less adjusted taxes		
		Long-term Projections
Phase II --> III FCFF CAGR %	2.5% (II)	3% (III)
Cost of Equity %		9.8%
After-tax Cost of Debt %		4.8%
Discount Rate (WACC) %		8.7%
Synthetic credit spread = 3%		
		Results
Phase I Present Value		37,353
Phase II Present Value		71,042
Phase III Present Value		54,259
Total Firm Value		162,653
Net Balance Sheet Impact		-33,354
Total Equity Value		129,299
Diluted Shares Outstanding		568.0
Fair Value per Share		\$228.00

Valuation Breakdown

In the chart below, we show the build up to our estimate of total enterprise value for Lowe's and the break down to the firm's total equity value, which we estimate to be about 129.3USD billion. The present value of the enterprise free cash flows generated during each phase of our model and the net balance sheet impact is displayed. We divide total equity value by diluted shares outstanding to arrive at our \$228 per share fair value estimate.

The chart shows the build-up of total enterprise value. It starts with Phase I (Yr 1-5) at 37,353, adds Phase II (Yr 6-20) at 71,042, and adds Phase III (Perpetuity) at 54,259. From this total of 162,653, the Net Balance Sheet Impact of 33,354 is subtracted to arrive at the final Equity Value of 129,299.

Component	Value (Millions of USD)
Yr 1-5	37,353
Yr 6-20	71,042
Perpetuity	54,259
Net Balance Sheet Impact	-33,354
Equity Value	129,299

In Millions of USD

DCF Valuation Summary

We think Lowe's is worth \$228 per share with a fair value range of \$177.00 - \$279.00. 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 3.3% during the next five years, a pace that is higher than the firm's 3-year historical compound annual growth rate of -4.6%. Our model reflects a 5-year projected average operating margin of 13.3%, which is above Lowe's's trailing 3-year average. Beyond year 5, we assume free cash flow will grow at an annual rate of 2.5% for the next 15 years and 3% in perpetuity. For Lowe's, we use a 8.7% weighted average cost of capital to discount future free cash flows.

Enterprise Free Cash Flow				
	Fiscal Year End:	2/1/2023	2/1/2024	1/31/2025
Earnings before Interest		9,458	7,274	8,650
+ Depreciation		1,981	1,923	1,972
- Capital Expenditures		1,829	1,964	1,927
- Change in Working Capital		1,978	454	1,056
- Acquisitions		0	0	0
Enterprise Free Cash Flow (FCFF)		7,632	6,779	7,639

In Millions of USD

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 Lowe's. Over the next five years, we expect the firm's enterprise free cash flow to expand at about a 8% compound annual growth rate. During years 6 through 20, we expect the measure to grow at a 2.5% rate. Beyond year 20 (in perpetuity), we grow the firm's free cash flow at inflation (3%).

Source: Company Filings, Valuentum Projections

Company Metrics versus Peer and Industry Medians

Company Name	Valuentum Buying Index™	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
Lowe's	6	18.1	14.5	2.0	13.0	11.3	9.2%	35.8%	2.1%	98.1%
Disney	7	19.5	16.4	1.7	12.2	10.7	24.7%	23.6%	0.9%	99.2%
Home Depot	7	25.0	17.7	1.7	16.5	12.9	14.9%	38.8%	2.4%	97.4%
McDonald's	3	24.0	20.5	3.1	17.4	15.4	8.4%	20.3%	2.4%	102.4%
Nike	6	28.7	22.4	1.0	20.8	17.0	1.2%	34.3%	2.6%	98.4%
Peer Median	6.5	24.5	19.1	1.7	16.9	14.2	11.7%	28.9%	2.4%	98.8%
Industry Median	6.0	19.5	15.9	1.9	13.0	11.2	11.0%	25.3%	1.7%	99.1%

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## Lowe's LOW FAIRLY VALUED

<b>Economic Castle</b> Attractive	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b> \$228.00	<b>Fair Value Range</b> \$177.00 - \$279.00
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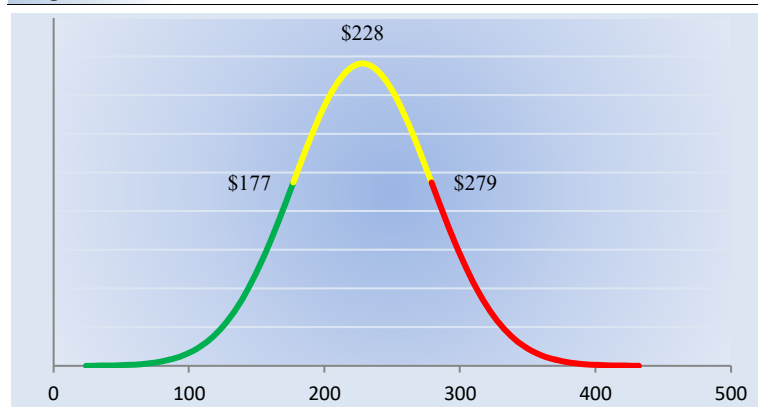
**Investment Style**  
LARGE-CAP VALUE

**Sector**  
Consumer Discretionary

**Industry**  
Discretionary Spending

## Margin of Safety Analysis

### Range of Potential Outcomes



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 \$228 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™ 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 Lowe's. We think the firm is attractive below \$177 per share (the green line), but quite expensive above \$279 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™

**MEDIUM**

Lowe's receives a ValueRisk™ rating of MEDIUM based on 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	8.1%
Gross Margin Volatility	8.0%
Earnings (EBI) Volatility	10.8%
Cash Flow (FCFF) Volatility	12.1%
<b>Fair Value Range</b>	<b>22.5%</b>

The Fair Value Range sets the premium or discount on our estimate of the firm's fair value.

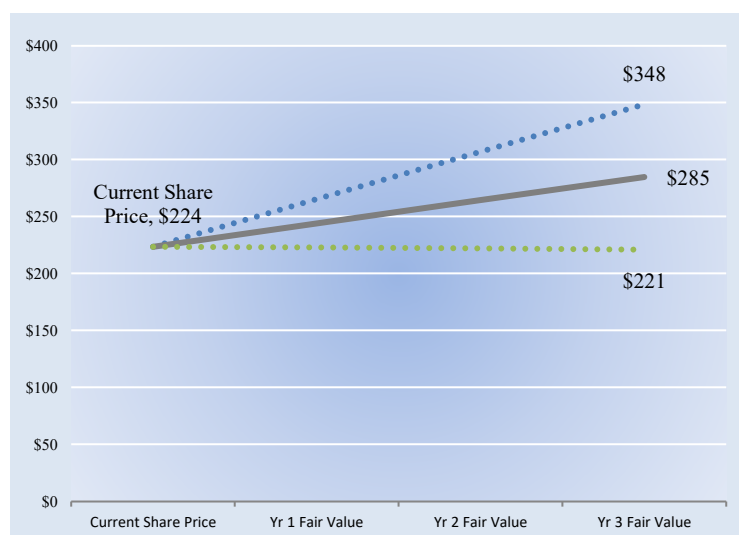
### Upside and Downside Probabilities

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 Lowe's fair value at this point in time to be about \$228 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 Lowe'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 \$285 per share in Year 3 represents our existing fair value per share of \$228 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.

# Lowe's LOW FAIRLY VALUED

**Economic Castle**  
Attractive

**Estimated Fair Value**  
\$228.00

**Fair Value Range**  
\$177.00 - \$279.00

**Buying Index™** 6

**Value Rating**

**Investment Style**  
LARGE-CAP VALUE

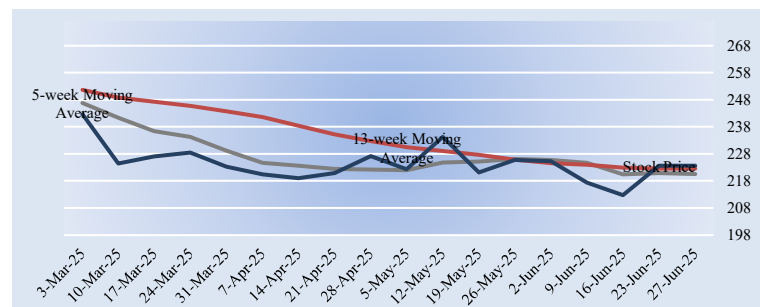
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## Technical Analysis

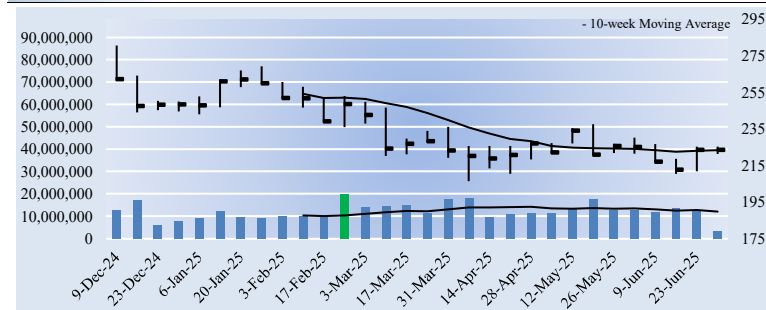
### Technical Evaluation

**VERY BULLISH**



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. Lowe's 5-week moving average will soon cross above its 13-week moving average if current price levels hold. Such activity is often called a golden cross, which we view as VERY BULLISH.

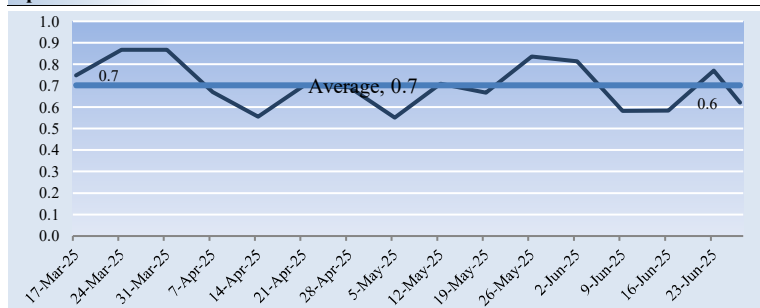
### 30-week Price and Volume Chart (weekly)



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 Lowe's, the week with the highest trading volume out of the last 30 weeks was a week of heavy buying, or accumulation (green bar). Such market activity could indicate a reversal of a downtrend or further confirmation of the firm's uptrend.

### Upside/Downside Volume

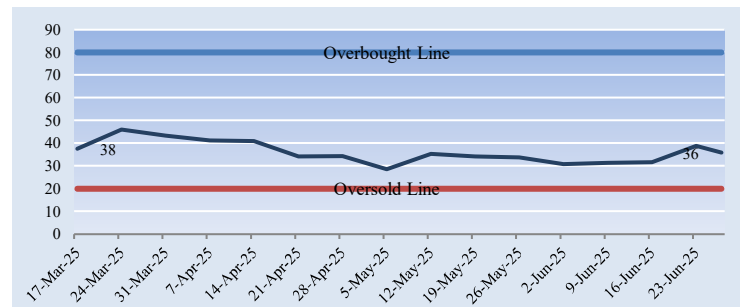
**BEARISH**



The level and trend of the Upside/Downside (U/D) volume ratio reveals whether institutional participation has been bullish or bearish as of late. Lowe's U/D volume ratio of 0.6 is not only less than 1 but also is lower than its trailing average, indicating BEARISH institutional interest during the past several weeks.

### Money Flow Index (MFI)

**NEUTRAL**



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. Lowe's MFI of 36 (green line) is neutral, suggesting the firm's stock is neither overbought nor oversold at this time. However, a score below 50 tends to favor bears. The MFI can also be used to gauge the strength or weakness of a firm's price trend. In Lowe'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

**STRONG**

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, Lowe's shares returned 2.6%, while the market benchmark returned -4.1%. We think Lowe's 13-week relative price performance is STRONG.

5-week Company Performance	-0.2%
5-week Market Benchmark Performance	-7.2%
5-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark	7.0%
13-week Company Performance	2.6%
13-week Market Benchmark Performance	-4.1%
<b>13-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
30-week Company Performance	-18.4%
30-week Market Benchmark Performance	0.6%
30-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark	-19.0%

### Timeliness Matrix™

Equity Valuation

Relative Strength	Overvalued	Fairly Valued	Undervalued
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.

**Lowe's LOW FAIRLY VALUED****Buying Index™****6****Value Rating**

<b>Economic Castle</b> Attractive	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b> \$228.00	<b>Fair Value Range</b> \$177.00 - \$279.00	<b>Investment Style</b> LARGE-CAP VALUE	<b>Sector</b> Consumer Discretionary	<b>Industry</b> Discretionary Spending
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**Pro Forma Income Statement**

	----- Historical -----			----- Projected -----	
In Millions of USD (except for per share items)					
	Feb-23	Feb-24	Jan-25	Jan-26	Jan-27
Total Revenue	97,059	86,377	83,674	84,327	87,362
Cost of Goods Sold	64,802	57,533	55,797	56,370	58,208
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	18,271	15,570	15,682	15,843	16,360
Other Operating Expenses	1,766	1,717	1,729	1,747	1,804
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>12,220</b>	<b>11,557</b>	<b>10,466</b>	<b>10,367</b>	<b>10,991</b>
Unusual items	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Income, including unusual items	12,220	11,557	10,466	10,367	10,991
Interest Expense	(1,160)	(1,483)	(1,313)	(1,313)	(1,313)
Other Non-operating Income	(2,024)	101	0	0	0
<b>Pre-tax Income</b>	<b>9,036</b>	<b>10,175</b>	<b>9,153</b>	<b>9,054</b>	<b>9,678</b>
Income Taxes	2,599	2,449	2,196	2,173	2,323
<b>Income after tax</b>	<b>6,437</b>	<b>7,726</b>	<b>6,957</b>	<b>6,881</b>	<b>7,355</b>
Minority Interest and Equity Income	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income, excluding extra items	6,437	7,726	6,957	6,881	7,355
<b>Income Available to Common, excluding extra items</b>	<b>6,416</b>	<b>7,706</b>	<b>6,940</b>	<b>6,881</b>	<b>7,355</b>
<b>Diluted Earnings per Share, excluding extra items</b>	<b>10.20</b>	<b>13.23</b>	<b>12.25</b>	<b>12.36</b>	<b>13.48</b>
Diluted Weighted Shares Outstanding	631.0	584.0	568.0	556.6	545.5

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

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**Pro Forma Balance Sheet**

	----- Historical -----			----- Projected -----	
In Millions of USD (except for per share items)	Feb-23	Feb-24	Jan-25	Jan-26	Jan-27
<b>Assets</b>					
Total Cash (including marketable securities)	1,599	921	2,133	4,399	6,856
Inventory	18,532	16,894	17,409	17,472	17,922
Accounts Receivable	0	0	0	0	0
Other Current Assets	1,311	1,256	816	816	816
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>21,442</b>	<b>19,071</b>	<b>20,358</b>	<b>22,687</b>	<b>25,594</b>
Gross Fixed Assets	38,429	39,503	39,503	41,526	43,610
(Accumulated Depreciation)	(17,344)	(18,117)	(18,116)	(20,103)	(22,162)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	21,085	21,386	21,387	21,423	21,448
Goodwill, Net	0	0	0	0	0
Intangibles, Net	0	0	0	0	0
Other Long-term Assets	1,181	1,338	1,357	1,357	1,357
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>43,708</b>	<b>41,795</b>	<b>43,102</b>	<b>45,467</b>	<b>48,400</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	10,524	8,704	9,290	9,383	9,740
Other Current Liabilities	7,989	6,414	6,881	6,984	7,021
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	998	450	2,586	2,586	2,586
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>19,511</b>	<b>15,568</b>	<b>18,757</b>	<b>18,953</b>	<b>19,348</b>
Long-term Debt	32,487	35,038	32,901	32,901	32,901
Other Long-term Liabilities	5,964	6,239	5,675	5,675	5,675
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>57,962</b>	<b>56,845</b>	<b>57,333</b>	<b>57,529</b>	<b>57,924</b>
Preferred Stock	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>					
Common Stock and Additional Paid in Capital	301	287	280	280	280
Retained Earnings	(14,862)	(15,637)	(14,799)	(10,589)	(6,062)
Other Equity	307	300	288	(1,752)	(3,742)
<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>(14,254)</b>	<b>(15,050)</b>	<b>(14,231)</b>	<b>(12,062)</b>	<b>(9,524)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>43,708</b>	<b>41,795</b>	<b>43,102</b>	<b>45,467</b>	<b>48,400</b>

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**Pro Forma Cash Flow Statement**

	----- Historical -----			----- Projected -----	
In Millions of USD (except for per share items)	Feb-23	Feb-24	Jan-25	Jan-26	Jan-27
<b>Cash from Operations</b>					
Net Income	6,437	7,726	6,957	6,881	7,355
Depreciation and Amortization	1,981	1,923	1,972	1,987	2,059
Deferred Income Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Gains Or Losses	171	(1,509)	696	500	500
Changes in Working Capital	0	0	0	133	(56)
<b>Cash Flow from Operations</b>	<b>8,589</b>	<b>8,140</b>	<b>9,625</b>	<b>9,502</b>	<b>9,859</b>
<b>Cash from Investing</b>					
Purchase of Property, Plant, Equipment	(1,829)	(1,964)	(1,927)	(2,023)	(2,084)
Other Investing Cash Flows	520	63	189	0	0
<b>Cash Flow from Investing</b>	<b>(1,309)</b>	<b>(1,901)</b>	<b>(1,738)</b>	<b>(2,023)</b>	<b>(2,084)</b>
<b>Cash from Financing</b>					
Issuance (Retirement) of Stock	(13,973)	(5,997)	(3,894)	(2,540)	(2,490)
Issuance (Retirement) of Debt	9,299	1,883	(545)	0	0
Dividends Paid	(2,370)	(2,531)	(2,566)	(2,672)	(2,828)
Other Financing Cash Flows	(5)	(21)	(42)	0	0
<b>Cash Flow from Financing</b>	<b>(7,049)</b>	<b>(6,666)</b>	<b>(7,047)</b>	<b>(5,212)</b>	<b>(5,318)</b>
Foreign Exchange	(16)	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Change in Cash</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>(427)</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>2,457</b>

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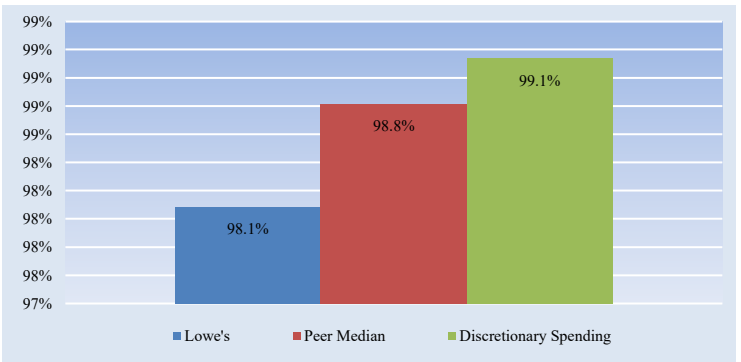
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Value Rating

Discretionary Spending

Discretionary Spending FAIRLY VALUED

We think the Discretionary Spending 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 Discretionary Spending 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.

Company Name	Ticker	Market Cap (USD-mil)	Investment Style	DCF Valuation	Relative Valuation	ValueCreation™	ValueRisk™	ValueTrend™	Technicals	Relative Strength
Airbnb	ABNB	80,799	LARGE-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	VERY BULLISH	WEAK
AutoZone	AZO	63,998	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	VERY BEARISH	STRONG
Best Buy	BBY	15,363	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	NEUTRAL
CarMax	KMX	10,491	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	VERY POOR	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Chipotle	CMG	68,603	LARGE-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	VERY BEARISH	STRONG
Cintas Corp	CTAS	91,302	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Cracker Barrel	CBRL	1,284	SMALL-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	POOR	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Dick's Sporting	DKS	14,807	LARGE-CAP VALUE	UNDervalUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Disney	DIS	208,862	MEGA-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Dollar General	DG	20,379	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	GOOD	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Dollar Tree	DLTR	21,374	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	GOOD	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	NEUTRAL	STRONG
Domino's Pizza	DPZ	17,089	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Estee Lauder	EL	19,315	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Ford	F	42,732	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	HIGH	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
General Motors	GM	56,089	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Genuine Parts	GPC	16,831	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	VERY BEARISH	STRONG
Hasbro	HAS	8,659	MID-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	VERY BULLISH	STRONG
Home Depot	HD	368,742	MEGA-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	NEUTRAL
Leggett & Platt	LEG	1,258	SMALL-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	HIGH	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Lowe's	LOW	127,022	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	VERY BULLISH	STRONG
McDonald's	MCD	215,112	MEGA-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	NEUTRAL
Netflix	NFLX	522,697	MEGA-CAP GROWTH	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	GOOD	HIGH	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Nike	NKE	94,872	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Ralph Lauren	RL	17,321	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Ross Stores	ROST	40,892	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Starbucks	SBUX	111,455	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	STRONG
Tesla	TSLA	959,501	MEGA-CAP GROWTH	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
TJX Cos	TJX	136,665	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	STRONG
Ulta Beauty	ULTA	22,574	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
VF Corp	VFC	5,739	MID-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	GOOD	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Whirlpool	WHR	4,557	MID-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Williams-Sonoma	WSM	20,139	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Yum! Brands	YUM	42,348	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	STRONG

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## A DCF Valuation

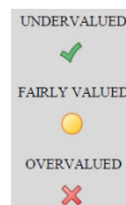
Shows whether the firm is undervalued, fairly valued, or overvalued based on our DCF process and by how much.

**B Valuentum Buying Index (VBI)**

Provides insight into the timeliness of an investment opportunity. We rank firms from 1 to 10 based on rigorous financial, valuation, and technical analysis. A 10 represents one of our top picks.

### C Valuentum Value Rating (VVR)

Indicates whether we think a firm is undervalued, fairly valued, or overvalued on the basis of our DCF process.



## D 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.

### E 30-week Price and Volume Action

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



## Company Vitals

Shows sector, industry and other relevant company information.

### Normalized EPS and EBITDA

Estimation of the firm's normalized earnings measures and the corresponding valuation multiples.



## Returns Summary

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

## M 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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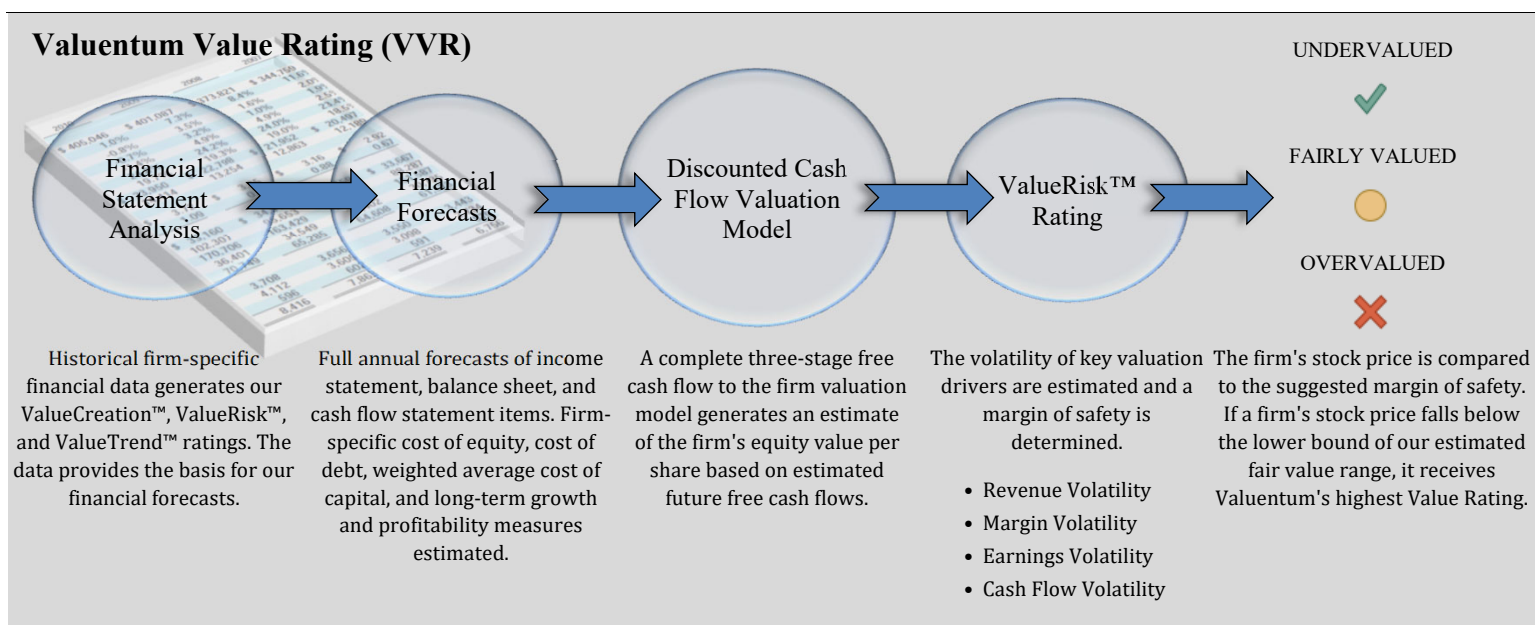
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# Methodology for Picking Stocks - Valuentum Buying Index™ (VBI)

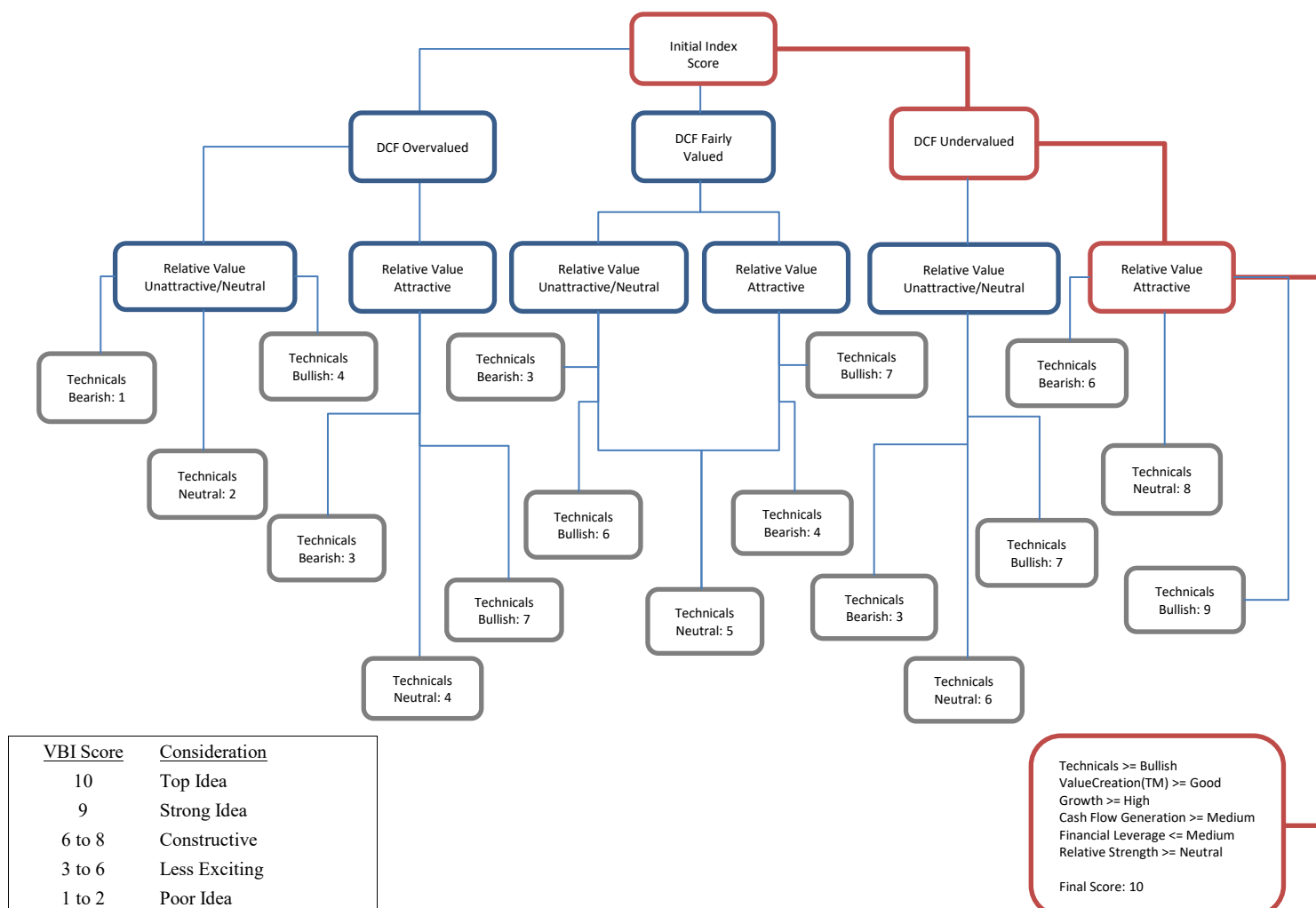
@Valuentum, we like to look at companies from a number of different perspectives. The Valuentum Buying Index (VBI) combines rigorous financial and valuation analysis with an evaluation of a stock's technicals to derive a rating between 1 and 10 for each company. The VBI places considerable emphasis on 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™ 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™ 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 performance 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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27-Jun-25	\$223.63	\$228.00	6
21-Mar-25	\$227.07	\$228.00	3
8-Jan-25	\$246.28	\$242.00	4
21-Oct-24	\$281.92	\$242.00	7
12-Aug-24	\$231.89	\$230.00	7
17-May-24	\$230.56	\$231.00	4
11-Mar-24	\$240.09	\$250.00	5
15-Dec-23	\$225.59	\$230.00	7
29-Aug-23	\$225.56	\$222.00	7
10-Jan-23	\$201.40	\$207.00	3
30-Sep-22	\$187.81	\$198.00	3
3-Feb-22	\$238.16	\$218.00	4
7-May-21	\$208.40	\$183.00	6
7-Oct-20	\$168.47	\$162.00	6

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