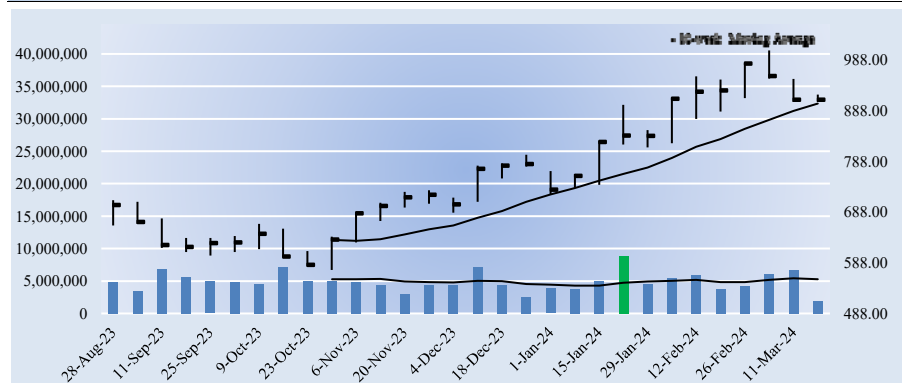


**Lam Research LRCX FAIRLY VALUED****Buying Index™****6****Value Rating**

<b>Economic Castle</b> Very Attractive	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b> \$868.00	<b>Fair Value Range</b> \$694.00 - \$1042.00	<b>Investment Style</b> LARGE-CAP CORE	<b>Sector</b> Information Technology	<b>Industry</b> Technology Giants
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**Lam Research has a net-neutral balance sheet and generates tremendous free cash flow. A differentiated product portfolio and strong customer ties are two key competitive advantages.**

**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)	\$120,500
Avg Weekly Vol (30 wks)	4,935
30-week Range (USD)	574.42 - 1007.39
Valuentum Sector	Information Technology
5-week Return	-1.0%
13-week Return	16.2%
30-week Return	35.9%
Dividend Yield %	0.9%
Dividends per Share	8.00
Forward Dividend Payout Ratio	27.2%
Est. Normal Diluted EPS	44.28
P/E on Est. Normal Diluted EPS	20.6
Est. Normal EBITDA	6,626
Forward EV/EBITDA	25.6
EV/Est. Normal EBITDA	18.1
Forward Revenue Growth (5-yr)	7.3%
Forward EPS Growth (5-yr)	12.6%

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

**Returns Summary**

3-year Historical Average

Return on Equity	69.0%
Return on Assets	26.2%
ROIC, with goodwill	57.4%
ROIC, without goodwill	75.0%

ROIC = Return on Invested Capital; NMF = Not Meaningful

**Leverage, Coverage, and Liquidity**

In Millions of USD

Total Debt	4,965
Net Debt	-409
Total Debt/EBITDA	0.9
Net Debt/EBITDA	NMF
EBITDA/Interest	30.2
Current Ratio	3.2
Quick Ratio	2.0

NMF = Not Meaningful

**Investment Highlights**

• Lam Research makes wafer fabrication equipment (WFE) and serves the global semiconductor industry. The firm is a leading supplier of high-throughput plasma etch equipment. Its customers make non-volatile memory (NVM), dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) and logic devices. Lam Research was founded in 1980 and is headquartered in Fremont, California.

• Demand for WFE is booming worldwide, and to keep up with strong demand for its offerings, Lam Research is expanding its operations in Oregon by developing a new manufacturing facility. Annual capital spending runs at ~3-4% of total sales, and growth opportunities remain robust.

• In recent fiscal quarters, Lam Research generated ~85% of its revenues from customers in Asia (China, Korea, and Taiwan) are its three largest geographical markets) while the remainder primarily came from customers in the U.S. and Europe. There are supply chain and geopolitical risks to be aware of—risks that are largely outside of Lam Research's control.

• Lam Research has deals with all of the largest semiconductor makers worldwide, but it does have a degree of customer concentration risk. Intel, Micron, and TSM are among its top customers. Lam Research's longer term outlook is quite bright as demand for semiconductors and the equipment that helps make semiconductors remains strong.

• Lam Research is well-positioned in the right segments of the market with significant know-how and a broad installed base. The proliferation of cloud computing and the 'Internet of Things (IoT)' trend are examples of the secular tailwinds the firm is capitalizing on.

**Structure of the Semiconductor Equipment Industry**

The semiconductor equipment industry is highly competitive and characterized by rapid technological change. Success hinges on the ability to commercialize new technology in a timely manner, continuously enhance products to improve efficiency of customer fab operations, and manage costs and inventory effectively. Performance of constituents is heavily influenced by manufacturing capacity and fab utilization rates, which together create volatile demand cycles. The potential for unexpected shifts in demand for the group's products leaves us unexcited about the industry's structural characteristics.

**Investment Considerations**

DCF Valuation	FAIRLY VALUED
Relative Valuation	NEUTRAL
ValueCreation™	EXCELLENT
ValueRisk™	LOW
ValueTrend™	POSITIVE
Cash Flow Generation	STRONG
Financial Leverage	LOW
Growth	MODEST
Technical Evaluation	BULLISH
Relative Strength	STRONG
Money Flow Index (MFI)	NEUTRAL
Upside/Downside Volume (U/D)	DETERIORATING
Near-term Technical Support, 10-week MA	903.00

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
Alphabet	20.7	1.8	86.7%
Amazon.com	NMF	NMF	99.6%
Apple	26.1	3.5	98.1%
Microsoft	32.4	2.6	91.9%
Peer Median	26.1	2.6	95.0%
<b>Lam Research</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>104.8%</b>

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

**Financial Summary**

	Actual	Projected
Fiscal Year End:	Jun-22	Jun-23
Revenue	17,227	17,429
Revenue, YoY%	17.8%	1.2%
Operating Income	5,382	5,295
Operating Margin %	31.2%	30.4%
Net Income	4,605	4,511
Net Income Margin %	26.7%	25.9%
Diluted EPS	32.75	33.22
Diluted EPS, YoY %	21.8%	1.4%
Free Cash Flow (CFO-capex)	2,554	4,677
Free Cash Flow Margin %	14.8%	26.8%

In Millions of USD (except for per share items)

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**Value Rating**


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<b>Investment Style</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Industry</b>
LARGE-CAP CORE	Information Technology	Technology Giants

## 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. Lam Research's 3-year historical return on invested capital (without goodwill) is 75%, which is above the estimate of its cost of capital of 9.6%. 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.

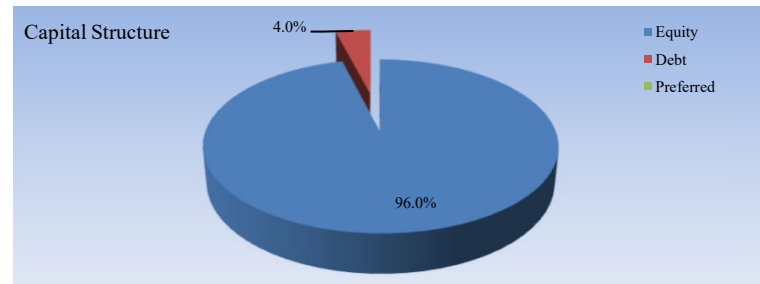
ROIC - WACC Spread, 3-year historical average	65.4%
ROIC - WACC Spread, 5-year projected average	73.5%
These spreads equal the firm's annual average ROIC (excluding goodwill) less its WACC.	

### ValueTrend™

POSITIVE

Lam Research receives a ValueTrend™ rating of POSITIVE, which is based on the company's trailing three-year performance. The firm's ROIC (excluding goodwill) increased to 81.2% last year from its trailing 3-year average of 75%. We expect ROIC (excluding goodwill) to be in the ballpark of about 80% by the end of our discrete forecast period, with upside potential to about 105% 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	1.25%
Cost of Debt Assumption	5.6%
Cash Tax Rate Assumption	11.5%
<b>After-tax Cost of Debt Assumption</b>	<b>4.9%</b>

### Cost of Preferred Stock

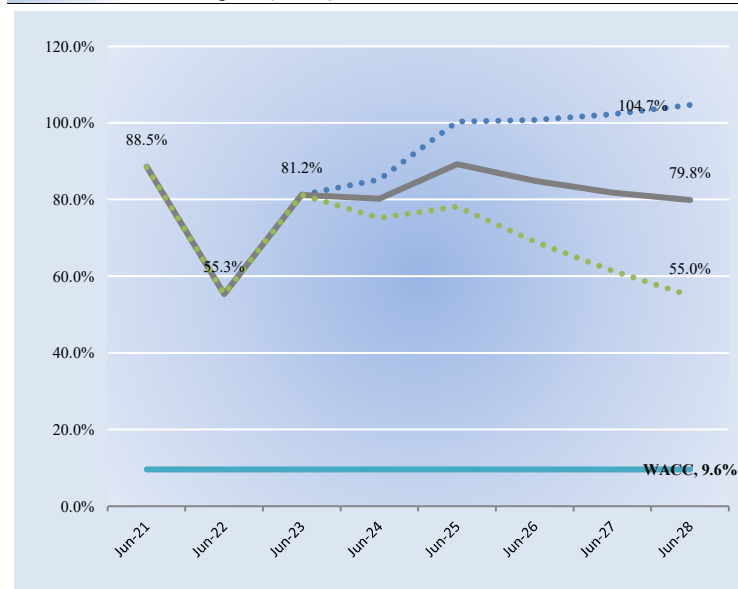
Preferred Dividends	0
Value of Preferred Stock	0
Cost of Preferred Assumption	NA

### Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

9.6%

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

Lam Research is a supplier of wafer fabrication equipment (WFE) and related services to customers around the globe. Its outlook is supported by numerous secular growth tailwinds such as the proliferation of cloud computing and the 'Internet of Things (IoT)' trend. The firm's annual free cash flow averaged ~\$3.49 billion from fiscal 2021-2023 while its run rate dividend obligations stood at ~\$910 million in fiscal 2023, showcasing nice dividend coverage. Lam Research's impressive Dividend Cushion ratio underpins why we expect the firm to grow its payout at a robust pace in the coming fiscal years. The company had a largely net-neutral balance sheet at the end of fiscal 2023.

#### Potential Weaknesses

There is not much that can get in the way of Lam Research's dividend growth potential, in our view, given its healthy balance sheet and strong free cash flow generation. Most of its sales are generated in Asia (sales in China represent over one third of revenue), and supply chain and geopolitical risks need to be considered. Lam Research also has a meaningful level of customer concentration risk, but this is manageable, in our view. The company is scaling up its manufacturing presence in the U.S. in the face of rising third-party investments in new semiconductor fabrication facilities. Lam Research's stellar Dividend Cushion ratio reveals the firm has a large buffer to navigate potential hurdles, however.

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

### Revenue Growth

MODEST

		Last Fiscal Year Revenue	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
<b>Lam Research</b>	USD	<b>17,429</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
Alphabet	USD	307,394	19.0%	10.4%
Amazon.com	USD	513,983	22.4%	9.5%
Apple	USD	383,285	11.8%	5.1%
Microsoft	USD	211,915	14.0%	12.4%
Peer Median			16.5%	9.9%
Industry Median			14.6%	7.2%

Lam Research'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. Lam Research'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>Lam Research</b>	USD	<b>5,638</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
Alphabet	USD	100,172	22.2%	10.9%
Amazon.com	USD	54,169	14.2%	24.6%
Apple	USD	125,820	17.6%	6.4%
Microsoft	USD	102,023	16.1%	13.0%
Peer Median			16.8%	11.9%
Industry Median			14.8%	10.3%

Lam Research'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 pace of EBITDA growth to fall below that of both its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Amazon.com sports the highest expected EBITDA growth rate among peers.

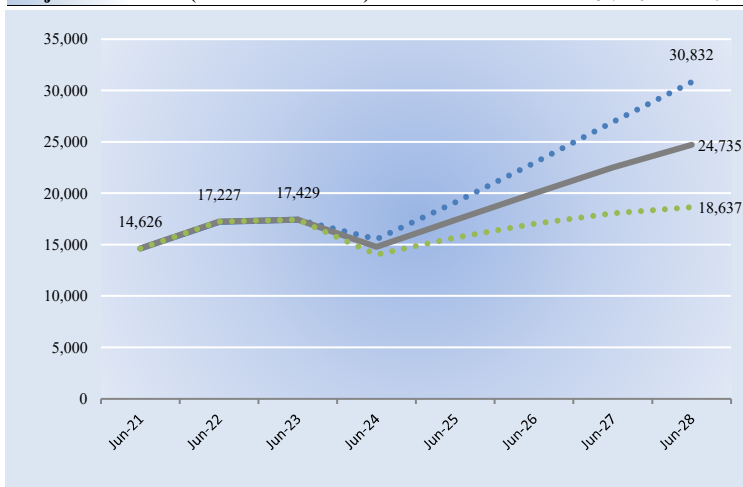
### Net Income Growth

		Last Fiscal Year Net Income	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
<b>Lam Research</b>	USD	<b>4,511</b>	<b>26.1%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
Alphabet	USD	73,795	22.4%	11.6%
Amazon.com	USD	-2,722	-161.7%	-297.3%
Apple	USD	96,995	19.1%	6.9%
Microsoft	USD	72,361	17.8%	13.5%
Peer Median			18.4%	9.3%
Industry Median			16.4%	12.0%

Lam Research'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 net income to outpace its peer group but trail that of its industry group during the next five years. Microsoft sports the highest net income growth rate among peers.

### Projected Revenue (in millions of USD)

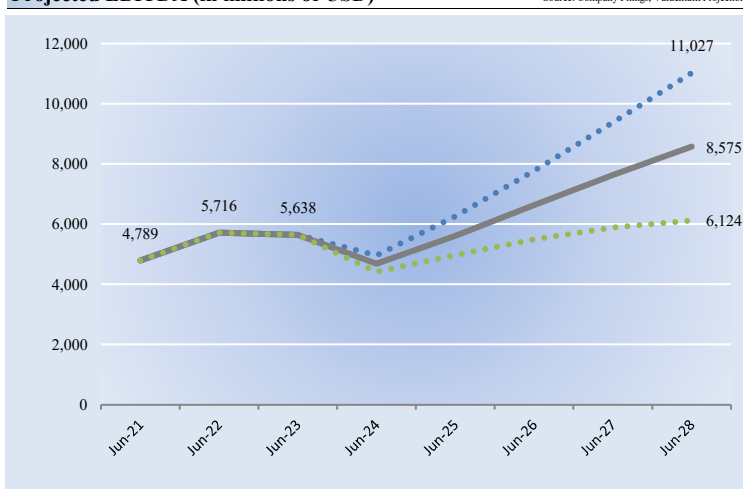
Source: Company Filings, Valuentum Projections



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)

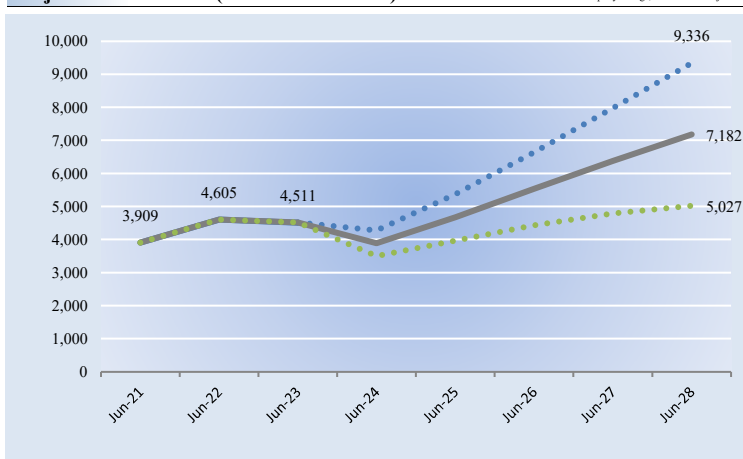
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### Projected Net Income (in millions of USD)

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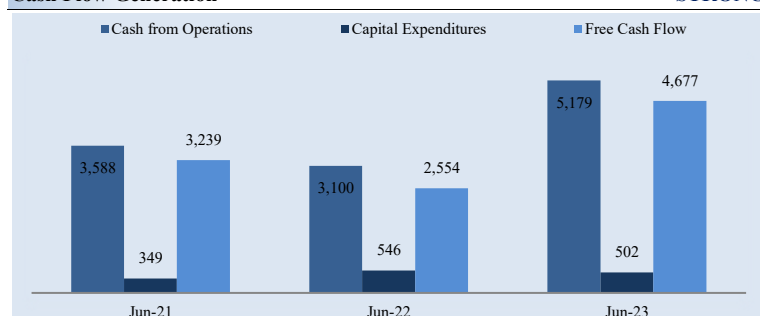
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## Cash Flow and Financial Leverage Analysis

### 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. Lam Research's free cash flow margin has averaged about 21.3% 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 Lam Research, cash flow from operations increased about 44% from levels registered two years ago, while capital expenditures expanded about 44% over the same time period.

### Cash Flow from Operations

		Last Fiscal Year CFO	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
<b>Lam Research</b>	USD	<b>5,179</b>	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
Alphabet	USD	101,746	16.0%	8.2%
Amazon.com	USD	46,752	6.7%	27.1%
Apple	USD	110,543	11.1%	9.4%
Microsoft	USD	87,582	13.0%	12.9%
Peer Median			12.0%	11.2%
Industry Median			11.6%	9.2%

Lam Research'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. Amazon.com sports the highest expected cash flow from operations growth rate among peers.

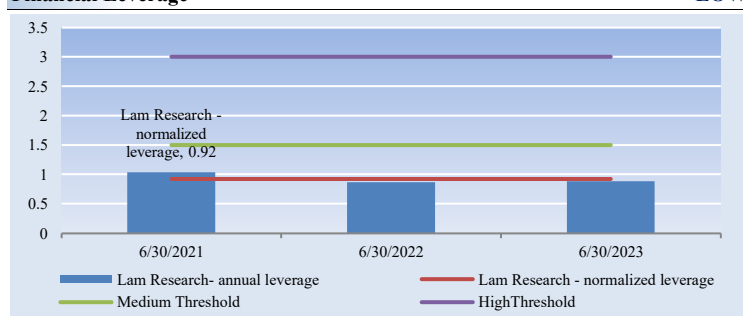
### Free Cash Flow (CFO-capital expenditures)

		Last Fiscal Year FCF	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
<b>Lam Research</b>	USD	<b>4,677</b>	<b>34.5%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
Alphabet	USD	69,495	17.5%	11.0%
Amazon.com	USD	-16,893	-192.1%	-239.8%
Apple	USD	99,584	10.7%	9.7%
Microsoft	USD	59,475	9.6%	16.3%
Peer Median			10.1%	10.3%
Industry Median			11.0%	9.2%

Lam Research's free cash flow 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 free cash flow growth to fall below that of both its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Microsoft sports the highest expected free cash flow growth rate among peers.

### Financial Leverage

**LOW**

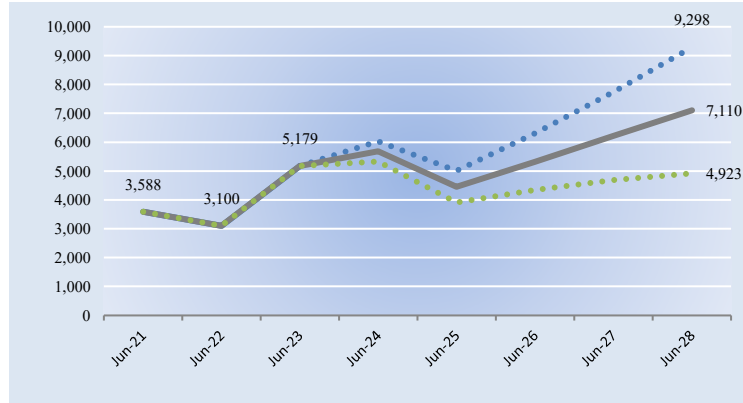


The bars above show the firm's annual debt-to-EBITDA. The red line shows the firm's normalized measure.

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. Lam Research's normalized debt-to-EBITDA measure of about 0.92 puts it in the **LOW** camp.

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

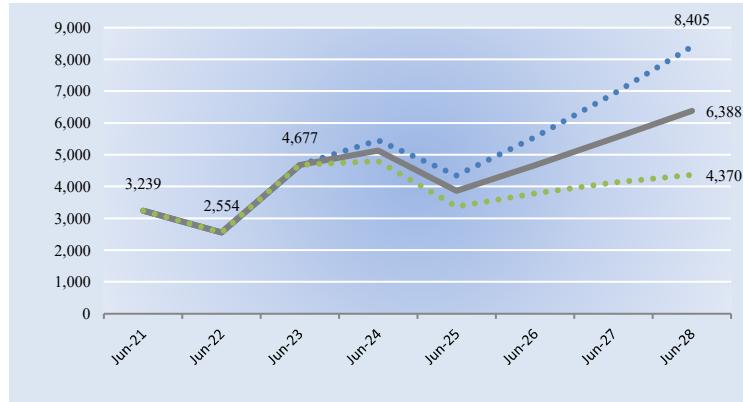
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### Projected Free Cash Flow (in millions of USD)

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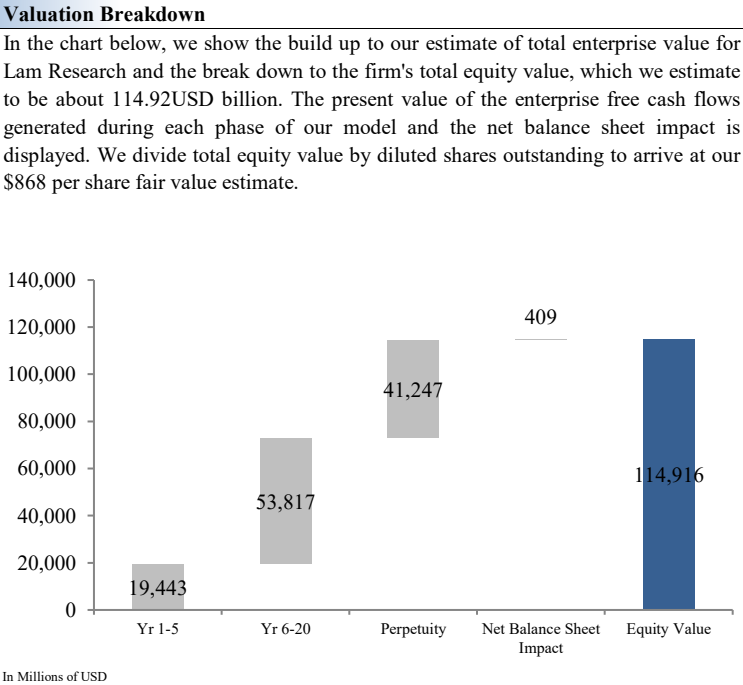
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Value Rating

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Very Attractive	\$868.00	\$694.00 - \$1042.00	LARGE-CAP CORE	Information Technology	Technology Giants

Valuation Analysis

Valuation Assumptions		
In Millions of USD (except for per share items)		
		<u>5-year Projections</u>
Revenue CAGR %		7.3%
Avg. EBIT Margin %		31.5%
Avg. Cash Tax Rate %		11.5%
Earnings Before Interest CAGR %		8.2%
Earnings Per Share CAGR %		12.6%
Free Cash Flow to the Firm CAGR %		3.7%
Earnings before interest = Net operating profits less adjusted taxes		
		<u>Long-term Projections</u>
Phase II --> III FCFF CAGR %	6.6% (II)	3% (III)
Cost of Equity %		9.8%
After-tax Cost of Debt %		4.9%
Discount Rate (WACC) %		9.6%
Synthetic credit spread = 1.253%		
		<u>Results</u>
Phase I Present Value		19,443
Phase II Present Value		53,817
Phase III Present Value		41,247
Total Firm Value		114,506
Net Balance Sheet Impact		409
Total Equity Value		114,916
Diluted Shares Outstanding		132.4
Fair Value per Share		\$868.00



**DCF Valuation Summary**

We think Lam Research is worth \$868 per share with a fair value range of \$694.00 - \$1042.00. The margin of safety around our fair value estimate is driven by the firm's LOW 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 7.3% during the next five years, a pace that is lower than the firm's 3-year historical compound annual growth rate of 20.2%. Our model reflects a 5-year projected average operating margin of 31.5%, which is above Lam Research's trailing 3-year average. Beyond year 5, we assume free cash flow will grow at an annual rate of 6.6% for the next 15 years and 3% in perpetuity. For Lam Research, we use a 9.6% weighted average cost of capital to discount future free cash flows.

Enterprise Free Cash Flow				
	Fiscal Year End:	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023
Earnings before Interest		3,410	3,002	5,063
+ Depreciation		237	256	291
- Capital Expenditures		349	546	502
- Change in Working Capital		1,418	2,708	-641
- Acquisitions		0	0	120
Enterprise Free Cash Flow (FCFF)		1,880	3	5,374
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 Lam Research. Over the next five years, we expect the firm's enterprise free cash flow to expand at about a 4% compound annual growth rate. During years 6 through 20, we expect the measure to grow at a 6.6% 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
Lam Research	6	31.0	20.6	1.4	25.6	18.1	12.6%	75.0%	0.9%	104.8%
Alphabet	4	20.7	15.9	1.8	15.0	12.0	13.9%	75.8%	0.0%	86.7%
Amazon.com	6	NMF	31.4	NMF	21.6	13.9	-297.3%	12.6%	0.0%	99.6%
Apple	3	26.1	22.0	3.5	20.1	17.4	8.0%	92.6%	0.6%	98.1%
Microsoft	5	32.4	24.3	2.6	22.8	17.6	14.7%	54.3%	0.8%	91.9%
Peer Median	4.5	26.1	23.2	2.6	20.9	15.7	10.9%	65.0%	0.3%	95.0%
Industry Median	6.0	25.7	19.3	2.2	18.0	14.0	12.9%	60.7%	0.7%	97.1%

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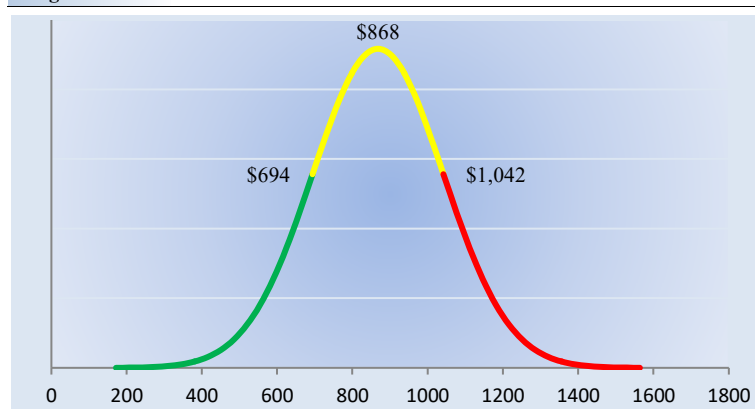


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<b>Investment Style</b> LARGE-CAP CORE	<b>Sector</b> Information Technology	<b>Industry</b> Technology Giants
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## Margin of Safety Analysis

### 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 \$868 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 Lam Research. We think the firm is attractive below \$694 per share (the green line), but quite expensive above \$1042 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™

LOW

Lam Research receives a ValueRisk™ rating of LOW 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	19.7%
Gross Margin Volatility	19.5%
Earnings (EBI) Volatility	24.9%
Cash Flow (FCFF) Volatility	41.6%
<b>Fair Value Range</b>	<b>20.0%</b>

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

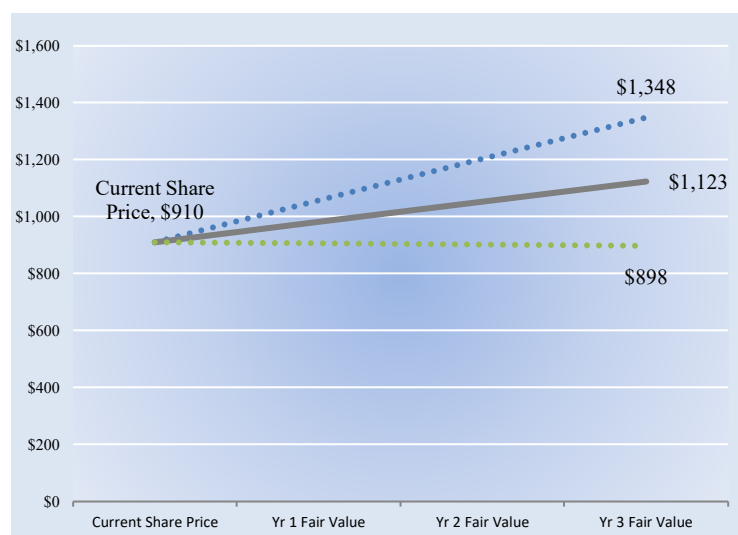
### Upside and Downside Probabilities

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 Lam Research's fair value at this point in time to be about \$868 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 Lam Research'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 \$1123 per share in Year 3 represents our existing fair value per share of \$868 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.

# Lam Research LRCX FAIRLY VALUED

<b>Economic Castle</b>	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>	<b>Fair Value Range</b>
Very Attractive	\$868.00	\$694.00 - \$1042.00

**Buying Index™** 6

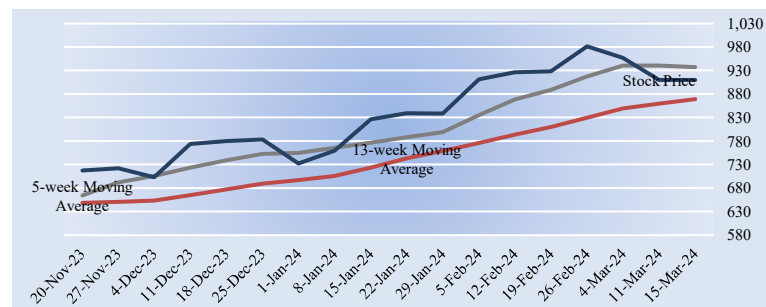
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LARGE-CAP CORE	Information Technology	Technology Giants

## Technical Analysis

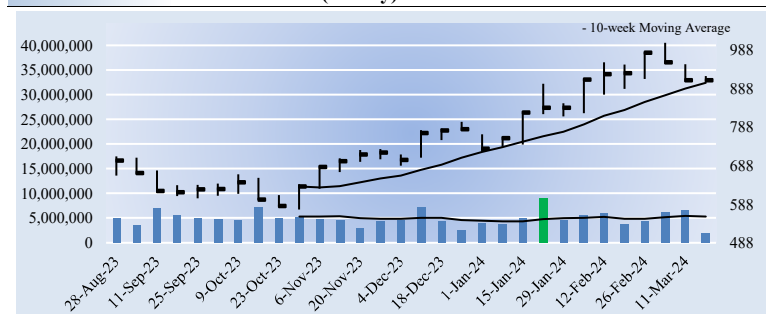
### Technical Evaluation

**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. Lam Research'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, as the firm's 30-week uptrend could be threatened if this occurs.

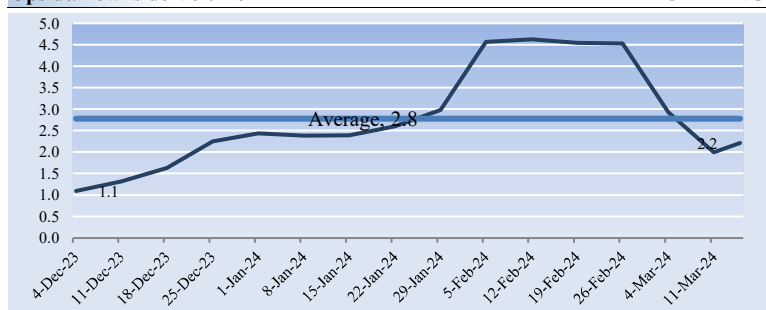
### 30-week Price and Volume Chart (weekly)



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 Lam Research, 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

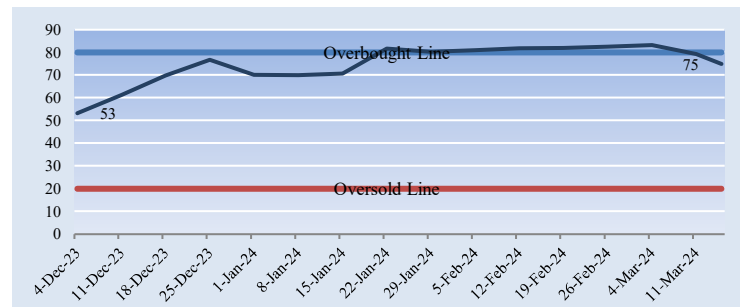
**DETERIORATING**



The level and trend of the Upside/Downside (U/D) volume ratio reveals whether institutional participation has been bullish or bearish as of late. Although Lam Research's U/D volume ratio of 2.2 is greater than 1, it resides below its trailing average, indicating bullish but DETERIORATING 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. Lam Research's MFI of 75 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 Lam Research'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, Lam Research's shares returned 16.2%, while the market benchmark returned 10.4%. We think Lam Research's 13-week relative price performance is STRONG.

5-week Company Performance	-1.0%
5-week Market Benchmark Performance	5.1%
5-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark	-6.1%
13-week Company Performance	16.2%
13-week Market Benchmark Performance	10.4%
<b>13-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
30-week Company Performance	35.9%
30-week Market Benchmark Performance	12.2%
30-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark	23.7%

### 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.

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LARGE-CAP CORE**Sector**  
Information Technology**Industry**  
Technology Giants**Pro Forma Income Statement**

	----- Historical -----			----- Projected -----	
In Millions of USD (except for per share items)					
	Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25
Total Revenue	14,626	17,227	17,429	14,779	17,381
Cost of Goods Sold	7,821	9,355	9,573	8,158	9,516
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	830	886	833	710	828
Other Operating Expenses	1,494	1,604	1,727	1,472	1,717
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>4,482</b>	<b>5,382</b>	<b>5,295</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>5,320</b>
Unusual items	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Income, including unusual items	4,482	5,382	5,295	4,440	5,320
Interest Expense	(209)	(185)	(187)	(187)	(187)
Other Non-operating Income	97	(4)	1	139	139
<b>Pre-tax Income</b>	<b>4,371</b>	<b>5,193</b>	<b>5,109</b>	<b>4,393</b>	<b>5,273</b>
Income Taxes	462	588	598	505	606
<b>Income after tax</b>	<b>3,909</b>	<b>4,605</b>	<b>4,511</b>	<b>3,888</b>	<b>4,667</b>
Minority Interest and Equity Income	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income, excluding extra items	3,909	4,605	4,511	3,888	4,667
<b>Income Available to Common, excluding extra items</b>	<b>3,909</b>	<b>4,605</b>	<b>4,511</b>	<b>3,888</b>	<b>4,667</b>
<b>Diluted Earnings per Share, excluding extra items</b>	<b>26.90</b>	<b>32.75</b>	<b>33.22</b>	<b>29.36</b>	<b>36.15</b>
Diluted Weighted Shares Outstanding	145.3	140.6	135.8	132.4	129.1

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

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	----- Historical -----			----- Projected -----	
	Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25
<b>Assets</b>					
Total Cash (including marketable securities)	5,729	3,658	5,375	6,367	6,058
Inventory	2,689	3,966	4,816	4,024	4,601
Accounts Receivable	3,026	4,314	2,823	2,461	2,972
Other Current Assets	208	347	214	214	214
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>11,652</b>	<b>12,285</b>	<b>13,228</b>	<b>13,066</b>	<b>13,845</b>
Gross Fixed Assets	2,749	3,315	3,742	4,294	4,889
(Accumulated Depreciation)	(1,271)	(1,440)	(1,643)	(1,889)	(2,179)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	1,477	1,874	2,099	2,404	2,710
Goodwill, Net	1,490	1,515	1,623	1,623	1,623
Intangibles, Net	132	102	138	138	138
Other Long-term Assets	1,140	1,419	1,693	1,693	1,693
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>15,892</b>	<b>17,196</b>	<b>18,782</b>	<b>18,925</b>	<b>20,009</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	553	481	481	379	530
Other Current Liabilities	2,698	3,554	3,714	3,710	3,696
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>4,035</b>	<b>4,196</b>	<b>4,090</b>	<b>4,227</b>
Long-term Debt	4,961	4,963	4,965	4,965	4,965
Other Long-term Liabilities	1,376	1,390	1,422	1,422	1,422
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>9,588</b>	<b>10,387</b>	<b>10,582</b>	<b>10,476</b>	<b>10,613</b>
Preferred Stock	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>					
Common Stock and Additional Paid in Capital	7,053	7,415	7,809	7,809	7,809
Retained Earnings	14,685	18,455	22,032	24,860	28,370
Other Equity	(15,711)	(19,591)	(21,631)	(24,221)	(26,783)
<b>Total Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>6,027</b>	<b>6,278</b>	<b>8,210</b>	<b>8,449</b>	<b>9,396</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>15,615</b>	<b>16,666</b>	<b>18,792</b>	<b>18,925</b>	<b>20,009</b>

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Technology Giants**Pro Forma Cash Flow Statement**

	----- Historical -----			----- Projected -----	
In Millions of USD (except for per share items)	Jun-21	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25
<b>Cash from Operations</b>					
Net Income	3,909	4,605	4,511	3,888	4,667
Depreciation and Amortization	307	334	342	247	290
Deferred Income Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Gains Or Losses	(627)	(1,839)	326	500	450
Changes in Working Capital	0	0	0	1,049	(951)
<b>Cash Flow from Operations</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>5,179</b>	<b>5,683</b>	<b>4,456</b>
<b>Cash from Investing</b>					
Purchase of Property, Plant, Equipment	(349)	(546)	(502)	(552)	(596)
Other Investing Cash Flows	422	1,158	(33)	0	0
<b>Cash Flow from Investing</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>(535)</b>	<b>(552)</b>	<b>(596)</b>
<b>Cash from Financing</b>					
Issuance (Retirement) of Stock	(2,576)	(3,752)	(1,896)	(3,090)	(3,013)
Issuance (Retirement) of Debt	(862)	(12)	(23)	0	0
Dividends Paid	(727)	(815)	(908)	(1,059)	(1,157)
Other Financing Cash Flows	(2)	0	(4)	0	0
<b>Cash Flow from Financing</b>	<b>(4,167)</b>	<b>(4,579)</b>	<b>(2,831)</b>	<b>(4,149)</b>	<b>(4,169)</b>
Foreign Exchange	7	(30)	0	0	0
<b>Net Change in Cash</b>	<b>(498)</b>	<b>(897)</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>(309)</b>

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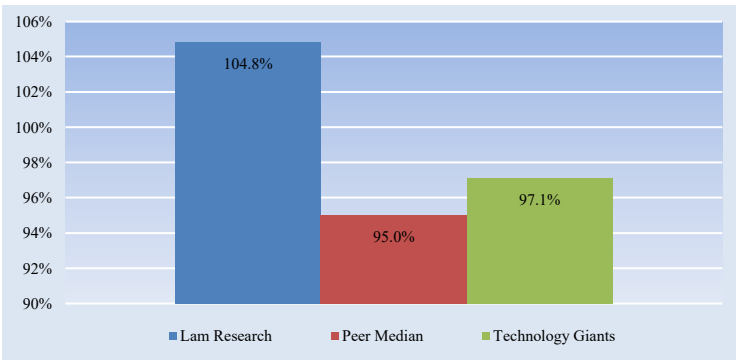
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Technology Giants

**Technology Giants** **FAIRLY VALUED**

We think the Technology Giants 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 Technology Giants 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
Adobe Systems	ADBE	261,116	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Advanced Micro Devices	AMD	223,502	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	STRONG
Alibaba	BABA	195,671	LARGE-CAP VALUE	UNDervalUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Alphabet	GOOG	1,772,513	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Amazon.com	AMZN	1,562,789	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	GOOD	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Analog Devices	ADI	100,390	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Ansys	ANSS	29,806	LARGE-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Apple	AAPL	2,702,258	MEGA-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Applied Materials	AMAT	164,502	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Automatic Data Processing	ADP	100,528	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
Baidu	BIDU	35,907	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	GOOD	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Booking Holdings	BKNG	133,933	LARGE-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Broadcom	AVGO	546,620	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Cisco	CSCO	197,866	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
eBay	EBAY	27,093	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	VERY POOR	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Enphase Energy	ENPH	16,788	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
IBM	IBM	170,274	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Intel	INTC	180,463	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	POOR	VERY HIGH	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
KLA-Tencor	KLAC	95,403	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Korn/Ferry	KFY	3,064	MID-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Lam Research	LRCX	120,500	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Manpower	MAN	4,056	MID-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Mastercard	MA	446,379	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	NEUTRAL	NEUTRAL
Meta Platforms	META	953,832	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Micron Technology	MU	103,919	LARGE-CAP GROWTH	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	POOR	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Microsoft	MSFT	2,720,350	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	NEUTRAL
Nvidia	NVDA	1,230,862	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	NEUTRAL
Oracle	ORCL	311,678	MEGA-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
PayPal	PYPL	69,619	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	GOOD	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	WEAK
QUALCOMM	QCOM	172,684	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	STRONG
Salesforce.com	CRM	292,566	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	NEUTRAL	STRONG
Taiwan Semiconductor	TSM	524,759	MEGA-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	NEUTRAL
Texas Instruments	TXN	154,186	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	NEUTRAL
Visa	V	686,133	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	NEUTRAL	NEUTRAL

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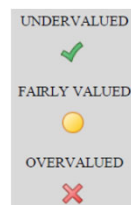
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Provides insight into the timeliness of an investment opportunity. We rank firms from 1 to 10 based on rigorous financial, valuation, and technical analysis. A 10 represents one of our top picks.

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### E 30-week Price and Volume Action

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## Company Vitals

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### Normalized EPS and EBITDA

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

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A snapshot of the company's financial health.

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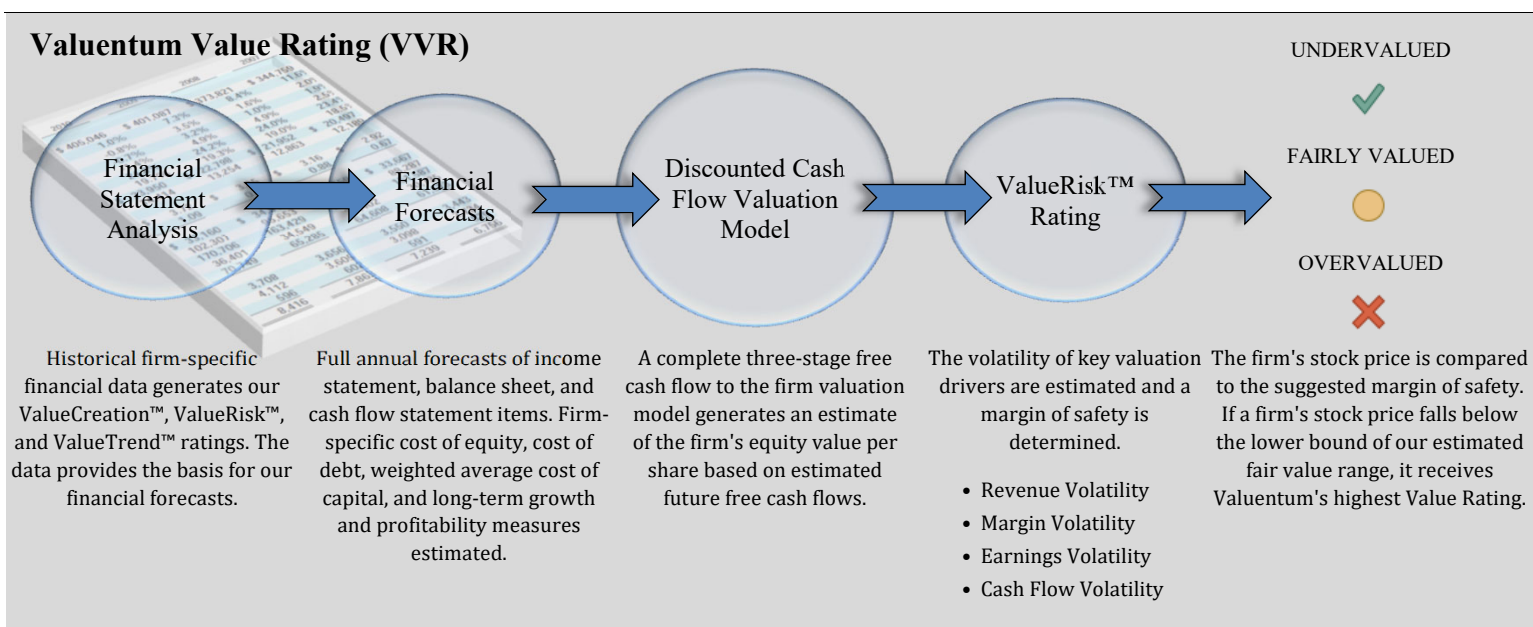
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# Methodology for Picking Stocks - Valuentum Buying Index™ (VBI)

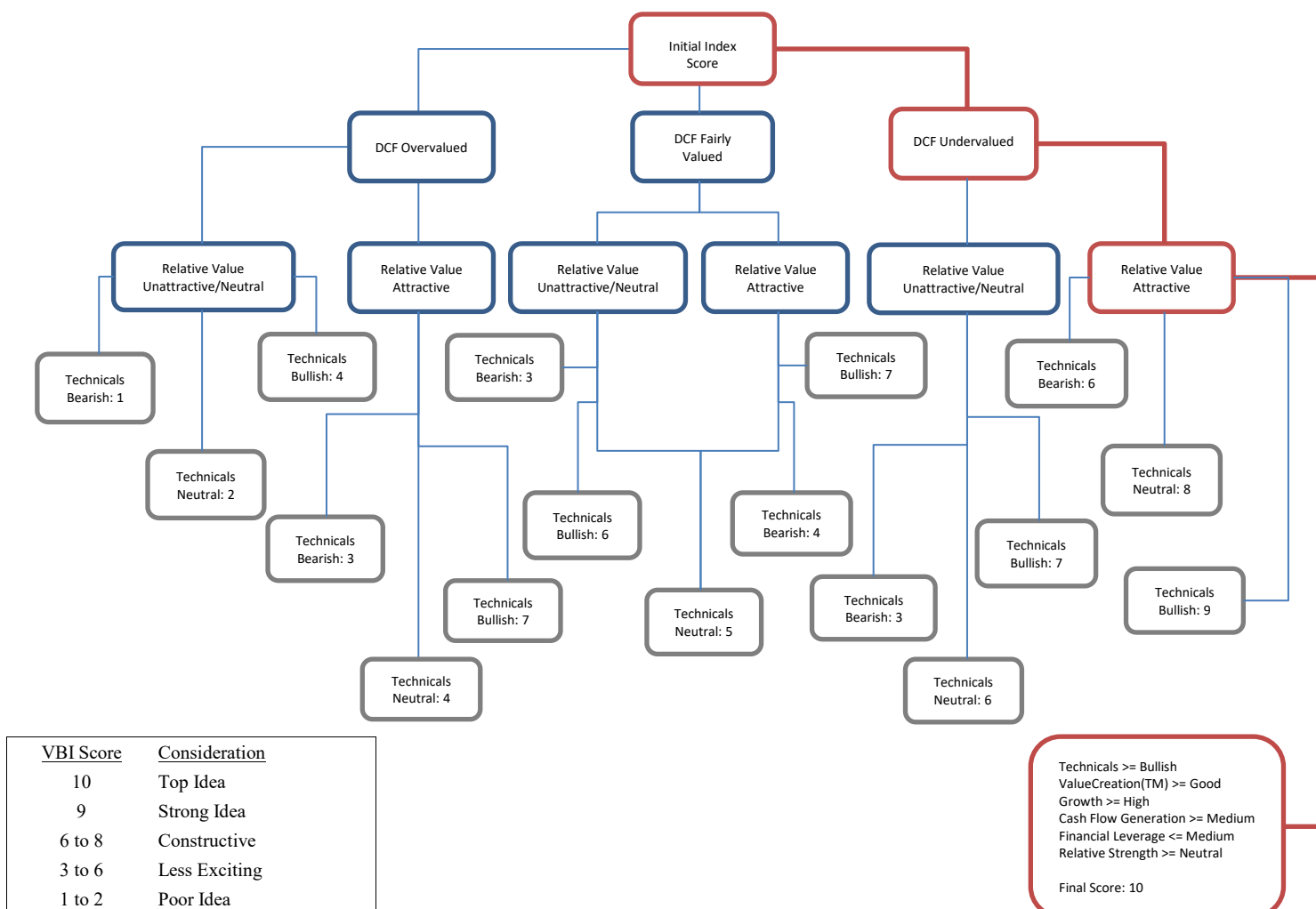
@ Valuentum, we like to look at companies from a number of different perspectives. The Valuentum Buying Index (VBI) combines rigorous financial and valuation analysis with an evaluation of a stock's technicals to derive a rating between 1 and 10 for each company. The VBI places considerable emphasis 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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15-Mar-24	\$910.09	\$868.00	6
22-Dec-23	\$779.99	\$781.00	7
22-Sep-23	\$619.11	\$630.00	4
17-Apr-23	\$483.70	\$479.00	3
24-Dec-22	\$420.30	\$421.00	3
28-Oct-22	\$405.59	\$424.00	3
26-Aug-22	\$453.31	\$643.00	6
15-Nov-21	\$632.31	\$633.00	7
21-Dec-20	\$482.78	\$427.00	6
10-Jan-20	\$299.66	\$238.00	4
1-Apr-19	\$195.15	\$165.00	6
12-Nov-18	\$148.00	\$165.00	3
9-Jul-18	\$177.02	\$174.00	3
16-Feb-18	\$187.91	\$173.00	3

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