# Valuentum Equity Research

## A Guide to Using Valuentum's Stock Reports

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## **About Valuentum Securities**

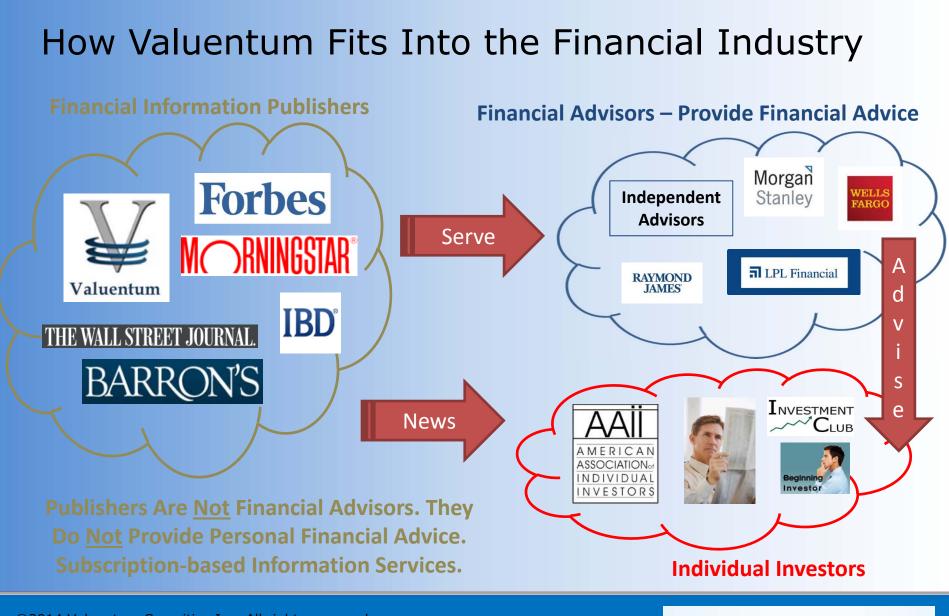


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### A Walk Through the Valuentum Equity Report

- Important Information: Valuentum Buying Index, Fair Value Range, Economic Castle
- Investment Considerations & Highlights
- Stock Analyst Notes
- Economic Profit Analysis
- Growth & Cash Flow Analysis
- DCF Valuation & Relative Valuation
- Margin of Safety Analysis
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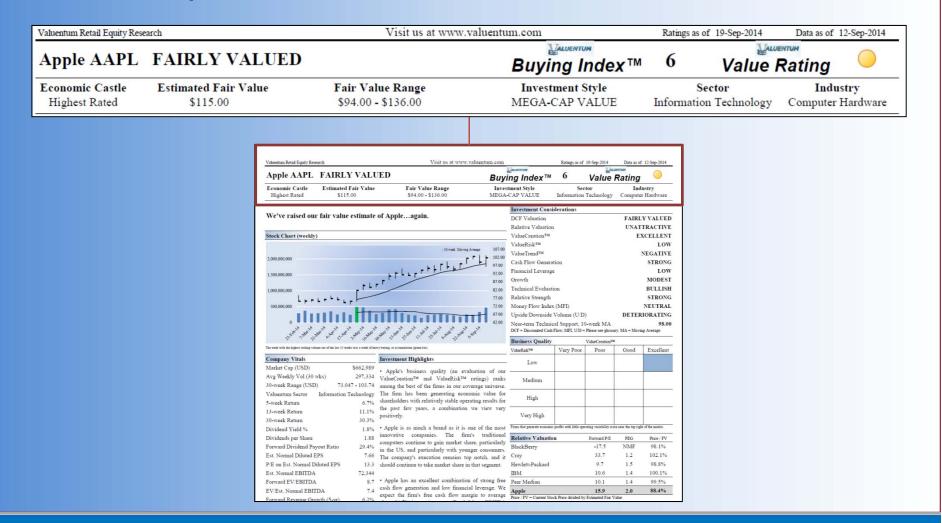
#### Valuentum's Investment Beliefs

- Invest for the long term, not long-term investing
- No stock is a perpetual "buy" and "hold"
- The price versus intrinsic value equation is paramount
- Stock prices are driven by the actions of other investors
- Other investors focus on valuation\* and/or technicals
- Money managers create stock price momentum when accumulating shares over several trading sessions
- The best performing stocks are undervalued stocks that have good momentum
- We call these stocks "Valuentum" stocks
- Momentum investing is high turnover, but Valuentum investing is low turnover

\* Growth is a component of valuation



#### Data Strip





#### The Valuentum Buying Index

Our rating system has three components:

- An analyst-driven cash-flow assessment of whether shares are undervalued, fairly valued, or overvalued
- A systematic relative valuation assessment of whether shares are attractive, neutral, or unattractive on a relative valuation basis
- A systematic assessment of the attractiveness of a firm's technical and momentum indicators
- The better the firm scores with respect to its DCF valuation, relative valuation, and technical/momentum indicators, the higher the Valuentum Buying Index rating



#### The Valuentum Buying Index, continued

- A stock's Valuentum Buying Index can change as a result of four reasons. Either:
  - A firm's stock price changes relative to intrinsic value
  - A firm's intrinsic value changes relative to its stock price
  - A firm's relative valuation changes compared to peers
  - A firm's technical and momentum indicators change



#### Fair Value Range

- We build detailed, company-specific models to estimate fair values
- We accept that the only thing precise about a fair value estimate is that it is precisely wrong. All value is based on the future, and the future is inherently unpredictable.
- As a result, we emphasize a fair value range, or a range of probable fair value outcomes
  - A firm is fairly valued if its stock price is trading within the fair value range
  - A firm is undervalued if its stock price is trading below the fair value range
  - A firm is overvalued if its stock price is trading above the fair value range

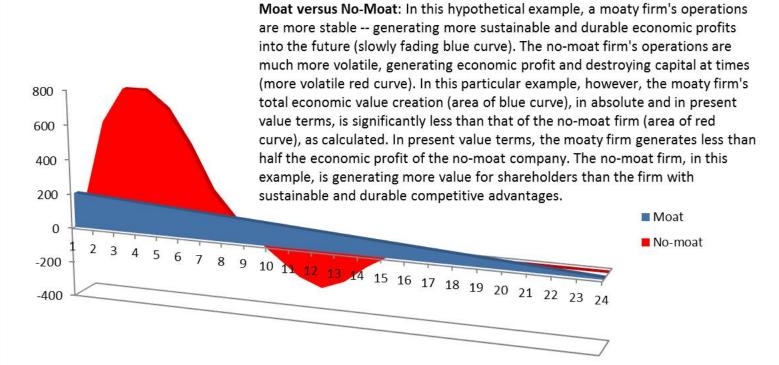


#### **Economic Castles**





#### **Cumulative Economic Profit Generation Is What Matters Most**



The graph above represents a hypothetical future economic value added (EVA) curve for a moaty company (blue) and a no-moat company (red), where any area above the x-axis represents economic value added (EVA) and any area below the x-axis represents economic value destroyed. The moaty firm never destroys shareholder capital, but the no-moat firm generates the most cumulative economic profit for shareholders, both in absolute and discounted terms. The no-moat firm ceases to generate economic profit or destroy capital at the end of Year 15 due to competitive forces, while the moaty firm continues to generate economic profit for significantly longer, through Year 25.

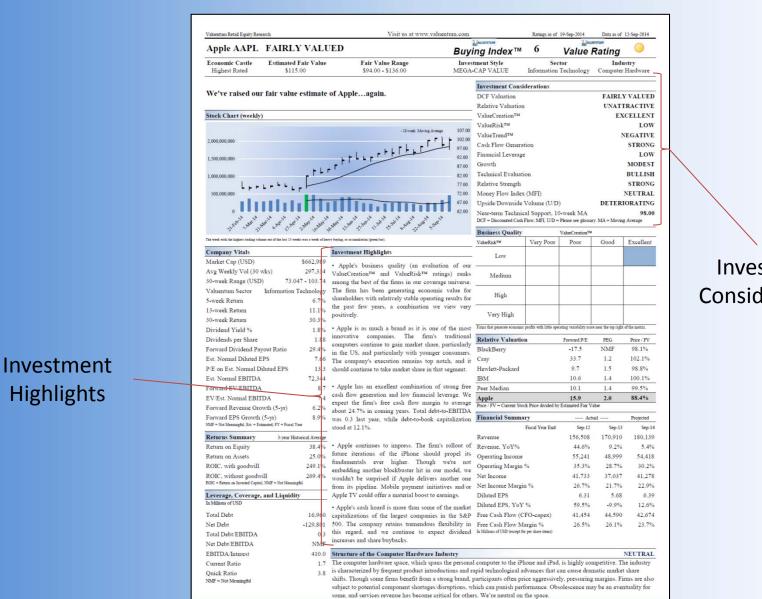


#### **Economic Castles**, continued

- Moaty firms are durable and sustainable businesses, but they may not be the best value-generators for shareholders
- Business owners want to maximize shareholder value

   and a firm's competitive advantage assessment may
   be independent of that view.
- Valuentum's Economic Castle<sup>™</sup> rating evaluates a firm on the basis of the magnitude of the economic profit that it will deliver to shareholders (as measured by its ROIC-less-WACC spread)

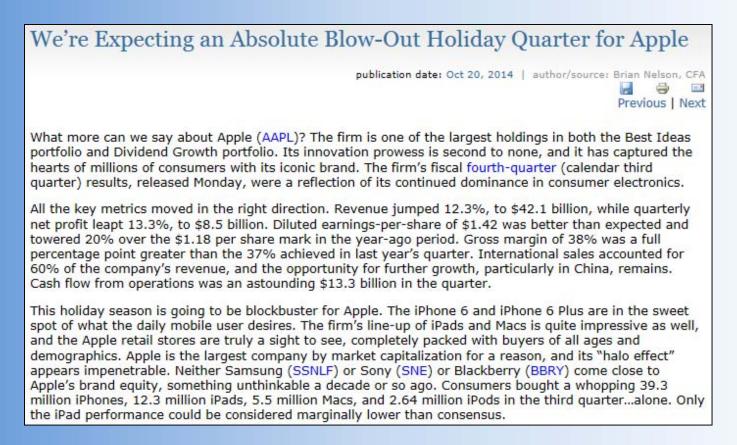




Investment Considerations



#### Stock Analyst Notes\*



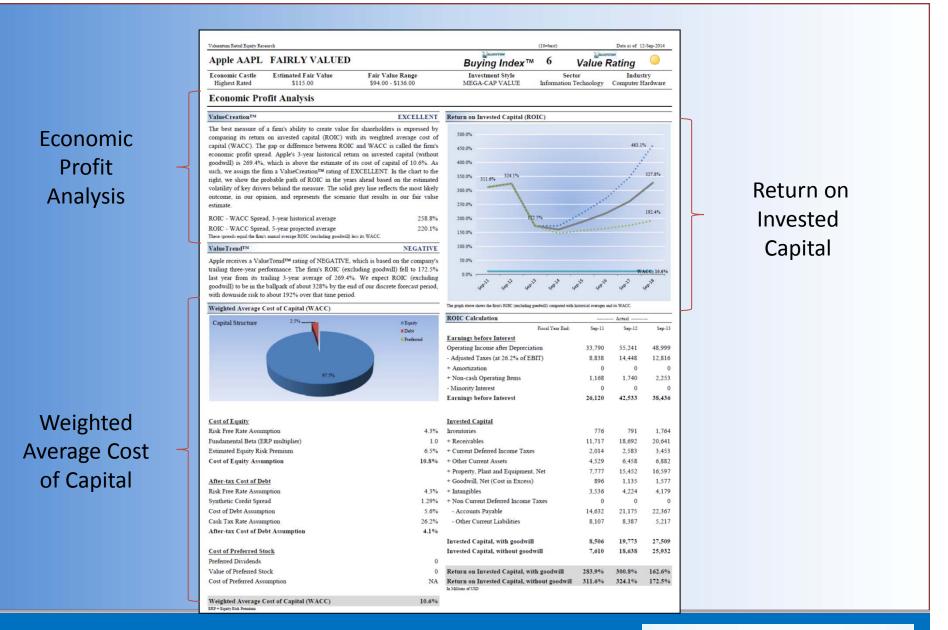
\* Stock analyst notes are found on www.valuentum.com.



### Investment Considerations, Investment Highlights, and Stock Analyst Notes

- Our analysis and commentary are separated into a variety of sections in the report and on the website at www.valuentum.com.
  - <u>Investment Considerations</u>: Each firm has more than a dozen key analytical items from business quality to valuation and beyond.
  - <u>Investment Highlights</u>: Firm-specific commentary is added to clarify modeling expectations and competitive profiles.
  - <u>Stock Analyst Notes</u>: These are found on the website and include our take on recent quarterly earnings or on current news events.



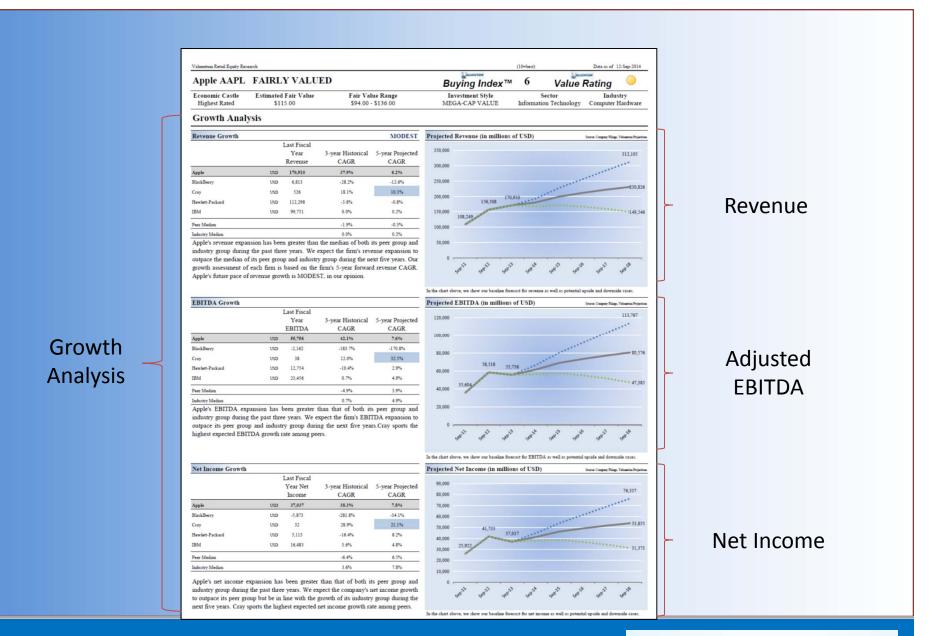




#### **Economic** Profit Analysis

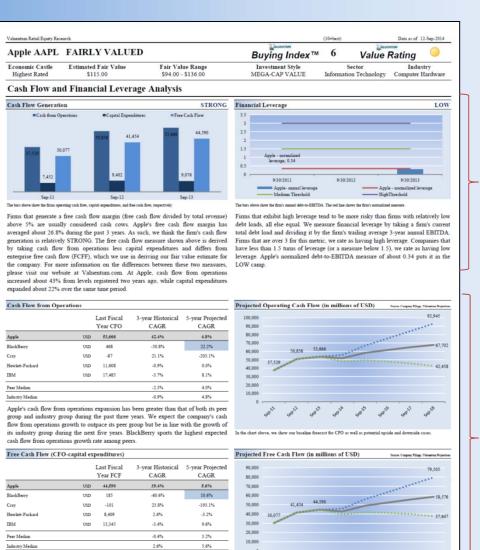
- We seek to identify firms that are earning at least their cost of capital, have done so for years, and are expected to do so long into the future.
- Our ValueCreation<sup>™</sup> and ValueTrend<sup>™</sup> ratings focus on the gap between ROIC and WACC, and the trend in this gap over time, respectively.
- Our Business Quality matrix provides evidence of the strength and sustainability of the competitive advantages of firms – based on a cross section of their ValueCreation<sup>™</sup> and ValueRisk<sup>™</sup> ratings.







#### **Cash Flow** Analysis



n the chart above, we show our baseline forecast for free cash flow as well as po

**Financial** 

Leverage

Cash from Operations

Free Cash Flow

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growth rate among peers.

Apple'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 company's free cash flow growth to outpace its peer group but be in line with the growth of its industry group during the next five years. BlackBerry sports the highest expected free cash flow



#### Value-Creating Growth

- Stocks can often become cheap for good reason, and in many cases, it has to do with either worsening structural characteristics of the industry in which the firm operates or secular declines in demand for its products or services.
- We think finding undervalued stocks that generate high returns on incremental capital <u>and</u> are growing at a nice pace have the greatest potential for their value to be recognized by market participants. They're less likely to be "cigar butts."
- In other words, many of our ideas represent opportunities where the market is not giving sufficient credit for the firm's future growth potential, as opposed to fallen angels that are struggling with an operational turnaround.



#### Valuation Assumptions

Valuentum Retail Equity R	esearch		2127000000	(10=best)		Data as of 1	2-Sep-2014
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Avg. EBIT Margin	%	30.7%	about 748.18USD billion.	The present value	e of the ente	erprise free o	cash flows
Avg. Cash Tax Rate	%	26.2%	generated during each ph				
Earnings Before Inte	erest CAGR %	6.9%	displayed. We divide total		ited shares out	standing to an	rive at our
Earnings Per Share	CAGR %	8.9%	\$115 per share fair value es	timate.			
Free Cash Flow to th		14.0%					
Earnings before interest = Net o	perating profits less adjusted taxes	Long-term Projections					
Phase II> III FCFI	F CAGR %	2.2%(田) 3%(田)	800,000				
Cost of Equity %		10.8%	700.000				
After-tax Cost of De	ebt %	4.1%	700,000		129	9,801	
Discount Rate (WA		10.6%	600,000 -			_	
Synthetic credit spread = 1.29%		Results	500.000 -	141	,465		
Phase I Present Valu	1e	185,603					
Phase II Present Val	ue	291,314	400,000			7	48.183
Phase III Present Va	lue	141,465	300,000 -	291,314			
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Relative Valuation

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#### Why Use Discounted Cash Flow Analysis?

- The intrinsic value of any asset is based on the discounted future free cash flows generated by that asset.
- We believe an economic profit assessment is vital to understanding value creation. A DCF process allows us to compare historical and projected ROIC to a firm's WACC.
- We care about what businesses are worth, so we have an understanding of what investors might pay for them.
- Certain industry groups may become overvalued or undervalued as a whole. Estimating intrinsic value helps to mitigate pitfalls caused by relative value assessments within industry groups.
- A DCF process is less about precision and the sensitivity of assumptions than it is about identifying and capitalizing on valuation outliers.



#### Why Use DCF Analysis? -- continued

Intrinsic value represents the conclusion to any and all stock research: What is the company worth? DCF valuation captures the expectations of a firm's competitive advantages, growth prospects, strategic endeavors, and any other qualitative factor. No other process does this. Putting to numbers a plethora of advanced fundamental items in arriving at a fair value estimate is the cornerstone--and the most critical component--of any stock research analysis. Without an in-depth intrinsic-value assessment, research is but a story that has no ending.

-- Brian Nelson, President, Valuentum Securities, 2011

 We believe that only through the flexibility of a DCF process can advanced fundamental thoughts be appropriately incorporated into a fair value estimate and range.

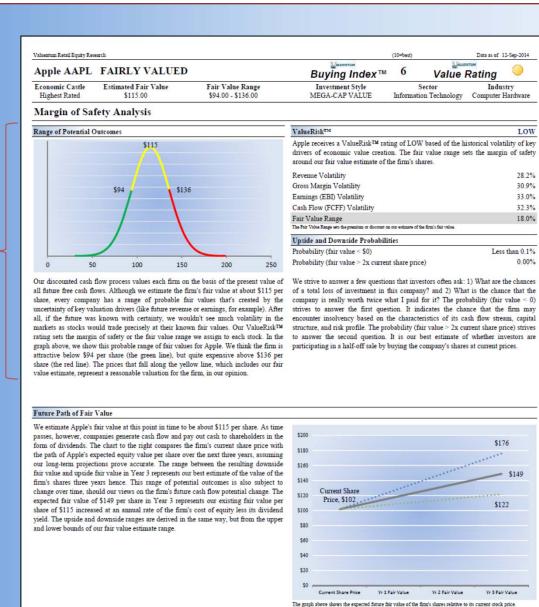


#### Why Is Relative Value Important?

- We assess a firm's relative value on the basis of its forward price-to-earnings ratio and its price-earnings-to-growth (PEG) ratio. If both of these measures are attractive relative to hand-selected peers, we view the firm undervalued from a relative standpoint.
- By identifying firms that are trading at a significant discount based on our DCF process and are trading at a discount relative to its peer group, we gain conviction in our valuation analysis of the firm.
- We understand investors make decisions based on a relativevalue process, and these decisions move the market. We focus on identifying firms that are attractive to the entire value-investor community to capitalize on increased buyer interest.



#### Margin of Safety



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Path of Fair Value

## Why Use a Margin of Safety?

"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."

-- Brian Nelson, President, Valuentum Securities, 2011

- We look for stocks that are trading at a discount to our estimate of their fair values and use our ValueRisk<sup>™</sup> rating to set an appropriate margin of safety.
- The higher the volatility of key valuation drivers (like earnings and cash flow), the higher the ValueRisk<sup>™</sup> rating and wider the margin of safety we assign to the stock.
- This ensures that we're identifying stocks that are truly cheap--not only relative to their intrinsic value but also relative to the risks inherent to their business models.

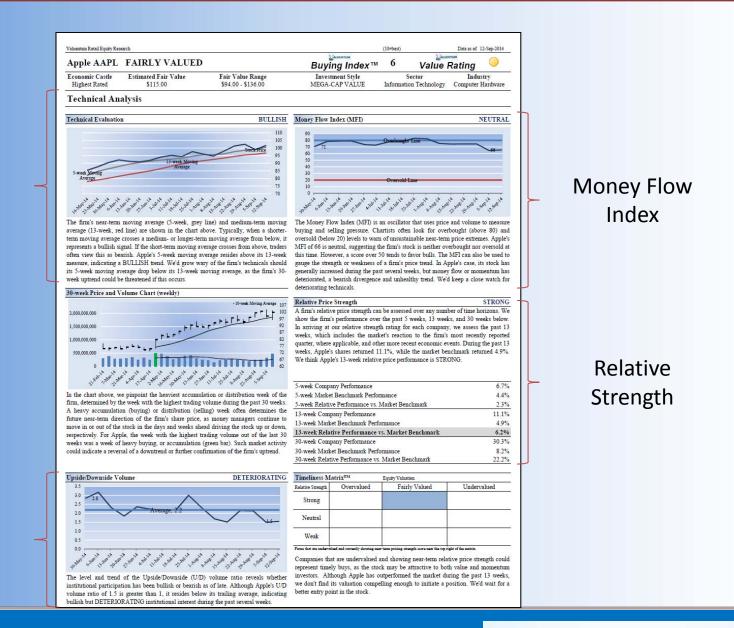


#### Technical Analysis Summary

Upside-

Downside

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## The Technical & Momentum Overlay

- Technical analysis is in part a self-fulfilling prophecy, but we embrace the incremental knowledge garnered by knowing what technicians may be anticipating.
- Momentum exists as a result of sustained buying by portfolio managers over several trading sessions in order to achieve a full allocation to a position.
- Adding a technical and momentum overlay increases the likelihood of price-to-fair value convergence, while minimizing downside risks and exposure to "falling knives."
- Undervalued stocks that are going up are more likely to keep going up as investment managers continue to accumulate shares.



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In Millions of USD (except for per share items)		Historical		Projec	cted		25,922	41,733	37,037		41,278	46,223
in Millions of USD (except for per share items)	Sep-11	Sep-12	Sep-13	Sep-14		Sep-15	1,814	3,277	6,757		7,122	7,884
							2,868	4,405	1,141		0	(
Total Revenue	108,249	156,508	170,910	180,139	1	99,414	1,168	1,740	2,253		901	928
Cost of Goods Sold	(1.12)	07.046	106,606	100.020		20,937	5,757	(299)	6,478		2,540	3,164
Cost of Goods Sold	64,431	87,846		109,938	1	20,937					51,840	58,200
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	Pro For	rma Balanco	e Sheet								02,010	20,200
						Historical		P	rojected			
Other Operating Expenses	In Millions	In Millions of USD (except for per share items)									(0.167)	(0.255
					Sep-11	Sep-12	Sep-13	Sep-	14	Sep-15	(9,167)	(9,258
Operating Income	Assets											-
		(including markets	ble securities)		25,952	121,251	146,761	64,4	2	91,809	(9,167)	(9,258
Unusual items	Inventory				776	791	1,764	1,8.		1,989		
Operating Income, including unusual items	Accounts R	eceivable			11,717	18,692	20,641	21,8	4	24,258		
Operating income, including unusual tients	Other Curre				6,543	9,041	10,335	10,3		10,335	(6,630)	(6,564
Interest Expense	Total Curi	ent Assets			44,988	149,775	179,501	98,4	15	128,391	0	(
	Gross Fixed	Assets			11,768	21,887	28,519	37,60	16	46,944	(12,138)	(15,02)
Other Non-operating Income	(Accumulat	ed Depreciation)			(3,991)	(6,435)	(11,922)	(19,04	14)	(26,928)	0	0
	Net Propert	y, Plant, and Equip	oment		7,777	15,452	16,597	18,6-	12	20,016	(18,768)	(21,584
Pre-tax Income	Goodwill, N	Vet			896	1,135	1,577	1,5	77	1,577		
	Intangibles,	Net			3,536	4,224	4,179	4,1	79	4,179	0	0
Income Taxes		-term Assets			59,174	5,478	5,146	111,30		111,361		
-	Total Asse	ts			116,371	176,064	207,000	234,1	14	265,524	23,906	27,357
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	Accounts P	ayable ent Liabilities			14,632 13,338	21,175	22,367 21,291	23,40		26,274 ce 26,930		
Net Income, excluding extra items		tion of Long-term	Daht		15,558	17,507	21,291	25,9	0	20,950		
		ent Liabilities	2001		27,970	38,542	43,658	47.4	*	53,204		
Income Available to Common, excluding extra items	Long-term 1				0	0	16,960	16.9		16.960		
		-term Liabilities			11.786	19,312	22,833	22,8	-	22,833		
Diluted Earnings per Share, excluding extra items	Total Liab				39,756	57,854	83,451	87,2		92,997		
Diluted Weighted Shares Outstanding												
Diffuted weighted Shares Outstanding	Preferred S	tock			0	0	0		0	0		
		ers' Equity										
		tock and Additiona	al Paid in Capital		13,331	16,422	19,764	19,70	15	19,764		
	Retained E				62,841	101,289	104,256	133,3		164,598		
	Other Equit				443	499	(471)	(6,2)		(11,835)		
	I otal Shar	eholders' Equity			76,615	118,210	123,549	146,9	0	172,527		
	Total Liab	ilities and Shareh	olders' Equity		116.371	176,064	207,000	234.1	14	265.524		
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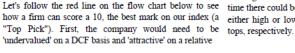


#### Methodology for Picking Stocks - Valuentum Buying Index<sup>TM</sup> (VBI)

*W* Valuentum, we like to look at stocks from a number of different perspectives to identify the most attractive investments at any given time. The Valuentum Buying Index (VBI) combines rigorous financial and valuation analysis with an evaluation of a firm's technicals to derive a score between 1 and 10 for each company. The VBI places considerable emphasis on a firm's DCF valuation, its relative valuation versus peers (both forward PE and PEG ratios), as well as its technicals in order to help investors pick the best entry and exit points on the most interesting stocks.

value basis. The stock would also have to be exhibiting 'bullish' technicals. The firm would need a ValueCreation<sup>TM</sup> rating of 'good' or 'excellent', exhibit 'high' or 'aggressive' growth prospects, and generate at least a 'medium' or 'neutral' assessment for cash flow generation, financial leverage, and relative price strength.

This is a tall order for any company, but we're looking to deliver the very best of ideas to our clients and subscribers. Firms that don't make the cut for a 10 are ranked accordingly, with the least attractive stocks garnering a score of 1 ("We'd sell"). Most of our coverage universe falls between 3 and 7, but at any given time there could be large number of companies garnering either high or low scores, especially at market lows or tops, respectively.





Score DCF Fairly Valued DCF Und DCF Overvals Relative Value attractive/Neutra Relative Value Attractive Relative Value Relative Valu Attractive Relative Value Attractive Relative Value Unattractive/Neutral Technicals Bullish: 4 Technicals Bullish: 7 Technicals Bearish: 3 Technicals Bearish: 6 Technicals Bearish: 1 Technicals Neutral: 2 Technicals Neutral: 8 Technicals Bearlsh: 4 Technicals Bullish: 6 Technicals Bearlsh: 3 Technicals Bullish: 7 Technicals Bullish: 9 Technicals Bullish: 7 Technicals Bearlsh: 3 Technicals Neutral: 5 Technicals Neutral: 4 Technicals Neutral: 6 VBI Score Action echnicals >= Bullish 10 Top Pick ValueCreation(TM) >= Good Growth >= High Cash Flow Generation >= Medium We'd Consider Buying 0 6 to 8 Constructive (add/trim) Financial Leverage <= Medium Relative Strength >= Neutral 3 to 6 Less Exciting (add/trim) Final Score: 10 1 to 2 We'd Consider Selling



## Financial Statements & Methodology

- Financial Statements: We spend a lot of time in companyspecific Excel-based valuation models making forecasts, adjustments and arriving at informed outcomes. We disclose the proforma financial statements at the back of each report.
- Methodology: Having a repeatable, measurable process is vital to outperformance. We're proud of our systematic approach to stock selection. A brief summary of the Valuentum Buying Index is included at the back of each 16-page report.



## **Archived Fair Values & Ratings**

TSN Rating History	Price	Fair Value	VBI
14-Nov-14	\$40.66	\$45.00	7
20-Jun-14	\$36.44	\$44.00	4
21-Feb-14	\$38.91	\$39.00	7
1-Nov-13	\$27.71	\$37.00	6
31-May-13	\$25.00	\$33.00	9
15-Feb-13	\$24.01	\$28.00	5
19-Oct-12	\$16.44	\$20.00	6
6-Jul-12	\$17.59	\$25.00	6
10-Feb-12	\$18.92	\$27.00	6



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- Independent NO conflicts of interest
- Integrity and systematic application of analytical process
- Comprehensive equity research provider from value through momentum investing
- Breadth and depth of coverage
- Commitment to expanding coverage
- Strong performance track record
- Fair value estimates for all firms under coverage
- Unique cash-flow based dividend growth process
- Valuation expertise





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