

Quantitative Equity Reports Overview

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i. **Quantitative Fair Value Estimate:** Intended to represent Morningstar's estimate of the per share dollar amount that a company's equity is worth today. Morningstar calculates the Quantitative Fair Value Estimate using a statistical model derived from the Fair Value Estimate Morningstar's equity analysts assign to companies. Please go to <http://global.morningstar.com/equitydisclosures> for information about Fair Value Estimate Morningstar's equity analysts assign to companies.

ii. **Quantitative Economic Moat:** Intended to describe the strength of a firm's competitive position. It is calculated using an algorithm designed to predict the Economic Moat rating a Morningstar analyst would assign to the stock. The rating is expressed as Narrow, Wide, or None.

Narrow – assigned when the probability of a stock receiving a "Wide Moat" rating by an analyst is greater than 70% but less than 99%.

Wide – assigned when the probability of a stock receiving a "Wide Moat" rating by an analyst is greater than 99%.

None – assigned when the probability of an analyst receiving a "Wide Moat" rating by an analyst is less than 70%.

iii. **Quantitative Star Rating:** Intended to be the summary rating based on the combination of our Quantitative Fair Value Estimate, current market price, and the Quantitative Uncertainty Rating. The rating is expressed as One-Star, Two-Star, Three-Star, Four-Star, and Five-Star.

One-Star – the stock is overvalued with a reasonable margin of safety.

*Log (Quant FVE/Price) < -1*Quantitative Uncertainty*

Two-Star - the stock is somewhat overvalued.

*Log (Quant FVE/Price) between (-1*Quantitative Uncertainty, -0.5*Quantitative Uncertainty)*

Three-Star – the stock is approximately fairly valued.

*Log (Quant FVE/Price) between (-0.5*Quantitative Uncertainty, 0.5*Quantitative Uncertainty)*

Four-Star – the stock is somewhat undervalued.

*Log (Quant FVE/Price) between (0.5*Quantitative Uncertainty, 1*Quantitative Uncertainty)*

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*Log (Quant FVE/Price) > 1*Quantitative Uncertainty*

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High – the interquartile range for possible fair values is less than 35% but greater than 15%

Very High – the interquartile range for possible fair values is less than 80% but greater than 35%

Extreme – the interquartile range for possible fair values is greater than 80%

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