

ModernGraham Valuation



Company Name:

Whole Foods Market, Inc.

Company Ticker WFM

Date of Analysis

5/19/2016

Stage 1: Is this company suitable for the Defensive Investor or the Enterprising Investor?

Defensive Investor; must pass 6 out of the following 7 tests.

1. Adequate Size of the Enterprise	Market Cap > \$2Bil	\$9,733,574,722	Pass
2. Sufficiently Strong Financial Condition	Current Ratio > 2	1.57	Fail
3. Earnings Stability	Positive EPS for 10 years prior		Pass
4. Dividend Record	Dividend Payments for 10 years prior		Fail
5. Earnings Growth	Increase of 33% in EPS in past 10 years using 3 year averages at beginning and end	202.03%	Pass
6. Moderate PEmg Ratio	PEmg < 20	20.73	Fail
7. Moderate Price to Assets	PB Ratio < 2.5 OR PB*PEmg < 50	3.01	Fail

Enterprising Investor; must pass 4 out of the following 5 tests, or be suitable for the Defensive Investor.

1. Sufficiently Strong Financial Condition	Current Ratio > 1.5	1.57	Pass
2. Sufficiently Strong Financial Condition	Debt to NCA < 1.1	1.39	Fail
3. Earnings Stability	Positive EPS for 5 years prior		Pass
4. Dividend Record	Currently Pays Dividend		Pass
5. Earnings Growth	EPSmg greater than 5 years ago		Pass

Suitability

Defensive	No
Enterprising	Yes

Stage 2: Determination of Intrinsic Value

EPSmg	\$1.46
MG Growth Estimate	9.27%
MG Value	\$39.57
MG Value based on 3% Growth	\$21.22
MG Value based on 0% Growth	\$12.44
Market Implied Growth Rate	6.12%

MG Opinion

Current Price	\$30.34
% of Intrinsic Value	76.67%
Opinion	Fairly Valued
MG Grade	B-

Stage 3: Information for Further Research

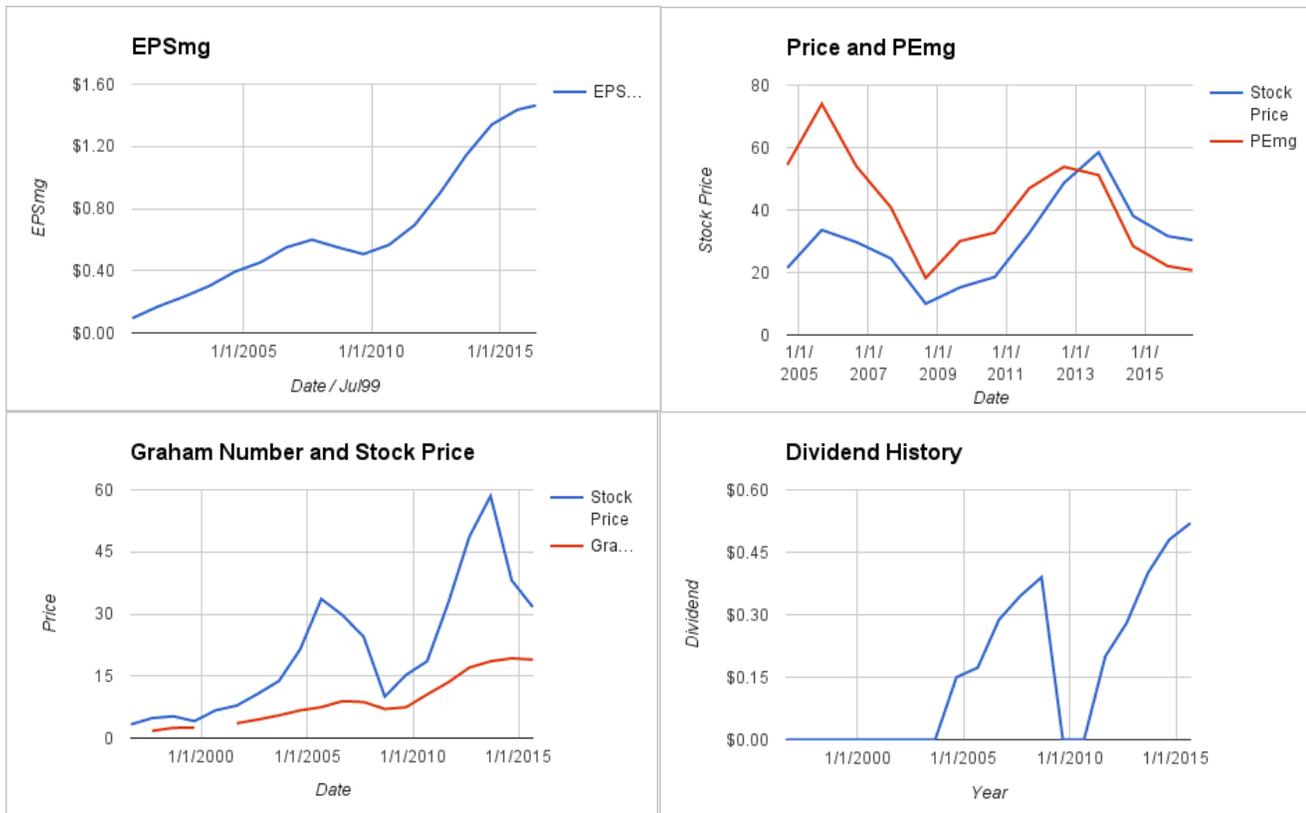
Net Current Asset Value (NCAV)	-\$3.05
Graham Number	\$18.04
PEmg	20.73
Current Ratio	1.57
PB Ratio	3.01
Current Dividend	\$0.66
Dividend Yield	2.18%
Number of Consecutive Years of Dividend Growth	6

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EPS History		EPSmg History	
Next Fiscal Year Estimate	\$1.43	Next Fiscal Year Estimate	\$1.46
9/1/2015	\$1.48	9/1/2015	\$1.44
9/1/2014	\$1.56	9/1/2014	\$1.34
9/1/2013	\$1.47	9/1/2013	\$1.14
9/1/2012	\$1.26	9/1/2012	\$0.90
9/1/2011	\$0.97	9/1/2011	\$0.70
9/1/2010	\$0.72	9/1/2010	\$0.57
9/1/2009	\$0.43	9/1/2009	\$0.51
9/1/2008	\$0.41	9/1/2008	\$0.55
9/1/2007	\$0.65	9/1/2007	\$0.60
9/1/2006	\$0.71	9/1/2006	\$0.55
9/1/2005	\$0.50	9/1/2005	\$0.45
9/1/2004	\$0.52	9/1/2004	\$0.39
9/1/2003	\$0.42	9/1/2003	\$0.30
9/1/2002	\$0.35	9/1/2002	\$0.23
9/1/2001	\$0.30	9/1/2001	\$0.17
9/1/2000	-\$0.02	9/1/2000	\$0.09
9/1/1999	\$0.19	Balance Sheet Information 3/1/2016	
9/1/1998	\$0.21	Total Current Assets	\$2,084,000,000
9/1/1997	\$0.13	Total Current Liabilities	\$1,329,000,000
9/1/1996	-\$0.11	Long-term Debt	\$1,049,000,000
		Total Assets	\$6,362,000,000
		Intangible Assets	\$787,000,000
		Total Liabilities	\$3,077,000,000
		Shares Outstanding (Diluted Average)	325,400,000





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