

CASEY'S GENERAL STORES INCORPORATED (CASY-O)

Food & Drug Retailing / Food & Drug Retailing / Food Retail & Distribution

Indicator Description

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Indicator

CASY's current average score is relatively **in-line** with the market.



Peers	5
SWY	10
UNFI	5
HTSI	5
TFM	4

Averages

Food & Drug Retailing Group 5.8 Food & Drug Retailing Sector 5.8 S&P 500 Index 6.5 Mid Market Cap 5.9

Indicator Trend



Last 5 Years					
Best	Worst	Average			
10 - (09/04/11)	2 - (01/04/09)	7.1			

Analyst Recommendations

First Call Mean (FC):

Hold (8 firms)

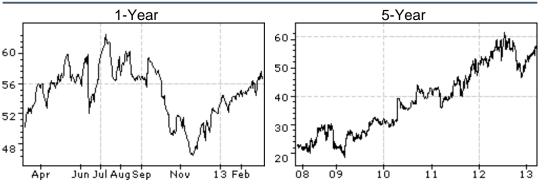
First Call Mean is the mean of all analysts covering the company.



Key Information

Price (03/07/13) (USD)	56.73
52-Week High (USD)	63.00
52-Week Low (USD)	46.15
Market Cap (USD)	2.2B
Avg Daily Vol	214,571
Exchange	NASDAQ
Dividend Yield	1.2%
Annual Dividend (USD)	0.66
Trailing PE	19.8
Forward PE	17.4
Forward PEG	1.5
LTG Forecast	11.5%
Exp Report Date	03/11/13
Annual Revenue (USD)	7.1B
ROE	21.4%
Inst. Ownership	92.3%
1-Mo Return	3.4%
3-Mo Return	13.9%
1-Yr Return	12.7%

Price Charts



Business Description

Casey's General Stores, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries (Casey's), operate convenience stores under the name Casey's General Store in 11 Midwestern states, primarily lowa, Missouri, and Illinois. The stores carry a range of food (including freshly prepared foods such as pizza, donuts, and sandwiches), beverages, tobacco products, health and beauty aids, automotive products, and other nonfood items. In addition, all Casey's stores offer gasoline for sale on a self-service basis. On April 30, 2012, there were a total of 1,699 stores in operation. There were 30 stores newly constructed, 35 acquired stores opened, and three stores were closed, during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2012 (fiscal 2012). The Company operates a central warehouse, Casey's Distribution Center in Ankeny, Iowa, through which the Company supplies grocery and general merchandise items to its stores. Approximately 73% of its total revenue, during fiscal 2012, was derived from the retail sale of gasoline.

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Indicator Components

	Earnings	Fundamental	Relative Valuation	Risk	Price Momentum	Insider Trading
	10	10	10	10	10	10
Positive	9	9	9	9	9	9
	8	8	8	8	8	8
	7	7	7	7	7	7
	6	6	6	6	6	6
Neutral	5	5	5	5	5	5
	4	4	4	4	4	4
	3	3	3	3	3	3
Negative	2	2	2	2	2	2
	1	1	1	1	1	1
No Rating	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
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Optimized Score



Historically, companies with an optimized score of 4 have tended to moderately underperform the market over the following 12-month period.



As an alternative approach to equally weighting each of the six factors, independent research firm, Verus Analytics, conducted a backtest to empirically determine the optimal factor blend. Results and weighting vary across four different market capitalization categories. For large cap stocks, price momentum and insider trading historically provided the most explanatory power among the six factors and are weighted heavily in the current optimized score. Among the small cap universe, the earnings and fundamental factors joined with insider trading and price momentum to explain returns.

Peer Analysis

Ticker	Average Score	Market Cap (USD)	Price (03/07/13) (USD)	Dividend Yield	Trailing PE	Forward PE	Forward PEG	LTG Forecast	Annual Revenue (USD)	Net Margin	1-Mo Return	3-Mo Return	1-Yr Return
SYY	4	19.0B	32.67	3.4%	17.7	16.4	2.1	7.7%	43.4B	2.1%	3.6%	2.6%	10.6%
WFM	3	15.9B	86.03	0.9%	32.4	28.6	1.5	18.7%	12.2B	3.8%	-8.6%	-5.0%	4.9%
KR	10	15.3B	30.25	2.0%	21.9	11.0	1.1	9.8%	94.0B	1.5%	8.0%	12.8%	25.7%
SWY	10	5.8B	23.92	2.9%	9.8	10.8	0.9	12.3%	44.0B	1.6%	17.6%	33.3%	13.7%
UNFI	5	2.5B	48.71		25.2	21.2	1.4	14.9%	5.4B	1.5%	-10.4%	-7.6%	6.7%
CASY	5	2.2B	56.73	1.2%	19.8	17.4	1.5	11.5%	7.1B	1.7%	3.4%	13.9%	12.7%
TFM	4	2.2B	39.20		34.9	28.5	1.2	23.0%	1.3B	3.4%	-19.7%	-21.5%	-13.4%
HTSI	5	2.2B	43.14	1.4%	23.5	19.0	1.6	12.0%	4.6B	2.0%	16.3%	12.4%	6.6%
BGS	2	1.5B	29.96	3.9%	24.1	19.9	2.2	9.2%	634M	5.5%	-4.9%	3.7%	33.5%
WMK		1.1B	40.87	2.9%					2.7B	2.6%	-0.4%	5.9%	-4.0%
SUSS	5	948M	47.20		20.6	23.2	1.6	14.4%	5.7B	0.5%	10.8%	33.9%	98.7%
Average	5.3	6.2B		2.3%	23.0	19.6	1.5	13.3%	20.1B	2.4%	1.4%	7.7%	17.8%
Median	5.0	2.2B		2.5%	22.7	19.4	1.5	12.1%	5.7B	2.0%	3.4%	5.9%	10.6%

Peer Group

SYY	SYSCO	TFM	FRESH MARKET
WFM	WHOLE FOODS MKT	HTSI	HARRIS TEETER SUPER
KR	KROGER CO. (THE)	BGS	B&G FOODS, INC.
SWY	SAFEWAY INC	WMK	WEIS MARKETS, INC.
UNFI	UNITED NATURAL FOODS	SUSS	SUSSER HOLDINGS

Earnings

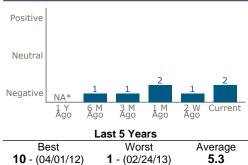
Indicator Description

The **Earnings Indicator** displays stocks on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being awarded to the strongest stocks based on a combination of three earnings factors: earnings surprise, broker recommendation changes and estimate revision. Each component is equally weighted. A stock needs to have at least two of the three earnings factors in order to receive a final earnings score.

Indicator

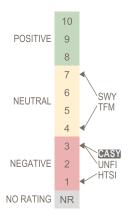


Indicator Trend

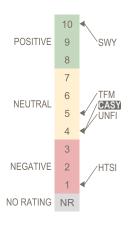


Indicator Sub-Components

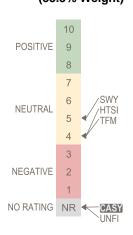
Earnings Surprise (33.3% Weight)



Estimate Revision (33.3% Weight)



Broker Rec Changes (33.3% Weight)



Last 4 Quarters

# Positive Surprises (> 2%)	1
# Negative Surprises (< -2%)	2
# In-Line (within 2%)	1
Avg Surprise	-1.6%

Last 4 Weeks

# Up Revisions	1
# Down Revisions	3
Avg Up Revisions	12.5%
Avg Down Revisions	-37.5%

Last 120 Days

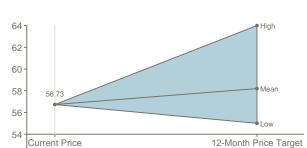
# Upgrades	0
# Downgrades	0

Highlights

- CASY currently has an Earnings Rating of 2, which is significantly more bearish than the Food Retail & Distribution Industry average of 4.1.
- CASY's current quarter consensus estimate has remained relatively unchanged over the past 90 days at 0.47. Estimates within its Industry have moved an average of -3.0% during the same time period.
- During the past four weeks, analysts covering CASY have made 1 upward and 3 downward EPS estimate revisions for the current quarter.

Price Target

The chart below indicates where analysts predict the stock price will be within the next 12 months, as compared to the current price. The high, low, and mean price targets are presented.



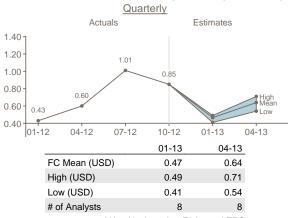
12-Month Price	Target
Mean (USD)	58.20
High (USD)	64.00
Low (USD)	55.00
Target vs. Current	2.6%
# of Analysts	6



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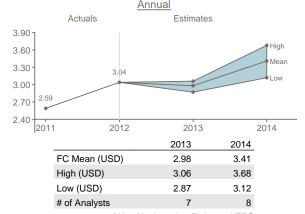
Earnings Per Share

Earnings per share (EPS) is calculated by dividing a company's earnings by the number of shares outstanding. Analysts tend to interpret a pattern of increasing earnings as a sign of strength



NA = No Actual or Estimated EPS

and flat or falling earnings as a sign of weakness. The charts below provide a comparison between a company's actual and estimated EPS, including the high and low forecasts.



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Mean Estimate Trend

	Q 01-13	Q 04-13	Y 2013	Y 2014	Price Target
Current (USD)	0.47	0.64	2.98	3.41	58.20
30 Days Ago (USD)	0.48	0.64	2.99	3.42	57.40
90 Days Ago (USD)	0.48	0.64	2.99	3.42	58.10
% Chg - Last 90 Days	-2.3%	-0.8%	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.2%

Next Expected Report Date: 03/11/13

Distribution of Analyst Recommendations



Earnings Surprise

Investors frequently compare a company's actual earnings to the mean expectation of professional analysts. The difference between the two is referred to as a "positive" or "negative"

surprise. Academic research has shown that when a company reports a surprise, it is often followed by more of the same surprise type.

Surprise Summary - Last 12 Quarters

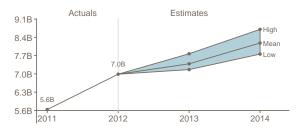
Surprise Type	#	%
Positive Quarters (> 2%)	4	33.3%
Negative Quarters (< -2%)	5	41.7%
In-Line Quarters (within 2%)	3	25.0%

Surprise Detail - Last 6 Periods

Surprise Type	Announce Date	Period End Date	Actual EPS (USD)	Mean EPS (USD)	Surprise (%)
IN-LINE	12/10/12	10/12	0.850	0.849	0.1%
POSITIVE	09/10/12	07/12	1.010	0.954	5.9%
NEGATIVE	06/12/12	04/12	0.600	0.668	-10.2%
NEGATIVE	03/05/12	01/12	0.430	0.440	-2.3%
IN-LINE	12/06/11	10/11	0.980	0.980	0.0%
NEGATIVE	09/07/11	07/11	1.030	1.059	-2 7%

Annual Revenue

A pattern of increasing sales in conjunction with a rising EPS may influence a buy recommendation, while flat or falling sales and faltering earnings may explain a sell recommendation. A rising EPS with flat or falling sales may result from increased cost efficiency and margins, rather than market expansion. This chart shows the sales forecast trend of all analysts and the highest and lowest projections for the current and next fiscal year.



	2013	2014
Mean (USD)	7.4B	8.2B
High (USD)	7.8B	8.7B
Low (USD)	7.2B	7.8B
Forecasted Growth	5.7%	17.1%
# of Analysts	7	7

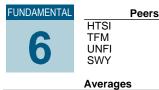
NA = No Actual or Estimated Revenue

Fundamental

Indicator Description

The **Fundamental Indicator** displays stocks on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being awarded to the strongest stocks based on a combination of four fundamental component factors: profitability, debt, earnings quality, and dividend. Each component is equally weighted. A stock needs to have at least three of the four fundamental factors present for a given fiscal quarter in order to receive a final fundamental score. Companies that do not pay a dividend are not penalized.

Indicator



Food & Drug Retailing Group Food & Drug Retailing Sector S&P 500 Index Mid Market Cap

Indicator Trend

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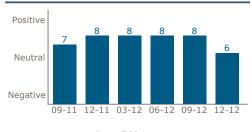
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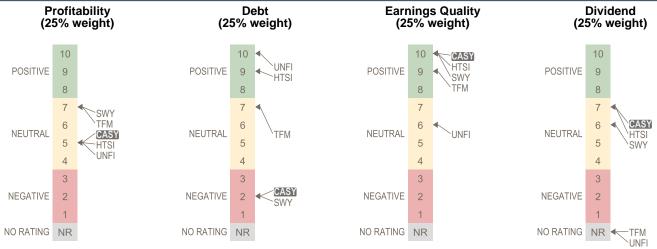


 Last 5 Years

 Best
 Worst
 Average

 10 - (06/30/10)
 6 - (12/31/12)
 8.9

Indicator Sub-Components



Revenue Growth For year over year ending 10/12	8.1%	Current Ratio For year over year ending 10/12	0.8	Days Sales in Inv. For period ending 04/12	10.1	Div. Growth Rate For year over year ending 10/12	10.5%
Gross Margin For trailing 4 qtrs ending 10/12	13.2%	Debt-to-Capital For trailing 4 qtrs ending 04/12	56.9%	Days Sales in Rec. For period ending 04/12	2.7	Dividend Funding For trailing 4 qtrs ending 10/12	15.2%
Return on Equity For trailing 4 qtrs ending 10/12	21.4%	Interest Funding For trailing 4 qtrs ending 10/12	22.6%			Dividend Coverage For trailing 4 qtrs ending 04/12	11.9
Net Margin For trailing 4 qtrs ending 10/12	1.7%	Interest Coverage For trailing 4 qtrs ending 10/12	7.2			Current Div. Yield For trailing 4 qtrs ending 03/13	1.2%

Highlights

- CASY's Fundamental Rating declined significantly over the last quarter from a bullish 8 to a relatively neutral 6. The average Fundamental Rating for its Food Retail & Distribution Industry is 4.8 and the S&P 500 average is 6.7.
- The company's days sales in inventory has been lower than its Industry average for each of the past five years.
- Of the 24 firms within the Food Retail & Distribution Industry, CASEY'S GENERAL STORES is among the 13 companies that pay a dividend. The stock's dividend yield is currently 1.2%.



Relative Valuation

Indicator Description

The **Relative Valuation Indicator** displays stocks on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being awarded to the strongest stocks based on a combination of three component factors: Forward PEG (50%), Trailing PE (25%), and Forward PE (25%). A stock needs to have at least one of the three relative valuation factors present in order to receive a final relative valuation score.

Indicator

Multiples relatively in-line with the market.

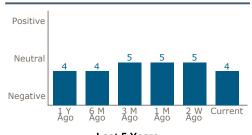


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SWY	10
TFM	5
UNFI	3
HTSI	3

Averages

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Indicator Trend



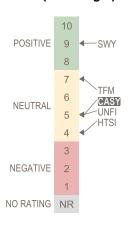
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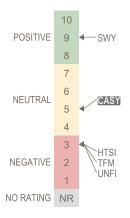
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Indicator Sub-Components

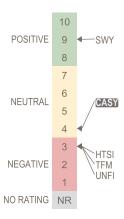
Forward PEG (50% weight)







Forward PE (25% weight)



Fwd. PEG	1.5
5-Yr Avg	1.4
Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	10% Premium
S&P 500 Fwd. PEG	1.7
Rel. To S&P 500	12% Discount

Tr. PE	19.8
5-Yr Avg	17.1
Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	16% Premium
S&P 500 Tr. PE	22.8
Rel. To S&P 500	13% Discount

Fwd. PE	17.4
5-Yr Avg	15.3
Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	13% Premium
S&P 500 Fwd. PE	17.4
Rel. To S&P 500	0.20% Premium

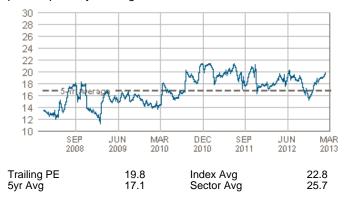
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Highlights

- CASY's Forward PEG of 1.5 represents a 10% Premium to its 5-year average of 1.4.
- CASY's Trailing P/E of 19.8 represents a 16% Premium to its 5-year average of 17.1.
- CASY's Forward P/E of 17.4 represents a 13% Premium to its 5-year average of 15.3.

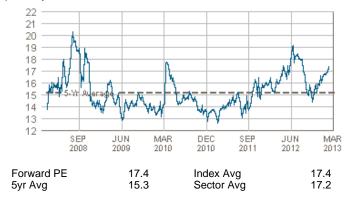
Trailing PE

Trailing P/E is calculated using the most recent closing price (updated weekly) divided by the sum of the four most recently reported quarterly earnings.



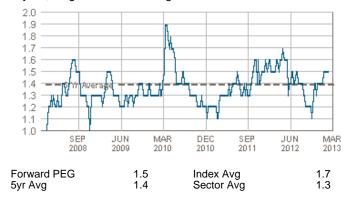
Forward PE

Forward P/E is calculated using the most recent closing price (updated weekly) divided by the sum of the four upcoming quarterly consensus estimates.



Forward PEG

Forward PEG is calculated by dividing the Forward P/E by the five-year, long term forecasted growth rate.



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Risk

Indicator Description

The **Risk Indicator** displays stocks on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being awarded to the least risky stocks. 'Risk' is derived by looking at a series of long (60-month) and short (90-day) term stock performance measures including volatility (standard deviation), magnitude of returns (best and worst day and month), beta (movement versus broader market), and correlation to the relevant index.

Indicator

Consistent return patterns (low volatility).



	Peers
UNFI	8
SWY	6
HTSI	6
TFM	5

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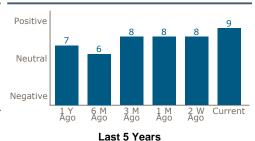
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Averages

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Indicator Trend



Best Worst Average 10 - (06/12/11) 3 - (06/07/09) 7.2

Indicator Sub-Components

Magnitude of Returns Volatility Beta (1-year) Correlation (25% weight) (25% weight) (25% weight) (25% weight) 10 10 10 10 LOW LOW LOW 9 CASY LOW 9 CASY 9 UNFI 8 8 6 6 6 HTSI HTSI SWY SWY SWY UNFI UNF 5 5 5 4 4 4 3 3 HIGH 2 HIGH 2 HIGH 2 HIGH 2 -TFM

Daily Returns (la	ast 90)	Standard Deviation	
Best	5.5%	Last 90 Days	1.39
Worst	-2.8%	Last 60 Months	8.17
Monthly Returns	s (last 60)	Intra-Day Swing	
Best	33.9%	Last 90 Days Avg	2.2%
Worst	-21.2%	Last 90 Days Largest	10.7%

NO RATING NR

0.77	
0.71	
1.07	
0.94	
0.70	
1.17	
	0.71 1.07 0.94 0.70

NO RATING NR

Correlation vs. S&P 500				
Last 90 Days	54%			
Last 60 Months	35%			
Correlation vs. Sec	tor			
Last 90 Days	58%			
Last 60 Months	36%			

NO RATING NR

Highlights

NO RATING NR

- CASY currently has a Risk Rating of 9 while the S&P 500 index has an average rating of 8.2.
- On days when the market is up, CASY tends to lag the S&P 500 index. On days when the market is down, the stock generally performs in-line with the S&P 500 index.
- In the short term, CASY has shown high correlation (>=0.4) with the S&P 500 index. The stock has, however, shown average correlation (>=0.2 and <0.4) with the market in the long term.
- Over the last 90 days, CASY's Standard Deviation has been 1.4 while that of the S&P 500 index has been 0.7.

Risk and Reward Analysis

		Last 90 Days				Last 60	Months
	Best Daily Return	Worst Daily Return	# Days Up	# Days Down	Largest Intra- Day Swing	Best Monthly Return	Worst Monthly Return
CASY	5.5%	-2.8%	29	33	10.7%	33.9%	-21.2%
S&P 500	2.5%	-1.8%	36	25	2.6%	10.8%	-16.9%



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Price Momentum Indicator Description

The **Price Momentum Indicator** displays stocks on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being awarded to the strongest stocks based on a combination of two technical performance factors: relative strength (70% weight) and seasonality (30% weight). A stock's 1-month, 3-month, and 6-month relative strength indicators are considered and combined. The seasonality measure reflects a stock's and industry's historic price performance for each month over the past 10 years.

Indicator

Performance relatively **in-line** with the market.



Mid Market Cap

	Peers
SWY	9
HTSI	8
UNFI	2
TFM	1

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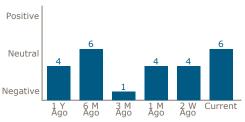
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Indicator Trend



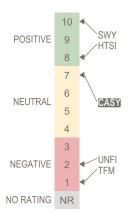
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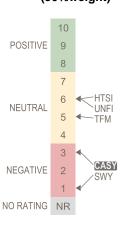
 10 - (06/10/12)
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Indicator Sub-Components

Relative Strength (70% weight)



Seasonality (30%weight)



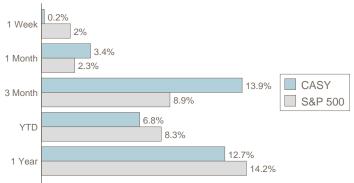
Relative Strength Indicator	CASY	Industry
(scale 1-100, 100 being the best)		Avg
Last 1 Month	62	53
Last 3 Months	55	53
Last 6 Months	53	51

Company Avg
Industry Avg
Industry Rank

Last 10 Years				
Avg MAR Return	Avg APR Return	Avg MAY Return		
1.7%	2.1%	1.2%		
2.4%	2.6%	0.9%		
56 of 116	91 of 116	57 of 116		

Price Performance

Daily closing pricing data is used to calculate the price performance of a stock over five periods. The performance of the S&P 500 is also displayed as a means of comparison.



CASY (USD)	S&P 500
56.73	1544
63.00	1544
46.15	1278
	(USD) 56.73 63.00

- On 03/07/13, CASY closed at 56.73, 10.0% below its 52week high and 22.9% above its 52-week low.
- CASY shares are currently trading 3.5% above their 50-day moving average of 54.79, and 3.6% above their 200-day moving average of 54.77.
- The S&P 500 is currently trading at its 52-week high of 1544.

Insider Trading

Indicator Description

The Insider Trading Indicator displays stocks on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being awarded to the strongest stocks based on short-term and long-term legal insider trading behavior. The short-term view (60% weight) focuses primarily on insider transactions within the past 90 days. The long-term view (40% weight) looks at buying, selling and option exercise decisions over the past six months relative to other stocks within the same business sector.

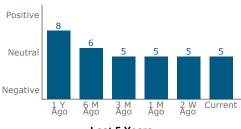
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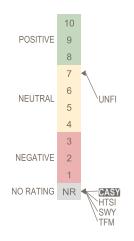
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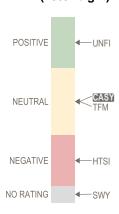
Last 5 Years **Best** Worst Average 9 - (06/07/09) 2 - (04/15/12) 5.8

Indicator Sub-Components

Short-Term (60% weight)



Long-Term (40%weight)



(Most recent transactions within the past 90 days) Purchases and Sells Name Role Tran Date Tran Type **Shares**

No transactions for CASY in the past 90 days.

Last 6 Months

Seasonal Buys - Quarterly & Yearly

Total Shares Acquired	
Total Shares Disposed	4,000
Net Shares (Acq - Disp)	-4,000
Sector Avg	48,168

Seasonal Sells - Quarterly & Yearly (values in USD)

Time-series data for each quarter over the past three years allows you to easily
analyze the longer-term trend in open-market insider selling.

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year Total
2013	0				0
2012	1.91M	1.58M	0.67M	0	4.16M
2011	0.17M	0.44M	0	0.41M	1.02M
2010	0.06M	0	0	0	62,140

Institutional Holders

Time-series data for each quarter over the past three years allows you to easily analyze the longer-term trend in open-market insider buying.

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year Total
2013	0				0
2012	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0	8.288	8.288

(Updated weekly as of 03/02/13)

The top five institutional holders are presented based on the total number of shares held.

Institution	Inst. Type	# Shares Held	Reported Date
Barclays Global Investors,	Inv Mgmt	2.72M	12/31/12
Vanguard Group, Inc.	Inv Mgmt	2.60M	12/31/12
Advisory Research, Inc.	Inv Mgmt	2.01M	12/31/12
Wellington Management Compa	Inv Mgmt	1.62M	12/31/12
The Boston Company Asset Ma	Inv Mgmt	1.01M	12/31/12

Top Executive Holders

The top five insider holders are presented based on the total number of direct holdings. Indirect holdings are excluded.

Insider Name	Role	# Direct Shares	Values (USD)	Reported Date
Myers, Robert J	CEO	48,000	2.61M	07/30/12
Lamberti, Jeffrey M	D	31,000	1.68M	09/18/12
Haynie, Kenneth H	D	26,162	1.42M	10/01/12
Kimball, William C	D	9,181	0.50M	09/18/12
Danos, Johnny	D	6,500	0.35M	09/18/12



(Updated monthly as of 01/20/13)

Detailed Stock Report

Updated March 8, 2013 for CASY-O

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Stock Report (10-Page) Report Tips

The Thomson Reuters Stock Report is a comprehensive, company-specific analysis that includes a proprietary Stock Rating along with underlying component indicators and supportive data elements. The report is updated daily, although some of the data elements are updated weekly.

The Average Score combines a quantitative analysis of six widely-used investment decision making tools - Earnings, Fundamental, Relative Valuation, Risk, Price Momentum, and Insider Trading. First, a simple average of the six underlying component ratings is calculated. Then, a normal distribution is used to rank each stock on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A score of 8 to 10 is considered positive, 4 to 7 is neutral, and 1 to 3 is negative. These six factors may be evaluated differently using alternative methodologies, and the importance of individual factors varies across groups, market capitalization and investment styles. Additional criteria should always be used to evaluate a stock

A stock must have sufficient data available for at least four of the six component indicators in order to receive an overall Average Score.

• United States Coverage: Of the 4,500 stocks within the Thomson Reuters U.S. universe, approximately 85% typically meet the criteria for generating an Average Score.

Optimized Score

As an alternative to the average score, the Stock Report includes an Optimized Score generated by independent research firm, Verus Analytics. It uses the same six component ratings, but rather than equally weighting each of the factors, the weighting varies by market capitalization of the underlying security based on backtesting research. These scores are also updated weekly and distributed normally on a 1 to 10 scale, with 10 being best. The variable size is assigned monthly by ranking the market capitalization and assigning the appropriate category as follows:

> Large - Top 5.55% Mid - Next 13.87% Small - Next 34.68% Micro - Remaining 45.9%

Indicator Components

- The six indicators that comprise the stock rating are displayed. Like the stock rating, the component rating scale is 1 to 10, with 10 being best. A company will receive an 'NR' for No Rating if the required data elements or criteria are not met.
- The indicators are updated weekly.

Peer Analysis

- The Thomson Reuters Business Classification (TRBC) system is used for industry comparisons. It is designed to track and display the primary business of a corporation by grouping together correlated companies that offer products and services into similar end markets. The system includes 10 Economic Sectors, 25 Business Sectors, 52 Industry Groups, and 124 Industries.
- The Peer Analysis section of the report compares the company to its ten closest peers. The peers are selected from the industry based on similar market capitalization. The peer listing may have fewer than ten companies if there are fewer than ten companies within that industry.

Highlights

The Thomson Reuters proprietary automated text-generation system creates highlights summarizing the most noteworthy data. The bullets will vary by company and will change from week to week as different criteria are met.

Earnings

The Earnings Rating is based on a combination of three factors: earnings surprise, estimate revision, and broker recommendation changes. Each factor is equally weighted. A stock needs to have at least two of the three earnings factors in order to receive a final earnings score. The company's current earnings indicator is presented for each factor alongside its four closest industry peers based on similar market capitalization.

- Earnings Surprise The number of positive and negative surprises, along with the number of in-line announcements within the last 4 quarters.
- Estimate Revision The number of up and down revisions and the average percentage change of those revisions within a 4 week period.
- Broker Recommendation Changes The number of upgrades and downgrades in the last 120 days

Indicator Trend

The best, worst, and average earnings indicator scores over the last five years allow users to put the current score into historical context. The trend graph displays the company-level earnings indicator for six time periods: 1 year ago, 6 months ago, 3 months ago, 1 month ago, 2 weeks ago, and current. If there is no rating, an 'NA' is inserted.

Price Target

The price target is based on the predictions of analysts covering the stock and shows the high, low and mean price expected within the next 12 months

Earnings Per Share

The quarterly and annual earnings per share are presented, along with the mean, high and low. Quarterly data is available for the past 4 quarters (actual) and the next 2 quarters (estimated). Annual data is available for the past 2 years (actual) and the next 2 years (estimated).

- The surprise summary includes the total number of quarters (and percentage) in the past 12 quarters in which earnings surprises were positive, negative, or in-line. In order to be recognized as a 'positive surprise', the surprise percent must be greater than 2% above the consensus. A 'negative surprise' is any surprise that is more than -2% below the consensus. Finally, an 'in-line surprise' is any surprise percent within 2% of the consensus.
- The surprise detail section includes detailed information on a company's quarterly earnings reported for the most recent 6 quarters. The consensus analyst estimate is provided to determine if the actual earnings report represented a positive surprise, negative surprise, or in-line result.

Mean Estimate Trend

The mean estimate trend shows how the consensus has changed over the past 30 and 90 days for the upcoming two quarters and two years. The percentage change is calculated for the company as a means for comparison by measuring the difference between the current consensus estimate and that of 90 days ago

Analyst Recommendations

The First Call Mean is the mean recommendation of all analysts covering the stock. The recommendations are presented on a five-point scale: strong buy, buy, hold, reduce, and sell.

Fundamental

Indicator

The Fundamental Rating is based on a combination of four fundamental component factors: profitability, debt, earnings quality, and dividend. Each factor is equally weighted. A stock needs to have at least three of the four fundamental factors present for a given fiscal quarter in order to receive a final fundamental score. Companies that do not pay a dividend are not penalized. The company's current fundamental indicator is presented for each factor alongside its four closest industry peers based on similar market capitalization.

- · Profitability is comprised of four data elements.
- Revenue Growth: (Net Sales Previous Net Sales) / Previous Net Sales Gross Margin: Gross Profit / Net Sales
- Return on Equity: Net Income / Total Equity
- Net Margin: Net Profit / Net Sales
- . Debt is comprised of four data elements.
- Current Ratio: Current Assets / Current Liabilities Debt-to-Capital: Total Debt / Total Capital
- Interest Funding: Interest Expense / Operating Cash Flow
- Interest Coverage: (Pre-Tax Income + Interest Expense) / Interest Expense
- Earnings Quality is comprised of two data elements.
- Days Sales in Inventory: 365 / (Cost of Goods Sold / Inventory)
- Days Sales in Receivables: 365 / (Net Sales (Revenues) / Receivables)
- Dividend is comprised of four data elements. The company must have a current dividend yield.
- Dividend Growth Rate: (Dividends per Share Previous Dividends per Share) / Previous Dividends per Share
- Dividend Funding: Dividends / Operating Cash Flow
- Dividend Coverage: (Pre-Tax Income + Interest Expense) / (Interest Expense + Dividends)
- Current Dividend Yield: Annual Dividends per Share / Current Market Price per Share

Indicator Trend

The best, worst and average fundamental indicator scores over the last five years allow users to put the current score into historical context. The trend graph displays the company-level fundamental indicator for the last 6 quarters. If there is no rating, an 'NA' is inserted.

Relative Valuation

The Relative Valuation Rating is based on a combination of three component factors: Forward PEG (50% weight), Trailing P/E (25% weight), and Forward P/E (25% weight). These common valuation metrics are evaluated against the overall market, the index, and the company's own historic 5-year averages. A stock needs to have at least one of the three relative valuation factors present in order to receive a score. The company's current relative valuation indicator is presented for each factor alongside its four closest industry peers based on similar market capitalization.

- Trailing P/E: Close Price / Most Recent 4 Quarters of Earnings
- Forward P/E: Close Price/ Upcoming 4 Quarters of Earnings
- Forward PEG: Forward P/E / Long-Term Forecasted Growth Rate



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Valuation Averages

- Negative values are excluded when calculating the averages.
- A maximum value of 100 is placed on Trailing P/E and Forward P/E and a maximum value of 5 is placed on Forward PEG when calculating the averages. Higher values are rounded down to the maximum for the averages.

Valuation Multiples

The valuation multiples provide the Trailing P/E, Forward P/E, and Forward PEG for the company and the S&P 500 index average. In addition, a comparison of the current company's values to its 5-year average and the S&P 500 average are presented. A discount occurs when the company's Trailing P/E, Forward P/E, or Forward PEG is valued more favorably (lower) than that to which it is compared.

Risk

Indicator

The Risk Rating displays stocks on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being awarded to the least risky stocks. It is derived by looking at a series of long-term (5-year) and short-term (90-day) stock performance measures including volatility (40% weight), magnitude of returns (30% weight), beta (20% weight), and correlation (10% weight). A stock needs to have at least two of the four risk factors in order to receive a final score. The company's current risk indicator is presented for each factor alongside its four closest industry peers based on similar market capitalization.

- Magnitude of Returns The best / worst daily returns in the past 90 days and the best / worst monthly returns in the past 60 months.
- Volatility The standard deviation of the stock price over the last 90 days and last 60 months. The average and largest intra-day stock swing is another measure of volatility.
- Beta Measures how the stock performs versus the broader market based on the beta of the company versus the S&P 500 and the industry group.
- Correlation Determines how correlated (or not) the stock is to the S&P 500 and the industry group in the last 90 days and last 60 months.

Indicator Trend

The best, worst, and average risk indicator scores over the last five years allow users to put the current score into historical context. The trend graph displays the company-level risk indicator for six time periods: 1 year ago, 6 months ago, 3 months ago, 1 month ago, 2 weeks ago, and current. If there is no rating, an 'NA' is inserted.

Risk and Reward Analysis

Price analysis for the company and the S&P 500 is provided over two time periods. Daily analysis is provided for the last 90 days, whereas monthly statistics are used for the last 60 months.

Price Momentum

Indicator

The Price Momentum Rating is based on a combination of two technical performance factors: relative strength (70% weight) and seasonality (30% weight). A stock needs to have data for the relative strength factor in order to receive a price momentum score. The company's current price momentum indicator is presented for each factor alongside its four closest industry peers based on similar market capitalization.

- Relative Strength The relative strength of the company for the last 1 month, 3 months, and 6 months on a scale of 1 to 100.
- Seasonality The average monthly return (price performance) for the current month and next 2 months for the company and industry, over the past 10 years. A lower industry rank indicates a

Indicator Trend

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Price Performance

Daily close pricing data is used to calculate the price performance of a stock. The performance of the S&P 500 is also displayed as a means of comparison.

Insider Trading

Indicator

The Insider Trading Rating is based on short-term (60% weight) and long-term (40% weight) legal insider trading behavior. A stock needs to have at least one of the two insider trading factors in order to receive a score. The company's current insider trading indicator is presented for each factor alongside its four closest industry peers based on similar market capitalization.

- Short-Term Insider Uses insider buy and sell transactions within the past 90 days. This factor is based on the Thomson Reuters quantitative insider trading model that considers the insider's role, consensus, number of shares, market capitalization of the company, and the historic stock performance following trades by the given insider.
- Long-Term Insider Looks at buying, selling and option exercise decisions over the past six months relative to other stocks within the same business sector. The net shares are presented alongside the business sector average as a means of comparison.

Indicator Trend

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Seasonal \$ Sells / Buys

The seasonal \$ quarterly and yearly sell / buy section provides time-series data that allows an easy analysis of the longer-term trend in open-market insider buying and selling (option acquisitions are not considered). Data is presented based on the market value of the transactions. Transactions by trusts and corporations are excluded, along with buys greater than \$10 million and sales greater than \$50 million. The transaction totals within each quarter are the sum of all buys or sells for that time period. Each quarter is a calendar quarter, January through March, April through June, etc. The value for the full year is the sum of each of the four quarterly averages.

Institutional and Executive Holders

The top five institutional and executive holders of the company are listed in descending order, based on their total direct common share holdings (options are not considered). Indirect holdings are excluded, as the owner may not actually have investment discretion over these shares. This table is updated monthly. Insiders who have not filed any transactions or holdings over the past two years are excluded as this may indicate that the individual is no longer associated with the company. Additionally, direct shares held must be greater than 1,000 to be considered.

Insider Roles

AF - Affiliate CT - Chief Technology Officer R - Retired B - Beneficial Owner D - Director EVP - Exec Vice President SH - Shareholder SVP - Senior Vice President CB - Chairman CEO - Chief Executive Officer GC - General Counsel T - Trustee CFO - Chief Financial Officer O - Officer TR - Treasurer CM - Committee Member OH - Other VC - Vice Chairman CO - Chief Operating Officer P - President VP - Vice President

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