

SHARDA CROPCHEM (SHARDACROP-IN)

Chemicals / Chemicals / Agricultural Chemicals

DETAILED STOCK REPORT

Report Date: 2024-May-05

Last Close 365.65 (INR)	Avg Daily Vol 115,840	52-Week High 580.00	Trailing PE 37.8	Annual Div 6.00	ROE 9.5%	LTG Forecast --	1-Mo Return 0.47%
2024 May 03 NSE Exchange	Market Cap 33.0B	52-Week Low 318.05	Forward PE 155.6	Dividend Yield 1.6%	Annual Rev 33.3B	Inst Own 13.9%	3-Mo Return -4.7%

AVERAGE SCORE

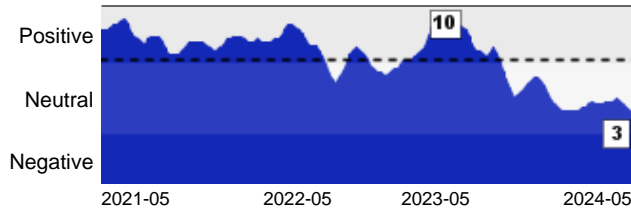
AVERAGE SCORE
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NEGATIVE OUTLOOK: SHARDACROP's current score of 3 places it among the bottom quartile of stocks scored.

Score Averages

Chemicals Group: 5.8	Small Market Cap: 6.0
Chemicals Sector: 5.8	BSE Sensex Index: 8.1

Average Score Trend (4-Week Moving Avg)



Peers	-6M	-3M	-1M	-1W	Current	1Y Trend
EIDPARRY	9	10	10	10	9	
IPL	6	8	6	5	5	
SUMICHEM	7	5	5	6	5	
ASTEC	1	3	3	3	3	
SHARDACROP	4	5	4	4	3	

HIGHLIGHTS

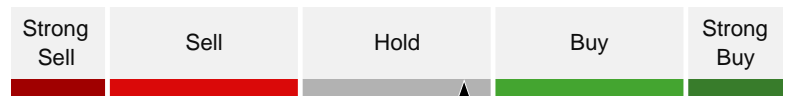
- The score for Sharda Cropchem dropped to its 3-year low of 3 this week.
- The recent change in the Average Score was primarily due to a decline in the Price Momentum component score.

I/B/E/S MEAN

Hold

6 Analysts

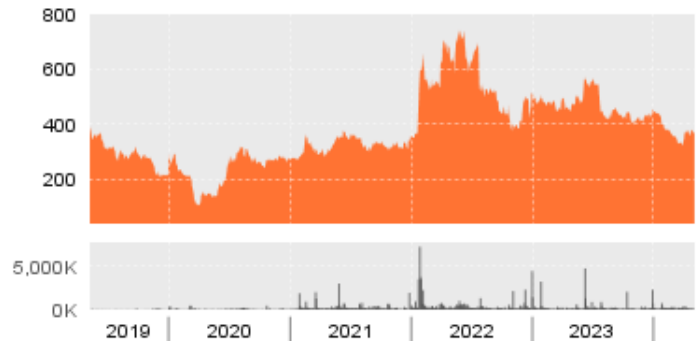
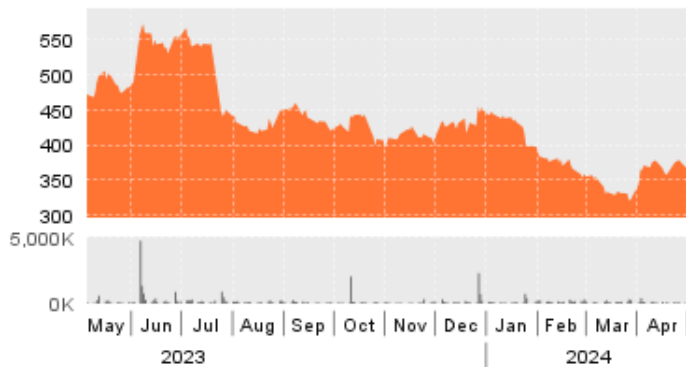
Mean recommendation from all analysts covering the company on a standardized 5-point scale.



PRICE AND VOLUME CHARTS

1-Year Return: **-22.4%**

5-Year Return: **-8.9%**



BUSINESS SUMMARY

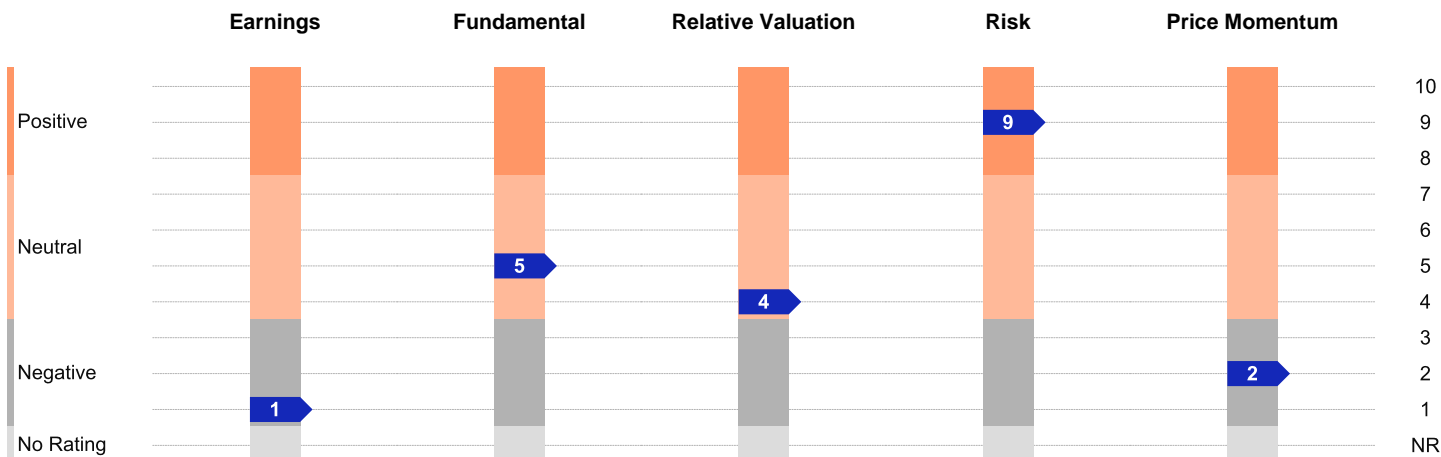
Sharda Cropchem Limited is an India-based agrochemicals company. The Company is focused on agrochemicals and non-agrichemical businesses. The Company operates through an asset-light business model, and its core competency lies in developing product dossiers and obtaining product registrations in different countries. The Company operates through two segments: Agrochemicals and Non-agrochemicals. Agrochemicals segment is engaged in Insecticides, Herbicides, Fungicides and Biocides. Non-agrochemicals segment is engaged in Conveyor Belts, V Belts and Timing Belts. Its product portfolio in the agrochemical business comprises formulations and generic active ingredients in fungicide, herbicide and insecticide segments for protecting different kinds of crops, as well as serving turf and specialty markets and a range of formulations and generic active ingredients. The product portfolio in the non-agrochemical business comprises belts, general chemicals, dyes and dye intermediates.

INDICATOR COMPONENTS

AVERAGE SCORE

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The **AVERAGE SCORE** combines the quantitative analysis of five widely-used investment decision making tools: Earnings, Fundamental, Relative Valuation, Risk, and Price Momentum. A simple average of the underlying component ratings is normally distributed to rank stocks on a 1-10 scale (10 being awarded to the most favorable). These factors may be evaluated differently using alternative methodologies and the importance of individual factors varies across industries, market capitalization and investment styles. Additional criteria should always be used to evaluate a stock.



PEER ANALYSIS

Currency in INR

Average Score	Ticker	PRICE MOMENTUM				VALUATION		FUNDAMENTAL		ANALYSTS		
		Price (2024-05-03)	1-Mo Return	3-Mo Return	1-Yr Return	Market Cap	Trailing PE	Forward PE	Dividend Yield	Net Margin	LTG Forecast	I/B/E/S Mean
2	FACT	710.75	2.2%	-13.4%	104.0%	459.9B	123.2	--	0.14%	7.1%	-- --	--
4	UPL	493.60	3.6%	-7.5%	-33.3%	370.5B	10.8	--	2.0%	-1.3%	-- Buy	25
7	BAYERCROP	5,462.40	0.07%	-5.6%	32.3%	245.5B	30.6	29.7	2.5%	15.2%	-- Buy	8
5	SUMICHEM	403.15	8.5%	0.77%	-3.5%	201.2B	55.8	60.1	0.30%	11.8%	-- Buy	8
9	EIDPARRY	613.75	5.1%	-4.3%	19.5%	109.0B	12.7	--	1.3%	2.8%	-- Strong Buy	1
3	SHARDACROP	365.65	0.47%	-4.7%	-22.4%	33.0B	37.8	155.6	1.6%	2.6%	-- Hold	6
5	IPL	229.05	2.9%	-43.4%	2.8%	26.4B	29.3	--	0.33%	12.0%	-- Buy	1
3	ASTEC	1,232.10	7.9%	30.7%	-9.9%	24.2B	94.6	--	0.12%	-11.8%	-- Strong Buy	1
7	MOL	86.00	-0.81%	-4.0%	4.2%	21.9B	9.2	--	1.6%	-2.0%	-- --	--
5	MBAPL	234.20	-3.8%	-12.5%	-19.8%	20.5B	43.0	--	0.11%	5.3%	-- --	--
6	BHAGCHEM	191.00	15.6%	26.1%	36.4%	19.9B	98.5	--	0.16%	4.9%	-- --	--
5.1	Average	911.06	3.8%	-3.4%	10.0%	139.3B	49.6	81.8	0.93%	4.2%	-- Buy	7.1

PEER COMPANIES

ASTEC	Astec Lifesciences	IPL	India Pesticides
BAYERCROP	Bayer Cropscience	MBAPL	Madhya Bharat Agro Products
BHAGCHEM	Bhagiradha Chemicals	MOL	Meghmani Organics
EIDPARRY	E I D-Parry (India)	SUMICHEM	Sumitomo Chemical India
FACT	Fertilisers And Chemicals	UPL	UPL

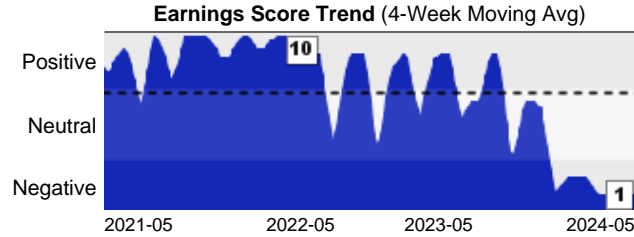
EARNINGS Currency in INR

NEGATIVE OUTLOOK: Weak earnings with recent analyst downgrades or a history of missing consensus estimates.

EARNINGS
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Earnings Score Averages

Chemicals Group:	5.0	Small Market Cap:	4.5
Chemicals Sector:	5.0	BSE Sensex Index:	6.7



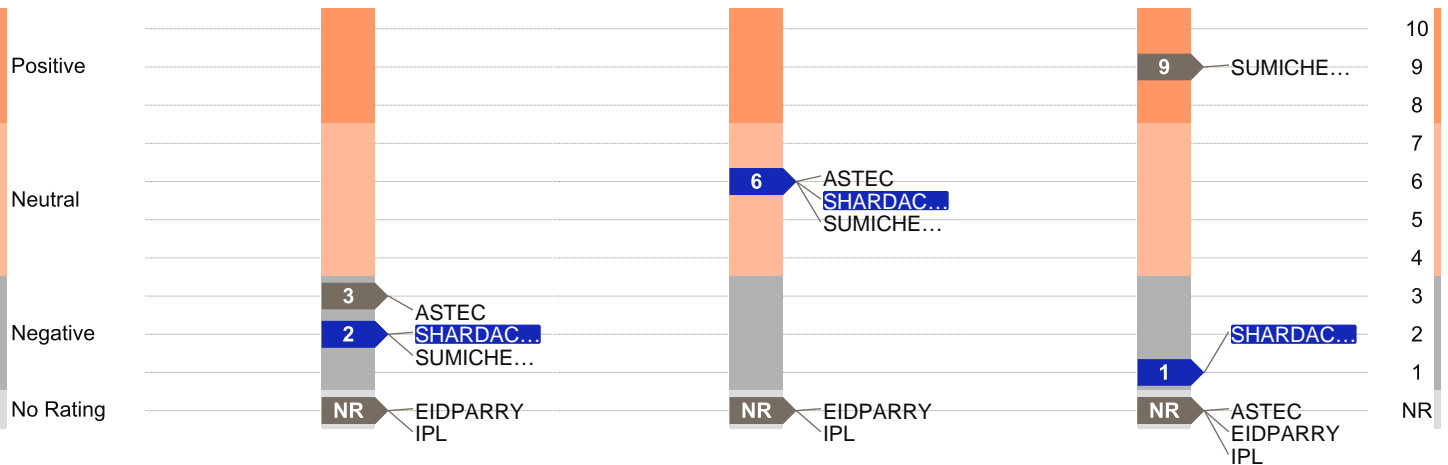
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ASTEC	NR	4	3	3	3	
SHARDACROP	1	1	1	1	1	
EIDPARRY	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
IPL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	

EARNINGS INDICATORS

Earnings Surprises
(33.3% weight)

Estimate Revisions
(33.3% weight)

Recommendation Changes
(33.3% weight)



Last 4 Quarters

# Positive Surprises (>2%)	1
# Negative Surprises (<-2%)	3
# In-Line Surprises (within 2%)	0
Avg Surprise	-35.2%

Last 4 Weeks

# Up Revisions	0
# Down Revisions	0
Avg Up Revisions	0.00%
Avg Down Revisions	0.00%

Last 120 Days

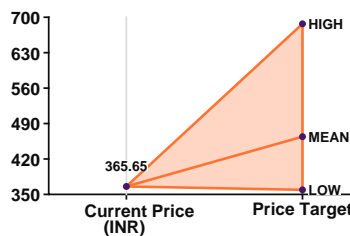
# Broker Upgrades	0
# Broker Downgrades	1

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sharda Cropchem currently has an Earnings Rating of 1, which is significantly more bearish than the Agricultural Chemicals industry average of 5.1. SHARDACROP scores a bearish 4 or less for two of three component ratings.
- During the past four weeks, analysts covering SHARDACROP have made no upward or downward EPS estimate revisions for the current quarter.

PRICE TARGET

The chart indicates where analysts predict the stock price will be within the next 12 months, as compared to the current price.



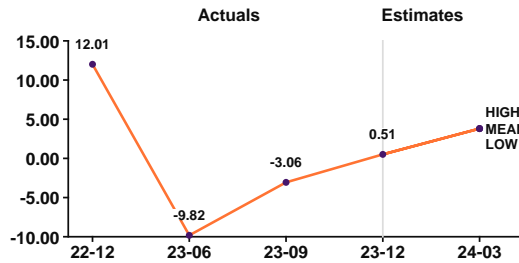
12-Month Price Target

Mean (INR)	464.00
High	687.00
Low	359.00
Target vs. Current	26.9%
# of Analysts	7

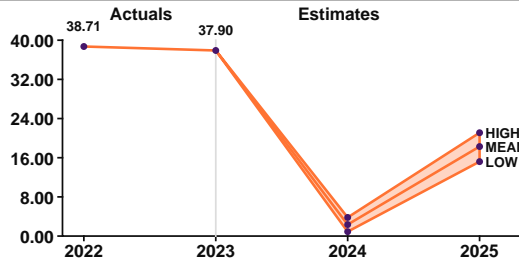
EARNINGS PER SHARE

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 and flat or falling earnings as a sign of weakness.

The charts provide a comparison between a company's actual and estimated EPS, including the high and low forecasts.



Quarterly	24-03	--
Mean	3.800	--
High	3.800	--
Low	3.800	--
# of Analysts	1	--



Annual	2024	2025
Mean	2.350	18.280
High	3.800	21.100
Low	0.900	15.200
# of Analysts	2	4

MEAN ESTIMATE TREND | **ANALYST RECOMMENDATIONS**

	Q 24-03	Q --	Y 2024	Y 2025	Price Target
Current	3.800	--	2.350	18.280	464.00
30 Days Ago	--	--	1.733	19.030	470.00
90 Days Ago	--	--	11.260	24.180	470.00
% Change (90 Days)	--	--	-79.1%	-24.4%	-1.3%

Current Fiscal Year End: 24-03
Next Expected Report Date: 2024-05-10

I/B/E/S Mean: **Hold (6 Analysts)**

Strong Buy	0
Buy	2
Hold	4
Sell	0
Strong Sell	0

EARNINGS SURPRISES

Comparing a company's actual earnings to the mean expectation of analysts results in a difference referred to as a 'positive' or 'negative' surprise. 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)

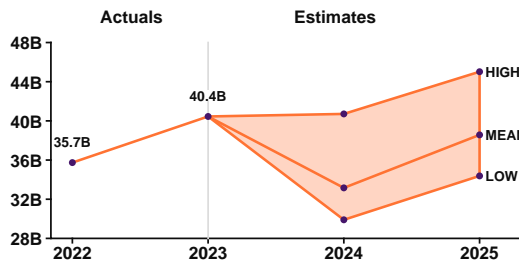
Surprise Type	Amount	Percent
Positive Quarters (> 2%)	5	62.5%
Negative Quarters (< -2%)	3	37.5%
In-Line Quarters (within 2%)	0	--

Surprise Detail (Last 6 Periods)

Surprise Type	Announce Date	Period End Date	Actual EPS	Mean EPS	Surprise (%)
Negative	2024-01-24	2023-12-31	0.510	9.300	-94.5%
Negative	2023-10-22	2023-09-30	-3.060	1.300	-335%
Negative	2023-07-24	2023-06-30	-9.820	2.700	-464%
Positive	2023-01-24	2022-12-31	12.010	11.000	9.2%
Positive	2021-10-26	2021-09-30	3.550	1.800	97.2%
Positive	2021-07-27	2021-06-30	4.220	2.300	83.5%

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.



	2024	2025
Mean	33.2B	38.6B
High	40.7B	45.0B
Low	29.9B	34.4B
Forecasted Growth	-18.0%	-4.6%
# of Analysts	5	5

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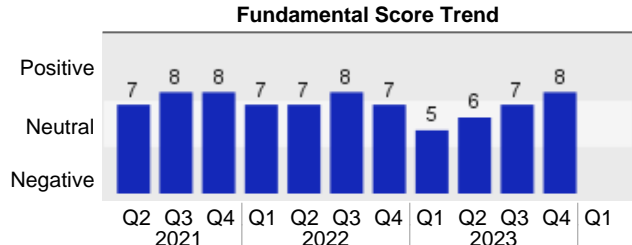
FUNDAMENTAL

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NEUTRAL OUTLOOK: Fundamentals relatively in-line with the market.

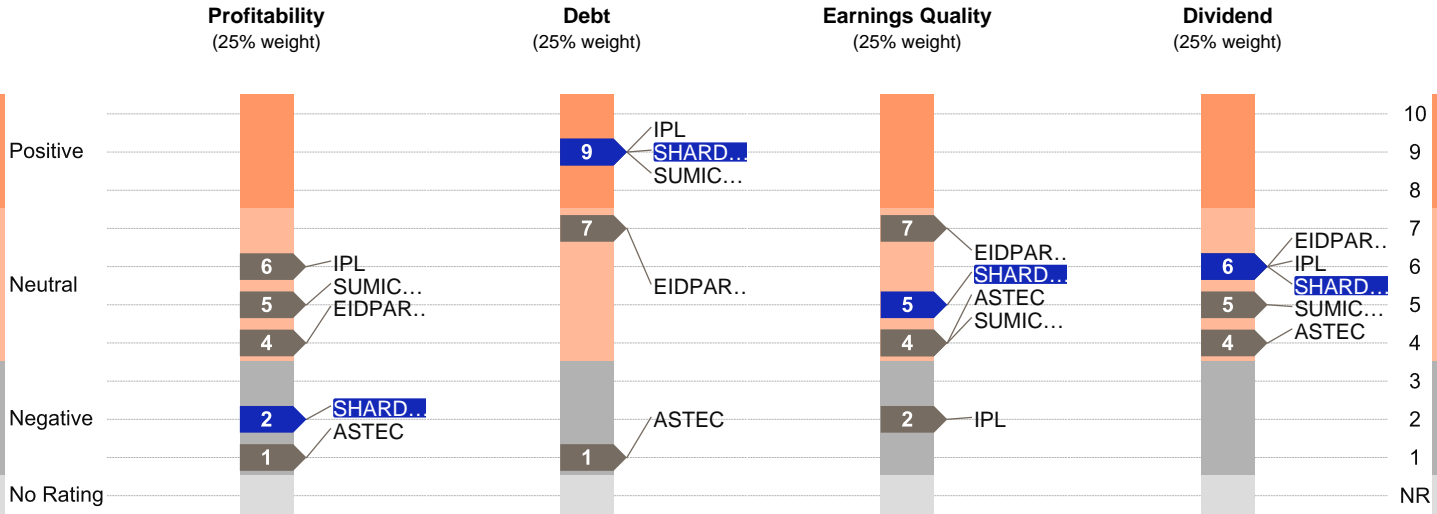
Fundamental Score Averages

Chemicals Group: **5.2** Small Market Cap: **5.8**
Chemicals Sector: **5.2** BSE Sensex Index: **7.1**



Peers	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Current	3Y Trend
EIDPARRY	8	8	7	NR	6	[Bar Chart]
IPL	8	9	9	NR	6	[Bar Chart]
SUMICHEM	7	6	5	NR	6	[Bar Chart]
SHARDACROP	6	7	8	NR	5	[Bar Chart]
ASTEC	7	4	2	NR	1	[Bar Chart]

FUNDAMENTAL INDICATORS



Revenue Growth	-16.6%	Current Ratio	2.0	Oper. Cash Yield	279.5%	Dividend Growth	--
For year over year ending 2023-12		For interim period ending 2023-09		For latest 12 months ending --		For year over year ending --	
Gross Margin	2.4%	Debt-to-Capital	0.0%	Accruals	8.8%	Dividend Payout	62.0%
For latest 12 months ending 2023-12		For annual period ending 2023-03		For latest 12 months ending 2023-03		For latest 12 months ending 2023-12	
Return On Equity	9.5%	Interest Funding	0.2%	Days Sales In Inv.	126.3	Dividend Coverage	11.5
For interim period ending 2023-09		For interim period ending 2023-03		For annual period ending 2023-03		For annual period ending 2023-03	
Net Margin	2.6%	Interest Coverage	14.5	Days Sales In Rec.	160.3	Current Div. Yield	1.6%
For latest 12 months ending 2023-12		For interim period ending 2023-12		For annual period ending 2023-03		For latest 12 months ending 2024-05	

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Fundamental Rating for Sharda Cropchem declined significantly over the last quarter from a bullish 7 to a relatively neutral 5. The average Fundamental Rating for its Chemicals industry group is 5.2 and the S&P BSE SENSEX index average is 7.1.
- The company's net margin has been higher than its industry group average for each of the past five years.
- Of the 311 firms within the Chemicals industry group that have reported debt-to-capital, Sharda Cropchem is among 155 firms whose balance sheet is free of long-term debt.
- The company's days sales in inventory has been higher than its industry group average for each of the past five years.
- Of the 343 firms within the Chemicals industry group, Sharda Cropchem is among 186 companies that pay a dividend. The stock's dividend yield is currently 1.6%.



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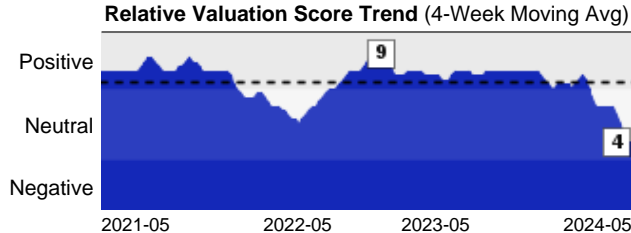
RELATIVE VALUATION

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NEUTRAL OUTLOOK: Multiples relatively in-line with the market.

Relative Valuation Score Averages

Chemicals Group: **5.9** Small Market Cap: **5.2**
Chemicals Sector: **5.9** BSE Sensex Index: **6.0**



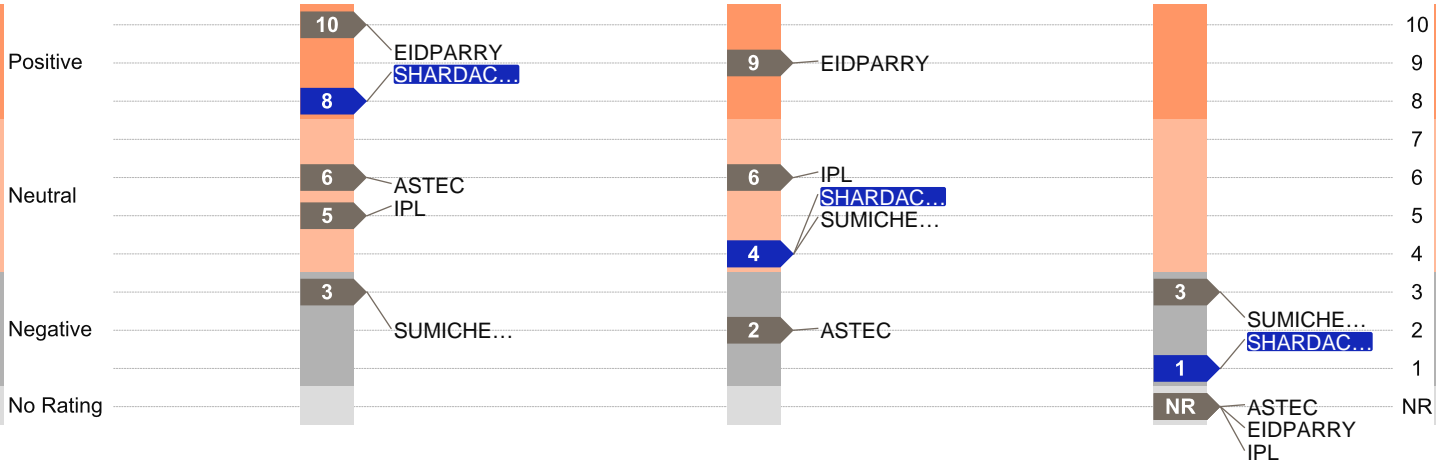
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ASTEC	2	4	3	3	3	
SUMICHEM	3	3	3	3	3	

RELATIVE VALUATION INDICATORS

Price to Sales (33.3% weight)

Trailing PE (33.3% weight)

Forward PE (33.3% weight)



Price to Sales	1.0	Trailing PE	37.8	Forward PE	155.6
5-Yr Average	1.2	5-Yr Average	15.8	5-Yr Average	16.4
Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	16% Discount	Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	>100% Premium	Rel. to 5-Yr Avg.	>100% Premium
BSE Sensex Index	3.5	BSE Sensex Index	24.9	BSE Sensex Index	22.8
Rel. to BSE Sensex	71% Discount	Rel. to BSE Sensex	52% Premium	Rel. to BSE Sensex	>100% Premium

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sharda Cropchem currently has a Relative Valuation Rating of 4 which is significantly below the S&P BSE SENSEX index average rating of 6.0.
- SHARDACROP's Trailing P/E and Forward P/E are both significantly above (more expensive than) their 5-year averages.
- SHARDACROP's Price to Sales ratio of 1.0 represents a 16% Discount to its 5-year average of 1.2.
- Based on Trailing P/E, SHARDACROP currently trades at a 23% Discount to its Chemicals industry group peers. On average, the company has traded at a 49% Discount over the past five years.
- Based on Forward P/E, SHARDACROP currently trades at a >100% Premium to its Chemicals industry group peers. On average, the company has traded at a 56% Discount over the past five years.



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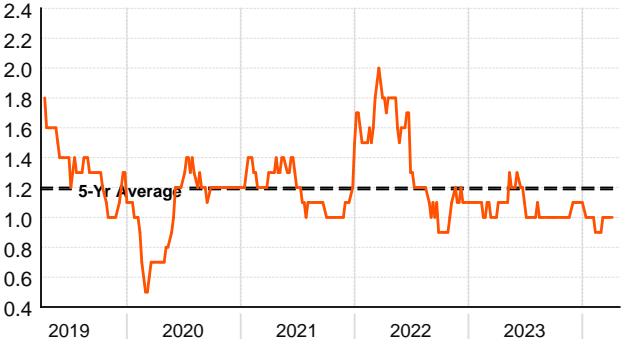
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PRICE TO SALES

The most recent week's close price divided by the revenue per share.

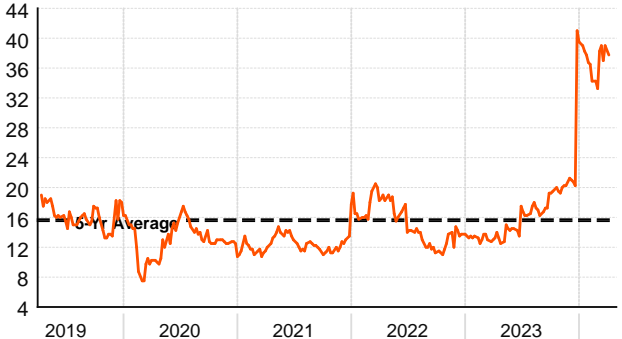
Price to Sales: 1.0
5-Year Average: 1.2
BSE Sensex Index Average: 3.5
Chemicals Group Average: 2.8



TRAILING PE

The most recent week's close price divided by the sum of the four most recently reported quarterly earnings.

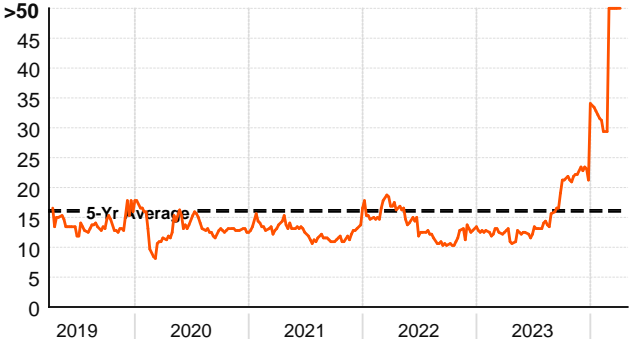
Trailing PE: 37.8
5-Year Average: 15.8
BSE Sensex Index Average: 24.9
Chemicals Group Average: 49.3



FORWARD PE

The most recent week's close price divided by the sum of the four upcoming quarterly consensus estimates.

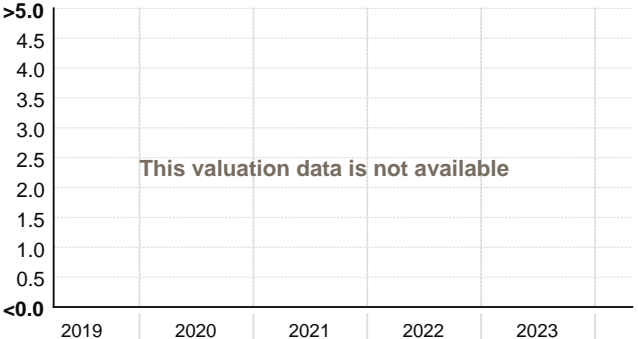
Forward PE: 155.6
5-Year Average: 16.4
BSE Sensex Index Average: 22.8
Chemicals Group Average: 60.8



FORWARD PEG

The Forward P/E divided by the five-year forecasted growth rate.

Forward PEG: --
5-Year Average: --
BSE Sensex Index Average: 1.5
Chemicals Group Average: 3.8



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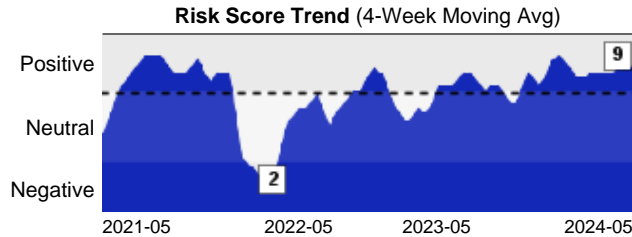
RISK

POSITIVE OUTLOOK: Consistent return patterns (low volatility).

RISK
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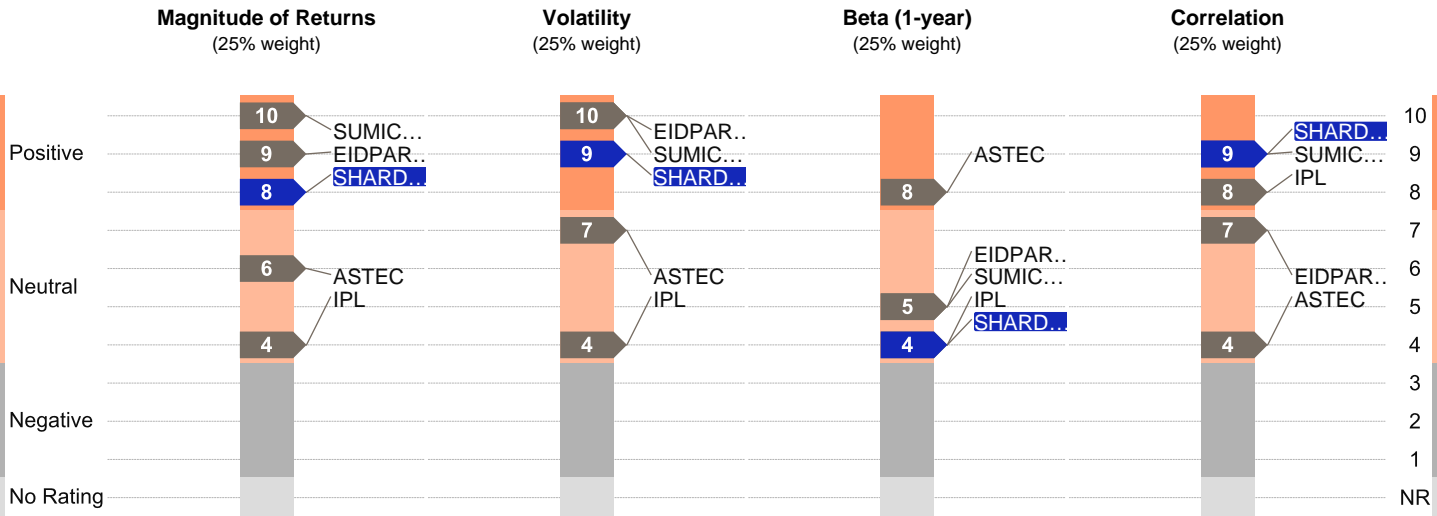
Risk Score Averages

Chemicals Group: **6.4** Small Market Cap: **6.2**
 Chemicals Sector: **6.4** BSE Sensex Index: **9.4**



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ASTEC	8	7	7	7	7	
IPL	6	9	5	5	4	

RISK INDICATORS



Daily Returns (Last 90 Days)		Standard Deviation		Beta vs. BSE Sensex		Correlation vs. BSE Sensex	
Best	5.9%	Last 90 Days	1.86	Positive Days Only	0.00	Last 90 Days	28%
Worst	-3.0%	Last 60 Months	17.79	Negative Days Only	1.46	Last 60 Months	40%
Monthly Returns (Last 60 Months)		Intra-Day Swing (Last 90 Days)		Beta vs. Group		Correlation vs. Group	
Best	66.3%	Average	3.1%	Positive Days Only	1.28	Last 90 Days	64%
Worst	-48.5%	Largest	8.3%	Negative Days Only	0.74	Last 60 Months	58%

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sharda Cropchem currently has a Risk Rating of 9 while the S&P BSE SENSEX index has an average rating of 9.4.
- On days when the market is up, SHARDACROP shares remain relatively unchanged. On days when the market is down, the shares generally decrease by more than the S&P BSE SENSEX index.
- In the short term, SHARDACROP has shown average correlation (>= 0.2 and < 0.4) with the S&P BSE SENSEX index. The stock has, however, shown high correlation (>= 0.4) with the market in the long term.
- Over the last 90 days, SHARDACROP shares have been more volatile than the overall market, as the stock's daily price fluctuations have exceeded that of 86% of S&P BSE SENSEX index firms.

RISK ANALYSIS

Peers	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
SHARDACROP	5.9%	-3.0%	24	36	8.3%	66.3%	-48.5%
ASTEC	8.4%	-4.5%	31	29	15.0%	77.0%	-25.7%
EIDPARRY	6.4%	-5.4%	31	29	6.2%	41.4%	-26.2%
IPL	10.0%	-20.0%	24	36	29.6%	25.4%	-45.2%
SUMICHEM	5.8%	-4.6%	22	38	8.0%	31.7%	-28.1%
BSE Sensex	1.7%	-1.2%	36	23	2.1%	14.4%	-23.1%



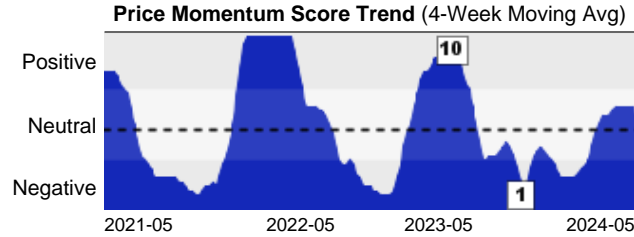
PRICE MOMENTUM Currency in INR

NEGATIVE OUTLOOK: Weak recent price performance or entering historically poor seasonal period.



Price Momentum Score Averages

Chemicals Group:	5.3	Small Market Cap:	6.1
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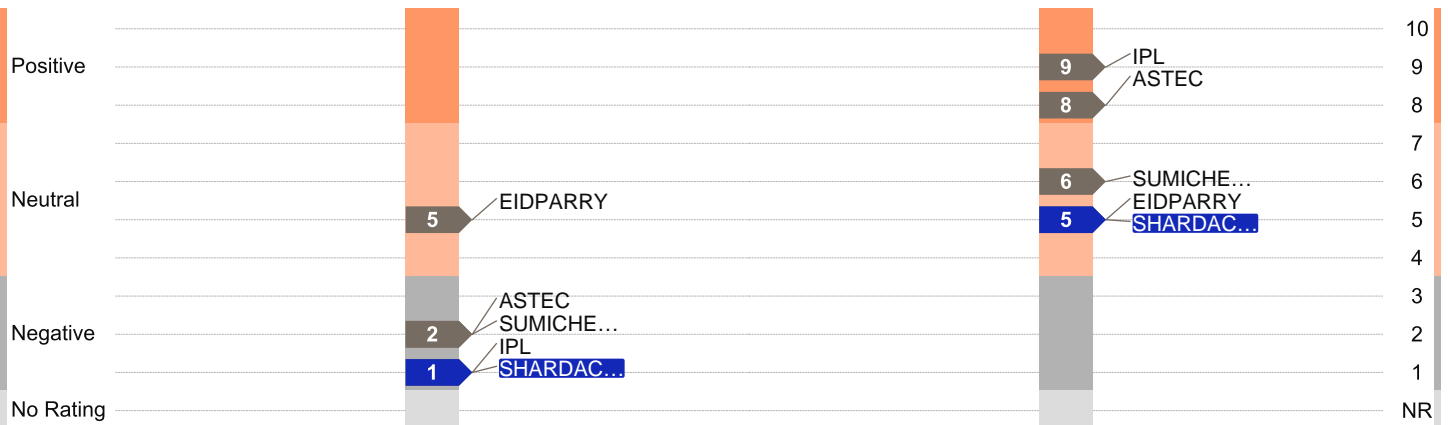


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PRICE MOMENTUM INDICATORS

Relative Strength
(50% weight)

Seasonality
(50% weight)



Relative Strength Indicator (Scale from 1 to 100)

	SHARDACROP	Industry Avg
Last 10 Days	48	51
Last 50 Days	47	50
Last 200 Days	47	50

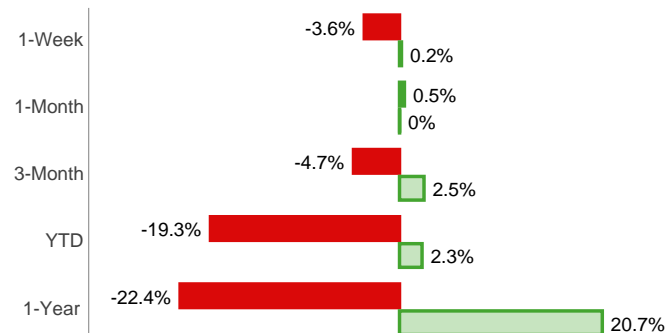
Average Monthly Return (Last 10 Years)

	May	Jun	Jul
Company Avg	10.8%	3.9%	-3.8%
Industry Avg	3.0%	4.8%	3.6%
Industry Rank	26 of 99	47 of 98	57 of 99

PRICE PERFORMANCE

Daily close prices are used to calculate the performance of the stock as compared to a relevant index over five time periods.

SHARDACROP (Red)
BSE Sensex (Green)



	SHARDACROP	BSE Sensex
Close Price (2024-05-03)	365.65	73,880
52-Week High	580.00	75,038
52-Week Low	318.05	61,054

- On 2024-05-03, SHARDACROP closed at 365.65, 37.0% below its 52-week high and 15.0% above its 52-week low.
- SHARDACROP shares are currently trading 3.2% above their 50-day moving average of 354.18, and 9.8% below their 200-day moving average of 405.40.
- The S&P BSE SENSEX index is currently 1.5% below its 52-week high and 21.0% above its 52-week low.

DETAILED STOCK REPORT TIPS

The Stock Report from LSEG 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 and the ratings are updated weekly.

Average Score

The Stock Reports Plus Average Score combines a quantitative analysis of five widely-used investment decision making tools - Earnings, Fundamental, Relative Valuation, Risk, and Price Momentum. First, a simple average of the five underlying component ratings is calculated. Then, a normal distribution is used to rank each stock across the market 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 five factors may be evaluated differently using alternative methodologies, and the importance of individual factors varies across industry groups, market capitalization and investment styles. Additional criteria should always be used to evaluate a stock.

A company must have sufficient data available for at least three of the five component indicators in order to receive an overall Average Score. Approximately 85% of the stocks within the coverage universe meet the criteria to generate a score.

Indicator Components

The five 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. A detailed section for each component is included in the report.

Indicator Trends

Within each component section, historical score trends are displayed, typically using a 4-week moving average over a timeframe of the past three years. The dotted orange line indicates the average of the scores over those three years. The most recent occurrences of the best and worst scores are also displayed on the chart in grey boxes to put the current score into historical context.

Next to the trend chart for the company, current score averages are included, along with peer company comparisons of values from 6 months ago, 3 months ago, 1 month ago, the most recent value from 1 week ago, and the current score. The four closest industry peers are presented based on similar market capitalization.

Peer Analysis

- The Refinitiv Business Classification (TRBC) schema 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, 28 Business Sectors, 54 Industry Groups, and 136 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 classified within that industry.

Highlights

The automated text-generation system from LSEG 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 surprises, estimate revisions, and recommendation changes. Each factor is equally weighted. Then, equal deciles are used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A stock needs to have at least two of the three earnings factors in order to receive a score.

- Earnings Surprises - The number of positive and negative surprises within the last 4 periods (quarters or years).
- Estimate Revisions - The number of up and down revisions and the average percentage change of those revisions within a 4 week period.
- Recommendation Changes - The number of broker upgrades and downgrades in the last 120 days.

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 when available, along with the mean, high and low. Quarterly data is displayed for the past 4 quarters (actual) and the next 2 quarters (estimated). Annual data is displayed for the past 2 years (actual) and the next 2 years (estimated).

Mean Estimate Trend

The mean estimates show how the consensus has changed over the past 30 days and 90 days for the upcoming two quarters (when available) 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 I/B/E/S Mean is the average recommendation of all analysts covering the stock, as provided by I/B/E/S, the Institutional Brokers Estimate System, from LSEG. The recommendations are presented on a five-point standardized scale: strong buy, buy, hold, sell, and strong sell.

Earnings Surprises

- The surprise summary includes the total number of time periods (and percentage) in the last 12 quarters (quarterly) or last 4 years (annual) in which earnings surprises were positive, negative, or in-line. In order to be recognized as a positive or negative surprise, the percent must be greater than 2% above or 2% below the consensus, respectively.
- The surprise detail section includes a listing of the company's quarterly earnings reported for the most recent 6 periods (quarters or years). The consensus analyst estimate is provided to determine if the actual earnings report represented a positive surprise, negative surprise, or in-line result.

Fundamental

The Fundamental Rating is based on a combination of four fundamental component factors: profitability, debt, earnings quality, and dividend. Companies that do not pay a dividend are not penalized. Each factor is equally weighted. Then, equal deciles are used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A stock needs to have at least two of the four fundamental factors present in order to receive a score.

Profitability

- Revenue Growth: $(\text{Net Sales} - \text{Previous Net Sales}) / \text{Previous Net Sales}$
- Gross Margin: $\text{Gross Profit} / \text{Net Sales}$
- Return on Equity: $\text{Net Income} / \text{Total Equity}$
- Net Margin: $\text{Net Profit} / \text{Net Sales}$

Debt

- Current Ratio: $\text{Current Assets} / \text{Current Liabilities}$
- Debt-to-Capital: $\text{Total Debt} / \text{Total Capital}$
- Interest Funding: $(\text{Interest Expense on Debt} + \text{Preferred Cash Dividends}) / \text{Funds from Operations}$
- Interest Coverage: $\text{Earnings before Interest and Taxes} / (\text{Interest Expense on Debt} + \text{Preferred Cash Dividends})$

Earnings Quality

- Operating Cash Yield: $(\text{Operating Cash Flow} - \text{Net Income}) / \text{Net Income}$
- Accruals: $(\text{Net Income} - \text{Operating Cash Flow} - \text{Investing Cash Flow}) / \text{Average Net Operating Assets}$
- Days Sales in Inventory: $365 / (\text{Cost of Goods Sold} / \text{Inventory})$
- Days Sales in Receivables: $365 / (\text{Net Sales} / \text{Receivables})$

Dividend

The company must have a current dividend yield.

- Dividend Growth Rate: $(\text{Dividends per Share} - \text{Previous Dividends per Share}) / \text{Previous Dividends per Share}$
- Dividend Funding: $\text{Dividends} / \text{Operating Cash Flow}$
- Dividend Coverage: $(\text{Pre-Tax Income} + \text{Interest Expense}) / (\text{Interest Expense} + \text{Dividends})$
- Dividend Yield: $\text{Annual Dividends per Share} / \text{Current Market Price per Share}$

Indicator Trend

The fundamental indicator trend displays either quarterly scores over the past three years or annual scores over the past six years, depending on the reporting periods for the country. The best and worst scores can be easily determined from the values shown on the chart for each quarter or year.

Relative Valuation

The Relative Valuation Rating is based on a combination of three component factors: Price to Sales, Trailing P/E, and Forward P/E. Each factor is equally weighted. Equal deciles are then used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. 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 in order to receive a score.

- Price to Sales: $\text{Close Price} / (\text{Sales for 4 Quarters or 1 Year} / \text{Shares Outstanding})$

- Trailing P/E: Close Price / Most Recent 4 Quarters or 1 Year of Earnings
- Forward P/E: Close Price / Upcoming 4 Quarters or 1 Year of Earnings

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, a maximum value of 5 is placed on Forward PEG, and a maximum value of 20 is placed on Price to Sales 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, Forward PEG, and Price to Sales for the company and the relevant index average. In addition, a comparison of the current company's values to its 5-year average and an industry average are presented. A discount occurs when the company's ratio is valued more favorably (lower) than that to which it is compared.

Risk

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, magnitude of returns, beta, and correlation. Each factor is equally weighted. Then, equal deciles are used to rank each stock across the market. A stock needs to have at least two of the four risk factors in order to receive a score.

- 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, along with the average and largest intra-day stock swing.
- Beta - Measures the tendency of a security's returns to respond to swings in the market, based on the beta of the company versus the relevant index.
- Correlation - Determines how closely the returns of the stock and the relevant index move together, measured over the last 90 days and last 60 months.

Risk Analysis

Price analysis for the company and the relevant index 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

The Price Momentum Rating is based on a combination of two technical performance factors: relative strength and seasonality. The factors are equally weighted. Equal deciles are then used to rank each stock across the market on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being most favorable. A stock needs to have data for the relative strength factor in order to receive a score.

- Relative Strength - The relative strength of the company for the last 10 days, 50 days, and 200 days 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 higher return.

Price Performance

Daily close prices are used to calculate the price performance of the stock. The performance of the relevant index is also displayed as a means of comparison.

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