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# Investing Basics

## Free Investing Resources at the Library

San Jose Public Library  
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## Agenda

**Well Known Investor Databases**  
**A Quick Look at Each DB**  
**Other Free Library Resources for Investors**

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## **WELL KNOWN INVESTOR DATABASES**

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Why investors use them  
Where to find them

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These databases are well known and commonly used by investors.

**Value Line**  
**Morningstar Investment Research Center**  
**Standard & Poor's – also called NetAdvantage or CFRA**

**SIMILARITIES**

- All are independent sources of information about stocks and funds.
- They provide:
  - Detailed reports for the stocks and funds they believe are of most interest to their users.
  - Summary reports for stocks and funds that they believe attract less interest.
- Detailed stock reports present the analysts' opinions.
- All provide historical performance data that investors typically want to see.
- All have online user guides and educational topics.

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**DIFFERENCES**

- Value Line is the master of one-page reports.
- Morningstar provides lots of charts and graphs, as well as very detailed analyst reports.
- S&P provides the best descriptions of a company's business and is known for its detailed, lengthy industry reports.

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Key Information for Investors in These Reports

- What does the company, fund or ETF do? What are its characteristics?
- How has it performed historically – 10 years or more? How has it performed lately?
- How does it compare to similar stocks, funds or ETFs?
- What does the analyst think are its strengths and weaknesses?
- Is the current price about right or too expensive?
- What fees, if any, are involved in buying or selling a fund or ETF?

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Where to Find Investor Databases

<b>San Jose Public Library</b>	<b>Santa Clara COUNTY Library</b>
Value Line	Value Line
	Morningstar
	Standard & Poor's

Also:

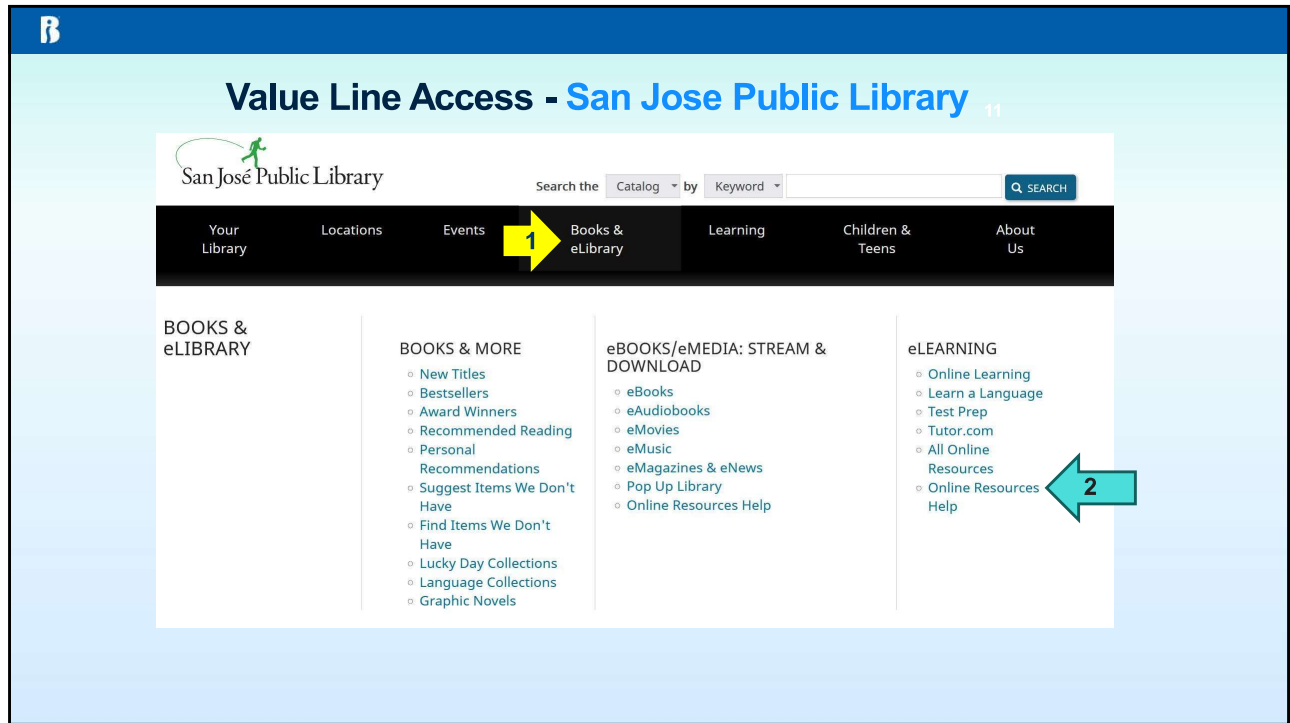
Some other city libraries offer Value Line and/or Morningstar databases.

Some discount brokerage firms provide Morningstar, S&P and other databases to the clients.

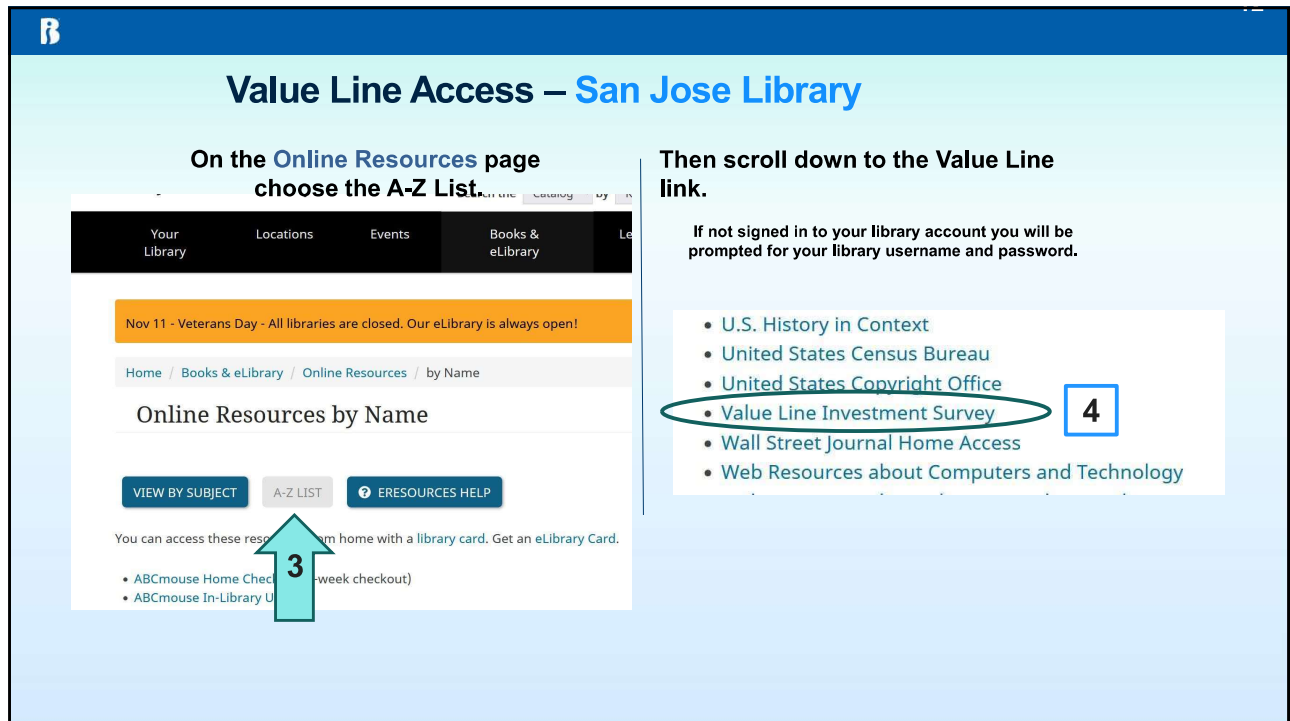
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## Russell Malley and Marion Michel



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# Investing Basics – Free Library Resources

## Russell Malley and Marion Michel

The screenshot shows the San José Public Library website. On the left, under 'Quick Links', there is a link 'Get a Library Card' with a red arrow pointing to it. On the right, under 'MEMBER SERVICES', there is a link 'Members Get More: Get a Library Card' with a red arrow pointing to it. A red box at the bottom center contains the text 'GET A SAN JOSE LIBRARY CARD' with two red arrows pointing to the links mentioned above.

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The screenshot shows the Santa Clara County Library website. A red box labeled 'Step 1' points to the 'Online Library 24/7' link in the navigation menu. A red box labeled 'Step 2' points to the 'Business & Investing' link in the 'SUBJECTS' menu.

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### Investment Database Access - Santa Clara County Library

**Step 3**  
Make your choice

Business A-Z Resources

Investing & Stocks

ONLINE RESOURCE  
Morningstar Investment Research Center

ONLINE RESOURCE  
Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage

ONLINE RESOURCE  
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**GET A SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY CARD**

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**Services**

- ACCOUNTS & BORROWING
  - Manage Accounts & Item Renewals
  - Join! Free Library Card
  - Join! Instant Free eCard
- ABOUT
  - Locations & Bookmobile
  - Virtual Library Tours
  - Ask a Librarian
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## Questions About These Databases?



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## QUICK LOOK AT VALUE LINE STOCK REPORT

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**Value Line – Opening View**

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**Value Line**

Online View

Prices updated daily.

Other info is the same as in the PDF printable report.

Printable Reports

Updated every 3 months as PDF files.

Use the link in the red oval to see the PDF report.

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**Open the latest PDF report – a report in one page**

**TOP SECTION**

VL's ranking system Chart with 10+ years of price history

**ALPHABET INC., NDQ-GOOG** RECENT PRICE **101.21** P/E RATIO **21.5** (Trailing: 20.1, Median: 25.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.27** DIV'D YLD **Nil** VALUE LINE

**TIMELINESS 1** (Raised 5/20/21) High: 16.2, 19.4, 28.0, 30.7, 39.0, 40.8, 53.9, 63.7, 68.3, 92.4, 151.9, 152.1  
 Low: 11.8, 13.9, 17.4, 24.5, 24.4, 33.2, 38.8, 48.8, 50.7, 50.7, 84.9, 93.4

**SAFETY 1** (Raised 5/12/17) LEGENDS: — 20.0% "Cash Flow" g/m, --- Relative Price Strength, 20-Mo 1 sp'd 4/14, 20-Mo 1 sp'd 7/22, Options: Yes, Shaded area indicates recession

**TECHNICAL 3** (Lowered 2/3/23) BETA: 95 (1.00 = Market)

**18-Month Target Price Range**  
 Low-High: \$79-\$165, Midpoint (% to Mid): \$122 (20%)

**2025-27 PROJECTIONS**  
 High: 280 (+175%), Low: 230 (+125%), Price Gain: 29%, Return: 23%

**Institutional Decisions**  
 to Buy: 1559, to Sell: 1376, Held: 169, Percent: 150, shares: 100, traded: 50

Google Inc. (now, officially Alphabet Inc.)

**% TOT RETURN 12/22**  
 1 yr: -38.7%, 3 yr: 32.7%, 5 yr: 69.8%

VL analyst's estimated potential gain/loss in the future Historical Returns

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**VL PDF – Middle Section**

10+ year historical record of sales, earnings, margins, debt

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC   25-27	
3.81	4.45	4.85	5.46	6.53	7.98	9.84	11.76	13.52	19.46	21.80	23.20	Revenues per sh	37.55
.97	1.12	1.31	1.45	1.79	2.29	2.95	3.41	3.94	6.61	5.70	6.30	"Cash Flow" per sh	12.50
.81	.90	1.04	1.14	1.39	1.80	2.33	2.58	2.93	5.61	4.70	5.25	Earnings per sh <sup>A</sup>	10.20
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.25	.55	.81	.72	.74	.95	1.81	1.71	1.65	1.86	2.10	2.10	Cap'l Spending per sh	2.20
5.44	6.50	7.68	8.75	10.06	10.97	12.77	14.63	16.48	19.00	19.60	18.90	Book Value per sh	59.25
13187	13440	13612	13747	13826	13896	13911	13767	13504	13242	13000	13200	Common Shs Outst'g <sup>B</sup>	13200
19.8	24.6	27.0	26.3	26.7	25.6	23.8	23.1	25.2	22.3	24.5		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	25.0
1.26	1.38	1.42	1.32	1.40	1.29	1.29	1.23	1.29	1.20	1.45		Relative P/E Ratio	1.40
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50175	59825	66001	74989	90272	110855	136819	161857	182527	257637	283300	306000	Revenues (\$mill)	495635
29.4%	28.0%	30.9%	31.3%	32.2%	31.0%	29.0%	29.0%	29.7%	35.0%	37.0%	32.0%	Operating Margin	38.0%
1988.0	2781.0	3523.0	4132.0	5267.0	6103.0	8164.0	10856	12905	11555	13000	14000	Depreciation (\$mill)	17000
10788	12214	14306	15826	19478	25705	32614	39025	42069	76033	61100	69300	Net Profit (\$mill)	148320
19.4%	15.7%	18.9%	16.8%	19.3%	12.1%	11.3%	12.8%	16.2%	16.2%	13.0%	14.0%	Income Tax Rate	14.0%
21.5%	20.4%	21.7%	21.1%	21.6%	23.2%	24.0%	22.3%	22.1%	29.5%	22.0%	22.5%	Net Profit Margin	29.9%
46117	56978	63880	70804	88652	100125	101056	107357	117462	123889	111000	115000	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	336420
2988.0	2236.0	3228.0	1995.0	3935.0	3969.0	4012.0	4554.0	13932	14817	15000	15250	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	16000
71715	87309	104500	120331	139306	152502	177628	201442	222544	251635	255000	250000	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	781985
14.4%	13.7%	13.3%	13.0%	13.7%	16.5%	18.1%	17.5%	17.1%	28.6%	22.5%	26.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	18.5%
15.0%	14.0%	13.7%	13.2%	14.0%	16.9%	18.5%	17.9%	18.1%	30.2%	24.0%	27.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	19.0%
15.0%	14.0%	13.7%	13.2%	14.0%	16.9%	18.5%	17.9%	18.1%	30.2%	24.0%	27.5%	Retained to Com Eq	19.0%
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Analyst's estimates for next year Analyst's estimates out to 2025-27

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## VL PDF – Bottom Section

The analyst's opinion - latest quarter, expectations

**BUSINESS:** Alphabet Inc. is the successor and parent holding company of Google Inc., which operates the world's leading Internet search engine. The company derives revenues primarily through delivering targeted advertising. Revenues are also derived from the licensing of search technology and solutions to enterprises. Revenues in 2021: United States, 46%; International, 54%.

**Alphabet Inc. will likely report mixed results for the fourth quarter.** Year over year, revenues are expected to increase slightly (about 2%) to \$76.5 billion and earnings ought to drop from \$1.53 per share to \$1.20 per share. Google Search and Google Cloud will probably make significant contributions to fourth quarter performance, as they did in the third quarter. We expect both of these segments to feature more Artificial Intelligence (AI). On point, Google Cloud is launching four AI powered tools specifically designed to assist retailers with inventory management and the personalized shopping experience on e-commerce websites. Google Search has much of its attention on OpenAI's launch of ChatGPT (Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer).

**ChatGPT is lighting a fire under the feet of Alphabet.** The chatbot technology employed by ChatGPT has the potential to rival and replace current search engines like Google. With Google's prominent position as a search engine, we anticipate a solid response from Google. Google already has chatbot technology called LAMDA, but it is not widely available. It remains to be

seen if this will be integrated into search or other apps, but it is clear that ChatGPT poses a long-term threat to Google search. **Effects from cost cutting should be reflected in 2023 earnings, as the company has plans to eliminate roughly 12,000 jobs.** We wouldn't be surprised if GOOG makes a shift from the layoffs, re-allocating resources to business areas that support its advancement in AI. Other measures to reduce cost include the cancellation of the tech giant's next generation Pixelbook laptop, and permanently closing the cloud gaming service Stadia.

**These high-quality shares offer broad appeal.** The stock possesses our highest rank for Safety (1), and it is also credited with strong scores for Stock Price Stability (90 out of 100) and Price Growth Persistence (100). GOOG also receives our top grade for Financial Strength (A++). The equity holds above-average capital appreciation potential for the pull to 2025-2027. Moreover, our Timeliness Ranking System has Alphabet pegged to outpace the broader market averages in the year ahead.

*Kathleen Uekert*      *February 3, 2023*

Brief description of the business

The date of this PDF

More VL ranking indicators

(2.42). Only egs. may not sum. Next earnings report due late April. (B) in millions. Class A common stock entitled to one vote share. Class B common stock entitled to 10	votes per share. Class C common stock is non-voting. (D) All preferred stock converted to Class B common stock upon initial public offering.	Company's Financial Strength    A++ Stock's Price Stability            90 Price Growth Persistence        100 Earnings Predictability            70
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## VL PDF – bottom left side

**CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 9/30/22**

Total Debt \$14653 mill. Due in 5 Yrs. \$4819 mill.  
 LT Debt \$14653 mill.    LT Interest \$346 mill.  
 (5% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals \$2539 mill.  
 No Defined Benefit Pension Plan  
 Paid Stock None.

Common Stock 12,943,000,000 shares  
 (5,973,000,000 Class A shares, 884,000,000 Class B shares, and 6,086,000,000 Class C shares) c.p.  
 as of 10/18/22

MARKET CAP: \$1.3 trillion (Large Cap)

CURRENT POSITION	2020	2021	9/30/22
Cash Assets	136694	139649	116259
Receivables	30930	39304	34697
Inventory	6672	9190	15153
Other	174236	181743	168759
Current Assets	55889	6036	6303
Debt Due	51245	58218	59676
Other	56834	64254	65979
Current Liab.			

ANNUAL RATES	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd 19-21 of change (per-ann)
Revenues	20.3%	21.5%	16.5%
Cash Flow	20.9%	25.0%	18.0%
Earnings	19.5%	25.5%	18.5%
Dividends			N/A
Book Value	16.5%	13.5%	23.5%

Cal. ender	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar 31	Jun 30	Sep 30	Dec 31	
2019	15333	3944	4049	4075	18161
2020	41159	38297	46173	56868	182527
2021	55314	61880	65118	75325	257637
2022	68011	69695	69092	76512	283300
2023	73000	73000	75000	85000	306000

Cal. ender	EARNINGS PER SHARE <sup>A</sup>				Full Year
	Mar 31	Jun 30	Sep 30	Dec 31	
2019	.60	.71	.51	.76	2.58
2020	.49	.51	.82	1.11	2.93
2021	1.32	1.36	1.40	1.53	5.61
2022	1.23	1.21	1.06	1.20	4.70
2023	1.20	1.25	1.35	1.45	5.25

Cal. ender	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID				Full Year
	Mar 31	Jun 30	Sep 30	Dec 31	
2019					
2020					
2021					
2022					
2023					

Capital structure:

- Debt
- Pension assets/obligations
- Stock shares
- Market cap

Current assets & liabilities

Analyst's comparison of previous growth versus potential future growth

4-year quarterly history of sales, earnings & dividends + next year's estimates

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## Value Line

Things Russell particularly likes about the PDF report.

These items appear in these locations for companies followed in the Value Line Investment Survey

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## Value Line

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Revenues per sh</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>37.55</b></span></p> <p><b>"Cash Flow" per sh</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>12.50</b></span></p> <p><b>Earnings per sh <sup>A</sup></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>10.20</b></span></p> <p><b>Div'ds Decl'd per sh</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Nil</b></span></p>	<p>Projections in dollar amounts.</p>
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## Value Line at both libraries

The **Browse Research** feature searches in all the Value Line products for company PDF reports, including:

- Value Line Investment Survey
- Value Line Investment Survey Plus
- Value Line Small & Mid-Cap Survey

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## Value Line

This company is too small and unknown for a full analysis.

Value Line's estimates of future performance are limited.

No analyst report.

**EVERCORE, INC. NYSE-EV**

PERFORMANCE RANKS: 2 (Technical), 3 (Safety), 1.42 (Beta)

PRICE: 115.21 | P/E RATIO: 9.9 | DIV. YIELD: 0.70% | YTD RETURN: 2.5%

SALES PER SH: 25.69 | EARNINGS PER SH: 2.61 | DIVIDEND PER SH: 2.06

RELATIVE PER RATIO: 1.36 | 2.76 | 1.17 | 1.38 | 85 | 71 | 48 | 49 | 41

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND PAYOUT: 2022: 2.06, 2023: 2.14

INSTITUTIONAL DECISIONS: 2022: 100, 2023: 100

TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN: 3.36% (3 Mo), 4.88% (6 Mo), 1.9% (1 Yr), 3.7% (3 Yrs)

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## Value Line – Special Situations Reports

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**Current Issue - November 2021**

- Special Situations Service Monthly Report
- New Recommendation - Blink Charging Co. (BLNK)
- New Recommendation - GMS Inc. (GMS)

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- Aggressive Portfolio
- Conservative Portfolio
- New recommendations

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The Median of Estimated **PRICE-EARNINGS RATIOS** of all stocks with earnings

**18.9**

The Median of Estimated **DIVIDEND YIELDS** (next 12 months) of all dividend paying stocks

**1.7%**

The Median Estimated **THREE-TO-FIVE YEAR PRICE APPRECIATION POTENTIAL** of all 1700 stocks in the VL Universe

**30%**

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**Top Ten Performers Since Last Issue**

COMPANY	TICKER	BUY PRICE	CURRENT PRICE	% GAIN 30-DAY
Big 5 Sporting Goods	BGFV	25.41	38.58	576%
Installed Bldg. Prod.	IBP	106.59	132.65	25.2%
Fabrinet	FN	64.33	120.42	24.1%
Entravision Comm.	EVC	7.28	8.97	23.2%
XBiotech	XBIT	15.04	15.91	22.9%
Construction Partners	ROAD	28.71	41.43	22.7%
Medpace Hldgs.	MEDP	30.83	225.84	19.6%
Acushnet Holdings	GOLF	57.43	57.43	19.4%
OptimizeRx Corp.	OPRX	49.35	94.51	18.4%
Blackbaud	BLKB	57.53	84.12	14.5%

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Multi-page reports with lots of charts, graphs and extras  
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## Morningstar Opening View

Opens with clear choices  
Do you want to look at:

- Equities (Stocks)
- Funds (Mutual Funds)
- ETFs
- or something else

Box for entering  
Name or ticker symbol  
of stock, fund or ETF

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### Navigate a Morningstar Stock Report

Jump or Scroll thru interactive sections or download the PDF report or the chart

Alphabet Inc Class C GOOG ★★★★★ Apr 14, 2023

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**Download the interactive price chart**

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## Mstar Stock Quote Overview

Basic price and trading information, stock sector/industry

Alphabet Inc Class C GOOG ★★★★★ Apr 14, 2023

After Hours: 106.25 0.17 | 0.16%

Previous Close: 109.46  
 10a 12p 2p  
 105.03

**Overview** | Key Ratios | Trading Information | News

Last Price 109.46 As of Apr 14, 2023	Sector Communication Services	Industry Internet Content & Information	Investment Style Large Growth
Day Range 105.32 – 106.71	Year Range 83.45 – 131.92	Market Cap 1.3629 Tril	Volume / Avg 29.0 Mil / 32.1 Mil
Price/Sales 5.09	Price/Book 5.47	Forward Div Yield –	Trailing Div Yield –

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## Morningstar Stock Chart

Many choices for timeline, settings, display and comparison stocks

Compare  
another stock

Timeline from today's  
opening to 10+ years

Other optional information

The 1-year chart shows that Alphabet's stock had dropped over a lot over the past year but is coming back.

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## Morningstar Stock Rating

Star Rating

1 = consider selling  
 3 = fair price  
 5 = consider buying

Moat or Competitive Edge

Wide  
 Narrow  
 None

**Morningstar's Analysis** Summary

Valuation Feb 03, 2023 Currency in USD

GOOG is at a 29% Discount.

Last Price  
 - 106.42  
 As of Apr 17, 2023

Fair Value  
 - 154.00  
 Uncertainty: High

<b>1-Star Price</b> > 238.70	<b>5-Star Price</b> < 92.40
<b>Economic Moat</b> Wide Trend: Stable	<b>Capital Allocation</b> Exemplary

How the company uses its resources

Capital Allocation

Exemplary  
 Standard  
 Poor

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## Mstar - Bulls Say/Bears Say about a Stock

3 positive things “Bulls” Say

3 negative things “Bears” say

**Morningstar's Analysis** Summary Competitors **Bulls Say/Bears Say**

Bulls Say

- As the number of online users and usage increase, so will digital ad spending, of which Google will remain one of the main beneficiaries.
- Android's dominant global market share of smartphones leaves Google well positioned to continue generating top-line growth as search traffic shifts from desktop to mobile.
- The significant cash generated from the Google search business allows Alphabet to remain focused on innovation and the long-term growth opportunities that new areas present.

Bears Say

- There is little revenue diversification within Alphabet, as it remains heavily dependent on Google and the state of the search ad space.
- Alphabet is allocating too much capital toward high-risk bets, which face a very low probability of generating returns.
- Google's dominant position in online search is not maintainable, as more companies and regulatory agencies are contesting the methods through which the company has been extending its leadership.

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### Morningstar Stock Analyst Report

The analyst will discuss and report on all these subjects, which explain his/her rating.

**Analyst Note**

Business Strategy and Outlook


Economic Moat

Fair Value and Profit Drivers

Risk and Uncertainty

Capital Allocation

Alphabet: Losing Default Status on Samsung Devices May Not Be Significant

 **Ali Mogharabi**  
Senior Equity Analyst

**Analyst Note** | by Ali Mogharabi Updated Apr 17, 2023

We are maintaining our \$154 fair value estimate on Alphabet. According to The New York Times, Samsung is considering changing the default search engine on its devices from Google to Microsoft's Bing for the first time in 12 years. While Google is facing increasing competition and disruption in the online search market, mainly because of the emergence of artificial

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**Note:** For stocks where Mstar believes there is less investor interest, there will be no analyst report.

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## QUICK LOOK AT MORNINGSTAR FUND AND ETF REPORTS

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Multi-page reports with lots of charts, graphs and extras

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### Mstar Mutual Funds & ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds)

Quick Reminders

A stock is just one company.

A fund or ETF is a “basket” of many companies (and/or other investments, like bonds, etc.) 

You don’t manage what’s in the basket. A paid manager does that.

You decide whether and when to buy, hold or sell the basket as a whole.

Funds trade only once at the end of the day.  
ETFs trade throughout the market day.

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### Morningstar Opening View

Opens with clear choices  
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### Category – Type of Fund or ETF Using SPY, an ETF, as Example

SPY is a “US Large Blend” ETF that performs like the S&P 500 Index.

**Strategy**

The investment seeks to provide investment results that, before expenses, correspond generally to the price and yield performance of the S&P 500® Index. The Trust seeks to achieve its investment objective by holding a portfolio of the common stocks that are included in the index (the “Portfolio”), with the weight of each stock in the Portfolio substantially corresponding to the weight of such stock in the index.

The investment objective & strategy is a summary of the investment's principal strategy as written in the prospectus. This information is pulled from the most recent SEC filing (prospectus or supplement).

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### More Information about ETF Characteristics

Holdings in all 11 Sectors in SPY.  
 Tech is largest, with 26% of investments.

Sectors	Investment %	Cat %
<b>Cyclical</b>		
Basic Materials	2.38	2.91
Consumer Cyclical	10.18	9.75
Financial Services	12.63	14.15
Real Estate	2.56	2.31
<b>Sensitive</b>		
Communication Services	8.29	7.07
Energy	4.83	4.31
Industrials	8.25	10.48
Technology <span style="color: red;">→</span>	26.10	23.53
<b>Defensive</b>		
Consumer Defensive	7.17	7.41
Healthcare	14.71	15.41
Utilities	2.89	2.87

Investment as of Apr 14, 2023 | Category: Large Blend as of Mar 31, 2023 | Sector data is based on the rescaled long position of the holdings | Source: Holdings-based calculations.

Ten largest holdings in SPY.  
 Apple and Microsoft > 13%.

Holdings	% Portfolio Weight
Apple Inc <span style="color: red;">→</span>	7.08
Microsoft Corp <span style="color: red;">→</span>	6.13
Amazon.com Inc	2.63
NVIDIA Corp	1.90
Alphabet Inc Class A	1.87
Berkshire Hathaway Inc Class B	1.66
Alphabet Inc Class C	1.64
Tesla Inc	1.43
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	1.42
UnitedHealth Group Inc	1.38

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### Mstar’s Fund and ETF Evaluations Are Based on 5 Criteria

1. **Performance:** Is the fund’s performance pattern logical given its process? Has the fund earned its keep with strong risk-adjusted returns over relevant time periods?
2. **Price:** Is the fund a good value proposition compared with similar funds sold through similar channels?
3. **Process:** What is the fund’s strategy and does management have a competitive advantage enabling it to execute the process well and consistently over time?
4. **People:** What is Morningstar’s assessment of the manager’s talent, tenure, and resources?
5. **Parent:** What priorities prevail at the firm? Stewardship or salesmanship?

SPY

Process	People	Parent
<span style="color: green;">●</span> High	<span style="color: green;">●</span> Above Ave...	<span style="color: green;">●</span> Above Ave...

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### Performance Ratings

Morningstar Report ETF Report Fund Sustainability Report Carbon Report

**SPDR® S&P 500 ETF Trust SPY** ★★★★★ **Silver**

**Star Rating:** SPY is rated 4 on a scale of 5, with 5 being best. Star ratings for funds and ETFs reflect past performance, not estimated future returns.

**Medalist Rating** also reflects past performance. New medalist ratings are coming in May 2023.

Historical Analyst Rating			
	2021	2022	2023
Gold			
Silver			
Bronze			
Neutral			
Negative			
Under Review			
Not Rateable			

Role in Portfolio: Core

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### SPY Performance: Growth and Investment Flows

**Performance** Returns Distributions

**Growth of 10,000**

— Investment (Price)  
 — Investment (NAV)  
 — Category  
 — Index  
 ● Investment Flows

**Manager Change**  
 ● Full  
 ○ Partial

**Total Return %** 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 YTD

**Growth**  
 — SPY 35,158  
 — Index 34,681  
 — Category 29,234

**Investment Flows**  
 30.59 Bill USD  
 0.00  
 -30.59 Bill

**Growth or \$10,000**  
 SPY returns have dropped since 2021 but have still grown 3.5X in the past 10 years.

**Investment Flows**  
 Have dropped along with the market. Investors have pulled their money out lately.

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### Price in the ETF World Refers to the Cost of Fees for Management

Very low Expense Ratio. Less than one tenth of one percent. 0.095

Very low costs compared to average

No-load ETF. No purchase or sales fees. Ongoing fees are about \$10/year.



Fees	1-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr
Purchase	0	0	0
Ongoing	10	53	121
Sales	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>121</b>


Fund and ETF fees are “management” costs imposed by the fund or ETF manager. They are in addition to any trading fees (commissions) from the brokerage.

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### Risk Compared to Category

**SPY – Average Risk**



Trailing	Investment	Category	Index
Alpha	-0.06	-0.15	-0.57
Beta	1.00	0.96	1.02
R <sup>2</sup>	100.00	94.54	99.73
Sharpe Ratio	0.92	0.89	0.89
Standard Deviation	19.20	18.98	19.59

Category: Large Blend as of Mar 31, 2023 | Rankings are out of 1,233 investments.  
 USD | Investment as of Mar 31, 2023 | Category: Large Blend as of Mar 31, 2023 | Index: Morningstar US LM TR USD as of Mar 31, 2023 | Calculation Benchmark: S&P 500 TR USD

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The industry reports are very comprehensive

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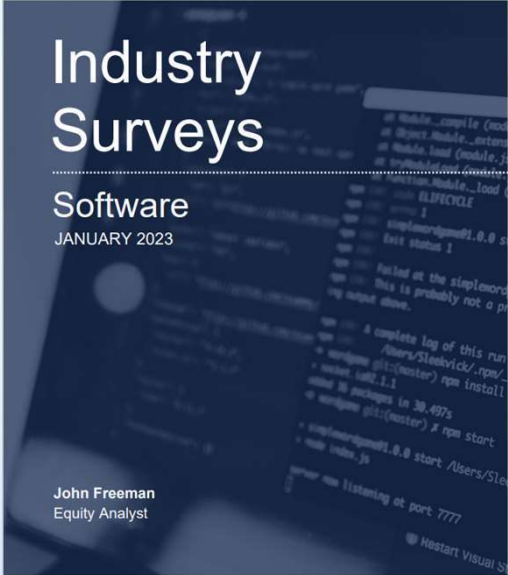
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## Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage



**Important Item**  
S&P , Morningstar, and Value Line may use different definitions of an Industry.

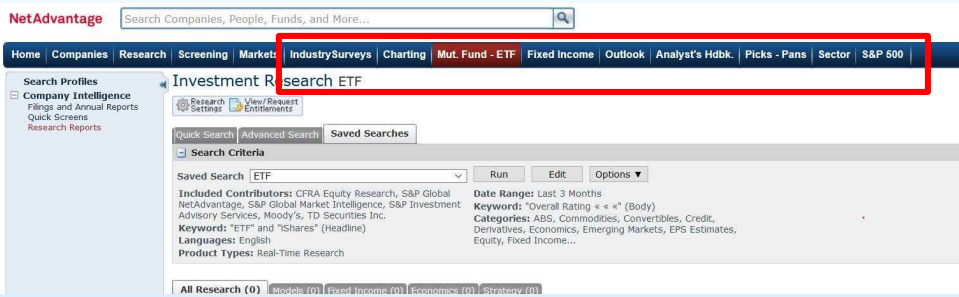
A company may be in different industries depending on your source.

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## Standard and Poor's Net Advantage

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There is one easy to use other tab - Outlook

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## Standard and Poor's Net Advantage

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**THE OUTLOOK**  
INTELLIGENCE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL INVESTOR

**Vaccines and Volatility**  
*Renewed interest in short interest*

Sam Stoval, CFRA Chief Investment Strategist

Entering the final week of January, equity markets appeared vulnerable to a setback due to, among other things, the delayed distribution of Covid-19 vaccinations. Q4 EPS reports, the impact of ongoing political discord on the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package, as well as benchmark price and valuation extremes. Then came the social-media influenced surge in stock prices, with high levels of short interest (\$1) and the resulting worry that this could result in a liquidity crisis reminiscent of Long-Term Capital Management's-induced market sell-off of 1998.

While it's too early to know for sure, we don't see that extreme unfolding. Yet, we do think the equity market needs to go through readjustment of expectations and valuations. We don't think the bull has come to an end, nor are we recommending any changes to our year-end S&P 500 target of 4000 or asset allocation. We do remind investors that the S&P 500 traded below its prior-year close in nearly 80% of all years since WWII. More

Important, however, is that the S&P 500 took an average of only 1.5 months to recover from declines of 5%-10%, and only four months to recoup all that was lost following 10%-20% tumbles.

Week to date (WTD) through January 28, all sizes and styles in the S&P Composite 1500 fell in price, along with nine of its 11 sectors and 80% of its 147 sub-industries. What's more, many of the sub-industries that posted the highest WTD gains are shown in the accompanying table to have the highest percentage short interest relative to their total float.

Representative companies from the S&P 1500 sub-industries with the highest average percentage of short interest are: GameStop [GME 34C \*\*], Macy's (M 16 \*\*), Bed Bath & Beyond (BBBY 34 \*\*), Whirlpool (WHR 13S \*\*\*\*), Regis Corp. (REG 10 W), National Beverage Corp. (FZ 38B \*\*\*), Live Nation Entertainment (LYV 63 \*\*\*\*), Signet Jewelers Ltd. (SIG 37 \*\*), Veeva Systems (VAC 51 \*\*\*\*) and Marlin BioPharma (MBC 41 \*\*)

S&P 1500 SECTOR/ S&P 500 SUB-INDUSTRY PRICE RETURNS*	N.S.I.*	S&P 1500 SUB-INDUSTRY	N.S.I.*
Computer & Electronics Retail	37.0%		
Department Stores	25.5%		
Furniture/Bed/Bath Retail	20.3%		
Household Appliances	18.4%		
Specialized Consumer Services	16.5%		
Soft Drinks	16.5%		
Movies & Entertainment	14.2%		
Specialty Stores	13.6%		
Broadcasting	13.6%		
Biotechnology Manufacturers	12.1%		
Electronic Devices	1.6%		
Industrial Conglomerates	1.5%		
Gold	1.3%		
Insurance	1.2%		
Copper	1.2%		
Paper Packaging	1.2%		
Railroads	1.1%		
Diversified Banks	1.0%		
Industrial Gases	0.4%		
Multi-Sector Holdings	0.0%		

\*Source: CFRA, S&P Global. Data as of 1/28/21. \*\*1 - Short Interest.

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The reports we looked at are under Equity and ETF.  
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We looked at some things under Research, Markets and Outlook.  
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[Getting Started with Stocks and Funds](#)  
May 4, 2023, 5:30 pm

**Get Ready!** Review the reports we will look at in more detail on May 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a separate attachment for instructions about how to find these reports in Value Line in the San Jose Public Library.

Microsoft (MSFT) Stock Report  
Evercore (EVR) Stock Report  
VFIAX Fund Report

[How to Start an Investment Club](#)  
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