UBS Group AG (UBS)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	$12	**5 Year CAGR Estimate:**	13.9%	**Volatility Percentile:**	57.1%
Fair Value Price:	$15	**5 Year Growth Estimate:**	2.4%	**Momentum Percentile:**	17.4%
% Fair Value:	76%	**5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:**	5.6%	**Growth Percentile:**	10.5%
Dividend Yield:	5.9%	**5 Year Price Target**	$20	**Valuation Percentile:**	84.3%
Dividend Risk Score:	F	**Retirement Suitability Score:**	D	**Total Return Percentile:**	75.2%

Overview & Current Events

UBS Group's roots go back to the mid-19th century through many different financial institutions. In 1998, two of the three largest banks in Switzerland, Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corporation (SBC), joined together to form UBS Group. A few years later in 2000, the bank acquired PaineWebber, a U.S. brokerage and asset management firm to establish a presence in the U.S. market. UBS Group's primary operations are providing financial services to private, corporate, and institutional clients. The bank also offers investment, retail, corporate and institutional banking, in addition to wealth management planning and asset management services. Other services provided by the bank are security services such as third party fund management and fund administration. This $45.0 billion market capitalization company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker UBS.

On May 2nd, 2019 UBS Group released Q1 results for the period ending March 31st, 2019. Operating earnings for the quarter totaled $1,531 million ($0.41 per share) against $2,084 million ($0.56 per share) in Q1 of 2018. For the year operating earnings totaled $6,229 million ($1.69) against $5,276 million ($1.42) in 2018.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2024
Book/S	$11.3	$13.2	$15.2	$13.4	$14.3	$14.0	$14.8	$14.2	$14.1	$14.4	***$14.9***	***$16.8***
DPS	$0.01	$0.01	$0.10	$0.14	$0.22	$0.58	$0.77	$0.59	$0.67	$0.71	***$0.76***	***$1.01***
Shares	3,521	3,792	3,747	3,747	3,768	3,629	3,751	3,712	3,721	3,689	***3,710***	***3,794***

UBS Group had a terrific 2018 in terms of EPS. The company was easily able to outperform their prior year by a wide margin ($1.21 in 2018; $0.28 in 2017). Since the company's historic EPS has been very inconsistent we were unable to use it as the company's primary growth metric, instead we used book value per share (Book/S). We used book value per share as UBS Group's primary growth metric because it shows how well the company has been able to acquire new assets and revenue while also being diluted by the growth in the shares outstanding during this time. In the last decade, UBS Group has grown their book value per share at a rate of roughly 3.1% annually. We expect growth to slow a bit to 2.4% annually, but be in the general range of historical growth.

For our 2019 and 2024 book value per share estimates we used the 2.4% historic growth rate. From our calculations it appears that UBS Group will have a five year price target of roughly $20 per share which would be exceptional growth from their current price of just under $12.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Now	2024
Avg. P/B	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.25	1.35	1.01	1.15	1.15	***0.90***	***1.18***
Avg. Yld.	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	2.5%	0.0%	3.3%	5.3%	***5.9%***	***5.0%***

Instead of using the average price-to-earnings ratio for UBS Group's valuation analysis we used price-to-book. We decided to use price-to-book ratio instead, because we did not have enough information from the price-to-earnings ratio since the company has had inconsistent earnings over the last decade. The current price-to-book ratio is well under the company's historic average of 1.18 resulting in us valuing UBS Group as significantly undervalued at current prices. We expect valuation multiple growth to improve total returns by 5.6 percentage points annually over the next 5 years.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2024
Payout	N/A	N/A	9%	52%	92%	52%	51%	70%	230%	57%	***60%***	***54%***

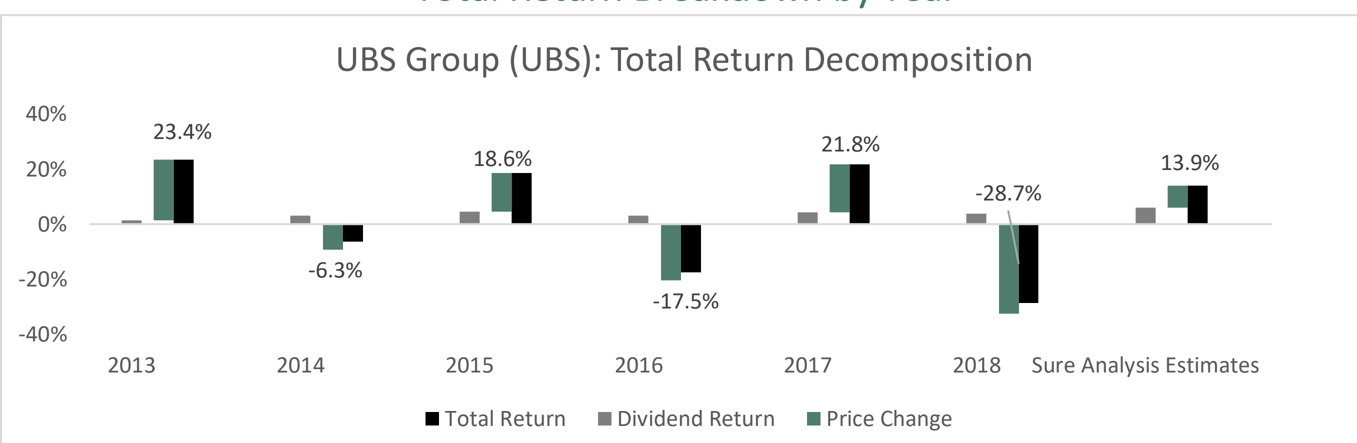
UBS Group has been putting more of an emphasis on their dividend in the last few years. UBS Group stated in their 2018 annual report that the company is going to aim to increase their ordinary dividend per share at a mid-to-high single-digit percentage each year going forward. In the last decade their dividend per share has gone from next to nothing to $0.71 in 2018. Their dividend yield is currently at 5.9% in the last year. The company's payout ratio has been very volatile since 2011 when the company started to increase their dividend. In 2017, their payout ratio was very high at 230%; that was because UBS Group had low earnings that year which was improved upon significantly in 2018.

UBS Group has great management behind them, which is why the company has been able to be such a big player in the global market for as long as they have been. In the aftermath of the financial crisis, UBS Group was able to refocus their business to maximize profits for their shareholders. The company was ahead of the curve in adapting to the new banking environment. Most notably UBS Group has diminished their investment banking department and focused more on wealth management. With that said, the company still has 30% of their capital consumed by the investment banking department. The company will not be able to completely remove the capital intensive investment banking department, because it is essential in securing their target audience of ultra-high-net-worth individuals. A risk to UBS Group going forward would be a downturn in the global economy, but the company stated they do not think there will be a recession in the global economy in their 2019 economic and market outlook.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

UBS Group has been performing well lately growing their book value per share very well in their recent past. Despite strong recent performance, share prices are very low at this point in time, the company is close to their 52-week low. From the company's average price to book ratio it appears that the company is significantly undervalued at current prices. Overall, we expect total returns of 13.9% annually. As a result, we rate UBS Group as a buy at current prices. With that said, we caution investors that this security is likely to perform poorly during a severe recession as evidenced by its weak performance over the Great Recession when earnings collapsed and the dividend was slashed.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Revenue	23607	33885	29531	27711	30757	28126	30231	28600	29622	29981
SG&A Exp.	22020	22441	20653	20659	22293	19985	20959	20431	20579	20342
D&A Exp.	2291	1107	944	871	1013	910	1039	1090	1124	1293
Net Profit	-2643	7972	4397	-2476	3804	3649	6276	3348	969	4515
Net Margin	-11.2%	23.5%	14.9%	-8.9%	12.4%	13.0%	20.8%	11.7%	3.3%	15.1%
Free Cash Flow	51.9B	13741	-16.3B	72342	59876	5350	1283	-20.0B	-53.7B	27225
Income Tax	-428	-438	957	505	-124	-1193	-909	777	4305	1468

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Assets ($B)	1295.2	1406.6	1505.7	1380.0	1141.8	1074.5	953.8	918.9	939.3	958.5
Cash & Eq. ($B)	36.4	47.1	67.9	96.0	106.8	120.1	105.7	105.9	91.4	109.7
Goodwill & Int.	10636	10508	10302	7077	7091	6862	6645	6442	6563	6647
Total Liab. ($B)	1248.2	1354.4	1449.4	1326.2	1085.6	1019.5	895.9	865.3	886.7	905.4
Accounts Payable	327790		40510	42217	39094	41067	47826			38420
LT Debt ($B)	126.9	139.4	149.4	114.8	91.9	92.2	94.2	150.9	193.9	189.3
Total Equity	39626	46780	51568	50332	54089	51180	55960	52916	52495	52928
D/E Ratio	3.20	2.98	2.90	2.28	1.70	1.80	1.68	2.85	3.69	3.58

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Return on Assets	-0.2%	0.6%	0.3%	-0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.4%	0.1%	0.5%
Return on Equity	-7.5%	18.5%	8.9%	-4.9%	7.3%	6.9%	11.7%	6.2%	1.8%	8.6%
ROIC	-1.0%	4.4%	2.2%	-1.3%	2.4%	2.5%	4.2%	1.9%	0.4%	1.8%
Shares Out.	3,521	3,792	3,747	3,747	3,768	3,629	3,751	3,712	3,721	3,689
Revenue/Share	6.45	8.83	7.70	7.38	8.00	7.39	8.00	7.48	7.72	7.80
FCF/Share	14.15	3.58	-4.26	19.27	15.58	1.41	0.34	-5.25	-14.00	7.09

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.