



Stifel Financial Corp. (SF)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$123	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	12.1%	Market Cap:	\$12.5B
Fair Value Price:	\$127	5 Year Growth Estimate:	10.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	03/02/26
% Fair Value:	97%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	0.6%	Dividend Payment Date:	03/16/26
Dividend Yield:	1.7%	5 Year Price Target	\$204	Years Of Dividend Growth:	9
Dividend Risk Score:	A	Sector:	Financials	Rating:	Buy

Overview & Current Events

Tracing its roots back to a partnership founded in 1890, Stifel Financial Corp. is a global wealth management and investment banking company with a rich corporate history. As of December 31st, 2025, SF had \$551.9 billion in client assets under management. The company operates the following three segments:

- Global Wealth Management:** The Global Wealth Management segment's thousands of financial advisors provide clients with financial planning services and insurance and annuity products. The segment also offers asset management services to institutions, private clients, and investment advisers. The Stifel Bancorp business provides retail and commercial banking services to private and corporate clients, including personal loans, commercial real estate loans, and credit cards.
- Institutional Group:** The Institutional Group segment offers research services, investment banking activities like the execution of public offerings and debt placements, and public finance services for various bonds issued by states and cities.
- Other:** The Other segment is comprised of interest income from stock borrowing activities, interest income and gains, and losses from held investments.

Last April, the company announced that it had completed the hiring of 36 advisors from B. Riley, representing roughly \$4 billion in AUM. This is the latest example of a bolt-on acquisition that we think can help SF continue to meet its clients' evolving needs.

On January 28th, SF shared its financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31st, 2025. The company's net revenue climbed 14.4% over the year-ago period to \$1.56 billion during the quarter. Appreciation in capital markets led to a 10.1% uptick in total client assets in the quarter. SF's non-GAAP diluted EPS jumped 17.9% year-over-year to \$2.63 for the quarter. That was \$0.12 ahead of the analyst consensus during the quarter. This was fueled by a 30 basis point expansion in the non-GAAP net profit margin to 18.6% in the quarter. On the day before its earnings report, SF hiked its quarterly dividend per share by 10.9% to \$0.51 (or \$0.34 post-split). This extends its dividend growth streak to 9 consecutive years. The company also announced a 3:2 stock split in the form of a 50% stock dividend to be distributed on February 26th to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 12th.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	\$1.75	\$2.54	\$3.52	\$4.07	\$4.56	\$7.08	\$5.74	\$4.68	\$6.81	\$7.92	\$9.75	\$15.70
DPS	-	\$0.13	\$0.32	\$0.40	\$0.45	\$0.60	\$1.20	\$1.44	\$1.68	\$1.84	\$2.04	\$3.29
Shares¹	100.0	106.3	106.2	102.5	103.2	104.5	105.4	101.1	102.2	101.7	101.7	150.0

Over the past decade, SF's non-GAAP diluted EPS has compounded by about 18% annually. Looking ahead, we think that non-GAAP diluted EPS growth will grow 10% annually through 2031, off an anticipated 2026 base of \$9.75. This is backed up by the overall macro argument that economic growth helps markets move higher over time. The company also operates in an industry with opportunities for consolidation, so this gives it flexibility to execute acquisitions to generate more growth. Adjusting for the stock split, we expect the share count to move slightly lower by 2031.

¹ Share count is in millions.

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Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Avg. P/E	19.0	15.7	7.8	9.9	11.1	10.0	10.2	14.8	15.6	15.8	12.6	13.0
Avg. Yld.	-	0.3%	1.2%	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	2.1%	2.1%	1.6%	1.5%	1.7%	1.6%

Since 2016, SF's P/E ratio has ranged from as low as the upper single-digits to as high as the upper teens. The average P/E ratio over that time has been around 13. Moving forward, we still believe that this approximates SF's fair value. That's because the company's growth prospects appear to be holding up. Compared to our fair value P/E ratio, the current year P/E ratio of 12.6 suggests SF's stock is slightly undervalued.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	-	5%	9%	10%	10%	8%	21%	31%	25%	23%	21%	21%

Operating for 136 years, Stifel is a trusted player in its industry. Couple that with the results that it delivers, and this has translated into a loyal and expanding client base. That is how SF's non-GAAP diluted EPS has grown at a double-digit annual pace over the last decade.

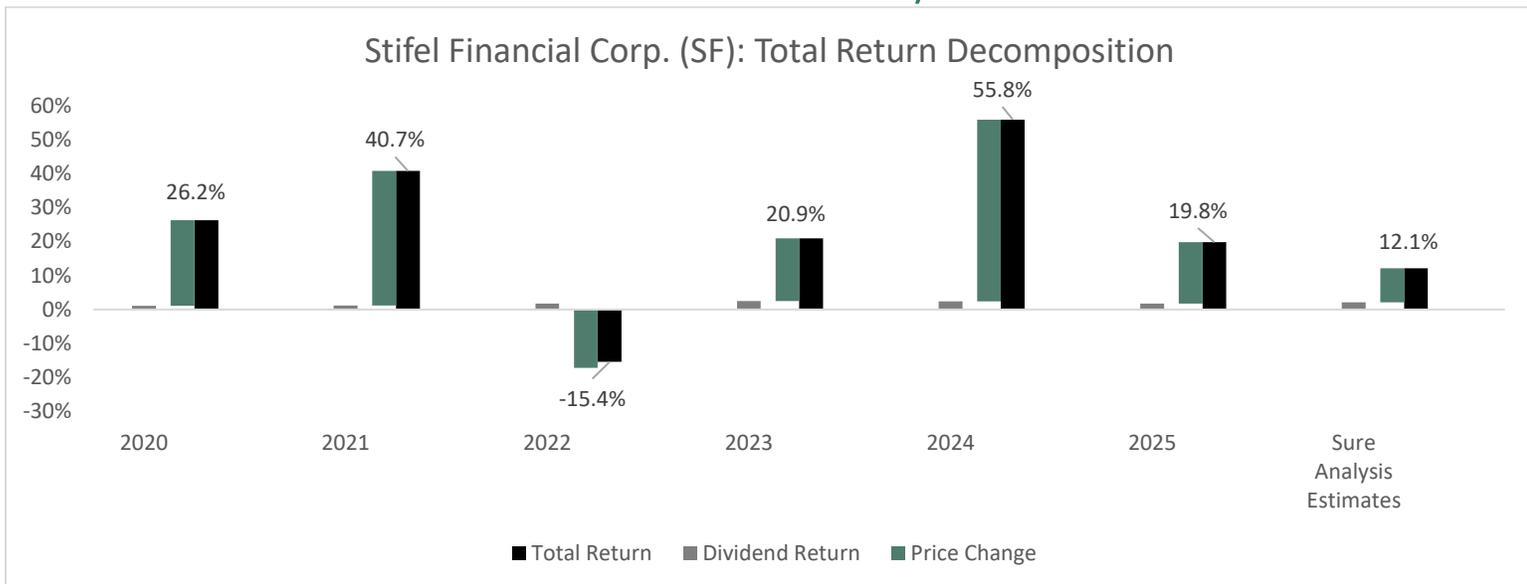
The company is also financially sound. SF's Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 18.3% in Q4 2025 represents a 70-basis point improvement sequentially. This earns it respective credit ratings of BBB and BBB+ from S&P and Fitch, and both agencies assign stable rating outlooks.

The company's dividend payout ratio remains poised to be in the low-20% range in 2026. That is also low enough to withstand the temporary downturns in non-GAAP diluted EPS that happen occasionally. This has SF positioned to build on its nine-year dividend growth streak in the coming years.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

SF's 1.7% dividend yield, 10.0% annual non-GAAP diluted EPS prospects, and a 0.6% annual valuation multiple upside potential could generate 12.1% annual total returns over the medium term. As a result, we're upgrading shares back to a Buy rating for the first time since last April.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenue	2,289	2,531	2,882	2,983	3,293	3,696	4,677	4,334	4,291	4,945
SG&A Exp.	1,569	1,726	1,959	1,771	1,978	2,279	2,820	2,586	2,555	2,883
D&A Exp.	47	58	45	40	54	60	64	70	81	86
Net Profit	92	82	183	394	448	503	825	662	523	731
Net Margin	4.0%	3.2%	6.3%	13.2%	13.6%	13.6%	17.6%	15.3%	12.2%	14.8%
Free Cash Flow	(332)	(470)	652	421	469	1,588	684	1,075	447	487
Income Tax	49	61	87	140	149	148	242	223	184	197

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Assets	13,326	19,129	21,384	24,520	24,610	26,604	34,050	37,196	37,727	39,896
Cash & Equivalent	811	913	696	1,937	1,143	2,279	1,963	2,200	3,362	2,918
Accounts Receivable	1,599	1,416	1,384	1,201	1,352	937	1,153	924	842	1,256
Goodwill & Int.	979	1,079	1,078	1,154	1,356	1,323	1,455	1,457	1,522	1,395
Total Liabilities	10,834	16,391	18,522	21,322	20,940	22,365	29,015	31,868	32,433	34,209
Accounts Payable	1,787	1,766	1,413	1,614	2,600	2,412	2,364	2,130	2,304	2,073
Long-Term Debt	1,060	1,740	2,083	1,797	1,327	1,172	1,173	1,175	1,176	1,544
Shareholder's Equity	2,492	2,588	2,712	3,018	3,305	3,704	4,350	4,643	4,609	5,687
LTD/E Ratio	0.43	0.64	0.73	0.57	0.37	0.28	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.27

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Return on Assets	0.8%	0.5%	0.9%	1.7%	1.8%	2.0%	2.7%	1.9%	1.4%	1.9%
Return on Equity	3.8%	3.1%	6.5%	13.0%	13.1%	12.7%	17.8%	12.8%	9.8%	13.3%
ROIC	2.8%	2.0%	3.9%	7.9%	9.0%	9.7%	14.2%	10.4%	8.1%	
Shares Out.	100.5	100.0	106.3	106.2	102.5	103.2	104.5	105.4	101.1	104.1
Revenue/Share	19.43	21.76	23.71	24.45	27.94	32.26	39.46	36.87	37.82	47.50
FCF/Share	(2.81)	(4.04)	5.36	3.45	3.98	13.86	5.77	9.15	3.94	4.68

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

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