S&P Global (SPGI)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	$409	**5 Year CAGR Estimate:**	16.2%	**Market Cap:**	$120 B
Fair Value Price:	$500	**5 Year Growth Estimate:**	11.0%	**Ex-Dividend Date:**	08/26/26
% Fair Value:	82%	**5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:**	4.1%	**Dividend Payment Date:**	09/10/26
Dividend Yield:	0.9%	**5 Year Price Target**	$842	**Years Of Dividend Growth:**	53
Dividend Risk Score:	A	**Sector:**	Financials	**Rating:**	Hold

Overview & Current Events

S&P Global is a worldwide provider of financial services and business information with a market capitalization of $120 billion and revenue approaching $17 billion. Through its various segments, it provides credit ratings, benchmarks and indices, analytics, and other data to commodity market participants, capital markets, and automotive markets. S&P Global has paid dividends continuously since 1937 and has increased its payout for 53 consecutive years, and it is a member of the prestigious Dividend Kings. The company completed its previously announced spinoff of its Mobility division on July 1st, 2026, with the new company trading under ticker MBGL.

S&P Global posted second quarter earnings on July 28th, 2026, and results were somewhat weak. Adjusted earnings-per-share came to $4.08, which was a staggering 94 cents lower than estimated. Revenue was up just over 10% year-over-year to $4.15 billion, and beat expectations by $30 million.

On a pro-forma basis, earnings rose to $4.83 per share from $3.90 in the year-ago period. Revenue was up 11% to $3.68 billion. Ratings revenue was up 17% year-on-year to $1.34 billion, while Market Intelligence grew 6% year-over-year to $1.29 billion. Indices revenue was up 20% to $534 million, while Energy revenue was up 2% to $568 million. Adjusted operating margin was 54.3% of revenue, up 200 basis points year-over-year.

Guidance is now for $17.50 to $17.75 per share in adjusted earnings, while revenue growth is expected to be 6% to 8%, and organic constant currency growth should be similar. We've adjusted our estimate accordingly, which is now $17.85.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	$5.35	$6.89	$8.50	$9.53	$11.69	$13.70	$11.19	$12.60	$15.70	$17.83	***$17.85***	***$30.08***
DPS	$1.44	$1.64	$2.00	$2.28	$2.68	$3.08	$3.32	$3.60	$3.64	$3.84	***$3.88***	***$4.95***
Shares[1]	258	254	248	246	241	241	322	314	308	297	***288***	***260***

S&P Global's business has benefited from a series of favorable secular trends. Since the Great Recession in 2009, total corporate debt has been on a steady rise, which means more ratings are needed. Lower global interest rates have continued to lead to more and more issuances of debt. However, this tailwind could unwind as rates in the US especially have risen quite a lot. In addition, the company has three other strong segments that aren't as dependent upon rates remaining low, should they rise again in the future. The company continues to see higher margins while revenue grows, but there is building fear that AI tools will render parts of S&P's business less relevant over time.

Investors are also becoming increasingly sophisticated and thus demand more real-time data and analytics. Moreover, there is an accelerating demand for index-related investments, such as ETFs.

S&P Global has grown consistently since the financial crisis, boosting revenue and operating margins on a regular basis, with recent results showing a continuation of this trend. We think S&P Global will see a tailwind from its buyback, as well as high-single digit revenue gains, and some measure of margin expansion to get to our target of 11% earnings-per-share growth annually in the coming years. That is lower than the company's historical rate of growth but given the immense growth the company has already seen it is prudent to temper one's expectations. We think S&P Global has a

[1] Share count in millions

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very bright outlook. S&P Global has shown it can continue to raise operating margins and boost the top line organically and via acquisitions. Growth remains very strong in 2026, and guidance was bullish following the spinoff.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Now	2031
Avg. P/E	20.3	20.9	22.6	24.2	27.1	29.4	29.9	35.0	31.7	29.3	***22.9***	***28.0***
Avg. Yld.	1.3%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	1.0%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	***0.9%***	***0.6%***

S&P Global's 5-year average price-to-earnings ratio is 31.1, and we're assessing fair value at 28 times earnings given the sustained, outstanding performances the company has produced, but challenging sentiment. The stock is currently trading at a price-to-earnings ratio of 22.9, and thus is very far below our estimate of fair value. The stock remains quite undervalued at just 82% of fair value.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	27%	24%	24%	24%	23%	22%	30%	29%	23%	22%	***22%***	***16%***

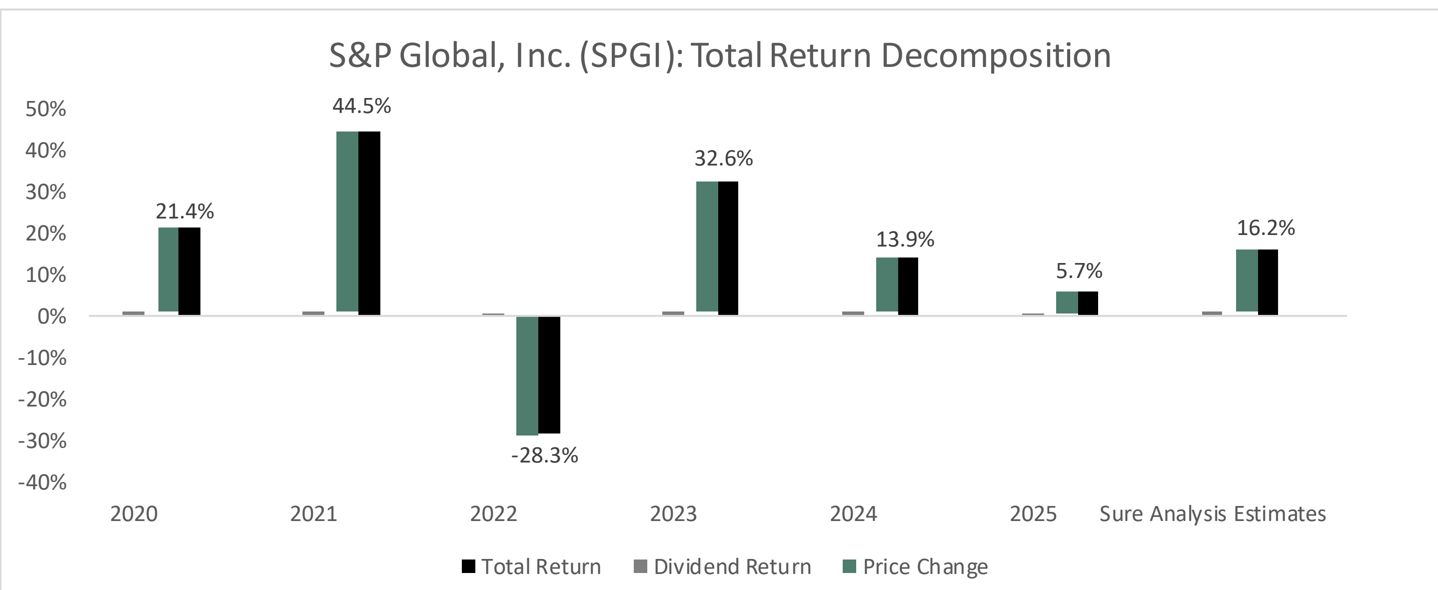
The most important feature of S&P Global is its strong competitive position. It operates in the highly concentrated financial ratings industry where the three well-known rating agencies control over 90% of global financial debt ratings.

On the other hand, S&P Global is vulnerable to recessions, as companies, countries and individuals become much more conservative during such periods, and thus their interest in financial services and debt issuance greatly decreases. This was evident in the Great Recession, when S&P Global's earnings-per-share fell 21%, from $2.94 in 2007 to $2.33 in 2009. However, given that it was a financial crisis, and most companies saw their earnings collapse, the performance of S&P Global was solid overall. To its credit, S&P Global's earnings thrived in 2020 despite a sharp recessionary period.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

S&P Global enjoys the advantage of an oligopoly in the ratings industry and has ample room to keep growing at a rapid pace in all its segments for years. With earnings growth of 11%, we expect 16.2% average annual returns over the next five years after accounting for the 0.9% yield and a 4.1% valuation tailwind. S&P Global is a Dividend King, and given strong prospective total returns, we're at a hold rating.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	5,661	6,063	6,258	6,699	7,442	8,297	11,181	12,497	14,208	15,336
Gross Profit	3,888	4,369	4,420	4,723	5,348	6,102	7,415	8,356	9,817	9,594
Gross Margin	68.7%	72.1%	70.6%	70.5%	71.9%	73.5%	66.3%	66.9%	69.1%	62.6%
SG&A Exp.	1,467	1,606	1,424	1,342	1,541	1,714	3,383	3,159	3,166	---
D&A Exp.	181	180	206	204	206	178	1,013	1,143	1,173	1,179
Operating Profit	2,240	2,583	2,790	3,177	3,601	4,210	3,019	4,054	5,478	6,430
Operating Margin	39.6%	42.6%	44.6%	47.4%	48.4%	50.7%	27.0%	32.4%	38.6%	41.9%
Net Profit	2,106	1,496	1,958	2,123	2,339	3,024	3,248	2,626	3,852	4,820
Net Margin	37.2%	24.7%	31.3%	31.7%	31.4%	36.4%	29.0%	21.0%	27.1%	31.4%
Free Cash Flow	1,445	1,893	1,951	2,661	3,491	3,563	2,514	3,567	5,565	5,456
Income Tax	960	823	560	627	694	901	1,180	778	1,141	1,407

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Assets	8,669	9,425	9,441	11,348	12,537	15,026	61,784	60,589	60,221	61,200
Cash & Equivalents	2,392	2,777	1,917	2,866	4,108	6,497	1,286	1,290	1,666	1,801
Accounts Receivable	1,122	1,319	1,449	1,577	1,593	1,650	2,494	2,826	2,867	3,441
Goodwill & Int. Ass.	4,455	4,377	5,059	4,999	5,087	4,791	52,851	52,248	51,473	0
Total Liabilities	6,888	7,307	7,137	8,544	9,185	9,490	22,040	22,489	22,713	52,746
Accounts Payable	183	195	211	190	233	205	450	557	553	25,048
Long-Term Debt	3,564	3,569	3,662	3,948	4,110	4,114	10,956	11,459	11,398	610
Shareholder's Equity	650	709	628	479	509	2,032	36,388	34,200	33,159	12,864
LTD/E Ratio	5.48	5.03	5.83	8.24	8.07	2.02	0.30	0.34	0.34	31,127

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Return on Assets	25.0%	16.5%	20.8%	20.4%	19.6%	21.9%	8.5%	4.3%	6.4%	7.9%
Return on Equity	499%	220%	293%	384%	474%	238%	16.9%	6.7%	10.2%	13.1%
ROIC	41.6%	27.1%	33.6%	33.4%	32.9%	35.3%	10.8%	5.2%	7.8%	9.7%
Shares Out.	258	254	248	246	241	241	319	319	312	305
Revenue/Share	21.35	23.42	24.72	27.13	30.74	34.31	35.11	39.19	45.55	50.27
FCF/Share	5.45	7.31	7.71	10.78	14.42	14.74	7.89	11.19	17.84	17.88

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

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