

Franklin Wealth Solutions

The Business Valuation Model (BVM)



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- Master of Business Administration – Middle Tennessee State University
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Licenses and Certifications

- Series 7, 63, and 65
- Life, Health, and Variable Insurance (including annuities)
- Certified Investment Management Analyst®

Philosophy

A key element to successful investing is identifying strong businesses trading at a significant discount to their intrinsic value in the marketplace.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The Business Valuation Model (BVM) is a value-oriented equity strategy designed to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in under-valued companies. The strategy seeks to identify candidates with a strong financial history, run by competent management, and trading at a significant discount to their intrinsic value. The investment process is disciplined, strategic, and based on strict valuation principles.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

From a broad universe of companies, we apply a quantitative screen to identify portfolio candidates. They should have a long history of consistent earnings growth, high return on capital with minimal debt, and free cash flow. Identified candidates undergo a detailed financial analysis to examine the durability of the industry, sustainability of existing competitive advantages, and effectiveness of management. Finally, we establish an estimate of intrinsic value while employing a conservative cost of capital. The selection of ideal candidates is driven solely by valuation. The portfolio is constructed of 18 to 20 securities and can vary in size, sector, and style. In market conditions where we are unable to find investment ideas, we may purchase stock in companies that are in the middle of a friendly, all-cash merger. Alternatively, we may also hold cash as appropriate. We will sell a security if the position becomes fully valued, business or industry becomes disrupted, balance sheet becomes too risky, or management is no longer focused on growing shareholder value. Further, we will apply a protective stop to a position if it drops below a 25% threshold of the initial cost and our thesis proves incorrect. We will hold a position indefinitely if the company's intrinsic value continues to grow and its fundamentals remain intact.

IDEA DISCOVERY	FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH	PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION	SELL DISCIPLINE
Quantitative Screen	Qualitative Analysis	Position Weights	Sell Criteria
Consistent earnings growth	Industry durability	Max initial weighting is 3% (at cost)	Extended valuation
High return on capital	Competitive advantage	Max position size is 7% (at market)	Business or industry disruption
Minimal debt	Effective management		Balance sheet too risky
Free cash flow		Holding Period	Portfolio upgrade
		Typically 3 to 5 years	Protective Stop (25% of principal)
Other Resources	Valuation Analysis		
Industry reports	Present value of free cash flow	Sector Tolerance	
Third party research	Conservative discount rate	Max weighting is 40% (at market)	

COMPOSITE RETURNS

	4Q2024	YTD	1 Year	Since Inception*
Business Valuation Model Strategy (Gross of Fees)	-1.96%	13.62%	24.23%	11.75%
Business Valuation Strategy (Net of Maximum Fees)	-2.20%	12.49%	22.68%	10.64%
Russell 1000 Value Total Return Index	-1.98%	14.37%	25.23%	12.17%

	2022*	2023	2024
Business Valuation Model Strategy (Gross of Fees)	1.82%	12.03%	13.62%
Business Valuation Strategy (Net of Maximum Fees)	1.47%	10.91%	12.49%
Russell 1000 Value Total Return Index	2.56%	11.46%	14.37%

*Performance represents a non-annualized period starting 9/1/2022

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

HOLDING	SYMBOL
Visa	V
Berkshire Hathaway Class B	BRK.B
S&P Global	SPGI
Amazon	AMZN
Microsoft	MSFT
Apple	AAPL
Amdocs Limited	DOX
Wal-Mart	WMT
Accenture Plc Class A	ACN
HCA Healthcare	HCA

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