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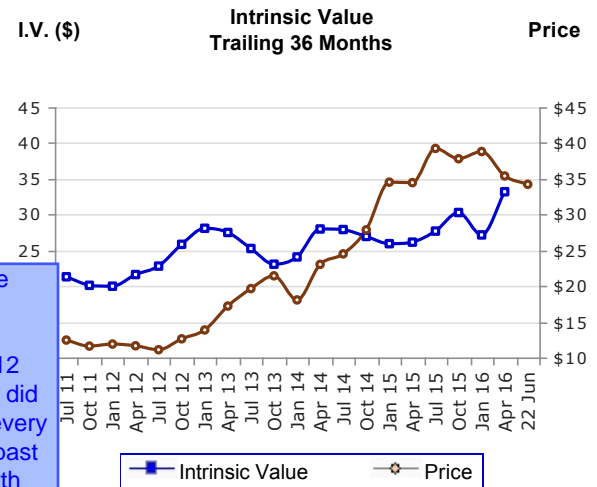
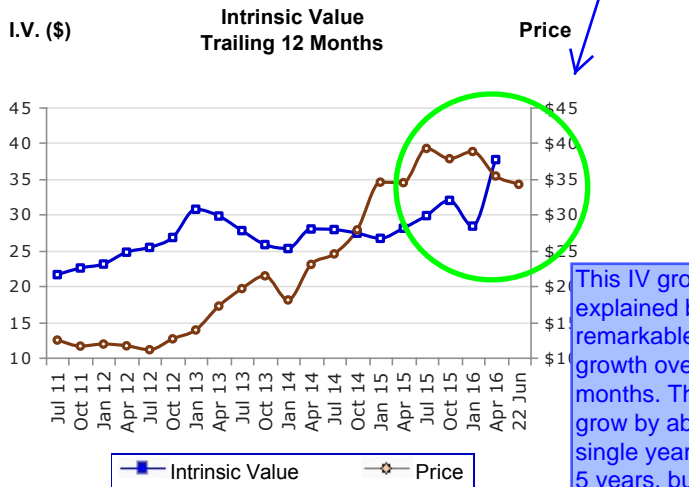
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Economic Sector: 5411
SIC: 15.8
Price / Earning Ratio: 2.70
Price / Book Value Ratio: US \$ in Millions
Currency: US \$ in Millions

For the first time since July '14, the intrinsic value is higher than the stock's price, a very bullish signal when considering that this was caused by the intrinsic value jump.

Intrinsic Value	IV	Price / IV
Trailing 12 Months :	\$ 37.68	0.91
Trailing 36 Months :	\$ 33.18	1.03
Market Value Added (MVA)	\$	%
Market Value of Total Capital :	50,333.728	100.0%
- Invested Capital :	30,218.977	60.0%
= Market Value Added :	20,114.751	40.0%
Future Growth Value (FGV)	\$	%
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- Current Operating Value :	43,446.756	86.3%
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INTRINSIC VALUE



This IV growth can be explained by the remarkable NOPAT growth over the last 12 months. The NOPAT did grow by about 12% every single year over the past 5 years, but the growth rate of 17% was much higher in the last 12 months.

The return on capital of 10.4% is the highest observed over the last 5 years.

Trailing 12 Months

Trailing 36 Months

Apr12	Apr13	Apr14	Apr15	Apr16
1,950.358	2,136.335	2,330.083	2,686.149	3,140.178
22,421.856	22,789.680	26,622.875	27,792.498	30,218.977
8.7%	9.4%	8.8%	9.7%	10.4%
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PERFORMANCE

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+ Capital	22,421.856	22,789.680	26,622.875	27,792.498	30,218.977
= Return / Capital	7.6%	8.8%	8.9%	9.3%	9.6%
- Cost of Capital	5.6%	5.8%	6.5%	7.4%	7.2%
= Performance Spread	2.1%	3.1%	2.4%	1.9%	2.4%

14,120.740	15,688.081	12,448.317	10,821.200	17,123.539
23,040.591	23,438.930	27,475.318	28,798.670	31,291.987
37,161.331	39,127.010	39,923.635	39,619.870	48,415.526
6,771.000	6,162.000	9,664.000	9,716.000	9,710.000
2,903.000	2,344.000	2,230.000	2,718.000	2,759.000
27,487.331	30,621.010	28,029.635	27,185.870	35,946.526
1,111.600	1,028.000	1,002.000	968.000	954.000
\$ 24.73	\$ 29.79	\$ 27.97	\$ 28.08	\$ 37.68
\$ 11.64	\$ 17.19	\$ 23.02	\$ 34.46	\$ 35.39
0.47	0.58	0.82	1.23	0.94

Future EVA	10,641.784	13,322.185	12,448.317	8,930.782	12,835.300
+ Capital (Adj. Mid-Year)	23,040.591	23,438.930	27,475.318	28,798.670	31,291.987
= Total IV	33,682.375	36,761.114	39,923.635	37,729.451	44,127.287
- Long Term Debt	6,771.000	6,162.000	9,664.000	9,716.000	9,710.000
- Other Liabilities	2,903.000	2,344.000	2,230.000	2,718.000	2,759.000
= IV of Equity	24,008.375	28,255.114	28,029.635	25,295.451	31,658.287
+ Shares Outstanding	1,111.600	1,028.000	1,002.000	968.000	954.000
= IV of a Share	\$ 21.60	\$ 27.49	\$ 27.97	\$ 26.13	\$ 33.18
Share Price	\$ 11.64	\$ 17.19	\$ 23.02	\$ 34.46	\$ 35.39
Price / Intrin. Value	0.54	0.63	0.82	1.32	1.07

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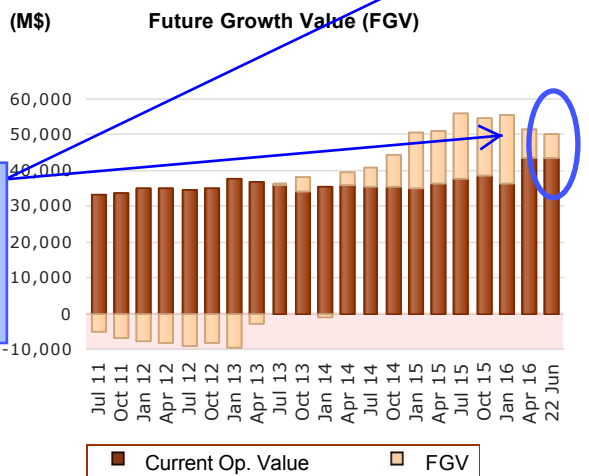
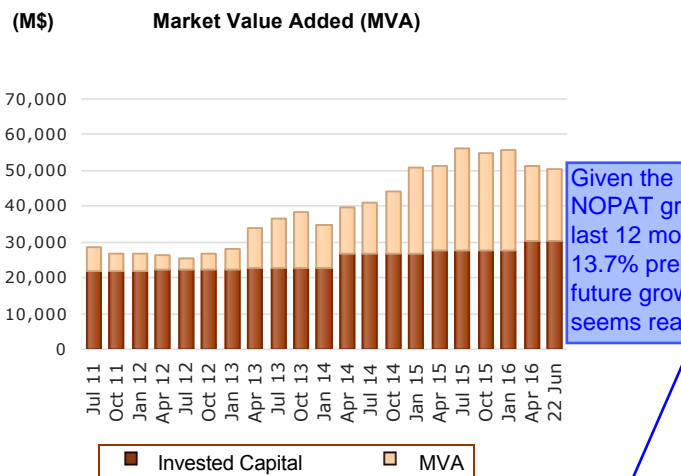
As for valuation, the current P/IV ratio indicates a 10% potential upside, but since the stock always traded above its intrinsic value over the past 2 years, it could very well happen again if the stock can get back the momentum it had in late 2015.

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MARKET PERFORMANCE



Given the 17% NOPAT growth in the last 12 months, the 13.7% premium for future growth (FGV) is seems reasonable.

Trailing 12 Months					Quarterly					
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\$ 11.64	\$ 17.19	\$ 23.02	\$ 34.46	\$ 35.39		\$ 34.46	\$ 39.24	\$ 37.80	\$ 38.81	\$ 35.39
Market Value Added (MVA)										
26,503.538	33,967.726	39,546.639	51,278.418	51,434.698	Total Market Value	51,278.418	55,999.308	54,647.508	55,661.978	51,434.698
22,421.856	22,789.680	26,622.875	27,792.498	30,218.977	- Invested Capital	27,792.498	27,792.498	27,792.498	27,792.498	30,218.977
4,081.682	11,178.046	12,923.764	23,485.920	21,215.721	= MVA	23,485.920	28,206.810	26,855.010	27,869.480	21,215.721
15%	33%	33%	46%	41%	% Market Value	46%	50%	49%	50%	41%
Current Operating Value (COV)										
1,950.358	2,136.335	2,330.083	2,686.149	3,140.178	NOPAT	2,686.149	2,766.195	2,816.240	2,800.286	3,140.178
5.6%	5.8%	6.5%	7.4%	7.2%	÷ Cost of Capital	7.4%	7.3%	7.3%	7.7%	7.2%
34,857.761	36,967.774	35,812.361	36,438.817	43,446.756	= COV	36,438.817	37,640.774	38,728.752	36,537.698	43,446.756
132%	109%	91%	71%	84%	% Market Value	71%	67%	71%	66%	84%
Future Growth Value (FGV)										
26,503.538	33,967.726	39,546.639	51,278.418	51,434.698	Total Market Value	51,278.418	55,999.308	54,647.508	55,661.978	51,434.698
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(8,354.223)	(3,000.048)	3,734.278	14,839.601	7,987.942	= FGV	14,839.601	18,358.534	15,918.756	19,124.280	7,987.942
-32%	-9%	9%	29%	16%	% Market Value	29%	33%	29%	34%	16%

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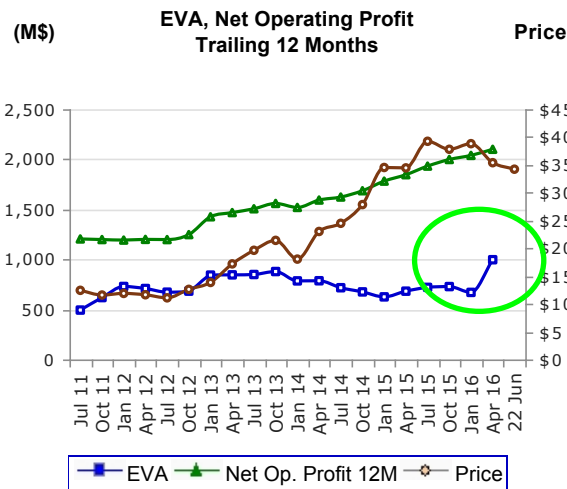
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Also note that the P/E ratio of 15.8 is very reasonable compared to the S&P500 average P/E of 24 and to the Groceries average P/E of 22.6.

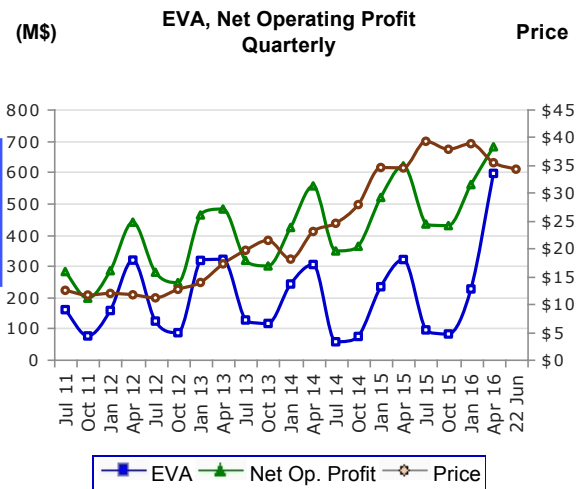
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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE



Kroger's EVA also jumped in the last quarter, and is now at a 5 year high.



Trailing 12 Months

Quarterly

Apr12	Apr13	Apr14	Apr15	Apr16		Apr15	Jul15	Oct15	Jan16	Apr16
Net Operating Profit After Tax (NOPAT)										
2,235.000	2,714.000	2,863.000	3,309.000	3,674.000	Operating Profit	1,102.000	774.000	772.000	928.000	1,200.000
686.504	588.762	646.185	754.974	917.053	+ Adjustments	187.687	187.687	187.687	187.687	353.993
971.147	1,166.427	1,179.102	1,377.825	1,450.876	- Income Tax	437.615	334.615	345.615	357.615	413.030
1,950.358	2,136.335	2,330.083	2,686.149	3,140.178	= NOPAT	852.071	627.071	614.071	758.071	1,140.963
Economic Value Added (EVA)										
1,950.358	2,136.335	2,330.083	2,686.149	3,140.178	NOPAT	852.071	627.071	614.071	758.071	1,140.963
1,241.493	1,290.936	1,543.583	2,003.800	2,143.564	- Capital Charge	532.511	532.511	532.511	532.511	546.030
708.865	845.398	786.500	682.349	996.614	= EVA	319.560	94.560	81.560	225.560	594.933
364.003	136.533	(58.899)	(104.150)	314.265	Change in EVA	86.964	(225.000)	(13.000)	144.000	369.373
Analysis										
22,421.856	22,789.680	26,622.875	27,792.498	30,218.977	Capital	27,792.498	27,792.498	27,792.498	27,792.498	30,218.977
8.7%	9.4%	8.8%	9.7%	10.4%	Return / Capital	3.1%	2.3%	2.2%	2.7%	3.8%
1.55	1.62	1.35	1.31	1.44	Performance Index	0.42	0.31	0.30	0.36	0.52
0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	EVA / Capital	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02
\$ 0.64	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.70	\$ 1.04	EVA / Share	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.62
\$ 0.35	\$ 0.18	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.34	Change in EVA / Share	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.23)	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.39

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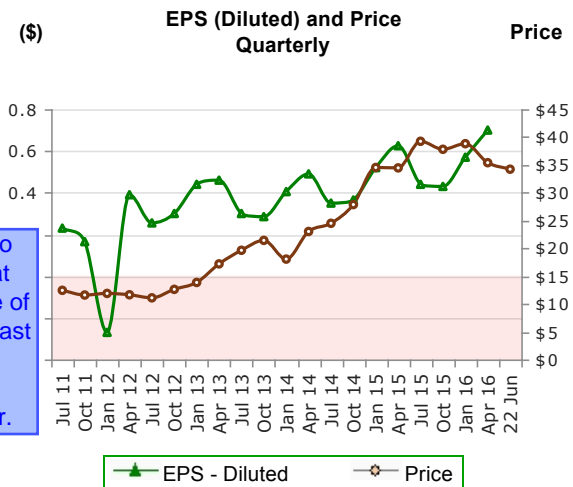
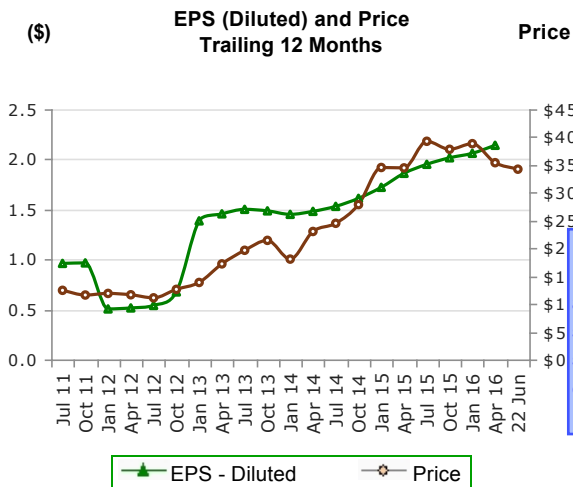
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ACCOUNTING PERFORMANCE



Kroger has been able to increase its revenues at an average growth rate of 5% per year over the past 5 years. The dividend growth has been much higher, at 17% per year.

Trailing 12 Months

Quarterly

Apr12 Apr13 Apr14 Apr15 Apr16 Apr15 Jul15 Oct15 Jan16 Apr16

Selected Income Statement Items

91,978.000	97,683.000	101,339.000	108,555.000	111,383.000	Sales	33,051.000	25,539.000	25,075.000	26,165.000	34,604.000
72,965.000	77,580.000	80,386.000	85,207.000	86,405.000	Cost of Goods Sold	25,760.000	20,065.000	19,478.000	20,193.000	26,669.000
0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	R + D	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2,235.000	2,714.000	2,863.000	3,309.000	3,674.000	Operating Profit	1,102.000	774.000	772.000	928.000	1,200.000
609.000	1,539.000	1,539.000	1,846.000	2,100.000	Net Income	619.000	433.000	428.000	559.000	680.000
\$ 0.22	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.41	Dividends	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.11
\$ 0.52	\$ 1.48	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.89	\$ 2.16	EPS	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.71
\$ 0.52	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.48	\$ 1.86	\$ 2.14	EPS - Diluted	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.70
1,111.600	1,028.000	1,002.000	968.000	954.000	Common Shares	968.000	963.000	965.000	966.000	954.000

Selected Balance Sheet and CashFlow Items

7,596.000	7,434.000	8,368.000	8,583.000	9,216.000	Current Assets	8,583.000	8,526.000	9,277.000	9,892.000	9,216.000
1,673.000	1,826.000	3,515.000	3,673.000	@NA	Other Assets	3,673.000	3,682.000	3,704.000	4,386.000	@NA
9,354.000	10,367.000	10,924.000	11,318.000	13,145.000	Current Liabilities	11,318.000	11,363.000	12,952.000	12,971.000	13,145.000
19,724.000	19,649.000	24,143.000	24,932.000	27,353.000	Total Liabilities	24,932.000	24,899.000	25,662.000	27,099.000	27,353.000
4,080.000	4,590.000	4,749.000	5,557.000	6,448.000	Common Equity	5,557.000	5,904.000	6,271.000	6,820.000	6,448.000
551.000	728.000	776.000	813.000	1,174.000	Free CashFlow	785.000	93.000	73.000	148.000	860.000

Even with this aggressive growth rate, the payout ratio is very conservative at 19%. Kroger also constantly generates positive free cash flows, and they're also at a 5 year high. The company should thus be able to sustain a high dividend growth rate as well as the share buybacks it's been doing over the past 5 years.

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