

## Background

Ticker: VFC
Stock Price: \$87.16
Market Cap: $\$ 28.6^{\circ}$ B
Revenue: $\$ 13.8$ B
Headquarters: Greensboro, North Carolina
V.F. Corporation is one of the world's largest apparel, footwear, and accessories company with more than 30 brands

## History

## 1899 <br> 1910s <br> 1950s <br> 1960s <br> 1970s

Establishment
Established in
Pennsylvania as the Reading Glove and
Mitten
Manufacturing Company by John Barbey and investors.

## Renamed

Renamed "Schuylkill Silk Manufacturing." Named lingerie line "Vanity Fair." Then renamed to Vanity Fair Silk Mills, Inc.

Renamed VFC Dividends
Acquired H.D.
Lee Company and renamed to VF
Corporation to reflect its increasingly
diverse
product line.

VF offers first dividend.
to Vanity Fair Mills and went public.

## Public

They renamed

## History

## 1980s <br> 1990s <br> 2000s <br> 2010s <br> 2010s

## Wrangler

Purchase of Blue
Bell Holding
Company Inc.
for $\$ 762 \mathrm{M}$ \&
acquired
Wrangler,
Rustler, Jantzen, JanSport, and Red Kap.

## Bulwark

Acquired Bulwark brand.

North Face
Acquired The
North Face, Eastpak, Nautica, Vans, Kipling, Napapijri, Reef, All Mankind, lucy, Eagle Creek, Ella Moss, Splendid. Stopped Intimates.

Timberland
Acquired
Timberland, WilliamsonDickie's brands, Icebreaker, Altra. 2014:
Revenues top \$12.3B.

Divesting
In the 2010s, VF got rid of its Licensed
Sports Group
business,
Contemporary
Brands
businesses, and Nautica.

Founded: 1966

## THE

Founded: 1966

Timberland 6
Founded: 1973
kiplincque
Founded: 1987

NAPAPINRI
Founded: 1987


Founded: 1967

Smartwool. Founded: 1994


Founded: 1984

## Wrangler

Founded: 1947

Olsamgleri
Western

Europe South America

## Lee

North America Founded: 1889

## IMAGEWEAR



Asia Pacific

## RIDERS Lee <br> Founded: 1949

## RUSTLER

Founded: 1965

rock \& Republic
Founded: $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$


RED KAP

1923. 

Founded: 1923

## WW Wrangler WORKWEAR

Founded: 2013

## SPORTSWEAR

## Recent News

## Q3'19: Business Highlights

## $+25 \%$ <br> Vans <br> +14\% <br> The North Face

## Q3'19: Financial Highlights

## 16.6\% <br> Adjusted Operating <br> Margin <br> 52.2\% <br> Adjusted Gross Margin <br> \$1.31 <br> Adjusted EPS Diluted

## Business Strategy

VF strategically evaluates and re-evaluates the value and performance of its underlying brands in order to maximize growth, efficiency, and build a good reputation.

## Acquisitions/Divestures

- Diverse brands (over 30)
- Seeks to add value to the business by purchasing/acquiring brands that have the potential to perform well over the long term.
- Divests or sells brands that are underperforming or showing signs of a significant future hurdle, often due to changing trends.


## Marketing Strategy

- Specialty Stores
- Department Stores
- National Chains
- Mass Merchants
- Direct-to-Consumer
- Advertisements (TV, online)


Outdoor \&
Action Sports

## Imagewear

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## Outdoor and Action Sports



## Jeanswear

## Imagewear



| Vans - performance/casual footwear and apparel |
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| The North Face - performance based apparel, sportswear, and footwear |
| Timberland - outdoor, adventure-inspired lifestyle footwear, apparel \& accessories |
| Kipling - handbags, luggage, backpacks and accessories |
| Napapijri - outdoor-inspired casual apparel and accessories |
| Smartwool - wool socks, apparel, and accessories |
| Jansport - backpacks and accessories |
| The Reef - surf-inspired sandals, swimwear, casual apparel |
| Eagle Creek - adventure travel gear (luggage, backpacks, and accessories) |
| Lee and Wrangler - denim, apparel, accessories and footwear |
| Williamson-Dickie - outerwear and uniform services/work apparel |
| Red Kap - work apparel and footwear |
| Bulwark/Workrite - flame resistant and protective apparel |



## Management



Steven E. Rendel
Chairman \& CEO

- Been with VF since 1999
- "We're selling a story, a lifestyle."
- Believes that consumers move quickly and VF must adapt just as quickly.
- Believes strategic M\&A is the key to future growth.


Scott Roe
VP \& CFO

- Been with VF since 1996
- Previously Chief Accounting Officer and CFO of apparel businesses
- "It doesn't just matter what you make in terms of profitability, it's how you make it."


## Kevin Bailey

President of Vans

- Been with VF since 2004
- "The world's oldest teenager."
- Believes that Vans has a history rooted in many aspects of popular culture, specifically the influence that skateboarding has had on music and the arts.
- "The brand has always been about something bigger than sneakers. It was about creative expression."


## Economic Moat

- Brand power resulting in premium pricing
- Cultural Visibility (Vans in particular)
- Management strategy (cut the dead weight loose, acquire gems in the dirt)
- Potential to grow moat even more with Workwear acquisitions



## Strengths

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- VF's diverse portfolio of more than 30 brands meets consumer needs across a broad spectrum of activities and lifestyle. Their ability to connect with consumers, as diverse as their brand portfolio, creates a unique platform for sustainable, long-term growth.
- Their world class supply chain, including owned manufacturing facilities, coupled with advanced vendor managed inventory and retail floor space management programs with many of their major retailer customers, gives VF a competitive advantage


## Strengths

- VF Corp receives periodic point of sale information from their customers. Then they ship products based on that customer data to ensure their selling floors are appropriately with products that match customers' needs.
- Their system capabilities allow VF Corp to analyze their retail customers' sales, demographic and geographic data to develop products.
- Another advantage that VF Corp has is their ability to offer rapid delivery of products in a broad range of sizes. This enables customer orders to be filled within 24 hours of receipt.


## Weaknesses

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- It has no cost advantage over competitors, since it manufactures much of its clothing through the same independent contractors as others.
- From 2013-2017 VF was not able to acquire a new company. This is not such a bad thing because they only want to buy companies that have a long term advantage.
- VF Corp's Jeanswear business segment is becoming less effective.
- The apparel and footwear industries are highly competitive, VF'S success depends on their ability to gauge trends and consumer preferences.


## Growth Opportunities

- Reshape the company's portfolio of brands
- Focusing more on the direct-toconsumer business
- Transform their model to exceed consumers' needs
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## Competitive Analysis

## DuPont Historical

|  | NPM | TAT | FLM | ROE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2017 | $10.20 \%$ | 1.2 | 2.68 | $32.77 \%$ |
| 2016 | $10.90 \%$ | 1.14 | 1.97 | $24.49 \%$ |
| 2015 | $10.70 \%$ | 1.13 | 1.79 | $21.64 \%$ |
| 2014 | $11.00 \%$ | 1.18 | 1.75 | $22.69 \%$ |
| 2013 | $10.70 \%$ | 1.15 | 1.7 | $20.89 \%$ |

## DuPont Industry

| VF |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VPM <br> Corporation | $10.20 \%$ | 1.2 | 2.68 | $32.77 \%$ |
| Ralph Lauren | $9.00 \%$ | 1.05 | 1.78 | $16.79 \%$ |
| PVH | $6.03 \%$ | 0.78 | 2.15 | $10.10 \%$ |
| Amazon | $4.33 \%$ | 1.43 | 3.73 | $23.13 \%$ |


| Industry <br> Breakdown | RIf | Ralph Lauren | PVH | amazon |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Market Cap (Mil) | $\$ 28,600$ | $\$ 8,500$ | $\$ 7,900$ | $\$ 779,000$ |
| Revenue (Mil) | $\$ 13,850$ | $\$ 6,200$ | $\$ 9,590$ | $\$ 232,887$ |
| P/E | 18.4 | 15.5 | 10.5 | 81.08 |
| P/S | 2.49 | 1.49 | 1.37 | 31.55 |
| ROE | $32.77 \%$ | $16.79 \%$ | $10.10 \%$ | $23.10 \%$ |
| ROA | $13.34 \%$ | $7.19 \%$ | $4.69 \%$ | $6.85 \%$ |
| EV/EBIT | 20.47 | 15.64 | 22.79 | 58.05 |
| Operating Margin | $16.70 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $13.30 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Net Margin | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $7.70 \%$ | $4.30 \%$ |

Core part of VF's strategy is reviewing the portfolio of brands, and their connection to consumer and consumer culture.

Amazon is a large customer for VF Corp, VF is a manufacturer as well as a retailer.
VFC vs Amazon

Brands such as Vans and North Face are rooted in facets of consumer culture, such as action sports and outdoor activities. (Communities)

Chief Digital Officer within VF Corp

## Value Bands

## Price/Sales



## Price/Owner's Earnings



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## Price/Earnings less Cash



## Price/Earnings



## Price/Cash Flow



## Price/Free Cash Flow


$20^{2}$

## Enterprise Value/Revenue



## Enterprise Value/EBITDA



## Enterprise Value/EBIT



## d Discounted Cash Flow



## Our Default




## Bearish Scenario



| DCF | Reverse DCF ${ }^{\text {NEw₹ }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fair Value ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 58.98 |  |
| Tang | le Book Value (7) | \$ | 1.24 |
|  |  | $\square$ Add to Fair Value |  |
| Growth Value (7) |  | 35.33 |  |
| Terminal Value (3) |  | 23.65 |  |
| Stock Price: |  | \$ | 85.01 |
| Margin Of Safety: |  | -44\% |  |

## Bullish Scenario



## "Conscious" Investor

## 10 year

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EPS | 1.35 | 1.03 | 1.30 | 2.00 | 2.43 | 2.71 | 2.38 | 2.85 | 2.78 | 2.97 | 4.00 |
| SPS | 17.36 | 16.37 | 17.75 | 21.39 | 24.42 | 25.67 | 28.14 | 28.74 | 28.75 | 29.69 |  |


| HGROWTH | STAEGR (STABILITY) |
| :--- | :--- |
| $11.74 \%$ | $81.78 \%$ |
| $7.56 \%$ | $93.22 \%$ |

## 6 Year

|  | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EPS | 2.71 | 2.38 | 2.85 | 2.78 | 2.97 | 4.00 |
| SPS | 25.67 | 28.14 | 28.74 | 28.75 | 29.69 |  |


| HGROWTH | STAEGR (Stability) |
| :--- | :--- |
| $3.68 \%$ | $95.36 \%$ |
| $3.87 \%$ | $98.25 \%$ |

## 4 year

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EPS | 2.85 | 2.78 | 2.97 | 4.00 |
| SPS | 28.74 | 28.75 | 29.69 |  |



Intraportfolio Valuations

## Price/Sales

| P/S | $\#$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| CHRW | 0.72 |
| PII | 0.86 |
| OMC | 1.08 |
| DG | 1.14 |
| TSCO | 1.28 |
| UHAL | 1.82 |
| VFC | 2.04 |
| ROST | 2.23 |
| BRK.B | 2.34 |
| PEP | 2.40 |
| ULTA | 2.46 |
| DIS | 2.77 |
| QCOM | 2.89 |


| P/S | $\#$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| NXPI | 3.32 |
| SBUX | 3.32 |
| NKE | 3.43 |
| ORCL | 4.97 |
| CNI | 4.98 |
| UNP | 5.00 |
| GOOG | 5.45 |
| MSFT | 7.16 |
| MA | 13.74 |

## Price/Earnings

| P/E | $\#$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| NXPI | 12.21 |
| PII | 13.05 |
| OMC | 13.18 |
| DIS | 13.23 |
| QCOM | 13.66 |
| ORCL | 15.85 |
| CNI | 16.82 |
| CHRW | 17.67 |
| UNP | 18.56 |
| UHAL | 18.65 |
| DG | 18.69 |
| VFC | 18.96 |
| PEP | 19.23 |


| P/E | \# |
| :--- | :--- |
| TSCO | 19.27 |
| BRK.B | 19.99 |
| ROST | 21.63 |
| GOOG | 23.03 |
| SBUX | 25.36 |
| ULTA | 25.55 |
| MSFT | 30.70 |
| MA | 32.45 |
| NKE |  |

## Price/Book

| P/B | $\#$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| CHRW | 6.82 |
| CNI | 4.14 |
| DG | 4.52 |
| DIS | 3.38 |
| GOOG | 3.90 |
| MA | 18.36 |
| MSFT | 9.55 |
| NKE | 12.70 |
| NXPI | 2.97 |
| OMC | 5.66 |
| ORCL | 4.34 |
| PEP | 12.71 |
| PII | 5.16 |


| P/B | \# |
| :--- | :--- |
| ROST | 10.38 |
| TSCO | 6.733 |
| UHAL | 1.78 |
| ULTA | 8.43 |
| UNP | 6.67 |
| VFC | 19.97 |
| BRK.B |  |

## Price/Free Cash Flow

| P/FCF | $\#$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| NXPI | 6.70 |
| UHAL | 7.54 |
| PII | 8.63 |
| DIS | 10.43 |
| QCOM | 10.47 |
| OMC | 10.56 |
| CNI | 12.85 |
| UNP | 13.64 |
| ORCL | 13.74 |
| TSCO | 14.15 |
| DG | 14.20 |
| PEP | 14.65 |
| CHRW | 15.29 |


| P/FCF | $\#$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| VFC | 15.50 |
| ULTA | 17.41 |
| ROST | 17.64 |
| GOOG | 18.02 |
| MA | 18.36 |
| SBUX | 19.11 |
| MSFT | 19.50 |
| BRK.B | 21.78 |
| NKE | 36.40 |

## In Conclusion...

- VFC has provided market-beating returns for investors over the past decade by focusing on the consumer
- Products are embedded within the culture, and various aspects of it, such as outdoor activities and skateboarding
- Strong management and almost value-investing like management of the portfolio of brands allows VF to focus on its best ideas
- Multiple avenues of getting the product to the consumer (using Amazon instead of competing with it) also strengthen competitive advantage


## Recommendation

= Based off of

- DCF: \$63.07
- P/E (50 ${ }^{\text {th }): ~ \$ 60.34 ~}$
- P/S (50 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ ): \$70.70
- Morningstar FV: \$74
- EV/EBIT (50th): \$83.84
- Average comes out to be $\$ 70.33$

Write a PUT at $\$ 75$ strike (August 16 expiration)

Premium of $\$ 2.30$

Effective Entry $=\$ 72.70$


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Interpretations of Financial Statements

### 50.51\%

## Gross Profit Margin




## 17\%



## 75\%

Selling, General and Administrative


## 4.9\%



### 6.79\%

## Interest of Operating Profit



### 3.94\%

Capital Expenditure of Gross Profit


## 11.4\%

## Net Profit Margin



### 2.61

## Long Term Debt


$\$-$ $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}2008 & 2009 & 2010 & 2011 & 2012 & 2013 & 2014 & 2015 & 2016 & 2017 & 2018 & 2019\end{array}$
0.79

## Debt to Equity Ratio



## 34.5\%

Return on Equity


## 25\%

## Return on Asset

30.0\%

## 48\%

## Dividend Payout Ratio





## NET EARNINGS TREND UP

## Net Earnings


$\$ 200.0$
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| 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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## Declining Trend

Retained Earnings


| Qualitive Analysis |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Competitive Advantage? |  | Yes |
| Easily Explainable? |  | Nos |
| Heavily Unionized? |  | No |
| Heavy Capital Infusion? |  | No |
| Heavy R\&D? |  | Yes |
| Obsolete Inventory? <br> Chronic one-time Write offs? <br> Raise Price to offset inflation? |  | No |
| Sell more in the future? |  | Yes |
| Billion Dollar Competitors? |  | Yes |
| Total | $\mathbf{8 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ out $\mathbf{1 0}$ |


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# - VF Corp Year to Date Price Returns (Daily) <br> - SPDR® S\&P 500 ETF Year to Date Price Returns (Daily) <br> Mar 25 '19 <br> Mar 25 '19 <br> $18.46 \%$ <br> (12.00\% 

## YTD Stock Performance

Morning Star forecasts
$\square$ VF has managed its portfolio of brands well and delivered consistent returns to shareholders. The company has achieved annualized total shareholder returns of approximately $17 \%$ over the past 15 years, well above the comparable figure for the S\&P 500 index of less than $10 \%$. VF has outperformed the market and peers over a long period of time as it has acquired and built brands while selling weaker brands.

Morning Star believes that VF will generate more than \$9 billion in free cash flow over the next five years and return most of it to shareholders in dividends and stock buybacks.

The company did not, however, repurchase any stock in the first half of fiscal 2019. We believe this was a prudent decision as VF's stock price reached all-time highs.

Anticipated Questions

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1. What differentiates VF Corp from their competitors?

## Anticipated Questions

2. VF's Jeanswear segment has become less effective, what will management do to correct this?

## Anticipated Questions

3. Do you think amazon possesses a treat to VF Corp's sales? Why would people want to go and buy at VF Corp's stores rather than shop on Amazon?

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