John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

WLYB

NYSE; consumer nondurables; SIC 2731, Books: Publishing or Publishing & Printing; CIK 0000107140

E

weakest fifth of 124 graded peers in consumer nondurables

rank 111 of 124; percentile 89.8; sampling error 3.8 points; lower is stronger

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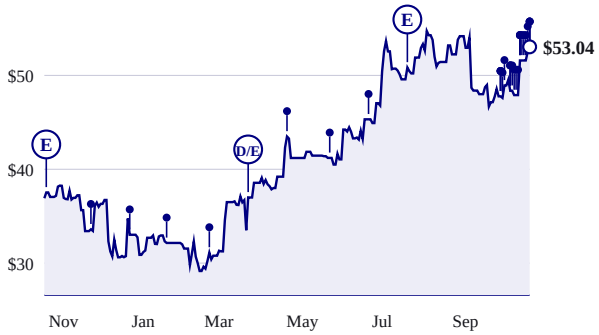
E, the bear



Scoreboard

Profitability	C/D percentile 62.7
Solvency	C/D percentile 57.1
Growth and financing	D/E percentile 76.9
Reliability	0.91 AUC filers with $591M to $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.94; 160 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	1.01% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	$591M to $2.67B assets total assets $2.6B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: dilution, distress
Inputs computable	9 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Jun 24, 2026 118 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Sep 4, 2026
Last close	$49.70 2026-07-21; market equity $0; no price enters the letter

Share price, twelve months to the rescan



Split-adjusted close. Each lollipop is a rescan and carries the letter held then.

Letter at every rescan, 2012 to 2026



Sector percentile at each rescan, stronger toward the top; facts filed by each date only.

Business, in the company's words

opening of Item 1 of the 10-K received Jun 24, 2026

, which could adversely impact our consolidated financial position and results of operations. We may not be able to adequately drive publishing output and journal expansion to meet the global demand for peer-reviewed research, nor expand related licensing, platform, and service offerings for institutions, corporations, and societies. Technological developments in AI could disrupt the markets in which we operate and subject us to increased competition, cannibalization, legal and regulatory risks, and compliance costs.

The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; sleeves and inputs within a sleeve carry equal weight

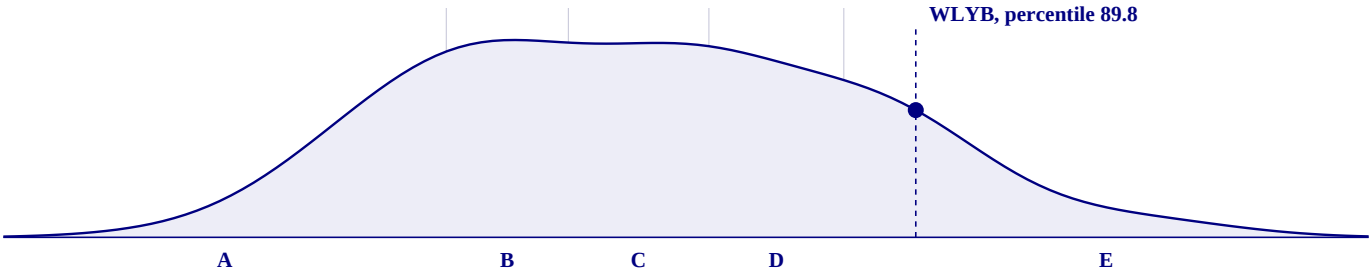
Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 62.7						
Gross profitability	48.0%	29.8%		29.2	143	2026-04-30
Return on invested capital	not computable	5.6%				
pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate						

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Accruals ratio	(1.5%)	(5.0%)	74.2	150	2026-04-30
Gross margin stability, five years	3.7 pts	1.9 pts	84.8	116	2026-04-30
Solvency, sleeve percentile 57.1					
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.03%			
firm-wide XBRL shares cannot be assigned to one ticker class					
Altman Z double-prime	2.51	3.11	49.6	119	2026-04-30
Net debt to EBITDA	1.45x	2.54x	28.7	55	2026-04-30
Interest coverage	not computable	2.51x			
latest aligned inputs end 2024-04-30; latest annual assets end 2026-04-30					
Current ratio	0.54x	1.81x	93.1	154	2026-04-30
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 76.9					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	(6.0%)	0.2%	80.7	133	2026-04-30
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	2.2%	14.9%	73.1	66	2026-04-30
Reinvestment rate	not computable	10.7%			
pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate					
Asset growth, three years	(5.9%)	0.5%	77.1	134	2026-04-30
Net share issuance, one year	not computable	0.05%			
firm-wide XBRL shares cannot be assigned to one ticker class					

Among 124 peers

consumer nondurables; letters are fifths of this list



Composite score of every graded peer, smoothed; vertical rules are the letter band edges; stronger to the left.

Rank	Company	Percentile	Letter	Warnings
107	Molson Coors Beverage Co. (TAP-A)	85.8	E	
108	USA Today Co., Inc. (TDAY)	87.0	E	
109	Tyson Foods, Inc. (TSN)	87.8	E	
110	Utz Brands, Inc. (UTZ)	88.6	E	
111	John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (WLY)	89.8	E	
112	John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (WLYB)	89.8	E	
113	Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Inc. (RMCF)	91.1	E	short runway, late filer, fortress balance sheet
114	Beyond Meat, Inc. (BYND)	91.9	E	dilution, late filer
115	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. (ADM)	92.7	E	late filer
116	Rythm, Inc. (RYM)	93.5	E	
117	Mondelez International, Inc. (MDLZ)	94.3	E	

What the price implies

at the 2026-07-21 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	39.0%	(0.2%)	85
Distance from 52-week high	(3.1%)	(22.9%)	88
EBIT to enterprise value	not computable	4.0%	
Free cash flow yield	not computable	4.5%	

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Book value to price	not computable	0.55	
Sales to price	not computable	1.27	
Composite equity issuance, five years	not computable	(16.3%)	
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.23	(0.10)	85

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None of 9, period end 2026-04-30	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	pass
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	pass
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	fail
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$106.4M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$290.3M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	46 (10-Q received Sep 4, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$9,293

Sources

every fact behind the inputs; each row links to its filing index on sec.gov

#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.7B	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
2	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$431.5M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
3	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.6B	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
4	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$276.9M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
5	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$215.1M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
6	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	-$6.5M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
7	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$683.4M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
8	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$848.2M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
9	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$75.6M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
10	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$799.4M	2025-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
11	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$752.2M	2025-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
12	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$85.9M	2025-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
13	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$221.6M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
14	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$260.5M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
15	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.7B	2025-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
16	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.7B	2025-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
17	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$431.4M	2025-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
18	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.9B	2024-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
19	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$579.7M	2024-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
20	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.0B	2023-04-30	2025-06-25	10-K	25-000081
21	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$692.5M	2023-04-30	2025-06-25	10-K	25-000081
22	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.1B	2022-04-30	2024-06-26	10-K	24-000114
23	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$700.7M	2022-04-30	2024-06-26	10-K	24-000114
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$419.7M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$778.9M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$1.7B	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111

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27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$1.7B	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$143.5M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
29	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$52.3M	2024-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
30	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$49.0M	2024-04-30	2024-06-26	10-K	24-000114
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$51.2M	2026-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$202.6M	2025-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$61.5M	2025-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$207.6M	2024-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$76.1M	2024-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$277.1M	2023-04-30	2025-06-25	10-K	25-000081
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$81.2M	2023-04-30	2025-06-25	10-K	25-000081
38	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$439.9M	2025-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
39	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$820.9M	2025-04-30	2026-06-24	10-K	26-045111
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.7B	2024-04-30	2025-06-25	10-K	25-000081
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$3.1B	2023-04-30	2024-06-26	10-K	24-000114

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