Helen OF Troy Ltd.

HELE

Nasdaq; consumer durables; SIC 3634, Electric Housewares & Fans; CIK 0000916789

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middle fifth of 459 graded peers in the pooled consumer group

rank 257 of 459; percentile 56.3; sampling error 2.3 points; lower is stronger

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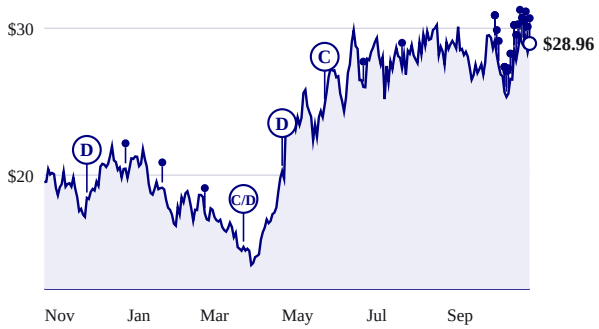
C, the tortoise



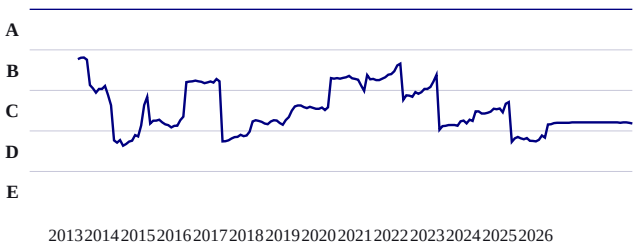
Scoreboard	
Profitability	B percentile 34.8
Solvency	C percentile 56.2
Growth and financing	C/D percentile 62.0
Reliability	0.91 AUC filers with $591M to $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.94; 160 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	1.01% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	$591M to $2.67B assets total assets $2.1B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: distress
Inputs computable	9 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Apr 23, 2026 183 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Oct 8, 2026
Last close	$28.98 2026-10-22; market equity $677.7M; 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 Apr 23, 2026

We incorporated as Helen of Troy Corporation in Texas in 1968 and were reorganized as Helen of Troy Limited in Bermuda in 1994. We are a leading global consumer products company offering creative products and solutions for our customers through a diversified portfolio of brands. We have built leading market positions through new product innovation, product quality and competitive pricing. We go to market under a number of brands, some of which are licensed. Our portfolio of brands includes OXO, Hydro Flask, Osprey, Vicks, Braun, Honeywell, PUR, Hot Tools, Drybar, Curlsmith, Revlon and Olive & June, among others.

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 34.8						
Gross profitability	38.6%	34.4%		42.0	472	2026-02-28
Return on invested capital	not computable	8.9%				
pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate						

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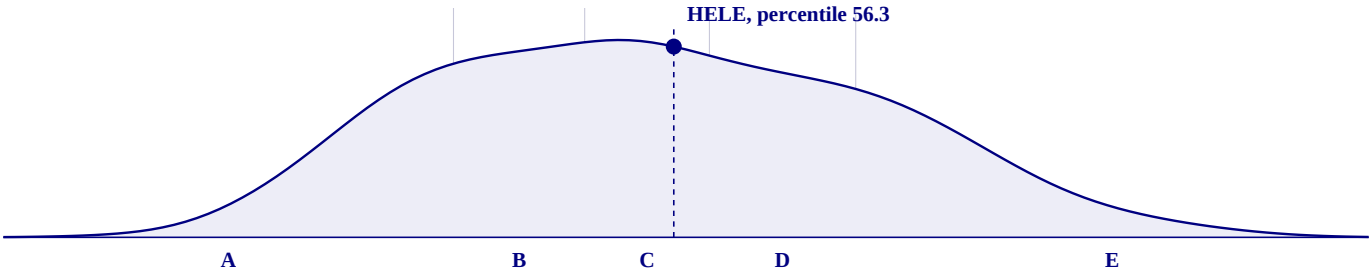
Accruals ratio	(40.8%)	(5.1%)	3.8	522	2026-02-28
Gross margin stability, five years	2.0 pts	1.7 pts	58.4	407	2026-02-28
Solvency, sleeve percentile 56.2					
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.04%			
latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required					
Altman Z double-prime	(0.09)	2.12	69.8	399	2026-02-28
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	2.08x			
EBITDA must exceed $100,000					
Interest coverage	not computable	2.64x			
latest aligned inputs end 2024-02-29; latest annual assets end 2026-02-28					
Current ratio	1.71x	1.55x	42.6	538	2026-02-28
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 62.0					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	(4.8%)	1.4%	74.4	481	2026-02-28
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	58.1%	8.2%	11.6	250	2026-02-28
Reinvestment rate	not computable	12.2%			
pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate					
Asset growth, three years	(10.1%)	1.8%	84.5	486	2026-02-28
Net share issuance, one year	1.4%	(0.3%)	77.6	380	2026-04-16

Among 459 peers

consumer durables; 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
252	Cheesecake Factory Inc. (CAKE)	55.5	C	
253	Arrow Electronics, Inc. (ARW)	55.9	C	
254	Somnigroup International Inc. (SGI)	55.9	C	
255	Vera Bradley, Inc. (VRA)	56.1	C	fortress balance sheet
256	Victoria's Secret & Co. (VSXY)	56.2	C	
257	Helen OF Troy Ltd. (HELE)	56.3	C	
258	BlueLinx Holdings Inc. (BXC)	56.6	C	
259	Darling Ingredients Inc. (DAR)	56.9	C/D	
260	Grocery Outlet Holding Corp. (GO)	57.0	C	
261	Distribution Solutions Group, Inc. (DSGR)	57.4	C/D	
262	Jakks Pacific Inc. (JAKK)	57.7	C/D	fortress balance sheet

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-22 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	19.4%	(0.1%)	70
Distance from 52-week high	(4.2%)	(23.5%)	87
EBIT to enterprise value	(54.3%)	4.8%	6
Free cash flow yield	19.5%	4.4%	94
Book value to price	1.26	0.43	86

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Sales to price	2.64	1.40	71
Composite equity issuance, five years	(4.4%)	(16.0%)	67
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.20	(0.01)	73

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 3 of 9, period end 2026-02-28	
Return on assets above zero	fail
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	fail
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	pass
Current ratio improved	fail
No new shares issued	fail
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$22.6M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$179.7M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	15 (10-Q received Oct 8, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$10.4M

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	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$815.7M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.1B	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$782.1M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	-$838.8M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$60.1M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$785.5M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$798.2M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$18.9M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$921.9M	2025-02-28	2025-04-24	10-K	25-000012
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$1.7B	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$18.9M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	-$899.0M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$171.1M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$3.1B	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.8B	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$914.4M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.9B	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$948.7M	2024-02-29	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.0B	2024-02-29	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$899.4M	2023-02-28	2025-04-24	10-K	25-000012
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.1B	2023-02-28	2025-04-24	10-K	25-000012
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$953.2M	2022-02-28	2024-04-24	10-K	24-000015
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.2B	2022-02-28	2024-04-24	10-K	24-000015
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$865.5M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$505.0M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$412.8M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$1.3B	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048

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28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$53.3M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
29	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$260.6M	2024-02-29	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
30	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$53.1M	2024-02-29	2024-04-24	10-K	24-000015
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	$39.2M	2026-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$113.2M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	$30.1M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$306.1M	2024-02-29	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	$36.6M	2024-02-29	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$208.2M	2023-02-28	2025-04-24	10-K	25-000012
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	$174.9M	2023-02-28	2025-04-24	10-K	25-000012
38	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$931.7M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
39	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$466.3M	2025-02-28	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.8B	2024-02-29	2025-04-24	10-K	25-000012
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.9B	2023-02-28	2024-04-24	10-K	24-000015
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	23,257,705	2026-04-16	2026-04-23	10-K	26-000048
43	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	22,942,650	2025-04-17	2025-04-24	10-K	25-000012

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