Daily Journal Corp. DJCO

Nasdaq; consumer nondurables; SIC 2711, Newspapers: Publishing or Publishing & Printing; CIK 0000783412

A/B

on the A/B boundary of 124 graded peers in consumer nond...

rank 24 of 124; percentile 18.7; sampling error 3.8 points; lower is stronger

A B C D E

A/B, the bull



Scoreboard

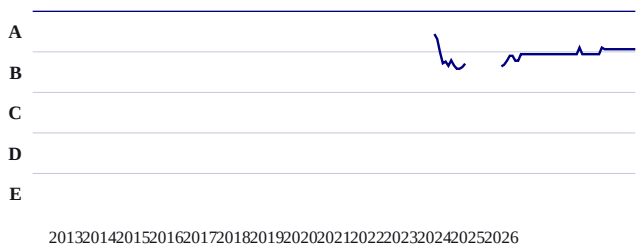
Profitability	E percentile 97.3
Solvency	A percentile 0.6
Growth and financing	A percentile 13.5
Reliability	0.87 AUC filers with $120M to $591M assets; 95% interval 0.83 to 0.90; 206 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	1.03% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	$120M to $591M assets total assets $548.1M
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	late filer; fortress balance sheet
Inputs computable	8 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Dec 29, 2025 315 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Aug 12, 2026
Last close	$636.48 2026-11-05; market equity $877.0M; 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 Dec 29, 2025

Daily Journal Corporation ("Daily Journal" or "the Company") publishes newspapers and websites covering California and Arizona news and produces several specialized information publications. It also serves as a newspaper representative specializing in public notice advertising. This is sometimes referred to as the Company's "Traditional Business". Journal Technologies, Inc.

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 97.3						
Gross profitability	not computable	29.8%				
one or more required annual facts are missing						
Return on invested capital	not computable	5.6%				
a prior annual debt, equity, and cash observation is required						
Accruals ratio	20.8%	(5.1%)		97.3	149	2025-09-30

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Gross margin stability, five years	not computable	1.9 pts				
five annual gross margins are required; found 0						
Solvency, sleeve percentile 0.6						
Twelve-month failure probability	0.02%	0.03%	0.0	8	2026-06-30	
Altman Z double-prime	11.03	3.11	1.7	119	2025-09-30	
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	2.54x				
latest aligned inputs end 2015-09-30; latest annual assets end 2025-09-30						
Interest coverage	not computable	2.51x				
interest expense must exceed $100,000						
Current ratio	13.89x	1.81x	0.0	153	2025-09-30	
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 13.5						
Revenue growth, three-year compound	17.5%	0.2%	4.5	133	2025-09-30	
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	not computable	14.9%				
current FCF must be positive and base FCF must exceed $100,000						
Reinvestment rate	2,023.9%	11.0%	0.0	71	2025-09-30	
Asset growth, three years	19.8%	0.2%	5.3	134	2025-09-30	
Net share issuance, one year	0.05%	0.03%	44.1	103	2025-12-16	

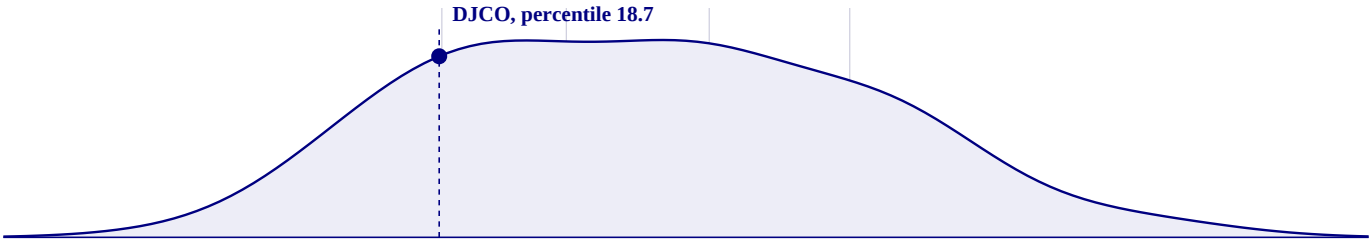
Warnings

2 of 7 checks triggered; none of them enters the letter

Check	Measured
Late filer	found 2 NT 10-K/Q filings in the last eight quarters
Fortress balance sheet	cash minus debt is 15,570,000 USD; Altman Z is not used

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
19	Tootsie Roll Industries Inc. (TR)	14.6	A	
20	Escalade Inc. (ESCA)	15.4	A	fortress balance sheet
21	American Outdoor Brands, Inc. (AOUT)	16.3	A/B	
22	Simply Good Foods Co. (SMPL)	17.1	A/B	
23	Interface Inc. (TILE)	17.9	A/B	
24	Daily Journal Corp. (DJCO)	18.7	A/B	late filer, fortress balance sheet
25	Brown Forman Corp. (BF-A)	19.9	A/B	
26	Brown Forman Corp. (BF-B)	19.9	A/B	
27	Cintas Corp. (CTAS)	21.1	A/B	
28	Mattel Inc. (MAT)	22.0	A/B	
29	Turning Point Brands, Inc. (TPB)	22.8	A/B	

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What the price implies

at the 2026-11-05 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	59.5%	(1.3%)	90
Distance from 52-week high	(6.6%)	(21.6%)	79
EBIT to enterprise value	1.1%	3.5%	30
Free cash flow yield	1.5%	4.2%	30
Book value to price	0.38	0.55	35
Sales to price	0.10	1.23	2
Composite equity issuance, five years	(0.2%)	(16.7%)	76
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.39	(0.09)	90

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None of 9, period end 2025-09-30	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	pass
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	fail
Long-term leverage fell	fail
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	fail
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$31.1M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$17.4M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	89 (10-Q received Aug 12, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$33.7M

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	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-$3.5M	2015-09-30	2017-12-13	10-K	17-020645
2	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	-$310,000	2015-09-30	2017-12-13	10-K	17-020645
3	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	-$1.1M	2015-09-30	2017-12-13	10-K	17-020645
4	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$47,000	2015-09-30	2015-12-14	10-K	15-022202
5	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$128.6M	2015-09-30	2018-12-12	10-K	18-021933
6	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$15.6M	2015-09-30	2018-12-12	10-K	18-021933
7	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$112.1M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
8	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$13.3M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
9	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$548.1M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
10	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$403.8M	2024-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
11	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$539.2M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
12	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$38.8M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
13	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$388.9M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
14	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$9.5M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
15	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$391.1M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
16	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$157.1M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
17	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$5.5M	2015-09-30	2017-12-13	10-K	17-020645
18	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$3.8M	2013-09-30	2015-12-14	10-K	15-022202

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19	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$97,000	2013-09-30	2014-06-24	10-K	14-011800
20	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerIncludingAs...	$87.7M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerIncludingAs...	$69.9M	2024-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
22	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerIncludingAs...	$67.7M	2023-09-30	2024-12-31	10-K	24-038552
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerIncludingAs...	$54.0M	2022-09-30	2023-12-28	10-K	23-035452
24	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$8,000	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
25	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	-$89,000	2024-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
26	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$49,000	2024-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
27	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$15.1M	2023-09-30	2024-12-31	10-K	24-038552
28	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$86,000	2023-09-30	2024-12-31	10-K	24-038552
29	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	-$5.3M	2022-09-30	2023-12-28	10-K	23-035452
30	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$36,000	2022-09-30	2023-12-28	10-K	23-035452
31	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$257,000	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
32	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$150.1M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
33	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$38.0M	2025-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
34	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$394.5M	2024-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
35	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$38.4M	2024-09-30	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
36	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$354.9M	2023-09-30	2024-12-31	10-K	24-038552
37	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$319.1M	2022-09-30	2023-12-28	10-K	23-035452
38	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	1,377,722	2025-12-16	2025-12-29	10-K	25-038836
39	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	1,377,026	2024-11-30	2024-12-31	10-K	24-038552

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