Utz Brands, Inc.

UTZ

NYSE; consumer nondurables; SIC 2090, Miscellaneous Food Preparations & Kindred Products; CIK 0001739566

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weakest fifth of 125 graded peers in consumer nondurables

rank 109 of 125; percentile 87.1; sampling error 3.8 points; lower is stronger

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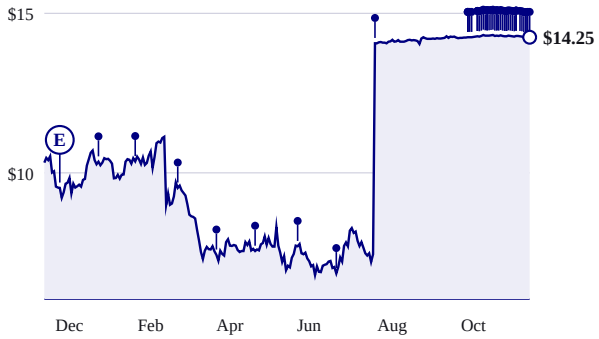
E, the bear



Scoreboard

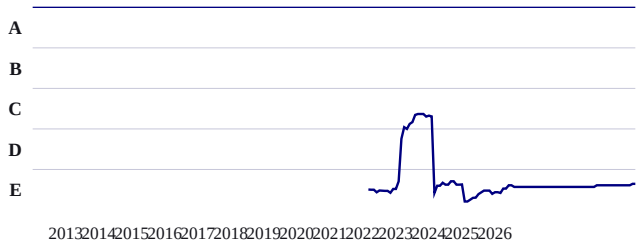
Profitability	D	percentile 75.0
Solvency	D	percentile 73.1
Growth and financing	C	percentile 49.2
Reliability	0.94 AUC	filers with over $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	0.52% a year	Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over $2.67B assets	total assets $2.8B
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 Feb 12, 2026	273 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Nov 6, 2026
Last close	$14.26	2026-11-11; market equity $860.3M; 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 Feb 12, 2026

As retail customers continue to consolidate and our retail customers grow larger and become more sophisticated, our consolidated retail customers may demand lower pricing and increased promotional programs. If we lower our prices or increase promotional support for our products and are unable to increase the volume of our products sold, our profitability and financial condition may be adversely affected. In addition, our customers offer branded and private label products that compete directly with our products for retail shelf space and consumer purchases. Accordingly, there is a risk that our customers may give higher priority to their own products or the products of our other competitors.

The fourteen inputs

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

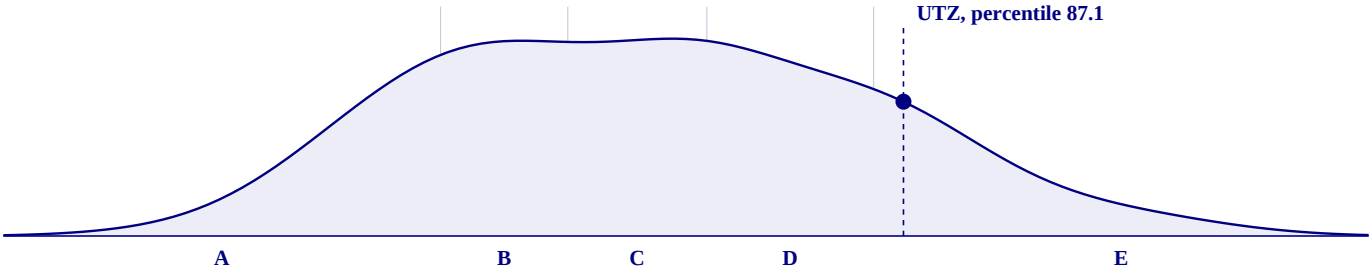
Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 75.0						
Gross profitability	12.8%	29.8%		84.0	145	2025-12-28
Return on invested capital	not computable	5.6%				

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pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate						
Accruals ratio	(4.0%)	(5.2%)		61.7	150	2025-12-28
Gross margin stability, five years	3.5 pts	1.9 pts		79.3	117	2025-12-28
Solvency, sleeve percentile 73.1						
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.03%				
liabilities and a nearby cover-page share count are required at 2026-09-27						
Altman Z double-prime	0.33	3.06		72.3	120	2025-12-28
Net debt to EBITDA	7.16x	2.58x		88.9	55	2025-12-28
Interest coverage	0.45x	2.36x		60.5	44	2025-12-28
Current ratio	1.19x	1.79x		70.6	154	2025-12-28
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 49.2						
Revenue growth, three-year compound	0.7%	0.06%		45.9	134	2025-12-28
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	not computable	11.0%				
pretax income must exceed the validity floor and imply a 0%-100% tax rate						
Asset growth, three years	(0.6%)	0.2%		52.6	134	2025-12-28
Net share issuance, one year	not computable	0.05%				
two annual share counts are required; found 0						

Among 125 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
104	Unifi Inc. (UFI)	83.1	D/E	
105	Tyson Foods, Inc. (TSN)	83.9	E	
106	Molson Coors Beverage Co. (TAP)	85.1	E	
107	Molson Coors Beverage Co. (TAP-A)	85.1	E	
108	Wolverine World Wide Inc. (WWW)	86.3	E	
109	Utz Brands, Inc. (UTZ)	87.1	E	
110	USA Today Co., Inc. (TDAY)	87.9	E	
111	John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (WLY)	89.1	E	
112	John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (WLYB)	89.1	E	
113	Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Inc. (RMCF)	90.3	E	short runway, late filer, fortress balance sheet
114	Beyond Meat, Inc. (BYND)	91.1	E	dilution, late filer

What the price implies

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

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	38.5%	(1.3%)	84
Distance from 52-week high	(0.5%)	(19.7%)	92
EBIT to enterprise value	1.2%	3.2%	32

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Free cash flow yield	1.1%	3.9%	29
Book value to price	0.78	0.54	65
Sales to price	1.67	1.18	64
Composite equity issuance, five years	not computable	(16.7%)	
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.25	(0.09)	84

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None of 9, period end 2025-12-28	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	fail
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
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	$70.1M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$59.5M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	6 (10-Q received Nov 6, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$20.0M

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	$358.3M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
2	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.8B	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
3	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$19.5M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
4	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	-$600,000	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
5	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$7.1M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
6	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$849.6M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
7	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$713.7M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
8	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$120.4M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
9	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$768.6M	2024-12-29	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
10	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$696.9M	2024-12-29	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
11	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$56.1M	2024-12-29	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
12	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$800,000	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
13	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$112.2M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
14	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.7B	2024-12-29	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
15	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.4B	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
16	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$369.1M	2024-12-29	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
17	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.4B	2024-12-29	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
18	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$350.8M	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
19	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.4B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
20	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$449.1M	2023-01-01	2025-02-20	10-K	25-000053
21	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.4B	2023-01-01	2025-02-20	10-K	25-000053
22	gross profit	us-gaap:GrossProfit	$383.9M	2022-01-02	2024-02-29	10-K	24-000054
23	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$1.2B	2022-01-02	2024-02-29	10-K	24-000054
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$384.4M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$323.2M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757

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26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	-$326.6M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$1.4B	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$82.4M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
29	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$43.1M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
30	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$102.8M	2025-12-28	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
31	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$106.2M	2024-12-29	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
32	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$98.6M	2024-12-29	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
33	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$76.6M	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
34	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$55.7M	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
35	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$48.2M	2023-01-01	2025-02-20	10-K	25-000053
36	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$88.0M	2023-01-01	2025-02-20	10-K	25-000053
37	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$317.3M	2024-12-29	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
38	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$285.3M	2024-12-29	2026-02-12	10-K	26-007757
39	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.7B	2023-12-31	2025-02-20	10-K	25-000053
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.8B	2023-01-01	2024-02-29	10-K	24-000054

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