

► **Company:** Costco Wholesale Cor (COST) **Sector:** Consumer Defensive

Costco Wholesale Corp and its subsidiaries operate membership warehouses. The company offers its members low prices on a limited selection of nationally branded and select private-label products in merchandise categories.

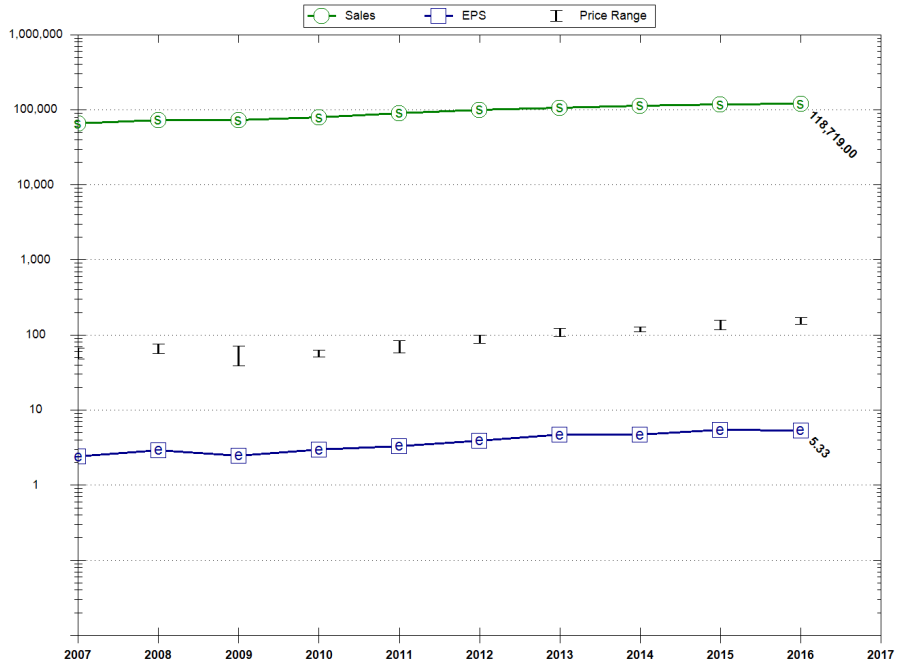
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10-Year Sales Growth: 7.6%

10-Year Earnings Growth: 10.4%

► % Pre-Tax Profit on Sales										
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Last 5 Year Avg.
2.66%	2.76%	2.42%	2.65%	2.69%	2.79%	2.90%	2.84%	3.10%	3.05%	2.94%

► % Earned on Equity										
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Last 5 Year Avg.
12.01%	13.71%	10.75%	11.69%	11.94%	13.61%	19.31%	17.22%	22.21%	20.27%	18.52%

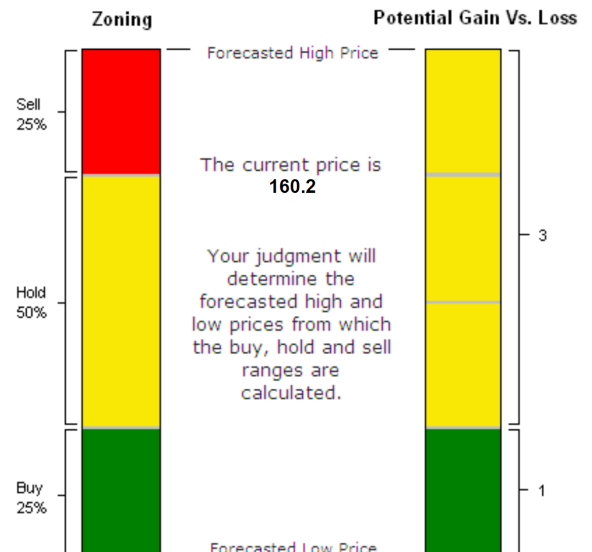
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