

# Burlington Stores, Inc. NYSE: BURL

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### Overview - Buy



BACKGROUND

### COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS

### RECOMMENDATION



# Background



# Target Price vs. Actual Trading Price







### **Company History**

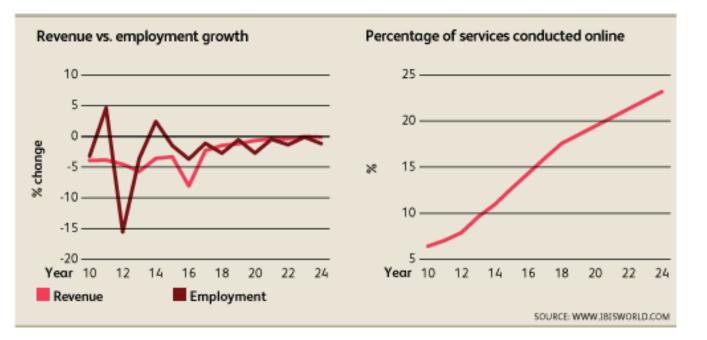
<ul> <li>1972</li> <li>Founded by Monroe Milstein</li> <li>Wholesale coats and other clothing items</li> </ul>		2006 • Acquired for \$2.06 billion by Bain Capital Partners		<ul> <li>2014–2016</li> <li>Burlington Coat Factory becomes Burlington Stores</li> <li>"More than just coats"</li> </ul>		
	1983 • IPO		2013 • 2 <sup>nd</sup> IPO • \$17 a share		2016 • Fortune 500 List	



### Industry Overview

- Discount Department Store Industry
- Sells consumer goods at discounted prices



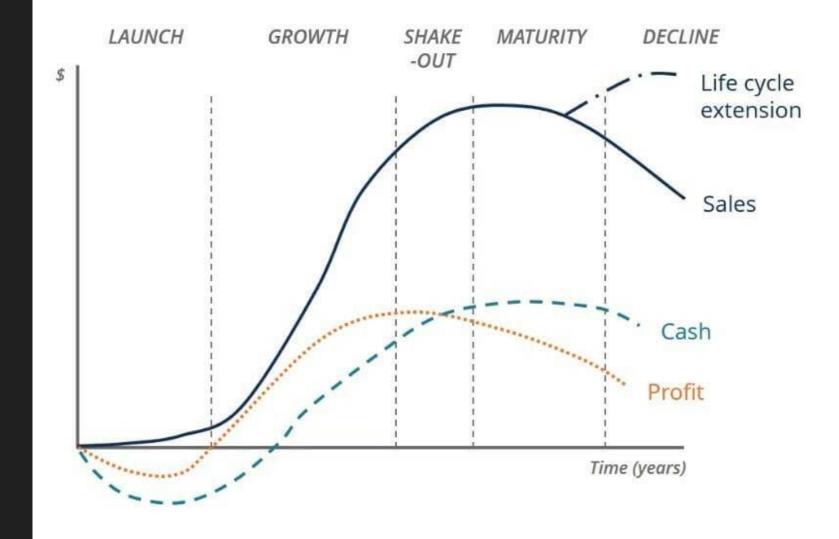


### Burlington

### Business Life Cycle

• Mature stage

•Yet, has plans to expand to "1,000 stores over the longterm"





### **Business Model**

Off-price department store retailer

- Diversified Product Line
- Every Day Low Price (EDLP) Model
- 5,000 vendors





# Macro Trends and Company Positioning



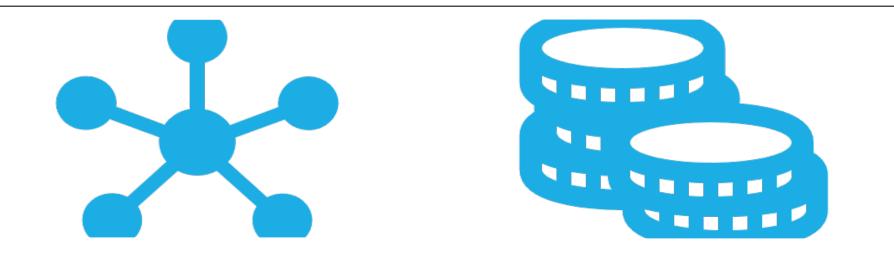


### **Online Sales**

### **Flexible Supply Chains**



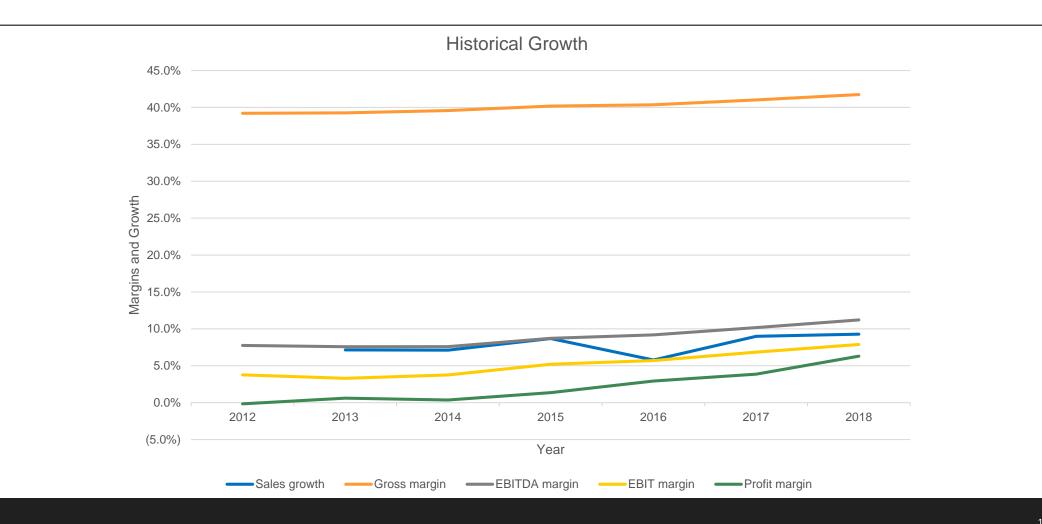
### **Economic Moat**



Network Effect Cost Advantage



### **Historical Growth**





# **Competitive Analysis**



### Major Players in the Industry









### SWOT Analysis



HELPFUL To achieving the objective STRENGTHS	HARMFUL To achieving the objective WEAKNESSES
<ul> <li>Emergence in new markets</li> <li>Variety of vendors</li> <li>Skilled and knowledgeable workforce</li> <li>High working capital ratio</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Negative brand perception</li> <li>Lack of aesthetics in stores</li> <li>Lack of growth in pre-tax profit margin</li> <li>Few dividends paid to investors</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>OPPORTUNITIES</li> <li>Appeal to younger generation via technology</li> <li>Change company reputation</li> <li>Investment in new clothing sections</li> <li>Redesigned layout</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>THREATS</li> <li>Unlikely event during peak season</li> <li>Government pressures</li> <li>Operations worldwide</li> <li>Competitor innovations</li> <li>Ecommerce</li> </ul>

Attributes of the environment

EXTERNAL



### Porters' 5 Forces

### **Threat of new entrants**

- New value proposition
- Economies of scale
- Product differentiation
- Brand equity

### Competitive rivalry

- Sustainable competitive advantage through innovation
- Competition between online and offline
  - companies
- Level of advertising expense
- Firm concentration ratio

### **Threat of substitutes**

- Buyer propensity to substitute
- Buyer's switching costs
- Number of substitute products available in the market
- Ease of substitution

#### Bargaining power of customers

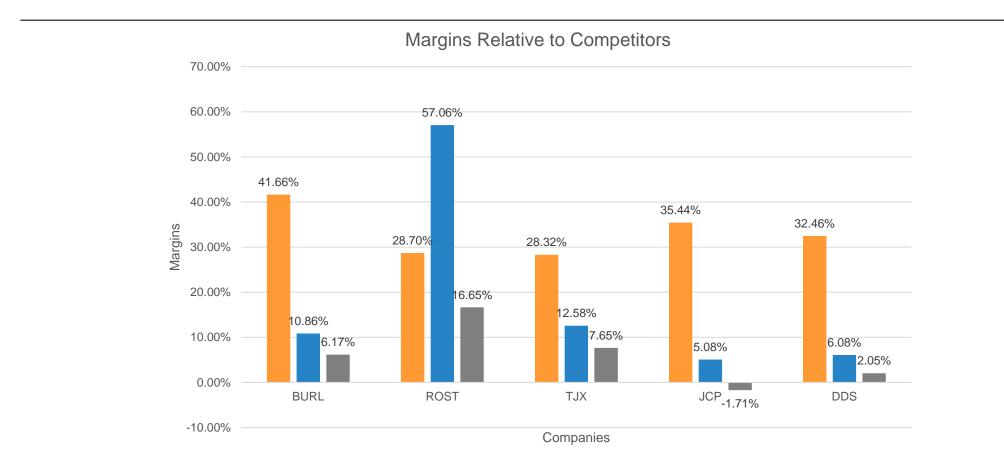
- Buyer switching costs
- Buyer information availability
- Availability of existing substitute products
- Buyer price sensitivity

#### **Bargaining power of suppliers**

- Supplier switching costs relative to firm switching costs
- Degree of differentiation of inputs
- Impact of inputs on costs



### Margins Relative to Competition



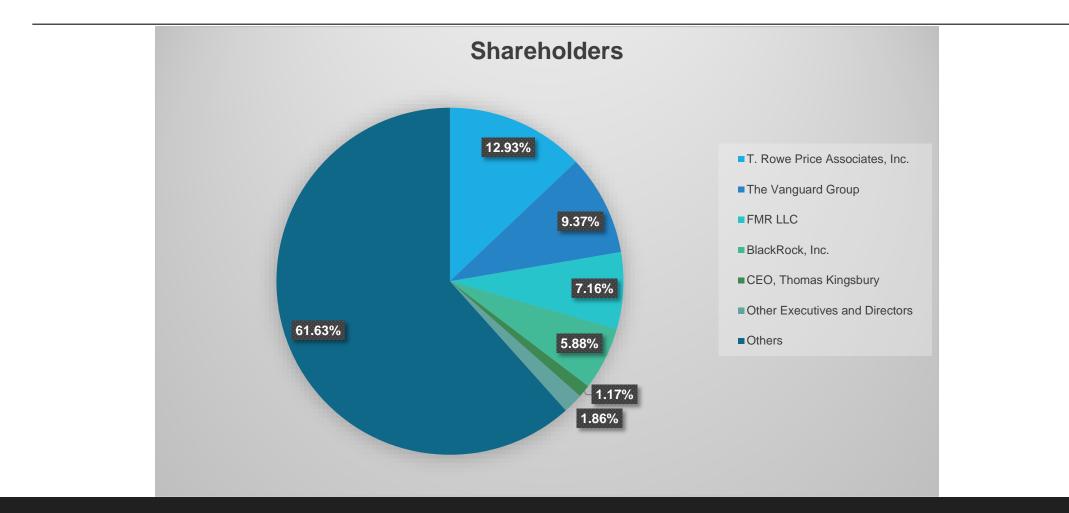




# Recommendation



# Major Shareholders

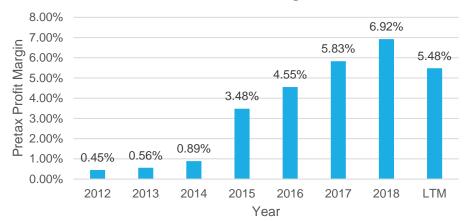




# **Margins Analysis**

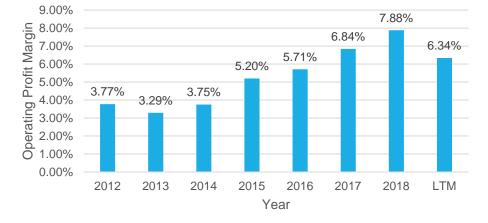
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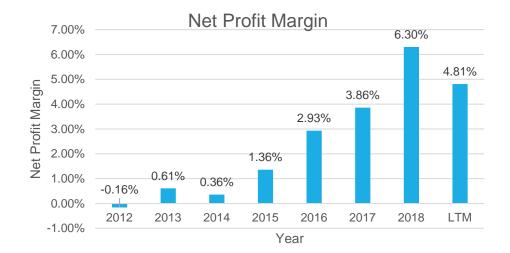




#### Pretax Profit Margin

#### **Operating Profit Margins**







### Working Capital Analysis

Net Operating Working Capital (NOWC) =

(Cash + Accounts Recivable + Inventories) – (Accounts Payable + Accrued Expenses)

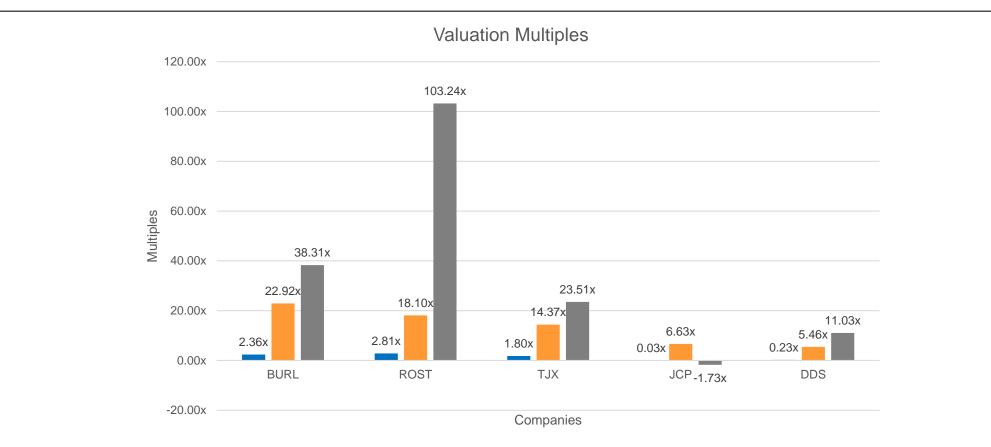
= (112,274+58,752+954,183) - (848,561+47,258)

= \$229,390 million

Working Capital Turnover Ratio Formula =  $\frac{Turnover (Net Sales)}{Working Capital}$ =  $\frac{6,643,051}{229,390}$  = 28.96



### **Relative Valuation**



■ P/S ■ TEV/EBITDA ■ P/E (trailing)



## **Absolute Valuation**

WACC Calculation	
Cost of equity	
Risk-free rate	<mark>2.32%</mark>
Adjusted beta	0.22
EMRP	5.32%
Cost of equity	3.49%
Cost of debt	
Pre-tax cost of debt	3.95%
Tax rate	21.00%
Post-tax cost of debt	3.12%
WACC	<mark>3.42%</mark>

### Implied share price

Enterprise value	18,647,56	1
Debt	1,082,953	1
Cash	97,20	7
NCI	-	-
Associate Investments	-	-
Equity value	17,661,81	7
NOSH	66,01	1
Implied share price	<mark>\$267.5</mark> 0	6
<b>Current price (previous</b>		
market close)	\$ 225.57	
(Discount) / premium	<mark>(15.69%</mark>	)



### **Risks to Thesis**

- Expansion continues  $\rightarrow$  more middle-class workers choose to indulge in a luxury retail experience
- No mobile app for customers to shop on
- Business Insider  $\rightarrow$  dark, unorganized, and difficult to navigate
  - Macy's, JCP, & Target's store redesign plans









# **Catalysts for Thesis**

- Vendor Counts
- Localized Assortments
- Diversifying Product
   Offerings





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### **Final Recommendation**

# BUY

