

EPS Report

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Earnings Growth Drives Share Prices and Dividends: Over time it is the upward trend of earnings per share that drives the share price. Assuming a stable payout ratio, it also drives growth in dividends. But EPS does not have to grow every year. Isolated short dips followed by growth afterwards can provide excellent buying opportunities.

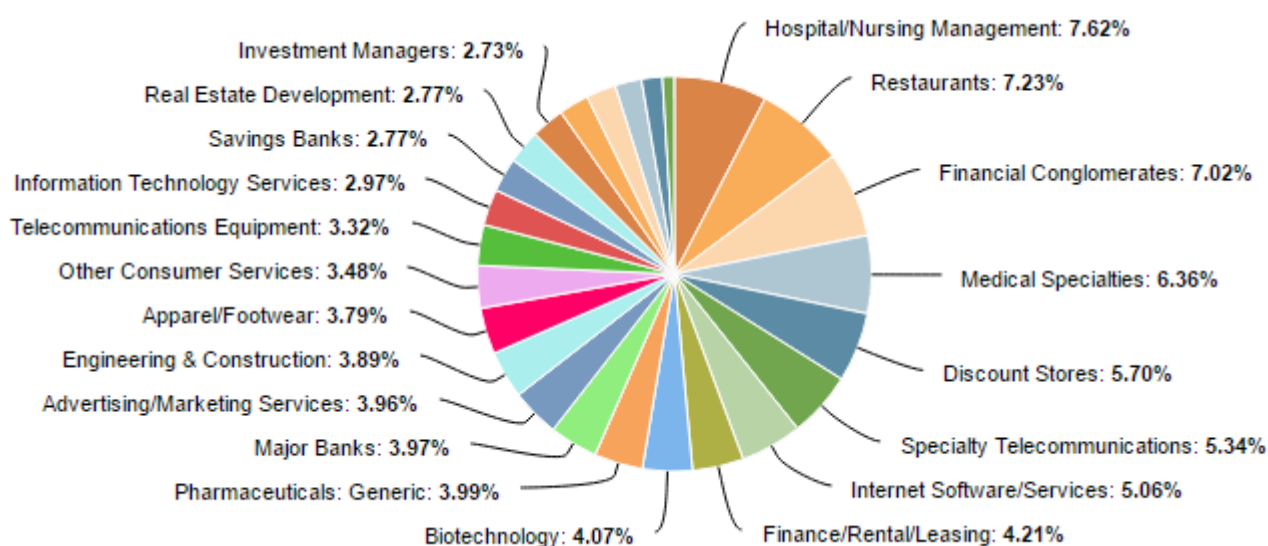
A useful indicator of EPS growth is return on equity (ROE): high and consistent ROE generally indicates healthy EPS growth or a healthy dividend yield.

The following table gives the weighting, ROE and growth results for earnings per share for the largest ten holdings in the Conscious Investor® Fund. In the past two months Costco and Carsales have entered the top ten holdings. Internal changes include Baidu moving up two places and Blackmores dropping four places.

Symbol	Name	Weighting	ROE	Div Yield	EPS Growth 1-yr	EPS Growth 5-yr
RHC	Ramsay Health Care	7.6%	22.1%	1.7%	20.4%	17.0%
DMP	Domino Pizza	7.3%	24.1%	1.1%	46.2%	28.0%
COST	Costco Wholesale	5.8%	20.7%	1.1%	2.6%	10.2%
BRK	Berkshire Hathaway Inc	5.7%	9.7%	0.0%	9.4%	16.1%
BIDU	Baidu	5.0%	51.1%	0.0%	16.4%	47.6%
CSL	CSL Limited	4.1%	41.5%	2.3%	-17.2%	15.7%
CAR	Carsales.Com Ltd.	4.0%	41.9%	3.3%	7.5%	12.2%
CBA	Com'wealth Bank.	4.0%	15.7%	5.1%	1.7%	5.3%
BKL	Blackmores Limited	3.9%	56.1%	4.0%	114.0%	24.2%
RMD	Resmed Inc	3.8%	21.2%	1.9%	5.9%	20.8%

Explanation: Weighting includes the cash in the fund, ROE is return on equity over the previous financial year, previous EPS is the earnings per share for the previous full financial year, EPSttm is earnings per share for the trailing 12 months, Growth 1-year is the percentage growth of EPS over the previous full year and Growth 5-years is the average annual growth of EPS over the past five years.

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