QuickStart Guide – Definition of SmartLight Scores

SmartLight Scores are used as screening filters or to analyze an existing portfolio of stocks.

The SmartLight Scores (sometimes referred to as Sabrient Scores) employ Sabrient's relative-scoring engine to compare each company against its peers in similar industries, and then rolls up those industry-level rankings into a universe-wide aggregate rank. (

All scores are based on 1 – 100, the higher the better.

Bull Score and **Bear Score**: Bull and Bear scores are based on historical price behavior of a given stock relative to the S&P 500 on particularly strong and weak market days.
- A **high Bull Score** indicates a stock has tended toward relative outperformance when the market is strong.
- A **high Bear Score** indicates a stock has tended to hold up relatively well (i.e., a safe haven) when the market is weak.

Defender Score (DEF) is a broader measure (than a Bear Score) of the desirability of a stock in a sustained weak market or when investor sentiment is defensive. It combines Sabrient's Bear Score with free cash flow (FCF) yield and dividend yield.

Dividend Score (DIV) measures the consistency and reliability of dividend payments. The score includes a number of factors, including dividend yield, GARP factors and historical consistency of paying dividends. Thus, a higher yield does not necessarily translate into a higher score. (To see actual dividends, use Dividend Detail under Metric Sets.)

EQR Score stands for "Earnings Quality Rank" and measures a company's relative potential risk due to accrual accounting practices, as reflected in key relationships between information contained in the firm's income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow statement. You can learn more about EQR at https://www.sabrientsystems.com/eqr.

GQR Score stands for "Growth Quality Rank" and measures the historical consistency and reliability of a company's reported earnings and thus its likelihood of meeting consensus sell-side earnings estimates. You can learn more about the GQR at https://www.sabrientsystems.com/growth-quality-rank-gqr.

GARP Score stands for "growth at a reasonable price" and is based on a combination of historical and projected EPS growth, forward P/E, recent earnings revisions from the sell-side analyst community, EQR, and GQR. To see the components of the GARP score, use the GARP Detail under Metric Sets.

Momentum Score applies price trend factors to a wide array of time periods to develop a holistic assessment of price momentum.

Value Score measures the relationship between a company's stock price and its intrinsic value as indicated by various income statement, balance sheet, and cash flow metrics. These key valuation ratios, which include both trailing and forward-looking measures, are then compared to other firms within the company's peer group to derive a relative aggregate rank.