

DIVIDEND YIELD RATIO

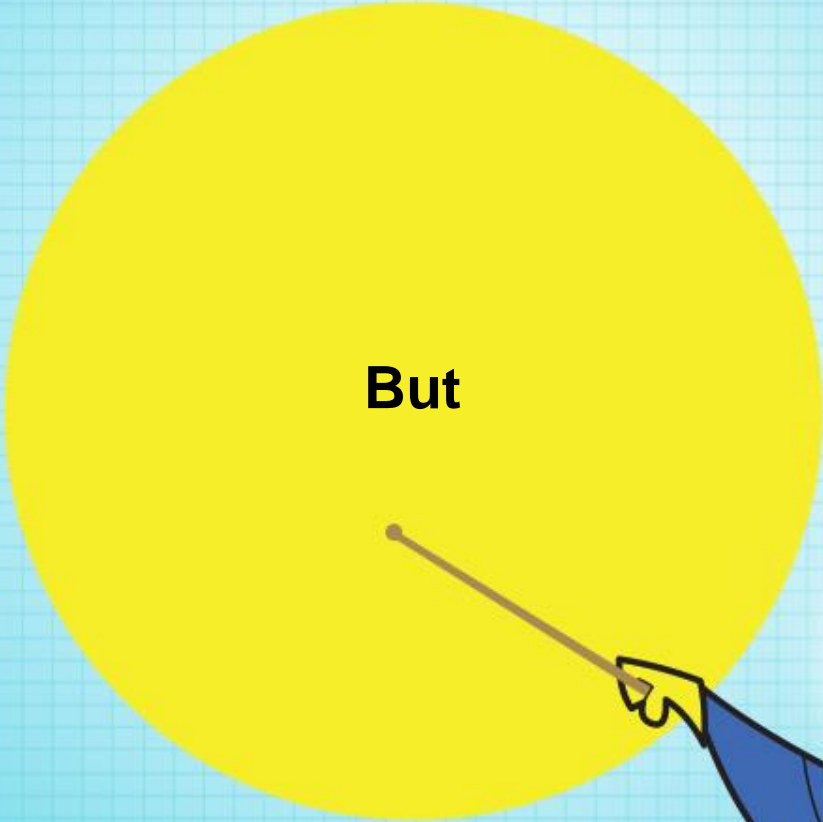


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- Many investors buy shares with the objective of earning a regular income from their investment.
- Their primary concern is with the amount that a company gives as dividends.
- Capital appreciation is usually a secondary consideration.
- For such investors, dividends obviously play a crucial role in their investment calculations.





But



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- It is illogical to draw a distinction between capital appreciation and dividends.
- Money is money – it doesn't really matter to an investor whether it comes from capital appreciation or from dividends, or a varying combination of both.
- In fact investors in high tax brackets prefer to get most of their returns through long term capital appreciation because of certain tax considerations.



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- Usually, companies that give high dividends not only have a poor growth record but often also poor future growth prospects
- If a company distributes the bulk of its earnings in the form of dividends, there will not be enough to 'plough back' for financing future growth
- 'Plough back' refers to reinvesting business profits back into the business for financing business expansion and growth



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- On the other hand, high growth companies usually have a poor dividend record
- This is because such companies usually use a small proportion of their earnings to pay out dividends
- In the long run however, high growth companies not only offer steep capital appreciation but also end up paying higher dividends as their business capacities begin to expand



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- On the whole , you are likely to get much higher total returns on your investment if you invest for capital appreciation rather than for dividends
- It all boils down to whether you are prepared to sacrifice immediate dividend income for greater future capital appreciation and therefore higher future dividends
- It is basically a trade-off between capital appreciation and income
- This relationship between dividends and the market price of company's shares is expressed by a ratio called 'Dividend Yield'



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Dividend Yield Ratio

It is expressed as:-

$$\text{Yield} = \frac{\text{Dividend per share}}{\text{Market Price per share}} \times 100$$

Yield indicates the percentage of return that you can expect by way of dividends on your investment at the prevailing market price



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- Let us assume that you invested Rs. 2000 in buying 100 shares of XYZ Ltd. at Rs. 20 per share with a face value of Rs. 10 each
- If XYZ announces a dividend of 20% (Rs. 2 per share), then you will get a total dividend of Rs. 200
- So, the yield on your investment is:-

$$\frac{\text{Rs. 2 (Dividend)}}{\text{Rs. 20 (Market Price)}} \times 100 = 10\%$$



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- Thus, while the dividend was 20%, your actual yield on the dividend earned comes to 10%
- The concept of Yield is of far greater practical utility than dividends
- It gives you an idea of what you are earning through dividends on the current market price of your shares



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- So, a higher dividend yield may be desirable from an investor's perspective
- But, a high dividend yield can also mean that the stock is under priced (low denominator) or that the future dividends might not be as high as previous dividends
- Similarly, a low dividend yield might mean that the stock is overpriced (higher denominator) or that future dividends might be higher



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Hope you have now understood the concept of Dividend Yield Ratio.



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