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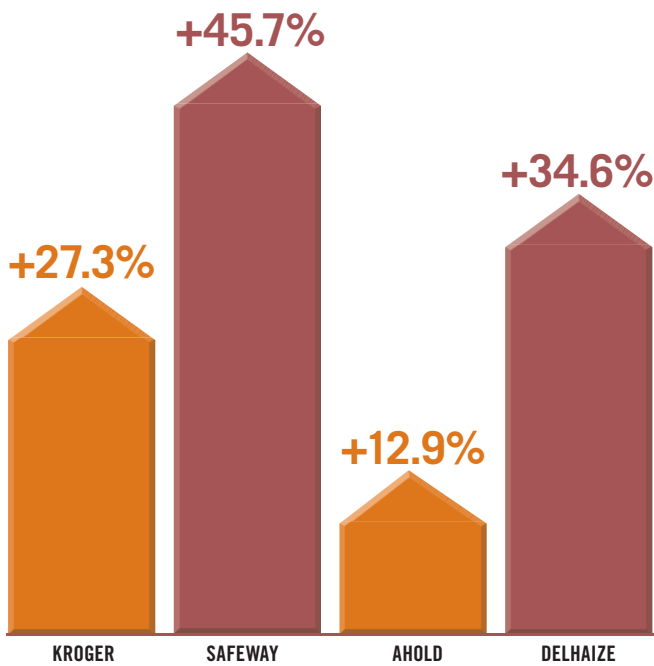
Supermarket Stocks Show Q1 Improvements

The combination of an improving macro-economic environment and some strong company-specific performances might have driven the stock-price gains among traditional supermarkets in the first quarter, according to Andrew Wolf, a Richmond, Va.-based analyst with

BB&T Capital Markets. The potential for Cerberus and Tesco to close stores, plus Kroger backing off on heavy price investments, point to a better competitive environment, he said.

SOURCE: SN research

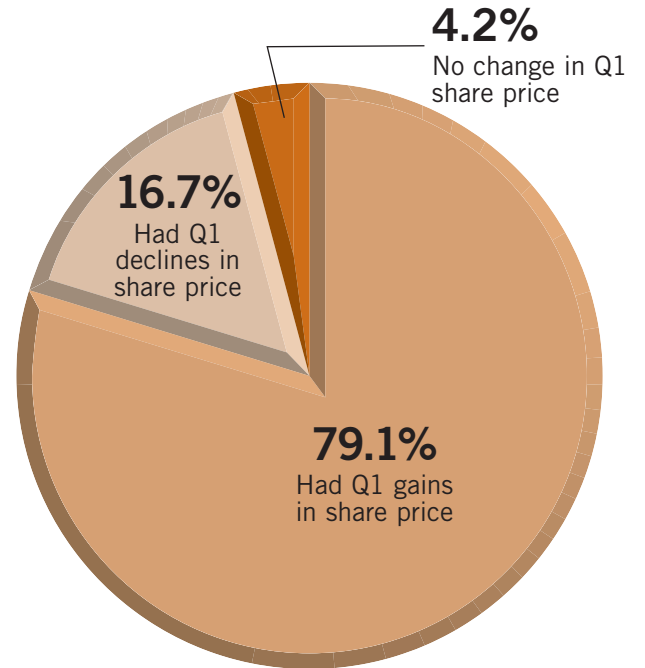
Traditional Chains Gain (Q1 change in stock price)



10 percent

Gain in share price at Wal-Mart Stores in the 1st quarter, to \$74.83

Food Retailers Up in Q1*

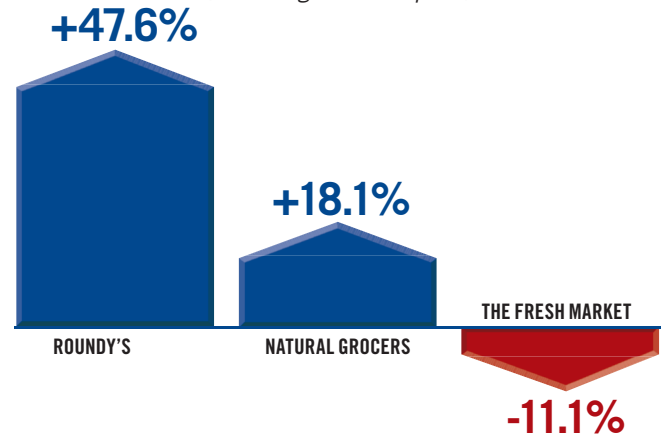


* For 24 U.S. and Canadian food retail and wholesale stocks tracked by SN

“Wall Street was looking for laggards, and the industry outlook has improved enough on the margin to make big moves in the major stocks.”

— ANDREW WOLF, analyst, BB&T Capital Markets

Recent Food Retail IPOs (Q1 change in stock price)

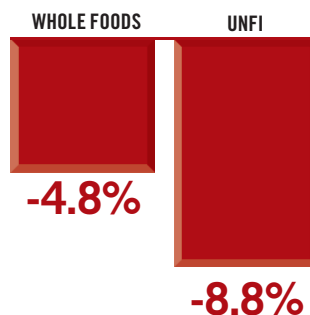


\$164M

Amount Fairway investors could reap in an IPO expected this week

Organic Slump

(Q1 change in stock price)



Deal-Driven Gains

(Q1 change in stock price)

Supervalu: +104%
Harris Teeter: +10.8%