

Full Investment Memo — UBER

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Quick summary

Model rating: BUY (score 83/100)

Base support: 100.0%

Bear support: 89.5%

Bull support: 100.0%

Probability-weighted support: 97.4% (weights {'bear': 0.25, 'base': 0.5, 'bull': 0.25})

Confidence / veracity: 52/100

Evidence to verify (Top 10 must-click headlines)

- Getir co-founders file lawsuit against Mubadala – report | finnhub | INSURANCE | impact -3
| [https://finnhub.io/api/news?](https://finnhub.io/api/news?id=da027155bd31056d0cabace8b4fbe1ca104cd5b4ca6dda14fc3845dc936073e7)

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- Bank of America resets Uber stock price after earnings | finnhub | REGULATORY | impact -3
| [https://finnhub.io/api/news?](https://finnhub.io/api/news?id=61772357ffdc75b23e68cb9e8ec768f87efec9d34433df68f6bbb124968ce12)

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- Consumer Watchdog's Consumer Alert Challenges Uber's Misleading Super Bowl
"Consumer Alert" TV Ad: Uber Really Wants Removal of Legal Accountability for Faulty
Safety Checks | finnhub | SAFETY | impact -2 | [https://finnhub.io/api/news?](https://finnhub.io/api/news?id=e8d0314a28db6d2e4ebee541d728e8e6e3d7b317a011de45ec5be7c443fdc36b)

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- Uber Liability Verdict Puts Safety Data And Investor Risks In Focus | finnhub | INSURANCE
| impact -2 | [https://finnhub.io/api/news?](https://finnhub.io/api/news?id=f10e3a67099b57552a9d829bee868929c2cc772f1f637964f1cd149e473b8a20)

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- Uber Jury Verdict Raises Fresh Questions On Safety Risks And Valuation | finnhub |
SAFETY | impact -2 | [https://finnhub.io/api/news?](https://finnhub.io/api/news?id=69206f4dd687e3337706f419a68506e273fd635a31ed4e305434096f75c76838)

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- IBM spin-off CFO departs amid cash management review: Trial Balance | finnhub | OTHER
| impact 0 | [https://finnhub.io/api/news?](https://finnhub.io/api/news?id=82270a4c740bf3b7678322f439605063222c3186cb41c0c3f3796392b0221292)

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- Uber Deepens Türkiye Footprint With Getir Delivery Buyout | finnhub | OTHER | impact 0 |
[https://finnhub.io/api/news?](https://finnhub.io/api/news?id=33d2c5ad35b4d45f75ed416b52f6132b4b1a2216f7b1fc4b392be4492c910a70)

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- Uber To Acquire Getir's Türkiye Delivery Portfolio Covering Food, Grocery, Retail, And Water Services; Terms Not Disclosed | finnhub | OTHER | impact 0 |

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- Lyft debuts teen accounts more than two years after Uber | finnhub | OTHER | impact 0 |

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- Tesla Announces New Semi Truck Trim Levels, Elon Musk Reaffirms Volume Production This Year | finnhub | OTHER | impact 0 | [https://finnhub.io/api/news?](https://finnhub.io/api/news?id=cbde98592fd6bccdf60b7dcae8899aa7b050ceddbb3674619d857471834d7ec4)

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The thesis (Base case)

UBER: Base case — growth + cash generation supports the thesis

Normal world: we want healthy growth, strong free cash flow, reasonable valuation, and non-escalating risk headlines.

Scenarios (Bear / Base / Bull)

BEAR — support 89.5%

Bear case: things go wrong (growth slows, costs rise, risks escalate). If the thesis holds here, it's more resilient.

Claims checklist:

- PASS — Free cash flow is still positive even if conditions worsen | latest_free_cash_flow | Actual: \$9.76B

- PASS — Revenue growth does not collapse | latest_revenue_yoy_pct | Actual: 18.3%

- PASS — Cash conversion stays above a minimum floor | latest_fcf_margin_pct | Actual: 18.8%

- PASS — Stock is cheap enough to compensate for risks (higher required cash yield) | fcf_yield_pct | Actual: 6.5%

- FAIL — News risk is not escalating (quiet headlines) | news_shock_30d | Actual: -12.00

- PASS — Insurance risk stays low (if this spikes, it can be structural) | risk_insurance_neg_30d | Actual: 2.00

- PASS — Regulatory risk stays low | risk_regulatory_neg_30d | Actual: 1.00

- PASS — Labor risk stays low | risk_labor_neg_30d | Actual: 0.00

- PASS — Debt burden is manageable (net debt <= ~2.5 years of free cash flow) | latest_net_debt_to_fcf | Actual: 0.59

BASE — support 100.0%

Base case: the most likely world (the company continues roughly as it is today). This is the main thesis you're betting on.

Claims checklist:

- PASS — Revenue is still growing at a healthy pace | latest_revenue_yoy_pct | Actual: 18.3%

- PASS — Free cash flow is positive (business generates real cash) | latest_free_cash_flow | Actual: \$9.76B

- PASS — Free cash flow margin is solid (company converts sales into cash) | latest_fcf_margin_pct | Actual: 18.8%

- PASS — Valuation is not expensive versus cash (FCF yield is decent) | fcf_yield_pct | Actual: 6.5%

- PASS — Recent news shock is not severe (not a headline crisis) | news_shock_30d | Actual: -12.00

- PASS — Insurance risk is not spiking recently | risk_insurance_neg_30d | Actual: 2.00

- PASS — Regulatory risk is not spiking recently | risk_regulatory_neg_30d | Actual: 1.00

- PASS — Labor risk is not spiking recently | risk_labor_neg_30d | Actual: 0.00

- PASS — Debt burden is manageable (net debt <= ~3.0 years of free cash flow) | latest_net_debt_to_fcf | Actual: 0.59

BULL — support 100.0%

Bull case: things go right (strong execution + contained risks). If the thesis holds here, there may be meaningful upside.

Claims checklist:

- PASS — Revenue growth stays strong (upside scenario) | latest_revenue_yoy_pct | Actual: 18.3%

- PASS — Free cash flow stays positive | latest_free_cash_flow | Actual: \$9.76B

- PASS — Cash conversion stays excellent (high FCF margin) | latest_fcf_margin_pct | Actual: 18.8%

- PASS — Valuation stays reasonable even if investors get more optimistic | fcf_yield_pct | Actual: 6.5%

- PASS — News risk is not a major crisis even in a noisy world | news_shock_30d | Actual: -12.00

- PASS — Insurance risk stays manageable | risk_insurance_neg_30d | Actual: 2.00

- PASS — Debt burden is manageable (net debt <= ~4.0 years of free cash flow) | latest_net_debt_to_fcf | Actual: 0.59

Plain-English explanations

Plain-English explanations (for beginners)

Revenue growth (year over year)

Actual: 18.3%

What it is: How much sales grew compared to last year.

Why it matters: Growing sales usually means demand is increasing and the company is scaling.

How to judge it: Rule of thumb: <5% slow, 5–10% okay, 10%+ healthy, 20%+ very strong.

Free Cash Flow (FCF)

Actual: \$9.76B

What it is: Real cash left after paying operating costs AND necessary investments (capex).

Why it matters: Positive FCF means the company funds itself (less need for debt or dilution).

How to judge it: Rule of thumb: negative for long periods is risky; positive and rising is strong.

FCF margin

Actual: 18.8%

****What it is:**** How much of revenue turns into free cash (as a percent).

****Why it matters:**** Shows efficiency: high margin means sales turn into real money.

****How to judge it:**** Rule of thumb: <5% weak, 5–10% okay, 10–15% good, 15%+ excellent.

FCF yield (valuation vs cash)

****Actual:**** 6.5%

****What it is:**** Free cash flow divided by market value. Think: 'cash return' if cash stayed stable.

****Why it matters:**** Higher yield usually means the stock is cheaper relative to its cash generation.

****How to judge it:**** Rule of thumb: <2% expensive, 2–4% fair, 4–6% attractive, 6%+ cheap.

News shock (last 30 days)

****Actual:**** -12.00

****What it is:**** A warning-light score that gets worse when negative news spikes recently.

****Why it matters:**** Helps detect if risks are getting louder (lawsuits, regulation, safety, insurance issues).

****How to judge it:**** Closer to 0 is better; more negative is worse. Use as a signal, not absolute truth.

Insurance risk (negative items in last 30 days)

****Actual:**** 2.00

****What it is:**** How many recent negative items were tagged as INSURANCE.

****Why it matters:**** Repeated negatives in the same theme can be a real risk, not just random noise.

****How to judge it:**** Rule of thumb: 0–3 is usually manageable; repeated spikes deserve deep reading.

Regulatory risk (negative items in last 30 days)

****Actual:** 1.00**

****What it is:**** How many recent negative items were tagged as REGULATORY.

****Why it matters:**** Repeated negatives in the same theme can be a real risk, not just random noise.

****How to judge it:**** Rule of thumb: 0–3 is usually manageable; repeated spikes deserve deep reading.

Labor risk (negative items in last 30 days)

****Actual:** 0.00**

****What it is:**** How many recent negative items were tagged as LABOR.

****Why it matters:**** Repeated negatives in the same theme can be a real risk, not just random noise.

****How to judge it:**** Rule of thumb: 0–3 is usually manageable; repeated spikes deserve deep reading.

Net debt to FCF (years to pay off debt with cash)

****Actual:** 0.59**

****What it is:**** Roughly: how many years of current free cash flow would pay off net debt.

****Why it matters:**** This is an intuitive risk gauge: fewer years = easier to handle debt.

****How to judge it:**** Rule of thumb: <2 low risk, 2–4 okay, 4+ watch carefully (depends on stability).

Safety risk (negative items in last 30 days)

****Actual:** 2.00**

****What it is:**** How many recent negative items were tagged as SAFETY.

****Why it matters:**** Repeated negatives in the same theme can be a real risk, not just random noise.

****How to judge it:**** Rule of thumb: 0–3 is usually manageable; repeated spikes deserve deep reading.

Total risk (negative items in last 30 days)

Actual: 5.00

What it is: How many recent negative items were tagged as TOTAL.

Why it matters: Repeated negatives in the same theme can be a real risk, not just random noise.

How to judge it: Rule of thumb: 0–3 is usually manageable; repeated spikes deserve deep reading.

Next steps

Next steps (idiot-proof checklist)

- 1) Read the Base case. If Base support is high, the thesis is supported today.
- 2) Check the Bear case. If Bear support is decent, the thesis survives stress.
- 3) Check the Bull case. If Bull support is high too, there may be upside.
- 4) If confidence is low (single-source news), click-verify the worst headlines first.
- 5) Re-run weekly or monthly to monitor changes.