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# Microsoft Corporation (MSFT-US) Software

- We reiterate our Buy rating on MFST as Business Performance continues to accelerate driven by strong revenue growth across all key product lines.
- Azure, Office 365 and accelerating growth from LinkedIn continue to drive strong Business Performance.
- Increasing enterprise demand for secure productivity and collaboration tools is driving increasing MSFT product adoption, and customer wins.
- LinkedIn is making a greater contribution to accelerating growth as it experiences record levels of user engagement.
- MSFT's Intelligent Cloud and Intelligent Edge continue to drive its architectural advantage.
- MSFT continues to grow its gaming industry dominance and product offerings.
- MSFT strong cash flow and current cash position will continue to fund innovation and growth while enhancing shareholder returns through ongoing dividend increases and share repurchases.

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### **Company Note**

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Research Action:

Reiterate rating

Rating: Buy **Prior Rating:** Buy Price 02/13/2018: 52 Week High / Low:

\$89.83 \$96.07 \$63.62 Key Data: (TTM as of Dec-17) **Excess Cash per Share:** \$18.39 **Annual Dividend:** \$1.68 **Dividend Yield:** 1.87% Avg. Volume (30 Day): 38.1M **Shares Outstanding:** 7,699.8M Float: 7.562.6M **Equity MV:** \$691,672.1M Sales TTM: \$98.425.0M Beta: 1.02 **EBITDAR:** \$55,471.3M NOPAT: \$20,593.3M **Total Invested Capital:** \$190,746.6M Return on Capital: 11.87% **Cost of Capital:** 6.88% **Economic Profit:** \$8,662.4M Market Value Added: \$595,678.5M **Current Operations Value:** \$299,508.2M **Future Growth Value:** 

\$486,916.8M

- We reiterate our Buy rating on MFST as Business Performance continues to accelerate driven by strong revenue growth across all key product lines. Revenue and Economic Profit grew significantly Y/Y, driven by ongoing benefits from strategic growth, new product development, and marketing initiatives. MSFT is benefiting from growth in LinkedIn and new product introductions including new Surface tablets and Windows 10 PCs. MSFT also announced recent blockchain development partnerships with Accenture and Hapoalim using its new Coco framework. Accelerating adoption of Azure and Office 365 continue to be key catalysts and tailwinds for future growth. MSFT continues to announce new Azure adoptions and collaborations with key cloud service providers. We further believe new strategic initiatives in augmented and virtual reality along with increasing AI integration will continue to be future growth drivers. MSFT market-leading position and innovative ability will continue to generate increasing Economic Profit and greater shareholder value creation. We believe further upside exists from current levels.
- Azure, Office 365 and accelerating growth from LinkedIn continue to drive strong Business Performance. For the LTM ending December 2017, Net Sales Revenue increased 15.43% Y/Y from \$85.27 billion to \$98.43 billion driven by ongoing acceleration in revenue growth across all key product lines, especially in Azure and LinkedIn. We forecast a further increase of 13.5% to \$111.67 billion over the NTM. Economic Operating Cash Flow (EBITDAR) increased 29.61% Y/Y from \$42.8 billion to \$55.5 billion over the LTM. We forecast a further increase of 5.5% to \$58.6 billion over the NTM. Net Operating Profit After Tax (NOPAT) increased 12.53% Y/Y from \$18.3 billion to \$20.6 billion over the LTM. We forecast a further increase of 21% to \$24.9 billion over the NTM. Return on Capital declined from 12.54% to 11.87% over the LTM as capital investment increased. We forecast an increase to 13.56% over the NTM. Economic Profit (EP) increased 1.5% Y/Y from \$8.53 billion to \$8.67 billion over the LTM. We forecast a further increase of 14.25% to \$9.9 billion over the NTM.



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- Increasing enterprise demand for secure productivity and collaboration tools is driving increasing MSFT product adoption, and customer wins. MSFT continues to invest in its product offerings by developing new features and greater security, along with including integrated collaboration apps like SharePoint, Teams, and Yammer. MSFT's ongoing enhancement of products like Microsoft 365 with greater AI capabilities improves its functionality and is driving increasing adoption. Excel Insights is a new service that uses machine learning to detect and highlight patterns. Translator brings 60-language translation functionality to Word. MSFT continues to expand its service offerings for users to be more productive on any platform, including mobile with realtime co-authoring capabilities in Office Apps on iOS, Android and MAC operating systems. In January, MSFT added dictation capability across multiple apps in Office 365 as it emphasizes first-class voice input for increasing productivity. MasterCard (MA-US, Strong Buy rated) recently chose Microsoft 365 as its collaboration platform across its entire workforce.
- LinkedIn is making a greater contribution to accelerating growth as it experiences record levels of user engagement. LinkedIn continues to exhibit strong sales execution across all its services as it is fast becoming an even greater strategic asset than originally thought at the time of its acquisition a year ago. LinkedIn just recorded its fifth consecutive guarter of greater than 20% revenue growth. Increasing engagement across the LinkedIn platform is also driving strong demand for sponsored content and marketing solutions along with the record level of job postings and engagement in its Talent Solutions. MSFT continues to enhance LinkedIn's product offering by creating new ways for members to connect and engage. LinkedIn's newest feature, Career Advice, is a helpful feature for members and is also driving greater ad posting revenue as well. MSFT continues to integrate LinkedIn within its other products including Sales Navigator, Dynamic 365 for sales and Dynamics for talent search, along with the launch of Profile Card that brings personalized LinkedIn insights directly into Office 365 and its new Resume Assistant that helps people build resumes online in LinkedIn. MSFT is also improving member experience by leveraging Microsoft and LinkedIn Graphs with similar functionality to Facebook (FB-US, Buy rated) graphs.



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- MSFT's Intelligent Cloud and Intelligent Edge continue to drive its architectural advantage. MSFT just reported a 98% increase in Azure revenue this quarter as it offers an industry-leading developer platform with enhanced AI and security capabilities. Azure Cosmos DB is the industry's first globally distributed multimodal database, supporting a new class of low latency event-based serverless applications. Azure Databricks provides leading Apache spark-based analytics, and MSFT's new SQL Server on Lenox reported more than 5 million downloads and is driving more developers to its SQL ecosystem. MSFT continues to increase its strategic partnerships with companies like Alphabet (GOOGL-US, Strong Buy Rated), Amazon (AMZN-US, Buy Rated). Oracle (ORCL-US, Non-rated), Salesforce (CRM-US, Non-rated) and others to offer hybrid cloud solutions. MSFT's partnership with infrastructure provider GoDaddy (GDDY-US, Non-rated) to focus on the small and medium-size business (SMB) market. Azure has grown to be the second largest cloud service provider after Amazon.
- MSFT continues to grow its gaming industry dominance and product offerings. MSFT's recently launched, Xbox One X is the most technologically advanced and powerful game console ever built and was the best-selling premium gaming console this past holiday season. MSFT continues to develop gaming console functionality in applications that drive increasing numbers of subscribers to its Game Pass service as it also integrates its gaming functionality across all platforms including console, PC, and mobile devices. MSFT grew its monthly subscribers again this quarter to 59 million, up from 53 million at the end of last quarter. MSFT recently purchased PlayFab which has over 700 million customers and offers over 1,200 games from companies like Atari, Disney, and Rovio. PlayFab is a complete backend platform for game console, mobile and PC game developers to build and launch cloud connected games which MSFT will run on its Azure platform providing a world-class cloud-based service for the gaming industry.
- MSFT strong cash flow and current cash position will continue to fund innovation and growth while enhancing shareholder returns through ongoing dividend increases and share repurchases. MSFT currently has over \$58 billion in Economic Operating Cash Flow (EBITDAR) along with \$142 billion or \$18 a share in excess cash. MSFT increases its dividend in the September quarter 8% from \$0.39 to \$0.42 per quarter giving it a current yield of approximately 2%. In September 2016, MSFT announced an open market purchase of \$40 billion worth of stock. MSFT repurchased \$1.8 billion worth of stock and paid out \$3.2 billion in dividends in the last quarter.



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#### **Investment Thesis**

MSFT continues to drive greater revenue growth through an evolving software as a service (SaaS) model with the launch of Office 365 and its Azure cloud platform. MSFT is expanding its innovative capabilities to drive greater in-home and enterprise presence. MSFT is expanding its focus and presence away from the consumer and move toward more profitable enterprise and cloud-based services. Enterprise services now account for more than half of MSFT's total revenue driven by its strong market share across cloud, database, office, and OS. MSFT continues to gain a dominant position in the enterprise space, driven by its increasingly broad and powerful line of cloud-based product offerings. MSFT is increasing margins through service-based offerings which will continue to drive greater Economic Profit and increasing shareholder value creation.

### **Company Overview**

**Microsoft Corp. (MSFT-US)** develops, sells licenses and supports operating systems, server applications, business and consumer applications, software development tools and intranet and internet software. Microsoft also manufacturers the Xbox video game console, the Surface line of tablets and laptops along with other computer peripherals.

Microsoft operates the industry-leading cloud computing platform Azure offering application development and management through a hosted global network of Microsoft managed data centers. Microsoft operates a number of online and media services including the MSN network, MSNBC, and Xbox 360 live with over 53 million active monthly users. Microsoft manufacturers the world's leading business productivity software suite, Microsoft Office 365.

Microsoft competes and sells its products globally with 50% of its revenue coming from the United States and the other 50% coming international sales. Microsoft's customers include the world's largest corporations, global governments, small business, and consumers.

In 2016 Microsoft acquired business social network LinkedIn, increasing its capabilities to compete with relationship-oriented software by providers such as Salesforce. LinkedIn is part of Office 365 in the Windows ecosystem



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Microsoft reports revenue under three operating segments: Productivity & Business Processes, Intelligent Cloud, and More Personal Computing.

**Productivity & Business Processes:** (31.5% of fiscal 2017 revenues) includes the Office business productivity suite and Dynamics CRM businesses.

**Intelligent Cloud:** (28.4% of fiscal 2017 revenues) includes server, and enterprise products and services. At the end of fiscal 2017, Microsoft's commercial cloud annualized revenue run rate exceeded \$18.9 billion.

**More Personal Computing:** (40.1% of fiscal 2017 revenues) includes the Windows operating system, Xbox 360 game console, and Xbox 360 live online gaming platform and its Bing search business.



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#### **Financial Data**

Report Basis Reported Period Ending	LTM 12/31/2012	LTM 12/31/2013	LTM 12/31/2014	LTM 12/31/2015	LTM 12/31/2016	LTM 12/31/2017	NTM 12/31/2018	5 Yr Average	3 Yr Average	Current Trend
Net Sales Revenue	\$72,818.0	\$83,263.0	\$93,268.0	\$87,632.0	\$85,270.0	\$98.425.0	\$111,674.9	\$89.571.6	\$90,442.3	\$105,050.0
Sales Growth	0.76%	14.34%	12.02%	-6.04%	-2.70%	15.43%	13.46%	6.61%	2.23%	14.44%
Sales Growth Trend	4.06%	8.91%	12.95%	1.18%	-4.03%	8. 18%	14.25%	5.44%	1.77%	11.21%
Operating Cash Flow (EBITDAR)	\$40,505.0	\$44,576.8	\$48,037.5	\$44,454.7	\$42,797.6	\$55,471.3	\$58,546.9	\$47,067.6	\$47,574.5	\$57,009.1
EBITDAR Margin	55.63%	53.54%	51.50%	50.73%	50.19%	56.36%	52.43%	52.46%	52.43%	54.39%
EBITDAR Growth	-1.05%	10.05%	7.76%	-7.46%	-3.73%	29.61%	5.54%	7.25%	6.14%	17.58%
Net Operating Profit Before Tax (NOPBT)	\$26,485.0	\$28,676.8	\$29,383.5	\$25,512.7	\$21,904.6	\$30,736.3	\$32,024.7	\$27,242.8	\$26,051.2	\$31,380.5
NOPBT Margin	36.37%	34.44%	31.50%	29.11%	25.69%	31.23%	28.68%	30.40%	28.68%	29.95%
NOPBT Growth	-6.19%	8.28%	2.46%	-13.17%	-14.14%	40.32%	4.19%	4.75%	4.33%	22.26%
Cash Operating Income Tax	\$6,040.0	\$5,331.5	\$7,114.3	\$7,467.6	\$3,604.7	\$10,143.0	\$7,045.4	\$6,732.2	\$7,071.8	\$8,594.2
Economic Tax Effective Rate	22.81%	18.59%	24.21%	29.27%	16.46%	33.00%	22.00%	24.31%	26.24%	27.50%
Net Operating Profit After Tax (NOPAT)	\$20,445.0	\$23,345.3	\$22,269.2	\$18,045.1	\$18,299.9	\$20,593.3	\$24,979.2	\$20,510.5	\$18,979.4	\$22,786.3
NOPAT Margin	28.08%	28.04%	23.88%	20.59%	21.46%	20.92%	22.37%	22.98%	20.99%	21.65%
NOPAT Growth	-13.95%	14.19%	-4.61%	-18.97%	1.41%	12.53%	21.30%	0.91%	-1.67%	16.92%
Cash & Equivalents	\$79,019.0	\$98,551.0	\$102,914.0	\$114,154.0	\$131,693.0	\$146,741.0	\$167,648.9	\$118,810.6	\$130,862.7	\$157,194.9
Total Assets	\$128,683.0	\$153,543.0	\$174,848.0	\$180,098.0	\$224,610.0	\$256,003.0	\$292,478.7	\$197,820.4	\$220,237.0	\$274,240.8
Non - Interest Bearing Liabilities (NIBLs)	\$37,051.0	\$39,974.0	\$48,634.0	\$52,387.0	\$62,279.0	\$76,818.0	\$87,763.1	\$56,018.4	\$63,828.0	\$82,290.6
Net Assets	\$91,632.0	\$113,569.0	\$126,214.0	\$127,711.0	\$162,331.0	\$179,185.0	\$204,715.5	\$141,802.0	\$156,409.0	\$191,950.3
Economic Asset Adjustments	\$502.9	\$3,485.5	\$5,118.3	\$6,620.3	\$8,626.0	\$11,561.6	\$13,208.9	\$7,082.3	\$8,936.0	\$12,385.2
Net Operating Assets	\$92,134.9	\$117,054.5	\$131,332.3	\$134,331.3	\$170,957.0	\$190,746.6	\$217,924.4	\$148,884.3	\$165,345.0	\$204,335.5
Debt & Debt Equivalents	\$15,993.9	\$25,145.5	\$32,291.3	\$49,104.3	\$92,161.0	\$100,142.6	\$114,411.0	\$59,768.9	\$80,469.3	\$107,276.8
Equity & Equivalents	\$72,576.0	\$85,100.0	\$91.879.0	\$76,780.0	\$68,809.0	\$78,360.0	\$89,524.8	\$80,185.6	\$74.649.7	\$83,942.4
Total Capital - Financing Sources	\$88,569.9	\$110,245.5	\$124,170.3	\$125,884.3	\$160,970.0	\$178,502.6	\$203,935.9	\$139,954.5	\$155,119.0	\$191,219.2
Capital Adjustments	(\$1,303.0)	\$1,316.0	\$1,135.0	\$1,945.0	\$2,991.0	\$4,581.0	\$5,233.7	\$2,393.6	\$3,172.3	\$4,907.4
Net Capital Financing Sources	\$87,266.9	\$111,561.5	\$125,305.3	\$127,829.3	\$163,961.0	\$183,083.6	\$209,169.6	\$142,348.1	\$158,291.3	\$196,126.6
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Net Working Capital	\$393.9	\$1,456.2	(\$275.6)	(\$2,453.4)	(\$11,299.5)	(\$4,256.8)	(\$4,863.3)	(\$3,365.8)	(\$6,003.2)	(\$4,560.0)
Cost of Net Working Capital % of Revenue	\$143.5	\$71.2 0.09%	\$40.4	(\$91.3)	(\$460.3)	(\$534.8)	(\$611.0)	(\$195.0)	(\$362.1)	(\$572.9)
Operational Capital	0.20% \$10,897.8	\$15,192.6	0.04% \$17,314.7	-0.10% \$18,010.9	-0.54% \$15,714.5	-0.54% <b>\$29,027.8</b>	-0.55% \$33,163.7	-0.21% \$19,052.1	-0.40% <b>\$20,917.8</b>	-0.55% <b>\$31,095.8</b>
Cost of Operational Capital	\$854.4	\$1,004.7	\$1,112.0	\$1,181.9	\$1,128.7	\$1,538.2	\$1,757.3	\$1,193.1	\$1,282.9	\$1,647.8
% of Revenue	1.17%	1.21%	1.19%	1.35%	1.32%	1.56%	1.57%	1.33%	1.41%	1.57%
Productive Capital	\$28,965.8	\$32,817.6	\$46,468.7	\$40,065.9	\$61,239.5	\$73,416.8	\$83,877.3	\$50,801.7	\$58,240.8	\$78,647.1
Cost of Productive Capital	\$2,267.9	\$2,379.3	\$2,712.3	\$2,895.1	\$3,390.5	\$4,629.3	\$5,288.9	\$3,201.3	\$3,638.3	\$4,959.1
% of Revenue	3.11%	2.86%	2.91%	3.30%	3.98%	4.70%	4.74%	3.55%	3.99%	4.72%
Total Operating Capital	\$16,756.8	\$22,666.6	\$33,081.7	\$24,558.9	\$43,527.5	\$48,926.8	\$55,898.0	\$34,552.3	\$39,004.4	\$52,412.4
Cost of Total Operating Capital	\$1,460.9	\$1,518.2	\$1,907.1	\$1,928.4	\$2,278.7	\$3,178.4	\$3,631.3	\$2,162.2	\$2,461.9	\$3,404.9
% of Revenue	2.01%	1.82%	2.04%	2.20%	2.67%	3.23%	3.25%	2.39%	2.70%	3.24%
Non - Operating Capital	\$75,378.1	\$94,387.9	\$98,250.6	\$109,772.4	\$127,429.5	\$141,819.8	\$162,026.4	\$114,332.0	\$126,340.6	\$151,923.1
Cost of Non - Operating Capital	\$4,594.5	\$6,537.7	\$6,589.9	\$6,959.7	\$7,938.7	\$9,256.4	\$10,575.3	\$7,456.5	\$8,051.6	\$9,915.8
% of Revenue	6.31%	7.85%	7.07%	7.94%	9.31%	9.40%	9.47% <b>\$217,924.4</b>	8.31%	8.89%	9.44%
Total Capital	\$92,134.9	\$117,054.5	\$131,332.3	\$134,331.3	\$170,957.0	\$190,746.6		\$148,884.3	\$165,345.0	\$204,335.5
Cost of Total Capital % of Revenue	\$6,055.4 8.32%	\$8,055.8 9.68%	\$8,496.9 9.11%	\$8,888.1 10.14%	\$10,217.5 11.98%	\$12,434.8 12.63%	\$14,206.6 12.72%	\$9,618.6 10.71%	\$10,513.5 11.59%	\$13,320.7 12.68%
Cost of Capital (WACC)	7.01%	7.70%	6.84%	6.69%	6.69%	6.88%	6.88%	6.96%	6.75%	6.88%
Capital Structure	\$4E 002 C	\$2E 44E F	¢22.204.2	640 404 0	¢02.464.6	\$100 440 0	\$114,411.0	\$E0.700.0	¢00.400.0	\$107,276.8
Debt & Debt Equivalents  Debt & Debt Equivalents % of Market Value	\$15,993.9	\$25,145.5	\$32,291.3	\$49,104.3	<b>\$92,161.0</b> <i>16.02%</i>	\$100,142.6		\$59,768.9	\$80,469.3	
Preferred Equity	6.64% <b>\$0.0</b>	7.45% <b>\$0.0</b>	7.78% <b>\$0.0</b>	9.98% <b>\$0.0</b>	\$0.0	13.18% <b>\$0.0</b>	13.18% <b>\$0.0</b>	11.58% <b>\$0.0</b>	13.21% <b>\$0.0</b>	13.18% <b>\$0.0</b>
Preferred Equity % of Market Value	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Market Value of Common Equity	\$224,801.2	\$312,297.5	\$382,880.5	\$443,169.4	\$483,160.3	\$659,906.0	\$753,930.4	\$456,282.7	\$528,745.2	\$706,918.2
Common Equity % of Market Value	93.36%	92.55%	92.22%	90.02%	83.98%	86.82%	86.82%	88.42%	86.79%	86.82%
Total Economic Market Value (MV)	\$240,795.0	\$337,442.9	\$415,171.8	\$492,273.8	\$575,321.4	\$760,048.6	\$868,341.4	\$516,051.7	\$609,214.6	\$814,195.0
Total %	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Excess Cash	\$75,378.1	\$94,387.9	\$98,250.6	\$109,772.4	\$127,429.5	\$141,819.8	\$162,026.4	\$114,332.0	\$126,340.6	\$151,923.1
Economic Enterprise Value	\$165,416.9	\$243,055.1	\$316,921.2	\$382,501.4	\$447,891.9	\$618,228.8	\$706,315.0	\$401,719.7	\$482,874.0	\$662,271.9
Average Capital	\$81,746.3	\$99,414.2	\$118,433.4	\$126,567.3	\$145,895.2	\$173,522.3	\$196,126.6	\$132,766.5	\$148,661.6	\$184,824.4
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Capital ∆	\$11,041.0	\$24,294.6	\$13,743.8	\$2,524.0	\$36,131.7	\$19,122.5	\$26,086.0	\$19,163.3	\$19,259.4	\$22,604.3

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### **Financial Analysis**

Report Basis	LTM	LTM 12/31/2013	LTM 12/31/2014	LTM	LTM	LTM	NTM	5 Yr	3 Yr	Current
Reported Period Ending Return on Market Value (NOPAT / MV)	12/31/2012 8.49%	12/31/2013 6.92%	12/31/2014 5.36%	12/31/2015 3.67%	12/31/2016 3.18%	12/31/2017 2.71%	12/31/2018 3.10%	Average 4.37%	Average 3.19%	Trend 2.90%
Return on Enterprise Value (NOPAT / MV)	12.36%	9.60%	7.03%	4.72%	4.09%	3.33%	3.10%	5.75%	4.04%	3.57%
Return on Capital (NOPAT / Average Capital)	25.01%	23.48%	18.80%	14.26%	12.54%	11.87%	13.56%	16.19%	12.89%	12.71%
Cost of Capital (WACC)	7.01%	7.70%	6.84%	6.69%	6.69%	6.88%	6.88%	6.96%	6.75%	6.88%
Economic Return Spread	18.00%	15.78%	11.96%	7.57%	5.85%	4.99%	5.70%	9.23%	6.14%	5.35%
Capital Charge	\$5,731.8	\$7,656.8	\$8,102.8	\$8,469.0	\$9,765.7	\$11,930.9	\$13,630.8	\$9,185.1	\$10,055.2	\$12,780.9
Economic Profit (EP)	\$14,713.2	\$15,688.4	\$14,166.3	\$9,576.1	\$8,534.1	\$8,662.4	\$9,896.7	\$11,325.5	\$8,924.2	\$9,279.5
Economic Profit Improvment (EPI)	(\$4,331.7)	\$975.2	(\$1,522.1)	(\$4,590.3)	(\$1,041.9)	\$128.3	\$1,234.2	(\$1,210.2)	(\$1,834.6)	\$681.3
EP Growth	-22.74%	6.63%	-9.70%	-32.40%	-10.88%	1.50%	14.25%	-8.97%	-13.93%	7.88%
Economic Profit Margin on Sales	20.21%	18.84%	15.19%	10.93%	10.01%	8.80%	8.86%	12.75%	9.91%	8.83%
Economic Profit Per Share	\$1.75	\$1.87	\$1.71	\$1.17	\$1.08	\$1.12	\$1.28	\$1.39	\$1.12	\$1.20
GAAP Earnings Per Share	\$1.84	\$2.73	\$2.50	\$1.42	\$2.15	\$1.49	\$3.79	\$2.06	\$1.69	\$2.64
Excess Cash Per Share	\$8.98	\$11.34	\$11.94	\$13.78	\$16.43	\$18.39	\$21.02	\$14.38	\$16.20	\$19.70
Performance Drivers										
Sales Growth	0.76%	14.34%	12.02%	-6.04%	-2.70%	15.43%	13.46%	6.61%	2.23%	14.44%
Sales Growth Trend (ROC Sales Growth)	4.06%	8.91%	12.02%	1.18%	-4.03%	8.18%	14.25%	5.44%	1.77%	11.21%
EBITDAR Margin	55.63%	53.54%	51.50%	50.73%	50.19%	56.36%	52.43%	52.46%	52.43%	54.39%
EBITDAR Margin	-1.05%	10.05%	7.76%	-7.46%	-3.73%	29.61%	5.54%	7.25%	6.14%	17.58%
NOPBT Margin	36.37%	34.44%	31.50%	29.11%	25.69%	31.23%	28.68%	30.40%	28.68%	29.95%
NOPBT Growth	-6.19%	8.28%	2.46%	-13.17%	-14.14%	40.32%	4.19%	4.75%	4.33%	29.95%
NOPAT Margin	28.08%	28.04%	23.88%	20.59%	21.46%	20.92%	22.37%	22.98%	20.99%	21.65%
NOPAT Growth	-13.95%	14.19%	-4.61%	-18.97%	1.41%	12.53%	21.30%	0.91%	-1.67%	16.92%
Economic Profit Margin on Sales (EP / Sales)	20.21%	18.84%	15.19%	10.93%	10.01%	8.80%	8.86%	12.75%	9.91%	8.83%
Economic Profit Growth	-22.74%	6.63%	-9.70%	-32.40%	-10.88%	1.50%	14.25%	-8.97%	-13.93%	7.88%
Economic Return Spread (ROC-WACC)	18.00%	15.78%	11.96%	7.57%	5.85%	4.99%	6.68%	9.23%	6.14%	5.84%
Economic Return Ratio ( ROC / WACC)	356.69%	304.89%	274.83%	213.07%	187.39%	172.61%	197.20%	230.56%	191.02%	184.90%
Economic Profit Momentum (ΔΕΡ/Capital)	-4.96%	0.87%	-1.21%	-3.59%	-0.64%	0.07%	0.59%	-0.90%	-1.39%	0.33%
Economic Profit Momentum Margin (ΔΕΡ/Sales)	-5.95%	1.17%	-1.63%	-5.24%	-1.22%	0.13%	1.11%	-1.36%	-2.11%	0.62%
Capital Growth	14.48%	27.84%	12.32%	2.01%	28.27%	11.66%	14.25%	16.42%	13.98%	12.96%
Capital Turns	0.83X	0.75X	0.74X	0.69X	0.52X	0.54X	0.53X	0.65X	0.58X	0.54X
EVC Acceleration Margin	-5.99%	1.34%	-1.83%	-4.92%	-1.19%	0.15%	1.25%	-1.08%	-2.05%	0.75%
EVC Acceleration Spread  Risk Factors	-6.52%	1.19%	-1.53%	-3.88%	-0.82%	0.09%	0.71%	-0.62%	-1.38%	0.46%
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Free Cash Flow (NOPAT - ∆ Capital)	\$9,404.0	(\$949.3)	\$8,525.3	\$15,521.0	(\$17,831.8)	\$1,470.8	(\$1,106.8)	\$1,347.2	(\$280.0)	\$182.0
Free Cash Flow Rate (FCF / Capital)	10.78%	-0.85%	6.80%	12.14%	-10.88%	0.80%	-0.53%	1.60%	0.69%	0.14%
Free Cash Flow Yield (FCF / MV)	3.91%	-0.28%	2.05%	3.15%	-3.10%	0.19%	-0.13%	0.40%	0.08%	0.03%
Total Debt / Total Capital	18.33%	22.54%	25.77%	38.41%	56.21%	54.70%	54.70%	39.53%	49.77%	54.70%
Total Debt / EBITDAR	39.49%	56.41%	67.22%	110.46%	215.34%	180.53%	195.42%	125.99%	168.78%	187.97%
Excess Cash	\$75,378.1 -24.66%	\$94,387.9	\$98,250.6 -15.89%	\$109,772.4	\$127,429.5	\$141,819.8 -5.48%	\$0.0 13.18%	\$114,332.0	\$126,340.6	\$70,909.9 3.85%
Financial Leverage ((Total Debt - Excess Cash) /	0.00%	-20.52% 0.00%		-12.32% 0.00%	-6.13% 0.00%	-5.48% 0.00%	0.00%	-12.07% 0.00%	-7.98%	
Pension Leverage (Net Pension Liability / MV) Equity Risk Index (S&P 500 = 1.00)	1.17	1.16	0.00% 1.15	1.20	1.08	1.01	1.01	1.12	0.00%	0.00% 1.01
Stock Price Volatility	2.98	3.11	3.32	3.54	3.22	2.09	2.09	3.06	2.95	2.09
Sales Index (NL Sales)	11.20	11.33	11.44	11.38	11.35	11.50	11.62	11.40	11.41	11.56
Market Value Index (NL Market Value)	12.39	12.73	12.94	13.11	13.26	13.54	13.67	13.12	13.30	13.61
Size Index (NL Sales: MV)	11.79	12.03	12.19	12.24	12.31	12.52	12.65	12.26	12.36	12.58
Beta	1.26	1.23	1.22	1.30	1.12	1.02	1.02	12.26	1.15	1.02
TFP Adjusted Beta	1.17	1.16	1.15	1.20	1.08	1.02	1.02	1.12	1.10	1.01
Stock Price Volatility	2.98	3.11	3.32	3.54	3.22	2.09	2.09	3.06	2.95	2.09
	2.00	0	0.02	0.0 .	0.22	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00
Valuation Measures										
Total Economic Market Value (MV)	\$240,795.0	\$337,442.9	\$415,171.8	\$492,273.8	\$575,321.4	\$760,048.6	\$868,341.4	\$516,051.7	\$609,214.6	\$814,195.0
Economic Enterprise Value	\$165,416.9	\$243,055.1	\$316,921.2	\$382,501.4	\$447,891.9	\$618,228.8	\$706,315.0	\$401,719.7	\$482,874.0	\$662,271.9
Equity Market Value	\$224,801.2	\$312,297.5	\$382,880.5	\$443,169.4	\$483,160.3	\$659,906.0	\$753,930.4	\$456,282.7	\$528,745.2	\$706,918.2
Total Capital	\$92,134.9	\$117,054.5	\$131,332.3	\$134,331.3	\$170,957.0	\$190,746.6	\$217,924.4	\$148,884.3	\$165,345.0	\$204,335.5
Market Value Created MVC (MV - Capital)	\$148,660.2	\$220,388.5	\$283,839.5	\$357,942.4	\$404,364.3	\$569,302.0	\$650,417.0	\$367,167.3	\$443,869.6	\$609,859.5
MVC Margin (MVC / Sales)	204.15%	264.69%	304.33%	408.46%	474.22%	578.41%	582.42%	409.91%	490.78%	580.54%
MVC Spread (MVC / Capital)	161.35%	188.28% \$203.693.9	216.12%	266.46% \$143.112.8	236.53% \$127.495.7	298.46% \$125.985.9	298.46% \$143.936.6	246.61% \$162.702.3	268.45% \$132.141.0	298.46%
Current EVC Value (EP / WACC)	\$209,836.8		\$207,059.1	, .		\$125,985.9 \$299,508.2	,		* - , -	\$134,961.3 \$319,785.7
Current Operations Value Bor Share	\$291,583.1	\$303,108.1	\$325,492.5 \$39.22	\$269,680.2	\$273,390.9 \$34.50	\$299,508.2 \$38.67	\$340,063.2	\$295,468.8 \$36.46	\$280,802.7 \$35.32	\$319,785.7 \$40.35
Current Operations Value Per Share Future Growth Value (MVC - EVA Value)	\$34.73 (\$50,788.1)	\$36.19 \$34,334.8	\$89,679.3	\$32.98 \$222,593.6	\$34.50	\$460,540.3	\$41.96 \$528,278.2	\$220,582.9	\$328,411.9	\$40.35
	-21.09%	10.18%	21.60%	45.22%	52.48%	60.59%	\$528,278.2 60.84%	\$220,582.9 42.74%	53.91%	60.72%
Future Growth Value Reliance (FGV / MV) Share Price	\$26.71	\$37.41	\$46.45	\$55.48	\$62.14	\$85.54	\$85.54	\$57.40	\$67.72	\$85.54
Dividend Yield	3.22%	2.73%	2.54%	2.42%	2.41%	1.89%	ψ00.04	ψ57.40	Ψ07.72	Ψ00.04
Total Shareholder Return (TTM)	6.11%	42.79%	26.71%	21.86%	14.42%	39.55%	0.00%	-32.89%	17.97%	26.31%
MV to IC Ratio	2.61X	2.88X	3.16X	3.66X	3.37X	3.98X	3.98X	3.47X	3.68X	3.98>
EV / EBITDAR Multiple	4.08X	5.45X	6.60X	8.60X	10.47X	11.15X	12.06X	8.53X	10.15X	11.62
EV / NOPBIT Multiple	6.25X	8.48X	10.79X	14.99X	20.45X	20.11X	22.06X	14.75X	18.54X	21.102
EV / NOPAT Multiple	8.09X	10.41X	14.23X	21.20X	24.48X	30.02X	28.28X	19.59X	25.44X	29.06
EV / EP Multiple	11.24X	15.49X	22.37X	39.94X	52.48X	71.37X	71.37X	35.47X	54.11X	71.37
Future Growth Value (% of MV)	-21.09%	10.18%	21.60%	45.22%	52.48%	60.59%	60.84%	42.74%	53.91%	60.72%
Current Operations Value (% of MV)	121.09%	89.82%	78.40%	54.78%	47.52%	39.41%	39.16%	57.26%	46.09%	39.28%
Market Value (COV + FGV %)	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Basic Shares Outstanding	8,396.0	8,375.0	8,299.0	8,177.0	7,925.0	7,746.0	8,104.4	8,104.4	7,949.3	7,925.2
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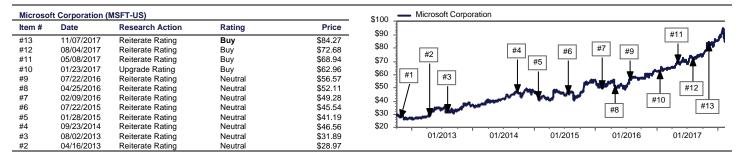


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EBITDAR: Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization, and Restructuring and Rent Costs. This is especially

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NOPAT: Net Operating Profit after Tax represents a company's after-tax cash operating profit excluding financing costs.

Total Invested Capital: Total Invested Capital the total cash investment that shareholders and debt holders have made during the life of the

company.

Return on Capital: Return on Capital equals NOPAT divided by Total Invested Capital. It is a key measure of operating efficiency. ROC

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