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### Research Upgrade

#### Yelp Inc. Class A (YELP-US) 2

We are upgrading YELP from Neutral to Buy. We believe that risk/reward looks attractive at current levels. YELP has recently shifted its advertising model to better address the needs of local businesses, which will spend \$150 billion in local advertising in 2016 according to industry sources. We think the local advertising market represents an immense opportunity and YELP will grow its share of this market due to its unique mobile positioning and continued product innovation. While 2016 will be an investment year, as the company ramps up its salesforce, we believe YELP is laying the ground work to generate significant future Economic Profit growth and greater shareholder value and find valuation attractive at current levels.

### Research Updates

#### Facebook, Inc. Class A (FB-US) 3

We reiterate our Buy rating on FB. FB reported positive Q4 earnings that beat on the top and bottom line and surpassing even the most bullish estimates. The top line beat was driven largely by advertising revenue growth that was up 57% Y/Y principally on the mobile platform. We note ad revenue growth was strong across all verticals and geographies. FB outperformed key user metrics MAUs, Mobile MAUs, and DAUs as it deftly maneuvers around changing consumer tastes within mobile, while driving increasing engagement in video and its Instagram platform. This confirms our thesis that Instagram and mobile are offsetting declines in the company's legacy platform. Many of FB's Performance metrics demonstrated robust Y/Y growth and it continues to generate substantial Economic Profit. We believe the company will continue to benefit from secular mobile and video trends, driving outsized Economic Profit growth and greater shareholder value creation.

#### Twitter, Inc. (TWTR-US) 4

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**Research Action:**
**Upgrade Rating**

**Rating:** Buy

**Prior Rating:** Neutral

**Price 02/18/2016:** \$17.64

**52 Week High /** \$52.51

**Low:** \$14.53

**Key Data: (TTM as of Dec-15)**

**Excess Cash per Share:** \$4.80

**Annual Dividend:** \$0.00

**Dividend Yield:** 0.00%

**Ave. Volume (30 Day):** 3.7M

**Shares Outstanding:** 75.5M

**Float:** 52.9M

**Equity MV:** \$1,331.7M

**Sales TTM:** \$549.7M

**Beta:** 1.35

**EBITDAR:** \$146.4M

**NOPAT:** \$7.0M

**Total Invested Capital:** \$989.8M

**Return on Capital:** 0.87%

**Cost of Capital:** 7.11%

**Economic Profit:** -\$50.4M

**Market Value Added:** \$632.7M

**Current Operations Value:** \$280.4M

**Future Growth Value:** \$1,342.1M

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- **Current valuation attractive given prospects for improving Business Performance.** We are projecting sales to increase 26.0% from \$549.7 million to \$692.00 million over the next year. While this sales growth represents a deceleration of the 46% growth over the last twelve months, we are being cautious in our outlook and think that sales growth could surprise to the upside when newly hired sales representative's expectedly ramp in the 2H16. Shares of YELP have been under substantial pressure over the past two years and YELP's EV/EBITDAR has compressed from 71.0x to 13.5x over that time period. We find this valuation particularly attractive and believe downside is limited at current levels.
- **Significant addressable market with compelling mobile product and refined business model.** As local advertising dollars continue to shift from traditional sources to the internet and mobile platforms, we believe YELP is uniquely positioned to benefit from this trend. As mentioned, the local advertising market is immense, and within that market \$7 billion is still spent on Yellow Page advertising, we believe that is YELP's most immediate market opportunity. Local Advertising grew 32% in the most recent quarter, and was bolstered by the company's transition to a purely CPC advertising model, which provides more demonstrable ROI for its targeted market. Coupled with this transition, the company has aggressively hired sales persons in the back half of last year, which should begin to yield results starting at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. After strong initial brand building success last year, management will continue to spend on building up brand recognition in 2016 which we believe will result in significant growth in their mobile app penetration which currently stands at 30% of all smart phone users. As a result of these efforts we think YELP will be one of the best positioned companies to capture mobile ad spend in local markets over the long-term and expect Economic Profit growth and greater shareholder value creation to follow.

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**Research Action:**
**Reiterate Rating**
**Rating:** Buy

**Prior Rating:** Buy

**Price 02/18/2016:** \$103.47

**52 Week High /** \$117.59

**Low:** \$72.00

**Key Data: (TTM as of Dec-15)**
**Excess Cash per Share:** \$6.21

**Annual Dividend:** \$0.00

**Dividend Yield:** 0.00%

**Ave. Volume (30 Day):** 49.7M

**Shares Outstanding:** 2,846.9M

**Float:** 2,188.8M

**Equity MV:** \$294,572.9M

**Sales TTM:** \$17,927.0M

**Beta:** 1.24

**EBITDAR:** \$13,178.8M

**NOPAT:** \$3,740.1M

**Total Invested Capital:** \$45,477.7M

**Return on Capital:** 9.00%

**Cost of Capital:** 7.29%

**Economic Profit:** \$712.5M

**Market Value Added:** \$250,745.9M

**Current Operations Value:** \$55,256.2M

**Future Growth Value:** \$240,967.4M

- **We reiterate our Buy rating on FB.** FB reported positive Q4 earnings that beat on the top and bottom line and surpassing even the most bullish estimates. The top line beat was driven largely by advertising revenue growth that was up 57% Y/Y principally on the mobile platform. We note ad revenue growth was strong across all verticals and geographies. FB outperformed key user metrics MAUs, Mobile MAUs, and DAUs as it deftly maneuvers around changing consumer tastes within mobile, while driving increasing engagement in video and its Instagram platform. This confirms our thesis that Instagram and mobile are offsetting declines in the company's legacy platform. Many of FB's Performance metrics demonstrated robust Y/Y growth and it continues to generate substantial Economic Profit. We believe the company will continue to benefit from secular mobile and video trends, driving outsized Economic Profit growth and greater shareholder value creation.
- **Advertising Metrics show strong momentum.** Global ARPU was up sharply Q/Q, up \$0.77 from \$2.83 to \$3.60 and up from \$9.86 to 12.89 in the U.S. and Canada. Notable strength was seen in Mobile, where mobile-only monthly active users was up 13.2% from 727 to 823 million users, and mobile ad impressions were up 29% Y/Y, the first growth since Q3 '13. Ad revenue growth came in well ahead of consensus up 57% Y/Y largely driven by mobile's 80% share of total advertising revenues. We believe this sets the stage for a continuation of advertising growth in 2016 driven by Instagram, video and mobile which are all benefiting from meaningful secular trends. FB expanded its Operating Margin over LTM to 73.54%, up from the five year average of 67.56% and we anticipate the company will maintain its strong margin profile over NTM.
- **2016 will see continued momentum in revenue growth.** In addition to aforementioned revenue growth drivers, we see the company leveraging its 1B WhatsApp users, as well as its growing Messenger app, with its entrenched advertising platform to drive future monetization. FB confirmed that ads in the Messenger app will launch in Q2 and we believe this advertising expansion will result in increased top line growth and greater Economic Profit generation. FB appears to be immune from current macro weakness and we believe this strength will continue to drive shareholder value creation in NTM.

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**Research Action:**
**Reiterate Rating**
**Rating:** Neutral

**Prior Rating:** Neutral

**Price 02/18/2016:** \$18.43

**52 Week High /** \$53.49

**Low:** \$13.91

**Key Data: (TTM as of Dec-15)**
**Excess Cash per Share:** \$5.05

**Annual Dividend:** \$0.00

**Dividend Yield:** 0.00%

**Ave. Volume (30 Day):** 28.7M

**Shares Outstanding:** 682.9M

**Float:** 578.4M

**Equity MV:** \$12,586.7M

**Sales TTM:** \$2,218.0M

**Beta:** 1.28

**EBITDAR:** \$663.9M

**NOPAT:** (\$443.3M)

**Total Invested Capital:** \$5,971.0M

**Return on Capital:** -7.41%

**Cost of Capital:** 7.18%

**Economic Profit:** (\$872.5M)

**Market Value Added:** \$11,386.8M

**Current Operations Value:** (\$6,177.3M)

**Future Growth Value:** \$23,583.7M

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- **Attempts to reinvigoration user growth have fallen flat.** Current product changes, including Moments and the optional Algorithmic Timeline, have yet to resonate with consumers as total MAUs of 320M was flat from Q3. TWTR's product changes do not impact the MAUs ex-SMS Fast Followers at all; who receive tweets via SMS, that user base actually declined 2M to 305M in Q4. The algorithmic timeline is still in the early stages and we believe TWTR will continue to see negative to flat growth of the MAUS ex-SMS Fast Followers who see no improvement in the current value proposition and turn to competitors such as Facebook (FB-US, Buy rated), limiting any upside in total user growth.
- **MAU growth catalysts may exist under current product offerings.** TWTR's management is attempting to properly leverage current offerings, an area it has struggled with historically. We are pleased that management keyed in on Periscope integration as part of the company's mission surrounding "live" content because video integration is what consumers expect video to be imbedded into social media, a feature Facebook is already benefiting from. 90% of TWTR's reported growth in active advertisers and outperformance in Promoted Videos are indicative of user resonance with "live" video content. We believe the return in January to Q3 user levels implies positive traction around the use of "live" content overall, however, positive user growth has yet to occur and we remain skeptical with regard to TWTR's ability to translate this traction into a long term user growth.
- **Valuation compression reflects lack of MAU growth.** Shares are trading at 21.12x EV/EBITDAR, less than half of the five and three year averages, 51.84x and 54.89x respectively. However, we believe this is properly reflects the company's execution issues.

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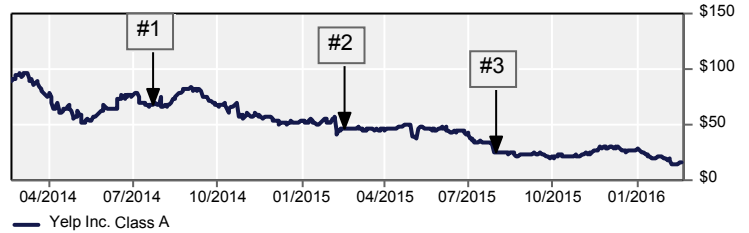
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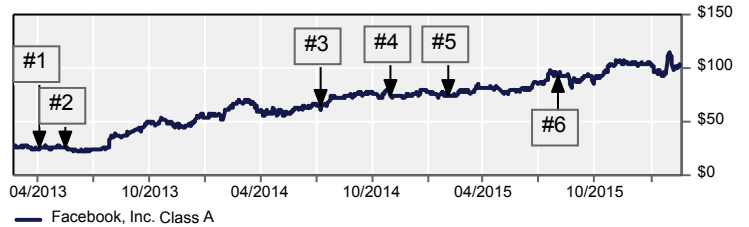
### Yelp Inc. Class A (YELP-US)

Item #	Date	Research Action	Rating	Price
#3	07/30/2015	Reiterate Rating	Neutral	\$26.03
#2	02/17/2015	Reiterate Rating	Neutral	\$48.19
#1	07/22/2014	Initiation of Coverage	Neutral	\$68.57



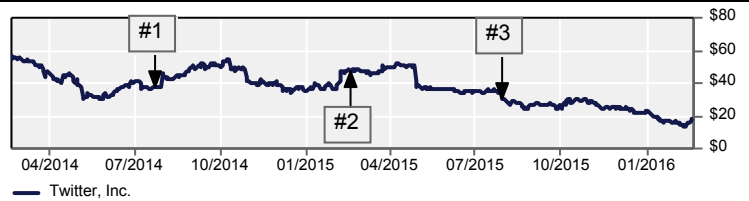
### Facebook, Inc. Class A (FB-US)

Item #	Date	Research Action	Rating	Price
#6	08/03/2015	Reiterate Rating	Buy	\$94.14
#5	02/04/2015	Reiterate Rating	Buy	\$75.63
#4	10/31/2014	Upgrade	Buy	\$74.99
#3	07/09/2014	Downgrade	Neutral	\$64.97
#2	05/14/2013	Reiterate Rating	Buy	\$27.07
#1	04/03/2013	Initiation of Coverage	Buy	\$26.25



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**Excess Cash per Share:** Excess Cash per Share is the amount of excess cash divided by basic shares outstanding. Excess Cash consists of all cash and short-term securities less operating cash needed to run the business. Operating Cash is 5% of TTM net sales revenue.

**EBITDAR:** Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization, and Restructuring and Rent Costs. This is especially important when comparing companies that use a significant amount of leased assets like restaurants and retailers.

**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 company.

**Return on Capital:** Return on Capital equals NOPAT divided by Total Invested Capital. It is a key measure of operating efficiency. ROC quantifies how well a company generates cash flow relative to the capital invested in its business.

**Cost of Capital:** Is the proportionately weighted cost of each category of capital – common equity, preferred equity and debt.

**Economic Profit:** Economic Profit is the net operating income after tax less the opportunity cost of the total capital invested. It is the most important driver of shareholder value.

**Current Operations Value:** Current Operations Value is the portion of market value based on the discounted present value of the current earnings stream assuming it remains constant forever.

**Future Growth Value:** Future Growth Value is the portion of market value based on un-earned Economic Profit

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		#	%	#	%	
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<b>Sell:</b>	Expect price decline or significant relative market and industry underperformance over the next 12 months.	0	0%	0	0	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100%</b>

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