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## Synaptics Incorporated (SYNA-US) Semiconductors

- We reiterate our Strong Buy rating on SYNA as it undergoes transition from mobile touch-based interfaces to focus on the significant growth in audio and proximity-based based interfaces for Internetconnected devices (IoT).
- Increasing market share penetration in connected devices will start to drive accelerating Business Performance.
- SYNA is best positioned to benefit from the growing need for secure IoT interface solutions.
- SYNA highlighted a number of new applications at this year's CES.
- SYNA continue to advance its lead in smart audio interfaces.
- SYNA continues to enhance its shareholder returns through ongoing stock repurchases.
- SYNA is on our Research Focus List and in our Focus Opportunity Portfolio.



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# **Company Report – Research Update**

## **Company Note**

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**Research Action:** 

Reiterate rating	
Rating:	Strong Buy
Prior Rating:	Strong Buy
Price 01/23/2019:	\$38.51
52 Week High / Low:	\$55.25 \$33.54
Key Data: (TTM as of Sep-18)	
Excess Cash per Share:	\$5.18
Annual Dividend:	\$0.00
Dividend Yield:	0.00%
Avg. Volume (30 Day):	0.5M
Shares Outstanding:	34.6M
Float:	34.0M
Short Interest:	6.3M
SI % / Float	18.66%
Equity MV:	\$1,333.2M
Sales TTM:	\$1,630.5M
Beta:	0.91
EBITDAR:	\$481.2M
NOPAT:	(\$18.3)M
Total Invested Capital:	\$1,224.4M
Return on Capital:	-1.52%
Cost of Capital:	6.35%
Economic Profit:	(\$94.4)M
Market Value Added:	\$606.8M
Current Operations Value:	(\$287.7)M
Future Growth Value:	\$2,118.9M

## Synaptics Incorporated (SYNA-US) Semiconductors

- We reiterate our Strong Buy rating on SYNA as it undergoes transition from mobile touch-based interfaces to focus on the significant growth in audio and proximity-based based interfaces for Internet-connected devices (IoT). SYNA is driving future growth with the ongoing ramp-up of its touch base interfaces, along with developing new interface technologies including proximity sensing and voice interface for use in the growing number of home and automotive connected appliances and other voice-space interfaces and applications. SYNA is increasing investments and development activities including the ongoing enhancement of its TDDI (touch and display driver integration) technology and development of OLED (organic light-emitting diode) technology. SYNA is also pursuing acquisitions and partnerships to increase its development capabilities and market opportunities for further integration in the expansion of IoTbased connected devices. We believe SYNA's innovative ability and market-leading position will continue to drive increased market penetration in physical and audio interface adoption, which will turnaround current flat Business Performance trends and begin to reaccelerate Business Performance growth. SYNA's new growth initiatives should start to drive a higher Return on Capital, increasing Economic Profit, and greater shareholder value creation. We believe significant upside exists from current levels and continue to recommend purchase.
- Increasing market share penetration in connected devices will start to drive accelerating Business Performance. For the 12 months ending September 2018, Net Sales Revenue declined 6.8% Y/Y from \$1.75 billion to \$1.63 billion. We forecast an increase of greater than 1% to \$1.65 billion over the NTM as the ongoing ramp-up and ASP of its COF, and all OLED display drivers, continue to increase along with significant gains in audio interface adoption. Economic Operating Cash Flow (EBITDAR) decreased slightly Y/Y from \$482.4 million to \$481.2 million over the LTM. We forecast an increase of 1.25% to \$487.2 million over the NTM. Net Operating Profit After Tax (NOPAT) declined from \$45 million to a loss of \$18.3 million over the LTM as SYNA continued to invest in the development of new IoT interface products. We forecast a turnaround and expect \$34.6 million in NOPAT over the NTM. We believe Return on Capital and Economic Profit will remain negative as SYNA continues to transition away from lower ASP mobile touch-based interfaces and into more higher ASP and value-added audio- based interfaces. As SYNA continues to improve its Return on Capital and Economic Profit, we believe there is an increasing opportunity for SYNA to drive significant shareholder value creation.

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- SYNA is best positioned to benefit from the growing need for secure IoT interface solutions. SYNA will continue to benefit from the ongoing integration of display and interface needs for all types of connected devices including home appliances, automobiles, and other new and emerging applications in addition to traditional touchpad and touchscreen mobile device interfaces. Voice-integrated interfaces are a key growth opportunity for both home control, automotive interface, and other ongoing needs where voice- or text-based passwords are not convenient or practical. In addition, TDDI is ramping up significantly in the ongoing adoption of more advanced automotive-based infotainment systems. Built-in communication systems and Bluetooth connectivity to smartphones in automobiles are becoming more reliant on voice-based commands to eliminate the need for drivers to remove their hands from steering wheels. SYNA has indicated that nine of the top automotive OEMs are currently working on sample audio and touch devices from SYNA. The ongoing ramp-up of more elaborate integrated infotainment systems in automobiles will be a significant growth opportunity for SYNA.
- SYNA highlighted a number of new applications at this year's CES. SYNA previewed number of new applications of SYNA's display, touch and fingerprint interfaces along with a number of new near and far fieldbased audio solutions. SYNA continues to increase its market share penetration in high-end PCs with optical fingerprint sensors and glassbased touchpads which help save space and improve performance. We also saw a number of enterprise systems with superior fingerprint sensors for single sign-on purposes for virtual networks. SYNA is also working on a Microsoft (MSFT-US, Buy Rated) sponsored application for fingerprint sensor applications for enterprise systems. SYNA expects a market penetration rate of over 30% by 2021, up from 12% in 2017, for fingerprint sensors in notebook PCs.
- SYNA continue to advance its lead in smart audio interfaces. SYNA recently introduced its first Smart Edge SoC (System-on-a-Chip) proprietary wake word engine for the next generation of voice recognition audio interfaces. The new AS3xx series is a comprehensive family of Smart Edge audio-interface solutions including SoCs comprising neural network acceleration, a proprietary wake word engine with support for custom wake words, and highly-advanced far field-based voice processing. SYNA continues to emerge as a key provider of secure ID authentication interfaces and voice recognition that will become more important as the ongoing introduction of voice-activated internet interfaces continues to grow. SYNA is partnering with audio manufacturers including Harman International and Anker, which are using SYNA's DSPs (Demand-Side Platform) to integrate Amazon's Alexa voice assistant into their devices.

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SYNA is also gaining ground in the smart-television and set-top box markets. Chinese consumer electronics maker TCL will use SYNA chips to integrate Alexa into its TVs.

- SYNA continues to enhance its shareholder returns through ongoing stock repurchases. SYNA continues to use its excess cash and cash flow to invent new technologies and ongoing new product introductions along with making strategic acquisitions and repurchasing stock. Currently, SYNA has \$181.8 million, \$5.18 per share, in excess cash along with our expected Economic Operating Cash Flow (EBITDAR) generation of \$487.2 million over the NTM. Since 2010, SYNA has repurchased close to \$1.1 billion worth of stock.
- SYNA is on our Research Focus List and in our Focus Opportunity Portfolio. SYNA will benefit significantly as one of the best ways to play the growing number of IoT devices. SYNA's innovative ability and leading position in the development of touch-based and voice-based interfaces will continue to increase its market penetration in all types of mobile, portable and IoT devices.

## **Investment Thesis**

SYNA's industry-leading position and innovative capabilities will drive increasing penetration in human user interface solutions as it expands into new applications including voice recognition and proximity sensing. SYNA's AudioSmart Far-Field voice recognition technology can provide added security in voice-activated gateways such as Amazon's (AMZN-US, Buy Rated) Alexa and Google (GOOGL-US, Strong Buy Rated) Home where the use of a traditional password would not be practical. SYNA's pressure-sensitive touchpads and screens along with biometric fingerprint readers also increase security in mobile devices. SYNA is expanding beyond its traditional markets of portable computers and mobile devices into smart home applications, home appliances, and automotive applications that create secure human user interfaces to many IoT (Internet of Things) connected devices. The growing demand for secure human- interaction control interfaces for IoT devices will drive accelerating Business Performance and higher returns on capital, increasing Economic Profit and greater shareholder value creation.

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#### **Company Overview**

**Synaptics, Inc. (SYNA-US)** develops custom-designed user interface solutions that enable people to interact with mobile computing, communication, entertainment, and other electronic devices. Synaptics designs and manufactures pressure-sensitive touchpads and touchscreens with biometric capabilities that provide users the ability to use their finger for screen navigation, cursor movement, and a platform of interactive input along with fingerprint readers that provide added security.

Synaptics' human interface products are used in mobile phones, notebook and tablet computers, and other mobile devices. Its TouchPad is used in computer peripherals such as monitors and remote controls; its ClickPad replaces a mouse for laptops and notebooks; and its ClearPad provides touchscreen controls for mobile devices like smartphones and tablets along with smart home and automotive applications. Synaptics recently developed AudioSmart Far-Field voice recognition technology which will provide security for the growing use of audio interfaces.

In 2017, Synaptics acquired Conexant Systems and Marvell Technology Group's Multimedia Solutions business which collectively develop audio, video, and voice-processing solutions expanding its product portfolio and enabling the further development of audio interface-enabled products.

Synaptics operates and reports its revenue by three Business Segments: Mobile (63% of revenue); Internet of Things, IoT (22% of revenue); and Personal Computing (16% of revenue).

Synaptics reports its revenue by six Geographic Segments including: China (49% of revenue); Japan (22% of revenue); Taiwan (14% of revenue); United States (6% of revenue); South Korea (4% of revenue); and Other (5% of revenue).

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Report Basis Reported Period Ending	LTM 09/30/2013	LTM 09/30/2014	LTM 09/30/2015	LTM 09/30/2016	LTM 09/30/2017	LTM 09/30/2018	NTM 09/30/2019	5 Yr Average	3 Yr Average	Current Trend
Net Sales Revenue	\$759.2	\$1,007.7	\$1,890.3	\$1,583.1	\$1,749.4	\$1,630.5	\$1,649.9	\$1,572.2	\$1,654.3	\$1,640.2
Sales Growth	40.11%	32.74%	87.59%	-16.25%	10.50%	-6.80%	1.19%	21.56%	-4.18%	-2.80%
Sales Growth Trend	21.51%	35.69%	65.65%	25.28%	-0.20%	0.12%	-2.01%	25.31%	8.40%	-0.94%
Economic Operating Cash Flow (EBITDAR)	\$310.3	\$370.3	\$611.1	\$498.9	\$482.4	\$481.2	\$487.2	\$488.8	\$487.5	\$484.2
EBITDAR Margin	40.88%	36.75%	32.33%	31.51%	27.57%	29.51%	29.53%	31.53%	29.53%	29.52%
EBITDAR Growth	56.73%	19.33%	65.03%	-18.36%	-3.31%	-0.23%	1.25%	12.49%	-7.30%	0.51%
Net Operating Profit Before Tax (NOPBT)	\$141.2	\$129.2	\$154.6	\$83.1	\$67.2	(\$18.3)	\$43.8	\$83.1	\$44.0	\$12.8
NOPBT Margin	18.60%	12.82%	8.18%	5.25%	3.84%	-1.12%	2.65%	5.79%	2.65%	0.77%
NOPBT Growth	131.82%	-8.52%	19.67%	-46.28%	-19.15%	-127.22%	339.63%	-36.30%	-64.21%	106.21%
Cash Operating Income Tax	\$13.0	\$42.6	\$48.1	\$0.0	\$22.2	\$0.0	\$9.2	\$22.6	\$7.4	\$4.6
Economic Tax Effective Rate	9.22%	33.00%	31.13%	0.00%	33.00%	0.00%	21.00%	19.43%	11.00%	10.50%
Net Operating Profit After Tax (NOPAT)	\$128.2	\$86.6	\$106.5	\$87.9	\$45.0	(\$18.3)	\$34.6	\$61.5	\$38.2	\$8.2
NOPAT Margin	16.89%	8.59%	5.63%	5.55%	2.57%	-1.12%	2.10%	4.24%	2.33%	0.49%
NOPAT Growth	170.09%	-32.48%	23.01%	-17.48%	-48.79%	-140.62%	289.31%	-43.27%	-68.97%	74.34%
Cash & Equivalents	\$349.1	\$467.7	\$289.5	\$310.0	\$199.7	\$263.3	\$258.0	\$306.0	\$257.7	\$260.7
Total Assets	\$684.0	\$1,024.0	\$1,394.1	\$1,241.2	\$1,477.1	\$1,524.8	\$1,494.2	\$1,332.2	\$1,414.4	\$1,509.5
Non - Interest Bearing Liabilities (NIBLs)	\$145.1	\$285.3	\$414.1	\$283.5	\$272.2	\$335.8	\$329.1	\$318.2	\$297.2	\$332.4
Net Assets	\$538.9	\$738.7	\$980.0	\$957.7	\$1,204.9	\$1,189.0	\$1,165.1	\$1,014.1	\$1,117.2	\$1,177.1
Economic Asset Adjustments	\$8.5	\$12.7	\$50.3	\$21.9	\$12.7	\$35.4	\$34.6	\$26.6	\$23.3	\$35.0
Net Operating Assets	\$547.4	\$751.5	\$1,030.3	\$979.6	\$1,217.6	\$1,224.4	\$1,199.8	\$1,040.6	\$1,140.5	\$1,212.1
Debt & Debt Equivalents	\$10.0	\$11.8	\$259.3	\$241.1	\$449.7	\$466.2	\$456.8	\$285.6	\$385.6	\$461.5
Equity & Equivalents	\$521.5	\$717.8	\$705.7	\$698.8	\$745.8	\$710.1	\$695.9	\$715.6	\$718.2	\$703.0
Total Capital - Financing Sources	\$531.4	\$729.5	\$965.0	\$939.9	\$1,195.5	\$1,176.3	\$1,152.6	\$1,001.2	\$1,103.9	\$1,164.4
Capital Adjustments	\$0.9	\$1.0	\$31.6	\$9.0	\$1.1	\$24.3	\$23.8	\$13.4	\$11.5	\$24.1
Net Capital Financing Sources	\$532.3	\$730.5	\$996.6	\$948.9	\$1,196.6	\$1,200.6	\$1,176.5	\$1,014.6	\$1,115.3	\$1,188.5
Net Working Capital	\$130.1	\$108.6	\$265.0	\$248.4	\$284.3	\$307.3	\$301.2	\$242.7	\$280.0	\$304.2
Cost of Net Working Capital	\$6.6	\$6.9	\$10.6	\$9.6	\$14.8	\$18.8	\$18.4	\$12.1	\$14.4	\$18.6
% of Revenue	0.87%	0.68%	0.56%	0.61%	0.85%	1.15%	1.12%	0.77%	0.87%	1.13%
Operational Capital	\$199.0	\$216.8	\$401.1	\$370.6	\$415.4	\$429.3	\$420.7	\$366.7	\$405.1	\$425.0
Cost of Operational Capital	\$10.6	\$11.9	\$17.6	\$14.5	\$21.9	\$26.8	\$26.3	\$18.5	\$21.1	\$26.6
% of Revenue	1.39%	1.18%	0.93%	0.92%	1.25%	1.65%	1.59%	1.19%	1.27%	1.62%
Productive Capital	\$232.5	\$355.7	\$828.6	\$721.0	\$1,066.2	\$1,001.3	\$981.2	\$794.6	\$929.5	\$991.2
Cost of Productive Capital	\$12.9	\$16.9	\$33.7	\$29.1	\$49.7	\$65.7	\$64.4	\$39.0	\$48.2	\$65.0
% of Revenue	1.70%	1.68%	1.78%	1.84%	2.84%	4.03%	3.90%	2.43%	2.90%	3.96%
Total Operating Capital	\$236.2	\$334.2	\$835.3	\$748.7	\$1,105.3	\$1,042.6	\$1,021.7	\$813.2	\$965.5	\$1,032.1
Cost of Total Operating Capital	\$12.5	\$16.4	\$33.3	\$29.8	\$51.6	\$68.2	\$66.9	\$39.8	\$49.9	\$67.5
% of Revenue	1.65%	1.63%	1.76%	1.88%	2.95%	4.18%	4.05%	2.48%	3.00%	4.12%
Non - Operating Capital	\$311.2	\$417.3	\$195.0	\$230.8	\$112.2	\$181.8	\$178.1	\$227.4	\$175.0	\$180.0
Cost of Non - Operating Capital	\$20.8	\$20.9	\$17.4	\$8.0	\$9.5	\$9.3	\$9.2	\$13.0	\$9.0	\$9.2
% of Revenue	2.74%	2.08%	0.92%	0.51%	0.55%	0.57%	0.55%	0.92%	0.54%	0.56%
Total Capital	<b>\$547.4</b> \$33.4	\$751.5	\$1,030.3	\$979.6	\$1,217.6	\$1,224.4	\$1,199.8	<b>\$1,040.6</b> \$52.9	\$1,140.5	\$1,212.1
Cost of Total Capital % of Revenue	4.39%	\$37.3 3.70%	\$50.7 2.68%	\$37.8 2.39%	\$61.1 3.50%	\$77.6 4.76%	\$76.0 4.61%	3.40%	\$58.8 3.55%	\$76.8 4.68%
Cost of Capital (WACC)	6.81%	5.74%	5.69%	3.76%	5.57%	6.35%	6.35%	5.42%	5.23%	6.35%
Capital Structure	640.0	644.0	¢050.0	¢0.14.4	¢ / 10 =	¢ 100 C	6450.0	\$005 C	\$205 O	6404 F
Debt & Debt Equivalents	\$10.0	\$11.8	\$259.3	\$241.1	\$449.7	\$466.2	\$456.8	\$285.6	\$385.6	\$461.5
Debt & Debt Equivalents % of Market Value	0.69%	0.44%	8.02% <b>\$0.0</b>	10.57%	25.38%	22.66%	22.66%	11.87%	18.93%	22.66%
Preferred Equity	<b>\$0.0</b> 0.00%	<b>\$0.0</b> 0.00%	\$0.0 0.00%	\$0.0 0.00%	<b>\$0.0</b> 0.00%	<b>\$0.0</b> 0.00%	<b>\$0.0</b> 0.00%	<b>\$0.0</b> 0.00%	<b>\$0.0</b> 0.00%	<b>\$0.0</b> 0.00%
Preferred Equity % of Market Value Market Value of Common Equity				0.00%	\$1,321.7	\$1,591.3	\$1,559.4		\$1,651.0	
Common Equity % of Market Value	<b>\$1,431.0</b> 99.31%	<b>\$2,680.1</b> 99.56%	<b>\$2,972.5</b> 91.98%	<b>\$2,039.9</b> 89.43%	\$1,321.7 74.62%	\$1,591.3 77.34%	\$1,559.4 77.34%	<b>\$2,121.1</b> 88.13%	\$1,651.0 81.07%	<b>\$1,575.4</b> 77.34%
Total Economic Market Value (MV)	\$1,440.9	\$2,691.9	\$3,231.8	\$2,280.9	\$1,771.4	\$2,057.5	\$2,016.2	\$2,406.7	\$2,036.6	\$2,036.8
Total %	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Excess Cash	\$311.2	\$417.3	\$195.0	\$230.8	\$112.2	\$181.8	\$178.1	\$227.4	\$175.0	\$180.0
Economic Enterprise Value	\$1,129.8	\$2,274.6	\$3,036.8	\$2,050.1	\$1,659.2	\$1,875.7	\$1,838.1	\$2,179.3	\$1,861.7	\$1,856.9
Average Capital Capital Δ	\$476.4 \$111.9	\$631.4 \$198.2	\$863.5 \$266.1	\$972.7 (\$47.7)	\$1,072.7 \$247.7	\$1,198.6 \$4.0	\$1,188.5 (\$24.1)	\$947.8 \$133.6	\$1,081.3 \$68.0	\$1,193.5 ( <mark>\$10.1</mark> )
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## **Financial Analysis**

Report Basis	LTM	LTM	LTM	LTM	LTM	LTM	NTM	5 Yr	3 Yr	Current
Reported Period Ending Return on Market Value (NOPAT / MV)	09/30/2013 8.90%	09/30/2014 3.22%	09/30/2015 3.29%	09/30/2016 3.85%	09/30/2017 2.54%	09/30/2018 -0.89%	09/30/2019 -0.87%	Average 2.40%	Average 1.83%	Trend_ -0.88%
Return on Enterprise Value (NOPAT / MV)	11.35%	3.81%	3.51%	4.29%	2.71%	-0.97%	-0.95%	2.67%	2.01%	-0.96%
Return on Capital (NOPAT / Average Capital)	26.91%	13.71%	12.33%	9.03%	4.19%	-1.52%	-1.49%	7.55%	3.90%	-1.51%
Cost of Capital (WACC)	6.81%	5.74%	5.69%	3.76%	5.57%	6.35%	6.35%	5.42%	5.23%	6.35%
Economic Return Spread	20.10%	7.97%	6.64%	5.27%	-1.37%	-7.88%	-7.72%	2.13%	-1.33%	-7.80%
Capital Charge	\$32.4 \$95.7	\$36.3 \$50.3	\$49.1 \$57.3	\$36.6	\$59.7	\$76.1	\$74.6 (\$92.5)	\$51.6 \$10.0	\$57.5	\$75.4
Economic Profit (EP) Economic Profit Improvement (EPI)	\$70.3	(\$45.4)	\$7.0	\$51.3 (\$6.0)	(\$14.7) (\$66.0)	(\$94.4) (\$79.7)	\$1.9	(\$38.0)	(\$19.3) (\$50.6)	(\$93.5) (\$38.9)
EP Growth	276.92%	-47.47%	14.00%	-10.53%	-128.68%	-541.71%	2.01%	-142.88%	-226.97%	-269.85%
Economic Profit Margin on Sales	12.61%	4.99%	3.03%	3.24%	-0.84%	-5.79%	-5.61%	0.93%	-1.13%	-5.70%
Economic Profit Per Share	\$2.93	\$1.45	\$1.55	\$1.40	(\$0.42)	(\$2.76)	(\$2.71)	\$0.24	(\$0.59)	(\$2.73)
GAAP Earnings Per Share	\$3.90	\$1.06	\$2.90	\$1.44	\$0.51	(\$2.75)	\$4.69	\$0.63	(\$0.27)	\$0.97
Excess Cash Per Share	\$9.44	\$11.28	\$5.30	\$6.63	\$3.35	\$5.18	\$5.07	\$6.35	\$5.05	\$5.13
Performance Drivers										
Sales Growth	40.11%	32.74%	87.59%	-16.25%	10.50%	-6.80%	1.19%	21.56%	-4.18%	-2.80%
Sales Growth Trend (ROC Sales Growth)	21.51%	35.69%	65.65%	25.28%	-0.20%	0.12%	-2.01%	25.31%	8.40%	-0.94%
EBITDAR Margin	40.88%	36.75%	32.33%	31.51%	27.57%	29.51%	29.53%	31.53%	29.53%	29.52%
EBITDAR Growth	56.73%	19.33%	65.03%	-18.36%	-3.31%	-0.23%	1.25%	12.49%	-7.30%	0.51%
NOPBT Margin	18.60%	12.82%	8.18%	5.25%	3.84%	-1.12%	2.65%	5.79%	2.65%	0.77%
NOPBT Growth	131.82%	-8.52%	19.67%	-46.28%	-19.15%	-127.22%	339.63%	-36.30%	-64.21%	106.21%
NOPAT Margin NOPAT Growth	16.89%	8.59%	5.63% 23.01%	5.55% -17.48%	2.57% -48.79%	-1.12% -140.62%	2.10% 289.31%	4.24% -43.27%	2.33% -68.97%	0.49%
Economic Profit Margin on Sales (EP / Sales)	170.09% 12.61%	-32.48% 4.99%	3.03%	-17.48% 3.24%	-48.79% -0.84%	-140.62% -5.79%	-5.61%	-43.27% 0.93%	-68.97%	74.34% -5.70%
Economic Profit Growth	276.92%	-47.47%	14.00%	-10.53%	-128.68%	-541.71%	2.01%	-142.88%	-226.97%	-269.85%
Economic Return Spread (ROC-WACC)	20.10%	7.97%	6.64%	5.27%	-1.37%	-7.88%	-7.85%	2.13%	-1.33%	-7.86%
Economic Return Ratio (ROC / WACC)	395.08%	238.72%	216.70%	240.34%	75.36%	-24.00%	-23.52%	149.42%	97.23%	-23.76%
Economic Profit Momentum (∆EP/Capital)	13.21%	-6.22%	0.71%	-0.64%	-5.52%	-6.64%	0.16%	-3.66%	-4.26%	-3.24%
Economic Profit Momentum Margin (∆EP/Sales)	9.27%	-4.51%	0.37% 36.42%	-0.38%	-3.77% 26.11%	-4.89% 0.33%	0.11% -2.01%	-2.64%	-3.01% 7.22%	-2.39%
Capital Growth Capital Turns	26.62% 1.43X	37.23% 1.38X	1.90X	-4.79% 1.67X	1.46X	1.36X	-2.01% 1.40X	19.06% 1.55X	1.50X	-0.84% 1.38X
EVC Acceleration Margin	12.98%	-5.99%	0.70%	-0.32%	-4.17%	-4.56%	0.12%	-2.31%	-3.22%	-2.35%
EVC Acceleration Spread	18.66%	-9.54%	1.12%	-0.70%	-6.79%	-7.43%	0.16%	-3.20%	-5.34%	-3.60%
Risk Factors										
Free Cash Flow (NOPAT - $\Delta$ Capital)	\$16.3	(\$111.6)	(\$159.6)	\$135.6	(\$202.7)	(\$22.3)	\$58.7	(\$72.1)	(\$29.8)	\$18.2
Free Cash Flow Rate (FCF / Capital)	3.06%	-15.28%	-16.02%	14.29%	-16.94%	-1.85%	4.99%	-7.16%	-1.50%	1.57%
Free Cash Flow Yield (FCF / MV)	1.13%	-4.15%	-4.94%	5.94%	-11.44%	-1.08%	2.91%	-3.13%	-2.19%	0.91%
Total Debt / Total Capital	1.87%	1.61%	26.02%	25.40%	37.58%	38.83%	38.83%	25.89%	33.94%	38.83%
Total Debt / EBITDAR Excess Cash	3.21% \$311.2	3.18% \$417.3	42.43% \$195.0	48.32% \$230.8	93.22% \$112.2	96.87% \$181.8	93.75% \$0.0	56.81% \$227.4	79.47% \$175.0	95.31% \$90.9
Financial Leverage ((Total Debt - Excess Cash) /	-20.90%	-15.06%	1.99%	0.45%	19.05%	13.82%	22.66%	4.05%	11.11%	18.24%
Pension Leverage (Net Pension Liability / MV)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Equity Risk Index (S&P 500 = 1.00)	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.88	0.86	0.91	0.91	0.88	0.89	0.91
Stock Price Volatility	5.35	6.24	6.61	6.58	6.66	5.87	5.87	6.39	6.37	5.87
Sales Index (NL Sales)	6.63	6.92	7.54	7.37	7.47	7.40	7.41	7.34	7.41	7.40
Market Value Index (NL Market Value) Size Index (NL Sales: MV)	7.27 6.95	7.90 7.41	8.08 7.81	7.73 7.55	7.48 7.47	7.63 7.51	7.61 7.51	7.76 7.55	7.61 7.51	7.62 7.51
Beta	0.82	0.81	0.81	0.82	0.80	0.87	0.87	0.82	0.83	0.87
TFP Adjusted Beta	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.88	0.86	0.91	0.91	0.88	0.89	0.91
Stock Price Volatility	5.35	6.24	6.61	6.58	6.66	5.87	5.87	6.39	6.37	5.87
Valuation Measures										
Total Economic Market Value (MV)	\$1,440.9 \$1,120.8	\$2,691.9	\$3,231.8	\$2,280.9	\$1,771.4	\$2,057.5	\$2,016.2	\$2,406.7	\$2,036.6	\$2,036.8
Economic Enterprise Value Equity Market Value	\$1,129.8 \$1,431.0	\$2,274.6 \$2,680.1	\$3,036.8 \$2,972.5	\$2,050.1 \$2,039.9	\$1,659.2 \$1,321.7	\$1,875.7 \$1,591.3	\$1,838.1 \$1,559.4	\$2,179.3 \$2,121.1	\$1,861.7 \$1,651.0	\$1,856.9 \$1,575.4
Total Capital	\$547.4	\$751.5	\$1,030.3	\$979.6	\$1,217.6	\$1,224.4	\$1,199.8	\$1,040.6	\$1,140.5	\$1,212.1
Market Value Created MVC (MV - Capital)	\$893.5	\$1,940.4	\$2,201.5	\$1,301.4	\$553.8	\$833.1	\$816.4	\$1,366.0	\$896.1	\$824.8
MVC Margin (MVC / Sales)	117.70%	192.56%	116.47%	82.20%	31.66%	51.10%	49.48%	86.89%	54.17%	50.28%
MVC Spread (MVC / Capital)	163.23%	258.21%	213.68%	132.85%	45.49%	68.05%	68.05%	131.27%	78.57%	68.05%
Current EVC Value (EP / WACC)	\$1,405.6	\$875.9	\$1,007.7	\$1,365.1	(\$264.4)	(\$1,486.3)	(\$1,456.5)	\$183.7	(\$368.9)	(\$1,471.4)
Current Operations Value COV Current Operations Value Per Share	\$1,882.0 \$57.63	\$1,507.3 \$43.36	\$1,871.3 \$50.71	\$2,337.9 \$63.88	\$808.4 \$23.23	(\$287.7) (\$8.41)	(\$267.9) (\$7.56)	\$1,131.5 \$31.92	\$712.4 \$20.24	(\$277.8) (\$7.98)
Future Growth Value (MVC - EVA Value)	(\$441.1)	\$43.36	\$1,360.5	(\$56.9)	\$963.0	\$2,345.2	\$2,284.1	\$31.92	\$20.24	(\$7.98) \$2,314.7
Future Growth Value Reliance (FGV / MV)	-30.61%	44.00%	42.10%	-2.50%	54.37%	113.98%	113.29%	52.98%	65.02%	113.64%
Share Price	\$44.25	\$73.20	\$82.46	\$58.58	\$39.18	\$45.62	\$45.62	\$59.81	\$47.79	\$45.62
Dividend Yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%				
Total Shareholder Return (TTM)	84.22%	65.42%	12.65%	-28.96%	-33.12%	16.44%	0.00%	31.10%	-20.09%	-4.55%
MV to IC Ratio EV / EBITDAR Multiple	2.63X 3.64X	3.58X 6.14X	3.14X 4.97X	2.33X 4.11X	1.45X 3.44X	1.68X 3.90X	1.68X 3.77X	2.31X 4.46X	1.79X 3.82X	1.68X 3.83X
EV / NOPBIT Multiple	8.00X	17.61X	4.97X 19.64X	24.68X	24.71X	-102.62X	41.97X	26.21X	42.33X	145.52X
EV / NOPAT Multiple	8.81X	26.28X	28.52X	23.33X	36.88X	-102.62X	53.12X	35.42X	48.75X	227.51X
EV / EP Multiple	11.80X	45.22X	52.96X	39.96X	-112.77X	-19.87X	-19.87X	218.77X	-96.58X	-19.87X
Future Growth Value (% of MV)	-30.61%	44.00%	42.10%	-2.50%	54.37%	113.98%	113.29%	52.98%	65.02%	113.64%
Current Operations Value (% of MV)	130.61%	56.00%	57.90%	102.50%	45.63%	-13.98%	-13.29%	47.02%	34.98%	-13.64%
Market Value (COV + FGV %)	100.00% 32.7	100.00% 34.8	100.00% 36.9	100.00% 36.6	100.00% 34.8	100.00% 34.2	100.00% 35.5	100.00% 35.5	100.00% 35.2	100.00% 34.8
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## Synaptics Incorporated (SYNA-US)

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#7	05/04/2016	Reiterate Rating	Strong Buy	\$65.42	
#6	11/03/2015	Upgrade Rating	Strong Buy	\$86.30	\$50 J J and the second se
#5	08/04/2015	Reiterate Rating	Buy	\$76.67	\$50 <b>#</b> 5
#4	03/20/2015	Reiterate Rating	Buy	\$84.54	\$0
#3	07/11/2014	Downgrade Rating	Buy	\$88.18	01/2013 01/2014 01/2015 01/2016 01/2017 01/2018
¥2	04/03/2013	Reiterate Rating	Strong Buy	\$38.17	
#1	11/06/2012	Initiation of Coverage	Strong Buy	\$25.51	

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