

M/A-Com

Ignore NT cyclical headwinds, margin expansion drivers on track

Reiterate Rating: BUY | PO: 105.00 USD | Price: 84.04 USD

Telco/industrial nearing bottom, datacenter ramping

DecQ (FQ1) modestly above, but MarQ (FQ2) sales below (adjusted for acquisition) at flat QoQ (vs. +5% QoQ consensus) on continued near-term industrial/telco weaknesses. Revenue run-rate for the WOLF RF business has also declined to ~\$30mn/qtr from ~\$40mn/qtr prior on industry headwinds. However, we highlight we are now near the bottom as the implied MarQ guide for organic I&D + Telecom (excl. data center) is +7% QoQ, up for the first time in six quarters. Albeit modestly slower than prior estimates, we generally anticipate a recovery from here as customer/channel inventories normalize through CY24E. While data center is also expected to pause in FQ2 (MarQ) after two quarters of substantial growths, growth should resume in FH2 as 400G/800G short-haul ramps continue and as 1.6T adoption begins at Al data centers. Separately, MTSI's high exposure to defense (~60% of I&D vs. 10-15% for peers) also helps offset the current industrial weakness. On the margin front, the WOLF RF asset is dilutive and adds to pressures, but we see an eventual return to 60%+ level by FH2'25 as sales recover and integration kicks in. Overall, we highlight continued near-term pressures in core industrial and telecom, but point to upcoming recoveries in F2H, alongside DC strengths throughout FY24E. We tweak CY24/25E sales by -3%/+0% and pf-EPS by -16%/-5% to \$2.64/\$3.43. Reiterate Buy and \$105, now on 31x CY25E P/E vs. 29x prior to bake in potential for revisions as mgmt drives cost/revenue synergies from WOLF asset.

Likes: Data center/AI, defense strengths, telco priced in

1) Despite a modest pause in FQ2 (guided down -15% QoQ), data center continues to benefit from 400G/800G short-reach applications, with FY24E still pointing to +25% YoY growth. 2) MTSI has one of the highest defense exposures among peers, composing >50% of legacy I&D business. Defense has helped offset broader inventory digestion in industrial. 3) We see telco weakness as generally factored in, with organic business expected to decline -40% from CY22-24E, well below peers ranging from 10% to 35%.

Risks: Lowered RF run-rate, gross margin, inventory

1) Newly acquired WOLF RF business sales run-rate has now declined to \sim \$30mn/qtr level from \sim \$40mn/qtr initially on industrial/telecom weakness. 2) GMs now guided to 57.0% in FQ2 as core business down to \sim 60% (vs. 62.6% peak in Dec-22) and WOLF RF assets dilutive. 3) Balance sheet inventory at 208 days remains elevated, likely continuing through FY24E as MTSI responds to inventory digestion.

Estimates (Sep) (US\$)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS	2.82	2.70	2.49	3.27	3.81
GAAP EPS	6.18	1.28	0.99	1.74	2.19
EPS Change (YoY)	31.2%	-4.3%	-7.8%	31.3%	16.5%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			2.70	3.33	3.89
DPS	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation (Sep)					
P/E	30.6x	31.9x	34.6x	26.4x	22.6x
GAAP P/E	14.0x	67.4x	87.1x	49.6x	39.4x
EV / EBITDA*	26.7x	29.4x	30.7x	22.8x	19.5x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	2.6%	2.4%	1.6%	2.8%	3.5%
* For full definitions of <i>IQ</i> method SM measures, see page 12.					

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Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
2024E Rev (m)	755.5	728.3
2025E Rev (m)	871.2	866.5
2026E Rev (m)	937.6	936.5
2024E EPS	2.84	2.49
2025E EPS	3.65	3.27
2026E EPS	3.97	3.81

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Stock Data

Price	84.04 USD
Price Objective	105.00 USD
Date Established	15-Dec-2023
Investment Opinion	C-1-9
52-Week Range	48.53 USD - 96.09 USD
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	5,762 USD / 68.6
(mn)	
Free Float	77.1%
Average Daily Value (mn)	30.22 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	MTSI / NAS
Bloomberg / Reuters	MTSI US / MTSI.OQ
ROE (2024E)	17.4%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Sep-2023A)	38.4%
ESGMeter™	Medium

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iQprofile[™] M/A-Com

iQmethod [™] – Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Return on Capital Employed	14.3%	9.8%	8.4%	10.2%	10.89
Return on Equity	30.6%	21.6%	17.4%	19.5%	19.49
Operating Margin	31.2%	29.2%	23.4%	26.9%	29.69
Free Cash Flow	152	142	97	168	20
iQmethod SM – Quality of Earnings*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash Realization Ratio	0.9x	0.9x	0.7x	0.8x	0.9
Asset Replacement Ratio	0.5x	0.5x	0.5x	0.5x	0.6
Tax Rate	NM	20.5%	19.7%	20.0%	20.09
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	64.0%	38.4%	28.4%	11.5%	-3.39
Interest Cover	NA	11.5x	4.8x	NA	N/
Income Statement Data (Sep)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Sales	675	648	728	867	937
% Change	11.2%	-4.0%	12.3%	19.0%	8.19
Gross Profit	419	397	421	508	56
% Change	15.8%	-5.1%	5.8%	20.8%	11.79
EBITDA	235	214	204	275	32:
% Change	20.9%	-9.0%	-4.3%	34.5%	17.49
Net Interest & Other Income	(3)	10	17	16	10
Net Income (Adjusted)	201	193	182	242	28
% Change	32.4%	-3.8%	-6.1%	33.1%	17.8%
Free Cash Flow Data (Sep) (US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	440	92	72	129	164
Depreciation & Amortization	57	52	65	73	7
Change in Working Capital	(47)	(28)	(42)	(42)	(34
Deferred Taxation Charge	(200)	20	0	0	
Other Adjustments, Net	(72)	31	35	43	4
Capital Expenditure	(27)	(25)	(33)	(35)	(47
Free Cash Flow	152	142	97	168	20
% Change	16.3%	-6.3%	-31.5%	72.3%	22.89
Share / Issue Repurchase	(28)	(27)	(9)	0	(
Cost of Dividends Paid	0	0	0	0	(
Change in Debt	0	(121)	0	0	
Balance Sheet Data (Sep)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash & Equivalents	120	174	233	400	60
Trade Receivables	102	91	118	147	170
Other Current Assets	592	496	513	526	53!
Property, Plant & Equipment	124	149	185	185	18
Other Non-Current Assets	635	643	722	722	72:
Total Assets	1,572	1,553	1,770	1,980	2,21
Short-Term Debt	66	59	76	76	7
Other Current Liabilities	31	25	35	36	3
Long-Term Debt	593	479	479	479	47
Other Non-Current Liabilities	39	43	45	45	4
Total Liabilities	729	606	635	635	633
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Total Equity	843	948	1,135	1,345	1,585

Company Sector

Semiconductors

Company Description

M/A-Com Inc. is a leading supplier of high performance analog RF, microwave, millimeterwave, and photonic products into the networking, aerospace, defense, and industrial end markets. The company has a broad portfolio of products (3,000+) and semiconductor technologies including GaN, GaAs, InP, SiGE, HMIC. Headquartered in Lowell, Massachusetts, M/A-Com has a deep heritage in the RF industry dating back to the founding of Microwave Associates in 1950.

Investment Rationale

We rate M/A-Com (MTSI) Buy. We like MTSI strong industrial portfolio (with elevated A&D exposure) as well as improved operating profile relative to 3-4 years ago. We believe impacts from telecom/datacom digestion more than accounted for in Street outlook (with possible conservatism.

Stock Data

Average Daily Volume

359,615

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

	2023	2024
Q1	0.81A	0.58A
Q2	0.79A	0.59E
Q3	0.54A	0.62E
Q4	0.56A	0.70E



Summary of model changes

Exhibit 1: Summary of MTSI estimate changes

We tweak estimates following FQ1 earnings

		Sales (\$mn)			Non-GAAP EPS	5
	Old	NEW	delta	Old	NEW	delta
1Q24	\$161	\$157	(\$4)	\$0.58	\$0.58	\$0.00
2Q24E	\$185	\$181	(\$4)	\$0.56	\$0.59	\$0.02
3Q24E	\$197	\$190	(\$7)	\$0.75	\$0.62	(\$0.13)
4Q24E	\$213	\$201	(\$12)	\$0.95	\$0.70	(\$0.25)
FY24E	\$756	\$728	(\$27)	\$2.84	\$2.49	(\$0.35)
YoY%	16.5%	12.3%	-4%	5.0%	-8.0%	-12%
1Q25E	\$210	\$206	(\$5)	\$0.89	\$0.73	(\$0.16)
2Q25E	\$212	\$212	(\$0)	\$0.91	\$0.78	(\$0.13)
3Q25E	\$222	\$221	(\$0)	\$0.91	\$0.84	(\$0.08)
4Q25E	\$227	\$228	\$1	\$0.93	\$0.92	(\$0.01)
FY25E	\$871	\$867	(\$5)	\$3.65	\$3.27	(\$0.38)
YoY%	15.3%	19.0%	-1%	28.4%	31.5%	-10%
CY23	\$629	\$625	(\$4)	\$2.47	\$2.47	\$0.00
YoY%	-9.5%	-10.1%	-1%	-17.7%	-17.7%	0%
CY24E	\$805	\$777	(\$28)	\$3.16	\$2.64	(\$0.52)
YoY%	27.9%	24.2%	-3%	27.9%	6.8%	-16%
CY25E	\$886	\$887	\$0	\$3.62	\$3.43	(\$0.20)
YoY%	10.1%	14.1%	0%	14.7%	29.9%	-5%

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company report, Bloomberg, Visible Alpha

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FQ1 reported vs. expectations

Exhibit 2: M/A-Com reported DecQ results

M/A-Com reported DecQ revenue/EPS slightly above Street expectations

	Dec-22	Sep-23				Dec-23			
			Guidance	Street	BofA	Reported	Delta	QoQ	YoY
Sales (\$mn)	\$180	\$150	\$151 (\$149 - \$153)	\$152	\$161	\$157.1	3.1 %	4.5 %	(12.7 %)
QoQ%	1%	1.2%		1.4%	7.0%	4.5%			
Industrial & Defense	77	79		79	82	77	(2.8 %)	(2.7 %)	(0.2 %)
Datacenter	41	41		45	45	50	11.2 %	22.1 %	19.3 %
Telecom	61	31		30	34	31	2.0 %	(0.1 %)	(50.2 %)
Gross Margin % (Non-GAAP)	62.6%	60.1%	60% (59% - 61%)	60.1%	60.0%	59.2%	(90)	(84)	(336)
Opex Total (Non-GAAP)	54	53			58	55		2.6 %	1.2 %
Operating Income (Non-GAAP)	59	37			39	39		3.6 %	(34.5 %)
Op Margin % (Non-GAAP)	32.7%	24.7%		25.4%	24.1%	24.5%	(86)	(20)	(814)
Income tax expense	2	1			1	1			
Tax rate (Non-GAAP)	3%	3%	3%		3%	3%	300	(10)	(9)
Net Income (Non-GAAP)	58	40			42	42		4.3 %	(27.9 %)
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$0.81	\$0.56	\$0.57 (\$0.55-\$0.59)	\$0.57	\$0.58	\$0.58	1.5 %	3.6 %	(28.8 %)
Diluted Shares	71	72	72.2		72	72		0.6 %	1.3 %

 $\textbf{Source:} \ \textbf{BofA Global Research estimates, company report, Bloomberg, Visible Alpha}$



FQ2 guidance vs. expectations

Exhibit 3: Summary of M/A-Com MarQ outlook

M/A-Com MarQ sales/EPS guided \$21mn/2c above/below Street

	Dec-23			Mar-24E			
	Reported	Old BofA	Street	Guidance	New BofA	QoQ	YoY
Sales (\$mn)	\$157	\$185	\$160	\$181 (\$178 - \$184)	\$181	15.2 %	6.8 %
QoQ%	4.5%	15.0%	-0.3%		15.2%		
Industrial & Defense	77	96	86		93	20.5 %	20.3 %
Datacenter	50	46	48		42	(15.0 %)	9.8 %
Telecom	31	43	33		46	50.5 %	(14.5 %)
Gross Margin % (Non-GAAP)	59.2%	59.0%	60.6%	57% (56% - 58%)	57.0%	(224)	(508)
Opex Total (Non-GAAP)	55	72			63	15.6 %	29.7 %
Operating Income (Non-GAAP)	39	38			40	4.1 %	(29.0 %)
Op Margin % (Non-GAAP)	24.5%	20.3%	26.0%		22.2%	(236)	(1121)
Income tax expense	1	1			1		
Tax rate (Non-GAAP)	3%	3%		3%	3%	0	300
Net Income (Non-GAAP)	42	41			43	2.4 %	(24.6 %)
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$0.58	\$0.56	\$0.61	\$0.59 (\$0.56-\$0.62)	\$0.59	1.3 %	(26.2 %)
Diluted Shares	72	72		73.0	73	1.0 %	2.2 %

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Balance sheet, cash flow snapshot

Exhibit 4: Summary of Cash, Inventory, and Debt balances

MTSI inventory balance was up QoQ, while inventory days also increased

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24		
	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	QoQ	YoY
Total Cash	\$595	\$577	\$588	\$515	\$463	-10.0%	-22.1%
ST Debt	\$58	\$60	\$183	\$59	\$76		
LT Debt	\$593	\$593	\$488	\$479	\$479		
Total Debt	\$651	\$653	\$672	\$537	\$555		
Net Cash	(\$56)	(\$76)	(\$84)	(\$23)	(\$91)	298.8%	61.9%
Net Cash/Share	(\$0.79)	(\$1.07)	(\$1.18)	(\$0.32)	(\$1.27)	296.2%	59.9%
DSO	56.6	65.4	64.9	55.2	58.5		
DPO	46.5	42.4	40.0	35.6	35.4		
Inventory \$	\$121	\$132	\$139	\$136	\$160	17.0%	31.5%
Inventory Turns	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.8		
Inventory Days	158.7	180.4	203.3	195.1	208.4	13.3	49.7
Cash Conversion days	168.8	203.4	228.2	214.7	231.6		
Cash Flow from Ops	\$38	\$32	\$46	\$50	\$33	-34.3%	-13.5%
Capex	(\$10)	(\$6)	(\$3)	(\$6)	(\$5)		

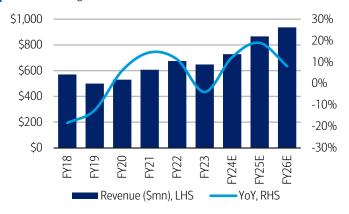
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Key charts

Exhibit 5: MTSI annual revenue and YoY growth

MTSI sales will grow YoY in FY24E

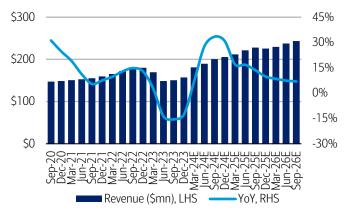


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Exhibit 6: MTSI quarterly revenue and YoY growth

Macro headwinds are impacting MTSI execution

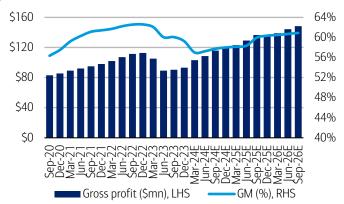


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Exhibit 7: MTSI quarterly gross profit and GM%

MTSI should be able to sustain ~60% GM

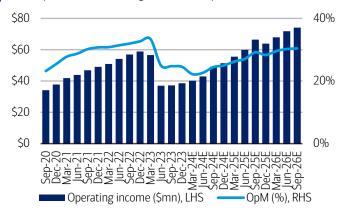


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Exhibit 8: MTSI quarterly operating income and OpM%

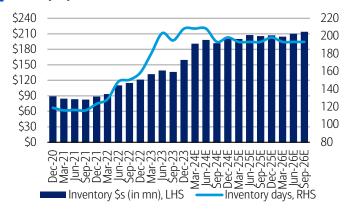
We see path for sustained high-20s/30%+ OpMs



Source: BofA Global Research, Company report

Exhibit 9: MTSI quarterly inventory dollars and days

Inventory days now elevated versus historical levels

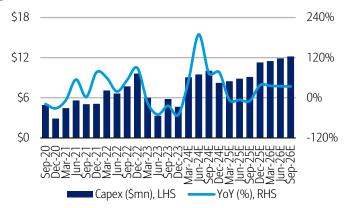


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Exhibit 11: MTSI quarterly capex and YoY growth

We see long-term capex as a mid-single digit percent of sales



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Glossary:

MTSI: Macom

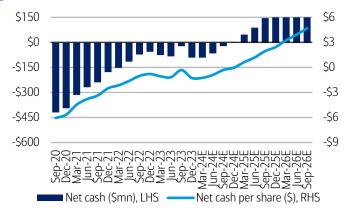
I&D: Industrial and Defense Al: Artificial Intelligence GM: Gross Margin WOLF: Wolfspeed QRVO: Qorvo

DC: Datacenter

SAM: Serviceable Available Market

Exhibit 10: MTSI quarterly net cash and net cash per share

We believe MTSI will improve its net cash position over time

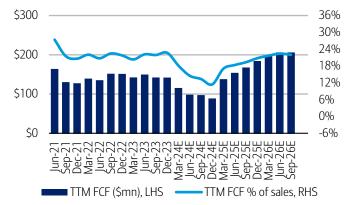


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Exhibit 12: MTSI quarterly TTM FCF and TTM FCF as a % of sales

MTSI should return to high-teens/mid-20s FCF margins



Source: BofA Global Research, Company report



Exhibit 13: MTSI Income Statement (\$mn)

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	MTSI should see +12% YoY FY24 revenue grow
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	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	1Q25E	2Q25E	3Q25E	4Q25E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	CY23	CY24E	CY25E
P&L Model (\$mn)	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24E	Jun-24E	Sep-24E	Dec-24E	Mar-25E	Jun-25E	Sep-25E	Sep-23	Sep-24	Sep-25	Dec-23	Dec-24	
Revenues	\$180.1	\$169.4	\$148.5	\$150.4	\$157.1	\$181.0	\$189.6	\$200.6	\$205.6	\$211.8	\$221.4	\$227.8	\$648.4	\$728.3	\$866.5	\$625.5	\$776.8	\$886.6
QoQ%	1.1%	-5.9%	-12.3%	1.2%	4.5%	15.2%	4.7%	5.8%	2.5%	3.0%	4.5%	2.9%						
YoY%	12.8%	2.6%	-13.8%	-15.6%	-12.7%	6.8%	27.6%	33.4%	30.8%	17.0%	16.8%	13.5%	-4.0%	12.3%	19.0%	-10.1%	24.2%	14.1%
Cost of revenues (GAAP)	69.7	66.7	62.4	63.7	69.8	83.6	86.8	90.6	92.1	94.4	98.0	97.0	262.6	330.8	381.5	262.7	353.1	384.7
Gross profit (GAAP)	110.4	102.7	86.1	86.6	87.3	97.4	102.7	110.1	113.5	117.4	123.4	130.8	385.8	397.5	485.0	362.8	423.7	501.9
Gross profit (Non-GAAP, ex. stock comp)	112.7	105.2	89.2	90.3	93.1	103.2	108.5	115.9	119.2	123.2	129.2	136.6	397.4	420.6	508.1	377.8	446.8	525.1
R&D Expenses (GAAP)	38.8	35.5	36.7	37.5	39.4	43.0	43.0	45.2	46.1	45.4	46.3	46.8	148.5	170.7	184.6	149.1	177.4	186.7
R&D Expenses (Non-GAAP)	38.8	35.5	36.7	37.5	39.4	43.0	43.0	45.2	46.1	45.4	46.3	46.8	148.5	170.7	184.6	149.1	177.4	186.7
SG&A Expenses (GAAP)	32.9	31.2	32.2	33.5	36.9	39.1	38.7	37.7	37.9	38.3	39.1	39.5	129.9	152.4	154.8	133.8	153.5	157.1
SG&A Expenses (Non-GAAP)	32.9	31.2	32.2	33.5	36.9	39.1	38.7	37.7	37.9	38.3	39.1	39.5	129.9	152.4	154.8	133.8	153.5	157.1
Restructuring charges, other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total operating expenses (GAAP)	71.8	66.8	68.8	71.0	76.3	82.1	81.7	82.9	84.0	83.7	85.4	86.2	278.4	323.1	339.4	282.9	330.8	343.8
Operating Income (GAAP)	38.6	35.9	17.3	15.6	11.0	15.2	21.0	27.2	29.4	33.7	38.0	44.6	107.4	74.4	145.6	79.8	92.8	158.2
Operating Income (Non-GAAP)	58.8	56.6	37.0	37.2	38.6	40.1	42.9	49.1	51.3	55.6	59.9	66.5	189.6	170.6	233.2	169.3	183.4	245.8
Total other income (expense)	0.5	1.5	2.3	3.4	4.3	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	7.8	15.4	14.8	11.5	14.8	14.8
Pretax income (GAAP)	39.1	37.4	19.6	19.0	15.3	18.9	24.7	30.9	33.1	37.4	41.7	48.3	115.2	89.8	160.4	91.3	107.6	173.0
Pretax income (Non-GAAP)	59.9	58.6	39.7	41.4	43.1	44.1	46.9	53.0	55.3	59.5	63.9	70.4	199.6	187.1	249.2	182.8	199.4	261.7
Income tax provision (benefit) GAAP	9.6	11.7	7.8	(5.5)	2.8	3.8	4.9	6.2	6.6	7.5	8.3	9.7	23.6	17.6	32.1	16.7	21.5	34.6
Income tax provision (benefit) Non-GAAP	1.9	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	6.2	5.6	7.5	5.7	6.0	7.9
Income (loss) from continuing operations	29.5	25.8	11.9	24.5	12.5	15.1	19.8	24.7	26.5	29.9	33.4	38.6	91.6	72.1	128.3	74.6	86.1	138.4
(Loss) from discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income (GAAP)	29.5	25.8	11.9	24.5	12.5	15.1	19.8	24.7	26.5	29.9	33.4	38.6	91.6	72.1	128.3	74.6	86.1	138.4
Net Income (Non-GAAP, ex. stock comp)	58.0	56.7	38.5	40.1	41.8	42.8	45.5	51.5	53.7	57.8	62.0	68.3	193.3	181.5	241.7	177.1	193.4	253.9
Diluted EPS (GAAP)	\$0.41	\$0.36	\$0.17	\$0.34	\$0.17	\$0.21	\$0.27	\$0.34	\$0.36	\$0.40	\$0.45	\$0.52	\$1.28	\$0.99	\$1.74	\$1.04	\$1.17	\$1.87
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP, ex. stock comp)	\$0.81	\$0.79	\$0.54	\$0.56	\$0.58	\$0.59	\$0.62	\$0.70	\$0.73	\$0.78	\$0.84	\$0.92	\$2.70	\$2.49	\$3.27	\$2.47	\$2.64	\$3.43
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP, incl. stock comp)	\$0.66	\$0.66	\$0.42	\$0.43	\$0.46	\$0.59	\$0.62	\$0.70	\$0.73	\$0.78	\$0.84	\$0.92	\$2.17	\$1.98	\$2.68	\$1.97	\$2.11	\$2.83
Diluted shares (pf)	71.4	71.4	71.4	71.8	72.3	73.0	73.2	73.4	73.6	73.8	74.0	74.2	71.5	73.0	73.9	71.7	73.3	74.1
Gross Margin % (pf)	62.6%	62.1%	60.1%	60.1%	59.2%	57.0%	57.3%	57.8%	58.0%	58.2%	58.4%	60.0%	61.3%	57.8%	58.6%	60.4%	57.5%	59.2%
R&D as a % of sales (pf)	21.6%	21.0%	24.7%	24.9%	25.1%	23.8%	22.7%	22.5%	22.4%	21.4%	20.9%	20.5%	22.9%	23.4%	21.3%	23.8%	22.8%	21.1%
SG&A as a % of sales (pf)	18.3%	18.4%	21.6%	22.3%	23.5%	21.6%	20.4%	18.8%	18.4%	18.1%	17.7%	17.3%	20.0%	20.9%	17.9%	21.4%	19.8%	17.7%
Opex as a % of sales (pf)	29.9%	28.7%	35.2%	35.3%	34.7%	34.8%	34.6%	33.3%	33.0%	31.9%	31.3%	30.8%	32.1%	34.3%	31.7%	33.3%	33.9%	31.5%
Operating Margin % (pf)	32.7%	33.4%	24.9%	24.7%	24.5%	22.2%	22.6%	24.4%	25.0%	26.2%	27.1%	29.2%	29.2%	23.4%	26.9%	27.1%	23.6%	27.7%
Pretax Income % (pf)	33.2%	34.6%	26.8%	27.5%	27.4%	24.4%	24.7%	26.4%	26.9%	28.1%	28.9%	30.9%	30.8%	25.7%	28.8%	29.2%	25.7%	29.5%
Tax rate % (pf)	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%
Net income % (pf)	32.2%	33.5%	25.9%	26.7%	26.6%	23.6%	24.0%	25.6%	26.1%	27.3%	28.0%	30.0%	29.8%	24.9%	27.9%	28.3%	24.9%	28.6%
Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company	reports																	

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Exhibit 14: MTSI Segment ModelDatacenter sales are expected to decline -15% QoQ in MarQ

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	1Q25E	2Q25E	3Q25E	4Q25E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	CY23	CY24E	CY25E
Segment Model (\$mn)	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24E	Jun-24E	Sep-24E	Dec-24E	Mar-25E	Jun-25E	Sep-25E	Sep-23	Sep-24	Sep-25	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25
Industrial & Defense	77.2	77.2	83.5	79.2	77.0	92.8	98.4	103.8	105.9	109.6	115.1	116.2	317.1	372.1	446.8	316.9	401.0	456.0
Datacenter	41.5	38.3	26.7	40.5	49.5	42.1	44.2	47.5	49.9	51.4	53.4	56.1	147.1	183.2	210.7	155.1	183.6	215.8
Telecom	61.5	53.9	38.3	30.6	30.6	46.1	47.0	49.3	49.8	50.8	52.8	55.5	184.3	172.9	209.0	153.4	192.2	214.7
Total	180.1	169.4	148.5	150.4	157.1	181.0	189.6	200.6	205.6	211.8	221.4	227.8	648.4	728.3	866.5	625.5	776.8	886.6
QoQ%																		
Industrial & Defense	-1.8%	0.0%	8.2%	-5.1%	-2.7%	20.5%	6.0%	5.5%	2.0%	3.5%	5.0%	1.0%						
Datacenter	10.2%	-7.6%	-30.3%	51.7%	22.1%	-15.0%	5.0%	7.5%	5.0%	3.0%	4.0%	5.0%						
Telecom	-0.8%	-12.3%	-28.9%	-20.0%	-0.1%	50.5%	2.0%	5.0%	1.0%	2.0%	4.0%	5.0%						
Total	1.1%	-5.9%	-12.3%	1.2%	4.5%	15.2%	4.7%	5.8%	2.5%	3.0%	4.5%	2.9%						
YoY%																		
Industrial & Defense	5.5%	15.0%	10.6%	0.8%	-0.2%	20.3%	17.9%	31.1%	37.5%	18.1%	16.9%	12.0%	7.7%	17.4%	20.1%	6.2%	26.5%	13.7%
Datacenter	35.3%	9.2%	-23.1%	7.7%	19.3%	9.8%	65.3%	17.1%	0.7%	22.1%	20.9%	18.1%	6.5%	24.6%	15.0%	4.1%	18.4%	17.5%
Telecom	10.1%	-14.4%	-38.2%	-50.6%	-50.2%	-14.5%	22.6%	61.0%	62.8%	10.3%	12.5%	12.5%	-24.1%	-6.1%	20.8%	-38.2%	25.3%	11.7%
Total	12.8%	2.6%	-13.8%	-15.6%	-12.7%	6.8%	27.6%	33.4%	30.8%	17.0%	16.8%	13.5%	-4.0%	12.3%	19.0%	-10.1%	24.2%	14.1%
% of sales																		
Industrial & Defense	42.8%	45.6%	56.2%	52.7%	49.0%	51.3%	51.9%	51.7%	51.5%	51.8%	52.0%	51.0%	48.9%	51.1%	51.6%	50.7%	51.6%	51.4%
Datacenter	23.0%	22.6%	18.0%	27.0%	31.5%	23.2%	23.3%	23.7%	24.3%	24.3%	24.1%	24.6%	22.7%	25.2%	24.3%	24.8%	23.6%	24.3%
Telecom	34.1%	31.8%	25.8%	20.4%	19.5%	25.4%	24.8%	24.6%	24.2%	24.0%	23.9%	24.4%	28.4%	23.7%	24.1%	24.5%	24.7%	24.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, Company reports





Exhibit 15: MTSI Balance Sheet (\$mn)
We believe MTSI will grow its cash position as it maintains positive FCF generation

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	1Q25E	2Q25E	3Q25E	4Q25E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	CY23	CY24E	CY25E
Balance Sheet (\$mn)	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24E	Jun-24E	Sep-24E	Dec-24E	Mar-25E	Jun-25E	Sep-25E	Sep-23	Sep-24	Sep-25	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25
Cash and cash equivalents	126.2	136.6	121.5	174.0	163.6	163.7	189.1	232.5	252.4	301.7	343.2	400.3	174.0	232.5	400.3	163.6	252.4	436.7
Short-term investments													340.6	299.7	299.7	299.7	299.7	299.7
Accounts receivables, net	112.0	121.8	105.9	91.3	101.1	106.5	111.5	118.0	134.5	136.2	142.4	146.5	91.3	118.0	146.5	101.1	134.5	160.0
Inventories	121.3	131.9	139.0	136.3	159.5	190.9	198.3	191.9	200.3	200.1	207.7	205.6	136.3	191.9	205.6	159.5	200.3	207.1
Income taxes receivable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred income taxes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prepaid expenses & other current assets	19.5	17.3	19.6	19.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	19.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	21.1	21.1
Total current assets	847.6	848.3	852.1	761.2	745.0	781.9	819.7	863.2	908.0	958.8	1014.0	1073.2	761.2	863.2	1073.2	745.0	908.0	1124.5
Property and equipment, net	118.9	123.3	155.4	149.5	184.3	184.6	185.0	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	185.4	149.5	185.4	185.4	184.3	185.4	185.4
Goodwill	312.2	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5	347.5
Intangible assets, net	44.4	44.4	42.6	42.9	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.6	42.9	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.6
Deferred income taxes	229.3	217.8	210.7	218.1	217.5	217.5	217.5	217.5	217.5	217.5	217.5	217.5	218.1	217.5	217.5	217.5	217.5	217.5
Assets held for sale	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other assets	35.3	36.2	34.6	34.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	34.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1	62.1
Total assets	1587.7	1617.5	1642.7	1553.2	1650.8	1688.1	1726.3	1770.2	1815.0	1865.7	1921.0	1980.2	1553.2	1770.2	1980.2	1650.8	1815.0	2031.5
Current liabilities:	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Notes payable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable	35.6	31.1	27.4	25.0	27.1	32.5	33.7	35.2	33.8	34.6	35.9	35.6	25.0	35.2	35.6	27.1	33.8	31.8
Current portion long-term debt (plus lease obligations		4.9	125.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Accrued liabilities	57.1	55.3	58.0	57.4	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	57.4	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7
Income taxes payable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contingent consideration	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total current liabilities	93.8	91.2	210.6	83.5	102.9	108.2	109.5	110.9	109.5	110.3	111.6	111.3	83.5	110.9	111.3	102.9	109.5	107.5
Revolving credit facility	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long-term debt, less current	566.3	566.7	446.8	447.1	447.4	447.4	447.4	447.4	447.4	447.4	447.4	447.4	447.1	447.4	447.4	447.4	447.4	447.4
Warrant liability	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other long-term liabilities	38.3	39.0	29.1	43.2	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8	43.2	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8	44.8
Deferred income taxes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total liabilities	725.2	723.5	728.0	605.6	626.7	632.1	633.3	634.8	633.3	634.2	635.5	635.1	605.6	634.8	635.1	626.7	633.3	631.4
Stockholders' equity	862.5	894.0	914.7	947.6	1024.1	1056.0	1093.0	1135.5	1181.6	1231.6	1285.5	1345.1			1345.1		1181.6	
Total liabilities and equity	1587.7	1617.5	1042./	1553.2	1650.8	1688.1	1726.3	1770.2	1815.0	1865.7	1921.0	1980.2	1555.2	1770.2	1980.2	1650.8	1815.0	2031.5

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Exhibit 16: MTSI Statement of Cash Flows (\$mn) We believe MTSI can maintain 10-20% FCF margins

Cash flow statement (\$mn)	1Q23 Dec-22	2Q23 Mar-23	3Q23 Jun-23	4Q23 Sep-23	1Q24 Dec-23	2Q24E Mar-24E	3Q24E Jun-24E	4Q24E Sep-24E	-	2Q25E Mar-25E	3Q25E lun-25E	4Q25E Sep-25E		FY24E Sep-24		CY23 Dec-23	CY24E Dec-24	CY25E Dec-25
Net Income	29.5	25.8	11.9	24.5	12.5	15.1	19.8	24.7	26.5	29.9	33.4	38.6	91.6	72.1	128.3	74.6	86.1	138.4
Warranty liability expense	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Depreciation and amortization	12.9	12.5	13.1	13.7	14.3	16.4	16.8	17.4	17.6	17.9	18.4	18.7	52.2	64.9	72.6	53.6	68.3	73.5
Amortization of deferred financing costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred income taxes	9.1	11.2	7.2	(7.6)	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.8	0.3	0.0	11.0	0.0	0.0
Share based compensation	11.0	9.5	8.3	9.3	8.7	9.0	9.5	10.0	10.3	10.6	11.1	11.4	38.1	37.2	43.3	35.7	38.8	44.3
Payment of contingent consideration	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts receivable	(10.5)	(7.8)	15.9	14.6	(12.2)	(5.4)	(5.1)	(6.5)	(16.5)	(1.7)	(6.2)	(4.2)	12.3	(29.1)	(28.5)	10.6	(33.4)	(25.5)
Inventories	(6.4)	(1.9)	(4.0)	1.6	1.6	(31.4)	(7.4)	6.4	(8.4)	0.2	(7.5)	2.0	(10.6)	(30.9)	(13.7)	(2.6)	(40.8)	(6.8)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(0.6)	(2.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(2.9)	0.0	0.0	(2.3)	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable	3.7	(3.9)	0.0	0.0	3.1	5.3	1.3	1.4	(1.4)	0.8	1.3	(0.3)	(0.3)	11.1	0.4	(0.8)	6.6	(2.0)
Accrued and other liabilities	(10.3)	(7.1)	0.9	(4.7)	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(21.3)	6.6	0.0	(4.4)	0.0	0.0
Income taxes	0.2	(1.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.7)	0.0	0.0	(1.0)	0.0	0.0
Deferred revenue/other	0.0	0.0	(4.9)	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(4.3)	0.0	0.0	(4.3)	0.0	0.0
Net cash from operations	38.3	32.5	45.8	50.4	33.1	9.2	34.9	53.4	28.1	57.7	50.4	66.2	166.9	130.6	202.4	161.7	125.6	221.9
Acquisition of a business, net of cash	0.0	(50.8)	(36.9)	0.0	(75.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(87.7)	(75.0)	0.0	(162.7)	0.0	0.0
Purchases of property and equipment	(9.6)	(6.0)	(3.3)	(5.8)	(4.7)	(9.0)	(9.5)	(10.0)	(8.2)	(8.5)	(8.9)	(9.1)	(24.7)	(33.2)	(34.7)	(19.7)	(36.8)	(37.7)
Strategic investments	1.7	31.8	(22.3)	129.5	44.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	140.7	44.9	0.0	183.9	0.0	0.0
Sale of product line	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sale of business	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Acquisition of intellectual property	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash from investments	(8.0)		(62.4)	123.7	(34.8)	(9.0)	(9.5)	(10.0)	(8.2)	(8.5)	(8.9)	(9.1)	36.3	(63.3)	(34.7)	9.5	(36.8)	(37.7)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proceeds from revolving credit facility	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Payments on revolving credit facility	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proceeds from notes payable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proceeds from stock options exercises and stock	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
purchases	2.3	0.0	3.3	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	2.8	0.0	6.1	0.0	0.0
Common stock repurchased and retired	(26.4)	(4.9)	(1.2)	(0.1)	(11.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(32.6)	(11.6)	0.0	(17.8)	0.0	0.0
Payment of assumed debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	(120.8)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(120.8)	0.0	0.0	(120.8)	0.0	0.0
Payment of dividends	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash from financing	(24.3)	(5.2)	1.7	(121.2)	(9.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(149.0)	(9.1)	0.0	(133.7)	0.0	0.0
Increase in cash & equivalents	6.2	10.4	(15.1)	52.4	(10.4)	0.1	25.4	43.4	19.9	49.2	41.5	57.1	54.0	58.6	167.8	37.4	88.8	184.2
Cash & equivalents at start	120.0	126.2	136.6	121.5	174.0	163.6	163.7	189.1	232.5	252.4	301.7	343.2	120.0	174.0	232.5	126.2	163.6	252.4
Cash & equivalents at end	126.2	136.6	121.5	174.0	163.6	163.7	189.1	232.5	252.4	301.7	343.2	400.3	174.0	232.5	400.3	163.6	252.4	436.7
Free Cash flow																		
Free cash flow	28.7	26.5	42.5	44.5	28.4	0.1	25.4	43.4	19.9	49.2	41.5	57.1	142.2	97.4	167.8	142.0	88.8	184.2
FCF/share	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.8	2.0	1.3	2.3	2.0	1.2	2.5
TTM FCF	151.4	142.5	149.9	142.2	142.0	115.7	98.6	97.4	88.8	138.0	154.1	167.8	2.0	5	2.5	2.0	2	
FCF as % of sales (TTM)	21.8%	20.4%	22.2%	21.9%		18.2%	14.5%	13.4%	11.4%	17.1%	18.4%	19.4%	21.9%	13.4%	19.4%	22.7%	11.4%	20.8%
Capex as % of sales	5.3%	3.5%	2.2%	3.9%		5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.8%	4.6%	4.0%	3.2%	4.7%	4.3%
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Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company report



Price objective basis & risk

M/A-Com (MTSI)

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Business Performance	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) \times (1 $-$ Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	
Datum On Fauitu	Net Income	Amortization
Return On Equity		Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin	Operating Profit	Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings	Numerator	Denominator
Cash Realization Ratio	Cash Flow From Operations	Net Income
Asset Replacement Ratio	Capex	Depreciation
Tax Rate	Tax Charge	Pre-Tax Income
Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio	Net Debt = Total Debt — Cash & Equivalents	Total Equity
Interest Cover	EBIT	Interest Expense
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Valuation Toolkit	Numerator	Denominator
Price / Earnings Ratio	Current Share Price	Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)
Price / Book Value	Current Share Price	Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares
Dividend Yield	Annualised Declared Cash Dividend	Current Share Price
Free Cash Flow Yield	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares
Enterprise Value / Sales	EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt +	Sales
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EV / EBITDA Enterprise Value Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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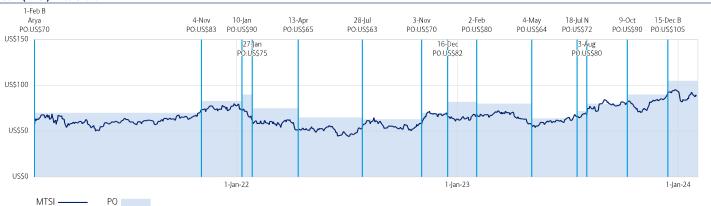
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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
Buy	215	53.09%	Buy	111	51.63%
Hold	97	23.95%	Hold	45	46.39%
Sell	93	22.96%	Sell	24	25.81%

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