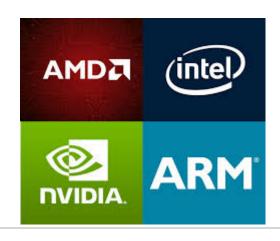
## 2021 TMT Outlook







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## Topics of Discussion

- Trading Update
- TMT Sector Rundown: 2021 Portfolio Construction
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# TMT Sector Rundown: 2021 Portfolio Construction

## 2021 Portfolio Positioning

#### **Continue to Favor Semis. Increase Exposure to Large Cap Tech/MFAANG**

- Semiconductors continue to remain my preferred sub-sector across all of tech. Analog remains the favorite in the context of a cyclical recovery but Data Center should still be strong into 2021
- Large Cap Tech + MFAANG have been sources of funds...perhaps setting up for outperformance?

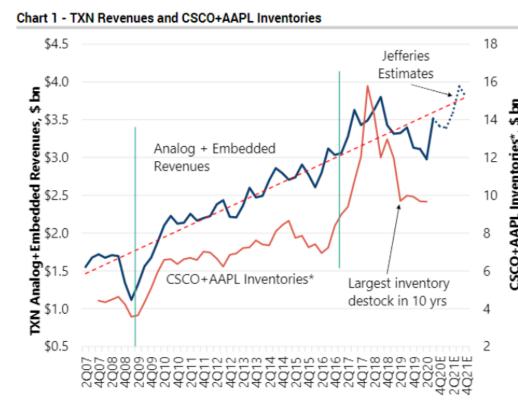
#### <u>Cautious on High Growth Software. Remain Highly Selective, Prefer 'GARPY' + Cyclical Software</u>

- With a steepening yield curve + infrastructure stimulus under the Biden administration, is high growth software vulnerable? Remain highly selective given unwind/rotation potential but COVID-19 driven disinflationary forces and accelerating digital transformations may act as a put for the group
- There are also multiple cyclical ways of playing software (Back Office, SMB, Technical/Design)

#### Don't forget about WFH Winners but raise the bar as the group 'comps the comp'

- Recent outperformance of WFH beneficiaries while the market looks for reopening/reflation trades is a bullish signal of market breadth
- Own Best of Breed names where structural changes can help overcome the inevitable 2021 deceleration

## Semis: Stay the Course. Remain Bullish



Source: Jefferies, company data. \*CSCO+AAPL include CSCO and AAPL inventories and CSCO purchase commitments

**Analog:** Lean inventories and healthy sell-through should continue to power the sector through 2021

**Data Center / Server/ CSPs:** Extended visibility into 2021 as CSPs provide supportive backdrop with strong CapEx Outlooks

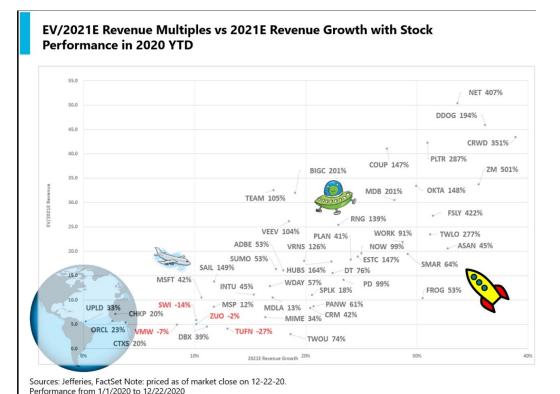
**Mobile:** 5G Sell-Through remains healthy, VOX/China demand remains robust although some concerns on potential for a 2021 inventory correction

**PC:** Concerns on 2021 deceleration but are WFH/WFA trends more sustainable than market fears?

**Semicap/Memory:** Regulatory backdrop likely more benign into 2021, memory pricing remains firm given the above-noted demand trends

Industry Consolidation should also serve as another backstop for the group

## Demanding Software Valuations



If 2021 is reflective of early cycle positioning as the world re-opens post COVID, could high growth software be a relative underperformer as rates rise and sectors with more cyclicality benefit?

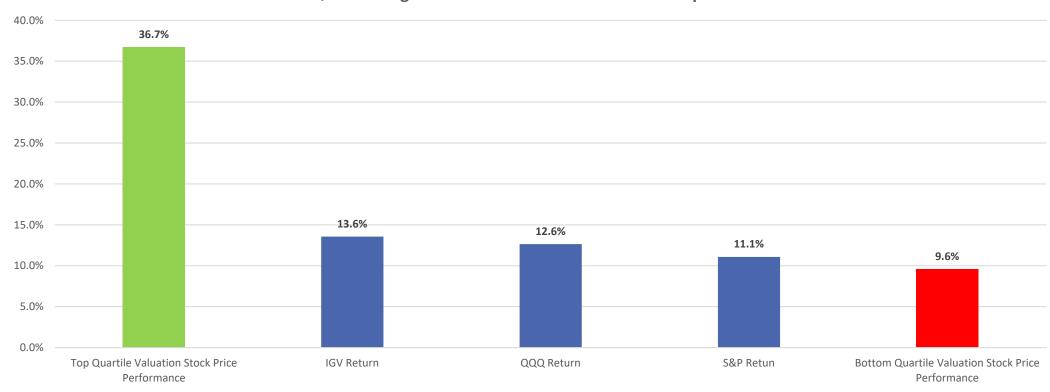
Despite that view, higher valuation software names continue to perform quite well:

YTD Performance as of 12/30/2020:

**ZM** +419%, **NET** +354%, **CRWD** +322%, **TWLO** +255%, **MDB** +177%, **HUBS** +149%, **COUP** +133%, **SAIL** +127%, **OKTA** +126%

## Software: Top Quartile Valuation In Charge

#### Q4 2020: High Growth Software Continues to Outperform



Note: Performance through December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Source: Bloomberg.

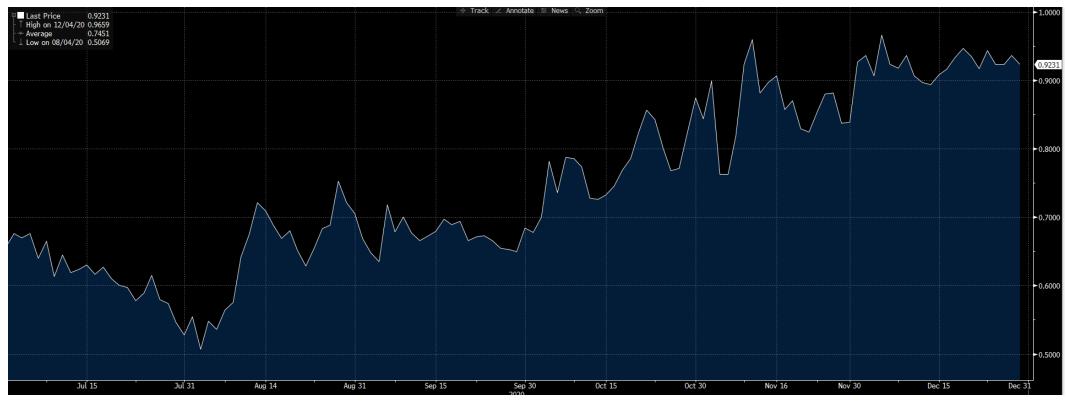
## Software Comps

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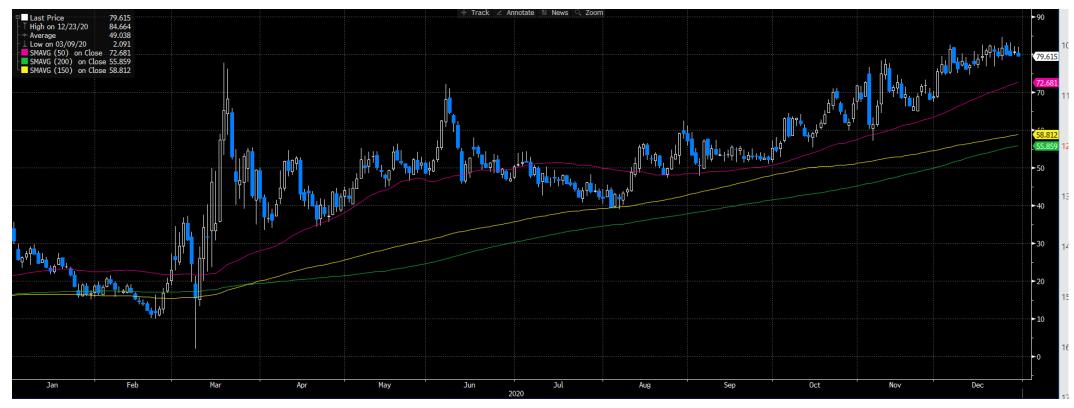
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MICROSOFT CORP	\$221.68	\$1,676,011	\$1,621,250	5.4%	10.8x	9.8x	8.8x	23.4x	21.4x	18.6x	35.1x	31.9x	c 28.2x
ADOBE INC	\$497.45	\$238,636	\$237,352	1.4%	18.1x			37.0x	31.3x		48.4x		
SALESFORCE.COM	\$222.40	\$203,595	\$200,326	-11.5%	9.6x			32.2x	29.6x		48.3x		
ORACLE CORP	\$64.40	\$189,596	\$222,484	7.9%	5.6x			11.1x			15.3x		
SERVICENOW INC	\$547.38	\$106,794	\$106,045	12.9%	23.7x			74.1x	60.6x		NM		
SNOWFLAKE INC-A	\$300.92	\$85,190	\$80,642	19.9%	N/A			NM	NM		NM		
ATLASSIAN CORP-A	\$234.04	\$58,323	\$57,297	28.7%	32.3x			NM	NM		NM		
WORKDAY INC-A	\$236.93	\$56,863	\$56,145	10.1%	13.2x			51.0x	48.2x	39.6x	88.5x	84.3x	68.0x
TWILIO INC - A	\$349.56	\$52,769	\$50,132	41.5%	30.1x		17.3x	NM	NM	I NM	NM	I NM	1 NM
CROWDSTRIKE HO-A	\$210.29	\$46,530	\$45,514	53.1%	55.1x	39.1x	30.6x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	I NM	1 NM
RINGCENTRAL IN-A	\$388.03	\$34,780	\$35,498	41.3%	30.4x			NM	NM	l NM	NM	l NM	1 NM
PALO ALTO NETWOR	\$355.79	\$33,990	\$34,215	45.4%	9.3x	7.8x	6.6x	NM	NM	l NM	63.3x	59.9x	47.4x
OKTA INC	\$260.52	\$33,729	\$33,186	21.8%	41.2x	31.6x	24.8x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	l NM	1 NM
DATADOG INC-A	\$99.31	\$30,243	\$29,381	-2.8%	49.8x	36.6x	27.6x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	l NM	1 NM
SPLUNK INC	\$172.38	\$27,877	\$28,510	-8.4%	13.0x	11.3x	9.0x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	I NM	1 NM
COUPA SOFTWARE I	\$341.31	\$24,634	\$24,791	24.5%	48.4x	38.1x	30.1x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	I NM	1 NM
CLOUDFLARE INC-A	\$77.53	\$23,825	\$23,195	88.8%	54.8x	40.9x	31.5x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	I NM	1 NM
HUBSPOTINC	\$395.21	\$18,135	\$17,738	35.2%	20.4x	16.7x	13.6x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	I NM	1 NM
ZENDESK INC	\$141.29	\$16,485	\$16,294	37.3%	15.9x	12.8x	10.2x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	I NM	1 NM
CITRIX SYSTEMS	\$128.29	\$15,796	\$16,798	-6.8%	5.2x	5.0x	4.8x	14.5x	14.2x	13.2x	21.4x	20.1x	17.7x
ELASTIC NV	\$148.22	\$12,955	\$12,639	37.4%	23.7x	19.3x	15.8x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	l NM	1 NM
DYNATRACE INC	\$43.69	\$12,325	\$12,604	6.5%	19.5x	16.2x	13.1x	NM	58.1x	45.0x	72.7x	76.8x	60.8x
BILL.COM HOLDING	\$137.25	\$11,140	\$10,497	36.8%	59.4x	47.7x	36.4x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	l NM	1 NM
DROPBOX INC-A	\$22.60	\$9,348	\$9,244	17.3%	4.8x	4.4x	4.0x	16.6x	14.0x	12.4x	28.0x	23.8x	( 19.7x
BIGCOMMERCE-1	\$65.68	\$4,542	\$4,401	-21.2%	29.7x	25.0x	20.6x	NM	NM	l NM	NM	l NM	1 NM
Average				20.9%	26.0x	23.0x	17.8x	32.5x	32.0x	26.7x	46.8x	51.9x	42.4x
Median				19.9%	22.1x	19.0x	15.2x	27.8x	29.6x	22.4x	48.3x	51.8x	42.3x

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## 10 Year Yield Steepening...



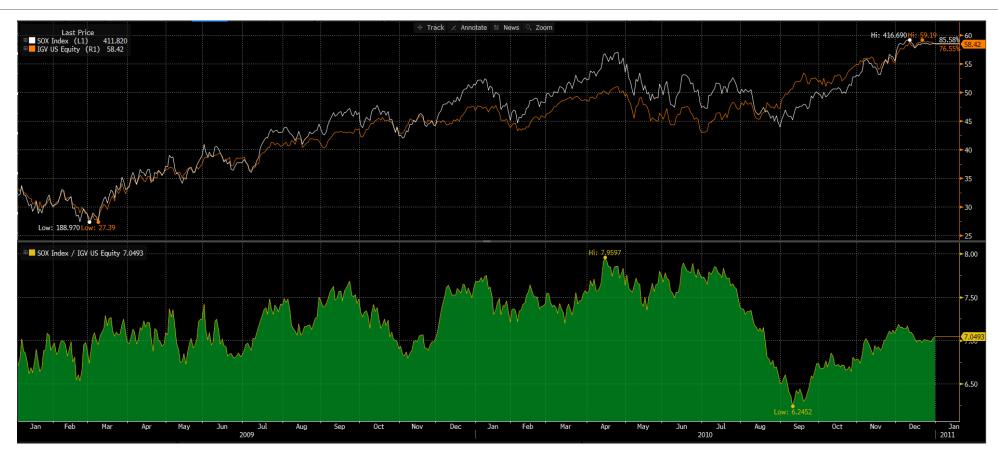
## ...Mind the Yield Curve Break-Out...



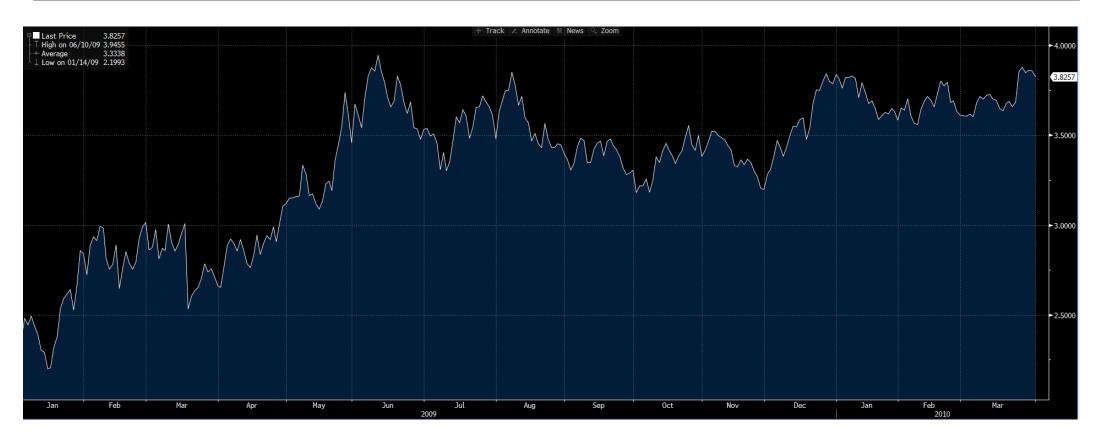
## ...Although Rates Low by Historical Standards



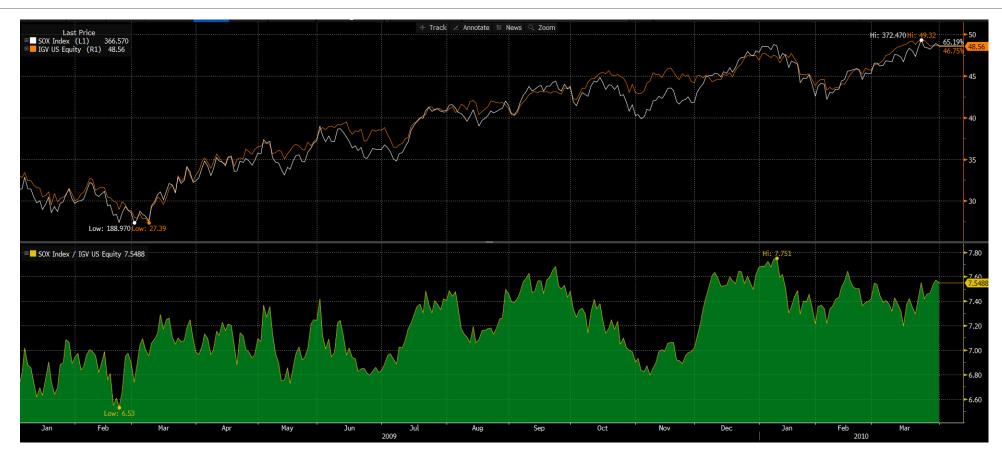
## SOX vs. IGV: Comparison to the GFC...



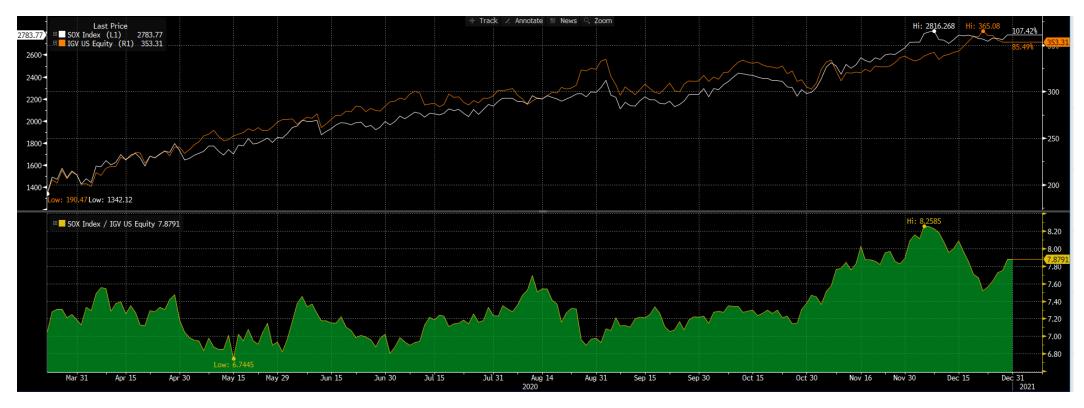
## ...Focusing on the Early Part of the Recovery Tells a Slightly Different Story...



Software Underperformed by ~2000bps in a Rising Interest Rate Environment...



## Although Recovery off 2020 Lows is Eerily Similar w/2000bps of SOX Outperformance...



## Disinflationary forces to Save the Day?

#### Despite inflationary fears, the 10 year yield is still unable to break above 1% on the upside

- Digital transformation occurring at a rapid pace as a tailwind to productivity
- Overall slack in the economy as unemployment rate remains elevated at 6.7%

#### <u>Secular Sources of Disinflation Risk - David Zervos, Jefferies Chief Market Strategist</u>

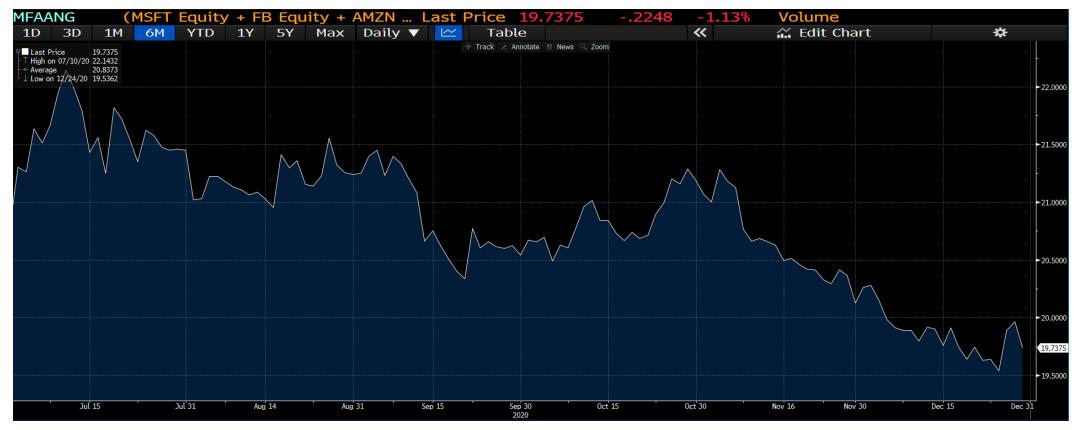
- Technological Advance
- Demographics. Overall labor participation rate coming down, elderly are leaving work force as we transition to WFH environment

While I remain cautious on the software high flyers in the context of a recovery and the potential for a higher interest rate environment, mind the disinflationary forces and accelerating digital transformations which may act as a natural offset to global monetary and fiscal stimulus programs

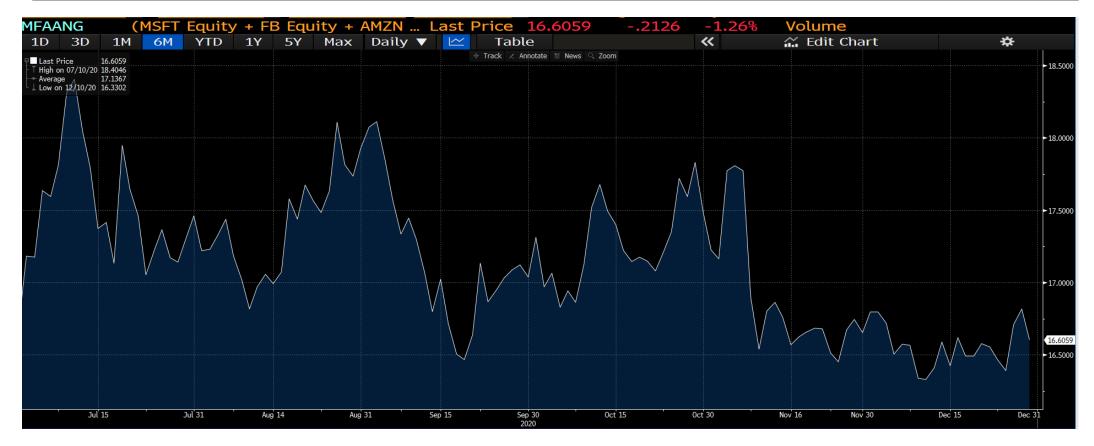
### Core CPI Y/Y Growth Remains Subdued



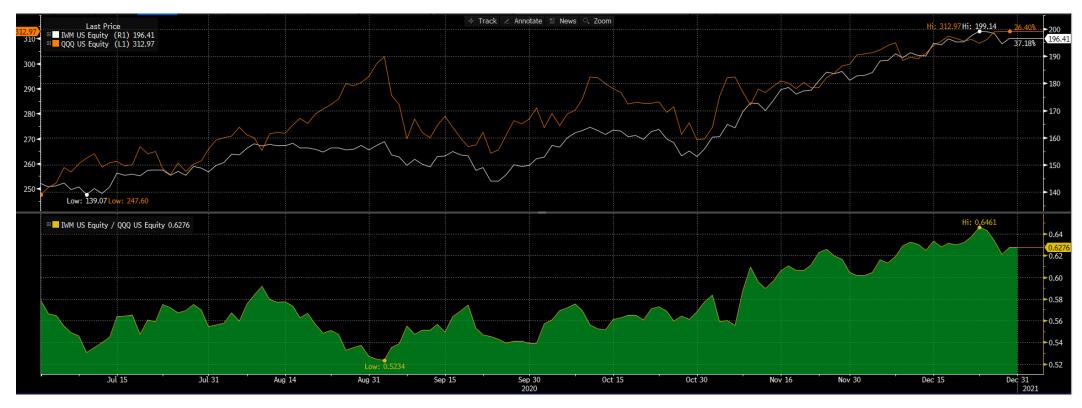
## MFAANG on 6 month lows vs. the QQQs...



## ...and the SPYs



## ...while SMID Cap Leads the Market Higher



# Single Stock Sentiment & Positioning

## MFAANG Positioning and Sentiment

**Microsoft:** Bullish investor positioning with shares on 1 year lows vs. the IGV. Some concerns on Azure deceleration but an extremely crowded long given risk/reward and compelling valuation

**Facebook:** Debated but bullish investor positioning with e-commerce in its infancy and a 2021 advertising driven inflection. Bears point to regulatory overhang and increasing competitive dynamics

**Apple:** Investors are fighting the move higher as AAPL laps the 5G product cycle. Bears are worried about difficult 2021 comps and 'lack of supercycle', bulls continue to latch onto services story and emerging automotive narrative

**Amazon.** Sentiment weaker on the name as AMZN has to 'comp the comp' into 2021 with a revenue deceleration. Bulls want to own AMZN for 2021 operating income driven revisions

**Netflix.** Similar to AMZN, in addition to difficult comps into 2021, NFLX narrative further complicated by competitive OTT dynamics. Bulls point to cash flow inflection and robust content slate

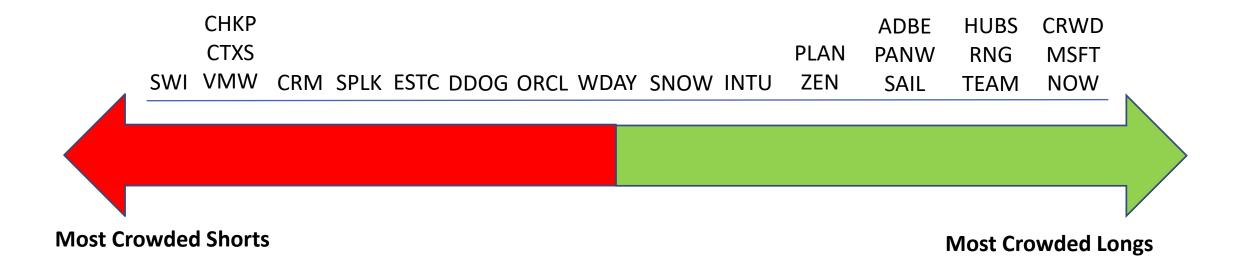
**Google.** A very crowded long within MFAANG as GOOG should benefit from a cyclical recovery with an added 'travel kicker' combined with increasing GCP Momentum + Waymo enthusiasm



## Software: Crowdedness

#### Biggest changes vs. 3 months ago:

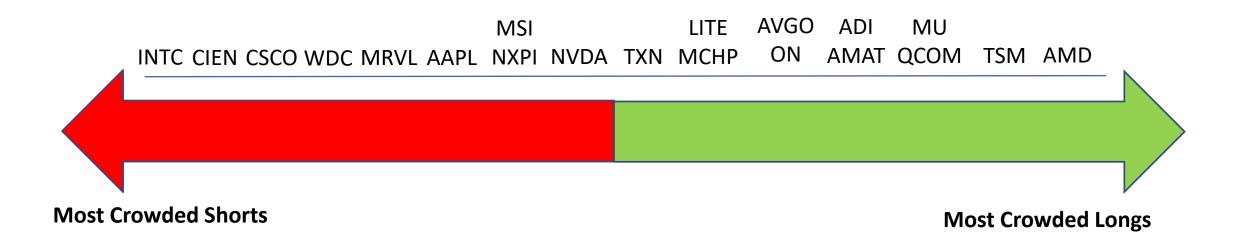
- CRM Underweight post WORK transaction
- Significantly improved PANW Sentiment, Security Sentiment on highs post SWI Breach
- Questions around infrastructure valuations, convergence across search/log/observability/security



## Semis/Hardware: Crowdedness

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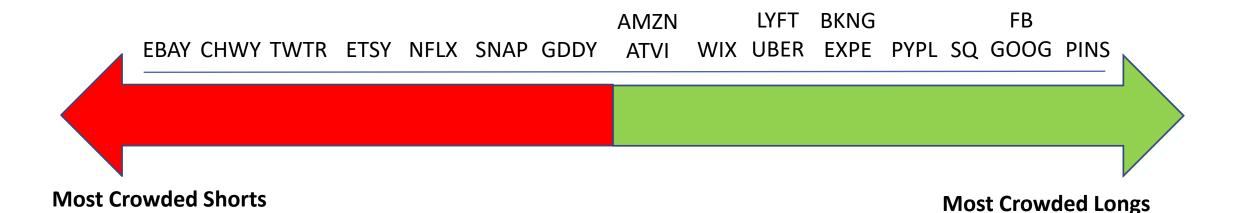
- NVDA Shifted to a More Underweight Position
- ON, AVGO sentiment both significantly improved
- Couldn't give away MU at \$40, everyone wants to own it at \$70
- Many are still fighting the move higher on Semicap



## Internet / Video Games / Fintech: Crowdedness

#### Biggest changes vs. 3 months ago:

- OTAs + Ride Sharing sentiment robust as investors look to play a recovery and increase portfolio cyclicality
- SNAP remains significantly less favored/owned given YTD appreciation + increasing IDFA concerns
- Video Games more controversial into 2021 given difficult comps, ATVI sentiment weaker post COD BOCW Launch
- E-Commerce vs. Advertising remains a battleground



## Stock Picks & Favorite Names

## Top Picks Across Sub-Sectors

Video Games: ATVI, UBI, ZNGA

<u>Software:</u> ADBE, CVLT, DBX, INTU, MSFT, ORCL, PANW, PLAN, RNG, SAIL, VERX, VMW, WDAY, ZEN

<u>Internet/Fintech/Entertainment:</u> AMZN, FB, FISV, GDDY, GOOG, MSGS, MTCH, PYPL, SNAP, TWTR

<u>Comm Equipment / Hardware / Semiconductors:</u> AMD, ADI, COMM, FFIV, FLEX, MCHP, MSI, ON, SMTC

#### **Recent Changes:**

Added: AMD (10/9), CRM (9/22), CVLT (9/22), FISV (1/3), GOOG (1/3) MSFT (10/29) NET (9/22), ORCL(9/22), PLAN (11/25), TWTR (11/2), VERX (10/6), WDAY (11/23), ZEN (9/22)

Removed: CRM (12/2), ETSY (10/8), MU (12/7), NET (10/16), NXPI (12/7), SPLK (11/23) TXN (10/16)

Performance of Recent Additions, The Good ar	nd the Bad
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Ticker	Index	Stock Return	Index Return	vs. Inde
AMD	SMH	11.1%	16.7%	-5.7%
CRM	IGV	-10.9%	7.7%	-18.5%
CVLT	QQQ	19.5%	11.5%	8.0%
MSFT	IGV	5.2%	6.4%	-1.2%
NET	IGV	46.2%	7.3%	38.9%
ORCL	IGV	6.2%	14.2%	-8.0%
PLAN	IGV	2.4%	6.8%	-4.3%
TWTR	QQQ	37.6%	15.9%	21.7%
VERX	IGV	36.2%	12.8%	23.4%
WDAY	IGV	14.4%	8.2%	6.2%
ZEN	IGV	40.7%	14.2%	26.5%
Average	•	19.0%		7.9%
Median		14.4%		6.2%

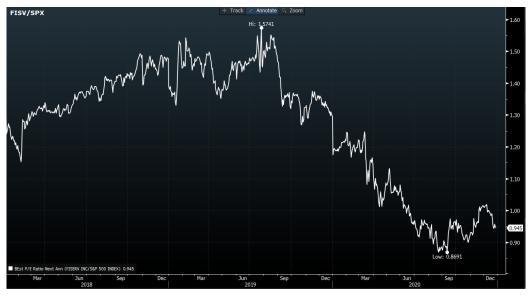
#### **Overall Basket Performance**

	Q4 Median	
	Performance	<b>Index Return</b>
Video Games (vs. QQQs)	6.6%	12.6%
Software (vs. IGV)	16.2%	13.6%
Internet/Fintech/Entertainment (vs. QQQs)	19.8%	12.6%
Semis (vs. SMH)	35.9%	25.1%

## Adding FISV to the Favorite Names List

- -Merger with FDC provides FISV with significant scale and product capabilities. The stock is just too cheap on a relative and an absolute basis
- The Company recently held its 2020 Investor Conference and offered medium-term targets ahead of the street with a 2022-2023 outlook of 7-9% revenue growth and 15-20% EPS growth, leading to a 2023 EPS Midpoint of \$7.40. Why should this asset, a high single digit grower that's compounding EPS at 15-20% in a consolidating industry, trade at a discount to the S&P?
- Assuming no multiple expansion, path to \$155-\$160 over 24 months (~45% return). If can close valuation gap with GPN, path to \$200 (~80% upside) in bull case scenario

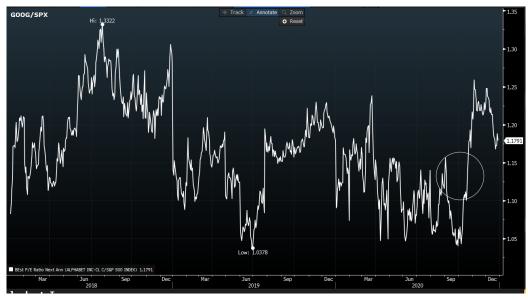
#### FISV Relative Forward Earnings Multiple vs. the S&P 500:



## Adding GOOG to the Favorite Names List

- GOOG should benefit from a more normalized advertising environment into 2021 and fits the mold of increasing cyclicality from a portfolio construction standpoint, especially with travel potentially back into the mix
- -Consensus in a very good place with the Street only calling for ~13% y/y search growth in December vs. ~10% in September and ~17% growth into 2021 vs. pre-pandemic levels of ~20%
- Regulatory the biggest overhang but that's not idiosyncratic to GOOG and plenty of time to digest as the big DOJ antitrust case won't go to trial until 2H 2023 at the earliest
- -Recent DOJ lawsuit on October 20<sup>th</sup> served as a clearing event and GOOG performance has caught up to FB. But stock still too cheap with accelerating revenue growth and many call options not priced into shares including GCP and Waymo

#### **GOOG Relative Forward Earnings Multiple vs. the S&P 500:**



## Upcoming Technology Catalysts

January 7: **MU** Earnings

January 11-January 14<sup>th</sup>: Consumer Electronics Show

January 12: **AMD** Keynote @ CES

January 13-14: Jefferies Virtual Software Bus Tour

February 19: ATVI BlizzConline

February 23: **SNAP** Investor Day

February 25: **TWTR** Analyst Day



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