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Fair Value Range

\$86.00 - \$160.00

Micron Technology MU FAIRLY VALUED **Estimated Fair Value**

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Investment Considerations

Investment Style

LARGE-CAP BLEND

Value Rating

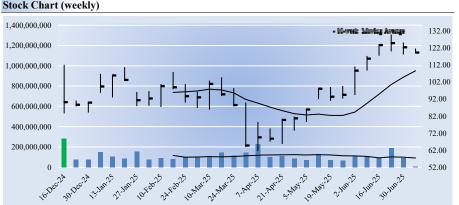


Industry

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The inherent volatility in DRAM and NAND pricing makes Micron difficult to

get comfortable with as an investment idea consideration. Huge cyclicality and growing U.S.-China geopolitical tensions are other concerns. Stock Chart (weekly)



Company Vitals	
Market Cap (USD)	\$132,544
Avg Weekly Vol (30 wks)	111,356
30-week Range (USD)	61.54 - 129.85
Valuentum Sector Informati	on Technology
5-week Return	8.8%
13-week Return	59.6%
30-week Return	12.8%
Dividend Yield %	0.4%
Dividends per Share	0.46
Forward Dividend Payout Ratio	5.8%
Est. Normal Diluted EPS	10.00
P/E on Est. Normal Diluted EPS	11.9
Est. Normal EBITDA	31,157
Forward EV/EBITDA	6.1
EV/Est. Normal EBITDA	4.4
Forward Revenue Growth (5-yr)	23.2%
Forward EPS Growth (5-yr) NMF = Not Meaningful; Est. = Estimated; FY = Fi	70.6% scal Year

ear Historical Average
2.6%
2.0%
2.9%
3.0% Meaningful

Leverage, Coverage, and Liquidity

In Millions of USD	
Total Debt	11,343
Net Debt	3,237
Total Debt/EBITDA	1.3
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.4
EBITDA/Interest	15.9
Current Ratio	2.6
Quick Ratio	1.6
NMF = Not Meaningful	

Investment Highlights

- · Micron makes DRAM, NAND, 3D XPoint, and NOR memory solutions, as well as other innovative storage technologies for use in computing, consumer, networking, automotive, industrial, embedded and mobile products. A material portion of revenue comes from NAND and SSD products. The company was founded in 1978 and is headquartered in Boise, Idaho.
- · Micron announced that it was initiating a quarterly dividend starting at \$0.10 per share in August 2021, with its first payout occurring in October 2021. The company aims to return ~50% of its free cash flow to investors via dividends and share buybacks.
- · Competition is fierce in the semiconductor memory market and includes Samsung, SK Hynix, and Kioxia (formerly Toshiba). Such intense rivalries have often resulted in industry overcapacity, pricing pressures, and painful cycles. Margins should be watched closely, especially in light of Intel entering the fray and the Western Digital-SanDisk combination.
- Those that are bullish on the Micron story point to a more rational memory market, supported by recent and pending industry consolidation. However, highvolume memory products are typically commoditized and made to industry specifications. There's little room for differentiation, and demand will remain highly cyclical.
- · Margins need to be watched closely. Average selling prices for DRAM and NAND have been extremely volatile during the past several years. Declines in average selling prices for DRAM and NAND of 30%-50% in a given year aren't unusual.

DCF Valuation	FAIRLY VALUED
Relative Valuation	ATTRACTIVE
ValueCreation TM	POOR
ValueRisk™	MEDIUM
ValueTrend TM	NEGATIVE
Cash Flow Generation	WEAK
Financial Leverage	LOW
Growth	AGGRESSIVE

Sector

Information Technology

Technical Evaluation BULLISH STRONG Relative Strength Money Flow Index (MFI) **NEUTRAL** Upside/Downside Volume (U/D) BULLISH

Near-term Technical Support, 10-week MA

109.00 DCF = Discounted Cash Flow; MFI, U/D = Please see glossary. MA = Moving Average

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Business Quality		ValueCreation TM	ſ	
ValueRisk TM	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Excellent
Low				
Medium				
High				
Very High				

Relative Valuation	Forward P/E	PEG	Price / FV	
Alphabet	17.2	1.4	75.4%	
Amazon.com	NMF	NMF	92.3%	
Apple	28.4	2.8	87.4%	
Microsoft	34.5	2.7	94.1%	
Peer Median	28.4	2.7	89.8%	
Micron Technology	15.1	2.4	96.9%	

Price / FV = Current Stock Price divided by Estimated Fair Value

Financial Summary	Actual		Projected
Fiscal Year End:	Aug-23	Aug-24	Aug-25
Revenue	15,540	25,111	36,798
Revenue, YoY%	-49.5%	61.6%	46.5%
Operating Income	-5,459	1,246	11,155
Operating Margin %	-35.1%	5.0%	30.3%
Net Income	-5,833	778	8,786
Net Income Margin %	-37.5%	3.1%	23.9%
Diluted EPS	-5.34	0.70	7.90
Diluted EPS, YoY %	-168.9%	-113.0%	1035.0%
Free Cash Flow (CFO-capex)	-6,117	121	4,429
Free Cash Flow Margin % In Millions of USD (except for per share items)	-39.4%	0.5%	12.0%

Structure of the Computers & Peripherals Industry

POOR

Firms in the computer and peripherals industry primarily make storage solutions, while others may offer custom-designed computer/mobile interface solutions or other ancillary computer/mobile products. The industry is characterized by rapid technological change, which has not only increased the adoption of technologies for use in a variety of devices but also has put significant pricing/gross-margin pressure on industry constituents. Competition is fierce, threats of over-supply are continuous, and the prospects for generating long-term competitive advantages are negligible. We don't like the structure of the group.



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Economic Profit Analysis

ValueCreationTM **POOR**

The best measure of a firm's ability to create value for shareholders is expressed by comparing its return on invested capital (ROIC) with its weighted average cost of capital (WACC). The gap or difference between ROIC and WACC is called the firm's economic profit spread. Micron Technology's 3-year historical return on invested capital (without goodwill) is 3%, which is below the estimate of its cost of capital of 10.3%. As such, we assign the firm a ValueCreation™ rating of POOR. In the chart to the right, we show the probable path of ROIC in the years ahead based on the estimated volatility of key drivers behind the measure. The solid grey line reflects the most likely outcome, in our opinion, and represents the scenario that results in our fair value

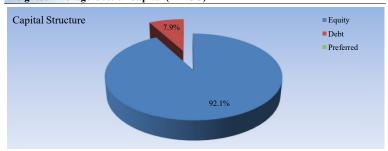
ROIC - WACC Spread, 3-year historical average	-7.3%
ROIC - WACC Spread, 5-year projected average	9.6%

These spreads equal the firm's annual average ROIC (excluding goodwill) less its WACC.

ValueTrendTM **NEGATIVE**

Micron Technology receives a ValueTrend™ rating of NEGATIVE, which is based on the company's trailing three-year performance. The firm's ROIC (excluding goodwill) fell to 2.1% last year from its trailing 3-year average of 3%. We expect ROIC (excluding goodwill) to be in the ballpark of about 19% by the end of our discrete forecast period, with downside risk to about 7% over that time period.

Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)



Cost of Equity

Risk Free Rate Assumption	4.3%
Fundamental Beta (ERP multiplier)	1.0
Estimated Equity Risk Premium	6.5%
Cost of Equity Assumption	10.8%

After-tax Cost of Debt

After-tax Cost of Debt Assumption	4.4%
Cash Tax Rate Assumption	21.0%
Cost of Debt Assumption	5.5%
Synthetic Credit Spread	1.22%
Risk Free Rate Assumption	4.3%
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Cost of Preferred Stock	
Preferred Dividends	0
Value of Preferred Stock	0
Cost of Preferred Assumption	NA

Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

ERP = Equity Risk Premium

Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)



The graph above shows the firm's ROIC (excluding goodwill) compared with historical averages and its WACC

Assessment of Company Dividend Strategy

Key Strengths

In August 2021, Micron initiated a quarterly dividend and its first dividend payment went out in October 2021. Micron's Dividend Cushion ratio will be highly volatile and ebb and flow with its free cash flow generation through the course of the economic cycle. From fiscal 2021-2022, Micron generated ~\$2.78 billion in free cash flow on average per year, but the measure has faced pressure more recently. We forecast Micron's free cash flows will recover from depressed levels in fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2024, however. Management has stated that Micron's goal is to steadily grow its payout going forward, and that the firm aims to return ~50% of its free cash flows to investors via dividends and share buybacks. It may not be successful raising its payout consistently in the long run.

Potential Weaknesses

Micron's free cash flow has faced considerable pressure during fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2024 after two very impressive years of cash generation. Competing capital allocation priorities may weigh on Micron's dividend growth potential as the firm intends to continue repurchasing sizable amounts of its stock going forward, as has historically been the case. Micron has a strong balance sheet, but volatile free cash flow generation should give any dividend growth investor pause. A promising growth outlook supported by secular growth tailwinds could provide upside to its dividend payout in the coming years, but the cyclical swings inherent to its industry backdrop won't go away. We think there are much better dividend growth and income plays than Micron.

Note: Valuentum may provide an adjusted ROIC measure to better reflect the economic substance of a company's operations, as in the case of companies with negative invested capital.



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Growth Analysis

Revenue Growth				AGGRESSIVE
		Last Fiscal		
		Year Revenue	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
Micron Technology	USD	25,111	-3.2%	23.2%
Alphabet	USD	350,018	10.8%	10.2%
Amazon.com	USD	637,959	10.7%	10.0%
Apple	USD	391,035	2.2%	6.7%
Microsoft	USD	245,122	13.4%	12.0%
Peer Median			10.7%	10.1%
Industry Median			8.3%	8.8%

Micron Technology's revenue expansion has trailed the median of both its peer group and its industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's revenue expansion to outpace the median of its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Our growth assessment of each firm is based on the firm's 5-year forward revenue CAGR. Micron Technology's future pace of revenue growth is AGGRESSIVE, in our opinion.

EBITDA Growth

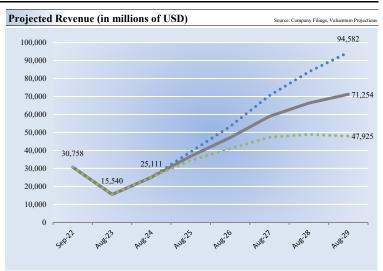
		Last Fiscal		
		Year EBITDA	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
Micron Technology	USD	8,944	-11.6%	31.9%
Alphabet	USD	129,497	13.3%	12.2%
Amazon.com	USD	120,468	26.6%	14.5%
Apple	USD	134,661	3.8%	8.4%
Microsoft	USD	129,433	17.0%	12.5%
Peer Median			15.2%	12.3%
Industry Median			7.5%	12.5%

Micron Technology's EBITDA expansion has trailed both that of its peer group and its industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's EBITDA expansion to outpace its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Micron Technology sports the highest expected EBITDA growth rate among peers.

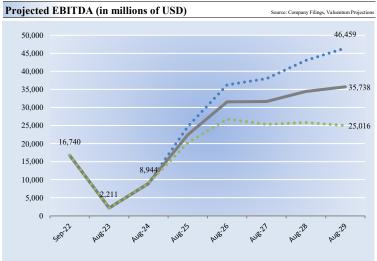
Net Income Growth

		Last Fiscal		
		Year Net	3-year Historical	5-year Projected
		Income	CAGR	CAGR
Micron Technology	USD	778	-49.0%	69.7%
Alphabet	USD	100,118	9.6%	12.2%
Amazon.com	USD	59,248	21.1%	17.6%
Apple	USD	93,736	-0.3%	11.0%
Microsoft	USD	88,136	12.9%	13.4%
Peer Median			11.2%	12.8%
Industry Median			5.0%	13.5%

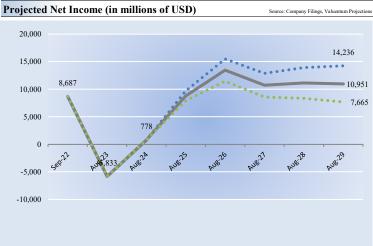
Micron Technology's net income expansion has trailed both that of its peer group and its industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's net income expansion to outpace its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Micron Technology sports the highest expected net income growth rate among peers.



In the chart above, we show our baseline forecast for revenue as well as potential upside and downside cases.



In the chart above, we show our baseline forecast for EBITDA as well as potential upside and downside cases.



In the chart above, we show our baseline forecast for net income as well as potential upside and downside cases.



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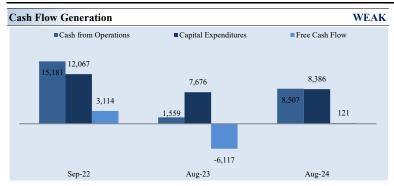


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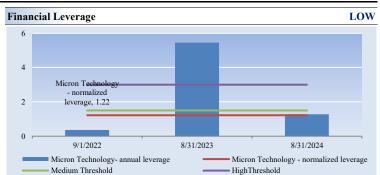
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Cash Flow and Financial Leverage Analysis



The bars above show the firms operating cash flow, capital expenditures, and free cash flow, respectively

Firms that generate a free cash flow margin (free cash flow divided by total revenue) above 5% are usually considered cash cows. Micron Technology's free cash flow margin has averaged about -9.6% during the past 3 years. As such, we think the firm's cash flow generation is relatively WEAK. The free cash flow measure shown above is derived by taking cash flow from operations less capital expenditures and differs from enterprise free cash flow (FCFF), which we use in deriving our fair value estimate for the company. For more information on the differences between these two measures, please visit our website at Valuentum.com. At Micron Technology, cash flow from operations decreased about 44% from levels registered two years ago, while capital expenditures fell about 31% over the same time period.



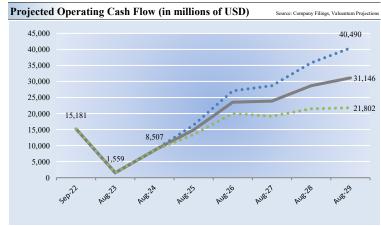
The bars above show the firm's annual debt-to-EBITDA. The red line shows the firm's normalized measure.

Firms that exhibit high leverage tend to be more risky than firms with relatively low debt loads, all else equal. We measure financial leverage by taking a firm's current total debt load and dividing it by the firm's trailing average 3-year annual EBITDA. Firms that are over 3 for this metric, we rate as having high leverage. Companies that have less than 1.5 turns of leverage (or a measure below 1.5), we rate as having low leverage. Micron Technology's normalized debt-to-EBITDA measure of about 1.22 puts it in the LOW camp.

Cash Flow from Operations

		Last Fiscal Year CFO	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
Micron Technology	USD	8,507	-12.0%	29.6%
Alphabet	USD	125,299	11.0%	10.6%
Amazon.com	USD	115,877	35.7%	14.4%
Apple	USD	118,254	4.4%	10.9%
Microsoft	USD	118,548	15.6%	11.9%
Peer Median			13.3%	11.4%
Industry Median			9.2%	11.4%

Micron Technology's cash flow from operations expansion has trailed both that of its peer group and its industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's cash flow from operations expansion to outpace its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Micron Technology sports the highest expected cash flow from operations growth rate among peers.

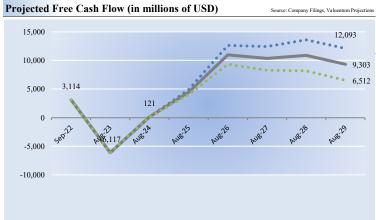


In the chart above, we show our baseline forecast for CFO as well as potential upside and downside cases.

Free Cash Flow (CFO-capital expenditures)

		Last Fiscal Year FCF	3-year Historical CAGR	5-year Projected CAGR
Micron Technology	USD	121	-63.3%	138.3%
Alphabet	USD	72,764	2.8%	16.6%
Amazon.com	USD	32,878	-230.7%	34.4%
Apple	USD	108,807	5.4%	10.9%
Microsoft	USD	74,071	9.7%	15.8%
Peer Median			4.1%	16.2%
Industry Median			8.8%	10.9%

Micron Technology's free cash flow expansion has trailed both that of its peer group and its industry group during the past three years. We expect the firm's free cash flow expansion to outpace its peer group and industry group during the next five years. Micron Technology sports the highest expected free cash flow growth rate among peers.



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Valuation Analysis

Valuation Assumptions		
In Millions of USD (except for per share items)	5-year Projec	tions
Revenue CAGR %	23.2%	
Avg. EBIT Margin %	26.1%	
Avg. Cash Tax Rate %	21.0%	
Earnings Before Interest CAGR %	61.0%	
Earnings Per Share CAGR %	70.6%	
Free Cash Flow to the Firm CAGR %	-229.3%	
Earnings before interest = Net operating profits less adjusted taxes	Long-term Proj	ections
Phase II> III FCFF CAGR %	5.5% (II)	3% (III)
Cost of Equity %	10.8%	
After-tax Cost of Debt %	4.4%	
Discount Rate (WACC) %	10.3%	
Synthetic credit spread = 1.217%	Results	
Phase I Present Value	33,883	
Phase II Present Value	65,020	
Phase III Present Value	41,114	
Total Firm Value	140,017	
Net Balance Sheet Impact	-3,237	
Total Equity Value	136,780	
Diluted Shares Outstanding	1,112.4	
Fair Value per Share	\$123.00	

DCF Valuation Summary

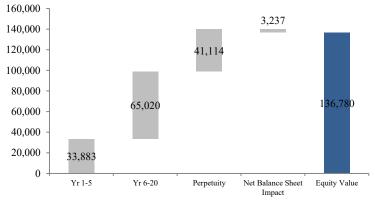
We think Micron Technology is worth \$123 per share with a fair value range of \$86.00 - \$160.00. The margin of safety around our fair value estimate is driven by the firm's MEDIUM ValueRisk™ rating, which is derived from an evaluation of the historical volatility of key valuation drivers and a future assessment of them. Our nearterm operating forecasts, including revenue and earnings, do not differ much from consensus estimates or management guidance. Our model reflects a compound annual revenue growth rate of 23.2% during the next five years, a pace that is higher than the firm's 3-year historical compound annual growth rate of -3.2%. Our model reflects a 5-year projected average operating margin of 26.1%, which is above Micron Technology's trailing 3-year average. Beyond year 5, we assume free cash flow will grow at an annual rate of 5.5% for the next 15 years and 3% in perpetuity. For Micron Technology, we use a 10.3% weighted average cost of capital to discount future free cash flows.

Source: Company Filings, Valuentum Projection

Valuation Breakdown

In the chart below, we show the build up to our estimate of total enterprise value for Micron Technology and the break down to the firm's total equity value, which we estimate to be about 136.78USD billion. The present value of the enterprise free cash flows generated during each phase of our model and the net balance sheet impact is displayed. We divide total equity value by diluted shares outstanding to arrive at our \$123 per share fair value estimate.

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In Millions of USD

Enterprise Free Cash Flow				
	Fiscal Year End:	9/1/2022	8/31/2023	8/31/2024
Earnings before Interest		7,133	-4,591	1,015
+ Depreciation		7,031	7,670	7,698
- Capital Expenditures		12,067	7,676	8,386
- Change in Working Capital		1,704	-36	2,909
- Acquisitions		0	0	0
Enterprise Free Cash Flow (FCFF)	393	-4,561	-2,582
In Millions of USD				

Our future forecasts for key valuation drivers result in a future free enterprise cash flow stream. Above, we show how we calculate enterprise free cash flow and the historical performance of the metric for Micron Technology. Over the next five years, we expect the firm's enterprise free cash flow to expand at about a -229% compound annual growth rate. During years 6 through 20, we expect the measure to grow at a 5.5% rate. Beyond year 20 (in perpetuity), we grow the firm's free cash flow at inflation (3%).

Company Metrics versus Peer and Industry Medians

Company Name	Valuentum Buying Index TM	Forward Price-to- Earnings	P/E on Est. Normal Diluted EPS	Price/Earnings-to- Growth (PEG), 5- year	Forward EV/EBITDA	EV/Est. Normal EBITDA	5-year Forward Earnings per Share CAGR	3-year Hist Avg ROIC, without goodwill	Dividend Yield %	Stock Price / Fair Value Estimate
Micron Technology	7	15.1	11.9	2.4	6.1	4.4	70.6%	3.0%	0.4%	96.9%
Alphabet	6	17.2	13.5	1.4	12.8	10.5	14.5%	70.8%	0.5%	75.4%
Amazon.com	6	NMF	22.4	NMF	16.1	11.8	17.6%	13.8%	0.0%	92.3%
Apple	3	28.4	23.0	2.8	21.7	18.0	12.2%	89.5%	0.5%	87.4%
Microsoft	6	34.5	25.9	2.7	23.8	18.5	14.5%	49.8%	0.7%	94.1%
Peer Median	6.0	28.4	22.7	2.7	18.9	14.9	14.5%	60.3%	0.5%	89.8%
Industry Median	6.0	24.0	18.4	2.1	15.9	12.7	15.6%	56.6%	0.7%	95.9%

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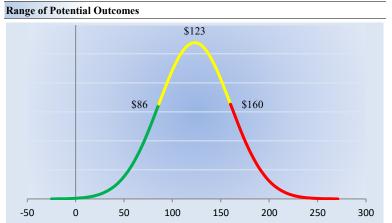
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Margin of Safety Analysis



Our discounted cash flow process values each firm on the basis of the present value of all future free cash flows. Although we estimate the firm's fair value at about \$123 per share, every company has a range of probable fair values that's created by the uncertainty of key valuation drivers (like future revenue or earnings, for example). After all, if the future were known with certainty, we wouldn't see much volatility in the markets as stocks would trade precisely at their known fair values. Our ValueRiskTM rating sets the margin of safety or the fair value range we assign to each stock. In the graph above, we show this probable range of fair values for Micron Technology. We think the firm is attractive below \$86 per share (the green line), but quite expensive above \$160 per share (the red line). The prices that fall along the yellow line, which includes our fair value estimate, represent a reasonable valuation for the firm, in our opinion.

ValueRiskTM MEDIUM

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Micron Technology receives a ValueRisk[™] rating of MEDIUM based of the historical volatility of key drivers of economic value creation. The fair value range sets the margin of safety around our fair value estimate of the firm's shares.

Revenue Volatility 26.2%
Gross Margin Volatility Greater than 50%
Earnings (EBI) Volatility Greater than 50%
Cash Flow (FCFF) Volatility Greater than 50%

Fair Value Range

The Fair Value Range sets the premium or discount on our estimate of the firm's fair value.

Upside and Downside Probabilities

Probability (fair value < \$0)

Probability (fair value > 2x current share price)

Less than 0.1%

0.09%

We strive to answer a few questions that investors often ask: 1) What are the chances of a total loss of investment in this company? and 2) What is the chance that the company is really worth twice what I paid for it? The probability (fair value < 0) strives to answer the first question. It indicates the chance that the firm may encounter insolvency based on the characteristics of its cash flow stream, capital structure, and risk profile. The probability (fair value > 2x current share price) strives to answer the second question. It is our best estimate of whether investors are participating in a half-off sale by buying the company's shares at current prices.

Future Path of Fair Value

We estimate Micron Technology's fair value at this point in time to be about \$123 per share. As time passes, however, companies generate cash flow and pay out cash to shareholders in the form of dividends. The chart to the right compares the firm's current share price with the path of Micron Technology's expected equity value per share over the next three years, assuming our long-term projections prove accurate. The range between the resulting downside fair value and upside fair value in Year 3 represents our best estimate of the value of the firm's shares three years hence. This range of potential outcomes is also subject to change over time, should our views on the firm's future cash flow potential change. The expected fair value of \$166 per share in Year 3 represents our existing fair value per share of \$123 increased at an annual rate of the firm's cost of equity less its dividend yield. The upside and downside ranges are derived in the same way, but from the upper and lower bounds of our fair value estimate range.



The graph above shows the expected future fair value of the firm's shares relative to its current stock price.

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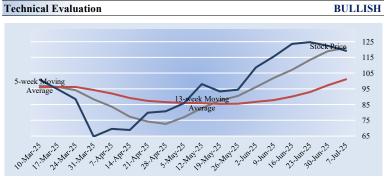
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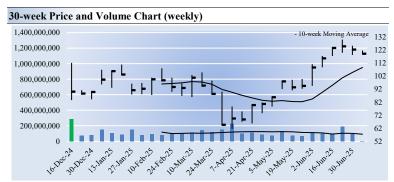


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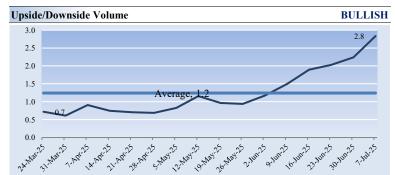
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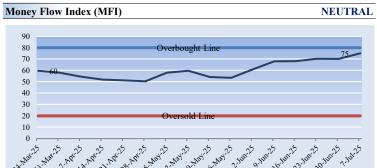
The firm's near-term moving average (5-week, grey line) and medium-term moving average (13-week, red line) are shown in the chart above. Typically, when a shorter-term moving average crosses a medium- or longer-term moving average from below, it represents a bullish signal. If the short-term moving average crosses from above, traders often view this as bearish. Micron Technology's 5-week moving average resides above its 13-week measure, indicating a BULLISH trend. We'd grow wary of the firm's technicals should its 5-week moving average drop below its 13-week moving average, as the firm's 30-week uptrend could be threatened if this occurs.



In the chart above, we pinpoint the heaviest accumulation or distribution week of the firm, determined by the week with the highest trading volume during the past 30 weeks. A heavy accumulation (buying) or distribution (selling) week often determines the future near-term direction of the firm's share price, as money managers continue to move in or out of the stock in the days and weeks ahead driving the stock up or down, respectively. For Micron Technology, the week with the highest trading volume out of the last 30 weeks was a week of heavy buying, or accumulation (green bar). Such market activity could indicate a reversal of a downtrend or further confirmation of the firm's uptrend.



The level and trend of the Upside/Downside (U/D) volume ratio reveals whether institutional participation has been bullish or bearish as of late. Micron Technology's U/D volume ratio of 2.8 is not only greater than 1 but also is better than its trailing average, indicating BULLISH institutional interest during the past several weeks.



The Money Flow Index (MFI) is an oscillator that uses price and volume to measure buying and selling pressure. Chartists often look for overbought (above 80) and oversold (below 20) levels to warn of unsustainable near-term price extremes. Micron Technology's MFI of 75 is neutral, suggesting the firm's stock is neither overbought nor oversold at this time. However, a score over 50 tends to favor bulls. The MFI can also be used to gauge the strength or weakness of a firm's price trend. In Micron Technology's case, its stock price and money flow neither reveals a bullish nor bearish divergence, further supporting our neutral view on its money flow action.

Relative Price Strength STRONG

A firm's relative price strength can be assessed over any number of time horizons. We show the firm's performance over the past 5 weeks, 13 weeks, and 30 weeks below. In arriving at our relative strength rating for each company, we assess the past 13 weeks, which includes the market's reaction to the firm's most recently reported quarter, where applicable, and other more recent economic events. During the past 13 weeks, Micron Technology's shares returned 59.6%, while the market benchmark returned -4.1%. We think Micron Technology's 13-week relative price performance is STRONG.

5-week Company Performance	8.8%
5-week Market Benchmark Performance	-7.2%
5-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark	16.0%
13-week Company Performance	59.6%
13-week Market Benchmark Performance	-4.1%
13-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark	63.7%
30-week Company Performance	12.8%
30-week Market Benchmark Performance	0.6%
30-week Relative Performance vs. Market Benchmark	12.2%

Timeliness Matrix TM Equity Valuation							
Relative Strength	Overvalued	Fairly Valued	Undervalued				
Strong							
Neutral							
Weak							

Firms that are undervalued and currently showing near-term pricing strength score near the top right of the matrix.

Companies that are undervalued and showing near-term relative price strength could represent timely buys, as the stock may be attractive to both value and momentum investors. A cross section of the firm's equity valuation and its relative share price strength is shown in the matrix above. We tend to prefer undervalued stocks that have strong pricing momentum, also called Valuentum stocks.



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Pro Forma Income Statement

Income Available to Common, excluding extra items

Diluted Earnings per Share, excluding extra items

Diluted Weighted Shares Outstanding

------ Historical ----------- Projected -----In Millions of USD (except for per share items) Aug-24 Aug-26 Sep-22 Aug-23 Aug-25 Total Revenue 30,758 25,111 15,540 36,798 47,134 Cost of Goods Sold 16,860 16,956 19,498 20,951 24,551 Selling, General and Administrative Expenses 1,066 920 1,129 1,213 1,422 3,238 3,479 4,077 Other Operating Expenses 3,123 3,123 **Operating Income** 9,709 (5,459)1,246 11,155 17,085 0 Unusual items 0 0 0 0 9,709 11,155 17,085 Operating Income, including unusual items (5,459)1,246 Interest Expense (189)(388)(562)(562)(562)Other Non-operating Income 55 191 545 529 529 Pre-tax Income 9,575 (5,656)1,229 11,122 17,052 Income Taxes 888 451 2,336 3,581 Income after tax 8,687 (5,833)778 8,786 13,471 Minority Interest and Equity Income 0 0 0 0 0 Net Income, excluding extra items 8,687 (5,833)778 8,786 13,471

Source: Company Filings, Xignite, Valuentum Projections, Seeking Alpha

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Pro Forma Balance Sheet

In Millions of USD (except for per share items)

In Millions of USD (except for per share items)					
	Sep-22	Aug-23	Aug-24	Aug-25	Aug-26
Assets					
Total Cash (including marketable securities)	9,331	9,594	8,106	11,358	21,086
Inventory	6,663	8,387	8,875	9,423	10,911
Accounts Receivable	5,130	2,443	6,615	9,441	11,769
Other Current Assets	657	820	776	776	776
Total Current Assets	21,781	21,244	24,372	30,998	44,542
Gross Fixed Assets	82,009	88,251	96,692	107,175	119,754
(Accumulated Depreciation)	(42,782)	(49,657)	(56,298)	(67,579)	(82,028)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	39,227	38,594	40,394	39,596	37,725
Goodwill, Net	1,228	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150
Intangibles, Net	421	404	416	416	416
Other Long-term Assets	3,626	2,862	3,084	3,084	3,084
Total Assets	66,283	64,254	69,416	75,244	86,918
Liabilities					
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Accounts Payable Other Current Liabilities	2,142 5,397	1,725 2,934	2,726 5,650	2,958 3,638	3,524 2,508
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	0,397	106	106	106	2,308 106
Total Current Liabilities	7,539	4,765	8,482	6,702	6,138
Long-term Debt	6,020	11,943	11,237	11,237	11,237
Other Long-term Liabilities	2,817	3,426	4,566	4,566	4,566
Total Liabilities	16,376	20,134	24,285	22,505	21,941
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Preferred Stock	0	0	0	0	0
Shareholders' Equity					
Common Stock and Additional Paid in Capital	10,320	11,160	12,240	12,240	12,240
Retained Earnings	47,274	40,824	40,877	49,151	62,052
Other Equity	(7,687)	(7,864)	(7,986)	(8,652)	(9,315)
Total Shareholders' Equity	49,907	44,120	45,131	52,739	64,977
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Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	66,283	64,254	69,416	75,244	86,918

ce: Company Filings, Xignite, Valuentum Projections, Seeking Alpha

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Pro Forma Cash Flow Statement

Historical ------- Projected -------

In Millions of USD (except for per share items)					
	Sep-22	Aug-23	Aug-24	Aug-25	Aug-26
Cash from Operations					
Net Income	8,687	(5,833)	778	8,786	13,471
Depreciation and Amortization	7,031	7,670	7,698	11,281	14,449
Deferred Income Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Gains Or Losses	(537)	(278)	31	0	0
Changes in Working Capital	0	0	0	(5,155)	(4,379)
Cash Flow from Operations	15,181	1,559	8,507	14,912	23,541
Cash from Investing					
Purchase of Property, Plant, Equipment	(12,067)	(7,676)	(8,386)	(10,483)	(12,579)
Other Investing Cash Flows	482	1,485	77	0	0
Cash Flow from Investing	(11,585)	(6,191)	(8,309)	(10,483)	(12,579)
Cash from Financing					
Issuance (Retirement) of Stock	(2,432)	(425)	(300)	(666)	(663)
Issuance (Retirement) of Debt	(32)	5,955	(898)	0	0
Dividends Paid	(461)	(504)	(513)	(512)	(570)
Other Financing Cash Flows	(55)	(43)	(131)	0	0
Cash Flow from Financing	(2,980)	4,983	(1,842)	(1,178)	(1,233)
Foreign Exchange	(106)	(34)	40	0	0
Net Change in Cash	510	317	(1,604)	3,252	9,729

ce: Company Filings, Xignite, Valuentum Projections, Seeking Alpha

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Investment Style LARGE-CAP BLEND **Sector**Information Technology

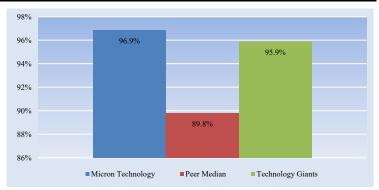
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Industry Technology Giants

Technology Giants

Technology Giants FAIRLY VALUED

We think the Technology Giants industry is fairly valued at this time. The industry's market cap is trading between 80% and 120% of our estimate of its fair value based on our DCF process. Although we use a firm-specific ValueRisk™ measure to determine whether a firm is undervalued or overvalued based on our DCF process, we consider an industry to be undervalued if it is trading below 80% of our estimate of its fair value and overvalued if it is trading at over 120% of our estimate of its fair value. We think these fair value ranges are appropriate given the diversification benefits of holding a basket of stocks. Although there may be individual opportunities within the Technology Giants industry, we don't find the industry as a whole attractive based solely on valuation.



The above bar chart reveals the price/fair value of the company, its peers, and the industry as a whole.

Shaded blue denotes that the firm has earned the highest rating for that respective category.

Company Name	Ticker	Market Cap (USD- mil)	Investment Style	DCF Valuation	Relative Valuation	ValueCreation™	ValueRisk™	ValueTrend™	Technicals	Relative Strength
Adobe Systems	ADBE	168,574	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Advanced Micro Devices	AMD	194,011	LARGE-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	POOR	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Alibaba	BABA	318,725	MEGA-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	STRONG
Alphabet	GOOG	2,022,560	MEGA-CAP BLEND	UNDERVALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Amazon.com	AMZN	2,176,256	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	GOOD	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BULLISH	NEUTRAL
Analog Devices	ADI	97,611	LARGE-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	NEUTRAL
Ansys	ANSS	29,790	LARGE-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Apple	AAPL	3,132,413	MEGA-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Applied Materials	AMAT	126,971	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	VERY BULLISH	WEAK
Automatic Data Processing	ADP	121,972	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BEARISH	NEUTRAL
Baidu	BIDU	30,237	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	GOOD	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Booking Holdings	BKNG	177,557	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Broadcom	AVGO	1,286,954	MEGA-CAP GROWTH	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	STRONG
Cisco	CSCO	273,279	MEGA-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
eBay	EBAY	33,509	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Enphase Energy	ENPH	5,328	MID-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
IBM	IBM	272,864	MEGA-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Intel	INTC	97,113	LARGE-CAP CORE	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	POOR	VERY HIGH	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
KLA Corp	KLAC	92,322	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Korn/Ferry	KFY	3,816	MID-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Lam Research	LRCX	125,738	LARGE-CAP GROWTH	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	STRONG
Manpower	MAN	1,805	SMALL-CAP VALUE	UNDERVALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Mastercard	MA	514,127	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	VERY BULLISH	STRONG
Meta Platforms	META	1,701,099	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Micron Technology	MU	132,544	LARGE-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	POOR	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Microsoft	MSFT	3,451,035	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Nvidia	NVDA	2,840,058	MEGA-CAP BLEND	UNDERVALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	POSITIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Oracle	ORCL	596,522	MEGA-CAP GROWTH	FAIRLY VALUED	NEUTRAL	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	STRONG
PayPal	PYPL	73,118	LARGE-CAP VALUE	UNDERVALUED	ATTRACTIVE	GOOD	LOW	POSITIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
QUALCOMM	QCOM	168,431	LARGE-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	NEUTRAL
Salesforce.com	CRM	261,688	MEGA-CAP VALUE	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	POSITIVE	VERY BEARISH	WEAK
Taiwan Semiconductor	TSM	1,013,889	MEGA-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
Texas Instruments	TXN	148,062	LARGE-CAP BLEND	FAIRLY VALUED	ATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	MEDIUM	NEGATIVE	BEARISH	WEAK
Visa	v	863,850	MEGA-CAP GROWTH	FAIRLY VALUED	UNATTRACTIVE	EXCELLENT	LOW	NEGATIVE	BULLISH	STRONG
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Valuentum's Full Page Stock Report

Forward Dividend Payout Ratio

P/E on Est. Normal Diluted EPS

Forward Revenue Growth (5-yr)

Forward EPS Growth (5-yr)
NMF = Not Meaningful: Est. = Estimated: FY = Fiscal Year

Leverage, Coverage, and Liquidity

Est. Normal Diluted EPS

Est. Normal EBITDA

Forward EV/EBITDA

Returns Summary

Return on Equity

Return on Assets

Total Debt

Net Debt

ROIC, with goodwill

Total Debt/EBITDA

Net Debt/EBITDA EBITDA/Interest

Current Ratio Quick Ratio

ROIC, without goodwill ROIC = Return on Invested Capital; N

EV/Est. Normal EBITDA

DCF Valuation

Shows whether the firm is undervalued, fairly valued, or overvalued based on our DCF process and by how much.

Valuentum Buying Index (VBI)

Provides insight into the timeliness of an investment opportunity. We rank firms from 1 to 10 based on rigorous fiancial, valuation, and technical analysis. A 10 represents one of our top picks.



Valuentum Value Rating (VVR)

Indicates whether we think a firm is undervalued, fairly valued, or overvalued on the basis of our DCF process.



Investment Considerations

Evaluates firms on 12 different measures, from the firm's growth and cash flow generation to the stock's money flow index and upside/downside volume. We reveal technical support and resistance levels.

30-week Price and Volume Action

Displays the last accumulation or distribution week of the stock and historical price and volume action.



Relative Valuation UNATTRACTIVE Stock Chart (weekly) ValueCreationTN EXCELLENT ValueRiskTM LOW 1.800.000.000 ValueTrendTM POSITIVE 116.00 Cash Flow Generation STRONG 111 1,200,000,000 MODEST Technical Evaluation BULLISH 800,000,000 Relative Strength STRONG Money Flow Index (MFI) NEUTRAL Upside/Downside Volume (U/D) BULLISH Near-term Technical Support, 10-week MA 112.00 ed Cash Flow: MFI. U/D = Please see gl **Business Quality** Very Poor

Company Vitals Shows sector. industry and other relevant company information.

Normalized EPS

Estimation of the

firm's normalized

earnings measures

valuation mutliples.

and EBITDA

corresponding

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7.3%

9.55

12.2

36.8%

19.3%

Phone gained momentum in fiscal 2016, as the second quarter of the fiscal year marked the first quarterly sales decline in 13 years. High levels of demand for the iPhone 7 and multiple safety issues at rival Samsung have eased concerns for the time being. · Apple's rollout of future iterations of the iPhone should propel its fundamentals higher. Though we're not embedding another blockbuster hit in our model, we wouldn't be surprised if Apple delivers another one from its pipeline. Perhaps only a dream five years ago, the popularity of the new Apple Watch is now worth atching, though it has yet to catch fire in the eyes of

· Investors should pay close attention to the firm's gross margin, which is expected to fall to 37.5%-38% in fiscal 2016 from 40% in fiscal 2015. Pricing and cost pressures may be unavoidable. A slight step back fiscal 2016 should not be a major concern to vestors given Apple's massive cash position and

impressive track record · Apple's cash hoard is more than some of the market 64,462 capitalizations of the largest companies in the S&P Free Cash Flow (CFO-capex) 500. The company retains tremendous flexibility in Free Cash Flow Margin % -141.204 this regard, and we continue to expect dividend increases and share buybacks. 0.8

75.9% Hewlett-Packard 9.0 NMF 11.7 97.6% IBM 2.6 10.4 Apple Price / FV = C 79.3% Financial Su 182,795 233,715 215,485 Revenue, YoY% 7.0% 27.9% -7.8% 52,503 71.230 63,313 Operating Income Operating Margin % 30.5% 29.4% Net Income Net Income Margin % 21.6% 22.8% 22.4% Diluted EPS 6.45 9.22 8.34 Diluted EPS, VoV % 13.6% 42.8% -9.5% 49,900 69,778 47,138 27.3% 29.9% 21.9%

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NMF

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Structure of the Computer Hardware Industry The computer hardware space, which spans the personal computer to the iPhone and iPad, is highly competitive. The indust is characterized by frequent product introductions and rapid technological advances that can cause dramatic market share shifts. Though some firms benefit from a strong brand, participants often price aggressively, pressuring margins. Firms are also subject to potential component shortages/disruptions, which can punish perfor

High

Very High

Relative Valuation BlackBerry

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Returns Summary

3-year averages of the firm's key return measures, including return on invested capital, with and without goodwill.



Leverage, Coverage, and Liquidity

some, and services revenue has become critical for others. We're neutral on the space

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A snapshot of the company's financial health.



Business Quality

Summary of the firm's ability to create value for shareholders compared wth the underlying risk of its operations.



Investment Highlights

Our opinion of the company, including analysis of its financial and technical strengths and weaknesses.



Relative Valuation

Comparison of the firm's PE, PEG, and Price/FV ratios versus peers.



Financial Summary A summary of the

proforma financial statements found in the extended report.

About Valuentum

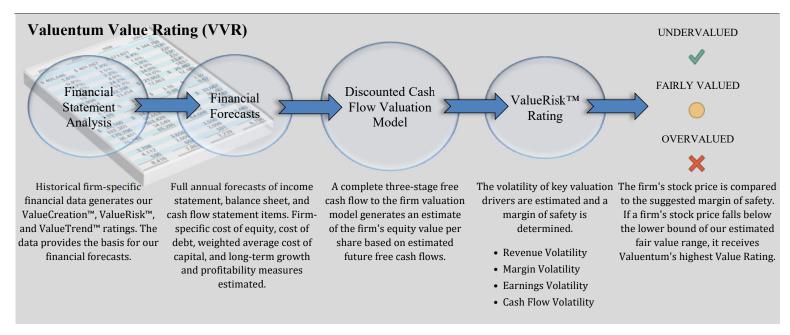
@Valuentum, we strive to stand out from the crowd. Most investment research publishers fall into a few camps, whether it be value, growth, income, momentum, chartist or some variant of the aforementioned. We think each in its own right holds merit, but we think the combination of these approaches can be even more powerful. After all, stock price movements aren't just driven by investors of the value or growth variety, but by all market participants. Therefore, we look at stocks from a variety of investment perspectives in order to better understand and identify ideas. We want to provide relevant information.

The core of our process is grounded in rigorous discounted cash flow analysis and incorporates the concept of a margin of safety. We offer a fair value estimate for each company and provide a relative valuation assessment in the context of a company's industry and closest peers. A cross section of our ValueCreationTM and ValueRiskTM ratings provides a financial assessment of a company's business quality, while our ValueTrendTM rating offers insight into the trajectory of a firm's economic profit creation. The Economic Castle rating measures the magnitude of future economic value generation, and the Dividend Cushion ratio assesses the financial capacity of a company to keep raising its dividend.

Our analysis doesn't stop there. We also offer a technical evaluation of the stock as well as other momentum indicators. We not only want to reveal to readers which firms may be undervalued, in our view, but we also want to provide readers with information to help them assess entry and exit points. Most research publishers focus on arriving at a target price or fair value estimate, but may fall short of providing a technical assessment to bolster buy and sell disciplines. We strive to go the distance and provide readers with answers--not half the story.

An explanation of our approach would not be complete if we didn't describe our ideal stock idea. We're looking for companies that are undervalued--both on a DCF basis and versus peers--have strong growth potential, have a solid track record of creating economic profits for shareholders with reasonable risk, are strong cash flow generators, have manageable financial leverage, and are currently showing bullish technical and momentum indicators. For dividend growth ideas, we look for companies that have both the capacity and willingness to keep raising the dividend.

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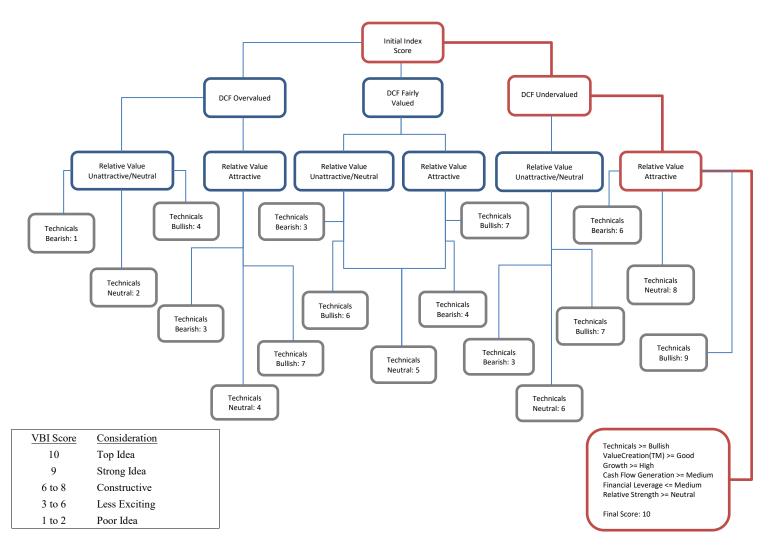
Methodology for Picking Stocks - Valuentum Buying Index[™] (VBI)

@Valuentum, we like to look at companies from a number of different perspectives. The Valuentum Buying Index (VBI) combines rigorous financial and valuation analysis with an evaluation of a stock's technicals to derive a rating between 1 and 10 for each company. The VBI places considerable emphasis on a company's discounted cashflow (DCF) valuation, its relative valuation versus peers (both forward PE and PEG ratios), and its technicals in order to help readers assess entry and exit points on the most interesting ideas.

Let's follow the red line on the flow chart below to see how a company can score a 10, the best mark on the index. First, the company would need to be 'undervalued' on a DCF basis and 'attractive' on a relative value basis. The stock would also have to be exhibiting 'bullish' technicals. The firm would need a ValueCreationTM rating of 'good' or 'excellent', exhibit 'high' or 'aggressive' growth prospects, and generate at least a 'medium' or 'neutral' assessment for cash flow generation, financial leverage, and relative price strength.

This is a tall order for any company. Stocks that don't make the cut for a 10 are ranked accordingly, with the least attractive stocks, in our opinion, garnering a rating of 1. Most of our coverage universe registers ratings between 3 and 7, but at any given time there could be large number of companies garnering either very high or very low scores, especially at market lows or tops, respectively.

The Best Ideas Newsletter portfolio puts the VBI into practice.



Glossary

Estimated Fair Value. This measure is our opinion of the fair equity value per share of the company. If our forecasts prove accurate, which may not always be the case, we may expect a firm's stock price to converge to this value within the next 3 years.

Fair Value Range. The fair value range represents an upper bound and lower bound, between which we would consider the firm to be fairly valued. The range considers our estimate of the firm's fair value and the margin of safety suggested by the volatility of key valuation drivers, including revenue, gross margin, earnings before interest, and enterprise free cash flow (the determinants behind our ValueRiskTM rating).

DCF Valuation. We opine on the firm's valuation based on our DCF process. Firms that are trading with an appropriate discount to our fair value estimate receive an UNDERVALUED rating. Firms that are trading within our fair value range receive a FAIRLY VALUED rating, while firms that are trading above the upper bound of our fair value range receive an OVERVALUED rating.

Relative Value. We compare the firm's forward price-to earnings (PE) ratio and its price/earnings-to-growth (PEG) ratio to that of its peers. If both measures fall below the peer median, the firm receives an ATTRACTIVE rating. If both are above the peer median, the firm receives an UNATTRACTIVE rating. Any other combination results in a NEUTRAL rating.

ValueCreation™. This is a proprietary Valuentum measure. ValueCreation™ indicates the firm's historical track record in creating economic value for shareholders, taking the average difference between ROIC (without goodwill) and the firm's estimated WACC during the past three years. The firm's performance is measured along the scale of EXCELLENT, GOOD, POOR, and VERY POOR. Those firms with EXCELLENT ratings have a demonstrated track record of creating economic value, while those that register a VERY POOR mark have been destroying economic value.

ValueRisk™. This is a proprietary Valuentum measure. ValueRisk™ indicates the historical volatility of key valuation drivers, including revenue, gross margin, earnings before interest, and enterprise free cash flow. The standard deviation of each measure is calculated and scaled against last year's measure to arrive at a percentage deviation for each item. These percentage deviations are weighted equally to arrive at the corresponding fair value range for each stock, measured in percentage terms. The firm's performance is measured along the scale of LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, and VERY HIGH. The ValueRisk™ rating for each firm also determines the fundamental beta of each firm along the following scale: LOW (0.85), MEDIUM (1), HIGH (1.15), VERY HIGH (1.3).

ValueTrend™. This is a proprietary Valuentum measure. ValueTrend™ indicates the trajectory of the firm's return on invested capital (ROIC). Firms that earned an ROIC last year that was greater than the 3-year average of the measure earn a POSITIVE rating. Firms that earned an ROIC last year that was less than the 3-year average of the measure earn a NEGATIVE rating.

Cash Flow Generation. Firms' cash flow generation capacity are measured along the scale of STRONG, MEDIUM, and WEAK. A firm with a 3-year historical free cash flow margin (free cash flow divided by sales) greater than 5% receives a STRONG rating, while firms earning less than 1% of sales as free cash flow receive a WEAK rating.

Financial Leverage. Based on the firm's normalized debt-to-EBITDA metric, we rank firms on the following scale: LOW, MEDIUM, and HIGH. Companies with a normalized debt-to-EBITDA ratio below 1.5 receive a LOW score, while those with a measure above 3 receive a HIGH score.

Upside/Downside Volume. Heavy volume on up days and lower volume on down days suggests that institutions are heavily participating in a stock's upward advance. We use the trailing 14-week average of upside and downside volume to calculate an informative ratio. We rank each firm's U/D volume ratio along the following scale: BULLISH, IMPROVING, DETERIORATING, and BEARISH.

Investment Style. Valuentum uses its own proprietary stock-classification system. Nano-cap: Less than \$50 million; Micro-cap: Between \$50 million and \$200 million; Small-cap: Between \$200 million and \$2 billion; Mid-cap: Between \$2 billion and \$10 billion; Large-cap: Between \$10 billion and \$200 billion; Mega-cap: Over \$200 billion. Blend: Firm's that we think are undervalued and exhibit high growth prospects (growth in excess of three times the rate of assumed inflation). Value: Firm's that we believe are undervalued, but do not exhibit high growth prospects. Growth: Firms that are not undervalued, in our opinion, but exhibit high growth prospects. Core: Firms that are neither undervalued nor exhibit high growth prospects.

Company Vitals. In this section, we list key financial information and the sector and industry that Valuentum assigns to the stock. The P/E-Growth (5-yr), or PEG ratio, divides the current share price by last year's earnings (EPS) and then divides that quotient by our estimate of the firm's 5-year EPS growth rate. The estimated normalized diluted EPS and estimated normalized EBITDA represent the five-year forward average of these measures used in our discounted cash flow model. The P/E on estimated normalized EPS divides the current share price by estimated normalized diluted EPS. The EV/estimated normalized EBITDA considers the current enterprise value of the company and divides it by estimated normalized EBITDA. EV is defined as the firm's market capitalization plus total debt, minority interest, preferred stock less cash and cash equivalents.

Business Quality Matrix. We compare the firm's ValueCreation™ and ValueRisk™ ratings. The box is an easy way for investors to quickly assess the business quality of a company. Firms that generate economic profits with little operating variability score near the top right of the matrix.

Timeliness Matrix. We compare the company's recent stock performance relative to the market benchmark with our assessment of its valuation. Firms that are experiencing near-term stock price outperformance and are undervalued by our estimate may represent timely buys.

Range of Potential Outcomes. The firm's margin of safety is shown in the graphic of a normal distribution. We consider a firm to be undervalued if its stock price falls along the green line and overvalued if the stock price falls along the red line. We consider the firm to be fairly valued if its stock price falls along the yellow line.

Return on Invested Capital. At Valuentum, we place considerable emphasis on return on invested capital (both with and without goodwill). The measure focuses on the return (earnings) the company is generating on its operating assets and is superior to return on equity and return on assets, which can be skewed by a firm's leverage or excess cash balance, respectively.

Technical Evaluation. We evaluate a firm's near-term and medium-term moving averages and money flow index (MFI) to assign each firm a rating along the following scale: VERY BULLISH, BULLISH, NEUTRAL, BEARISH, and VERY BEARISH.

Stock Price Relative Strength. We assess the perfomance of the company's stock during the past quarter, 13 weeks, relative to an ETF that mirrors the aggregate performance of constituents of the stock market. Firms are measured along the scale of STRONG, NEUTRAL, and WEAK. Companies that have outperformed the market index by more than 2.5% during this 13-week period receive a STRONG rating, while firms that trailed the market index by more than 2.5% during this 13-week period receive a WEAK rating.

Money Flow Index (MFI). The MFI is a technical indicator that measures buying and selling pressure based on both price and volume. Traders typically use this measure to identify potential reversals with overbought and oversold levels. We use a 14-week measure to rank firms along the following scale: EXTREMELY OVERBOUGHT (>90), OVERBOUGHT (80-90), NEUTRAL (20-80), OVERSOLD (10-20), EXTREMELY OVERSOLD (0-10).



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\$85.77	\$86.00	4
\$100.02	\$103.00	7
\$110.41	\$114.00	7
\$92.70	\$100.00	3
\$127.89	\$131.00	6
\$95.56	\$93.00	6
\$73.56	\$75.00	6
\$70.39	\$57.00	6
\$49.98	\$58.00	3
\$56.24	\$65.00	7
\$57.63	\$81.00	4
\$77.03	\$79.00	7
\$71.09	\$64.00	7
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