

## Stock Selection Guide

Symbol: MSFT

## 1 VISUAL ANALYSIS of Sales, Earnings, and Price

| FY2013 QuarterEnding (12/13) | Sales (\$M) | Earnings Per Share |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Latest Quarter | $24,519.0$ | 0.78 |
| Year Ago Quarter | $21,456.0$ | 0.76 |
| Percentage Change | $14.3 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ |


(1) Historical Sales Growth
8.8\%
(3) Historical Earnings Per Share Growth
13.0\%
(2) Estimated Future Sales Growth
6.1\%
(4) Estimated Future Earnings Per Share Growth
8.6\%

|  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Last 5 Year Avg. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pre-tax Profit on Sales | 33.1\% | 41.8\% | 41.2\% | 39.3\% | 39.4\% | 33.9\% | 40.0\% | 40.1\% | 38.6\% | 34.7\% | 37.5\% |
| \% Earned on Equity | 10.8\% | 25.2\% | 30.4\% | 42.9\% | 47.9\% | 36.5\% | 39.4\% | 39.5\% | 25.2\% | 27.2\% | 33.6\% |
| \% Debt To Capital | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 12.7\% | 11.4\% | 17.3\% | 15.3\% | 16.5\% | 14.6\% |

## PRICE-EARNINGS HISTORY as an indicator of the future

This shows how stock prices have fluctuated with earnings and dividends. It is building block for translating earnings into future stock prices.

PRESENT PRICE 37.8
HIGH THIS YEAR 38.98

|  |  | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Year | Price |  | Earnings | Price Earnings Ratio |  | Dividend | \% Payout | \% High Yield |
|  |  | High | Low | Per Share | High A / C | Low B / C | Per Share | F/C * 100 | F / B * 100 |
| 1 | 2009 | 28.5 | 14.9 | 1.62 | 17.6 | 9.2 | 0.50 | 30.9 | 3.4 |
| 2 | 2010 | 31.6 | 22.0 | 2.10 | 15.0 | 10.5 | 0.52 | 24.8 | 2.4 |
| 3 | 2011 | 29.5 | 23.1 | 2.69 | 10.9 | 8.6 | 0.61 | 22.6 | 2.6 |
| 4 | 2012 | 33.0 | 23.8 | 2.00 | 16.5 | 11.9 | 0.76 | 38.1 | 3.2 |
| 5 | 2013 | 35.8 | 26.3 | 2.58 | 13.9 | 10.2 | 0.89 | 34.5 | 3.4 |
|  | AVERAGE |  | 22.0 |  | 14.8 | 10.1 |  | 30.2 |  |
|  | CURRENT/TTM |  |  | 2.71 |  |  | 1.12 | 41.4 |  |
|  | AVERAGE PRICE EARNINGS RATIO 12.4 |  |  |  |  | CURRENT PRICE EARNINGS RATIO 14.0 |  |  |  |

EVALUATING RISK and REWARD over the next 5 years
Assuming one recession and one business boom every 5 years, calculations are made of how high and how low the stock might sell. The upside-downside ratio is the key to evaluating risk and reward.
A HIGH PRICE - NEXT 5 YEARS
Avg. High P/E $\quad 14.00 \quad$ X Estimate High Earnings/Share $\quad 4.09=\quad$ Forecasted High Price $\$$
B LOW PRICE - NEXT 5 YEARS

| (a) Avg. Low P/E 12.00 | X Estimate Low Earnings/Share | 2.58 | $=$ | Forecasted Low Price \$ | 31.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (b) Avg. Low Price of Last 5 Years | 22.0 |  |  |  |  |
| (c) Recent Market Low Price | 23.79 |  |  |  |  |
| (d) Price Dividend Will Support | $\frac{\text { Present Dividend }}{\text { High Yield }}$ | $\frac{1.120}{3.40 \%}$ |  | $=32.9$ |  |

C ZONING using 25\%-50\%-25\%

| Forecasted High Price | 57.3 | Minus Forecasted Low Price | 31.0 | $=$ | 26.3 | Range. | $25 \%$ of Range | 6.6 |
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| Buy Zone | 31.0 | to | 37.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hold Zone | 37.6 | to | 50.7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sell Zone | 50.7 | to | 57.3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Present Market Price of | 37.84 |  | is in the |  | Hold | Zone |  |  |

D UPSIDE DOWNSIDE RATIO (POTENTIAL GAIN VS. RISK OR LOSS)
$\frac{\text { High Price }}{\text { Present Price }} \frac{57.3}{37.84} \frac{\text { Minus Present Price }}{\text { Minus Low Price }} \frac{37.84}{31.0}=\frac{19.42}{6.84}=2.8 \quad$ To 1

E PRICE TARGET (Note: This shows the potential market price appreciation over the next five years in simple interest terms.)
$\frac{\text { High Price }}{\text { Present Market Price }} \frac{57.3}{37.84}=1.51 \quad X \quad 100=151.32-100=51.3 \quad \%$ Appreciation

## 5 5-YEAR POTENTIAL

This combines price appreciation with dividend yield to get an estimate of total return. It provides a standard for comparing income and growth stocks.

A $\frac{\text { Present Full Year's Dividend } \$}{\text { Present Price of Stock }} \frac{1.12}{37.84}=0.03$
$=\quad 3.0 \% \quad$ Present Yield
B AVERAGE YIELD - USING FORECAST HIGH P/E
$\frac{\text { Avg. \% Payout }}{\text { Forecast High PE }}=\frac{30.2 \%}{14.00}=2.2 \%$

C COMPOUND ANNUAL RETURN - USING FORECAST HIGH P/E
AVERAGE YIELD - USING FORECAST AVERAGE P/E
$\frac{\text { Avg. \% Payout }}{\text { Forecast Average PE }}=\frac{30.2 \%}{13.00}=2.3 \%$

COMPOUND ANNUAL RETURN - USING FORECAST AVG P/E

| Annualized Appreciation | $8.6 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Average Yield | $2.2 \%$ |
| Annualized Rate of Return | $10.8 \%$ |

Annualized Appreciation 7.0 \%
Average Yield 2.3 \%
Annualized Rate of Return 9.4 \%

