



Microchip Technology Incorporated (MCHP)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$84	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	6.7%	Market Cap:	\$45.4 B
Fair Value Price:	\$69	5 Year Growth Estimate:	8.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	02/22/2024
% Fair Value:	122%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	-3.9%	Dividend Payment Date:	03/08/2024
Dividend Yield:	2.1%	5 Year Price Target	\$101	Years Of Dividend Growth:	22
Dividend Risk Score:	C	Retirement Suitability Score:	D	Rating:	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Microchip Technology develops, manufactures, and sells smart, connected and secure embedded control solutions used for a wide variety of applications. These include disruptive growth trends such as 5G, artificial intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT), and autonomous driving, amongst others, in key end markets such as automotive, aerospace and defense, communications. The company's strategic focus is that these solutions are cost-effective, offer high performance, with a wide voltage range operation, at extremely low power usage. Microchip Technology generates around \$6 billion in annual revenues and is based in Chandler, Arizona.

On February 1st, 2024, Microchip Technology raised its dividend by 2.5% to a quarterly rate of \$0.45. On a year-over-year basis, the dividend grew by 26%. It marked the 58th consecutive sequential increase.

On the same day, Microchip Technology also reported its Q3-2024 results for the quarter ending December 31st, 2023. For the quarter, net sales were \$1.77 billion, down 18.6% from the comparable period last year, or 21.7% lower from the previous quarter.

Lower revenues were driven by weaker business conditions following several consecutive periods of record growth. Due to lower production, GAAP gross margins fell from 67.8% last year to 63.4%. This led to a net income of \$419.2 million or \$0.78 per diluted share, down from \$580.3 million or \$1.06 per share last year. On a non-GAAP basis, EPS was \$1.08 versus \$1.56 in Q3-2023.

Non-GAAP results are more meaningful in understanding Microchip's operating performance as it excludes its high share-based compensation, manufacturing excursion, high depreciation & amortization, and other factors. We use non-GAAP figures to accurately value the stock and assess its future returns, but all other figures in the table are GAAP-based, as officially shown in the company's filings with the SEC.

Despite a weak Q3, we expect non-GAAP EPS of \$5.30 for fiscal 2024, with the company's backlog remaining at near record levels and the company bringing in additional manufacturing capacity online.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2029
EPS	\$1.00	\$0.92	\$0.80	\$0.38	\$0.55	\$0.75	\$1.19	\$0.67	\$2.33	\$4.07	\$5.30	\$7.79
DPS	\$0.71	\$0.71	\$0.72	\$0.72	\$0.72	\$0.73	\$0.73	\$0.75	\$0.91	\$1.26	\$1.80	\$4.12
Shares¹	435.3	447.1	434.8	469.6	497.8	499.8	512.4	541.2	565.9	557.3	546.5	580.0

Microchip Technology's EPS has struggled to improve meaningfully over the past decade despite the company growing its revenues relatively consistently. This has been mostly due to higher operating and R&D expenses, as well as increased financial expenses. However, with management's goal to expand margins while taking advantage of the ongoing sky-high demand for chips, non-GAAP EPS has started to snowball, as was the case in the company's latest results. The company is currently attempting to grow its production capacity to service its growing delivery backlog. Hence we expect EPS growth of around 8% in the medium-term. In terms of its dividend, Microchip has hiked it 80 times (including a track record of 58 consecutive sequential hikes) over the past 22 years. These quarter-over-quarter increases were

¹ Share count is in millions.

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quite marginal in some cases (look at 2014 to 2021 for example). That said, we forecast DPS growth of 18% moving forward to reflect the recent DPS growth acceleration and management's goal of returning 100% of Microchip's adjusted free cash flow to shareholders by FQ4 2025.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Now	2029
Avg. P/E	21.6	27.7	38.4	113.2	64.5	62.3	50.2	118.5	30.6	17.7	15.9	13.0
Avg. Yld.	3.3%	2.8%	2.3%	1.7%	2.0%	1.6%	1.2%	0.9%	1.3%	1.8%	2.1%	4.1%

Microchip currently trades at a P/E of 15.9 based on our expected FY2024 non-GAAP EPS estimates. While we remain optimistic regarding Microchip's earnings growth prospects, we believe that shares are currently modestly overvalued given the cyclical nature of semiconductors. The yield remains humble, but we expect it to rise following future dividend hikes.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

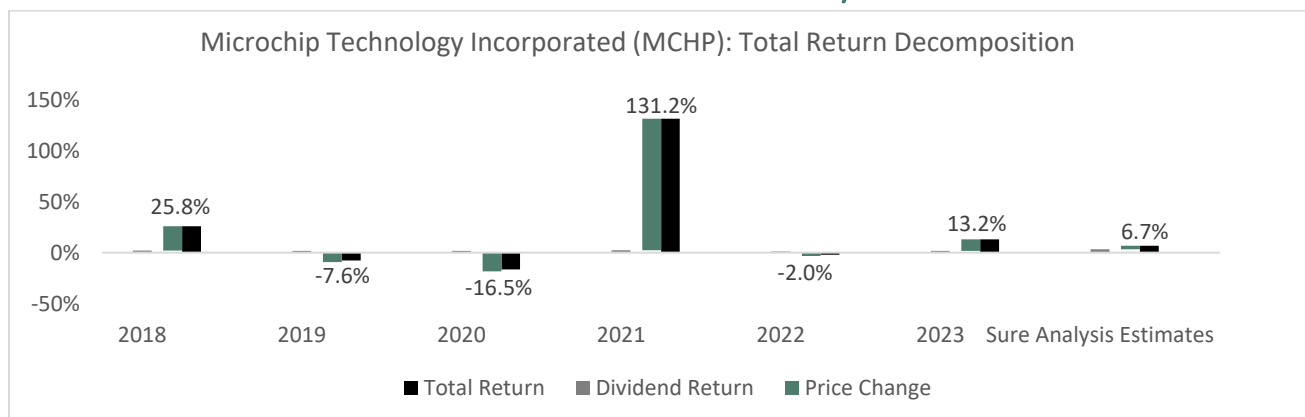
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2029
Payout	71%	77%	90%	189%	131%	97%	61%	112%	39%	31%	34%	53%

Microchip's dividend should be quite safe, being covered multiple times by operating cash flows. The normalized payout ratio seems high only due to the company's GAAP results, which carry heavy stock-based compensation expenses and depreciation & amortization (a non-cash item). The company enjoys several qualities and positive catalysts, including a robust backlog that should provide stable and predictable cash flows moving forward, expanding margins, and a declining long-term debt position (currently \$4.03 billion vs. \$9.55 billion in 2019). Still, the company faces several noteworthy risks, including fierce competition, global industrial cyclical effects, limited visibility to product shipments, and international risks such as FX fluctuations due to its global clientele. A global recession could adversely impact the company's results, though global demand for chips remains far ahead of supply capabilities, at least for now.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

Microchip Technologies has rallied massively over the past decade, with the company's sales expanding during this time as a result of the increased demand for chips. Despite a weak Q3 recently, the company should continue to grow EPS at a rapid pace as its production capacities increase to service its growing backlog. Additionally, management is committed to growing the dividend sequentially, which should add to total returns. Offset by the possibility for a modest multiple contraction, we estimate annualized returns of 6.7% through fiscal year 2029. Shares earn a hold rating.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenue	1,931	2,147	2,173	3,408	3,981	5,350	5,274	5,438	6,821	8,439
Gross Profit	1,129	1,230	1,206	1,757	2,421	2,931	3,242	3,379	4,450	5,698
Gross Margin	58.4%	57.3%	55.5%	51.6%	60.8%	54.8%	61.5%	62.1%	65.2%	67.5%
SG&A Exp.	267	275	302	500	452	683	677	610	719	798
D&A Exp.	189	278	283	469	616	876	1,216	1,153	1,144	998
Operating Profit	462	428	356	374	954	748	694	1,000	1,879	3,112
Operating Margin	23.9%	20.0%	16.4%	11.0%	24.0%	14.0%	13.2%	18.4%	27.5%	36.9%
Net Profit	395	369	324	165	255	356	571	349	1,286	2,238
Net Margin	20.5%	17.2%	14.9%	4.8%	6.4%	6.7%	10.8%	6.4%	18.9%	26.5%
Free Cash Flow	563	572	647	984	1,213	1,446	1,476	1,824	2,473	3,135
Income Tax	37	(19)	(43)	(81)	482	(151)	(420)	(10)	197	672

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Assets	4068	4781	5538	7687	8257	18350	17426	16479	16200	16370
Cash & Equivalents	467	608	2093	909	901	429	401	280	317	234
Accounts Receivable	242	274	290	478	564	881	934	998	1070	1,300
Inventories	263	279	307	417	476	712	686	665	854	1,300
Goodwill & Int. Ass.	722	1076	1619	4447	3961	13350	12367	11465	10720	1325
Total Liabilities	1932	2720	3387	4416	4977	13063	11841	11142	10300	9857
Accounts Payable	74	87	79	149	144	226	247	292	345	397
Long-Term Debt	1021	1827	2453	2951	3068	10307	9482	8904	7687	6440
Shareholder's Equity	2135	2045	2151	3271	3280	5288	5586	5337	5895	6514
LTD/E Ratio	0.48	0.89	1.14	0.90	0.94	1.95	1.70	1.67	1.30	0.99

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Return on Assets	10.0%	8.3%	6.3%	2.5%	3.2%	2.7%	3.2%	2.1%	7.9%	13.7%
Return on Equity	19.4%	17.7%	15.4%	6.1%	7.8%	8.3%	10.5%	6.4%	22.9%	36.1%
ROIC	13.0%	10.5%	7.6%	3.0%	4.1%	3.2%	3.7%	2.4%	9.2%	16.9%
Shares Out.	217.6	223.6	217.4	234.8	248.9	249.9	256.2	270.6	565.9	557.3
Revenue/Share	8.87	9.60	10.00	14.51	15.99	21.41	20.59	20.10	12.05	15.14
FCF/Share	2.59	2.56	2.97	4.19	4.87	5.79	5.76	6.74	4.37	5.63

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.

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