

# **Micron Update**

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# Entry and Exit Strategy



### **Current Price: \$74.00**

### Valuation Price: \$88.67

### Entry

- Buy \$75,000 worth of shares at the current market price
- Option to add more shares on a significant market pullback

### Exit

- Sell 50% if stock reaches valuation
  - price of 88.67 in the next 12 months,
  - another 50% if stock reaches 97.53
- Liquidate position if share price falls below \$35 or significant downside changes occur in the DRAM market

# **Business Strategy**



- Invest heavily in capex to support memory volume growth
- Manage production alongside competitors to keep market balanced
- Improve profitability, especially in downturns



# **DRAM Market Share** 39%

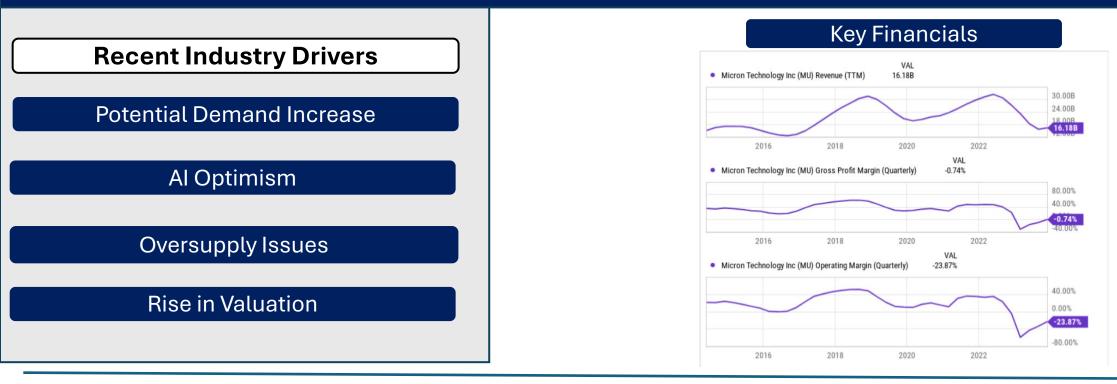
Samsung SK Hynix Micron Other

#### Key Drivers and Risks

- AI expected to bolster memory demand
- Pricing expected to increase  $\succ$
- Key competitors cutting  $\geq$ production on supply glut
- **Risk: Significant production**  $\succ$ volume in Taiwan
- **Risk: Cyclical pricing**  $\succ$ volatility
- **Risk: Al growth disappoints**  $\succ$
- **Risk: Recession leads to fall** >in spending

## Industry Changes





- DRAM and NAND trade like a commodity, pricing is sensitive
- Price fluctuations can cause revenue to change dramatically.
- In 2023 oversupply issues led to negative margins for most of the DRAM industry

- Large increase in semiconductor valuation due to FOMU (fear of materially underperforming)
- While there may be a small increase (3-5%) in demand due to AI, AI is not DRAM intensive
- Therefore, 50% rise in valuation may not be warranted

# **Company News and Earnings Update**





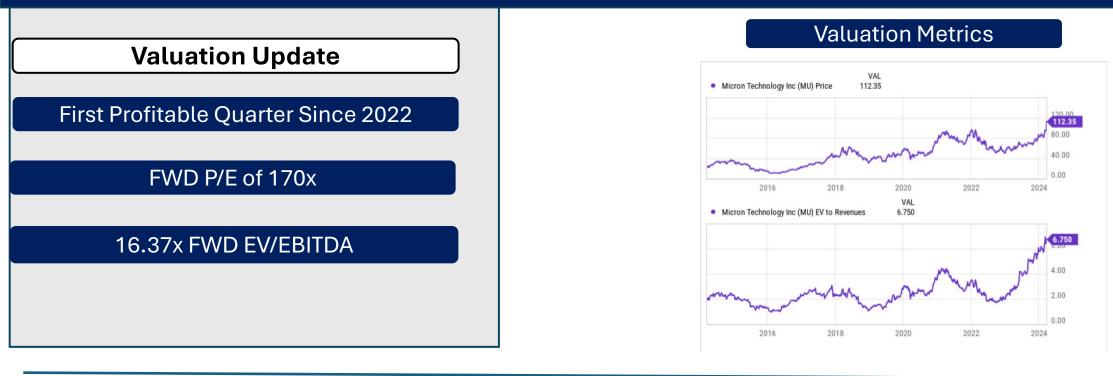
#### **Recent Price Movement**



- Large AI demand allowed the company to turn a small profit
- Even with AI demand increase and a wave of company spending Micron still fell short of past profitability

## Valuation Update





- Consensus pricing in revenue growth of 40% in 2025, which is extremely optimistic considering past revenue growth
- Even with recent EPS revisions, company currently trades at a 2024 FWD P/E of 170
- Industry is cyclical and I expect AI demand to be cyclical as well
- FWD EV/EBITDA of 16.37x, 60% above historical 10Y average of 9.6x

### Conclusion



### **Current Price: \$124.38**

### **Purchase Price:\$74.04**

- The fund should realize a price return of 68%
- Valuation is at a ten-year high
- Position size of \$129k is 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in the fund
- Extremely high market expectations
- Micron has lower AI exposure then most semiconductor stocks, yet trades in line with the index

Option 1: Sell 1,036 Shares of Micron (129k) Option 2: Sell 518 Shares of Micron (74k)