# Qualcomm

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# Overview

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- Ticker: QCOM
- Headcount: 45,000
- Headquarters: San Diego, CA
- Price: \$140.00
- Market Cap: \$158B

# Our Position



- Shares: 100
- Cost Average: \$48.00
- Total Cost: \$4,863.80
- Market Value: \$13,932
- Weight: 1.05%

# What is QCOM?

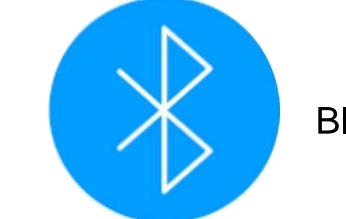


• Known for cellular connectivity

- Designs and manufactures
  - Semiconductors
  - Wireless telecommunication products

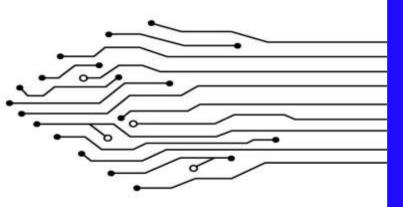
- Technologies include
  - Processors
  - Modems
  - Software





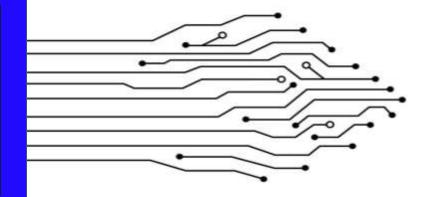
#### Bluetooth





5G

Technology





# Qualcomm CDMA Technologies

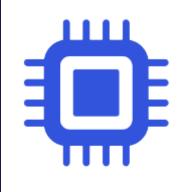
#### **Handsets**

#### **RF Front End**

#### **Automotive**

### **Internet of Things**

### Handsets



### Automotive



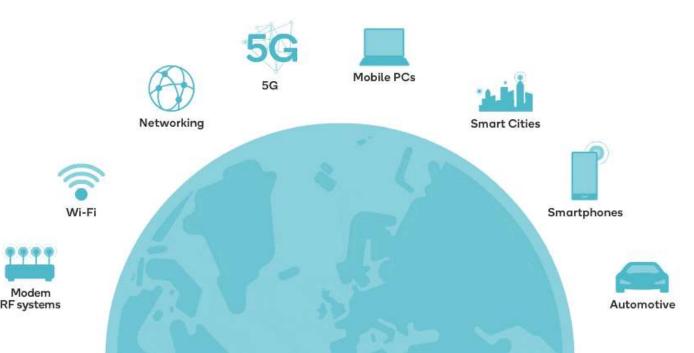
### **RF Front End**





# Qualcomm Technolog y Licensing

- Grants licenses and provides rights to intellectual property
- Over 300 licensing agreements



# Qualcomm Strategic Initiatives



# **Revenue Breakdown**

### **Revenue Drivers- Qualcomm CDMA Technologies**

- Snapdragon semiconductors
  - Used for processing, music, artificial intelligence (AI), gaming
  - In cars, phones, routers, and modems
- Handsets
- Internet of Things
  - Consumer, Industrial, and Edge
     networking applications



### **Revenue Drivers- Qualcomm Technology** Licensing

**Includes:** licenses, patents rights, and software

• Essential to manufacture, use,

and sale certain products of

Qualcomm

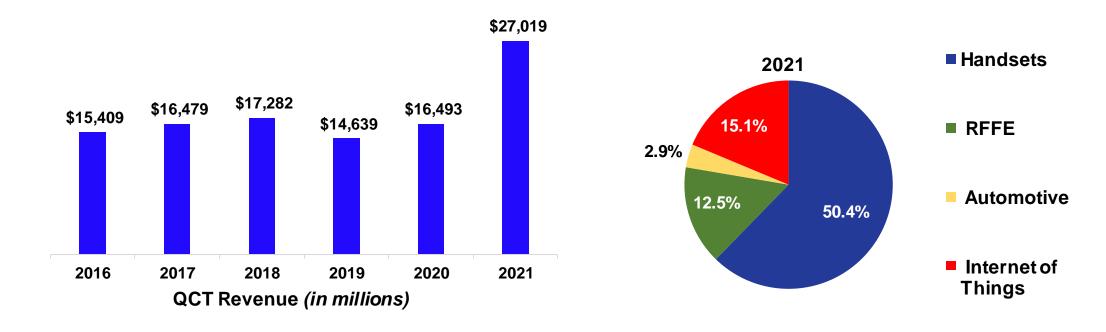


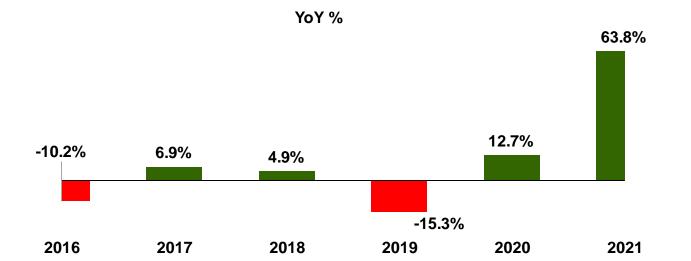
#### **Revenue Drivers- Qualcomm Strategic Initiatives**

- Strategic investments in the early-stage of technology companies.
  - **Types of Companies:**
  - Artificial Intelligence,
  - Networking, Internet of
  - Things, Mobile, etc.

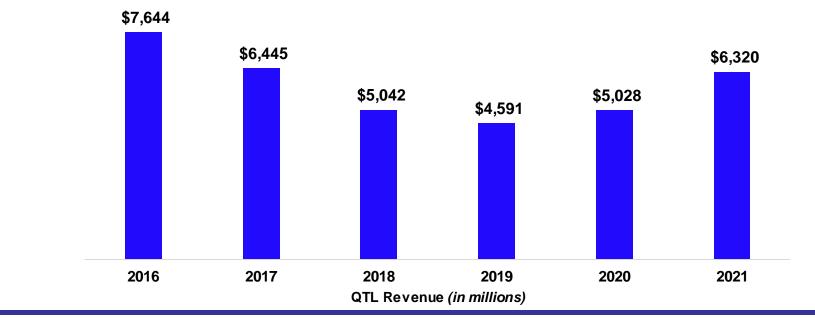


#### **Revenue- Qualcomm CDMA Technologies**

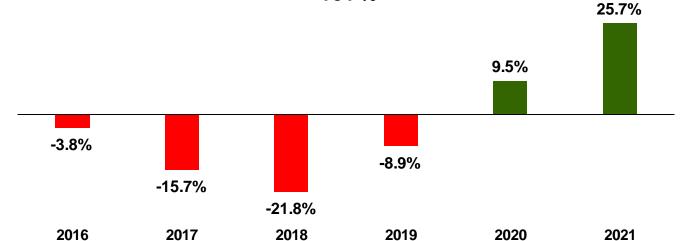




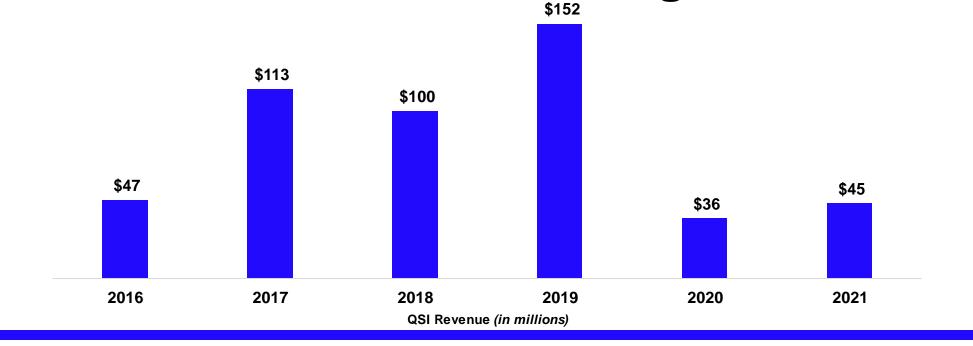
#### **Revenue- Qualcomm Technology** Licensing



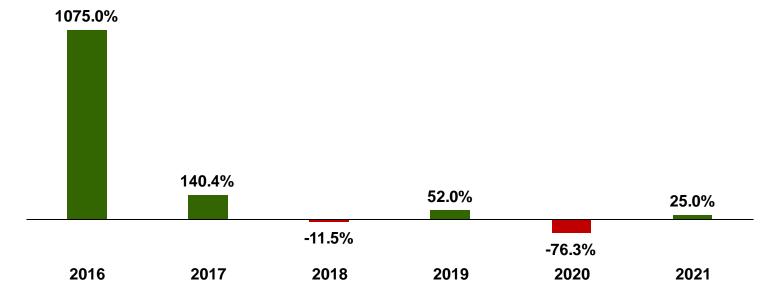




#### **Revenue- Qualcomm Strategic Initiatives**



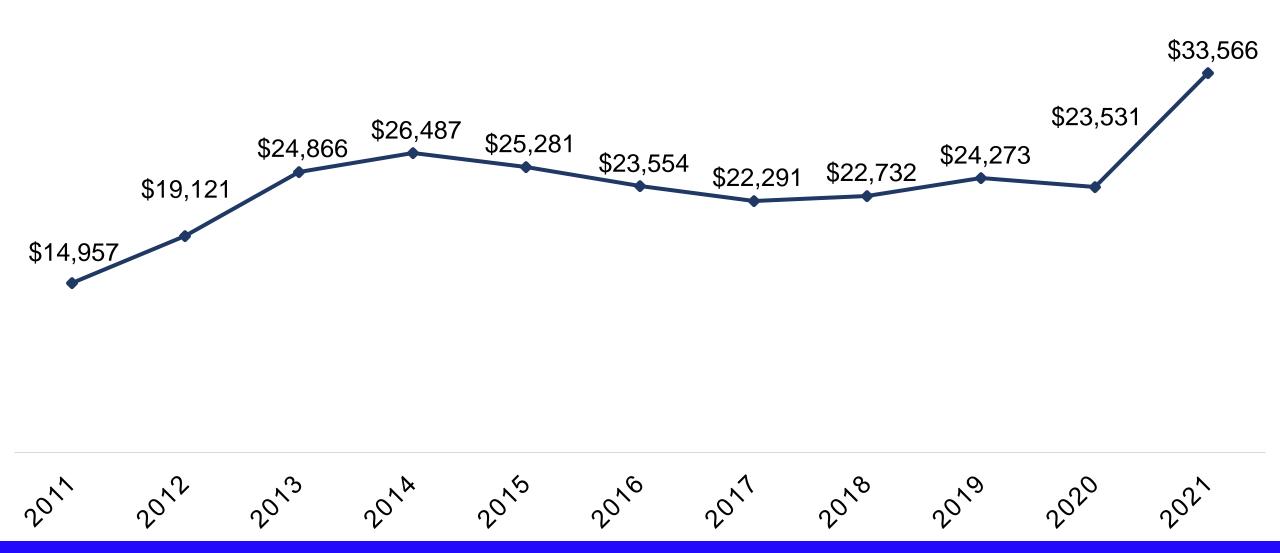




# Interpretation of Financial Statements

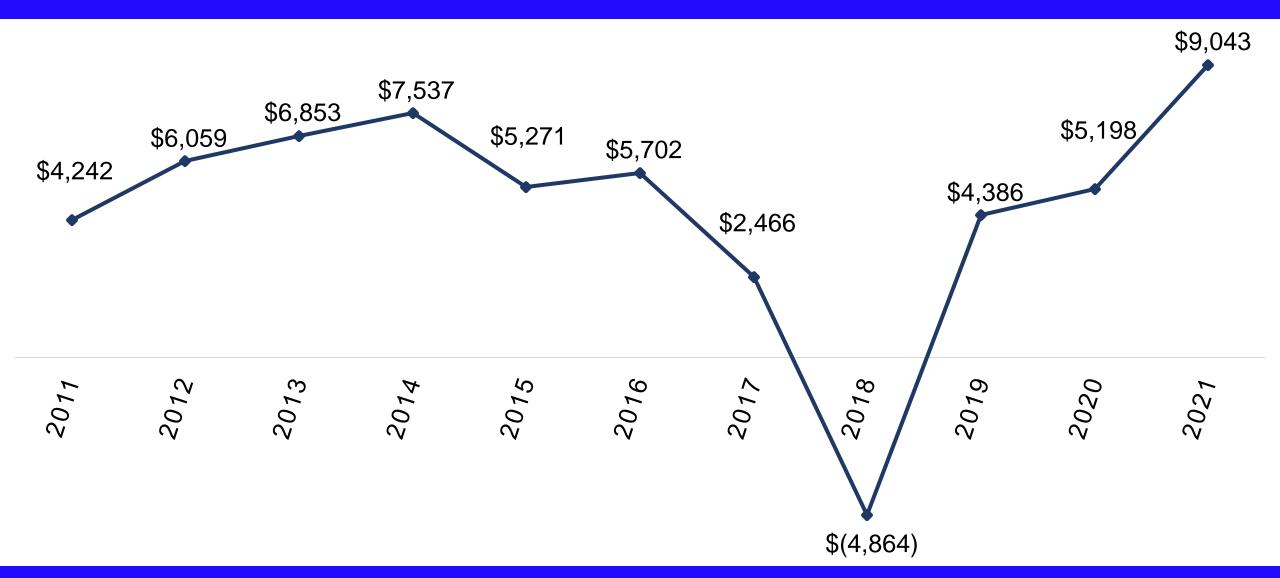
3-Year CAGR: 13.9% 5-Year CAGR: 7.3% 10-Year CAGR: 8.4%

# Revenue (in millions)

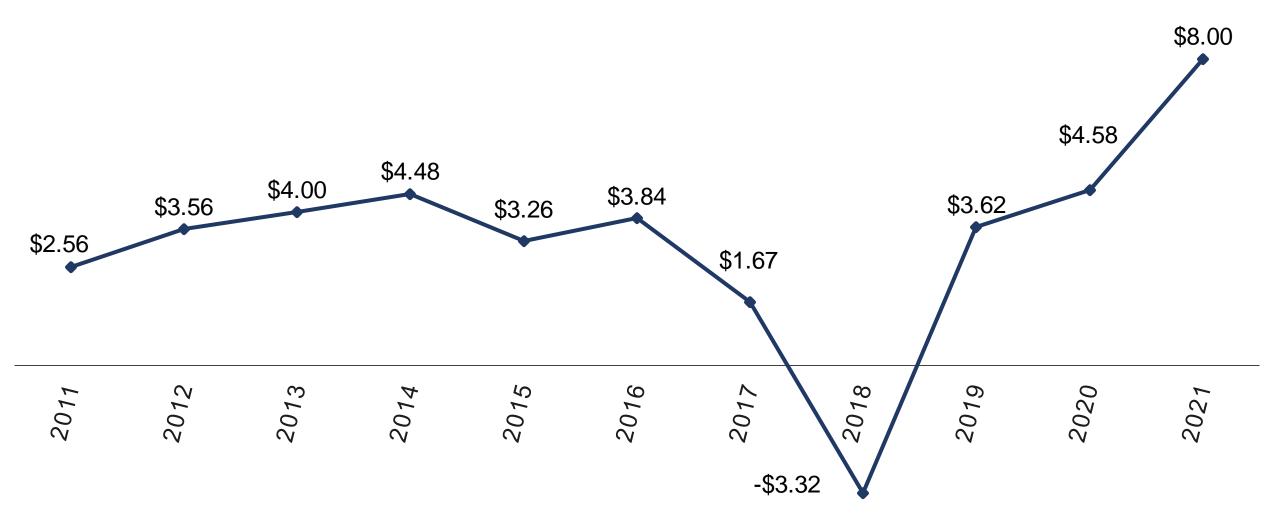


3-Year CAGR: NMF 5-Year CAGR: 9.7% 10-Year CAGR: 7.9%

# Net in millions)

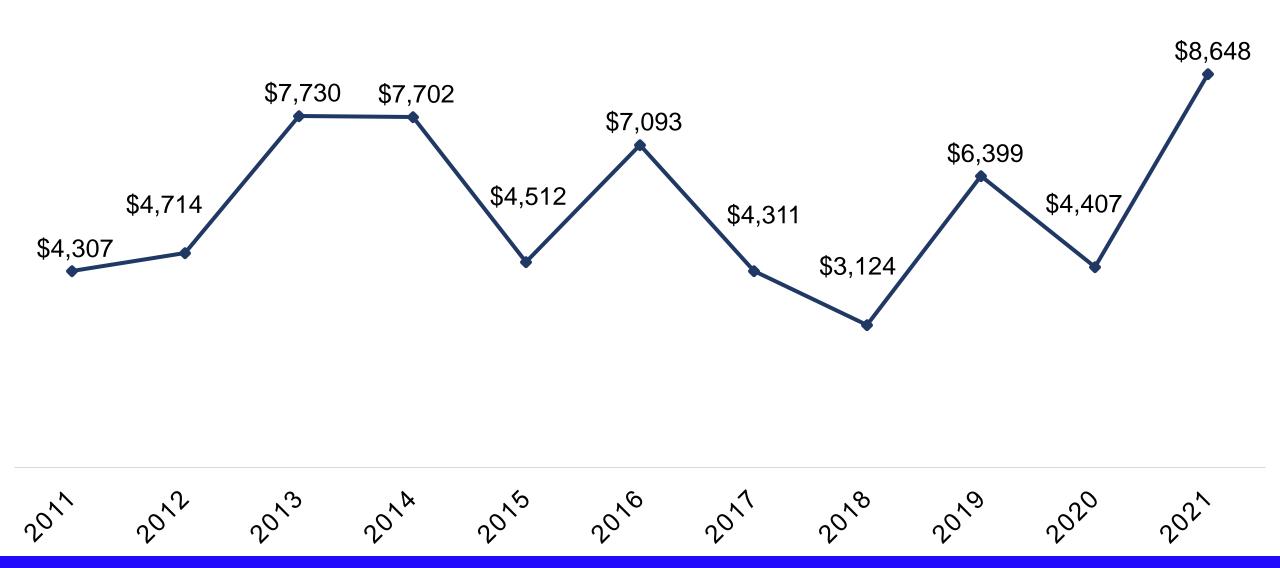


# **Earnings per Share**

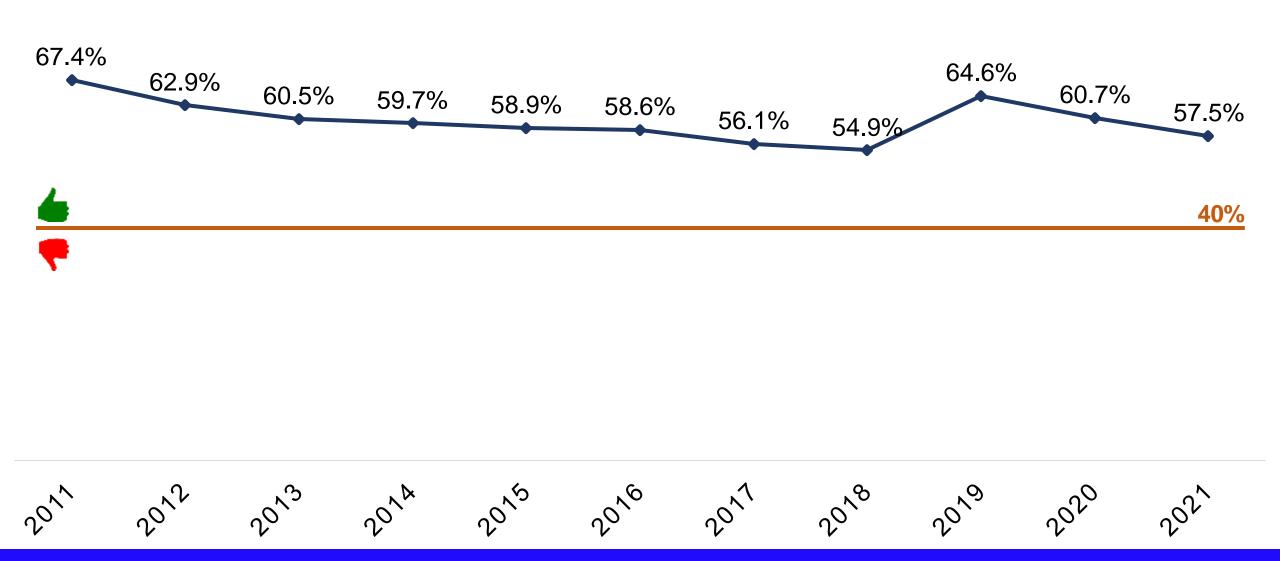


3-Year CAGR: 40.4% 5-Year CAGR: 4.0% 10-Year CAGR: 7.2%

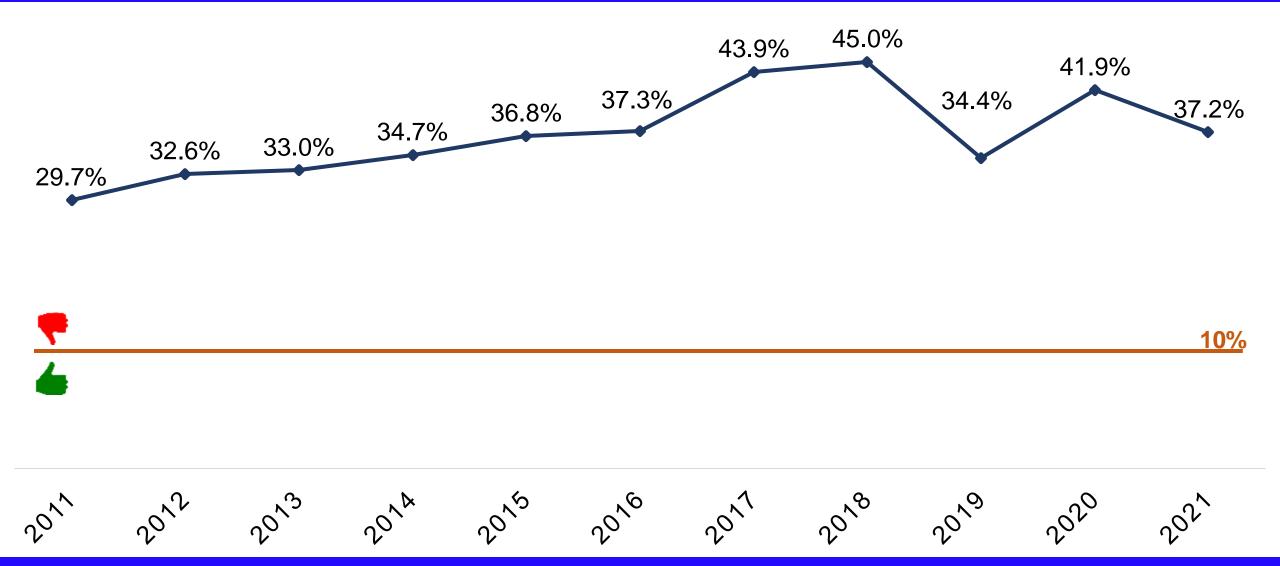
### Free Cash Flow (in millions)



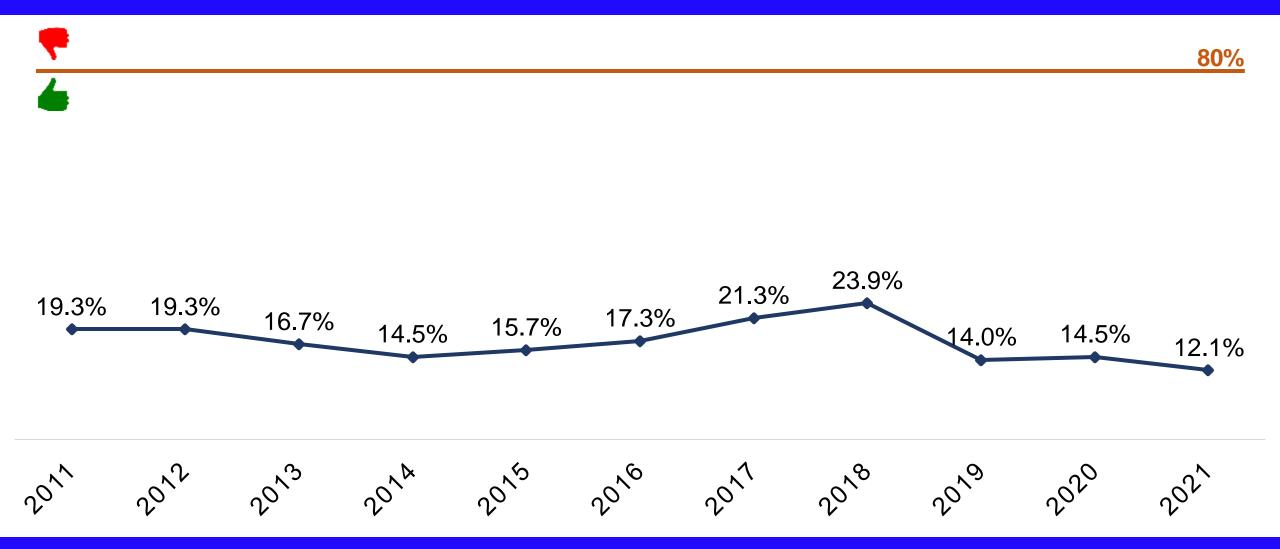
## **Gross Margin**



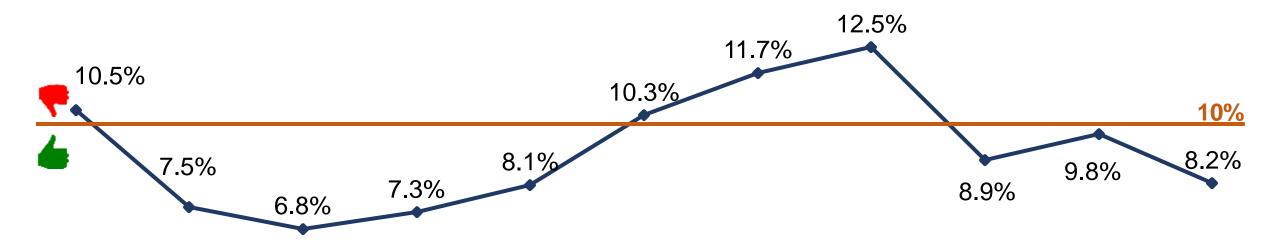
### Research and Development as a % of Gross Profit



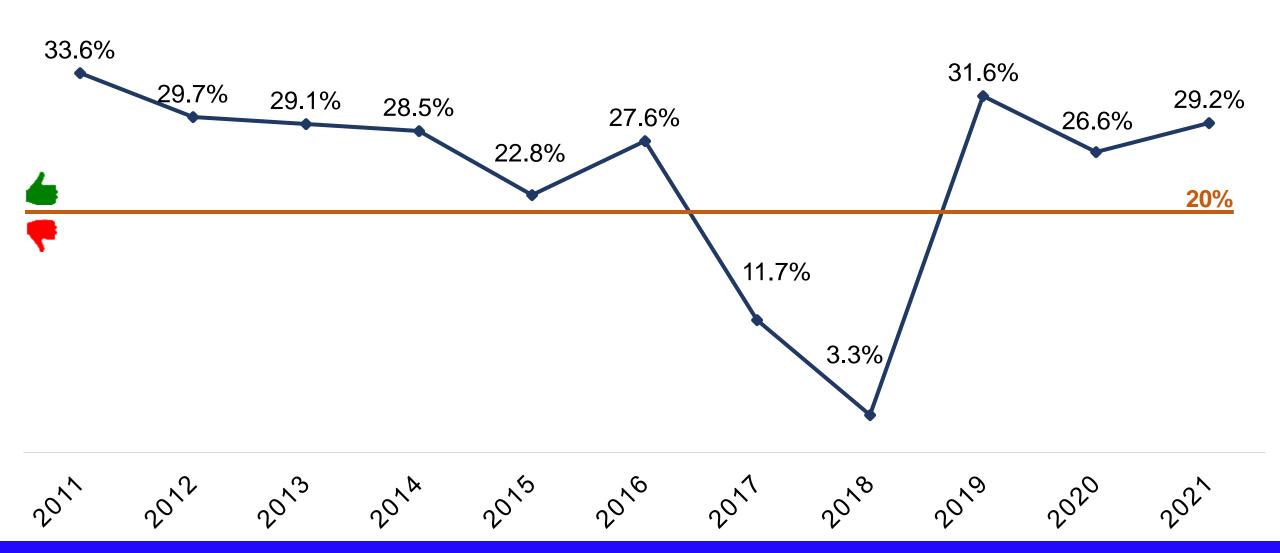
## Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses as % of Gross Profit



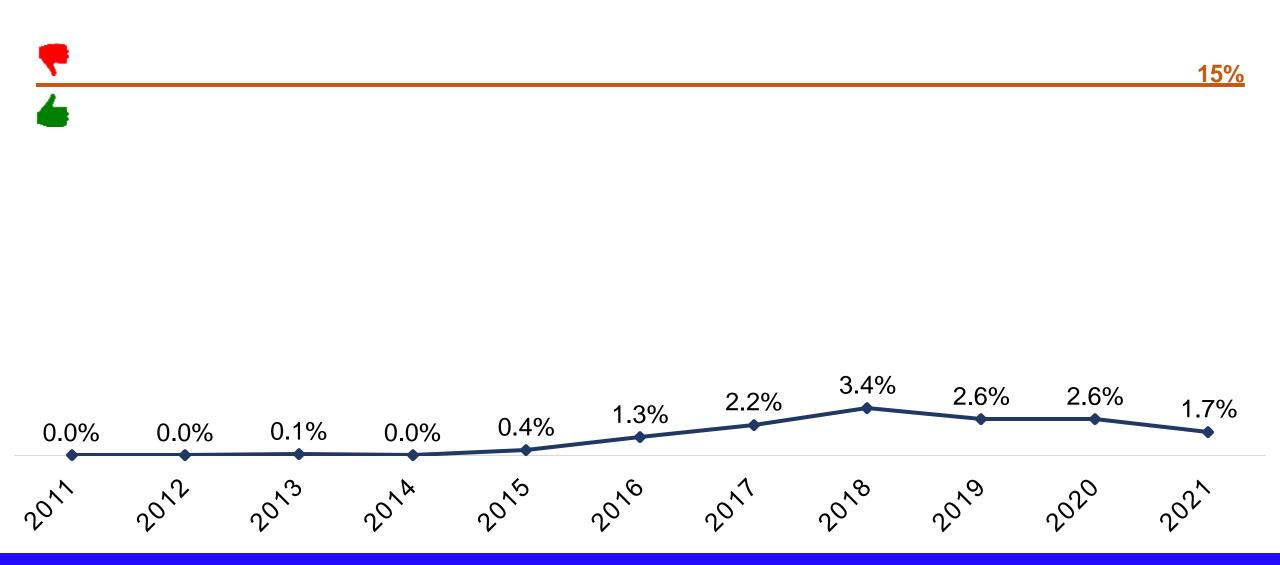
# **Depreciation as a % of Gross Profit**



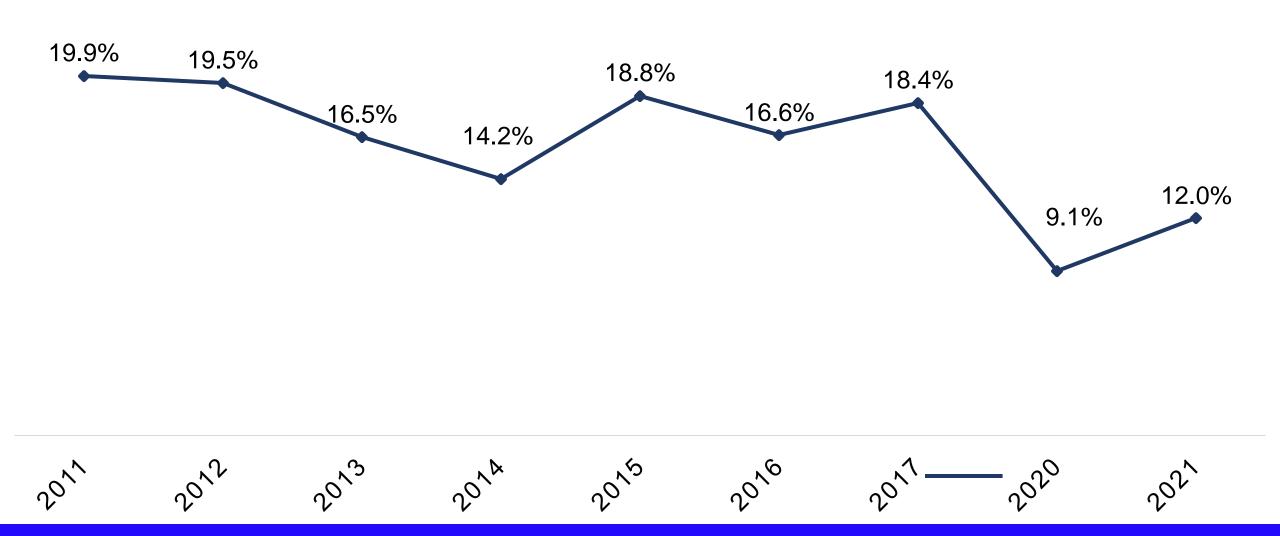
# **Operating Margin**



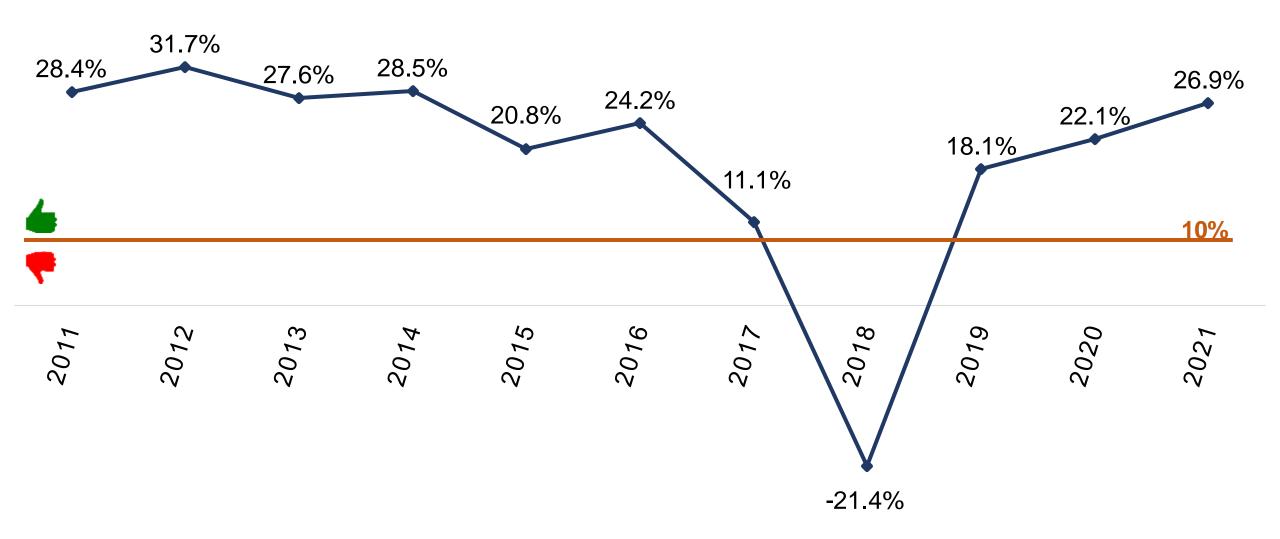
### Interest as a % of Operating Income



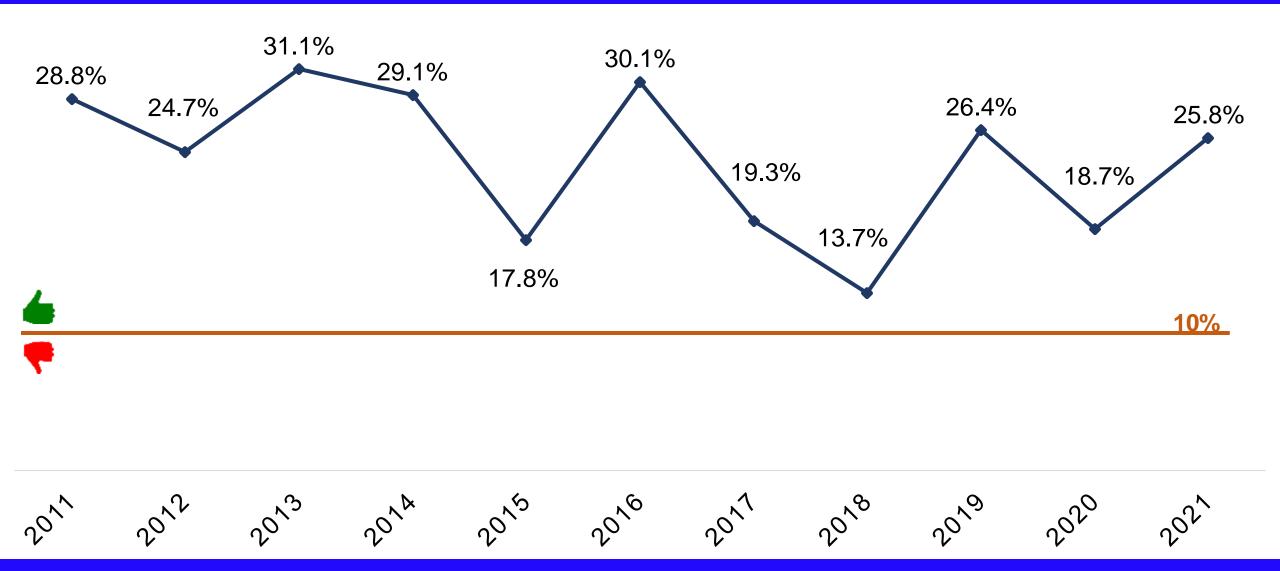
### **Effective Tax Rate**



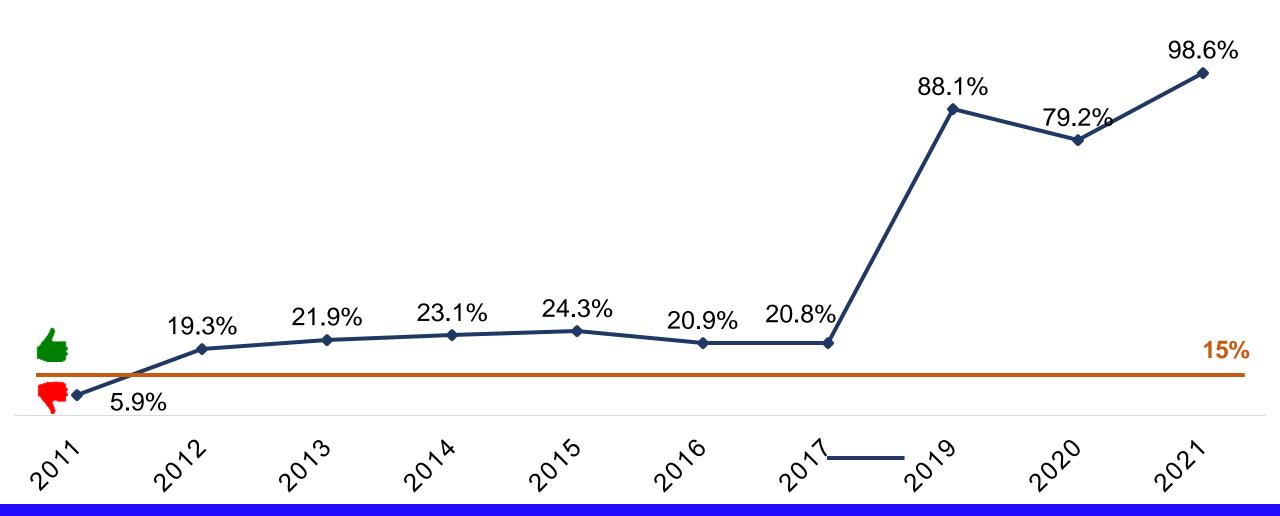
# **Net Margin**



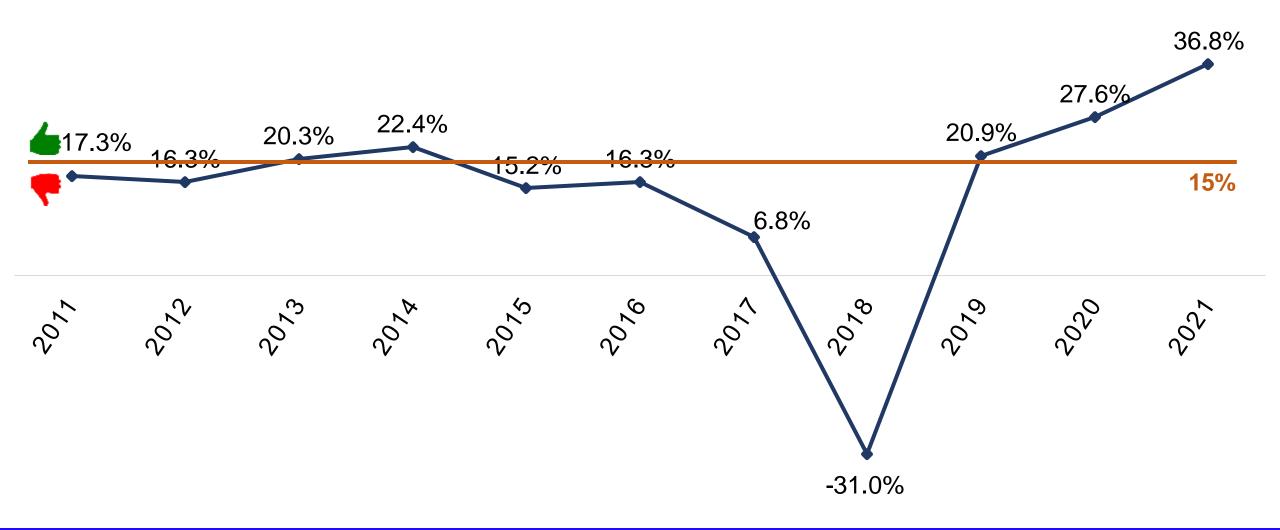
# **Free Cash Flow Margin**



# **Return on Equity**



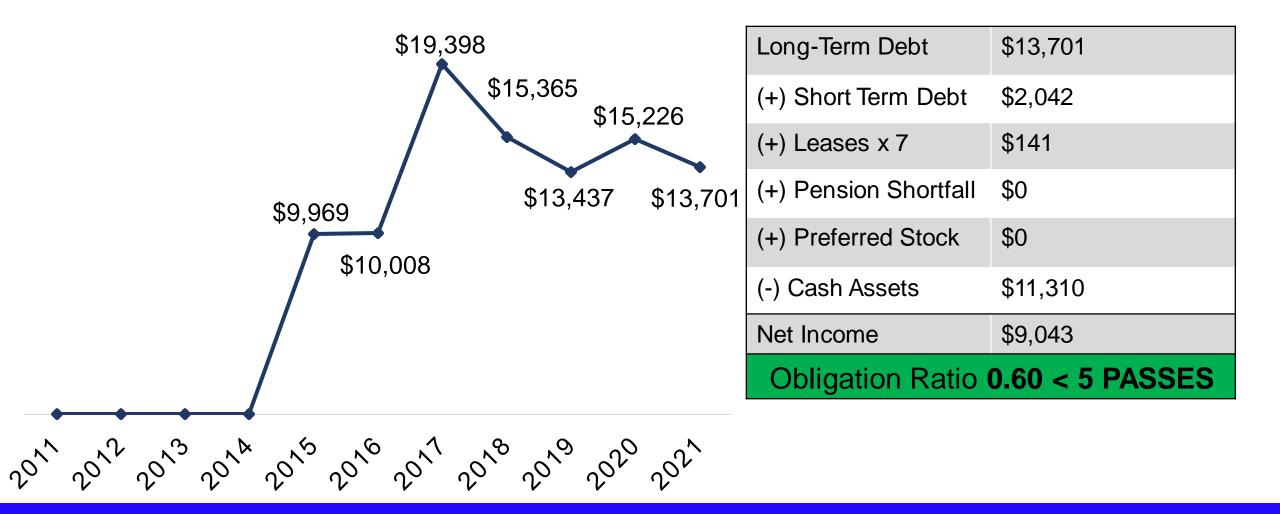
### **Return on Capital**



# Long Term Debt (in millions)

# **Obligation Ratio**

(Calculations measured in millions)



## Management Overview

### Management



Cristiano R. Amon <u>CEO</u>

Akash Palkhiwala <u>CFO</u>

Alex Rogers President of QTL

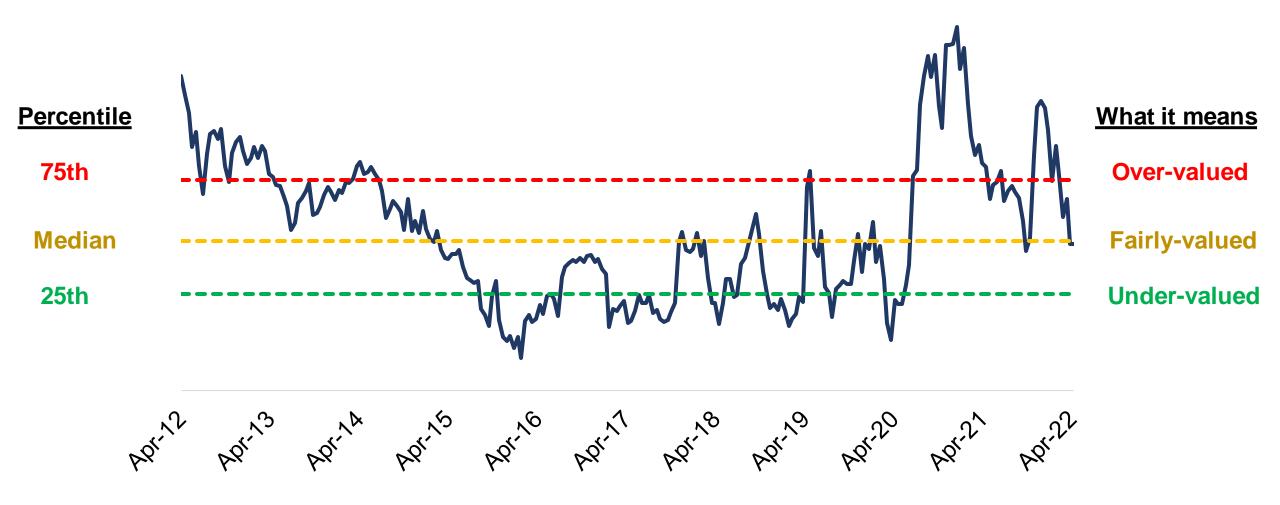
Dr. James H Thompson <u>CTO</u>

## Insider Ownership

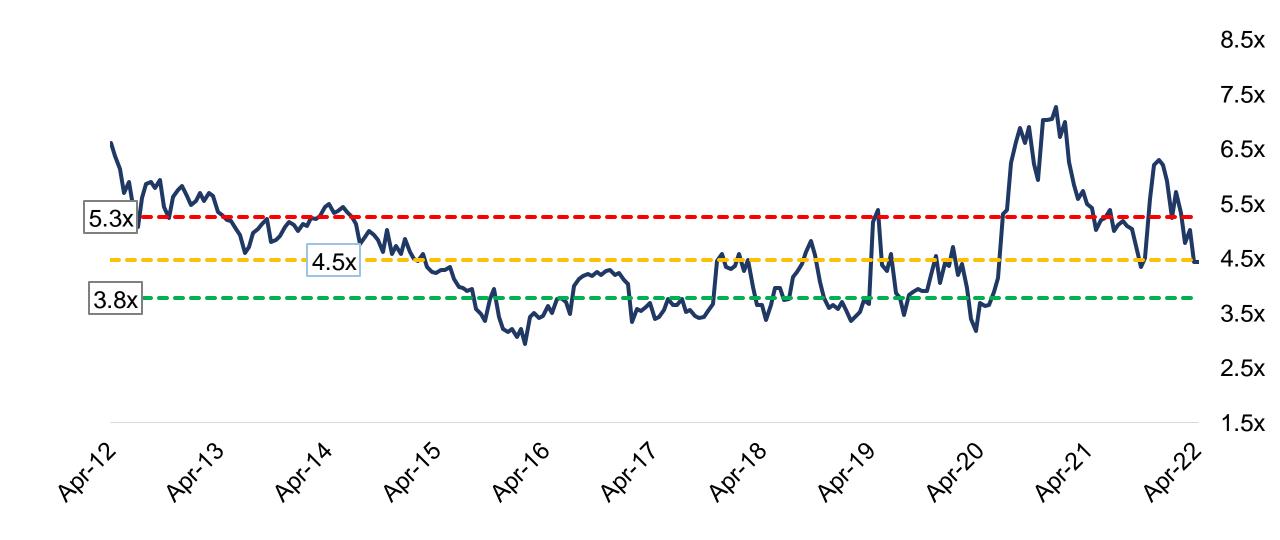
<u>Officer Level</u>	<u>Multiple of Base</u> <u>salary</u>	
CEO	10x	
CFO	2-10x	
СТО	2-10x	
QTL Pres.	2-10x	

Name	Shares Owned	Share value (4/21/22)
Cristiano R. Amon	119,672	\$ 16,359,163.4
James Thompson	197,885	\$ 27,050,879.5
Akash Palkhiwala	38,879	\$ 5,314,759.3
Alex Rogers	37,388	\$ 5,110,939.6

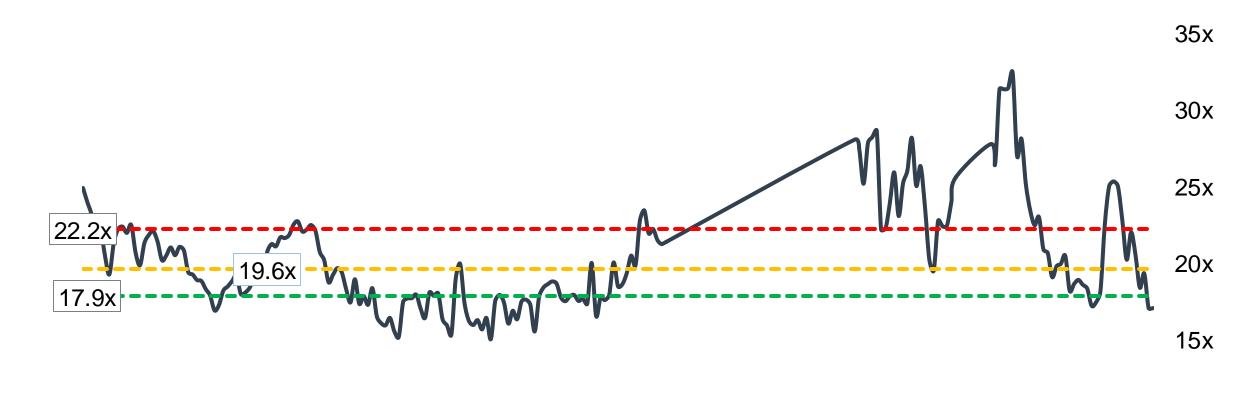
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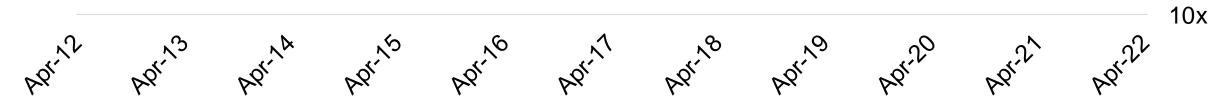


### **Price to Sales**

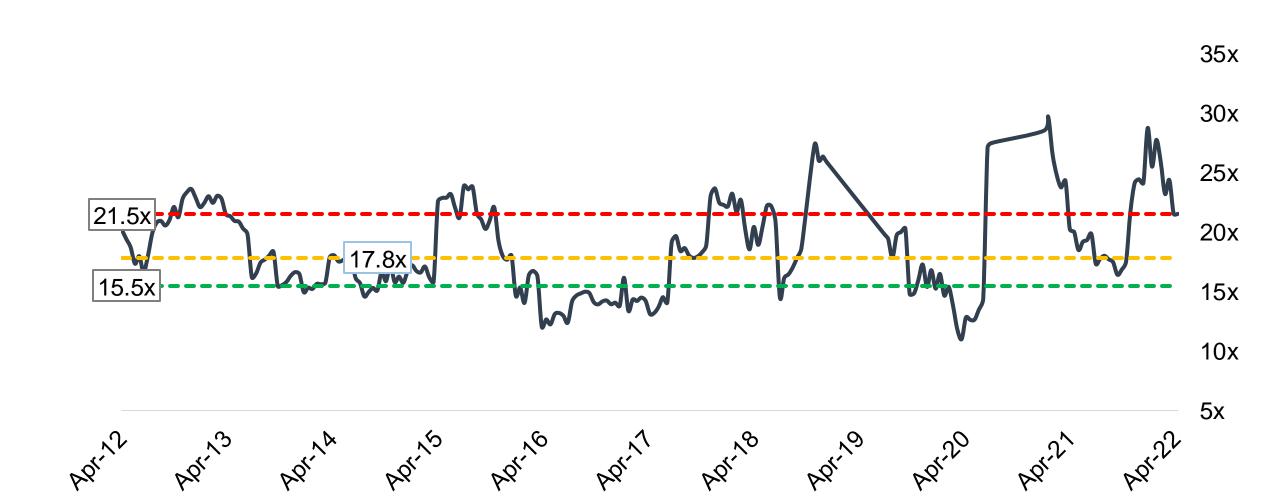


### **Price to Earnings**

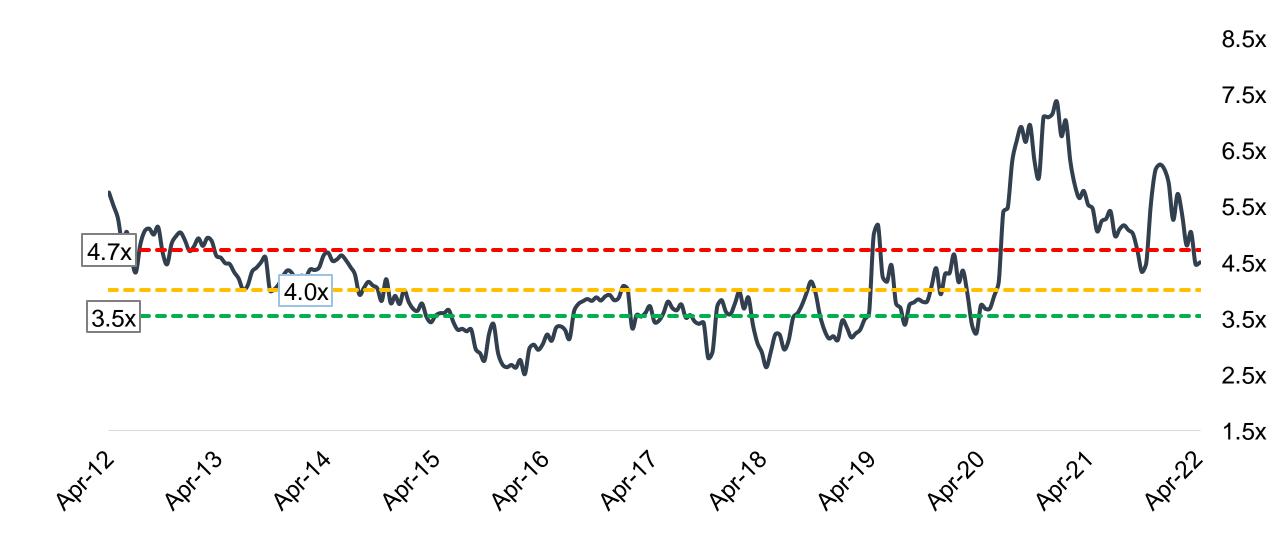




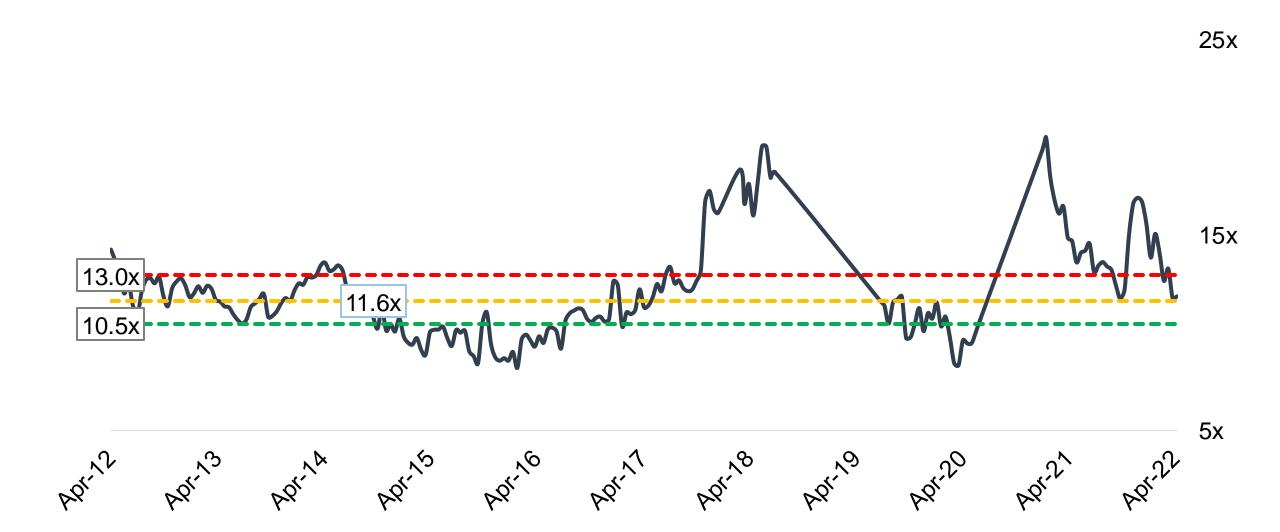
### **Price to Free Cash Flow**



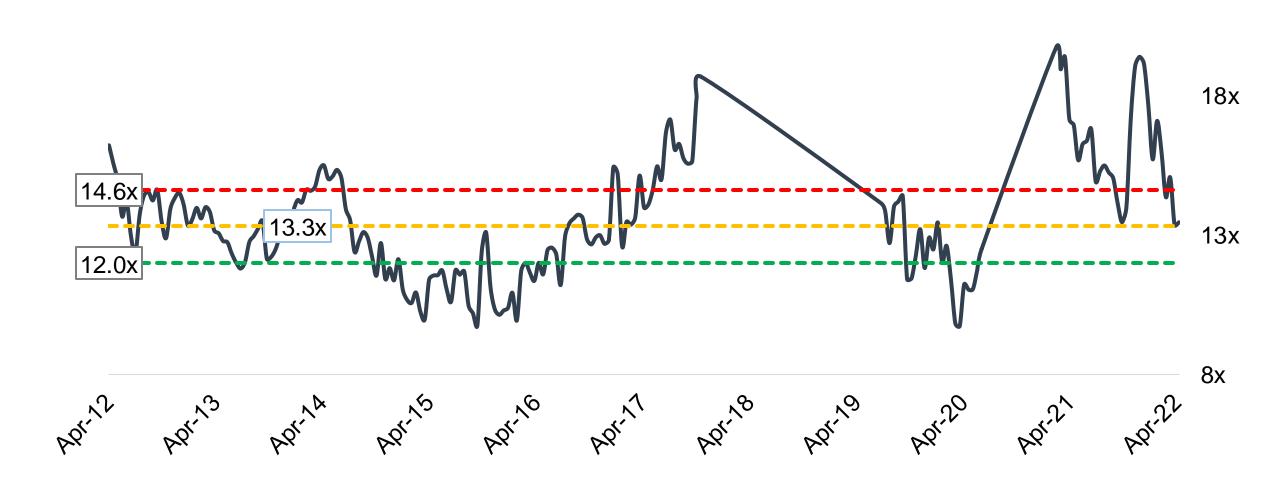
### **Enterprise Value to Sales**



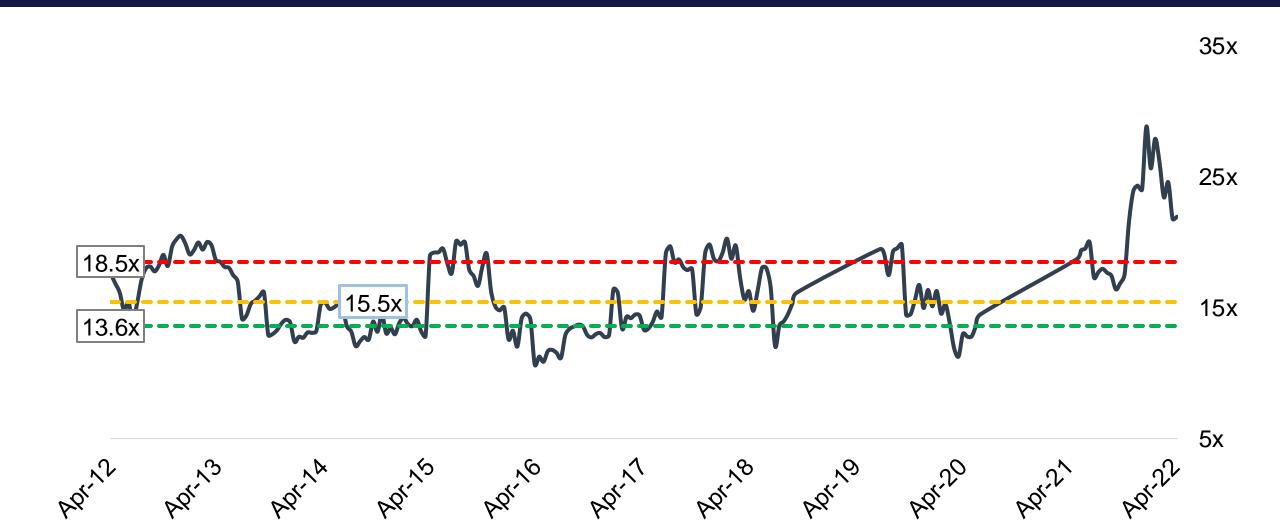
#### EV to Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization



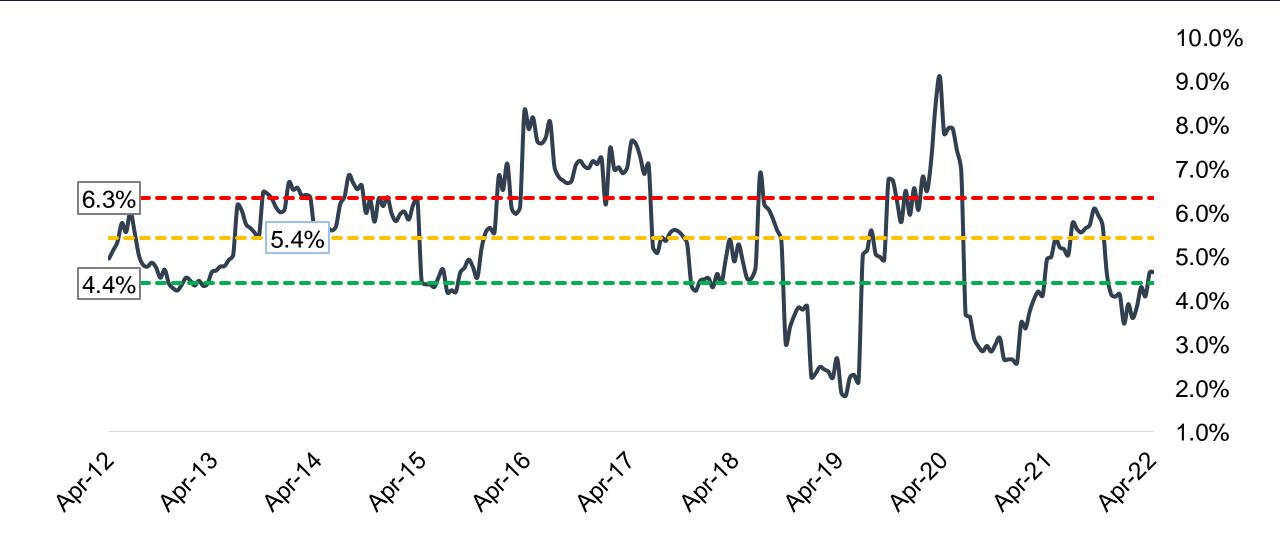
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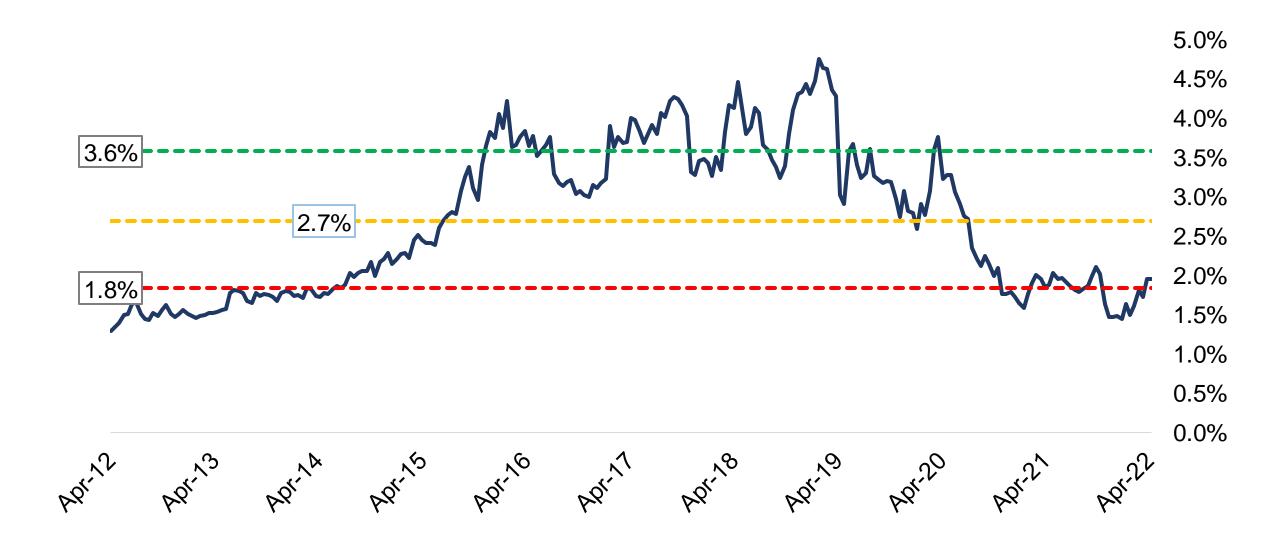
### **EV to Free Cash Flow**



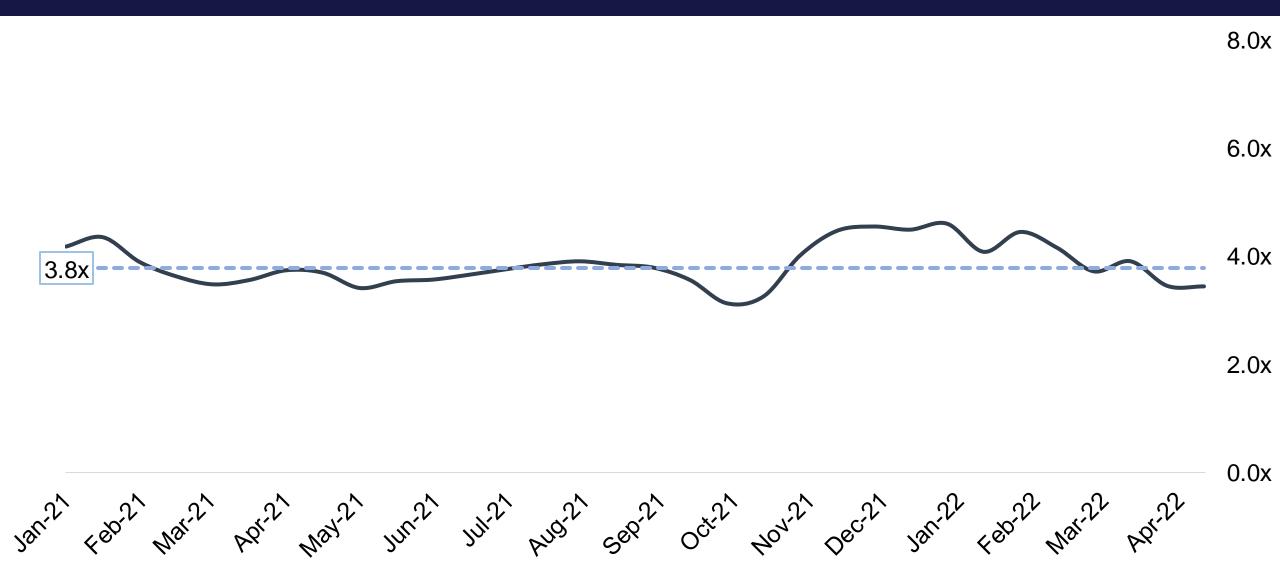
### **Free Cash Flow Yield**



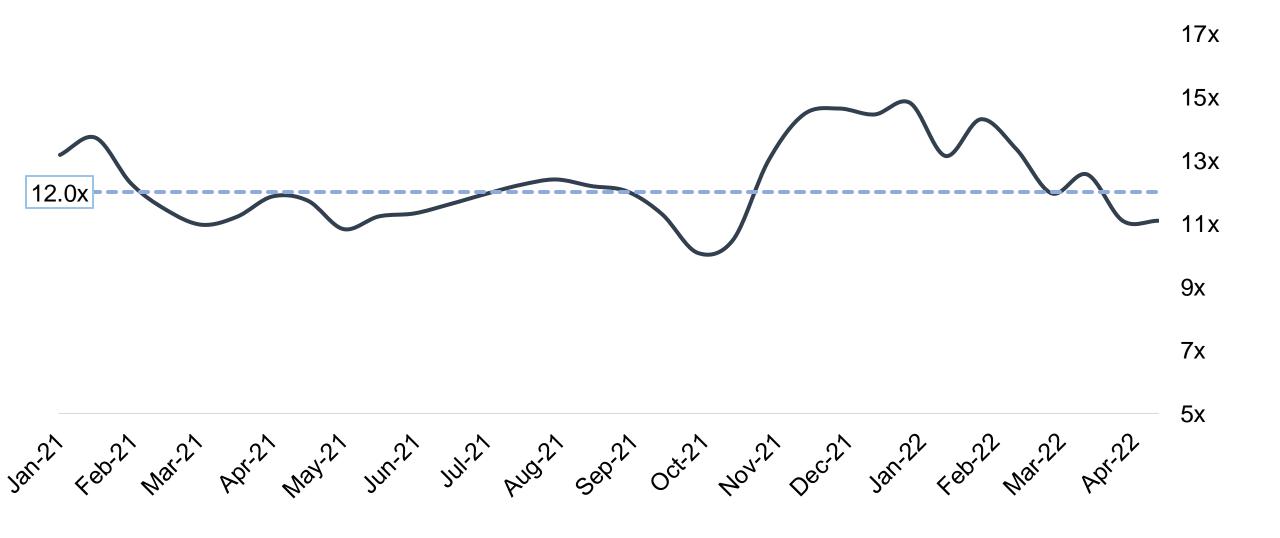
### **Dividend Yield**



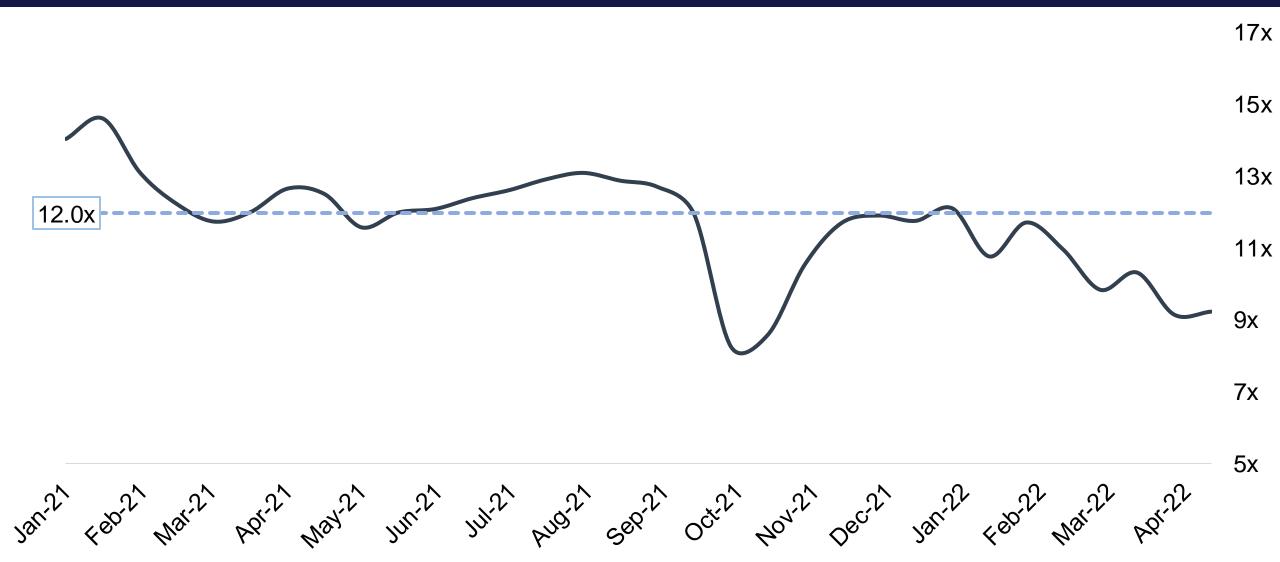
### **Forward Price to Sales**



### **Forward Price to Earnings**



### Forward EV to EBITDA



## **BULL TEAM**



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## **Economic Moat**

- Network Effect
- Economies of

Scale

- Switching Costs
- Intangible Assets



amazon





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### Intangible Assets



- 140,000 patents
- 100 countries and jurisdictions
- Near monopoly on CDMA technology patents
- Royalty fee
  - 3%-5% of each 3g device sold

### 5G Intellectual Property Licensing

- Over 150 licensing agreements
- Faster speeds
- Network Improvements

### Moat Defense in Action



- Tried and True Moat
- Ongoing Litigation
  - Consolidated Securities
    - Alleged Violation of SEC laws
  - Broadcom Merger
    - Alleged Violation of SEC rules
  - Consumer Class Action
  - ParkerVision
    - Alleged Patent Infringement
  - Korean Fair Trade Commission
- Prior Litigation
  - Icera European Commission (2010)
    - \$275 million in expenses related to fine (2019)
  - Korean Fair Trade Commission (2017)
    - \$927 million
  - European Commission (2018)
    - \$1.2 billion charge

### Apple's Expected Departure

Ongoing litigation came to a head in 2019:

- QCOM: received \$4.7 billion settlement for licensing revenues
- The companies entered a 6-year global patent agreement through 2025 for Apple to use Qualcomm's modem chips
- Apple acquired Intel's modem chip business and opted to use competitors' chips in iPhones around the same time

### Apple Aftermath

- Apple leaving does not change the company's moat
  - The relationship between the two companies was hostile, and their relationship was the not the stickiest
  - Both companies are better off without each other
  - Qualcomm still benefits from Apple until 2025.
- Qualcomm is still home to the intellectual property of industryleading technology

Litigation: Fines V. Settlement Winnings

#### **Settlement Winnings**

• Apple: \$4.7 billion

#### **Fines Paid:**

- KFTC: \$927 million
- Icera EC: \$275 million
- European Commission: \$1.2 billion

### **Net Litigation Winnings:**

\$2.3 billion

## **Growth Opportunities**

### **Diversifying** Global Trends

Internet of Things

### Automotive

- Self-driving vehicles
- Electric Vehicles

### Gaming

Metaverse

### • 5G

- Historically focused on mobile
- Handset 62% of FY 21 revenue
- 10% of revenues came from Apple,

Samsung, and Xiaomi

- Threat of vertical integration
- CEO Cristiano Amon aims to

diversify

## **Total TAM**



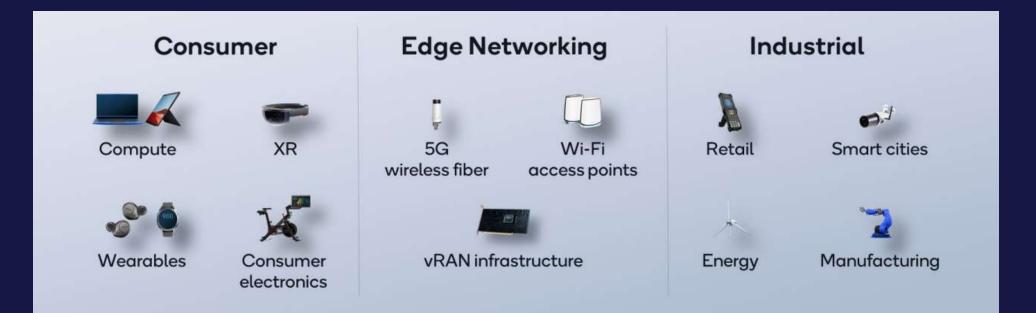
- Management's projected SAM
  \$700B
- Global semiconductor market

expected to grow

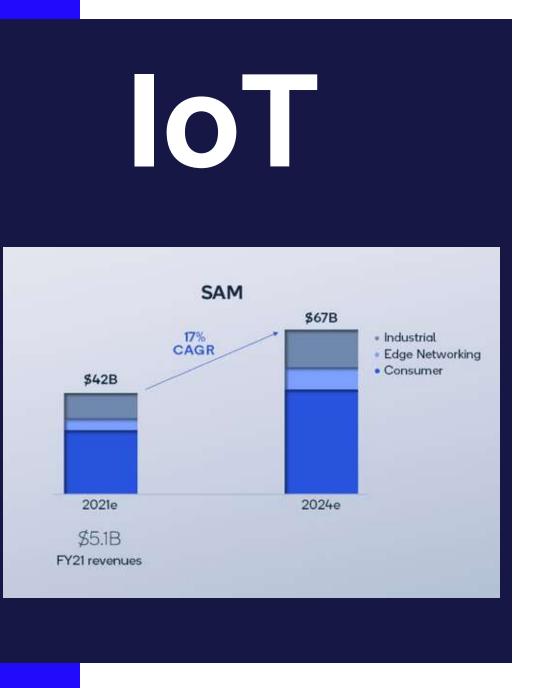
- At a CAGR of 6%
- From \$430B in 2021 to \$808.5B by

2030

## 



14K customers Top 10 = 42% of revenues



- SAM Serviceable Addressable
   Opportunity
- Currently \$42B SAM is expected to grow by 17% through 2024
- \$5.1B in sales current market share of 12%
- Assuming market share stays the same
- IoT could be an \$8B segment

## Automotive

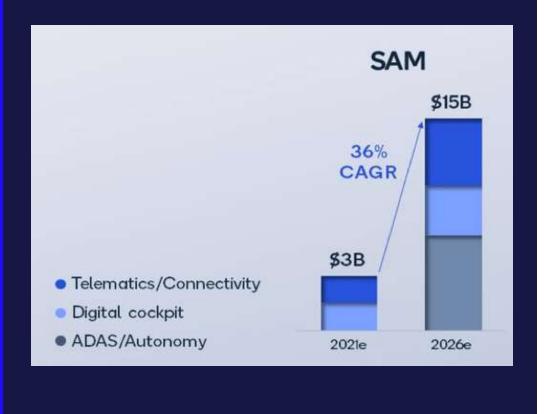


Signed 26 global automakers

#### partners

- BMW, GM, Ferrari, Volvo, Honda, and Renault
- GM largest automaker
- FY 2021 6.3M deliveries
- All EVs by 2035
- Ultra-Cruise Cadillac in 2023

# Automotive



- Global electric vehicle industry is expected to grow
- From \$163B in 2021 to \$823B by 2030 an 18% CAGR
- SAM to grow at a CAGR 36%
- \$1B revenue which is 33% of SAM
- QCOM expected revenue in 2026
  \$3.5B
- 5-year Revenue CAGR of 28%
- That is a 23% of the SAM

# Handset



- Q1 2022 reported handset revenue growth of 41%
- 55% of revenues
- Multiple partnerships
  - Samsung
  - Asus
  - Sony
- Two-year customer commitments
  - Xiaomi (China)
  - Honor (China)
  - Vivo (China)
  - Oppo (China)
- QCOM's 5G chip power Apple's iPhone

# Handset

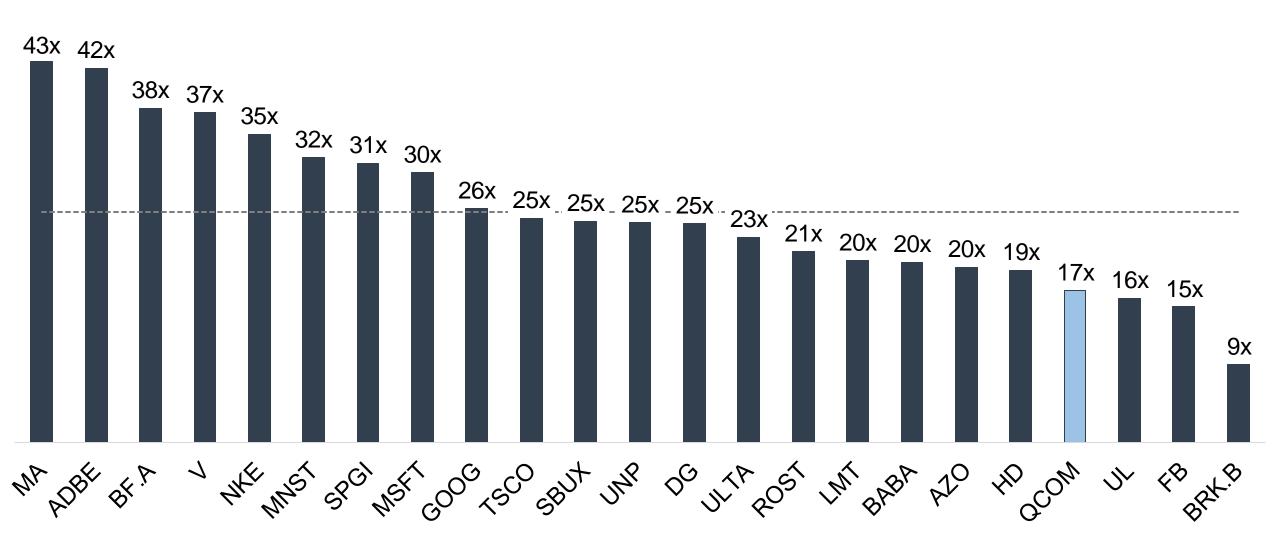


- Drivers 4G to 5G
- Increasing Snapdragon features
- Revenue to grow in line with SAM
- \$16B segment FY 2021
- 48% market share
- If market share stays the same handset would be a \$22B segment

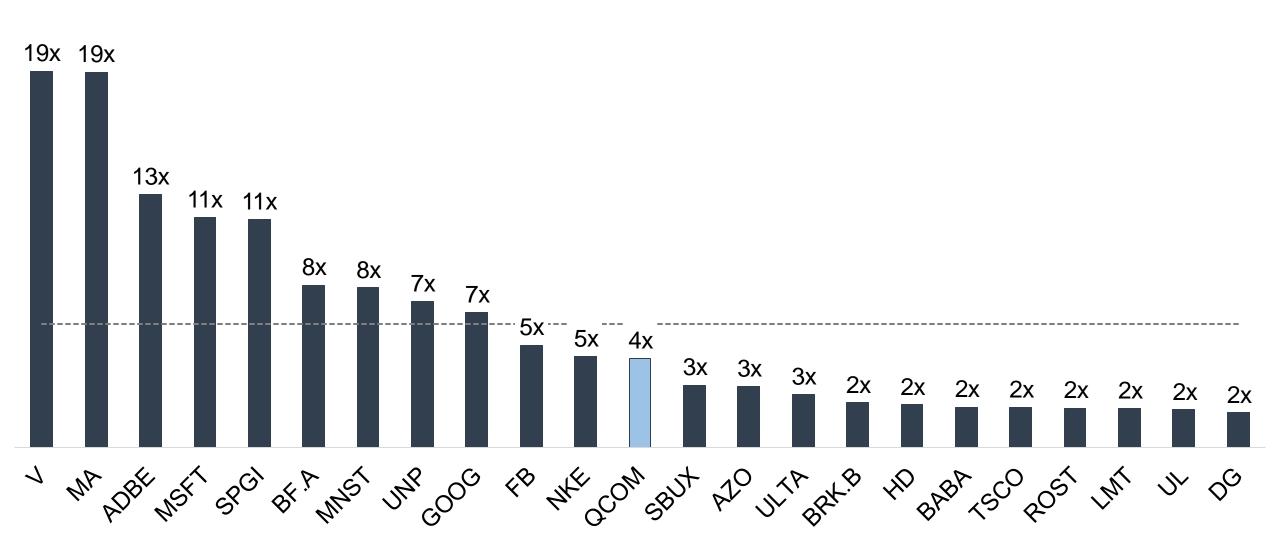
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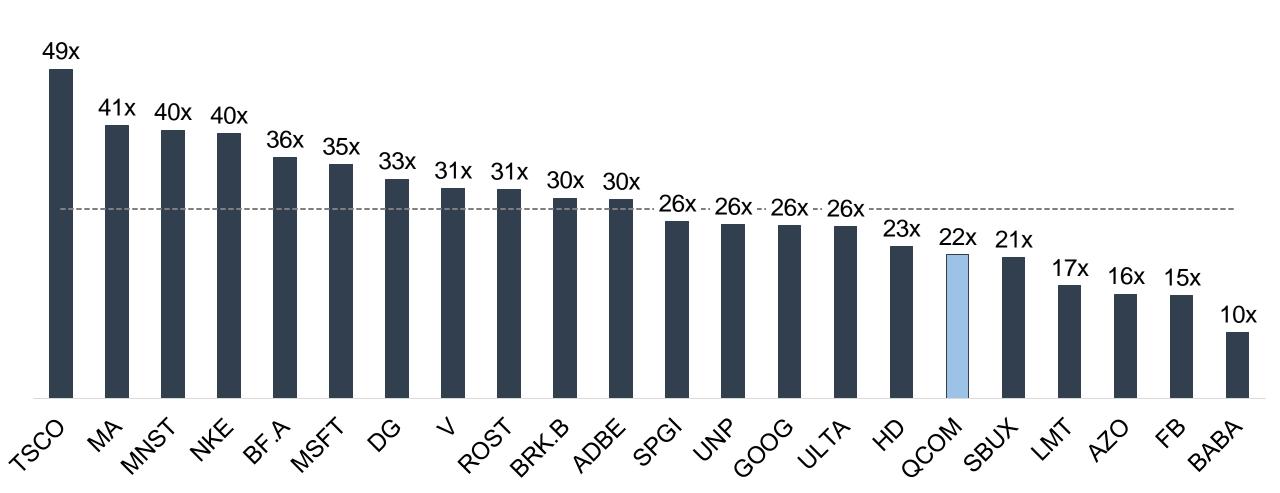
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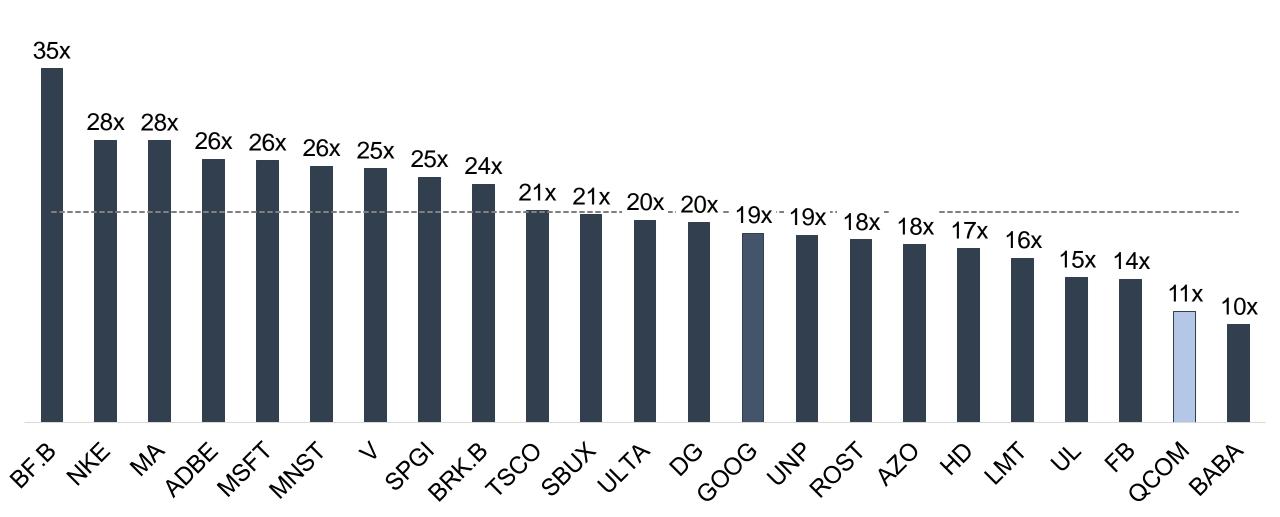
# Price to Sales (P/S)



# Price to Free Cash Flow (P/FCF)



# Forward Price to Earnings (FP/E)



# Guidance

- Goldman Sachs
  - 9/22: High-Twenties
  - 9/23-24: Low-Singles
- Value Line: 15%
- Morningstar: 8%
- Management
  - QCT: Mid-teens
  - QTL: Maintained Scale

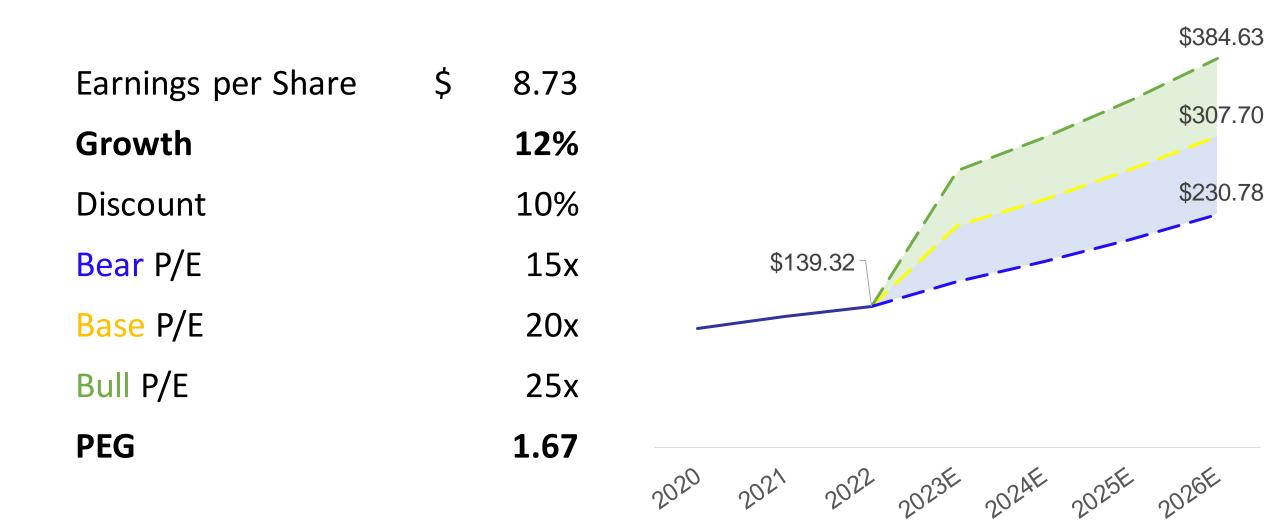
# Stock Buybacks & Dividends

- 2021 Q4 brought new Repurchase
   Program: \$10b
- Expect \$2-3b per Year for Repurchases
- Continue Dividend Growth
  - Quarterly Dividend/Share: \$0.68
- Intends to distribute 75% of Free Cash Flow

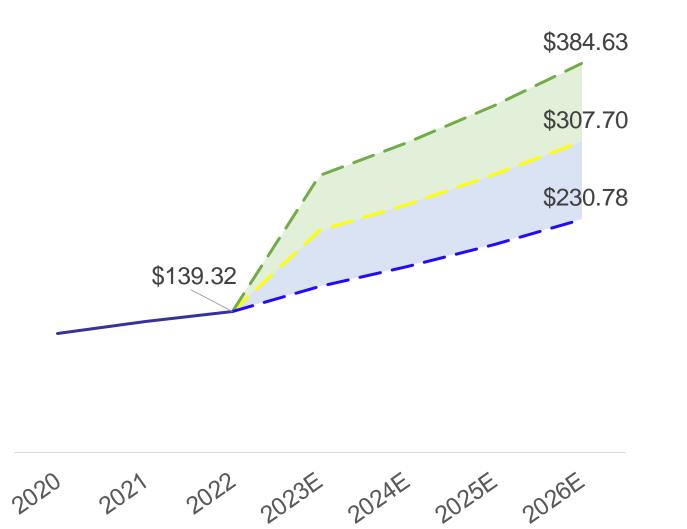
Discounted Cash Flows (EPS)

Valuation done April 19, 2022 Current Quote: ~\$134.17

# **Base Case DCF**



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Annualized Rate of Return 23.4% 18.2% 11.9% Fair Value \$ 199.41 \$ 140.00 **Current Price** Margin of Safety 30%

# **Bull Case DCF**

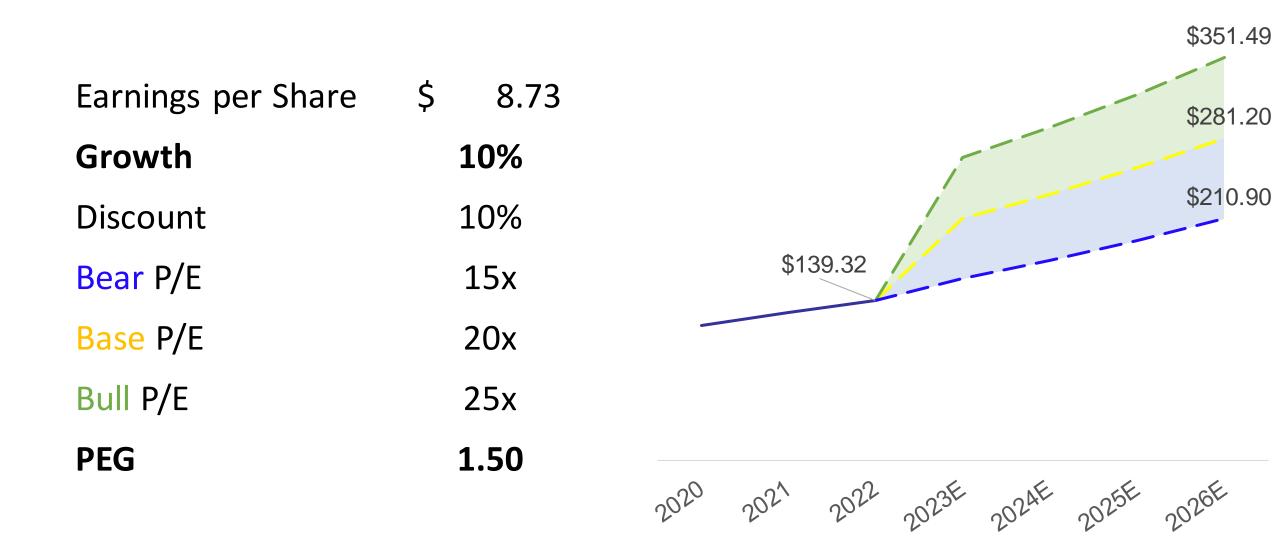


# **Bull Case DCF**



Annualized Rate	<u>of</u>	Return
25.5%		
20.2%		
13.8%		
Fair Value	\$	217.09
Current Price	\$	140.00
Margin of Safety		36%

# **Bear Case DCF**



# **Bear Case DCF**



2026E 2020 2021 2022 2023E 2024E 2025E

Annualized Rate of Return
21.2%
16.2%
10.0%

Fair Value	\$ 182.95

Current Price	Ş 140.00
Margin of Safety	23%

# **Sensitivity Analysis**

#### **Estimated. EPS Growth**

		10%	12%	14%
Price to	<b>ຮຸດ</b> 15.0x	10.0%	11.9%	13.8%
	20.0x	16.2%	18.2%	20.2%
Δ.	<b>й</b> 25.0х	21.2%	23.4%	25.5%

# Recommendatio

• QCOM is currently ~1.2% of the

portfolio

• Buy 200 shares out right via limit

order

• Making it a 3% position

# **BEAR TEAM**



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# Key Points

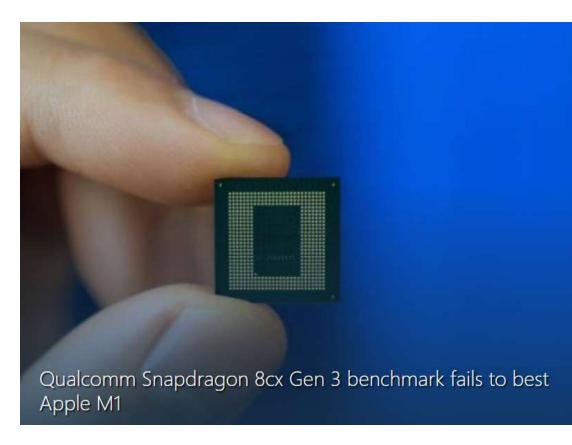
# **Bear Thesis**



- Increased Competition
- Cyclical Industry
- Regulatory Risk
- Slower Growth

# **Increased Competition**

- Vertical Integration
  - Apple
  - Samsung
  - Huawei
- Latest Semi-Conductors already being outperformed



# **Cyclical Industry**

• Demand for their products is not predictable and consistent

• Shifting periods of highs and lows



#### **Regulatory Risk**

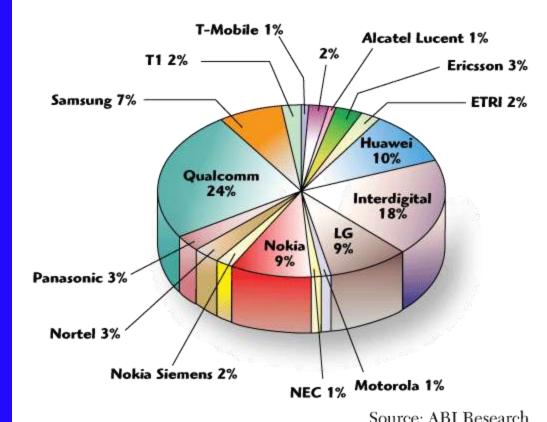
- Notable Lawsuits
  - South Korea (2016)
  - Taiwan (2017)
  - Apple (2017)

• Threat to current business model



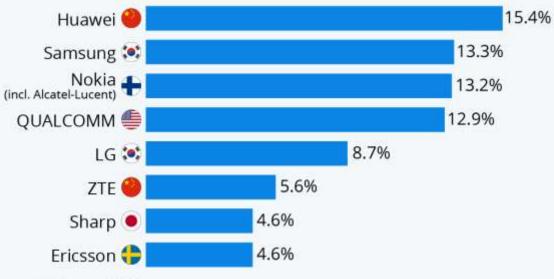
#### Slower Growth

 No absolute rights to 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Patents



#### Who Is Leading the 5G Patent Race?

Companies with the highest shares of global 5G technology patents\*



As of February 2021

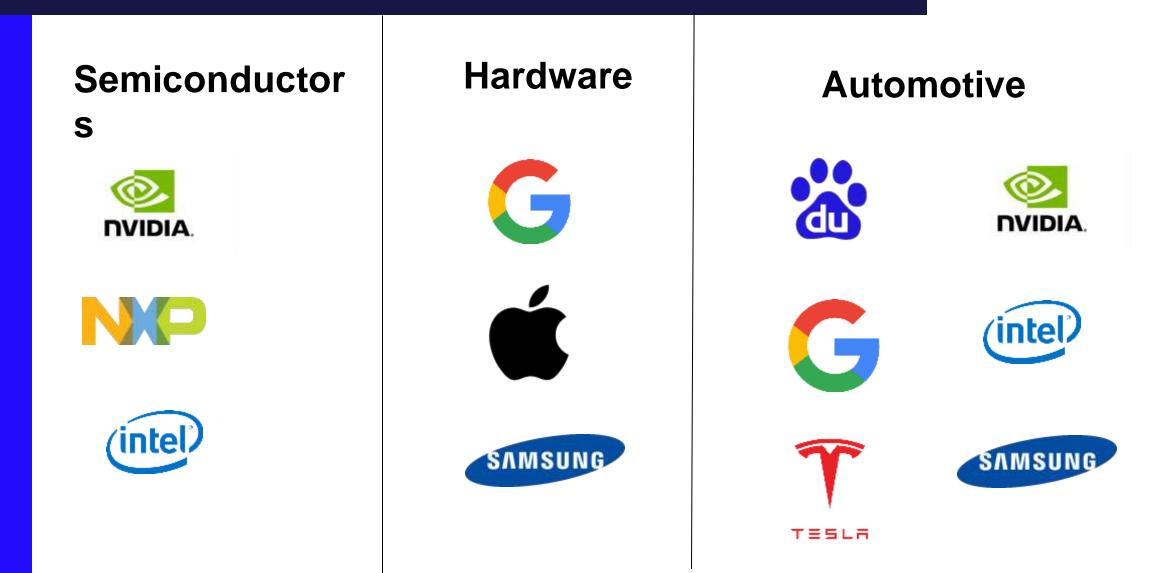
\* Granted and active patent families (5G SEP patent families with at least one granted patent counted) Source: IPlytics

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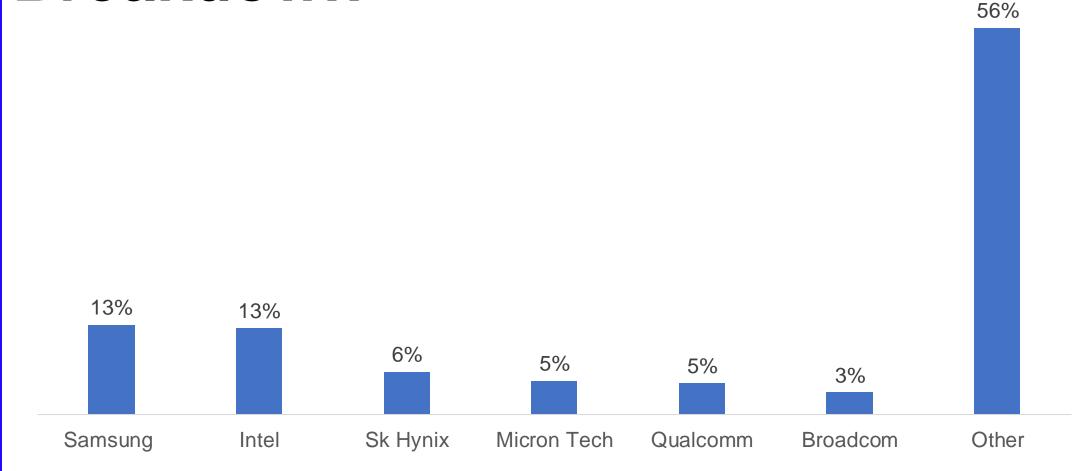


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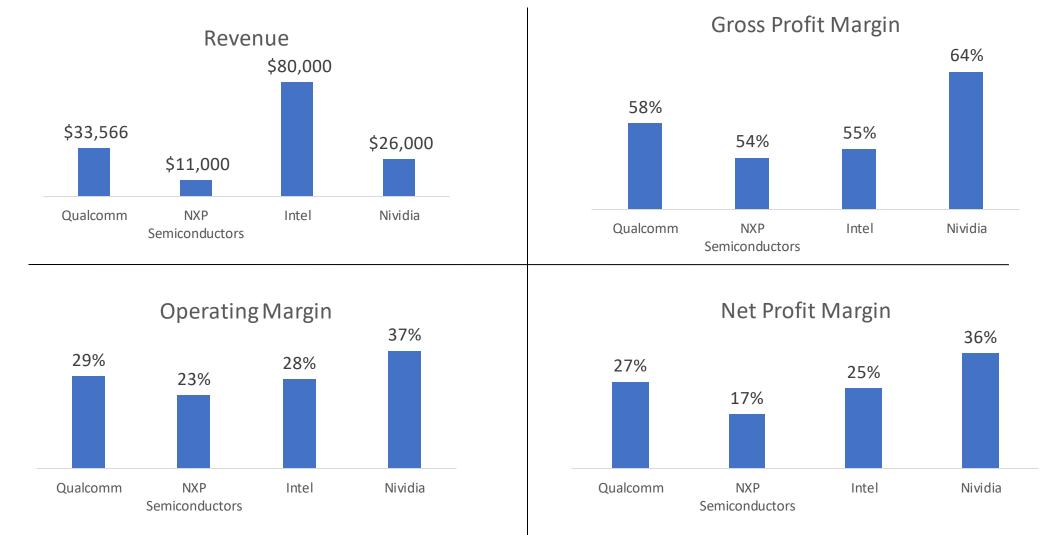
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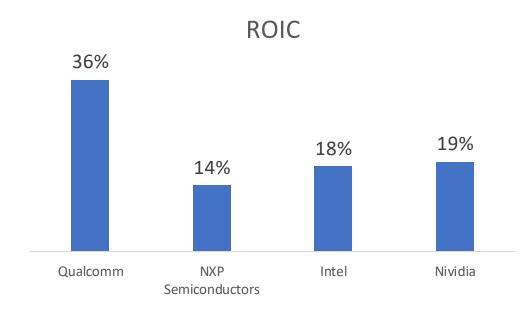
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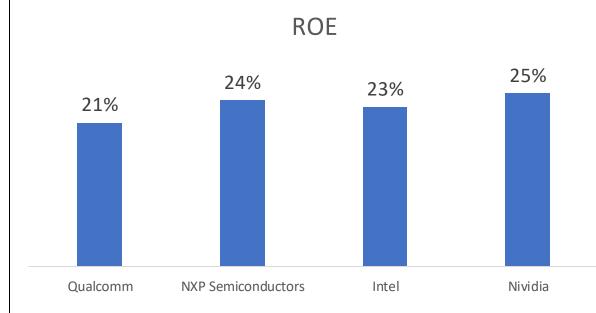


# **Semiconductors - Margins**



# **Semiconductors - Returns**



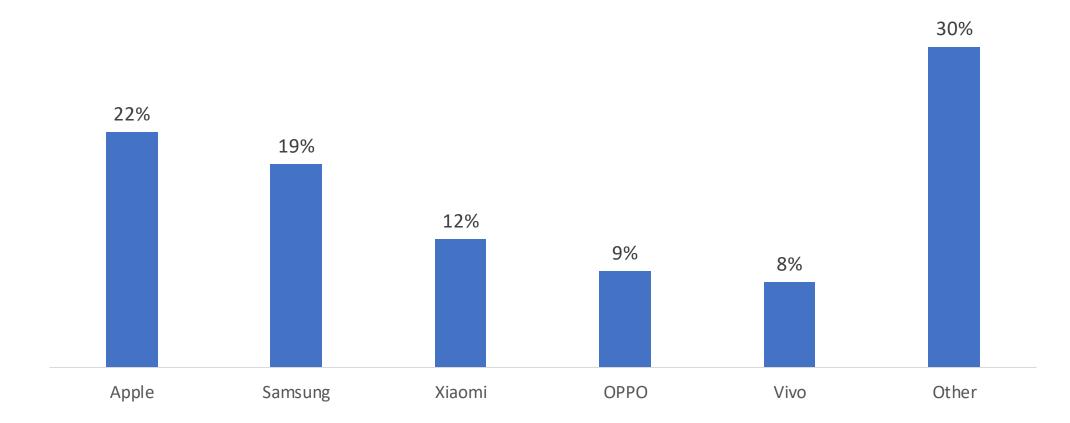


# Semiconductor Battlefield

- Fierce Competitors
- Samsung eating up market-share
- Concentrated in the US
- More competitors emerge in the form of vertical integration

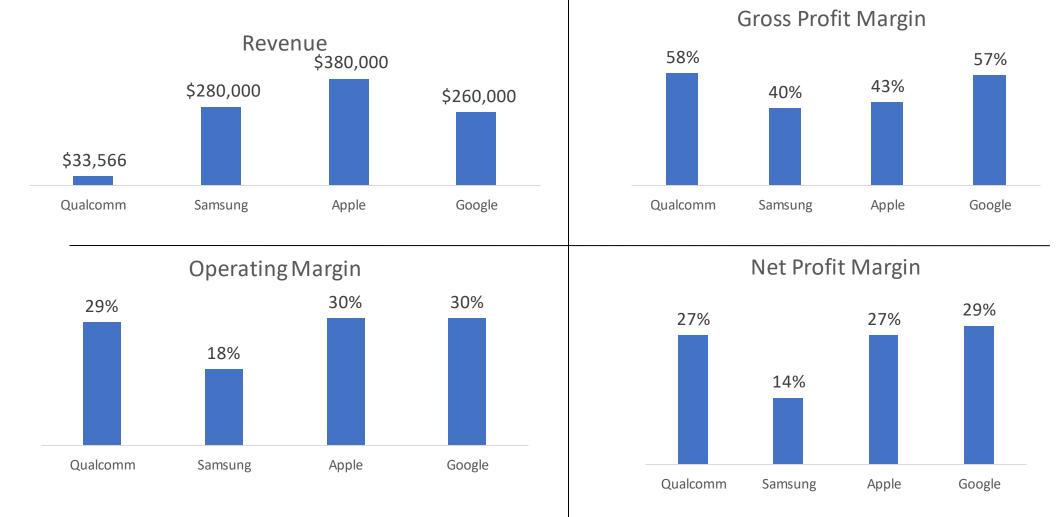


# Hardware Market Breakdown

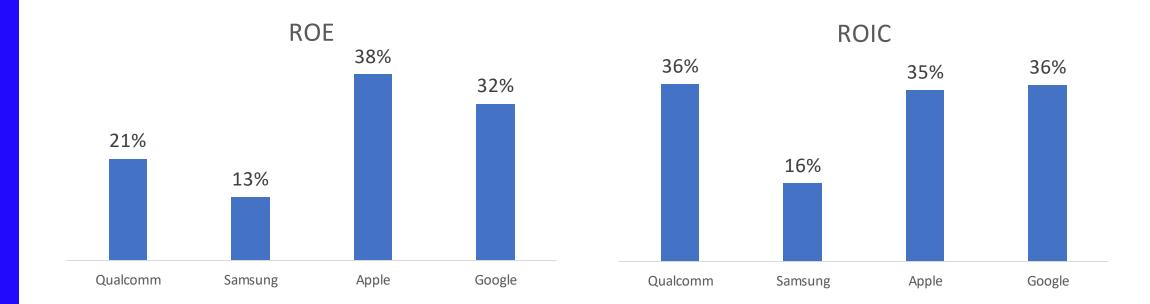


QCOM is somewhere in there ^

# Hardware - Margins



#### Hardware - Returns



## Hardware Battlefield

- Countless Competitors
- Big Players
- Not QCOM Core Competency



## **Automotive Battlefield**

Concentrated in the US

Categories of Specialty:

- Microcontrollers
- Wireless Modems
- Camera & Sensors
- Al Brain

Cost of Development is high

Tesla and Baidu clear leaders





## **Eroding Moat**

## Vertical Integration



- Customers hiring talent to build out their own 5G + CDMA chips
  Apple M1
- Big Tech flush with cash, now able to vertically integrate
- Customers sick of Qualcomm's manipulative tactics
- Every big customer that leaves takes a piece of the "switching costs" with them

## Bargainin g Power?



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#### **Choices .... Choices**

Imagine you are a QCOM client, and you have been price gouged and forced into unfavorable licensing agreements for decades. What are you going to do now?

When you had no choice



• Now you have a choice.



Switching costs are weaker

## That Just Leaves...

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- Intangible Assets driver of moat going forward
- Intellectual property includes the patents as well as industry knowhow
  - Former only lasts 30 years
  - Latter may leave as others offer competitive pay and benefits
- Patents already successfully challenged in international court (China, South Korea)
- Regulators everywhere are unfriendly to Qualcomm

## Lawsuits

### Past Lawsuits

2009 South Korea Federal Trade Commission -

\$242.6m

- 2013 Chinese National Development and Reform
   Commission \$975m
- 2016 South Korea Federal Trade Commission \$854m
- 2017 Taiwan Fair Trade Commission \$774m
- 2017 United States Federal Trade Commission,

overturned

• 2018 European Union - \$1.2b

## "No License, No Chip"



- 2017 Apple initially sued Qualcomm for \$1 billion
  - Extortion
  - Monopolistic Practices
  - Price gouging
- Drop lawsuit, undisclosed payments and

six-year contract

• Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.

## Result

- Apple, Amazon, Meta, Tesla and Baidu plan on bringing chip development in-house
  - Apple's M1
  - Tesla's Mojo
  - Baidu Kunlun 2

- Custom-made chips fit applications
   better
  - Better integration
  - Reduced Energy Consumption

## **Other Risks**

## Customer Concentration

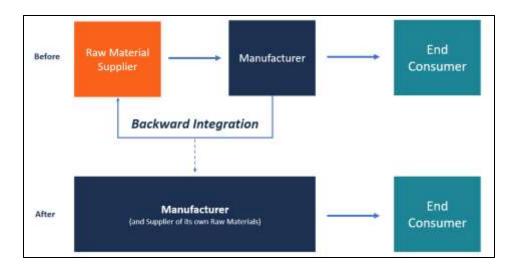
Customer/Licensee "W" - 23% Customer/Licensee "X" - 14% Customer/Licensee "Y" - 13% Customer/Licensee "Z" - 9%

## Top 4 customers make up ~60% of sales

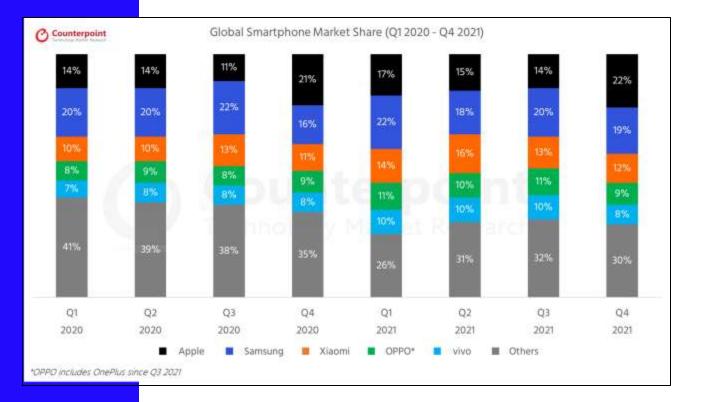
Significant Portion of Revenues Come from China

## Vertical Integration of Customers

- Apple has successfully self-engineered CPU components to decrease reliance on QCOM chips
- Alphabet introduced new Tensor CPU in 2021
- Xiaomi, Vivo, Samsung, Huawei, Oppo and other customers have announced that they will do the same



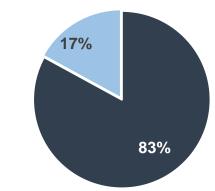
## **Heavy Exposure to Foreign Markets**



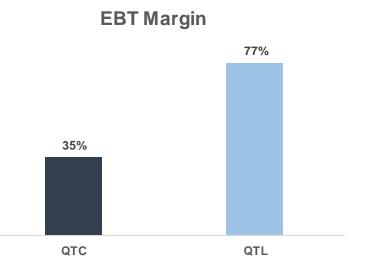
- Device market share is concentrated among a small number of companies
- QCOM derives a significant portion of revenue from Chinese OEMs who have a growing share of device market
- Taiwan Semiconductor accounts for 90% of worldwide chip production

## Dependence on QTL Segment for Stable Profits QCT VS QTL Revenue Mix

- QTL Revenue is only positioned to grow at a CAGR of 3-5% in the next three years
- Means that QTL will become a significantly smaller part of total mix
- QTL is a significantly higher margin business, so margins will decline in QCT grows faster (as it is positioned to)



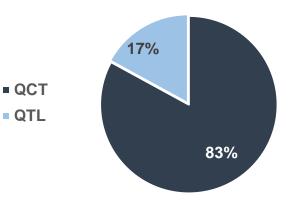
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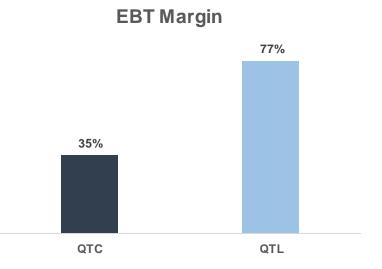


## Dependence on Handset Revenue

- Handsets make up nearly 61% of total sales
- 90% of QTL revenues are derived from handsets
- While secular tailwinds in automotive and IoT will drive higher growth going forward, handset mix is likely to stay the same
- Haven't monetized non-handset QTL as effectively

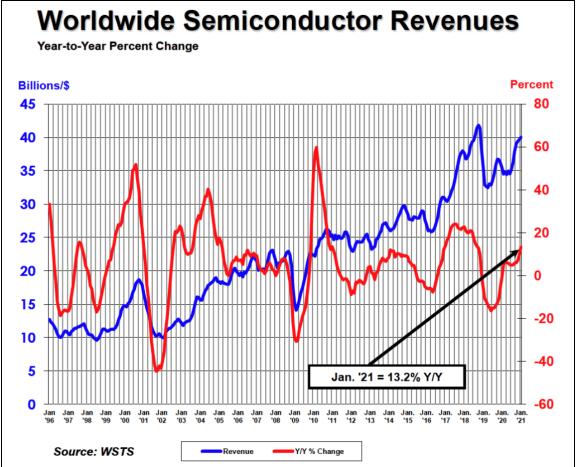
#### QCT vs QTL Revenue Mix





## Cyclical Nature of Semiconductor Demand

- Industry has periods of both high and low demand
- Although demand has some predictability, customer demand is subject to conditions affecting the demand for customers' products
- Not predictable and consistent



# Conclusion

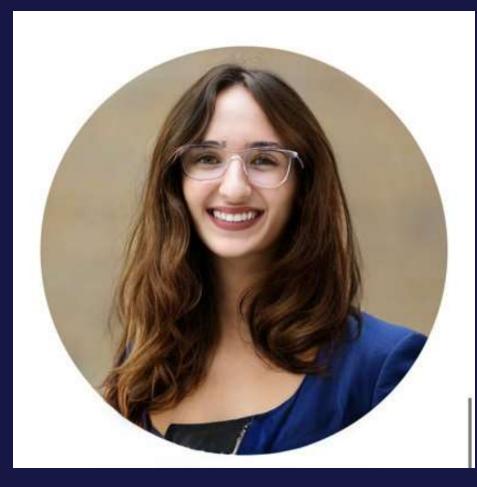
**Bear & Bull** 

### Recommendatio n



- Unpredictable and Cyclical industry
- Growth runway not as strong as before
  - Bigger TAM outweighed by more competition
- "Microscope" on licensing business going forward
- Concede that company has strong financials and appears cheap
- HOLD

## **Bull**

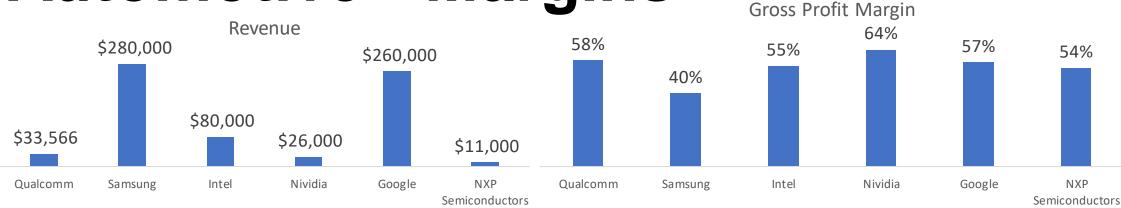


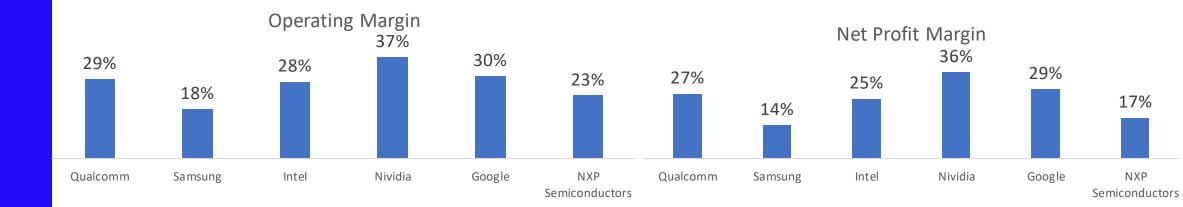




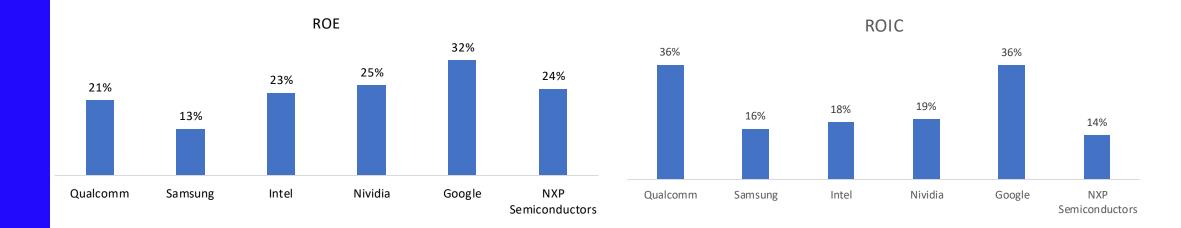
# Appendix

## **Automotive - Margins**





### **Automotive - Returns**



Fiscal Period	Tren	d 07	Sep 08	Sep 09	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13	Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 21	TTM
Net Income From Continuing	յ ռոններ	03	3,160	1,592	3,247	4,242	6,059	6,845	7,299	5,268	5,702	2,444	-4,964	4,386	5,198	9,043	9,987
Cash Flow Depreciation, De	pl	83	456	635	666	1,061	897	1,017	1,150	1,214	1,428	1,461	1,561	1,401	1,393	1,582	1,624
Change In Receivables	ومحار	16	-802	3,083	-18	-140	-456	-680	-281	550	-232	-1,104	734	1,373	-1,529	426	113
Change In Inventory	وحواجت		-47	69	-80	-62	-252	-300	-155	93	-49	-200	337	273	-1,157	-622	-1,322
Change In Payables And A	ավ	09	247	1,041	-81	546	30	1,059	2	-1,236	413	2,296	911	-2,819	1,435	1,586	1,465
Change In Other Working C	<b>T</b>	65	-106	-200	133	98	13	-194	-184	-1,354	-61	-95	-210	-51	-356	-1,851	-3,229
Change In Working Capital	ويحل	<b>-</b> 24	-708	3,993	-46	442	-665	-115	-618	-1,947	71	897	1,772	-1,224	-1,607	-461	-2,973
Deferred Tax	المرجم الم	L -	306	-33	116	-1,204	395	268	298	47	-200	-412	4,481	1,976	-309	-245	-26
Stock Based Compensation	IIIII.	-	541	584	612	824	1,035	1,105	1,059	1,026	943	914	883	1,037	1,212	1,663	1,767
Asset Impairment Charge	يا بي ا	ı	535	763	125	180	167	277	822	517	172	253	348	338	405	38	37
Cash Flow from Others	, subles,	01	-732	-362	-644	-645	-1,890	-619	-1,123	-619	-484	-556	-173	-628	-478	-1,084	-998
Cash Flow from Operations	սեմինե	11	3,558	7,172	4,076	4,900	5,998	8,778	8,887	5,506	7,632	5,001	3,908	7,286	5,814	10,536	9,418
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Pretax Income	ումին	26	3,826	2,403	4,493	5,687	6,562	8,194	8,778	6,487	6,833	2,987	392	7,481	5,719	10,274	11,536
Tax Provision		г <sub>23</sub>	-666	-611	-973	-1,132	-1,279	-1,349	-1,244	-1,219	-1,131	-543	- <mark>5,356</mark>	-3,095	-521	-1,231	-1,550