**Industry: Financial Services** Current Price: \$ 506.66 Company: Mastercard Inc Ticker: MA **Sub Industry: Payment Processing** Target Price: \$573.31 TTM P/E: 37.8x Beta: 1.10 Market Cap: \$475.27b Stop Loss: \$405.33 Forward P/E: 31.2x Credit Rating: --- A1 (Moody's) Avg Vol (12 M): 2.1m 52 Week High/Low: \$508.79 / \$359.77 EPS: \$13.07 Rating Outlook: Positive Dividend Yield: 0.53%

## **Company Background:**

# **Industry Outlook:**

Mastercard Inc. is a company within the financial services industry that bridges payments from consumers to merchants through a four-party payment processing structure, generating revenue from various fee-based structures. The industry is growing at a CAGR of 7.7% with a total market size of \$33.57 trillion. Within the payment processing subindustry, MA owns about 35% of the market, second only to Visa who ranks in at one with 42% of the market.

#### **Investment Thesis:**

Mastercard has diversified its revenue portfolio by expanding beyond transactional services into various financial offerings, creating new growth opportunities. Recently, the company invested over \$10 billion in cybersecurity and fraud prevention, including the \$2.6 billion acquisition of Recorded Future and an undisclosed purchase of Risk Recon. It has also allocated \$500 million to enhance its data infrastructure and AI capabilities. With developed nations seen as mature markets, Mastercard is focusing on expanding in emerging markets, particularly in Africa, to tap into growth potential.

# Investment Risks:

• Cybersecurity threats such as social engineering, DDoS attacks, and malware distribution pose significant challenges, while regulatory restrictions and antitrust issues, including \$30 billion settlements and a surcharge limit of 4% on swipe fees, further complicate the landscape. Additionally, market saturation in developed countries leads to stagnation in growth, while developing nations face adaptation difficulties, making future growth unpredictable. Economic volatility adds another layer of risk, as the business model heavily depends on transaction volume and overall economic activity.

# 3-5 take aways from last quarter investor call transcript:

- Rapid growth in Africa
  - o MADE Alliance African Development Bank Group and MA will enable digital access for 100 million clients across the continent in the next 10 years
  - 90% of transactions across the continent are conducted with cash, strong position for M&A
- Expansion into cybersecurity and fraud prevention through KYC programs has shown positive sentiment
- 10-Year Sales Growth Average: 14.2% YOY

Relative Valuation					Discounted Cash Flow	,	
FY 2023	Mastercard	Visa	AMEX	Discover	Analyst Opinion		
Market Cap	\$453.6	\$551.7	\$190.5	\$34.32	Buy: 41	Hold: 7	Sell: 0
EV	461.9	549.1	190.8	43.7	Firm	Rating	Target
EV/EBITDA	28.4x	22.4x	8.7x	4.4x	Oppenheimer	Outperform	\$591
P/E	36.5x	28.9x	20.0x	12.1x	Morning Star	Moderate Buy	\$510
P/FCF	39.2x	23.6x	8.3x	3.6x	BMO CM Team	Outperform	\$550
Dividend Yield	0.52%	0.76%	0.97%	2.05%	BIVIO CIVI TEATII	Outperioriii	\$550
EBITDA Growth	13.65%	9.65%	37.63%	9.69%			
EBITDA Margin	61.56%	70.02%	30.96%	43.65%			
Sales Growth	11.87%	9.70%	14.41%	24.29%			

Financial Performance						
In \$Millions	2020	2021	2022	2023	Q1-2024	Q2-2024
Revenue	18,889	29,84	26,803	31,005	6,348	6,961
Operating Profit	8,154	10,176	12,620	14,547	4,259	4,185
Net Income	6,411	8,687	9,930	11,195	3,011	3,258
Revenue Growth (%)	-9.4%	57.9%	-10.2%	15.7%	10.4%	11.0%
Operating Profit (%)	43.1%	34.1%	47.1%	46.9%	56.8%	58.0%
EPS	-19.77	37.52	16.67	15.75	3.23	3.51
P/E Ratio	55.77	40.88	33.89	35.96	32.37	39.76
ROE (%)	104.3%	126.8%	145.9%	169.3%	188.4%	189.7%
ROA (%)	20.4%	24.4%	26.0%	27.6%	29.1%	30.1%
FCF	5,580	7,705	9,923	9,943	1,515	3,023

Total Return			
Return	Stock	Pay. Process. Sec.	S&P 500
YTD	17.21%	9.5%	20.27%
Last 3 Years	68.38%	25.99%	78.12%
Last 5 Years	80.23%	24.57%	93.36%

# **CSR Characteristics**

Category	MA	Peer Comp.			
ESG Score	5.13	Leading			
Environmental Disclosure Score	8.11	Leading			
Social Disclosure Score	1.82	Above Median			
Governance Disclosure Score	7.98	Leading			

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\*Industry Avg. includes companies listed and