



Fiscal 2016 Q2 Earnings Presentation

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Fiscal 2016 Q2 Guidance Comparison

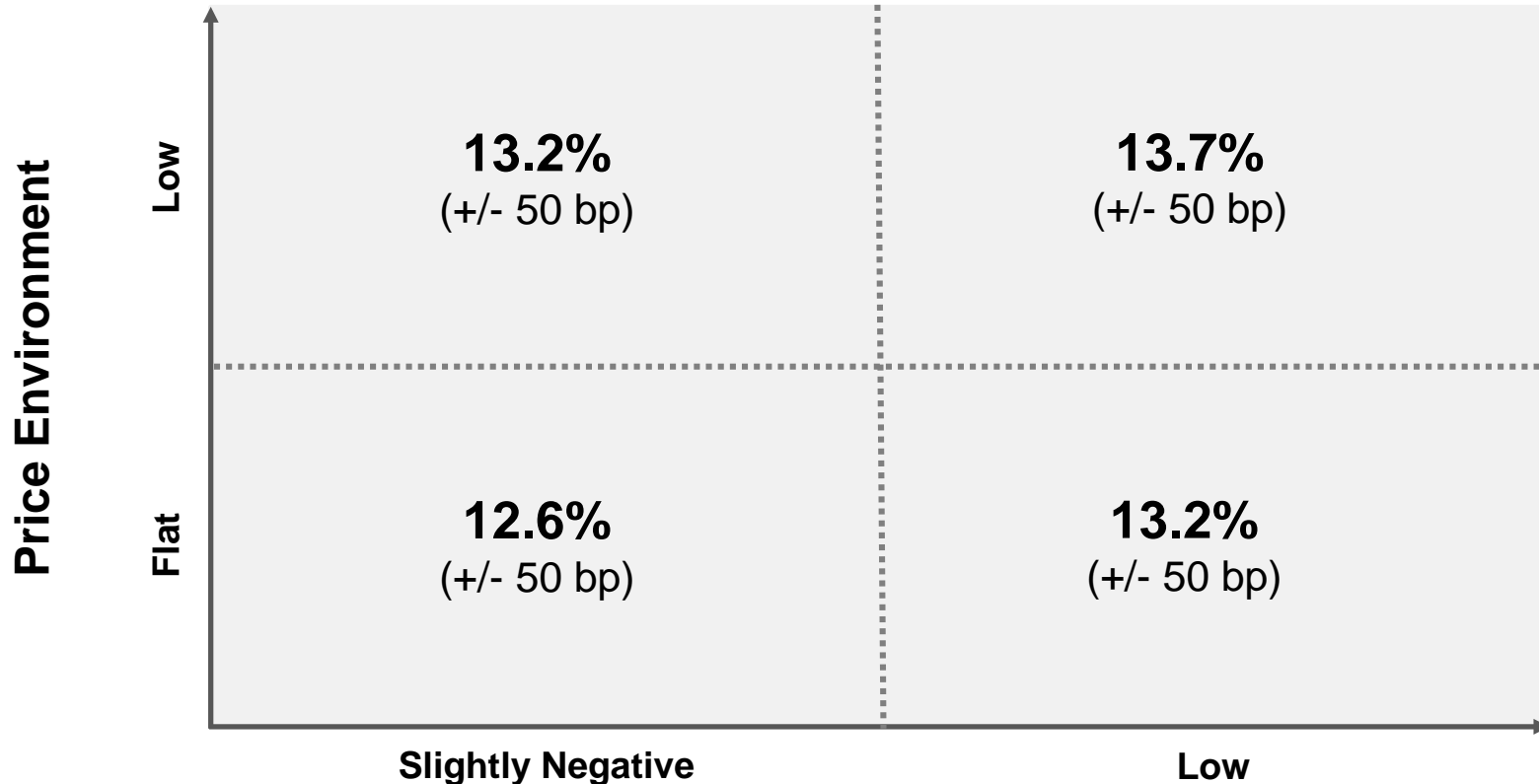
	Fiscal 2016 Q2 Guidance	Fiscal 2016 Q2 Results
Sales	\$680M – \$692M	\$684M
Gross Margin	44.7% – 45.1%	45.1%
Operating Expenses	\$228.6M	\$228.2M
Tax Rate	38.4%	38.2%
Diluted EPS	\$0.76 – \$0.80	\$0.80

Fiscal 2016 Q3 Guidance

Sales	\$729M – \$741M
Gross Margin	45.0% +/- 20 bps
EPS	\$0.98 – \$1.02
Tax Rate	38.2%

Fiscal 2016 Operating Margin Framework*

MSC Growth Level



* Based on a 52-week fiscal year; fiscal 2016 has 53 weeks; the 53rd week adds approximately 15 to 20 basis points to each operating margin scenario in the above matrix.