# FISCAL THIRD QUARTER 2023 EARNINGS

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Additional information concerning these and other risks is described under "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual and Quarterly Reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q. respectively, and in the other reports and documents that we file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. We expressly disclaim any obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by applicable law.



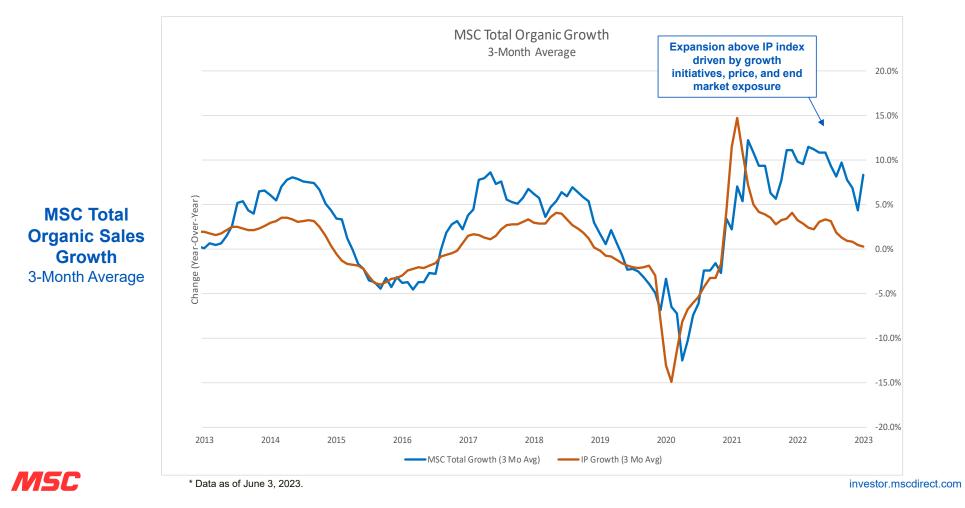
## **FISCAL THIRD QUARTER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS**



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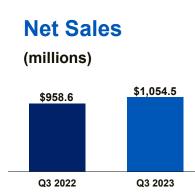
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## **INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (IP)**



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## **FISCAL THIRD QUARTER 2023 REPORTED RESULTS**



- Sales growth (ADS) of 11.7% driven by acquisitions, price and strong momentum in growth initiatives
- National Accounts up mid single digits, Public Sector up >80%
- Class C consumables product category up low-double digits
- In-Plant sales up 13% and represent 13% of sales



- Gross margin down 220 bps YoY
- 160 bps of YoY decline mainly driven by a Public Sector contract win and other customer mix
- Another 40 bps of dilution related to acquisitions
- More modest pricing benefits due to actions taken in the prior year and higher product costs



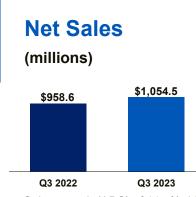
- Operating margin down 150 bps YoY mainly driven by gross margin decline
- Higher healthcare costs YoY
- Partially offset by operating expense leverage including productivity from the Mission Critical program





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## **FISCAL THIRD QUARTER 2023 ADJUSTED RESULTS**

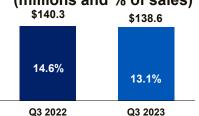


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- Adjusted operating margin\* impacted by lower gross margins, partially offset by higher sales and expense leverage; excludes \$1.8 million in restructuring and other costs and \$1.4 million in share reclassification proposal costs.
- Adjusted operating profit\* in Q3 2022 excludes \$3.3 million in restructuring and other costs and \$0.2 million in acquisition costs



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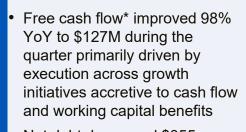
- Q3 2023 adjusted EPS\* excludes \$0.02 impact from restructuring and other costs and \$0.02 impact from share reclassification proposal costs.
- Q3 2022 excludes \$0.04 impact from restructuring and other costs

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## FISCAL THIRD QUARTER 2023 BALANCE SHEET AND LIQUIDITY POSITION



Net debt decreased \$355 million as a result of the paydown of our revolving debt with the proceeds from the accounts receivable securitization in fiscal Q2

## Free Cash Flow\* (millions)





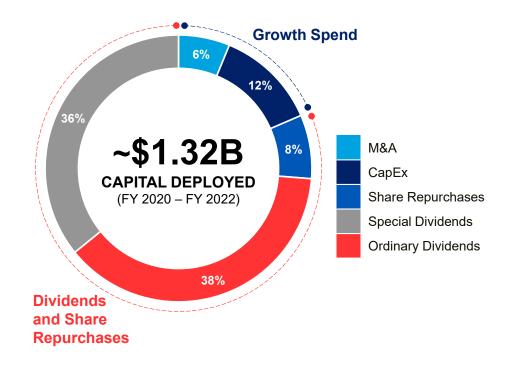




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## **CLEAR CAPITAL ALLOCATION PRIORITIES**



#### **Future Priorities**

#### Growth

- · Drive profitability with growth investments
- Pursue margin accretive deals through strategic M&A

#### **Share Repurchases and Dividends**

- \$1B in dividends since fiscal 2020
- · Deprioritizing special dividend
- 4.4M shares remaining under current repurchase authorization
- Strong balance sheet supports potential to offset dilution from recent agreement to eliminate dual class share structure

#### **Maintain Strong Balance Sheet**

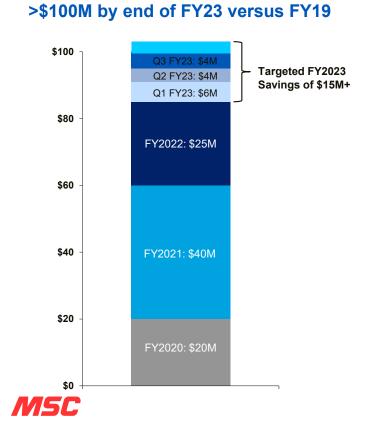
- Target leverage ratio between 1.0x and 2.0x
- Flex up for right opportunity

#### **Disciplined Focus on ROIC\* and Delivering Total Return**



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## **MISSION CRITICAL: STRONG PROGRESS ON COST SAVINGS**



**Total Gross Savings Target:** 

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## **UPDATED FISCAL 2023 OUTLOOK AND ASSUMPTIONS**

### ADS Growth (YoY)



#### Adjusted Operating Margin\*

Prior	Current
12.7-13.3%	~12.7%
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- Fiscal year-to-date ADS up approximately 12% with tougher comps in Q4
- Double digit growth within National Accounts, Vending, and In-Plant fiscal year-to-date
- Notably strong Public Sector growth fiscal year-to-date

Factors not included in our initial outlook range:

- Adjusted operating margin dilution from FY23 acquisitions\*
- Additional adjusted operating margin dilution from second half Public Sector growth\*

#### **Additional Guidance**

- Gross margins down 100-120 bps YoY
- Depreciation and amortization expense of \$77-\$82M
- Interest and Other expense of \$33-\$38M
- Operating cashflow conversion > 100%\*\*
- \$15M+ of additional Mission Critical gross savings

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\*\* The Company defines Operating Cash Flow Conversion as Net cash provided by operating activities as a percentage of Net income. The Company's management uses Operating Cash Flow Conversion to evaluate the Company's operating performance, in particular how efficiently the Company turns its sales and profits into cash, and to assess the efficiency of the Company's use of working capital. The Company believes Operating Cash Flow Conversion is useful to investors for the foregoing reasons and as a measure of the rate at which the Company converts its net income reported in accordance with GAAP to cash inflows, which helps investors assess whether the Company is generating sufficient cash flow to provide an adequate return.

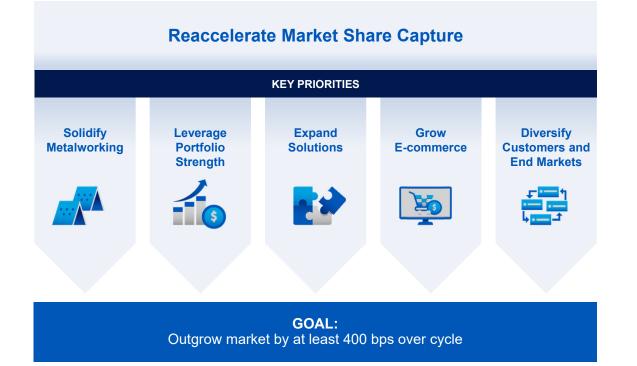
## SUMMARY

1	Growing net sales roughly 11 percentage points above the Industrial Production Index
2	Growth initiatives delivering share gains and customer productivity improvements
3	Productivity initiatives on track to exceed target of \$100M of gross savings from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023
4	Reorienting focus towards improved product assortment, supplier portfolio and cost position
5	Raising 2023 annual outlook on sales growth and tightening adjusted operating margin to the lower end of prior expectations
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# **APPENDIX**



## **OVERVIEW OF MISSION CRITICAL**



#### **Grow Profits Faster Than Sales**





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#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

To supplement MSC's unaudited selected financial data presented consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"), the Company discloses certain non-GAAP financial measures, including non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP income from operations, non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP provision for income taxes, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share, that exclude acquisition-related costs, share reclassification proposal costs, restructuring and other costs and tax effects.

These non-GAAP financial measures are not presented in accordance with GAAP or an alternative for GAAP financial measures and may be different from similar non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures and should only be used to evaluate MSC's results of operations in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP financial measures.

Financial data may also include certain forward-looking information that is not presented in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes that a quantitative reconciliation of such forward-looking information to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP cannot be made available without unreasonable efforts because a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures would require the Company to predict the timing and likelihood of potential future events such as restructurings, M&A activity and other infrequent or unusual gains and losses. Neither the timing or likelihood of these events, nor their probable significance, can be quantified with a reasonable degree of accuracy. Accordingly, a reconciliation of such forward-looking information to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is not provided.

#### Free Cash Flow

FCF is a non-GAAP financial measure. FCF is used in addition to and in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP, and FCF should not be relied upon to the exclusion of GAAP financial measures. Management strongly encourages investors to review our financial statements and publicly-filed reports in their entirety and to not rely on any single financial measure. FCF, which we reconcile to "Net cash provided by operating activities," is cash flow from operations reduced by "Expenditures for property, plant and equipment". We believe that FCF, although similar to cash flow from operations, is a useful additional measure since capital expenditures are a necessary component of ongoing operations. Management also views FCF, as a measure of the Company's ability to reduce debt, add to cash balances, pay dividends, and repurchase stock. FCF has limitations due to the fact that it does not represent the residual cash flow available for discretionary expenditures. For example, FCF does not incorporate payments made on finance lease obligations or required debt service payments. In addition, different companies define FCF differently. Therefore, we believe it is important to view FCF as a complement to our entire consolidated statements of cash flows. A reconciliation of cash provided by operating activities to FCF for the thirteen and thirty-nine week periods ended June 3, 2023 and May 28, 2022, respectively, is shown below.

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#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

#### Results Excluding Acquisition-Related Costs, Share Reclassification Proposal Costs and Restructuring and Other Costs

In calculating non-GAAP financial measures, we exclude acquisition-related costs, share reclassification proposal costs, restructuring and other costs, and tax effects. Management makes these adjustments to facilitate a review of the Company's operating performance on a comparable basis between periods, for comparison with forecasts and strategic plans, for identifying and analyzing trends in the Company's underlying business and for benchmarking performance externally against competitors. We believe that investors benefit from seeing results from the perspective of management in addition to seeing results presented in accordance with GAAP for the same reasons and purposes for which management uses such non-GAAP financial measures.

#### Return on Invested Capital ("ROIC")

ROIC is calculated using a non-GAAP financial measure. We calculate ROIC by dividing non-GAAP net operating profit after tax ("NOPAT") by average invested capital, a GAAP measure. NOPAT is defined as tax effected income from operations. Average invested capital is defined as net debt plus shareholder's equity using a trailing 13-month average. We believe that ROIC is useful to investors as a measure of performance and of the effectiveness of the use of capital in our operations. We use ROIC as one measure to monitor and evaluate operating performance. This method of determining non-GAAP ROIC may differ from other companies' methods and therefore may not be comparable to those used by other companies. ROIC should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, other information provided in accordance with GAAP. The financial measure calculated under GAAP which is most directly comparable to ROIC is considered to be the ratio of Net income to Average invested capital. See below for the calculation of ROIC and the reconciliation to the comparable GAAP measure.

#### MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Financial Information Thirteen and Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended June 3, 2023 and May 28, 2022 (dollars in thousands)

GAAP	Measure	Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure			
-	rided by operating activities Ended Expenditures for property, plant and equipment Thirteen Weeks Ended		Free cash flow Thirteen Weeks Ended				
June 3, 2023	May 28, 2022	June 3, 2023 May 28, 2022		June 3, 2023	May 28, 2022		
\$150,637	\$77,881	\$(23,542) \$(13,764)		\$127,095	\$64,117		
GAAP Measure		Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Measure			
-	t cash provided by operating activities Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended		Expenditures for property, plant and equipment Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended		ash flow Weeks Ended		
June 3, 2023 \$567,077	May 28, 2022 \$135,302	June 3, 2023 \$(64,113)	May 28, 2022 \$(44,943)	June 3, 2023 \$502,964	May 28, 2022 \$90.359		



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Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Financial Information

Thirteen Weeks Ended June 3, 2023

(In thousands, except percentages and per share data)

	GAAP Financial Measure	Items Affecting	Non-GAAP Financial Measure		
	Total MSC Industrial	Restructuring and Other Costs	Share Reclassification Proposal Costs	Adjusted Total MSC Industrial	
Net Sales	\$ 1,054,464	—	_	1,054,464	
Cost of Goods Sold	625,527			625,527	
Gross Profit	428,937	_	_	428,937	
Gross Margin	40.7 %	— %	— %	40.7 %	
Operating Expenses	291,706	_	1,373	290,333	
Operating Exp as % of Sales	27.7 %	— %	(0.1)%	27.5 %	
Restructuring and Other Costs	1,845	1,845			
Income from Operations	135,386	(1,845)	(1,373)	138,604	
Operating Margin	12.8 %	0.2 %	0.1 %	13.1 %	
Total Other Expense	(8,981)	_	_	(8,981)	
Income before provision for income taxes	126,405	(1,845)	(1,373)	129,623	
Provision for income taxes	31,266	(505)	(376)	32,147	
Net income	95,139	(1,340)	(997)	97,476	
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	(41)	_	_	(41)	
Net income attributable to MSC Industrial	95,180	(1,340)	(997)	97,517	
Net income per common share:					
Diluted	\$ 1.69	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.02)	\$ 1.74	



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#### MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Financial Information Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended June 3, 2023 (In thousands, except percentages and per share data)

	GAAP Financial Measure	Ite	Items Affecting Comparability				Non-GAAP Financial Measure	
	Total MSC Industrial		Restructuring and Acquisition-related Other Costs Costs		Share Reclassification Proposal Costs	Adjusted Total MSC Industrial		
Net Sales	\$ 2,973,841	\$	_	\$	_	s —	\$	2,973,841
Cost of Goods Sold	1,750,410							1,750,410
Gross Profit	1,223,431		_		—	_		1,223,431
Gross Margin	41.1 %		— %		— %	— %		41.1 %
Operating Expenses	852,031		_		398	2,249		849,384
Operating Exp as % of Sales	28.7 %		— %		— %	(0.1)%		28.6 %
Restructuring and Other Costs	5,722		5,722		_			_
Income from Operations	365,678		(5,722)		(398)	(2,249)		374,047
Operating Margin	12.3 %		0.2 %		— %	0.1 %		12.6 %
Total Other Expense	(25,244)		-		_	_		(25,244)
Income before provision for income taxes	340,434		(5,722)	_	(398)	(2,249)		348,803
Provision for income taxes	84,768		(1,424)		(100)	(560)		86,852
Net income	255,666		(4,298)		(298)	(1,689)		261,951
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	32		_		_			32
Net income attributable to MSC Industrial	\$ 255,634	\$	(4,298)	\$	(298)	\$ (1,689)	\$	261,919
Net income per common share:								
Diluted	\$ 4.56	\$	(0.08)	\$	(0.01)	\$ (0.03)	\$	4.67

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MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Financial Information Thirteen Weeks Ended May 28, 2022 (In thousands, except percentages and per share data)

	GAAP Financial Measure Items Affecting Comparability		Non-GAAP Financial Measure	
	Total MSC Industrial	Restructuring and Other Costs	Acquisition-related Costs	Adjusted Total MSC Industrial
Net Sales	958,579	_	_	958,579
Cost of Goods Sold	547,430			547,430
Gross Profit	411,149	_	_	411,149
Gross Margin	42.9 %			42.9 %
Operating Expenses	271,046	_	211	270,835
Operating Exp as % of Sales	28.3 %	—	0.0 %	28.3 %
Restructuring and Other Costs	3,267	3,267		
Income from Operations	136,836	(3,267)	(211)	140,314
Operating Margin	14.3 %	-0.3%	0.0 %	14.6 %
Total Other Expense	(3,702)	_	_	(3,702)
Income before provision for income taxes	133,134	(3,267)	(211)	136,612
Provision for income taxes	33,417	(884)	(57)	34,358
Net income	99,717	(2,383)	(154)	102,254
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	60			60
Net income attributable to MSC Industrial	99,657	(2,383)	(154)	102,194
Net income per common share:				
Diluted	\$ 1.78	\$ (0.04)	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.82

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	GAAP Financial Measure	Items Affecting	Non-GAAP Financial Measure	
	Total MSC Industrial	Restructuring and Other Costs	Acquisition-related Costs	Adjusted Total MSC Industrial
Net Sales	\$ 2,669,648	_	_	2,669,648
Cost of Goods Sold	1,539,628			1,539,628
Gross Profit	1,130,020	_	_	1,130,020
Gross Margin	42.3 %			42.3 %
Operating Expenses	793,600	_	211	793,389
Operating Exp as % of Sales	29.7 %	—	0.0 %	29.7 %
Restructuring and Other Costs	11,684	11,684	_	_
Income from Operations	324,736	(11,684)	(211)	336,631
Operating Margin	12.2 %	-0.4%	0.0 %	12.6 %
Total Other Expense	(11,329)	-	_	(11,329)
Income before provision for income taxes	313,407	(11,684)	(211)	325,302
Provision for income taxes	77,279	(3,014)	(57)	80,350
Net income	236,128	(8,670)	(154)	244,952
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	473			473
Net income attributable to MSC Industrial	235,655	(8,670)	(154)	244,479
Net income per common share:				
Diluted	\$ 4.21	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.00	\$ 4.36

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#### MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Financial Information Twelve Months Ended June 3, 2023 (In thousands, except percentages)

	Twelve Mon				
	June 3, 2022				
(a) Net income attributable to MSC Industrial (twelve-month trailing)	\$	359,765			
NOPAT					
Income from Operations (twelve-month trailing)		509,655			
Effective tax rate		24.7 %			
(b) Non-GAAP NOPAT		383,735			
(c) Adjusted Non-GAAP NOPAT		386,058	1		
Invested Capital					
Total MSC Industrial shareholders' equity	\$	1,489,260			
Current portion of debt including obligations under finance leases		290,281			
Long-term debt including obligations under finance leases		174,017			
Total Debt		464,298			
Cash and cash equivalents		58,428			
Net debt		405,870			
Invested capital		1,895,130			
(d) Average invested capital (thirteen-month trailing average)		1,995,947			
(e) Adjusted average invested capital (thirteen-month trailing average)		1,996,251	_ 1		
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(a)/(d) Net income to Average invested capital		18.0 %	6		
(b)/(d) Non-GAAP ROIC		19.2 %	6		
(c)/(e) Adjusted Non-GAAP ROIC		19.3 %	6		

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted Non-GAAP NOPAT and invested capital excludes \$9.8 million of restructuring and other costs, \$10.1 million gain on sale of property, \$1.1 million of acquisition-related charges and \$2.2 million of share reclassification proposal costs, net of an associated tax benefit of \$0.7 million.



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