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To supplement the consolidated financial statements information presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the Company provides non-GAAP measures of adjusted revenue, gross margin, gross margin as a percentage of revenue, operating expenses, operating income, net income, earnings per share (EPS), diluted EPS, and free cash flow, which are adjusted from results based on GAAP to exclude certain expenses, benefits, gains and losses. These non-GAAP financial measures are provided to enhance the user's overall understanding of the Company's current financial performance and our prospects for the future. Specifically, the Company believes non-GAAP results provide useful information to both management and investors as these non-GAAP results exclude certain expenses, benefits, gains and losses that we believe are not indicative of our core operating results and because it is similar to the approach used in connection with the financial models and estimates published by financial analysts who follow the Company. Free cash flow does not reflect all of the Company's expenses and non-cash items and does not reflect the Company's uses of cash in financing and investment activities.

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We have not reconciled our non-GAAP diluted EPS outlook to the most directly comparable GAAP measure because material items that may impact these measures are out of our control and/or cannot be reasonably predicted including, but not limited to, accelerated depreciation, impairment, and other charges related to cost saving efforts, restructuring charges, strategic investment losses or impairment recognized, income tax adjustments on these measures, and other charges or benefits that may arise. The amounts of these measures are not currently available, but may be material to future results. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP diluted EPS to the corresponding GAAP measures is not available without unreasonable effort.



# VISION

We Craft the Datasphere

# MISSION

We help maximize humanity's potential by delivering precision-engineered data solutions developed through sustainable and profitable partnerships.

# **VALUES**

Inclusion / Innovation / Integrity



#### **Strong Investment Thesis**



Large and Growing Storage TAM

Right Platform to Drive Growth

Storage Technology Leader

Creating
Shareholder Value

#### Massive Growth In Data

Creating Insatiable Demand for Storage to Maintain, Protect, Process, and Analyze Data

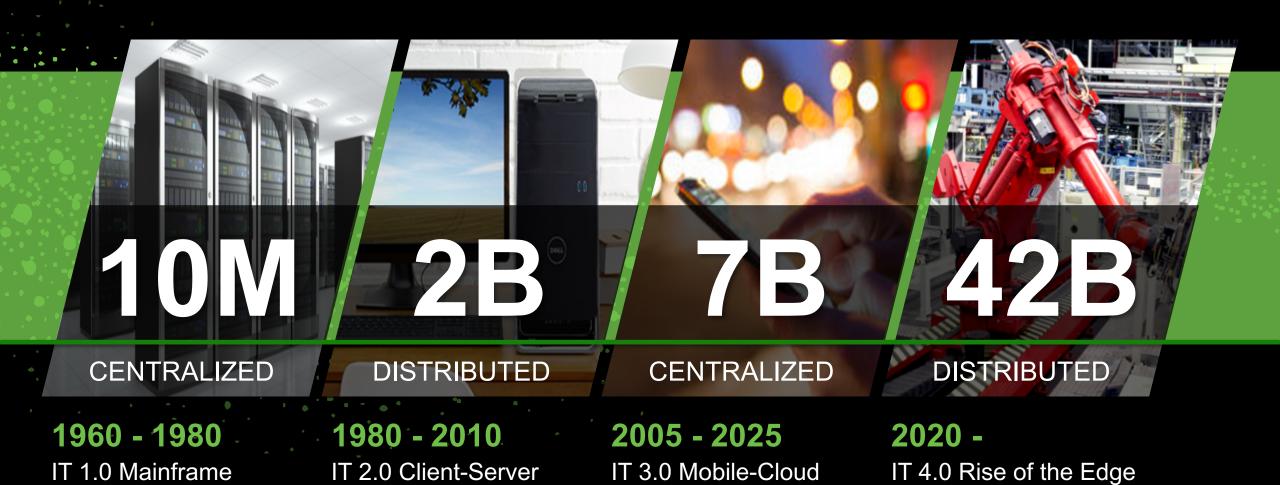
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23 Exabytes
of data was created

In the year 2020
23 Exabytes
of data will be created every 5 hours

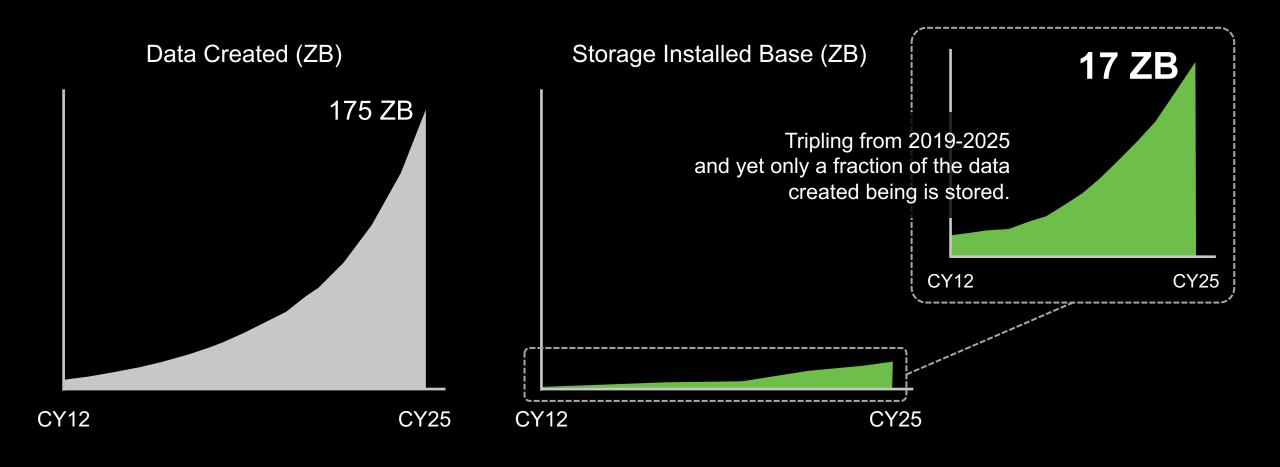
Source: Data Age 2025, sponsored by Seagate with data from IDC Global Datasphere, Nov 2018

UC Berkeley 'How Much Information, 2003'

#### **Datasphere Continues to Evolve**



#### Massive Growth in Data Driving Demand for Storage





#### IT 2.0 Leading Product Portfolio for Client-Server Markets

Minimal Investment to Maximize Return and Fuel Next Generation Investments



#### **Seagate Portfolio**



PC and Gaming



Pro Gaming



Consumer Externals

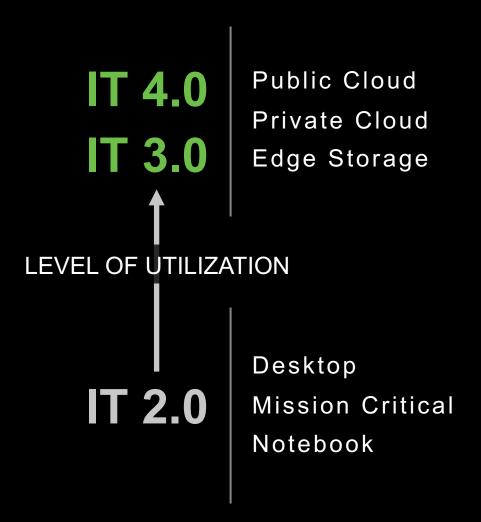


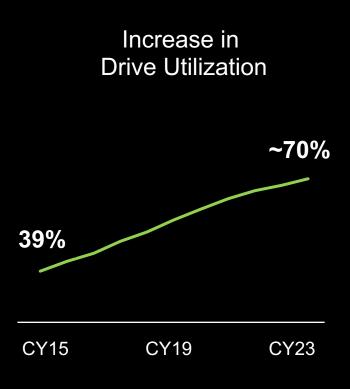


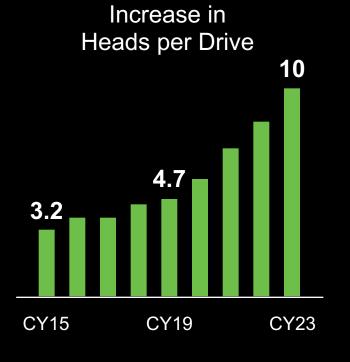




# HDD Demand Has Transitioned From Client Compute to Mass Capacity Storage Markets

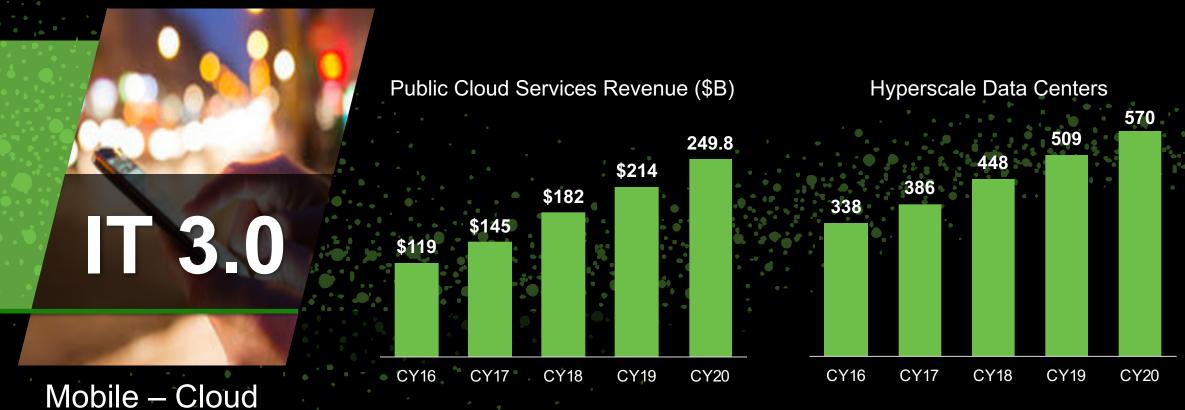






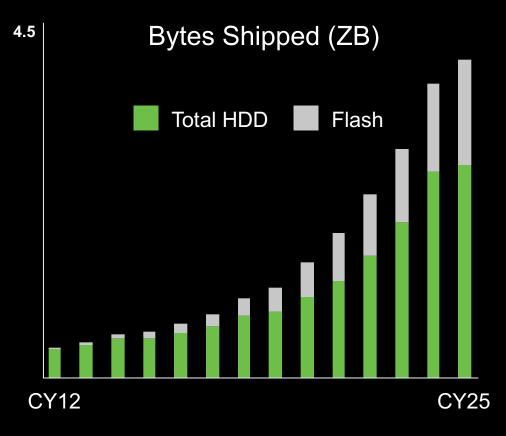
#### IT 3.0 Industry Transition to the Mobile Cloud

Higher Demand For Public Cloud Services Has Resulted In Increasing Infrastructure Build-out and Spend to Support Data Center Build-out



#### HDDs to Fulfill a Majority of Datasphere Storage Exabyte Shipments

**HDDs Support Growing Mass Capacity Demand** 



#### High Performance Storage

Compute Centric / Performance Optimized

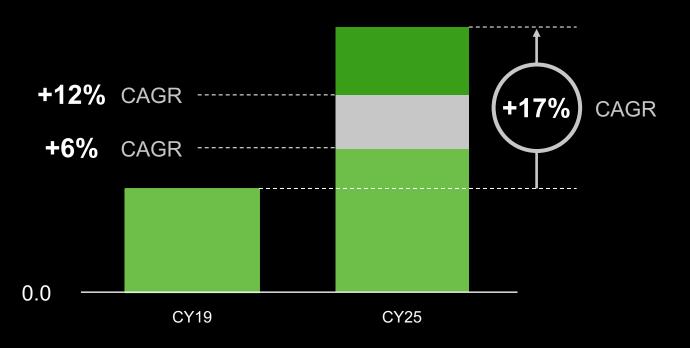
#### Mass Capacity Storage

Data Centric / Capacity Optimized

# Technology Advancements and Capital Investments are Required to Meet HDD Storage Demand

Total HDD Storage Demand (ZB)





- + Incremental industry manufacturing capacity
- + Assisted magnetic recording Exabyte growth
- Current industry capacity and current technology Exabyte growth

#### IT 3.0 Strong Portfolio to Address Mobile Cloud Needs

Leadership in Capacity, Performance and Cost / TB



Largest Mass Capacity Hard Drive

16TB Shipping in volume on highly extendable 9D plaform

World's Fastest Hard Drive

Dual actuator shipping and in qualification

Highest TCO Capability

Leader in Host Managed interaction to extend capacity



Mobile – Cloud



#### The Rise of The Edge



# Trends Driving Data Growth at the EDGE

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Generating insights from Big Data

10-50 TB

per autonomous vehicle per day

loT

More connected devices, more data

~42B connected devices by 2025

5G

Faster connectivity, more data movement

310 PB mobile traffic per day

Source: : "What Edge Computing Means for Hardware Companies", McKinsey, (October 2018), IDC, Cisco, Seagate Al – Artificial Intelligence

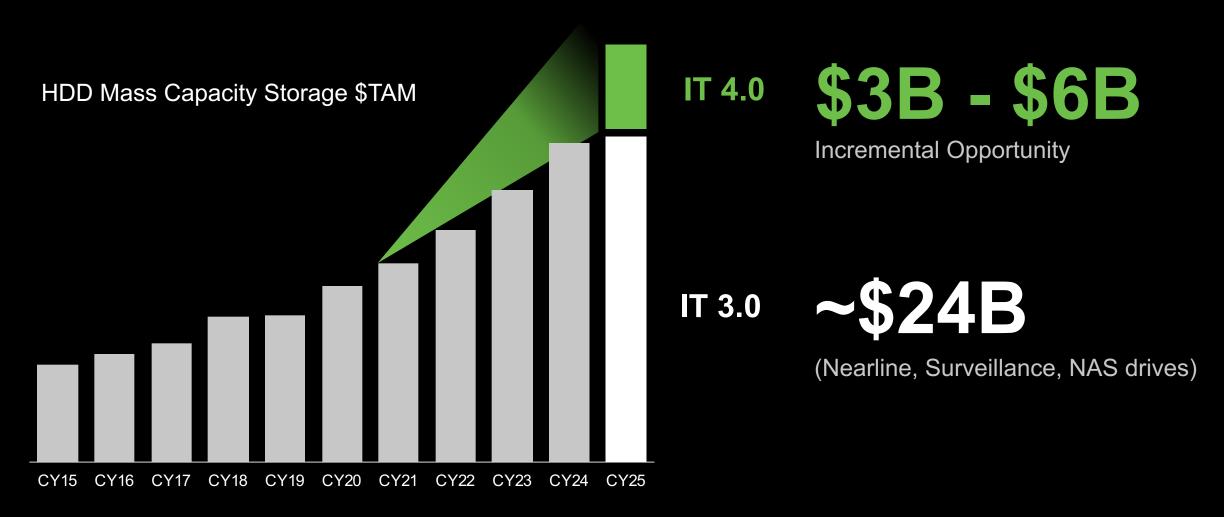
IoT – Internet of Things

## Edge Resulting in Market Expansion with New Verticals

Moving Compute and Storage Closer to Data Creation Enables Industries to Extract Value from Data

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Factors  Driving Storage						
Driving Storage to the Edge	Telco	Content Delivery Networks	Autonomous Vehicles	Smart Manufacturing	Healthcare	
Cost						
Latency						
Data Protection						

#### Emergence of Edge Storage Driving Incremental \$3B – \$6B TAM by 2025



Seagate Well Positioned

To Address Market

Opportunities

Enabling Lower TCO (Total Cost of Ownership)

IT 4.0

Edge Storage



IT 3.0

Mobile Cloud



IT 2.0

Client Server





Seagate Has a Strong Platform to Address Evolving Market

Expertise in Manufacturing, Technology, Systems Architecture EB

**Exabyte** – Systems



Petabyte – Cloud Devices





**Terabyte** – Cloud & Edge Devices



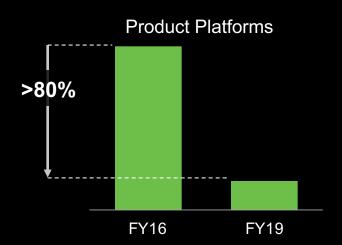




#### Operational Strength at Scale

Well Positioned For Future Mass Capacity Storage Opportunities

#### Reduced Product Platforms



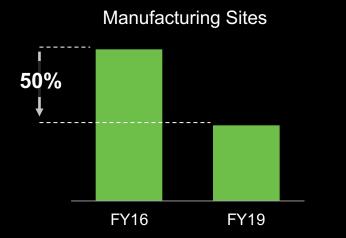
Cloud and Edge have similar requirements

#### Concentrated R&D Locations



Focused investments on growing mass capacity markets

#### Optimized Manufacturing Footprint



Improved efficiency Reduced complexity



#### Technology Leader

Technology Leadership is Not Just About Making Larger Hard Drives, It's About Engaging With Our Customers to Solve Their Pain Points.



Total Cost of Ownership

Performance

Fleet Health

Security

#### Financial Strength

Focus on Improving Profitability and Free Cash Flow Through Industry Cycles



~3%

Raising Quarterly Dividend

3045

Per Share (\$2.60 annualized)

Target Increasing Dividend Consistently Over Time

#### Our Speakers Today



Driving the Future Of Data

**Dave Mosley CEO** 

Addressing Data
Challenges in
A Multi Cloud World

Ravi Naik CIO

Leading Technology Innovation

John Morris CTO

Creating Value for Shareholders

Gianluca Romano CFO





## CIO Challenges – Past

Cost

Support

Scalability

Interoperability

## CIO Challenges – Present

What Stays the Same and What Changed

Cost

User Experience Business Outcomes Data Privacy

Cost

Support

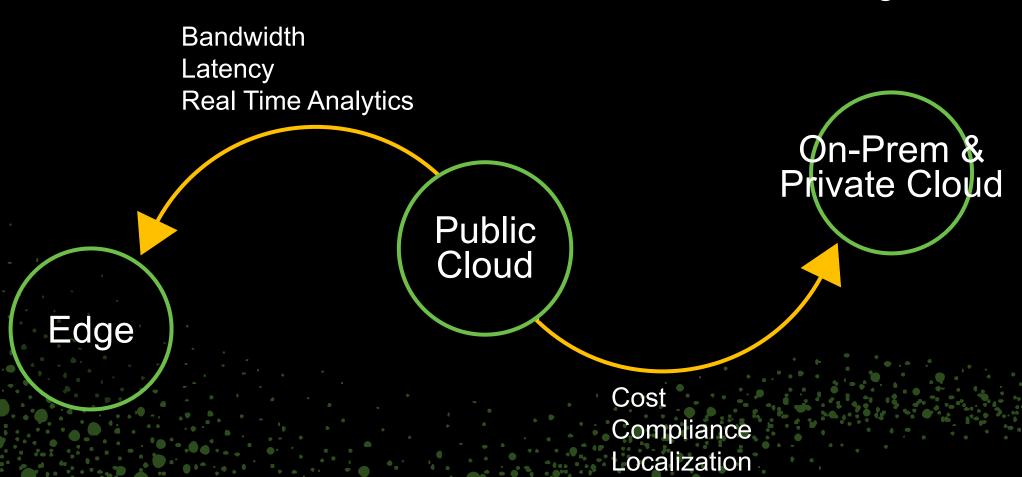
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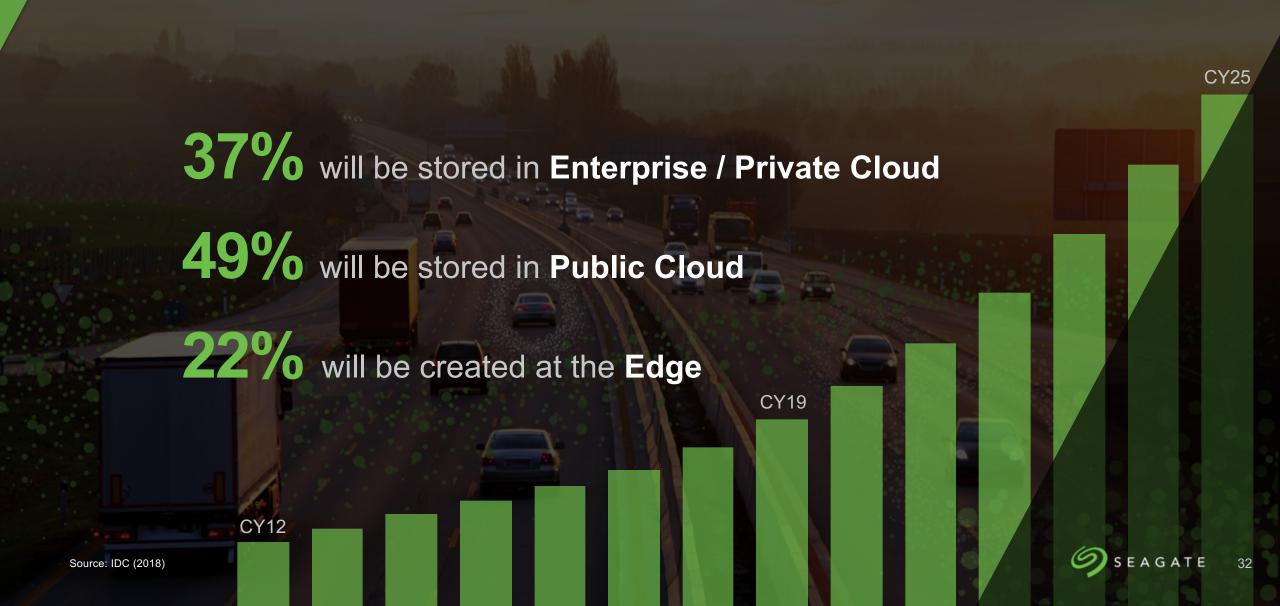




#### From a Centralized Cloud to Private Cloud and Edge



#### Data Continues to Grow in Private Cloud, Public Cloud and Edge



#### Workload Repatriation – Which Data Goes Where



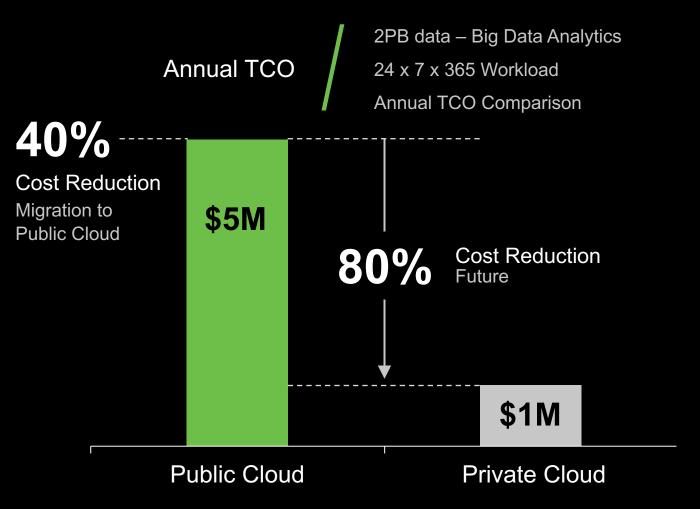
Latency sensitive data for analytics

Latency tolerant data for traditional IT apps

High volume data for Machine Learning apps

#### A Closer Look: AI/ML Big Data Analytics in Public and Private Clouds

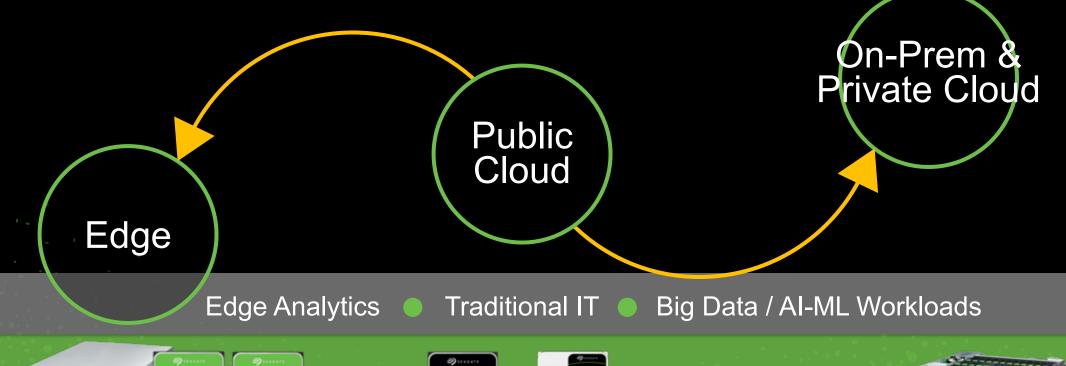
Annual TCO in Public vs. Private Cloud



Public Cloud costs are storage sensitive

Big Data workloads benefit from running in Private Cloud

#### Data Growth Drives Storage Demand Across All Environments





**Resilient Solutions** 





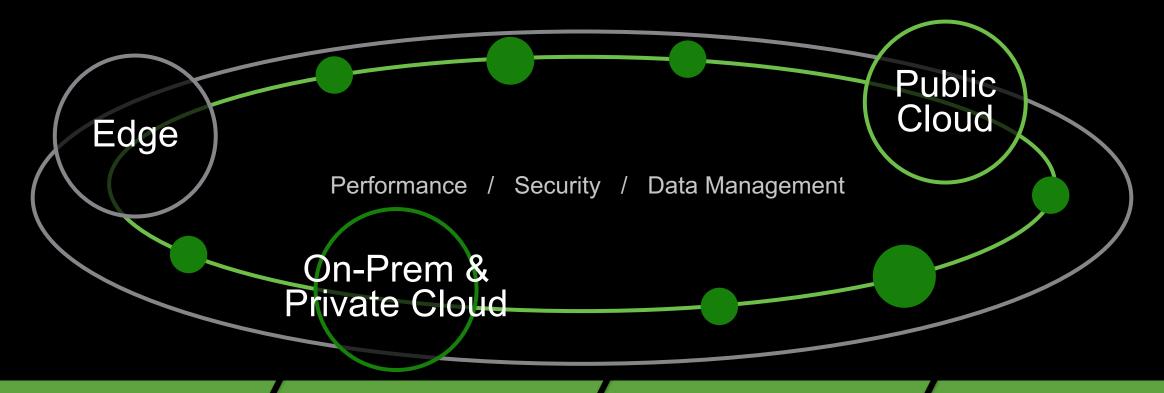




**High Density Systems** 

#### The Perfect Future

Seamless and Secure Data Storage and Movement Across the Datasphere



**Efficient** 

Simple UX

**Outcome Driven** 

Secure

### Complete Portfolio And Expertise to Address Customer Needs Now and Into The Future

Storage is growing in the Public Cloud, Private Cloud and Edge

TCO remains the primary driver for evaluating storage needs

Mass capacity HDDs and systems best address customers' storage growth and TCO needs



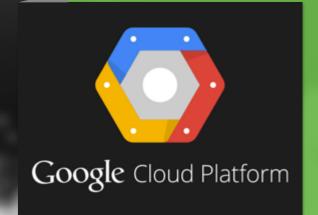






SEAGATE

Leading Technology Innovation



"HDDs continue to be competitive and critical for the Cloud Bulk Storage tier for the visible horizon."

Google Platforms, August 2018

#### Seagate Addressing the Mass Capacity Storage Challenges

Customer Storage Challenges

Seagate's Solutions

Meeting Exabyte Demand Growth



**Increase Areal Density** 

Maintaining SLAs with High Performance



Scale Performance with Capacity

Total Cost Of Ownership



Reduce \$ / TB

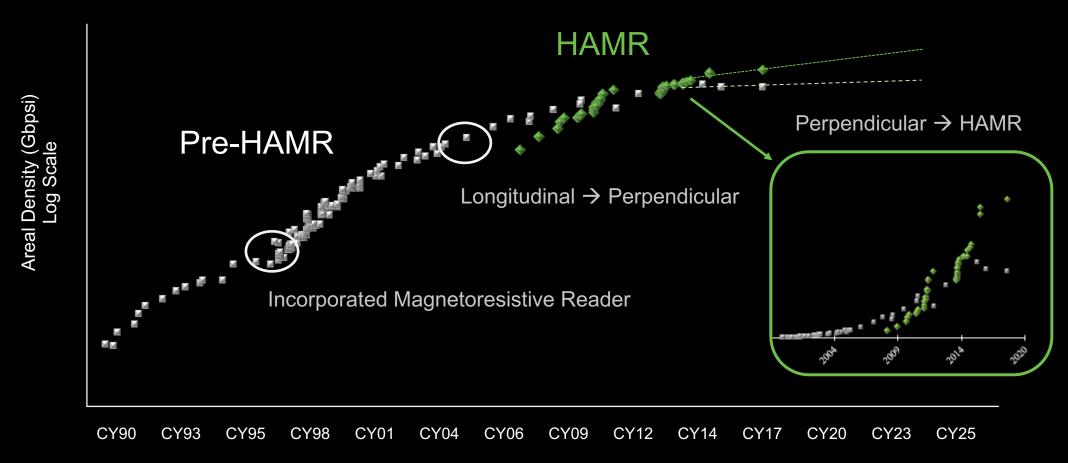
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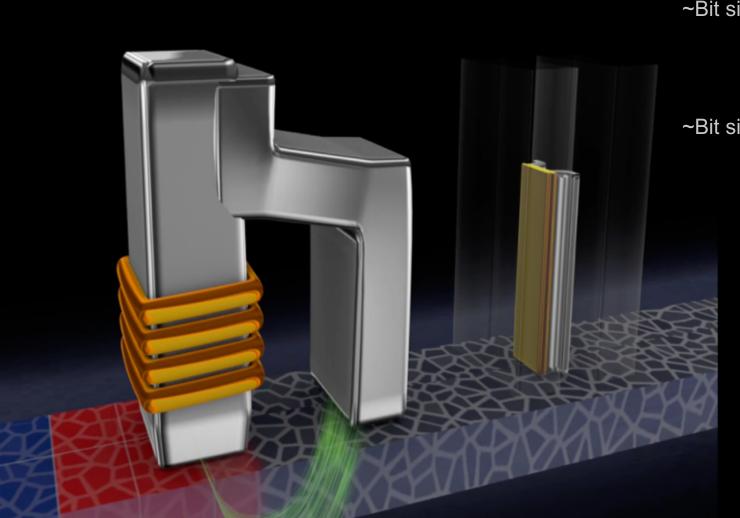


#### Seagate Technology Enabling Step Function Growth in HDD Capacity

On the Cusp of the Next Decade of Scalability

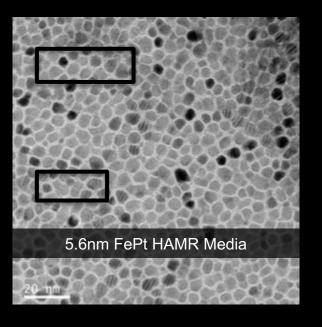


#### Enabling Higher Capacity & Areal Density – Media Technology



~Bit size for 16 TB

~Bit size for **32 TB** 



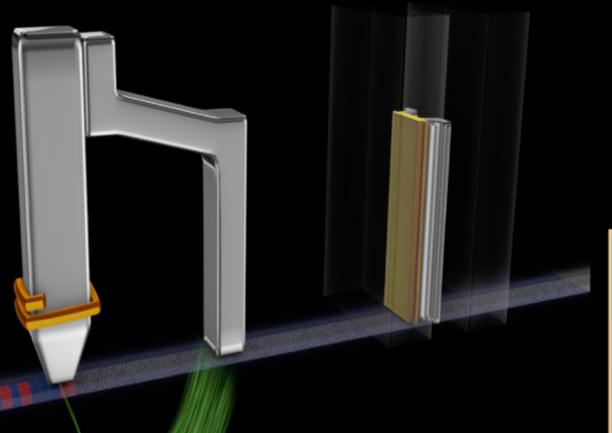
#### Glass Media

- Enables higher sputter temperatures needed for FePt material
- Seagate volume on NL started in 2015
- Robust mechanics for high disk count assemblies

#### New Magnetic Material (FePt)

More robust storage (higher coercivity for grain stability)

#### Enabling Higher Capacity & Areal Density – Head Technology



#### Areal Density Writability Challenge

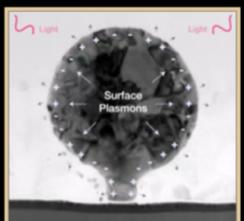
· Write smaller bits on high coercivity media

#### Near-Field Transducer (NFT) Design

- Creates electric field that couples into media
- Perpendicular writer sets bit

#### Proven and Reliable Design

• Heats and cools in <2 nanoseconds



Plasmonic NFT



#### HAMR Enabling Higher Capacity & Areal Density – MANUFACTURING



#### **Drive Assembly**

~55K drives built, leveraging 9 disk platform

#### Components

- Automation for volume build and test
- >7.6M heads assembled and built in last 5 years

#### Readiness

- Systems with HAMR drives under evaluation with customers (sub-20TB)
- 20TB drives in our labs; development progressing to plan
- Supply chain in place

# Cray Selects Seagate's HAMR Technology to Power the World's Largest High-Speed Storage System



Cray selected to build Frontier; anticipated to debut in 2021 as the world's most powerful supercomputer.



HAMR won by offering the industry's Highest capacity density / Best performance / Lowest power per TB

- > 1.5 Exaflops delivery in 2021
- > 10 Terabyte/Second aggregate throughput
- ~ 1 Exabyte raw capacity

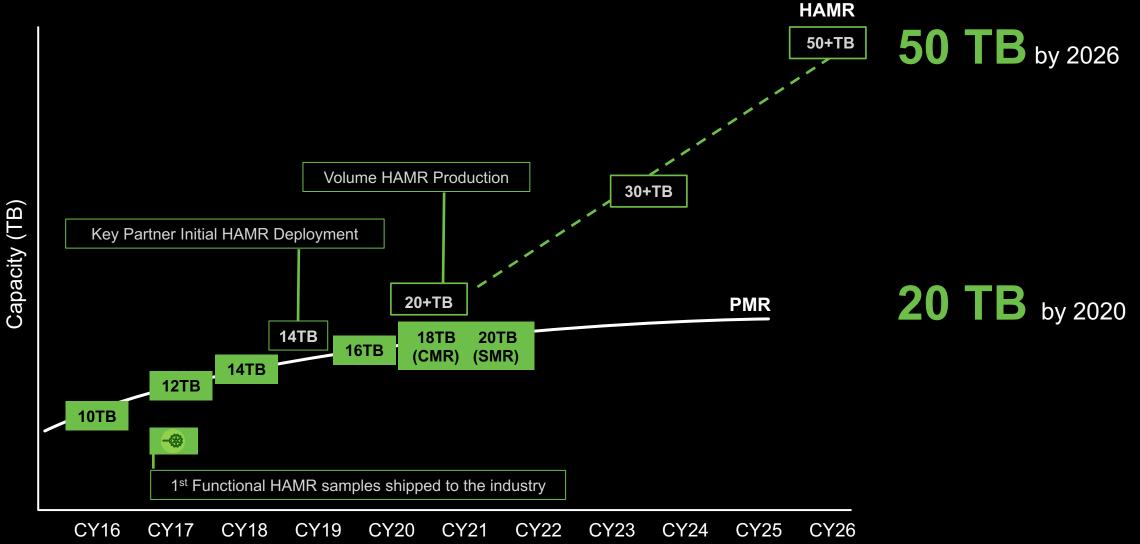


> **47,000** HAMR 20TB drives

89% of Frontier's Storage on HAMR



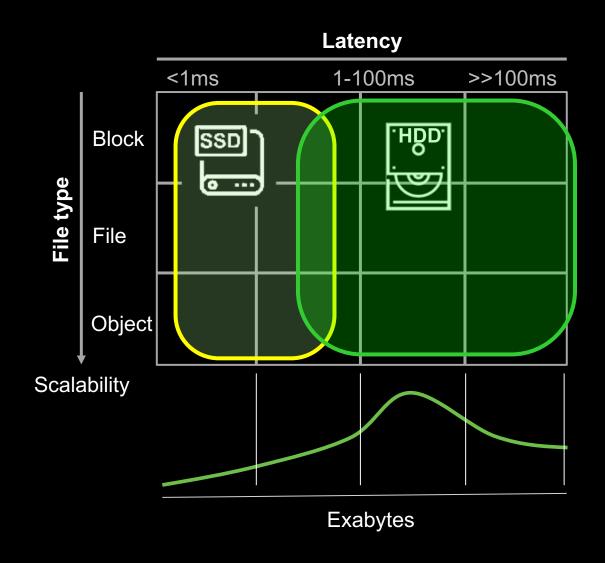
#### Seagate Technology Continues to Drive the Areal Density Curve



#### Seagate Addressing the Mass Capacity Storage Challenges

Customer Storage Challenges Seagate's Solutions Meeting Exabyte **Increase Areal Density Demand Growth** Maintaining SLAs with Scale Performance High Performance with Capacity **Total Cost** Reduce \$ / TB Of Ownership

# Cloud Data Centers Rely on Both HDDs and SSDs for Quality of Service



Latency >>100ms

Offline storage

Latency 1-100ms

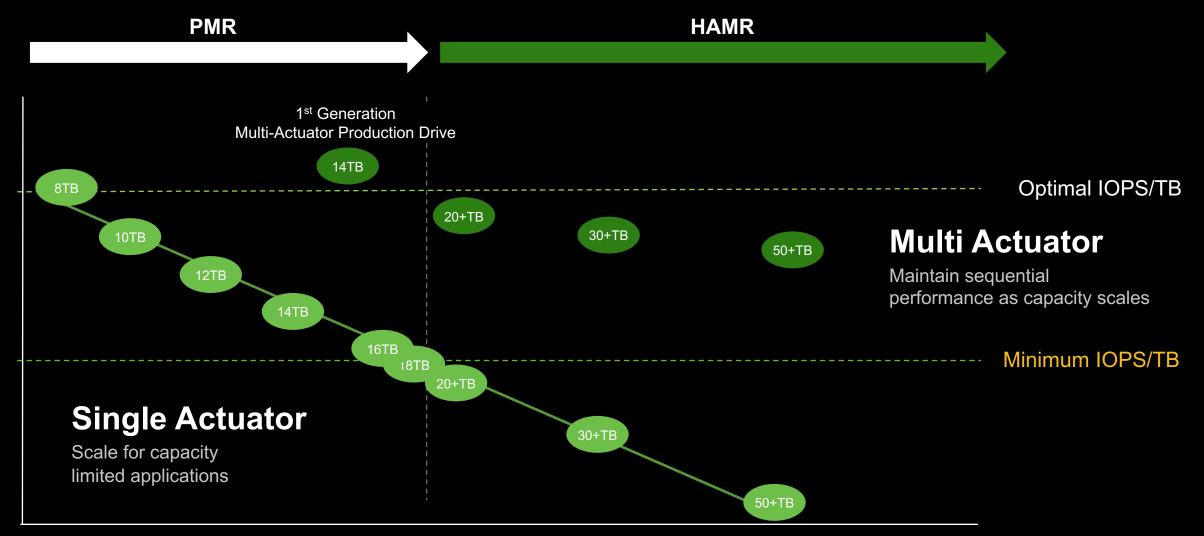
Mass capacity storage

Latency <1ms

Compute



#### Multi-Actuator Technology Addresses Performance and Capacity Needs



#### MACH.2 Launched into the DATASPHERE!



#### Performance

- 2x sequential bandwidth @ 520 MB/sec
- IOPS sufficient to avoid stranded capacity in latency sensitive storage applications

#### Capacity

14TB CMR and 16TB SMR

#### Efficiency

Improved IOPS/Watt to optimize data center total ownership cost

#### Readiness

In qualification at multiple customers now

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Seagate is Enabling
Mass Storage
Economics
Through the Next
Decade

**Areal Density Since 2012** 

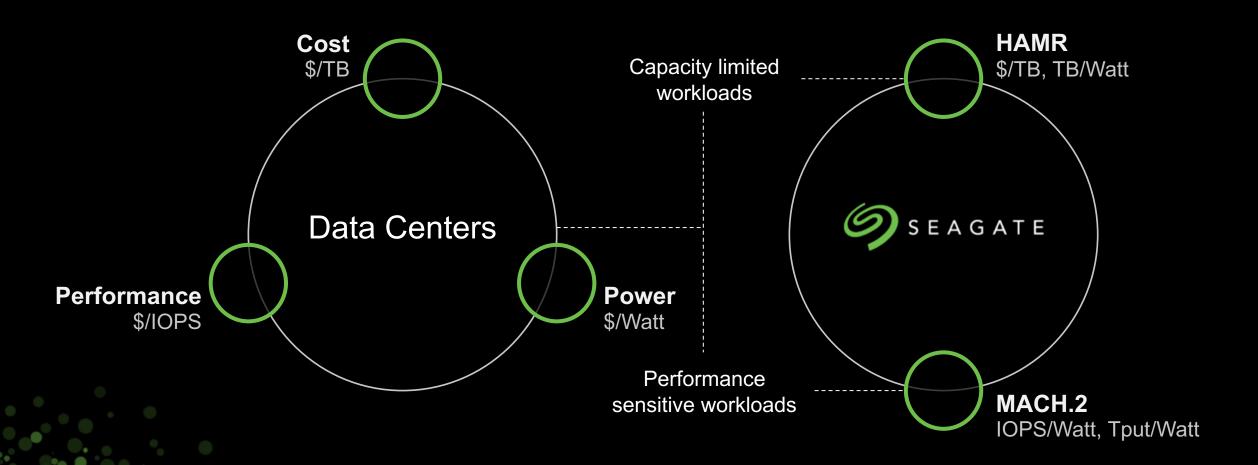
<10% CAGR PMR

Areal Density - The Next Decade

>20% CAGR HAMR



#### Seagate Offers the Best Portfolio For Hyperscale Workloads



#### Listen, Collaborate, Contribute

Preparing for IT 4.0 - Innovation for the Next Decade

Customers

Consortia

Open Source

Engineering focus on proof of concepts

Customer experience emphasis in design

Data flow, workload, and application collaboration

Hyperscale forums (ex. OCP, Linux Foundation)

Emerging Edge architectures (ex. Akraino, OEC, CxL) Enable developers (ex. Kubernetes, VMs)

Ensure data security

Support data centric architectures



#### Seagate is Leading Data Storage Innovation

Areal Density Leadership Maximizing Capacity Gains

Driving Lower TCO

Innovating with Customers

HAMR: 10x areal density growth over 15 years

**MACH.2:** scaling drive performance with capacity

Delivering \$/TB reduction and power efficiency

Ecosystem and customer engagements to address future storage requirements





#### FQ1 2020 Guidance

Aligning Useful Life of Our Capital Equipment With Future Utilization

FQ1'20 Guidance A
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Aug 2, 2019

Sep 18, 2019

Note: Updated guidance includes the impact of a change in the estimated useful lives of our capital equipment primarily associated with the manufacture of our products from 3-5 years to 3-7 years. The estimated impact of this change reduces depreciation expense by approximately \$25M or \$0.09 per diluted share in our first fiscal quarter 2020.

Updated Guidance regarding non-GAAP diluted EPS excludes known charges primarily related to loss recognized on the early redemption and repurchase of debt, share-based compensation expenses and amortization of acquired intangible assets of approximately \$0.26 per diluted share, \$0.10 per diluted share of which is related to estimated share-based compensation expenses.



#### Creating Long-Term Value

Operating in a
Structurally Improved
HDD Industry

Optimizing
Profit and Cash Flow
Through Cycles

Enhancing
Value for All of Our
Stakeholders

Consolidated Industry

Optimized Manufacturing Footprint

Strong Barrier to Entry

Product leadership

Cost/TB reduction

Maximize ROIC

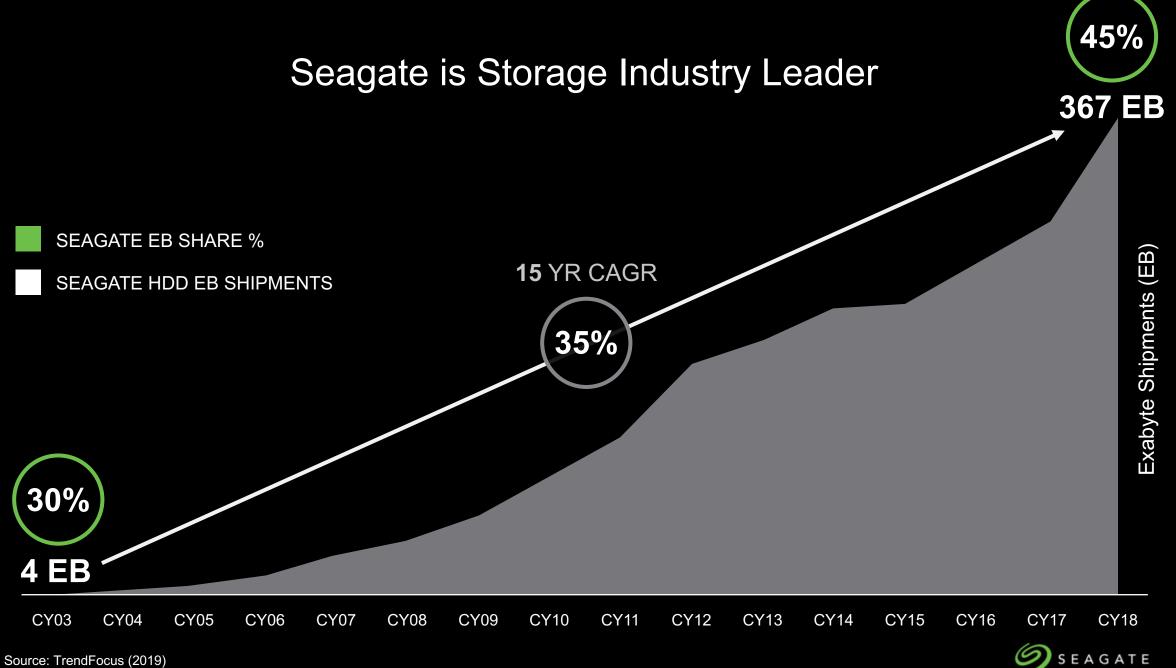
Sustainable free cash flow through cycles

Investing for future growth

Efficient capital structure

Commitment to strong shareholder returns



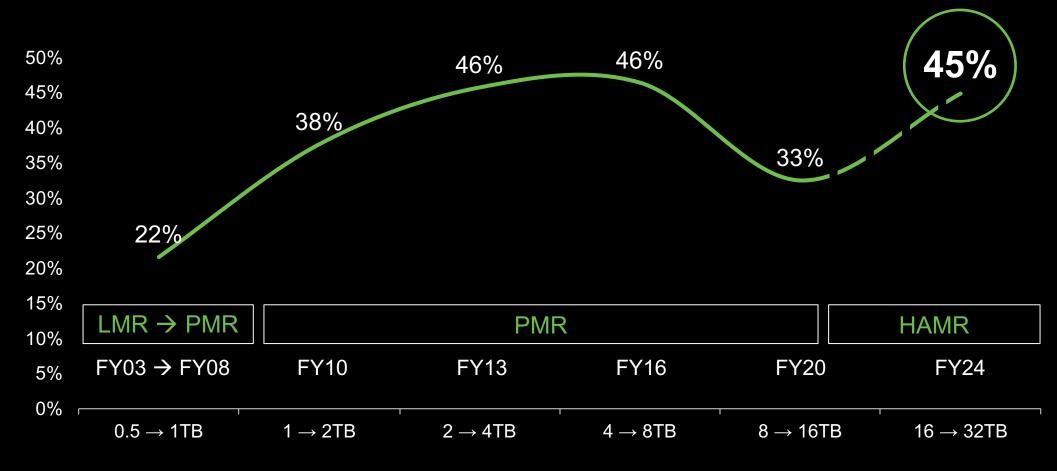




## ...to Optimized Manufacturing Footprint Realized Cost Reduction and Improved Operational Efficiencies UK **United States** China Thailand Malaysia Singapore **FY19** sites

#### Technology Leadership Supports Continuous Cost Decline

Cost / TB Decline by Doubling Capacity





#### Driving OPEX Efficiency

Investing in High Growth Opportunities While Managing Expenses



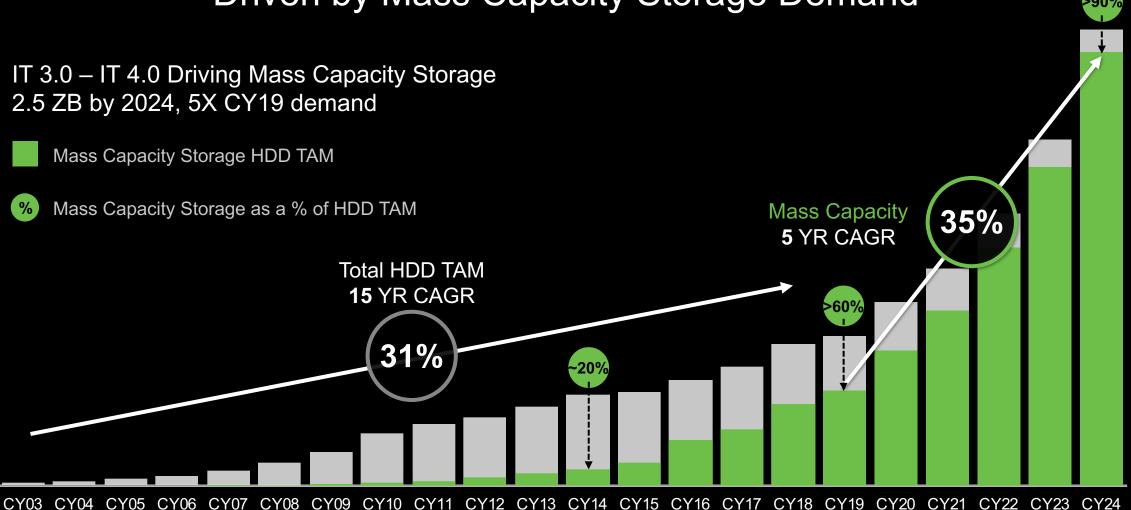
- · Streamlined product roadmap, rationalized product families, focused investments on Mass Capacity Storage
- Optimized R&D geographic footprint; >50% reduction in R&D sites

# Executing Strong HDD Product Roadmap To Extend Our Technology Leadership



# Total HDD Exabyte Shipment TAM





# Strong Shareholder Returns Resulting From Our Focus on Profitability and Free Cash Flow

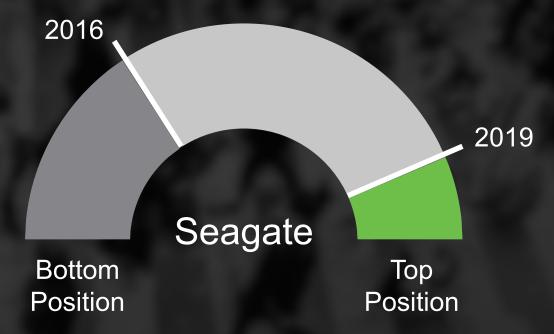




# Delivering Strong Return on Invested Capital

Greatly Improved Return on Invested Capital Performance from 2016 to 2019 to Top 20% of S&P 500 Ongoing Focus for the Future

S&P 500 ROIC





# Focused on Optimizing Profitability and Cash Flow Through Industry Cycles











#### Capital Strategy

Invest in Our Business and Return Excess Capital to Our Investors

Business Needs

• CAPEX & OPEX
• Strategic investments

- Dividends
  3% increase to \$2.60 per year
  Target increasing dividend consistently over time

Opportunistic Share Repurchase

• \$2.2B Remaining on Authorization as of FY19
• 66M Shares Repurchased FY16-FY19

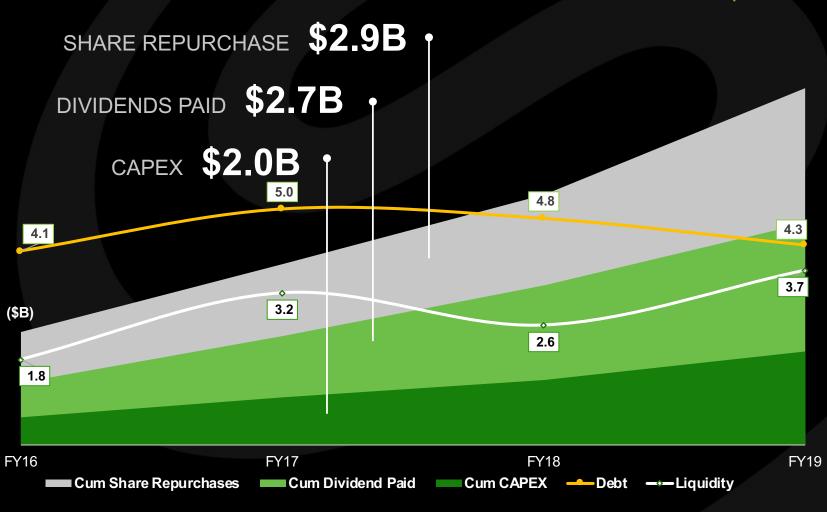
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# Target Long-Term Financial Performance

Revenue Growth • 2-6%

Operating Margin • 13-16%

CAPEX 6-8% of Revenue

Shareholder Return % of Free Cash Flow

• >50%









#### **Reconciliation Tables**

Reconciliation of Revenue to Non-GAAP Revenue (\$M)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Revenue	11,160	10,771	11,184	10,390
Adjustment to discontinued products	(4)		(6)	1
Non-GAAP Revenue	11,156	10,771	11,178	10,391
Reconciliation of Gross Margin to Non-GAAP Gross Margin (\$M)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Gross Margin	2,615	3,174	3,364	2,932
Adjustment to discontinued products	(4)	(1)	(6)	1
Accelerated depreciation, impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts	66	44	2	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	51	63	57	52
Other charges	13	2	11	(1)
Non-GAAP Gross Margin	2,741	3,282	3,428	2,984
Gross Margin %	23.4%	29.5%	30.1%	28.2%
Non-GAAP Gross Margin %	24.6%	30.5%	30.7%	28.7%
Reconciliation of Operating Expenses to Non-GAAP Operating Expenses (\$M)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Operating Expenses	2,170	2,120	1,730	1,445
Accelerated depreciation, impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts	(10)	(39)	(6)	(2)
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	(117)	(98)	(48)	(19)
Restructuring and other, net	(176)	(178)	(89)	22
Other charges	(32)	(10)	(5)	
Non-GAAP Operating Expenses	1,835	1,795	1,582	1,446
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Non-GAAP Operating Income (\$M)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Operating Income	445	1,054	1,634	1,487
Adjustment to discontinued products	(4)	(1)	(6)	1
Accelerated depreciation, impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts	76	83	8	2
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	168	161	105	71
Restructuring and other, net	175	178	89	(22)
Other charges	46	12	16	(1)
Non-GAAP Operating Income	906	1,487	1,846	1,538

#### Reconciliation Tables

Reconciliation of Net Income to Non-GAAP Net Income (\$M)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Net Income	248	772	1,182	2,012
Adjustment to discontinued products	(4)	(1)	(6)	1
Accelerated depreciation, impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts	76	83	8	2
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	168	161	105	71
Restructuring and other, net	175	178	89	(22)
Interest income on the final arbitration award settlement in the case against Western Digital	(33)			
(Gains) losses recognized on the early redemption and repurchase of debt	(2)	7	4	
Strategic investment losses, (gains) or impairment recognized		25	11	2
Other charges	56	10	16	3
Income tax adjustments		(3)	200	(694)
Non-GAAP Net Income	684	1,232	1,609	1,375
Shares used in diluted earnings per share calculation (M)	302	299	292	285
GAAP Diluted Net Income Per Share	\$0.82	\$2.58	\$4.05	\$7.06
Non-GAAP Diluted Net Income Per Share	\$2.26	\$4.12	\$5.51	\$4.82
Reconciliation of Free Cash Flow (\$M)	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,680	1,916	2,113	1,761
Acquisition of property, equipment and leasehold improvement	(587)	(434)	(366)	(602)
Free Cash Flow	1,093	1,482	1,747	1,159

#### Non-GAAP measures adjusted for the following items:

#### Adjustment to discontinued products

These adjustments relate to sales of certain discontinued products or changes in sales provision for discontinued products. These adjustments are inconsistent in amount and frequency and are excluded in the non-GAAP measures as these adjustments are not indicative of the underlying ongoing operating performance.

#### Accelerated depreciation, impairment and other charges related to cost saving efforts

These expenses are excluded in the non-GAAP measure due to its inconsistency in amount and frequency and are excluded to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of the Company's current operating performance and comparison to its past periods operating performance.

#### Amortization of acquired intangible assets

The Company records expense from amortization of intangible assets that were acquired in connection with its business combinations over their estimated useful lives. Such charges are inconsistent in size and are significantly impacted by the timing and magnitude of the Company's acquisitions. Consequently, these expenses are excluded in the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods operating performance.

#### Restructuring and other, net

Restructuring charges and other, net are costs associated with restructuring plans that are primarily related to costs associated with reduction in the Company's workforce, exiting certain facilities and other related costs. These also exclude charges or gains from sale of properties. These costs or benefits do not reflect the Company's ongoing operating performance and consequently are excluded from the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods operating performance.

#### Interest income on the final arbitration award settlement in the case against Western Digital

Seagate records interest income for payments accrued on the final arbitration award amount in the Company's case against Western Digital for the misappropriation of Seagate's trade secrets. Such event occurs infrequently and the amount may be inconsistent in size.

#### (Gains) losses recognized on the early redemption and repurchase of debt

From time to time, the Company incurs (gains) or losses from the early redemption and repurchase of certain long-term debt instruments. These gains or losses represent the difference between the reacquisition costs and the par value of the debt extinguished and include the write-off of any related unamortized debt issuance costs. The amount of these charges may be inconsistent in size and varies depending on the timing of the repurchase of debt.

#### Non-GAAP measures adjusted for the following items:

#### Strategic investment losses, (gains) or impairment recognized

From time to time, the Company incurs losses or gains from strategic investment accounted under equity method of accounting or records impairments charges which are not considered as part of its ongoing operating performance. The resulting expense or gain is inconsistent in amount and frequency and consequently are excluded from the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods operating performance.

#### Other charges

The other charges primarily include write-off of certain discontinued inventory and expense related to disposed business. These charges are inconsistent in amount and frequency and are excluded in the non-GAAP measures to facilitate a more meaningful evaluation of its current operating performance and comparison to its past periods operating performance.

#### Income tax adjustments

Benefit or provision for income taxes represents the tax effect of non-GAAP adjustments determined using a hybrid with and without method and effective tax rate for the applicable adjustment and jurisdiction. For fiscal year 2019, it also includes impacts from a release of valuation allowance related primarily to the Company's U.S. deferred tax assets. This was driven by improvements in the Company's profitability outlook in the U.S. including the Company's effort to structurally and operationally align its enterprise data storage business with the rest of the Company. This does not materially change the Company's future worldwide effective tax rate. For fiscal year 2018, it includes impacts from the re-measurement of the Company's U.S. deferred tax assets at the lower 21% tax rate resulting from the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act enacted on December 22, 2017.

#### Free cash flow

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure defined as net cash provided by operating activities less acquisition of property, equipment and leasehold improvements. This non-GAAP financial measure is used by management to assess the Company's sources of liquidity, capital structure and operating performance.

#### **Share-based compensation**

These expenses consist primarily of expenses for employee share-based compensation. The Company excludes share-based compensation expense from its non-GAAP measures primarily because they are non-cash expenses that the Company does not believe are reflective of ongoing operating results. Further, the Company believes that it is useful to investors to understand the impact of share-based compensation to its results of operations.

