

Meta Platforms, Inc. (META) - ANALYST REPORT

Executive Summary with Comprehensive Analysis

Date: 2026-03-27 | Current Price: \$525.72 | Strategy: No Active Position

■ QUICK DECISION

Action: WAIT | Confidence: LOW | Signal Strength: 3/7

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Essential Metrics

TECHNICAL METRICS	VALUE	FUNDAMENTAL METRICS	VALUE
Current Price	\$525.72	Market Cap	\$1329.8B
Past Win Rate (Backtest)	54.5%	Forward P/E	14.7x
Past Total Return	+86.8%	Analyst Target	\$862.60
RSI / Trend Strength	23 / 24	Upside to Target	+64.1%
MACD Signal	Bearish	Revenue Growth	+23.8%
Profit Factor	6.09	Institutional Own.	78.7%
Open Position	No open position	Analyst Ratings	60 Buy / 7 Hold / 0 Sell

■ TECHNICAL ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Indicator	Value	Signal
EMA 20	\$608.37	Bearish
EMA 50	\$632.70	Bearish
RSI (14)	22.7	Oversold - potential bounce
Trend Strength (ADX)	24.3	Emerging trend (20-25)

■ CONSENSUS & INVESTMENT RATIONALE

RATING	HOLD
Target Price	\$862.60
Upside/Downside	+64.1%
Risk/Reward	4.27:1
Time Horizon	6-12 months

Investment Rationale: Our HOLD rating is based on: (1) Technical backtest showing 54.5% win rate with +86.8% total return over backtest period, (2) +64.1% upside to analyst consensus target of \$862.60, (3) Strong fundamental growth profile with +23.8% revenue growth, and (4) 78.7% institutional ownership indicating high conviction from professional investors.

Action: No confluence signal (score=3). Wait for score ≥ 5 before deploying capital.

Technical Signal: Confluence 3/7 (threshold: 5) | **Risk/Reward:** Neutral

■ KEY INSIGHT

The chandelier strategy has proven effective (Win Rate: 54.5%, Avg Return: +26.6%), but patience is critical. Only enter on confirmed signals with proper risk management. Current technical confluence of 3 does not meet entry threshold of 5 - remain on

sidelines. Fundamental backdrop shows 11% earnings growth with 79% institutional ownership, indicating strong conviction from professional investors.

■ INTELLIGENT STOP LOSS STRATEGY

METRIC	VALUE	DETAILS
Current Price	\$525.72	Latest market price
Buy Stop Loss	\$485.35	Conservative 2.0x ATR (7.7% distance)
Position Stop Loss	\$485.35	Hybrid 2.00x ATR (7.7% distance)
ATR (14-day)	\$20.18	Volatility: 3.8% of price
ADX Strength	24.3	Emerging trend

Status: New position - Standard stop loss levels

ADX: 20-25 = Emerging trend | 25-50 = Strong trend | 50+ = Very strong

■ Strategy Comparison: Conservative vs Hybrid

METRIC	CONSERVATIVE (2.0x ATR)	HYBRID (Adaptive)
Past Win Rate	55%	47%
Past Total Return	+86.8%	+44.5%
Max Drawdown	-13.7%	-10.6%
Total Trades	11	19
Position	NONE	NONE

Both strategies analyzed independently. Conservative uses fixed 2.0x ATR stops. Hybrid adapts stops based on position profit.

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■ ANALYST RATING CHANGES - COMPLETE HISTORY

All recent upgrades, downgrades, and price target changes (last 90 days)

No recent analyst rating changes available from data source.

Analyst Price Targets

Average Target: \$862.60 (+64.1% from current)

High Target: \$1144.00 (+117.6%)

Low Target: \$614.00 (+16.8%)

Current Price: \$525.72

DETAILED ANALYSIS: BUY-SIDE PERSPECTIVE

In-Depth Portfolio Management Analysis

Expected Returns & Position Sizing

Based on backtest performance (Win Rate: 54.5%, Avg Return: +26.6%) and analyst consensus (Target: \$862.60, +64.1% upside), an **OVERWEIGHT** exposure may be considered. Risk/Reward ratio of 4.27:1 suggests favorable risk-adjusted returns. No current position - opportunity to establish entry at favorable technical levels.

Catalyst Calendar & Timing

Next Major Catalyst: Apr 29, 2026 earnings report

Seasonality: Historical analysis shows positive momentum in backtest period

Technical Setup: Bullish confluence

Institutional Activity: 78.7% institutional ownership (Largest: Vanguard Group Inc)

Short Interest: 1.1% of float - Moderate short interest

Liquidity Profile

Average Volume: 15.3M shares/day - Moderately liquid

Market Cap: \$1329.8B - Large cap

Beta: 1.28 - Higher than market volatility

Execution Risk: Low for institutional-sized positions

SELL-SIDE PERSPECTIVE - Investment Research Analysis

Investment Thesis

Meta Platforms, Inc. operates in the Communication Services sector (Internet Content & Information). Current valuation of 14.7x forward P/E reflects discounted multiples relative to growth prospects. Operating margin of 41.3% shows strong profitability. **Fundamental Outlook:** Strong Growth - Positive operating leverage with revenue and earnings acceleration

Valuation Analysis

Forward P/E: 14.7x

Trailing P/E: 22.4x

Price/Sales: 6.62x - Premium valuation

Price/Book: 6.12x

Enterprise Value: \$1333.3B

EV/Revenue: 6.63x (vs industry avg)

Competitive Positioning & Market Share

Key Competitors: Various industry players

U.S. Market Share: 0% - Competitive player

Global Market Share: 0%

Competitive Advantages: Market position, Technology, Brand

Key Products: Core products and services

Institutional Sentiment & Ownership

Institutional Ownership: 78.7% - Very high institutional confidence

Largest Holder: Vanguard Group Inc (200.0M shares)

Analyst Coverage: 67 analysts

Consensus: 60 Buy, 7 Hold, 0 Sell - Bullish sentiment

■ 7-DAY NEWS SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

Market Sentiment from Recent Financial News

METRIC	VALUE	ANALYSIS
Overall Score	+1.0 / 10	Slightly Bullish
Articles Analyzed	10	Last 7 days (top 5 shown per category)
Bullish Articles	3 (30%)	Positive sentiment
Bearish Articles	1 (10%)	Negative sentiment
Neutral Articles	6 (60%)	Mixed/Neutral tone

■ TOP BULLISH HEADLINES

1. Prediction: These 2 Stocks Will Be Worth More Than Apple in a Decade (Motley Fool, Mar 28)

These "Mag 7" rivals could supplant Apple's market cap before 2035...

Source: <https://www.fool.com/investing/2026/03/28/prediction-these-2-stocks-will-be-wort>

2. Who in Big Tech Is Ready for Agentic AI? (Motley Fool, Mar 29)

Amazon is fighting Perplexity over the start-up's shopping agents, showing that legacy tech companies may not be as comfortable with AI innovation as ...

Source: <https://www.fool.com/investing/2026/03/28/who-in-big-tech-is-ready-for-agentic-a>

3. Cathie Wood Going Cold On Big Tech? Ark Sells Nvidia, AMD, Meta And Google Stock — AI Darlings Get T (Benzinga, Mar 29)

On Thursday, Cathie Wood-led Ark Invest executed significant trades, focusing on reducing holdings in major tech companies. Among the prominent trades...

Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/markets/stocks/articles/cathie-wood-going-cold-big-133>

■ TOP BEARISH HEADLINES

1. Analyst Says Bitcoin Just Hit the Phase That Tripled Facebook's User Base (BeInCrypto, Mar 29)

Balchunas compares Bitcoin's boomer-driven ETF adoption to Facebook's uncool era that tripled its user base to 3 billion....

Source: <https://beincrypto.com/bitcoin-facebook-uncool-phase-bullish/>

■ SENTIMENT INTERPRETATION

The news sentiment is **moderately bullish**, showing generally positive coverage with some caution. Market perception appears favorable but not overwhelmingly positive. This neutral-to-positive sentiment suggests steady conditions without extreme optimism.

DEEP DIVE: COMPREHENSIVE RISK ASSESSMENT

Detailed Risk Factors and Mitigation Strategies

Key Risks & Mitigants

Company-Specific Risks:

- Competition
- Market conditions
- Regulatory changes

Technical Risk Factors:

- Win Rate: 54.5% (6 wins, 5 losses)
- Profit Factor: 6.09x (Avg Win 56.5% vs Avg Loss -9.3%)
- Current Confluence: 3 (Active) - Moderate setup
- Volatility (ATR 14): \$20.18 (3.8% of price) - Stop loss typically 2-3x ATR

Market Risk:

- Beta: 1.28 - Above-average market sensitivity
- Short Interest: 1.1% - Normal short activity

REFERENCE: APPENDIX A - Complete Technical Indicators

Comprehensive Technical Data for Quantitative Analysis

Indicator	Value	Interpretation
EMA 20	\$608.37	Short-term trend
EMA 50	\$632.70	Medium-term trend
EMA 200	\$654.41	Long-term trend
Relative Strength	22.7	Oversold - potential bounce
MACD	-24.38	Bearish
MACD Signal	-15.03	Signal line
MACD Histogram	-9.35	Bearish
Volatility (ATR 14)	\$20.18	3.8% of price
Trend Strength (ADX)	24.3	Emerging trend (20-25)
+DI	12.9	Positive directional movement
-DI	50.3	Negative directional movement
Stochastic %K	6.0	Oversold
Stochastic %D	8.5	Oversold
Bollinger Upper	\$695.86	Resistance zone
Bollinger Middle	\$620.79	Moving average
Bollinger Lower	\$545.72	Support zone
VWAP	\$529.86	Volume-weighted average

REFERENCE: APPENDIX B - Complete Fundamental Metrics

Comprehensive Fundamental Data for Financial Analysis

Category	Metric	Value	Interpretation
Valuation	Market Cap	\$1329.8B	Total market value
Valuation	Enterprise Value	\$1333.3B	Total company value
Valuation	Forward P/E	14.7x	Price to forward earnings
Valuation	Trailing P/E	22.4x	Price to trailing earnings
Valuation	PEG Ratio	0.86	P/E relative to growth
Valuation	Price/Sales	6.62x	Market cap to revenue
Valuation	Price/Book	6.12x	Price to book value
Valuation	EV/Revenue	6.63x	Enterprise value to revenue
Valuation	EV/EBITDA	13.1x	Enterprise value to EBITDA
Performance	Revenue (TTM)	\$201.0B	Trailing 12-month revenue
Performance	Revenue Growth	+23.8%	Year-over-year growth
Performance	Earnings Growth	+10.7%	Earnings growth rate
Performance	EPS Growth (Next Yr)	+52.7%	Forward EPS growth estimate
Performance	Gross Profit	\$164.8B	Revenue minus COGS
Performance	Operating Income	\$115.8B	EBIT
Performance	Net Income	\$60.5B	Bottom line profit
Performance	Free Cash Flow	\$23.4B	Cash after capex
Performance	Operating Cash Flow	\$115.8B	Cash from operations
Profitability	Gross Margin	82.0%	Gross profit margin
Profitability	Operating Margin	41.3%	Operating efficiency
Profitability	Profit Margin	30.1%	Net margin
Profitability	ROE	30.2%	Return on equity
Profitability	ROA	16.2%	Return on assets
Profitability	ROIC	N/A	Return on invested capital
Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$0.0B	Total assets
Balance Sheet	Total Liabilities	\$0.0B	Total liabilities
Balance Sheet	Total Debt	\$85.1B	Total debt outstanding
Balance Sheet	Cash & Equivalents	\$81.6B	Liquid assets
Balance Sheet	Book Value/Share	\$85.87	Net worth per share
Balance Sheet	Current Ratio	2.60	Current assets/liabilities
Balance Sheet	Quick Ratio	2.42	Liquid assets/liabilities
Balance Sheet	Debt/Equity	0.39	Leverage ratio
Market	Beta	1.28	Market correlation
Market	52-Week High	\$796.25	Annual high
Market	52-Week Low	\$479.80	Annual low

Market	Avg Volume	15.3M	Average daily volume
Market	Shares Outstanding	2.2B	Total shares
Market	Float	2.2B	Tradeable shares
Market	Short Interest	1.1%	Shares sold short
Market	Institutional Own.	78.7%	Institution held
Analysts	Coverage Count	60	Number of analysts
Analysts	Average Rating	1.3	1=Strong Buy, 5=Sell
Analysts	Buy/Hold/Sell	60/7/0	Rating distribution
Analysts	Target Price	\$862.60	Average price target
Analysts	Target High	\$1144.00	Highest target
Analysts	Target Low	\$614.00	Lowest target
Other	Next Earnings	Apr 29, 2026	Earnings report date
Other	Dividend Yield	0.40%	Annual dividend rate
Other	Ex-Dividend Date	1773619200	Next ex-div date

REFERENCE: APPENDIX C - Complete Trade History

Detailed Backtesting Results and Trade Log

Entry	Exit	Type	Entry \$	Exit \$	Past P&L %	Past P&L \$
2019-01-31	2019-06-07	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$165.39	\$172.00	+4.0%	+\$106
2019-06-17	2019-08-15	CONFLUENCE	\$187.54	\$181.17	-3.4%	-\$121
2019-10-02	2020-02-27	CONFLUENCE	\$173.24	\$188.27	+8.7%	+\$361
2020-04-30	2021-09-29	CONFLUENCE	\$203.12	\$336.97	+65.9%	+\$1472
2021-10-12	2022-01-28	CONFLUENCE	\$321.25	\$299.36	-6.8%	-\$306
2022-03-14	2022-06-22	CONFLUENCE	\$185.18	\$154.64	-16.5%	-\$336
2023-01-12	2024-05-01	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$135.65	\$436.23	+221.6%	+\$6914
2024-07-05	2024-07-16	CONFLUENCE	\$536.81	\$486.97	-9.3%	-\$698
2024-07-25	2025-03-13	CONFLUENCE	\$450.80	\$588.28	+30.5%	+\$1375
2025-05-14	2025-10-07	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$657.31	\$711.89	+8.3%	+\$710
2026-01-29	2026-02-06	CONFLUENCE	\$737.68	\$660.89	-10.4%	-\$691

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Next Earnings: Apr 29, 2026

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