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# Cloud Computing: The Backbone of Global Connectivity

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At Dominion we love structural trends like the Digital World because they offer us the opportunity to invest in high quality, long-term growth companies that generate strong returns for our investors. The Digital World will be the backbone of the future global economy. As the world and all of our lives become increasingly digital, the infrastructure, systems and platforms that facilitate this become increasingly important. This is the Digital World Trend.

We are invested in the enablers of this trend, the companies that own the technology and business models which facilitate the Digital World. The microchip technology that allows devices to connect wirelessly and seamlessly to the internet and the businesses that develop and own the cloud infrastructure to enable a future with billions of people and devices connected to the internet, these are our investment focus for this Global Trend and we are bullish on the outlook for many years to come.

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