

## MasterCard 3Q profit up 14 pct on higher card use

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MasterCard says its third quarter profit rose 14 percent as it processed more payments.

The payments network, based in Purchase, N.Y., says <u>net income</u> rose to \$879 million, or \$7.27 per <u>share</u>, from \$772 million, or \$6.17 per share, last year.

Revenue rose 16 percent to \$2.22 billion for the three months ended Sept. 30.

The company's growth was boosted by its overseas business. Excluding the U.S., the amount people spent using MasterCard-branded cards rose almost 19 percent on a local-currency basis. In the U.S., spending rose close to 10 percent.

MasterCard Inc.'s results beat analysts' expectations for profit of \$6.94 per share on revenue of \$2.14 billion.

The company's stock rose \$9.32, or 1.3 percent, to \$735 in pre-market trading. The stock has advanced 48 percent this year.

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