

GCE (2368.TW): Computex & Corporate Day: New ASIC project win with meaningful upside driven by the large TAM; Buy

We hosted meetings with GCE at our Taiwan Computex & Corporate Day (June 2nd). Key takeaways include:

(1) **The company has announced a new ASIC project win from a major CSP customer for the first time**, with shipment expected to begin in 4Q26. The project is expected to carry higher ASP and GM, driven by higher PCB spec of 30+ layer count.

(2) The company is seeing strong new order momentum in 400G/800G switches, particularly from a major CSP customer, supporting near-term demand visibility.

(3) The company is currently in the R&D phase for 1.6T switches and expect small volume production starting in 2026 end. The PCB spec for 1.6T switches is 46-52 layers, upgraded to M9 grade CCL with low-DK2 glass fiber. Management mentioned that MLB PCB will remain the mainstream solution for switches for the next two years, meanwhile sees some customers shifting toward HDI thick board solutions in 2028.

(4) The company expects its GM to continue to go up sequentially throughout 2026, while mentioning FX as the main near-term headwind.

(5) For the Thailand plant, the company believes the average monthly capacity value could reach NT\$1.3bn in 3Q26 (vs. NT\$600mn in 2Q26) mainly driven by the ramp up of phase 2, which is the main reason that overall average monthly capacity value will reach NT\$8.4bn in 3Q26 (vs. NT\$7.5bn in 2Q26).

(6) To meet with the strong AI-demand, the company is being proactive with its capacity expansion plan, including three new plants over the next three years: Thailand 2nd plant in 2027, Suzhou 2nd plant in 2028 and a new Taiwan plant in 2029.

Investment view

We maintain our positive view on GCE following first announcement of a new ASIC project win from a major CSP customer, with shipment expected to begin in 4Q26. While we have not estimated the market share yet, based on specs shared by the company on the project and our GC Tech teams AI PCB model forecasts, we think the PCB TAM for this specific project could be ~USD\$10bn, or equivalent to ~1.7x of GCE's 2027E revenue. We see meaningful upside potential as the project features higher PCB spec (30+ layer counts), which should support both revenue growth and GM expansion. Based on our estimation, GCE's AI projects average GM level is now at

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40-50% (with more upside potential driven by better pricing outlook or better production yield), comparing to the company's average level of ~35% now. The increasing AI server revenue contribution also suggests a much more favorable GM outlook in coming quarters, which is in line with management comments that GM will go up sequentially throughout 2026.

GCE is a key cloud (server+switch) PCB supplier globally with 20%+ market share in 2022. We expect cloud PCB market demand to grow at a 15% 2024-26E CAGR (far stronger than the overall RPCB+HDI market demand growth rate at 5% 2024-26E CAGR). We believe GCE's proactive capacity expansion plan (33% in 2026) and high annualized ROI (300%+) will continue to drive the company's revenue/margin level in the coming quarters/years. Additionally, we believe GCE can continue to see strong demand from the increasing content per server/switch, as we expect both markets to see a 20-50%+ layer count increase after the generation upgrade (upgrade to 400G/Eagle Stream). We are constructive on GCE's long-term growth opportunity given its solid position in the rapidly growing cloud PCB market, and we are Buy rated on the stock. GCE is trading higher than its historical P/E average level driven by strong AI server demand, but lower than the TW AI server players' average.

Price Target Risks and Methodology

Valuation methodology: Our 12m TP of NT\$1,585 is based on a 22x 4Q26E-3Q27E P/E (in-line with the AI PCB leaders valuation in the past 3 years).

Key downside risks: (1) weaker-than-expected AI server market demand; (2) delays in the company's Nvidia OAM/UBB product qualification, (3) weaker-than-expected HDI demand, and (4) higher-than-expected ramp up cost for new capacity

2368.TW	12m Price Target: NT\$1,585.00	Price: NT\$1,275.00	Upside: 24.3%
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Buy	GS Forecast				
		12/25	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E
Market cap: NT\$689.5bn / \$22.0bn	Revenue (NT\$ mn)	60,003.8	108,823.2	184,735.5	253,129.2
Enterprise value:	EBITDA (NT\$ mn)	15,359.3	34,765.2	65,265.5	91,626.8
NT\$694.4bn / \$22.1bn	EPS (NT\$)	19.48	43.17	80.51	122.36
3m ADTV: NT\$8.4bn / \$266.5mn	P/E (X)	18.0	29.5	15.8	10.4
Taiwan	P/B (X)	5.3	14.6	10.0	6.7
Taiwan Electronic Components	Dividend yield (%)	2.9	1.7	3.2	4.8
M&A Rank: 3	N debt/EBITDA (ex lease,X)	(0.0)	0.1	0.3	0.2
Leases incl. in net debt & EV?:	CROCI (%)	31.9	37.1	48.1	52.5
Yes	FCF yield (%)	(2.6)	(0.0)	(0.1)	3.0
		3/26	6/26E	9/26E	12/26E
	EPS (NT\$)	6.87	9.19	13.39	13.72

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Research estimates, FactSet. Price as of 2 Jun 2026 close.

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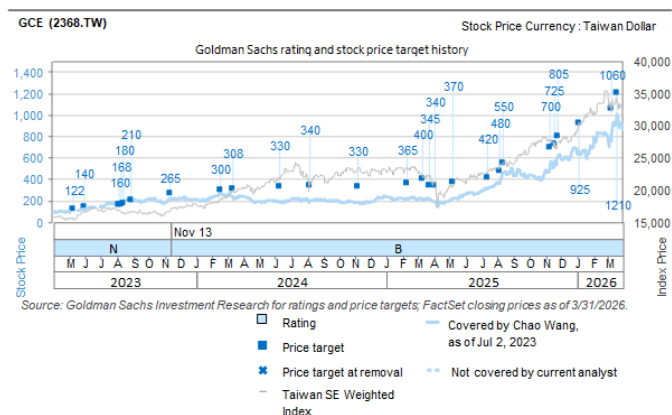
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13-May-26	1,585.00	1,350.00
17-Apr-26	1,380.00	1,175.00
20-Mar-26	1,210.00	988.00
10-Mar-26	1,060.00	817.00
06-Jan-26	925.00	662.00
26-Nov-25	805.00	610.00
19-Nov-25	725.00	522.00
11-Nov-25	700.00	498.50
13-Aug-25	550.00	460.00
07-Aug-25	480.00	372.00
15-Jul-25	420.00	320.00
09-May-25	370.00	226.00
06-Apr-25	340.00	195.00
24-Mar-25	345.00	214.00
11-Mar-25	400.00	209.00
09-Feb-25	365.00	228.00
07-Nov-24	330.00	188.50
07-Aug-24	340.00	207.00
11-Jun-24	330.00	187.50
12-Mar-24	308.00	242.50
18-Feb-24	300.00	275.00
13-Nov-23	265.00	217.00
30-Aug-23	210.00	208.50
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