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Sinbon (3023.TW)

2Q26 Earnings Below on Higher Opex; 2H26E Growth Outlook Remains Solid

CITI'S TAKE

Sinbon's 2Q26 sales were in-line, but net profits missed our/BBG estimates by 7%/5% owing to higher opex from salary hike, freight, and new product investments. GPM remained stable q/q at 24.5%, supported by a higher industrial contribution, although a growing mix of lower margin auto and semi cabinet assembly sales limited margin expansion. We expect 2H26 outlook to remain solid with accelerating sales growth +24% y/y, driven by strong auto and industrial demand, and a green energy recovery. Humanoid, drone and LEO programs also continue to progress. We lower 2026-2028 EPS 1-5% but maintain Buy with TP NT\$370 (23x NTM P/E), supported by Sinbon's diversified growth profile and emerging business opportunity.

2Q26 sales in-line; earnings miss driven by higher opex — Sinbon reported 2Q26 sales of NT\$9.0bn that rose 17% y/y broadly in-line with our/BBG estimates. GPM was stable q/q at 24.5%, in-line with our estimates, helped by higher contributions from industrial applications, offsetting the increasing mix of lower margin auto and semi cabinet assembly. OPM of 10.4% missed our/BBG forecast owing to salary hike, higher logistics expenses and upfront investments in new product R&D. All in, net profits of NT\$903mn grew 19% y/y, missing our/BBG estimates 5-7%.

2H26E growth outlook remains solid — We expect Sinbon to show accelerating sales growth in 2H26E, rising 24% y/y, bolstered by strong sales from auto (solid hybrid car demand), industrial (particularly in semi-related applications) and a recovery in green energy (helped by a low base). Given the sales mix, we expect 2H26E GPM to remain stable at 24.6% and OPM at 10.3%.

Humanoid, drone, and LEO projects continue to ramp — In humanoid robots, Sinbon expects sales contributions of NT\$0.5bn in 2026E with Figure AI accounting the most, and potentially rise to NT\$1bn in 2027E. Separately, Sinbon is currently producing ~20 drone wiring sets per week and expects production to increase to ~80 sets per week by end-2026E. For LEO applications, Sinbon continues to develop products for satellites, launch vehicles, and ground station receivers.

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Earnings Summary

Year to	Net Profit	Diluted EPS	EPS growth	P/E	P/B	ROE	Yield
31 Dec	(NT\$M)	(NT\$)	(%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)
2024A	3,529	14.70	7.1	20.7	4.8	24.3	3.4
2025A	3,125	13.02	-11.5	23.4	4.5	19.8	3.3
2026E	3,542	14.75	13.3	20.6	3.7	19.7	3.4
2027E	4,117	17.15	16.2	17.8	3.4	20.0	3.9
2028E	4,562	19.00	10.8	16.0	2.9	19.7	4.4

Source: Powered by dataCentral

Buy

Price (23 Jul 26 13:30)	NT\$304.50
Target price	NT\$370.00
Expected share price return	21.5%
Expected dividend yield	3.4%
Expected total return	24.9%
Market Cap	NT\$73,101M
	US\$2,256M

Price Performance

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3023.TW: Fiscal year end 31-Dec						Price: NT\$304.50; TP: NT\$370.00; Market Cap: NT\$73,101m; Recomm: Buy					
Profit & Loss (NT\$m)	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E	Valuation ratios	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E
Sales revenue	33,088	31,024	36,047	40,450	44,349	PE (x)	20.7	23.4	20.6	17.8	16.0
Cost of sales	-24,847	-23,582	-27,199	-30,261	-33,027	PB (x)	4.8	4.5	3.7	3.4	2.9
Gross profit	8,241	7,441	8,849	10,189	11,323	EV/EBITDA (x)	16.2	17.8	15.1	12.6	11.1
Gross Margin (%)	24.9	24.0	24.5	25.2	25.5	FCF yield (%)	2.6	3.8	1.6	3.8	4.5
EBITDA (Adj)	4,203	3,799	4,422	5,248	5,849	Dividend yield (%)	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.9	4.4
EBITDA Margin (Adj) (%)	12.7	12.2	12.3	13.0	13.2	Payout ratio (%)	70	77	70	70	70
Depreciation	-645	-541	-578	-578	-578	ROE (%)	24.3	19.8	19.7	20.0	19.7
Amortisation	0	0	0	0	0	Cashflow (NT\$m)	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E
EBIT (Adj)	3,558	3,257	3,844	4,670	5,271	EBITDA	4,203	3,799	4,422	5,248	5,849
EBIT Margin (Adj) (%)	10.8	10.5	10.7	11.5	11.9	Working capital	-1,163	17	-2,120	-1,189	-1,131
Net interest	34	14	-36	-39	-33	Other	-440	-161	-207	-373	-529
Associates	290	257	228	228	228	Operating cashflow	2,599	3,655	2,094	3,685	4,189
Non-Op/Except/Other Adj	664	434	500	616	577	Capex	-684	-870	-928	-900	-900
Pre-tax profit	4,546	3,963	4,534	5,474	6,042	Net acq/disposals	24	-153	-325	-228	-228
Tax	-1,022	-866	-898	-1,178	-1,300	Other	0	0	0	0	0
Extraord./Min.Int./Pref.div.	6	28	-95	-180	-180	Investing cashflow	-660	-1,024	-1,253	-1,128	-1,128
Reported net profit	3,529	3,125	3,542	4,117	4,562	Dividends paid	-2,304	-2,461	-2,401	-2,469	-1,016
Net Margin (%)	10.7	10.1	9.8	10.2	10.3	Financing cashflow	-2,235	-1,926	-195	-2,649	-1,196
Core NPAT	3,529	3,125	3,542	4,117	4,562	Net change in cash	64	706	646	-92	1,866
Per share data	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E	Free cashflow to s/holders	1,915	2,785	1,166	2,785	3,289
Reported EPS (\$)	14.70	13.02	14.75	17.15	19.00						
Core EPS (\$)	14.70	13.02	14.75	17.15	19.00						
DPS (\$)	10.25	10.00	10.29	11.96	13.25						
CFPS (\$)	10.83	15.23	8.72	15.35	17.45						
FCFPS (\$)	7.98	11.60	4.86	11.60	13.70						
BVPS (\$)	63.65	67.51	82.13	89.00	103.77						
Wtd avg ord shares (m)	240	240	240	240	240						
Wtd avg diluted shares (m)	240	240	240	240	240						
Growth rates	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E						
Sales revenue (%)	1.0	-6.2	16.2	12.2	9.6						
EBIT (Adj) (%)	4.7	-8.4	18.0	21.5	12.9						
Core NPAT (%)	7.5	-11.4	13.3	16.2	10.8						
Core EPS (%)	7.1	-11.5	13.3	16.2	10.8						
Balance Sheet (NT\$m)	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E						
Cash & cash equiv.	6,526	7,233	7,878	7,787	9,653						
Accounts receivables	9,997	9,344	10,296	11,559	12,764						
Inventory	7,435	7,956	8,521	9,563	10,547						
Net fixed & other tangibles	3,481	3,809	4,159	4,482	4,804						
Goodwill & intangibles	0	0	0	0	0						
Financial & other assets	3,197	3,647	4,002	4,389	4,768						
Total assets	30,635	31,989	34,856	37,780	42,535						
Accounts payable	5,867	6,958	6,467	7,258	8,004						
Short-term debt	3,543	3,641	3,454	3,454	3,454						
Long-term debt	0	0	0	0	0						
Provisions & other liab	5,777	4,902	4,945	5,430	5,893						
Total liabilities	15,187	15,502	14,866	16,142	17,351						
Shareholders' equity	15,281	16,207	19,718	21,365	24,912						
Minority interests	167	280	272	272	272						
Total equity	15,448	16,487	19,990	21,638	25,184						
Net debt (Adj)	-2,983	-3,591	-4,424	-4,333	-6,199						
Net debt to equity (Adj) (%)	-19.3	-21.8	-22.1	-20.0	-24.6						

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Slightly trim earnings on higher investment; maintain Buy with TP NT\$370 — We lower our earnings forecasts 5%/1%/1% for 2026E/2027E/2028E, respectively, mainly to incorporate higher investment in market development and new product programs. We keep our Buy rating and NT\$370 TP as the earnings reductions are offset by rolling forward our valuation base and improving visibility into Sinbon's medium-term growth drivers. We continue to view Sinbon as a diversified beneficiary of semi, industrial automation, hybrid vehicles and green-energy recovery, with additional upside potential from humanoid robots, LEO and drone applications.

Figure 1. Sinbon: 2Q26 Results Comp

Consolidated financials	2Q26			1Q26	QoQ	2Q25	YoY	2Q26	
(NT\$ mn)	Actual	Citi est.	Diff (%)	Actual	(%)	Actual	(%)	Cons	Diff (%)
Revenue	9,019	9,056	0%	8,293	9%	7,736	17%	8,957	1%
Gross profits	2,213	2,221	0%	2,032	9%	1,911	16%	2,197	1%
Operating profits	939	1,026	-8%	956	-2%	871	8%	1,006	-7%
Pretax earnings	1,089	1,254	-13%	1,116	-2%	974	12%	1,177	-7%
Net income	903	973	-7%	865	4%	759	19%	953	-5%
EPS (NT\$)	3.76	4.05	-7%	3.60	4%	3.16	19%	3.81	-1%
Margins (%)									
Gross margin	24.5%	24.5%	0.0%	24.5%	0.0%	24.7%	-0.2%	24.5%	0.0%
Operating margin	10.4%	11.3%	-0.9%	11.5%	-1.1%	11.3%	-0.8%	11.2%	-0.8%
Net margin	10.0%	10.7%	-0.7%	10.4%	-0.4%	9.8%	0.2%	10.6%	-0.6%

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Source: Bloomberg, Company Reports, Citi Research, Citi Research Estimates

Figure 2. Sinbon: Earnings Estimates Revision

NT\$mn	FY26E			FY27E			FY28E		
	New	Old	Chg	New	Old	Chg	New	Old	Chg
Net Sales	36,047	35,920	0%	40,450	40,155	1%	44,349	44,046	1%
Gross profit	8,849	8,810	0%	10,189	10,015	2%	11,323	11,129	2%
OPEX	5,005	4,795	4%	5,520	5,264	5%	6,052	5,774	5%
Operating profit	3,844	4,016	-4%	4,670	4,751	-2%	5,271	5,355	-2%
Pre-tax profit	4,534	4,835	-6%	5,474	5,553	-1%	6,042	6,123	-1%
Net profit	3,542	3,720	-5%	4,117	4,153	-1%	4,562	4,598	-1%
EPS	14.75	15.50	-5%	17.15	17.30	-1%	19.00	19.15	-1%
Ratio									
Gross margin (%)	24.5	24.5	0.0ppt	25.2	24.9	0.2ppt	25.5	25.3	0.3ppt
OPEX to Sales ratio (%)	13.9	13.3	0.5ppt	13.6	13.1	0.5ppt	13.6	13.1	0.5ppt
Operating margin (%)	10.7	11.2	-0.5ppt	11.5	11.8	-0.3ppt	11.9	12.2	-0.3ppt
Net margin (%)	9.8	10.4	-0.5ppt	10.2	10.3	-0.2ppt	10.3	10.4	-0.2ppt

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NT\$ **420.00**
▲ 38% Upside

NT\$ **370.00**
▲ 22% Upside

NT\$ **220.00**
▼ 28% Downside



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BULL Assumptions

- Sales to grow by 20% y/y in 2026E with OPM estimated at 11.5-12%
- Target PE at 28x

BASE Assumptions

- Sales to grow by 16% y/y in 2026E with OPM estimated at 10.5-11%
- Target PE at 23x

BEAR Assumptions

- Sales to rise by 5-10% y/y in 2026E with OPM at 10-10.5%
- Target PE at 15x

Sinbon

Company description

Sinbon, established in 1989, is a maker of connectors and cable assemblies based in Taiwan. The company offers an extensive range of value-added cable assembly services in the areas of green energy, industrial applications, medical health, autos and communications. Sinbon has multiple manufacturing sites spanning Taiwan, China, EU, and the US. It has a large and diverse customer portfolio, with more than 4,500 customers and the largest one accounting for less than 6% of total sales.

Investment strategy

We rate Sinbon as Buy. We expect Sinbon's diversified product portfolio along with positive mix shift would help drive stable sales growth and margin expansion. ROE will also remain on an upward trend, on our analysis, while a solid cash yield could help cushion share price volatility.

Valuation

Our TP for Sinbon is NT\$370. We value Sinbon on PE to capture the company's earnings growth prospects. We set our target PE at 23x, which we set at a 20% premium to the historical average of 19x since 2018. We believe 23x is justified in view of improving fundamentals with strong momentum of industrials segment, driving a clear margin expansion and solid earnings growth in 2026E. Applying this to our 2H26-1H27E EPS forecast, we arrive at our target price of NT\$370.

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Analyst: Angela Hsu



	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
1	24-Oct-23 08:17:23	1	*390.00	308.50
2	02-Jan-24 04:31:51	1	*375.00	300.00
3	29-Sep-24 23:38:47	1	*360.00	304.50

	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
4	11-Dec-24 07:09:03	1	*330.00	257.00
5	06-Mar-25 09:28:31	1	*335.00	293.00
6	10-Jun-25 03:24:28	1	*273.00	227.50

	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
7	24-Jul-25 07:51:51	1	*270.00	234.50
8	20-Mar-26 09:14:23	1	*310.00	270.00
9	05-Jun-26 12:11:48	1	*370.00	329.00

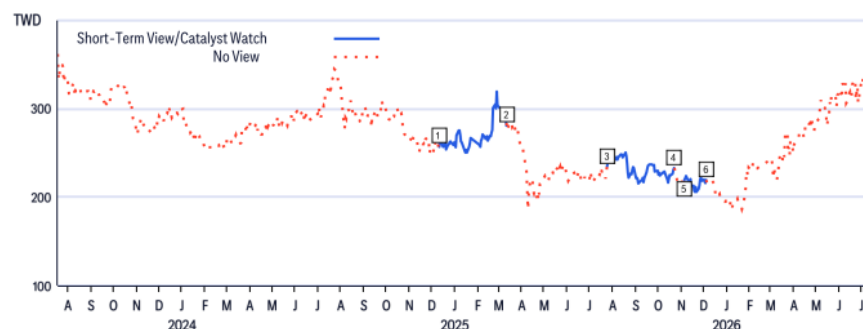
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Sinbon (3023.TW)

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Analyst: Angela Hsu



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1	11-Dec-24 02:09:03	Add STV	Upside	90 Days	257.00
2	11-Mar-25 21:44:15	Remove STV	Upside	90 Days	281.00

	Date	Action	Expected Direction	Duration	Closing Price
3	24-Jul-25 03:51:51	Add STV	Downside	90 Days	234.50
4	22-Oct-25 21:33:55	Remove STV	Downside	90 Days	233.00

	Date	Action	Expected Direction	Duration	Closing Price
5	04-Nov-25 03:25:41	Add STV	Upside	30 Days	217.00
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