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Hon Precision (7769.TW)

Record 2Q26 revenues with margin upside potential

CITI'S TAKE

Hon's Jun revenues came in stronger than expected at NT\$5,302mn (+106% YoY and +28% MoM), concluding 2Q26 sales at a record high of NT\$13,794mn (+101% YoY/+29% QoQ), beating our and street's (Bloomberg) forecast by 19%/12%. We believe the strong performance is mainly driven by better than expected demand from cold plates product and solid ATC handler sales for its key GPU and ASIC clients. With better sales mix (higher cold plates contribution) and stronger operating leverage, we see upside potential to Street's 2Q margin numbers. Looking ahead, with continued workforce additions and new capacity ramp (stronger ramps from 4Q26 with its newly acquired Daya plant to start production), we expect Hon's QoQ revenues growth to accelerate in the coming quarters. Long-term, we are constructive on Hon's growth outlook supported by its multi-year AI GPU/ASIC and CPU projects, and see upside opportunity from its strong development in CPO insertion 4 business.

Buy

Catalyst Watch: Upside, expires 27-AUG-26

Price (08 Jul 26 13:30)	NT\$6,055.00
Target price	NT\$11,000.00
Expected share price return	81.7%
Expected dividend yield	0.6%
Expected total return	82.2%
Market Cap	NT\$1,089,476M US\$34,109M

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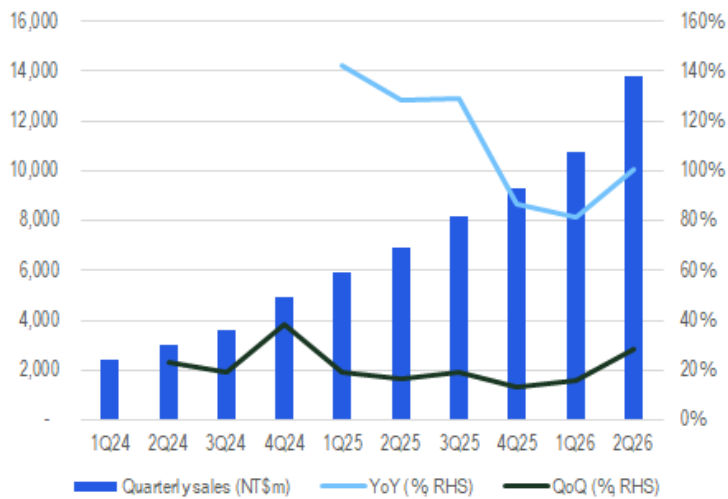
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Figure 1. Hon – Quarterly sales trend



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Catalyst Watch on Hon Precision (7769.TW)

Direction: **Upside**

Duration: Within 90 Days (expires 27 Aug 2026)

Date Added: 28 May 2026

Catalyst: Thematic driven

We are constructive on Hon Precision's earnings growth outlook driven by its solid engagement in global leading AI projects. For 2Q earnings, our estimates are higher than consensus as we expect higher margins from a better sales mix and operating leverage, which we believe could drive strong >100% YoY earnings growth. Also, though a long-term opportunity, we believe co-packaged optics (CPO) engagement with key customers could also drive significant upside potential.

Hon Precision

Valuation

Our target price of NT\$11,000 is based on a target PER multiple of 36x applied to the average of our 2027E/28E EPS estimates. Our PER target of 36x is set at 1-std above its 1-year PER average, justified by its high share of the AI/HPC testing handler market, which we estimate could support an earnings CAGR of 77% in 2025-28, higher than its 3-year CAGR at c40% in 2022-25. Our estimated 77% earning CAGR is also higher than the +40% average (Bloomberg consensus) of its global testing equipment peers. As its peers have been trading at average 36x PER on 2027/28 consensus EPS in the past 1 year, we believe Hon Precision deserves a further re-rating to our target PER of 36x.

Risks

Our quantitative risk rating system, which looks at historical share price volatility, rates Hon Precision High Risk. However, we are not assigning a High Risk rating as we forecast an earnings CAGR of >75%, significantly stronger than the growth outlook for its global peers. Also, we note its dominant position in AI/HPC handler market and expanding market TAM opportunity, which support our constructive view over its growth outlook.

Key downside risks that could impede the shares from reaching our target price: 1) Global AI demand slowdown driving weaker capacity build for semiconductor equipment; 2) unexpected share losses at its major AI projects; 3) slower-than-expected capacity ramp at its new facilities, or the company taking a long time to find/secure new sites; 4) slower-than-expected development of its CPO business; 5) shorter-than-expected testing time leading to lower demand for its products; 6) weak adoption of high-premium cold plate products; and 7) increasing competition from new entrants.

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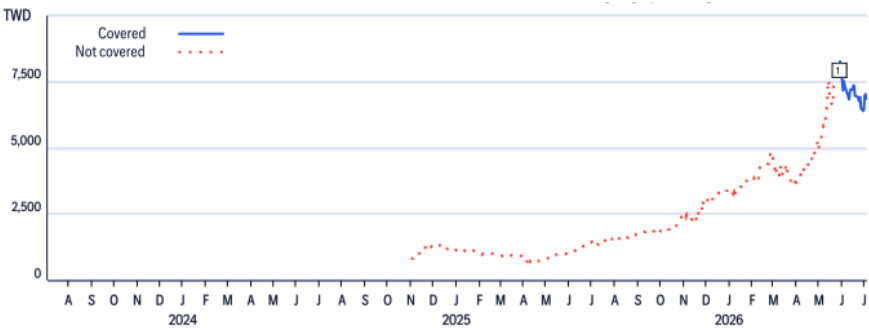
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Fundamental Research

Analyst: Nicholas Lai



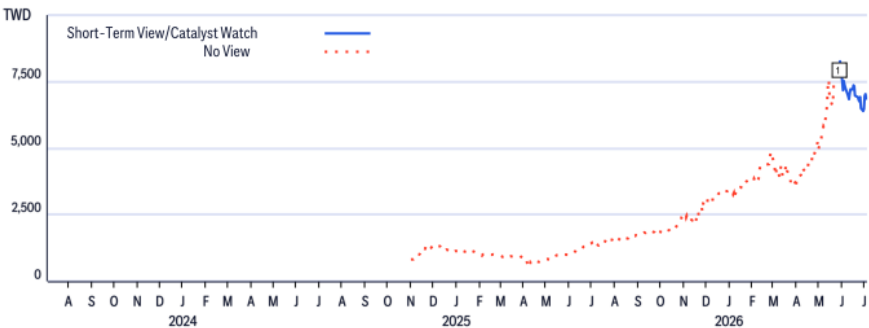
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Short-Term View/Catalyst Watch Research

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