

Genius Electronic Optical

Share gain could be capped by intensifying competition in high-end iPhone lens; U/P

Reiterate Rating: UNDERPERFORM | PO: 410.00 TWD | Price: 609.00 TWD

Reiterate Underperform on rising competition in high-end

We reiterate Underperform on Genius, given intensifying competition and thus potential slower share gains. Reported monthly sales during Apr-June reached NT\$5.7bn, above our 2Q revenue estimates, supported by periscope share gains since 4Q25. We note that Apple remains a key driver for Genius, and we expect Genius to likely benefit from ASP expansion, owing to iPhone's multi-year spec upgrade cycle. However, looking into 2027-28, we expect competition in the high-end segment to intensify. We believe Largan will remain the leader in iPhone high-end lens, while Sunny Optical is finally making progress in the high-end as the company is expected to enter Apple's variable aperture main camera supply chain from 2H26. This could make Genius' share gain into the high-end more difficult. Other than Apple, we note that the MR business (20% sales) remains challenging, given delays related to the Meta project.

Adjust earnings, PO to NT\$410

We lift 2026-28E earnings by 11-14%, mainly reflecting better opex management and lower tax rate seen in the past 2-3 quarters. We raise our PO to NT\$410 (12x 2H26-1H27E P/E) from NT\$380 (12x 2026E P/E) after the valuation base rollover to 2H26-1H27E. We change our income rating to 7 (same/higher) from 8 (same/lower) to reflect higher dividend income in 2026E.

Estimates (Dec) (NT\$)	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
Net Income (Adjusted - mn)	4,323	3,702	4,110	4,111	3,987
EPS	38.3	32.8	36.5	36.5	35.4
EPS Change (YoY)	40.7%	-14.4%	11.0%	0%	-3.0%
Consensus EPS (Visible Alpha)			32.09	32.95	31.93
Dividend / Share	18.0	15.4	17.1	17.1	16.6
Free Cash Flow / Share	82.1	50.6	44.9	40.0	39.9
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	15.9x	18.5x	16.7x	16.7x	17.2x
Dividend Yield	3.0%	2.5%	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%
EV / EBITDA*	7.2x	7.4x	7.0x	7.2x	7.4x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	13.5%	8.3%	7.4%	6.6%	6.6%

* For full definitions of *IQmethod™* measures, see page 7.

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14 July 2026

Equity

Key Changes

(NT\$)	Previous	Current
Inv. Opinion	B-3-8	B-3-7
Price Obj.	380.00	410.00
2026E EPS	32.09	36.45
2027E EPS	32.95	36.47
2028E EPS	31.93	35.37
2026E EBITDA (m)	8,693.0	9,183.3
2027E EBITDA (m)	8,669.7	9,025.9
2028E EBITDA (m)	8,381.6	8,726.3

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Stock Data

Price	609.00 TWD
Price Objective	410.00 TWD
Date Established	14-Jul-2026
Investment Opinion	B-3-7
52-Week Range	386.00 TWD-796.00 TWD
Mrkt Val / Shares Out (mn)	2,132 USD / 112.7
Market Value (mn)	68,661 TWD
Average Daily Value (mn)	76.42 USD
Free Float	76.7%
BofA Ticker / Exchange	GNSEF / TAI
Bloomberg / Reuters	3406 TT / 3406.TW
ROE (2026E)	14.9%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2025A)	-24.6%

Acronym

ASP: average selling price

MR: mixed reality

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Key Income Statement Data (Dec)

(NT\$ Millions)

	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
Sales	23,187	24,989	26,837	28,347	28,522
Gross Profit	8,057	8,125	9,049	9,425	9,512
Sell General & Admin Expense	(1,337)	(1,263)	(1,421)	(1,608)	(1,685)
Operating Profit	4,755	4,773	5,347	5,349	5,177
Net Interest & Other Income	1,169	217	342	340	340
Associates	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pretax Income	5,925	4,990	5,689	5,689	5,517
Tax (expense) / Benefit	(1,587)	(1,282)	(1,594)	(1,593)	(1,545)
Net Income (Adjusted)	4,323	3,702	4,110	4,111	3,987
Average Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding	113	113	113	113	113

Key Cash Flow Statement Data

Net Income	4,323	3,702	4,110	4,111	3,987
Depreciation & Amortization	4,187	4,009	3,836	3,677	3,549
Change in Working Capital	1,417	(97)	120	(275)	(34)
Deferred Taxation Charge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other Adjustments, Net	721	(303)	0	0	0
Cash Flow from Operations	10,649	7,312	8,065	7,513	7,503
Capital Expenditure	(1,390)	(1,602)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
(Acquisition) / Disposal of Investments	(510)	(1,481)	0	0	0
Other Cash Inflow / (Outflow)	(1,130)	91	0	0	0
Cash Flow from Investing	(3,030)	(2,992)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Shares Issue / (Repurchase)	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of Dividends Paid	(1,353)	(2,029)	(1,738)	(1,929)	(1,930)
Cash Flow from Financing	(5,376)	(4,816)	(1,738)	(1,929)	(1,930)
Free Cash Flow	9,259	5,709	5,065	4,513	4,503
Net Debt	(4,314)	(6,528)	(9,855)	(12,439)	(15,012)
Change in Net Debt	(3,511)	384	(3,327)	(2,584)	(2,573)

Key Balance Sheet Data

Property, Plant & Equipment	20,727	18,991	18,195	17,558	17,048
Other Non-Current Assets	3,522	3,271	3,232	3,192	3,153
Trade Receivables	3,981	5,640	5,882	6,213	6,251
Cash & Equivalents	11,173	10,795	14,122	16,706	19,279
Other Current Assets	3,632	4,943	5,752	5,938	5,953
Total Assets	43,035	43,641	47,183	49,608	51,684
Long-Term Debt	3,365	2,759	2,759	2,759	2,759
Other Non-Current Liabilities	6,030	5,752	5,752	5,752	5,752
Short-Term Debt	3,494	1,508	1,508	1,508	1,508
Other Current Liabilities	5,382	7,138	8,308	8,550	8,569
Total Liabilities	18,271	17,157	18,327	18,569	18,588
Total Equity	24,765	26,484	28,856	31,038	33,096
Total Equity & Liabilities	43,035	43,641	47,183	49,608	51,684

iQmethodSM - Bus Performance*

Return On Capital Employed	10.0%	10.2%	10.8%	10.0%	9.2%
Return On Equity	18.9%	14.4%	14.9%	13.7%	12.4%
Operating Margin	20.5%	19.1%	19.9%	18.9%	18.2%
EBITDA Margin	38.6%	35.1%	34.2%	31.8%	30.6%

iQmethodSM - Quality of Earnings*

Cash Realization Ratio	2.5x	2.0x	2.0x	1.8x	1.9x
Asset Replacement Ratio	0.3x	0.4x	0.8x	0.8x	0.9x
Tax Rate (Reported)	26.8%	25.7%	28.0%	28.0%	28.0%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	-17.4%	-24.6%	-34.2%	-40.1%	-45.4%
Interest Cover	26.4x	39.1x	NM	NM	NM

Key Metrics

* For full definitions of iQmethodSM measures, see page 7.

Company Sector

Electronics

Company Description

Genius Electronic Optical was established in 1990 and listed in Taiwan Stock Exchange in 2005. The company is headquartered in Taichung, Taiwan, and is one of the major smartphone optical lens suppliers in Asia. Elsewhere, it is also involved in designing and manufacturing auto lens and light-emitting diode (LED) lighting products.

Investment Rationale

We have an Underperform rating on Genius, on slower share gain at iPhone high-end lens and likely rising pressure. For VR business, despite a recovery in 2024, we believe demand sustainability remains uncertain.

Stock Data

Price to Book Value

2.4x

Exhibit 1: We lift 2026-27E earnings by 10-14%

Earnings estimate change, 2026-28E

(NT\$m)	BofA 2026E			BofA 2027E			BofA 2028E		
	New	Old	Diff (%)	New	Old	Diff (%)	New	Old	Diff (%)
Total sales	26,837	26,904	-0.2	28,347	27,115	4.5	28,522	27,016	5.6
Gross Profit	9,049	8,743	3.5	9,425	9,003	4.7	9,512	8,963	6.1
Gross margin	33.7%	32.5%	1.2	33.2%	33.2%	0.0	33.4%	33.2%	0.2
Operating income	5,347	4,857	10.1	5,349	4,993	7.1	5,177	4,832	7.1
Operating margin	19.9%	18.1%	1.9	18.9%	18.4%	0.5	18.2%	17.9%	0.3
Pretax income	5,689	5,100	11.5	5,689	5,237	8.6	5,517	5,076	8.7
Pretax margin	21.2%	19.0%	2.2	20.1%	19.3%	0.8	19.3%	18.8%	0.6
Net income	4,110	3,618	13.6	4,111	3,714	10.7	3,987	3,600	10.8
Net margin	15.3%	13.4%	1.9	14.5%	13.7%	0.8	14.0%	13.3%	0.7
EPS (NT\$)	36.5	32.1	13.6	36.5	32.9	10.7	35.4	31.9	10.8

Source: BofA Global Research estimates

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Exhibit 2: Our 2026-28E earnings are 5-22% below consensus

BofAe vs. consensus, 2026-28E

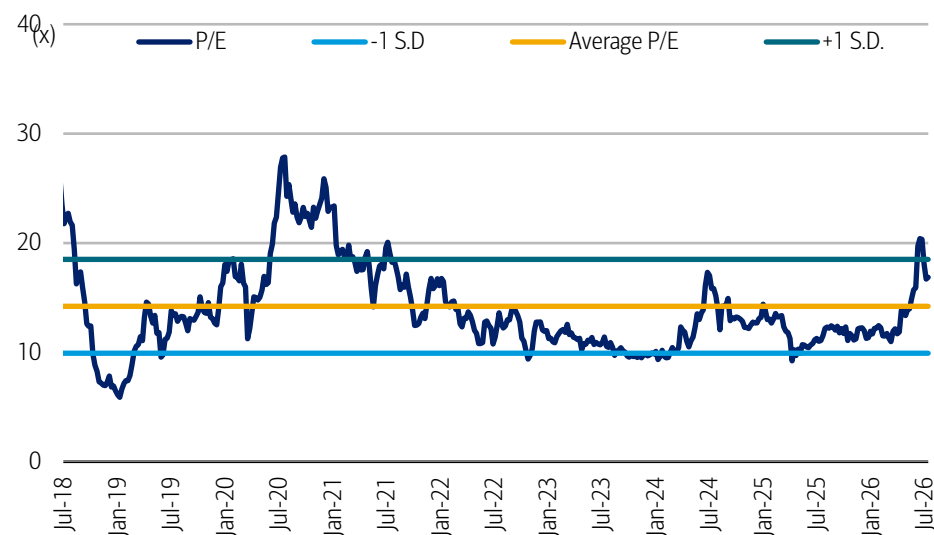
(NT\$m)	2026E			2027E			2028E		
	BofAe	Consensus	Diff (%)	BofAe	Consensus	Diff (%)	BofAe	Consensus	Diff (%)
Total sales	26,837	26,844	0.0	28,347	28,607	-0.9	28,522	29,729	-4.1
Gross profit	9,049	9,082	-0.4	9,425	9,636	-2.2	9,512	10,334	-8.0
Gross margin	33.7%	33.8%	-0.1	33.2%	33.7%	-0.4	33.4%	34.8%	-1.4
Operating profit	5,347	5,345	0.0	5,349	5,850	-8.6	5,177	6,143	-15.7
Operating margin	19.9%	19.9%	0.0	18.9%	20.5%	-1.6	18.2%	20.7%	-2.5
Pretax income	5,689	5,786	-1.7	5,689	6,354	-10.5	5,517	6,839	-19.3
Pretax margin	21.2%	21.6%	-0.4	20.1%	22.2%	-2.1	19.3%	23.0%	-3.7
Net income	4,110	4,323	-4.9	4,111	4,778	-13.9	3,987	5,114	-22.0
Net margin	15.3%	16.1%	-0.8	14.5%	16.7%	-2.2	14.0%	17.2%	-3.2
EPS (NT\$)	36.5	38.3	-4.9	36.5	42.4	-13.9	35.4	45.4	-22.0

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, Bloomberg consensus

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Exhibit 3: The stock trades at 17x forward P/E, above its historical average

Genius' 1-year forward P/E and -1/+1 standard deviation



Source: BofA Global Research

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Exhibit 4: We expect -2% earnings CAGR during 2026-28E

Genius' quarterly income statement, 2025-28E

NT\$mnn	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26E	3Q26E	4Q26E	1Q27E	2Q27E	3Q27E	4Q27E	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E
Sales	5,321	4,776	7,740	7,152	6,141	5,680	7,826	7,190	6,357	5,143	8,607	8,240	24,989	26,837	28,347	28,522
COGS	3,675	3,388	5,099	4,702	4,080	3,948	5,087	4,674	4,259	3,626	5,681	5,356	16,864	17,788	18,922	19,010
Gross profit	1,646	1,388	2,641	2,449	2,061	1,732	2,739	2,517	2,098	1,517	2,926	2,884	8,125	9,049	9,425	9,512
Operating expenses	749	792	827	983	860	937	869	1,035	947	988	947	1,195	3,352	3,702	4,076	4,335
SG&A	272	289	329	373	311	341	352	417	356	370	387	494	1,263	1,421	1,608	1,685
R&D	478	503	498	610	549	596	517	618	591	617	559	700	2,089	2,281	2,468	2,651
Operating profit	897	596	1,814	1,466	1,201	795	1,870	1,481	1,151	530	1,980	1,689	4,773	5,347	5,349	5,177
Non-operating income	267	-304	119	135	39	133	85	85	86	85	85	85	217	342	340	340
Pretax income	1,164	292	1,933	1,602	1,239	928	1,955	1,566	1,236	614	2,065	1,774	4,990	5,689	5,689	5,517
Net income	872	240	1,414	1,176	891	668	1,408	1,143	890	442	1,487	1,292	3,702	4,110	4,111	3,987
EPS (NT\$)	7.7	2.1	12.5	10.4	7.9	5.9	12.5	10.1	7.9	3.9	13.2	11.5	32.8	36.5	36.5	35.4
Margin																
GPM (%)	30.9%	29.1%	34.1%	34.3%	33.6%	30.5%	35.0%	35.0%	33.0%	29.5%	34.0%	35.0%	32.5%	33.7%	33.2%	33.4%
Operating margin	16.8%	12.5%	23.4%	20.5%	19.6%	14.0%	23.9%	20.6%	18.1%	10.3%	23.0%	20.5%	19.1%	19.9%	18.9%	18.2%
Pretax margin	21.9%	6.1%	25.0%	22.4%	20.2%	16.3%	25.0%	21.8%	19.4%	11.9%	24.0%	21.5%	20.0%	21.2%	20.1%	19.3%
Net margin	16.4%	5.0%	18.3%	16.4%	14.5%	11.8%	18.0%	15.9%	14.0%	8.6%	17.3%	15.7%	14.8%	15.3%	14.5%	14.0%
QoQ growth																
Sales	-3%	-10%	62%	-8%	-14%	-8%	38%	-8%	-12%	-19%	67%	-4%				
Gross profit	11%	-16%	90%	-7%	-16%	-16%	58%	-8%	-17%	-28%	93%	-1%				
Operating profit	71%	-34%	NM	-19%	-18%	-34%	135%	-21%	-22%	-54%	NM	-15%				
Pre-tax profit	2%	-75%	NM	-17%	-23%	-25%	111%	-20%	-21%	-50%	NM	-14%				
Net profit	2%	-72%	NM	-17%	-24%	-25%	111%	-19%	-22%	-50%	NM	-13%				
YoY growth																
Sales	2%	-4%	3%	31%	15%	19%	1%	1%	4%	-9%	10%	15%	8%	7%	6%	1%
Gross profit	-14%	-24%	-6%	65%	25%	25%	4%	3%	2%	-12%	7%	15%	1%	11%	4%	1%
Operating profit	-22%	-45%	-9%	179%	34%	33%	3%	1%	-4%	-33%	6%	14%	0%	12%	0%	-3%
Pre-tax profit	-23%	-79%	2%	41%	7%	NM	1%	-2%	0%	-34%	6%	13%	-16%	14%	0%	-3%
Net profit	-20%	-76%	3%	37%	2%	178%	0%	-3%	0%	-34%	6%	13%	-14%	11%	0%	-3%

Source: Company data, BofA Global Research estimates

Price objective basis & risk

Genius Electronic Optical (GNSEF)

Our PO NT\$410 is based on 12x 2H26-1H27E P/E, below Genius' past 5-year trading average. We believe 12x is justified by rising competition from peers like Largan/Sunny Optical, slower VR/AR sales and macro/tariff uncertainties.

Upside risks to our PO are

- 1) better-than-expected gross margin due to better yield/efficiency, especially for iPhone order
- 2) faster-than-expected ramp up of VR/AR-related products
- 3) stronger-than-expected end market demand for smartphone
- 4) eased competition from peers like Largan and Sunny Optical for iPhone

Downside risks to our PO are

- 1) slower learnings curve at iPhone pericope, hurting margin profile
- 2) slower-than-expected pull-in of VR/AR related products
- 3) slower-than-expected end market demand for smartphone
- 4) more intense competition from other optics players in Asia

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	Asia Vital Components	AVMPF	3017 TT	Doris Kao



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	Genius Electronic Optical	GNSEF	3406 TT	Robert Cheng
	Lens Tech	XLTGF	300433 CH	Katherine Zhu
	LG Display	LPHLF	034220 KS	Simon Woo, CFA
	LG Display-ADR	LPL	LPL US	Simon Woo, CFA
	Lianchuang Electronic	XWOFF	002036 CH	Katherine Zhu
	Pegatron	PGTRF	4938 TT	Robert Cheng
	Sanan Opto	XEQYF	600703 CH	Katherine Zhu
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iQmethodSM Measures Definitions**Business Performance**

Return On Capital Employed

Return On Equity

Operating Margin

Earnings Growth

Free Cash Flow

Numerator

NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) × (1 – Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization

Net Income

Operating Profit

Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

Denominator

Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill

Amortization

Shareholders' Equity

Sales

N/A

N/A

Quality of Earnings

Cash Realization Ratio

Asset Replacement Ratio

Tax Rate

Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio

Interest Cover

Numerator

Cash Flow From Operations

Capex

Tax Charge

Net Debt = Total Debt – Cash & Equivalents

EBIT

Denominator

Net Income

Depreciation

Pre-Tax Income

Total Equity

Interest Expense

Valuation Toolkit

Price / Earnings Ratio

Price / Book Value

Dividend Yield

Free Cash Flow Yield

Enterprise Value / Sales

Numerator

Current Share Price

Current Share Price

Annualised Declared Cash Dividend

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt +

Other LT Liabilities

Enterprise Value

Denominator

Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)

Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares

Current Share Price

Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares

Sales

EV / EBITDA

Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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