

2Q Earnings Beat

AlphaSignals Earnings Reaction

Unchanged
Impact to our thesis

↑ Modest upside
Financial results versus consensus

↑ Modest revision higher
Direction of next 12-month consensus EPS

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

Key Takeaways

- Gross margin expanded 3.4ppt Q/Q to 42.4%, exceeding MSe by 0.2ppt and the Street by 2.8ppt on price hikes and stronger SoC mix.
- We expect 3Q revenue to rise at least 0-5% Q/Q, with auto and SoC strength offsetting smartphone weakness, alongside resilient gross margin.
- Key focus areas for Aug 6 call (3pm HKT) incl. consumer tech demand in 2H26–2027, pricing trends across DDIC and supply chain, and ASIC development progress.

2Q earnings above expectations: EPS was NT\$10.4, +68% Q/Q and +69% Y/Y, 3%/36% higher than MSe/consensus, mainly helped by strong non-op gains. Revenue was +24% Q/Q and +10% Y/Y, 2% below MSe but 2% higher than Street. GM was up 3.4ppt Q/Q to 42.4%, 0.2/2.8ppt higher than MSe/Street, supported by price increases and a favorable product mix driven by strong SoC demand. OpM was up 5.2ppt Q/Q to 22.6%, 1.6ppt below MSe on higher R&D spending. Inventory increased 23% Q/Q on elevated costs, while inventory days rose by 4 days to 67.

Stay UW: We expect 3Q revenue to grow at least 0-5% Q/Q, with auto and SoC offsetting smartphone weakness. We also expect GM to remain resilient at current levels on mix and price. The stock is trading at 15x 2027E EPS, which we view as fair, while the company's limited exposure to AI keeps us UW.

Novatek will host its earnings call on August 6 at 3pm HKT ([link](#)). Key topics to monitor include: 1) consumer tech demand through 2H26–2027; 2) pricing trends for DDICs, foundry services, OSAT, and materials; and 3) ASIC development progress.

Exhibit 1: Novatek 2Q26 Earnings Table

P/L Comparison (NT\$ mn)	2Q26 Result								
	2Q25	1Q26	2Q26	Q/Q	Y/Y	MSe.	diff.	Cons.	diff.
Net sales	26,152	23,145	28,660	24%	10%	29,183	-2%	28,174	2%
Gross profit	9,494	9,040	12,157	34%	28%	12,307	-1%	11,166	9%
Operating profit	4,823	4,028	6,466	61%	34%	7,051	-8%	5,216	24%
Pretax profit	4,602	4,389	7,782	77%	69%	7,413	5%	5,646	38%
Net profit	3,739	3,767	6,328	68%	69%	6,153	3%	4,705	35%
EPS (NT\$)	6.14	6.19	10.40	68%	69%	10.11	3%	7.66	36%
Key ratios (%)									
Gross margin	36.3%	39.1%	42.4%	3.4 ppt	6.1 ppt	42.2%	0.2 ppt	39.6%	2.8 ppt
Operating margin	18.4%	17.4%	22.6%	5.2 ppt	4.1 ppt	24.2%	-1.6 ppt	18.5%	4.0 ppt
Pretax margin	17.6%	19.0%	27.2%	8.2 ppt	9.6 ppt	25.4%	1.7 ppt	20.0%	7.1 ppt
Net profit margin	14.3%	16.3%	22.1%	5.8 ppt	7.8 ppt	21.1%	1.0 ppt	16.7%	5.4 ppt

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

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Stock Rating

Industry View

Price target

Up/downside to price target (%)

Shr price, close (Aug 4, 2026)

52-Week Range

Sh out, dil, curr (mn)

Mkt cap, curr (mn)

EV, curr (mn)

Avg daily trading value (mn)

Underweight

Attractive

NT\$414.00

(21)

NT\$524.00

NT\$606.00-352.00

609

NT\$318,860

NT\$272,315

NT\$1,798

Fiscal Year Ending	12/25	12/26e	12/27e	12/28e
EPS (NT\$)**	26.87	34.61	35.34	30.17
EPS (NT\$)§	26.61	29.48	32.82	35.80
Revenue, net (NT\$ mn)	100,663	108,436	114,160	108,577
EBITDA (NT\$ mn)	19,573	24,946	25,652	21,884
P/E	13.9	15.1	14.8	17.4
P/BV	3.4	4.3	4.1	4.1
ROE (%)	24.1	31.1	28.7	23.5
Div yld (%)	6.1	5.7	5.8	4.9

Unless otherwise noted, all metrics are based on Morgan Stanley ModelWare framework

** = Based on consensus methodology

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Novatek (3034.TW)

Base case, residual income model. Key assumptions: cost of equity constant at 9.8% (2.0% risk-free rate, 6% risk premium, 1.3 beta), payout ratio of 80%, medium-term growth rate of 6.1% and terminal growth rate assumption of 3.4%.

Risks to Upside

- Faster-than-expected 8K/4K TV growth.
- Better-than-expected smartphone sell-through.
- Better-than-expected sell-through of foldable products.

Risks to Downside

- Intensified price competition in TDDI, driving Novatek's gross margin below its corporate average.
- Slower-than-expected 8K/4K TV growth.
- Slower sell-through of foldable products.

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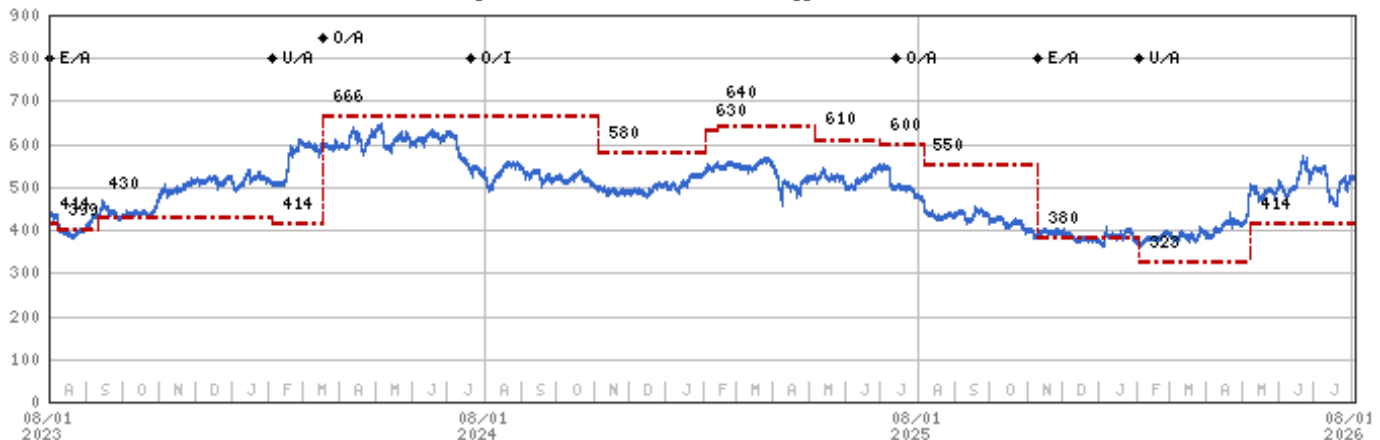
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COMPANY (TICKER)	RATING (AS OF)	PRICE* (08/04/2026)
Charlie Chan		
ACM Research Inc (ACMR.O)	O (03/07/2023)	US\$78.64
Advanced Micro-Fabrication Equipment Inc (688012.SS)	O (11/06/2023)	Rmb317.74
Advanced Wireless Semiconductor Co (8086.TWO)	U (07/14/2025)	NT\$122.50
Alchip Technologies Ltd (3661.TW)	O (05/14/2021)	NT\$3,390.00
ASE Technology Holding Co. Ltd. (3711.TW)	O (09/15/2024)	NT\$585.00
Cambricon Technology Corporation (688256.SS)	O (04/27/2026)	Rmb1,078.21
Global Unichip Corp (3443.TW)	O (06/24/2026)	NT\$4,145.00
GlobalWafers Co Ltd (6488.TWO)	E (05/19/2026)	NT\$952.00
Gudeng Precision (3680.TWO)	O (11/25/2025)	NT\$430.00
Hua Hong Semiconductor Ltd (1347.HK)	E (03/12/2026)	HK\$135.10
Iluvatar CoreX Semiconductor Co., Ltd. (9903.HK)	O (04/27/2026)	HK\$479.20
King Yuan Electronics Co Ltd (2449.TW)	O (03/03/2023)	NT\$245.50
Maxscend Microelectronics Co Ltd (300782.SZ)	U (01/11/2021)	Rmb72.34
MediaTek (2454.TW)	O (11/28/2025)	NT\$3,865.00
MetaX Integrated Circuits (688802.SS)	E (04/27/2026)	Rmb696.04
Nanya Technology Corp. (2408.TW)	O (05/28/2026)	NT\$436.00
NAURA Technology Group Co Ltd (002371.SZ)	O (11/06/2023)	Rmb687.00
OmniVision Integrated Circuits Group Inc (603501.SS)	E (11/17/2025)	Rmb87.95
Phison Electronics Corp (8299.TWO)	E (02/25/2026)	NT\$1,820.00
SG Micro Corp. (300661.SZ)	E (11/03/2025)	Rmb101.56
Silergy Corp. (6415.TW)	U (05/19/2026)	NT\$424.00
SMIC (0981.HK)	O (10/21/2025)	HK\$65.30
TSMC (2330.TW)	O (02/07/2022)	NT\$2,320.00
UMC (2303.TW)	O (05/19/2026)	NT\$118.50
Vanguard International Semiconductor (5347.TWO)	E (01/14/2026)	NT\$154.50
WIN Semiconductors Corp (3105.TWO)	U (07/14/2025)	NT\$342.00

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ASMP T Ltd (0522.HK)	O (07/24/2025)	HK\$158.00
China Resources Microelectronics Limited (688396.SS)	U (03/02/2026)	Rmb54.15
Empyrean Technology Co Ltd (301269.SZ)	E (01/17/2025)	Rmb89.81
Hangzhou Silan Microelectronics Co. Ltd. (600460.SS)	U (08/25/2025)	Rmb29.12
Hygon Information Technology Co., Ltd. (688041.SS)	O (07/03/2026)	Rmb275.35
Innoscence (2577.HK)	E (10/13/2025)	HK\$42.68
JCET Group Co Ltd (600584.SS)	E (01/16/2026)	Rmb65.41
Shanghai Fudan Microelectronics (1385.HK)	O (03/07/2025)	HK\$25.80
SICC Co Ltd (688234.SS)	O (03/20/2026)	Rmb86.45
StarPower Semiconductor Ltd (603290.SS)	E (05/14/2026)	Rmb82.80
Unigroup Guoxin Microelectronics Co Ltd (002049.SZ)	U (01/10/2023)	Rmb65.55
Universal Scientific Ind. (Shanghai) (601231.SS)	O (11/05/2025)	Rmb23.60
Yangjie Technology (300373.SZ)	O (06/10/2022)	Rmb86.80

Daniel Yen, CFA

AP Memory Technology Corp (6531.TW)	O (07/11/2025)	NT\$806.00
ASMedia Technology Inc (5269.TW)	U (10/03/2025)	NT\$1,360.00
Aspeed Technology (5274.TWO)	O (06/09/2025)	NT\$15,500.00
Egis Technology Inc (6462.TWO)	E (01/28/2026)	NT\$96.50
Elan Microelectronics Corp (2458.TW)	O (10/03/2025)	NT\$157.50
Espressif Systems (688018.SS)	O (05/15/2023)	Rmb105.38
GigaDevice Semiconductor Beijing Inc (603986.SS)	O (05/15/2025)	Rmb356.02
Macronix International Co Ltd (2337.TW)	O (09/18/2025)	NT\$120.00
Montage Technology Co Ltd (6809.HK)	O (03/18/2026)	HK\$262.60
Montage Technology Co Ltd (688008.SS)	O (03/18/2026)	Rmb203.25
Novatek (3034.TW)	U (02/04/2026)	NT\$524.00
Nuvoton Technology Corporation (4919.TW)	U (11/10/2025)	NT\$129.50
Parade Technologies Ltd (4966.TWO)	O (05/27/2026)	NT\$584.00
Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Co (6770.TW)	O (10/27/2025)	NT\$60.10
Realtek Semiconductor (2379.TW)	E (01/30/2026)	NT\$723.00
Shenzhen Goodix Technology Co Ltd (603160.SS)	U (07/14/2025)	Rmb52.69
Winbond Electronics Corp (2344.TW)	O (05/28/2026)	NT\$157.00
WPG Holdings (3702.TW)	O (03/16/2026)	NT\$117.50
WT Microelectronics Co. Ltd. (3036.TW)	O (01/27/2026)	NT\$212.50

Duan Liu

Dosilicon Co Ltd (688110.SS)	U (09/06/2024)	Rmb101.78
Shenzhen Longsys Electronics Co Ltd (301308.SZ)	E (02/25/2026)	Rmb336.05

Tiffany Yeh

AllRing Tech Co. (6187.TWO)	O (09/23/2025)	NT\$1,090.00
FOCI Fiber Optic Communications Inc (3363.TWO)	O (01/15/2025)	NT\$563.00
Himax Technologies Inc (HIMX.O)	E (02/04/2026)	US\$12.78
Hon Precision (7769.TW)	O (04/17/2026)	NT\$6,190.00
MPI Corporation (6223.TWO)	O (04/17/2026)	NT\$5,900.00
Silicon Motion (SIMO.O)	O (05/06/2024)	US\$251.52
WinWay Technology Co Ltd (6515.TW)	O (04/17/2026)	NT\$6,575.00

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