

COMPANY UPDATE

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▶ AT A GLANCE

BUY

Target price **KRW130,000** 24.9%

Current price **KRW104,100**

Market cap	KRW616.2t/USD432.0b
Shares (float)	5,919,637,922 (78.3%)
52-week high/low	KRW104,100/KRW49,900
Avg daily trading value (60-day)	KRW1,584.2b/ USD1,110.5m

▶ ONE-YEAR PERFORMANCE

	1M	6M	12M
Samsung Electronics (%)	24.1	87.6	76.1
Vs Kospi (%pts)	4.0	17.3	11.8

▶ KEY CHANGES

(KRW)	New	Old	Diff
Recommend.	BUY	BUY	
Target price	130,000	110,000	18.2%
2024E EPS	4,950	4,950	0.0%
2025E EPS	4,813	4,813	0.0%

▶ SAMSUNG vs THE STREET

No of estimates	25
Target price	115,640
Recommendation	4.0

※ Rating: 4 < → BUY, 3 = HOLD, 2 > → SELL



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Samsung Electronics (005930)

Same game, new stage

- With DRAM prices rising, earnings forecasts for Samsung Electronics (SEC) have continued to be revised upward. The company plans to make aggressive investments to expand its market share.
- Believing 2026 operating profit will reach KRW71t, we raise our target price to KRW130,000 and reiterate BUY on the stock.

WHAT'S THE STORY?

Raising target price and reiterating BUY: The party is still in full swing. While the magnitude of recent chip price hikes is notable, what matters more is the absence of weakening demand or rising supply. Cloud service providers again delivered earnings surprises in 3Q, confirming that their investments are translating into profit. SEC reaffirmed plans to ramp up investment through 2026. Although its capex plans are aggressive, production is unlikely to expand meaningfully next year. The emergence of AI and new semiconductor trends has been a challenge, but the competitive landscape has shifted toward commodity DRAM. Supply shortages and capacity expansions in this segment are conditions in which SEC has historically excelled. Despite the AI narrative, the playbook remains unchanged.

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SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA

(KRWb)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E
Revenue	258,935	300,871	323,672	378,768
Operating profit	6,567	32,726	37,045	70,640
Net profit (adj)	15,487	34,451	33,258	59,684
EPS (adj) (KRW)	2,131	4,950	4,813	8,647
EPS (adj) growth (% y-y)	-73.6	132.3	-2.8	79.7
EBITDA margin (%)	17.5	25.0	25.2	31.2
ROE (%)	4.1	9.0	8.0	13.2
P/E (adj) (x)	36.8	10.7	21.6	12.0
P/B (x)	1.5	0.9	1.7	1.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.0	3.6	7.2	4.7
Dividend yield (%)	1.8	2.7	1.4	1.4

Source: Company data, Samsung Securities estimates

We raise our target price to KRW130,000 (based on 1.87x P/B; two standard deviations above the post-2020 average). The multiple reflects an expected ROE of around 15%, incorporating roughly a 10% premium. Given ongoing DRAM price hikes and SEC's unique position as the only memory maker able to raise both prices and volumes simultaneously, we believe this valuation is justified. We reiterate our BUY rating.

2026 operating profit to reach KRW71t: We revise up our 2026 operating profit forecast from KRW60t to KRW71t, lifting our DRAM earnings estimate from KRW42t to KRW53t assuming higher ASPs through 1H26 and low bit shipment growth next year. Commodity DRAM accounts for 88% of total DRAM operating profit. Expecting this trend to continue, we also narrow our 2026 operating loss forecast for the foundry business by around KRW610b and trim our operating profit estimates for the visual display (VD) and digital appliances (DA) divisions by roughly KRW630b.

Outlook for commodity DRAM: Investors are watching the price surge in commodity DRAM—particularly D5, LPD5, and GD7, which are high-value chips used in data center servers. Like its peers, SEC is unable to meet rising demand in the near term due to low inventories and limited capacity expansion outside of high-bandwidth memory (HBM). The inflection point in DRAM prices is now confirmed, and ASPs should rise further in 4Q. We estimate a 4Q ASP increase of 18% for commodity DRAM and 15% for overall DRAM (including HBM). Although the pace may moderate after 1Q26, the race to secure DRAM is far from over. With low inventories and 2026 bit production growth projected at just 10% (excluding HBM), supply will remain tight. In the near term, peaks in ASP growth and share price momentum will likely coincide, but with the AI-driven upswing showing no clear end, investors are likely to keep favoring profitable memory companies trading at still-reasonable valuations.

Planning to expand investment aggressively in 2026: SEC announced plans to increase investment in memory semiconductors next year. We expect total investment to reach KRW36t-39t (vs KRW34t in 2025), covering not only equipment but also construction—such as new cleanrooms at the P4 fab, structural work at the P5 fab, and completion of the Taylor fab. However, this scale of investment is unlikely to resolve supply shortages in 2026. While the P4 fab could add capacity for commodity DRAM production, meaningful output increases are more likely from 2027 than 2026. If cleanrooms initially allocated for the foundry business are repurposed for DRAM, production could rise significantly in 2027. Even then, SEC should continue to enjoy solid growth given competitors' capacity constraints.

SEC's options for DRAM in 2026: Can SEC expand its supply volume faster than peers while commodity DRAM remains in structural shortage? We believe it has limited but viable options. First, it could boost D1c production, allowing commodity DRAM output to begin increasing after 2Q26. Even modest growth could lift its bit sales growth more than rivals. The Phase 2 facility at the P4 fab could also be assigned to commodity DRAM; if wafer-out begins in 2026, that would represent the only meaningful new capacity addition next year. Any visible pickup in bit production growth should serve as a near-term catalyst for the stock.

Strong HBM demand: We forecast that SEC's HBM bit growth will exceed 70% in 2026, outpacing the industry average of around 50%. The company should narrow its gap with a rival ahead of the HBM4 launch, although it is not yet fully competitive. Shipments of HBM3E are ramping up successfully, and we expect HBM3E to remain the mainstay product next year.

NAND business to head north: SEC's NAND shipments rose 10% q-q in 3Q, helping this business return to profitability. Strong demand for both TLC and QLC NAND points to potential supply shortages in 2026. Although margins remain thin across the NAND business, NAND earnings should improve y-y thanks to an absence of capacity additions in 2026 (ie, bit production growth).

Foundry unit to normalize: Foundry capex is expected to rise from KRW7t in 2025 to more than KRW10t in 2026, signaling a move toward normalization. We forecast that the unit will turn profitable in 2027, but a narrowing of operating losses alone could prompt investors to begin revaluing the business.

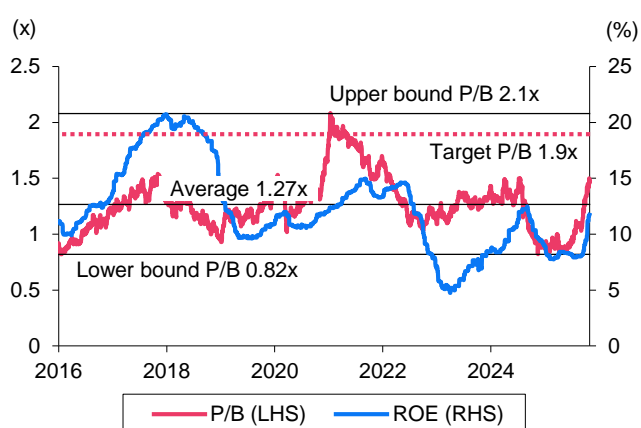
Concern over rising cost pressure at the smartphone division: The mobile eXperience (MX) division posted a 3Q operating profit of KRW3.6t, underscoring the importance of product competitiveness even in a mature market with limited growth potential. We see potential cost pressure in 2026 from rising chip prices. The year 2027 should mark the start of a new AI-driven form factor era, during which the MX division's competitiveness will be tested anew.

Samsung Electronics: Target-price calculation

(KRW)		Notes
BVPS	70,170	2026E
Target P/B (x)	1.9	Forward P/B +2SD (2020-)
Fair price per share	131,218	
Target price	130,000	
Current price	104,100	
Upside (%)	24.9	

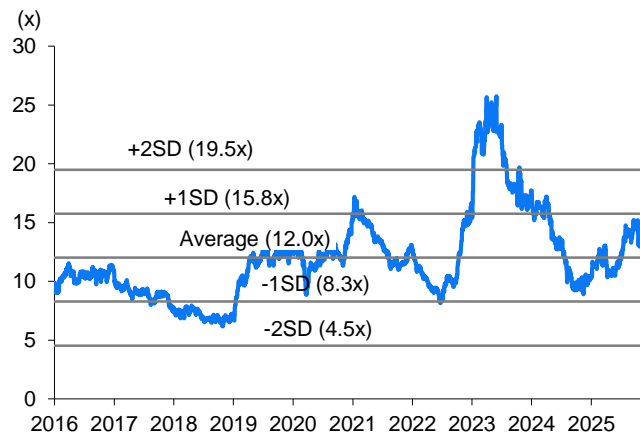
Source: Samsung Securities estimates

Samsung Electronics: Forward P/B vs ROE



Source: QuantiWise, Samsung Securities

Samsung Electronics: Forward P/E



Source: QuantiWise, Samsung Securities

Samsung Electronics: Revisions to full-year forecasts

(KRWb)	2025			2026		
	Old	New	Diff (%)	Old	New	Diff (%)
Sales	324,883	323,672	-0.4	372,894	378,768	1.6
Semiconductor	125,400	123,171	-1.8	168,748	176,201	4.4
DRAM	67,926	68,021	0.1	102,936	110,529	7.4
NAND	29,921	29,184	-2.5	35,108	36,654	4.4
LSI	27,305	25,718	-5.8	30,582	28,804	-5.8
Display	29,715	29,229	-1.6	31,201	30,690	-1.6
Telecom	123,276	124,781	1.2	122,374	121,397	-0.8
Handset	114,739	119,171	3.9	113,655	118,147	4.0
CE and Harman	72,378	72,378	0.0	74,694	74,694	0.0
Operating profit	35,692	37,045	3.8	59,555	70,640	18.6
Semiconductor	16,130	17,868	10.8	40,486	52,276	29.1
DRAM	22,985	23,956	4.2	41,781	52,909	26.6
NAND	25	-27	-209.8	1,641	1,688	2.9
LSI	-6,880	-6,061	-11.9	-2,936	-2,321	-20.9
Display	3,411	3,544	3.9	3,628	3,750	3.4
Telecom	13,391	13,487	0.7	12,653	12,458	-1.5
Handset	13,129	13,230	0.8	12,436	12,241	-1.6
CE and Harman	2,675	2,062	-22.9	2,787	2,156	-22.7

Source: Company data, Samsung Securities estimates

Samsung Electronics: Results and forecasts

(KRWb)	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25E	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	4Q26E	2024	2025E	2026E
Sales	79,048	74,598	87,319	82,707	91,933	93,510	97,781	95,543	300,866	323,672	378,768
Chg (% y-y)	9.9	0.7	10.4	9.1	16.3	25.4	12.0	15.5	12.4	13.4	14.4
Semiconductor	25,125	27,888	33,081	36,828	39,036	43,444	46,672	46,835	111,591	123,171	176,201
DRAM	13,168	14,215	18,571	22,066	23,907	27,223	29,564	29,836	54,227	68,021	110,529
NAND	5,936	6,990	8,161	8,097	8,386	9,111	10,140	9,017	30,958	29,184	36,654
Foundry & LSI	6,021	6,682	6,348	6,666	6,744	7,110	6,968	7,982	26,510	25,718	28,804
Display	5,900	6,400	8,100	8,829	6,815	7,392	8,505	7,979	29,133	29,229	30,690
Telecom & Handset	36,938	29,228	34,107	24,508	33,435	30,390	30,068	27,503	117,233	124,781	121,397
CE and Hardman	17,923	17,882	18,031	18,542	18,648	18,284	18,536	19,226	70,678	72,378	74,694
Operating profit	6,685	4,726	12,193	13,441	16,023	17,229	18,860	18,528	32,726	37,045	70,640
Semiconductor	1,122	411	7,049	9,286	10,931	13,096	14,597	13,652	15,117	17,868	52,276
DRAM	3,675	3,242	7,337	9,702	11,058	13,097	14,495	14,259	16,720	23,956	52,909
NAND	-265	-249	163	324	352	610	527	198	3,837	-27	1,688
Foundry & LSI	-2,288	-2,582	-451	-740	-479	-611	-425	-806	-5,440	-6,061	-2,321
Display	483	506	1,231	1,324	806	436	953	1,556	3,761	3,544	3,750
Telecom & Handset	4,324	3,106	3,598	2,459	3,615	2,980	2,994	2,869	10,695	13,487	12,458
CE and Hardman	671	703	315	372	671	717	317	451	3,058	2,062	2,156
Operating margin (%)	8.5	6.3	14.0	16.3	17.4	18.4	19.3	19.4	10.9	11.4	18.6
Semiconductor	4.5	1.5	21.3	25.2	28.0	30.1	31.3	29.1	13.5	14.5	29.7
DRAM	27.9	22.8	39.5	44.0	46.3	48.1	49.0	47.8	30.8	35.2	47.9
NAND	-4.9	-3.9	0.0	0.6	4.0	7.0	5.0	-4.4	12.3	-0.1	4.6
Foundry & LSI	-38.0	-38.6	-7.1	-11.1	-7.1	-8.6	-6.1	-10.1	-20.5	-23.6	-8.1
Display	8.2	7.9	15.2	15.0	11.8	5.9	11.2	19.5	12.9	12.1	12.2
Telecom & Handset	11.7	10.6	10.5	10.0	10.8	9.8	10.0	10.4	9.1	10.8	10.3
CE and Hardman	3.7	3.9	1.7	2.0	3.6	3.9	1.7	2.3	4.3	2.8	2.9
Assumptions for bit growth and ASP changes											
DRAM bit growth (% q-q)	1.5	11.5	14.0	3.0	-2.8	6.3	3.8	-0.5	12.8	8.4	15.6
DRAM ASP chg (% q-q)	-19.5	1.9	14.0	15.1	10.5	9.7	5.4	2.9	65.3	13.0	44.0
NAND bit growth (% q-q)	-12.4	27.7	10.1	-10.0	-5.0	7.0	11.0	-5.0	15.1	-0.2	6.5
NAND ASP chg (% q-q)	-13.7	-2.5	1.5	4.0	2.0	1.0	-1.0	-10.0	43.6	-8.0	21.1

Source: Company data, Samsung Securities estimates

Income statement

Year-end Dec 31 (KRWb)	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E
Sales	302,231	258,935	300,871	323,672	378,768
Cost of goods sold	190,042	180,389	186,562	201,197	203,578
Gross profit	112,190	78,547	114,309	122,475	175,190
Gross margin (%)	37.1	30.3	38.0	37.8	46.3
SG&A expenses	68,813	71,980	81,583	85,430	104,550
Operating profit	43,377	6,567	32,726	37,045	70,640
Operating margin (%)	14.4	2.5	10.9	11.4	18.6
Non-operating gains (losses)	3,064	4,439	4,804	7,299	8,939
Financial profit	20,829	16,100	16,703	20,091	19,797
Financial costs	19,028	12,646	12,986	13,993	12,070
Equity-method gains (losses)	1,091	888	751	1,000	1,000
Other	172	97	335	201	211
Pre-tax profit	46,440	11,006	37,530	44,344	79,579
Taxes	-9,214	-4,481	3,078	11,086	19,895
Effective tax rate (%)	-19.8	-40.7	8.2	25.0	25.0
Profit from continuing operations	55,654	15,487	34,451	33,258	59,684
Profit from discontinued operations	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	55,654	15,487	34,451	33,258	59,684
Net margin (%)	18.4	6.0	11.5	10.3	15.8
Net profit (controlling interests)	54,730	14,473	33,621	32,457	58,246
Net profit (non-controlling interests)	924	1,014	830	801	1,438
EBITDA	82,484	45,234	75,357	81,561	118,220
EBITDA margin (%)	27.3	17.5	25.0	25.2	31.2
EPS (parent-based) (KRW)	8,057	2,131	4,950	4,813	8,647
EPS (consolidated) (KRW)	8,193	2,280	5,072	4,932	8,861
Adjusted EPS (KRW)*	8,057	2,131	4,950	4,813	8,647

Cash flow statement

Year-end Dec 31 (KRWb)	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E
Cash flow from operations	62,181	44,137	72,983	70,391	100,245
Net profit	55,654	15,487	34,451	33,258	59,684
Non-cash profit and expenses	33,073	36,520	42,947	49,047	59,555
Depreciation	35,952	35,532	39,650	41,684	44,875
Amortization	3,156	3,134	2,981	2,831	2,705
Other	-6,034	-2,147	316	4,532	11,976
Changes in A/L from operating activities	-16,999	-5,459	-1,568	-5,604	-4,922
Cash flow from investments	-31,603	-16,923	-85,382	-54,710	-68,041
Change in tangible assets	-49,213	-57,513	-51,250	-49,000	-56,350
Change in financial assets	16,606	42,412	-36,218	-4,464	-10,787
Other	1,004	-1,822	2,087	-1,246	-904
Cash flow from financing	-19,390	-8,593	-7,797	-13,884	-11,630
Change in debt	-8,059	2,353	6,644	-4,207	-2,000
Change in equity	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends	-9,814	-9,864	-10,889	-9,677	-9,630
Other	-1,517	-1,081	-3,553	0	0
Change in cash	-5,957	-23,012	20,843	7,858	29,240
Cash at beginning of year	120,740	114,784	91,772	112,615	120,472
Cash at end of year	114,784	91,772	112,615	120,472	149,712
Gross cash flow	88,728	52,007	77,398	82,306	119,239
Free cash flow	12,751	-13,474	21,576	21,391	43,895

Note: *Excluding one-off items;

**Fully diluted, excluding one-off items;

***From companies subject to equity-method valuation

Source: Company data, Samsung Securities estimates

Balance sheet

Year-end Dec 31 (KRWb)	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E
Current assets	218,471	195,937	227,062	238,835	288,541
Cash & equivalents	114,784	91,772	112,615	120,472	149,712
Accounts receivable	35,722	36,647	43,623	46,929	54,917
Inventories	52,188	51,626	51,755	50,921	59,914
Other current assets	80,880	38,582	77,979	83,885	98,158
Fixed assets	229,954	259,969	287,470	295,538	309,430
Investment assets	23,696	20,680	24,349	25,933	29,055
Tangible assets	168,045	187,256	205,945	213,261	224,735
Intangible assets	20,218	22,742	23,739	22,907	22,203
Other long-term assets	17,994	29,291	33,437	33,437	33,437
Total assets	448,425	455,906	514,532	534,372	597,971
Current liabilities	78,345	75,719	93,326	88,203	99,316
Accounts payable	10,645	11,320	12,370	13,308	15,573
Short-term debt	5,147	7,115	13,173	11,173	9,173
Other current liabilities	62,553	57,285	67,784	63,723	74,570
Long-term liabilities	15,330	16,509	19,014	18,240	20,673
Bonds & long-term debt	570	538	21	21	21
Other long-term liabilities	14,760	15,971	18,993	18,219	20,652
Total liabilities	93,675	92,228	112,340	106,444	119,989
Owners of parent equity	345,186	353,234	391,688	416,623	465,239
Capital stock	898	898	898	898	898
Capital surplus	4,404	4,404	4,404	4,404	4,404
Retained earnings	337,946	346,652	370,513	393,293	441,909
Other	1,938	1,280	15,873	18,028	18,028
Non-controlling interests' equity	9,563	10,444	10,504	11,306	12,744
Total equity	354,750	363,678	402,192	427,929	477,982
Net debt	-104,450	-79,086	-93,285	-105,350	-136,589

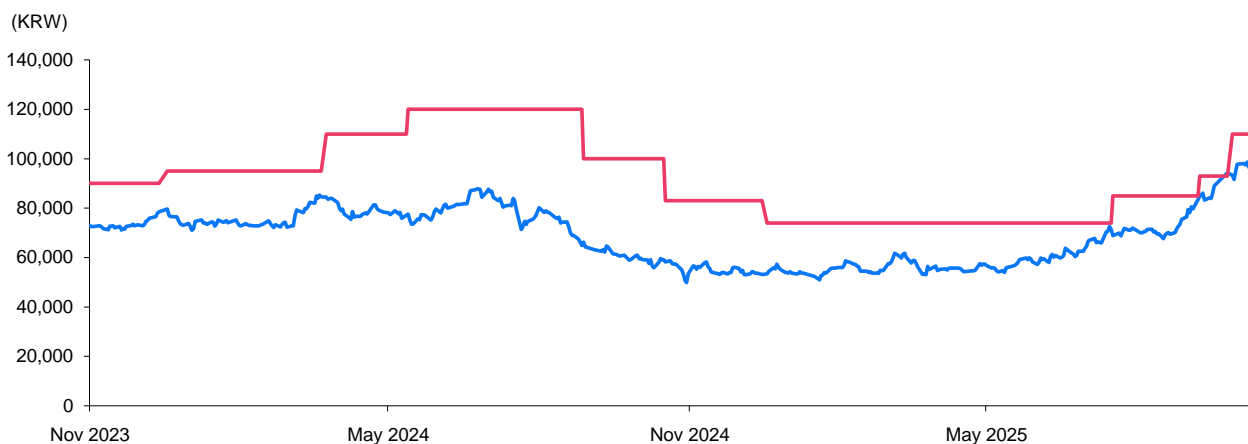
Financial ratios

Year-end Dec 31	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E
Growth (%)					
Sales	8.1	-14.3	16.2	7.6	17.0
Operating profit	-16.0	-84.9	398.3	13.2	90.7
Net profit	39.5	-72.2	122.5	-3.5	79.5
Adjusted EPS**	39.5	-73.6	132.3	-2.8	79.7
Per-share data (KRW)					
EPS (parent-based)	8,057	2,131	4,950	4,813	8,647
EPS (consolidated)	8,193	2,280	5,072	4,932	8,861
Adjusted EPS**	8,057	2,131	4,950	4,813	8,647
BVPS	50,817	52,002	57,981	62,837	70,170
DPS (common)	1,444	1,444	1,446	1,452	1,452
Valuations (x)					
P/E***	6.9	36.8	10.7	21.6	12.0
P/B***	1.1	1.5	0.9	1.7	1.5
EV/EBITDA	3.4	10.0	3.6	7.2	4.7
Ratios (%)					
ROE	17.1	4.1	9.0	8.0	13.2
ROA	12.7	3.4	7.1	6.3	10.5
ROIC	23.4	3.6	10.6	9.3	16.8
Payout ratio	15.8	59.6	25.6	26.1	14.5
Dividend yield (common)	2.6	1.8	2.7	1.4	1.4
Net debt to equity	-29.4	-21.7	-23.2	-24.6	-28.6
Interest coverage (x)	56.8	7.1	36.2	38.1	88.6

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Target price changes in past two years



Rating changes over past two years (adjusted share prices)

Date	2023/7/27	2024/1/2	4/8	5/28	9/12	11/1	2025/1/2	8/1	9/23	10/13	10/31
Recommendation	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY	BUY
Target price (KRW)	90000	95000	110000	120000	100000	83000	74000	85000	93000	110000	130000
Gap* (average)	-22.05	-20.74	-28.36	-34.45	-39.49	-33.92	-21.93	-15.05	-6.95	-10.64	
(max or min)**	-12.78	-10.21	-23.55	-26.83	-35.30	-29.28	-1.89	-1.76	1.51	-5.36	

Note: * [(average, maximum, or minimum share price over duration of target price minus target price) / target price] x 100%

** Maximum/minimum share price if new target is higher/lower than market close on the business day prior to target price change

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BUY(83.5%)-HOLD(16.5%)-SELL(0%)

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