

## Rating Hold

Asia Hong Kong

**Technology** 

Semiconductor & Equipment

## Company ASM Pacific Technology

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**ASMVY** 

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## Mixed bag; Hold

#### Fairly valued

ASMP's 4Q14 EPS was below expectations owing to lower-than-expected sales. We remain concerned about ASMP's semiconductor back-end equipment orders in 2015, especially for wirebonding packaging in light of OSAT companies' capex decline YoY. However, we raise our 2015/16 EPS forecasts by 12%/9% to factor in cost-down efforts and a favorable currency impact (Euro depreciation can help reduce SMT COGS, which is around 50% Euro exposed). We lift our target price from HK\$82 to HK\$84 but maintain Hold on fair risk/reward.

#### Weaker-than-expected 4Q14 results

The company reported EPS of HK\$0.61 in 4Q14. This was lower than our estimate of HK\$1.06 and the consensus estimate of HK\$1.18 owing to weak sales and a non-operating loss (provision for tax-related expense). Sales fell 29% QoQ in 4Q14, below our forecast of a 19% decrease and consensus estimate of a 10% drop. This was attributable to some order postponement due to conservative capex plans for 2015, especially for semiconductor backend equipment. Its OPM dropped by 475bps QoQ to 15.0% in 4Q14, vs. our/consensus estimates of 15.4%/14.2%. ASMP's backlog fell 20% QoQ in 4Q14 and the book-to-bill ratio decreased to 0.77 in 4Q14 from 0.85 in 3Q14.

#### Muted outlook for 1Q15

Management guides for a sequential sales decline but a low to moderate double-digit percentage sales increase YoY in 1Q15, vs. our forecast of a 16% sales drop QoQ and 32% sales growth YoY. We expect GM to drop by 250bps QoQ to 35.5% in 1Q15. We believe ASMP will continue to gain market share in SMT and maintain its high LED back-end equipment market share based on its enriched product lines and solid execution. However, OSAT's capex decline in 2015 may lead to headwinds to ASMP's semiconductor back-end business.

We introduce our 2017 EPS forecast. Our target price is based on 3.9x 2015E P/B. We shift our target price multiple from 3.7x 2014-15E average P/B to 3.9x 2015E P/B. This is in line with the fair PB of 3.9x generated by a Gordon Growth Model (long-term ROE of 21% and industry growth rate of 2.5%). Upside/downside risks: market share gains in flip-chip/SMT, ASP and demand.

Forecasts And Ratios					
Year End Dec 31	2013A	2014A	2015E	2016E	2017E
DB EPS FD(HKD)	1.40	3.82	4.84	4.87	5.20
DB EPS growth (%)	-19.1	173.4	26.5	0.7	6.7
PER (x)	59.0	20.4	16.3	16.2	15.2
Price/BV (x)	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.0
Yield (net) (%)	1.0	2.7	3.2	3.4	3.5
ROE (%)	8.2	20.9	23.7	21.7	20.8
Source: Deutsche Bank estimates, company data					

DB EPS is fully diluted and excludes non-recurring items

#### Date 5 March 2015

#### Results

Price at 5 Mar 2015 (HKD)	79.10
Price target - 12mth (HKD)	84.00
52-week range (HKD)	91.15 - 64.65
HANG SENG INDEX	24,465

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#### Key changes

2.4% Price target 82.00 to 84.00 1 Source: Deutsche Bank

#### Price/price relative



Performance (%)	1m	3m	12m
Absolute	9.0	3.9	13.8
HANG SENG INDEX	-1.2	1.9	8.4

Source: Deutsche Bank

#### DB EPS estimates vs. consensus

Year	2015E	2016E
DB's estimates (HK\$)	4.84	4.87
Consensus estimates (HK\$)	5.02	5.60
DB over consensus	-4%	-13%

Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, Deutsche Bank estimates

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Multiples and yields calculations use average historical prices for past years and spot prices for current and future years, except P/B which use the year end close



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### ASM Pacific Technology

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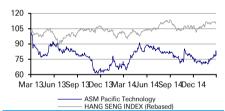
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Price (5 Mar 15)	HKD 79.10
Target Price	HKD 84.00
52 Week range	HKD 64.65 - 91.15
Market Cap (m)	HKDm 31,171
	USDm 4,019

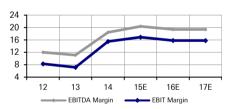
#### Company Profile

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#### Price Performance



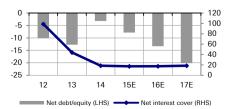
### Margin Trends



#### Growth & Profitability



#### Solvency



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Fiscal year end 31-Dec	2012	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017E
Financial Summary						
DB EPS (HKD)	1.73	1.40	3.82	4.84	4.87	5.20
Reported EPS (HKD)	1.73	1.40	3.82	4.84	4.87	5.20
DPS (HKD)	0.91	0.85	2.10	2.55	2.65	2.80
BVPS (HKD)	16.4	17.7	19.6	21.4	23.6	26.3
Weighted average shares (m)	394	394	394	394	394	394
Average market cap (HKDm) Enterprise value (HKDm)	38,066 37,403	32,571 31,670	30,792 30,530	31,171 30,467	31,171 29,849	31,171 28,948
	37,403	31,070	30,330	30,407	25,045	20,040
Valuation Metrics P/E (DB) (x)	55.9	59.0	20.4	16.3	16.2	15.2
P/E (Reported) (x)	55.9	59.0	20.4	16.3	16.2	15.2
P/BV (x)	5.74	3.66	3.77	3.70	3.35	3.01
FCF Yield (%)	0.4	0.2	nm	6.0	5.6	6.5
Dividend Yield (%)	0.9	1.0	2.7	3.2	3.4	3.5
EV/Sales (x)	3.6	2.9	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	29.8	26.3	11.6	9.4	9.0	8.2
EV/EBIT (x)	43.2	40.8	13.8	11.3	11.0	10.1
Income Statement (HKDm)						
Sales revenue	10,460	10,841	14,229	15,905	17,095	18,200
Gross profit	3,551	3,607	5,468	6,547	6,762	7,191
EBITDA	1,255	1,203	2,623	3,241	3,317	3,528
Depreciation	389	427	418	555	613	653
Amortisation	0	0	0	0	0	0
EBIT	866	776	2,205	2,686	2,703	2,875
Net interest income(expense) Associates/affiliates	-9 0	-18 0	-119 0	-156 0	-156 0	-156 0
Exceptionals/extraordinaries	0	0	0	7	7	7
Other pre-tax income/(expense)	11	-85	-58	20	20	20
Profit before tax	869	673	2,028	2,551	2,568	2,740
Income tax expense	180	114	429	523	526	562
Minorities Other past tay income//avpance)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other post-tax income/(expense) Net profit	689	559	1,600	0 2,035	2,048	2,185
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DB adjustments (including dilution) DB Net profit	0 689	0 559	0 1,600	0 2,035	0 2,048	0 2,185
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Cash Flow (HKDm)						
Cash flow from operations	707	426	-201	2,277	2,122	2,405
Net Capex Free cash flow	-542 165	-350 76	-444 -645	-390 1,887	-390 1,732	-390 2,015
Equity raised/(bought back)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	-561	-260	-535	-946	-1,114	-1,114
Net inc/(dec) in borrowings	128	41	2,177	0	0	0
Other investing/financing cash flows	127	253	0	0	0	-395
Net cash flow  Change in working capital	-141 - <i>696</i>	110 <i>-288</i>	997 - <i>969</i>	941 <i>-812</i>	618 <i>-539</i>	506 - <i>433</i>
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Balance Sheet (HKDm)						
Cash and other liquid assets	1,487	1,597 2,001	2,594	3,535 1,884	4,153 1,661	5,053
Tangible fixed assets Goodwill/intangible assets	2,106 0	2,001	2,073 0	0	0	1,453 0
Associates/investments	0	0	0	0	Ő	0
Other assets	6,631	7,143	9,829	10,631	11,520	12,191
Total assets	10,224	10,740	14,496	16,051	17,334	18,698
Interest bearing debt	824	696	2,332	2,830	2,830	2,830
Other liabilities	2,843	2,963	3,959	4,233	4,582	4,820
Total liabilities Shareholders' equity	3,667 6,557	3,659 7,081	6,291 8,205	7,063 8,988	7,412 9,922	7,650 11,047
Minorities	0,337	0	0,203	0,300	0	0
Total shareholders' equity	6,557	7,081	8,205	8,988	9,922	11,047
Net debt	-663	-900	-262	-704	-1,322	-2,223
Key Company Metrics						
Sales growth (%)	-19.0	3.6	31.3	11.8	7.5	6.5
DB EPS growth (%)	-76.5	-19.1	173.4	26.5	0.7	6.7
EBITDA Margin (%)	12.0	11.1	18.4	20.4	19.4	19.4
EBIT Margin (%)	8.3	7.2	15.5	16.9	15.8	15.8
Payout ratio (%)	52.1	60.0	51.8	49.4	51.0	50.5
ROE (%) Capex/sales (%)	10.8 5.2	8.2 3.2	20.9 3.1	23.7 2.5	21.7 2.3	20.8 2.1
Capex/sales (%) Capex/depreciation (x)	5.2 1.4	0.8	1.1	2.5 0.7	2.3 0.6	0.6
Net debt/equity (%)	-10.1	-12.7	-3.2	-7.8	-13.3	-20.1
Net interest cover (x)	98.8	44.0	18.5	17.3	17.4	18.5
Source: Company data, Deutsche Bank estil	mates					

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#### 4Q14 results below expectations

- Low-than-expected sales Sales declined 29% QoQ in 4Q14, below our forecast of a 19% decrease and consensus estimate of a 10% drop.
- Sales by segment in 4Q14 assembly and packaging equipment sales of HK\$1,516m (44% of sales in 4Q14; 30% QoQ decrease); leadframe sales of HK\$450m (13% of sales in 4Q14; 10% QoQ decrease); SMT equipment sales of HK\$1,480m (43% of sales in 4Q14; 32% QoQ decrease).
- Book-to-bill ratio decreased to 0.77 in 4Q14 from 0.85 in 3Q14.
- Better-than-expected gross margin increased by 220bps QoQ to 38.0% in 4Q14, which was better than our estimate of 33.2% and the consensus estimate of 33.8%. GM of back-end equipment improved 240bps QoQ to 36.9% in 4Q14. GM of SMT (surface mounting technology) equipment increased by 130bps QoQ to 34.8%. This was attributable to cost-down efforts (outsourcing increased to 30% in 2014 vs. 20% in 2013) and favorable Euro depreciation of 3.5% QoQ in 4Q14, which helps reduce SMT COGS in Europe.
- Operating margin declined by 4.7ppt QoQ to 15.0% in 4Q14 vs. our estimate of 15.4% and consensus of 14.2%.
- New order booking dropped US\$342.5m in 4Q14, a 35.7% QoQ decrease.
  - Back-end equipment booking declined 46.5% QoQ in 4Q14. We attribute this to customers' front-end loaded capex in 2014.
  - Leadframe booking down 6.5% QoQ in 4Q14.
  - SMT equipment booking decreased 31.0% QoQ in 4Q14.
- Order backlog decreased US\$362m in 2Q14, a 20% QoQ decrease.
- Net profit HK\$244m in 4Q14, below our estimate of HK\$451m and the consensus estimate of HK\$485m.
- EPS HK\$0.60 in 4Q14, lower than our estimate of HK\$1.06 and the consensus estimate of HK\$1.18. This is due to weaker-than-expected sales and a non-operating loss (provision for tax-related expense).

Figure 1: ASMP's	4Q14 results vs.	Deutsche Bank and	consensus estimates
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4Q13	3Q14	4Q14	% QoQ	% YoY	DB 4Q14E	Diff. (%)	Consensus 4Q14E	Diff. (%)
2,764	4,852	3,446	-29%	25%	3,911	-12%	4,360	-21%
749	1,737	1,308	-25%	75%	1,298	1%	1,474	-11%
123	957	516	-46%	320%	600	-14%	620	-17%
13	985	337	-66%	2491%	563	-40%	607	-44%
47	782	244	-69%	416%	451	-46%	485	-50%
0.12	1.83	0.61	-67%	414%	1.06	-43%	1.18	-49%
						Diff. (% pt)		Diff. (% pt)
27.1%	35.8%	38.0%	2.2%	10.8%	33.2%	4.8%	33.8%	4.2%
4.4%	19.7%	15.0%	-4.7%	10.5%	15.4%	-0.4%	14.2%	0.7%
1.7%	16.1%	7.1%	-9.0%	5.4%	11.5%	-4.5%	11.1%	-4.0%
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Figure 2: SEMI back-end book-to-bill ratio – improved to 1.00 in January 2015 from 0.84 in December 2014

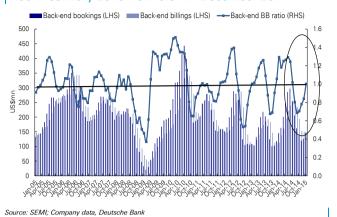


Figure 4: ASMP's quarterly backlog – declined 20% QoQ to US\$362m in 4Q14

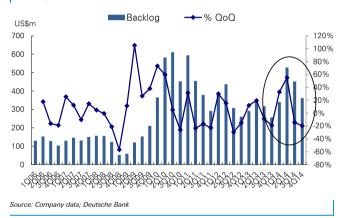


Figure 3: ASMP's quarterly book-to-bill ratio – decreased to 0.77 in 4Q14 and bottom in 1Q15

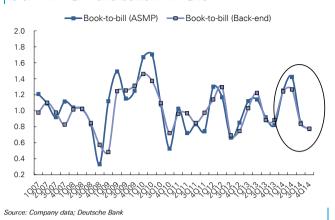
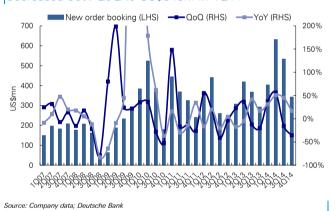


Figure 5: ASMP's quarterly new order booking – decreased 36% QoQ to US\$343m in 4Q14



#### Sales outlook in 1015

Management guides for a sequential sales decline but a low to moderate double-digit percentage sales increase YoY in 1Q15, vs. our previous forecast of a 16% sales drop QoQ and 32% sales growth YoY. We now forecast sales down 13% QoQ but up 20% YoY in 1Q15.

#### Semiconductor back-end equipment

We expect semiconductor back-end sales to decline 16% QoQ in 1Q15.

#### LED equipment

We forecast LED sales to drop 11% QoQ in 1Q15. Management anticipates LED lighting, 4K TV, and large LED display panels will drive the growth in its LED segment in 2015. We expect LED sales to grow 7% YoY in 2015.

#### Leadframe

We expect leadframe sales to decrease 8% QoQ in 1Q15.

#### SMT equipment

We expect SMT equipment sales to decline 13% QoQ in 1Q15. Management expects DEK together with SIPLACE to serve as a second growth engine, and



to gain market share in SMT market in 2015. We anticipate SMT equipment sales will grow 24% YoY in 2015.

Fiaure 6:	Sales and	margin brea	kdown b	ov product

HK\$m	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14	2014	1Q15E	2Q15E	3Q15E	4Q15E	2015E
Sales										
Back-end equipment	1,269	1,851	2,168	1,516	6,804	1,303	1,799	2,159	1,705	6,966
SMT equipment	782	1,080	2,181	1,480	5,524	1,287	1,764	2,117	1,693	6,861
Leadframe	443	506	503	450	1,902	407	514	617	540	2,078
% of sales										
Back-end equipment	51%	54%	45%	44%	48%	43%	44%	44%	43%	44%
SMT equipment	31%	31%	45%	43%	39%	43%	43%	43%	43%	43%
Leadframe	18%	15%	10%	13%	13%	14%	13%	13%	14%	13%
Sales YoY growth										
Back-end equipment	34%	24%	42%	22%	31%	3%	-3%	0%	13%	2%
SMT equipment	-4%	23%	100%	31%	41%	65%	63%	-3%	14%	24%
Leadframe	23%	6%	3%	13%	10%	-8%	2%	23%	20%	9%
Sales QoQ growth										
Back-end equipment	2%	46%	17%	-30%		-14%	38%	20%	-21%	
SMT equipment	-31%	38%	102%	-32%		-13%	37%	20%	-20%	
Leadframe	11%	14%	-1%	-10%		-10%	26%	20%	-13%	
Gross margin										
Back-end equipment	34.5%	42.4%	43.3%	41.9%	41.1%	39.0%	42.0%	44.0%	42.0%	42.1%
SMT equipment	32.5%	30.2%	33.5%	34.8%	33.1%	33.5%	35.0%	38.5%	35.0%	35.8%
Leadframe	26.2%	16.9%	13.5%	35.1%	22.5%	30.6%	30.3%	31.9%	23.8%	29.2%
Operating margin										
Back-end equipment	13.5%	21.0%	26.0%	16.4%	20.2%	10.0%	22.0%	26.0%	22.5%	21.1%
SMT equipment	2.5%	10.1%	16.7%	16.0%	13.2%	13.5%	12.8%	20.5%	13.6%	15.5%
Leadframe	8.4%	11.2%	8.7%	8.1%	9.2%	2.6%	10.3%	13.9%	6.3%	8.9%

Figure 7: Earnings revisions for ASMP

2015E				Diff. (%; New/Previous)		
2015E	2016E	2015E	2016E	2015E	2016E	
15,905	17,095	16,720	17,254	-5%	-1%	
5,992	6,149	5,667	5,866	6%	5%	
2,686	2,703	2,436	2,523	10%	7%	
2,035	2,048	1,841	1,910	11%	7%	
4.84	4.87	4.32	4.48	12%	9%	
				Difference	(ppt)	
37.7%	36.0%	33.9%	34.0%	3.8%	2.0%	
16.9%	15.8%	14.6%	14.6%	2.3%	1.2%	
12.8%	12.0%	11.0%	11.1%	1.8%	0.9%	
	5,992 2,686 2,035 4.84 37.7% 16.9%	5,992 6,149 2,686 2,703 2,035 2,048 4.84 4.87 37.7% 36.0% 16.9% 15.8%	5,992       6,149       5,667         2,686       2,703       2,436         2,035       2,048       1,841         4.84       4.87       4.32         37.7%       36.0%       33.9%         16.9%       15.8%       14.6%	5,992       6,149       5,667       5,866         2,686       2,703       2,436       2,523         2,035       2,048       1,841       1,910         4.84       4.87       4.32       4.48         37.7%       36.0%       33.9%       34.0%         16.9%       15.8%       14.6%       14.6%	5,992       6,149       5,667       5,866       6%         2,686       2,703       2,436       2,523       10%         2,035       2,048       1,841       1,910       11%         4.84       4.87       4.32       4.48       12%         Difference         37.7%       36.0%       33.9%       34.0%       3.8%         16.9%       15.8%       14.6%       14.6%       2.3%	

## **Maintaining Hold**

#### Target price basis

We base our HK\$84 target price (HK\$82 previously) on 3.9x 2015E PB, which is in line with the fair PB of 3.9x generated by a Gordon Growth Model (long-term ROE of 21%, long-term industry growth rate of 2.5%, 7.1% cost of equity).



#### Investment risks

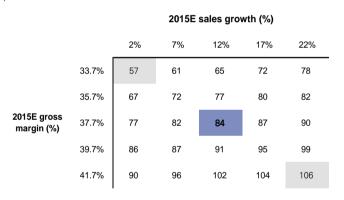
Upside/downside risks include stronger/weaker growth in the LED business, better/worse execution in relation to cost reductions, the pace of ASP contraction, and demand.

- If the LED business and end-demand are stronger/weaker than our expectations, this could result in upside/downside to our sales estimates.
- If the company reduces costs at a faster/slower pace or if ASP declines more moderately/deeply than we expect, this could lead to upside/downside to our margin estimates.

#### Fair risk/reward profile (Figure 8)

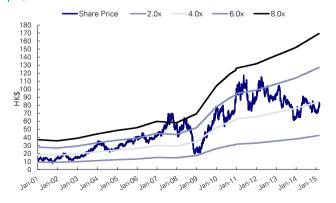
Our analysis shows a fair risk/reward balance (including the dividend) of 27% downside risk (a valuation of HK\$57) and 35% upside risk (a valuation of HK\$106). Our HK\$84 target price assumes 2015E sales growth of 12% and a blended gross margin of 37.7%. If we assume that ASMP can deliver 2015E sales growth of 22% and a gross margin of 41.7%, our valuation would rise to HK\$106, all else being equal. On the downside, 2% sales growth and a 33.7% gross margin for 2015E would generate a valuation of HK\$57.

Figure 8: Target price sensitivity analysis for ASMP



Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, Deutsche Bank

Figure 10: ASMP's forward P/B band



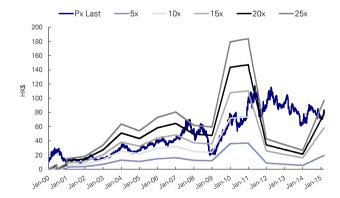
Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, Deutsche Bank

Figure 9: Forward P/B vs. ROE for ASMP



Source: Deutsche Bank estimates

Figure 11: ASMP's forward P/E band



Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, Deutsche Bank



Figure 12: Quarterly earnings model for ASMP

HK\$m	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14	2014	1Q15E	2Q15E	3Q15E	4Q15E	2015E
Net sales	2,493	3,438	4,852	3,446	14,229	2,998	4,077	4,892	3,938	15,905
Gross profit	808	1,196	1,737	1,308	5,050	1,064	1,529	1,962	1,437	5,992
Operating profit	213	519	957	516	2,205	308	672	1,072	634	2,686
PBT	198	508	985	337	2,028	274	638	1,038	600	2,551
Net income	157	417	782	244	1,600	218	508	825	477	2,035
Fully-diluted EPS (HK\$)	0.39	0.98	1.83	0.61	3.82	0.54	1.26	2.05	1.19	4.84
Margin (%)										
Gross margin	32.4%	34.8%	35.8%	38.0%	35.5%	35.5%	37.5%	40.1%	36.5%	37.7%
Operating margin	8.6%	15.1%	19.7%	15.0%	15.5%	10.3%	16.5%	21.9%	16.1%	16.9%
Net margin	6.3%	12.1%	16.1%	7.1%	11.2%	7.3%	12.4%	16.9%	12.1%	12.8%
Growth (%)										
Sales YoY	17%	21%	56%	25%	31%	20%	19%	1%	14%	12%
Net income YoY	1870%	81%	186%	416%	186%	39%	22%	5%	96%	27%
Sales QoQ	-10%	38%	41%	-29%		-13%	36%	20%	-20%	
Net income QoQ	232%	166%	88%	-69%		-11%	133%	63%	-42%	



HK\$m	1H14	2H14	2014	1H15E	2H15E	2015E
Net sales	5,931	8,298	14,229	7,075	8,831	15,905
Gross profit	2,004	3,045	5,050	2,593	3,399	5,992
Depreciation & amortization	(186)	(232)	(418)	(259)	(296)	(555)
Operating profit	732	1,473	2,205	980	1,706	2,686
Tax	706	1,322	2,028	912	1,638	2,551
PBT	(133)	(296)	(429)	(187)	(336)	(523)
Net income	574	1,026	1,600	728	1,307	2,035
Fully-diluted EPS (HK\$)	1.37	2.44	3.82	1.73	3.11	4.84
Margin (%)						
Gross margin	33.8%	36.7%	35.5%	36.7%	38.5%	37.7%
Depreciation & amortization	3.1%	2.8%	2.9%	3.7%	3.3%	3.5%
Operating margin	12.3%	17.8%	15.5%	13.9%	19.3%	16.9%
Net margin	9.7%	12.4%	11.2%	10.3%	14.8%	12.8%
Growth (%)						
Sales YoY	19%	41%	31%	19%	6%	12%
Net income YoY	141%	220%	186%	27%	27%	27%
Sales HoH	1%	40%		-15%	25%	
Net income HoH	79%	79%		-29%	79%	
Profitability (%)						
ROE	15%	26%	21%	18%	31%	24%
ROA	8%	14%	11%	10%	16%	13%
ROIC	13%	20%	18%	14%	23%	19%
Solvency analysis						
Current ratio	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.8
Quick ratio	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.9
Cash ratio	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6	8.0	0.8
Gearing/leverage analysis						
Gross gearing (D/E)	31%	28%	28%	35%	31%	31%
Net gearing (D-CCE)/E	-12%	-3%	-3%	4%	-8%	-8%
Leverage (D/D+E)	24%	22%	22%	26%	24%	24%
Cash conversion cycle (days)						
Inventory	163	134	142	168	145	151
Account receivables	110	90	93	115	99	102
Account payables	116	100	101	125	109	113



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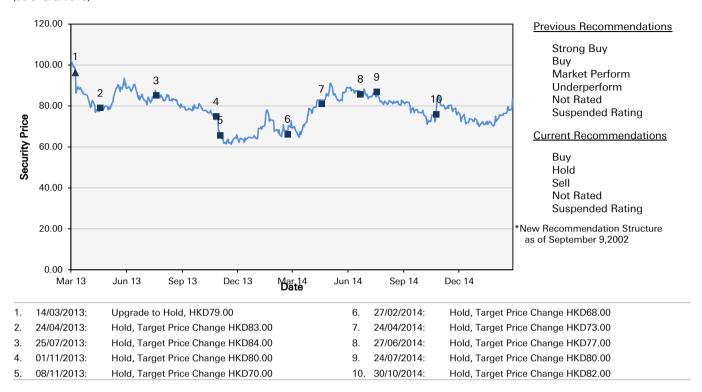
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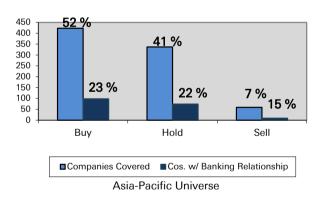
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