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Global Memory S/D update and BOM cost analysis: Expect further tightness across DRAM, NAND, and HBM; reiterate Buy on Samsung, Hynix, SNDK, Tokyo Electron, Ulvac, and Disco

We update our S/D model post 4QCY25 earnings of major memory players, where we now expect even tighter S/D across DRAM, NAND, and HBM for 2026E/2027E. With the tighter S/D, we believe memory companies will continue to enjoy significant pricing upside, and hence expect earnings/margin to reach historical high levels.

DRAM: We now expect 2026E/2027E DRAM S/D will be in a larger undersupply of 4.9%/2.5% (vs. prior expectation of 3.3%/1.1% undersupply), respectively. The supply shortage that we expect in 2026E will be the most severe one during the last 15+ years, mainly driven by the strong demand from server-related applications (DDR, LPDDR, HBM, SOCAMM) that are seeing no signs of slowing down, as well as the limited capacity additions and the healthy level of inventory across the industry.

NAND: We now expect 2026E/2027E NAND S/D will be in a larger undersupply of 4.2%/2.1% (vs. prior expectation of 2.5%/1.2% undersupply), respectively. Similar to DRAM, we expect the NAND industry to see one of the largest shortages in history in 2026E, mainly driven by strong growth in enterprise SSD demand and the limited spending and capacity additions by the suppliers.

HBM: We raise our TAM estimates for 2026E/2027E by 8%/9% to US\$54bn/US\$75bn (from US\$50bn/US\$69bn) mainly to reflect better HBM demand coming from both GPUs and ASICs. Our higher HBM demand estimates are more attributable to higher ASIC demand, and now expect ASIC to comprise 33%/36% of HBM demand in 2026E/2027E (compared to 28%/34% previously). We now expect greater HBM industry undersupply of 5.1%/4.0% for 2026E/2027E, compared to our previous forecast of 0.7%/1.6% undersupply.

BOM cost analysis: In this report, we also conduct a BOM cost analysis, to examine how high the memory cost burden has risen, and to see the impact of potential demand destruction. Our conclusion is while the higher memory cost could lead to demand destruction for PC/smartphones and lower DRAM content adoption for these products, given the significant undersupply we expect for this year, even under a highly negative scenario we expect the DRAM industry S/D to remain tight.

We highlight Samsung Electronics (SEC), SK Hynix (Hynix), SanDisk, Tokyo Electron, Ulvac, and Disco as companies that mainly benefit from the tighter memory industry S/D we expect.

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Conventional memory: expect one of the largest shortages in history this year for both DRAM/NAND

DRAM: Expect one of the most severe shortages this year led by strength in servers and limited capacity increase

We update our DRAM S/D industry model post 4Q25 earnings, and now expect 2026E/2027E DRAM S/D will be in a larger undersupply of 4.9%/2.5% (vs. prior expectation of a 3.3%/1.1% undersupply), respectively. The supply shortage that we expect in 2026E will be the most severe one during the last 15+ years, mainly driven by the strong demand from server-related applications (DDR, LPDDR, HBM, SOCAMM) that are seeing no signs of slowing down, as well as the limited capacity additions and the healthy level of inventory across the industry.

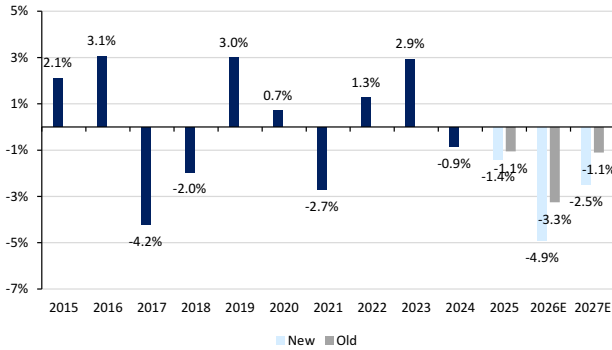
DRAM Demand: limited growth from PC/smartphone more than offset by strong growth in servers

We now expect 2026E/2027E global DRAM demand to grow 25%/17% yoy (vs. +23%/+15% yoy previously). As we mainly reflect our global team's higher shipment forecast for both AI servers and general servers, as well as higher 2027E forecast for SOCAMM, our server DRAM demand forecast for 2026E/2027E is revised up by 6%/10%, and we now expect server DRAM (excl. HBM) demand to grow 39%/22% yoy during those years and reach 44%/46% of global DRAM demand. If also including HBM bit demand, we expect the combined server-related DRAM demand for 2026E/2027E to reach 53%/57% of global DRAM demand, showing server has become by far the most important driver for global DRAM demand.

On the other hand, we lower our 2026E/2027E mobile DRAM demand forecast by 7%/7% to reflect our global team's recent downward revision in smartphone shipment and our lower DRAM content per unit assumption coming from the rapidly rising memory cost. As a result, we expect mobile DRAM demand to meaningfully decelerate this year and only grow 7% yoy, compared to the high-teens% level it saw during the past couple of years.

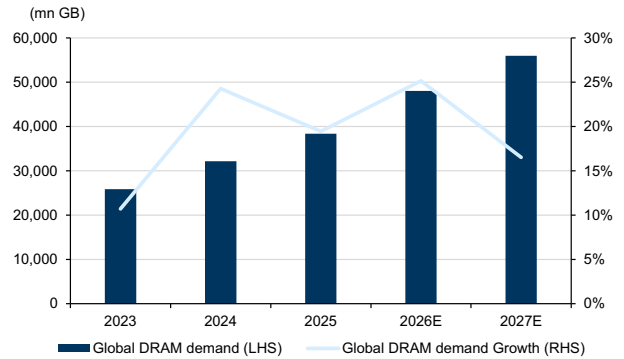
We also lower our 2026E/2027E PC DRAM demand forecast by 3%/5% mainly to reflect both our global team's downward revision in PC shipment and lower DRAM content assumptions, and now expect DRAM demand from PC to grow only 5% yoy, also compared to the high-teens% level during the past couple of years.

Exhibit 1: We now expect 2026E DRAM S/D to be in a larger undersupply of 4.9% (vs. prior expectation of 3.3% undersupply)
DRAM industry S/D



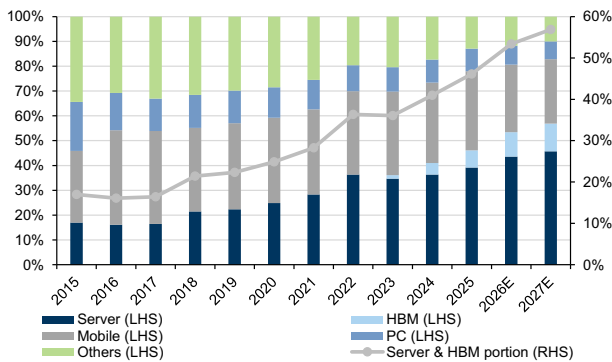
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Exhibit 2: Global DRAM demand growth



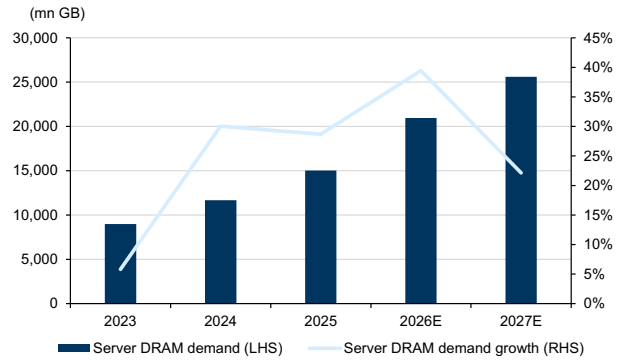
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Exhibit 3: DRAM bit demand mix



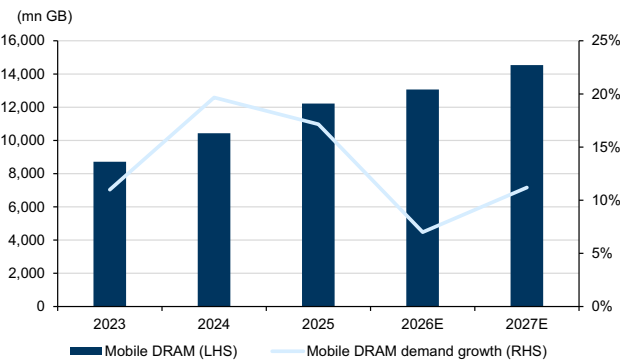
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Exhibit 4: Server DRAM demand growth (excl. HBM)



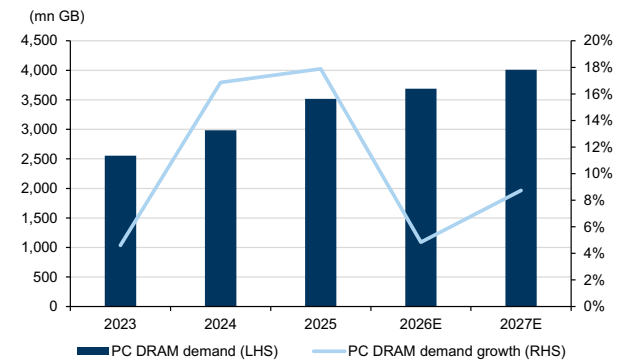
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Exhibit 5: Mobile DRAM demand growth



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Exhibit 6: PC DRAM demand growth



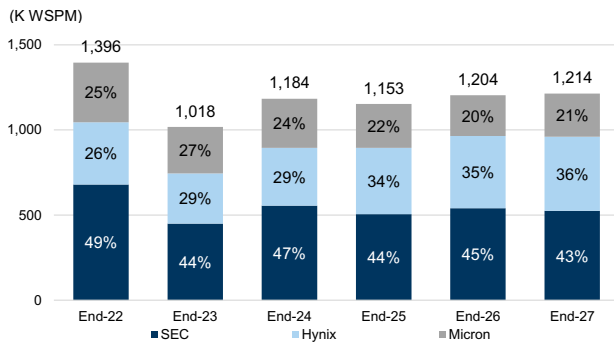
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DRAM Supply: tight supply led by limited conventional DRAM capacity additions and healthy inventory

We now expect 2026E/2027E global DRAM supply to grow 21%/19% yoy (vs. +20%/+18% yoy previously). We make minimal changes to our DRAM bit supply

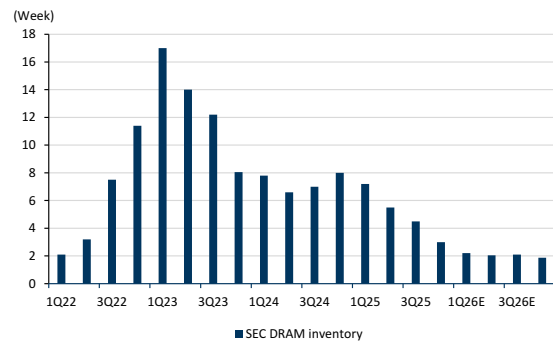
forecast, as we think the limited clean room space for major suppliers will likely limit meaningful upside to supply at least in the near-to-mid-term, despite the suppliers' intention to alleviate the industry tightness and the higher capex forecast post earnings. We continue to expect wafer capacity additions especially for conventional DRAM to see limited growth, as only SEC has enough flexibility to add new capacity at its P4 fab, while we expect Hynix to use its clean room space at M15X mainly for HBM. As new fabs such as SEC's P5 and Hynix' Yongin fab will likely not ramp before 2H27, we expect limited upside to industry supply before then. In addition, the healthy inventory level across suppliers will likely contribute to the limited upside to supply, in our view. Inventory levels at mobile customers have come down significantly to very low levels, while the limited bit supply we expect for 1Q26 is likely going to lead to a decline in PC/server customer inventory, which we expect to contribute to a more favorable pricing trend. Based on our checks, certain customers are already asking for memory allocation even for 2028, showing how the supply situation currently is extremely tight.

Exhibit 7: DRAM top 3 players conventional DRAM capacity



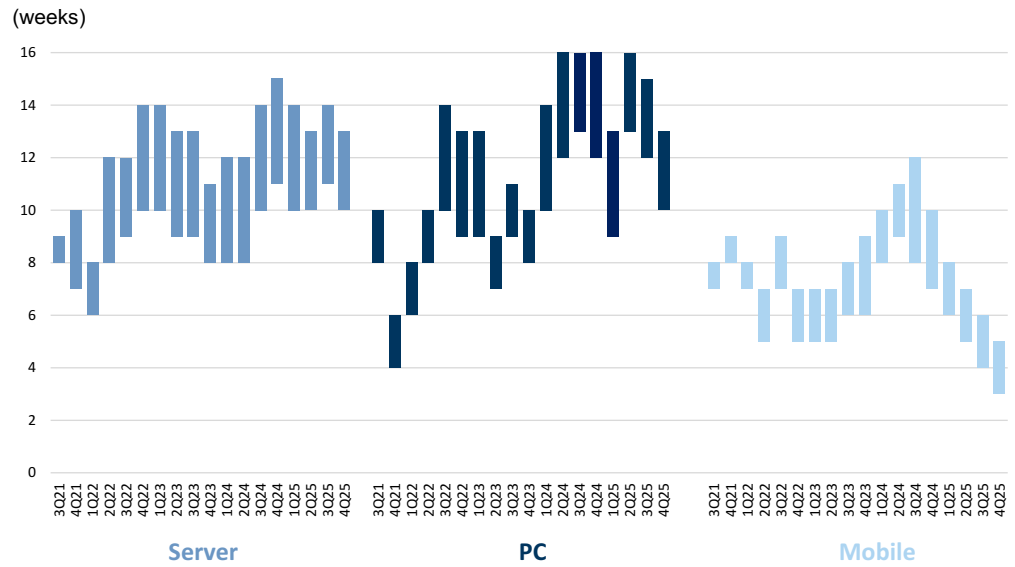
Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 8: SEC DRAM Inventory



Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 9: DRAM customer inventory level

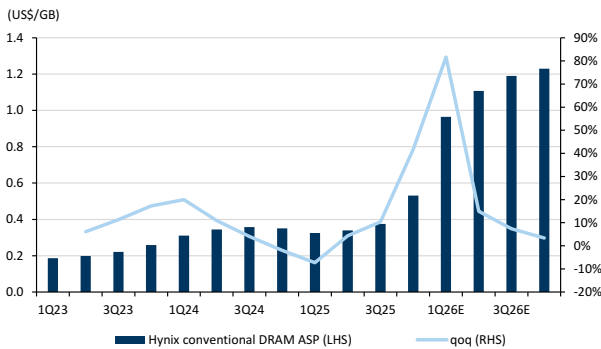


Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

2026E Conventional DRAM pricing to rise ~180% yoy and OPM to reach 70%-80% for SEC/Hynix

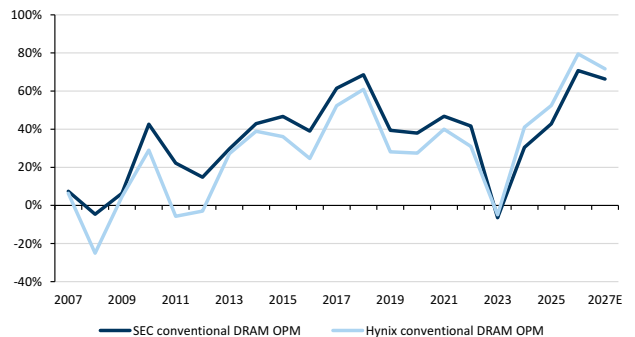
Post 4Q25 earnings at end-January, we meaningfully raised our 2026E conventional DRAM pricing forecast for both SEC and Hynix, and now expect a 176%/184% yoy increase. Based on this forecast, we expect conventional DRAM ASP to reach close to US\$1.25/Gb (or US\$10/GB) by the end of this year, which would also be close to the level of HBM3E 12Hi pricing we expect for this year. Hence, we expect conventional DRAM pricing to see some adjustments in 2027, albeit a benign one considering the tight S/D we are expecting for next year as well. Based on our pricing assumptions, we expect 2026E/2027E conventional DRAM operating margin to reach 71%/66% for SEC and 79%/72% for Hynix, around the highest level in history for SEC and by far the highest level ever for Hynix.

Exhibit 10: Hynix conventional DRAM ASP and qoq growth



Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 11: SEC/Hynix conventional DRAM OPM



Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

NAND: Robust eSSD demand and supply discipline to lead to one of the largest shortages this year

We update our NAND S/D industry model post 4Q25 earnings, and now expect 2026E/2027E NAND S/D will be in a larger undersupply of 4.2%/2.1% (vs. prior expectation of a 2.5%/1.2% undersupply), respectively. Similar to DRAM, we expect the NAND industry to see one of the largest shortages in history in 2026E, mainly driven by strong growth in enterprise SSD demand and the limited spending and capacity additions by the suppliers.

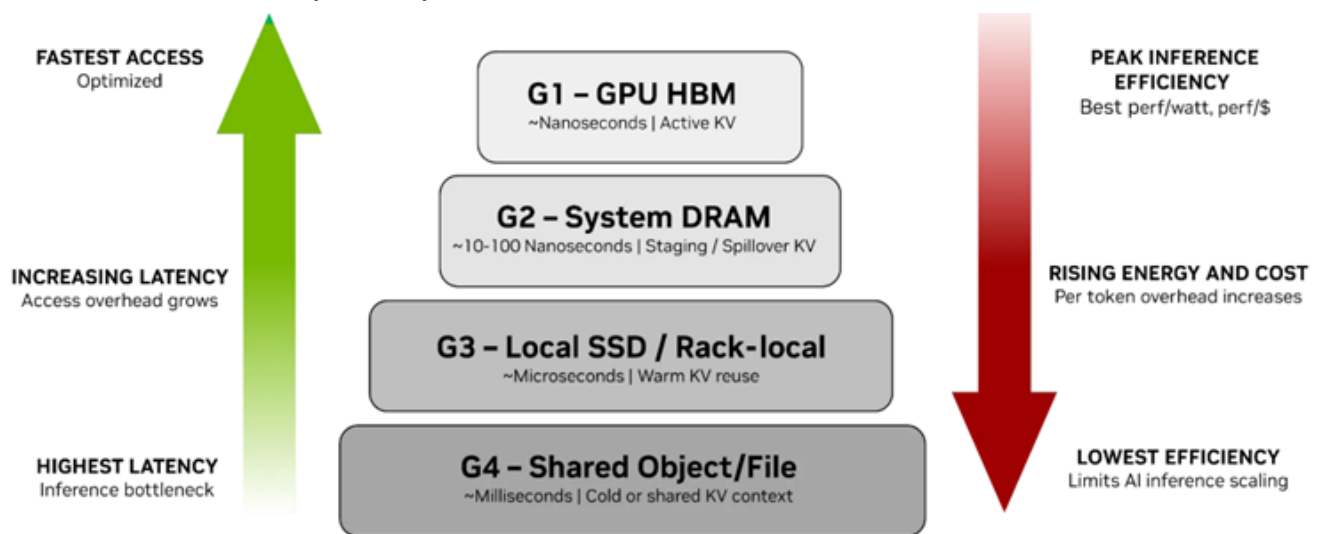
Understanding and gauging the impact of BlueField DPU and ICMSP (Inference Context Memory Storage Platform)

Q1. What is BlueField DPU and ICMSP architecture (Inference Context Memory Storage Platform) and why Nvidia developed this?

KV cache is a type of memory that stores conversation history with AI agents to prevent AI models from recomputing the entire conversation history from scratch. Because of KV cache, AI agents can respond to user requests much faster and more accurately as it can remember the context. However, this creates exponential storage demand as the number of AI agent users increases and the length of conversation increases. This growth creates a significant performance bottleneck. The size of the KV cache far exceeds the limited capacity of high-bandwidth memory (HBM, the G1 tier), forcing the data to be offloaded to server DRAM (G2 tier) and local storage (G3 tier). As the data continues to expand, it is further pushed to network storage (G4 tier), which increases network traffic and significantly slows down data transfer speeds.

To resolve this systemic issue, NVIDIA has launched the ICMSP (Inference Context Memory Storage Platform). The ICMSP is a dedicated storage tier for KV cache, virtually a new G3.5 tier that resides between local storage (G3) and network (G4) storage. Powered by the BlueField DPU (Data Processing Unit), the ICMSP architecture enables a GPU to have high-speed access to a large, shared pool of context memory.

Exhibit 12: KV cache memory hierarchy



Source: Nvidia

Q2. How much incremental NAND demand can we expect and what is the overall impact

to NAND market?

We believe the addition of the ICMSP is likely to create a substantial new opportunity for NAND demand, particularly for enterprise SSDs (eSSDs), which are optimized for fast read performance. Based on [Jensen Huang's keynote speech at CES 2026](#), the ICMSP is projected to increase memory space by 16 TB for each GPU, in addition to a 512 GB on-board SSD for each BlueField DPU. Based on this, we estimate incremental NAND demand per rack (assuming a 72-GPU configuration) to be 1,161TB. On a market-wide scale, we believe Rubin platform alone can generate incremental 29EB/79EB of NAND demand in 2026/2027, which represents 3%/6% of our total NAND demand estimates. Our estimates are in-line with [SanDisk's comment](#) that it expects additional 75EB to 100EB of NAND in 2027 due to launch of ICMSP.

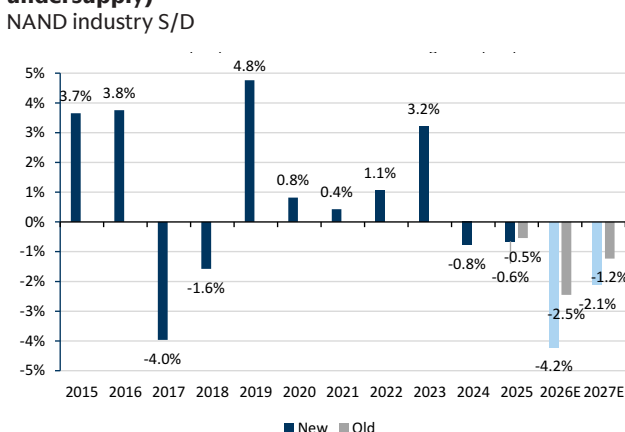
NAND Demand: growth led by strong eSSD demand, while expect NAND demand from PC/smartphone to remain flattish

We now expect 2026E/2027E global NAND demand to grow 22%/15% yoy (vs. +19%/+14% yoy previously). Our enterprise SSD demand forecast for 2026E/2027E is revised up by 14%/14%, and we now expect eSSD demand to grow 58%/23% yoy during those years and reach 36%/39% of global NAND demand.

We lower our 2026E/2027E mobile NAND demand forecast by 6%/7% mainly to reflect our global team's lower smartphone shipment estimates and our lower NAND content per unit assumption coming from the rapidly rising memory cost. As a result, we expect 2026E mobile NAND demand to remain flat yoy, the first time in history to see no growth in this segment.

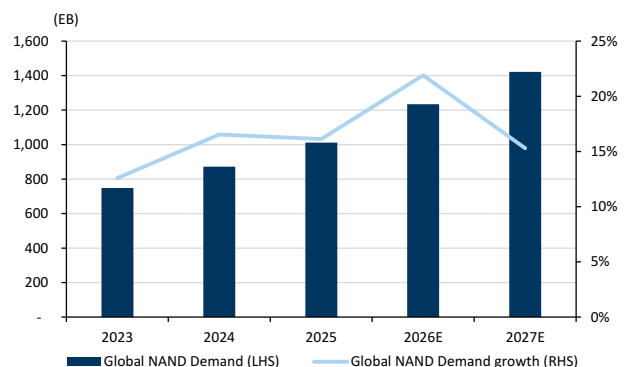
We also lower our 2026E/2027E client SSD demand forecast by 1%/1% mainly to reflect both our global team's downward revision in PC shipment and lower NAND content assumptions, and now also expect 2026E NAND demand from PC to remain flat yoy, also the lowest level in history.

Exhibit 13: We now expect 2026E NAND S/D will be in undersupply of 4.2% (vs. prior expectation of 2.5% undersupply)



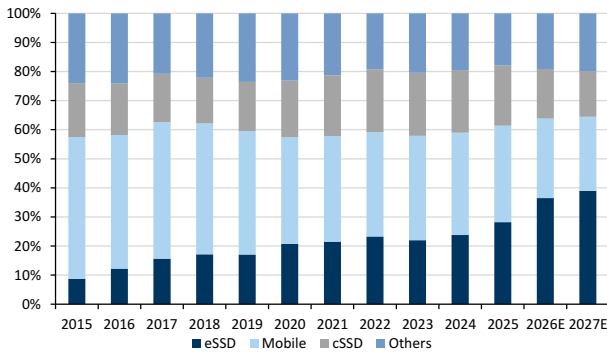
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Exhibit 14: Global NAND demand growth



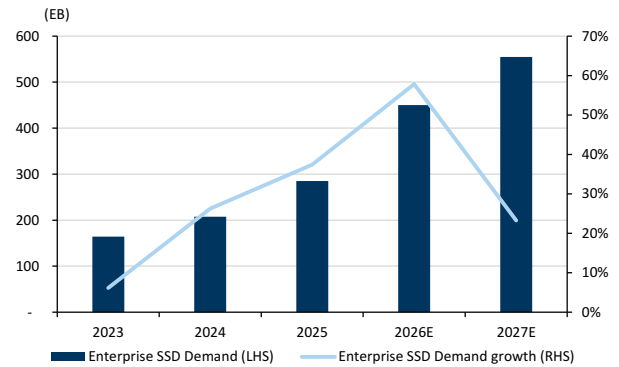
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Exhibit 15: NAND bit demand mix



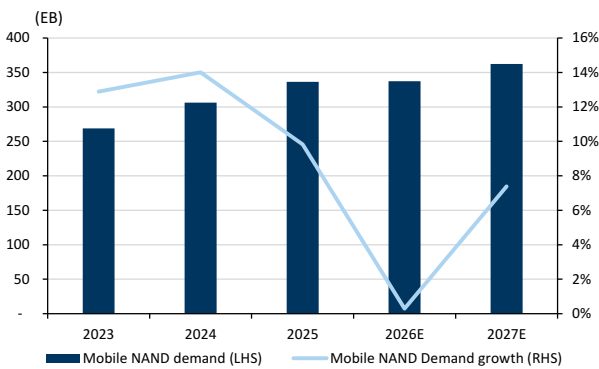
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Exhibit 16: Enterprise SSD demand growth



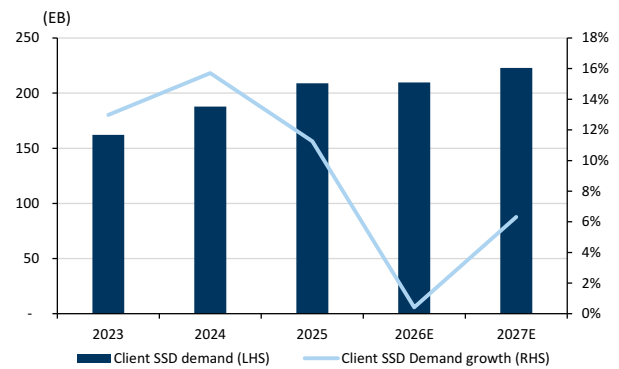
Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 17: Mobile NAND demand growth



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 18: Client SSD demand growth

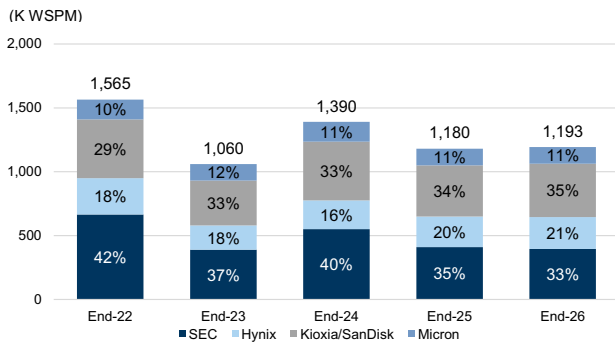


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NAND Supply: supply discipline intact with focus on tech migration

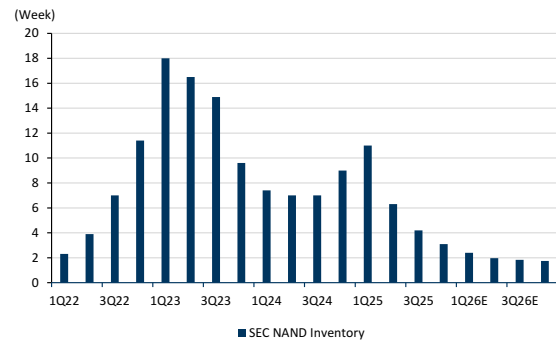
We now expect 2026E/2027E global NAND supply to grow 18%/18% yoy (vs. +17%/+15% yoy previously). Most of the incremental supply we model is our higher assumption for supply coming from the main Chinese NAND player. However, we make minimal changes to the NAND bit supply forecast for the rest of the players, considering our view that major suppliers have focused on DRAM spending over NAND, and also given we expect the continued focus in NAND will be on tech migration rather than wafer capacity increase. We continue to expect limited NAND wafer capacity additions, as meaningful space for NAND will likely be limited to SEC’s P4 fab and Kioxia’s Kitakami fab in the near-to-mid-term, but we believe both companies will continue to focus on migration to higher layer-count 3D NAND rather than new capacity. Inventory level across NAND suppliers is also healthy, which we believe will contribute to the limited supply upside.

Exhibit 19: We expect limited NAND wafers to be added by the major suppliers in the near-to-mid-term
Top5 NAND player wafer capacity



Source: TrendForce, Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

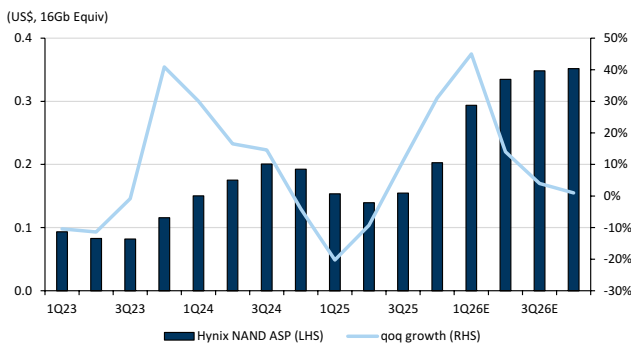
Exhibit 20: SEC NAND Inventory



Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

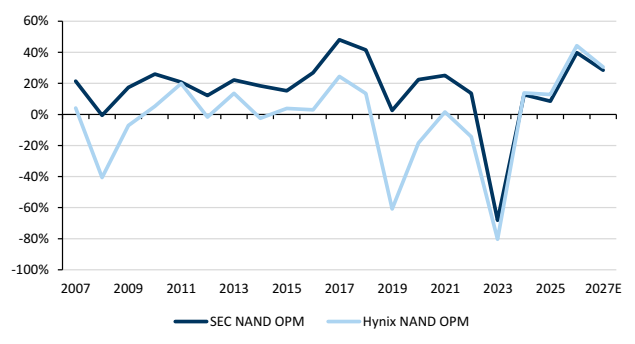
2026E NAND pricing to rise 100%-120% yoy and OPM to reach 40%+ for SEC/Hynix
Post 4Q25 earnings at end-January, we meaningfully raised our 2026E NAND pricing forecast for both SEC/Hynix, and now expect a 121%/102% yoy increase. Based on this forecast, we expect NAND ASP to reach around US\$0.15-0.18/GB by the end of this year, which would be a level last seen during 2018. As we currently model NAND ASP adjusting by around 15% yoy in 2027, we expect NAND operating margin to also decline but still remain at around a 30% level. Our 2026E/2027E NAND operating margin estimate for SEC is 40%/28%, and the same for Hynix is 44%/31%, where for the former it will still be lower than the level seen during 2017-2018, while for the latter 2026E NAND OPM will be the highest in history.

Exhibit 21: Hynix NAND ASP and qoq growth



Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 22: SEC/Hynix NAND OPM



Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

HBM: Expect 2026E/2027E TAM to reach US\$54bn/US\$75bn with tighter S/D

Raise 2026E/2027E HBM TAM forecast by 8%/9% to US\$54bn/US\$75bn
While we revise down our 2025E HBM TAM estimate by 3% to US\$33bn (from US\$35bn) mainly due to slightly lower HBM ASP estimates, we raise our TAM estimates for

2026E/2027E by 8%/9% to US\$54bn/US\$75bn (from US\$50bn/US\$69bn) mainly to reflect better HBM demand coming from both GPUs and ASICs. Consistent with our global team's view of an accelerating ASIC adoption in servers, our higher HBM demand estimates are more attributable to higher ASIC demand, where we have raised 2026E/2027E HBM demand from ASIC by 27%/14% compared to raising HBM demand from GPU for the same period by 1%/5%. As a result, we now expect ASIC to comprise 33%/36% of HBM demand in 2026E/2027E (compared to 28%/34% previously). We also think that the continued increase in hyperscaler capex for the industry could lead to potential upside to our HBM demand and TAM forecast.

Our HBM ASP estimates are largely unchanged, where we expect -8% yoy for 2026E given our continued expectation for a meaningful decline in HBM3E 12Hi pricing this year; however, we expect +5% yoy rebound in 2027E given our expectation that HBM4 will comprise the largest mix on the back of solid demand for NVDA's Rubin GPU, as well as a sizable HBM4E mix (GSe: 20%) providing tailwind to blended pricing.

Exhibit 23: HBM demand and TAM

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
Total HBM demand ('000 GB)	215,999	349,471	1,492,389	2,677,990	4,708,616	6,252,369
yoy%		62%	327%	79%	76%	33%
% of total DRAM demand	1%	1%	5%	7%	10%	11%
GPU portion of HBM demand		80%	75%	79%	67%	64%
ASIC portion of HBM demand		20%	25%	21%	33%	36%
HBM demand from GPU ('000 GB)		280,743	1,123,471	2,103,438	3,150,873	3,998,726
GPU HBM demand yoy%			300%	87%	50%	27%
HBM demand from ASIC ('000 GB)		68,728	368,918	574,552	1,557,743	2,253,642
ASIC HBM demand yoy%			437%	56%	171%	45%
Average HBM ASP (US\$/GB)	10.8	11.3	11.7	12.5	11.5	12.1
yoy change		5%	3%	7%	-8%	5%
HBM TAM (\$mn)	2,333	3,963	17,437	33,449	54,107	75,439
yoy change		70%	340%	92%	62%	39%

Data for 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 are estimated (GSe)

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 24: HBM content of key AI accelerators

Company	Chip Type	Chip Name	Memory	# of Cube	Contents per chip (GB)
NVIDIA	GPU	Rubin Ultra	HBM4E 16-Hi (64Gb)	16	1,024
	GPU	Rubin	HBM4 12-Hi (36GB)	8	288
	GPU	B300	HBM3E 12-Hi (36GB)	8	288
	GPU	B200	HBM3E 8-Hi (24GB)	8	192
	GPU	B200A	HBM3E 12-Hi (36GB)	4	144
	GPU	B100	HBM3E 8-Hi (24GB)	8	192
	GPU	H200, GH200	HBM3E 8-Hi (24GB)	6	141
	GPU	H100	HBM3 8-Hi (16GB)	5	80
	GPU	A100	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	5	80
AMD	GPU	MI500	HBM4E		
	GPU	MI450	HBM4 12-Hi (36GB)	12	432
	GPU	MI350X/MI355X	HBM3E 12-Hi (36GB)	8	288
	GPU	MI325X	HBM3E 12-Hi (36GB)	8	288
	GPU	MI300X	HBM3 12-Hi (24GB)	8	192
	GPU	MI300A	HBM3 8-Hi (16GB)	8	128
	GPU	MI250/250X	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	8	128
Intel	ASIC	Gaudi 3	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	8	128
	GPU	Max 1550	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	8	128
	GPU	Max 1350	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	6	96
	GPU	Max 1100	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	3	48
	ASIC	Gaudi 2	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	6	96
	ASIC	Gaudi 1	HBM2 8-Hi (8GB)	4	32
Google	ASIC	TPU v7p (Ironwood)	HBM3E 8-Hi (24GB)	8	192
	ASIC	TPU v6e (Trillium)	HBM3 8-Hi (16GB)	2	32
	ASIC	TPU v5p	HBM2E (16GB)	6	95
	ASIC	TPU v5e	HBM2E (8GB)	2	16
	ASIC	TPU v4	HBM2 8-Hi (8GB)	4	32
	ASIC	TPU v3	HBM2 8-Hi (8GB)	4	32
AWS	ASIC	Trainium 4	HBM4 12-Hi (36GB)	8	288
	ASIC	Trainium 3	HBM3E 12-Hi (36GB)	4	144
	ASIC	Trainium 2	HBM3E 8-Hi (24GB)	4	96
	ASIC	Trainium 1	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	2	32
	ASIC	Inferentia 2	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	2	32
Microsoft	ASIC	Maia 200	HBM3E 12-Hi (36GB)	6	216
	ASIC	Maia 100	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	4	64
Meta	ASIC	MTIA v3	HBM3E		192
	ASIC	MTIA v2	LPDDR5		128
	ASIC	MTIA v1	LPDDR5		64
Huawei	ASIC	Ascend 950PR			128
	ASIC	Ascend 910D	HBM2E	4	
	ASIC	Ascend 910C	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	8	128
	ASIC	Ascend 910B	HBM2E 8-Hi (16GB)	4	64
Alibaba	ASIC	T-head PPU	HBM2E		96

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Expect tighter HBM S/D for both 2026E/2027E

Based on our checks, both SEC and Hynix are increasing their respective HBM capacity at a higher pace, likely due to stronger demand for both GPU and ASIC. We especially believe SEC, having guided that its HBM revenue will increase 3X this year, will likely focus on increasing its 1c nm DRAM capacity as well as TSV capacity to support its progress in HBM4, and also increase its exposure in ASIC customers with its HBM3E. We expect the company to reach 190K/month HBM capacity by end-2026 (vs. 175K/month previously), compared to 145K/month at end-2025. For Hynix, we expect the stronger demand coming from its main customer NVDA is likely leading to a higher HBM bit supply target for this year, and in order to meet this it will also likely increase its HBM capacity to 215K/month by end-2026 (vs. 210K/month previously) compared to 160K/month at end-2025. Our latest forecast for industry HBM capacity is now at around 515K/month at end-2026 (vs. 485K/month previously) and 595K/month at end-2027 (vs. 565K/month previously).

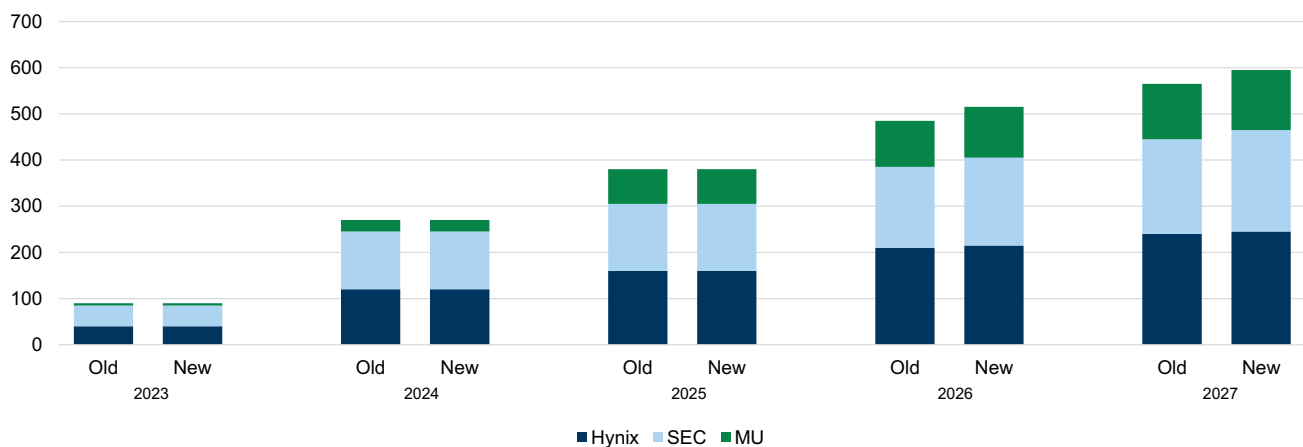
Despite our higher HBM supply forecast for the industry mainly led by our higher HBM capacity estimates, as we have increased our HBM demand estimates more materially, we now expect a tighter HBM industry undersupply of 5.1%/4.0% for 2026E/2027E, compared to our previous forecast of 0.7%/1.6% undersupply.

We continue to expect that the HBM competitive landscape will intensify this year, especially with SEC starting to provide HBM3E in mass scale to ASIC customers starting last year, as well as its progress in HBM4 qualification where it mentioned on its latest earnings call that it will start delivering HBM4 including the 11.7Gbps SKU in large scale to its customer starting from this month. From the low base last year when it saw its HBM revenue decline 15% yoy, we expect HBM revenue this year to grow 157% yoy to reach close to US\$15bn. We expect Hynix to see more modest growth in its 2026E HBM revenue after growing its HBM business by around 116% yoy last year, but still maintain the market share leadership at around 52%.

Exhibit 25: We bake in a higher industry-wide HBM capacity outlook (515K/month at end-2026 vs. 485K/month previously)

Industry HBM capacity estimates

(Year-end HBM capa. in KWPM)



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 26: HBM industry S/D

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
SK Hynix ('000 GB)	108,063	178,715	782,360	1,540,435	2,342,069	3,063,683
<i>yoy change</i>		65%	338%	97%	52%	31%
Blended # of dies per 12" wafer	450	450	450	435	435	435
HBM wafer starts (kwpm/month)	24	33	90	140	200	235
<i>yoy growth (%)</i>		40%	172%	56%	43%	18%
Blended monodie density (Gb)	13	15	19	23	24	27
Total DRAM supply ('000 GB)	7,031,250	8,001,250	9,388,750	11,637,500	14,254,447	16,430,753
<i>HBM portion (%)</i>	1.5%	2.2%	8.3%	13.2%	16.4%	18.6%
Samsung Electronics ('000 GB)	92,936	140,260	586,046	545,651	1,286,730	1,739,552
<i>yoy change</i>		51%	318%	-7%	136%	35%
Blended # of dies per 12" wafer	450	450	450	435	435	430
HBM wafer starts (kwpm/month)	26	37	95	130	170	205
<i>yoy growth (%)</i>		45%	158%	36%	31%	21%
Blended monodie density (Gb)	12	14	19	21	23	25
Total DRAM supply ('000 GB)	10,406,250	11,678,125	13,322,500	14,556,250	16,997,236	19,599,648
<i>HBM portion (%)</i>	0.9%	1.2%	4.4%	3.7%	7.6%	8.9%
Micron ('000 GB)	15,000	17,500	80,000	500,000	840,000	1,200,000
<i>yoy change</i>		17%	357%	525%	68%	43%
Implied Micron share (%)	7%	5%	6%	19%	19%	20%
Total DRAM supply ('000 GB)	5,185,068	5,693,335	7,195,117	8,628,011	10,450,095	12,611,190
<i>HBM portion (%)</i>	0.3%	0.3%	1.1%	5.8%	8.0%	9.5%
Total HBM Supply ('000 GB)	215,999	336,474	1,448,406	2,586,086	4,468,799	6,003,235
<i>yoy change</i>		56%	330%	79%	73%	34%
Total HBM demand ('000 GB)	215,999	349,471	1,492,389	2,677,990	4,708,616	6,252,369
<i>yoy change</i>		62%	327%	79%	76%	33%
HBM Supply/Demand		-3.7%	-2.9%	-3.4%	-5.1%	-4.0%

Data for 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 are estimated

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 27: HBM revenue by company and market share

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
HBM Demand ('000 GB)	215,999	349,471	1,492,389	2,677,990	4,708,616	6,252,369
<i>yoy change</i>		62%	327%	79%	76%	33%
Average HBM ASP (US/GB)	10.8	11.3	11.7	12.5	11.5	12.1
<i>yoy change</i>		5%	3%	7%	-8%	5%
HBM TAM (mn)	2,333	3,963	17,437	33,449	54,107	75,439
<i>yoy change</i>		70%	340%	92%	62%	39%
HBM revenue						
Hynix HBM revenue (\$mn)	1,182	2,110	9,488	20,534	28,353	38,748
<i>yoy change</i>		78%	350%	116%	38%	37%
Hynix DRAM revenue (\$mn)	22,307	15,900	32,986	52,699	135,342	147,337
<i>HBM portion (%)</i>	5.3%	13.3%	28.8%	39.0%	20.9%	26.3%
Samsung HBM revenue (\$mn)	1,007	1,603	6,853	5,792	14,870	20,544
<i>yoy change</i>		59%	327%	-15%	157%	38%
Samsung DRAM revenue (\$mn)	32,496	20,859	38,307	51,080	154,419	160,831
<i>HBM portion (%)</i>	3.1%	7.7%	17.9%	11.3%	9.6%	12.8%
Micron HBM revenue (\$mn)	143	250	1,096	7,124	10,884	16,146
<i>yoy change</i>		75%	338%	550%	53%	48%
Micron DRAM revenue (\$mn)	19,627	11,576	20,576	32,989	83,200	71,475
<i>HBM portion (%)</i>	0.7%	2.2%	5.3%	21.6%	13.1%	22.6%
HBM revenue m/s						
Hynix HBM market share	51%	53%	54%	61%	52%	51%
SEC HBM market share	43%	40%	39%	17%	27%	27%
Micron HBM market share	6%	6%	6%	21%	20%	21%

Data for 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 are estimated per GSe

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

BOM analysis indicates substantial memory cost burden, yet memory S/D to still be tight even under a highly negative scenario

One of the largest concerns coming from the soaring memory pricing has been the impact it would have on the pricing of consumer products such as PCs and smartphones, and as a result, a potential impact on end-demand. Many PC and smartphone customers have recently commented on this concern.

Exhibit 28: PC and smartphone brands comment on higher memory costs

PC OEM	Comments
Dell	Increased price for notebooks and desktops ranging from 10-30% COO comments that demand for memory is way ahead of supply
HP	Plans to redesign some products with lower memory configuration Considering a price raise, especially for low-end products
Lenovo	Reportedly stockpiled RAM that could last until 1H26 Believes rising memory price to negatively impact EPS by 10% in FY2026 (\$0.3/\$3)
Samsung	Raised consumer price for recently released Galaxy Book 6
Smartphone OEM	Comments
Apple	Expects impact on gross margins starting from 1Q26 due to memory prices Anticipates memory price to significantly increase in 1H26
Samsung	Expects memory price hikes to impact smartphone manufacturing costs Signaled price increase for the upcoming Galaxy S26 Plans to use Chinese display panels to offset memory price hikes
Xiaomi	Imposed mark-ups of 100 yuan to 300 yuan on several tablets due to high memory costs Raised flagship model Xiaomi 17 Ultra model price by 10%
Asus	Will not release new smartphones for 2026 due to memory price hikes

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Therefore, in this report we have conducted a proprietary BOM analysis to see how much cost burden from memory has increased, and a sensitivity analysis to see the potential impact that this would have on DRAM demand and S/D outlook.

Smartphones: memory cost could reach 23%-29% of BOM by 3Q26

To gauge the memory cost in smartphone BOM, we calculated the proportion of memory cost in the total BOM of two leading smartphone brands, Apple's iPhone and Samsung's Galaxy S series. Memory costs were adjusted in accordance with historical DRAM and NAND pricing, along with the estimation that other BOM costs stayed the same until a new model was released.

For iPhones, we expect DRAM and NAND costs to reach around 23% of total BOM by 3Q26, which is the highest level since 2010 and compares to 10% in 3Q25. This increase could also be partly attributed to the rise in DRAM capacity in line with Apple's on-device AI initiative, as Apple increased its standard model DRAM capacity to 8GB from 6GB starting with iPhone 16 and NAND capacity to 256GB from 128GB starting with iPhone 17, but still memory cost burden is expected to increase meaningfully.

Samsung is also expected to see a steep increase in memory cost portion as we expect memory (DRAM and NAND combined) to reach around 29% of total BOM by 3Q26, a significant increase compared to 13% in 3Q25.

Given there could be different outcomes for the memory pricing trend during the next few quarters, we also examined the memory bull case where every quarter between 1Q26 and 3Q26 will see a 10%p higher pricing growth compared to our base case, and the memory bear case where pricing growth is 10%p less than our base case for every

quarter during the same period.

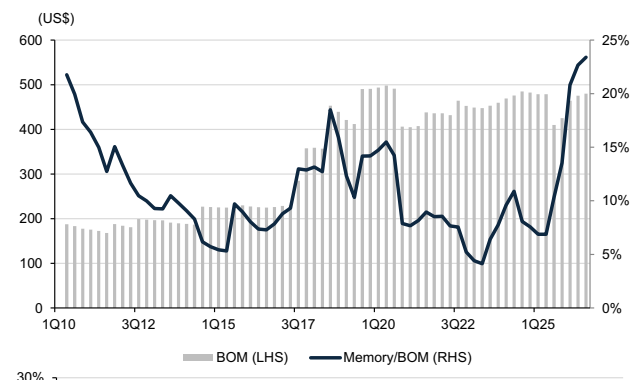
Under the memory bull case for iPhone, total memory cost portion of the BOM increases up to 28% by 3Q26, while under the bear case we expect memory to comprise around 19% of BOM by 3Q26. For Samsung’s Galaxy S, we expect the bull case will lead memory cost reaching 34% of BOM by 3Q26, while bear case will lead to memory comprising 24% of BOM by 3Q26.

PC: memory cost could reach 17% of BOM by 3Q26

We have conducted a similar analysis for PC, using Dell XPS series as the sample. Under the similar assumptions we used for smartphones, we estimate that memory cost will reach 17% of total BOM by 3Q26, compared to 7% in 3Q25. Under the memory bull case, memory cost could reach 20% of BOM, while under the bear case it could reach 13% of BOM.

Exhibit 29: iPhone BOM trend & Memory/BOM (%) Estimates

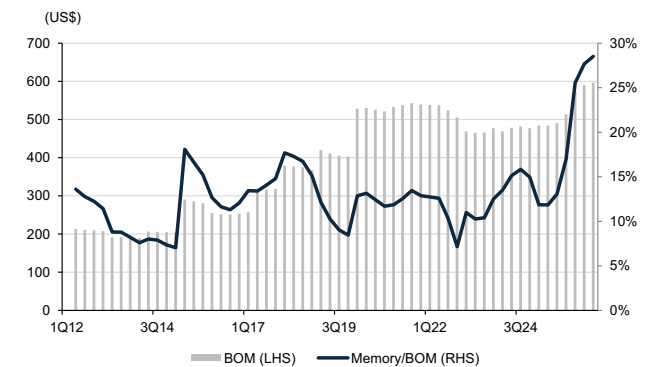
Memory costs expected to reach around 23% of total BOM in 3Q26



Source: Tech Insights, IHS iSuppli, Counterpoint, Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

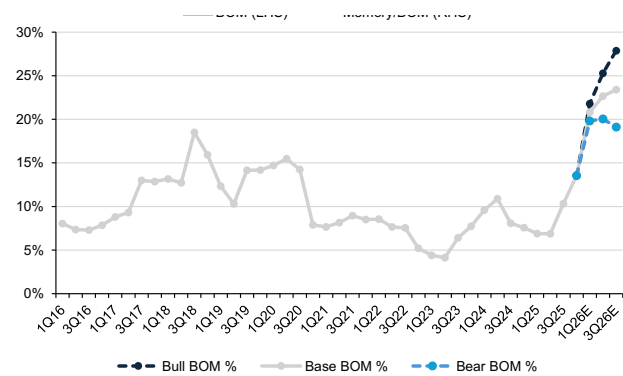
Exhibit 30: Galaxy S Series BOM trend & Memory/BOM (%) Estimates

Memory costs expected to reach around 29% of total BOM in 3Q26



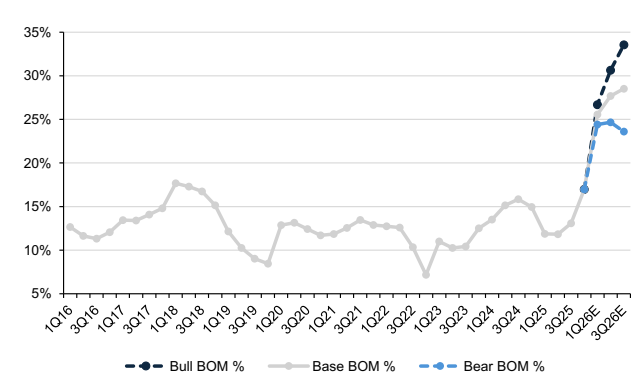
Source: Tech Insights, IHS iSuppli, Counterpoint, Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 31: iPhone BOM Trend Scenario



Source: iHS iSuppli, Tech Insights, Counterpoint, Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

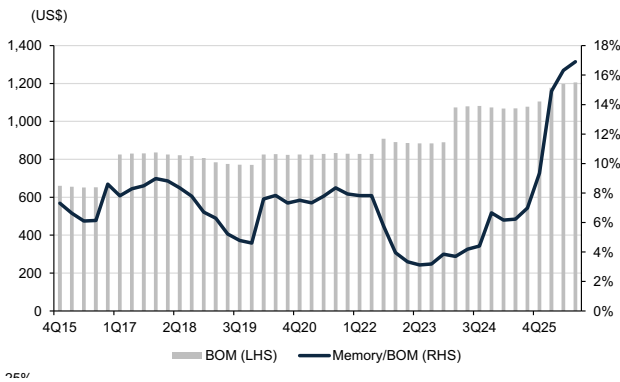
Exhibit 32: Galaxy S Series BOM Trend Scenario



Source: iHS iSuppli, Tech Insights, Counterpoint, Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

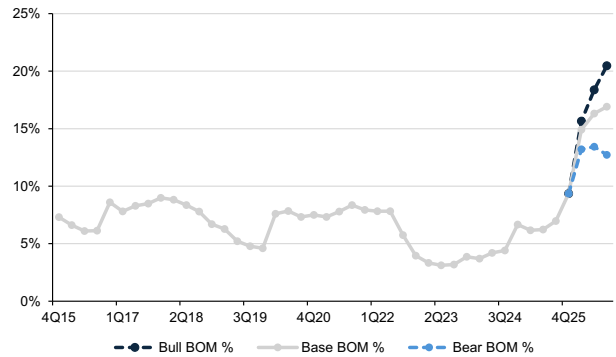
Exhibit 33: Dell XPS Series BOM trend & Memory/BOM (%) Estimates

Memory costs expected to reach around 17% of total BOM in 3Q26



Source: IHS iSuppli, Tech Insights, Counterpoint, Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 34: Dell XPS Series BOM Trend Scenario



Source: IHS iSuppli, Tech Insights, Counterpoint, Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Memory S/D to still be tight even under highly negative case scenario

We also conduct a sensitivity analysis to see the potential impact that the higher memory cost would have on DRAM demand and S/D outlook. We assumed several different scenarios for the shipment for smartphone/PC and the average DRAM content per smartphone/PC.

Assuming a highly negative scenario where smartphone shipment declines by 11% yoy this year (vs. our base case of -6% yoy), average DRAM content per smartphone increases by 9% yoy (vs. base case of +14% yoy), PC shipment declines by 10% yoy (vs. our base case of -5% yoy), and average DRAM content per PC increases by 5% yoy (vs. base case of +10% yoy), 2026E DRAM demand growth could fall to +21% yoy compared to our base case of +25% yoy. This would still lead to a DRAM industry undersupply of 1.7% for this year (compared to our base case of 4.9% undersupply).

Therefore, while the higher memory cost could lead to demand destruction for PC/smartphones and lower DRAM content adoption for these products, given the significant undersupply we expect for this year, even under a highly negative scenario we would expect the DRAM industry S/D to remain tight.

Exhibit 35: DRAM demand change under different scenarios

			Smartphone DRAM Content (GB)						
			2025	9.70					
			2026	10.53	10.77	11.01	11.25	11.49	
			2026 DRAM Per Smartphone content Growth YoY						
Smartphone Shipment (000)			Case	Highly Neg.	Negative	Base	Positive	Highly Pos.	
2025	2026	2026 Shipment YoY	Case	(Mn GB)	9%	11%	14%	16%	19%
	1,250,263		Highly Pos.	-1%	13,159	13,462	13,765	14,069	14,372
	1,218,765		Positive	-3%	12,828	13,123	13,419	13,714	14,010
	1,187,268		Base	-6%	12,496	12,784	13,072	13,360	13,648
	1,155,771		Negative	-8%	12,165	12,445	12,725	13,005	13,285
	1,124,274		Highly Neg.	-11%	11,833	12,106	12,378	12,651	12,923

			PC DRAM Content (GB)						
			2025	12.35					
			2026	12.96	13.27	13.58	13.89	14.20	
			2026 DRAM Per PC content Growth YoY						
PC Shipment (000)			Case	Highly Neg.	Negative	Base	Positive	Highly Pos.	
2025	2026	2026 Shipment YoY	Case	(Mn GB)	5%	7%	10%	12%	15%
	285,730		Highly Pos.	0%	3,704	3,792	3,881	3,969	4,057
	278,612		Positive	-2%	3,612	3,698	3,784	3,870	3,956
	271,495		Base	-5%	3,520	3,603	3,687	3,771	3,855
	264,378		Negative	-7%	3,427	3,509	3,591	3,672	3,754
	257,261		Highly Neg.	-10%	3,335	3,415	3,494	3,573	3,653

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 36: Total DRAM demand yoy change

		Content Growth YoY				
		Highly Neg.	Negative	Base	Positive	Highly Pos.
2026 Shipment YoY	Highly Pos.	25.4%	26.4%	27.5%	28.5%	29.5%
	Positive	24.3%	25.3%	26.3%	27.3%	28.3%
	Base	23.2%	24.2%	25.2%	26.1%	27.1%
	Negative	22.1%	23.1%	24.0%	24.9%	25.9%
	Highly Neg.	21.0%	21.9%	22.8%	23.8%	24.7%

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 37: Total DRAM supply/demand

		Content Growth YoY				
		Highly Neg.	Negative	Base	Positive	Highly Pos.
2026 Shipment YoY	Highly Pos.	-5.1%	-5.9%	-6.6%	-7.4%	-8.1%
	Positive	-4.3%	-5.0%	-5.8%	-6.5%	-7.2%
	Base	-3.4%	-4.2%	-4.9%	-5.6%	-6.4%
	Negative	-2.5%	-3.3%	-4.0%	-4.8%	-5.5%
	Highly Neg.	-1.7%	-2.4%	-3.1%	-3.8%	-4.6%

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Company Highlights

Samsung Electronics (Buy; TP: W205,000)

We expect SEC to be one of the key beneficiaries of conventional memory shortage, given its outsized exposure in this segment relative to peers. We believe the company will continue to enjoy significant earnings upside given our continued expectation of a much stronger conventional memory pricing increase starting 1Q26 and continuing throughout 2026. Adding the significant improvement in its HBM business that we expect from this year driven by stronger demand from ASIC customers (especially from SEC's strong positioning in Google TPU) and increased market share of Nvidia (mainly in HBM4), we estimate 2026E OP will more than quadruple yoy to reach over W180tn, and ROE to get close to 30% which is a level not seen during the past 20 years. Shares are trading at 7.4X P/E and 1.9X P/B on 2026E numbers which we believe offers attractive valuation, and we reiterate our Buy rating with a 12m TP of W205,000.

Exhibit 38: SEC DRAM key assumptions

DRAM: Key assumptions	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	4Q26E	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
ASP (US\$, 1Gb equiv.)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.0
Sequential change (%)	-20%	2%	16%	41%	69%	11%	7%	4%	-42%	61%	22%	158%	-10%
Shipment (mn, 1Gb equiv.)	25,000	27,650	31,700	32,100	32,421	33,069	34,723	35,765	93,425	106,580	116,450	135,978	156,797
Sequential change (%)	2%	11%	15%	1%	1%	2%	5%	3%	12%	14%	9%	17%	15%
Wafer capacity (WPM, 12-inch equiv.)	650	650	670	650	670	690	710	730	568	616	655	700	741
Sequential change (%)	-4%	0%	3%	-3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	-18%	9%	6%	7%	6%
Sales (W tn)	12.8	14.0	18.4	27.5	46.6	52.1	57.7	61.8	27.3	52.4	72.7	218.2	217.1
Sequential change (%)	-15%	9%	31%	49%	70%	12%	11%	7%	-34%	92%	39%	200%	-1%
Operating profit (W tn)	3.6	3.4	7.0	15.3	30.4	34.6	39.1	43.0	-1.1	16.2	29.3	147.1	138.1
Sequential change (%)	-28%	-7%	107%	118%	99%	14%	13%	10%	-106%	-1574%	81%	402%	-6%
OP Margin (%)	28%	24%	38%	56%	65%	66%	68%	70%	-4%	31%	40%	67%	64%

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 39: SEC NAND key assumptions

NAND: Key assumptions	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	4Q26E	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
ASP (US\$, 16Gb equiv.)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
Sequential change (%)	-15%	-5%	5%	24%	70%	10%	4%	1%	-45%	63%	-8%	121%	-15%
Shipment (mn, 16Gb equiv.)	34,200	43,400	47,700	42,700	44,408	44,852	45,749	44,834	145,670	163,000	168,000	179,843	201,060
Sequential change (%)	-10%	27%	10%	-10%	4%	1%	2%	-2%	13%	12%	3%	7%	12%
Wafer capacity (WPM, 12-inch equiv.)	480	430	420	410	400	390	395	395	499	483	435	395	370
Sequential change (%)	-13%	-10%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-3%	1%	0%	-23%	-3%	-10%	-9%	-6%
Sales (W tn)	6.2	7.2	8.3	9.6	16.8	18.5	19.3	19.1	16.6	31.6	31.3	73.7	67.1
Sequential change (%)	-21%	17%	14%	16%	76%	10%	5%	-1%	-37%	90%	-1%	136%	-9%
Operating profit (W tn)	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	2.4	6.2	7.3	7.9	7.9	-11.3	4.0	2.7	29.3	19.1
Sequential change (%)	-147%	198%	-320%	225%	160%	19%	8%	0%	-416%	-135%	-33%	999%	-35%
OP Margin (%)	-2%	-5%	9%	25%	37%	40%	41%	41%	-68%	13%	9%	40%	28%

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 40: SEC earnings summary

	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	4Q26E	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
Sales (W tn)	79.14	74.57	86.06	93.84	122.16	124.28	136.18	139.02	258.94	300.87	333.61	521.65	515.00
DS (Semiconductor)	25.11	27.90	33.10	44.00	70.29	77.49	84.26	88.41	66.59	111.07	130.11	320.45	314.51
Semiconductor	25.11	27.90	33.10	44.00	70.28	77.48	84.25	88.40	66.59	111.07	130.11	320.41	314.47
Memory	19.10	21.24	26.70	37.10	63.51	70.55	77.01	80.92	44.13	84.50	104.14	291.98	284.22
DRAM	12.82	14.00	18.40	27.50	46.65	52.08	57.69	61.80	27.32	52.35	72.72	218.22	217.12
NAND	6.20	7.23	8.27	9.59	16.85	18.46	19.31	19.11	16.60	31.55	31.29	73.73	67.06
System LSI / Foundry	6.01	6.66	6.40	6.90	6.77	6.93	7.24	7.49	22.46	26.57	25.97	28.43	30.25
SDC (Display Panel)	5.88	6.38	8.10	9.48	5.95	6.36	7.99	8.62	30.97	29.17	29.84	28.92	29.14
AM-OLED	5.88	6.38	8.10	9.48	5.95	6.36	7.99	8.62	30.97	29.17	29.84	28.92	29.14
DX	51.48	43.30	48.03	44.02	48.78	42.27	45.63	42.69	168.85	173.73	186.83	179.37	178.09
MX/NW (Mobile, Networks)	37.00	29.20	34.10	29.25	34.72	28.18	31.47	28.27	112.41	117.27	129.55	122.64	121.79
Mobile	36.20	28.50	33.45	28.30	33.88	27.32	30.61	27.40	108.63	114.41	126.45	119.21	118.10
Handset	29.05	21.96	25.80	21.30	27.07	20.90	24.22	20.72	85.10	89.71	98.11	92.91	91.58
PC	5.05	4.51	5.45	5.00	4.87	4.61	4.59	4.59	16.40	18.88	20.01	18.66	18.84
Tablet	2.10	2.03	2.20	2.00	1.95	1.81	1.80	2.09	7.14	7.82	8.33	7.64	7.68
Equipment and others	0.80	0.70	0.65	0.95	0.84	0.86	0.86	0.87	3.78	2.86	3.10	3.43	3.69
VD/DA (Visual Display, Appliances)	14.48	14.10	13.93	14.77	14.06	14.09	14.15	14.43	56.44	56.46	57.28	56.74	56.30
VD	7.80	7.00	7.30	8.80	7.56	7.19	7.53	8.14	30.38	30.92	30.90	30.42	29.73
Appliances and others	6.68	7.10	6.63	5.97	6.51	6.90	6.62	6.29	26.06	25.54	26.38	26.32	26.57
Harman	3.41	3.82	3.95	4.60	3.64	4.16	4.30	4.79	14.39	14.27	15.78	16.90	17.26
Others	(6.74)	(6.83)	(7.12)	(8.26)	(6.50)	(6.00)	(6.00)	(5.50)	(21.86)	(27.37)	(28.95)	(24.00)	(24.00)
Operating Profit (W tn)	6.69	4.68	12.17	20.07	38.12	42.77	48.09	52.05	6.57	32.73	43.60	181.04	170.01
DS (Semiconductor)	1.11	0.36	7.00	16.42	35.02	40.66	46.02	50.16	(14.87)	15.12	24.89	171.86	157.39
Semiconductor	1.11	0.36	7.00	16.42	35.01	40.65	46.01	50.15	(14.87)	15.12	24.89	171.82	157.35
Memory	3.53	3.05	7.74	17.66	36.60	41.95	47.01	50.85	(12.39)	20.16	31.97	176.40	157.16
DRAM	3.64	3.39	7.00	15.27	30.41	34.60	39.10	42.95	(1.10)	16.15	29.30	147.06	138.09
NAND	(0.11)	(0.33)	0.73	2.38	6.19	7.35	7.91	7.89	(11.31)	3.99	2.67	29.34	19.07
System LSI / Foundry	(2.42)	(2.69)	(0.74)	(1.24)	(1.59)	(1.30)	(1.00)	(0.70)	(2.48)	(5.04)	(7.08)	(4.58)	0.19
SDC (Display Panel)	0.49	0.48	1.24	1.95	0.38	0.49	1.02	1.35	5.57	3.74	4.16	3.23	3.57
AM-OLED	0.49	0.48	1.24	1.95	0.38	0.49	1.02	1.35	5.57	3.74	4.16	3.23	3.57
DX	4.68	3.30	3.45	1.30	2.41	1.25	0.67	0.15	14.27	12.37	12.73	4.48	7.52
MX/NW (Mobile, Networks)	4.34	3.10	3.56	1.90	2.44	1.23	0.72	0.43	13.01	10.64	12.90	4.82	6.57
Mobile	4.24	3.01	3.48	1.81	2.35	1.12	0.62	0.31	12.43	10.31	12.54	4.41	6.06
Handset	3.86	2.67	3.10	1.56	2.15	0.98	0.49	0.20	11.16	9.04	11.18	3.82	5.36
PC	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.22	0.23	0.26	0.11	0.15
Tablet	0.32	0.28	0.31	0.20	0.16	0.11	0.11	0.10	1.06	1.04	1.11	0.48	0.55
Equipment and others	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.58	0.33	0.36	0.41	0.51
VD/DA (Visual Display, Appliances)	0.34	0.20	(0.11)	(0.60)	(0.03)	0.02	(0.05)	(0.28)	1.26	1.73	(0.17)	(0.34)	0.96
VD (Visual Display)	0.33	0.18	0.12	0.18	0.29	0.16	0.02	(0.09)	2.06	1.72	0.80	0.38	0.69
Appliances and others	0.01	0.02	(0.23)	(0.78)	(0.33)	(0.14)	(0.07)	(0.19)	(0.80)	0.01	(0.97)	(0.72)	0.27
Harman	0.31	0.50	0.40	0.32	0.34	0.40	0.43	0.47	1.17	1.31	1.53	1.64	1.70
Others	0.10	0.04	0.08	0.08	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.07)	0.43	0.19	0.30	(0.17)	(0.17)
OP Margin (%)	8%	6%	14%	21%	31%	34%	35%	37%	3%	11%	13%	35%	33%
DS (Semiconductor)	4%	1%	21%	37%	50%	52%	55%	57%	-22%	14%	19%	54%	50%
Semiconductor	4%	1%	21%	37%	50%	52%	55%	57%	-22%	14%	19%	54%	50%
Memory	18%	14%	29%	48%	58%	59%	61%	63%	-28%	24%	31%	60%	55%
DRAM	28%	24%	38%	56%	65%	66%	68%	70%	-4%	31%	40%	67%	64%
NAND	-2%	-5%	9%	25%	37%	40%	41%	41%	-68%	13%	9%	40%	28%
System LSI / Foundry	-40%	-40%	-12%	-18%	-23%	-19%	-14%	-9%	-11%	-19%	-27%	-16%	1%
SDC (Display Panel)	8%	8%	15%	21%	6%	8%	13%	16%	18%	13%	14%	11%	12%
AM-OLED	8%	8%	15%	21%	6%	8%	13%	16%	18%	13%	14%	11%	12%
DX	9%	8%	7%	3%	5%	3%	1%	0%	8%	7%	7%	2%	4%
MX/NW (Mobile, Networks)	12%	11%	10%	6%	7%	4%	2%	2%	12%	9%	10%	4%	5%
Mobile	12%	11%	10%	6%	7%	4%	2%	1%	11%	9%	10%	4%	5%
Handset	13%	12%	12%	7%	8%	5%	2%	1%	13%	10%	11%	4%	6%
PC	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Tablet	15%	14%	14%	10%	8%	6%	6%	5%	15%	13%	13%	6%	7%
Equipment and others	12%	12%	12%	10%	11%	12%	12%	13%	15%	11%	11%	12%	14%
VD/DA (Visual Display, Appliances)	2%	1%	-1%	-4%	0%	0%	0%	-2%	2%	3%	0%	-1%	2%
VD (Visual Display)	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	0%	-1%	7%	6%	3%	1%	2%
Appliances and others	0%	0%	-4%	-13%	-5%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-3%	0%	-4%	-3%	1%
Harman	9%	13%	10%	7%	9%	10%	10%	10%	8%	9%	10%	10%	10%
Others	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	-2%	-1%	-1%	1%	1%

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

SK Hynix (Buy; TP: W1,200,000)

With our expectation for one of the strongest memory upcycles to pan out throughout 2026, we expect Hynix to see an unprecedented operating margin level for both DRAM (high-70%) and NAND (mid-40%) this year. With our unchanged view that the company will maintain its solid leadership in the AI memory space, we expect the company's ROE to exceed 70% this year which would be the highest level ever and a significant improvement compared to 44% last year. Adding the announced measures such as buybacks/dividends/potential ADR listing that could lead to upside in shareholder value, we remain constructive on the mid/long-term outlook for the stock, and reiterate our Buy rating with a 12m TP of W1,200,000.

Exhibit 41: Hynix DRAM key assumptions

DRAM: Key assumptions	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	4Q26E	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
ASP (US\$, 1Gb equiv.)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.1
Sequential change (%)	0%	1%	4%	24%	55%	12%	6%	3%	-37%	77%	28%	109%	-5%
Shipment (mn, 1Gb equiv.)	18,850	23,400	25,300	25,550	25,550	27,083	29,520	31,882	64,010	75,110	93,100	114,036	131,446
Sequential change (%)	-8%	24%	8%	1%	0%	6%	9%	8%	14%	17%	24%	22%	15%
Wafer capacity (WPM, 12-inch equiv.)	490	505	530	550	580	610	620	640	326	400	519	613	666
Sequential change (%)	7%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%	2%	3%	-14%	23%	30%	18%	9%
Sales (W bn)	14,025	17,030	18,997	24,883	38,329	44,872	51,115	56,860	20,849	45,150	74,934	191,176	198,906
Sequential change (%)	-4%	21%	12%	31%	54%	17%	14%	11%	-27%	117%	66%	155%	4%
Operating profit (W bn)	7,535	9,399	11,038	16,982	29,302	34,468	39,712	44,618	355	20,986	44,953	148,100	140,684
Sequential change (%)	0%	25%	17%	54%	73%	18%	15%	12%	-96%	5817%	114%	229%	-5%
OP Margin (%)	54%	55%	58%	68%	76%	77%	78%	78%	2%	46%	60%	77%	71%

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 42: Hynix NAND key assumptions

NAND: Key assumptions	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	4Q26E	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
ASP (US\$, 16Gb equiv.)	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Sequential change (%)	-20%	-9%	11%	31%	45%	14%	4%	1%	-43%	90%	-8%	102%	-14%
Shipment (mn, 16Gb equiv.)	14,250	24,300	23,300	25,550	24,273	24,515	25,741	26,513	79,500	77,970	87,400	101,042	112,425
Sequential change (%)	-17%	71%	-4%	10%	-5%	1%	5%	3%	18%	-2%	12%	16%	11%
Wafer capacity (WPM, 12-inch equiv.)	235	235	235	240	240	240	240	250	213	205	236	243	255
Sequential change (%)	4%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	4%	-25%	-4%	15%	3%	5%
Sales (W bn)	3,175	4,735	4,997	7,501	10,268	11,659	12,552	13,058	9,720	18,923	20,409	47,537	43,353
Sequential change (%)	-32%	49%	6%	50%	37%	14%	8%	4%	-31%	95%	8%	133%	-9%
Operating profit (W bn)	66	(70)	369	2,243	4,324	5,181	5,667	5,861	(7,808)	2,612	2,608	21,033	13,242
Sequential change (%)	-89%	-206%	-625%	508%	93%	20%	9%	3%	n.m	n.m	0%	706%	-37%
OP Margin (%)	2%	-1%	7%	30%	42%	44%	45%	45%	-80%	14%	13%	44%	31%

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 43: Hynix earnings summary

(W bn)	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	4Q26E	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
Revenue	17,639	22,232	24,449	32,827	49,027	56,982	64,159	70,434	32,766	66,193	97,147	240,602	244,390
DRAM	14,025	17,030	18,997	24,883	38,329	44,872	51,115	56,860	20,849	45,150	74,934	191,176	198,906
NAND	3,175	4,735	4,997	7,501	10,268	11,659	12,552	13,058	9,720	18,923	20,409	47,537	43,353
Others	439	467	455	443	430	451	492	516	2,197	2,121	1,804	1,888	2,132
Gross profit	10,102	11,983	14,029	22,576	38,997	45,895	51,769	57,497	(533)	31,828	58,691	194,158	180,788
SG&A	2,661	2,770	2,646	3,407	5,393	6,268	6,416	7,043	7,197	8,361	11,485	25,120	26,883
Operating profit	7,441	9,213	11,383	19,170	33,604	39,627	45,354	50,453	(7,730)	23,467	47,206	169,038	153,905
DRAM	7,535	9,399	11,038	16,982	29,302	34,468	39,712	44,618	355	20,986	44,953	148,100	140,684
NAND	66	(70)	369	2,243	4,324	5,181	5,667	5,861	(7,808)	2,612	2,608	21,033	13,242
Others	(161)	(116)	(23)	(55)	(21)	(23)	(25)	(26)	(277)	(130)	(355)	(94)	(21)
Pre-tax profit	9,299	8,723	14,790	17,653	33,744	39,652	45,441	50,644	(11,658)	23,885	50,466	169,480	156,032
Net income	8,107	6,997	12,595	15,220	25,306	29,737	34,079	37,981	(9,112)	19,789	42,919	127,102	117,016
EPS (W)	11,744	10,135	18,242	22,043	36,651	43,069	49,357	55,008	(13,242)	28,719	62,161	184,085	169,477
Margins (%)													
Gross profit margin	57	54	57	69	80	81	81	82	(2)	48	60	81	74
Operating profit margin	42	41	47	58	69	70	71	72	(24)	35	49	70	63
DRAM	54	55	58	68	76	77	78	78	2	46	60	77	71
NAND	2	(1)	7	30	42	44	45	45	(80)	14	13	44	31
Others	(37)	(25)	(5)	(12)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(13)	(6)	(20)	(5)	(1)
Net profit margin	46	31	52	46	52	52	53	54	(28)	30	44	53	48
Sequential growth (%)													
Revenue	(11)	26	10	34	49	16	13	10	(27)	102	47	148	2
Gross profit	(3)	19	17	61	73	18	13	11	na	na	84	231	(7)
Operating profit	(8)	24	24	68	75	18	14	11	na	na	101	258	(9)
Net income	1	(14)	80	21	66	18	15	11	na	na	117	196	(8)

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

SanDisk (Buy, TP: \$700)

We continue to expect that a combination of tight supply and accelerating demand will drive meaningful upward revisions to SanDisk's earnings outlook over the next 12 months. Given continued supply-side prudence, SanDisk management believes the NAND industry will remain increasingly undersupplied in FY3Q. With enterprise market expectations now in the high-60% bit-growth range for 2026, we believe the company is well positioned to sustain gross margin expansion throughout the year. We maintain our Buy rating, as we expect limited NAND supply additions for the foreseeable future and believe SanDisk's product portfolio and mix continue to strengthen in this environment. Our 12-month target price is \$700, which is based on a 22X P/E multiple applied to our normalized EPS estimate of \$32.00. Key downside risks include: (1) NAND recovery fails to materialize; (2) YMTC continues to iterate on its roadmap; (3) SanDisk fails to gain eSSD traction.

Micron (Neutral, TP: \$235)

We expect Micron to continue executing on its HBM product roadmap, capturing roughly 20% share of a fast-growing, high-margin market. Previous commentary from the management suggests ongoing supply constraints in terms of cleanroom capacity driving limited bit growth of just 20% for 2026. We remain Neutral-rated on the stock given our view of roughly balanced risk/reward at current levels and risk of pricing retracement in HBM in 2026 given qualification of additional suppliers (such as Samsung), but would consider being more constructive on the stock if we see continued supply growth discipline across the industry into 2027. Our 12-month price target of \$235 is based on 15x our normalized EPS estimate of \$15.65. Key upside/downside risks include: (1) continued execution on the company's HBM roadmap and share gain vis-a-vis Samsung and SK Hynix, (2) sizable step-up (above current expectations) in HBM content for AI accelerators, (3) continued signs of CXMT gaining DRAM market share, negatively impacting pricing dynamics.

Kioxia Holdings (Neutral, TP: ¥13,000)

While we expect the company to continue to enjoy the tightness in the NAND market and expect Kioxia's CY26 pricing to be up more than 70% yoy, we remain Neutral-rated on the stock given (1) OEM contracts for which prices are negotiated quarterly account for the majority of sales, while its exposure to channel and spot markets (where prices are rising sharply) is minimal, and (2) as a pure-play NAND maker, the company has no option but to source the DRAM included in eSSDs from externally, and for which we expect a corresponding cost increase. Also, even though we are modelling OPM of 50% in FY3/27 (which is the peak level for the industry in previous cycles), we believe there is little room for the company's multiples to expand further, as historically P/E multiples ascribed at cycle peaks in the NAND industry have remained in the mid-to-high single digits. Our 12-month target price of ¥13,000 is based on the correlation between P/B and the average of FY3/26E-FY3/27E ROE (implies FY3/27E P/E 5.9X, P/B 3.1X). Key risks are NAND industry cyclicality, high dependence on specific customers, volatile capacity utilization trends, rise of NAND players in China, etc.

Implications for the Japan SPE names

In the context of tighter S-D balance for both DRAM and NAND, we expect a strong memory WFE cycle ahead into CY26-27. Given cleanroom constraints and relatively higher margins for DRAM vs. NAND, memory companies are expected to prioritize DRAM spending over NAND, and thus we are relatively more constructive on the DRAM WFE cycle vs. NAND. We highlight **Tokyo Electron (Buy, TP: ¥43,000)** among our coverage in this context as the company has relatively high market share in a wide range of tools used for leading-edge DRAM manufacturing, ranging from EUV coater/developer, etching for capacitors, batch deposition, and supercritical dry cleaning tools. We also highlight **Ulvac (Buy, TP: ¥8,400)** among the SMID names as a key DRAM (particularly Samsung) capex beneficiary. Among the back-end names, we continue to be bullish on **Disco (Buy, TP: ¥68,000)** as the company continues to enjoy a dominant market share in HBM grinding and dicing tools, and higher HBM capacity bodes well for its tool demand going forward.

Price Target Risks and Methodology - Samsung Electronics

Valuation methodology: Our 12m 2026E EV/EBITDA-based SOTP target price for the

common share is W205,000. Our 12-month target price for the preference share is W159,000, which is based on our target pref to common shares discount of 22%, derived from averaging: 1) the pref discount of the 2-factor model and 2) the average preference share discount to common shares during the past 1 month. We are Buy rated on both the common and preference shares.

Key downside risks: 1) major deterioration in memory supply/demand, 2) sharp contraction in smartphone margins, and 3) mobile OLED market share loss.

Investment Thesis - Samsung Electronics

Samsung Electronics (SEC) is one of the largest tech companies in the world, with the #1 market share in several products including memory chips, OLED panels, smartphones, and TVs. We expect the company to benefit from its outsized exposure in conventional memory where pricing for both DRAM and NAND continues to see significant upside. Adding the significant improvement in its HBM business, we forecast the company's ROE to meaningfully improve in 2026E, yet the valuation still looks attractive. With the attractive risk/reward profile, we are Buy rated on the name.

Price Target Risks and Methodology - SK Hynix Inc.

Valuation methodology: Our 2026E/27E avg. P/B-based 12m TP is W1,200,000. We use 30% as an AI premium given this is the average premium at which Hynix shares have traded over SEC over the last one year, with the former seeing significant growth in HBM revenue while the latter has shown limited growth during the same period. We apply this to the peak multiple of 2.16X during one of the strongest pricing upcycles (2009-2010), which results in a target multiple of 2.8X, from which we derive our target price.

Key risks: Key risks include 1) major deterioration in memory supply/demand and delay in technology migration, 2) weaker demand for smartphones/PCs/servers which would impact overall conventional memory demand, 3) Samsung's positive HBM business progress which would impact HBM revenue and profit, 4) lower AI-related capex which would impact overall HBM demand, and thus HBM revenue/profit for the company.

Investment Thesis - SK Hynix Inc.

SK Hynix (Hynix) is the leader in the HBM market, the second-largest DRAM supplier, and one of the leading NAND suppliers globally. We expect one of the strongest memory upcycles to pan out throughout 2026, as the incrementally higher AI spending mainly from the hyperscalers and their intentions to continue to do so is driving our view that memory demand from servers (server DRAM, SOCAMM, HBM, and eSSD) will significantly outpace supply. Hence, we are Buy rated on the name.

Disclosure Appendix

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DISCO (Buy, ¥65,800), Tokyo Electron (Buy, ¥41,030) and Ulvac (Buy, ¥8,241); Kioxia Holdings (Neutral, ¥19,095), Micron Technology Inc. (Neutral, \$394.69), SK Hynix Inc. (Buy, W839,000), Samsung Electronics (Buy, W158,600), Samsung Electronics (Pref) (Buy, W112,400) and SanDisk Corp. (Buy, \$597.95).

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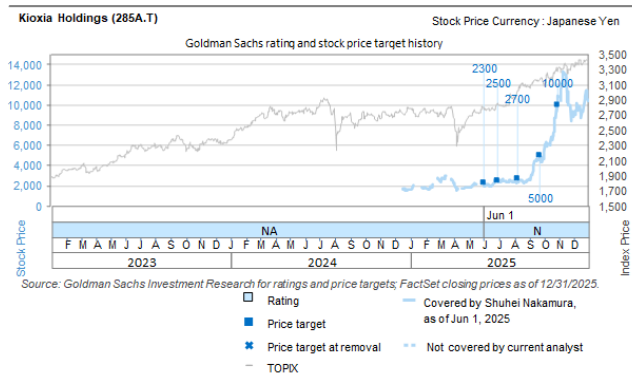
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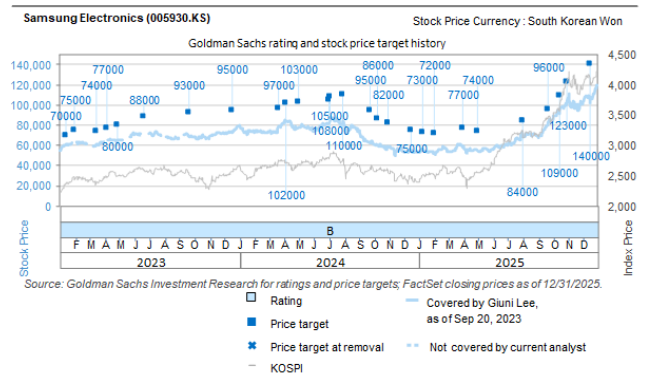
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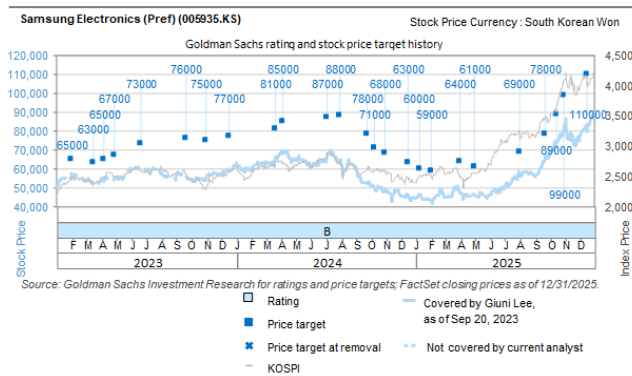
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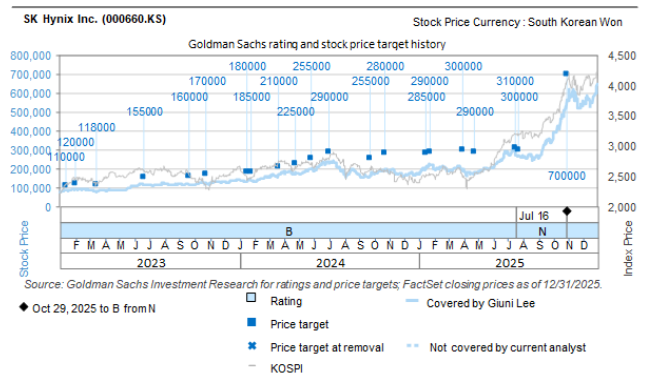
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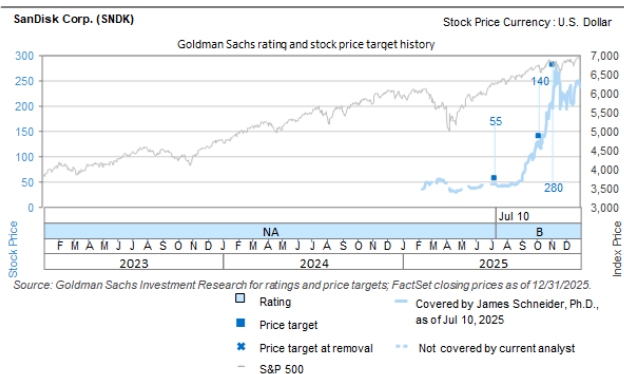
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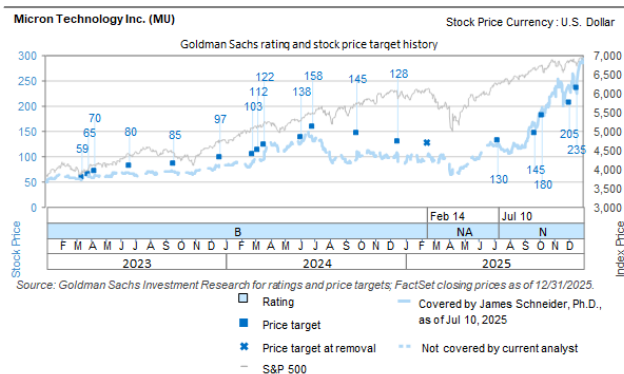
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Samsung Electronics (Pref) (005935.KS)

Date of report	Target price (W)
29-Jan-26	159,000
08-Jan-26	142,000
16-Dec-25	110,000
30-Oct-25	99,000
14-Oct-25	89,000
22-Sep-25	78,000
31-Jul-25	69,000
01-May-25	61,000
01-Apr-25	64,000
02-Feb-25	59,000
08-Jan-25	60,000
16-Dec-24	63,000
31-Oct-24	68,000
08-Oct-24	71,000
23-Sep-24	78,000
31-Jul-24	88,000
05-Jul-24	87,000
05-Apr-24	85,000
21-Mar-24	81,000

Samsung Electronics (005930.KS)

Date of report	Target price (W)
29-Jan-26	205,000
08-Jan-26	180,000
16-Dec-25	140,000
30-Oct-25	123,000
14-Oct-25	109,000
22-Sep-25	96,000
31-Jul-25	84,000
01-May-25	74,000
01-Apr-25	77,000
02-Feb-25	72,000
08-Jan-25	73,000
16-Dec-24	75,000
31-Oct-24	82,000
08-Oct-24	86,000
23-Sep-24	95,000
31-Jul-24	110,000
05-Jul-24	108,000
01-Jul-24	105,000
30-Apr-24	103,000
05-Apr-24	102,000
21-Mar-24	97,000

SK Hynix Inc. (000660.KS)

Date of report	Target price (W)
28-Jan-26	1,200,000
29-Oct-25	700,000
24-Jul-25	300,000
16-Jul-25	310,000
24-Apr-25	290,000
01-Apr-25	300,000
23-Jan-25	290,000
15-Jan-25	285,000
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