

Taiwan Surface Mount Tech

Potential re-rating driven by emerging AI angle

We are raising our PT for TSMT to NT\$167 (from NT\$140) on the back of: 1) raising our 4Q26 earnings forecast, 2) migrating EPS base to 12m fw EPS, and 3) increasing PER to 14x (from 12x) on the emerging AI angle. We believe TSMT's traditional SMT/mini-LED business will grow moderately (JPMe 6%) in 2026, while the key focus is its entry into the AI business starting 3Q26E, which we believe can reach double-digit rev contribution in 2027. Upside risk remains from re-rating (ongoing).

- 1Q26 preview + FY2026 update: Apple capped by component shortage, DRAM driving rev starting 3Q.** For the upcoming 1Q26 result (the company will release on Apr 28), rev should increase +4% QoQ (beat JPMe/consensus by 10/2%). Meanwhile, we expect margin to drop by 2ppt (miss JPMe/consensus by 1.5/1ppt). Based on our industry checks, the rev beat shall be driven by better-than-expected Apple product pull-in (TSMT does SMT and mini-LED mass transfer for Macbook) while the GM is dragged by 1) product mix (lower mix of DDR product whose margin is ~5ppt higher than corporate average), and 2) earlier component procurement to mitigate continued component price hike. Looking ahead, we expect 2Q rev to go up slightly QoQ (+3%) on the weak NB (mostly Apple) and DRAM orders. We expect rev momentum to pick up again starting from 3Q26 (JPMe 7% QoQ), mainly driven by strong growth from DRAM (20%+ QoQ) with strong Chinese DRAM client orders. Our 2Q/3Q26 OP estimates are 19/16% below our previous estimates to factor in weaker Apple NB (mainly due to component shortage) and DRAM rev (but note that our OP is still 2/10% above consensus). With that said, a key watchpoint in the coming quarters is Apple NB rev, which could pose upside risk if sufficient components are procured (key bottleneck).
- AI business driving re-rating: reaching double-digit rev in 2027E.** The stock has surged by 39% (vs TWSE 4%) in the past 1 week. We believe the re-rating is driven by its entrance into the AI communication business. The rev will kick in starting from 3Q26E and reach a mid-single digit rev contribution in 4Q26E. Looking ahead, we believe rev can reach a double-digit contribution in 2027E. For the past 5 years, the company has been very disciplined in capacity expansion (and therefore controls depreciation cost very effectively), while we think the new AI business could trigger capacity expansion again in the coming 1-2 years, which would be a very positive signal on the rev contribution in the coming years. Our new PT of NT\$167 is based on 12m fw EPS and 14x PER, which is 1.6-STD above mean since 2013. We think the re-rating is well-justified with the emerging AI angle (previously we used 12x PER). Given the recent market sentiment on the AI communication segment, we don't rule out the possibility of the stock getting further re-rated to higher levels.

Overweight

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Price (20 Apr 26): NT\$158.50

▲ Price Target (Dec-26): NT\$167.00

Prior (Jun-26): NT\$140.00

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Quarterly Forecasts (FYE Dec)

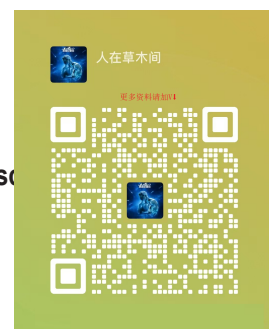
Revenue (NT\$ mn)	2025A	2026E	2027E
Q1	12,414	12,555	13,958
Q2	12,588	12,922	15,159
Q3	12,788	13,801	15,852
Q4	12,087	14,639	16,083
FY	49,877	53,917	61,053

Style Exposure

Quant Factors	Current %Rank	Hist %Rank (1=Top)			
		6M	1Y	3Y	5Y
Value	26	4	14	2	14
Growth	79	68	80	70	12
Momentum	86	57	24	75	91
Quality	66	54	57	47	50
Low Vol	30	34	32	53	91

Sources for: Style Exposure – J.P. Morgan Global Markets Strategy; all other tables are company data and J.P. Morgan estimates.

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Price Performance



	YTD	1m	3m	12m
Abs	66.1%	59.9%	63.6%	69.5%
Rel	38.5%	49.8%	47.2%	-23.9%

Company Data

Shares O/S (mn)	292
52-week range (NT\$)	172.50-90.80
Market cap (\$ mn)	1,467
Exchange rate	31.59
Free float (%)	84.4%
3M ADV (mn)	3.72
3M ADV (\$ mn)	14.2
Volatility (90 Day)	42
Index	TAIEX
BBG ANR (Buy Hold Sell)	4 1 0

Key Metrics (FYE Dec)

NT\$ in millions	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Financial Estimates			
Revenue	49,877	53,917	61,053
Adj. EBIT	3,505	4,193	7,391
Adj. EBITDA	5,360	6,030	10,260
Adj. net income	2,746	3,065	5,602
Adj. EPS	9.39	10.48	19.16
BBG EPS	9.25	10.13	10.54
Cashflow from operations	5,237	2,991	7,408
FCFF	2,151	(234)	3,508
Margins and Growth			
Revenue Growth Y/Y (%)	10.1%	8.1%	13.2%
EBIT margin	7.0%	7.8%	12.1%
EBIT Growth Y/Y (%)	16.5%	19.7%	76.2%
EBITDA margin	10.7%	11.2%	16.8%
EBITDA Growth Y/Y (%)	13.5%	12.5%	70.2%
Net margin	5.5%	5.7%	9.2%
Adj. EPS growth	(5.5%)	11.6%	82.7%
Ratios			
Adj. tax rate	21.7%	25.0%	25.0%
Interest cover	NM	NM	NM
Net debt/Equity	NM	NM	NM
Net debt/EBITDA	NM	NM	NM
ROE	12.1%	12.7%	20.7%
Valuation			
FCFF yield	4.6%	(0.5%)	7.6%
Dividend yield	2.9%	2.8%	0.0%
EV/Revenue	0.7	0.7	0.6
EV/EBITDA	6.8	6.1	3.4
Adj. P/E	16.9	15.1	8.3

Summary Investment Thesis and Valuation

Investment Thesis

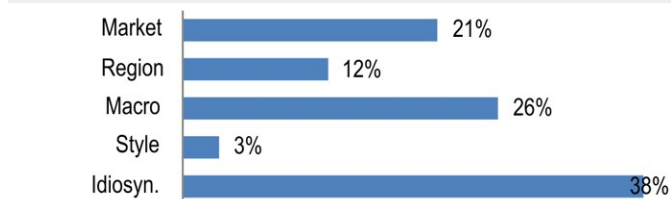
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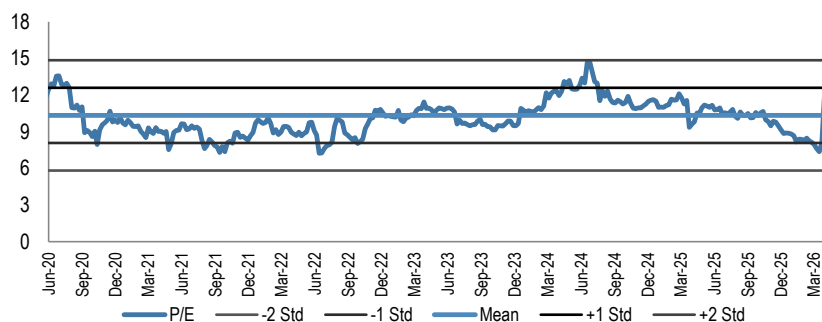
Performance Drivers



Factors	6M Corr	1Y Corr
Market: MSCI Asia Pac ex JP	0.43	0.51
Region: Taiwan	0.42	0.41
Macro:		
US 10 Year Yield	-0.12	-0.38
HSI Volatility Index	-0.11	-0.35
Citi Economic Surprise - EM	0.01	0.23
Quant Styles:		
Quality	0.06	0.13
LowVol	-0.05	0.13
Momentum	-0.11	-0.11

Figure 1: TSMT PER trend: re-rating ongoing

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Source: J.P. Morgan estimates, Company data.

Table 1: I/S Highlights: Quarterly JPMe vs Consensus

NT\$ mn except for EPS

	JPMe			Consensus			Difference		
	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E
Revenues	12,555	12,922	13,801	12,333	12,587	13,488	2%	3%	2%
Gross profit	1,475	1,632	1,861	1,579	1,687	1,848	-7%	-3%	1%
GM (%)	11.8%	12.6%	13.5%	12.8%	13.4%	13.7%	-105bps	-77bps	-22bps
Operating profit	725	882	1,111	769	866	1,007	-6%	2%	10%
OPM (%)	5.8%	6.8%	8.0%	6.2%	6.9%	7.5%	-45bps	-5bps	59bps
Pre-Tax profit	704	862	1,089	831	950	1,057	-15%	-9%	3%
Net profit	526	645	815	650	772	825	-19%	-16%	-1%
Net Margin	4.2%	5.0%	5.9%	5.3%	6.1%	6.1%	-107bps	-114bps	-20bps
EPS (NT\$)	1.80	2.21	2.79	2.22	2.64	2.82	-19%	-16%	-1%

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

Table 2: I/S Highlights: Quarterly Revised vs Previous

NT\$ mn except for EPS

	Revised			Previous			Difference		
	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E
Revenues	12,555	12,922	13,801	11,391	13,190	14,473	10%	-2%	-5%
Gross profit	1,475	1,632	1,861	1,509	1,837	2,080	-2%	-11%	-11%
GM (%)	11.8%	12.6%	13.5%	13.2%	13.9%	14.4%	-145bps	-127bps	-92bps
Operating profit	725	882	1,111	759	1,087	1,330	-4%	-19%	-16%
OPM (%)	5.8%	6.8%	8.0%	6.7%	8.2%	9.2%	-92bps	-138bps	-115bps
Pre-Tax profit	704	862	1,089	889	1,229	1,484	-21%	-30%	-27%
Net profit	526	645	815	668	923	1,114	-21%	-30%	-27%
Net Margin	4.2%	5.0%	5.9%	5.9%	7.0%	7.7%	-171bps	-201bps	-179bps
EPS (NT\$)	1.80	2.21	2.79	2.28	3.16	3.81	-21%	-30%	-27%

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates.

Table 3: I/S Highlights: Annual JPMe vs Consensus

NT\$ mn except for EPS

	JPMe			Consensus		Difference		
	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	FY26E	FY27E	
Revenues	49,877	53,917	61,053	49,881	51,541	8%	18%	
Gross profit	6,386	7,203	10,401	6,357	6,783	13%	53%	
GM (%)	12.8%	13.4%	17.0%	12.7%	13.2%	62bps	388bps	
Operating profit	3,505	4,193	7,391	3,546	3,657	18%	102%	
OPM (%)	7.0%	7.8%	12.1%	7.1%	7.1%	67bps	501bps	
Pre-Tax profit	3,512	4,094	7,476	3,456	3,893	18%	92%	
Net profit	2,746	3,065	5,602	2,705	3,071	13%	82%	
Net Margin	5.5%	5.7%	9.2%	5.4%	6.0%	26bps	322bps	
EPS (NT\$)	9.39	10.48	19.16	9.25	10.13	13%	89%	

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

Table 4: I/S Highlights: Annual Revised vs Previous

NT\$ mn except for EPS

	Revised			Previous		Difference	
	FY25	FY26E	FY27E	FY25	FY26E	FY25	FY26E
Revenues	49,877	53,917	61,053	49,889	53,628	0%	1%
Gross profit	6,386	7,203	10,401	6,409	7,483	0%	-4%
GM (%)	12.8%	13.4%	17.0%	12.8%	14.0%	0bps	-64bps
Operating profit	3,505	4,193	7,391	3,492	4,473	0%	-6%
OPM (%)	7.0%	7.8%	12.1%	7.0%	8.3%	3bps	-52bps
Pre-Tax profit	3,512	4,094	7,476	3,584	5,034	-2%	-19%
Net profit	2,746	3,065	5,602	2,782	3,779	-1%	-19%
Net Margin	5.5%	5.7%	9.2%	5.6%	7.0%	-9bps	-131bps
EPS (NT\$)	9.39	10.48	19.16	9.51	12.92	-1%	-19%

Note: We are introducing 2027 estimates; therefore, no comparison vs previous.

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates.

Table 5: JPM Quarterly and Annual Estimates

NT\$ mn except for EPS, year-end December

	FY24				FY25E				FY26E				FY27E									
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1QE	2QE	3QE	4QE	1QE	2QE	3QE	4QE	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E	FY27E
Sales	10,929	11,502	11,009	11,848	12,414	12,588	12,788	12,087	12,555	12,922	13,801	14,639	13,958	15,159	15,852	16,083	68,455	46,496	45,288	49,877	53,917	61,053
qoq (%)	-10	5	-4	8	5	1	2	-5	4	3	7	6	-5	9	5	1						
yoy (%)	16	-6	-14	-3	14	9	16	2	1	3	8	21	11	17	15	10	4	-32	-3	10	8	13
Gross profit	1,294	1,601	1,424	1,733	1,658	1,528	1,621	1,579	1,475	1,632	1,861	2,236	2,135	2,567	2,803	2,896	8,831	5,276	6,052	6,386	7,203	10,401
Operating (EBIT)	608	794	646	961	939	840	943	782	725	882	1,111	1,476	1,385	1,817	2,053	2,136	5,812	2,489	3,009	3,505	4,193	7,391
Net profit	681	859	662	704	842	480	696	728	526	645	815	1,079	1,051	1,380	1,559	1,613	4,042	2,507	2,906	2,746	3,065	5,602
EPS (NT\$)	2.33	2.94	2.27	2.41	2.88	1.64	2.38	2.49	1.80	2.21	2.79	3.69	3.59	4.72	5.33	5.51	13.82	8.57	9.94	9.39	10.48	19.16
Revenue Breakdown																						
Control Board	36%	37%	39%	35%	36%	33%	31%	30%	30%	29%	28%	27%	26%	25%	25%	24%	31%	35%	37%	33%	30%	27%
TV-set	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Light bar	9%	10%	10%	10%	7%	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%	10%	10%	11%	9%	8%	7%
Mini LED	11%	9%	11%	14%	12%	14%	12%	9%	11%	10%	9%	9%	8%	9%	8%	8%	32%	21%	21%	16%	11%	8%
Semi (DDR)	6%	8%	6%	9%	13%	12%	15%	22%	17%	18%	20%	21%	22%	21%	21%	21%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%
Others	22%	23%	24%	22%	21%	23%	24%	22%	23%	24%	24%	26%	26%	28%	30%	31%	18%	19%	20%	19%	19%	17%
Margins (%)																						
Gross	11.8	13.9	12.9	14.6	13.4	12.1	12.7	13.1	11.8	12.6	13.5	15.3	15.3	16.9	17.7	18.0	12.9	11.3	13.4	12.8	13.4	17.0
Operating	5.6	6.9	5.9	8.1	7.6	6.7	7.4	6.5	5.8	6.8	8.0	10.1	9.9	12.0	12.9	13.3	8.5	5.4	6.6	7.0	7.8	12.1
EBITDA	9.3	10.5	9.7	11.9	11.5	10.7	10.9	9.9	9.1	10.1	11.7	13.5	14.6	16.7	17.7	17.9	12.8	11.9	10.4	10.7	11.2	16.8
Net	6.2	7.5	6.0	5.9	6.8	3.8	5.4	6.0	4.2	5.0	5.9	7.4	7.5	9.1	9.8	10.0	5.9	5.4	6.4	5.5	5.7	9.2

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Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Taiwan Surface Mount Tech *(Overweight; Price Target: NT\$167.00)*

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Risks to Rating and Price Target

Downside risks include weaker-than-expected demand for Mini LED display, a delay in Mini LED new model launches, more intense competition, chip makers retracting SMT outsourcing, and slower-than-expected Chinese panel maker capacity expansion.

Taiwan Surface Mount Tech: Summary of Financials

Income Statement	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	Cash Flow Statement	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	45,288	49,877	53,917	61,053	Cash flow from operating activities	3,649	5,237	2,991	7,408
COGS	(37,525)	(41,636)	(44,877)	(47,783)	o/w Depreciation & amortization	1,711	1,855	1,836	2,869
Gross profit	6,052	6,386	7,203	10,401	o/w Changes in working capital	(1,675)	(67)	(2,616)	(1,768)
SG&A	(2,273)	(2,109)	(2,150)	(2,150)	Cash flow from investing activities	(2,840)	(4,286)	(4,225)	(4,900)
Adj. EBITDA	4,721	5,360	6,030	10,260	o/w Capital expenditure	(2,219)	(3,086)	(3,225)	(3,900)
D&A	(1,711)	(1,855)	(1,836)	(2,869)	as % of sales	4.9%	6.2%	6.0%	6.4%
Adj. EBIT	3,009	3,505	4,193	7,391	Cash flow from financing activities	(1,191)	(1,575)	836	(603)
Net Interest	284	122	121	125	o/w Dividends paid	(1,185)	(1,366)	(1,291)	(1,441)
Adj. PBT	3,614	3,512	4,094	7,476	o/w Shares issued/(repurchased)	0	0	0	0
Tax	(702)	(763)	(1,024)	(1,869)	o/w Net debt issued/(repaid)	(208)	(331)	0	0
Minority Interest	(6)	(2)	(5)	(5)	Net change in cash	(182)	(424)	(198)	2,104
Adj. Net Income	2,906	2,746	3,065	5,602	Adj. Free cash flow to firm	1,430	2,151	(234)	3,508
Reported EPS	9.94	9.39	10.48	19.16	y/y Growth	(75.5%)	50.4%	(110.9%)	(1597.7%)
Adj. EPS	9.94	9.39	10.48	19.16					
DPS	4.05	4.67	4.41	0.00					
Payout ratio	40.8%	49.7%	42.1%	0.0%					
Shares outstanding	292	292	292	292					
Balance Sheet	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	Ratio Analysis	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
Cash and cash equivalents	17,226	16,803	16,605	18,709	Gross margin	13.4%	12.8%	13.4%	17.0%
Accounts receivable	16,019	15,804	19,141	21,029	EBITDA margin	10.4%	10.7%	11.2%	16.8%
Inventories	4,065	3,602	5,339	6,218	EBIT margin	6.6%	7.0%	7.8%	12.1%
Other current assets	641	533	645	709	Net profit margin	6.4%	5.5%	5.7%	9.2%
Current assets	37,952	36,742	41,730	46,665	ROE	13.7%	12.1%	12.7%	20.7%
PP&E	11,926	12,793	14,181	15,212	ROA	5.8%	5.3%	5.6%	9.2%
LT investments	-	-	-	-	ROCE	8.5%	9.2%	10.1%	16.3%
Other non current assets	2,318	2,119	2,119	2,119	SG&A/Sales	5.0%	4.2%	4.0%	3.5%
Total assets	52,196	51,653	58,030	63,996	Net debt/Equity	NM	NM	NM	NM
Short term borrowings	4,723	4,637	4,637	4,637	Net debt/EBITDA	NM	NM	NM	NM
Payables	15,102	14,250	16,819	17,882	Sales/Assets (x)	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Other short term liabilities	4,848	5,208	6,307	6,930	Assets/Equity (x)	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
Current liabilities	24,673	24,095	27,763	29,448	Interest cover (x)	NM	NM	NM	NM
Long-term debt	2,629	2,384	2,384	2,384	Operating leverage	(804.2%)	162.4%	242.7%	576.1%
Other long term liabilities	2,284	2,179	2,659	3,244	Tax rate	19.4%	21.7%	25.0%	25.0%
Total liabilities	29,587	28,658	32,806	35,076	Revenue y/y Growth	(2.6%)	10.1%	8.1%	13.2%
Shareholders' equity	22,586	22,972	25,200	28,897	EBITDA y/y Growth	(14.9%)	13.5%	12.5%	70.2%
Minority interests	24	23	23	23	EPS y/y Growth	15.9%	(5.5%)	11.6%	82.7%
Total liabilities & equity	52,196	51,653	58,030	63,996	Valuation	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E
BVPS	77.24	78.56	86.18	98.83	P/E (x)	15.9	16.9	15.1	8.3
y/y Growth	14.0%	1.7%	9.7%	14.7%	P/BV (x)	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.6
Net debt/(cash)	(9,875)	(9,782)	(9,584)	(11,688)	EV/EBITDA (x)	7.7	6.8	6.1	3.4
					Dividend Yield	2.6%	2.9%	2.8%	0.0%

Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Note: NT\$ in millions (except per-share data). Fiscal year ends Dec. o/w - out of which