

CPO Insert Test Update; Key Takeaways from TWSE Investor Conference

Hon Precision attended the TWSE investor conference today:

- CPO (Exhibit 1):** Hon Precision will start shipping its Insertion 4 CPO FT handler in 4Q26, with scaled revenue coming in 2027. Our checks suggest that Hon Precision is the sole handler supplier for the Insertion 4E testing. It will conduct pure electrical testing in 2025-2026 for the scale-out switch, then start optical-electrical simultaneous testing in 2027, mainly for the scale-up switch.
- Capacity outlook:** It plans at least 40% Y/Y capacity expansion in 2026. With more space secured, it would further update the outlook on the May 12 earnings call.
- SLT Handler:** Hon Precision holds 60-70% market share in ASIC SLT solutions, including Google TPU and next-gen Trainium.

Stay OW: We believe Chroma (covered by Derrick Yang) and Hon Precision are not in direct competition, but instead handle Insertion 4O and Insertion 4E respectively. On the other hand, we see no changes in Hon Precision's leading position in the AI/HPC handler market in the near term. Current P/E is 26x for 2027e, which we view as attractive vs. 70% earnings CAGR during 2025-2028e.

Exhibit 1: We believe Chroma and Hon Precision are not competing in the same field, but instead are in charge of Insertion 4O and Insertion 4E, respectively

Test Insertion	Insertion 1	Insertion 2	Insertion 3	Insertion 4O	Insertion 4E	Insertion 5 (Specialist)
Test content	Electronic IC (ASIC & Photonic IC (PIC))	EC die to PIC wafer (after SOI)	Optical engine (die-to-die)	CPO package (ASIC+OE) Optical Testing	CPO package (ASIC+OE) Electrical Testing (2025-2026) Co-packaging Testing (Starting 2027)	CPO package (ASIC+OE) SLT
Testing surface						
Key Product timeline	2023-2026 Scale-out CPO switch (Spectrum/Quantum) products 2027+ onward: Scale-out CPO switch (Spectrum/Quantum) + Scale-up CPO switch products					
Testing details	1) & opt. IC (gross, test, dark current, etc.)	E/O, O/E, O/O, high speed, 5 parameters	Full calibration (DC, high-speed functional, optical feedback, alternately, 5 parameters)	Optical light Transmission Testing, optical feedback	BER testing, signal testing	Full system functional validation
Testing service provider	Foundry (Shanghai level) TSMC	Foundry (Water level) TSMC	OSAT (Shanghai level) SPIL (ASIC Group)	OSAT (Shanghai level) SPIL (ASIC Group)	OSAT (Shanghai level) SPIL (ASIC Group)	OSAT (Shanghai level) SPIL (ASIC Group)
Equipment and Consumable Vendor	PIC ATE tester: 1) Advantest + TEL + Formfactor 2) Chroma (under qualification) EC tester: 1) Teradyne + TEL EC Prober card: Formfactor	Wafer level testing: 1) Fibrionics + manufacturer + Teradyne 2) Advantest + MPV	Die-to-die probe: 3. TEL 2. MPV Optical engine E/O tester: Chroma reliability test: EIS source test head: Chroma Optical and Electrical Test Socket: Winway	CPO switch tester: Chroma Coaxial socket/Hypersocket: Winway	FT handler: EIS source test head/optical alignment stage: Hon Precision Coaxial socket/Hypersocket: Winway	CPO SLT tester: Chroma (under qualification) Coaxial socket/Hypersocket: Winway

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Hon Precision (7769.TW, 7769 TT)

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Stock Rating	Overweight
Industry View	Attractive
Price target	NT\$5,000.00
Up/downside to price target (%)	1
Shr price, close (Apr 30, 2026)	NT\$4,945.00
52-Week Range	NT\$5,285.00-788.00
Sh out, dil, curr (mn)	162
Mkt cap, curr (mn)	NT\$801,142
EV, curr (mn)	NT\$747,541
Avg daily trading value (mn)	NT\$2,875

Fiscal Year Ending	12/25	12/26e	12/27e	12/28e
EPS (NT\$)**	76.26	116.17	193.10	308.30
Prior EPS (NT\$)**	-	-	-	-
EPS (NT\$)§	74.31	111.69	168.73	308.30
Revenue, net (NT\$ mn)	30,271	52,343	82,941	127,341
EBITDA (NT\$ mn)	15,114	26,109	43,486	69,571
ModelWare net inc (NT \$ mn)	12,362	20,899	34,739	55,464
P/E	44.9	42.6	25.6	16.0
P/BV	9.6	13.6	10.8	8.1
RNOA (%)	-	467.2	104.7	96.1

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ROE (%)	-	36.0	53.2	67.1
EV/EBITDA	33.2	29.4	17.8	11.3
Div yld (%)	2.2	2.0	0.0	0.0
FCF yld ratio (%)**	3.0	(0.7)	1.4	2.6
Leverage (EOP) (%)	(92.4)	(51.4)	(34.8)	(22.0)

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

§ = Consensus data is provided by Refinitiv Estimates

** = Based on consensus methodology

e = Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Catalyst Event Preview

Company / Catalyst	Date	Importance	Surprise
Hon Precision 7769.TW			
1Q26 Earnings Call	12 May 2026	High	↑ Modest upside surprise
Takeaways:			
• Capacity expansion outlook			
• CPO outlook			
• Gross margin outlook			

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

Valuation Methodology and Risks

Hon Precision (7769.TW)

We derive our price target from a residual income model, as we believe this can best capture the long-term value. We assume a 9.8% cost of equity (risk-free rate 2.0% and risk premium 6.0%), a payout ratio of 62%, a medium-term growth rate of 10%, and a terminal growth rate of 3.0%. Our price target implies 43x/26x/16x 2026e/2027e/2028e P/E.

Risks to Upside

- Stronger-than-expected AI demand
- Stronger-than-expected market share expansion
- Faster-than-expected CPO development with more testing needs emerge

Risks to Downside

- Slower-than-expected AI demand
- Stronger-than-expected market share gain from peers
- Slower-than-expected CPO development



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Total	3,679		923			1624	

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Hon Precision (7769.TW) - As of 04/30/26 GMT in TWD
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COMPANY (TICKER)	RATING (AS OF)	PRICE* (04/30/2026)
Charlie Chan		
ACM Research Inc (ACMR.O)	O (03/07/2023)	US\$48.65
Advanced Micro-Fabrication Equipment Inc (688012.SS)	O (11/06/2023)	Rmb376.30
Advanced Wireless Semiconductor Co (8086.TWO)	U (07/14/2025)	NT\$144.00
Alchip Technologies Ltd (3661.TW)	O (05/14/2021)	NT\$4,135.00
ASE Technology Holding Co. Ltd. (3711.TW)	O (09/15/2024)	NT\$478.00
Cambricon Technology Corporation (688256.SS)	O (04/27/2026)	Rmb1,699.96
Global Unichip Corp (3443.TW)	O (07/27/2024)	NT\$4,260.00
GlobalWafers Co Ltd (6488.TWO)	O (09/19/2025)	NT\$580.00
Gudeng Precision (3680.TWO)	O (11/25/2025)	NT\$537.00
Hua Hong Semiconductor Ltd (1347.HK)	E (03/12/2026)	HK\$114.10
Iluvatar CoreX Semiconductor Co., Ltd. (9903.HK)	O (04/27/2026)	HK\$465.80
King Yuan Electronics Co Ltd (2449.TW)	O (03/03/2023)	NT\$302.50
Maxscend Microelectronics Co Ltd (300782.SZ)	U (01/11/2021)	Rmb99.62
MediaTek (2454.TW)	O (11/28/2025)	NT\$2,610.00
MetaX Integrated Circuits (688802.SS)	E (04/27/2026)	Rmb758.03
Nanya Technology Corp. (2408.TW)	E (03/20/2026)	NT\$215.50
NAURA Technology Group Co Ltd (002371.SZ)	O (11/06/2023)	Rmb536.99
OmniVision Integrated Circuits Group Inc (603501.SS)	E (11/17/2025)	Rmb98.30
Phison Electronics Corp (8299.TWO)	E (02/25/2026)	NT\$1,900.00
SG Micro Corp. (300661.SZ)	E (11/03/2025)	Rmb91.94
Silergy Corp. (6415.TW)	E (04/21/2026)	NT\$427.00
SMIC (0981.HK)	O (10/21/2025)	HK\$70.90
TSMC (2330.TW)	O (02/07/2022)	NT\$2,135.00
UMC (2303.TW)	E (04/20/2026)	NT\$77.30
Vanguard International Semiconductor (5347.TWO)	E (01/14/2026)	NT\$145.50
WIN Semiconductors Corp (3105.TWO)	U (07/14/2025)	NT\$536.00
Daisy Dai, CFA		
ASMP Ltd (0522.HK)	O (07/24/2025)	HK\$163.10
China Resources Microelectronics Limited (688396.SS)	U (03/02/2026)	Rmb56.65

Elan Microelectronics Corp (2458.TW)	O (10/03/2025)	NT\$136.50
Empyrean Technology Co Ltd (301269.SZ)	E (01/17/2025)	Rmb88.82
Hangzhou Silan Microelectronics Co. Ltd. (600460.SS)	U (08/25/2025)	Rmb28.90
Innoscence (2577.HK)	E (10/13/2025)	HK\$64.15
JCET Group Co Ltd (600584.SS)	E (01/16/2026)	Rmb45.56
Shanghai Fudan Microelectronics (1385.HK)	O (03/07/2025)	HK\$38.86
SICC Co Ltd (688234.SS)	O (03/20/2026)	Rmb101.00
StarPower Semiconductor Ltd (603290.SZ)	O (03/01/2022)	Rmb103.92
Unigroup Guoxin Microelectronics Co Ltd (002049.SZ)	U (01/10/2023)	Rmb77.32
Universal Scientific Ind. (Shanghai) (601231.SS)	O (11/05/2025)	Rmb37.80
Yangjie Technology (300373.SZ)	O (06/10/2022)	Rmb75.88
Daniel Yen, CFA		
AP Memory Technology Corp (6531.TW)	O (07/11/2025)	NT\$840.00
ASMedia Technology Inc (5269.TW)	U (10/03/2025)	NT\$1,365.00
Aspeed Technology (5274.TWO)	O (06/09/2025)	NT\$16,475.00
Egis Technology Inc (6462.TWO)	E (01/28/2026)	NT\$122.00
Espressif Systems (688018.SS)	O (05/15/2023)	Rmb172.12
GigaDevice Semiconductor Beijing Inc (603986.SS)	O (05/15/2025)	Rmb312.99
Macronix International Co Ltd (2337.TW)	O (09/18/2025)	NT\$154.00
Montage Technology Co Ltd (6809.HK)	O (03/18/2026)	HK\$261.80
Montage Technology Co Ltd (688008.SS)	O (03/18/2026)	Rmb173.30
Novatek (3034.TW)	U (02/04/2026)	NT\$409.00
Nuvoton Technology Corporation (4919.TW)	U (11/10/2025)	NT\$147.50
Parade Technologies Ltd (4966.TWO)	E (01/30/2026)	NT\$575.00
Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Co (6770.TW)	O (10/27/2025)	NT\$51.90
Realtek Semiconductor (2379.TW)	E (01/30/2026)	NT\$537.00
Shenzhen Goodix Technology Co Ltd (603160.SS)	U (07/14/2025)	Rmb64.89
Winbond Electronics Corp (2344.TW)	E (03/20/2026)	NT\$89.80
WPG Holdings (3702.TW)	O (03/16/2026)	NT\$101.00
WT Microelectronics Co. Ltd. (3036.TW)	O (01/27/2026)	NT\$204.00
Duan Liu		
Dosilicon Co Ltd (688110.SS)	U (09/06/2024)	Rmb143.77
Shenzhen Longsys Electronics Co Ltd (301308.SZ)	E (02/25/2026)	Rmb401.12
Tiffany Yeh		
AllRing Tech Co. (6187.TWO)	O (09/23/2025)	NT\$1,210.00
FOCI Fiber Optic Communications Inc (3363.TWO)	O (01/15/2025)	NT\$769.00
Himax Technologies Inc (HIMX.O)	E (02/04/2026)	US\$11.45
Hon Precision (7769.TW)	O (04/17/2026)	NT\$4,945.00
MPI Corporation (6223.TWO)	O (04/17/2026)	NT\$4,925.00
Silicon Motion (SIMO.O)	O (05/06/2024)	US\$217.50
Winway Technology Co Ltd (6515.TW)	O (04/17/2026)	NT\$10,385.00

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