Kioxia Holdings (285A.T)

Earnings Review: 2Q in line; 3Q guidance below expectations partly on shipment timing shift, but outlook for earnings growth into 4Q and FY3/28 intact; maintain Buy

285A.T	12m Price Target: **¥39,000**	Price: **¥13,470**	Upside: **189.5%**

BUY

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3Q guidance below expectations, but outlook for momentum to shift up a gear in 4Q

2Q3/27 non-GAAP operating profits of ¥1,990 bn, announced after the close on October 30, were in line with our estimate of ¥1,990 bn, but slightly above the Bloomberg consensus of c.¥1,950 bn and guidance of ¥1,900 bn. At the same time, 3Q non-GAAP operating profit guidance of ¥2 tn (assuming ¥157/US$) is below our prior estimate of ¥2,560 bn and the Bloomberg consensus of ¥2,350 bn. However, this is not indicative of a change in the supply/demand environment. Rather, as demand for data center applications expands, with many of these products (such as SSDs) requiring longer lead times, shipments of some data center products are expected to slip into 4Q. The company noted that it expects momentum to accelerate again in 4Q.

Key takeaways from the results briefing (including post-briefing IR follow-up call)

(1) **2Q results:** 2Q bit shipments beat guidance of high-single-digit to 10% qoq growth, coming in at low-teens % qoq growth. While some shipments not included in guidance materialized in 2Q to fulfil robust demand, a large portion of the upside consisted of relatively low-priced products.

(2) **3Q outlook**: Bit shipments are expected to be broadly flat qoq, while prices (ASP) are expected to see a modest increase. Prices vary somewhat by application, and a higher proportion for smart device applications heading into 3Q (similar to 2Q) is expected to constrain ASP growth. At present, prices have been determined for c.50% of 3Q sales volume.

(3) **4Q/full-year outlook:** 4Q bit shipments are expected to grow by a high-single-digit to 10% qoq, leading to high-teens % growth for

Key Data

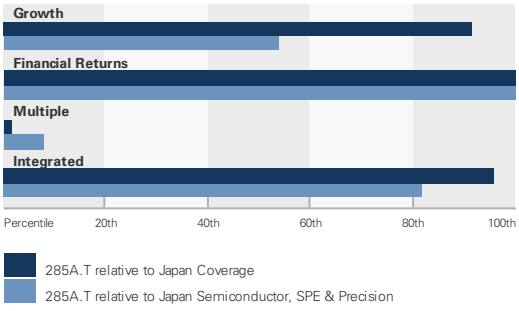
Market cap: ¥21.5tr / $136.5bn
Enterprise value: ¥20.4tr / $129.0bn
3m ADTV: ¥1.5tr / $9.4bn
Japan
Japan Semiconductor, SPE & Precision
M&A Rank: 3
Leases incl. in net debt & EV?: Yes

GS Forecast

	3/26	3/27E	3/28E	3/29E
Revenue (¥ bn)	2,337.6	10,086.3	14,106.1	16,790.6
Op. profit (¥ bn) New	**870.4**	**8,079.2**	**11,934.4**	**14,264.2**
Op. profit (¥ bn) Old	870.4	8,597.9	11,775.8	14,057.6
Op. profit CoE (¥ bn)	–	–	–	–
EPS (¥) New	**341.4**	**3,518.5**	**5,387.6**	**6,838.8**
EPS (¥) Old	341.4	3,745.6	5,316.0	6,739.7
P/E (X)	8.0	3.8	2.5	2.0
P/B (X)	3.2	3.7	2.1	1.5
CROCI (%)	25.5	101.0	105.8	107.8

	9/26	12/26E	3/27E	6/27E
EPS (¥)	836.0	910.8	1,258.4	1,299.5

GS Factor Profile



Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Research estimates. See disclosures for details.

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BUY

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Rating since May 31, 2026

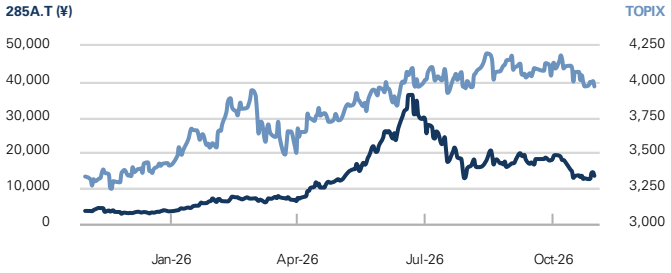
Ratios & Valuation

	3/26	3/27E	3/28E	3/29E
P/E (X)	8.0	3.8	2.5	2.0
P/B (X)	3.2	3.7	2.1	1.5
FCF yield (%)	13.8	17.6	35.3	48.0
EV/EBITDAR (X)	4.4	2.4	1.4	0.9
EV/EBITDA (excl. leases) (X)	4.3	2.4	1.3	0.9
CROCI (%)	25.5	101.0	105.8	107.8
ROE (%)	51.9	157.5	105.0	85.8
Net debt/equity (%)	55.9	(20.6)	(40.6)	(46.3)
Net debt/equity (excl. leases) (%)	41.2	(23.5)	(41.9)	(47.1)
Interest cover (X)	9.0	164.2	590.8	771.0
Days inventory outst, sales	59.8	17.2	14.7	14.0
Receivable days	70.2	63.5	88.4	94.9
Days payable outstanding	162.3	156.8	169.3	165.7
DuPont ROE (%)	39.6	97.9	82.2	76.2
Turnover (X)	0.6	1.3	1.2	1.1
Leverage (X)	2.6	1.3	1.2	1.2
Gross cash invested (ex cash) (¥)	4,552.4	7,221.1	8,833.1	9,999.9
Average capital employed (¥)	1,661.8	3,187.0	5,147.8	6,411.8
BVPS (¥)	854.0	3,593.2	6,554.3	8,979.5

Growth & Margins (%)

	3/26	3/27E	3/28E	3/29E
Total revenue growth	37.0	331.5	39.9	19.0
EBITDA growth	54.9	611.7	46.2	19.5
EPS growth	97.0	930.8	53.1	26.9
DPS growth	NM	NM	66.7	40.0
EBIT margin	37.2	80.1	84.6	85.0
EBITDA margin	50.6	83.5	87.3	87.6
Net income margin	23.7	55.8	59.2	59.4

Price Performance



	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	2.3%	7.6%	270.7%
Rel. to the TOPIX	2.0%	1.1%	208.6%

Source: FactSet. Price as of 30 Oct 2026 close.

Income Statement (¥ bn)

	3/26	3/27E	3/28E	3/29E
Total revenue	2,337.6	10,086.3	14,106.1	16,790.6
Cost of goods sold	(1,235.5)	(1,598.5)	(1,767.9)	(2,052.2)
SG&A	(146.6)	(239.3)	(266.2)	(307.4)
R&D	(89.3)	(135.5)	(149.6)	(178.8)
Other operating inc./(exp.)	4.0	(33.8)	12.0	12.0
EBITDA	**1,183.2**	**8,420.7**	**12,314.2**	**14,712.8**
Depreciation & amortization	(312.8)	(341.5)	(379.8)	(448.6)
EBIT	**870.4**	**8,079.2**	**11,934.4**	**14,264.2**
Net interest inc./(exp.)	(87.2)	(42.8)	(13.3)	(11.1)
Income/(loss) from associates	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.4
Pre-tax profit	**784.1**	**8,037.6**	**11,922.4**	**14,254.5**
Provision for taxes	(229.6)	(2,411.3)	(3,576.7)	(4,276.4)
Minority interest	–	–	–	–
Preferred dividends	–	–	–	–
Net inc. (pre-exceptionals)	**554.5**	**5,626.3**	**8,345.7**	**9,978.1**
Post-tax exceptionals	–	–	–	–
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DPS (¥)	–	300.0	500.0	700.0
Div. payout ratio (%)	0.0	8.5	9.3	10.2

Balance Sheet (¥ bn)

	3/26	3/27E	3/28E	3/29E
Cash & cash equivalents	470.7	1,819.8	4,702.1	6,596.9
Accounts receivable	660.6	2,850.2	3,986.1	4,744.6
Inventory	412.6	540.1	597.2	694.9
Other current assets	74.0	74.0	74.0	74.0
Total current assets	**1,617.8**	**5,284.0**	**9,359.3**	**12,110.4**
Net PP&E	1,055.3	1,249.6	1,369.8	1,371.2
Net intangibles	584.9	584.1	584.1	584.1
Total investments	227.3	228.5	229.8	231.2
Other long-term assets	204.8	255.0	492.2	775.8
Total assets	**3,690.1**	**7,601.1**	**12,035.2**	**15,072.7**
Accounts payable	594.9	778.7	861.1	1,001.9
Short-term debt	175.5	25.4	25.4	25.4
Short-term lease liabilities	43.9	30.1	26.6	22.0
Other current liabilities	283.7	283.7	283.7	283.7
Total current liabilities	**1,098.0**	**1,117.9**	**1,196.8**	**1,333.0**
Long-term debt	872.1	446.8	421.4	396.0
Long-term lease liabilities	161.7	131.6	105.0	83.0
Other long-term liabilities	159.2	159.2	159.2	159.2
Total long-term liabilities	**1,193.0**	**737.5**	**685.5**	**638.2**
Total liabilities	**2,291.0**	**1,855.4**	**1,882.3**	**1,971.2**
Preferred shares	–	–	–	–
Total common equity	**1,398.9**	**5,745.5**	**10,152.7**	**13,101.4**
Minority interest	**0.2**	**0.2**	**0.2**	**0.2**
Total liabilities & equity	**3,690.1**	**7,601.1**	**12,035.2**	**15,072.7**
Net debt, adjusted	576.9	(1,347.7)	(4,255.3)	(6,175.5)

Cash Flow (¥ bn)

	3/26	3/27E	3/28E	3/29E
Net income	554.5	5,626.3	8,345.7	9,978.1
D&A add-back	312.8	341.5	379.8	448.6
Minority interest add-back	–	–	–	–
Net (inc)/dec working capital	(400.3)	(2,133.3)	(1,110.7)	(715.4)
Other operating cash flow	149.5	(51.4)	(238.6)	(285.0)
Cash flow from operations	**616.5**	**3,783.2**	**7,376.3**	**9,426.3**
Capital expenditures	(0.5)	(1.6)	(1.5)	(1.5)
Acquisitions	–	–	–	–
Divestitures	–	–	–	–
Others	(221.0)	(533.4)	(498.5)	(448.5)
Cash flow from investing	**(221.5)**	**(535.0)**	**(500.0)**	**(450.0)**
Repayment of lease liabilities	–	–	–	–
Dividends paid (common & pref)	–	(479.7)	(774.5)	(1,021.3)
Inc/(dec) in debt	(80.8)	(619.4)	(55.5)	(52.0)
Other financing cash flows	(11.5)	(800.0)	(3,164.0)	(6,008.1)
Cash flow from financing	**(92.3)**	**(1,899.1)**	**(3,994.0)**	**(7,081.4)**
Total cash flow	**302.8**	**1,349.1**	**2,882.3**	**1,894.9**
Free cash flow	616.0	3,781.6	7,374.7	9,424.8

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Research estimates.

FY3/27. In 4Q, the proportion of bit shipments for data center and enterprise applications is expected to rise considerably compared to 3Q. While bit shipments based on LTAs (long-term agreements) are slated to begin in early CY27 (4Q3/27), notably, these LTAs do not incorporate a price cap, meaning such shipments will remain subject to quarterly price negotiations.

(4) **Demand outlook**: The company said that NAND demand remains strong, led by data center applications, and it sees no factors that would drive price declines heading into CY27. Bit growth in the broader market rate is expected to be in the high-teens % in CY26 and the low-20% range in CY27, and Kioxia sees its bit shipments growing in line with the market.

(5) **Shareholder returns/capex:** Management newly announced a return policy that allocates 100% of surplus cash to shareholder returns, alongside the initiation of dividend payments (interim dividend of ¥90/share). While the company refrained from providing a quantitative definition of surplus cash, it indicated a guideline of maintain a cash buffer equivalent to roughly three months of sales.

(6) **Capex:** FY3/27 capex is expected to be in the mid-¥500 bn to just under ¥600 bn range (initial guidance was ¥450 bn), but the company noted that its planned capex level for the next three years (an annual average of ¥470 bn) presented at its IR Day remains unchanged.

Reiterate Buy amid sustained NAND supply/demand tightness, expanding shareholder returns

Following 2Q results, we lower our FY3/27 operating profit estimate by 6% to reflect revisions to the shipment timing of data center SSDs, but raise our FY3/28-FY3/29 estimates by 1%/1%, and leave our 12-month target price of ¥39,000 unchanged. We reiterate our Buy rating based on our view that tight NAND supply/demand conditions are very likely to remain, and that we can expect further enhancement of shareholder returns following the newly announced policy of allocating 100% of surplus cash to returns. Kioxia shares are currently trading at a FY3/28E P/E of around 2.5X based on our estimates, suggesting that sentiment remains largely skeptical over the sustainability of the high level of earnings at present. However, we highlight that, following the recent share price correction, the shareholder return yield, combining our dividend and share buyback estimates for FY3/28, has risen to just under 20%, offering a compelling risk/reward profile.

Exhibit 1: Kioxia: Earnings summary

Kioxia HD (285A)														
(JPY mn)		GSE	GSE	GSE							GSE	GSE	CoE	CoE
Consolidated income statement	3/2026	3/2027	3/2028	3/2029	3/2026 1Q	3/2026 2Q	3/2026 3Q	3/2026 4Q	3/2027 1Q	3/2027 2Q	3/2027 3Q	3/2027 4Q	3/2027 2Q	3/2027 3Q
Sales	2,337,628	10,086,300	14,106,100	16,790,600	342,799	448,346	543,631	1,002,852	1,767,117	2,480,035	2,570,600	3,268,500	2,390,000	2,500,000
Non-GAAP operating profits	876,170	8,130,000	11,934,400	14,264,200	45,214	87,163	144,654	599,139	1,326,200	1,988,410	2,081,100	2,734,273	1,900,000	2,000,000
IFRS operating profits	870,369	8,079,200	11,934,400	14,264,200	44,899	85,921	142,754	596,795	1,270,017	1,994,710	2,080,900	2,733,573	1,890,000	1,995,000
Pre-tax profits	784,095	8,037,600	11,922,400	14,254,500	27,294	56,716	121,740	578,345	1,234,720	1,968,670	2,079,200	2,755,010		
Non-GAAP net profits	559,638	5,665,100	8,345,700	9,978,100	18,507	40,436	89,519	411,176	887,000	1,386,000	1,455,600	1,936,500	1,280,000	1,365,000
IFRS net profits	554,496	5,626,300	8,345,700	9,978,100	18,284	40,662	87,810	407,740	842,165	1,355,706	1,455,400	1,973,029	1,270,000	1,360,000
Non-GAAP EBITDA	1,187,924	8,470,700	12,314,200	14,712,800	124,886	165,763	221,982	675,293	1,402,100	2,065,810	2,170,900	2,831,873		
IFRS EBITDA	1,183,195	8,420,700	12,314,200	14,712,800	124,886	164,773	220,334	673,202	1,346,117	2,072,210	2,170,900	2,831,473		
YoY % change														
Sales	*+37%*	*+331%*	*+40%*	*+19%*	*-20%*	*-7%*	*+21%*	*+189%*	*+415%*	*+453%*	*+373%*	*+226%*	*+433%*	*+360%*
Non-GAAP operating profits	*+93%*	*+828%*	*+47%*	*+20%*	*-64%*	*-48%*	*+18%*	*+1499%*	*+2833%*	*+2181%*	*+1339%*	*+356%*	*+2080%*	*+1283%*
Non-GAAP EBITDA	*+55%*	*+613%*	*+45%*	*+19%*	*-39%*	*-32%*	*+11%*	*+489%*	*+1023%*	*+1146%*	*+878%*	*+319%*		
Non-GAAP Net profits	*+110%*	*+912%*	*+47%*	*+20%*	*-74%*	*-62%*	*+17%*	*+433%*	*+4693%*	*+3328%*	*+1526%*	*+371%*	*+3065%*	*+1425%*
Margins														
Non-GAAP operating profits	37.5%	80.6%	84.6%	85.0%	13.2%	19.4%	26.6%	59.7%	75.0%	80.2%	81.0%	83.7%	79.5%	80.0%
IFRS operating profits	37.2%	80.1%	84.6%	85.0%	13.1%	19.2%	26.3%	59.5%	71.9%	80.4%	80.9%	83.6%	79.1%	79.8%
Non-GAAP EBITDA	50.8%	84.0%	87.3%	87.6%	36.4%	37.0%	40.8%	67.3%	79.3%	83.3%	84.5%	86.6%		
IFRS EBITDA	50.6%	83.5%	87.3%	87.6%	36.4%	36.8%	40.5%	67.1%	76.2%	83.6%	84.5%	86.6%		
Pre-tax profits	33.5%	79.7%	84.5%	84.9%	8.0%	12.7%	22.4%	57.7%	69.9%	79.4%	80.9%	84.3%		
Non-GAAP net profits	23.9%	56.2%	59.2%	59.4%	5.4%	9.0%	16.5%	41.0%	50.2%	55.9%	56.6%	59.2%	53.6%	54.6%
IFRS net profits	23.7%	55.8%	59.2%	59.4%	5.3%	9.1%	16.2%	40.7%	47.7%	54.7%	56.6%	60.4%	53.1%	54.4%
R&D	141,100	207,100	230,000	275,000	34,479	35,731	34,277	36,613	39,400	57,700	50,000	60,000		
(As a % of revenues)	6.0%	2.1%	1.6%	1.6%	10.1%	8.0%	6.3%	3.7%	2.2%	2.3%	1.9%	1.8%		
D&A	312,826	341,500	379,800	448,600	79,987	78,852	77,580	76,407	76,100	77,500	90,000	97,900		
(As a % of revenues)	13.4%	3.4%	2.7%	2.7%	23.3%	17.6%	14.3%	7.6%	4.3%	3.1%	3.5%	3.0%		
Gross capex	283,700	550,000	500,000	450,000	53,577	91,473	70,933	67,717	52,400	84,600	150,000	263,000		
(As a % of revenues)	12.1%	5.5%	3.5%	2.7%	15.6%	20.4%	13.0%	6.8%	3.0%	3.4%	5.8%	8.0%		
Net capex	221,000	535,000	500,000	450,000	34,107	72,768	61,327	52,798	39,100	75,200	150,000	270,700		
(As a % of revenues)	9.5%	5.3%	3.5%	2.7%	9.9%	16.2%	11.3%	5.3%	2.2%	3.0%	5.8%	8.3%		
		*1:3 Stock split as of Sep 30, 2026												
EPS(JPY)	1,024.1	3,518.5	5,387.6	6,838.8	33.9	75.3	162.4	752.4	1,539.9	2,508.1				
DPS(JPY)	0.0	300.0	500.0	700.0										
BPS(JPY)	2,561.7	3,593.1	6,554.2	8,979.4										
Sales by product														
SSD & storage	1,362,638	6,782,931	10,345,590	13,180,974	217,411	244,559	300,375	600,293	1,174,719	1,615,997	1,665,180	2,327,036		
Smart device	759,978	3,025,050	3,487,689	3,336,798	79,040	157,300	186,291	337,347	525,656	788,857	837,252	873,285		
Others	215,012	278,323	272,800	272,800	46,348	46,487	56,965	65,212	66,742	75,181	68,200	68,200		
Total	**2,337,628**	**10,086,300**	**14,106,100**	**16,790,600**	**342,799**	**448,346**	**543,631**	**1,002,852**	**1,767,117**	**2,480,035**	**2,570,600**	**3,268,500**	**2,390,000**	**2,500,000**
Sales related data														
USD/JPY					145	147	153	155	160	161	158	160	162	157
Shipment volume (Capacity basis, QoQ)					Flat	+High-30%	+MSD%	▲10%	+LSD%	+Low-teens	+2%	+10%		
ASP (USD, QoQ)					+HSD%	▲LSD%	+Low-teens%	+2x+	+70%	+25%	+4%	+14%		

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Investment Thesis - Kioxia Holdings

We are Buy rated on Kioxia Holdings, the world's third-largest maker of NAND flash memory. We find Kioxia's relatively high profit margins (stemming from strong cost competitiveness) and gradual progress in developing products for data centers, a segment expected to see high growth within the NAND market, as positive. NAND supply/demand is tightening due to rising demand for enterprise SSDs (eSSDs) for servers, tightness in HDDs (which are also used for storage applications), and concerns over US export controls on production equipment (for fabs of major South Korean memory makers located in China), resulting in continued increases in NAND prices in CY27. Although we maintain our view that the structure of the NAND market itself has not changed (i.e., cyclicality remains as there are still more players compared to the HDD and DRAM markets, which are dominated by 2-3 major companies), we believe higher profit levels compared to previous cycles can be sustained, and the market will recognize that profit levels over the next 2-3 years will be higher than its expectations as well as sustainable. This view is based on (1) the possibility that tight supply/demand will continue into CY28, as AI demand remains strong while near-term supply increases are limited, (2) major memory makers continuing to prioritize investment in DRAM, and (3) a path having been paved for procuring DRAM (used in eSSDs). Kioxia shares are currently trading at a FY3/28E P/E of around 2.5X based on our estimates, suggesting that sentiment remains largely skeptical over the sustainability of the high level of earnings at present. However, we highlight that, following the recent share price correction, the shareholder return yield, combining our dividend and share buyback estimates for FY3/28, has risen to just under 20%, offering a compelling risk/reward profile.

Price Target Risks and Methodology - Kioxia Holdings

Valuation methodology: Our 12-month target price of ¥39,000 is based on the correlation between ROE-P/B and the average of our FY3/27-FY3/28 ROE estimates (implies FY3/28E P/E 7.2X, P/B 6.0X).

Key risks: A slowdown in AI investment centered on hyperscalers, the rise of NAND players in China, decline in profit margins due to cost increases or fluctuations in capacity utilization, a sharp appreciation of the yen against the US dollar, and a slowdown in NAND demand for non-AI applications.

Disclosure Appendix

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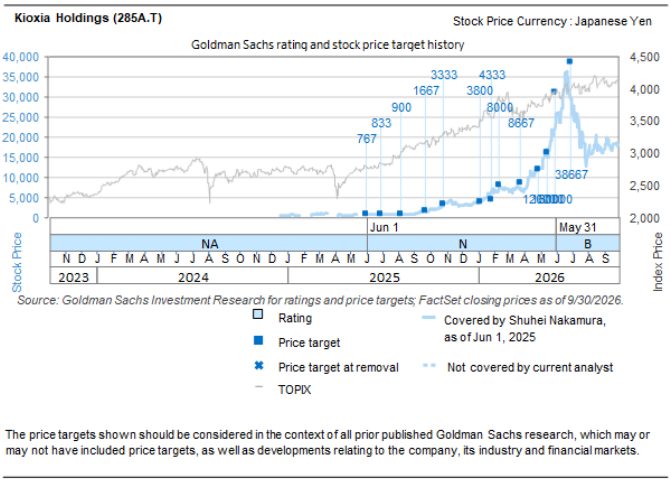
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30-Jun-26	116,000	29,893
31-May-26	93,000	21,950
15-May-26	48,000	14,817
28-Apr-26	36,000	12,107
25-Mar-26	26,000	7,482
12-Feb-26	24,000	7,058
30-Jan-26	13,000	7,120
06-Jan-26	11,400	3,867
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