

## Lack near-term catalysts; Cut PT

### ■ Cut PT to NT\$330 under decelerating momentum

We cut our price target for Mediatek (MTK) from NT\$420 to NT\$330 under weaker momentum in Q408. We now project MTK to show 21% QoQ decline in Q408, lower than the company's guidance of down 9-16%. We expect improvement into Q109 will also be limited under slow season effect. Thus, we don't expect the share price to perform strongly in the near-term.

### ■ Negative momentum appears priced in; Maintain Buy

However, as the share price has dropped by 35% in this month, we think market already factored-in the poor momentum in Q408. The stock is trading at historical low of 8.6x 09E PER now and we see limited downside from here. We think the current price is a good entry point for long-term investors.

### ■ Three catalysts to drive long-term re-rating opportunity

We expect MTK to outperform market again into H209 as new catalysts materialize: 1.) Ramp up its 3G (WCDMA) chip successfully; 2.) Design-in from tier 1 brands like Motorola and Samsung; and 3.) Stronger demand for BD (Blu-ray disk) products. MTK is our top pick in fabless universe on our 12-month view.

### ■ Valuation: PT NT\$330 based on 15x 09E PER

We cut our price target from NT\$420 to NT\$330 under more conservative EPS target. Also, we previously used 17x PER to set our price target as we expected MTK to show 15%+ YoY growth. However, given weaker business outlook now (<10% YoY), we revised down our price target to 15x PER. EPS revision: from NT\$21.37/24.66/28.66 to NT\$20.66/22.22/25.36.

Highlights (NT\$m)	12/06	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
Revenues	52,941.6	80,390.0	91,864.5	96,196.6	110,883.3
EBIT (UBS)	10,942.8	20,706.7	23,130.3	24,254.3	27,837.4
Net Income (UBS)	9,699.2	22,313.7	21,765.1	23,673.0	27,021.2
EPS (UBS, NT\$)	9.72	21.89	20.66	22.22	25.36
Net DPS (UBS, NT\$)	11.00	15.00	18.57	14.59	16.10

Profitability & Valuation	5-yr hist av.	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
EBIT margin %	26.8	25.8	25.2	25.2	25.1
ROIC (EBIT) %	226.5	110.1	83.2	90.3	102.4
EV/EBITDA (core) x	15.4	18.9	5.7	4.5	4.1
PE (UBS) x	19.5	20.7	9.3	8.6	7.6
Net dividend yield %	4.4	3.3	9.7	7.6	8.4

Source: Company accounts, Thomson Financial, UBS estimates. (UBS) valuations are stated before goodwill, exceptionals and other special items. Valuations: based on an average share price that year, (E): based on a share price of NT\$191.50 on 24 Nov 2008 19:34 HKT

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## Global Equity Research

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Semiconductors

12-month rating **Buy**  
**Unchanged**

12m price target NT\$330.00/US\$9.88  
Prior: NT\$420.00/US\$12.57

Price NT\$191.50/US\$5.73

RIC: 2454.TW BBG: 2454 TT

24 November 2008

### Trading data (local/US\$)

52-wk range	NT\$438.41-189.00/US\$13.88-5.65
Market cap.	NT\$206bn/US\$6.15bn
Shares o/s	1,073m (ORD)
Free float	70%
Avg. daily volume ('000)	9,546
Avg. daily value (NT\$m)	2,921.8

### Balance sheet data 12/08E

Shareholders' equity	NT\$80.1bn
P/BV (UBS)	2.5x
Net Cash (debt)	NT\$50.8bn

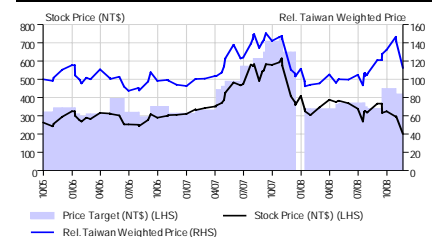
### Forecast returns

Forecast price appreciation	+72.3%
Forecast dividend yield	9.7%
Forecast stock return	+82.0%
Market return assumption	8.3%
Forecast excess return	+73.7%

### EPS (UBS, NT\$)

	12/08E		Cons.	12/07
	From	To		Actual
Q1E	3.83	3.83	-	5.55
Q2E	4.86	4.86	-	4.87
Q3E	6.82	6.82	-	7.51
Q4E	5.87	5.16	-	3.96
12/08E	21.37	20.66	21.37	
12/09E	24.66	22.22	24.66	

### Performance (NT\$)



Source: UBS

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## Weaker momentum for handset business

Demand for MTK's handset chips dropped quickly since Nov.08. However, the situation is even worse than our expectation and we now expect MTK to show 21% QoQ revenue decline from 13% decline last time. Shipment volume for its handset chips might drop to ~65mn pcs in Q4 from ~90mn pcs in Q308.

Inventory level is still low in the channel and we haven't seen any significant price cut yet. However, under greater credit concerns in the China handset market, MTK might not be able to sell its chips aggressively to the white-brand makers. In addition, poor demand from other developing countries also impacted MTK's momentum.

## Earnings revision

We cut our 08/09/10E EPS by 3%, 10%, and 12% respectively to NT\$20.7/NT\$22.2/NT\$25.4. Weaker momentum for its handset business is the major reason for the revision. Our numbers indicate MTK might only show 9% net profit growth into 2009.

Table 1: Mediatek – Earnings revision

	2008E			2009E			2010E		
	Previous	New	Change	Previous	New	Change	Previous	New	Change
Sales	93,874	91,864	-2.1%	103,538	96,197	-7.1%	121,119	110,883	-8.5%
Gross profit	50,599	49,495	-2.2%	56,086	52,115	-7.1%	63,650	58,264	-8.5%
Operating profit	23,784	23,130	-2.7%	26,431	24,254	-8.2%	30,993	27,837	-10.2%
Net Income	22,516	21,765	-3.3%	26,267	23,673	-9.9%	30,531	27,021	-11.5%
EPS	21.37	20.66	-3.3%	24.66	22.22	-9.9%	28.66	25.36	-11.5%
Gross margin	53.9%	53.9%		54.2%	54.2%		52.6%	52.5%	
Operating margin	25.3%	25.2%		25.5%	25.2%		25.6%	25.1%	
Net margin	24.0%	23.7%		25.4%	24.6%		25.2%	24.4%	

Source: UBS estimates

## What's next?

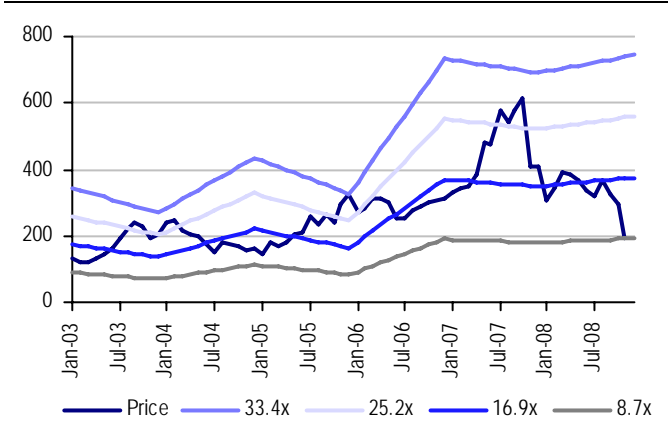
We believe MTK's share price might not perform strongly in the near-term. However, we still take positive view on its long-term development. We think the following catalysts to be next drivers in H209.

- Ramping up 3G (WCDMA) chips to reduce market concern on its technology capability.
- Getting design-wins from tier 1 handset brands like Samsung or Motorola. We think the possibility is high after TI and Freescale decided to exit the market.
- Stronger demand for BD products (PC optical drives or consumer players). We believe the street price for consumer BD player might drop to ~US\$100 level in end of 2009 (for some promotion programs), and the price will be cheap enough to drive the market.

## Valuation

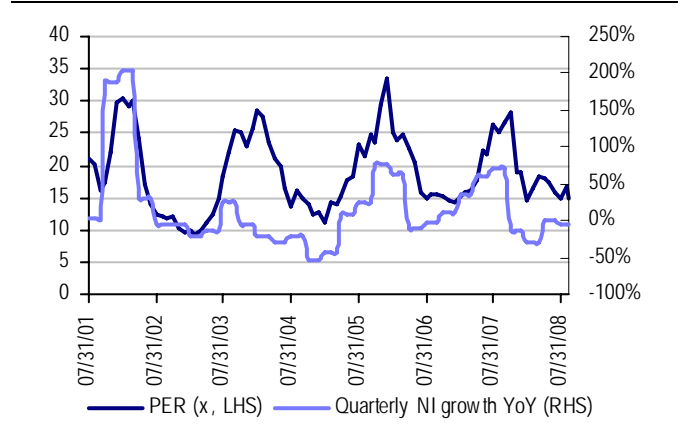
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Chart 1: MediaTek – PE band chart



Source: UBS estimates

Chart 2: MediaTek – PE vs. net profit growth rate



Source: Company data, UBS estimates

# MediaTek Inc.

Income statement (NT\$m)	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/08E	% ch	12/09E	% ch	12/10E	% ch
Revenues	46,491.2	52,941.6	80,390.0	91,864.5	14.3	96,196.6	4.7	110,883.3	15.3
Operating expenses (ex depn)	(33,838.3)	(40,526.2)	(57,852.8)	(66,464.8)	14.9	(70,142.3)	5.5	(81,245.9)	15.8
EBITDA (UBS)	12,652.9	12,415.4	22,537.2	25,399.7	12.7	30,345.1	19.5	29,637.4	-2.3
Depreciation	(946.5)	(1,472.6)	(1,830.4)	(2,269.3)	24.0	(1,800.0)	-20.7	(1,800.0)	0.0
Operating income (EBIT, UBS)	11,706.4	10,942.8	20,706.7	23,130.3	11.7	24,254.3	4.9	27,837.4	14.8
Other income & associates	732.7	(87.1)	1,513.0	(596.0)	-	(120.0)	-79.9	(120.0)	0.0
Net interest	411.5	637.7	1,554.0	1,291.0	-16.9	1,200.0	-7.0	1,200.0	0.0
Abnormal items (pre-tax)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
Profit before tax	12,850.7	11,493.4	23,773.7	23,825.3	0.2	25,334.3	6.3	28,917.4	14.1
Tax	(125.2)	(1,794.2)	(1,460.0)	(2,060.2)	41.1	(1,661.3)	-19.4	(1,896.2)	14.1
Profit after tax	12,725.5	9,699.2	22,313.7	21,765.1	-2.5	23,673.0	8.8	27,021.2	14.1
Abnormal items (post-tax)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
Minorities / pref dividends	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
Net income (local GAAP)	12,725.5	9,699.2	22,313.7	21,765.1	-2.5	23,673.0	8.8	27,021.2	14.1
Net Income (UBS)	12,725.5	9,699.2	22,313.7	21,765.1	-2.5	23,673.0	8.8	27,021.2	14.1
Tax rate (%)	1.0	15.6	6.1	8.6	40.8	6.6	-24.2	6.6	0.0
Pre-abnormal tax rate (%)	1.0	15.6	6.6	8.7	33.0	5.8	-34.3	6.6	14.0
Per share (NT\$)	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/08E	% ch	12/09E	% ch	12/10E	% ch
EPS (local GAAP)	13.01	9.72	21.89	20.66	-5.6	22.22	7.6	25.36	14.1
EPS (UBS)	13.01	9.72	21.89	20.66	-5.6	22.22	7.6	25.36	14.1
Net DPS	10.00	11.00	15.00	18.57	23.8	14.59	-21.4	16.10	10.4
Cash EPS	13.98	11.19	23.68	22.81	-3.7	23.91	4.8	27.05	13.1
BVPS	52.51	65.47	64.88	75.40	16.2	84.70	12.3	102.45	21.0
Balance sheet (NT\$m)	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/08E	% ch	12/09E	% ch	12/10E	% ch
Net tangible fixed assets	3,841.7	4,815.0	5,221.8	4,580.0	-12.3	4,500.0	-1.7	4,400.0	-2.2
Net intangible fixed assets	3,853.5	3,203.6	6,634.2	11,000.0	65.8	8,000.0	-27.3	8,000.0	0.0
Net working capital (incl. other assets)	(686.8)	1,761.7	16,055.0	12,240.8	-23.8	13,597.6	11.1	16,050.9	18.0
Other liabilities	(57.5)	(61.0)	(1.0)	(100.0)	9900.0	(100.0)	0.0	(100.0)	0.0
Operating invested capital	6,950.9	9,719.4	27,910.0	27,720.8	-0.7	25,997.6	-6.2	28,350.9	9.1
Investments	15,674.6	22,259.5	8,735.5	10,108.5	15.7	10,108.5	0.0	10,108.5	0.0
Total capital employed	22,625.5	31,978.9	36,645.5	37,829.3	3.2	36,106.1	-4.6	38,459.4	6.5
Shareholders' equity	54,031.3	68,634.0	69,389.0	80,085.6	15.4	90,893.9	13.5	109,944.5	21.0
Minority interests	0.0	0.0	17,768.5	8,555.8	-51.8	9,966.5	16.5	11,488.4	15.3
Total equity	54,031.3	68,634.0	87,157.5	88,641.4	1.7	100,860.4	13.8	121,432.9	20.4
Net debt / (cash)	(31,405.9)	(36,655.2)	(50,512.0)	(50,812.1)	0.6	(64,754.3)	27.4	(82,973.5)	28.1
Debt deemed provisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
Total capital employed	22,625.5	31,978.9	36,645.5	37,829.3	3.2	36,106.1	-4.6	38,459.4	6.5
Cash flow (NT\$m)	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/08E	% ch	12/09E	% ch	12/10E	% ch
Operating income (EBIT, UBS)	11,706.4	10,942.8	20,706.7	23,130.3	11.7	24,254.3	4.9	27,837.4	14.8
Depreciation	946.5	1,472.6	1,830.4	2,269.3	24.0	1,800.0	-20.7	1,800.0	0.0
Net change in working capital	1,805.2	(757.1)	(3,972.4)	499.2	-	(2,856.8)	-	(2,453.3)	-14.1
Other (operating)	2,036.1	47.6	(4,505.0)	2,056.7	-	800.0	-61.1	800.0	0.0
Operating cash flow	16,494.2	11,705.9	14,059.7	27,955.6	98.8	23,997.5	-14.2	27,984.1	16.6
Net interest received / (paid)	411.5	637.7	1,554.0	1,291.0	-16.9	1,200.0	-7.0	1,200.0	0.0
Dividends paid	(8,598.2)	(10,527.4)	(14,587.8)	(19,786.4)	35.6	(15,545.1)	-21.4	(17,155.7)	10.4
Tax paid	(125.2)	(1,794.2)	(1,460.0)	(2,060.2)	41.1	(1,661.3)	-19.4	(1,896.2)	14.1
Capital expenditure	(1,419.1)	(1,986.9)	(841.8)	(97.2)	-88.5	(20.0)	-79.4	0.0	-
Net (acquisitions) / disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
Other	(2,002.9)	(3,550.0)	9,172.6	(11,359.6)	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
Share issues	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-
Cash flow (inc)/dec in net debt	5,493.1	(5,602.0)	9,409.8	(4,652.8)	-	7,851.2	-	10,012.1	27.5
FX / non cash items	3,153.2	10,851.3	4,447.0	4,952.9	11.4	6,091.0	23.0	8,207.1	34.7
Balance sheet (inc)/dec in net debt	8,646.4	5,249.3	13,856.8	300.1	-97.8	13,942.2	4546.0	18,219.2	30.7
Core EBITDA	12,652.9	12,415.4	22,537.2	25,399.7	12.7	30,345.1	19.5	29,637.4	-2.3
Maintenance capital expenditure	(1,419.1)	(1,986.9)	(841.8)	(97.2)	-88.5	(20.0)	-79.4	0.0	-
Maintenance net working capital	1,805.2	(757.1)	(3,972.4)	499.2	-	(2,856.8)	-	(2,453.3)	-14.1
Operating free cash flow, pre-tax (OpFCF)	13,039.0	9,671.5	17,723.0	25,801.7	45.6	27,468.3	6.5	27,184.1	-1.0

Source: Company accounts, UBS estimates. (UBS) valuations are stated before goodwill, exceptionals and other special items. Note: For some companies, the data represents an extract of the full company accounts.

12-month rating

Buy

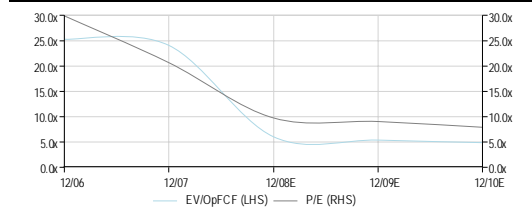
12m price target

NT\$330.00

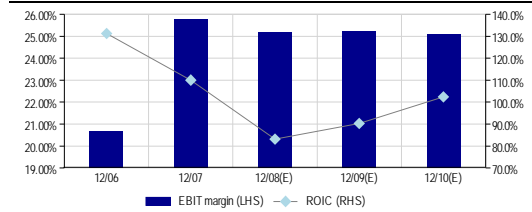
Company profile

MediaTek designs and markets CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, CD-RW and DVD-RW chipsets. In 2004, it had a 50-60% share of the global optical storage chipset market. The company also dominates the consumer DVD player IC market, capturing around 55% of the worldwide market in 2004. It was spun-off from UMC in 1997 and has since become a major fabless IC design house. With sales of NT\$40bn in 2004, MediaTek is Taiwan's largest IC design house and the 7th largest in the world. UMC is MediaTek's major foundry supplier.

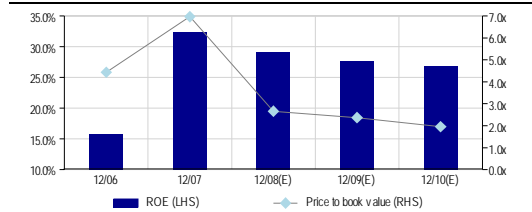
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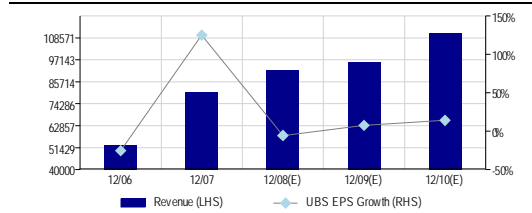
Profitability



ROE v Price to book value



Growth (UBS EPS)



Valuation (x)	5Yr Avg	12/06	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
P/E (local GAAP)	19.5	29.9	20.7	9.3	8.6	7.6
P/E (UBS)	19.5	29.9	20.7	9.3	8.6	7.6
P/CEPS	18.0	25.9	19.1	8.4	8.0	7.1
Net dividend yield (%)	4.4	3.8	3.3	9.7	7.6	8.4
P/BV	5.0	4.4	7.0	2.5	2.3	1.9
EV/revenue (core)	4.2	4.6	5.3	1.6	1.4	1.1
EV/EBITDA (core)	15.4	19.7	18.9	5.7	4.5	4.1
EV/EBIT (core)	16.4	22.4	20.6	6.3	5.7	4.4
EV/OpFCF (core)	17.2	25.3	24.1	5.6	5.0	4.5
EV/op. invested capital	NM	NM	NM	5.2	5.1	4.5

Enterprise value (NT\$m)	12/06	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
Average market cap	301,050.8	478,842.7	205,508.6	205,508.6	205,508.6
+ minority interests	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
+ average net debt (cash)	(34,030.5)	(43,583.6)	(50,662.0)	(57,783.2)	(73,863.9)
+ pension obligations and other	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0
- non-core asset value	(22,259.5)	(8,735.5)	(10,108.5)	(10,108.5)	(10,108.5)
Core enterprise value	244,821.8	426,584.6	144,799.0	137,677.9	121,597.2

Growth (%)	5Yr Avg	12/06	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
Revenue	15.7	13.9	51.8	14.3	4.7	15.3
EBITDA (UBS)	-1.0	-1.9	81.5	12.7	19.5	-2.3
EBIT (UBS)	-3.7	-6.5	89.2	11.7	4.9	14.8
EPS (UBS)	-13.2	-25.3	125.2	-5.6	7.6	14.1
Cash EPS	-10.5	-19.9	111.6	-3.7	4.8	13.1
Net DPS	8.3	10.0	36.4	23.8	-21.4	10.4
BVPS	28.5	24.7	-0.9	16.2	12.3	21.0

Margins (%)	5Yr Avg	12/06	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
EBITDA / revenue	28.3	23.5	28.0	27.6	31.5	26.7
EBIT / revenue	26.8	20.7	25.8	25.2	25.2	25.1
Net profit (UBS) / revenue	27.0	18.3	27.8	23.7	24.6	24.4

Return on capital (%)	5Yr Avg	12/06	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
EBIT ROIC (UBS)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
ROIC post tax	-	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Net ROE	32.8	15.8	32.3	29.1	27.7	26.9

Coverage ratios (x)	5Yr Avg	12/06	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
EBIT / net interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend cover (UBS EPS)	1.3	0.9	1.5	1.1	1.5	1.6
Div. payout ratio (% UBS EPS)	83.9	113.2	68.5	89.9	65.7	63.5
Net debt / EBITDA	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM

Efficiency ratios (x)	5Yr Avg	12/06	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
Revenue / op. invested capital	8.9	6.4	4.3	3.3	3.6	4.1
Revenue / fixed assets	11.7	6.7	8.1	6.7	6.9	8.9
Revenue / net working capital	37.2	98.5	9.0	6.5	7.4	7.5

Investment ratios (x)	5Yr Avg	12/06	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
OpFCF / EBIT	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0
Capex / revenue (%)	2.5	3.8	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Capex / depreciation	1.5	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0

Capital structure (%)	5Yr Avg	12/06	12/07	12/08E	12/09E	12/10E
Net debt / total equity	(55.7)	(53.4)	(72.8)	(63.4)	(71.2)	(75.5)
Net debt / (net debt + equity)	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Net debt (core) / EV	(13.3)	(13.9)	(10.2)	(35.0)	(42.0)	(60.7)

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## ■ **MediaTek Inc.**

MediaTek designs and markets CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, CD-RW and DVD-RW chipsets. In 2004, it had a 50-60% share of the global optical storage chipset market. The company also dominates the consumer DVD player IC market, capturing around 55% of the worldwide market in 2004. It was spun-off from UMC in 1997 and has since become a major fabless IC design house. With sales of NT\$40bn in 2004, MediaTek is Taiwan's largest IC design house and the seventh largest in the world. UMC is MediaTek's major foundry supplier.

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Sell	Sell	8%	27%
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Sell	Sell	less than 1%	14%

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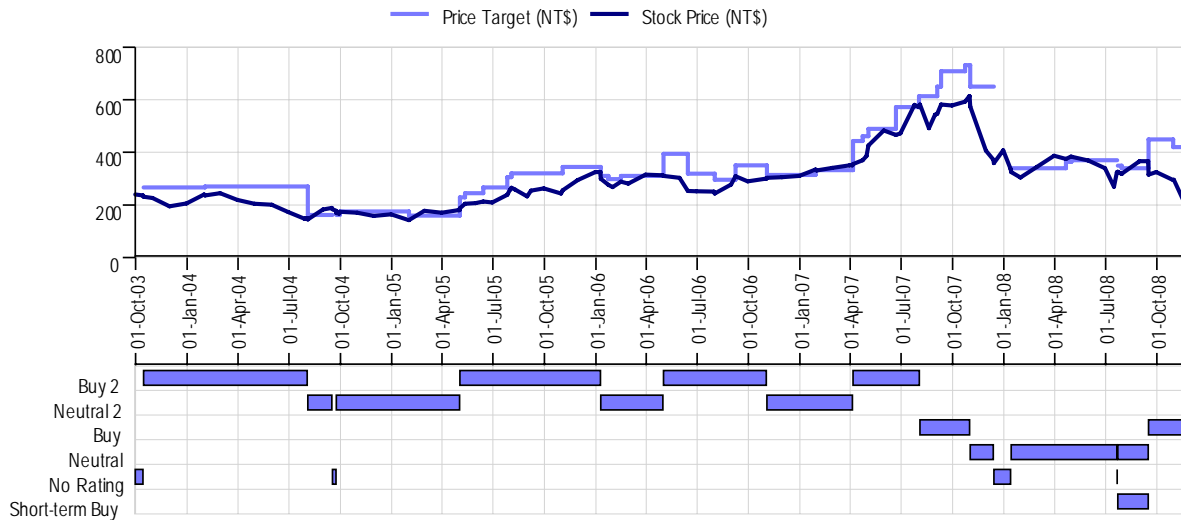
<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Reuters</b>	<b>12-mo rating</b>	<b>Short-term rating</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Price date</b>
<b>MediaTek Inc.</b>	2454.TW	Buy	N/A	NT\$201.00	21 Nov 2008

Source: UBS. All prices as of local market close.

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Source: UBS; as of 21 Nov 2008

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