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Novatek (3034.TW)

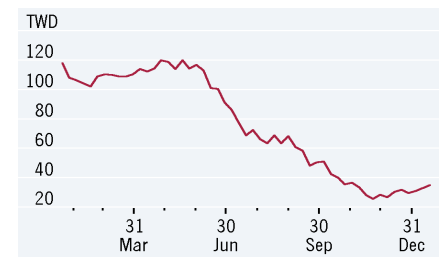
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Buy: Leverage Play Ahead of Taiwan TFT Recovery

- Re-iterate Buy** — Novatek had a prolonged down-cycle due to weak panel and monitor demand. While op. margin will trend lower in 1Q09, it now has a chance to win outsourced Japanese orders, and will remain as a key supplier to the TFT supply chain. With leveraged effect on driver restocking when the Taiwan panel makers see recovery, we re-iterate our Buy (1M) on Novatek.
- What's new** — Sales reached a low of NT\$904mn in Jan 09, down 67% yoy, as IT demand remains weak. However, we are starting to see some rush orders re-surfacing, as panel makers prepare to resume production by late 1Q.
- Catalysts for full recovery** — We believe several fronts must stabilize before a full recovery on display drivers: 1) inventory overhang must be digested fully in 1H09; 2) KRW to stabilize while NTD to maintain weak, which will help Taiwan panel makers see better utilization rates; 3) Significant orders from Japan, which can use Novatek's products to help alleviate rising cost in yen.
- Order uncertainty lingers** — With the sharp fall in consumer demand, TFT-LCD makers may continue to see both production cut and rush orders as manufacturers tune their production output to manage excess capacity. As a component maker with its low levels of inventory, Novatek may face more volatility until demand catches up with the overcapacity among panel makers.
- Lowering estimates** — We are cutting our 2008/2009/10E EPS estimates further by 10%, 29% and 30% to NT\$6.12, NT\$2.87 and NT\$3.02, respectively, to reflect lower sales outlook and higher operating expenses.

Buy/Medium Risk	1M
Price (06 Feb 09)	NT\$38.10
Target price	NT\$42.00
Expected share price return	10.2%
Expected dividend yield	7.9%
Expected total return	18.1%
Market Cap	NT\$22,310M
	US\$664M

Price Performance (RIC: 3034.TW, BB: 3034 TT)


Figure 1. Novatek – Statistical Abstract

Year to	Net profit	EPS	EPS	P/E	P/S	ROIC	ROE	BImbg	% Diff
31-Dec	(NT\$ Mils.)	(NT\$)	Growth (%)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	EPS (NT\$)	(%)
2006	6,277	11.93	10%	3.2	0.6	33%	46%		
2007	7,585	14.15	19%	2.7	0.6	34%	47%		
2008E	3,417	6.12	-57%	6.2	0.8	19%	20%	6.83	-10%
2009E	1,650	2.87	-53%	13.3	1.3	9%	10%	4.67	-40%
2010E	1,745	3.02	5%	12.6	1.1	10%	11%	5.48	-45%

Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research estimates

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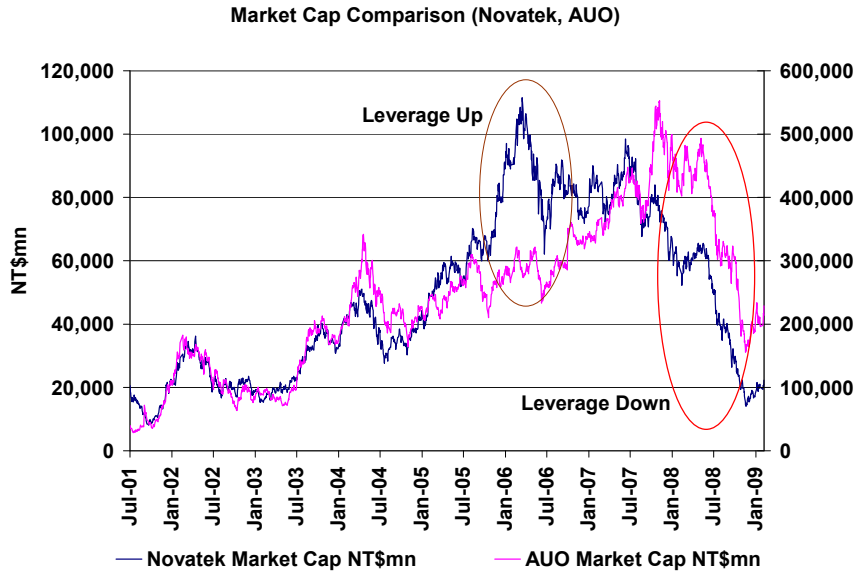
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Fiscal year end 31-Dec	2006	2007	2008E	2009E	2010E
Valuation Ratios					
P/E adjusted (x)	3.2	2.7	6.2	13.3	12.6
EV/EBITDA adjusted (x)	2.4	2.0	3.9	7.9	6.2
P/BV (x)	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3
Dividend yield (%)	21.0	23.6	7.9	5.2	7.9
Per Share Data (NT\$)					
EPS adjusted	11.93	14.15	6.12	2.87	3.02
EPS reported	11.93	14.15	6.12	2.87	3.02
BVPS	28.58	32.22	27.67	27.44	28.42
DPS	8.00	9.00	3.00	2.00	3.00
Profit & Loss (NT\$M)					
Net sales	31,428	36,117	26,176	17,550	19,518
Operating expenses	-25,074	-28,542	-22,347	-15,960	-17,589
EBIT	6,354	7,575	3,829	1,590	1,929
Net interest expense	-24	-39	127	48	27
Non-operating/exceptionals	81	214	-427	156	-60
Pre-tax profit	6,410	7,750	3,529	1,794	1,897
Tax	-134	-166	-113	-144	-152
Extraord./Min.Int./Pref.div.	0	0	0	0	0
Reported net income	6,277	7,585	3,417	1,650	1,745
Adjusted earnings	6,277	7,585	3,417	1,650	1,745
Adjusted EBITDA	6,587	7,876	4,178	2,015	2,441
Growth Rates (%)					
Sales	21.2	14.9	-27.5	-33.0	11.2
EBIT adjusted	11.0	19.2	-49.4	-58.5	21.3
EBITDA adjusted	11.2	19.6	-47.0	-51.8	21.2
EPS adjusted	9.8	18.6	-56.8	-53.1	5.5
Cash Flow (NT\$M)					
Operating cash flow	4,031	5,563	4,869	4,270	1,807
Depreciation/amortization	233	301	349	425	512
Net working capital	-2,467	-2,288	1,104	2,275	-449
Investing cash flow	-2,998	104	-1,142	-1,187	-1,377
Capital expenditure	-662	-436	-585	-700	-800
Acquisitions/disposals	-2,105	655	-400	-320	-400
Financing cash flow	-2,461	-4,546	-4,920	-3,735	-2,158
Borrowings	630	761	0	-2,000	-1,000
Dividends paid	-4,165	-4,332	-5,189	-1,735	-1,158
Change in cash	-1,428	1,121	-1,193	-651	-1,728
Balance Sheet (NT\$M)					
Total assets	24,145	26,815	23,895	20,603	20,521
Cash & cash equivalent	7,295	8,416	7,223	6,572	4,844
Accounts receivable	8,948	11,849	8,964	6,251	6,952
Net fixed assets	1,123	1,405	1,799	2,241	2,706
Total liabilities	8,974	9,367	7,943	4,735	4,066
Accounts payable	4,629	4,137	3,035	2,042	2,305
Total Debt	3,422	4,183	4,183	2,183	1,183
Shareholders' funds	15,170	17,449	15,952	15,868	16,455
Profitability/Solvency Ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin adjusted	21.0	21.8	16.0	11.5	12.5
ROE adjusted	46.2	46.5	20.5	10.4	10.8
ROIC adjusted	87.6	74.6	34.3	15.1	19.5
Net debt to equity	-25.5	-24.3	-19.1	-27.7	-22.2
Total debt to capital	18.4	19.3	20.8	12.1	6.7

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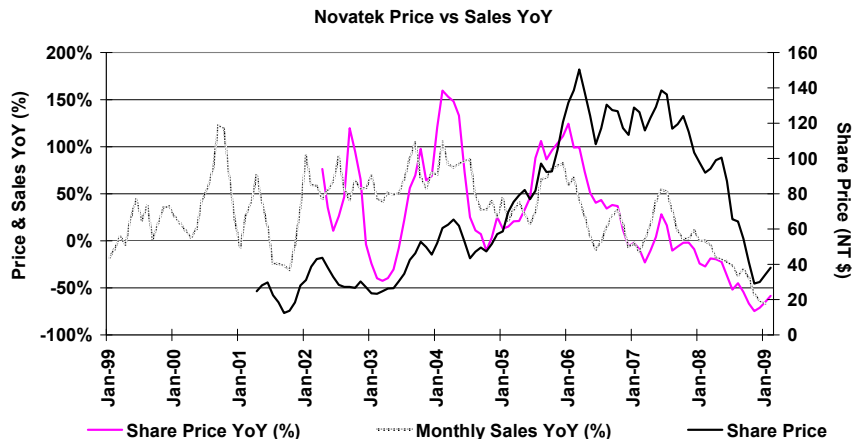


Figure 2. Market Cap Comparison – Novatek and AUO



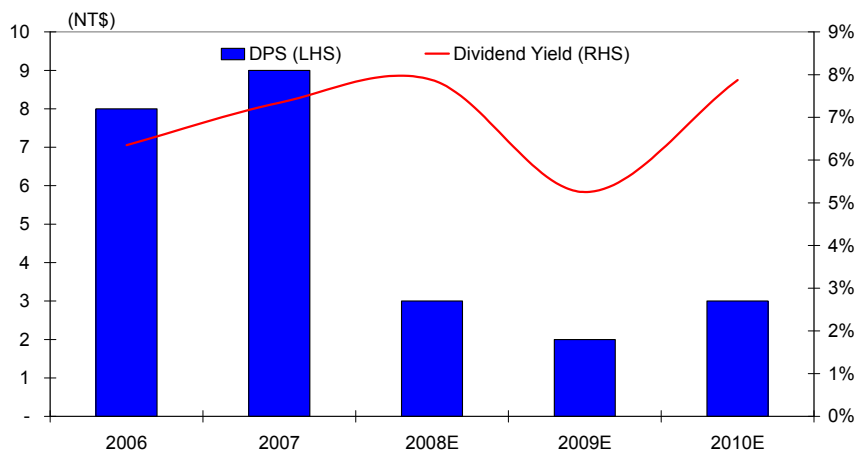
Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research

Figure 3. Novatek – YoY Comparison (Price vs. Sales)



Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research

Figure 4. Novatek – Dividend Payout Ratio



Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research estimates

Figure 5. Novatek – Quarterly Earnings Adjustment

	1Q08A	2Q08A	3Q08A	4Q08E	1Q09E	2Q09E	3Q09E	4Q09E
Old Forecast								
Total sales	7,506	7,238	6,908	4,625	4,023	4,398	5,151	5,129
Gross profits	2,189	2,057	2,089	1,319	1,146	1,225	1,506	1,463
Gross margin%	29%	28%	30%	29%	28%	28%	29%	29%
Op profits	1,243	1,040	1,037	562	477	532	700	672
Op margin%	17%	14%	15%	12%	12%	12%	14%	13%
Net profits	992	1,141	1,092	567	463	535	676	646
Net margin%	13%	16%	16%	12%	12%	12%	13%	13%
EPS in NT\$	1.77	2.04	1.95	1.02	0.81	0.93	1.18	1.12
Yearly EPS in NT\$				6.79				4.03
Revision								
Total sales	7,506	7,238	6,908	4,525	3,656	4,173	4,911	4,810
Gross profits	2,189	2,057	2,089	1,376	1,104	1,184	1,419	1,420
Gross margin%	29%	28%	30%	30%	30%	28%	29%	30%
Op profits	1,243	1,040	1,037	510	254	343	491	502
Op margin%	17%	14%	15%	11%	7%	8%	10%	10%
Net profits	990	1,140	1,091	196	225	405	507	513
Net margin%	13%	16%	16%	4%	6%	10%	10%	11%
EPS in NT\$	1.77	2.04	1.95	0.35	0.39	0.70	0.88	0.89
Yearly EPS in NT\$				6.12				2.87
% of Revision								
Total sales	0%	0%	0%	-2%	-9%	-5%	-5%	-6%
Gross profits	0%	0%	0%	4%	-4%	-3%	-6%	-3%
Op profits	0%	0%	0%	-9%	-47%	-36%	-30%	-25%
Net profits	0%	0%	0%	-66%	-51%	-24%	-25%	-20%
Net EPS	0%	0%	0%	-66%	-51%	-24%	-25%	-20%
Yearly EPS				-10%				-29%

Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research

Figure 6. Novatek – Earnings Revision

Year to 31-Dec	Net Profit (NT\$ Mils.)		Diluted EPS (NT\$)		
	Old	New	Old	New	% Chg
2008E	3791	3417	6.79	6.12	-10%
2009E	2321	1650	4.03	2.87	-29%
2010E	2490	1745	4.32	3.02	-30%

Source: Citi Investment Research estimates

Figure 7. Novatek – Quarterly Income Statement (2006-2010E, NT\$ in Millions)

	FYE '06	2007A				FYE '07	2008E				FYE '08	2009E				FYE '09	2010E				FYE '10	
		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		1QA	2Q	3Q	4Q		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q		
NET REVENUES	31,428	7,620	9,021	10,065	9,411	36,117	7,506	7,238	6,908	4,525	26,176	3,656	4,173	4,911	4,810	17,550	4,317	4,544	5,229	5,428	19,518	
Total cost of good sold	(22,919)	(5,610)	(6,507)	(7,150)	(6,680)	(25,947)	(5,317)	(5,181)	(4,819)	(3,149)	(18,466)	(2,552)	(2,989)	(3,492)	(3,390)	(12,423)	(3,102)	(3,282)	(3,741)	(3,897)	(14,023)	
GROSS PROFIT	8,509	2,010	2,514	2,915	2,731	10,170	2,189	2,057	2,089	1,376	7,711	1,104	1,184	1,419	1,420	5,127	1,215	1,262	1,488	1,530	5,496	
R&D	(1,361)	(359)	(405)	(399)	(438)	(1,602)	(646)	(727)	(693)	(504)	(2,570)	(525)	(548)	(600)	(605)	(2,278)	(513)	(522)	(587)	(583)	(2,204)	
SG&A	(794)	(226)	(243)	(272)	(253)	(993)	(300)	(290)	(359)	(362)	(1,311)	(325)	(292)	(329)	(313)	(1,259)	(319)	(318)	(361)	(364)	(1,362)	
Operating expenses	(2,155)	(585)	(648)	(671)	(691)	(2,595)	(946)	(1,016)	(1,053)	(866)	(3,881)	(850)	(841)	(929)	(918)	(3,537)	(832)	(840)	(947)	(946)	(3,566)	
OPERATING INCOME	6,354	1,425	1,866	2,244	2,040	7,575	1,243	1,040	1,037	510	3,829	254	343	491	502	1,590	383	422	540	584	1,929	
Int&other inc/(exp)	56	290	(6)	(48)	(60)	175	(222)	131	99	(308)	(300)	(9)	97	60	56	204	(6)	(2)	(3)	(22)	(33)	
PRETAX INCOME	6,410	1,715	1,860	2,196	1,980	7,750	1,020	1,171	1,136	202	3,529	245	440	551	558	1,794	377	420	537	562	1,897	
Taxes or tax credit	(134)	(33)	(39)	(46)	(47)	(166)	(30)	(32)	(45)	(6)	(113)	(20)	(35)	(44)	(45)	(144)	(30)	(34)	(43)	(45)	(152)	
NET INCOME	6,277	1,682	1,820	2,149	1,933	7,585	990	1,140	1,091	196	3,417	225	405	507	513	1,650	347	387	494	517	1,745	
NET EPS IN NT\$	11.93	3.14	3.40	4.01	3.60	14.15	1.77	2.04	1.95	0.35	6.12	0.39	0.70	0.88	0.89	2.87	0.60	0.67	0.86	0.90	3.02	
Fully diluted shares (mn)	526	536	536	536	536	536	559	559	559	559	559	576	576	576	576	576	577	577	577	577	577	
Operating Ratios																						
Gross margins	27%	26%	28%	29%	29%	28%	29%	28%	30%	30%	29%	30%	28%	29%	30%	29%	28%	28%	28%	28%	28%	
Operating margin	20%	19%	21%	22%	22%	21%	17%	14%	15%	11%	15%	7%	8%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	11%	10%	
Pre-tax margin	20%	23%	21%	22%	21%	21%	14%	16%	16%	4%	13%	7%	11%	11%	12%	10%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	
Net margin	20%	22%	20%	21%	21%	21%	13%	16%	16%	4%	13%	6%	10%	10%	11%	9%	8%	9%	9%	10%	9%	
Year-to-Year %																						
Net revenues	21%	-4%	36%	29%	4%	15%	-2%	-20%	-31%	-52%	-28%	-51%	-42%	-29%	6%	-33%	18%	9%	6%	13%	11%	
Gross profit	10%	-9%	41%	36%	14%	20%	9%	-18%	-28%	-50%	-24%	-50%	-42%	-32%	3%	-34%	10%	7%	5%	8%	7%	
Operating income	11%	-12%	46%	40%	10%	19%	-13%	-44%	-54%	-75%	-49%	-80%	-67%	-53%	-1%	-58%	51%	23%	10%	16%	21%	
Net income	12%	8%	50%	30%	5%	21%	-41%	-37%	-49%	-90%	-55%	-77%	-64%	-54%	162%	-52%	54%	-4%	-3%	1%	6%	
Qtr-to-Qtr %																						
Net revenues		-15%	18%	12%	-6%		-20%	-4%	-5%	-34%		-19%	14%	18%	-2%		-10%	5%	15%	4%		
Gross profit		-16%	25%	16%	-6%		-20%	-6%	2%	-34%		-20%	7%	20%	0%		-14%	4%	18%	3%		
Operating income		-23%	31%	20%	-9%		-39%	-16%	0%	-51%		-50%	35%	43%	2%		-24%	10%	28%	8%		
Net income		-9%	8%	18%	-10%		-49%	15%	-4%	-82%		15%	80%	25%	1%		-32%	11%	28%	5%		

Source: Company Reports and Citi Investment Research estimates

Novatek

Company description

Novatek Microelectronics Corp., Ltd. designs, manufactures, and markets integrated circuits (ICs). The company's products are used in telecommunication, computer peripherals, consumer electronics, and LCD (liquid crystal display) drivers.

Investment strategy

We rate Novatek shares Buy / Medium Risk (1M) with a target price of NT\$42. We are starting to see the recovery of the TFT cycle and see Novatek as a leveraged play into the recovery. Despite near-term order challenges, we believe most of the bad news has already been priced in. Downside risks appear contained due to Novatek's strong dividend yield, low valuation and good free cash flow generating capability. The company has been moving aggressively to re-structure Cheertek, and we see Cheertek as an opportunity for Novatek to expand its share of components in the small panel supply chain, especially in consumer electronics. If successful, it could provide further upside to 2009E earnings.

Valuation

Our target price of NT\$42 is based on 15x 2009E earnings (revised from 10-11x 2009E earnings to reflect resumption of sales growth and start of panel cycle recovery). We use P/E as our primary valuation method as the company was able to deliver stable earnings and profit margin throughout the volatile TFT cycles. Our target multiple is revised toward the high-end of the stock's historical three-year range of 9-15x as we are starting to see potential recovery in TFT panel pricing. On a price to trailing sales basis, the stock is now two standard deviations below the historical average of 3x, which suggests the current valuation is defensive.

Risks

We assign a Medium Risk rating to Novatek shares based on our quantitative risk-rating system, which tracks 260-day share price volatility. Downside risks that could prevent the stock from reaching our target price include a weaker-than-expected pickup in 2009, charge-offs related to the Cheertek merger, A/R risks from panel makers, stronger-than-expected ASP erosion, and market share loss in the LCD driver business.

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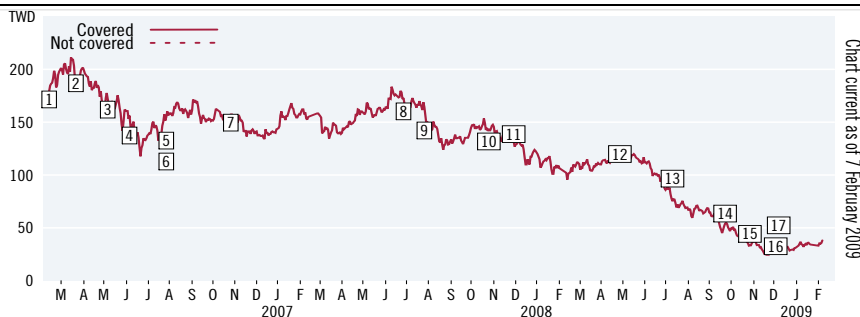


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Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
1 10-Feb-06	1M	*205.63	175.44
2 22-Mar-06	1M	*236.25	186.81
3 5-May-06	1M	*227.50	171.94
4 6-Jun-06	1M	*205.63	156.19
5 27-Jul-06	1M	*228.22	154.90
6 27-Jul-06	1M	*194.23	154.90

Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
7 26-Oct-06	1M	*184.52	157.33
8 27-Jun-07	1M	*205.89	172.87
9 26-Jul-07	1M	*198.12	164.44
10 25-Oct-07	1M	*183.26	143.63
11 29-Nov-07	*3M	*113.92	131.75
12 28-Apr-08	*1M	*132.74	114.91

Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
13 10-Jul-08	1M	*93.11	75.18
14 23-Sep-08	1M	*69.00	54.00
15 28-Oct-08	1M	*59.00	33.30
16 3-Dec-08	1M	*48.00	26.30
17 8-Dec-08	1M	*42.00	28.60

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