



GlobalWafers (6488TT) Q3 2024 Earnings Call

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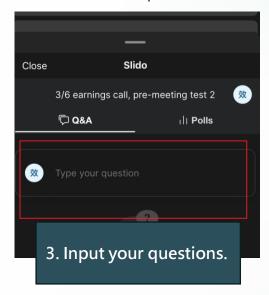
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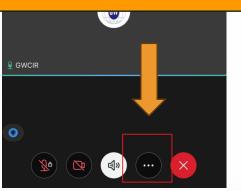
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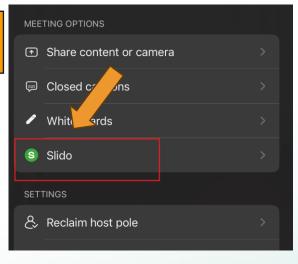


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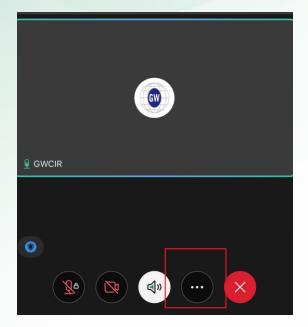
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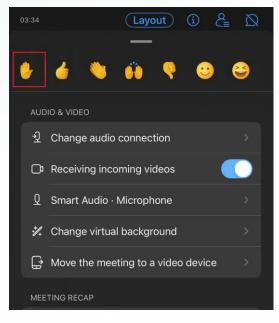


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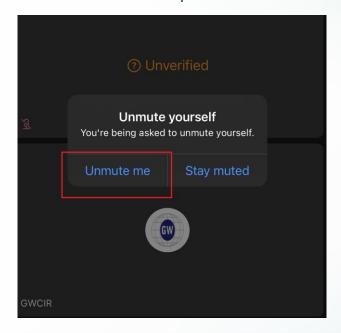
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Executive Comment



Executive Comments

> Financial Highlights

Revenue

- ✓ Q324¹ → NT\$15.9 billion, 3.6% QoQ, third highest over the same period!
- ✓ 3Q24² → NT\$46.3 billion, -14.1% YoY, third highest over the same period!

• Gross Profit (%)

$$\checkmark$$
 Q324¹ \rightarrow 30.0%

$$\checkmark$$
 3Q24² \rightarrow 32.2%

Operating Income (%)

$$\checkmark$$
 Q324¹ \rightarrow 20.2%

$$\checkmark$$
 3Q24² \rightarrow 22.8%



> Financial Highlights

Net Profit (%)

- \checkmark Q324¹ \to 18.6%
- \checkmark 3Q24² \rightarrow 20.2%

EPS

- \checkmark Q324¹ → NT\$ 6.18
- \checkmark 3Q24² → NT\$ 20.19

Prepayment

√ NT\$33.1 billion (US\$ 1.05 bn)³

³Q24: First three quarters of 2024

^{3.} FX Rate: NTD:USD = 31.65, including guarantee

> Industry Overview

Global Economy

✓ Global economy growth is expected to remain modest, with strong demand for semiconductors and AI in Asia, while the U.S. sees gains and Europe faces challenges. Emerging markets navigate geopolitical tensions and weather extremes, adding to uncertainties in the economic outlook.

Semiconductor Industry

- ✓ <u>Semiconductor Market Outlook:</u> Growth in 2025 will be led by AI, high-performance computing (HPC), data centers, and personal computing, despite softer demand in automotive and industrial sectors.
- ✓ Wafer Market Recovery: The semiconductor wafer market shows an uneven recovery with advanced node constraints and a surplus in legacy technology, as sluggish demand in automotive and consumer electronics impacts 2024 revenue; while customer inventory absorption has improved conditions, it remains slower than anticipated.



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- ✓ <u>Inventory Levels</u>: Customer Inventory levels remain slightly above average, moderating silicon wafer shipments in 2024; however, a gradual recovery is expected by 2025, driven by rising AI demand and advanced processing needs that are boosting fab utilization.
- ✓ <u>Capital Expenditure Trends:</u> Demand for advanced sub-3nm nodes and AI technologies is expected to grow, prompting fab utilization. GlobalWafers is well-positioned to capitalize on this momentum by strategically prioritizing capital expenditures in advanced and specialty products.

Compound Semiconductor Industry

✓ <u>SiC Market Outlook:</u> The SiC market faces pressure from EV market deceleration, excess supply, and price competition, with potential for industry consolidation. GlobalWafers leverages financial resilience, efficient supply chains, and a focus on quality to sustain competitiveness in this challenging landscape.

Global Expansion

✓ <u>U.S. Expansion Updates:</u> The GlobalWafers America (GWA) Greenfield plant is on schedule. The U.S. Treasury and IRS have confirmed a 25% tax reduction for semiconductor manufacturing under the Advanced Manufacturing Investment Credit (AMIC), benefiting GWA and MEMC LLC. Together with direct cash funding, these subsidies enable better resource allocation, are vital for GlobalWafers' expansion in the U.S., and are central to its efforts to achieve substantial growth in the U.S. market.



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Industry Overview



Global GDP Forecast

- ➤ Global growth is projected at 3.2% for 2024 and 2025, with upward revisions for the United States offsetting declines in advanced economies, particularly major European nations. Emerging markets face challenges from geopolitical tensions and extreme weather, while demand for semiconductors and investments in Al bolster growth in emerging Asia.
- Future economic prospects remain uncertain due to the current landscape of financial market volatility and geopolitical fragmentation presents both risks and opportunities for long-term growth and stability.

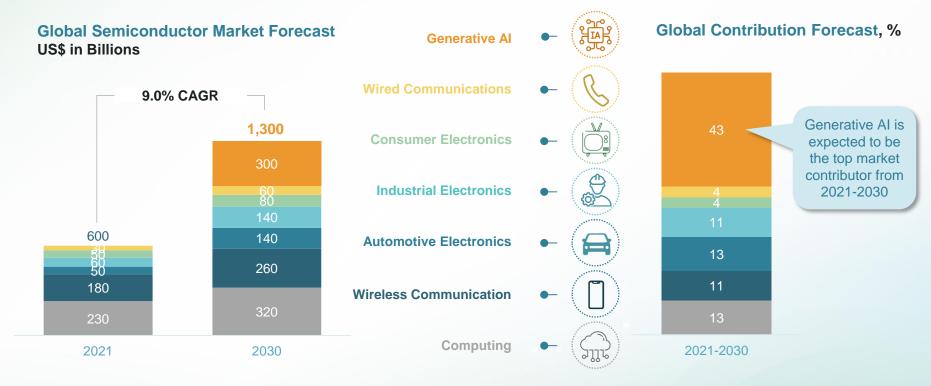


Source: IMF. Oct.2024



Global Semiconductor Market Forecast

- McKinsey has raised its semiconductor market growth projection from the original US\$1 trillion to \$1.3 trillion by 2030, driven by advancements in AI and strong demand from computing and wireless sectors.
- ➤ 300mm silicon wafer shipments, after contracting in 2023, are expected to remain flat in 2024 and expand in 2025, driven by added capacity, rising utilization rates, and a gradual recovery in demand.



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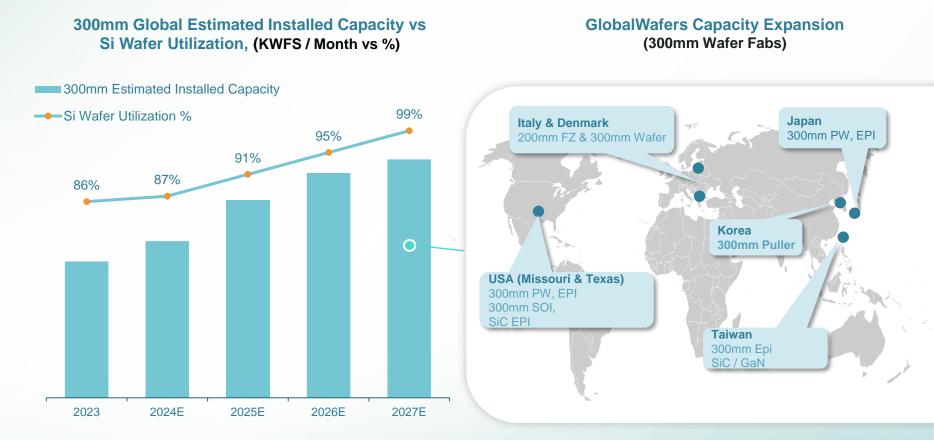
2. OMDIA, September 2024

^{1.} McKinsey & Company, September 2024



300mm Silicon Wafer Capacity

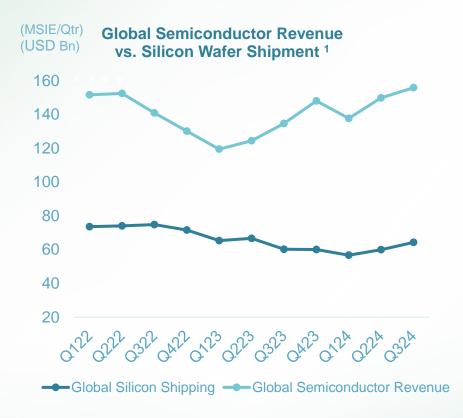
- ➤ The projected utilization of 300mm wafer production capacity is expected to exceed 90% from 2025 to 2027, driven by downstream demand and aligned with upstream production.
- ➤ Utilization capacity is projected to reach saturation levels, ranging from the low to mid-90% in 2025 and 2026, with nearly full saturation anticipated by 2027.



Source: GWC collection of public data, August 2024

Global Semiconductor Customer Inventory Trends

- ➤ Global semiconductor revenue has demonstrated an upward trend in recent quarters, though recovery remains uneven across segments. In the upstream market, silicon wafer shipments are also indicating signs of recovery, typically lagging by 1-2 quarters.
- While global customer revenues have rebounded in Q324, the decline in customers' average inventory days (DOIs) has been slower than expected, underscoring the need for inventory absorption amid a gradual recovery in end markets, particularly in industrial and automotive sectors.

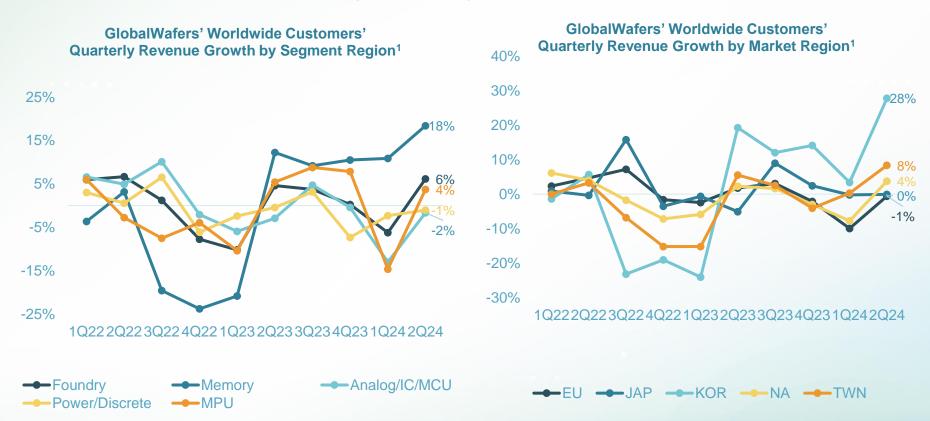






Global Semiconductor Market (by Segment and Region)

- ➤ Utilization rates differ across technological nodes, with advanced nodes experiencing shortages and legacy technologies facing excess capacity. While the memory, foundry, and MPU segments have shown growth, the Analog/IC and Power segments are reporting mixed results, reflecting the uneven recovery across segments.
- > Taiwan and Korea have demonstrated growth, but signs of recovery remain absent in Europe and Japan.



Source: GWC internal intelligence Note: 1. Based on GWC's existing customers as of 2Q24



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Financial Performance

Financial Highlight: Q324 vs. Q224 vs. Q323

(NT\$ Mn, except EPS)	Q324	Q224	Q323	QoQ	YoY
Revenue	15,870	15,326	17,376	3.6%	-8.7%
Gross Profit %	30.0%	32.3%	36.6%	-2.3p.p.	-6.6p.p.
Operating Income	3,200	3,367	4,825	-4.9%	-33.7%
Operating Income %	20.2%	22.0%	27.8%	-1.8p.p.	-7.6p.p.
Net Profit	2,952	2,879	5,538	2.6%	-46.7%
Net Profit %	18.6%	18.8%	31.9%	-0.2p.p.	-13.3p.p.
EPS ¹	NT\$6.18	NT\$6.02	NT\$12.73	NT\$0.16	-NT\$6.55
EBITDA*2	5,024	4,600	8,224	9.2%	-38.9%
EBITDA %	31.7%	30.0%	47.3%	1.7p.p.	-15.6p.p.
EBIT ³	2,922	2,614	6,510	11.8%	-55.1%
ROE*4 (annualized)	12.8%4	14.2%	35.4%	-1.4p.p.	-22.6p.p.
ROA*5 _(annualized)	5.4% ⁵	5.6%	12.7%	-0.2p.p.	-7.3p.p.
Capex ⁶	14,699	12,699	10,074	-	-
Depreciation	2,097	1,981	1,709	-	-

EPS = Net Profit Attributable To The Shareholders of The Company / Weighted-average Number of Ordinary Shares Outstanding During The Period EBITDA = Net Profit + Tax + Interests + Depreciation + Amortization EBIT : Net Profit + Tax + Interests

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Financial Highlight: 3Q24 vs. 3Q23 (Accumulated)

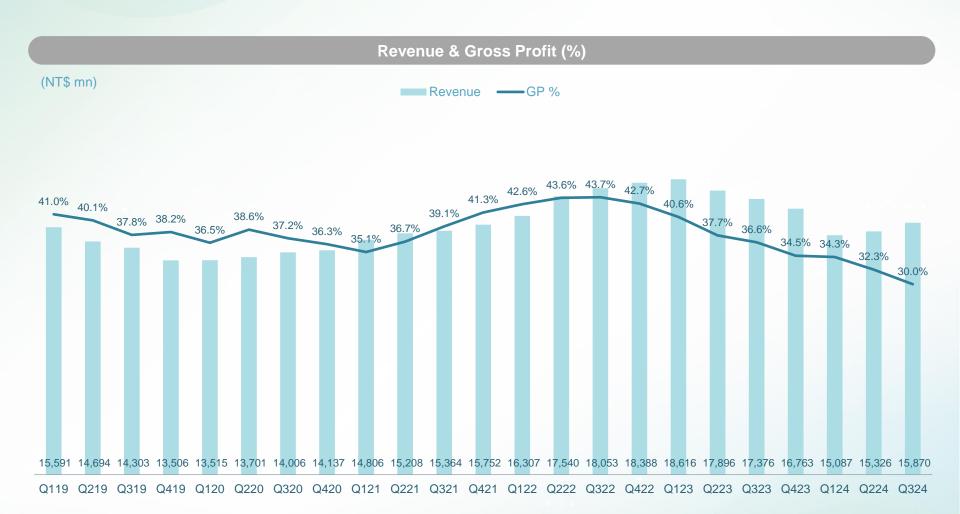
(NT\$ Mn, except EPS)	3Q24	3Q23	YoY
Revenue	46,283	53,888	-14.1%
Gross Profit %	32.2%	38.3%	-6.1p.p.
Operating Income	10,534	16,137	-34.7%
Operating Income %	22.8%	29.9%	-7.1p.p.
Net Profit	9,364	15,328	-38.9%
Net Profit %	20.2%	28.4%	-8.2p.p.
EPS ¹	NT\$20.19	NT\$35.22	-NT\$15.03
EBITDA* ²	15,506	23,822	-34.9%
EBITDA %	33.5%	44.2%	-10.7p.p.
EBIT ³	9,561	18,869	-49.3%
ROE*4 (annualized)	15.5% ⁴	33.9%	-18.4p.p.
ROA* ⁵ (annualized)	6.3% ⁵	11.9%	-5.6p.p.
Capex ⁶	37,836	24,184	-
Depreciation	5,929	4,939	-

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Revenue & Gross Profit (%)

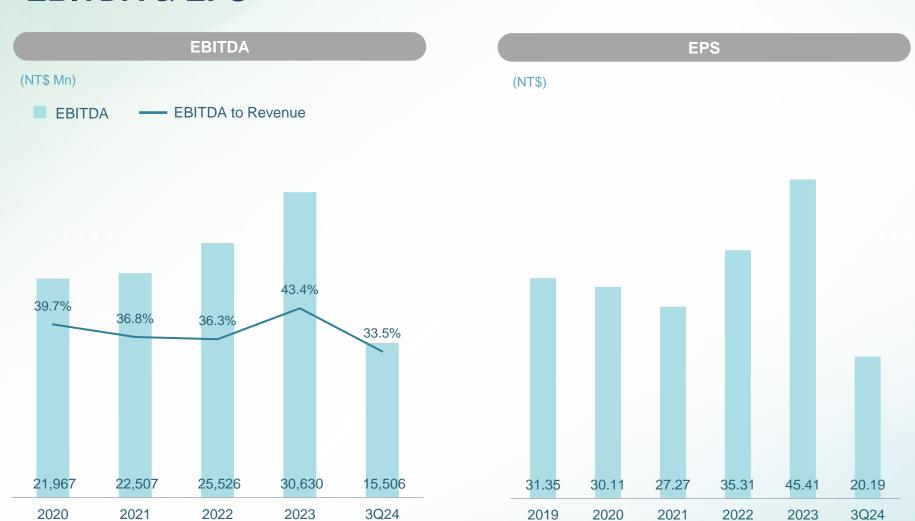


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EBITDA & EPS



Income Statement

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(NT\$ Mn)	2023	Q124	Q224	Q324	3Q24 (Acc.)
Revenue	70,652	15,087	15,326	15,870	46,283
Growth (%)	0.5%	-10.0%	1.6%	3.6%	-14.1%
Gross Profit	26,441	5,168	4,951	4,767 ¹	14,886
Gross Profit (%)	37.4%	34.3%	32.3%	30.0%1	32.2%
EBITDA	30,630	5,882	4,600	5,024	15,506
EBITDA (%)	43.4%	39.0%	30.0%	31.7%	33.5%
Operating Income	20,059	3,968	3,367	3,200	10,534
Operating Income (%)	28.4%	26.3%	22.0%	20.2%	22.8%
Profit before Tax	26,496	4,558	3,531	3,543	11,633
Profit before Tax Margin (%)	37.5%	30.2%	23.0%	22.3%	25.1%
Net Profit	19,770	3,533	2,879	2,952 ³	9,364
Net Profit (%)	28.0%	23.4%	18.8%	18.6% ³	20.2%
EPS (NT\$)	45.41	8.10	6.02	6.18 ³	20.19 ³

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^{2.} Reversing the deferred tax liability based on no dividend distribution of offshore earning

^{3.} In conjunction with the capital increase, the number of shares is calculated on a weighted average basis, so EPS is not a constant equation



Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet					
(NT\$ Mn)	2022	2023	Q124	Q224	Q324
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	80,491	26,165	35,672	44,178	41,728 ¹
Account receivable	10,160	10,116	10,061	9,783	9,881
Inventories	8,535	9,359	10,737	11,056	12,1342
Property, plant and equipme	nt 39,487	72,251	82,399	94,434	107,335
Other assets	30,823	71,097	63,914	75,373	59,055 ³
Total assets	169,496	188,988	202,783	234,825	230,134
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Short-term loan	6,544	40,000	36,630	45,786	44,035
Account payable	4,176	5,027	5,189	4,049	4,526
Long-term loan	42,780	14,542	29,007	28,664	28,531
Other liabilities	61,672	62,966	60,436	65,537	58,635 ⁴
Total liabilities	115,172	122,534	131,262	144,036	135,726
Shareholder equity	54,324	66,454	71,521	90,789	94,4075

Cash-related other assets include:				
(NT\$ Mn)	Q324			
Deposits in banks held for three months or more	12,944 ⁶			
Restricted cash	13,508			

Q324 Cash and cash equivalents decreased: Due to cash usage for dividend payout Q324 Inventories increased: Due to a rise in finished goods in anticipation of the Q424 maintenance schedules across various facilities, ensuring active inventory management Q324 Other assets decreased: Due to a reduction in deposits held in banks for three months or more for loan repayment Q324 Other liabilities decreased: Reduction in dividend payable and equipment payments Q324 Shareholder equity increased: Attributed to profit recognition in Q324 and revaluation from USD appreciation

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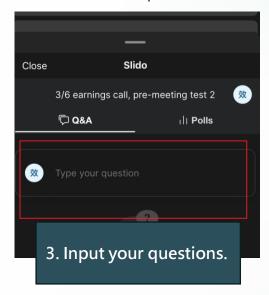
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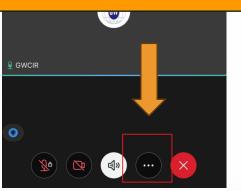
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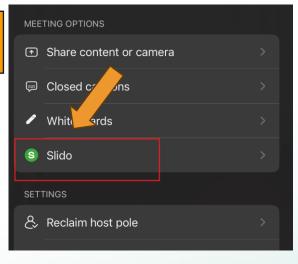


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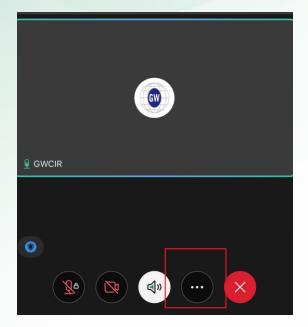
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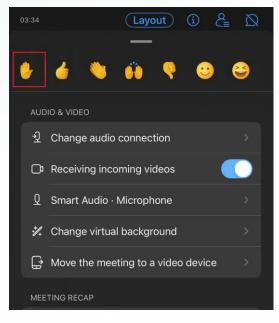


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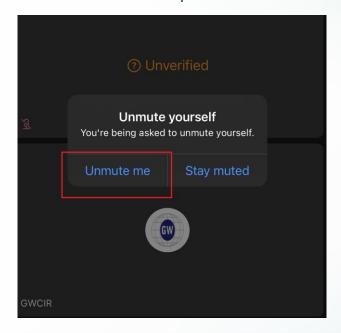
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