

LG Innotek (011070 KS)

Target price: KRW240,000

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Initiation: key beneficiary of new optical solution trend

- Forecasting strong EPS growth in 2018E driven by optics solutions
- Increasing adoption of dual cameras/3D sensors positive for LGI
- Initiating coverage with a Buy (1) call and TP of KRW240,000

Investment case: We initiate coverage of LG Innotek (LGI), a major supplier of dual-camera modules (currently used in Apple's iPhone and the LG G-series) and 3D-sensing modules, with a Buy (1) rating. We believe the company will be a front-line beneficiary of the increasing adoption of dual-camera and 3D-sensing modules over the next 2-3 years.

We forecast LGI to realise a revenue CAGR of 23% for 2016-19 and see its operating margin widening from 1.8% in 2016 to 5.7% in 2018E, driven by its optics solutions (OS) business, which we expect to contribute 62% of revenue by 2018, from 50% in 2016. Our assumptions call for dual-camera penetration of the mobile market to reach 26% in 2018E, from 5% in 2016. As LGI has been making dual-camera modules since 2016 and has strong ties with its key customers, we believe it will maintain a 50% share of such business with Apple while expanding its client base to include companies in China. Further, with Apple widely expected to adopt 3D sensors in its forthcoming iPhone models, LGI looks set to realise a new revenue stream.

Catalysts: Faster-than-expected dual-cam and 3D-sensor adoption.

We forecast a 40% CAGR in LGI's dual-cam revenue related to Apple business for 2016-19E, and 3D-sensing module revenue to reach KRW1.56tn by 2019 (from zero currently). In addition, faster-than-expected dual-camera/3D-sensor adoption by China smartphone makers would be a share-price catalyst, in our view.

New opportunities for automotive & electronics (A&E) segment. LGI's A&E division has a rising order backlog (end-1H17 of KRW8.7tn, vs. end-2015 of KRW6.2tn). Riding on the emerging themes of advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) and connected cars, we expect LGI to step up its sales of products such as motor sensors and communication modules.

Valuation: We initiate coverage with a Buy (1) call and 12-month TP of KRW240,000, based on a target PER of 18.4x applied to our average 2017-18E EPS. Our target multiple is in line with the stock's peak PER level in 2010, a record year for its earnings, as we believe LGI is on track to enjoy a similarly strong 2017-18E. Yet, given our 49%YoY EPS growth for 2018E, current PEG for LGI is only 0.28x, well below the peer average of 0.72x (Bloomberg data). Our 2017-19E EPS are 11-15% above consensus, which we attribute to our more upbeat stance on 3D-sensor and dual-cam adoption.

Risks: 1) LGI experiencing lower-than-expected production yields at new production facilities, and 2) Apple further diversifying its suppliers of dual-cam and 3D-sensing modules.

Share price performance



 12-month range
 74,500-184,500

 Market cap (USDbn)
 3.64

 3m avg daily turnover (USDm)
 29.53

 Shares outstanding (m)
 24

 Major shareholder
 LG Electronics (40.8%)

Financial summary (KRW)

Year to 31 Dec	17E	18E	19E
Revenue (bn)	7,594	9,368	10,600
Operating profit (bn)	402	530	581
Net profit (bn)	248	370	401
Core EPS (fully-diluted)	10,473	15,645	16,961
EPS change (%)	n.a.	49.4	8.4
Daiwa vs Cons. EPS (%)	10.7	15.4	11.4
PER (x)	16.6	11.1	10.2
Dividend yield (%)	0.2	0.2	0.3
DPS	350	400	500
PBR (x)	2.0	1.7	1.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.6	5.3	4.6
ROE (%)	13.0	16.4	15.0

Source: FactSet, Daiwa forecasts



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Growth outlook

We see a favourable outlook for LGI's earnings growth over the next 3 years, driven mainly by the new opportunities for its OS business. We forecast the company's revenue and operating profit to rise at 23/77% CAGRs for 2016-19, respectively. In addition to its robust top-line growth, we expect operating-margin improvements in all segments to support impressive operating-profit growth for the next 3 years. In our view, the OS business will be a key positive for LGI's share-price momentum, and we forecast this division's operating profit to quadruple in 3 years (to KRW467bn in 2019E from KRW113bn in 2016), accounting for 80% of the company's total operating profit.

LGI: revenue and operating-profit margin forecasts

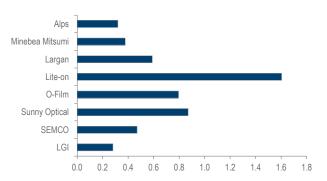


Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts

Valuation

LGI stock is trading currently at a 13.3x PER based on the average of our 2017-18E EPS. Although the share price has soared by 96% YTD, we see even further upside over the next 12 months. Comparing its current situation to that in 2010, which was a record-high earnings year for LGI, numerous indicators are pointing the same way, and we believe its share price could be rerated to its highest PER level of 2010 (18.4x) over the next 12 months. As such, we apply a target PER of 18.4x to our average 2017-18E EPS to derive our 12-month TP of KRW240,000. Considering that our target price implies a PEG of 0.37x, far below the standard 1.0x and the peer average (0.72x), we believe our TP is achievable within 12 months.

LGI: peer PEG (x) comparison



Source: Bloomberg, Daiwa forecasts

Earnings revisions

The consensus operating-profit forecasts for 2017-18E were revised up from January-April 2017, due we believe to the street's positive outlook for LGI's OS business, in part on rising expectations that LGI would supply new 3D-sensing modules to Apple as well as supplying most of the dual-camera module for iPhones. However, over the past 4 months the consensus has revised down its 2017E operating-profit forecast slightly due to unconfirmed reports that Apple could delay production of its new flagship model.

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LGI: Bloomberg-consensus operating-profit revision trend



Source: Bloombera



Financial summary

Key assumptions

Year to 31 Dec	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E	2019E
Camera module shipment (m units)	n.a.	n.a.	151.9	173.0	147.6	175.3	189.3	201.6
Camera module blended ASP (USD)	n.a.	n.a.	15.7	14.8	16.4	20.7	20.7	19.7
3D-sensing module shipment (m units)	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.4	82.1	105.0
3D-sensing module ASP (USD)	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	13.5	12.9

Profit and loss (KRWbn)

Year to 31 Dec	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E	2019E
Optics Solution	n.a.	n.a.	2,746	3,024	2,871	4,593	5,779	6,111
Substrate & Material	n.a.	n.a.	1,699	1,468	1,152	1,137	1,275	1,332
Other Revenue	n.a.	n.a.	2,021	1,646	1,731	1,864	2,313	3,156
Total Revenue	5,316	6,212	6,466	6,138	5,755	7,594	9,368	10,600
Other income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COGS	(4,754)	(5,522)	(5,603)	(5,365)	(5,102)	(6,659)	(8,247)	(9,332)
SG&A	(484)	(554)	(549)	(549)	(548)	(533)	(590)	(687)
Other op.expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	0
Operating profit	77	136	314	224	105	402	530	581
Net-interest inc./(exp.)	(94)	(93)	(66)	(40)	(30)	(25)	(23)	(20)
Assoc/forex/extraord./others	(1)	(21)	(57)	(62)	(64)	(37)	(16)	(26)
Pre-tax profit	(18)	22	192	122	11	340	491	535
Tax	(7)	(6)	(79)	(27)	(6)	(92)	(121)	(134)
Min. int./pref. div./others	(4)	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit (reported)	(29)	20	117	95	5	248	370	401
Net profit (adjusted)	(29)	20	117	95	5	248	370	401
EPS (reported)(KRW)	(1,237)	771	4,761	4,018	209	10,473	15,645	16,961
EPS (adjusted)(KRW)	(1,237)	771	4,761	4,018	209	10,473	15,645	16,961
EPS (adjusted fully-diluted)(KRW)	(1,237)	771	4,761	4,018	209	10,473	15,645	16,961
DPS (KRW)	200	200	400	400	250	350	400	500
EBIT	77	136	314	224	105	402	530	581
EBITDA	549	665	849	706	456	747	952	1,011

Cash flow (KRWbn)

Year to 31 Dec	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E	2019E
Profit before tax	(18)	22	192	122	11	340	491	535
Depreciation and amortisation	471	529	535	482	351	345	422	430
Tax paid	(7)	(6)	(79)	(27)	(6)	(92)	(121)	(134)
Change in working capital	139	(230)	77	35	95	(121)	(379)	(83)
Other operational CF items	(205)	120	19	66	(119)	75	(38)	12
Cash flow from operations	381	436	743	678	332	547	375	760
Capex	(350)	(383)	(261)	(262)	(319)	(712)	(510)	(460)
Net (acquisitions)/disposals	23	17	17	9	18	60	60	60
Other investing CF items	(56)	(39)	(65)	(54)	(55)	(14)	0	0
Cash flow from investing	(383)	(405)	(309)	(306)	(356)	(666)	(450)	(400)
Change in debt	(77)	(7)	(700)	(396)	17	176	25	(238)
Net share issues/(repurchases)	1	23	279	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	(6)	(8)	(6)	(6)	(8)
Other financing CF items	(3)	1	(19)	(7)	(2)	8	7	12
Cash flow from financing	(79)	16	(440)	(408)	6	179	26	(234)
Forex effect/others	(2)	(0)	3	0	0	0	0	0
Change in cash	(83)	47	(3)	(36)	(18)	59	(49)	125
Free cash flow	30	52	482	417	13	(165)	(135)	300

Source: FactSet, Daiwa forecasts



Financial summary continued ... Balance sheet (KRWbn)

As at 31 Dec	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E	2019E
Cash & short-term investment	353	400	396	360	341	397	348	474
Inventory	478	376	354	303	403	451	605	659
Accounts receivable	1,147	1,166	1,264	1,085	1,292	1,448	1,945	2,111
Other current assets	95	65	68	41	48	44	44	44
Total current assets	2,073	2,007	2,082	1,789	2,084	2,341	2,943	3,287
Fixed assets	2,375	2,105	1,898	1,647	1,729	1,990	2,091	2,132
Goodwill & intangibles	1,222	168	181	207	213	293	352	411
Other non-current assets	(784)	302	268	271	280	436	305	154
Total assets	4,886	4,581	4,429	3,914	4,324	5,060	5,691	5,984
Short-term debt	670	633	495	366	395	223	230	187
Accounts payable	740	564	653	502	805	971	1,252	1,388
Other current liabilities	599	432	499	427	533	447	438	437
Total current liabilities	2,009	1,629	1,647	1,295	1,734	1,641	1,920	2,013
Long-term debt	1,498	1,527	965	698	686	1,034	1,052	857
Other non-current liabilities	111	108	120	156	125	344	247	233
Total liabilities	3,618	3,264	2,732	2,149	2,545	3,020	3,219	3,102
Share capital	101	101	118	118	118	118	118	118
Reserves/R.E./others	1,167	1,216	1,578	1,647	1,660	1,922	2,353	2,763
Shareholders' equity	1,268	1,317	1,696	1,765	1,778	2,040	2,472	2,881
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total equity & liabilities	4,886	4,581	4,429	3,914	4,324	5,060	5,691	5,984
EV	5,921	5,866	5,170	4,810	4,846	4,966	5,040	4,676
Net debt/(cash)	1,815	1,761	1,064	704	740	860	934	571
BVPS (KRW)	62,905	65,298	77,407	74,587	75,154	86,208	104,441	121,752

Key ratios (%)

Year to 31 Dec	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E	2019E
Sales (YoY)	16.8	16.8	4.1	(5.1)	(6.2)	32.0	23.4	13.2
EBITDA (YoY)	46.8	21.3	27.5	(16.8)	(35.5)	63.9	27.5	6.1
Operating profit (YoY)	n.a.	76.1	130.6	(28.8)	(53.1)	283.2	32.0	9.6
Net profit (YoY)	n.a.	n.a.	489.3	(18.4)	(94.8)	4,904.0	49.4	8.4
Core EPS (fully-diluted) (YoY)	n.a.	n.a.	517.5	(15.6)	(94.8)	4,911.1	49.4	8.4
Gross-profit margin	10.6	11.1	13.3	12.6	11.3	12.3	12.0	12.0
EBITDA margin	10.3	10.7	13.1	11.5	7.9	9.8	10.2	9.5
Operating-profit margin	1.5	2.2	4.9	3.6	1.8	5.3	5.7	5.5
Net profit margin	(0.5)	0.3	1.8	1.5	0.1	3.3	4.0	3.8
ROAE	n.a.	1.5	7.7	5.5	0.3	13.0	16.4	15.0
ROAA	n.a.	0.4	2.6	2.3	0.1	5.3	6.9	6.9
ROCE	2.2	3.9	9.5	7.5	3.7	13.0	15.0	15.1
ROIC	3.5	3.1	6.3	6.7	2.0	10.8	12.7	12.7
Net debt to equity	143.1	133.7	62.7	39.9	41.6	42.2	37.8	19.8
Effective tax rate	(42.5)	29.4	41.2	22.1	53.6	27.1	24.7	25.0
Accounts receivable (days)	68.7	68.0	68.6	69.8	75.4	65.9	66.1	69.8
Current ratio (x)	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.6
Net interest cover (x)	0.8	1.5	4.8	5.7	3.5	16.1	22.9	29.7
Net dividend payout	n.a.	25.9	8.4	10.0	119.6	3.3	2.6	2.9
Free cash flow yield	0.7	1.3	11.7	10.2	0.3	n.a.	n.a.	7.3

Source: FactSet, Daiwa forecasts

Company profile

Established in 1976, LG Innotek is one of largest electric part manufacturers in Korea. The company covers various electric components from camera module, HDI, tape substrates, LED and recently expanded its business opportunities to 3D-sensing module. Its largest customers include US's largest smartphone maker, as well as its parent company, LG Electronics, which owns a 41% stake in LG Innotek.



Company background

One of the original total solution providers of electric parts

LGI is an all-round electric-parts supplier

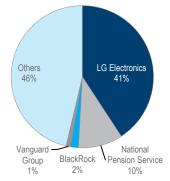
LGI is a global electric-components manufacturer, whose main products are optical solution components and composite materials for semiconductor and display. Founded in 1976, LGI was established as a manufacturing and sales company for electric parts. Listed on the KOSPI in 2008 and merged with LG Micron in 2009, it has expanded its product coverage to include diverse electric components which are essential for developing up-to-date and high value-added electric devices, such as 3D sensors and dual cameras.

As of July 2017, the product portfolios of LGI included substrate materials, electric-components and optical solutions which are mostly camera modules. LGI is the largest supplier of camera modules for Apple's iPhone. Also, the company is the world's predominant manufacturer of tape substrate and photomask used in the display panel producing process. It also focuses on rigid-flex PCBs (RF-PCBs) which help keep electric goods thin and lightweight. Its main customers are LG Electronics (066570 KS, KRW85,300, Outperform [2]), LG Display (034220 KS, KRW31,950, Buy [1]) and Apple (AAPL US, USD161.26, Outperform [2]).

Earnings growth forecast to come mainly from the OS and A&E businesses In 2016, 50% of LGI's revenue came from OS, 20% from substrate & materials, 19% from A&E and the rest 12% from LED. We believe the OS business will be a strong earningsgrowth driver for the company over the next 2-3 years, and expect the revenue contribution from this business to rise to 62% by 2018E, from 49% in 2016. We also see earnings upside for its A&E segment over the next 3 years, riding on the themes of IoT, ADAS, etc.

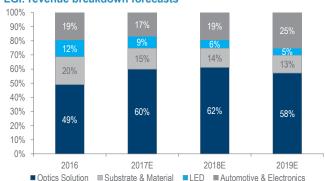
The largest shareholder in LGI is LG Electronics, with a 40.79% stake.

LGI: shareholding structure (as of Sep 2017)



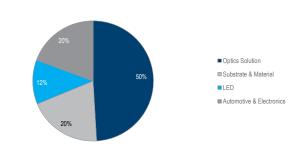
Source: Company, Bloomberg

LGI: revenue breakdown forecasts



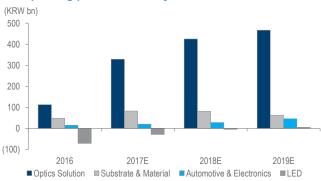
Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts

LGI: revenue breakdown (2016)



Source: Company

LGI: operating-profit forecasts by division





Optics solutions – opportunities aplenty

A core business for LGI

OS business is the cash cow for LGI

The OS business has been a major cash cow for LGI since 2010, with its revenue contribution rising continually from 16% in 2010 to 50% in 2016. And we forecast this portion to rise further to 58-62% in 2017-19E, reflecting our view of the importance of this core business to LGI. The company has been a major camera module supplier to the US's largest smartphone manufacturer (Apple) since 2010, maintaining a 30-50% share of such business with Apple ever since. Moreover, when Apple launched its first dual-cam-adopted flagship model in 3Q16, LGI obtained 100% of the business thanks to its competitor experiencing problems with its production facilities. Although LGI will not remain the sole vendor for Apple's dual-cam, we still expect it to maintain more than 50% of the orders for the next 2-3 years.

Moreover, 3D-sensing modules represent a new business opportunity for LGI, and suggest further earnings upside for its OS division. We expect Apple's next flagship smartphone to adopt a 3D-sensing camera and LGI to be chosen as a 3D-sensing module supplier of the camera. The camera in this new smartphone model will not be replaced entirely, but rather will adopt a 3D-sensing module as an additional component. As such, the revenue pie itself will be enlarged with the adoption of this 3D sensor. We expect smartphone makers to eventually adopt 3D-sensors in rear cameras as well as front cameras, as the trend leader, Apple, fuels the new trend, which then becomes an irrepressible tide. We are optimistic about LGI's OS business due to: 1) the growing revenue pie, 2) its product quality, and 3) its long and close relationship with Apple.

Dual-cam: a major growth driver

Recent consumer trend – what has evoked camera spec upgrades?

The camera is becoming a key differentiator for high-end smartphones

As the basic functions of many smartphone devices have been enhanced to such a level that consumers can discern tangible differences, the quantitative growth of the smartphone manufacturing industry has shrunk over the years. Nevertheless, smartphone makers continue to differentiate their flagship models using cutting-edge technology.

Development of dualcamera equipment likely to be a key factor in determining the competitiveness of the next smartphones The global sensation that is Nintendo's innovative mobile game, Pokemon Go, proves the feasibility of both the commercialisation and popularisation of augmented reality (AR) technology. A premium smartphone equipped with a dual camera is the key component needed to play Pokemon Go. In addition to AR, with the increasing pixel size of image sensors and general adoption of optical image stabilisers, it has now become possible for smartphones to be a powerful substitute for digital single-lens reflex. Not just the merger of 2 cameras, dual cameras are now being developed to be integrated with PCB and actuators to provide a stable (ie, no swaying) and good quality high-end camera function.

With the increasing possibility of smartphone innovation taking off, the development of dual camera equipment will be a key factor determining the competitiveness of the next generation of smartphones.

Dual-cams enable advanced picture quality through 2 eyes

Dual-cameras can achieve enhanced picture quality without adding thickness to the phone Camera specs (pixel size, aperture, sensor size, etc.) have been upgraded continuously over the past decade. However, spec upgrades slowed at a certain point because many upgrades were adding thickness and weight to the smartphone. However, in the case of the dual camera, smartphones equipped with 2 separate camera modules can achieve enhanced picture quality without adding to the thickness of the device. By adding the secondary camera horizontally or vertically (as opposed to alongside the primary camera), the smartphone cameras can either capture additional light or increase the field of view.



Global Pokemon Go fever



Source: Google

Dual-cam adoption in iPhone 7 Plus



Source: Appleinsider

Adoption of dual cameras likely to accelerate

Apple is leading the trend

Apple's dual-cam adoption has led to a sharp increase in global dual-cam penetration The first dual-cam smartphone model was Huawei's P9/P9+, which was released in April 2016. Xiaomi and LG followed suit with their own dual-cam smartphones, and Apple launched its first dual-cam model, the iPhone 7 Plus, in October 2016. Given its leading position in the smartphone industry, Apple's adoption of dual-cam modules led to a sharp increase in global dual-cam penetration. Oppo, Vivo and Samsung, among others, have rolled out new flagship models with dual-cam functionality, and we expect dual-cam penetration of the mobile market to balloon from 5% in 2016 to 26% in 2018.

According to iHS, more than 40m dual-cam mobile phones had been shipped by end-2016 (China makers alone accounted for 28.7m units). In the quarter immediately after its launch, the iPhone 7 Plus sold 28m units, further accelerating global dual-cam adoption.

Global smartphone makers' dual-cam adoption

Model	Huawei P10/P10+	Huawei Honor V9	LG G6	Vivo V5 Plus	ZTE Blade V8	Oppo R11	Apple iPhone 7 Plus
Launch date	Feb-17	Feb-17	Feb-17	Jan-17	Jan-17	Jun-17	Sep-16
Dual-cam resolution	20MP + 12MP	12MP + 12MP	13MP + 13MP	16MP	13MP + 2MP	20MP + 16MP	12MP + 12MP
Front cam resolution	8MP	8MP	5MP	20MP + 8MP	13Mp	20Mp	7MP
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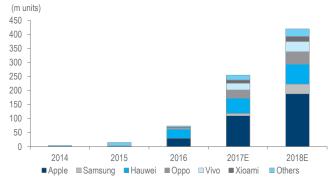
Source: PhoneArena

Dual-cam penetration



Source: Daiwa estimates

Dual-cam smartphone shipment forecasts by company



Source: Daiwa estimates



3D-sensing cameras

New eco-system forming around 3D-sensing cameras

Apple: likely to introduce flagship with 3D sensors

Apple's likely adoption of 3D sensors in its next iPhones would almost certainly kick off a new trend There is growing expectation in the market that Apple's flagship new iPhone (likely to be unveiled on 12 September) will sport 3D-depth sensors. Certainly, Apple's acquisitions and investments in related companies and start-ups suggest it has been preparing for a shift to 3D sensing for a number of years (see table below). We believe that if Apple does indeed adopt 3D sensors in its top-of-the-line iPhone (perhaps to be known as the iPhone 8 or iPhone X), it will jumpstart another new trend that would have positive share-price momentum for the related supply chain.

The main components of 3D sensing camera modules are blue filters, lens, image sensors, and infrared-light transmitting devices. With the overall camera spec updated, each electronic part of the camera module likewise needs to be enhanced technically. However, updated cameras tend to require bigger and thicker components. This is a concern for device makers, since heavy and thick mobile phones would run counter to market trends.

In addition, increasing the number of pixels for a higher-definition camera image could interrupt normal functioning of many camera module components.

For blue filters, the latest version of the product is being manufactured as a film type. Considering the original main role of blue filters is to enhance the sharpness of an image by adjusting any distortion caused by absorption of unnecessary light, the importance of well-functioning film-type blue filters has increased over the years as users have sought ever-more realistic pictures from their smartphone cameras. Optron-tech (082210 KS) and Nanos (151910 KS) are currently the 2 largest manufacturers of blue filters in Korea.

For camera lenses, high-definition photographs taken on cameras or dual cameras require a higher number of lenses. Besides, as upgraded versions of camera modules are launched, so rises the ASP of the lens itself. As such, with the increase in both price and quantity, we expect the revenue pie to grow exponentially as we enter the age of the smartphone camera. In our view, lens manufacturers like Sekonix (053450 KQ, not rated), Largan Precision (3008 TT, TWD5,945, Buy [1]), Sunny Optical (2382 HK, HKD111.0, Buy [1]) and Haesung Optics (076610 KQ, not rated) would be the front-line beneficiaries of this trend.

3D sensing with derivative systems such as facial recognition or 3D scanning have many connected applications, for example mobile biometric systems or automobile 3D sensors. Apple released its AR-based programming software named "AR Kit" in June 2017. Since Apple possesses both hardware (iPhone) and software (iOS) platforms, the AR kit would be the key catalyst for expanding its own AR ecosystem, which in turn is likely to have a big impact on the broader industry in terms of revenue. We expect this AR trend, led by a few innovative electronics companies to drive potential demand for electric components necessary for realising AR systems in comprehensive industries.



Apple's M&A for 3D sensing, augmented reality (AR) and facial recognition

No	Date	Company	Description
1	Sep-10	IMSense	IMSense developed technology which improved HDR picture quality by adjusting image tones.
2	Sep-10	Polar Rose	Polar Rose is renowned for its technology which recognises faces in photos and links each face with a name.
3	Aug-11	C3 Technologies	C3 Technologies produces 3D maps.
4	Mar-13	WiFiSlam	WiFiSlam developed a technology which detects the location inside the building using a wifi signal as its company name implies.
5	Jul-13	Locationary	Locationary tries to enhance the information update process by using data acquired by crowd- sourcing and other companies and manages the entire database so that it is up to date. This technology was expected to enhance the functionality of Apple's mapping service.
6	Jul-13	HopStop.com	HopStop.com offers the best route to a destination for hundreds of cities
7	Aug-13	Embark	Embark provides information regarding public transportation in major cities in the US.
8	Nov-13	PrimeSense	PrimeSense is an Israeli company that specialises in developing 3-dimension augmented reality and virtual reality technologies.
9	Dec-13	Broadmap	Broadmap develops systems for digital mapping and geographical information services (GIS). Its products are capable of marking various geographical features and producing comprehensive maps.
10	Jan-14	SnappyLabs	SnappyLabs developed a camera application service which enables users to take pictures at 20-30 frames per second.
11	May-15	Coherent Navigation	Coherent Navigation is a specialised enterprise for high precision GPS. It appears that the company's specialty would be used for raising the accuracy of GPS on "Apple Maps' application. Later, its technology is expected to be adopted for use in dashboards of 'Apple-cars'. The company's GPS technology enjoys great superiority given its high degree of precision and integrity with the combination of middle or low trajectory satellite GPS technology and data communication system.
12	Apr-15	LinX	Linx develops various types of cameras for tablets, PC or laptop computers, as well as sub-miniature multi-lenses for mobile devices.
13	May-15	Metaio	Metaio is a German company which aims to organise AR software that connects the real world with digital content on visual interactive solutions.
14	Sep-15	Mapsense	Mapsense produces mobile device solutions for spotting and visualising a specific space, which is anticipated to be utilised for enhancing user experience of Apple's mapping service.
15	Oct-15	VocallQ	VocallQ is an Al-specialised enterprise for processing the natural language.
16	Oct-15	Perceptio	Perceptio's technology enables each smartphone to recognise and identify images by itself regardless of external database with its own deep-learning process.
17	Nov-15	Faceshift	Faceshift is known for its outstanding real-time face-recognition technology using a 3D sensor and camera.
18	Jan-16	Emotient	Emotient develops technologies which can interpret the emotional state of the user by analysing facial expressions.
19	Jan-16	Flyby Media	Flyby Media is known for its 'V-Fusion' technology and is expected to contribute to the development of VR and AR head-mounted display prototypes. Also, there is a possibility that this technology may be applied in Apple's Car project (<i>Titan</i>).
20	Aug-16	Turi	Turi produces the framework which provides programmers with machine-learning and AI solutions for their own customised use.
21	Sep-16	Tuplejump	Tuplejump's products facilitate the data management process with machine-learning technology.
22	Dec-16	Indoor.io	Indoor.io is expected to enhance the functioning of Apple's mapping service.
23	May-17	Beddit	Beddit is a Finnish company known for its signature device which measures sleep patterns.
24	Jun-17	SensoMotoric Instruments	SMI's products include eyes-tracking technologies which are expected to be expansively utilised for AR and VR technologies.

Source: Various media (Ipnomics, Swifter, Business Insider, Hellot, Mac Rumors, Bodnara, Techneedle, HanKyung)

Camera supply chain: ASP hikes lie ahead ...

... led by dual-cam and 3D-sensor spec upgrades

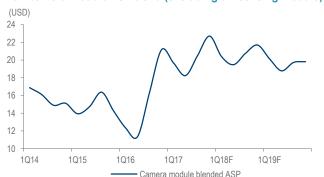
Dual-cam and 3D-sensor spec upgrades should drive ASP hikes

With camera spec upgrades, companies in the camera supply chain also enjoy ASP hikes as every single camera part is required to be upgraded to complete a higher-spec camera. Camera module suppliers such as LGI and SEMCO (009150 KS, KRW101,000, Buy [1]) have been key beneficiaries of such continuous smartphone camera spec upgrade cycles. However, until now, there have been cycles of camera module ASP hikes and stabilisation, whereby ASPs rise in 4Q as a new flagship iPhone is launched, and remain stable throughout the year as: 1) smartphone companies put pressure on ASPs, and 2) the yield on higher-spec camera parts/module stabilises.

However, the rise of dual-cams has led to a step-up in overall camera part/module ASPs. Looking at LGI's quarterly ASP trend, there was a big jump in 4Q16 with the start of dual-cam production. Even though the dual-cam ASP eventually stabilised at around USD20, the 3D-sensing module added additional revenue for the company. We believe the rise of dual-cams and 3D-senors will be a game-changer for the smartphone camera supply chain. As dual-cam ASPs begin to stabilise, likely from 2H18E, 3D-sensor revenue should generate additional revenue for LGI's OS division.

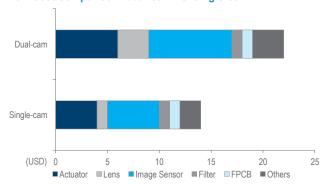


LGI: camera module ASP trend (excluding 3D-sensing module)



Source: Daiwa estimates and forecasts

BoM cost comparison: dual-cam vs. single-cam



Source: Daiwa estimates

Optics solutions earnings forecasts

Dual-cams and 3D-sensing modules to drive growth

We expect dual-cams and 3D-sensing modules to drive earnings for LGI's OS division In addition to Apple's dual-cam adoption, increasing dual-cam adoption by Chinese smartphone markers offers additional upside for LGI. We forecast LGI's revenue exposure to China customers to increase to 5.8% in 2019E (from 1.5% in 2016). However, faster-than-expected adoption by China smartphone makers such as Huawei could result in further upside to our forecasts.

Similarly for 3D-sensing modules, we believe there will be additional opportunities from new areas/customers. With AR adoption on the rise, we expect applications to be expanded to AR kit, given that Apple is focusing on AR for its next innovative product segment. Furthermore, with the rise in demand for autonomous vehicles, we expect demand for 3D-sensing modules to increase exponentially over the next few years. To that end, although LGI currently specialises in module assembly, it is preparing to expand its OS business by bringing production of some key parts (eg, lasers) in-house.

We expect LGI's OS division revenue to more than double in the next 3 years (to KRW6.1tn by 2019E from KRW2.9tn in 2016). OS revenue has stagnated over the past 3 years as global smartphone shipments have slowed and as camera module ASPs stabilised at the mid-to-high USD10 level. However, we forecast OS revenue to rise by 60% YoY for 2017E thanks to the increase in new dual-cam phones, and by 26% YoY for 2018E due mainly to increased customer adoption of 3D-sensors. We estimate LGI's revenue from 3D-sensing modules to be partially reflected from 2H17, with the recognition of <KRW500bn in revenue for 2017E. However, LGI guides for 3D-sensor revenue to reach KRW1tn in 2018E. Its current production capacity for 3D-sensing modules is KRW1.2tn/year, so KRW1tn in revenue is achievable as long as Apple's new flagship is successful, in our view.

LGI: revenue from Apple





iPhone production volume estimates

(m units)	1Q16	2Q16	3Q16	4Q16	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17E	4Q17E	2016E	2017E	2018E
iPhone 5S/SE	6.0	9.0	8.0	7.5	5.5	5.5	0	0	30.5	11.0	0
iPhone 6/6 Plus	7.5	5.5	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	16.5	0	0
iPhone 6S/6S Plus	33.5	28.5	14.0	7.5	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.5	83.5	17.5	3.0
iPhone 7/7 Plus	0	0	22.5	61.0	38.0	32.0	20.5	11.0	83.5	101.5	11.5
iPhone 7S/7S Plus	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.0	37.0	0	63.0	42.0
iPhone 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0	31.0	0	33.0	71.0
iPhone 8S/8S plus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85.0
iPhone 9/9S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	47	43	48	76	48	41.5	53	83.5	214	226	212.5

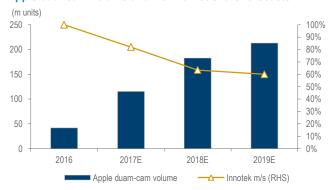
Source: Daiwa estimates

LGI: OS revenue forecasts



Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts

Apple dual-cam volume and LGI market-share forecasts



Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts

LGI: OS revenue forecasts by customer



Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts

Apple 3D-sensor volume and LGI market-share forecasts



Source: Daiwa forecasts



Other electric parts: seeking new opportunities

LGI has a number of electric parts segments under its business, although each only accounts for a small proportion of total revenue compared to the OS business. The company has 3 other divisions (other than OS): substrate & materials, LED and A&E – and each division has various products under it.

- **Substrate & materials:** High density interconnect (HDI) PCBs (B-up, RF-PCB), Package (FC-CSP, CSP), tape substrate, touch window, photomask, lead frame
- **A&E**: Auto (motor sensors, communications, new business), electronics (power, tuner, Wifi, new business)
- LED

Each product generates yearly revenue of KRW10-300bn with not much volatility or significant upside. However, the company is still seeking new opportunities to grow revenue and improve the operating margin of some of these sub divisions or products. As such, it has been focusing since 2016 on removing or minimising items that are not competitive or profitable.

Substrate & materials: revamping each segment

A new chance in HDI: preparing for RF-PCB supply to Apple

RF PCB is necessary for OLED display-based smartphones A PCB is a core part of all electric devices. An RF PCB is an advanced PCB in that it consists of a rigid substrate and a flex substrate, and the flexibility of the flex components enables 3D-circuit connection. In addition, an RF PCB allows the size of the electric devices to be smaller and thinner than devices that use normal PCB, as an RF PCB does not require connectors between modules. Due to its features, an RF PCB is a necessary part in smartphones that adopt OLED panels.

The hottest topic in the tech scene this year was Apple's adoption of OLED panels for its 10-year anniversary flagship iPhone8. We estimate the total industrywide RF-PCB revenue from Apple to reach >KRW1tn in 2017 and >KRW2tn in 2018. The RF-PCB adopted in smartphones can be largely divided into 2 types: 1 for OLED panels and the other for touch screen panels (TSP). Most of the suppliers in both applications are Korean players, including Interflex (051370 KS, not rated), BH Co. (090460 KS, not rated) and SEMCO. The share prices of these companies have been remarkably strong this year, with Interflex's up 84% YTD and BH's rising by 155% on the back of Apple's OLED adoption theme. The suppliers of RF PCB to Apple in different applications include:

- · For OLED panels: Interflex, BH, SEMCO
- For TSP: Interflex, YoungPoong Electronics (Not listed), UMT (3037 TT, not rated)

However, our research in the market suggests UMT's RF PCB currently has quality issues with a low production yield. According to various media reports, LGI is preparing to become the third vendor for Apple's TSP PCB. With its strong relationship with Apple and its long-standing know-how in FPCB, LGI certainly seems qualified as the vendor for Apple's TSP RF-PCB, in our view. If LGI succeeds in supplying Apple, LGI could secure 2 customers with the technology, Apple and LGD.

LGD commenced operations at its first OLED fab, E5, in July 2017 with capacity of 15k sheets/month (not fully ramped up yet). Targeting to be one of the 2 vendors of OLED panels to Apple, LGD is building a second Gen-6 OLED facility, E6, in the Paju 10 area. As LGD's OLED production volume gets larger, the captive RF-PCB volume diverted to LGI could be considerable from 2018.

Some 90% of LGI's HDI revenue currently comes from its affiliate and major shareholder LG Electronics, from mainly supplying high-end smartphones. LGI's HDI revenue shrank

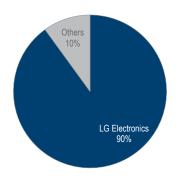


by 16% YoY for 2016 and we forecast it to decline further by 2% YoY for 2017 as LG Electronics' smartphone business has not been performing well. LGI's HDI division's operating loss in 2016 was also due to sluggish customer demand for LG Electronics' smartphones. However, we forecast LGI's HDI division to post revenue growth of 15-23% YoY for 2018-19 as the supply of RF-PCB to Apple becomes a growth driver.

LGI: HDI revenue forecasts



LGI: HDI revenue breakdown by customer (2016)



Source: Company

2-metal CoF likely to

2-metal Chip on Film (CoF): growing with OLED expansion

2-metal CoF is a new tape substrate item, which belongs to the substrate & materials segment. Tape substrate is one of the company's cash cows with a steady operating margin of >20%. Investors are now interested in its new product, 2 metal CoF, to see if it could provide additional upside for tape substrate earnings.

CoF is a type of package technology that loads semiconductor chips onto PCBs as a film format. The recent trend in electric device manufacturing is to make products small, thin and light. Therefore, the circuit structure of electric components especially loaded in mobile phones and display panels need to be highly concentrated and integrated. 2-metal CoF is actively involved in connecting running semiconductor chips and IC substrate which operate as parts of electric devices, such as personal computers and mobile display panels. Since it lays out minute circuits on both sides of the film, a considerably high level of technology and corresponding factory line are required. As a result of its capabilities in module miniaturisation and flexibility, CoF can decisively contribute to decreasing the thickness and overall size of an electric device, as well as increasing the range of product designs.

2-metal CoF will be largely adopted in OLED smartphones, and the company sees a bright outlook for this new business as it has experience in supplying a small amount of these products to Samsung in 2016 for use in its Galaxy 7 edge. As OLED panels become larger and curved, they will require more 2-metal CoF although the absolute number of tapes required for each panel is very small and the ASP is under USD1.

As LGI has a predominant level of technology competitiveness in HDI and tape substrate, potential synergy effects with 2-metal CoF could be a strong earnings driver for the electric material business. LGI's revenue from 2-metal CoF is marginal, but it guides for KRW50bn of yearly revenue by 2017. As mentioned above, the ASP and volume are small, but the company expects this business to turn in a high operating margin.

Photomask: beneficiary of OLED TV gaining popularity

Recent investment decision is a positive

Photolithography is one of the necessary steps in the chip/display manufacturing process. In this process, photomask is a key disposable material. LGI is one of the world's leaders in photomask for displays. The photomask business is one of LGI's cash cows with an operating margin of c.20% in 2016. LGI's largest customer in this business is affiliate LGD. The demand for photomask has been growing fast over the past 2-3 years as sales of W-OLED are accelerating and the average size of a TV is getting larger.

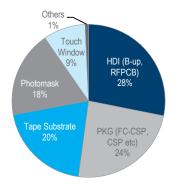
provide additional upside for the tape substrate business

Demand for photomask has been growing fast from increased sales of W-OLED



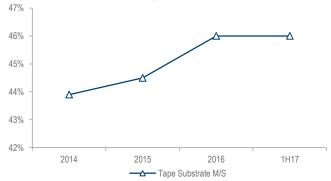
LGI recently decided to invest KRW106bn (KRW3bn in 2017 and the rest KRW103bn in 2018) in capacity expansion of its photomask production facilities. It currently has capacity for 4.6m units/year and is operating at a 93% utilisation rate (as of 1H17). Its recent investment decision is in preparation for the increasing demand for photomasks by LCD and OLED panel manufacturers, especially for >Gen-10 panels. LGI already has considerable market share in the photomask market, at 32% for 1H17, and we expect it to strengthen its leading position in large-size (>Gen-8) photomasks over the next 2-3 years.

LGI: revenue mix of substrate & materials division (2016)



Source: Company

LGI: market-share trend in tape substrate



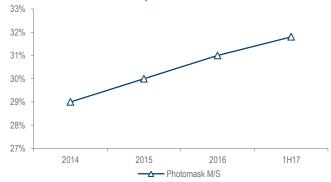
Source: Company

LGI: substrate & materials earnings forecasts



Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts

LGI: market-share trend in photomask



Source: Company

Automotive and electronics: a fast-growing segment

A steep increase in backlog orders

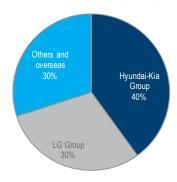
We expect the A&E business to be another growth driver

LGI's automotive and electronics division has become the second-largest division in terms of revenue from 2017, and we expect it to see a 33% CAGR over the 2016-19E. The company's yearly new orders and historical backlog trend reinforces our earnings forecasts as backlog orders have more than doubled in the past 3 years (from KRW3.3tn in 2013 to KRW7.3tn in 2016), with the company guiding for a backlog of KRW9.7tn at 2017 year end.

During 1H17, LGI recorded new orders of KRW1.8tn, which is already more than half of full-year new orders in 2016 (KRW2.6tn). This indicates to us that the automotive and electronics division could be one of LGI's growth drivers. We expect the division's 3Q17 revenue to grow 25% QoQ thanks to increased sales of electronics, especially wireless charging modules to a US accessories company.



LGI: automotive customer breakdown (2016)



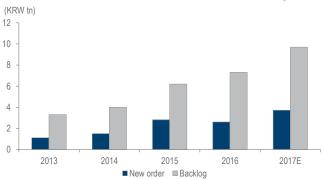
Source: Company

LGI: automotive and electronics revenue growth



Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts

LGI: automotive and electronics new orders and backlog



Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts

LGI: opportunities in new products



Source: Company

LED: a gradual recovery

We expect a price recovery in the LED segment

LGI's LED business has contracted over the past 2 years

LGI's LED business has been operating since 2000 and provides total LED solutions by vertically integrating the entire LED manufacturing process from epi wafers, chips, packages, etc. Its LED products are used in various areas including automobiles, lights, displays and mobiles. However, LED revenue has fallen by more than 30% over the past 2 years (2014-16) as demand from TV manufacturers has been sluggish, and thus LED prices have declined.

The division's operating margin has also deteriorated, from -10% in 2014 to -19% in 2015. There was a slight recovery back to -10% in 2016 thanks to a restructuring of the division. We expect LED revenue to continue to decline up to 2019E, but look for the operating margin to gradually recover to reach break-even in 2019E. As all other LED players have undergone restructuring, the fall in LED panel prices, which began in 2011, should begin to slow. The share prices of global LED players have risen in 2017 thanks to the effect of restructuring (see chart below). Although the LED division does not make up a significant portion of LGI's revenue (12% in 2016), a turnaround in this business would be a positive for the company.



LED players YTD share price performance



Source: Bloomberg Note: 1 Jan 2017 = 100

LGI: LED revenue and OP margin forecasts





Earnings outlook

Optics solutions-driven earnings growth

OS business forecast to drive LGI's earnings in 2017-19E

We forecast LGI's earnings to improve in 2017-19E, largely driven by its OS business. We forecast revenue to increase by 32%/23% for 2017/18, the operating-profit margin to improve to 5.7% in 2018 from 1.8% in 2016, and for LGI to maintain an operating profit margin of over 5% in 2019. The revenue portion from the OS business is expected to increase to 62% in 2018 from 50% in 2016, on our forecasts.

For LGI's OS division, we forecast revenue to increase 60%/26% YoY in 2017/18 and the operating margin to improve to 7.3% in 2018 from 3.9% in 2016. While dual-camera modules are likely to lead earnings in 2017-18, we expect 3D-sensing modules to be the next growth driver for earnings in 2018-19. We forecast revenue for dual-camera modules to increase to KRW3.1tn in 2017 from KRW1.3tn in 2016. We forecast revenue for 3D-sensing modules to reach KWR1.3tn in 2018 from KRW395bn in 2017.

We also expect LGI's A&E business to show high earnings growth over the next 3 years (CAGR: 33% for 2016-19E). As ADAS requires more IT components than that for conventional cars, LGI has accumulated an order backlog from car OEMs. In addition, we believe its substrate and materials business has growth potential due to potential orders for RF-PCB. LGD recently announced a sizeable investment plan for plastic OLED and we expect LGI to supply RF-PCBs to Apple via LGD from 2019.

LGI: earnings outlook by division

(KRWbn)	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17E	4Q17E	2016	2017E	2018E	2019E
Consolidated revenue	1,644.7	1,339.6	1,821.1	2,788.8	5,754.6	7,594.2	9,368.0	10,600.0
Optics Solution	924.2	634.9	1,037.4	1,996.4	2,870.8	4,593.0	5,779.4	6,111.3
Substrate & Material	264.1	271.3	298.2	303.4	1,152.4	1,137.0	1,275.2	1,332.4
Automotive & Electronics	307.2	271.5	338.8	367.0	1,132.9	1,284.4	1,805.5	2,684.9
LED	167.6	176.8	164.5	139.8	694.8	648.6	579.6	543.2
Consolidated operating profit	66.8	32.5	82.7	219.6	104.8	401.6	530.3	581.0
Optics Solution	72.7	11.7	53.8	189.9	112.7	328.1	424.7	466.8
Substrate & Material	8.5	24.4	25.3	24.3	48.9	82.5	82.2	63.1
Automotive & Electronics	-0.4	-1.0	10.2	11.0	14.7	19.8	27.9	45.7
LED	-14.0	-2.6	-6.6	-5.6	-71.4	-28.7	-4.6	5.4
Consolidated OP margin	4.1%	2.4%	4.5%	7.9%	1.8%	5.3%	5.7%	5.5%
Optics Solution	7.9%	1.8%	5.2%	9.5%	3.9%	7.1%	7.3%	7.6%
Substrate & Material	3.2%	9.0%	8.5%	8.0%	4.2%	7.3%	6.4%	4.7%
Automotive & Electronics	-0.1%	-0.4%	3.0%	3.0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.7%
LED	-8.3%	-1.5%	-4.0%	-4.0%	-10.3%	-4.4%	-0.8%	1.0%

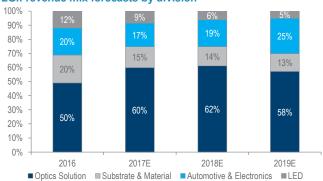
Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts





Source: Company, Daiwa forecasts

LGI: revenue mix forecasts by division





Capital expenditure

Ongoing active investment

In dual-cams, 3D-sensing modules and photomasks

We expect capex to increase meaningfully in 2017

We forecast the company's capex to increase by over 100% YoY to cKRW700bn for 2017E as it actively invests in new businesses, such as dual camera modules and 3D-sensing modules. LGI's yearly capex has been around KRW250-400bn per year for the past 5 years (2012-16), after it spent around KRW2tn during 2010-11 (KRW1.1tn in 2010/KRW0.7tn in 2011), with most of the capex used to expand LED production capacity.

We believe the bold investment decision to increase its 2017 capex by so much was made at the right time and sends a positive signal to the market. Looking back at historical capex levels, we see that capex has been highly correlated with top-line growth (see chart below), which may seem straightforward and obvious. However, the large-scale investment decisions in 2017 are somewhat different from the past as the company has already secured customers, which is key to monetising the investment as soon as the facilities are completed.

Although the company does not specify how much capex is related to Apple or how much is related to China-based and other customers, we assume the new facilities will reach their appropriate utilisation rates on time.

Details of recent investment announcements

Investme	nent horizon Objective Amo		Amount	Details
Start	End	Objective	KRW bn	Details
2017-03-17	2018-04-30	Camera module	264.4	The company increased production capacity at its Gumi fab by 50% to keep up with dual-cam demand from Apple. A new production line is expected to run from early-3Q17 and commence mass production within 2H17.
2017-04-26	2018-03-31	3D camera module sensor	269.7	The company appears to be preparing for mass production of 3D-sensing modules from 3Q17. Management is cautious about mentioning specifics regarding its customers and said only that it is still in discussions with customers regarding 3D sensors.
2017-07-26	2018-12-31	Photomask	106.0	LG Innotek invests in Photomask as preparation for demand from a customer, that produces large-size LCD and OLED panels. It plans to invest KRW3bn by 2017 and spend KRW103bn in 2018. The company may be able to build an entry barrier in the early stages as there are few companies who can produce a photomask for >Gen-7 size panels. The company aims to widen the gap between Innotek and other photomask suppliers to attract potential overseas customers.

Source: Company, Dart, Media (Infomax, ETnews, ZDnet, etc.)

LGI: capital expenditure





Valuation and risks

Good times returning after 7 years

Target price of KRW240,000, backed by historical PER comparison

Initiating coverage with a Buy (1) rating and TP of KRW240,000

LGI's share price peaked in 2010 at KRW193,000, and the stock has traded mostly in the range of KRW50,000-150,000 over the past 6 years. However, the share price began to rebound in 4Q16 and has more than doubled within the past 6 months. LGI's share price is now heading towards KRW240,000, which we believe is an achievable level over the next 12 months.

We forecast LGI to record EPS of KRW10,473 for 2017, which would mark the first time it has breached the record EPS of KRW10,325 registered in 2010. The year 2010 was also the year LGI's ROE was at its highest, following the merger of LGI and LG Micron in 2009. We believe share-price momentum over the next 12 months will be similar to that in 2010, as we forecast LGI to record a 13% ROE and KRW10,473 EPS for 2017. The ROE and EPS figures are not the only similarities between the current situation and 2010. Below we detail other similarities we have found between 2010 and 2017-18.

- **High top-line growth.** Top-line growth was high at 38% YoY in 2010 and we expect comparable revenue growth of 32% for 2017 and 23% YoY for 2018E.
- Bold investments in new businesses/facilities, a key factor for attracting new investors. As mentioned, the company plans to more than double its capex to around KRW0.7tn in 2017, compared with average capex of KRW0.3tn over the past 5 years. Indeed, the last time the company's capex exceeded the 2017 level was in 2010-11. In our view, bold investment in the growing market for dual-cam and 3D-sensing modules, at the right time, is likely to boost market expectations of the company's growth.
- A big leap in the camera module business. In 2010, LGI's camera module revenue
 rose by 133% YoY thanks to camera spec upgrades from Apple. We forecast LGI's OS
 division's revenue to increase by 60% YoY for 2017E, albeit lower than that for 2010, but
 given that the division's revenue is already significant, 60% yearly growth would be
 remarkable.

LGI: earnings and PER level since 2010

(KRW)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E
EPS	10,325	-7,211	-1,237	771	4,761	4,018	209	10,473	15,645
EPS growth	165%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	518%	-16%	-95%	4911%	49%
P/E highest	18.4x	n.m.	n.m.	136.8x	31.1x	28.5x	471.3x	16.9x	
P/E average	13.0x	n.m.	n.m.	109.8x	23.6x	24.5x	394.8x	12.9x	
Return-on-Equity	11%	-10%	-2%	2%	8%	5%	0%	13%	16%

Source: Company, Bloomberg, Daiwa forecasts

Note: P/E highest = highest price of the year / EPS of the year, P/E average = average price of the year / EPS of the year

Given the above-mentioned reasons, we believe that LGI's PER could reach its high of 18.4x seen in 2010. By applying 18.4x to the average of our 2017-18E EPS forecasts, we derive our target price of KRW240,000.

Our target PER looks low given likely fast earnings growth

We justify our target PER by comparing it to the peer PEG ratio We justify our target PER by comparing LGI's PER to its EPS growth. Our target PER of 18.4x implies a PEG (PER divided by EPS growth) ratio of 0.37x, which is much lower than the peer average of 0.72x. After filtering its camera-related peers with a market cap of >USD3,000m and positive EPS growth for 2017-18E, we note that LGI has the lowest PEG of 0.28x, followed by Alps (0.32x). While many camera players are likely to record high EPS growth in 2017-18E, LGI's share price is still undervalued in our view, when compared with its expected earnings growth.

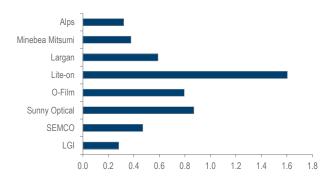


LGI: peer EPS growth vs. PER



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Daiwa forecasts Note: EPS growth = 17-18E growth, PER = 17-18 average PER

LGI: peer PEG comparison



Source: Company, Bloomberg, Daiwa forecasts Note: PEG = 17-18E average PER / 17-18E EPS growth

LGI: peer valuation comparison

0	Ticker	Price	Mkt cap	P/E (x)		P/BV (x)		ROE (%)		EPS growth		Div yield (%)	
Company	(Bloomberg)	(Local curr)	(USD \$m)	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E
Coverage													
LG Innotek	011070 KS	173,500	3,637	16.6	11.1	2.0	1.7	13.0%	16.4%	n.m.	49.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Camera module													
LG Innotek	011070 KS	173,500	3,637	16.6	11.1	2.0	1.7	13.0%	16.4%	n.m.	49.4%	0.2%	0.2%
SEMCO	009150 KS	101,000	6,611	31.9	20.4	1.7	1.5	0.1%	0.1%	n.m.	99.4%	0.6%	0.7%
Sharp*	6753 JP	331	14,831	33.3	31.2	6.1	5.1	15.3%	13.4%	n.m.	6.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Sunny Optical	2382 HK	111.0	15,390	38.3	27.8	13.9	10.0	41.9%	41.9%	n.m.	38.0%	0.6%	1.0%
O-Film	002456 CH	21.15	8,826	38.7	27.4	5.9	5.0	16.3%	18.7%	71.5%	41.5%	0.4%	0.6%
Lite-on	2301 TT	43.30	3,442	11.1	10.4	1.3	1.2	11.7%	12.0%	-1.9%	6.7%	6.5%	6.9%
Ibiden*	4062 JP	1,762	2,285	22.6	19.9	0.9	0.9	4.1%	4.7%	n.m.	14.1%	2.0%	2.0%
Partron	091700 KS	9,130	438	44.4	11.8	1.4	1.3	3.4%	11.9%	-55.8%	n.m.	2.2%	2.5%
Average**				31.5	21.3	4.5	3.6	13.2%	14.7%	4.6%	34.4%	1.8%	1.9%
Actuator													
LG Innotek	011070 KS	173,500	3,637	16.6	11.1	2.0	1.7	13.0%	16.4%	n.m.	49.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Minebea Mitsumi*	6479 JP	1,752	6,924	13.8	13.3	2.0	1.8	15.6%	14.4%	35.9%	3.6%	1.2%	1.3%
Alps*	6770 JP	2,898	5,229	12.8	11.5	1.9	1.6	16.8%	16.0%	38.1%	11.4%	1.2%	1.5%
Nanya PCB	8046 TT	25.1	542	n.m.	24.6	0.5	0.5	n.m.	n.m.	-61.0%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Jahwa Electronics	033240 KS	18,750	296	13.9	8.8	1.1	1.0	8.4%	12.3%	57.6%	58.1%	2.2%	2.2%
Average**	000210110	10,100	200	13.5	14.6	1.4	1.2	13.6%	14.2%	17.6%	24.3%	1.5%	1.6%
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LG Innotek	011070 KS	173,500	3,637	16.6	11.1	2.0	1.7	13.0%	16.4%	n.m.	49.4%	0.2%	0.2%
Largan	3008 TT	5,945.0	26,773	27.4	19.6	8.4	6.4	33.6%	36.6%	27.3%	39.9%	1.2%	1.8%
Sunny Optical	2382 HK	111.0	15,390	38.3	27.8	13.9	10.0	41.9%	41.9%	n.m.	38.0%	0.6%	1.0%
Nanya PCB	8046 TT	25.1	542	n.m.	24.6	0.5	0.5	n.m.	n.m.	-61.0%	n.m	n.m.	n.m.
Sekonix	053450 KS	15,750	154	14.4	5.6	1.2	1.0	8.6%	19.7%	-38.3%	n.m	1.3%	1.3%
Haesung Optics	076610 KS	6,390	96	n.m.	5.1	1.6	1.2	-9.2%	27.3%	n.m.	n.m	n.m.	n.m.
Average**	01001010	0,000	00	26.7	16.5	5.1	3.8	18.7%	31.4%	-24.0%	38.9%	1.0%	1.3%
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LG Innotek	011070 KS	173,500	3,637	16.6	11.1	2.0	1.7	13.0%	16.4%	n.m.	49.4%	0.2%	0.2%
AMS	AMS SW	77.0	6,868	55.4	21.1	6.1	5.0	8.8%	23.7%	-2.2%	n.m.	0.4%	0.8%
ASMP	522 HK	108.5	5,581	17.6	17.2	4.1	3.7	25.9%	22.6%	78.7%	2.2%	2.5%	2.6%
Chroma ATE	2360 TT	99.6	1,367	20.1	17.3	3.4	3.1	17.9%	19.4%	17.3%	15.8%	3.5%	4.0%
Genius	3406 TT	510.0	1,853	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	-4.5%	n.m.	-8.0%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Inari Amertron	INRI MK	2.5	1,213	25.3	19.5	6.2	5.3	27.0%	29.3%	20.5%	30.0%	2.6%	3.4%
Interflex	051370 KS	47,550	926	26.4	11.7	4.1	3.1	16.2%	29.1%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Nanya PCB	8046 TT	25.1	542	n.m.	24.6	0.5	0.5	n.m.	n.m.	-61.0%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Daeduck electronics	008060 KS	11,800	516	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	2.5%	2.5%
Daeduck GDS	004130 KS	18,150	327	11.0	8.3	0.8	0.8	7.3%	8.9%	10.5%	32.2%	1.7%	1.7%
All Ring tech	6187 TT	54.3	154	8.4	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	44.9%	n.m.	55.1%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Average**	0107 11	04.0	134	23.4	17.1	3,6	3.0	17.9%	22.2%	13.8%	20.0%	2.2%	2.5%
Average				25.4	17.1	3.0	3.0	17.3/0	ZZ.Z /0	13.0 /0	20.0 %	Z.Z /0	2.3 /0

Source: Bloomberg, Daiwa forecasts for LGI and SEMCO
Note: prices as of 7 September 2017; *FY18 figures for FY17, FY19 figures for FY18;**Average excluding LG Innotek



We expect DPS to increase only gradually

Dividends forecast to increase gradually

As we forecast LGI's EPS to rise considerably to KRW10,473 in 2017E from KRW209 in 2016, we forecast its DPS to also increase to KRW350 in 2017E from KRW250 in 2016. Despite a higher DPS in 2017E, LGI's dividend payout ratio is likely to remain at 3.3% for 2017E.

In 2018-19E, we expect dividends to increase, but not at the same pace as EPS growth. We forecast DPS of KRW400 for 2018 and KRW500 for 2019, a gradual improvement as long as the company achieves stable EPS growth. However, there is unlikely to be a rapid increase in DPS over a short period as LGI does not plan to increase dividends substantially in the near future, according to the company. Given that its net profit has been volatile over the past 10 years, LGI is hesitant to raise its dividend too quickly for fear of inducing a deterioration in its financial structure (eg, net debt/equity).

Key risks

Despite a rosy business outlook, we outline possible concerns on LGI below:

- Lower-than-expected production yield. The company is actively investing in new facilities and expanding in several new businesses at the same time. If LGI were to fail to achieve its target yield on time, this could also impact its operating margin, thereby pressuring investment sentiment. This is the primary risk to our call.
- LGI's high dependency on Apple. More than 50% of LGI's revenue is derived from Apple. If LGI were to begin supplying RF-PCBs to Apple, the exposure to Apple would be even greater. Too much dependency on one customer represents a concentration risk. If Apple were to further diversify its vendors for dual cams or 3D-sensing modules, LGI's revenue and operating margin could decline. This is a secondary risk to our call.



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LG Display: share price and Daiwa recommendation trend

Date	Target Price	Rating	Date	Target price	Rating	Date	Target price	Rating
18/11/16	36,000	Buy	21/04/17	41,000	Buy	26/07/17	44,000	Buy
17/01/17	39,000	Buy	07/07/17	49,000	Buy			



Source: Daiwa

Note: where appropriate, historical target prices have been adjusted to reflect the current share count

LG Electronics: share price and Daiwa recommendation trend

Date	Target Price	Rating	Date	Target price	Rating	Date	Target price	Rating
30/05/16	61,000	Outperform	25/01/17	60,000	Outperform	16/06/17	95,000	Outperform
29/09/16	56,000	Outperform	09/03/17	70,000	Outperform	28/07/17	77,000	Outperform
14/11/16	53 000	Outperform	18/04/17	80 000	Outperform			



Source: Daiwa

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Samsung Electro-Mechanics: share price and Daiwa recommendation trend

Date	Target Price	Rating	Date	Target price	Rating	Date	Target price	Rating
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14/04/16	76,000	Buy	20/01/17	66,000	Buy	22/06/17	125,000	Buy
04/07/16	74,000	Buy	17/02/17	69,000	Buy			



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LG Innotek: share price and Daiwa recommendation trend



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