

# Vishay Intertechnology, Inc.

# Near-term remains challenged on weak markets and inventory correction

Reiterate Rating: UNDERPERFORM | PO: 19.00 USD | Price: 22.30 USD

### Inventory correction continues to impact revenues

We continue to see F24 as a transition year for Vishay. The next several quarters are likely to remain impacted by inventory adjustments and soft end markets. However, we feel management is focused on initiatives which will drive future growth. In F4Q, sequentially, revenues from Asia declined 8% q/q, from Americas declined 7% q/q, and from Europe declined 9% q/q. Distribution revenues declined 8% q/q, and POS decreased 7% q/q. OEM revenues declined 7% q/q, while EMS revenues declined 14% q/q. Opto segment margins were impacted due to a one-time write-off related to a discontinued silicon fab at Vishay's Heilbronn location. Book to bill was 0.75 at quarter end. Reiterate Underperform as end-markets remain weak in the medium-term.

### F1Q weaker quarter for revenues and margins

VSH guided F1Q24 rev to \$735mn which is lower than Street at \$772mn, and guided gross margin to 24% at the mid-point, which is sequentially lower by 160bps. Management remains committed to returning 70% of free cash flow in F24 in the form of dividends and buybacks. We look forward to more details on F24 and management's plan to drive future growth at Vishay's investor day on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024.

### Management laying the groundwork for long-term growth

Near-term prospects remain weak but management is focused on the longer-term and continues to invest in incremental capacity. VSH has budgeted \$450mn of investments in 2024 (including \$56mn of projects pushed out from 2023). Management continues to develop go-to-market strategies for its key products. It is increasing capacity – including outsourcing production of commodity products to subcontractors. We like the focus on better channel management (distribution represented 51% of sales in F4Q). VSH is adding customer-facing engineers, filling gaps in technology and market coverage. While these changes will take some time to show an impact, we see them as essential to setting up the company to take advantage of future opportunities.

# Estimates move lower; PO moves to \$19 (from \$20)

Our F24E rev/EPS move to \$3.1bn/\$1.01 from \$3.3bn/\$1.95. PO moves to \$19 (from \$20) on 11x C25E EPS of \$1.72 (prior 10x C24E EPS of \$1.95). We roll-over to a C25 based valuation. VSH is cyclical stock and we use a slightly higher multiple on lower earnings.

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS	3.16	2.44	1.01	1.72	1.85
GAAP EPS	2.97	2.29	1.00	1.70	1.83
EPS Change (YoY)	36.2%	-22.8%	-58.6%	70.3%	7.6%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			1.47	2.03	NA
DPS	0.40	0.40	0.42	0.42	0.42
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	7.1x	9.1x	22.1x	13.0x	12.1x
GAAP P/E	7.5x	9.7x	22.3x	13.1x	12.2x
Dividend Yield	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
EV / EBITDA*	3.9x	4.5x	7.2x	5.4x	5.0x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	5.6%	1.3%	3.5%	5.4%	4.5%
* For full definitions of $\emph{IQ}$ method $^{\text{SM}}$ measures, see page 6.					

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### Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	20.00	19.00
2024E Rev (m)	3,268.6	3,079.0
2025E Rev (m)	3,438.5	3,426.3
2026E Rev (m)	NA	3,610.9
2024E EPS	1.95	1.01
2025E EPS	2.07	1.72
2026E EPS	NA	1.85

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### Stock Data

Price	22.30 USD
Price Objective	19.00 USD
Date Established	12-Feb-2024
Investment Opinion	B-3-7
52-Week Range	20.57 USD - 30.10 USD
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	2,815 USD / 126.2
(mn)	
Free Float	99.1%
Average Daily Value (mn)	24.92 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	VSH / NYS
Bloomberg / Reuters	VSH US / VSH.N
ROE (2024E)	6.3%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2023A)	-7.0%
ESGMeter™	Medium

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# iQprofile<sup>™</sup> Vishay Intertechnology, Inc.

<b>iQ</b> method <sup>™</sup> – Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Return on Capital Employed	15.8%	10.3%	4.7%	7.1%	7.39
Return on Equity	24.0%	16.1%	6.3%	10.1%	10.19
Operating Margin	17.8%	14.3%	7.9%	11.1%	11.29
Free Cash Flow	159	36	100	153	120
iQmethod SM – Quality of Earnings*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash Realization Ratio	1.1x	1.1x	3.9x	2.6x	2.5
Asset Replacement Ratio	2.0x	1.8x	2.5x	2.5x	2.4
Tax Rate	24.1%	29.3%	31.0%	31.0%	31.09
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	-5.4%	-7.0%	-7.6%	-10.1%	-11.29
Interest Cover	36.4x	19.3x	15.1x	23.8x	25.2
Income Statement Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Sales	3,497	3,402	3,079	3,426	3,61
% Change	7.9%	-2.7%	-9.5%	11.3%	5.49
Gross Profit	1,066	974	769	928	98
% Change	20.0%	-8.6%	-21.1%	20.7%	5.79
EBITDA	787	671	422	566	612
% Change	23.9%	-14.8%	-37.1%	34.3%	8.09
Net Interest & Other Income	(22)	0	(36)	(36)	(36
Net Income (Adjusted)	454	342	140	236	25
% Change	34.7%	-24.7%	-59.0%	68.0%	6.7%
US\$ Millions)  Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	<b>2022A</b> 430	<b>2023A</b> 326	<b>2024E</b> 140	<b>2025E</b> 236	<b>2026</b>
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Depreciation & Amortization	164	184	180 221	186	20
Change in Working Capital	(142)	(162)		194	16.
Deferred Taxation Charge	39	37	0	0	(
Other Adjustments, Net	(7)	(19)	-	(462)	(407
Capital Expenditure Free Cash Flow	(325) <b>159</b>	(329) <b>36</b>	(441)	(462) <b>153</b>	(497 <b>12</b> 0
	-33.4%	-77.2%	100 175.2%	53.4%	-17.8%
<b>% Change</b> Share / Issue Repurchase	- <b>33.4%</b> (83)	(106)	(24)	(24)	-17.09
	(63)	(100)	0	(24)	(24
Cost of Dividends Paid Change in Debt	0	363	(1)	0	(95
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Balance Sheet Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash & Equivalents	611	973	989	1,061	1,01
Trade Receivables	416	427	426	413	43!
Other Current Assets	1,094	898	752	607	438
Property, Plant & Equipment	1,130	1,295	1,556	1,832	2,120
Other Non-Current Assets	614	648	648	648	648
Total Assets	3,866	4,240	4,372	4,561	4,652
Short-Term Debt	0	0	0	0	(
Other Current Liabilities	726	692	767	802	818
Long-Term Debt	501	818	817	817	72:
Other Non-Current Liabilities	588	529	529	529	52
Total Liabilities	1,816	2,039	2,113	2,148	2,069
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Total Equity Total Equity & Liabilities	2,050 3,866	4,240	4,372	4,561	4,652

### **Company Sector**

Semiconductors

### **Company Description**

Vishay Intertechnology is a global manufacturer and supplier of discrete semiconductors and passive electronic components, including MOSFETs, diodes and optoelectronic components, resistors, capacitors and inductors. The company reported 2018 revenue from each of five product groups as follows: MOSFETs (19% of sales), Diodes (21%), Optoelectronic Components (8%), Resistors (25%), Inductors (11%) and Capacitors (16%). The company is focused on organic growth and small/strategic acquisitions.

### **Investment Rationale**

Our Underperform rating is based on our expectation that a recovery in end markets is already factored into the share price, order strength driven partly by customers building buffer inventory given fears of a resurgence of COVID19, pockets of excess inventory of Vishay products remaining in the channel, and expectation of normal price declines (vs. price increases despite end market recovery).

### Stock Data

Average Daily Volume

1,117,268

### **Quarterly Earnings Estimates**

	2023	2024
Q1	0.79A	0.20E
Q2	0.68A	0.26E
Q3	0.60A	0.28E
Q4	0.37A	0.27E



# Model

**Figure 1: VSH Income Statement**We model F24 revenue/EPS of \$3.1bn/\$1.01

VSH		F202	3A			F202	4E						
(\$ in millions except per share data)	1Q23A	2Q23A	3Q23A	4Q23A	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	F2022	F2023	F2024E	F2025E	F2026
Net revenues	871	892	854	785	740	777	786	776	3,497	3,402	3,079	3,426	3,611
Costs of products sold	592	635	616	585	561	583	586	580	2,432	2,428	2,310	2,498	2,630
Gross profit	279	257	238	201	179	194	200	196	1,066	974	769	928	981
	120	122	122	122	120	122	124	122	442	400	F27	F40	F70
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	120	123	123	123	130	132	134	132	443	488	527	548	578
Operating income	159	135	115	78	50	62	66	64	623	486	242	380	403
Other income (expense):	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(5)	(6)	(7)	(6)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(17)	(25)	(16)	(16)	(16
Other	3	5	7	9	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	25	(20)	(20)	(20
Income before taxes	157	133	115	81	41	53	57	55	601	486	206	344	367
ncome tax expense	45	38	31	29	13	16	18	17	145	142	64	107	114
Rate	28%	29%	27%	36%	31%	31%	31%	31%	24%	29%	31%	31%	319
NI Non-GAAP from continuing oper	112	95	84	52	28	36	40	38	456	344	142	238	253
Net earnings Non-GAAP incl FAS123	112	95	84	51	28	36	39	38	454	342	140	236	251
Non-GAAP EPS including FAS123	\$0.79	\$0.68	\$0.60	\$0.37	\$0.20	\$0.26	\$0.28	\$0.27	\$3.16	\$2.44	\$1.01	\$1.72	\$1.85
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Basic GAAP EPS	\$0.79	\$0.68	\$0.47	\$0.37	\$0.20	\$0.26	\$0.28	\$0.27	\$2.98	\$2.31	\$1.00	\$1.69	\$1.80
Diluted GAAP EPS	\$0.79	\$0.67	\$0.47	\$0.37	\$0.20	\$0.26	\$0.28	\$0.27	\$2.97	\$2.29	\$1.00	\$1.70	\$1.83
Adj wted avg sh outstanding - dil (Non-GAAP)	141	140	140	139	139	139	138	138	144	140	139	137	136
Dividend	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.40	0.40	0.42	0.42	0.42
As % of Revenue													
	68.0%	71 10/-	72.20/-	74.40/-	7E 00/.	7E 00/-	74.60/	74.70/-	60 E0/	71 40/-	7E 00%	72.00/-	72.00
Costs of products sold		71.1%	72.2%	74.4%	75.8%	75.0%	74.6%	74.7%	69.5%	71.4%	75.0%	72.9%	72.8%
Gross Profit	32.0%	28.9%	27.8%	25.6%	24.2%	25.0%	25.4%	25.3%	30.5%	28.6%	25.0%	27.1%	27.2%
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	13.8%	13.8%	14.4%	15.6%	17.5%	17.0%	17.0%	17.0%	12.7%	14.4%	17.1%	16.0%	16.0%
Operating income	18.2%	15.1%	13.5%	9.9%	6.7%	8.0%	8.4%	8.3%	17.8%	14.3%	7.9%	11.1%	11.2%
Interest expense	-0.6%	-0.7%	-0.8%	-0.8%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.7%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.4%
Other	0.4%	0.6%	0.9%	1.2%	-0.7%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.1%	0.7%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%
Income before taxes	18.0%	15.0%	13.5%	10.3%	5.5%	6.8%	7.3%	7.1%	17.2%	14.3%	6.7%	10.0%	10.2%
Income tax expense	5.1%	4.3%	3.6%	3.7%	1.7%	2.1%	2.3%	2.2%	4.1%	4.2%	2.1%	3.1%	3.2%
Minority interest	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NI Non-GAAP from continuing	12.9%	10.7%	9.9%	6.6%	3.8%	4.7%	5.0%	4.9%	13.0%	10.1%	4.6%	6.9%	7.0%
Year-Over-Year Growth													
Net revenues	2%	3%	-8%	-8%	-15%	-13%	-8%	-1%	8%	-3%	-9%	11%	5%
Costs of products sold	0%	7%	-3%	-4%	-5%	-8%	-5%	-1%	3%	0%	-5%	8%	5%
Gross Profit	8%	-4%	-18%	-19%	-36%	-25%	-16%	-2%	20%	-9%	-21%	21%	6%
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	6%	12%	15%	8%	8%	7%	9%	7%	5%	10%	8%	4%	5%
Operating income	8%	-15%	-37%	-42%	-69%	-54%	-42%	-18%	33%	-22%	-50%	57%	6%
Interest expense	21%	49%	74%	44%	-22%	-38%	-44%	-38%	-2%	47%	-36%	0%	0%
Other	NM	281%	247%		NM	NM	NM N		3%	28%	11%	2%	-5%
Income before taxes	15%	-14%	-36%	-37%	-74%	-60%	-50%	-32%	38%	-19%	-58%	67%	7%
Income tax expense	38%	3%	-33%	-1%	-72%	-57%	-43%	-41%	50%	-2%	-55%	67%	7%
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	8%	-19%		-48%			-53%		35%		-59%		79
NI Non-GAAP from continuing  Net earnings Non-GAAP incl FAS123  Non-GAAP EPS including FAS123			-37%		-75%	-62%		-27%	35% 36%	-25%		68% 69%	
Net earnings Non-GAAP incl FAS123	8%	-19%		-48%			-53%		35% 36% 45%		-59%	68%	7% 8% 7%

**Source:** Company reports, BofA Global Research estimates

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# **Abbreviations**

SKU: Stock-Keeping Unit

POS: Point of Sale GM: Gross Margin Fab: Fabrication facility

OEM: Original Equipment Manufacturer

A&D: Aerospace & Defense

EMS: Electronics Manufacturing Services

IR: Investor Relations



# Price objective basis & risk

### Vishay Intertechnology, Inc. (VSH)

Our price objective on the shares of Vishay is \$19, which is based on 11x our C25E EPS. This multiple is the median of the historical range 7.0x-20x. In our view this multiple is justified as it balances near-term weakness from inventory correction in the distribution channel, and increased macroeconomic risk and risk from slower demand in China, against the longer-term benefit from increasing electronic content in various end markets.

Upside risks to our price objective are faster-than-expected clearing of excess inventory in the distribution channel and faster restocking of the supply chain, faster-than-expected growth in the end markets including automotive, the company being able to raise prices more than expected, and faster-than-expected growth from acquisitions. Downside risks to our price objective are execution risk, a more protracted downturn in automotive, a larger-than-expected inventory correction at distribution, delay in Vishay's capacity adds, which could harm revenue recognition, competitors adding capacity faster than expected and supply overshooting demand leading to overcapacity, double ordering which inflates demand, an unexpected downturn in the global economy, and raw material cost pressure.

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	Nutanix Inc	NTNX	NTNX US	Wamsi Mohan
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### **US - IT Hardware and Technology Supply Chain Coverage Cluster**

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# **P**enethod<sup>™</sup> Measures Definitions

<b>Business Performance</b>	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) $\times$ (1 $-$ Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets — Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill Amortization
Return On Equity	Net Income	Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin	Operating Profit	Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings	Numerator	Denominator
Cash Realization Ratio	Cash Flow From Operations	Net Income
Asset Replacement Ratio	Capex	Depreciation
Tax Rate	Tax Charge	Pre-Tax Income
Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio	Net Debt = Total Debt — Cash & Equivalents	Total Equity
Interest Cover	EBIT	Interest Expense
Valuation Toolkit	Numerator	Denominator
Price / Earnings Ratio	Current Share Price	Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)
Price / Book Value	Current Share Price	Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares
Dividend Yield	Annualised Declared Cash Dividend	Current Share Price
Free Cash Flow Yield	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares
Enterprise Value / Sales	EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt +	Sales
	Other LT Liabilities	
EV / EBITDA	Enterprise Value	Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization
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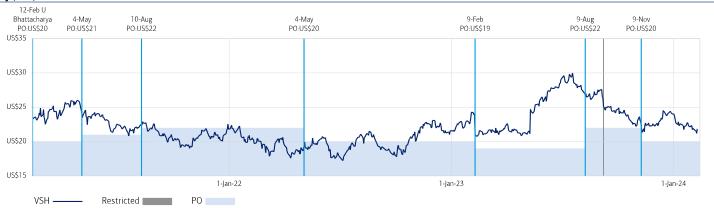
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### Vishay (VSH) Price Chart



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#### Equity Investment Rating Distribution: Technology Group (as of 31 Dec 2023)

Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
Buy	215	53.09%	Buy	111	51.63%
Hold	97	23.95%	Hold	45	46.39%
Sell	93	22.96%	Sell	24	25.81%

### Equity Investment Rating Distribution: Global Group (as of 31 Dec 2023)

Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
Buy	1895	53.62%	Buy	1083	57.15%
Hold	832	23.54%	Hold	454	54.57%
Sell	807	22.84%	Sell	383	47.46%

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