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GlobalFoundries

Slow recovery but cash flows on track, reiterate Buy

Reiterate Rating: BUY | PO: 70.00 USD | Price: 51.66 USD

Reiterate Buy, \$70 PO on improved cash flows

Q3 sales/pf-EPS 0%/12% better, and Q4 guides mixed as lower sales from elevated mobile/comms infra inventories are offset by one-time tax credit benefit. Overall, mgmt is prudently managing a soft landing amid weak smartphone unit demand and high inventory at customers (QCOM 155 days in SepQ from 165 days in JunQ, still well above historical <90 days). Continued mix shift toward premium handset offers content lift, and GFS should start to benefit from easier comps as units recover in 2H. Though utilization should remain low into Q1 (low-/mid-80%s vs. near-100% in CY22) and pressure near-term GMs (every 5pts of utilization equals 2pts of GM), we anticipate headwinds to reverse in 2H'24 as units recover. Moreover, a >50% reduction in CY24E capex should more than offset any impact on the cash flow side. Separately, Auto demand remains strong into Q4 and should reach \$1bn mark in CY23E, though we anticipate CY24E growth to moderate on modest unit weaknesses at OEMs. Overall, we lower CY24/25E sales by -5%/-3% and pf-EPS by -5%/-5% to \$2.24/\$2.91 on continued elevated inventories and higher taxes, but our CY24E FCF is now +100% higher to \$1.3bn. Reiterate our \$70 PO (now on 14x CY24E EV/EBITDA vs. 13x prior), at the highend of historical 7x-16x range but justified given approaching the end of the down cycle.

Likes: Cash flows, Automotive, Mobile bottoming

(1) Despite demand headwinds across multiple end markets, GFS sees healthy FCF growth (up 100% vs. prior) in CY24E, with capex expected to decline >50% YoY. (2) Automotive continues to be an area of strength, with sales on track to reach \$1bn in CY23E. Though concerns of modest demand (unit) weakness emerged, GFS sees healthy volume/ASP/mix growth. (3) Following a year of YoY declines, Smart Mobile Devices are now bumping along the bottom, with signs of inventories depleting in channels. By 2H24, comps should get easier, and we expect a return to YoY growth.

Risks: Utilization, gross margins, tax increases

(1) On continued high customer inventories, utilization should remain at low-/mid-80% range in CY23, vs. near-100% in CY22. Every 5 points of utilization translates to 2 points of gross margins, though this could go both ways. (2) On low utilization and volume, our CY24 GM estimate is now below 30%. Mobile/consumer inventory levels remain elevated and should pressure GMs into first half of CY24. (3) Following various benefits through CY23, taxes should increase to low-teens rate going forward.

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
EPS	0.03	3.13	2.21	2.24	2.91
GAAP EPS	(0.49)	2.62	1.84	1.92	2.58
EPS Change (YoY)	NM	NM	-29.4%	1.4%	29.9%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			2.04	2.52	3.35
DPS	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	1,722.0x	16.5x	23.4x	23.1x	17.8x
GAAP P/E	NM	19.7x	28.1x	26.9x	20.0x
EV / EBITDA*	16.7x	10.0x	11.3x	10.8x	9.2x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	3.9%	-1.7%	0.6%	4.6%	4.3%
* For full definitions of <i>IQ</i> method SM measures, see page 12.					

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Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
2023E Rev (m)	7,397.0	7,390.3
2024E Rev (m)	8,070.2	7,667.8
2025E Rev (m)	8,876.2	8,578.0
2023E EPS	2.00	2.21
2024E EPS	2.35	2.24
2025E EPS	3.08	2.91

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Stock Data

51.66 USD
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48.12 USD - 72.50 USD
28,551 USD / 552.7
64.96 USD
GFS / NAS
GFS US / GFS.OQ
11.4%
1.6%
NLA

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ASP – average selling pricez

LTA – long-term agreement

SoC – system on chip

RF-SOI – Radio frequency silicon-oninsulator

GFS - GlobalFoundries

A&D – Aerospace & Defense

QCOM – Qualcomm

OEM – Original Equipment Manufacturer

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iQmethod [™] – Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Return on Capital Employed	1.0%	9.7%	7.8%	7.8%	9.6%
Return on Equity	0.2%	19.2%	11.4%	10.6%	13.1%
Operating Margin	87.0%	89.4%	89.3%	89.4%	90.0%
Free Cash Flow	1,125	(487)	170	1,306	1,236
iQmethod [™] – Quality of Earnings*					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Cash Realization Ratio	NM	1.5x	1.8x	1.8x	1.7
Asset Replacement Ratio	1.0x	1.9x	1.4x	0.7x	1.1:
Tax Rate	44.9%	NM	NM	NM	NN
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	-11.5%	1.6%	1.6%	-7.6%	-14.79
Interest Cover	2.0x	19.8x	NM	NA	N/
Income Statement Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Sales	6,585	8,108	7,390	7,668	8,57
% Change	35.8%	23.1%	-8.9%	3.8%	11.99
Gross Profit	1,069	2,303	2,136	2,235	2,72
% Change	NM	115.4%	-7.2%	4.6%	22.19
EBITDA	1,843	3,096	2,735	2,859	3,34
% Change	89.1%	68.0%	-11.7%	4.5%	17.19
Net Interest & Other Income	(108)	(73)	(6)	12	
Net Income (Adjusted)	17	1,727	1,231	1,248	1,63
% Change	NM	NM	-28.7%	1.4%	30.69
Free Cash Flow Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	(253)	1,447	1,021	1,074	1,44
Depreciation & Amortization	1,619	1,623	1,415	1,400	1,43
Change in Working Capital	1,175	(176)	(506)	(520)	(463
Deferred Taxation Charge	NA	NA	NA	NA	N/
Other Adjustments, Net	282	(322)	242	349	43
Capital Expenditure	(1,698)	(3,059)	(2,002)	(997)	(1,612
Free Cash Flow	1,125	-487	170	1,306	1.23
% Change	102.1%	NM	NM	669.1%	-5.3%
Balance Sheet Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Cash & Equivalents	2,939	2,352	2.194	3,283	4,30
Trade Receivables	1,231	1,487	1,404	1,543	1,68
Other Current Assets	1,121	1,961	2,515	2,588	2,61
Property, Plant & Equipment	8.713	10,596	10,654	10,250	10,42
Other Non-Current Assets	1,023	1,445	1,968	1,948	1,92
	15,028	17,841	18,735	19,613	20,95
Total Assets			199	199	19
Total Assets Short-Term Debt		773			
Short-Term Debt	297	223 3.136	2.549		2 81
Short-Term Debt Other Current Liabilities	297 2,866	3,136	2,549 2.181	2,712	
Short-Term Debt Other Current Liabilities Long-Term Debt	297 2,866 1,716	3,136 2,288	2,181	2,712 2,181	2,18
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Short-Term Debt Other Current Liabilities Long-Term Debt Other Non-Current Liabilities	297 2,866 1,716	3,136 2,288	2,181	2,712 2,181	2,18

Company Sector

Semiconductors

Company Description

GlobalFoundries is the fourth largest outsourced semiconductor manufacturer (aka foundry) and is the last remaining US-based pure-play foundry. GlobalFoundries manufactures complex, feature-rich integrated circuits addressing mission-critical applications in smart mobile device, personal computing, communication infrastructure & data center, home & industrial Internet of Things (IoT), and automotive markets.

Investment Rationale

We rate GlobalFoundries Buy. As the #1 US-based foundry with no Taiwan or China footprint, GlobalFoundries is uniquely positioned to benefit from: (1) single-sourced wins and \$20bn in long-term agreements, (2) ability to deliver specialized, lagging-edge processes with lower capital intensity vs. leading edge development, (3) significant model leverage, (4) market share gains in \$70bn addressable market, (5) reduced cost of capital due to potential increase in government incentives.

Stock Data	
Average Daily Volume	1,257,498

	2022	2023
Q1	0.42A	0.52A
Q2	0.58A	0.53A
Q3	0.67A	0.55A
Q3	0.67A	

1.44A

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

0.59E

* For full definitions of *IQ*method SM measures, see page 12.

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Summary of model changes

Exhibit 1: Summary of changes to Sales and EPS estimates

We tweak FY23/24E EPS by +22c in FY23E to \$2.21, and by -12c to \$2.24 for FY24E

		Sales (\$mn)			Non-GAAP EPS			
	Old	NEW	delta	Old	NEW	delta		
Mar-23	\$1,841	\$1,841	\$0	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.00		
Jun-23	\$1,845	\$1,845	\$0	\$0.53	\$0.53	\$0.00		
Sep-23	\$1,848	\$1,852	\$4	\$0.50	\$0.55	\$0.05		
Dec-23E	\$1,863	\$1,852	(\$11)	\$0.43	\$0.59	\$0.16		
FY23E	\$7,397	\$7,390	(\$7)	\$2.00	\$2.21	\$0.22		
YoY%	-8.8%	-8.9%	-0.1%	-36.2%	-29.3%	10.9%		
Mar-24E	\$1,922	\$1,756	(\$167)	\$0.50	\$0.46	(\$0.03)		
Jun-24E	\$2,011	\$1,893	(\$118)	\$0.58	\$0.54	(\$0.04)		
Sep-24E	\$2,056	\$1,984	(\$71)	\$0.62	\$0.60	(\$0.02)		
Dec-24E	\$2,081	\$2,035	(\$46)	\$0.65	\$0.64	(\$0.01)		
FY24E	\$8,070	\$7,668	(\$402)	\$2.35	\$2.24	(\$0.12)		
YoY%	9.1%	3.8%	-5.0%	17.7%	1.0%	-4.9%		
Mar-25E	\$2,129	\$2,073	(\$56)	\$0.70	\$0.67	(\$0.03)		
Jun-25E	\$2,175	\$2,114	(\$62)	\$0.74	\$0.71	(\$0.03)		
Sep-25E	\$2,256	\$2,167	(\$89)	\$0.81	\$0.76	(\$0.05)		
Dec-25E	\$2,316	\$2,224	(\$92)	\$0.83	\$0.78	(\$0.05)		
FY25E	\$8,876	\$8,578	(\$298)	\$3.08	\$2.91	(\$0.17)		
YoY%	10.0%	11.9%	-3.4%	30.8%	30.2%	-5.4%		

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports

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Q3 reported vs. expectations

Exhibit 2: Summary of Q3 reported numbers vs. expectations GFS reported SepQ sales 0% ahead of consensus and EPS was 6c ahead

	Sep-22	Jun-23				Sep-23				
			Guidance	Consensus	BofA	Reported	Delta vs. Cons. (%)	Delta (\$)	QoQ	YoY
Sales (\$mn, Non-GAAP)	\$2,074	\$1,845	\$1847.5	\$1,850	\$1,848	\$1,852	0.1%	\$2	0.4%	-10.7%
QoQ%	4.1%	0.2%		0.2%	0.2%	0.4%				
YoY%	22.0%	-7.4%			-10.9%	-10.7%				
Wafer Shipments (000s)	637	573		574	565	575	0.2%	1	0.3%	-9.7%
Revenue Per Wafer (\$)	\$2,925	\$2,878		\$2,881	\$2,907	\$2,863	-0.6%	(\$19)	-0.5%	-2.1%
Automotive	\$95	\$245		\$272	\$270	\$303	11.6%	\$32	23.7%	218.9%
Comms Infrastructure and Data Center	\$368	\$211		\$220	\$186	\$156	-29.0%	(\$64)	-26.1%	-57.6%
Personal Computing	\$48	\$52		\$48	\$51	\$37	-22.8%	(\$11)	-28.8%	-22.9%
Home and Industrial IoT	\$398	\$358		\$344	\$365	\$371	7.9%	\$27	3.6%	-6.8%
Smart Mobile Devices	\$954	\$783		\$770	\$771	\$779	1.2%	\$9	-0.5%	-18.3%
Other & NWR	\$211	\$196		\$198	\$206	\$206	3.9%	\$8	5.1%	-2.4%
Gross Margin % (Non-GAAP)	29.9%	29.6%	28.3%	28.1%	28.3%	29.2%	112		(38)	(73)
Gross Profit (Non-GAAP)	\$621	\$546	\$522		523	\$541			-0.9%	-12.9%
R&D	\$124	\$106			111	\$108			1.9%	-12.9%
SG&A	\$129	\$132			139	\$143			8.3%	10.9%
Opex Total (Non-GAAP)	\$232	\$208		\$216	221	\$219	1.2%	\$3	5.3%	-5.6%
Op Inc (Non-GAAP)	\$389	\$338	\$302	\$303	302	\$322	6.2%	\$19	-4.7%	-17.2%
Op Margin % (Non-GAAP)	18.8%	18.3%	16.3%	16.4%	16.3%	17.4%	99		(93)	(137)
Pretax Income (Non-GAAP)	\$387	\$328			292	304			-7.3%	-21.4%
Tax expense (Non-GAAP)	(\$19)	(\$31)			(14)	4			-112.9%	NA
Tax rate (Non-GAAP)	4.9%	9.5%			4.8%	-1.3%			(1077)	NA
Net Income (Non-GAAP)	\$368	\$297	\$278		278	\$308			3.7%	-16.3%
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$0.67	\$0.53	\$0.50	\$0.49	\$0.50	\$0.55	12.4%	\$0.06	3.7%	-16.8%
Diluted Shares	553	556	556		556	556			0.0%	0.5%
Adjusted EBITDA	793	668		703	681	680			1.8%	-14.2%

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports, Bloomberg



Q4 guidance vs. expectations

Exhibit 3: Summary of Q4 guidance vs. expectationsGFS guided DecQ sales \$34mn/2% below Street, with EPS guided 8c above

	Sep-23	Dec-23E								
	Reported	BofA	Cons	Guidance	New BofA					
iales (\$mn)	\$1,852	\$1,863	\$1,884	\$1850 (\$1825-\$1875)	\$1,852					
QoQ%	0.4%	0.8%	2.0%		0.0%					
	-10.7%	-11.3%			-11.8%					
Vafer Shipments (000s)	575	559	594		565					
evenue Per Wafer (\$)	\$2,863	\$2,965	\$2,845		\$2,920					
utomotive	\$303	\$296	\$302		\$309					
omms Infrastructure and Data Center	\$156	\$178	\$226		\$153					
ersonal Computing	\$37	\$50	\$46		\$52					
lome and Industrial IoT	\$371	\$362	\$348		\$367					
mart Mobile Devices	\$779	\$771	\$768		\$767					
Other & NWR	\$206	\$206	\$199		\$204					
ross Margin % (Non-GAAP)	29.2%	28.5%	28.5%	28.3%	28.3%					
ross Profit (Non-GAAP)	\$541	531		\$523 (\$502-\$544)	\$524					
&D	\$108	115			\$103					
G&A	\$143	143			\$126					
pex Total (Non-GAAP)	\$219	229	\$223		\$167					
)p Inc (Non-GAAP)	\$322	302	\$313	\$358 (\$327-\$389)	\$357					
p Margin % (Non-GAAP)	17.4%	16.2%	16.6%	19.3%	19.3%					
Pretax Income (Non-GAAP)	\$304	272			347					
ax expense (Non-GAAP)	\$4	(33)			(21)					
ax rate (Non-GAAP)	-1.3%	12.0%			6.0%					
let Income (Non-GAAP)	\$308	239		\$327 (\$296-\$358)	\$326					
Piluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$0.55	\$0.43	\$0.51	\$0.585 (\$0.53-\$0.64)	\$0.59					
Oiluted Shares	556	556		557	557					
Adjusted EBITDA	680	684	728		732					

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports, Bloomberg

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Balance sheet, cash flow snapshot

Exhibit 4: Summary of Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement

GFS net cash position increased QoQ; Inventory dollars increased and days decreased QoQ

	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	QoQ%	YoY%
Total Cash	\$2,541	\$2,352	\$2,256	\$1,832	\$1,880		
ST Debt	\$244	\$223	\$205	\$221	\$199		
LT Debt	\$1,972	\$2,288	\$2,310	\$2,208	\$2,181		
Total Debt	\$2,216	\$2,511	\$2,515	\$2,429	\$2,380		
Net Cash	\$325	(\$159)	(\$259)	(\$597)	(\$500)		
Net Cash/Share	\$0.59	(\$0.29)	(\$0.47)	(\$1.07)	(\$0.90)	16.2%	-253.0%
DSO	51.3	64.4	64.1	60.8	69.0		
DPO	-	-	-	-	-		
Inventory \$	\$1,342	\$1,339	\$1,423	\$1,504	\$1,509	0.3%	12.4%
Inventory Days	83.4	82.4	97.7	104.2	103.8	-0.4%	24.4%
Cash Conversion days	134.7	146.8	161.7	165.0	172.8		
Cash Flow from Ops	\$679	\$491	\$479	\$546	\$416	-23.8%	-38.7%
Capex	(\$613)	(\$991)	(\$853)	(\$400)	(\$323)		
Free cash flow	\$66	(\$500)	(\$374)	\$146	\$93	-36.3%	40.9%
FCF as % of sales (ttm)	3.2%	-23.8%	-20.3%	7.9%	5.0%		

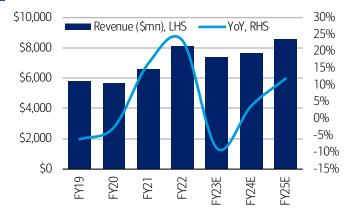
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Key charts

Exhibit 5: GFS annual revenue and YoY growth

We see revenue growing towards \$8bn+ by 2025E

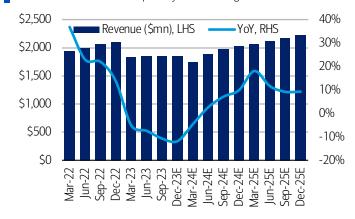


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Exhibit 6: GFS quarterly revenue and YoY growth

We see consistent 5-10%+ quarterly YoY revenue growth

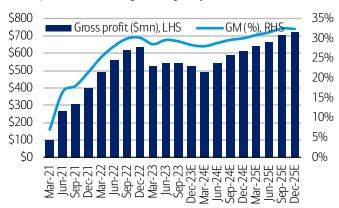


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Exhibit 7: GFS quarterly gross profit and gross margin %

We see path towards 30%+ gross margins by 2025E

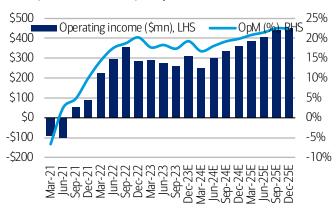


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Exhibit 8: GFS quarterly operating income and operating margin %

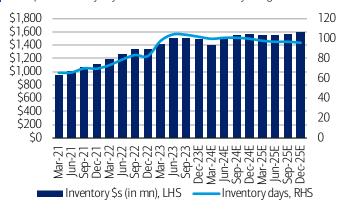
We see path towards 20%+ OpMs by 2025E



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Exhibit 9: GFS inventory dollars and days

We expect inventory days to remain in the 70-100 days range

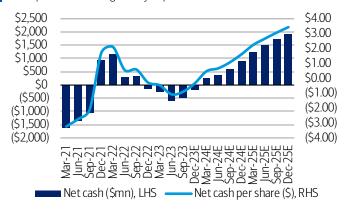


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Exhibit 10: GFS net cash and net cash per share

We expect net cash to gradually improve

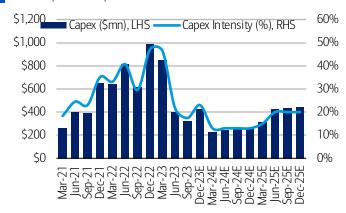


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Exhibit 11: GFS quarterly capex and YoY growth

We see a period of capex investment in 2022/2023E

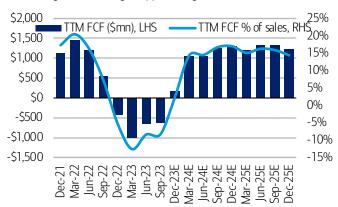


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Exhibit 12: GFS TTM FCF and FCF as a % of sales

We see long-term FCF margins approaching 15%



Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports



Exhibit 13: GFS – Income Statement GFS reported \$1.85bn in sales and 0.55c in EPS in SepQ



	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23E	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
FY (December)	Mar-22	Jun-22	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23E	Mar-24E	Jun-24E	Sep-24E	Dec-24E	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25
Revenues (Adj.)	\$1,940	\$1,993	\$2,074	\$2,101	\$1,841	\$1,845	\$1,852	\$1,852	\$1,756	\$1,893	\$1,984	\$2,035	\$7,390	\$7,668	\$8,578
QoQ	5%	3%	4%	1%	-12%	0%	0%	0%	-5%	8%	5%	3%	-9%	40/	120/
YoY	37%	23%	22%	14%	-5%	-7%	-11%	-12%	-5%	3%	7%	10%	-9%	4%	12%
Cost of Revenue	1,471	1,455	1,464	1,479	1,326	1,313	1,323	1,342	1,273	1,358	1,408	1,436	5,304	5,474	5,896
Gross Profit (GAAP)	469	538	610	622	515	532	529	510	482	535	577	600	2,086	2,193	2,682
Gross Profit (Non-GAAP)	490	559	621	633	525	546	541	524	492	545	588	611	2,136	2,235	2,729
R&D Expense	128	120	124	110	109	106	108	103	104	107	108	108	426	426	449
SG&A Expense	116	121	129	130	111	132	143	126	127	130	131	132	512	519	547
Total Opex (GAAP)	244	241	253	334	225	257	268	198	231	236	239	239	948	945	996
Total Opex (Non-GAAP)	211	209	232	208	199	208	219	167	198	203	206	206	793	813	856
Operating Income (GAAP)	225	297	357	288	290	275	261	312	251	299	338	360	1,138	1,248	1,686
Operating Income (Non-GAAP)	279	350	389	425	326	338	322	357	294	342	382	404	1,343	1,422	1,874
Interest Expense	(28)	(19)	(11)	(15)	1	-	3	(10)	3	3	3	3	(6)	12	-
Gain on Asset Sales & Other	10	16	9	403	(14)	(10)	(21)	-	-	-	-	-	(45)	-	-
Pretax Income (GAAP)	207	294	355	676	277	265	243	302	254	302	341	363	1,087	1,260	1,686
Pretax Income (Non-GAAP)	261	347	387	813	313	328	304	347	297	345	385	407	1,292	1,434	1,874
Net Income (GAAP)	179	264	336	668	254	237	249	281	216	257	291	310	1,021	1,074	1,443
Net Income (Non-GAAP)	232	317	368	800	290	297	308	326	258	300	335	354	1,231	1,248	1,630
Diluted EPS (GAAP)	\$0.33	\$0.48	\$0.61	\$1.21	\$0.46	\$0.43	\$0.45	\$0.50	\$0.39	\$0.46	\$0.52	\$0.56	\$1.84	\$1.92	\$2.58
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$0.42	\$0.58	\$0.67	\$1.44	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.55	\$0.59	\$0.46	\$0.54	\$0.60	\$0.64	\$2.21	\$2.24	\$2.91
Diluted Shares (GAAP)	549	550	553	554	555	556	556	557	558	558	558	558	556	558	560
Diluted Shares (Non-GAAP)	549	550	553	554	555	556	556	557	558	558	558	558	556	558	560
Margin Analysis (Non-GAAP)															
Gross Margin	25.3%	28.0%	29.9%	30.1%	28.5%	29.6%	29.2%	28.3%	28.0%	28.8%	29.6%	30.0%	28.9%	29.2%	31.8%
R&D (GAAP)	6.6%	6.0%	6.0%	5.2%	5.9%	5.7%	5.8%	5.5%	5.9%	5.6%	5.4%	5.3%	5.8%	5.6%	5.2%
SG&A (GAAP)	6.0%	6.1%	6.2%	6.2%	6.0%	7.2%	7.7%	6.8%	7.2%	6.8%	6.6%	6.5%	6.9%	6.8%	6.4%
Opex	10.9%	10.5%	11.2%	9.9%	10.8%	11.3%	11.8%	9.0%	11.3%	10.7%	10.4%	10.1%	10.7%	10.6%	10.0%
Operating Margin	14.4%	17.6%	18.8%	20.2%	17.7%	18.3%	17.4%	19.3%	16.7%	18.1%	19.2%	19.9%	18.2%	18.5%	21.8%
Tax rate	11.1%	8.6%	4.9%	1.6%	7.3%	9.5%	(1.3%)	6.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	4.7%	13.0%	13.0%
Net Income	12.0%	15.9%	17.7%	38.1%	15.8%	16.1%	16.6%	17.6%	14.7%	15.9%	16.9%	17.4%	16.7%	16.3%	19.0%

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports

Exhibit 14: GFS – Segment Model We expect revenue growth to be led by automotive sales growth

FY (December)	1Q22 Mar-22	2Q22 Jun-22	3Q22 Sep-22	4Q22 Dec-22	1Q23 Mar-23	2Q23 Jun-23	3Q23 Sep-23	4Q23E Dec-23E	1Q24E Mar-24E	2Q24E Jun-24E	3Q24E Sep-24E	4Q24E Dec-24E	FY23E Dec-23	FY24E Dec-24	FY25E Dec-25
Automotive	81	82	95	115	180	245	303	309	298	292	289	291	1,037	1,171	1,355
Comms Infrastructure and Data Center	327	342	368	386	352	211	156	153	150	184	211	217	872	762	828
Personal Computing	41	95	48	115	36	52	37	52	53	56	59	55	177	222	242
Home and Industrial IoT	323	346	398	416	344	358	371	367	358	372	402	422	1,440	1,555	1,788
Smart Mobile Devices	977	969	954	823	696	783	779	767	691	773	797	813	3,025	3,073	3,408
Other & NWR	191	159	211	246	233	196	206	204	206	215	226	237	839	885	956
Total Revenue	1,940	1,993	2,074	2,101	1,841	1,845	1,852	1,852	1,756	1,893	1,984	2,035	7,390	7,668	8,578
QoQ Change % Automotive Comms Infrastructure and Data Center Personal Computing Home and Industrial IoT Smart Mobile Devices Other & NWR Total Revenue															
YoY Change % Automotive Comms Infrastructure and Data Center Personal Computing Home and Industrial IoT Smart Mobile Devices Other & NWR Total Revenue													178% -39% -41% -3% -19% 4% -9%	13% -13% 26% 8% 2% 5% 4%	16% 9% 9% 15% 11% 8% 12%
% of Sales															
Automotive	4%	4%	5%	5%	10%	13%	16%	17%	17%	15%	15%	14%	14%	15%	16%
Comms Infrastructure and Data Center	17%	17%	18%	18%	19%	11%	8%	8%	9%	10%	11%	11%	12%	10%	10%
Personal Computing	2%	5%	2%	5%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Home and Industrial IoT	17%	17%	19%	20%	19%	19%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	21%	19%	20%	21%
Smart Mobile Devices	50%	49%	46%	39%	38%	42%	42%	41%	39%	41%	40%	40%	41%	40%	40%
Other & NWR	10%	8%	10%	12%	13%	11%	11%	11%	12%	11%	11%	12%	11%	12%	11%
Total Revenue	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports



Exhibit 15: GFS – Balance SheetWe expect an improvement in GFS' net cash position over time



FY (December)	1Q22 Mar-22	2Q22 Jun-22	3Q22 Sep-22	4Q22 Dec-22	1Q23 Mar-23	2Q23 Jun-23	3Q23 Sep-23	4Q23E Dec-23E	1Q24E Mar-24E	2Q24E Jun-24E	3Q24E Sep-24E	4Q24E Dec-24E	FY23E Dec-23	FY24E Dec-24	FY25E Dec-25
Assets		•				•				•					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,264	2,474	2,541	2,352	2,256	1,832	1,880	2,194	2,645	2,753	2,979	3,283	2,194	3,283	4,303
Other Current Assets	0	525	567	622	653	955	1,014	1,014	1,014	1,014	1,014	1,014	1,014	1,014	1,014
Receivables, Prepayments and Other Assets	1,210	1,247	1,169	1,487	1,296	1,232	1,404	1,404	1,331	1,435	1,504	1,543	1,404	1,543	1,686
Inventories	1,185	1,262	1,342	1,339	1,423	1,504	1,509	1,501	1,397	1,504	1,559	1,574	1,501	1,574	1,597
Total current assets	5,659	5,508	5,619	5,800	5,628	5,523	5,807	6,113	6,387	6,706	7,056	7,414	6,113	7,414	8,600
Other Noncurrent Assets	733	963	1,069	1,153	1,087	1,258	1,192	1,192	1,192	1,192	1,192	1,192	1,192	1,192	1,192
Deferred Tax Assets	337	313	302	292	271	245	251	776	771	766	761	756	776	756	736
Property, Plant, and Equipment	9,173	9,410	10,218	10,596	10,829	10,789	10,594	10,654	10,562	10,462	10,358	10,250	10,654	10,250	10,425
Goodwill and Intagible Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	15,902	16,194	17,208	17,841	17,815	17,815	17,844	18,735	18,911	19,126	19,366	19,613	18,735	19,613	20,953
Liabilities & Equity															
Trade and Other Payables	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	75	93	95	0	95	200
Other Current Liabilities	3,039	3,051	3,628	3,136	2,690	2,569	2,549	2,549	2,549	2,549	2,549	2,549	2,549	2,549	2,549
Current Portion of Lease Obligation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	68	68	68	0	68	68
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	281	262	244	223	205	221	199	199	199	199	199	199	199	199	199
Total current liabilities	3,320	3,313	3,872	3,359	2,895	2,790	2,748	2,748	2,858	2,891	2,909	2,911	2,748	2,911	3,016
Other Non-current liabilities	2,413	2,315	2,283	2,234	2,303	2,243	2,084	2,129	2,172	2,215	2,259	2,303	2,129	2,303	2,490
Noncurrent Deferred Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-66	-132	-197	-263	0	-263	-526
Noncurrent Portion of Lease Obligation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	666	666	666	666	0	666	666
Noncurrent Portion of Long-term Debt	1,830	1,908	1,972	2,288	2,310	2,208	2,181	2,181	2,181	2,181	2,181	2,181	2,181	2,181	2,181
Total Liabilities	7,563	7,536	8,127	7,881	7,508	7,241	7,013	7,058	7,811	7,821	7,818	7,798	7,058	7,798	7,827
Total Equity	8,339	8,658 16,194	9,081 17,208	9,960	10,307	10,574 17,815	10,831 17,844	11,677 18,735	11,100	11,305 19,126	11,549	11,815 19,613	11,677	11,815	13,125 20,953
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	15,902	10,194	17,206	17,841	17,815	17,015	17,044	16,/33	18,911	19,120	19,366	19,613	18,735	19,613	20,955
Cash and Liquidity Ratios	2.264	2.474	2.541	2.252	2.256	1.000	1.000	2.104	2.645	2.752	2.070	2 202	2.104	2 202	4 202
Total Cash	3,264	2,474	2,541	2,352	2,256	1,832	1,880	2,194	2,645	2,753	2,979	3,283	2,194	3,283	4,303
Short-term debt	281	262	244	223	205	221	199	199	199	199	199	199	199	199	199
Long-term debt Total debt	1,830 2,111	1,908 2,170	1,972 2,216	2,288 2,511	2,310 2,515	2,208 2,429	2,181 2,380	2,181 2,380	2,181 2,380	2,181 2,380	2,181 2.380	2,181 2,380	2,181 2,380	2,181 2,380	2,181 2,380
Net Cash	1,153	304	325	(159)	(259)	(597)	(500)	(186)	2,360	373	2,360 599	903	(186)	903	1,923
Net Cash/dil. share	2.10	0.55	0.59	(0.29)	(0.47)	(1.07)	(0.90)	(0.33)	0.48	0.67	1.07	1.62	(0.33)	1.62	3.43
Net Casil/ull. Share	2.10	0.55	0.55	(0.23)	(0.47)	(1.07)	(0.30)	(0.55)	0.40	0.07	1.07	1.02	(0.55)	1.02	3.43
Cash conversion ratios	56.0	56.0	F1.0	c	643	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0			
Days Sales Outstanding (DSO)	56.8	56.9	51.3	64.4	64.1	60.8	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0	69.0			
Payable Days (DPO)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	6.0			
Inventory Days (DIO)	73.3	78.9	83.4	82.4	97.7	104.2	103.8	101.8	99.8	100.8	100.8	99.8			
Cash Conversion Days	130.1	135.9	134.7	146.8	161.7	165.0	172.8	170.8	171.8	174.8	175.8	174.8			ļ

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports

Exhibit 16: GFS – Statement of Cash Flow We expect a large capex decline in 2024E

FY (December)	1Q22 Mar-22	2Q22 Jun-22	3Q22 Sep-22	4Q22 Dec-22	1Q23 Mar-23	2Q23 Jun-23	3Q23 Sep-23	4Q23E Dec-23E	1Q24E Mar-24E	2Q24E Jun-24E	3Q24E Sep-24E	4Q24E Dec-24E	FY23E Dec-23	FY24E Dec-24	FY25E Dec-25	
Operating Activities																
Net Income (Loss)	179	264	336	668	254	237	249	281	216	257	291	310	1,021	1,074	1,443	
Depreciation & Amortization	408	411	395	409	343	340	366	366	321	346	362	372	1,415	1,400	1,438	
Stock Compensation Expense	54	53	32	43	31	44	44	45	43	43	44	44	164	174	187	
Gain on Sale of Assets	0	0	0	(403)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Finance Expense	28	19	11	15	(1)	0	(3)	10	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	6	(12)	0	
Other Adjustments	(31)	(59)	(69)	(15)	35	(8)	(18)	21	39	45	50	53	30	186	244	
Change in assets and liabilities:																
Change in working capital	189	(101)	(37)	(226)	(205)	(91)	(218)	8	220	(179)	(106)	(52)	(506)	(117)	(60)	
Customer advance funding - receivables	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	0	25	25	
Customer advance funding - payables	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	0	(288)	(288)	
Interest Paid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	0	(120)	(120)	
Income Tax Paid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	0	(20)	(20)	
Cash From Operations	844	609	679	491	479	546	416	731	734	408	538	623	2,172	2,302	2,848	
Investing Activities																
Purchase of Property, Plant, Equipment	(643)	(812)	(613)	(991)	(853)	(400)	(323)	(426)	(228)	(246)	(258)	(265)	(2,002)	(997)	(1,612)	
Advances and Proceeds from Sale of Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Adjustments	4	(792)	(151)	(60)	267	(488)	10	10	0	0	0	0	(201)	0	0	
Cash From Investing	(639)	(1,604)	(764)	(1,051)	(586)	(888)	(313)	(416)	(228)	(246)	(258)	(265)	(2,203)	(997)	(1,612)	
Financing Activities																
Proceeds/Repayment of Shareholder Loan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Proceeds/Repayment of Debt	107	124	95	255	(30)	(87)	(54)	0	0	0	0	0	(171)	0	0	
Repayment of Lease Obligation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	0	(37)	(37)	
Proceeds from Government Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	7	7	0	28	28	
Non-Controlling Interest & Other	11	83	62	105	40	5	1	1	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	47	(199)	(199)	
IPO Proceeds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cash From Financing	118	207	157	360	10	(82)	(53)	1	(52)	(52)	(52)	(52)	(124)	(208)	(208)	
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes	1	(2)	(5)	11	1	0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(8)	(8)	
Net Change in Cash/Eqv.	325	(790)	67	(189)	(96)	(424)	48	314	451	108	226	305	(158)	1,090	1,020	
Cash/Eqv. at beginning of period	2,939	3,264	2,474	2,541	2,352	2,256	1,832	1,880	2,194	2,645	2,753	2,979	2,285	2,127	3,216	
Cash/Eqv. at end of period	3,264	2,474	2,541	2,352	2,256	1,832	1,880	2,194	2,645	2,753	2,979	3,283	2,127	3,216	4,236	
Free Cash Flow	201	(203)	66	(500)	(374)	146	93	305	505	162	280	359	170	1,306	1,236	
TTM FCF	426	132	683	1,141	1,455	1,214	563	(436)	(1,011)	(662)	(635)	170				
TTM FCF Margin	8.7%	2.5%	11.8%	17.3%	20.5%	16.2%	7.2%	(5.4%)	(12.6%)	(8.4%)	(8.3%)	2.3%	2.3%	17.0%	14.4%	

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports



Price objective basis & risk

GlobalFoundries (GFS)

Our PO of \$70 is based on 14x our CY24E EV/EBITDA, which is above Asian pure-play foundry peers at 4-8x but in line with US-based integrated design/manufacturing peers at 8-14x.

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	Axcelis Technologies	ACLS	ACLS US	Duksan Jang
	Broadcom Inc	AVGO	AVGO US	Vivek Arya
	Cadence	CDNS	CDNS US	Vivek Arya
	Camtek	CAMT	CAMT US	Vivek Arya
	GlobalFoundries	GFS	GFS US	Vivek Arya
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	Micron Technology, Inc	MU	MU US	Vivek Arya
	Teradyne	TER	TER US	Vivek Arya
	Texas Instruments Inc.	TXN	TXN US	Vivek Arya
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	Credo Technology	CRDO	CRDO US	Vivek Arya
	Intel	INTC	INTC US	Vivek Arya
	Lumentum Holdings	LITE	LITE US	Vivek Arya
	Qorvo Inc.	QRVO	QRVO US	Vivek Arya
	Skyworks Solutions, Inc.	SWKS	SWKS US	Vivek Arya
	Wolfspeed Inc	WOLF	WOLF US	Vivek Arya
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Business Performance Return On Capital Employed	Numerator NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) × (1 — Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Denominator Total Assets – Current Liabilities +ST Debt +Accumulated Goodwill Amortization
Return On Equity Operating Margin Earnings Growth	Net Income Operating Profit Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	Shareholders' Equity Sales N/A
Free Cash Flow Quality of Earnings	Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex Numerator	N/A Denominator
Cash Realization Ratio Asset Replacement Ratio Tax Rate Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio Interest Cover	Cash Flow From Operations Capex Tax Charge Net Debt = Total Debt — Cash & Equivalents EBIT	Net Income Depreciation Pre-Tax Income Total Equity Interest Expense
Valuation Toolkit Price / Earnings Ratio Price / Book Value Dividend Yield Free Cash Flow Yield Enterprise Value / Sales	Numerator Current Share Price Current Share Price Annualised Declared Cash Dividend Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt + Other LT Liabilities	Denominator Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified) Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares Current Share Price Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares Sales

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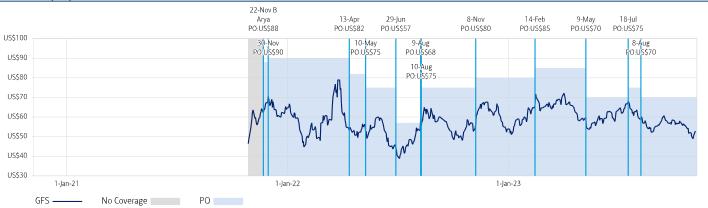
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Equity Investment Rating Distribution: Technology Group (as of 30 Sep 2023)

Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
Buy	204	51.52%	Buy	104	50.98%
Hold	95	23.99%	Hold	45	47.37%
Sell	97	24.49%	Sell	27	27.84%

Equity Investment Rating Distribution: Global Group (as of 30 Sep 2023)

Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships ^{R1}	Count	Percent
Buy	1869	53.48%	Buy	1046	55.97%
Hold	828	23.69%	Hold	461	55.68%
Sell	798	22.83%	Sell	370	46.37%

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