

GlobalFoundries

Closer to trough, but recovery muted, FCF improving

Reiterate Rating: NEUTRAL | PO: 62.00 USD | Price: 54.66 USD

Recovery pushed out, though cash flows on track

Q4 sales/pf-EPS 0%/10% better on LTA cancellation fee (\$79mn) and one-time tax credit benefit (\$46mn), but Q1 guides 14%/50% below on continued mobile/IoT/comms infra weaknesses. Overall, channel inventory remains elevated for longer and should impact GFS sales into 1H'24, before a potential recovery in 2H. Particularly, Comms Infra could remain weak on ongoing customer migration to leading-edge process nodes (TSMC), while GFS shifts focus to mature node auto and mobile applications. Despite the prolonged correction, auto could continue to grow YoY in CY24E on content gains, and mobile should return to YoY growth on mix shift toward more premium handsets (increased 5G adoption in second-tier devices). Moreover, utilization should start to recover from the current low-/mid-70% back to 80-90% range, paving way for a solid GM recovery throughout 2H'24/CY25E (every 5pts of utilization equals 2pts of GMs). Overall, we lower CY24/25E sales by -11%/-9% and pf-EPS by -39%/-34% to \$1.30/\$1.79 as the recovery is essentially pushed out. However, we highlight our CY24/25E FCF remain relatively healthy at \$1.2/\$1.0bn (vs. \$1.4/1.1bn prior). Reiterate Neutral and lower PO to \$62 from \$65 prior, now on 13x CY25E EV/EBITDA from 12x prior on nearing trough earnings, but still within the historical 7x-16x range.

Likes: Cash flows, ITC, Mobile bottoming

(1) Despite the ongoing demand headwinds, GFS posted positive FCF for the third consecutive quarter in Q4 and expects further growth in CY24E. This is driven by a lower capex run-rate of \$700mn (vs. \$1.8bn/\$3.0bn in CY22/23). (2) GFS benefitted \$46mn from CHIPS Act investment tax credit (ITC) in CY23 and expects continued benefits throughout the life of the program. (3) Smart Mobile Devices should see its first YoY growth in Q1 on improving customer inventories/mix and easier comps.

Risks: Utilization, gross margins, tax increases

(1) On continued high customer inventories, Q1 sales were guided to -18% QoQ. This should result in further lower utilization at low-/mid-70% in Q1, following low-/mid-80% range in CY23 and near-100% in CY22. Every 5 points of utilization translates to 2 points of gross margins. (2) On low Q1 utilization and volume bases, our CY24 GM estimate is now 26.3%, down 280bps YoY. Mobile/consumer inventory levels remain elevated and should pressure GMs throughout first half of CY24. (3) Following various benefits through CY23, taxes should increase to low-/mid-teens rate going forward.

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS	3.13	2.28	1.30	1.79	2.15
GAAP EPS	2.62	1.83	0.94	1.42	1.76
EPS Change (YoY)	NM	-27.2%	-43.0%	37.7%	20.1%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			2.26	3.14	4.19
DPS	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	17.8x	24.5x	42.9x	31.2x	26.0x
GAAP P/E	21.3x	30.5x	59.4x	39.3x	31.7x
EV / EBITDA*	10.4x	11.7x	14.4x	12.1x	10.9x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	-1.6%	1.0%	4.0%	3.3%	2.8%
* For full definitions of <i>IQ</i> method SM measures, see page 12.					

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Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	65.00	62.00
2024E Rev (m)	7,408.9	6,593.1
2025E Rev (m)	8,157.6	7,392.9
2026E Rev (m)	8,834.0	8,004.1
2024E EPS	2.12	1.30
2025E EPS	2.70	1.79
2026E EPS	3.10	2.15

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Stock Data

Price	54.66 USD
Price Objective	62.00 USD
Date Established	13-Feb-2024
Investment Opinion	C-2-9
52-Week Range	48.12 USD - 72.50 USD
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	30,238 USD / 553.2
(mn)	
Free Float	15.1%
Average Daily Value (mn)	83.25 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	GFS / NAS
Bloomberg / Reuters	GFS US / GFS.OQ
ROE (2024E)	6.6%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2023A)	-0.1%
ESGMeter™	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

OFM – Original Equipment Manufacturer

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iQmethod [™] – Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Return on Capital Employed	9.7%	8.2%	4.9%	6.6%	7.5%
Return on Equity	19.2%	12.0%	6.6%	8.9%	9.99
Operating Margin	89.4%	89.4%	86.6%	87.0%	87.59
Free Cash Flow	(487)	321	1,231	1,028	879
<i>iQ</i> method [™] – Quality of Earnings*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash Realization Ratio	1.5x	1.7x	2.7x	2.1x	2.0
Asset Replacement Ratio	1.9x	1.2x	0.6x	0.8x	1.1
Tax Rate	NM	NM	NM	NM	NN
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	1.6%	-0.1%	-11.5%	-19.6%	-24.99
Interest Cover	19.8x	NA	NM	NA	N
Income Statement Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Sales	8,108	7,392	6,593	7,393	8,00
% Change	23.1%	-8.8%	-10.8%	12.1%	8.39
Gross Profit	2,303	2,149	1,732	2,145	2,43
% Change	115.4%	-6.7%	-19.4%	23.9%	13.39
EBITDA	3,096	2,763	2,237	2,662	2,94
% Change	68.0%	-10.8%	-19.0%	19.0%	10.69
Net Interest & Other Income	(73)	0	(8)	0	(
Net Income (Adjusted)	1,727	1,265	728	1,008	1,21
% Change	NM	-26.8%	-42.4%	38.4%	20.79
US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	1,447	1,018	525	799	99
Depreciation & Amortization	1,623	1,451	1,319	1,405	1,44
Change in Working Capital	(176)	(538)	(208)	(453)	(392
Deferred Taxation Charge	NA (222)	NA 104	NA 221	NA	N.
Other Adjustments, Net	(322)	194	321	386	43
Capital Expenditure	(3,059)	(1,804)	(725)	(1,109)	(1,601
Free Cash Flow	-487	321	1,231	1,028	879
% Change	NM	NM	283.6%	-16.5%	-14.59
Share / Issue Repurchase	0	0	0	0	1
Cost of Dividends Paid Change in Debt	581	(259)	(9)	(9)	(9
Change in Debt	301	(233)	(5)	(5)	(2
Balance Sheet Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash & Equivalents	2,352	2,387	3,629	4,669	5,558
Trade Receivables	1,487	1,420	1,377	1,491	1,58
Other Current Assets	1,961	2,520	2,454	2,486	2,48
Property, Plant & Equipment	10,596	10,164	9,571	9,275	9,43
Other Non-Current Assets	1,445	1,553	1,533	1,513	1,49
Total Assets	17,841	18,044	18,564	19,434	20,55
Short-Term Debt	223	571	571	571	57
Other Current Liabilities	3,136	2,528	2,681	2,778	2,88
Long-Term Debt	2,288	1,801	1,801	1,801	1,80
Other Non-Current Liabilities	2,234	1,993	2,599	2,545	2,50
Total Liabilities	7,881	6,893	7,652	7,695	7,75
Total Equity	9,960	11,151	10,911	11,739	12,80
Total Equity & Liabilities	17,841	18,044	18,564	19,434	20,556

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 Neutral. As the #1 US-based foundry with no Taiwan or China footprint, GlobalFoundries is uniquely positioned to benefit from growing focus on reshoring capacity, and has the ability to deliver specialized, lagging-edge processes with lower capital intensity vs. leading edge development. However, we note elevated smartphone, auto, and industrial inventories could impact utilization/revenue for the foreseeable future.

Stock Data

Average Daily Volume

1,523,015

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

	2023	2024
Q1	0.52A	0.23E
Q2	0.53A	0.24E
Q3	0.55A	0.39E
Q4	0.64A	0.44E

Summary of model changes

Exhibit 1: Summary of changes to Sales and EPS estimates

We tweak FY24/25E EPS by -39%/-34% to \$1.30/\$1.79

		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	\$1,852	\$1,852	\$0	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.00
Dec-23	\$1,852	\$1,854	\$2	\$0.59	\$0.64	\$0.05
FY23	\$7,390	\$7,392	\$2	\$2.21	\$2.28	\$0.06
YoY%	-8.9%	-8.8%	0.0%	-29.3%	-27.3%	2.7%
Max 245	\$1,753	¢1.F20	/¢222\	\$0.46	ć0.22	(¢0.22)
Mar-24E		\$1,520	(\$233)		\$0.23	(\$0.23)
Jun-24E	\$1,811	\$1,539	(\$272)	\$0.50	\$0.24	(\$0.26)
Sep-24E	\$1,913	\$1,737	(\$176)	\$0.57	\$0.39	(\$0.18)
Dec-24E	\$1,932	\$1,798	(\$134)	\$0.59	\$0.44	(\$0.15)
FY24E	\$7,409	\$6,593	(\$816)	\$2.12	\$1.30	(\$0.82)
YoY%	0.3%	-10.8%	-11.0%	-4.4%	-42.9%	-38.7%
Mar-25E	\$1,969	\$1,744	(\$226)	\$0.62	\$0.39	(\$0.23)
Jun-25E	\$2,011	\$1,788	(\$223)	\$0.66	\$0.41	(\$0.24)
Sep-25E	\$2,062	\$1,915	(\$147)	\$0.70	\$0.49	(\$0.22)
Dec-25E	\$2,116	\$1,947	(\$169)	\$0.72	\$0.50	(\$0.22)
FY25E	\$8,158	\$7,393	(\$765)	\$2.70	\$1.79	(\$0.91)
YoY%	10.1%	12.1%	-9.4%	27.7%	37.9%	-33.8%

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports

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Q4 reported vs. expectations

Exhibit 2: Summary of Q4 reported numbers vs. expectations

GFS reported DecQ sales 0% ahead of consensus and EPS was 6c ahead

	Dec-22	Sep-23				Dec-23				
		·	Guidance	Consensus	BofA	Reported	Delta vs. Cons. (%)	Delta vs. Cons. (\$)	QoQ	YoY
Sales (\$mn, Non-GAAP)	\$2,101	\$1,852	\$1850	\$1,851	\$1,852	\$1,854	0.2%	\$3	0.1%	-11.8%
QoQ%	1.3%	0.4%		-0.1%	0.0%	0.1%				
YoY%	13.8%	-10.7%			-11.8%	-11.8%				
Wafer Shipments (000s)	580	575		584	565	552	-5.4%	(32)	-4.0%	-4.8%
Revenue Per Wafer (\$)	\$4,114	\$3,572		\$2,822	\$2,920	\$3,694	30.9%	\$872	3.4%	-10.2%
Automotive	\$115	\$303		\$313	\$309	\$318	1.7%	\$5	5.0%	176.5%
Comms Infrastructure and Data Center	\$386	\$156		\$150	\$153	\$144	-3.8%	(\$6)	-7.7%	-62.7%
Personal Computing	\$531	\$408		\$41	\$52	\$406	883.1%	\$365	-0.5%	-23.5%
Home and Industrial IoT	\$115	\$37		\$375	\$367	\$84	-77.6%	(\$291)	127.0%	-27.0%
Smart Mobile Devices	\$416	\$371		\$769	\$767	\$322	-58.1%	(\$447)	-13.2%	-22.6%
Other & NWR	\$823	\$779		\$204	\$204	\$765	275.6%	\$561	-1.8%	-7.0%
Gross Margin % (Non-GAAP)	30.1%	29.2%	28.3%	28.3%	28.3%	29.0%	71		(25)	(116)
Gross Profit (Non-GAAP)	\$633	\$541	\$523		524	\$537			-0.7%	-15.2%
R&D	\$110	\$108			103	\$105			-2.8%	-4.5%
SG&A	\$130	\$143			126	\$87			-39.2%	-33.1%
Opex Total (Non-GAAP)	\$208	\$219		\$171	167	\$154	-9.8%	(\$17)	-29.7%	-26.0%
Op Inc (Non-GAAP)	\$425	\$322	\$358	\$352	357	\$383	8.7%	\$31	18.9%	-9.9%
Op Margin % (Non-GAAP)	20.2%	17.4%	19.3%	19.0%	19.3%	20.7%	163		327	43
Pretax Income (Non-GAAP)	\$813	\$304			347	379			24.7%	-53.4%
Tax expense (Non-GAAP)	(\$13)	\$4			(21)	(23)			-675.0%	NA
Tax rate (Non-GAAP)	1.6%	-1.3%			6.0%	6.1%			738	NA
Net Income (Non-GAAP)	\$800	\$308	\$327		326	\$356			15.6%	-55.5%
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$1.44	\$0.55	\$0.585	\$0.58	\$0.59	\$0.64	9.6%	\$0.06	15.4%	-55.7%
Diluted Shares	554	556	557		557	557			0.2%	0.5%
Adjusted EBITDA	821	667		732	732	773			15.9%	-5.8%

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports, Bloomberg



Q1 guidance vs. expectations

Exhibit 3: Summary of Q1 guidance vs. expectations

GFS guided MarQ sales \$163mn/14% below Street, with EPS guided 23c below

	Dec-23			Mar-24E	
	Reported	BofA	Cons	Guidance	New BofA
Sales (\$mn)	\$1,854	\$1,753	\$1,763	\$1520 (\$1500-\$1540)	\$1,520
QoQ%	0.1%	-5.3%	-4.8%		-18.0%
	-11.8%	-4.8%			-17.4%
Wafer Shipments (000s)	552	530	559		366
Revenue Per Wafer (\$)	\$3,694	\$2,920	\$2,812		\$3,694
Automotive	\$318	\$300	\$312		\$270
Comms Infrastructure and Data Center	\$144	\$150	\$149		\$108
Personal Computing	\$406	\$53	\$39		\$256
Home and Industrial IoT	\$84	\$358	\$352		\$0
Smart Mobile Devices	\$322	\$687	\$721		\$0
Other & NWR	\$765	\$206	\$202		\$719
Gross Margin % (Non-GAAP)	29.0%	28.0%	27.2%	24.0%	24.0%
Gross Profit (Non-GAAP)	\$537	491		\$365 (\$345-\$385)	\$365
R&D	\$105	104			\$114
SG&A	\$87	127			\$141
Opex Total (Non-GAAP)	\$154	198	\$204		\$215
Op Inc (Non-GAAP)	\$383	293	\$276	\$150 (\$120-\$180)	\$150
Op Margin % (Non-GAAP)	20.7%	16.7%	15.7%	9.9%	9.9%
Pretax Income (Non-GAAP)	\$379	296			142
Гах expense (Non-GAAP)	(\$23)	(39)			(14)
Гах rate (Non-GAAP)	6.1%	13.0%			10.0%
Net Income (Non-GAAP)	\$356	258		\$128 (\$100-\$156)	\$128
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$0.64	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.23 (\$0.18-\$0.28)	\$0.23
Diluted Shares	557	558		561	561
Adjusted EBITDA	773	623	658		472

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 decreased and days decreased QoQ

	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	QoQ%	YoY%
Total Cash	\$2,352	\$2,256	\$1,832	\$1,880	\$2,387		
ST Debt	\$223	\$205	\$221	\$199	\$571		
LT Debt	\$2,288	\$2,310	\$2,208	\$2,181	\$1,801		
Total Debt	\$2,511	\$2,515	\$2,429	\$2,380	\$2,372		
Net Cash	(\$159)	(\$259)	(\$597)	(\$500)	\$15		
Net Cash/Share	(\$0.29)	(\$0.47)	(\$1.07)	(\$0.90)	\$0.03	103.0%	109.4%
DSO	64.4	64.1	60.8	69.0	69.7		
DPO	-	-	-	-	-		
Inventory \$	\$1,339	\$1,423	\$1,504	\$1,509	\$1,487	-1.5%	11.1%
Inventory Days	82.4	97.7	104.2	103.8	101.8	-1.9%	23.6%
Cash Conversion days	146.8	161.7	165.0	172.8	171.5		
Cash Flow from Ops	\$491	\$479	\$546	\$416	\$684	64.4%	39.3%
Capex	(\$991)	(\$853)	(\$400)	(\$323)	(\$228)		
Free cash flow	(\$500)	(\$374)	\$146	\$93	\$456	390.3%	191.2%
FCF as % of sales (ttm)	-23.8%	-20.3%	7.9%	5.0%	24.6%		

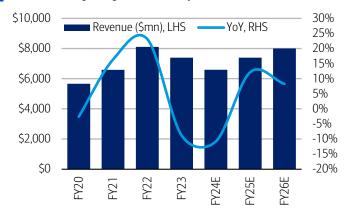
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Key charts

Exhibit 5: GFS annual revenue and YoY growth

We see revenue growing towards \$8bn by 2026E

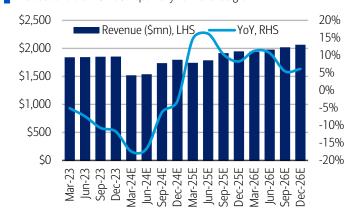


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Exhibit 6: GFS quarterly revenue and YoY growth

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

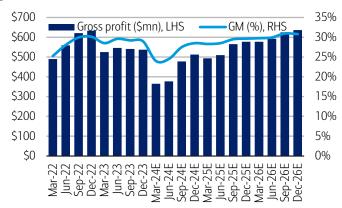


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Exhibit 7: GFS quarterly gross profit and gross margin %

We see path towards 30%+ gross margins by 2026E

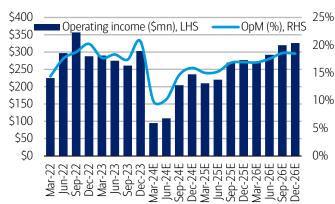


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Exhibit 8: GFS quarterly operating income and operating margin %

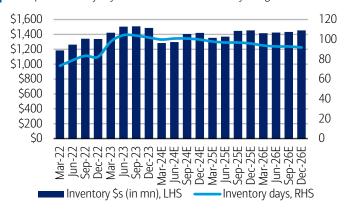
We see path towards 20% OpMs by 2026E



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Exhibit 9: GFS inventory dollars and days

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

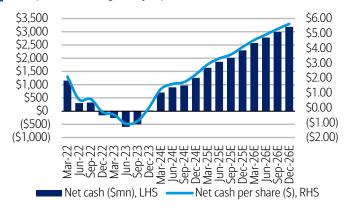


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Exhibit 10: GFS net cash and net cash per share

We expect net cash to gradually improve

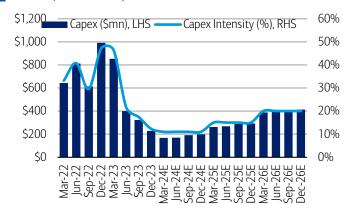


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Exhibit 11: GFS quarterly capex and YoY growth

We see a period of low capex investment in 2024/2025E

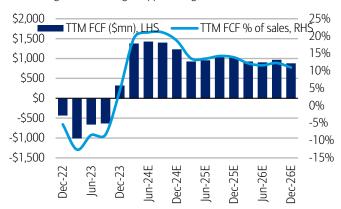


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Exhibit 12: GFS TTM FCF and FCF as a % of sales

We see long-term FCF margins approaching 10%+



Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports

Exhibit 13: GFS – Income StatementGFS reported \$1.85bn in sales and 0.64c in EPS in DecQ

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	1Q25E	2Q25E	3Q25E	4Q25E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	
FY (December)	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24E	Jun-24E	Sep-24E	Dec-24E	Mar-25E	Jun-25E	Sep-25E	Dec-25E	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25	
Revenues (Adj.)	\$1,841	\$1,845	\$1,852	\$1,854	\$1,520	\$1,539	\$1,737	\$1,798	\$1,744	\$1,788	\$1,915	\$1,947	\$7,392	\$6,593	\$7,393	
QoQ	-12%	0%	0%	0%	-18%	1%	13%	4%	-3%	3%	7%	2%				
YoY	-5%	-7%	-11%	-12%	-17%	-17%	-6%	-3%	15%	16%	10%	8%	-9%	-11%	12%	
Cost of Revenue	1,326	1,313	1,323	1,329	1,170	1,170	1,269	1,295	1,260	1,288	1,361	1,380	5,291	4,904	5,289	
Gross Profit (GAAP)	515	532	529	525	350	369	468	502	484	500	554	566	2,101	1,689	2,104	
Gross Profit (Non-GAAP)	525	546	541	537	365	377	478	512	493	509	565	577	2,149	1,732	2,145	
R&D Expense	109	106	108	105	114	116	119	121	122	125	127	130	428	470	503	
SG&A Expense	111	132	143	87	141	144	145	146	152	155	158	160	473	576	624	
Total Opex (GAAP)	225	257	268	222	255	260	264	267	274	279	285	290	972	1,045	1,128	
Total Opex (Non-GAAP)	199	208	219	154	215	220	224	227	232	237	243	248	780	885	960	
Operating Income (GAAP)	290	275	261	303	95	109	204	236	210	220	269	277	1,129	643	977	
Operating Income (Non-GAAP)	326	338	322	383	150	157	254	286	262	272	322	330	1,369	846	1,185	
Interest Expense	1	-	3	(4)	(8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8)	-	
Gain on Asset Sales & Other	(14)	(10)	(21)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(45)	-	-	
Pretax Income (GAAP)	277	265	243	299	87	109	204	236	210	220	269	277	1,084	635	977	
Pretax Income (Non-GAAP)	313	328	304	379	142	157	254	286	262	272	322	330	1,324	838	1,185	
Net Income (GAAP)	254	237	249	278	73	88	169	196	171	179	221	227	1,018	525	799	
Net Income (Non-GAAP)	290	297	308	356	128	137	218	246	222	231	274	280	1,265	728	1,008	
Diluted EPS (GAAP)	\$0.46	\$0.43	\$0.45	\$0.50	\$0.13	\$0.16	\$0.30	\$0.35	\$0.30	\$0.32	\$0.39	\$0.40	\$1.83	\$0.94	\$1.42	
Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.55	\$0.64	\$0.23	\$0.24	\$0.39	\$0.44	\$0.39	\$0.41	\$0.49	\$0.50	\$2.28	\$1.30	\$1.79	
Diluted Shares (GAAP)	555	556	556	557	561	561	561	561	563	563	563	563	556	561	563	
Diluted Shares (Non-GAAP)	555	556	556	557	561	561	561	561	563	563	563	563	556	561	563	
Margin Analysis (Non-GAAP)																
Gross Margin	28.5%	29.6%	29.2%	29.0%	24.0%	24.5%	27.5%	28.5%	28.3%	28.5%	29.5%	29.7%	29.1%	26.3%	29.0%	
R&D (GAAP)	5.9%	5.7%	5.8%	5.7%	7.5%	7.6%	6.8%	6.7%	7.0%	7.0%	6.6%	6.7%	5.8%	7.1%	6.8%	
SG&A (GAAP)	6.0%	7.2%	7.7%	4.7%	9.3%	9.3%	8.4%	8.1%	8.7%	8.7%	8.2%	8.2%	6.4%	8.7%	8.4%	
Opex	10.8%	11.3%	11.8%	8.3%	14.1%	14.3%	12.9%	12.6%	13.3%	13.3%	12.7%	12.7%	10.6%	13.4%	13.0%	
Operating Margin	17.7%	18.3%	17.4%	20.7%	9.9%	10.2%	14.6%	15.9%	15.0%	15.2%	16.8%	16.9%	18.5%	12.8%	16.0%	
Tax rate	7.3%	9.5%	(1.3%)	6.1%	10.0%	13.0%	14.0%	14.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	4.5%	13.1%	15.0%	
Net Income	15.8%	16.1%	16.6%	19.2%	8.4%	8.9%	12.6%	13.7%	12.8%	12.9%	14.3%	14.4%	17.1%	11.0%	13.6%	ı
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Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports

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

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	1Q25E	2Q25E	3Q25E	4Q25E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	ł
FY (December)	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24E	Jun-24E	Sep-24E	Dec-24E	Mar-25E	Jun-25E	Sep-25E	Dec-25E	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25	_
Automotive	180	245	303	318	270	274	294	308	319	329	345	355	1,046	1,146	1,348	l
Comms Infrastructure and Data Center	352	211	156	144	108	103	118	130	123	124	128	129	863	458	504	l
Personal Computing	36	52	37	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209	0	0	l
Home and Industrial IoT	344	358	371	322	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,395	0	0	l
Smart Mobile Devices	696	783	779	765	719	726	828	816	775	806	902	911	3,023	3,089	3,394	l
Other & NWR	233	196	206	221	167	167	180	189	189	185	189	195	856	703	759	l
Total Revenue	1,841	1,845	1,852	1,854	1,520	1,539	1,737	1,798	1,744	1,788	1,915	1,947	7,392	6,593	7,393	l
QoQ Change % Automotive																
Comms Infrastructure and Data Center																l
Personal Computing																l
Home and Industrial IoT																l
Smart Mobile Devices																l
Other & NWR																l
Total Revenue																l
rotal Revenue																l
YoY Change %																l
Automotive													180%	10%	18%	l
Comms Infrastructure and Data Center													-39%	-47%	10%	l
Personal Computing													-30%	0%	0%	l
Home and Industrial IoT													-6%	0%	0%	l
Smart Mobile Devices													-19%	2%	10%	l
Other & NWR													6%	-18%	8%	l
Total Revenue													- 9 %	-11%	12%	l
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% of Sales	1.00/	120/	1.00/	170/	1.00/	1.00/	170/	170/	1.00/	100/	1.00/	1.00/	1.40/	170/	1.00/	l
Automotive	10%	13%	16%	17%	18%	18%	17%	17% 7%	18%	18%	18%	18%	14%	17%	18% 7%	ł
Comms Infrastructure and Data Center	19%	11%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%		7%	7%	7%	7%	12%	7%	. ,-	l
Personal Computing	2%	3%	2%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	l
Home and Industrial IoT	19%	19%	20%	17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	19%	0%	0%	l
Smart Mobile Devices	38%	42%	42%	41%	47%	47%	48%	45%	44%	45%	47%	47%	41%	47%	46%	ł
Other & NWR	13%	11%	11%	12%	11%	11%	10%	11%	11%	10%	10%	10%	12%	11%	10%	ı
Total Revenue	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	1

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports



Fyhihit 15: GFS – Ralance Sheet

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Exhibit 15: GFS – balance Sheet
We expect an improvement in GFS' net cash position over ti

5/(0 1)	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	1Q25E	2Q25E	3Q25E	4Q25E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
FY (December) Assets	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24E	Jun-24E	Sep-24E	Dec-24E	Mar-25E	Jun-25E	Sep-25E	Dec-25E	Dec-23	Dec-24	Dec-25
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,256	1,832	1,880	2,387	3,073	3,270	3,340	3,629	4,010	4,237	4,386	4,669	2,387	3,629	4,669
Other Current Assets	653	955	1,014	1,033	1,033	1,033	1,033	1,033	1,033	1,033	1,033	1,033	1,033	1,033	1,033
Receivables, Prepayments and Other Assets	1,296	1,232	1,404	1,420	1,164	1,178	1,330	1,377	1,335	1,369	1,467	1,491	1,420	1,377	1,491
Inventories	1,423	1,504	1,509	1,420	1,104	1,176	1,405	1,421	1,353	1,370	1,448	1,453	1,487	1,421	1,453
Total current assets	5,628	5,523	5,807	6,327	6,554	6,778	7.109	7,460	7.733	8.009	8,334	8,646	6,327	7,460	8,646
	5,525	5,525	5,557	5,52.	0,00	5,	.,	,,	1,200	0,000	0,00	0,010	0,0	7,100	5,515
Other Noncurrent Assets	1,087	1,258	1,192	1,312	1,312	1,312	1,312	1,312	1,312	1,312	1,312	1,312	1,312	1,312	1,312
Deferred Tax Assets	271	245	251	241	236	231	226	221	216	211	206	201	241	221	201
Property, Plant, and Equipment	10,829	10,789	10,594	10,164	10,027	9,889	9,732	9,571	9,501	9,429	9,353	9,275	10,164	9,571	9,275
Goodwill and Intagible Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	17,815	17,815	17,844	18,044	18,130	18,209	18,379	18,564	18,761	18,962	19,204	19,434	18,044	18,564	19,434
Liabilities & Equity															
Trade and Other Payables	0	0	0	0	39	64	84	85	125	156	179	182	0	85	182
Other Current Liabilities	2,690	2,569	2,549	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528	2,528
Current Portion of Lease Obligation	0	0	0	0	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	0	68	68
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	205	221	199	571	571	571	571	571	571	571	571	571	571	571	571
Total current liabilities	2,895	2,790	2,748	3,099	3,206	3,231	3,251	3,252	3,292	3,323	3,346	3,349	3,099	3,252	3,349
Other Non-current liabilities	2,303	2,243	2,084	1,993	2.048	2.096	2.146	2,196	2.247	2.299	2,352	2,405	1,993	2,196	2,405
Noncurrent Deferred Revenue	2,505	2,243	2,004	0	-66	-132	-197	-263	-329	-395	-460	-526	0	-263	-526
Noncurrent Portion of Lease Obligation	0	0	0	0	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	666	0	666	666
Noncurrent Portion of Long-term Debt	2.310	2.208	2,181	1,801	1.801	1.801	1.801	1,801	1.801	1.801	1,801	1,801	1.801	1,801	1,801
Total Liabilities	7,508	7,241	7,013	6,893	7,655	7,663	7,666	7,652	7,677	7,695	7,705	7,695	6,893	7,652	7,695
Total Equity	10.307	10.574	10.831	11.151	10.475	10.546	10.713	10.911	11.084	11.267	11.499	11.739	11.151	10.911	11.739
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	17,815	17,815	17,844	18,044	18,130	18,209	18,379	18,564	18,761	18,962	19,204	19,434	18,044	18,564	19,434
Cash and Liquidity Ratios															
Total Cash	2,256	1,832	1,880	2,387	3,073	3,270	3,340	3,629	4,010	4,237	4,386	4,669	2,387	3,629	4,669
Short-term debt	2,230	221	1,000	571	571	571	5,540	571	571	571	571	571	571	571	571
Long-term debt	2,310	2,208	2,181	1,801	1,801	1,801	1,801	1,801	1,801	1.801	1,801	1,801	1,801	1,801	1,801
Total debt	2,515	2,429	2,380	2,372	2,372	2,372	2,372	2,372	2,372	2,372	2,372	2,372	2,372	2,372	2,372
Net Cash	(259)	(597)	(500)	15	701	898	968	1,257	1,638	1,865	2,014	2,297	15	1,257	2,297
Net Cash/dil. share	(0.47)	(1.07)	(0.90)	0.03	1.25	1.60	1.73	2.24	2.91	3.31	3.58	4.08	0.03	2.24	4.08
Cash conversion ratios															
Days Sales Outstanding (DSO)	64.1	60.8	69.0	69.7	69.7	69.7	69.7	69.7	69.7	69.7	69.7	69.7			
Payable Days (DPO)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	9.0	11.0	12.0	12.0			
Inventory Days (DIO)	97.7	104.2	103.8	101.8	99.8	100.8	100.8	99.8	97.8	96.8	96.8	95.8			
Cash Conversion Days	161.7	165.0	172.8	171.5	172.5	175.5	176.5	175.5	176.5	177.5	178.5	177.5			
Source: Rof A Global Research estimates company reports	101.7	103.0	172.0	17 1.5	1,2.3	1, 5.5	170.5	1, 5.5	170.5	177.5	170.5	177.5			1

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports

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

FY (December)	1Q23 Mar-23	2Q23 Jun-23	3Q23 Sep-23	4Q23 Dec-23	1Q24E Mar-24E	2Q24E Jun-24E	3Q24E Sep-24E	4Q24E Dec-24E	1Q25E Mar-25E	2Q25E Jun-25E	3Q25E Sep-25E	4Q25E Dec-25E	FY23 Dec-23	FY24E Dec-24	FY25E Dec-25	1
Operating Activities	Mai -23	juii-23	3cp-23	Dec-25	IVIGI -Z-7L	Juli-24L	эср-242	DCC-Z-TL	Widi ZJL	Juli-23L	Jep-2JL	Dec-23L	Det-23	DCC-24	Dec-23	r
Net Income (Loss)	254	237	249	278	73	88	169	196	171	179	221	227	1,018	525	799	l
Depreciation & Amortization	343	340	366	402	304	308	347	360	331	340	364	370	1,451	1,319	1,405	ĺ
Stock Compensation Expense	31	44	44	50	55	48	50	50	52	52	53	53	169	203	209	l
Gain on Sale of Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	l
Finance Expense	(1)	0	(3)	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	l
Other Adjustments	35	(8)	(18)	(34)	14	20	36	40	39	41	48	49	(25)	110	178	
Change in assets and liabilities:																
Change in working capital	(205)	(91)	(218)	(24)	498	(1)	(241)	(60)	147	(19)	(151)	(27)	(538)	195	(50)	l
Customer advance funding - receivables	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	0	25	25	l
Customer advance funding - payables	0	0	0	0	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	0	(288)	(288)	l
Interest Paid	0	0	0	0	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	0	(120)	(120)	ĺ
Income Tax Paid	0	0	0	0	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	0	(20)	(20)	l
Cash From Operations	479	546	416	684	851	363	259	484	639	492	434	572	2,125	1,957	2,137	
Investing Activities																
Purchase of Property, Plant, Equipment	(853)	(400)	(323)	(228)	(167)	(169)	(191)	(198)	(262)	(268)	(287)	(292)	(1,804)	(725)	(1,109)	l
Advances and Proceeds from Sale of Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	l
Other Adjustments	267	(488)	10	133	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(78)	0	0	l
Cash From Investing	(586)	(888)	(313)	(95)	(167)	(169)	(191)	(198)	(262)	(268)	(287)	(292)	(1,882)	(725)	(1,109)	
Financing Activities															ļ	
Proceeds/Repayment of Shareholder Loan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	l
Proceeds/Repayment of Debt	(30)	(87)	(54)	(88)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(259)	0	0	l
Repayment of Lease Obligation	0	0	0	0	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	0	(37)	(37)	l
Proceeds from Government Grant	0	0	0	0	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0	28	28	l
Non-Controlling Interest & Other	40	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	l
IPO Proceeds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	l
Cash From Financing	10	(82)	(53)	(87)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(212)	(9)	(9)	
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes	1	0	(2)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	20	20	
Net Change in Cash/Eqv.	(96)	(424)	48	507	686	196	71	289	381	227	149	282	35	1,242	1,039	l
Cash/Eqv. at beginning of period	2,352	2,256	1,832	1,880	2,387	3,073	3,270	3,340	3,629	4,010	4,237	4,386	2,285	2,320	3,562	ĺ
Cash/Eqv. at end of period	2,256	1,832	1,880	2,387	3,073	3,270	3,340	3,629	4,010	4,237	4,386	4,669	2,320	3,562	4,602	
Free Cash Flow	(374)	146	93	456	684	193	68	286	378	224	147	280	321	1,231	1,028	
TTM FCF	1,455	1,214	563	(436)	(1,011)	(662)	(635)	321	1,379	1,426	1,401	1,231				ĺ
TTM FCF Margin	20.5%	16.2%	7.2%	(5.4%)	(12.6%)	(8.4%)	(8.3%)	4.3%	19.5%	21.1%	21.1%	18.7%	4.3%	18.7%	13.9%	l
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Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company reports



Price objective basis & risk

GlobalFoundries (GFS)

Our PO of \$62 is based on 13x our CY25E 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.

Downside risks to our PO are: (1) semi industry cyclicality where foundries are more impacted in down-cycle given high fixed cost structure, (2) execution on strategic repositioning which is critical to gross margin expansion and EPS growth, (3) large ownership concentration with Mubadala, which is wholly owned by the government of Abu Dhabi adds geopolitical and investor concentration risk.

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	Analog Devices Inc.	ADI	ADI US	Vivek Arya
	Applied Materials, Inc.	AMAT	AMAT US	Vivek Arya
	Arm Holdings	ARM	ARM US	Vivek Arya
	Broadcom Inc	AVGO	AVGO US	Vivek Arya
	Cadence	CDNS	CDNS US	Vivek Arya
	Camtek	CAMT	CAMT US	Vivek Arya
	KLA Corporation	KLAC	KLAC US	Vivek Arya
	Lam Research Corp.	LRCX	LRCX US	Vivek Arya
	M/A-Com	MTSI	MTSI US	Vivek Arya
	Marvell Technology Group Ltd.	MRVL	MRVL US	Vivek Arya
	Microchip	MCHP	MCHP US	Vivek Arya
	Micron Technology, Inc	MU	MU US	Vivek Arya
	Nova	NVMI	NVMI US	Vivek Arya
	NVIDIA Corporation	NVDA	NVDA US	Vivek Arya
	NXP Semiconductors NV	NXPI	NXPI US	Vivek Arya
	onsemi	ON	ON US	Vivek Arya
	Synopsys	SNPS	SNPS US	Vivek Arya
NEUTRAL				
	Advanced Energy Industries	AEIS	AEIS US	Duksan Jang
	Allegro MicroSystems	ALGM	ALGM US	Blake Friedman
	Axcelis Technologies	ACLS	ACLS US	Duksan Jang
	Coherent Corp	COHR	COHR US	Vivek Arya
	GlobalFoundries	GFS	GFS US	Vivek Arya
	Intel	INTC	INTC US	Vivek Arya
	Lattice Semiconductor	LSCC	LSCC US	Blake Friedman
	Texas Instruments Inc.	TXN	TXN US	Vivek Arya
UNDERPERFORM				
	Ambarella	AMBA	AMBA US	Vivek Arya
	Credo Technology	CRDO	CRDO 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
	Teradyne	TER	TER US	Vivek Arya
	Wolfspeed Inc	WOLF	WOLF US	Vivek Arya
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IQmethod[™] Measures Definitions

Business Performance	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) × (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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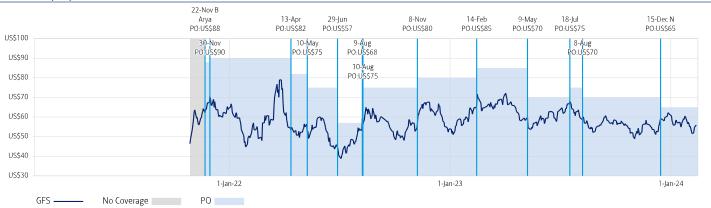
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Sell	93	22.96%	Sell	24	25.81%

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