

Super Micro Computer Inc.

Well positioned in a growing AI server market

Reiterate Rating: BUY | PO: 1,280.00 USD | Price: 1,163.00 USD

Competitive advantages remain intact

Based on our semiconductor analyst team's revised outlook for accelerator TAM, we have revised higher our expectation for artificial intelligence (AI) server industry growth. We now expect industry revenues to grow from about \$39bn to about \$200bn between 2023-2027 (see [our March 13 industry note](#)). SMCI's competitive advantages include building block architecture which helps to quickly incorporate new technology and reduce time to market, relationship with leading AI CPU/GPU/ASIC providers including Intel, Nvidia, and AMD, and its ability to customize configurations to specific customer applications and its liquid cooling offerings. Reiterate Buy.

Convertible debt – cash for working capital, expansion

On Feb 23rd SMCI priced convertible senior notes due 2029 to institutional buyers. SMCI's primary cash needs have been for increasing working capital to support strong revenue growth. Cash is also needed for financing real property acquisitions. The convertible notes do not bear regular interest. SMCI was able to raise cash for working capital and business expansion, without increasing its annual interest expense related to the offering. We expect SMCI to continue to see strong revenue growth given server demand from applications including Artificial Intelligence (AI), High Performance Computing (HPC), big data analytics, engineering/technical workloads, streaming and content delivery, and compute-intensive graphics and online gaming.

Risk factors to keep in mind

Downside risk factors are availability of GPUs what can limit revenue growth, price pressure from operating in a competitive market, gross margin drifting lower to support revenue growth and share gains, and higher valuation. If growth fails to materialize, or if Super Micro mis-executes then the trading multiple could re-rate lower as growth is a primary driver of the earnings multiple.

Raise PO to \$1,280 (from \$1,040)

Our rev and EPS ests are meaningfully above Street ests, and we leave those unchanged. Our F25E rev/EPS are \$25.2bn/\$35.66. Our F26E rev/EPS are \$30.6bn/\$44.67. We raise our PO to \$1,280 (from \$1,040) on 26x our C26E EPS of \$49.24 (prior 26x our C25E EPS). SMCI is putting in capacity to support future revenue growth and we see C26 as more representative of the company's medium-term earnings power.

Estimates (Jun) (US\$)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS	5.65	11.81	21.73	35.66	44.67
GAAP EPS	5.32	11.43	20.14	33.67	42.27
EPS Change (YoY)	127.8%	109.0%	84.0%	64.1%	25.3%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			21.75	29.82	35.88
DPS	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation (Jun)					
P/E	205.8x	98.5x	53.5x	32.6x	26.0x
GAAP P/E	218.6x	101.7x	57.7x	34.5x	27.5x
EV / EBITDA*	159.9x	76.9x	40.2x	24.3x	19.5x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	-0.7%	1.0%	-0.5%	0.5%	0.5%

* For full definitions of *IQmethod*SM measures, see page 8.

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Key Changes

(US\$)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	1,040.00	1,280.00

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Stock Data

Price	1,163.00 USD
Price Objective	1,280.00 USD
Date Established	13-Mar-2024
Investment Opinion	C-1-9
52-Week Range	87.25 USD - 1,229.00 USD
Mkt Val (mn) / Shares Out (mn)	65,050 USD / 55.9
Free Float	85.0%
Average Daily Value (mn)	17149.80 USD
BoFA Ticker / Exchange	SMCI / NAS
Bloomberg / Reuters	SMCI US / SMCI.OQ
ROE (2024E)	44.5%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Jun-2023A)	-7.6%
ESGMeter™	Medium

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AI: Artificial Intelligence

ASIC: Application-Specific Integrated Circuit

CPU: Central Processing Unit

GPU: Graphics Processing Unit

TAM: Total Addressable Market

iQprofileSM Super Micro Computer Inc.

iQmethodSM – Bus Performance*

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Return on Capital Employed	17.6%	29.3%	31.7%	31.2%	28.5%
Return on Equity	24.7%	39.6%	44.5%	43.7%	36.7%
Operating Margin	7.2%	11.4%	10.8%	10.4%	10.7%
Free Cash Flow	(486)	627	(356)	318	354

iQmethodSM – Quality of Earnings*

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash Realization Ratio	-1.4x	1.0x	-0.2x	0.2x	0.2x
Asset Replacement Ratio	1.4x	1.1x	3.0x	1.7x	1.4x
Tax Rate	17.7%	15.9%	16.4%	16.0%	15.9%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	23.1%	-7.6%	-8.8%	-11.1%	-11.9%
Interest Cover	NA	NM	NM	NM	NM

Income Statement Data (Jun)

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales	5,196	7,123	14,697	25,172	30,648
% Change	46.1%	37.1%	106.3%	71.3%	21.8%
Gross Profit	802	1,288	2,232	3,642	4,374
% Change	49.6%	60.5%	73.3%	63.2%	20.1%
EBITDA	407	847	1,621	2,683	3,342
% Change	119.3%	107.9%	91.4%	65.5%	24.6%
Net Interest & Other Income	2	(7)	(29)	(40)	(32)
Net Income (Adjusted)	311	673	1,303	2,174	2,723
% Change	128.1%	116.5%	93.5%	66.8%	25.3%

Free Cash Flow Data (Jun)

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	285	640	1,185	2,023	2,540
Depreciation & Amortization	32	35	37	58	75
Change in Working Capital	(784)	27	(1,590)	(1,808)	(2,305)
Deferred Taxation Charge	(7)	(93)	(56)	0	0
Other Adjustments, Net	32	55	179	146	148
Capital Expenditure	(45)	(37)	(111)	(101)	(103)
Free Cash Flow	-486	627	-356	318	354
% Change	NM	NM	NM	NM	11.3%
Share / Issue Repurchase	0	(150)	583	0	0
Cost of Dividends Paid	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Change in Debt	513	(301)	1,296	(43)	(43)

Balance Sheet Data (Jun)

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash & Equivalents	267	440	1,934	2,223	2,546
Trade Receivables	835	1,148	2,159	3,914	4,997
Other Current Assets	1,704	1,591	3,603	5,661	7,648
Property, Plant & Equipment	286	290	373	416	444
Other Non-Current Assets	113	205	264	265	265
Total Assets	3,205	3,675	8,334	12,479	15,900
Short-Term Debt	449	170	43	43	43
Other Current Liabilities	1,021	1,205	2,459	4,215	4,848
Long-Term Debt	148	120	1,548	1,506	1,463
Other Non-Current Liabilities	162	208	396	646	777
Total Liabilities	1,779	1,703	4,446	6,409	7,130
Total Equity	1,426	1,972	3,888	6,070	8,770
Total Equity & Liabilities	3,205	3,675	8,334	12,479	15,900

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Company Sector

IT Hardware

Company Description

Super Micro is a silicon-valley based provider of accelerated, high-performance & high-efficiency server and storage systems for a variety of markets including enterprise data centers, cloud computing, artificial intelligence ("AI"), 5G and edge computing. The company reports revenues under two categories: Server & Storage systems, and Subsystems & Accessories. Majority of its fixed assets are in the U.S. In F23, 68% of its revenue was from the U.S., 15% from Asia, and 14% from Europe.

Investment Rationale

Our Buy rating is based on Super Micro's strategic position in the growing AI server market and its competitive advantage in being able to customize designs and be an early launch partner for companies releasing CPUs and GPU accelerators. Our estimates are meaningfully above Street and we expect positive estimate revisions as we see continued revenue growth and share gains for the company.

Stock Data

Average Daily Volume 14,746,174

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

	2023	2024
Q1	3.42A	3.43A
Q2	3.26A	5.59A
Q3	1.63A	5.68E
Q4	3.51A	7.03E

Model

Figure 1: Supermicro Income Statement

We model F24E revenue/EPS of \$14.7bn/\$21.73

(\$ in millions except EPS)

	2024E			2025E									
	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue	\$2,119.7	\$3,664.9	\$4,055.3	\$4,857.4	\$4,802.5	\$6,227.9	\$5,949.1	\$8,192.5	\$5,196.1	\$7,123.5	\$14,697.3	\$25,172.1	\$30,647.9
Non-GAAP Cost of Sales	1,760.1	3,097.0	3,463.2	4,145.4	4,120.5	5,312.4	5,092.4	7,004.6	4,393.9	5,835.9	12,465.7	21,530.0	26,274.2
Non-GAAP Gross Profit	359.6	567.9	592.1	712.1	682.0	915.5	856.7	1,187.9	802.2	1,287.6	2,231.6	3,642.0	4,373.7
Sales & Marketing	31.6	42.5	47.9	48.0	46.5	61.7	61.2	79.3	88.0	110.4	169.9	248.7	263.6
G&A	22.8	27.5	34.5	33.4	30.3	39.2	37.5	51.6	84.9	88.8	118.1	158.6	168.6
R&D	75.3	83.4	89.2	111.7	115.3	143.2	154.7	196.6	254.5	276.5	359.6	609.8	674.3
Other adjustments	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
Non-GAAP operating expenses	129.7	153.4	171.5	193.1	192.0	244.2	253.4	327.5	427.4	475.8	647.7	1,017.1	1,106.4
Non-GAAP Operating Income	229.9	414.5	420.5	519.0	489.9	671.3	603.3	860.4	\$374.8	\$811.8	\$1,583.9	\$2,625.0	\$3,267.4
Interest and other, net	4.8	(16.0)	(9.2)	(8.5)	(9.6)	(10.3)	(10.2)	(10.0)	1.7	(6.8)	(29.0)	(40.1)	(32.3)
Effective Tax Rate	15.5%	17.8%	15.8%	16.1%	16.3%	16.2%	15.8%	15.8%	17.7%	15.9%	16.4%	16.0%	15.9%
Pretax Income	234.6	398.5	411.3	510.5	480.3	661.0	593.1	850.4	376.5	805.0	1,554.9	2,584.8	3,235.0
Non-GAAP Taxes	36.3	71.1	64.9	82.2	78.3	106.9	93.7	134.5	66.6	127.9	254.4	413.4	514.1
Share of (loss) income from equity investee, net of taxes	(0.1)	2.0	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	1.2	(3.6)	2.6	2.6	2.5
Non-GAAP Net Income	\$198.3	\$329.5	\$346.5	\$428.7	\$402.7	\$554.9	\$499.9	\$716.5	\$311	\$673	\$1,303	\$2,174	\$2,723
Non-GAAP EPS - Diluted	\$3.43	\$5.59	\$5.68	\$7.03	\$6.61	\$9.10	\$8.20	\$11.75	\$5.65	\$11.81	\$21.73	\$35.66	\$44.67
GAAP EPS - Diluted	\$2.75	\$5.10	\$5.54	\$6.65	\$6.22	\$8.61	\$7.73	\$11.11	\$5.32	\$11.43	\$20.14	\$33.67	\$42.27
Average Shares (MM Diluted) - GAAP	57.2	58.1	60.1	60.1	60.1	60.1	60.1	60.1	53.6	56.0	58.9	60.1	60.1
Avg Shares (Basic) - GAAP	53.1	54.1	54.1	54.1	54.1	54.1	54.1	54.1	51.5	52.9	53.9	54.1	54.1
Diluted shares outstanding - non-GAAP	57.8	59.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	61.0	55.0	57.0	60.0	61.0	61.0
Basic shares outstanding - non-GAAP	53.1	54.1	54.1	54.1	54.1	54.1	54.1	54.1	51.5	52.9	53.9	54.1	54.1
As a % of Revenue													
Gross Profit	17.0%	15.5%	14.6%	14.7%	14.2%	14.7%	14.4%	14.5%	15.4%	18.1%	15.2%	14.5%	14.3%
Sales & Marketing	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.7%	1.6%	1.2%	1.0%	0.9%
G&A	1.1%	0.7%	0.9%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	1.6%	1.2%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%
R&D	3.6%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%	2.6%	2.4%	4.9%	3.9%	2.4%	2.4%	2.2%
Operating Income	10.8%	11.3%	10.4%	10.7%	10.2%	10.8%	10.1%	10.5%	7.2%	11.4%	10.8%	10.4%	10.7%
Pretax Income	11.1%	10.9%	10.1%	10.5%	10.0%	10.6%	10.0%	10.4%	7.2%	11.3%	10.6%	10.3%	10.6%
Non-GAAP Net Income	9.4%	9.0%	8.5%	8.8%	8.4%	8.9%	8.4%	8.7%	6.0%	9.5%	8.9%	8.6%	8.9%
Net Income Incl FAS 123 All Periods	7.1%	8.0%	7.6%	8.1%	7.6%	8.3%	7.8%	8.3%	5.4%	8.8%	7.8%	8.1%	8.4%
Year-Over-Year Growth													
Revenue	14%	103%	216%	122%	127%	70%	47%	69%	46%	37%	106%	71%	22%
Gross Profit	3%	68%	160%	91%	90%	61%	45%	67%	50%	61%	73%	63%	20%
Sales & Marketing	11%	57%	99%	56%	47%	45%	28%	65%	5%	26%	54%	46%	6%
G&A	11%	33%	51%	35%	33%	43%	9%	55%	0%	5%	33%	34%	6%
R&D	11%	36%	29%	44%	53%	72%	73%	76%	21%	9%	30%	70%	11%
OpEx	11%	41%	47%	45%	48%	59%	48%	70%	13%	11%	36%	57%	9%
Operating Income	-1%	80%	278%	117%	113%	62%	43%	66%	138%	117%	95%	66%	24%
Pretax Income	0%	80%	275%	114%	105%	66%	44%	67%	147%	114%	93%	66%	25%
Net Income	3%	77%	271%	113%	103%	68%	44%	67%	128%	116%	94%	67%	25%
Non-GAAP EPS - Diluted	0%	72%	248%	100%	93%	63%	44%	67%	128%	109%	84%	64%	25%

Source: Company reports, BofA Global Research estimates

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Figure 2: Supermicro Segments

We model server and storage systems revenue of \$13.7bn in F24

(\$ in millions except EPS)	2024E				2025E								
	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Supermicro Segments													
Revenue Detail													
Server and storage systems	1,966.6	3,435.6	3,705.3	4,551.9	4,582.2	5,943.5	5,669.1	7,874.8	4,463.8	6,569.8	13,659.4	24,069.6	29,637.2
Subsystems and accessories	153.1	229.4	350.0	305.5	220.3	284.4	280.0	317.7	732.3	553.7	1,037.9	1,102.4	1,010.7
Total Revenue	\$2,119.7	\$3,664.9	\$4,055.3	\$4,857.4	\$4,802.5	\$6,227.9	\$5,949.1	\$8,192.5	5,196.1	7,123.5	14,697.3	25,172.1	30,647.9
YoY growth													
Server and storage systems	15%	107%	218%	124%	133%	73%	53%	73%	60%	47%	108%	76%	23%
Subsystems and accessories	10%	61%	193%	100%	44%	24%	-20%	4%	-5%	-24%	87%	6%	-8%
Total Revenue	14%	103%	216%	122%	127%	70%	47%	69%	46%	37%	106%	71%	22%
% of revenue													
Server and storage systems	93%	94%	91%	94%	95%	95%	95%	96%	86%	92%	93%	96%	97%
Subsystems and accessories	7%	6%	9%	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	14%	8%	7%	4%	3%
Total revenue	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sequential growth													
Server and storage systems	-3%	75%	8%	23%	1%	30%	-5%	39%					
Subsystems and accessories	0%	50%	53%	-13%	-28%	29%	-2%	13%					
Total revenue	-3%	73%	11%	20%	-1%	30%	-4%	38%					

Source: Company reports, BofA Global Research estimates

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Figure 3: Supermicro Balance Sheet

We model cash and equivalents of \$1.9bn in F24

(\$ in millions except EPS)

(\$ in millions except EPS)	2024E				2025E								
	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Supermicro Balance Sheet													
ASSETS													
Cash & cash equivalents	543.2	725.7	1,903.0	1,934.2	1,746.3	1,585.1	2,116.1	2,222.5	267.4	440.5	1,934.2	2,222.5	2,546.3
Short-term investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts receivables	845.7	1,503.0	1,789.3	2,158.9	2,241.2	2,975.6	2,842.3	3,914.2	834.5	1,148.3	2,158.9	3,914.2	4,996.6
Inventories	2,052.8	2,467.0	3,166.4	3,462.7	4,118.4	4,733.8	5,046.2	5,520.5	1,545.6	1,445.6	3,462.7	5,520.5	7,506.9
Prepaid income taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Income Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses & other current assets	129.1	146.7	140.5	140.5	140.6	141.2	140.8	140.9	158.8	145.1	140.5	140.9	140.9
Total Current Assets	3,570.8	4,842.4	6,999.1	7,696.3	8,246.4	9,435.6	10,145.4	11,798.1	2,806.3	3,179.4	7,696.3	11,798.1	15,190.8
Property, plant & equipment, net	291.7	297.1	308.6	373.0	380.5	390.3	401.8	416.1	286.0	290.2	373.0	416.1	444.3
Restricted assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred income taxes non current	185.7	218.3	218.3	218.3	218.3	218.3	218.3	218.3	69.9	162.7	218.3	218.3	218.3
Long term investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	47.8	47.3	45.6	46.2	46.4	46.3	46.2	46.3	42.9	42.4	46.2	46.3	46.3
Total Assets	4,096.0	5,405.0	7,571.6	8,333.7	8,891.6	10,090.5	10,811.7	12,478.8	3,205.1	3,674.7	8,333.7	12,478.8	15,899.6
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER EQUITY													
Current portion of long-term debt	40.8	276.3	159.5	42.6	42.6	42.6	42.6	42.6	449.1	170.1	42.6	42.6	42.6
Accounts payable	1,084.1	1,261.5	1,462.2	1,796.3	1,785.6	2,302.1	2,263.3	3,113.2	655.4	776.8	1,796.3	3,113.2	3,516.7
Accrued liabilities	152.5	214.5	283.9	338.1	358.6	462.2	515.6	579.0	212.4	163.9	338.1	579.0	705.0
Accrued litigation loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advances from receivable financing arrangements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current portion of capital lease obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	166.0	193.3	272.1	277.8	390.4	416.7	494.1	475.9	111.3	134.7	277.8	475.9	579.4
Income Tax Payable	161.4	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5	46.5	41.7	129.2	46.5	46.5	46.5
Total Current Liabilities	1,604.8	1,992.1	2,224.2	2,501.3	2,623.7	3,270.1	3,362.1	4,257.2	1,470.0	1,374.7	2,501.3	4,257.2	4,890.2
Deferred Tax liability-non current	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-term debt	105.4	99.3	1,558.3	1,548.3	1,510.3	1,505.7	1,505.7	1,505.7	147.6	120.2	1,548.3	1,505.7	1,462.7
Long-term capital lease obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue, non-current	174.5	190.3	294.8	350.3	410.3	410.3	535.4	600.0	122.5	169.8	350.3	600.0	730.5
Other long term liabilities	45.7	46.2	46.2	46.2	46.2	46.2	46.2	46.2	39.1	37.9	46.2	46.2	46.2
Total Liabilities	1,930.4	2,327.9	4,123.5	4,446.1	4,590.4	5,232.2	5,449.3	6,409.0	1,779.3	1,702.6	4,446.1	6,409.0	7,129.5
Total Stockholder's Equity	2,165.4	3,076.9	3,447.9	3,887.5	4,300.9	4,858.1	5,362.2	6,069.6	1,425.6	1,972.0	3,887.5	6,069.6	8,769.9
Total Liabilities & Stockholder's Equity	4,096.0	5,405.0	7,571.6	8,333.7	8,891.6	10,090.5	10,811.7	12,478.8	3,205.1	3,674.7	8,333.7	12,478.8	15,899.6
Trade Accounts Receivable Days	36	37	40	40	42	43	43	43	58	58	53	56	59
Accounts Payable Days	55	37	38	39	39	39	40	40	54	48	52	52	48
Inventory Turns	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.9	2.8	4.0	3.6	3.9	3.5
Inventory as % of Sales	27.8%	26.7%	26.3%	23.6%	23.7%	23.7%	23.1%	21.9%	29.7%	20.3%	23.6%	21.9%	24.5%
Accrued liabilities as % of LTM Sales	2.1%	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%	2.1%	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%	4.1%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%
Deferred revenue (current) as a % of LTM Sales	2.2%	2.1%	2.3%	1.9%	2.2%	2.1%	2.3%	1.9%	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
Deferred revenue (non-current) as a % of LTM Sales	2.4%	2.1%	2.5%	2.4%	2.4%	2.1%	2.5%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%

Source: Company reports, BofA Global Research estimates

Figure 4: Supermicro Cash Flow Statement

We model free cash flow of \$318mn in F25

(\$ in millions except EPS)

	2024E				2025E								
	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Supermicro Cash Flow Statement													
Operations:													
Net income	157.0	296.0	332.5	399.6	373.8	517.5	464.2	667.4	285.2	640.0	1,185.1	2,022.9	2,539.6
Adjustments:													
Depreciation and amortization	9.2	9.6	8.9	9.1	13.3	14.1	14.8	15.9	32.5	34.9	36.8	58.1	74.8
Stock based comp expense	57.4	43.1	36.3	36.3	36.3	36.4	36.7	36.8	32.8	54.4	173.1	146.2	147.7
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.8)	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Allowance for sales returns	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on short term investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amortization of deferred comp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred income taxes	(23.0)	(32.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6.8)	(93.0)	(55.6)	-	-
Provision for inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.1	-	-	-	-
Share of loss (income) from equity investee	0.1	(2.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.2)	3.6	(2.0)	-	-
Foreign currency exchange (gain) loss	(6.2)	11.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13.7)	(2.6)	5.7	-	-
Other	2.7	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	(0.7)	2.7	-	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:													
Accounts receivable	302.5	(657.2)	(286.3)	(369.6)	(82.3)	(734.4)	133.2	(1,071.9)	(371.6)	(311.9)	(1,010.6)	(1,755.4)	(1,082.4)
Inventories	(607.2)	(414.2)	(699.4)	(296.3)	(655.7)	(615.4)	(312.4)	(474.4)	(519.7)	100.0	(2,017.1)	(2,057.8)	(1,986.4)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	20.0	(16.6)	6.3	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.6)	0.4	(0.0)	(28.8)	8.3	9.5	(0.3)	(0.0)
Accounts payable	303.0	176.6	200.7	334.1	(10.8)	516.5	(38.7)	849.9	50.1	127.1	1,014.4	1,316.8	403.6
Accrued liabilities	(13.0)	62.0	69.5	54.2	20.5	103.6	53.4	63.4	35.9	(50.3)	172.6	241.0	126.0
Increase (decrease) in interest and income taxes payable	32.2	(114.9)	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.0	87.4	(82.7)	-	-
Increase (decrease) in litigation loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	36.1	43.2	183.2	61.3	172.6	26.3	202.5	46.4	31.5	70.6	323.7	447.7	234.0
Other LT liabilities	(0.0)	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10.6)	(4.4)	0.1	-	-
Net cash from operating activities	270.5	(595.1)	(148.2)	228.5	(132.3)	(135.9)	554.0	133.4	(440.8)	663.6	(244.3)	419.1	456.8
Investing:													
Restricted cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	(5.0)	(0.2)	(2.1)	(2.2)	(2.0)	(1.9)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(1.1)	(2.7)	(9.5)	(8.0)	(8.0)
Proceeds from short-term investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases of property and equipment	(2.6)	(14.7)	(20.4)	(73.5)	(20.9)	(23.9)	(26.2)	(30.2)	(45.2)	(36.8)	(111.3)	(101.2)	(103.0)
Purchases of short-term investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash from investing activities	(7.6)	(14.9)	(22.6)	(75.7)	(22.9)	(25.8)	(28.2)	(32.2)	(46.3)	(39.5)	(120.7)	(109.2)	(111.0)
FREE CASH FLOW (CFO - Capex)	262.8	(609.8)	(168.7)	152.8	(155.2)	(161.8)	525.8	101.2	(487.1)	624.1	(365.0)	310.0	345.9
CASH FLOW AVAIL FOR FINANCING (CFO - CFI)	262.8	(610.0)	(170.8)	152.9	(155.2)	(161.8)	525.8	101.2	(487.1)	624.1	(365.0)	310.0	345.9
Financing:													
Issuance of long-term debt	-	857.7	1,342.2	-	-	-	-	-	1,153.3	1,093.9	2,199.8	-	-
Excess tax benefit from stock based comp	(25.3)	(15.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10.1)	(28.2)	(40.9)	-	-
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	4.3	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.2	21.0	30.5	20.3	21.0	21.0
Proceeds from Issuance of stock	-	582.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	582.8	-	-
Repayment of long-term debt	(138.9)	(638.0)	-	(126.8)	(38.0)	(4.6)	-	-	(640.7)	(1,394.4)	(903.8)	(42.6)	(43.0)
Payment of obligations under capital leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advances (payments) under receivable financing arrangements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(150.0)	-	-	-
Stock repurchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.0)	0.0	-	-
Payment of offering costs/Others	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.7)	-	-	-	-
Net cash from financing activities	(159.9)	792.1	1,347.6	(121.6)	(32.8)	0.6	5.3	5.2	522.9	(448.3)	1,858.2	(21.6)	(22.0)
Effect of exchange rate on cash	(0.2)	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.7)	(3.4)	0.2	-	-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	102.7	182.5	1,176.9	31.2	(187.9)	(161.1)	531.0	106.4	35.1	172.4	1,493.3	288.3	323.8
Cash and cash equivalents at Beginning of Period	440.9	543.6	726.1	1,903.0	1,934.2	1,746.3	1,585.1	2,116.1	233.3	268.4	440.8	1,934.1	2,222.4
Cash and cash equivalents at End of Period	543.6	726.1	1,903.0	1,934.2	1,746.3	1,585.1	2,116.1	2,222.5	268.4	440.8	1,934.1	2,222.4	2,546.3

Source: Company reports, BofA Global Research estimates

Price objective basis & risk

Super Micro Computer Inc. (SMCI)

Our PO of \$1,280 is based on 26x our C26E EPS estimate of \$49.24. Our target multiple compares to the median 9x of historical range 6x-32x. In our opinion, a multiple at the high end of the range is warranted given strong, above market revenue growth, competitive advantage with its building block architecture which affords quick time-to-market, and anticipated share gain in a server market that is growing much faster than historical rate driven by the need for accelerated compute power to handle AI driven workloads. We see growth continuing over multiple years.

Downside risk factors are price pressure from operating in a competitive market, gross margins have drifted lower over the past several quarters, and we expect margins to remain towards the lower end of target range (14-17%) in order to support revenue growth and share gain. Availability of GPUs can limit revenue growth. Super Micro's trading multiple has re-rated much higher so far in 2024.

Upside risk factors are the AI server market being much larger than current expectations (hard to size as it is an emerging growth market), unexpected share gains, and competitive wins as new accelerator platforms are released over the next several years.

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Return On Capital Employed

Return On Equity

Operating Margin

Earnings Growth

Free Cash Flow

Quality of Earnings

Cash Realization Ratio

Asset Replacement Ratio

Tax Rate

Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio

Interest Cover

Valuation Toolkit

Price / Earnings Ratio

Price / Book Value

Dividend Yield

Free Cash Flow Yield

Enterprise Value / Sales

EV / EBITDA

Numerator

NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) × (1 – Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization

Net Income

Operating Profit

Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

Numerator

Cash Flow From Operations

Capex

Tax Charge

Net Debt = Total Debt – Cash & Equivalents

EBIT

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

Enterprise Value

Denominator

Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill

Amortization

Shareholders' Equity

Sales

N/A

N/A

Denominator

Net Income

Depreciation

Pre-Tax Income

Total Equity

Interest Expense

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

Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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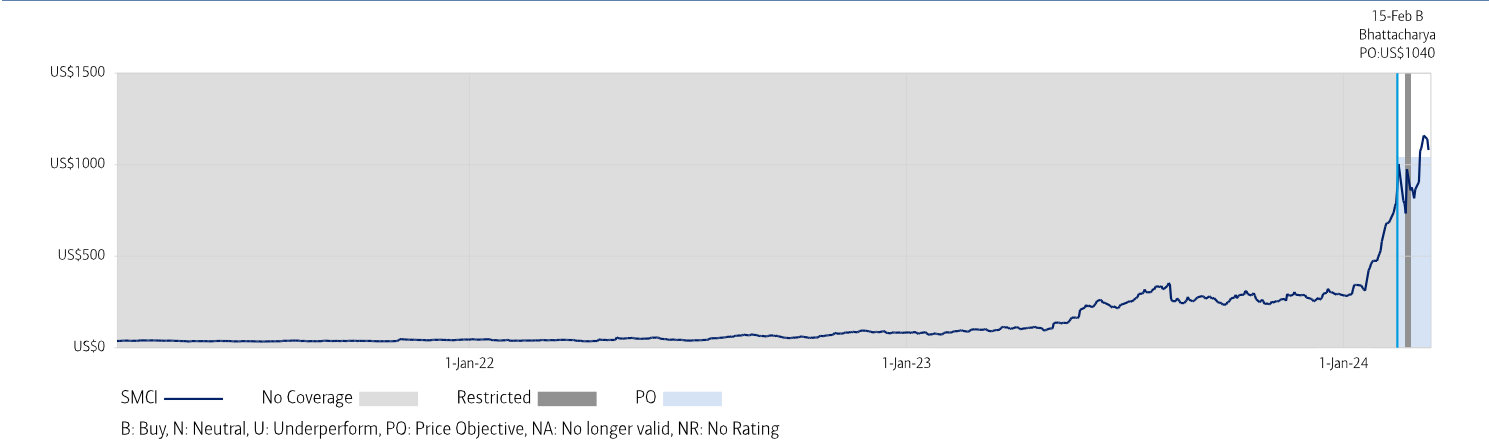
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Sell	93	22.96%	Sell	24	25.81%

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