

Financial Performance & Trends in the Telecom Industry

Telecom Report



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Introduction.

The purpose of this report is to track the financial performance of major players in the telecommunications industry, from Operators to Infrastructure OEMs and Mobile Device Makers.

We hope that you will find this report insightful. Our experienced team welcomes any feedback or opportunities for further discussion.

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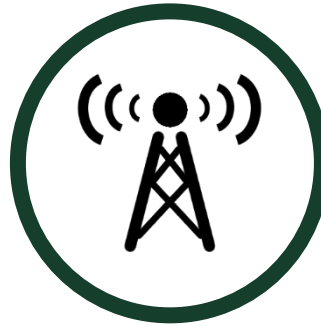


Key Telecom Industry Segments.



Operators

Operators are communication service providers (CSP) and provide fixed and mobile telephony and data services to businesses and consumers



Infrastructure OEMs




Infrastructure OEMs provide communications technology including services, software and infrastructure hardware to telecom operators and others



Device OEMs

Device OEMs manufacture mobile devices and consumer electronics to businesses and consumers



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Report Summary.

Current trend

Selected key findings

Operators



- Even though the margins in the operator segment fell LTM the ROIC remained stable because of improved capital efficiency
- Overall trend is that regions converge in terms of ROIC performance (levels)

- Slightly declining NOPAT and EBITDA margin trends LTM, most extensive declines in MEA and CALA
- Overall, CAPEX spend has stagnated, mainly driven by declines among Global and APAC operators
- The declining trend in Invested Capital Turnover (CTR) is reversing due to considerable improvements by CALA and CIS operators

Infrastructure OEMs



- Huawei is the only one of its peers to see positive ROIC development
- ZTE and Nokia have had significant deterioration to their ROIC in the last couple of years, and for Ericsson specifically in the last quarter

- Majority of OEMs have had limited organic growth over the past years; as a result companies turn to acquisitions for growth
- Ericsson's and Nokia's LTM trends are flat but performance in last quarters implies 2016 full-year margins are assumed to be lower than 2015 actuals

Device OEMs



- Apple continues to outperform peers in terms of ROIC, with Samsung a distant second
- Apple currently catch >80% of the total smartphone profits

- Revenues and profits expected to decline in 2016 due to increased saturation in mature markets
- Revenues remained flat with the exception of HTC, whose revenues decreased significantly LTM
- Profit margins have stagnated and HTC's NOPAT margin fell to -22% in the LTM

Key Financial Metrics in Report.

Yearly Performance Table

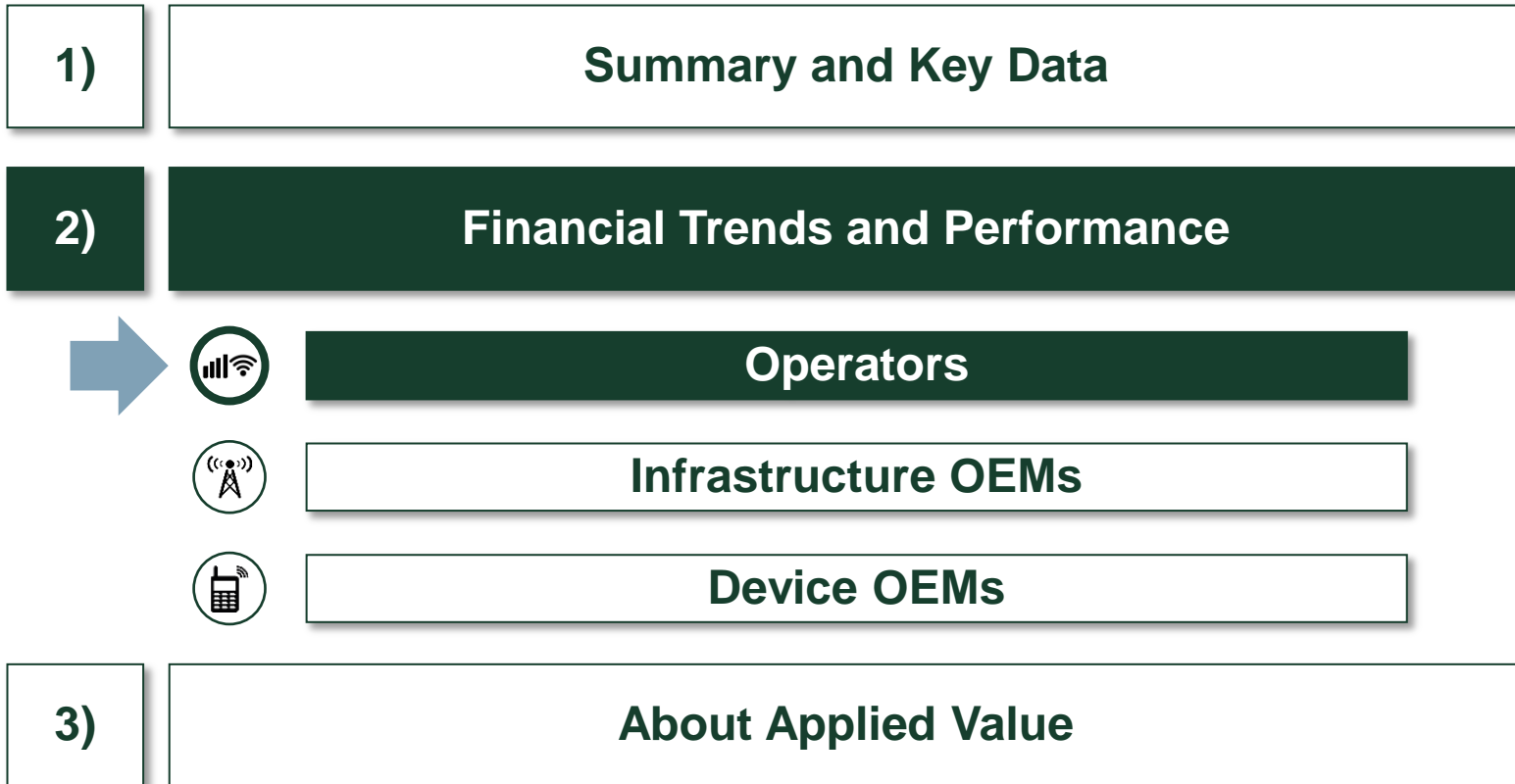
Metric	Industry Group	2012	2013	2014	2015	LTM
Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	Operator	9%	10%	8%	8%	8%
	Infrastructure OEMs	8%	15%	20%	22%	19%
	Device OEMs	40%	36%	31%	37%	35%
Net Operating Profit After Taxes Margin (NOPAT)	Operator	11%	12%	10%	11%	10%
	Infrastructure OEMs	4%	7%	8%	7%	7%
	Device OEMs	11%	10%	9%	11%	10%
Invested Capital Turnover (CTR)	Operator	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8
	Infrastructure OEMs	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.0	2.6
	Device OEMs	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.5

Quarterly Performance Table (excluding selected operators due to lack of quarterly data)

Metric	Industry Group	Q4 2015	Q1 2016	Q2 2016	Q3 2016
Sales Growth Q to Q [%]	Operator	5%	4%	3%	1%
	Infrastructure OEMs	9%	-4%	-8%	-7%
	Device OEMs	-8%	-5%	-6%	0%
NOPAT [%]	Operator	10%	10%	11%	11%
	Infrastructure OEMs ¹	11%	4%	5%	4%
	Device OEMs	9%	10%	10%	12%
EBITDA [%]	Operator	29%	31%	32%	33%
	Infrastructure OEMs ¹	18%	12%	12%	11%
	Device OEMs	20%	22%	23%	24%

Notes: 1. Huawei quarterly NOPAT and EBITDA data is not available and therefore FY 2015 is used.
2. ZTE are only releasing half year results.







We performed a financial benchmark with 49 operators, segmented by geographical scope.

<div><div>North America</div><div>AT&T</div><div>Verizon</div><div>BCE</div><div>Rogers</div><div>Telus</div></div>	<div><div>Europe</div><div>BT</div><div>KPN</div><div>Orange</div><div>Swisscom</div><div>Tele2</div><div>Telia</div><div>Altice</div><div>Proximus</div><div>Elisa</div><div>TDC</div></div>	<div><div>ME & Africa</div><div>Etisalat</div><div>MTN</div><div>STC</div><div>Turkcell</div><div>Vodacom</div><div>Zain</div></div>		
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Notes: Operators were classified as Global if >20% of revenues came from regions outside of their home region.



Key Takeaways from Operators segment:

	Long-term trend	Short-term trend
Ability to Create Shareholder value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The overall ROIC for the segment has declined since 2012 but level has now stabilizedOverall trend is that regions converge in terms of ROIC performance (levels)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Global and CIS operators were the only regions increasing their ROIC LTM, but region MEA keeps its position as best in classDeep-dive analysis shows large variation in ROIC performance among peers, with top performers typically operate in emerging markets.
Margin Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Operators in MEA have the highest profitabilityThe overall segment profitability has declined compared to 2012 levels, with CIS and CALA operators experiencing the largest declines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Positive profitability trend for EU, CIS and Global operators during last three quarters, but LTM levels in EU still below 2015 totalsCALA, EU and APAC are currently the regions with lowest profitability
Capital Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital turnover has deteriorated across the industry since 2012, primarily driven by drops for operators in the MEA region	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Segment capital turnover rebounded during LTM, primarily driven by CIS and CALA regions, with CALA currently being best in classOther regions keep current levels
Capital Expenditure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The increase in CAPEX stagnated after 2014 and spend has slightly declined during last yearsCAPEX is continuously increasing in the MEA region	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The CAPEX over sales and EBITDA declined LTM, primarily driven by Global, APAC and CIS operators

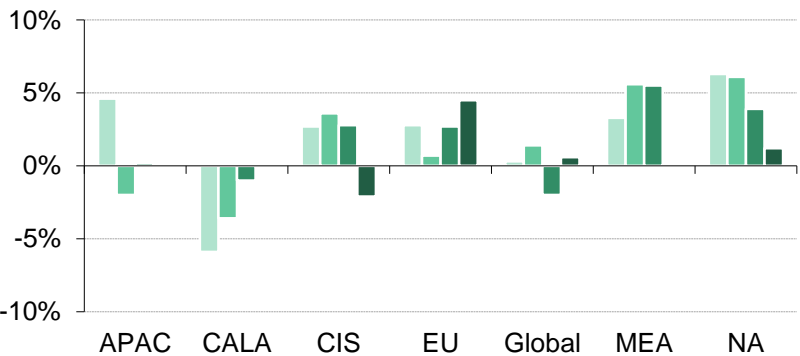
Notes: 1. Operators in the study are estimated to cover 60-70% of the market by value.
2. LTM is an abbreviation for Last Twelve Months.
3. If no data is available for an operator one quarter an LTM average has been calculated based on the other quarters with data available.



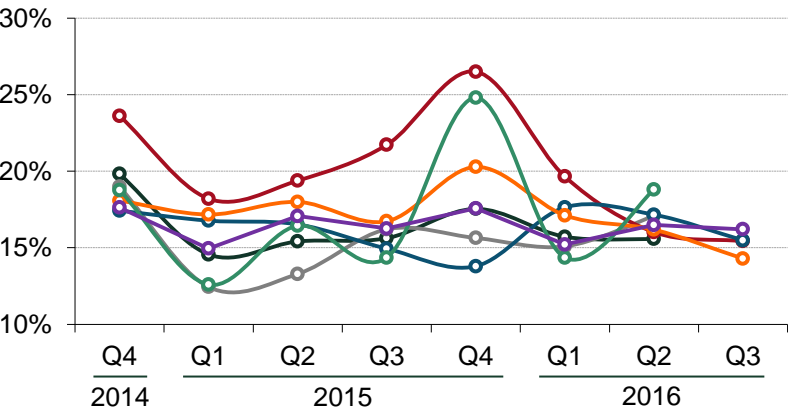


Recent quarters the CAPEX spend has remained stable and the margins for Global, EU and APAC operators have increased.

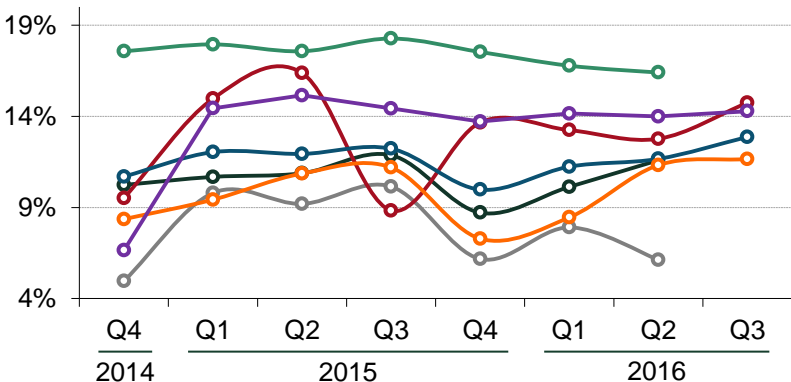
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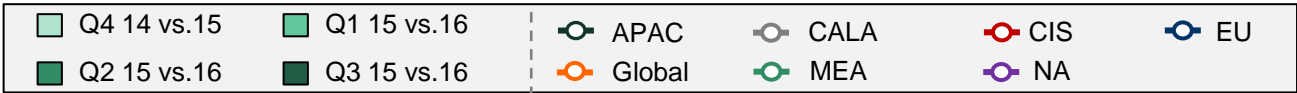
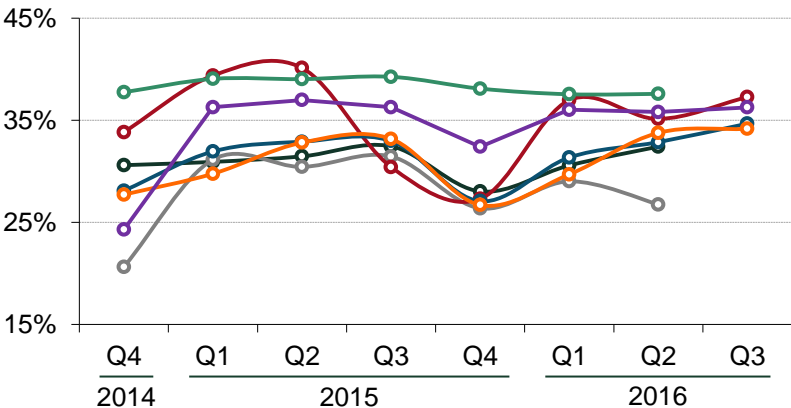
CAPEX / Sales, (%)



Quarterly NOPAT Margin, (%)



Quarterly EBITDA Margin, (%)

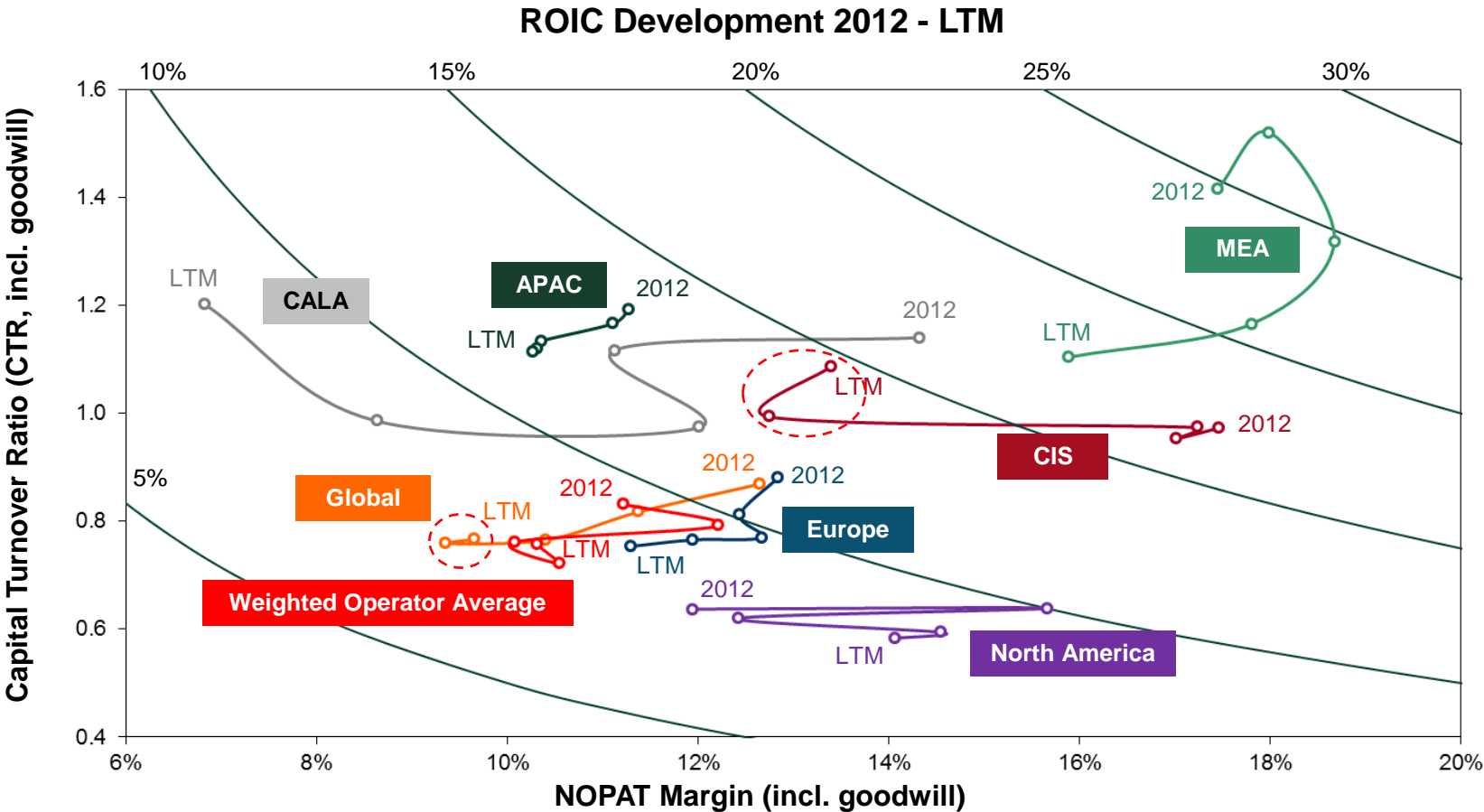


Notes: 1. EBIT & EBITDA are normalized to remove one-time or unusual influences.
2. Q3 2016 data for APAC, CALA and MEA region has been left out since no data is available for a considerable part of the sample companies in these regions.
Source: Capital IQ, Annual & quarterly reports, Applied Value Analysis.





The Global and CIS region operators were the only ones managing to improve ROIC LTM.



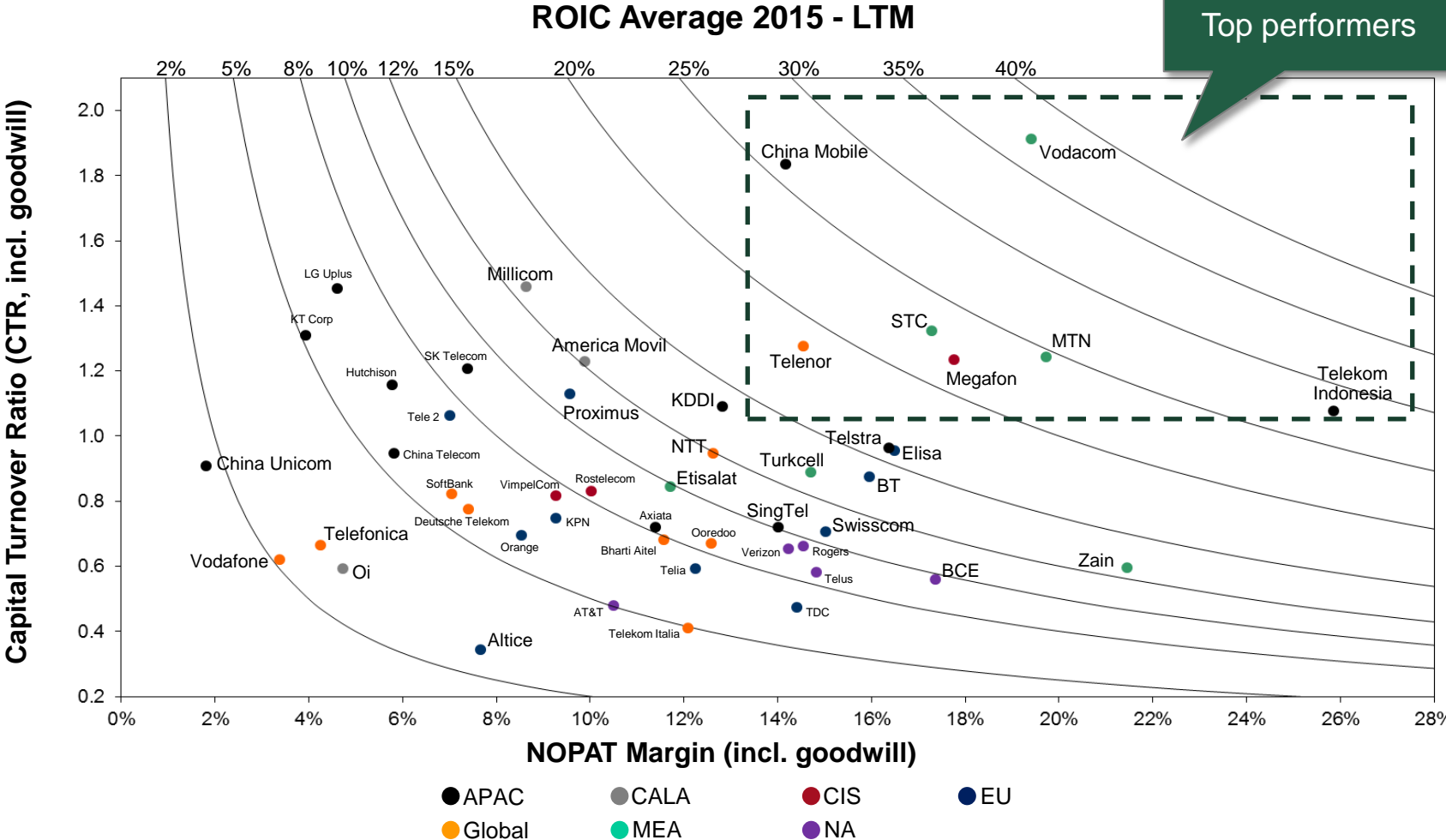
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Large variation in ROIC performance among peers – top performers typically operate in emerging markets.



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Operators in emerging markets also experience largest shifts 2015 vs. LTM, due to both changing NOPAT and CTR.

Operator	ROIC LTM	ROIC Δ 2015 – LTM	Comment
Top ROIC gainers			
1. VimpelCom	14%	12pp.	Improving from very low NOPAT % in 2015
2. China Mobile	31%	10pp.	Increased ROIC by major improvements NOPAT % and CTR
3. Millicom	16%	6pp.	Increased ROIC by major improvements in CTR
4. Telkom Indonesia	30%	4pp.	Increased ROIC by major improvements in NOPAT % (+~2pp. 2015 – LTM)
5. Elisa	17%	2pp.	Increased ROIC by major improvements NOPAT % and CTR
Top ROIC losers			
45. America Movil	11%	-3pp.	NOPAT % decreased by ~2pp. 2015 – LTM
46. MTN	23%	-3pp.	NOPAT % decrease combined with minor decline in capital efficiency
47. Telstra	14%	-4pp.	Substantial NOPAT % decrease combined with slight decline in CTR
48. Turkcell	11%	-5pp.	Substantial declines in both NOPAT % and capital efficiency
49. Megafon	19%	-6pp.	NOPAT % decreased by ~4pp combined with slight decline in CTR

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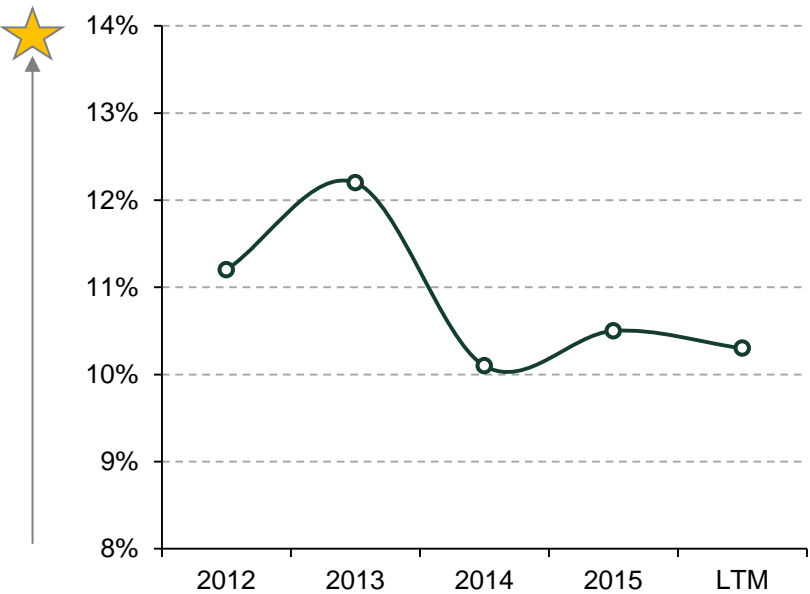
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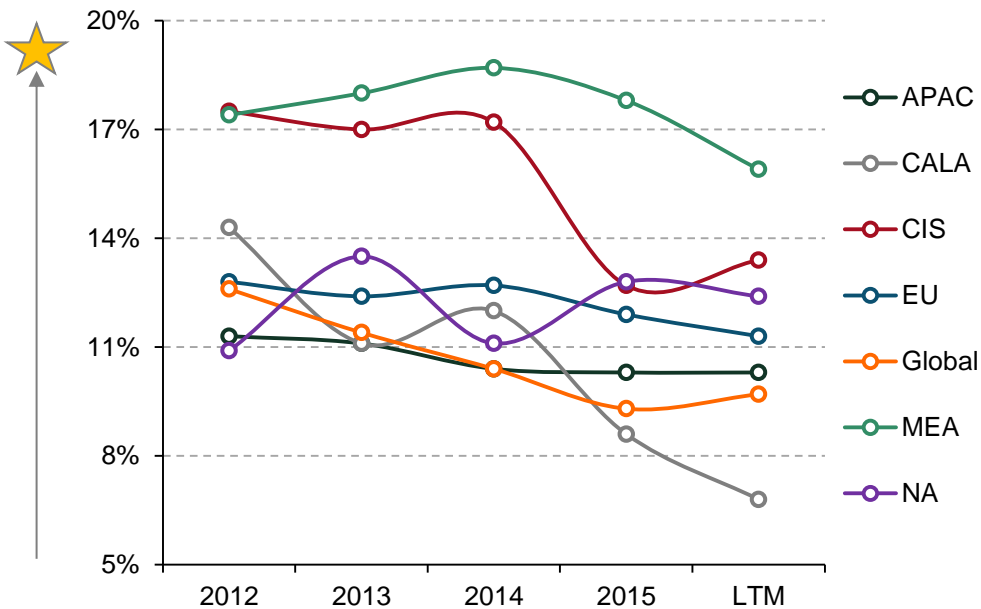


Industry NOPAT has decreased LTM; the Global, APAC and CIS operators managed to stop their negative trends.

NOPAT Margin, weighted for all companies
2012-LTM



NOPAT Margin, arithmetic average per region
2012-LTM



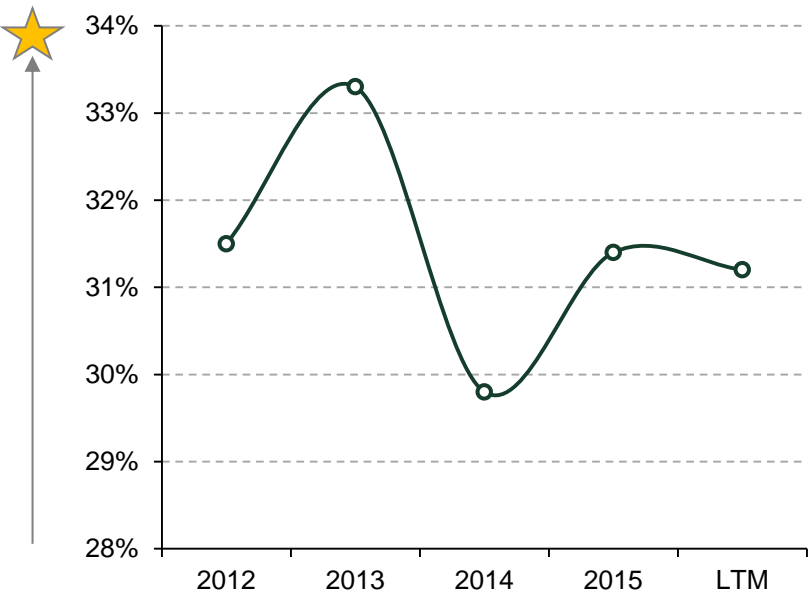
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2. The CALA regions poor performance LTM mainly depends on Oi.
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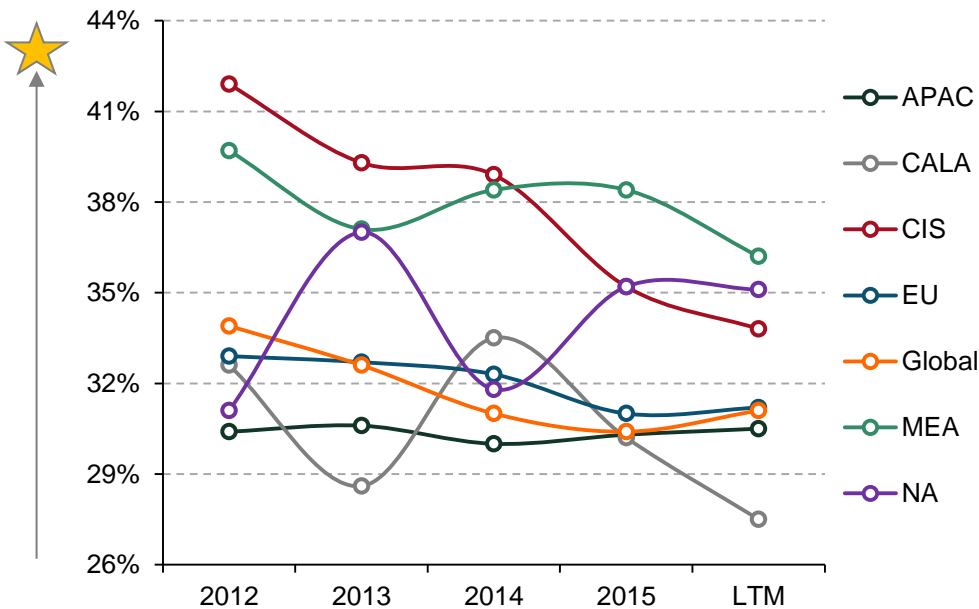


The industry EBITDA margin is slightly declining, since 2012 the CIS operators have experienced the most comprehensive decline.

EBITDA Margin, weighted for all companies
2012-LTM



EBITDA Margin, arithmetic average per region
2012-LTM

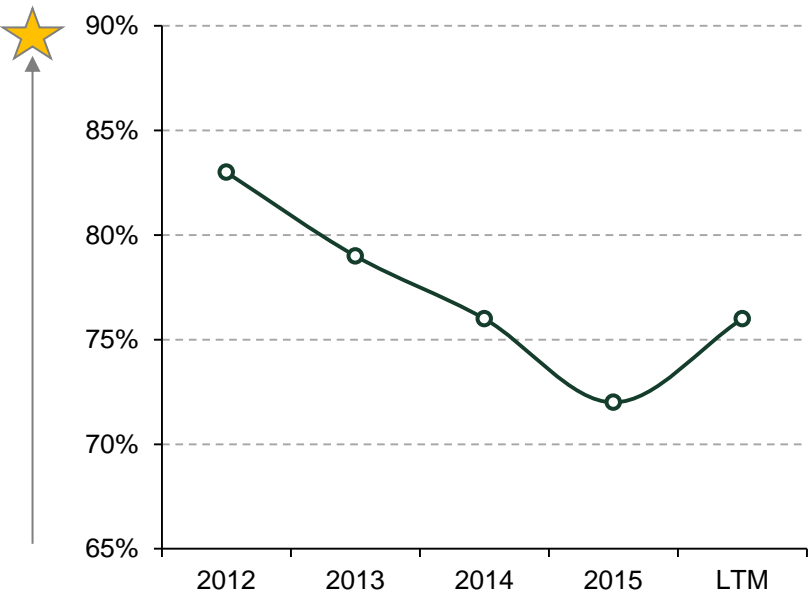


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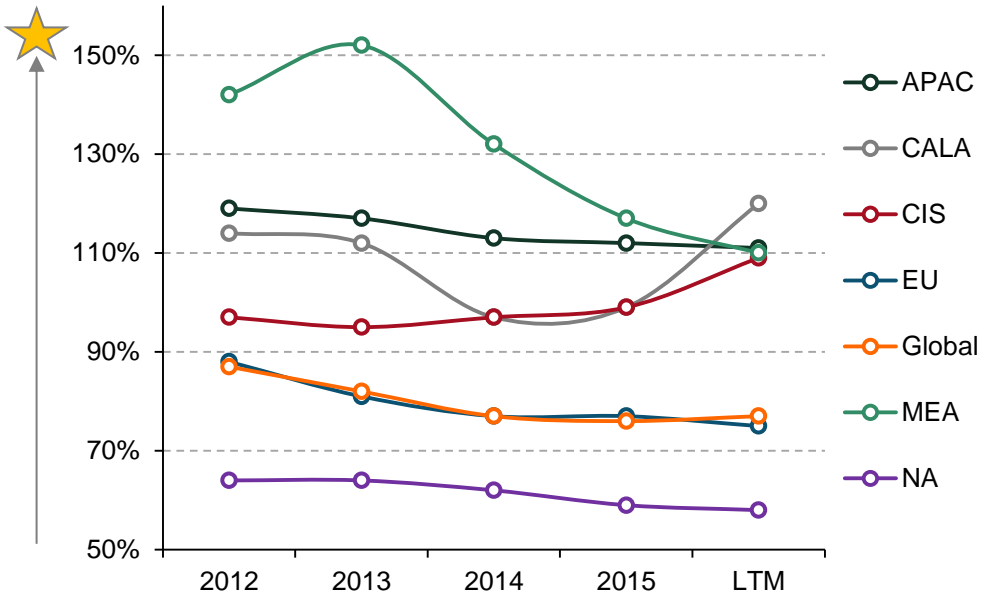


The industry invested capital turnover increased LTM for the first time since 2012, primarily driven by CALA and CIS operators.

Invested Capital Turnover, weighted for all companies 2012-LTM



Invested Capital Turnover, arithmetic average per region 2012-LTM

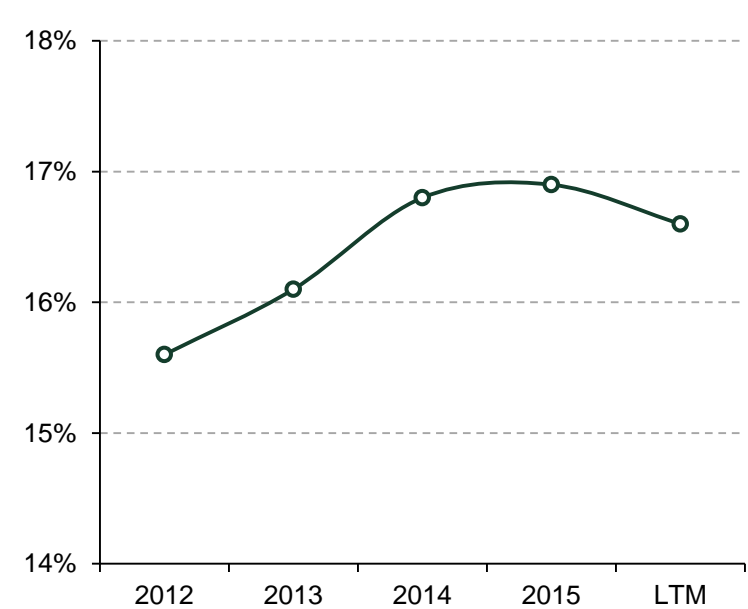


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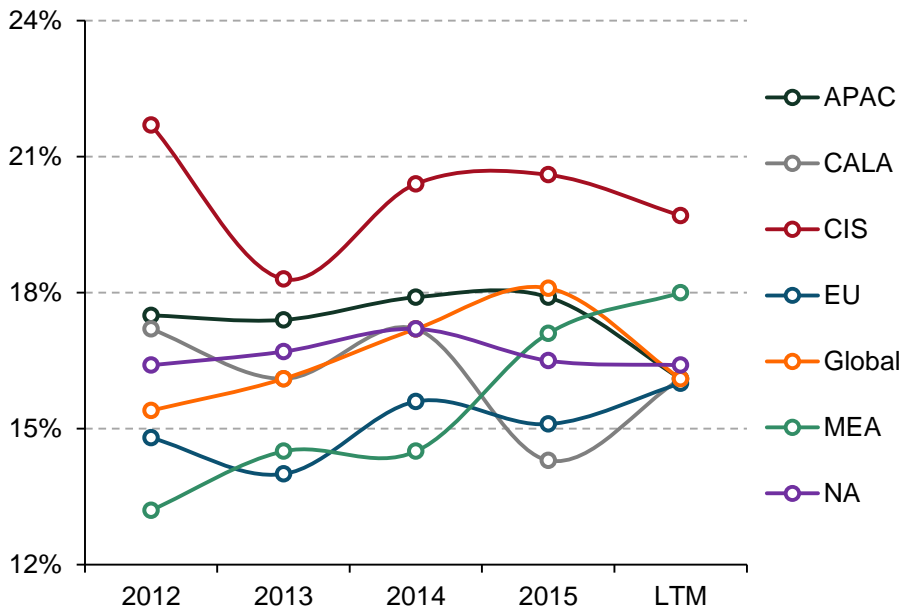


CAPEX spend in relation to sales declined LTM, driven by CIS, APAC and Global operators.

CAPEX / Sales, weighted for all companies
2012-LTM



CAPEX / Sales, arithmetic average per region
2012-LTM

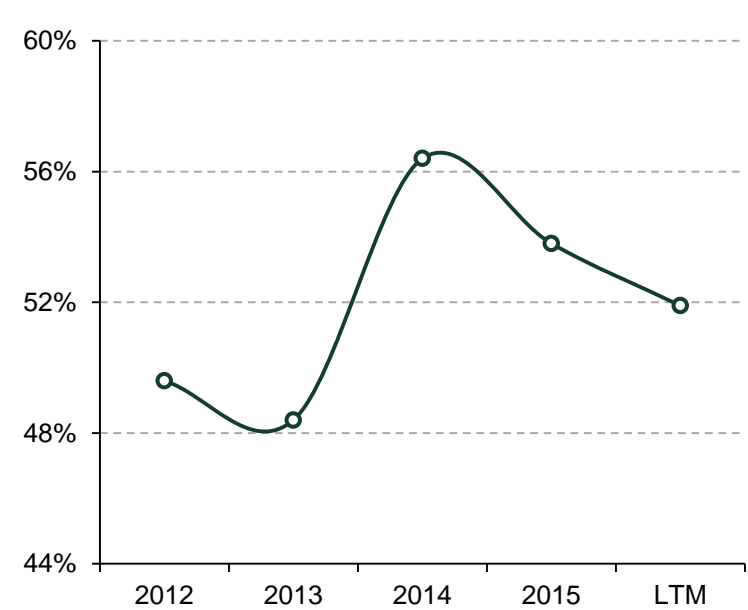


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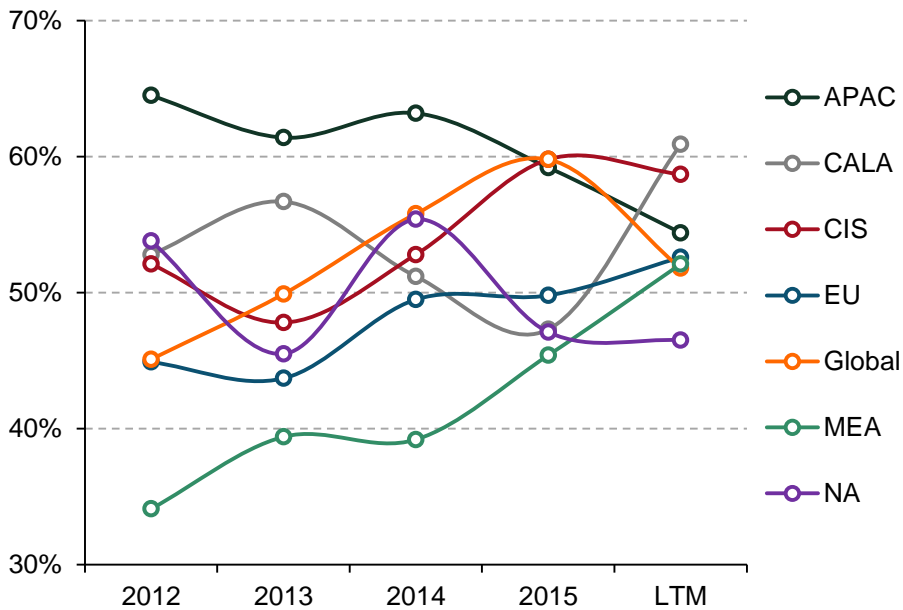


Cash generation is improving driven by APAC, Global and CIS operators.

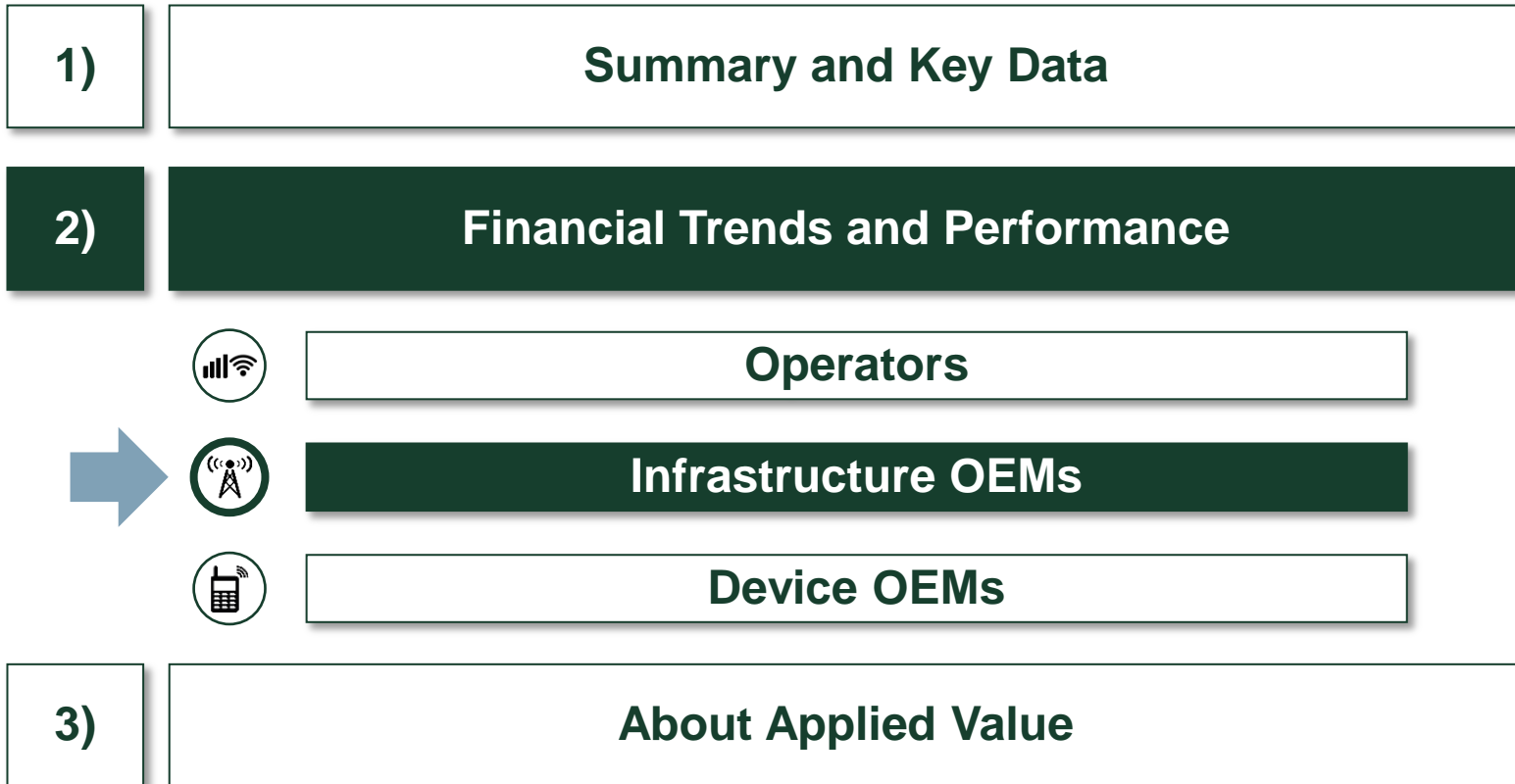
CAPEX / EBITDA, weighted for all companies
2012-LTM



CAPEX / EBITDA, arithmetic average per region
2012-LTM

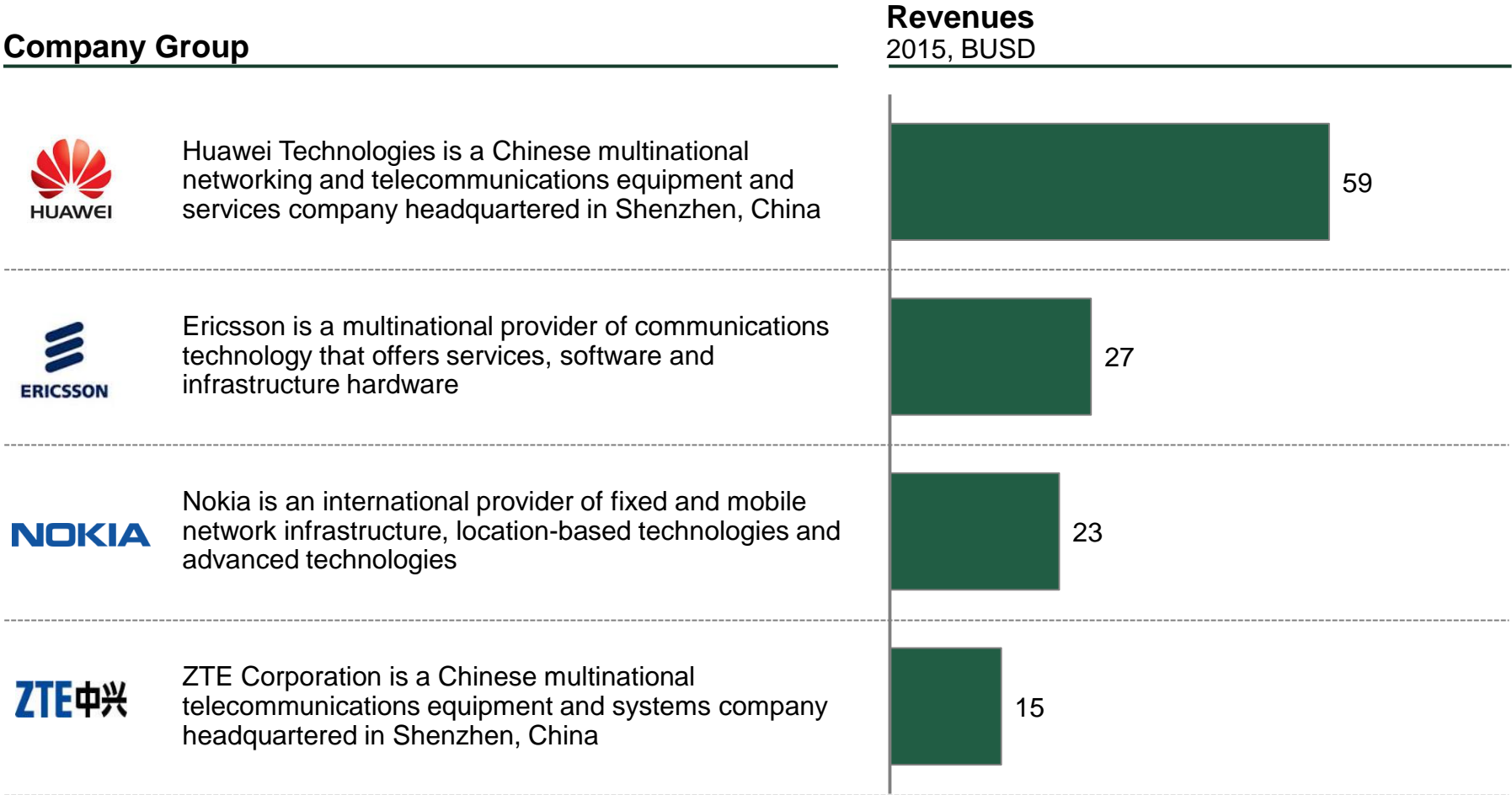


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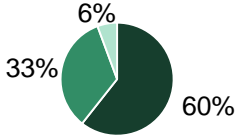

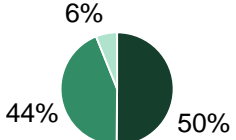

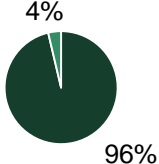


We performed a financial benchmarking analysis comparing Huawei, Ericsson, Nokia Networks, and ZTE.



Notes: (1) Nokia data is LTM to highlight revenues from Alcatel acquisition.
Source: Annual & quarterly reports, Applied Value Analysis.



Huawei and ZTE have significant mobile device segments while their peers all focus on telecom infrastructure.

Company	Business Segments	Description
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Carrier Network BusinessConsumer BusinessEnterprise Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Carrier Network Business</u>: Wireless/Fixed/Core Networks, Carrier SW<u>Consumer Business</u>: Mobile Broadband/Home Devices, Smartphones<u>Enterprise Business</u>: ICT Products
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">NetworksGlobal ServicesSupport Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Network Products, Network Services</u>: 4G and 5G development, Radio and Transport, Managed Services and Customer Support<u>Cloud & IT Products & Services</u>: Software, Systems Integration<u>Media</u>: Broadcast systems, TV/Media<i>Available financials stated with pre-reorganization segmenting</i>
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nokia NetworksNokia Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Nokia Networks</u>: Network Infrastructure Business<u>Nokia Technologies</u>: Technology Development and IPR Activities
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">NetworkHandset TerminalsTelecom. Software systems, services and other products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Networks</u>: Wireless communications, wireline switch and access and optical and data communications<u>Handset terminals</u>: Manufacture and sale of mobile phone handsets and data card products<u>Telecommunications software systems, services and other products</u>: Telecommunications software systems and fee-based services

Note: ZTE Corp. data is form 2014.
Source: Annual & quarterly reports, Applied Value Analysis.



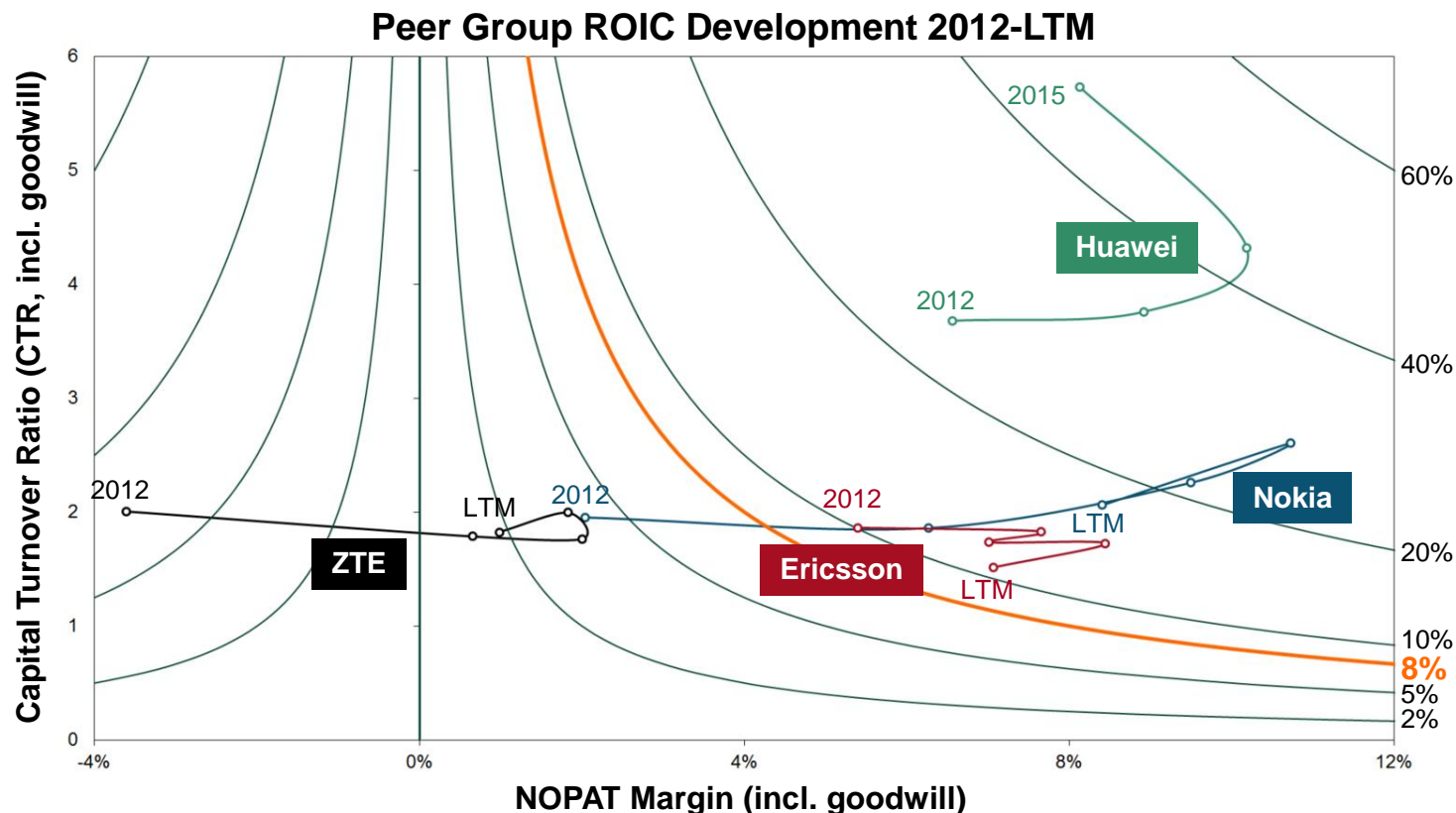
Key Takeaways from Infrastructure OEM segment.

	Long-term trend	Short-term trend
Ability to Create Shareholder value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All peers have improved ROIC since 2012• Majority of peers have continuously delivered ROICs above WACC, thereby increasing shareholder value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nokia, Ericsson and ZTE have deteriorating ROICs LTM• Huawei keeps its position as best in class
Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aside from Huawei and ZTE, organic growth among peers has been low over the period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Huawei and ZTE are the only peers with increasing revenues (Nokia's increasing revenues is driven from Alcatel acquisition)• Most recent acquisitions driven by ambition to improve selected competence areas
Margin Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All peers have improved profitability since 2012 but trend in last years is flat• Nokia and Huawei have best in class margins• Ericsson's and Nokia's LTM trends are flat but performance in last quarters implies 2016 full-year margins are assumed to be lower than 2015 actuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Declining profitability for all peers compared to historical levels• Ericsson's margin deterioration is accelerating with a significant drop in Q3• Nokia's NOPAT margin is hurt by acquisition of Alcatel-Lucent
Capital Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Huawei has continuously higher CTR than peers (2x) as a result of increased focus on services, hence higher fixed asset turnover• Other peers are on par and have delivered stable capital turnover ratios over the period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nokia, Ericsson and ZTE have increased inventory levels LTM, leading to lower CTR• Days of sales receivables and payables are stable, but all peers still pay suppliers quicker than collecting cash from customers





Huawei has higher CTR than peers as a result of increased focus on services – all peers has improved NOPAT since 2012.



ROIC = Return on Invested Capital (actual return that the company has generated after tax)

WACC = Weighted Average Cost of Capital (the required return that the company must generate in order to create value, i.e. a $ROIC > WACC$ creates shareholder value)

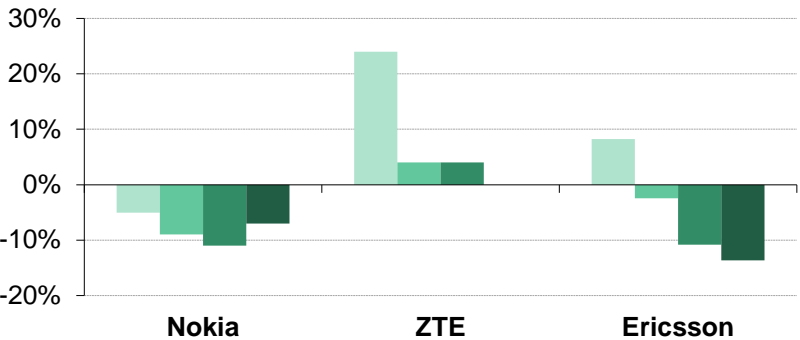
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Huawei does not publish quarterly reports. ZTE only publishes half-year reports.
Nokia 2012 excludes device business, Nokia LTM includes Alcatel-Lucent on a consolidated basis.
Source: Annual & quarterly reports, Applied Value Analysis.



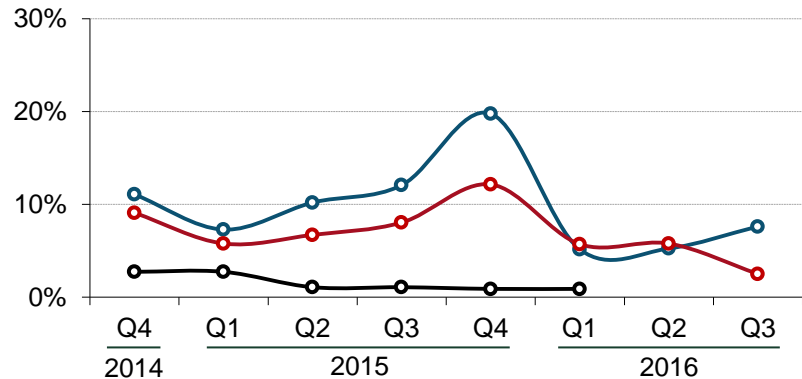


Nokia's margin is recovering while Ericsson's deteriorating shows a rapid acceleration in Q3 – ZTE is gaining market share during 2016.

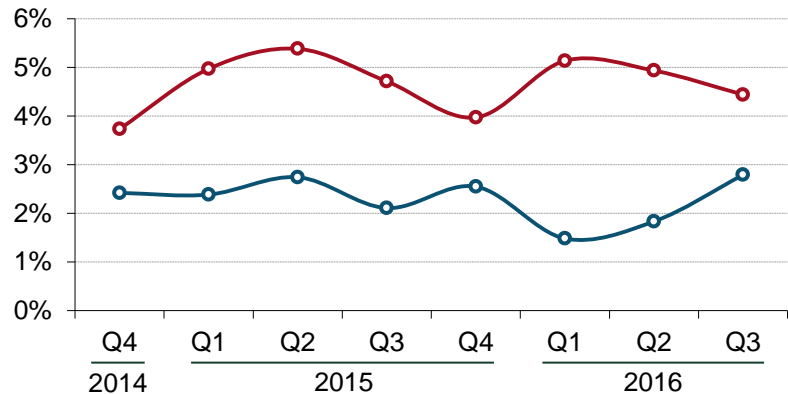
Sales, Quarter-to-Quarter development %



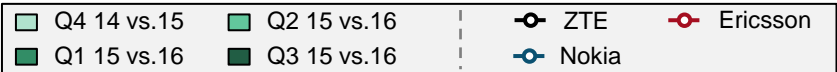
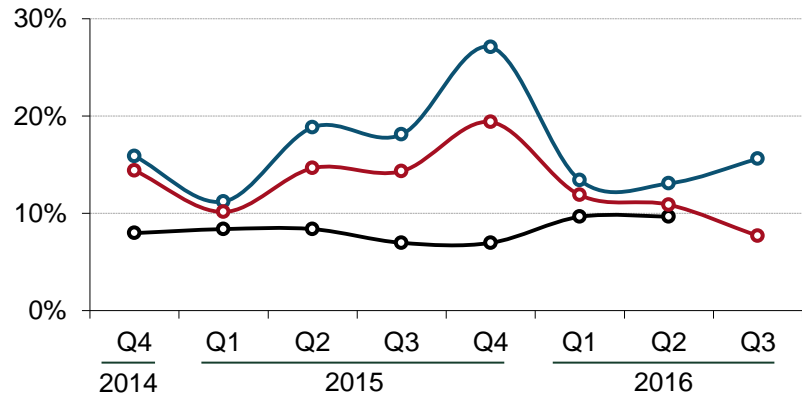
Quarterly NOPAT Margin, (%)



CAPEX / Sales, (%)



Quarterly EBITDA Margin, (%)



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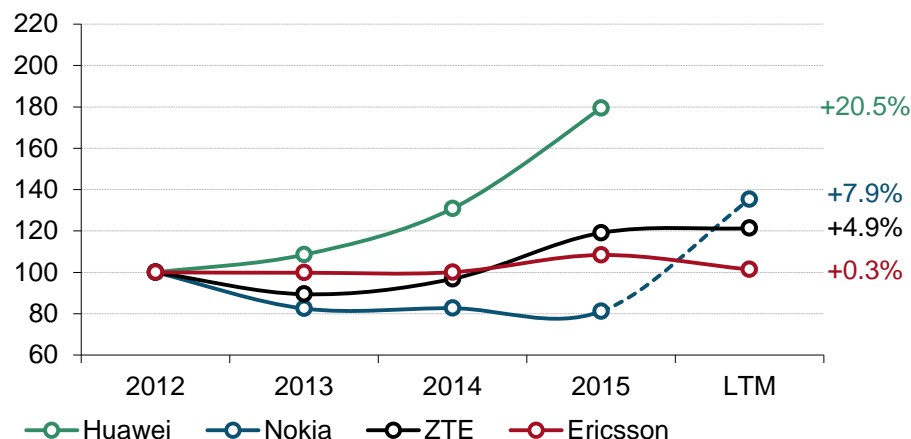




Aside from Huawei and ZTE, organic growth among peers is low, with sales either flat or increasing due to acquisitions.

Indexed Revenue Development 2012 – Last Twelve Months

Index 100=2012

CAGR
2012 - LTM

- Huawei's CAGR of 20.5% from 2012 leads the group. Huawei's carrier and consumer businesses have driven the upward trend (a 21.4% and 72.9% increase, respectively, from 2014 to 2015)
- Nokia's increased revenue over the past year is driven by the Alcatel acquisition, which closed in January

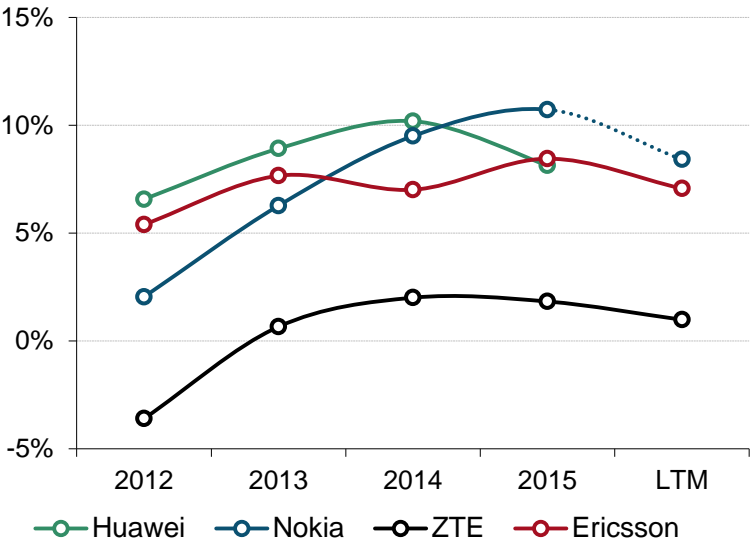
M&A Activity 2015 – 2016

Oct-2016	Nokia acquires Eta Devices, start-up specializing in power efficiency solutions for base stations
Aug-2016	Nokia acquisition of Gainspeed, pioneer of DAA cable, to close Q3'16
Apr-2016	Ericsson acquires Ericpol, a software development company specialized in telecommunications and IT
Jan-2016	Nokia secures 17 BUSD takeover of Alcatel-Lucent via tender offer
Jan-2016	Nokia acquires French internet and software company Withings SAS for 192 MUSD
Dec-2015	Nokia completes the sale of its HERE business to Audi, BMW and Daimler for 2.8 BEUR
Oct-2015	Ericsson completed the acquisition of Envivio by means of a tender offer for approx. 125 MUSD
Jul-2015	Huawei acquired its SDN software technology from Amartus

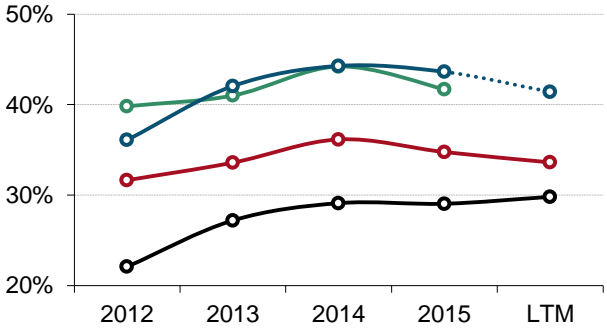


Declining profitability for all peers - Ericsson's poor performance during 2016 is offset by strong Q4 2015 resulting in flat trend.

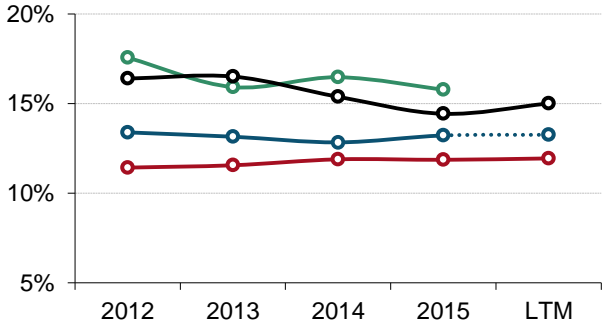
Net Operating Margin After Tax, %



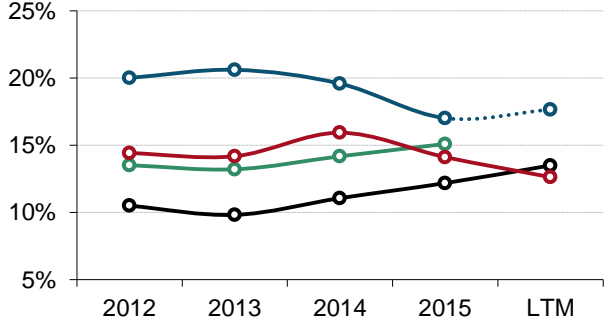
COGS (over sales)



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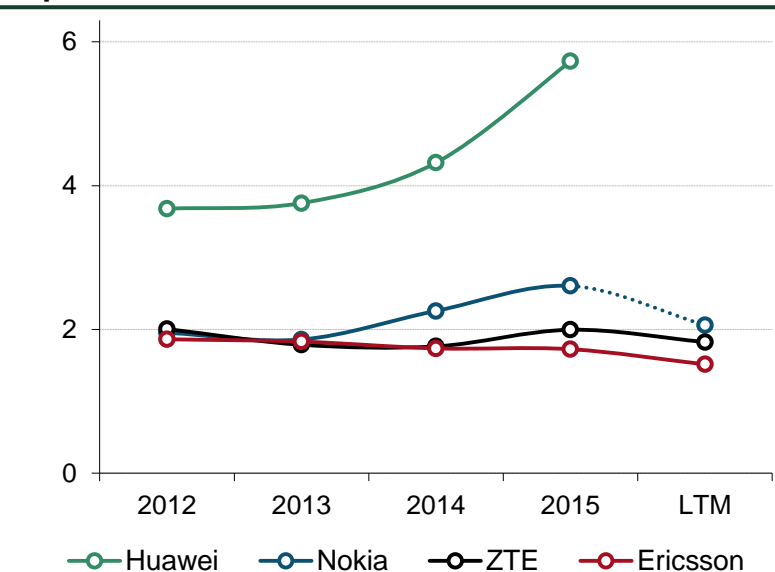
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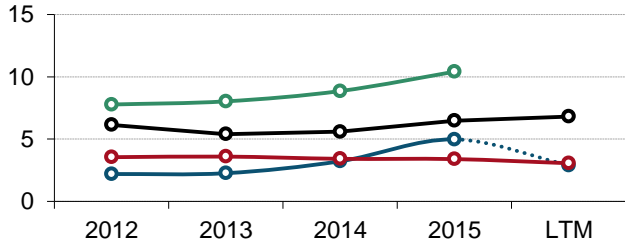


Increasing inventory levels and overall poor cash management – all peers pay suppliers quicker than collecting cash from customers.

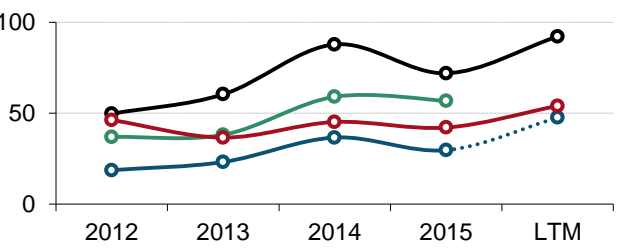
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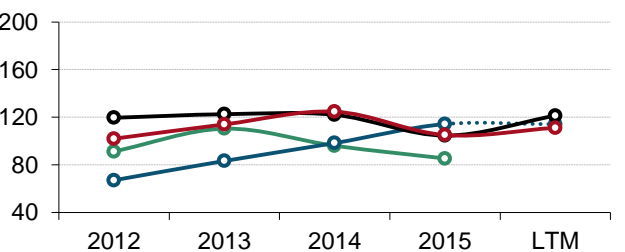
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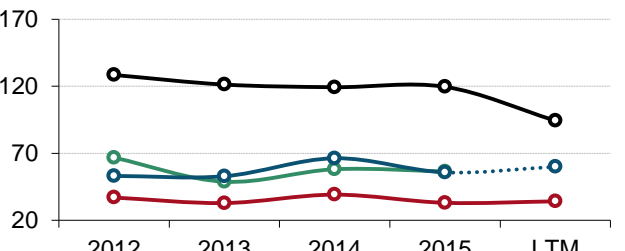
Inventory (days of sales)



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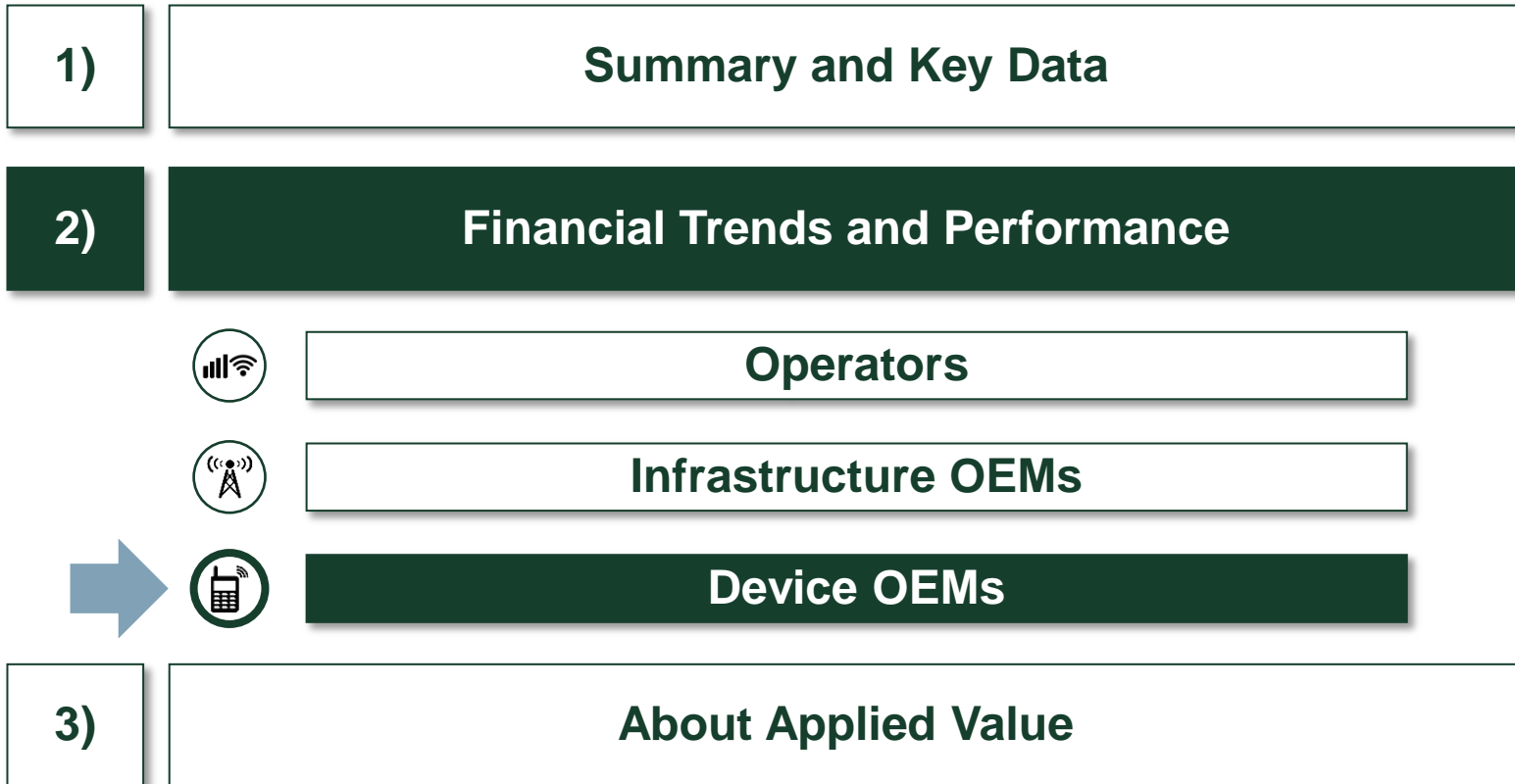


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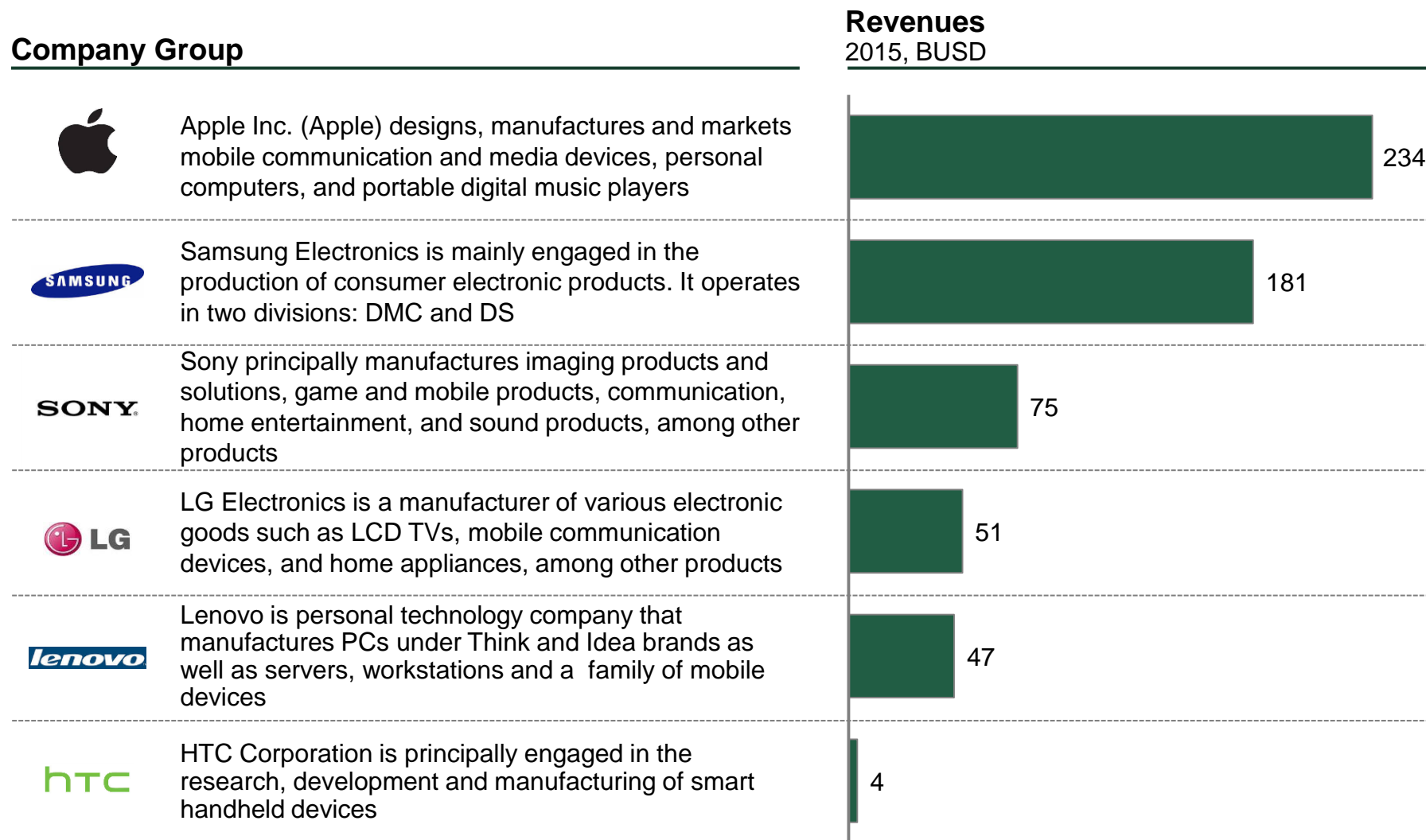
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We performed a financial benchmarking analysis comparing Apple, Samsung Electronics, Sony, LG Electronics, Lenovo and HTC.




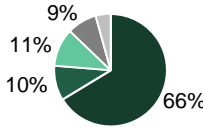

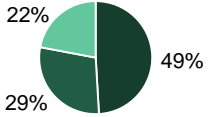

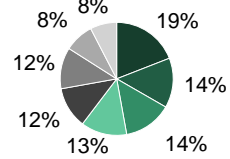

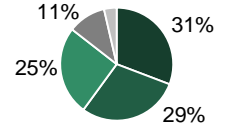

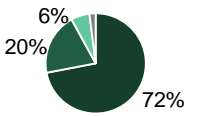


Notes: Samsung, Apple, Sony, Lenovo and LG's financials include revenue of other business in addition to mobile devices.

Source: Thomson Reuters, Annual Reports.





All peers except HTC are diversified technology companies.

Company	Business Segments	Description
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iPhone iPad Mac iTunes, SW, & Services Other Products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>iPhone</u>: Mobile Phones <u>iPad</u>: Tablets <u>Mac</u>: Laptops & Personal Computers <u>Services</u>: iTunes Store, iCloud, Apple Pay, other services <u>Other products</u>: Apple Watch, Beats products and Apple branded accessories for iPhone, iPad, Mac, & iPod
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IM DS CE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Information Technology & Mobile Communications</u>: Mobile Phones, Communication systems and computers <u>Device Solutions</u>: Semiconductor Business, LCD and OLED panels <u>Consumer Electronics</u>: TVs, monitors, printers, air conditioners and refrigerators
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> G&NS HE&S Mobile Comm. Financial Services Pictures Devices IP&S Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Game and Network Services</u>: Computer entertainment and network usage <u>Home Entertainment & Sound</u>: LCD TVs, Home/Portable Audio, Blu-Ray <u>Mobile Communication</u>: Mobile Phones <u>Financial Services</u>: Banking and Insurances <u>Pictures</u>: Motion Pictures, TV Production, Operation of TV & Digital Networks <u>Devices</u>: Semiconductors & Components <u>Imaging Products & Solutions</u>: Digital/Video cameras, Broadcast products <u>Music</u>: Recorded Music, Music Publishing, Visual Media & Platform
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Entertainment Home Appliance Mobile Comm. Innotek Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Home Entertainment</u>: TV, Monitors, PCs, Security Devices, Audio/Video <u>Mobile Communications</u>: Mobile communications, handsets <u>Home Appliance & AC</u>: Fridges, Washing Machines, Microwaves, Vacuums, residential/commercial air conditioners <u>Innotek</u>: LED, Display & Network, Substrate & Material, Optics Solution
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC Mobile Enterprise other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>PC</u>: Commercial and Consumer Computer <u>Mobile</u>: Mobile devices, Smartphone, Tablet <u>Enterprise</u>: Server Business, System X <u>Other</u>: Eco-system, Cloud Services, App Stores
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Mobile</u>: Research, design, manufacture, and sale of smart mobile devices



Key Takeaways from Device OEM segment.

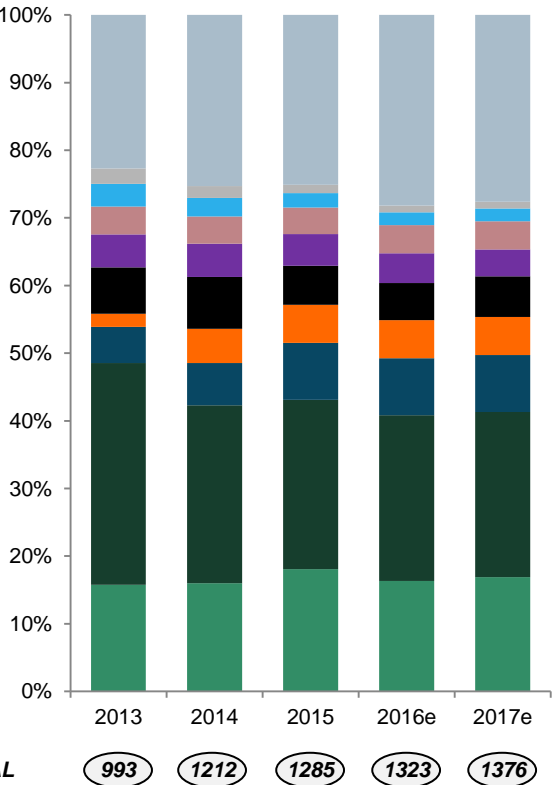
	Long-term trend	Short-term trend
Ability to Create Shareholder value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samsung and Apple are performing a ROIC above WACC but other peers are struggling around or below WACC• Apple’s significant cash assets has a positive impact on CTR and ROIC which separates them from peers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major change in ROIC performance for; Lenovo due to Motorola acquisition; HTC due to falling margins; for Apple because of improved capital efficiency
Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apple and Lenovo have the highest revenue growth among Device OEMs since 2012• HTC’s revenues have declined more than 70% since 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Declining revenue during 2016 for all peer companies• Smartphone revenues are expected to continue to decline in 2016 due to increased saturation in mature mobile device markets.
Margin Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All peers except HTC deliver stable margins• Apple (17%) and Samsung (10%) outperform other peers (0-3%) in terms of NOPAT margin• Apple currently catch >80% of the total smartphone profits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NOPAT margins have been stable for all peers except for HTC during last eight quarters• HTC’s NOPAT margin fell to -22% over the past year, mainly due to unsuccessful launches of new devices
Capital Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall stable invested CTR among peers except for Apple that has seen performance improvement since 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last two years capital turnover has been either flat or increasing for peer companies• Apple’s significant cash resources give them outstanding invested CTR (12x) compared to peers (4x)



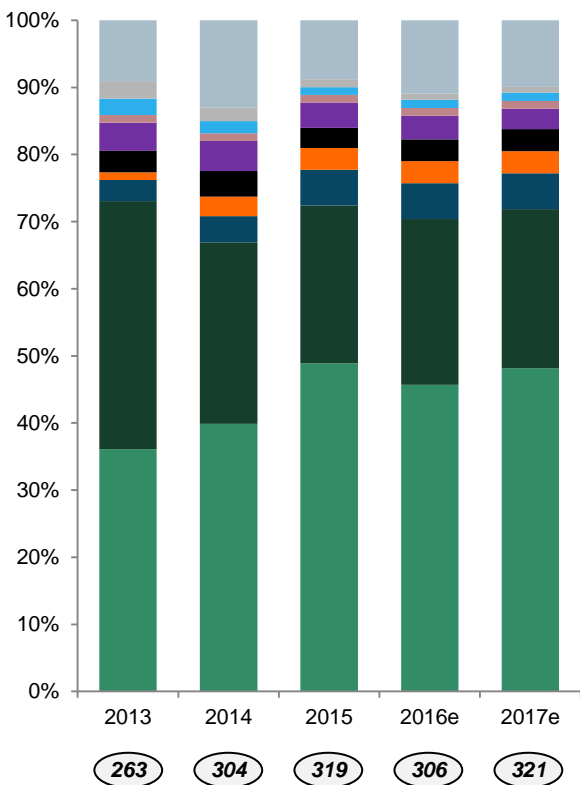


Smartphone revenues and profits are expected to decline in 2016 due to increasing penetration maturity in major markets.

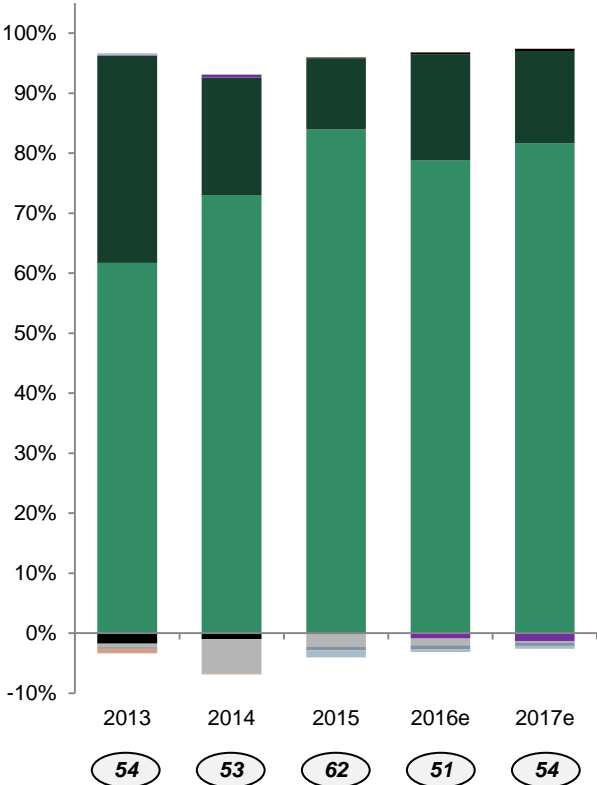
Smartphone Device Volume by Vendor
M-units sold



Smartphone Device Revenue by Vendor
BUSD revenue



Smartphone Device EBIT by Top Vendor
BUSD EBIT



Huawei, Xiaomi, and ZTE have been excluded

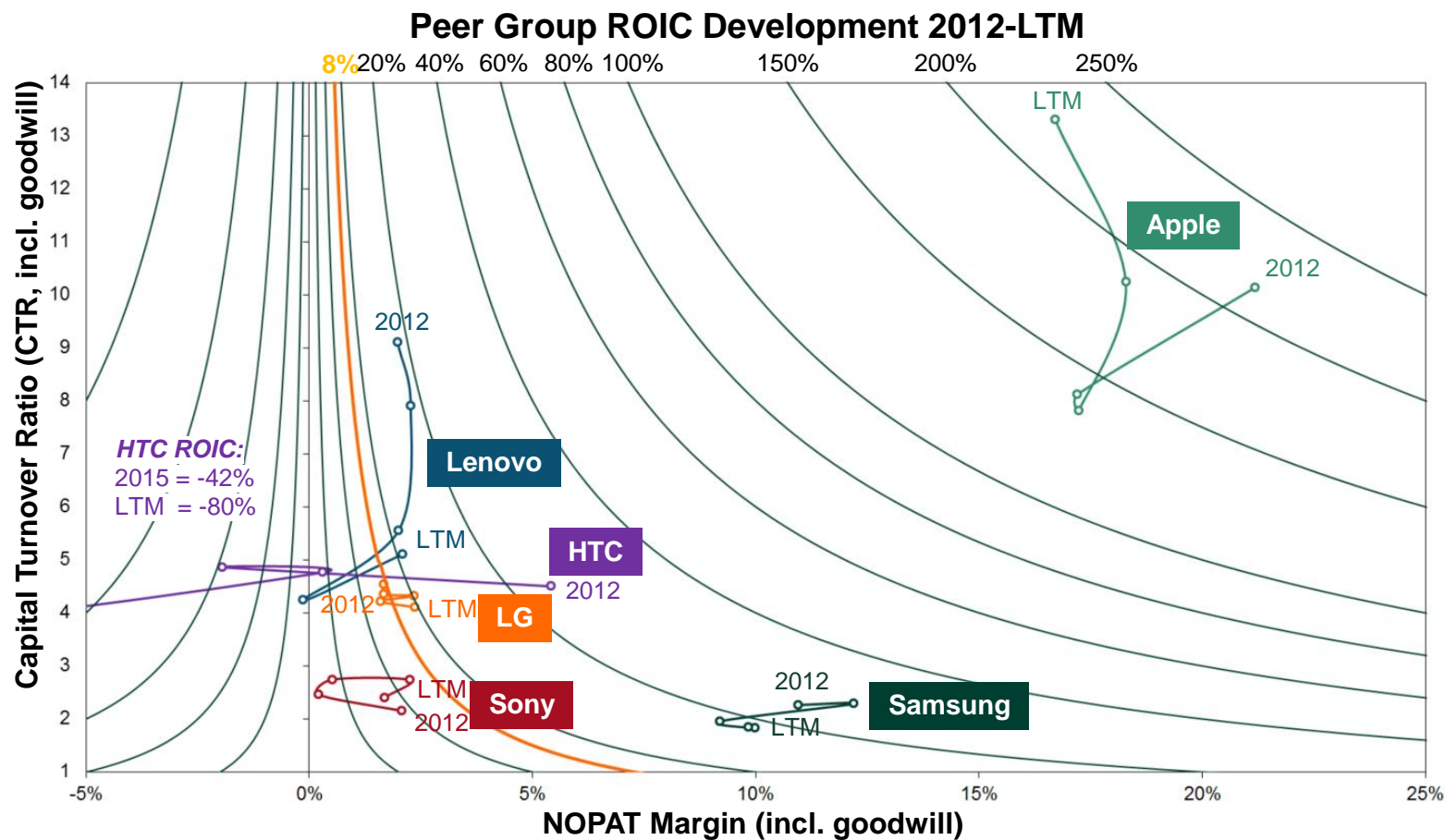
Notes: Smartphone device results are shown here as more than 80% of the mobile volumes come from smartphones in 2015. "Others" category include Sony, TCL, Coolpad but due to incomplete data, they have not been broken out. Totals for EBIT are not industry totals but totals of companies listed. Several companies (Huawei, Xiaomi, ZTE) did not report smartphone business EBIT results.

Source: UBS Evidence Lab, Company data.





Apple continues to outperform peers in terms of ROIC while its peers struggle with low or even negative ROIC.



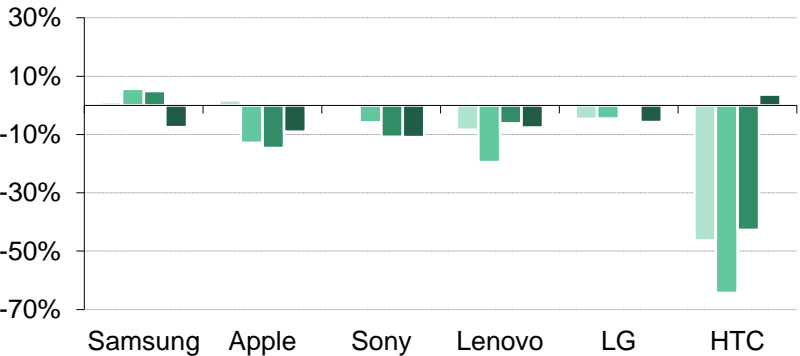
ROIC = Return on Invested Capital (actual return that the company has generated after tax)

WACC = Weighted Average Cost of Capital (the required return that the company must generate in order to create value, i.e. a ROIC > WACC creates shareholder value)

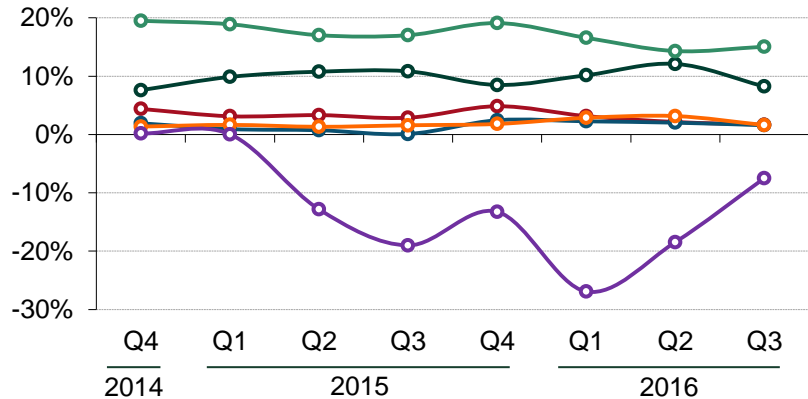


All peers except HTC manage to deliver stable margins despite declining sales.

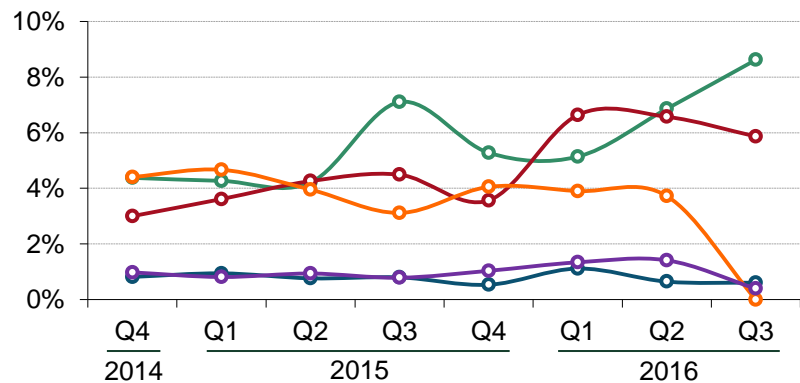
Sales, Quarter-to-Quarter development (%)



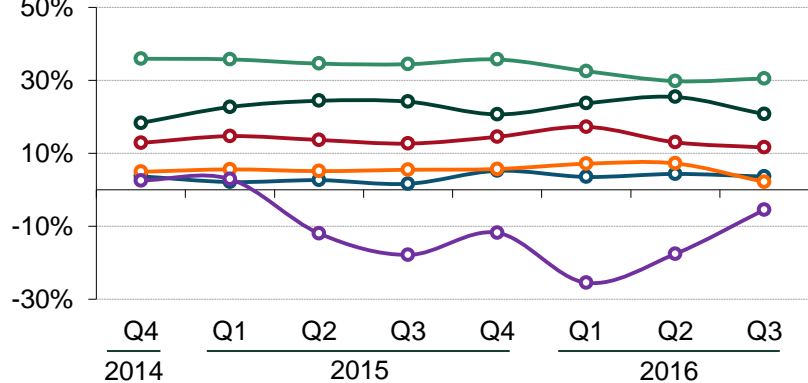
Quarterly NOPAT Margin, (%)



CAPEX / Sales, Quarter-to-Quarter development (%)



Quarterly EBITDA Margin, (%)



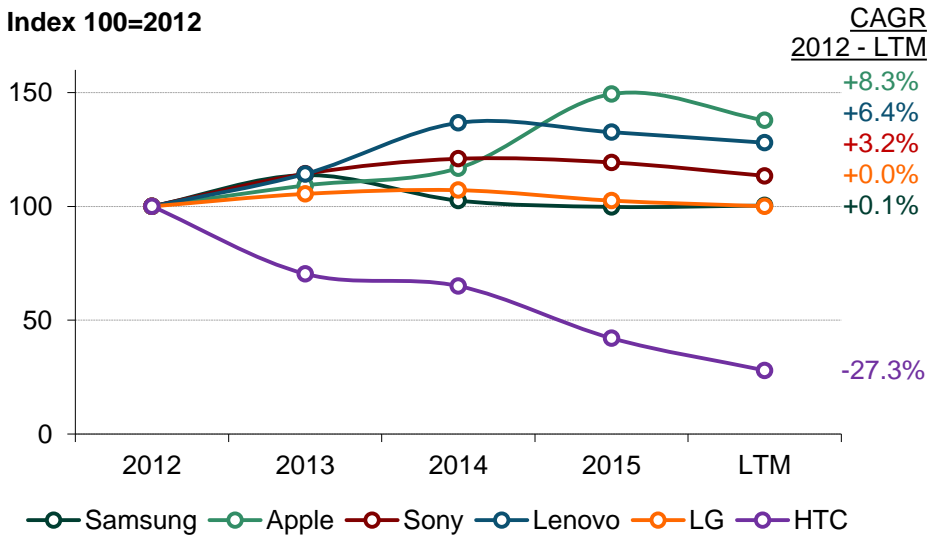
Q4 14 vs. 15	Q1 15 vs. 16	Samsung	Sony	LG
Q2 15 vs. 16	Q3 15 vs. 16	Apple	Lenovo	HTC

Notes: EBIT & EBITDA are normalized to remove one-time or unusual influences.
Source: Thomson, Applied Value Analysis.



None of the peers have managed to significantly grow their revenues LTM – HTC’s revenue has declined rapidly since 2012.

Indexed Revenue Development
2012 – LTM

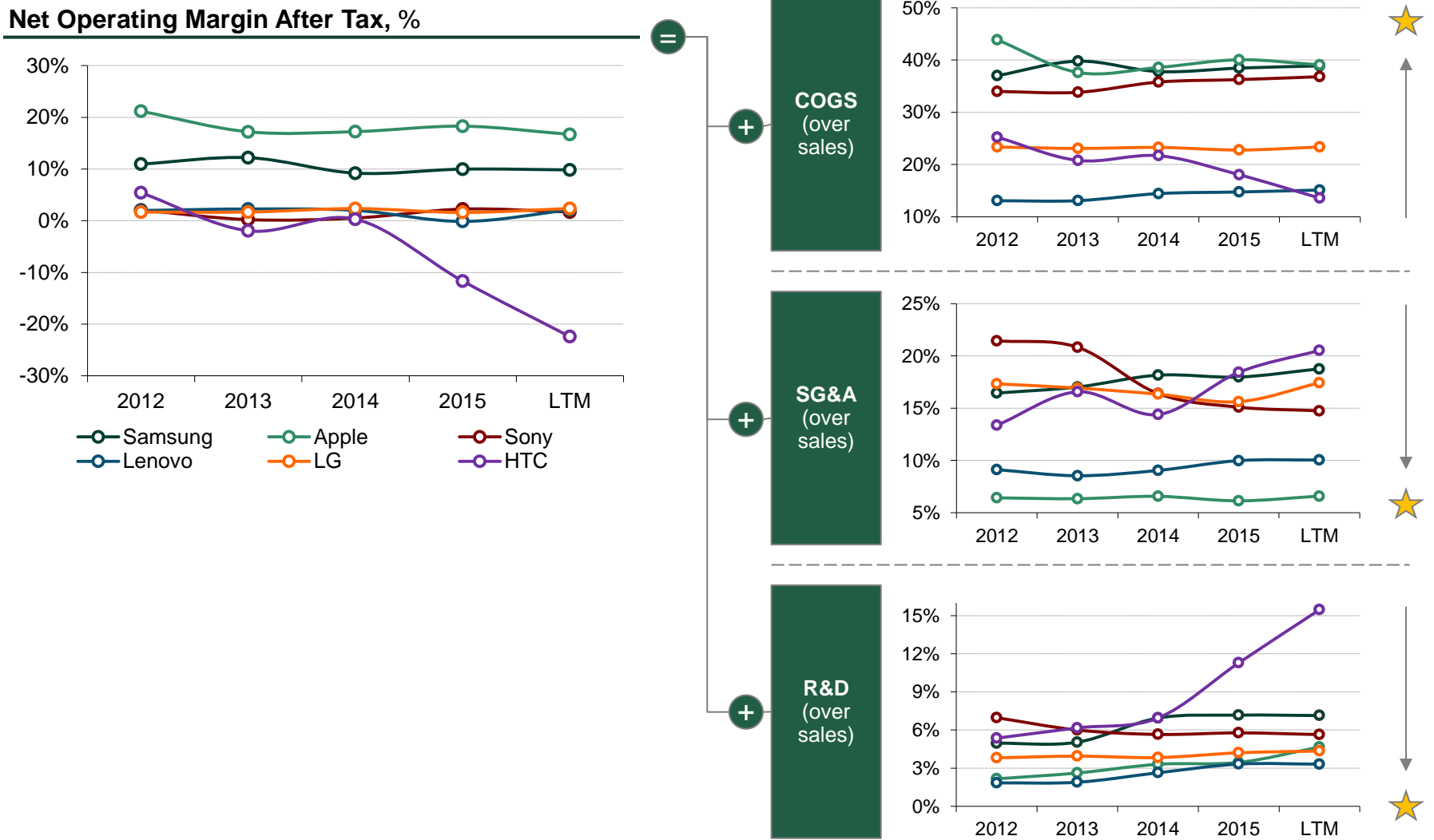


M&A Activity
2012 – 2016

Oct-2016	Samsung acquired artificial intelligence company Viv
Aug-2016	Sony acquires Ten Sports, an Indian television company, for 385 MUSD
Aug-2016	Apple acquires machine learning company Turi for 200 MUSD
Jan-2016	Sony acquires Altair Semiconductor, an electronics company, for 212 MUSD
Sep-2015	Apple acquires map visualization software Mapsense ~30 MUSD
Feb-2015	Samsung buys LoopPay as Digital Wallet Platform for 250 MUSD
Jan-2015	Apple acquires music analytics software Semetric for 50 MUSD
Oct-2014	Lenovo acquired IBM's x86 Server business for 2.1 BUSD
Oct-2014	Lenovo acquires Motorola Mobility from Google for 2.9 BUSD
May-2014	Apple acquires Beats Music and Beats Electronics for 3 BUSD



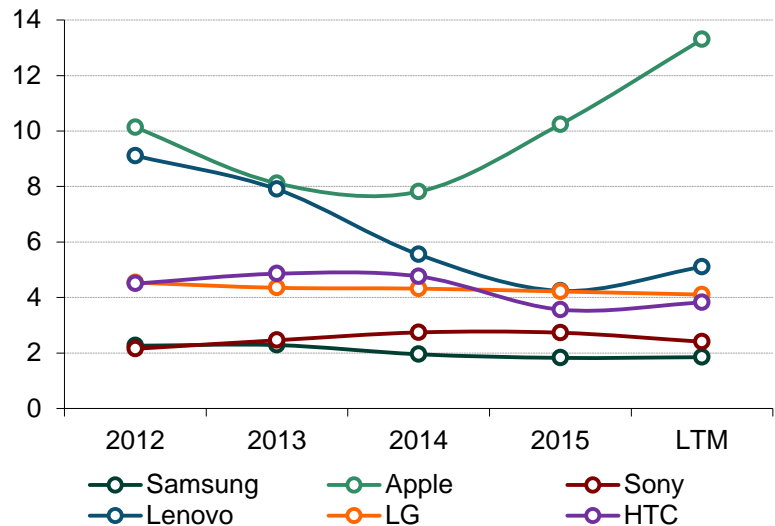
Samsung's and Apple's NOPAT margins are stable and consistently higher than other peers.



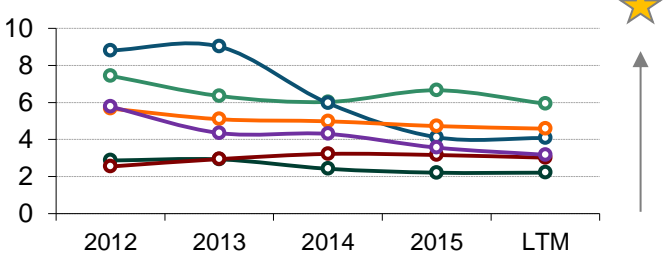


Apple has improved its CTR, but both Lenovo and HTC have had significant declines due to decreased FAT and increased inventory.

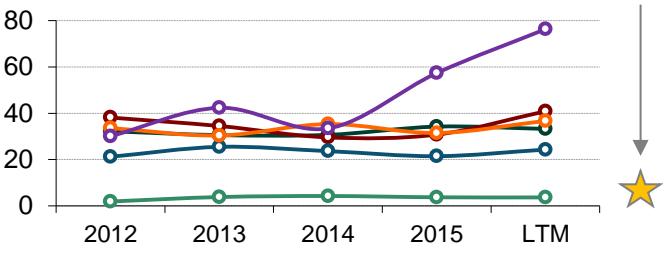
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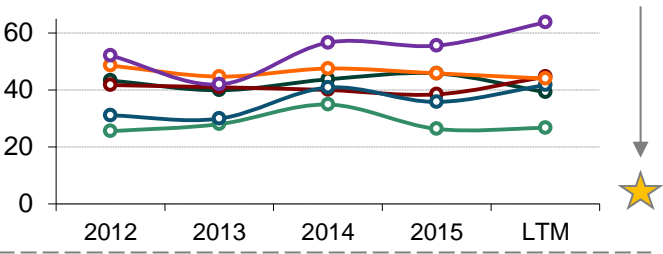
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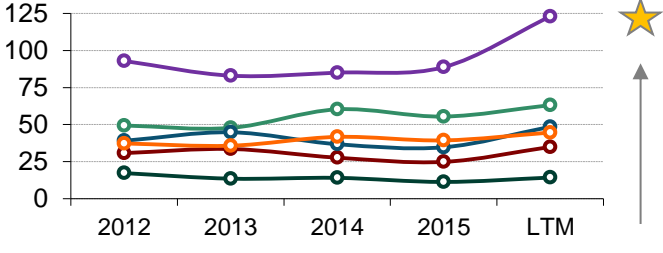
Inventory (days of sales)



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Notes: Lenovo acquired Motorola Mobility in 2014 which increased their invested capital and lowered their Fixed Asset Turnover ratio
Source: Annual Reports, Applied Value analysis.



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