

Bizlink (3665.TW/3665 TT)

2Q24 EPS beat; HPC to take off in 2025F

Outperform · Maintained

Price as of August 26 (NT\$)	431.5
12M target price (NT\$)	508
Previous target price (NT\$)	402
Revised up (%)	26.4
Upside (%)	17.7

Key message

- 2Q24 EPS of NT\$6.13 was 26% higher than consensus on stellar gross margin.
- We project HPC will account for 24% of 2025F revenue, up from 16% in 2024F, fueled by robust growth in both GPU and ASIC server markets.
- 3. We raise 2024-25F EPS by 7% & 12%, as we believe 2Q24 gross margin strength is sustainable going forward.

Trading data

Dawfayman 2M	6M 12M
52-week trading range (NT\$)	224.0 –431.5
3M avg. daily trading (mn)	5.05
Foreign ownership (mn)	62.21
Outstanding shares (mn)	173.8
Mkt cap (NT\$bn/US\$mn)	74.99 / 2,301

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Performance	3M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	63.8	79	61.6
Relative (%)	60.7	61.6	26.7

Quarterly EPS

NT\$	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
2023	4.01A	2.75A	4.54A	3.11A
2024	3.56A	6.13F	5.70F	6.78F
2025	6.37F	8.23F	9.10F	9.34F

Share price chart



Event

Bizlink reported 2Q24 EPS of NT\$6.13, and announced plans to fully acquire Easys Electronics (SK) at a cost of €51.5mn, with consolidation expected in 4Q24F.

Impact

2Q24 EPS beat on stellar gross margin. 2Q24 revenue of NT\$13.0bn was up 4% QoQ, as electrical appliances and IT hardware segments led the way with respective growth of 26% and 15% QoQ, while industrial revenue was flat QoQ, and auto continued a downturn with an 18% QoQ decline. Gross margin rose 1.8ppts QoQ to 28.1%, 1.2ppts above consensus, on a more favorable product mix and inventory write-off reversals. 2Q24 EPS of NT\$6.13 was 26% above consensus.

HPC the rocket engine. HPC revenue rose 15% YoY in 1H24 to account for 15% of revenue, replacing factory automation (13%) as Bizlink's largest end-application. The firm is well-positioned to ride on the AI boom in both GPU and ASIC server markets, thanks to a placement on the reference vendor list for Nvidia's (US) GB200 platform for cables and connectors, in recognition of the firm's collaborations with top US CSPs. Management guides revenue to pick up from 2H24F. We are even more positive on Bizlink's HPC business, as we project revenue growth of 36% and 73% YoY in 2024-25F, for 16% and 24% sales weightings, respectively.

Semiconductor equipment another catalyst; auto the laggard. Bizlink aims to benefit from an Al-driven semiconductor equipment upcycle in 2024-26F, and the acquisition of Easys Electronics should further strengthen its box build and system integration capabilities. Management reiterated that most segments are nearing the later stages of de-stocking, with auto being the weakest, but the firm sees signs of the demand trough approaching. We project accelerating revenue growth of 17% YoY in 2025F, up noticeably from 4% YoY in 2024F.

We raise 2024-25F EPS by 7% and 12%. We think gross margin strength in 2Q24 will be sustained going forward, as the firm enjoys desirable margins on HPC business. Our revised 2024-25F EPS represent growth of 55% and 49% YoY, implying a 2023-25F EPS CAGR of 52%. Near-term, we forecast 3Q-4Q24 revenue growth of 4% and 6% QoQ, for gross margin of 28.0% and 28.3%, and EPS of NT\$5.70 and NT\$6.78, respectively.

Valuation & Action

We raise our 12M target price to NT\$508, based on 17x 2025F fully-diluted EPS of NT\$29.90, versus a historical PE band of 9-24x, as we think Bizlink's strong position in AI tech should help catalyze a share re-rating. Maintain Outperform.

Risks

Economic slowdown; weaker-than-expected contribution from new growth engines.

	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Revenue (NT\$mn)	53,757	51,052	52,935	61,930	68,550
Gross profit (NT\$mn)	13,787	12,587	14,672	17,855	19,914
Operating profit (NT\$mn)	5,546	4,237	5,960	8,423	9,586
Net profit (NT\$mn)	3,838	2,317	3,751	5,742	6,690
EPS (NT\$)	25.02	14.37	22.24	33.04	38.50
Cash DPS (NT\$)	10.10	8.83	13.50	20.00	23.00
EPS growth (%)	64.4	(42.6)	54.8	48.5	16.5
PE (x)	17.2	30.0	19.4	13.1	11.2
PB (x)	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.7	11.8	9.1	6.9	5.8
Net debt to equity (%)	38.8	29.4	10.1	1.3	Net cash
Dividend yield (%)	2.3	2.0	3.1	4.6	5.3
Return on average equity (%)	20.4	9.8	14.1	19.0	20.0

Source: Company data; KGI Research estimates



Figure 1: Breakdown of 2Q24 results & 3Q24 forecast revisions vs. consensus

				2Q24							3Q24F			
NT\$mn	Actual	KGI	Diff. (%)	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	Consensus	Diff. (%)	Revision	Previous	Chg. (%)	QoQ (%)	YoY (%)	Consensus	Diff. (%)
Sales	12,984	13,238	(1.9)	4.5	(0.2)	13,174	(1.4)	13,419	13,851	(3.1)	3.4	2.0	14,125	(5.0)
Gross profit	3,650	3,503	4.2	11.5	28.1	3,541	3.1	3,752	3,683	1.9	2.8	6.9	3,775	(0.6)
Operating profit	1,483	1,336	11.1	34.7	80.6	1,384	7.2	1,571	1,502	4.6	5.9	11.1	1,569	0.1
Net income	1,002	824	21.7	72.6	127.3	849	18.1	990	975	1.6	(1.2)	33.7	986	0.4
EPS (NT\$)	6.13	5.04	21.6	72.5	123.3	4.88	25.5	5.70	5.96	(4.5)	(7.1)	25.6	5.73	(0.5)
Gross margin (%)	28.1	26.5	1.7 ppts	1.8 ppts	6.2 ppts	26.9	1.2 ppts	28.0	26.6	1.4 ppts	(0.2) ppts	1.3 ppts	26.7	1.2 ppts
Op. margin (%)	11.4	10.1	1.3 ppts	2.6 ppts	5.1 ppts	10.5	0.9 ppts	11.7	10.8	0.9 ppts	0.3 ppts	1.0 ppts	11.1	0.6 ppts
Net margin (%)	7.7	6.2	1.5 ppts	3.0 ppts	4.3 ppts	6.4	1.3 ppts	7.4	7.0	0.3 ppts	(0.3) ppts	1.7 ppts	7.0	0.4 ppts

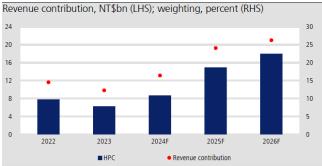
Source: Bloomberg; KGI Research estimates

Figure 2: Breakdown of 2024 & 2025 forecast revisions vs. consensus

	2024F						2025F					
NT\$mn	Revision	Previous	Chg. (%)	YoY (%)	Consensus	Diff. (%)	Revision	Previous	Chg. (%)	YoY (%)	Consensus	Diff. (%)
Sales	52,935	53,668	(1.4)	3.7	54,062	(2.1)	61,930	61,244	1.1	17.0	62,645	(1.1)
Gross profit	14,672	14,235	3.1	16.6	14,435	1.6	17,855	16,513	8.1	21.7	17,174	4.0
Operating profit	5,960	5,486	8.6	40.7	5,608	6.3	8,423	7,079	19.0	41.3	7,431	13.3
Net income	3,751	3,401	10.3	61.9	3,444	8.9	5,742	4,820	19.1	53.1	4,824	19.0
EPS (NT\$)	22.24	20.82	6.9	54.8	19.47	14.2	33.04	29.49	12.0	48.5	26.78	23.4
Gross margin (%)	27.7	26.5	1.2 ppts	3.1 ppts	26.7	1.0 ppts	28.8	27.0	1.9 ppts	1.1 ppts	27.4	1.4 ppts
Op. margin (%)	11.3	10.2	1.0 ppts	3.0 ppts	10.4	0.9 ppts	13.6	11.6	2.0 ppts	2.3 ppts	11.9	1.7 ppts
Net margin (%)	7.1	6.3	0.7 ppts	2.5 ppts	6.4	0.7 ppts	9.3	7.9	1.4 ppts	2.2 ppts	7.7	1.6 ppts

Source: Bloomberg; KGI Research estimates

Figure 3: HPC to account for 24% of 2025F revenue



Source: Company data; KGI Research

Figure 4: 2023-25F EPS CAGR of 52%



Source: Company data; KGI Research



Figure 5: AEC (purple cables) are used in Microsoft's Maia server rack



Source: Microsoft; KGI Research

Figure 6: AEC are equipped with retimer IC for better signal integrity



Source: Credo; KGI Research

Figure 7: Power whip



Source: Company data; KGI Research

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Figure 8: Rack busbars



Source: Company data; KGI Research

Figure 9: Busbar connectors



Source: Company data; KGI Research

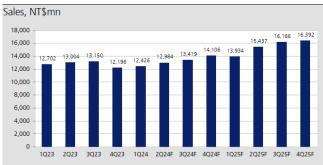


Figure 10: Company profile

Established in 1996 and headquartered in California, Bizlink listed in Taiwan in 2011. The company produces cable assemblies, wire harnesses, and connectors, with applications in the industrial control, automotive, medical, and solar sectors, among others. These markets require small quantities of a wide variety of products with high technological entry barriers. The firm acquired Leoni's (DE) electrical appliance (EA) assembly business in May 2017, adding power cables to its portfolio, and consolidated Leoni's industrial business group (INBG) in January 2022.

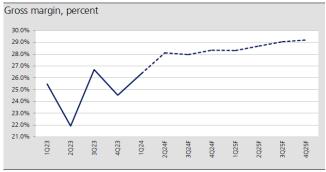
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Figure 12: Sales



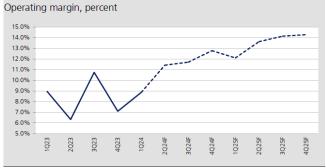
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Figure 14: Gross Margin



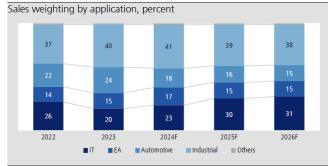
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Figure 16: Operating Margin



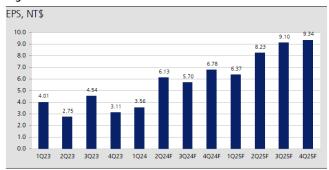
Source: KGI Research

Figure 11: Industrial the largest segment after INBG acquisition



Source: KGI Research

Figure 13: EPS



Source: KGI Research

Figure 15: 12-month forward PE band



Source: KGI Research

Figure 17: 12-month forward PB band



Source: KGI Research



	Quarterly								Annually		
	Mar-24A	Jun-24F	Sep-24F	Dec-24F	Mar-25F	Jun-25F	Sep-25F	Dec-25F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Income statement (NT\$mn)	Widi-24A	Juli-241	3cp-241	DCC-2-11	Wai-25i	Juli-231	3cp-23i	Dec-251	Dec-241	Dec-251	Dec-201
Revenue	12,426	12,984	13,419	14,106	13,934	15,437	16,166	16,392	52,935	61,930	68,550
Cost of goods sold	(9,153)	(9,334)	(9,667)	(10,109)	(9,990)	(11,009)	(11,470)	(11,607)	(38,263)	(44,075)	(48,636)
Gross profit	3,273	3,650	3,752	3,997	3,944	4,429	4,697	4,785	14,672	17,855	19,914
Operating expenses	(2,172)	(2,167)	(2,181)	(2,194)	(2,257)	(2,323)	(2,409)	(2,442)	(8,712)	(9,432)	(10,328
Operating profit	1,101	1,483	1,571	1,804	1,687	2,105	2,288	2,343	5,960	8,423	9,586
Depreciation of fixed assets	(425)	(435)	(445)	(455)	(465)	(475)	(485)	(495)	(1,760)	(1,920)	(2,080
Amortisation of intangible assets	(94)	(94)	(94)	(94)	(94)	(94)	(94)	(94)	(376)	(376)	(376
EBITDA	1,621	2,012	2,110	2,353	2,246	2,674	2,867	2,932	8,096	10,719	12,042
Interest income	97	96	94	80	71	76	74	71	367	292	313
Investment income	0	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Other non-op income	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	140	140	140
Non-operating income	132	131	129	115	106	111	109	106	507	432	453
Interest expense	(231)	(215)	(198)	(176)	(150)	(144)	(139)	(133)	(821)	(567)	(481
Investment loss	- (231)	- (213)	-	-	-	-	-	- (133)	-	-	-
Other non-op expenses	(74)	86	(70)	(50)	(50)	(30)	_	_	(108)	(80)	_
Non-operating expenses	(305)	(130)	(268)	(226)	(200)	(174)	(139)	(133)	(929)	(647)	(481)
Pre-tax profit	928	1,484	1,432	1,693	1,592	2,042	2,258	2,316	5,538	8,208	9,558
Current taxation	(350)	(485)	(444)	(516)	(486)	(612)	(677)	(695)	(1,796)	(2,470)	(2,867
Minorities	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	9	4	-
Normalised net profit	581	1,002	990	1,178	1,108	1,430	1,581	1,622	3,751	5,742	6,690
Extraordinary items	0	.,	-	-,.,-	-,		-,,	-	-	-,	-
Net profit	581	1,002	990	1,178	1,108	1,430	1,581	1,622	3,751	5,742	6,690
EPS (NT\$)	3.56	6.13	5.70	6.78	6.37	8.23	9.10	9.34	22.24	33.04	38.50
Margins (%)	3.30	0.15	3., 0	0.70	0.57	0.25	3.10	5.5 1	22.21	33.01	30.00
Gross profit margin	26.3	28.1	28.0	28.3	28.3	28.7	29.1	29.2	27.7	28.8	29.1
Operating margin	8.9	11.4	11.7	12.8	12.1	13.6	14.2	14.3	11.3	13.6	14.0
EBITDA margin	13.0	15.5	15.7	16.7	16.1	17.3	17.7	17.9	15.3	17.3	17.6
Pretax profit margin	7.5	11.4	10.7	12.0	11.4	13.2	14.0	14.1	10.5	13.3	13.9
Net profit margin	4.7	7.7	7.4	8.3	8.0	9.3	9.8	9.9	7.1	9.3	9.8
Sequential growth (%)											-
Revenue growth	1.9	4.5	3.4	5.1	(1.2)	10.8	4.7	1.4			
Gross profit growth	9.4	11.5	2.8	6.5	(1.3)	12.3	6.1	1.9			
Operating profit growth	27.4	34.7	5.9	14.8	(6.5)	24.8	8.7	2.4			
EBITDA growth	15.5	24.2	4.9	11.5	(4.6)	19.1	7.2	2.3			
Pretax profit growth	24.3	59.9	(3.5)	18.3	(6.0)	28.2	10.6	2.6			
Net profit growth	14.3	72.6	(1.2)	19.0	(5.9)	29.1	10.6	2.6			
YoY growth (%)											
Revenue growth	(2.2)	(0.2)	2.0	15.7	12.1	18.9	20.5	16.2	3.7	17.0	10.7
Gross profit growth	1.1	28.1	6.9	33.7	20.5	21.3	25.2	19.7	16.6	21.7	11.5
Operating profit growth	(3.2)	80.6	11.1	108.7	53.1	41.9	45.6	29.9	40.7	41.3	13.8
EBITDA growth	(0.3)	51.4	9.1	67.8	38.6	32.9	35.8	24.6	28.7	32.4	12.3
Pretax profit growth	6.6	103.9	30.5	126.7	71.6	37.5	57.7	36.8	60.9	48.2	16.4
Net profit growth	(7.5)	127.3	33.7	131.9	90.8	42.7	59.7	37.7	61.9	53.1	16.5

Source: Company data; KGI Research estimates



Balance sheet					
NT\$mn	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Total assets	53,706	54,683	55,719	59,671	63,864
Current assets	32,594	31,891	31,153	35,401	40,050
Cash & ST securities	8,921	12,430	9,717	12,180	15,483
Inventory	12,323	10,103	10,069	10,951	11,628
Accounts receivable	10,071	8,383	10,448	11,350	12,020
Other current assets	1,279	974	920	920	920
Non-current assets	21,111	22,792	24,566	24,270	23,814
LT investments	954	885	801	801	801
Net fixed assets	10,301	12,143	13,952	14,032	13,952
Other assets	9,856	9,765	9,813	9,436	9,060
Total liabilities	31,202	30,086	27,198	27,759	28,737
Current liabilities	13,772	13,717	17,894	18,454	19,433
Accounts payable	5,876	4,744	5,630	6,191	7,169
Interest bearing ST liabilities	3,226	4,532	6,184	6,184	6,184
Other current liabilities	4,670	4,441	6,079	6,079	6,079
Non-current liabilities	17,429	16,368	9,305	9,305	9,305
Long-term debt	14,011	13,322	6,242	6,242	6,242
Other L-T liabilities	2,332	2,150	2,144	2,144	2,144
Total equity	22,504	24,597	28,521	31,912	35,127
Share capital	1,564	1,633	1,738	1,738	1,738
Retained earnings reserve	6,403	6,842	7,241	10,637	13,851
Minority interests	19	12	5	1	1
Preferred shareholders funds	-	-	-	-	-

Key ratios	D-+ 22.4	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	D 255	Day 200
S	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Growth	00.20/	(F. 00()	2.70/	47.00/	40.70/
Revenue growth	88.2%	(5.0%)	3.7%	17.0%	10.7%
Operating profit growth	108.6%	(23.6%)	40.7%	41.3%	13.8%
EBITDA growth	106.8%	(15.4%)	28.7%	32.4%	12.3%
Net profit growth	88.5%	(39.6%)	61.9%	53.1%	16.5%
EPS growth	64.4%	(42.6%)	54.8%	48.5%	16.5%
Profitability					
Gross profit margin	25.6%	24.7%	27.7%	28.8%	29.1%
Operating margin	10.3%	8.3%	11.3%	13.6%	14.0%
EBITDA margin	13.8%	12.3%	15.3%	17.3%	17.6%
Net profit margin	7.1%	4.5%	7.1%	9.3%	9.8%
Return on average assets	9.7%	4.3%	6.8%	10.0%	10.8%
Return on average equity	20.4%	9.8%	14.1%	19.0%	20.0%
Stability					
Gross debt to equity	76.6%	72.6%	43.6%	38.9%	35.4%
Net debt to equity	38.8%	29.4%	10.1%	1.3%	Net cash
Interest coverage (x)	11.3	4.0	7.7	15.5	20.9
Interest & ST debt coverage (x)	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
Cash flow interest coverage(x)	5.4	6.4	6.7	12.0	18.2
Cash flow/int. & ST debt (x)	0.7	1.3	8.0	1.0	1.3
Current ratio (x)	2.4	2.3	1.7	1.9	2.1
Quick ratio (x)	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.5
Net debt (NT\$mn)	8,740	7,227	2,868	405	(2,898)
Per share data					
EPS (NT\$)	25.02	14.37	22.24	33.04	38.50
CFPS (NT\$)	18.12	46.16	32.76	39.18	50.51
BVPS (NT\$)	143.72	150.54	164.08	183.61	202.11
Adj BVPS (NT\$)	146.57	152.41	169.09	183.61	202.11
SPS (NT\$)	350.43	316.48	313.88	356.33	394.43
EBITDA/share (NT\$)	48.46	39.00	48.01	61.68	69.29
Cash DPS (NT\$)	10.10	8.83	13.50	20.00	23.00
Activity					
Sales / avg assets	1.36	0.94	0.96	1.07	1.11
Days receivable	68.4	59.9	72.2	66.9	64.0
Days inventory	112.5	95.9	96.3	90.7	87.3
Days payable	53.7	45.0	53.9	51.3	53.8
Cash cycle	127.3	110.8	114.7	106.3	97.5

Source: Company data; KGI Research estimates

NT\$mn	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Revenue	53,757	51,052	52,935	61,930	68,550
Cost of goods sold	(39,970)	(38,465)	(38,263)	(44,075)	(48,636)
Gross profit	13,787	12,587	14,672	17,855	19,914
Operating expenses	(8,241)	(8,350)	(8,712)	(9,432)	(10,328)
Operating profit	5,546	4,237	5,960	8,423	9,586
Non-operating income	238	563	507	432	453
Interest income	62	349	367	292	313
Investment income	-	7	0	-	-
Other non-op income	176	207	140	140	140
Non-operating expenses	(492)	(1,357)	(929)	(647)	(481)
Interest expense	(512)	(1,166)	(821)	(567)	(481)
Investment loss	(13)	(6)	-	-	-
Other non-op expenses	33	(185)	(108)	(80)	-
Pre-tax profit	5,293	3,442	5,538	8,208	9,558
Current taxation	(1,462)	(1,132)	(1,796)	(2,470)	(2,867)
Minorities	7	7	9	4	-
Extraordinary items	-	0	-	-	-
Net profit	3,838	2,317	3,751	5,742	6,690
EBITDA	7,435	6,291	8,096	10,719	12,042
EPS (NT\$)	25.02	14.37	22.24	33.04	38.50

Cash flow					
NTSmn	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Operations cash flow	2,779	7,446	5,524	6,810	8,778
Net profit	3,838	2,317	3,751	5,742	6,690
Depreciation & amortisation	1,888	2,054	2,136	2,296	2,456
Decrease in working capital	(4,256)	2,877	(593)	(1,224)	(368)
Other operating cash flow	1,309	198	229	(4)	0
Investing cash flow	(11,615)	(4,575)	(1,749)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Sale of ST investment	(234)	(1,382)	-	-	-
New investments	-	-	-	-	-
Capital expenditure	(2,046)	(2,942)	(3,196)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Others investing cashflow	(9,335)	(251)	1,447	-	-
Free cash flow	(807)	4,422	1,999	4,584	6,422
Financing cash flow	13,861	(942)	(5,005)	(2,346)	(3,476)
Increase in short term debt	(2,510)	1,893			
Increase in long term loans	15,427	(1,935)	(2,919)	-	-
New ordinary shares issued	2,880	1,150			
Ordinary dividends paid	(1,386)	(1,564)	(1,519)	(2,277)	(3,476)
Other financing cashflow	(550)	(486)	(567)	(70)	-
Forex effects	263	201	160	-	-
Total cash generated	5,288	2,130	(1,070)	2,464	3,302

ROIC					
	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
1 - COGS/revenue					
- Operating exp./revenue	15.3%	16.4%	16.5%	15.2%	15.1%
= Operating margin	10.3%	8.3%	11.3%	13.6%	14.0%
1 / (Working capital/revenue	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
+ Net PPE/revenue	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
+ Other assets/revenue)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
= Capital turnover	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.6
Operating margin	10.3%	8.3%	11.3%	13.6%	14.0%
x Capital turnover	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.6
x (1 - tax rate)	72.4%	67.1%	67.6%	69.9%	70.0%
= After-tax ROIC	16.8%	12.4%	16.5%	22.9%	25.8%

Source: Company data; KGI Research estimates



Bizlink - Recommendation & target price history



Date	Rating	Target	Price
2024-06-17	Outperform	402.0	351.0
2024-05-14	Outperform	298.0	232.5
2024-03-08	Outperform	281.0	243.0
2023-11-10	Neutral	283.0	257.0
2023-08-25	Outperform	355.0	267.0
2023-07-13	Outperform	375.0	322.5
2023-05-11	Neutral	280.0	257.5
2023-03-30	Neutral	302.0	278.0
2023-03-08	Neutral	307.0	282.0
2023-01-12	Outperform	288.0	250.0

Source: TEJ; KGI Research

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