

TSMC SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYSIS

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INDUSTRY ANALYSIS

What are semiconductors, or 'chips'?





World's 4 most traded products -Crude Oil | Motor vehicles and parts | Refined oil | Semiconductors

Chip Manufacturing Industry Overview



Porter's Five Forces



Competitive Rivalry

All the firms have heavily invested in the industry it is difficult from them to leave the industry



Potential New Entry

- 1. Huge capital requirements
- 2. Legal barriers like Patent requirements
- 3. Economies of scale
- 4. Brand establishment

Buyers

1. Companies ability to influence product prices 2. Companies can demand better quality products



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Suppliers

1. There are large number of suppliers 2. Tech specifications used in these products are standardised 3. IP rights does not allow forward integration to happen by the supplier



Substitutes

1. Semiconductor chips perform very specific tasks in a rigid computer environment, hence replacing them is difficult 3. Require special equipments to be constructed

Value Chain - Chip Manufacturing

Design



Chip Design

There are fabless companies and then there are fabs that manufacture chips for others



Software: EDA

EDA vendors get short innovation cycles, and work closely with fabs



Intellectual Property

Fabless companies, EDA vendors and IP providers all work closely together

Fabrication



Fabrication

TSMC & Samsung are the market Leaders. These plants are called Fabs



Wafers

Wafers are a key supply for fabs, and they are produced in several different sizes and types.



Equipment

Most important part of the value chain due to Semiconductor manufacturing Equipments required

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Chemicals

Chemicals suppliers work closely together with fabs and equipment manufacturers

Assembly



Assembly - by OSATs

- Assembly and test is labor intensive with typically lower profit margins
- Companies specialising in the back-end of the semiconductor production process are so-called Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly & Test (OSAT) companies

HOW DOES SUPPLY CHAIN ASSUME IMPORTANCE HERE?

Highlights of the Supply Chain (RTRPRL Framework)

- **Demand Forecasting -** Advanced technologies that use past-order data , customer financial statements, the number of web-page views for certain product parts, and data-sheet downloads for different products on their website to forecast demand
- **Optimum Timing of Tasks -** Tasks, including those related to fab operations, sorting, assembly, and testing are time bound. Since On time deliveries hold the highest weightage in customer retention, this is of utmost importance
- *Inventory across process steps* Chip manufacturing companies hold inventory across all the stages of the supply chain Raw Materials, Die Bank and Finished goods. If the lead time is very less, finished goods inventory is used. If it is sufficient, chips are manufactured from start, whereas if it is just enough, semi processed chips are used from Die banks

Challenges in the Supply Chain

- **Complexity** Products and steps are highly complex in this industry and hence, it is imperative to have the right forecast at the starting of the planning process. An inaccurate forecast can lead to issues such as fabrication execution delays, capacity constraints, testing execution delays
- **On Time Deliveries** OTDs are of utmost importance as lots of high-end products like cars, mobile phones and other consumer goods are dependent on these semiconductor chips. Delays lead to drop in revenues & blacklisting
- **RCA is difficult -** Since, there are many complicated steps involved in the supply chain, pinpointing one reason for delays is difficult
- *Cycle Time mismatch -* FE cycle times are much quicker than BE cycle times. This effectively means deferring inventory at different manufacturing periods, which needs additional planning

FIRM ANALYSIS

CH1 SELECT CH2 SELECT

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What does TSMC have that other companies don't?



Local Suppliers- 73% of TSMC's suppliers are from Taiwan or japan which makes transportation easy





Technology Leadership-TSMC and Samsung are the only foundries that can make 5mm & 7mm node chips



Lean Supply Chain - TSMC's works closely with raw material suppliers to exchange inventory information, so that in-bound supply chain inventories are transparent



TSMC Supply Chain





SWOT Analysis



- Product Quality
- Market Capitalization
- First Mover Advantage
- Strong Financial Position
- Research & Development
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Sells to Leading Companies

WEAKNESSES

- Competitor's R&D
- Shortage of Chipset
- Lack of Critical Talent
- Low Return on Investment
- Track Record on Environment Consideration

OPPORTUNITIES

- Economic Recovery
- Rise in Gaming Sector
- Establish New Subsidiary
- Improve its Digital Presence
- Changing Technology Landscape



- Patent Disputes
- User Experience
- Increasing Cost Component
- International Geo-Political Factors
- Quantitative Increases in Commodities



Pestle Analysis

Political	Economical		
 Tightening of trade barriers globally led to losses Government's pledge for nuclear-free Taiwan to create power supply issues 	 Global recession reduced demand for advanced automobiles Declining average selling prices will reduce margins Strengthening of USD reduces demand from countries other than USA 		
Social	Technological		
1. Rapid adoption of digital applications in daily life will boost semiconductor industry	 Miniaturization of chips drives growth High performance computing applications in need of advanced semiconductors 3DFabric technology to increase efficiency 		
Legal	Environmental		
1. Strong measure to prevent anti- competitive practices ensure fair market	1. Natural disasters significantly affect the raw material supply		



VRIO Analysis

VALUABLE	R RARE	INIMITABLE	ORGANIZED	
NO				COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE
YES	NO			COMPETITIVE PARITY
YES	YES	NO		TEMPORARY COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE
YES	YES	YES	NO	UNUSED COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE
YES	YES	YES	YES	SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

VALUE ADDITION TO OTHER SUPPY CHAINS



The Paint Industry can apply some of the processes followed by chip manufacturing industries

 Keeping inventory at different steps allows to cater to different lead times

 Ordering just enough inventory according to the demand reduces inventory cost

RECOMMENDATIONS

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Connected Customer



Smart Inventory Optimisation





Integrated Business Planning

State of the Art forecasting tools

Localised Suppliers

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