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010060 KS · Solar PV

OCI Holdings

Gaining recognition for non-China polysilicon

(Mair B t		Target prio W186,00		Upside 95.2%	Current price (* W95,3 ()/23)
KOSPI	2,559.74	Market cap (Wbn)	1,564	Shares outstanding (mn)	21	Foreign ownership (%)	21.0

Report summary

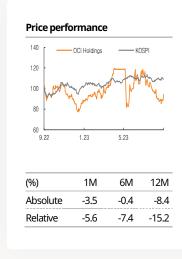
Recommendation

We maintain our Buy rating and target price of W186,000 on OCI Holdings. We highlight three investment points: 1) a rebound in polysilicon prices; 2) ASP gains driven by increased exposure to non-China polysilicon; and 3) the resolution of the tender offer/stock swap issue.

Solar modules made with OCI Holdings' polysilicon reportedly clear US customs

US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has reportedly cleared solar modules made by LONGi Green Energy Technology (LONGi) using OCI Holdings' polysilicon. We view this as a significant development because it raises the possibility that solar modules made in Southeast Asia using OCI Holdings' polysilicon will be exported to the US free of tariffs.

Key data



Earnings and valuation metrics						
(Dec.)	2021	2022	2023F	2024F	2025F	
Revenue (Wbn)	3,244	4,671	2,662	3,074	3,368	
OP (Wbn)	626	977	650	862	973	
OP margin (%)	19.3	20.9	24.4	28.0	28.9	
NP (Wbn)	648	880	941	804	908	
EPS (W)	27,156	36,910	49,799	48,992	55,299	
ROE (%)	23.9	25.2	24.8	19.8	18.6	
P/E (x)	3.8	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.7	
P/B (x)	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	
Dividend yield (%)	1.9	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.6	
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Stock rebound to begin on resolution of supply/demand uncertainty

Tender offer (via equity offering/stock swap) expires

The subscription period for OCI Holdings' equity offering ended on Sep. 20, lifting uncertainty surrounding the stock's supply and demand. The equity offering/swap weighed on the stock mainly because of the arbitrage trading opportunity. For example, an investor could sell OCI Holdings shares and buy OCI shares based on the exchange ratio, with the arbitrage trade being completed once he or she received OCI Holdings shares through the equity offering. With such trading no longer possible after Sep. 20, we believe OCI Holdings' stock will rebound and converge with fundamentals.

Table 1. Spin-off and holding company conversion schedule

Date	Notes
Mar. 22, 2023	Approval
Apr. 27, 2023	Trading suspension
May 1, 2023	Spin-off
May 30, 223	Listing change/relisting
July 26, 2023	Base price set at W139,000
July 27, 2023	BOD resolution on equity issue for holding company conversion
July 28, 2023	Submission of securities filings
Aug. 28, 2023	Exchange ratio, issue price, etc. fixed
Aug. 31-Sep. 20, 2023	Subscription
Oct. 13, 2023	Listing of new shares
Oct. 2023	Registration of holding company conversion
Dec. 2023	Compliance with holding company requirements

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Securities Research

LONGi's solar modules made with OCI Holdings' polysilicon reportedly clear US customs

According to Roth Capital Partners, US CBP has cleared solar modules made by LONGi using OCI Holdings' polysilicon, though officials have yet to make an official announcement. The news stands in contrast to CBP's stance on Tongwei polysilicon, which it has reportedly excluded from entering the US market (despite Tongwei having no presence in Xinjiang province).

We view this as a significant development because it raises the possibility that solar modules made in Southeast Asia using OCI Holdings' polysilicon will be exported to the US free of tariffs. While LONGi's Vietnamese subsidiary recently suffered a setback after the US Department of Commerce ruled that it was circumventing duties, the Chinese company's Malaysia plant is still running normally. We think other Chinese suppliers could also be exempted from tariffs as long as they produce their modules in Southeast Asia using OCI Holdings' polysilicon. We believe OCI Holdings is likely to see ASP gains driven by increased exposure to non-China polysilicon.

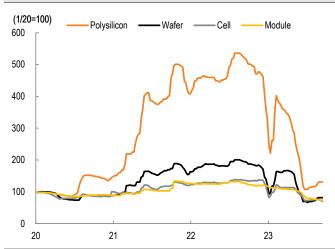
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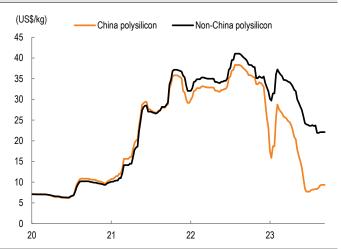
While OCI Holdings' stock has fallen due to supply/demand headwinds from the tender offer/equity swap issue, we believe fundamentals remain robust. We expect the stock to return to or even surpass the levels seen before news of the equity offering. We highlight three investment points: 1) polysilicon prices should continue to modestly recover; 2) ASP should rise on increased exposure to non-China polysilicon; and 3) uncertainties stemming from the tender offer/stock swap issue have been resolved.

We believe polysilicon prices will continue to modestly recover, supported by solid demand in the solar PV market. China's polysilicon prices have rebounded from US\$7/kg to US\$9/kg. Demand remains strong, as evidenced by the recent upward revision to China's new installations forecast (from 150GW to 200GW). But with some new capacity still lingering in the market, the pace of recovery will likely be modest.

Figure 1. Relative price performance of solar PV value chain

Figure 2. Polysilicon price trends (China and non-China)



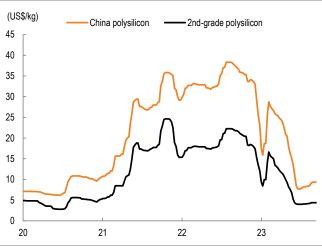


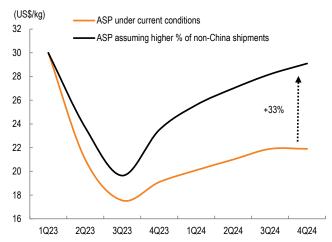
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Figure 3. Low-purity polysilicon prices are even lower, causing utilization to fall

Figure 4. OCI Holdings' polysilicon ASP by scenario



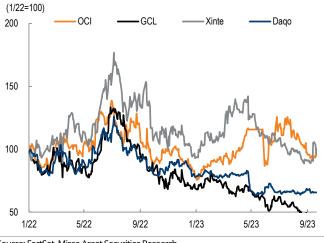


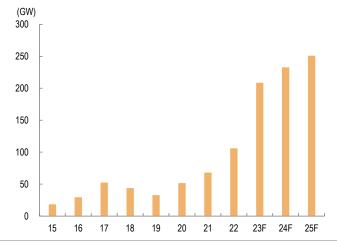
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Figure 5. Share performances of global polysilicon players

Figure 6. China new PV module installations





Source: FactSet, Mirae Asset Securities Research

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OCI Holdings (010060 KS)

Income statement (summarized)

(Wbn)	2022	2023F	2024F	2025F
Revenue	4,671	2,662	3,074	3,368
Cost of revenue	3,383	1,858	2,057	2,241
GP	1,288	804	1,017	1,127
SG&A expenses	312	155	155	155
OP (adj.)	977	650	862	973
OP	977	650	862	973
Non-operating profit	25	65	51	64
Net financial income	-12	39	47	61
Net income from associates	27	-4	0	0
Pretax profit	1,002	715	913	1,037
Income tax	110	26	109	130
Profit from continuing operations	892	689	804	908
Profit from discontinued operations	-14	252	0	0
NP	878	941	804	908
Attributable to owners	880	941	804	908
Attributable to minority interests	-3	0	0	0
Total comprehensive income	914	1,002	804	908
Attributable to owners	917	989	794	896
Attributable to minority interests	-3	12	10	11
EBITDA	1,127	800	1,005	1,118
FCF	336	594	575	727
EBITDA margin (%)	24.1	30.1	32.7	33.2
OP margin (%)	20.9	24.4	28.0	28.9
Net margin (%)	18.8	35.3	26.2	27.0

Balance sheet (summarized)

(Wbn)	2022	2023F	2024F	2025F
Current assets	4,111	3,859	4,460	5,038
Cash & equivalents	1,246	1,422	1,673	2,094
AR & other receivables	783	571	657	695
Inventory	1,893	1,720	1,978	2,093
Other current assets	189	146	152	156
Non-current assets	2,635	1,608	1,581	1,648
Investments in associates	319	169	194	205
PP&E	1,708	1,136	1,086	1,145
Intangible assets	36	24	20	17
Total assets	6,746	5,467	6,041	6,686
Current liabilities	1,578	1,046	1,007	935
AP & other payables	479	407	468	495
Short-term financial liabilities	856	396	296	196
Other current liabilities	243	243	243	244
Non-current liabilities	1,156	634	484	334
Long-term financial liabilities	1,033	511	361	211
Other non-current liabilities	123	123	123	123
Total liabilities	2,734	1,680	1,491	1,268
Equity attributable to owners	3,912	3,685	4,448	5,316
Capital stock	127	127	127	127
Capital surplus	794	794	794	794
Retained earnings	2,935	3,812	4,576	5,443
Minority interests	99	102	102	102
Shareholders' equity	4,011	3,787	4,550	5,418

Cash flow statement (summarized)

2022	2023F	2024F	2025F
567	734	665	927
878	941	804	908
279	158	185	194
145	145	139	142
5	5	4	3
129	8	42	49
-558	-366	-282	-126
-161	-86	-70	-31
-285	-126	-258	-115
74	93	40	18
-2	-47	-109	-130
-58	-109	-98	-204
-227	-139	-90	-200
-4	-5	0	0
302	50	-8	-4
-129	-15	0	0
25	-296	-290	-290
65	-983	-250	-250
0	0	0	0
-49	0	-40	-40
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Key valuation metrics/ratios

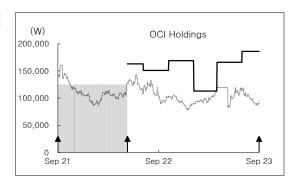
	2022	2023F	2024F	2025F
P/E (x)	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.7
P/CF(x)	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.4
P/B (x)	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	2.3	1.4	0.6	-
EPS (W)	36,910	49,799	48,992	55,299
CFPS (W)	48,499	58,157	60,289	67,125
BPS (W)	165,231	226,192	272,729	325,573
DPS (W)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Dividend payout ratio (%)	6.7	4.3	5.0	4.4
Dividend yield (%)	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.6
Revenue growth (%)	44.0	-43.0	15.5	9.6
EBITDA growth (%)	47.8	-29.0	25.7	11.2
OP growth (%)	56.0	-33.5	32.8	12.8
EPS growth (%)	35.9	34.9	-1.6	12.9
AR turnover (x)	7.7	4.6	6.1	6.1
Inventory turnover (x)	2.7	1.5	1.7	1.7
AP turnover (x)	12.0	6.3	7.1	7.0
ROA (%)	14.1	15.4	14.0	14.3
ROE (%)	25.2	24.8	19.8	18.6
ROIC (%)	24.3	25.6	24.8	26.1
Debt-to-equity ratio (%)	68.2	44.4	32.8	23.4
Current ratio (%)	260.5	368.8	442.7	539.1
Net debt-to-equity ratio (%)	13.7	-14.9	-23.6	-32.2
Interest coverage ratio (x)	26.7	53.8	100.4	161.4

Appendix 1

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Two-year rating and TP history

Company	Date	Rating	TP (W)
OCI Holdings (010060)	07/20/23	Buy	186,000
	04/20/23	Buy	166,000
	01/26/23	Buy	113,000
	10/27/22	Buy	169,000
	07/27/22	Buy	151,000
	05/30/22	Buy	163,000
	09/10/21	No Coverage	



Stock ratings		Sector ratings	Sector ratings			
Buy	Expected 12-month performance: +20% or greater	Overweight	Expected to outperform the market over 12 months			
Trading Buy	Expected 12-month performance: +10% to +20%	Neutral	Expected to perform in line with the market over 12 months			
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Sell	Expected 12-month performance: -10% or worse					

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