Grand Venture Technology Ltd

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Delayed but not derailed

What's New

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Investment Overview

High-growth company with a strong blue-chip customer base. Over the past five years, GVT has delivered strong revenue and earnings growth with CAGRs of 29% and 16%, respectively. GVT also serves a blue-chip customer base – in the semiconductor back-end space, it serves four of the top six; in the analytical life sciences segment, it serves three of the top 10. The products that GVT supplies are made to certain product specifications, and thus its customer base tends to be sticky in nature.

Significant contributions from the front-end semiconductor space remain a crucial catalyst. Within the semiconductor segment, GVT's exposure to the back end is about 90-95%, implying 5-10% exposure to the front end. Contributions in FY24 from new front-end customers will remain small, while FY25 contributions are expected to be more significant.

A promising grand venture nonetheless, as long-term semiconductor uptrend remains intact. Notwithstanding near-term volatility, the semiconductor industry is well poised for growth, owing to the push towards digitalisation. McKinsey projects that the semiconductor industry will become a trillion-dollar industry by 2030. Long-term semiconductor outlook looks bright, which should benefit GVT, as more than half of its revenue comes from the semiconductor segment. The other segments GVT has diversified into should remain resilient, which should help cushion semiconductor weaknesses in the near term.

Maintain BUY with higher TP SGD0.70 (vs SGD 0.58 previously). Our target price is based on 21x FY24/FY25 earnings, pegged close to historical mean compared to our previous PE peg at 18x / -0.25 SD. We believe that FY24 is a turning point for the group with momentum to continue through FY25 as the semiconductor equipment market recovers and new front-end contributions come in more meaningfully. We are increasing our FY24/FY25F estimates by 14%/11% to account for semiconductor recovery and ACP contributions. We have also raised our FY24/FY25 earnings estimates by 8%/4%, albeit to a lesser degree due to higher gearing of 0.55 (vs 0.41 in FY23).

Company Overview

Grand Venture Technology Limited (GVT) was established in 2012 and it is a manufacturing solutions and services provider for the semiconductor, life sciences, electronics, medical, and industrial automation industries. Its manufacturing plants are located in Singapore, Malaysia, and China with a total of 540k sqft of factory floor area. They customer base includes established blue-chip companies in the semiconductor back-end and analytical life sciences. GVT's three main segment includes the semiconductor, life sciences, and electronics, medical and others segment. As at FY21, the semiconductor segment remains the largest contributor to revenue at 55% of total sales.

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Key Financial Data (FY Dec)

| Bloomberg Ticker | GVTL SP |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Sector | Capital Goods |
| Share Price(SGD) | 0.56 |
| DBS Rating | BUY |
| 12-mth Target Price (SGD) | 0.70 |
| Market Cap (USDb) | 0.14 |
| 3m Avg. Daily Val (USDm) | 0.05 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 0.67 |
| Net Debt/Equity (x) | 0.11 |
| Fwd. P/E (x) | 12.56 |
| P/Book (x) | 1.53 |
| ROE (%) | 5.21 |
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Closing Price as of 27/11/2024
Source: Twelve Data, DBS

Grand Venture Technology Ltd Share Price



Source: twelvedata

| Major Shareholders | (%) |
|----------------------|------|
| NT SPV 12 | 26.7 |
| Tiam Nam Lee | 15.4 |
| SUNSHINE VENTURES PT | 8.8 |
| Free Float (%) | 49.1 |

Source: Bloomberg

Financial Summary

| | D/2020/11 | F (2024/4) | 5/2022(4) | E (2022)(E) | E) (202 4/E) |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| FY Dec (SGDm) | FY2020(A) | FY2021(A) | FY2022(A) | FY2023(F) | FY2024(F) |
| Sales | 61.40 | 116.3 | 131.1 | 109.9 | 125.9 |
| % y/y | <i>53.2</i> | 89.3 | 12.8 | (16.1) | 14.5 |
| Gross Profit | 18.93 | 37.69 | 35.80 | 27.23 | 34.62 |
| % y/y | 26.9 | 99.0 | (5.0) | (23.9) | 27.1 |
| EBITDA | 14.19 | 31.48 | 30.21 | 28.66 | 37.27 |
| % y/y | 44.1 | 121.9 | (4.0) | (5.1) | 30.0 |
| Net Profit (Loss) | 5.22 | 17.56 | 13.32 | 6.28 | 11.11 |
| % y/y | 68.4 | 236.6 | nm | nm | 76.9 |
| FCF | (3.47) | (13.16) | 3.69 | 10.54 | 5.84 |
| % y/y | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CAPEX | (7.42) | (16.26) | (9.73) | (30.00) | (20.00) |
| % y/y | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EBITDA Margin % | 23.1 | 27.1 | 23.0 | 26.1 | 29.6 |
| Net Margin % | 8.5 | 15.1 | 10.2 | 5.7 | 8.8 |
| ROA (%) | 6.2 | 12.7 | 6.9 | 3.0 | 5.1 |
| ROE (%) | 15.3 | 24.8 | 12.0 | 5.2 | 8.7 |
| Tax Rate % Source: DBS | 13.5 | 16.0 | 4.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 |

Revenue and Profit Trend FY



Source: DBS

Valuation Metrics

| FY Dec | FY2020(A) | FY2021(A) | FY2022(A) | FY2023(F) | FY2024(F) |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| P/E | 22.2 | 9.3 | 12.6 | 26.7 | 15.1 |
| P/B | 3.1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Dividend Yield | () | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 10.4 | 5.2 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 4.9 |
| FCF Yield % | (3.0) | (8.0) | 2.2 | 6.3 | 3.5 |
| Source: DBS | | | | | |

Credit & Cashflow Metrics

| FY Dec | FY2020(A) | FY2021(A) | FY2022(A) | FY2023(F) | FY2024(F) |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Debt / Equity | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Net Debt / Equity | 0.9 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Debt / Assets | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Net Debt / Assets | 0.3 | (0.0) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| EBITDA / Int Exp | 10.0 | 18.4 | 12.8 | 11.6 | 15.5 |
| ST Debt / Total Debt | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Debt / EBITDA | 2.8 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| [Cash + CFO] / ST Debt | 1.1 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 3.3 |
| Receivables Days | 91.8 | 75.2 | 86.3 | 102.4 | 92.4 |
| Days Payable | 122.1 | 100.2 | 108.3 | 146.9 | 153.0 |
| Inventory Days | 187.1 | 161.9 | 205.5 | 266.1 | 235.2 |
| Source: DBS | | | | | |



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10 Nov 2024

9M24 operational update: Fueled by strong semiconductor performance; Al set to drive future gains

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Double digit growth in revenue and adjusted net profit was mainly driven by strong semiconductor performance, in line with our expectations. GVT's 9M24 revenue came in at SGD111.9mn (+35.8% y/y) with growth recorded across all business segments, accounting for c.75% of our FY24 estimates. The semiconductor segment which comprises slightly more than half of group revenue soared 50.8% y/y on improving demand from key customers as GVT won new programs and increased its wallet share. The EAMO (Electronics, Aerospace, Medical, and Others) segment was also another driver, growing 32.8% y/y on contributions from new subsidiary ACP and healthy demand in aerospace and medical despite weakness in electronics. Life science recorded slight growth (+3.4% y/y) as the group continued to increase its wallet share with customers. 9M24 gross margins expanded 2 ppts to 26.4% on improving utilisation and absence of FVA (fair value adjustments) of SGD0.5mn recorded in FY23. However adjusted EBITDA margin declined 1.7 ppts due to continued investments to develop competencies for the semiconductor front-end. Adjusted net profit, which excludes SGD1.5mn in tax allowances and SGD2.0mn in fx losses, therefore came in at SGD6.7mn (+59.0% y/y), making up 70.4% of our forecasts. This is broadly in line with our estimates given our expectations of a stronger second half. Better 2H24 on the cards with growing confidence of recovery in 2025; GVT well positioned to capitalise on AI in both the semiconductor front-end and back-end. GVT's management is optimistic about achieving the higher end of 2H24 revenue guidance of SGD80-86mn which lends some upside to our topline estimates. We now expect GVT to deliver at least c.SGD40mn (+>38% y/y) in revenue in 4Q24 (vs 3Q24 revenue of SGD43.5mn) followed by further improvements in FY25. Tailwinds in Al benefits GVT through the semiconductor value chain with GVT involved in (i) TSV (through silicon vias) deposition tools in the front-end, and (ii) packaging technologies such as thermal compression bonding and hybrid bonding for HBM as well as testers in the back end. This eventually flows through to derive demand for GVT's solutions. Beyond the semiconductor segment, aerospace momentum remains healthy while resilience in life sciences and medical segments should help offset softness in the electronics segment, which is being impacted by weak end-consumer demand. Another encouraging trend for GVT is the China+1 supply chain diversification which is expected to gain momentum under Trump's presidency as they can support supply chains that have moved to Asia. Maintain BUY with TP SGD0.70



Principal Share Price Drivers

Front-end semiconductor expansion

Expansion into front-end semiconductor space remains a crucial catalyst

GVT services top tier customers in the semiconductor back-end space and is targeting to expand to front-end activities, presenting ample room for growth. GVT continues to make progress in acquiring front-end customers.

Small volume production for new front-end customers a step forward. GVT has onboarded several new front-end customers and has begun small volume production. The group is also making continued progress in first article deliveries in addition to obtaining qualifications.

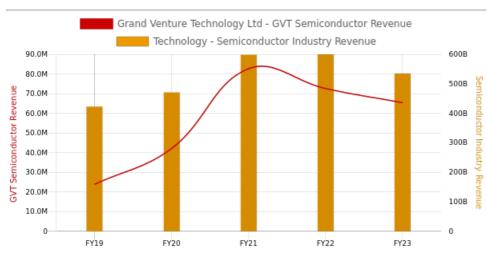
At the end of 2023, the group launched a new facility in Penang to meet front-end semiconductor requirements. Additionally, the acquisition of ACP in end 1Q24 enhanced the group's capabilities in surface treatment, a crucial process for the semiconductor front-end.

Worldwide Semiconductor revenue

With more than 55% of total sales attributed to the semiconductor segment, the total worldwide semiconductor's revenue can affect GVT's revenue significantly.

Notwithstanding near-term volatility, we continue to see a secular long-term uptrend in the semiconductor segment, which made up close to half of GVT's revenue in FY23. McKinsey projects that the semiconductor industry will become a trillion-dollar industry by 2030 and Gartner estimates that semiconductor revenue by end use industry will grow a further 19% and 17% in 2024 and 2025 respectively –which points to a bright long-term semiconductor market outlook that GVT will benefit from.

Grand Venture Technology Ltd - GVT Semiconductor Revenue vs. Technology - Semiconductor Industry Revenue



Semiconductor Shipments

The semiconductor industry momentum is slowing, with the semiconductor shipment growth decelerating.

Global semiconductor shipments emerged from its trough in February 2023. As of December 2023, we saw further improvement in shipment data, marking the second month of yoy increases, forming the right side of the U-shaped recovery since May 2023. Semiconductor shipments grew 21% y/y in August 2024 marking the 10th consecutive month of positive year on year growth.

We believe that FY24 is a turning point for the group with momentum to continue through FY25 as the semiconductor market recovers and new front-end contributions come in more meaningfully.



Forecasts and Valuation (SGD, M)

| FY Dec | FY2020(A) | FY2021(A) | FY2022(A) | FY2023(F) | FY2024(F) |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Revenue | 61.40 | 116.3 | 131.1 | 109.9 | 125.9 |
| EBITDA | 14.19 | 31.48 | 30.21 | 28.66 | 37.27 |
| Pre-tax Profit | 6.03 | 20.90 | 13.88 | 7.39 | 13.08 |
| Net Profit | 5.22 | 17.56 | 13.32 | 6.28 | 11.11 |
| Net Pft (Pre Ex.) | 5.22 | 17.56 | 13.32 | 6.28 | 11.11 |
| Net Pft Gth (Pre-ex) (%) | 68.4 | 236.6 | (24.1) | (52.8) | 76.9 |
| EPS (SGD) | 2.23 | 5.31 | 3.93 | 1.85 | 3.28 |
| EPS Pre Ex. (SGD) | 2.23 | 5.31 | 3.93 | 1.85 | 3.28 |
| EPS Gth Pre Ex (%) | 68.4 | 138.4 | (26.0) | (52.8) | 76.9 |
| Diluted EPS (SGD) | 2.23 | 5.31 | 3.93 | 1.85 | 3.28 |
| Net DPS (SGD) | () | 1.00 | 0.600 | 0.370 | 0.655 |
| BV Per Share (SGD) | 15.74 | 31.62 | 34.80 | 36.28 | 38.91 |
| PE (x) | 22.2 | 9.3 | 12.6 | 26.7 | 15.1 |
| PE Pre Ex. (x) | 22.2 | 9.3 | 12.6 | 26.7 | 15.1 |
| P/Cash Flow (x) | 29.3 | 52.8 | 12.5 | 4.1 | 6.5 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 10.4 | 5.2 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 4.9 |
| Net Div Yield (%) | () | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| P/Book Value (x) | 3.1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Net Debt/Equity (x) | 0.9 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| ROAE (%) | 15.3 | 24.8 | 12.0 | 5.2 | 8.7 |

Source: DBS



Income Statement (SGD, M)

| FY Dec | FY2020(A) | FY2021(A) | FY2022(A) | FY2023(F) | FY2024(F) |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Revenue | 61.40 | 116.3 | 131.1 | 109.9 | 125.9 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | (42.47) | (78.57) | (95.29) | (82.71) | (91.26) |
| Gross Profit | 18.93 | 37.69 | 35.80 | 27.23 | 34.62 |
| Other Opng (Exp)/Inc | (11.49) | (15.08) | (19.56) | (17.36) | (19.14) |
| Operating Profit | 7.44 | 22.60 | 16.24 | 9.87 | 15.48 |
| Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc | () | () | () | () | () |
| Associates & JV Inc | () | () | () | () | () |
| Net Interest (Exp)/Inc | (1.42) | (1.71) | (2.35) | (2.48) | (2.40) |
| Exceptional Gain/(Loss) | () | () | () | () | () |
| Pre-tax Profit | 6.03 | 20.90 | 13.88 | 7.39 | 13.08 |
| Tax | (0.813) | (3.34) | (0.559) | (1.11) | (1.96) |
| Minority Interest | () | () | () | () | () |
| Preference Dividend | () | () | () | () | () |
| Net Profit | 5.22 | 17.56 | 13.32 | 6.28 | 11.11 |
| Net Profit before Except. | 5.22 | 17.56 | 13.32 | 6.28 | 11.11 |
| EBITDA | 14.19 | 31.48 | 30.21 | 28.66 | 37.27 |
| Growth | | | | | |
| Revenue Gth (%) | 53.2 | 89.3 | 12.8 | (16.1) | 14.5 |
| EBITDA Gth (%) | 44.1 | 121.9 | (4.0) | (5.1) | 30.0 |
| Opg Profit Gth (%) | 51.5 | 203.7 | (28.2) | (39.2) | 56.8 |
| Net Profit Gth (Pre-ex) (%) | 68.4 | 236.6 | (24.1) | (52.8) | 76.9 |
| Margins & Ratio | | | | | |
| Gross Margins (%) | 30.8 | 32.4 | 27.3 | 24.8 | 27.5 |
| Opg Profit Margin (%) | 12.1 | 19.4 | 12.4 | 9.0 | 12.3 |
| Net Profit Margin (%) | 8.5 | 15.1 | 10.2 | 5.7 | 8.8 |
| ROAE (%) | 15.3 | 24.8 | 12.0 | 5.2 | 8.7 |
| ROA (%) | 6.2 | 12.7 | 6.9 | 3.0 | 5.1 |
| ROCE (%) | 5.3 | 13.4 | 6.6 | 2.1 | 4.6 |
| Div Payout Ratio (%) | () | 18.8 | 15.3 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| Net Interest Cover (x) Source: DBS | 5.3 | 13.2 | 6.9 | 4.0 | 6.4 |



Balance Sheet (SGD, M)

| FY Dec | FY2020(A) | FY2021(A) | FY2022(A) | FY2023(F) | FY2024(F) |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net Fixed Assets | 43.35 | 56.36 | 84.41 | 96.02 | 94.64 |
| Invts in Associates & JVs | () | () | () | () | () |
| Other LT Assets | 3.06 | 5.40 | 10.94 | 10.54 | 10.14 |
| Cash & ST Invts | 7.49 | 46.34 | 23.15 | 32.43 | 36.05 |
| Inventory | 20.93 | 40.91 | 50.64 | 42.56 | 46.96 |
| Debtors | 17.89 | 30.02 | 32.00 | 29.72 | 34.02 |
| Other Current Assets | 1.68 | 3.84 | 3.04 | 3.04 | 3.04 |
| Total Assets | 94.40 | 182.9 | 204.2 | 214.3 | 224.8 |
| ST Debt | 10.58 | 16.25 | 18.68 | 18.68 | 18.68 |
| Creditor | 13.20 | 25.05 | 23.18 | 28.29 | 29.93 |
| Other Current Liab | 1.02 | 1.85 | 2.72 | 2.72 | 2.72 |
| LT Debt | 29.14 | 29.55 | 32.28 | 32.28 | 32.28 |
| Other LT Liabilities | 3.62 | 5.57 | 9.22 | 9.22 | 9.22 |
| Shareholder's Equity | 36.86 | 104.6 | 118.1 | 123.1 | 132.0 |
| Minority Interests | () | () | () | () | () |
| Total Cap. & Liab. | 94.40 | 182.9 | 204.2 | 214.3 | 224.8 |
| Non-Cash Wkg. Capital | 26.29 | 47.87 | 59.77 | 44.31 | 51.37 |
| Net Cash/(Debt) | (32.22) | 0.538 | (27.82) | (18.54) | (14.92) |
| Debtors Turn (avg days) | 91.8 | 75.2 | 86.3 | 102.4 | 92.4 |
| Creditors Turn (avg days) | 122.1 | 100.2 | 108.3 | 146.9 | 153.0 |
| Inventory Turn (avg days) | 187.1 | 161.9 | 205.5 | 266.1 | 235.2 |
| Asset Turnover (x) | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Current Ratio (x) | 1.9 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Quick Ratio (x) | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Net Debt/Equity (x) | 0.9 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Net Debt/Equity ex MI (x) | 0.9 | cash | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Capex to Debt (%) | 18.7 | 35.5 | 19.1 | 58.9 | 39.2 |
| Source: DBS | | | | | |

Cash Flow Statement (SGD, M)

| FY Dec | FY2020(A) | FY2021(A) | FY2022(A) | FY2023(F) | FY2024(F) |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Pre-Tax Profit | 6.03 | 20.90 | 13.88 | 7.39 | 13.08 |
| Dep. & Amort. | 6.74 | 8.88 | 13.97 | 18.79 | 21.79 |
| Tax Paid | (0.705) | (1.62) | (1.30) | (1.11) | (1.96) |
| Assoc. & JV Inc/(loss) | () | () | () | () | () |
| Chg in Wkg.Cap. | (8.69) | (21.76) | (11.49) | 15.47 | (7.06) |
| Other Operating CF | 0.580 | (3.29) | (1.64) | () | () |
| Net Operating CF | 3.96 | 3.10 | 13.43 | 40.54 | 25.84 |
| Capital Exp.(net) | (7.42) | (16.26) | (9.73) | (30.00) | (20.00) |
| Other Invts.(net) | () | () | () | () | () |
| Invts in Assoc. & JV | () | () | (6.88) | () | () |
| Div from Assoc & JV | () | () | () | () | () |
| Other Investing CF | 0.085 | 0.304 | 0.816 | () | () |
| Net Investing CF | (7.34) | (15.96) | (15.80) | (30.00) | (20.00) |
| Div Paid | () | (1.53) | (2.71) | (1.26) | (2.22) |
| Chg in Gross Debt | 9.64 | 5.33 | (7.48) | () | () |
| Capital Issues | () | 51.08 | () | () | () |
| Other Financing CF | (4.63) | (3.11) | (9.74) | () | () |
| Net Financing CF | 5.02 | 51.78 | (19.93) | (1.26) | (2.22) |
| Currency Adjustments | 0.083 | 0.065 | (0.732) | () | () |
| Chg in Cash | 1.72 | 38.98 | (23.04) | 9.28 | 3.62 |
| Opg CFPS (SGD) | 5.40 | 7.52 | 7.34 | 7.39 | 9.70 |
| Free CFPS (SGD) | (1.48) | (3.98) | 1.09 | 3.11 | 1.72 |
| Source: DBS | | | | | |





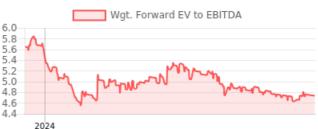
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Wgt. Forward EV to EBITDA

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2023

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Wgt. Forward EV to EBITDA

Wgt. Forward Dividend Yield

2020

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Wgt. Forward Dividend Yield

2022



Source: DBS





| # [| Date of Report | Closing Price 1 | 12-m Target Prio | ce Rating |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 17 Nov'23 | 0.51 | 0.60 | BUY |
| 2 | 27 Feb'24 | 0.49 | 0.58 | BUY |
| 3 | 14 Aug'24 | 0.55 | 0.70 | BUY |

Source: DBS

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BUY (>15% total return over the next 12 months for small caps, >10% for large caps)

HOLD (-10% to +15% total return over the next 12 months for small caps, -10% to +10% for large caps)

FULLY VALUED (negative total return, i.e., > -10% over the next 12 months)

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