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# Willsemi (603501 CH)

In-line FY21 results: Solid non-mobile CIS growth overshadowed by weak smartphone

Willsemi announced FY21 results. FY21 revenue/NP grew 21.6%/65.4% YoY to RMB24.1bn/RMB4.5bn (lower end of preliminary est.). CIS revenue grew 10.7% YoY, largely led by strong growth in non-mobile CIS (auto: 85% YoY and security: 70% YoY), partially offset by the weakness in smartphone CIS. TDDI sales grew 163.9% YoY due to strong demand and tight supply. GPM increased to 34.5% thanks to favorable product mix and better-than-expected margin improvement in mobile CIS. **Maintain BUY with new TP of RMB270.0**.

- Non-mobile CIS underpins long-term growth. In 2021, Auto CIS grew 80%+ YoY to US\$361mn and security CIS grew 60%+ to US\$481mn. The two segments accounted for 41% of total CIS revenue in 2021. We expect non-mobile CIS revenue will gradually surpass mobile CIS revenue, driven by strong demand. Given longer product cycle and high verification barriers, Willsemi's auto CIS's pipeline should be able to support solid revenue growth in the upcoming years.
- Despite recent weakness in smartphone market, Willsemi's mobile CIS business still has room to grow. We think Android OEMs will continue upgrading their CIS to compete with Apple in the premium smartphone market and try to gain shares where Huawei left. Meanwhile, the Company has announced new products, which are well received by OEMs. With its mobile CIS products upgrade into higher resolutions and better performance, the Company expects its mobile CIS's ASP and GPM to increase as well.
- DDIC business will be another driver. TDDI revenue grew by 160%+ and reached US\$304mn in 2021. We believe this business could be another driver as the Company is working closely with clients in R&D and is expected to have good import substitute opportunity as OLED DDIC market is currently dominated by Korean suppliers. In the annual report, Willsemi announced that its OLED DDIC products have passed clients' verification and will be adopted in smartphone solutions in 2022.
- Inventory level to remain at high level in near-term. Willsemi's inventory grew 66.5% YoY to RMB8.8bn in 2021, 4% higher than 2020 in terms of % over total asset. Although the Company has attributed it to supply chain uncertainty and logistic disruptions, it is difficult to identify materials overbooking and shrinking consumer demand under current circumstance. Looking forward, we expect the inventory level to remain high in near-term as a result of COVID resurgence. Policies have been announced to help resume productions and logistics. However, if lockdown measures are prolonged, it may erode consumer demand in the following quarters.
- Maintain BUY with TP of RMB270.0 based on lower 42x FY22E P/E. We think weak mobile market has been largely priced in. We slightly adjusted our TP to RMB270 based on lower FY22E P/E multiple, considering market concerns over production disruption and possible deterioration in consumer demand. Currently, Willsemi is trading at 25.5x FY22E P/E, which looks attractive. Potential downside risks include: 1) worse-than-expected global economy that curbs consumer spending and 2) unfilled demand caused by semi shortage.



# **BUY (Maintain)**

Target Price	RMB 270.00
(Previous TP	RMB 292.00)
Up/Downside	+64%
Current Price	RMB 164.44

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#### Stock Data

Mkt Cap (RMBmn)	144,119
Avg 3 mths t/o (RMBmn)	1,601
52w High/Low (RMB)	345/164.44
Total Issued Shares (mn)	876.9
Source: Bloomberg	

### Shareholding Structure

Yu Renrong	30.28%
SX Weihao Equity Invest. FD	9.22%
HKSCC	7.67%
Source: Company data	

#### Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-18.5%	-17.1%
3-mth	-38.3%	-31.1%
6-mth	-23.7%	-14.8%
Source: Bloomber	rg	

## 12-mth Price Performance



### Auditor: BDO

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- China CIS sector Can non-mobile CIS strength offset handset weakness? We remain cautiously optimistic (<u>Link</u>)
- FY21 revenue in line; Growth story stays intact – 10 Mar 2022 (<u>Link</u>)
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# **Earnings Summary**

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(YE 31 Dec)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue (RMB mn)	19,824	24,104	30,272	36,242	41,494
YoY growth (%)	45.4%	21.6%	25.6%	19.7%	14.5%
Gross profit margin %	29.9%	34.5%	34.7%	34.9%	35.1%
Net profit (RMB mn)	2,706	4,476	5,697	7,011	8,204
Net profit margin %	13.7%	18.6%	18.8%	19.3%	19.8%
EPS (RMB)	3.21	5.16	6.44	7.87	9.17
YoY growth (%)	322.4%	60.7%	24.8%	22.3%	16.5%
Consensus EPS (RMB)	3.21	5.34	6.68	8.49	0.00
P/E (x)	51.2	31.9	25.5	20.9	17.9
ROE (%)	23.5%	27.5%	24.6%	22.7%	20.9%
Net gearing (%)	6.7%	10.9%	net cash	net cash	net cash

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



# Figure 1: Earnings revision

New			Old			Diff (%)			
US\$ mn	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	30,272	36,242	41,494	29,899	35,485	na	1%	2%	na
Gross Profit	10,513	12,657	14,545	10,315	12,224	na	2%	4%	na
Operating Profit	6,425	7,908	9,253	6,322	7,579	na	2%	4%	na
Net profit	5,697	7,011	8,204	5,781	6,915	na	-1%	1%	na
EPS (US\$ cents)	6.440	7.874	9.174	6.483	7.756	na	-1%	2%	na
Gross Margin	34.7%	34.9%	35.1%	34.5%	34.4%	na	0.2 ppt	0.5 ppt	na
Operating Margin	21.2%	21.8%	22.3%	21.1%	21.4%	na	0.1 ppt	0.5 ppt	na
Net Margin	18.8%	19.3%	19.8%	19.3%	19.5%	na	-0.5 ppt	-0.1 ppt	na

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

# Figure 2: CMBIGM estimates vs consensus

CMBIGM			Consensus			Diff (%)			
US\$ mn	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	30,272	36,242	41,494	32,193	39,602	47,724	-6%	-8%	-13%
Gross Profit	10,513	12,657	14,545	10,888	13,476	16,947	-3%	-6%	-14%
Operating Profit	6,425	7,908	9,253	6,547	8,284	9,009	-2%	-5%	3%
Net profit	5,697	7,011	8,204	5,784	7,398	9,508	-2%	-5%	-14%
EPS (US\$ cents)	6.440	7.874	9.174	6.682	8.493	10.787	-4%	-7%	-15%
Gross Margin	34.7%	34.9%	35.1%	33.8%	34.0%	35.5%	0.9 ppt	0.9 ppt	-0.5 ppt
Operating Margin	21.2%	21.8%	22.3%	20.3%	20.9%	18.9%	0.9 ppt	0.9 ppt	3.4 ppt
Net Margin	18.8%	19.3%	19.8%	18.0%	18.7%	19.9%	0.9 ppt	0.7 ppt	-0.2 ppt

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

# Figure 3: Peers valuation

		Mkt Cap	Price	P/E (x)		P/B (	x)	ROE	(%)
Company	Ticker	US\$(mn)	(LC)	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E
Global CIS peers									
Willsemi	603501 CH	22,621	164.44	25.5	20.9	6.3	4.8	24.6	22.7
GalaxyCore	688728 CH	8,052	20.50	28.8	23.5	6.2	4.9	21.5	20.9
Sony	SONY US	111,581	88.48	16.1	15.5	2.3	2.0	14.2	16.3
Samsung	005930 KS	324,453	67300.00	9.5	8.4	1.4	1.2	14.8	14.9
STMicroelectronics	STM FP	33,535	34.16	11.8	11.4	2.8	2.3	27.3	21.6
ON Semi	ON US	23,703	54.57	13.0	12.2	4.2	3.5	33.5	27.6
Peers Avg.				17.5	15.3	3.9	3.1	22.7	20.7
Peers Median				14.6	13.9	3.5	2.9	23.1	21.3
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Willsemi	603501 CH	22,621	164.44	25.5	20.9	6.3	4.8	24.6	22.7
GalaxyCore	688728 CH	8,052	20.50	28.8	23.5	6.2	4.9	21.5	20.9
Gigadevice	603986 CH	14,164	135.27	31.7	25.1	5.8	4.9	19.4	20.1
Maxscend	300782 CH	10,746	205.34	27.3	20.8	10.1	7.2	37.1	34.3
Goodix	603160 CH	4,735	65.80	25.9	19.7	3.1	2.7	12.3	14.1
SG Micro	300661 CH	10,891	294.14	74.9	54.7	23.7	17.2	33.6	32.7
Peers Avg.				35.7	27.5	9.2	7.0	24.8	24.1
Peers Median				28.1	22.2	6.3	4.9	23.1	21.8

Source: Bloomberg and CMBIGM, as of 19 Apr 2022.

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20 Apr 2022

(RMBmn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue					
Mobile CIS	10,287.8	9,570.8	10,531.8	11,349.7	12,095.6
YoY%	61.9%	-7.0%	10.0%	7.8%	6.6%
Security CIS	1,763.6	3,059.9	4,194.2	5,129.2	5,803.8
YoY%	na	73.5%	37.1%	22.3%	13.2%
Auto CIS	1,243.2	2,300.0	3,613.6	5,250.9	6,896.4
YoY%	na	85.0%	57.1%	45.3%	31.3%
Other	1,402.2	1,333.0	1,733.0	2,166.2	2,599.4
YoY%	na	-4.9%	30.0%	25.0%	20.0%
Total CIS	14,697	16,264	20,072	23,896	27,395
YoY%	50%	11%	23%	19%	15%
Display driver	744	1,963	2,980	3,822	4,357
YoY%	na	164%	52%	28%	14%
TVS	503	565	649	714	786
YoY%	19%	12%	15%	10%	10%
РМІС	381	461	613	780	963
YoY%	62%	21%	33%	27%	23%
ASIC	368	420	524	629	755
YoY%	-14%	14%	25%	20%	20%
CameraCubeChip	179	282	381	496	595
YoY%	7%	57%	35%	30%	20%
Other	395	425	632	832	1,069
YoY%	21%	8%	49%	32%	29%
Total IC design	17,267	20,380	25,853	31,169	35,920
YoY%	52%	18%	27%	21%	15%
Semi distribution	2,485	3,660	4,356	5,009	5,510
YoY%	11%	47%	19%	15%	10%
Other	71	64	64	64	64
YoY%	89%	-10%	0%	0%	0%
Total Revenue	19,824	24,104	30,272	36,242	41,494
YoY%	45%	22%	26%	20%	14%
Gross profit					
CIS	4,610.3	5,471.1	6,961.2	8,465.9	9,824.3
GPM%	31.4%	33.6%	34.7%	35.4%	35.9%
Display driver	178.7	1,195.3	1,564.5	1,815.3	1,960.6
GPM%	24.0%	60.9%	52.5%	47.5%	45.0%
Other	1,140.8	1,647.5	1,986.9	2,376.1	2,760.5
Total	5,929.8	8,313.9	10,512.5	12,657.4	14,545.4
GPM%	29.9%	34.5%	34.7%	34.9%	35.1%

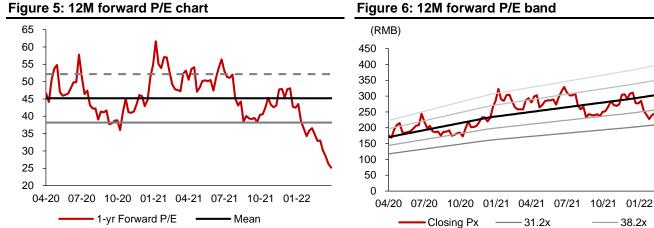
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# **Financial Summary**

# Income statement

Income statement						Cash flow summary
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)
Revenue	19,824	24,104	30,272	36,242	41,494	Pretax profit
COGS	-13,894	-15,790	-19,759	-23,584	-26,949	D&A
Gross Profit	5,930	8,314	10,513	12,657	14,545	Change in working capital
						Others
SG&A	-1,147	-1,201	-1,508	-1,805	-2,067	Net cash from operating
R&D exp.	-1,727	-2,110	-2,724	-3,262	-3,734	
Financing exp.	-275	-356	-137	23	191	Capex
Other opex	176	352	282	295	318	Purchase/sale of investments
Operating profit	2,956	5,000	6,425	7,908	9,253	Purchase/sale of subs
						Other
Non-operating income	44	5	6	8	9	Net cash from investing
Non-operating exp.	-9	-3	-3	-4	-5	
Pre-tax profit	2,991	5,002	6,428	7,911	9,257	Change in shares
						Change in debt
Income tax expenses	-308	-456	-643	-791	-926	Dividend/interests paid
Net profit	2,683	4,546	5,785	7,120	8,331	Other
Non-controlling interests	-23	70	89	109	128	Net cash from financing
Net profit to shareholders	2,706	4,476	5,697	7,011	8,204	

YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Pretax profit	2,683	4,546	5,785	7,120	8,331
D&A	765	879	863	1,000	1,168
Change in working capital	-221	-3,328	-971	-1,233	-237
Others	117	96	269	333	391
Net cash from operating	3,345	2,192	5,946	7,220	9,653
Capex	-1,133	-1,122	-1,651	-1,969	-2,253
Purchase/sale of investments	-373	-1,969	-273	-301	-333
Purchase/sale of subs	-1,163	96	51	51	51
Other	38	96	489	481	559
Net cash from investing	-2,631	-2,899	-1,384	-1,739	-1,976
Change in shares	683	1,203	1,779	1,298	888
Change in debt	1,567	3,066	31	325	32
Dividend/interests paid	-413	-569	-881	-1,013	-1,155
Other	-3	-767	-184	29	-101
Net cash from financing	1,835	2,932	745	639	-336
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Net change in cash	2,548	<b>2,226</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>6,120</b>	7,341
Cash, beginning	3,116	5,423	7,630	12,919	19,021
Exchange difference	-241	-18	-18	-18	-18
Cash, end	5,423	7,630	12,919	19,021	26,345

Balance sheet						Key ratios					
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Current assets	13,913	20,296	27,685	36,310	44,582	Revenue by segment					
Cash & equivalents	5,456	7,671	12,960	19,062	26,385	CMOS	14,697	16,264	20,072	23,896	27,395
Trade & other receivables	2,583	3,029	3,894	4,848	5,427	TDDI	744	1,963	2,980	3,822	4,357
Inventories	5,274	8,781	9,866	11,188	11,397	Others	4,383	5,877	7,220	8,524	9,742
Other current assets	600	814	966	1,213	1,373	Total	19,824	24,104	30,272	36,242	41,494
						CMOS %	74.1%	67.5%	66.3%	65.9%	66.0%
Non-current assets	8,735	11,784	12,887	14,038	15,336						
PPE	1,871	1,863	2,120	2,470	2,901	Growth (%)					
Intangibles	1,509	1,604	1,541	1,521	1,512	Revenue	45.4%	21.6%	25.6%	19.7%	14.5%
Goodwill	2,800	2,998	2,947	2,896	2,845	Adj. EBITDA	173.1%	58.0%	24.0%	22.2%	10.4%
Other non-current assets	2,556	5,320	6,279	7,151	8,078	Net profit	481.2%	65.4%	27.3%	23.1%	17.0%
Total assets	22,648	32,080	40,572	50,348	59,918						
						Profit & loss ratio (%)					
Current liabilities	6,845	8,700	10,078	10,917	11,260	Gross margin	29.9%	34.5%	34.7%	34.9%	35.1%
ST debt & LT debt to mature	3,041	3,745	3,976	3,523	3,112	EBITDA margin	18.8%	24.4%	24.1%	24.6%	23.7%
Trade & other payables	2,544	3,956	4,389	5,570	5,811	Net profit margin	13.7%	18.6%	18.8%	19.3%	19.8%
Other current liabilities	1,260	999	1,713	1,824	2,337						
						Balance sheet ratio					
Non-current liabilities	4,278	7,076	7,352	8,507	9,415	Net debt/total equity (%)	6.7%	10.9%	net	net	net
LT debt	3,182	3,448	3,498	4,276	4,719	Debt/EBITDA	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.0
Bonds payables	0	2,250	2,000	2,000	2,000	Interest coverage	12.5	14.3	17.1	20.5	22.3
Other non-current liabilities	1,096	1,378	1,853	2,232	2,696	Cash conversion cycle (days)	123.1	152.5	157.5	149.5	140.5
Total liabilities	11,123	15,776	17,429	19,424	20,675						
						Profitability (%)					
Total equity	11,525	16,304	23,143	30,924	39,243	ROE	23.5%	27.5%	24.6%	22.7%	20.9%
Share capital	868	876	885	890	894	ROA	11.9%	14.0%	14.0%	13.9%	13.7%
Reserves	7,248	8,434	10,204	11,497	12,381						
Treasury stock	-255.4	-741.7	-741.7	-741.7	-741.7						
Retained earnings	3,895	8,049	13,228	19,583	26,984	Per share data (RMB)					
Other equities	-516.2	-418.8	-627.0	-608.1	-705.5	EPS	3.21	5.16	6.44	7.87	9.17
Minority interests	286	106	195	304	432	BVPS	13.33	18.67	25.94	34.39	43.40
Total liabilities and equity	22,648	32,080	40,572	50,348	59,918						

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



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