

TRANSACTION RATIONALES

Purchases / Increases

ASML: Taking advantage of an almost 35% drop to build up an initial position

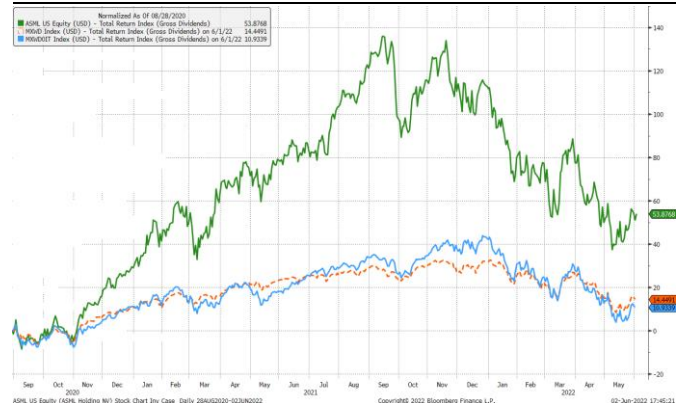
ASML is one of the world's leading manufacturers of semiconductor manufacturing equipment. The Company specializes in lithography systems and the corresponding process control technology. Lithography is used to imprint microchips, both logic and memory chips, with tiny transistors and circuits that enable the chip to function.

ASML's moat is extraordinary as the company's "extreme ultraviolet" technology (EUV) is unique. Replicating this know-how and catching up with ASML would be very time-consuming for any competitor, if not impossible, given the technological lead ASML currently has. Hence the Company expects to maintain at least a 90% market share for leading edge technology for the foreseeable future.

What's more, the growing installed base of EUV-machines will be driving recurring revenues. ASML is paid a fee per wafer produced for servicing and maintaining EUV systems. Since wafer output is much less cyclical than equipment sales, this business will grow at a steady pace and deliver recurring income over the cycle. As result, earnings trends are expected to become more stable and relative valuations should rise as a consequence.

After the recent decline ASML stock has built up again a sizable discount to fair value of approx. 42%. Hence, we view current levels as a good entry opportunity to add this high quality name to our broader based portfolios resp. to increase positions in our growth strategies.

Chart since purchase of the initial position: ASML vs. the MSCI World and the Sector:



Sells / Reductions

Shell: Take a partial profit after the large-scale outperformance

After the clear message from the FED regarding its intention to fight inflation, stocks that are exposed to the economic cycle have increasingly coming under pressure, including the best performing sector, oil. While many cyclicals have already suffered from significant declines, oil stocks still show sizable profits for the year. Therefore, they are particularly at risk of further declines as they are seen as "the last man standing".

After the large-scale outperformance (+21.3% vs. -15.4% for the MSCI World AC) and given the rapidly shifting focus of investor's concerns from valuation to a slow-down in economic growth we sell half of the position in Shell. We will keep the sales proceeds temporarily in cash.

Chart since inception: Shell vs. the MSCI World and the Sector



With kind regards,

Emerald Wealth Partners AG, Investment Office

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