

Investment Potential of Optical Chips and Optical Modules

Article Overview

Optical chips currently offer greater long-term investment potential than optical modules due to scarcity, pricing power, and strategic positioning in AI-driven data center infrastructure.

Optical Modules: High Demand but Limited Margins

Optical modules act as electro-optical converters, bridging electrical signals and optical transmission in data centers. They are critical for AI clusters, with the market growing from ~\$16.5B in 2025 to ~\$26B in 2026, driven by 800G and 1.6T transceivers . Chinese firms dominate volume, with InnoLight and Eoptolink controlling over 60% of global market share . However, these companies are largely price-takers, earning net margins of 20–38% because they do not control the scarce upstream components like EML laser chips or DSPs . While modules are demand-certain, their profitability is constrained, and valuations are already stretched .

Optical Chips: Scarcity and Pricing Power

Optical chips, including EML lasers and DSPs, sit upstream in the supply chain and are produced by very few firms globally. For example, Lumentum is the only company shipping 200G/lane EMLs at volume, while Broadcom and Marvell dominate the DSP/switch-silicon layer with gross margins around 68% . These chips capture scarcity rent, giving them durable pricing power and higher profit potential. As AI clusters scale, the bottleneck shifts to data transmission channels, making silicon p...

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Forecasting the market's growth hinges on multiple factors the pace of digital infrastructure investments,

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As of late May 2026, US equities are at record highs on the AI trade (May 29: S& P 500 closed 7,580, Nasdaq 26,973, both records),

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Optical Modules Market Outlook 2025-2034 The global optical modules market was valued at \$14.8 billion in 2025 and is projected to

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Overview of the optical communication module market demand and supply chain, and production capacity in various

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Foreword The semiconductor industry is undergoing rapid transformation, shaped by AI advancements, geopolitical shifts, and

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However, optical communication and Li-Fi generate the quickest gains, expanding at a

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The global optical transceiver market size is projected to grow from \$17.15 billion in 2026 to \$46.12 billion by 2034,

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The global Optical Module Chip Market size was valued at US\$ 823 million in 2024 and is projected to reach US\$ 1.52

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Discover why optical chips are the top AI investment for 2026. Learn how hardware infrastructure is reshaping

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Global Optical Chip Market Size, Industry Share, Growth Trends ...

The optical chip market is on a robust growth trajectory, fueled by a confluence of technological advancements,

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Key market insights indicate a strong preference for higher-speed coherent optical modules, fueled by the increasing

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Explore the booming Optical Module Chip market forecast (2025-2033). Discover key drivers like 5G, data centers,

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Optical Component Startup Tracker

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Active Optical Module Regional Outlook 2025-2034 Asia Pacific represents the dominant regional market for active optical modules,

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Optical Interconnect Market Size, Share & Trends

Optical interconnect technology refers to the use of optical (light-based) signals, typically via fiber optics or photonic

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The versatility of optical chips is driving their adoption across adjacent markets such as automotive, healthcare, and aerospace. In

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What is the outlook for optical chips in optical modules?

In the long term, optical chips will remain a foundational technology for digital infrastructure, combining strong growth

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MARKET INSIGHTS The global Optical Module Package Market was valued at 8942 million in 2024 and is projected to reach US\$

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Market demand for optical chips and optical modules

Optical chips and optical modules are two core layers in the optical communication industry chain. They correspond

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