Samsung Electronics Q3 2026: Memory Prices Lift Margins, but Secondary-Market Value Stays Open

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Samsung Electronics booked KRW 107.4 trillion [USD 80.3 billion] in operating profit in the third quarter of 2026 on KRW 195.3 trillion [USD 146.0 billion] in revenue, the fourth consecutive quarter of new highs in both, according to the company's presentation. Almost all of the operating profit came from one division. Device Solutions, which contains the memory and foundry businesses, produced KRW 106.5 trillion of it, about 99% of the total. Device eXperience, which sells phones, TVs and appliances, posted an operating loss of KRW 0.8 trillion.

Memory prices are rising faster than output, and the margin accrues to the chipmaker while device makers absorb higher component costs. Whether that reaches secondary-market component values, refurbished device pricing or hardware retirement timing is still open, and the evidence on each is mixed.

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