

# Samsung record profits

The world's largest maker of mobile phones and TVs reported record fourth-quarter earnings in 2012. South Korea's Samsung Electronics pushed operating profit up 89% to 8.8 trillion won (US\$8.3 billion)

Median operating-profit estimates for main business divisions  
(three months ended December 2012)

Mobile phones	\$5.380bn
Semiconductors	\$1.429bn
Television	\$0.499bn
LCD panels	\$0.997bn

**Galaxy Note II:**  
"Phablet" device sold more than 5 million units in first eight weeks

Samsung sold 62 million smartphones in fourth quarter compared with Apple's 45 million

