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I am looking to do research on Apple from the perspective of an equities investor. Specifically, I have a working hypothesis that AAPL will crush 1Q26 earnings because the rise of AI agents and AI coding tools has shifted significant demand to AAPL ecosystem products especially their mac mini product.

I believe this demand has been primarily from "AI Native" users and retail heavy users, and the Wall Street coverage is underestimating this demand because the professional services crowd has not shifted to using these coding tools for agentic functions.

A few anecdotal points I have that is informing my hypothesis above:

1. I saw Anthropic revenues grew from $9B to $19B in just a few months. I believe much of this demand has come from Claude Code which sophisticated users have begun to use Mac Minis for extra RAM horsepower to spin up multiple instances at once. This may be a leading indicator for AAPL and Mac Mini demand.

2. We clearly see a RAM shortage if we look at memory players. This memory may be bought up by players like AAPL which might be a leading indicator for AAPL.

3. I saw several regions in the US were sold out of Mac Minis including NYC where I live.

4. Mac minis have been going viral on the internet especially twitter. I want to test if this trend of Mac Mini mentions have gone exponential in 1Q26 vs 4Q25.

5. I was doing a quick and dirty comp of the different mini-desktop products for use cases like Claude Code and Clawdbot and it seemed like Mac Mini was the best RAM / value per dollar vs its competitors.

6. Anthropic has released its products to be Mac OS first rather than Windows OS first. Which means Anthropic power users should be choosing Mac ecosystem over Windows all else equal.



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If this hypothesis is true, I believe the narrative for AAPL may shift from a commoditized hardware player to an Anthropic proxy / Clawdbot proxy / Agentic AI proxy investment.

I need to work together on a research plan to test this hypothesis. I have a few areas to dig deeper or test, but I am sure you are able to beef up this research plan to include other tests.

>Test Similarweb (perhaps via Manus MCP / API?) to see AAPL web traffic

>Use our Socialdatasets API to test X mentions of Mac Mini 1Q26 vs 4Q25

>Use Socialdatasets API to test X sentiment via NLP around Mac Mini as it relates to AI use cases

>Run a comps analysis of Mac Mini vs the other available products for this particular use case to see if it makes the most sense for consumers or companies to buy this product over others

>Investigate the memory shortage situation and figure out how AAPL plays into this, and whether the memory shortage is a leading indicator or not for AAPL earnings this quarter

>Deep dive into the current AAPL narrative to find out if this view is consensus or not and if this Anthropic data can be a leading indicator for AAPL earnings (ie is this already baked into the price or narrative? What is the current narrative for AAPL? Are investors bearish or bullish on the stock?)

Please use the ask user interview tool to make sure we are fully aligned and so that we are doing a comprehensive research in this exercise together.