



"SETTING SAIL" FOR AN EXCITING FUTURE

It has continued to be an exciting time for our sector since the publication of our last LAYERS 6, with the strong investment seen in 2021 continuing through 2022. Indeed, fab equipment spending reached close to USD 110 Billion by year end 2022¹. This was at a time when global supply chains had already been under pressure as a result of the COVID pandemic, and even had to ramp up to meet the new levels of demand.

As a company we have already taken a number of measures to grow both our manufacturing capacity and flexibility for the future including enlarged assembly areas. Maintaining strong long-term partnerships and working closely with both suppliers and customers is more important than ever as we look to enjoy the benefits of strong long-term industry growth all together.

While customers have been expanding their production capacity, they have also been setting us new challenges in process performance. As a result, 2022 was also an important year for product innovation at Evatec. Highlights included the launch of the new HEXAGON offering both lower R_cs and higher throughputs in packaging applications and Evatec's ground breaking BAK 911 and MULTI BAK clustered evaporation solutions delivering new levels of process repeatability and lowering cost of ownership for high volume wireless applications.

I hope you will find something to inspire you in 2023 in this, our seventh addition of LAYERS. As always, we welcome your feedback about our products and services and look forward to meeting you during the year.

Andreas Waelti CEO

¹ Numbers according to SEMI.org