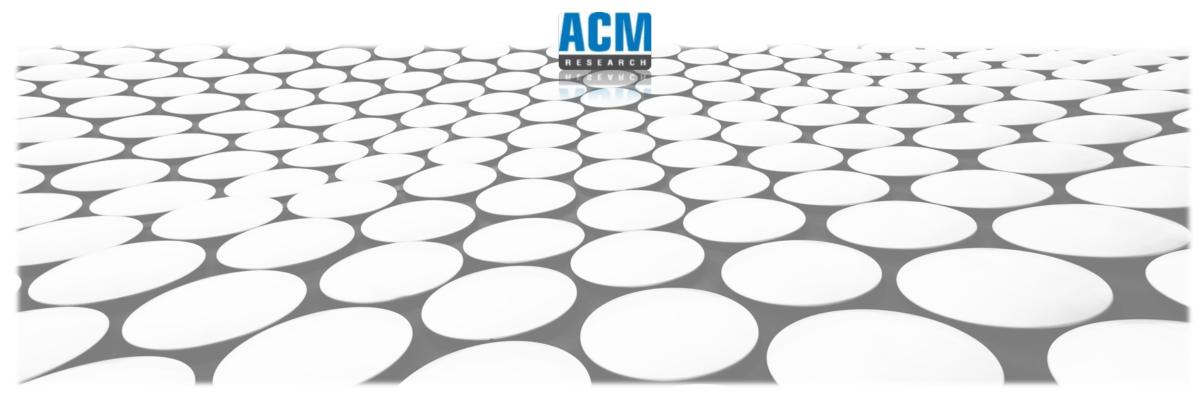


# ADVANCED PRODUCTION TOOLS FOR LEADING EDGE IC FABS

**Advanced wafer cleaning technologies** 



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# **ACM** Research at a Glance



- Best-in-class multi-product semiconductor capital equipment supplier to leading global semiconductor manufacturers
- **Differentiated technology** improves customer production processes with better yields and reduced chemical consumption
- More than 448 patents issued in the U.S., China, Japan, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan as of 12/31/22
- **State-of-the-art production facilities** in Chuansha & ZhangJiang, Shanghai; construction in process for new R&D and production center in Lingang, Shanghai
- **Headquartered in Fremont, CA** with more than 1,200 employees globally

# Cleaning

Flagship (SAPS, TEBO, Tahoe)







Semi-Critical

### ECP, Furnace & Other

Ultra ECP ap











### **NEW Products: Track and PECVD**

Track

PECVD





# Advanced Packaging & Other

Scrubbers, coaters, developer tools, plating tools, wet stripping, wet etching and stress-free polishing systems, and other parts and services

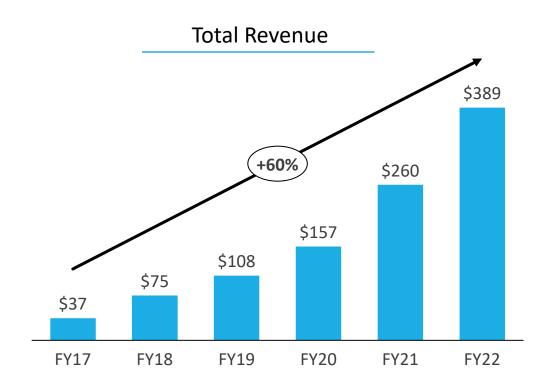


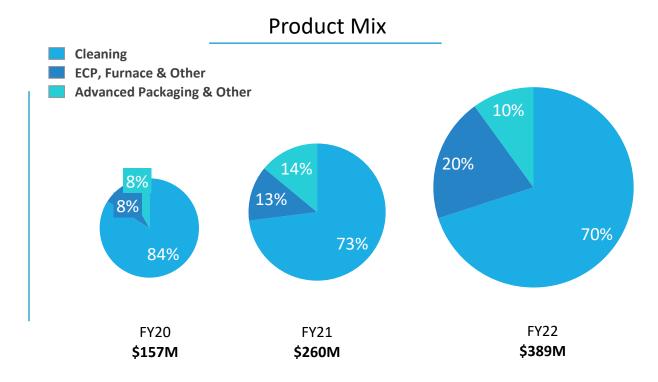




# **Financial Highlights**

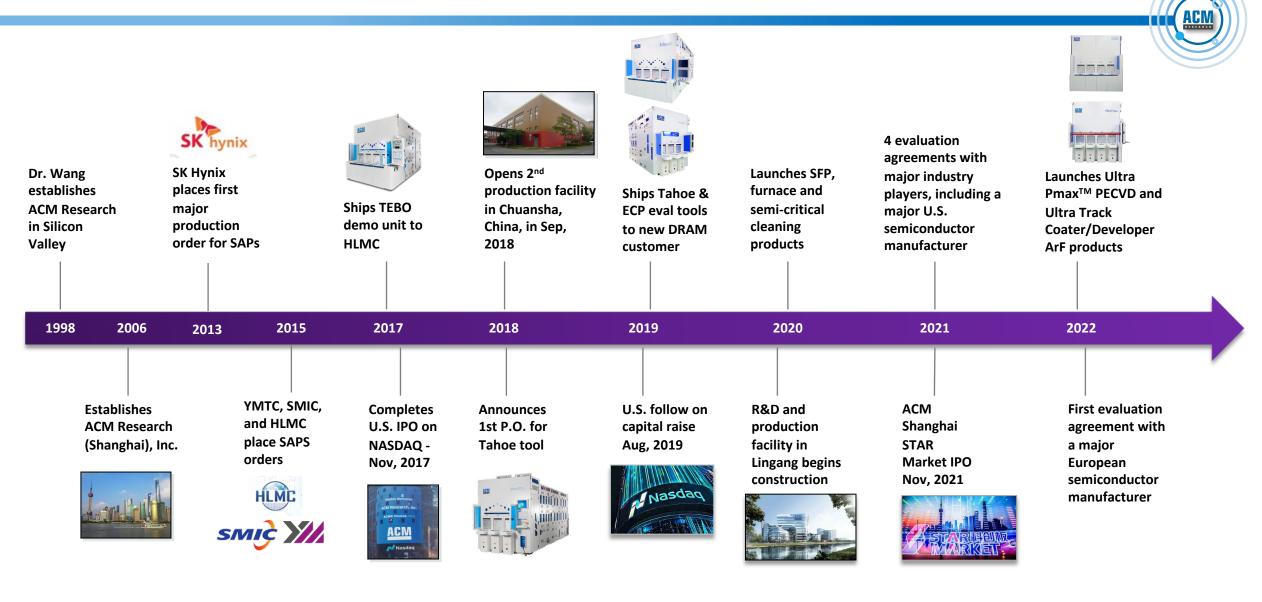






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# **History of Innovation and Customer Design Wins**



# **Global Semiconductor Capital Equipment Supplier**







Shanghai R&D Center (Zhangjiang)



Shanghai Asia-Pacific Manufacturing Center >200,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (Chuansha)



Planned >1.4 million ft<sup>2</sup> (Lingang)

# **Tier 1 Customer Base**



### **Front-End Customers**



- One of the leading advanced foundries in China
- ACM Research 2022 Revenue %: 18% (primarily Foundry / Logic)



- Mainland China's largest foundry
- Tier-one customers include Qualcomm, Broadcom and Texas Instruments
- 7 strategically located fabs in China
- Building 3 12-inch fabs in China (1)
- SMIC Shenzhen entered into production by the end of 2022 (1)
- ACM Research 2022 Revenue %: 15%



- Major new entrant into NAND flash and DRAM industry
- Innovative Xtacking 2.0 unleashes potential of 3D NAND (2)
- ACM Research 2022 Revenue %: 10% (primarily 3D NAND)

### **Back-End Customers**



- One of the largest bumping houses in China and leading WLCSP production base
- Subsidiary of OSAT company JCET
- Owns one of the most advanced packaging technology R&D service platforms<sup>(3)</sup>
- Global customer base with exposure to the U.S., Western Europe and Asia



- New China-based entrant to DRAM industry
- ACM Research 2022 Revenue %: <10%</li>



- Global market leader in memory (DRAM & NAND) semiconductor products
- ACM Research's first major customer
- ACM Research 2022 Revenue %: <10% (primarily DRAM)

# Tier 2 and 3 China-based IC Manufacturers

- Tier 2 includes Hangzhou Silan and 4 China-based customers
- Ordered a range of semi-critical tools including the scrubber, wet etch, and backside wafer etching tool, auto wet bench, SAPS-II cleaning tool and Cu interconnect ECP map tool.
- Tier 3 includes a handful of companies investing in new capacity in IoT, EV, AI

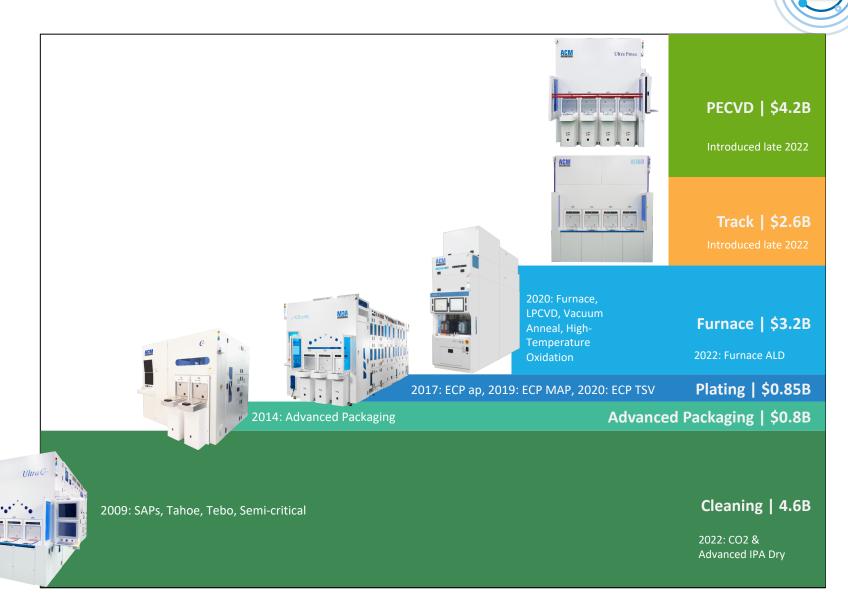


- A leading OSAT provider #4 globally<sup>(4)</sup> and top 3 in China<sup>(4)</sup>
- One of the fastest growing OSAT providers globally with ~30% year-over-year revenue growth in 2022<sup>(4)</sup>
- Six production facilities serving more than half of the top ten global semiconductor manufacturers<sup>(4)</sup>

(1) Source: SMIC website. (2) Source: YMTC Press Release. (3) Source: JCAP Company Profile. (4) Source: TFME website.

# Innovative Product Introductions Expanding Serviceable Available Market ("SAM")

Estimated 2022 SAM of \$16 billion addressed by ACM Research's current product portfolio



# **Longer-Term Target for \$1B+ in Revenue**





Longer Term Target Composition									
		ACM Research							
Mainland China	SAM <sup>1</sup>	Share	Revenue						
Cleaning	\$0.7B	55%	\$0.4B						
ECP	\$0.2B	50%	\$0.1B						
Furnace	\$0.5B	35%	\$0.2B						
PECVD	\$0.7B	15%	\$0.1B						
Track	\$0.4B	15%	\$0.1B						
Ad. Packaging	n/a	n/m	\$0.15B						
	\$2.5B	39%	\$1.0B						
RoW									
Cleaning	\$3.8B	-							
ECP	\$0.6B	.     <b>-</b>	Upside						
Furnace	\$2.6B	-							
PECVD	\$4.0B	-							
Track	\$2.3B	-							
Ad. Packaging	n/a								
	\$13.2B	-	Upside						
China + RoW Revenue >\$1.0B									

<sup>1</sup>Source: Gartner - "Forecast: Semiconductor Wafer Fab Equipment, Worldwide, 4Q22 Update" (December 2022) and Company Estimates:

- 2025 Gartner WFE market of \$91B
- ACM Research Global SAM is ~18% of Global WFE and China is 15% of ACM Research Global SAM

<sup>\*</sup> ACM Research longer-term target, for planning purposes only, not a projection or estimate of actual or future revenue

# **Growth Strategy**



# Growth at Existing Customers

- Continue winning share at existing customers
- Continued China fab expansion, particularly in mature nodes
- Accelerating ECP and furnace product cycles

# **International Expansion**

- Expanding dedicated sales team in U.S. and Europe
- Evaluations in process with major U.S. manufacturer
- Received first tool order from major Europe-based global semiconductor manufacturer



# **New Capacity**

- Lingang facility on track for initial production for late 2023 with target for annual revenue production capacity over \$1.5 billion
- Purchasing new headquarters in Zhangjiang Shanghai, Silicon Valley of China
- Korea R&D and production facility to support international expansion
- 2023 ~\$100 million capex



# **New Products**

- Broad cleaning portfolio covers 90%+ with addition of semi-critical, bevel etch, high-temp SPM, and super-critical dry C02.
- Plating for front and back end, furnace and semi-critical tools
- Added Track & PECVD product categories at end of 2022 that doubled our SAM to \$16 billion



# Q2 2023 Summary



# **Q2 2023 Financial Results**

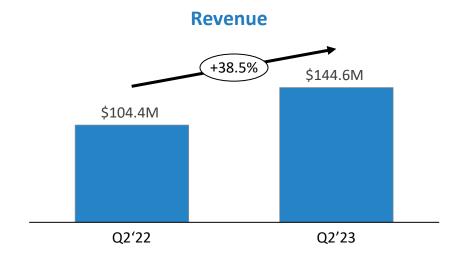
- \$144.6 million revenue (up 38.5%); total shipments of \$153 million (up 37%)
- 47.5% GAAP gross margin (versus 42.3% in Q2 2022)
- 47.6% non-GAAP gross margin (versus 42.4% in Q2 2022)
- \$30.4 million GAAP operating income (21.0% of revenue)
- \$32.4 million non-GAAP operating income (22.4% of revenue)
- \$0.41 diluted GAAP earnings per share (versus \$0.18 in Q2 2022)
- \$0.48 diluted non-GAAP earnings per share (versus \$0.22 in Q2 2022)

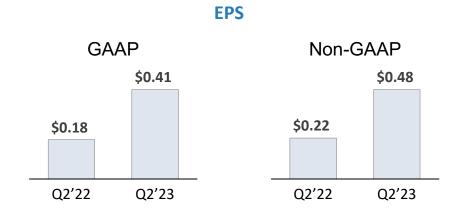
# **Key Operational Updates**

- Strong revenue and EPS as operations and industry supply chains largely return to new normal post-COVID
- Mature node spending by our China customers, market share gains and penetration from new products and new customers
- Expanding customer base for vertical furnace platform
- Continued progress on sales efforts with new Track and PECVD platforms
- U.S. customer evaluation progressing
- Delivery of first evaluation tool to top-tier European customer planned for Q4 2023
- Initial production in Lingang, Shanghai planned for later in 2023

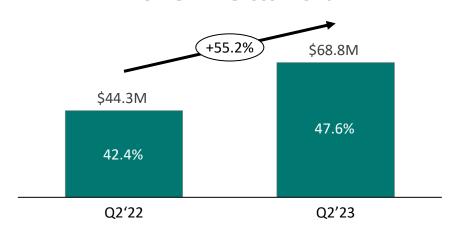
# **Q2 2023 Financial Results**



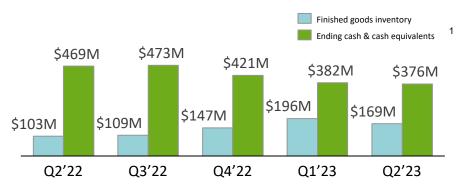




### **Non-GAAP Gross Profit**



# **Balance Sheet**



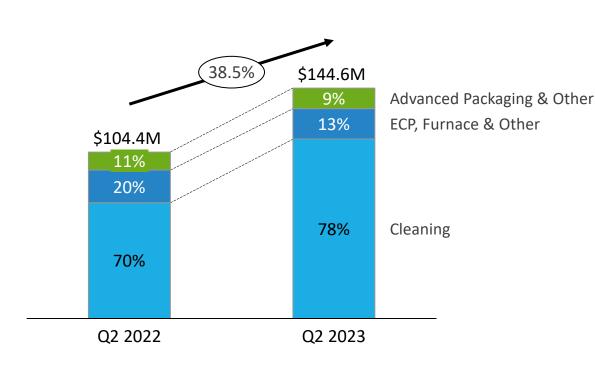
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Including interest bearing time deposits.

See slide 20 for reconciliation between GAAP and Non-GAAP Gross Profit and EPS

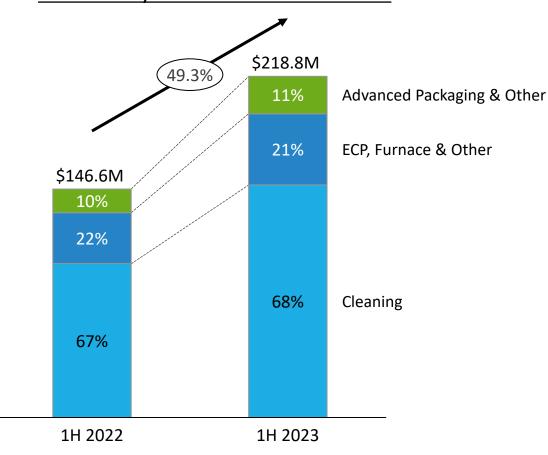
# Q2 and YTD 2023 Revenue Detail



# Revenue by Product: Q2'23 vs Q2'22



# Revenue by Product: 1H'23 vs 1H'22



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# **Wafer Cleaning**

### **Flagship Cleaning Tools**

### SAPS



Megasonic Cleaning for Flat and Patterned Wafer Surfaces

- High efficiency with enhanced process flexibility
- Uniform and consistent results
- Customizable specifications

### **TEBO**



Bubble Oscillation Cleaning for Patterned Wafers at Advanced Process Nodes

- Highly effective, damage-free solution for small and fragile features
- Multi-parameter bubble cavitation control

### Ultra - C Tahoe



Hybrid Wafer Cleaning With Significant Cost & Environmental Benefits

- Environmentally friendly uses 10% of the sulfuric acid used than conventional tools
- O High cleaning performance at low cost

### **Bevel Etch**



Bevel Etching process for 3D NAND, DRAM and advanced logic processes

- Accurate and efficient wafer center alignment for precise bevel etch
- Variable wafer bevel etch/cut accuracy of 1-7mm and good uniformity

### Single high tem SPM



Single High Temp SPM Cleaning for metal removal and PR Strip at advance node

Photoresist stripping after high-dose energy implant, wet stripping without using a dry ash process, and special metal film removal processes at advance node

# **Semi Critical Cleaning Tools**

### **Auto Bench**



Batch Wafer Cleaning for a full range of wet technologies across multiple nodes

- ULD advance drying technology addresses challenges in high-aspect-ratio structures
- MCR module delivers high cleaning performance

### **Backside**



Backside Clean Tool for wafer device side none contact process

- Good particle performance and etch uniformity

### Scrubber



Scrubber Cleaning for efficient frontand backside wet-cleaning applications

 High throughput, small footprint and low cost Small particle removal

### **Advance Processes**

### **Supercritical CO2 Dry**



Supercritical CO2 Dry for advance DRAM processes

Damage free drying process for high aspect-ratio structures including Isolation

### High Temp IPA Dry (UTD)



High Temp IPA Drying for advance Logic processes

- Damage free drying process for small structures and high-aspect-ratio structures Associate with customizable Cleaning
- method for good cleaning performance.

# **Electroplating**













Model	Ultra ECP map	Ultra ECP 3D	Ultra ECP ap	Ultra ECP ap (Cu-Ni-SnAg-Au)	Ultra ECP GIII		
Application	Dual-damascene plating (90nm-28nm)	3D/2.5D high aspect ratio TSV	Pillar bump, Solder bump, RDL, Conformal TSV	High-density Fan Out Fine Pitch RDL	RF product 150mm wafer-level packaging		
	16 chambers	10/12 chambers	24/28 chambers	28 chambers	8/9 chambers		
Module	Cu Post-cleaning Annealing	Cu Post-cleaning Pre-wetting	Cu+Ni+SnAg Pre-wetting Post-cleaning	Cu/Ni/SnAg/Au Pre-wetting Post-cleaning Cleaning after Au plating	Cu+Sn/Ag+Ni Au Pre-wetting Post-cleaning		
Special Features	Impulse local plating	Impulse local plating	Second anode technology	Second anode technology Impulse Au plating	Second anode technology		

# **Vertical Furnace**



Mask

Ox | Photo | Exposure | Develop | Etch | Ion | CVD | ALD | Metal | Wire |

Furnace Tube Classification	Film Type	Process	Temperature Range	Existing ACM Product	In Development
	Oxidation	Wet oxygen/dry	700~1200°C	*	
Normal Pressure	Annealing	oxygen/nitrogen annealing	700 1200 C	*	
Chemical Vapor Deposition Furnace	Back-end thermal	Copper process thermal treatment	100~450°C		
	treatment	Coating and curing	100 430 0		
	Alloy	Hydrogen/nitrogen thermal treatment	100~450°C	*	
		Poly-crystal silicon doping		*	
Low Pressure Chemical Vapor	Silicon deposition	Advanced poly-crystal deposition	500~620°C		☆
Deposition Furnace		No poly-crystal silicon doping		*	
	Silicon oxide	Silicon oxide High-temperature silicon oxide		*	
	Silicon nitride	Silicon nitride deposition	650~800°C	*	-
Atomic Layer	Silicon oxide	Silicon oxide deposition	500~650°C	_1_	
Deposition Furnace	Silicon nitride	n nitride Silicon nitride deposition		*	



W\*L\*H= 1.10m\*3.70m\*4.05m

# **Advanced Packaging**



# Comprehensive solution for wafer-level advanced packaging wet process

# Cleaning

Scrubber

- Make use of ACM Research's technology advantages to expand application in Asia, especially advanced packaging manufacturers in China
- Dedicated to providing diversified and customer equipment meeting customer's designing requirements
- The products include scrubbers, coaters, developers, photoresist strippers, wet etchers, ECPs, and stress-free polishers

# Coating



Coater

# **Wet Etching**



Wet Etcher

# Developing



Developer





PR stripper

**Plating** 



**ECP** 





SFP

# **Track and PECVD**



Model	Model	Technical Features	Offline/Inline	Chamber Temperature	Bake Range	Development Phase	
Ultra Lith <sup>TM</sup> Track	ArF Model	F Model  ✓ Support 300mm wafers ✓ Four 12-inch load ports ✓ 8 coating chambers ✓ 8 developing chambers	Inline	23°C ±0.1°C	50~250°C	Industry Evaluation	
Coater/Developer —— K	KrF Model					In Development	
	I-line Model					In Development	

Model	Film Category	Film Type	RF Frequency	RF Control	Heater/CH	Development Phase
ACM Uhra Pmax	SiH4 Base	SiO2; Si3N4; SiON	HF: 13.56MHz HF: 27.12MHz LF: 400KHz	Separate control	3	
	TEOS Base	TEOS Layer	HF: 13.56MHz HF: 27.12MHz LF: 400KHz	Separate control	3	Industry Evaluation
<b>Ultra Pmax™ PECVD</b> Cho	Chemical Base	SiCN/APF Layer	HF: 13.56MHz HF: 27.12MHz LF: 400KHz	Separate control	3	

# Q2 2023 GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

Diluted EPS



	Three Months Ended June 30,												
	2023						2022						
	Actual (GAAP)			Other non- Operating adjustments		Adjusted	-			Other non-	1	Adjusted	
			SBC			(Non-GAAP)			SBC	operating adjustments		(Non-GAAP)	
						(In thouse	ands	s)					
Revenue	\$	144,577 \$	-	\$ -	\$	144,577	\$	104,395 \$	-	\$	- \$	104,395	
Cost of revenue		(75,938)	(125)	-		(75,813)		(60,238)	(140)	-		(60,098)	
Gross profit		68,639	(125)	-		68,764		44,157	(140)	-		44,297	
Operating expenses:													
Sales and marketing		(11,439)	(431)	-		(11,008)		(7,664)	(574)	-		(7,090)	
Research and development		(20,064)	(709)	-		(19,355)		(11,367)	(656)	-		(10,711)	
General and administrative		(6,706)	(752)	-		(5,954)		(5,091)	(599)	-		(4,492)	
Total operating expenses		(38,209)	(1,892)	-		(36,317)		(24,122)	(1,829)	-		(22,293)	
Income (loss) from operations	\$	30,430 \$	(2,017)	\$ -	\$	32,447	\$	20,035 \$	(1,969)	\$	- \$	22,004	
Unrealized loss on trading securities		(2,455)	-	(2,455	)	-		(423)	-	(42	(3)	-	
Net income (loss) attributable to ACM Research, Inc.	\$	26,825 \$	(2,017)	\$ (2,455	) \$	31,297	\$	12,236 \$	(1,969)	\$ (42	3) \$	14,628	
Basic EPS	\$	0.45			\$	0.52	\$	0.21			\$	0.25	

0.48 \$

0.18

0.41

0.22

<sup>1</sup> Unrealized loss on trading securities reflects the change in market value of the indirect investment by ACM Shanghai in the STAR Market IPO shares of Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation ("SMIC"). The value is marked-to-market quarterly and is excluded in the non-GAAP financial metrics.