

# Advanced Wet-Cleaning Tools for Leading Edge IC Fabs

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### Who is ACM Research?

#### Mission Statement: To Become a Leading Global Provider of Semiconductor Capital Equipment

- Best-in-class semiconductor wafer cleaning tools providing higher yields and better efficiency at advanced fabs than conventional wafer cleaning tools
- Differentiated megasonic technology delivers highly effective singlewafer wet cleaning for flat and patterned wafer surfaces (SAPS) and damage-free cleaning for 2D and advanced 3D patterned wafers (TEBO)
- ACM estimates full product line addresses \$5 billion market opportunity, including cleaning products, ECP, SFP, and Furnace (1)
- More than 285 patents issued in the U.S., China, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan as of 09/30/20
- 136,000 sq. ft. across two production facilities in Shanghai and long-term plans for Lingang Facility offers significant capacity for growth
- Headquartered in Fremont, CA with more than 360 employees globally.

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SAPS TEBO Ultra - C Tahoe

Advanced Packaging Plating
Ultra ECP ap Ultra ECP map



Ultra SFP ap





**Ultra Furnace** 



(1) Source: Gartner. See "Market Data" on page 2, Wall Street Analyst Reports, ACM Estimates.



### Tier One Customer Base

#### **Front-End Customers**



- Major new entrant into NAND flash and DRAM industry
- Expanding capacity with construction of \$24B production facility in Wuhan<sup>(1)</sup>
- Proprietary Xtacking architecture used to produce 3D NAND products<sup>(2)</sup>
- ACM 2019 Revenue %: 28% (primarily 3D NAND)



- Leading advanced foundry in China
- Manages first fully automated 300mm wafer production line in mainland China<sup>(3)</sup>
- Production capacity for 35,000 wafers per month<sup>(3)</sup>
- ACM 2019 Revenue %: 27% (primarily Foundry / Logic)



- Global market leader in memory (DRAM & NAND) semiconductor products
- ACM's first major customer
- Expected to spend \$107B in the coming years to build four new memory chip plants<sup>(4)</sup>
- ACM 2019 Revenue %: 20% (primarily DRAM)

#### **Back-End Customers**



- Largest bumping house 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>(6)</sup>
- Global customer base with exposure to the U.S., Western Europe and Asia



- · Mainland China's largest foundry
- Tier one customer base including Qualcomm, Broadcom and Texas Instruments
- Six strategically located fabs in China and Western Europe
- Building \$10B fab to produce 14nm, 10nm and 7nm chips<sup>(5)</sup>



- New China-based entrant to DRAM industry
- Ordered 12-Chamber SAPS-V tool for evaluation
- ACM delivered first tool in Q4 2019

# Two New Analog/Power IC Manufacturing 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.
- ACM expects shipment of majority of first tools during 2H 2020.



- Leading OSAT provider #7 globally<sup>(7)</sup> and top 3 in China<sup>(8)</sup>
- Fastest growing OSAT provider globally with 32% year-over-year revenue growth<sup>(7)</sup>
- Six production facilities serving more than half of the top ten global semiconductor manufacturers<sup>(8)</sup>

(1) Source: Nikkei Asian Review. (2) Source: YMTC Press Release. (3) Source: TFME website. (5) Source: AnandTech. (6) Source: JCAP Company Profile. (7) Source: Electronics Weekly. (8) Source: TFME website.



### **ACM Flagship Cleaning Products**

#### Innovative, patent-protected tools address critical challenges in leading edge IC manufacturing

#### SAPS



Megasonic Cleaning for Flat and Patterned Wafer Surfaces

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

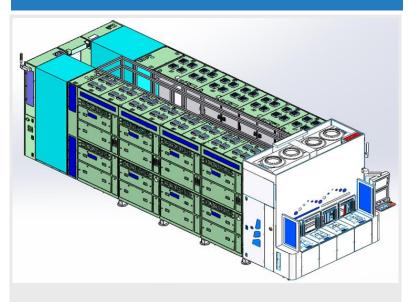
#### **TEBO**



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
- High cleaning performance at low cost



# Innovation and Product Introductions Expanding Addressable Market

ACM estimates that SAPS, TEBO, Tahoe and Semi-Critical tools address more than 80% of the wet cleaning market SFP, ECP and Furnace further expand ACM's market opportunity

**Future Products** World-class R&D team SFP, ECP, focused on innovation Semi-Critical, **Furnace (2020) Tahoe (2018) TEBO (2016) SAPS (2009)** 2010 2015 2020 2025 **Time** 



Addressable

Market

# Shanghai Manufacturing Facilities – Existing and Planned

#### Factory #1 (Shanghai HQ)



- Original ACM factory
- 36,000 sq. ft. facility
- 8,000 sq. ft. of class 10,000 clean room space for product assembly and testing
- 800 sq. ft. of class 1 clean room space for product demonstration purposes
- Co-located with ACM Shanghai Headquarters and China R&D Center

#### Facility #2



- Second factory; opened in September 2018
- 100,000 sq. ft. facility
- Shifting large portion of future production to this facility
- Additional dedicated space for product sub-assembly, component inventory and manufacturing related offices
- Added 2nd floor production in Q2 2020

#### **Lingang Under Construction**



- Broke ground on the new R&D and production facilities in Lingang region of Shanghai in July 2020
- The site is approximately 30 miles from ACM Shanghai's HQ in Zhangjiang.
- 1 million square feet
- Expects initial production activities to commence in late 2022.

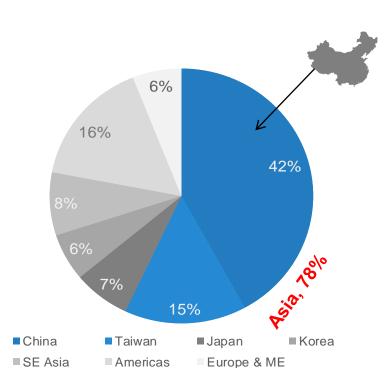


### **Well-Positioned to Participate in Asia Fab Investments**

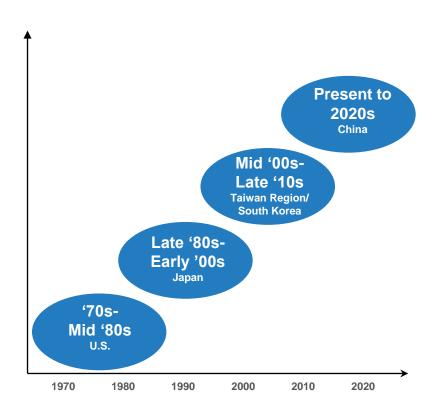
#### **Semiconductor Industry Development**

(\$ in billions)

New Facilities and Production Lines Starting Operation (2017-2020)<sup>(1)</sup>



Industry Center Shifts
Through the Decades(1)



#### China is the Fastest Growing Geography<sup>(2)</sup>

Rank	Country or Region	2020 Size	16-'20 CAGR
1	Taiwan Region	\$14.1	4%
2	China	\$13.1	19%
3	South Korea	\$11.9	11%
4	North America	\$7.7	15%
5	Japan	\$6.6	9%
	Rest of World	\$6.5	3%



Strong presence in Asia and close proximity to Chinese customers add to key competitive advantages.

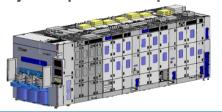
(1) Source: SEMI – World Fab Forecast Report. (2) Source: SEMI – 12/11/2019 Global Semiconductor Equipment Sales Forecast.



# **Growth Strategy**

# New Product Introductions Increasing TAM

- Next generation TEBO and Tahoe products expand SAM in wafer clean
- Front- and back-end plating and semi-critical tools offer growth opportunities in adjacent process steps



# Continue to Build Scale in Asia

 Gain meaningful share by offering differentiated, leading edge technology and localized service with fast-growing Asian-based customers



#### **Add New Customers**

 Megasonic approaches SAPS, TEBO, Tahoe and ECP a driving meaningful engagement with Global Tier 1 foundry, logic and memory companies



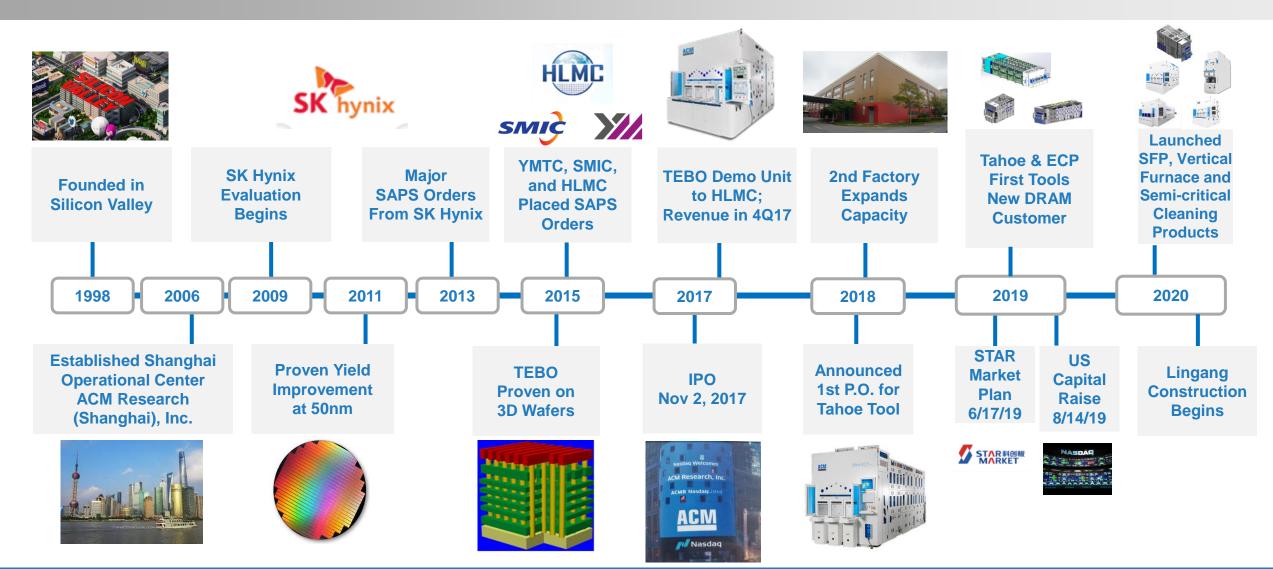
#### **Selective Acquisitions**

Use M&A to broaden product portfolio, add complementary technologies and increase access to the global market





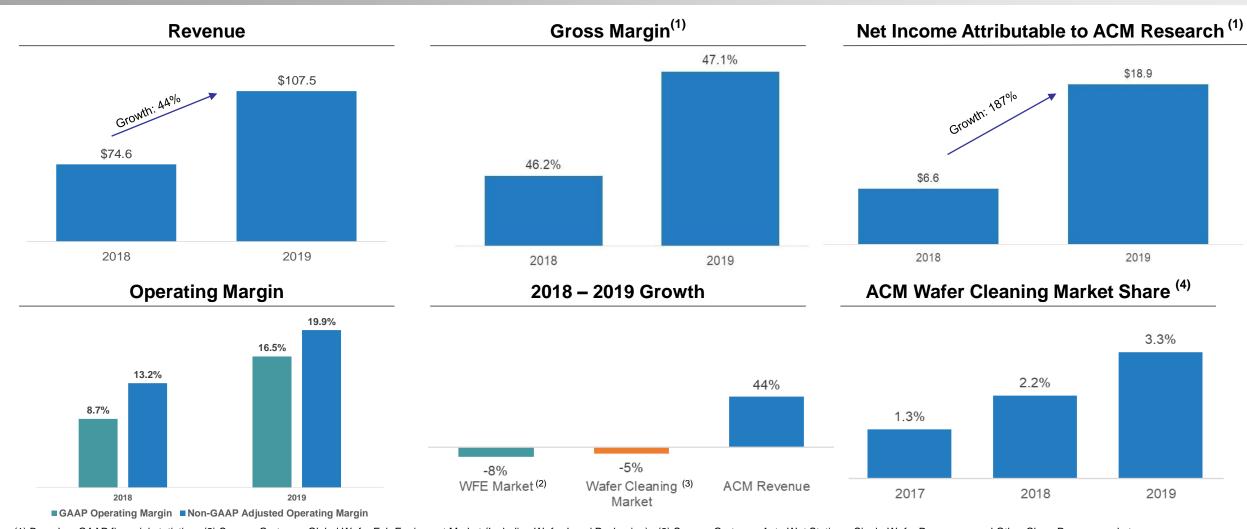
### **History of Innovation & Customer Adoption**

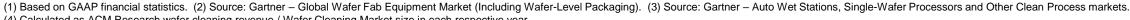


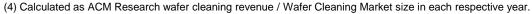


### **ACM** is Growing at a Rapid Pace

(\$ in millions)









# Q3 2020 Highlights

### Strong Q3 Results:

- ▶\$47.7 million revenue, up 43% from Q3 2019; total shipments of \$59 million
- ▶42.7% GAAP gross margin and 15.7% GAAP operating margin
- ▶42.8% non-GAAP adjusted gross margin and 21.6% non-GAAP adjusted operating margin
- > Ended Q3 with \$92 million of cash, and an additional \$24 million reflecting the value of strategic security investment

### Key Operational Progress:

- > Continued Traction with Tahoe; delivered another Tahoe tool to our lead customer and recognized revenue
- Ultra ECP Gaining Momentum; delivered two ECP ap (back-end) tools and one ECP 3D (front-end) first tool
- ➤ Launched Thin Wafer Backside Cleaning System, a high-throughput, four-chamber tool designed for single-wafer backside wet processing
- > Shipped multiple semi-critical first tools to a China-based manufacturer of analog and power IC devices in Q3
- > TEBO Patent Approved by USPTO; delivered a second generation TEBO tool to the existing lead customer

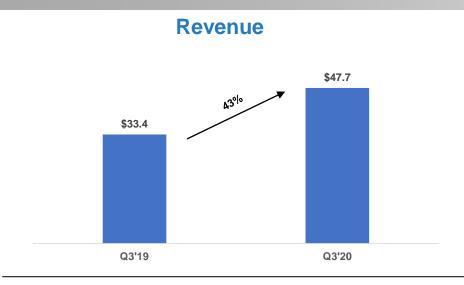
### Update on Strategic Initiatives:

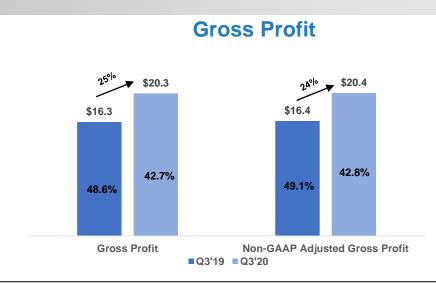
- ➤ Listing Committee of the STAR Market approved application for STAR Market IPO
- Increased investment in US and Europe Sales & Services Team



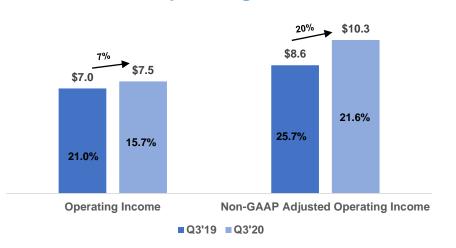
### **Q3 2020 Financial Results**

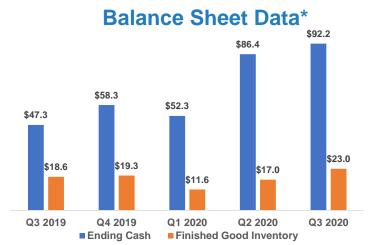
#### **\$ Millions**





### **Operating Profit**

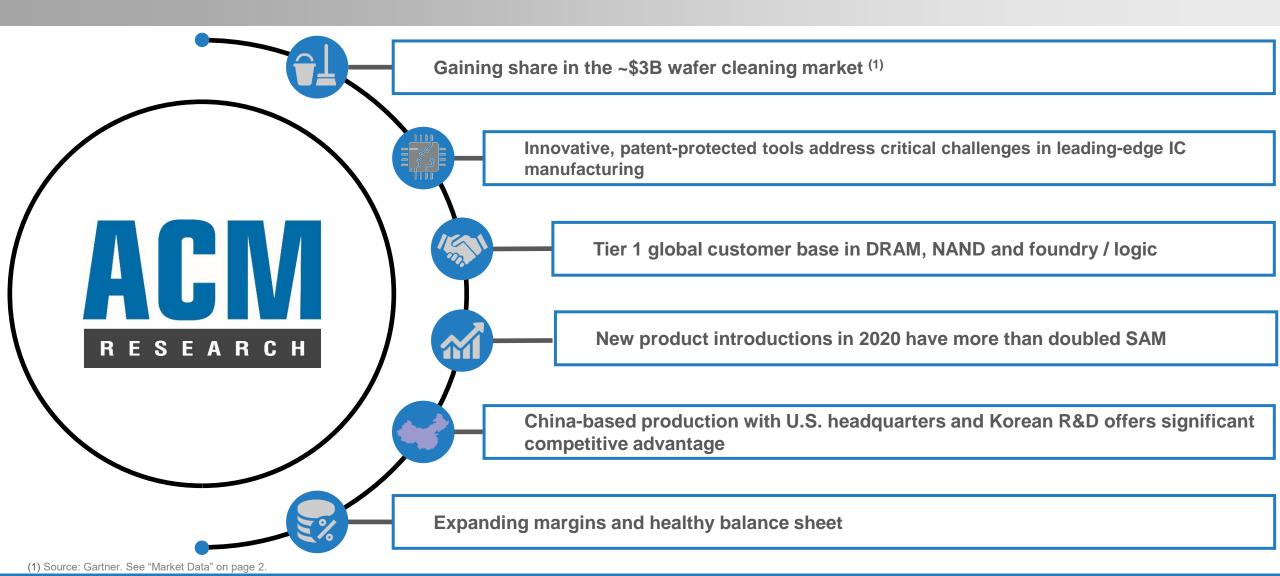




<sup>\*</sup> Finished goods inventory represents 'demo-to-sales' product which have been delivered to customers for evaluation. These products are carried at cost until ownership is transferred.



# **Investment Highlights**





	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	9 months Ended 9/30/2020	9 months Ended 9/30/2019
GAAP Income from Operations	\$0.7	\$6.5	\$17.8	\$16.1	\$13.9
Plus: Stock-based Compensation	\$1.6	\$3.4	\$3.6	\$4.3	\$2.9
Adjusted Income from Operations	\$2.3	\$9.8	\$21.4	\$20.4	\$16.9
GAAP Net Income (Loss)	(\$0.3)	\$6.6	\$19.5	\$12.5	\$15.3
Plus: Interest Expense (Income), Net	\$0.3	\$0.5	\$0.4	(\$0.2)	\$0.4
Plus: Income Tax Expense	\$0.5	\$0.8	(\$0.5)	\$0.4	\$0.7
Plus: Depreciation and Amortization	\$0.3	\$0.4	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.6
Plus: Stock-based Compensation	\$1.6	\$3.4	\$3.6	\$4.3	\$2.9
Plus: Change in fair value of financial liability	-	-	-	\$12.0	-
Plus: Unrealized gain on trade securities	-	-	-	(\$9.0)	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$2.4	\$11.6	\$23.7	\$20.8	\$19.8
GAAP Net Income (Loss)	(\$0.3)	\$6.6	\$19.5	\$12.5	\$15.3
Plus: Change in fair value of financial liability	-	-	-	\$12.0	-
Plus: Stock-based Compensation	\$1.6	\$3.4	\$3.6	\$4.3	\$2.9
Plus: Unrealized gain on trade securities	-	-	-	(\$9.0)	-
Adjusted Net Income	\$1.3	\$9.9	\$23.0	\$19.8	\$18.2



# **GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation (2)**

	Three Months Ended September 30,												
	2020								2019				
	Actual			Other non-			Adjusted		Actual (GAAP)			Adjusted (Non-GAAP)	
	(	(GAAP)		SBC	operating adjustments		(Non-GAAP)						
							(	(In thousands)					
Revenue	\$	47,665	\$	-	\$	-	\$	47,665	\$	33,427	\$	- 9	33,427
Cost of revenue		(27,324)		(44)		-		(27,280)		(17,173)		(154)	(17,019)
Gross profit		20,341		(44)		-		20,385		16,254		(154)	16,408
Gross margin %		42.7%		-0.1%				42.8%		48.6%		-0.5%	49.1%
Operating expenses:													
Sales and marketing		(3,924)		(237)		-		(3,687)		(3,886)		(172)	(3,714)
Research and development		(4,343)		(193)		-		(4,150)		(3,492)		(759)	(2,733)
General and administrative		(4,568)		(2,305)		-		(2,263)		(1,846)		(472)	(1,374)
Income from operations	\$	7,506	\$	(2,779)	\$	-	\$	10,285	\$	7,030	\$	(1,557)	\$ 8,587
Operating margin %		15.7%		-5.8%				21.6%		21.0%		-4.7%	25.7%
Change in fair value of financial liability		(6,533)		-		(6,533)		-		-		-	-
Unrealized gain on trading securities		8,970		-		8,970		-		-		-	-
Net income (loss) attributable to ACM Research, In	\$	8,627	\$	(2,779)	\$	2,437	\$	8,969	\$	8,782	\$	(1,557)	\$ 10,339



# **GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation (3)**

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			2019				2018					
		Actual	SBC	Adjusted			Actual	SBC	Adjusted			
	(GAAP)		SBC	(Non-GAAP)			(GAAP)	SBC	(Non-GAAP)			
				(In thous			ıds)					
Revenue	\$	107,524 \$	-	\$	107,524	\$	74,643		\$ 74,643			
Cost of revenue		(56,870)	(250)		(56,620)		(40,194)	(71)	(40,123)			
Gross profit		50,654	(250)		50,904		34,449	(71)	34,520			
Gross margin %		47.1%	-0.2%		47.3%		46.2%	-0.1%	46.2%			
Operating expenses:												
Sales and marketing		(11,902)	(328)		(11,574)		(9,611)	(120)	(9,491)			
Research and development		(12,900)	(1,093)		(11,807)		(10,380)	(255)	(10,125)			
General and administrative		(8,061)	(1,901)		(6,160)		(7,987)	(2,917)	(5,070)			
Income from operations	\$	17,791 \$	(3,572)	\$	21,363	\$	6,471 \$	(3,363)	\$ 9,834			
Operating margin %		16.5%	-3.3%		19.9%		8.7%	-4.5%	13.2%			
Net income attributable to ACM Research, Inc.		18,894 \$	(3,572)	\$	22,466	\$	6,574 \$	(3,363)	\$ 9,937			

