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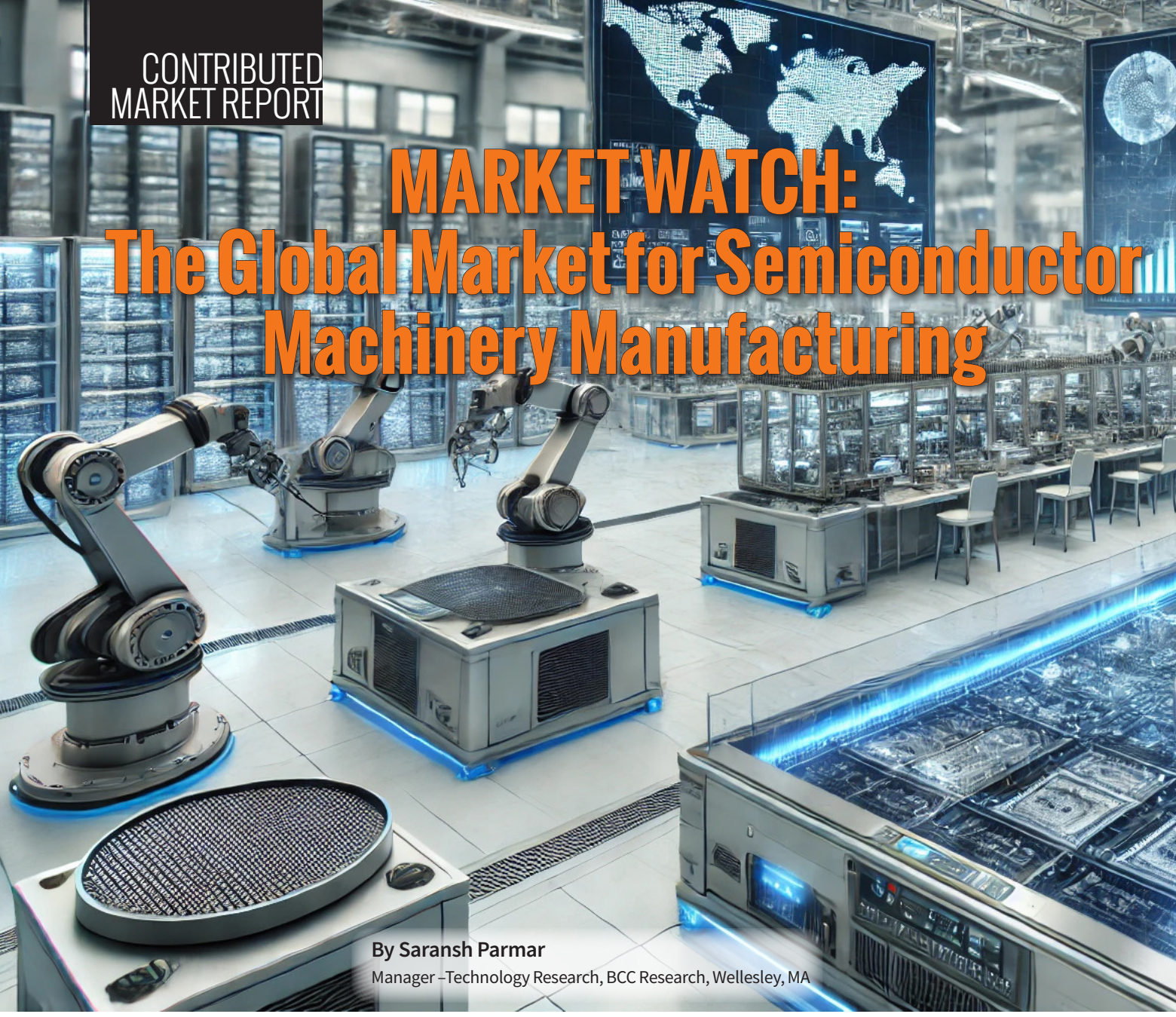

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The global market for semiconductor machinery manufacturing was valued at $116.4 billion in 2023 and is projected to reach $223.8 billion by the end of 2029, at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 13.0%.

The increasing use of technology in the digital age is leading to the adoption of advanced semiconductor devices, which is driving the demand for the machinery used in manufacturing these semiconductors. These machines are crucial in manufacturing the chips used in smartphones, digital cameras, smart electronic devices and AI-integrated devices. They are also essential for manufacturing processes such as lithography, wafer inspection, packaging and testing. This article provides a summary of the industry trends, market dynamics and other factors that are contributing to the growth of the semiconductor machinery manufacturing sector.

IMPORTANCE OF SEMICONDUCTOR MACHINERY MANUFACTURING

Semiconductor machinery manufacturing provides the necessary semiconductor fabrication and testing equipment used in the electronics industry. These machines are crucial in producing integrated circuits and other semiconductor devices, allowing for precise manufacturing at nanoscale levels. They improve the performance and cost efficiency of semiconductor products by enabling the miniaturization of their electronic components.

The demand for advanced semiconductor manufacturing equipment has increased with technological advances such as IoT, edge computing and 5G networks. With the growth in demand for higher-performance and increasingly complex semiconductor devices, the role of semiconductor machinery manufacturing becomes increasingly pivotal in shaping the capabilities and competitiveness of the global electronics supply chain.

MARKET DYNAMICS AND TRENDS

Increased capital expenditures by semiconductor manufacturers, driven by rising chip demand and the need to maintain higher inventory levels, are fueling the growth of the semiconductor machinery manufacturing market. The robust growth this industry is experiencing is driven by the electrification of vehicles and industrial equipment, necessitating more powerful semiconductors. The surge in AI, IoT, 5G and AR/VR applications is fueling the demand for advanced chips and the machinery to produce them. The shift to higher chip densities and more complex architectures also requires technologically advanced equipment and processes. Finally, the growing focus on sustainability and energy efficiency in manufacturing is leading to innovation in green manufacturing technologies.

Advances in device miniaturization, energy efficiency and processing speed are propelling the growth of the market for semiconductor machinery manufacturing. Government initiatives such as the U.S. CHIPS Act and Science Act, enacted in 2022, and the European Chips Act, enacted in 2023, have boosted domestic manufacturing capabilities. Industry professionals must stay informed about the latest trends, embrace sustainable practices, and invest in advanced technologies, in order to position themselves to succeed in this rapidly evolving marketplace.

INDUSTRY RESTRAINTS

The semiconductor machinery manufacturing industry faces significant challenges, primarily from increasing fabrication costs. Yield optimization remains a concern, as complex manufacturing processes increase the risk of defects and raise production costs. Additionally, the industry faces vulnerabilities such as raw materials shortages and disruptions in the supply chain, leading to delays and escalating costs.

IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS

The ongoing trade conflict between the U.S. and China is affecting chip production in China, which in turn impacts semiconductor machinery manufacturers. The Ukraine-Russia war has disrupted the supply of raw materials such as neon and palladium, which are essential in chip manufacturing. These conflicts have led to disruptions in the supply chain and have affected global semiconductor production schedules and lead times, leading to a rise in the prices of raw materials. These geopolitical tensions highlight the fragility of global semiconductor production and the supply chain.

REGIONAL INSIGHTS AND EMERGING MARKETS

The global market for semiconductor machinery manufacturing is dominated by the Asia-Pacific region, which accounted for 74.2% of the market in 2023, a share valued at $86.4 billion. China's market alone accounted for $30.7 billion of the region's total, and with a projected CAGR of 13.9%, could reach $63.7 billion by the end of 2029. Japan and Taiwan follow closely, driven by government initiatives and investments from major players. South Korea is expected to have the highest CAGR over the forecast period, at 15.1%, fueled by ambitious government plans and support from established chip manufacturers such as Samsung and SK hynix. The growth of the semiconductor manufacturing machinery market across the Asia-Pacific region is driven by the presence of significant equipment manufacturers and substantial government support for the semiconductor industry in several Asian countries.

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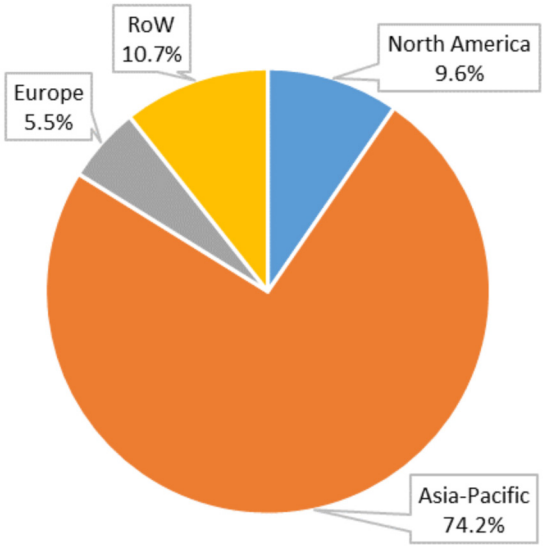

Fig. 1 – Global Market for Semiconductor Machinery Manufacturing, by Region, 2023 (%). *Source:* BCC Research

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The semiconductor machinery markets in North America and Europe are also growing steadily, although at a slower pace than Asia-Pacific. The North American market, led by the U.S., is expected to reach $25.6 billion by 2029, with a CAGR of 16.2% from 2024 to 2029. This market is driven by government initiatives such as the CHIPS and Science Act, which promotes domestic semiconductor research and manufacturing. Despite facing challenges from the Ukraine-Russia war, the European market is projected to reach $11.4 billion by the end of 2029, with a CAGR of 11.7% from 2024 to 2029. In addition, the policy-driven investment of roughly $48.4 billion in the European Chips Act will reinforce the region's domestic semiconductor ecosystem and strengthen Europe's technological leadership in the coming years.

CONCLUSION

Advances in semiconductor technology, driven by trends in AI, 5G, IoT and autonomous vehicles, are spurring the need for the cutting-edge semiconductor manufacturing equipment that can produce these advanced chips. Despite challenges in chip complexity and cost, ongoing advances in AI integration highlight its role in shaping the future of electronics and communcation systems. As the world becomes ever more interconnected, the semiconductor machinery manufacturing market will be one of the main drivers of innovation and global economic growth.

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