

SESSION 3a: BUSINESS ANALYSIS

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The last year and half has been a roller coaster for our industry as the global economic recession set in and the future seemed uncertain. However, just as we cut back, out of nowhere the handset industry boomeranged back to record levels and is forecast by analysts to continue solid growth. To begin this session, Bruce Bernhardt from RIM (Research in Motion) will explain the rapid adoption of smartphones and other wireless devices which will continue to change the world in which we live. RIM is the leading manufacturer of smartphones for the US market, and his perspective gives us an inside track into RIM's outlook for the industry and what that means for compound semiconductors.

Along with rapid growth of wireless devices comes the necessary expansion of the infrastructure. Earl Lum of EJM Wireless Research will provide us with in-depth picture of the global base station market and the respective growth rates for 3G & 4G deployments. He will identify the leading OEMs and speak to the explosive demand for higher bandwidth and the evolving architectures being put in place. In addition, Earl will cover the transition of this segment's business model from hardware to software, clarify the current state of the industry and how we might expect to see it evolve over the next few years, including free base stations!