

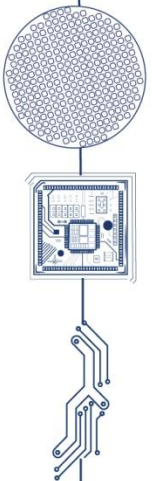
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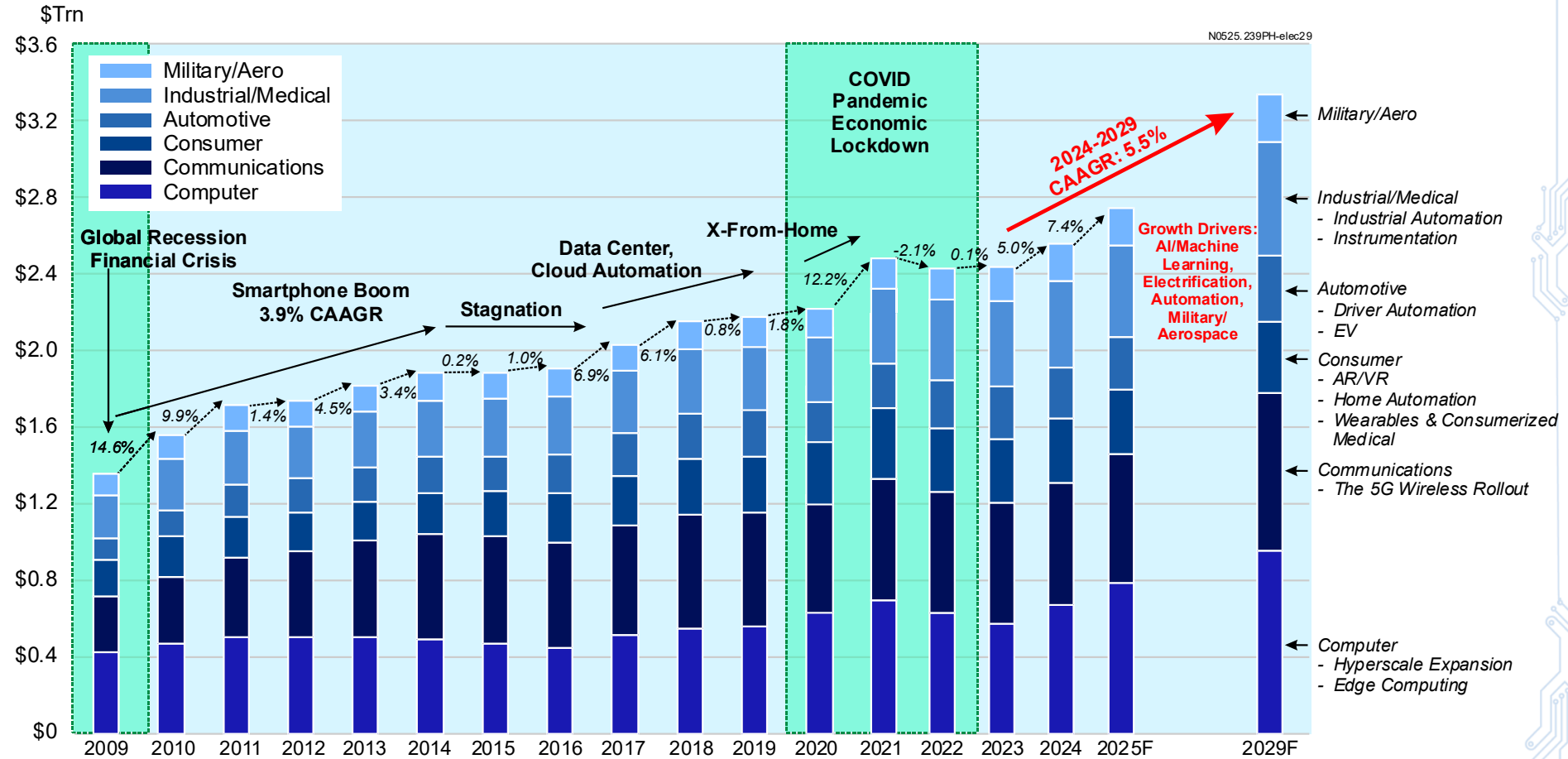
# From PCB to AI Server Building Thailand's Role in the High-Performance Computing Era



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# A HISTORY AND FORECAST OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY



- New growth drivers over the next 5-10 years are led by AI infrastructure and edge devices, automotive electrification, robotics, and military/aerospace markets.

# ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS MARKET FORECAST

	\$Bn	2022	'23/'22	2023	'24/'23	2024	'25F/'24	2025F	.....	2029F	CAAGR '24-'29*
<b>Computers</b>	<i>PC</i>	269	-16.0%	226	3.5%	234	5.6%	247		284	3.9%
	<i>Server/Data Storage</i>	210	-4.8%	200	45.5%	291	36.1%	396		495	11.2%
	<i>Other Computer</i>	151	-2.5%	147	-2.8%	143	2.8%	147		175	4.1%
<b>Communication</b>	<i>Mobile Phones</i>	392	-0.7%	390	6.8%	416	2.4%	426		535	5.2%
	<i>Wired Infrastructure</i>	150	7.3%	161	-3.4%	156	5.7%	165		198	4.9%
	<i>Wireless Infrastructure</i>	86	-5.8%	81	-9.9%	73	4.8%	77		93	4.9%
<b>Consumer</b>	<i>TV</i>	94	-7.9%	87	0.7%	87	-2.6%	85		78	-2.3%
	<i>AudioVideo/Personal</i>	142	0.6%	143	1.0%	144	4.5%	151		174	3.8%
	<i>Other Consumer</i>	101	-1.6%	99	-1.1%	98	3.9%	102		118	3.8%
<b>Automotive</b>		252	11.8%	282	-4.8%	268	1.2%	272		342	5.0%
<b>Industrial</b>		290	5.9%	307	1.8%	312	4.7%	327		414	5.8%
<b>Medical</b>		131	5.1%	138	4.7%	144	5.3%	152		181	4.7%
<b>Military/Aerospace</b>		161	6.8%	172	8.7%	187	6.4%	199		251	6.1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,428</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>\$2,431</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>\$2,554</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>\$2,743</b>		<b>\$3,337</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

\*Assumes constant currency exchange rate  
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# DEVELOPMENT OF DECENTRALIZED AND PARALLEL ELECTRONICS SUPPLY CHAIN

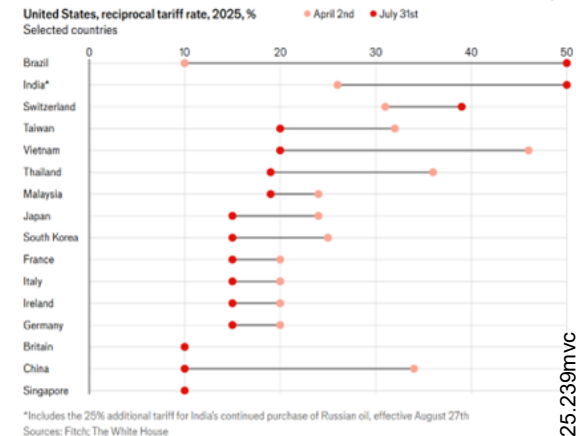
- We are in the early stages of the next major geographical shift – the end of China as the primary location for electronics manufacturing and investment over the past 20 years
  - Geo-political tension
  - Supply chain issues during pandemic reinforced learnings from other natural disasters
  - Rising costs of manufacture in coastal China
  - China government focuses on and supports advanced manufacturing, such as mature semiconductors, and facilitates excessive supply capacities
  - US, EU trade actions
    - Advanced semiconductor manufacturing support
    - Enforcement of restricted sourcing policies – PCBs and others
- While not as consistent as the year 2000 transition, incremental but substantial investments are being sited outside China
  - Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia – common destinations for new components fab
  - Mexico and India seeing continued growth for systems assembly
  - Beginnings of reshoring for wafer fabrication (US Chips Act, EU and Japan actions)
  - Limited reshoring beyond semiconductor front-end
- Increased China investment in face of technology restrictions – development of parallel supply chains in semiconductor and other critical industries
- This shift has a major impact on the systems and PCB assembly markets and significant implications for semiconductor, PCB, and other components manufacturing

# TRADE DEALS WITH THE US

Exports to US as % of Country's GDP

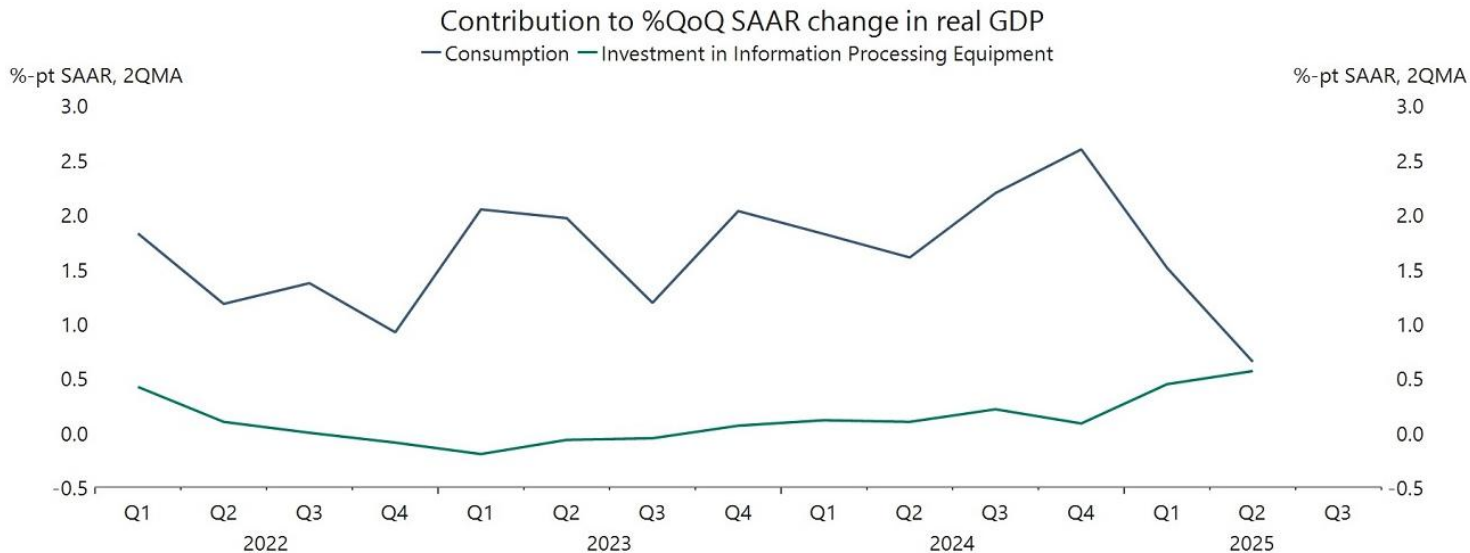
Mexico	27.5%
China	2.5%
Canada	18.8%
Germany	3.5%
Japan	3.8%
Vietnam	29.9%
S. Korea	7.2%
Ireland	17.9%
India	2.3%
Italy	3.3%

- About one dozen trade deals have been announced, but these are more political pledges rather than legal commitments
  - Usually trade deals take years to negotiate and result in lengthy, legally binding documents
  - New trade deals are vague announcements with few details and no legal standing
  - Differences in interpretation already apparent, and US tariffs have not been reduced
  - US says (brief) documents will be ready soon but “president reserves the right to adjust tariff rates if he judges the other side has reneged on its commitments”
  - Legal challenges of Trump’s authority are still going through courts, though at the end tariffs are almost certainly coming
  - Further sector-focused tariffs still coming, and these have recognized legal standing
- Typical structure of trade deals aim to boost US manufacturing capacity and US exports
  - Raise tariffs on imports into the US
  - Reduce tariffs and non-tariff trade barriers on US exports
  - Some deals include announcements of investments in US manufacturing
  - Some deals include announcements of specific purchases, such as energy, military and aircraft products
  - Some deals include clauses on penalties for trans-shipments of Chinese products
- Why do countries take the deals?
  - Negotiated tariff rates are lower than threatened, but far higher than previous rates
  - Maintain access to US market, often the largest market
  - Secure continued explicit or implicit military protection by the US
  - For some to secure supplies of US energy products and even rare earth materials
  - Generate good will with Trump administration



# AI IS DRIVING THE US ECONOMY

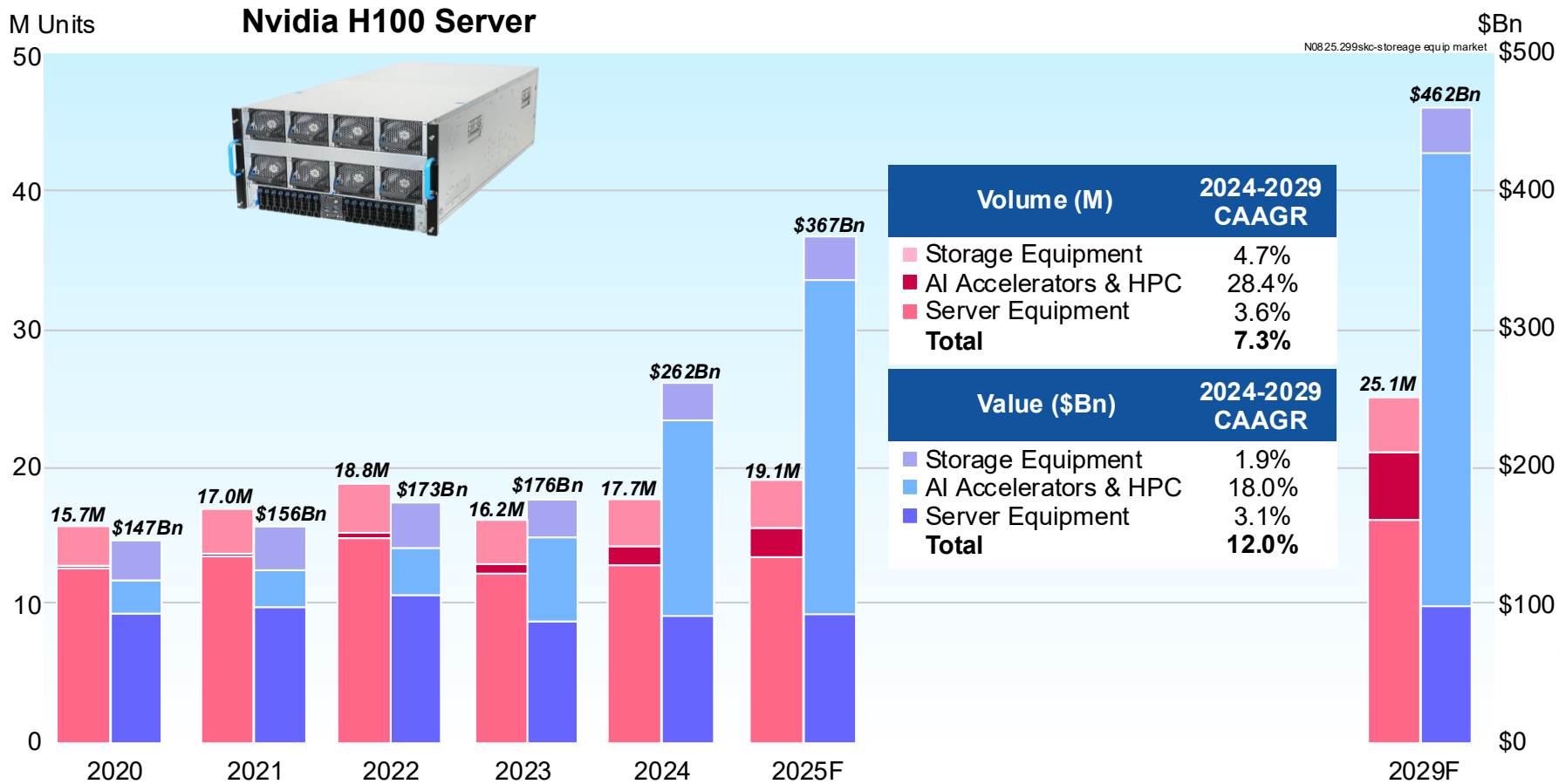
- Consumer spending accounts for roughly 70% of US GDP
  - Private consumption is usually the key driver of GDP growth
  - But in H1 2025, growth in consumer spending declined to 0.4% YoY
- AI “winner-takes-all” mindset has seen incredible increase in AI capex
  - Big 4 US AI companies spent about \$70Bn quarterly in IT, primarily AI data centers
  - Since Q1 2023, IT investment increased by 23%, after inflation, while GDP increased just 6%
  - AI CAPEX growth might extend through 2026
- BEA data shows that IT equipment purchases contributed 1pp to the 3% Q2 GDP growth rate
  - In H1 2025, IT investment contributed almost half of the 1.2% GDP growth, almost the same as consumer spending
  - Consumer spending’s impact on US economy has fallen, while AI capex’ impact has increased



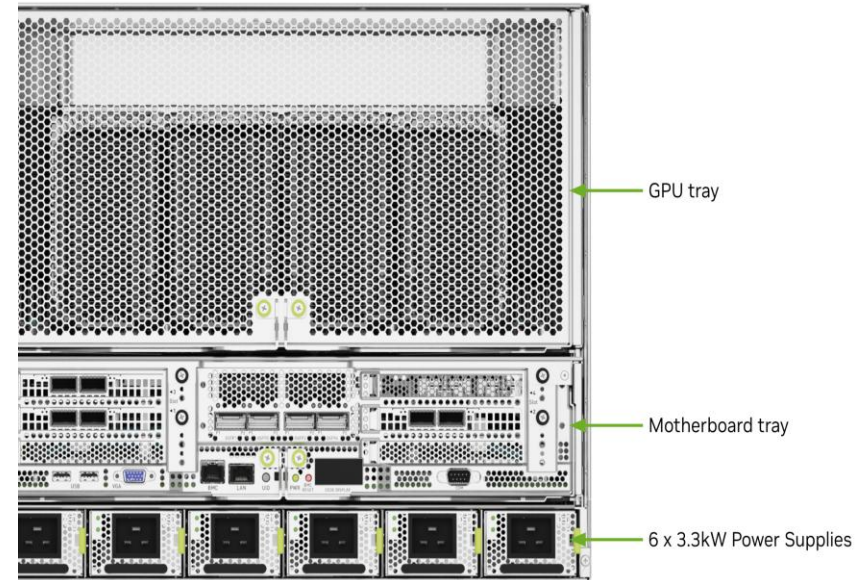
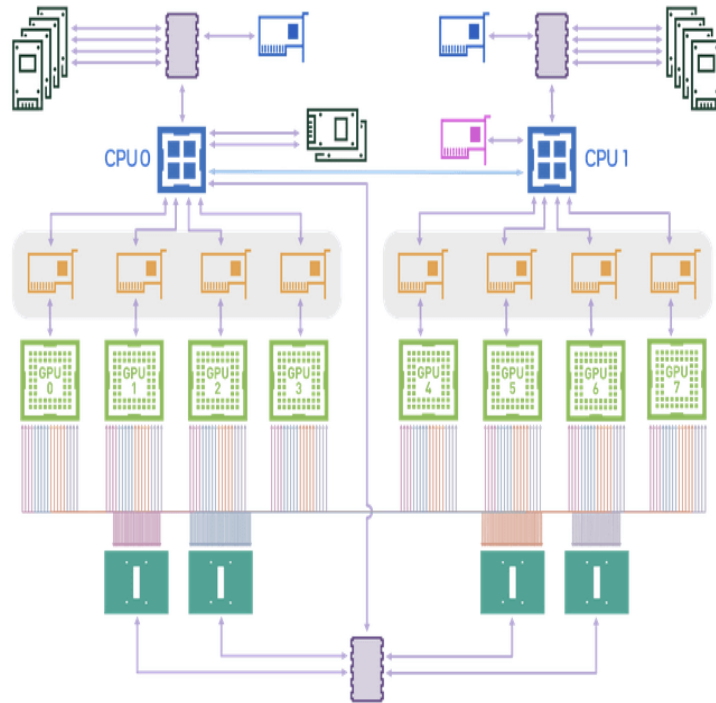
SAAR: Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate of GDP  
Source: BEA via Apollo

# SERVER, STORAGE AND AI EQUIPMENT MARKET

AI Infrastructure is experiencing explosive growth and is driving development in new technologies, products, and supply chains.



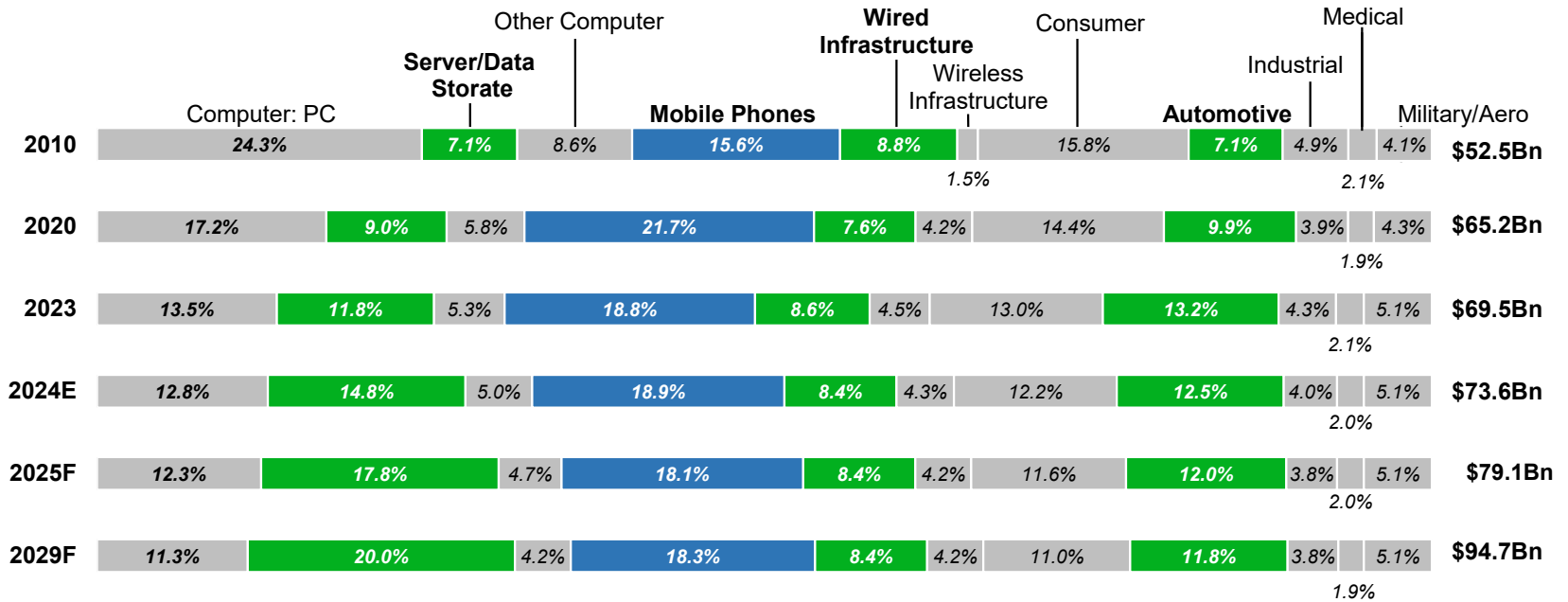
# NVIDIA DGX H100 SYSTEM



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- Computing: 2\* X86 CPU, 8\*GPU
- Networking: 4\* NV Switch, 8\*ConnectX NIC for GPU Cluster + 2 ConnectX NIC for storage (+1 optional 50Gb NIC)
- Memory: 2TB per 32DIMM
- Storage: M.2 PCIe for 1.92TB NVMe boot drives

# TOTAL PCB AND SUBSTRATE DEMAND BY APPLICATION



	2024-2029F						
\$M	2020	2023	2024	2025F	2029F	2024/2023	CAAGR
Computer: PC	\$11,210	\$9,391	\$9,429	\$9,665	\$10,679	0.4%	2.5%
<b>Server/Data Storage</b>	<b>\$5,876</b>	<b>\$8,201</b>	<b>\$10,916</b>	<b>\$14,357</b>	<b>\$18,921</b>	<b>33.1%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
Other Computer	\$3,801	\$3,661	\$3,649	\$3,702	\$3,959	-0.3%	1.6%
Mobile Phones	\$14,150	\$13,085	\$13,886	\$14,243	\$17,329	6.1%	4.5%
Wired Infrastructure	\$4,958	\$5,955	\$6,153	\$6,619	\$7,990	3.3%	5.4%
Wireless Infrastructure	\$2,771	\$3,118	\$3,177	\$3,334	\$3,973	1.2%	4.6%
Consumer	\$9,366	\$9,129	\$8,972	\$9,183	\$10,377	-0.2%	3.0%
Automotive	\$6,457	\$9,153	\$9,195	\$9,435	\$11,205	0.5%	4.0%
Industrial	\$2,543	\$2,871	\$2,918	\$3,032	\$3,556	-2.4%	4.0%
Medical	\$1,263	\$1,440	\$1,500	\$1,557	\$1,807	4.2%	3.8%
Military/Aerospace	\$2,824	\$3,514	\$3,770	\$3,992	\$4,864	7.3%	5.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,218</b>	<b>\$69,517</b>	<b>\$73,565</b>	<b>\$79,128</b>	<b>\$94,661</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

# CHANGES IN PCB MARKET PRODUCT MIX

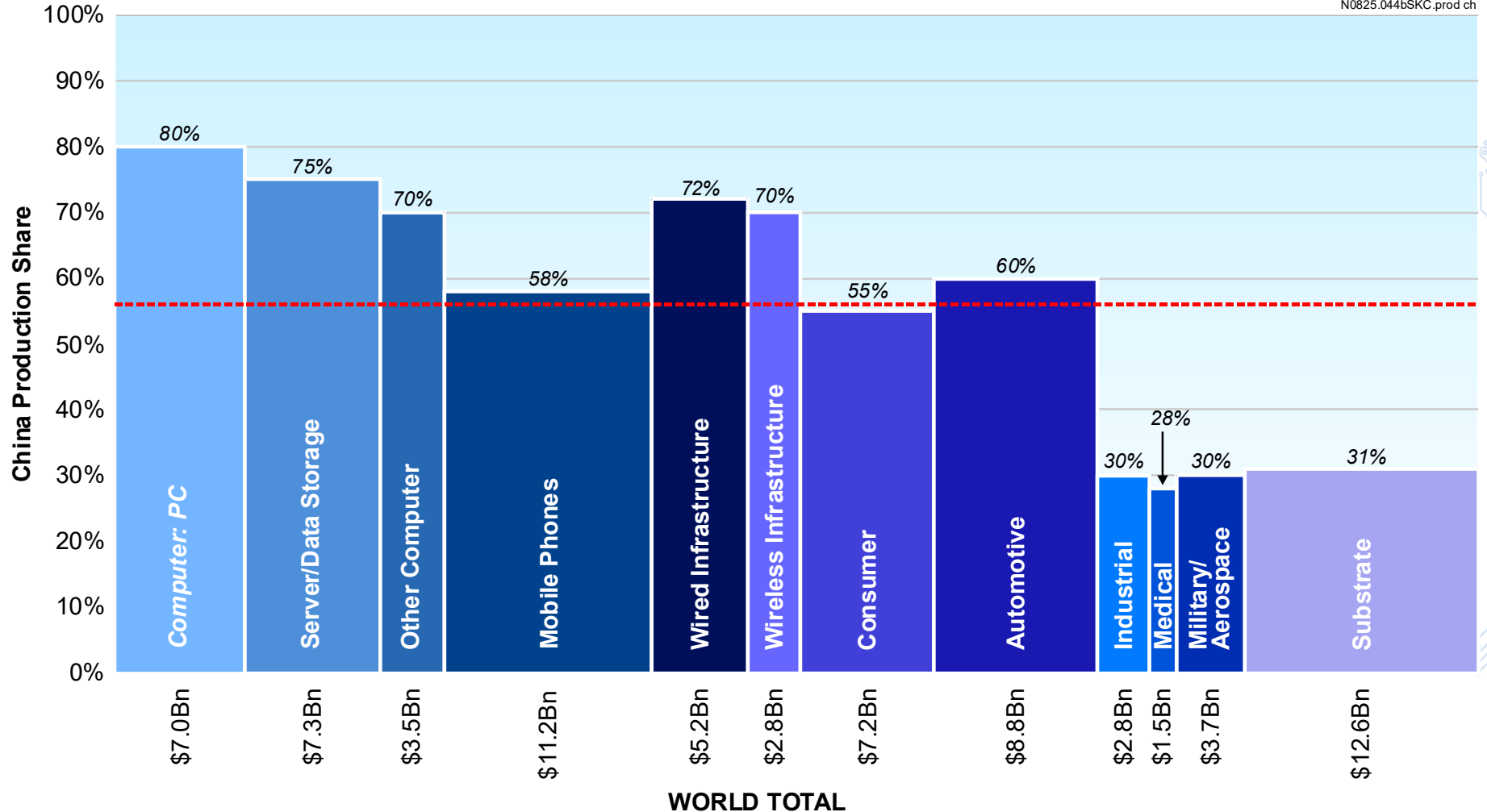
	Commodity		Multilayer		HDI	Package Substrate	Flex	
2000	24.8%		53.4%		5.0%	8.4%	8.3%	\$41.6Bn
2021	11.8%		38.4%	14.6%	17.8%		17.4%	\$80.9Bn
2022	10.9%		36.5%	14.4%	21.3%		16.9%	\$81.7Bn
2023	11.2%		38.2%	15.2%	18.0%		17.5%	\$69.5Bn
2024	10.8%		38.1%	17.0%	17.1%		17.0%	\$73.6Bn
2025F	10.5%		38.2%	17.9%	17.1%		16.3%	\$79.1Bn
2029F	9.7%		36.8%	18.0%	19.0%		16.5%	\$94.7Bn

	2000	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025F	2029F	2024-2029 CAAGR
Commodity	\$10,324	\$7,911	\$9,589	\$8,875	\$7,757	\$7,947	\$8,281	\$9,149	2.9%
Multilayer	\$22,217	\$24,763	\$31,053	\$29,846	\$26,534	\$27,994	\$30,223	\$34,873	4.5%
HDI	\$2,074	\$9,874	\$11,811	\$11,763	\$10,536	\$12,518	\$14,134	\$17,037	6.4%
Package Substrate	\$3,505	\$10,188	\$14,410	\$17,415	\$12,498	\$12,602	\$13,566	\$17,985	7.4%
Flex	\$3,450	\$12,483	\$14,058	\$13,842	\$12,191	\$12,504	\$12,924	\$15,617	4.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,570</b>	<b>\$65,219</b>	<b>\$80,920</b>	<b>\$81,740</b>	<b>\$69,517</b>	<b>\$73,565</b>	<b>\$79,128</b>	<b>\$94,661</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

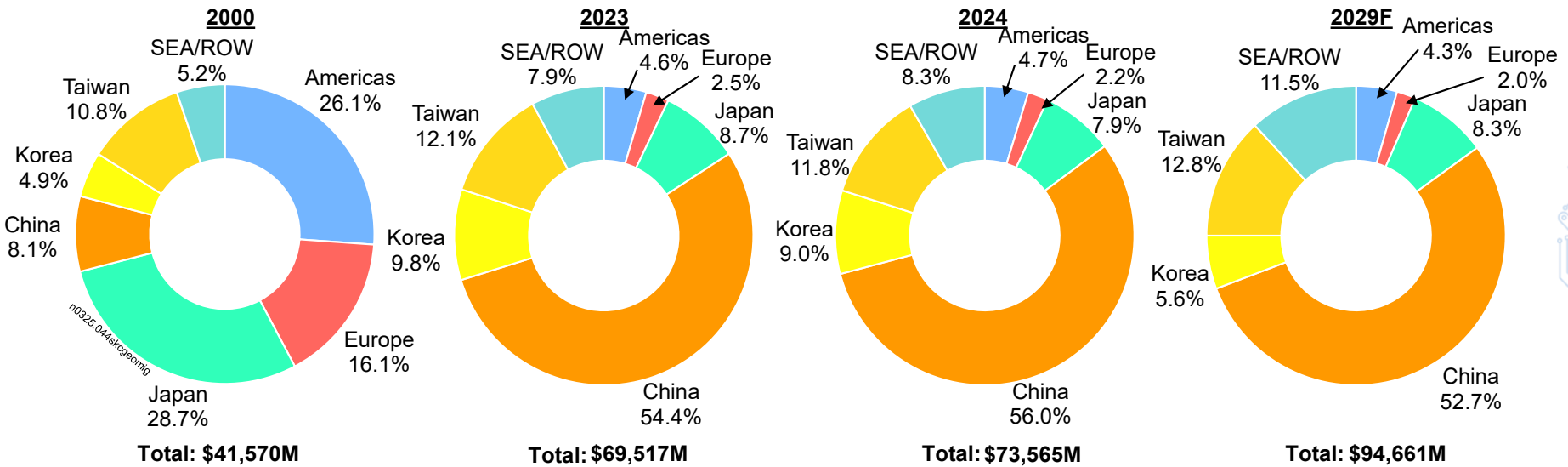
# ASSESSMENT OF 2024 APPLICATION SHARES OF PCB PRODUCTION IN CHINA

Growing geo-political tensions and rising Chinese labor costs are encouraging global PCB customers to minimize their supply chain risks and to reduce their China exposure.

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# GEOGRAPHIC MIGRATION OF PCB PRODUCTION



	2000	2022	2023	2024	2025F	2029F	2024/2023	2024-2029 CAAGR
Americas	\$10,852	\$3,369	\$3,206	\$3,493	\$3,642	\$4,075	9.0%	3.1%
Europe	\$6,702	\$1,885	\$1,728	\$1,638	\$1,707	\$1,863	-5.3%	2.6%
Japan	\$11,924	\$7,280	\$6,078	\$5,840	\$6,180	\$7,855	-3.9%	6.1%
China	\$3,368	\$43,553	\$37,794	\$41,213	\$44,700	\$49,704	9.0%	3.8%
Korea	\$2,053	\$9,052	\$6,737	\$6,631	\$6,771	\$8,139	-0.8%	4.2%
Taiwan	\$4,510	\$11,121	\$8,406	\$8,669	\$9,337	\$12,127	3.1%	6.9%
SEA/ROW	\$2,161	\$5,480	\$5,567	\$6,081	\$6,792	\$10,898	8.4%	12.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,570</b>	<b>\$81,740</b>	<b>\$69,517</b>	<b>\$73,565</b>	<b>\$79,128</b>	<b>\$94,661</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

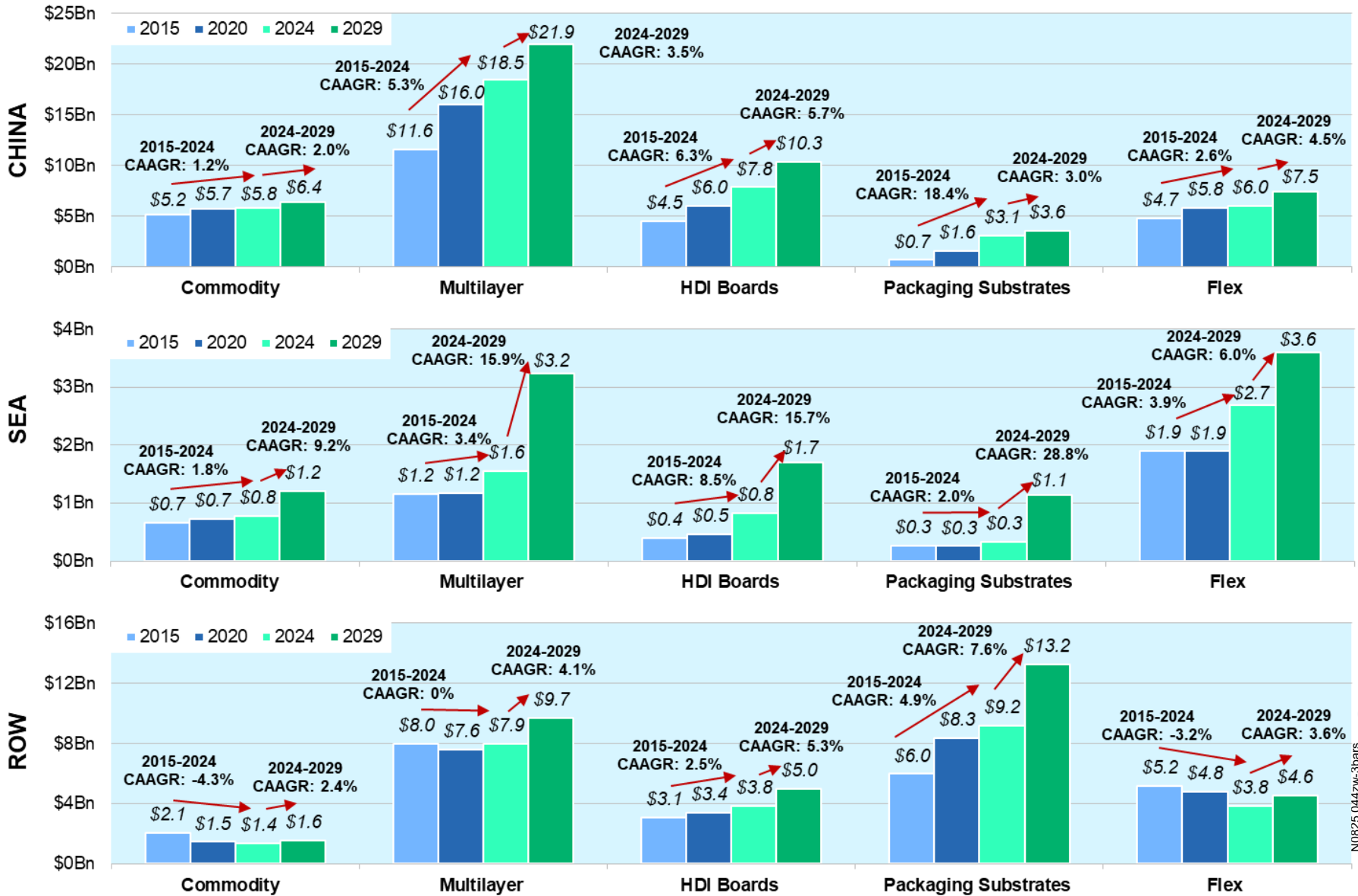
# THAILAND PCB INDUSTRY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- The Thailand PCB industry is currently undergoing significant transformation, facing operational challenges while also benefiting from emerging structural opportunities.
- Industry Challenges
  - Demand Weakness
  - Intensified Competition
  - Workforce Issues:
  - Higher Production Costs
  - Supply Chain Constraints
- Opportunities Ahead
  - Geopolitical Diversification: OEMs are shifting supply chains from China to Southeast Asia, benefiting Thailand.
  - High-Growth Applications: Demand is rising for advanced PCBs in AI servers, satellite communications, and high-speed networking.
  - Cost Advantages: While costlier than China, Thailand remains more cost-competitive than Japan, Korea, and possibly Taiwan, making it attractive for premium PCB production.

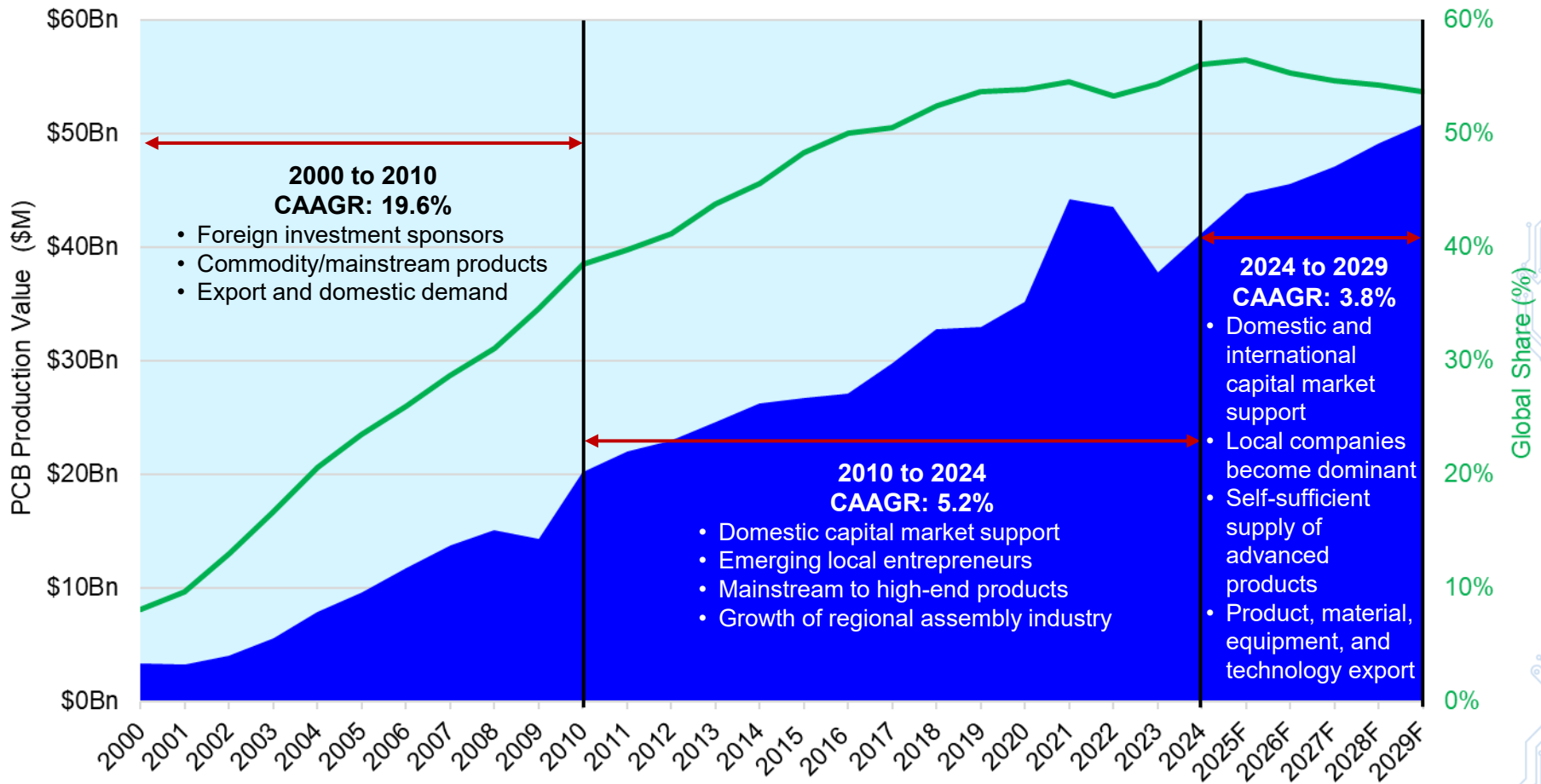
# CURRENT STATE OF THAILAND PCB INDUSTRY

- Leading players like KCE and APEX face pressure from new PCB shops such as Wus, ASK, Welgao, First Quality, GCE, Compeq, Dynamic and others.
  - Many new entrants have achieved volume production capabilities but are still struggling due to:
    - Weak end-market demand.
    - Low utilization rates.
    - High material and logistics costs.
    - Shortage of trained engineers and production talent.
- Most emerging shops are proceeding cautiously, keeping their expansion plans but avoiding aggressive investments.
- Material Supply:
  - Local production of laminates and chemicals is limited and basic.
  - Advanced materials are mostly imported at a premium.
- Equipment Support:
  - Limited local equipment manufacturing capabilities.
  - High service costs due to reliance on overseas engineers.
  - Profitability challenges for equipment suppliers, as they face price parity constraints against China and Taiwan.

# PCB SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSFORMATION



# PCB MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA



	IPO Companies	Initial IPO Capital (RMB Bn)	Total Capital from Equity Market (RMB Bn)
PCB	48	42.2	105.1
Material	28	25.2	45
Equipment	8	6.6	14.0
Environmental	2	2.9	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>168.2</b>

Source: CPCA, Prismark

# STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THAILAND PCB INDUSTRY

## The **Critical Success Factors** for a **Competitive Manufacturing Industry**

- **Customers** – Strong demand from OEMs, ODMs, and EMS companies.
- **Technology** – Advanced capabilities to meet evolving product requirements.
- **Production Capacity** – Sufficient scale and flexibility to support volume growth.
- **Human Talent** – Skilled engineers, technicians, and management.
- **Capital** – Access to funding for investment and innovation.

The growth of Thailand's PCB industry also relies on similar critical factors.

## **Customer Ecosystem**

- Attracting leading ODM and EMS companies to set up assembly operations in Thailand will accelerate local PCB production.
- Careful selection of target customers is essential to align with market trends and local strengths.
- Priority Segments
  - AI hardware
  - High-speed networking
  - Optical module assembly
  - Automotive electronics

# STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THAILAND PCB INDUSTRY

- **Capital Investment**
  - The PCB industry requires significant capital for capacity expansion and technology upgrades.
  - Investment sources should include:
    - Internal profits from operations.
    - External financing, including equity and bond markets.
  - Lessons from Taiwan and China show that active equity markets can accelerate industry growth by funding:
    - New production facilities.
    - Next-generation PCB technologies.
- **Infrastructure & Supplier Ecosystem**
  - The growth of the PCB industry creates opportunities for:
    - Material suppliers (laminates, chemicals, specialty substrates).
    - Equipment manufacturers.
    - Consumable providers.
  - Building a robust local supplier base will:
    - Reduce reliance on imports.
    - Lower costs.
    - Enhance Thailand's competitiveness as a PCB manufacturing hub.

# THE POTENTIAL IS HERE

- Overview of SEA PCB Production
  - Southeast Asia (SEA) is projected to become the third-largest — and potentially the second-largest — printed circuit board (PCB) production hub globally within the next 5 to 10 years.
  - Among SEA countries, Thailand stands out as the leading PCB manufacturing center.
- Investment Trends (2024–2025)
  - In 2024 and 2025, the majority of PCB industry investments are concentrated in China and SEA.
  - Thailand, in particular, is emerging as a strategic hub due to increasing capabilities and growing demand from high-tech sectors.
- Thailand’s Expected Technical Capabilities (Next 5 Years)
  - Thailand is expected to develop advanced PCB manufacturing capabilities and establish production for:
    - High Layer Count (HLC) Multilayer Boards (MLB)
      - With capabilities up to 24+ layers.
    - Conventional & Advanced HDI Boards
      - For consumer electronics, automotive, and PC applications.
    - HLC + HDI Boards
      - For AI servers, satellite systems, and networking infrastructure.
    - Advanced Flexible Printed Circuit (FPC) Products
      - Targeting applications in automotive electronics and AI edge devices.

# THE POTENTIAL IS HERE

- **Demand Drivers**

- Increasing demand for high-layer-count MLBs and HDI boards is driven by:
  - US satellite suppliers
  - AI server OEMs
  - Cloud Service Providers (CSPs)
- These companies are pursuing risk diversification away from single-region dependencies.
- Thailand is also well-positioned to capture additional PCB opportunities in:
  - AI edge devices
  - Automotive electronics

- **Market Growth Potential**

- Prismark estimates that the server/storage, networking, and satellite PCB markets will exceed \$7 billion within the next five years.
- Thailand is projected to secure a significant share of this growth.
- Importantly, only China and Thailand are currently expanding HLC and HLC + HDI manufacturing capacities.

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