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Over 2,700 attendees are here right now. “The energy is just electric,” said David Loftus, President and CEO of ECIA. “You have CEOs of major distributors, major suppliers, and leaders of the major rep firms here in one place to talk about business, share and learn from one another.” The industry is changing quickly, says Walter Tobin, ERA CEO, and EDS is all about forward thinking. “We’re skating to where the puck will be, not where it is.”

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Welcome to ‘The New Normal’

By David Loftus, President & CEO, Electronic Components Industry Association

Welcome everyone to EDS 2023! It’s wonderful to be back with all of our friends and colleagues in Las Vegas! EDS presents a totally unique opportunity to meet efficiently with many partners to discuss strategies and execution plans for the coming quarters. Timing couldn’t be better for our get together as so much has changed since we met last May. Covid brought many adjustments to our professional and personal lives and we’re collectively trying to understand ‘the new normal’ if there is such a thing.

Currently, we’re experiencing a significant inflection point in the economy with the Fed raising interest rates to tame inflation. Geopolitical tensions have raised additional restrictions on where we can ship our vital technologies and added new non-proliferation responsibilities and challenges. Trade tensions and changing regulations are disrupting supply chains and affecting our ability to access key markets. As business partners, we can collaborate on contingency plans, adjust our operations to minimize impacts of inflation and interest rates, and explore new markets to mitigate the impact on revenue streams. Together we can also address the newer challenges of cybersecurity and ESG.

The power of association and face to face meetings at EDS have never been more important. While we all have busier schedules post-pandemic, we choose together to prioritize this annual EDS Summit to ensure we remain aligned, informed, and agile in the face of changing market conditions. And hopefully share a few drinks and laughs along the way ;-) Have fun and have a great week!

Best,

David

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We look forward to this week each year to reconnect with everyone in the electronic industry, and to get aligned with the tactical strategies that we mutually agree will continue to drive growth for the rest of the year and future years ahead.

We are so grateful to be a part of this great electronics industry and excited about all of the innovative products and emerging technologies that will be discussed this week.

We acknowledge that our success would not be possible without the strong relationships we have and value with each and every one of you.

The Kruvand team wishes for an amazing week at EDS, and may it be productive, enjoyable, and successful for all who attend.
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Revenues Soar to New Heights

By Dale Ford, Chief Analyst, Electronic Components Industry Association

Every day presents a new challenge for distributors as they strive to deliver outstanding support to their customers and partners up and down the supply chain. Gauging by the revenue growth achieved over the past two years it appears that distributors are delivering the vital support and services that are in high demand. Delivering the support customers needed was not easy in 2022 as lead times stretched out to historic levels. Procurement teams all scrambled to secure components critical for their businesses and distributors became essential partners. The proof of the benefits delivered by distribution was highlighted over the past two years as industries and companies that did not engage with distribution experienced painful outcomes as they had to shut down production lines or redesign products for lack of components. The systems and processes that have been refined by distributors over the years formed a strong backbone for the industry as the growing challenges seemed to have no end in sight. As always, industry leaders are identifying lessons learned in order to develop solutions that will be essential for tomorrow’s challenges.

It seems that participants in the electronic components supply chain are playing whack-a-mole. The minute one issues is resolved two more pop up that must be addressed. It’s enough to cause whiplash! While lead time issues have abated as the industry entered 2023, new challenges have taken their place as inflation, rising costs, and banking concerns come to the fore. However, in the midst of a chaotic and ever-changing world, distributors were well positioned to deliver stable support across the supply chain. In interviews with industry executives the word “Resilience” was used to describe the performance of distributors. Indeed, the industry has not only survived but thrived in many ways. Delivering Americas revenue growth of 21.4% and 20% in sequential years is an amazing achievement.

As described here, there will be no end to challenges moving forward. The good news is that supply chain participants can turn to their distribution partners for strength and stability in a highly dynamic world.

Total Americas revenue for the Top 50 authorized distributors in 2022 grew by 20% to $32.4 B from $27.0 B. This same group of Top 50 companies grew their combined worldwide revenue by only 3.3% from $129.4 B to $133.6 B between 2021 and 2022, a growth of 3.3%. Worldwide revenues were depressed by a 6.3% decline in Asia sales. EMEA revenue growth almost matched the Americas growth as they increased by 19.9%. As a result, the Americas share of revenues jumped to 24.3% in 2022 and EMEA grew to 18.0% of worldwide revenues.

Americas revenues for the Top 50 distributors grew for every component category in 2022. Among the major segments, Passive Components achieved the highest growth in 2022 at 22.1% followed closely by Electro-Mechanical at 21.3% growth. The largest component category, semiconductors, saw its share of the total Americas market slip from 55.0% to 53.5%. Over the five-year period from 2017 to 2022 total Americas distribution revenue grew by 8.0% Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR).
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Spark 2.0 will be held virtually Wednesdays, from September 13 to October 11. Slots are extremely limited. For registration information and scheduling contact Jennifer Smith at jennifer.smith@jmssynergy.com.

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Lunch is now on the menu at the Connections Cafe!

For 2023, we’re refreshing our industry’s premier annual event to make it even more productive and engaging. And that includes the ever-popular Connections Cafe, located in the Grand Ballroom. This year, the Cafe is getting a big upgrade — starting with lunch.

As EDS veterans know, the words “fast” and “lunch” have never gone together at the Mirage. Now they will. And not just fast, but delicious. On the new “grab-and-go” menu, you’ll find a great selection of fresh salads, wraps, fruit plates — even sushi.

You’ll avoid the crowds at Starbucks and the Roasted Bean, too, because the Cafe will feature its own coffee bar serving made-to-order mochas, lattes and espresso drinks throughout the day.

The coffee bar and grab-and-go breakfast and lunch will be available Wednesday and Thursday from 7 am to 3 pm.

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