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The Growing Challenge of Semiconductor Design Leadership

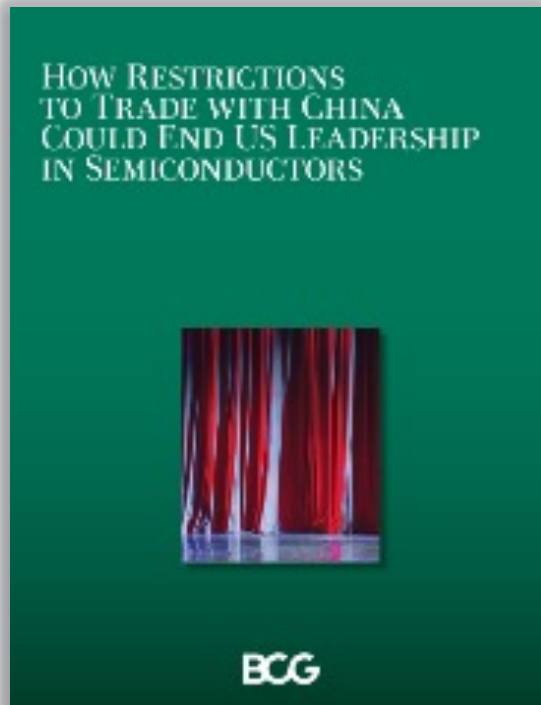
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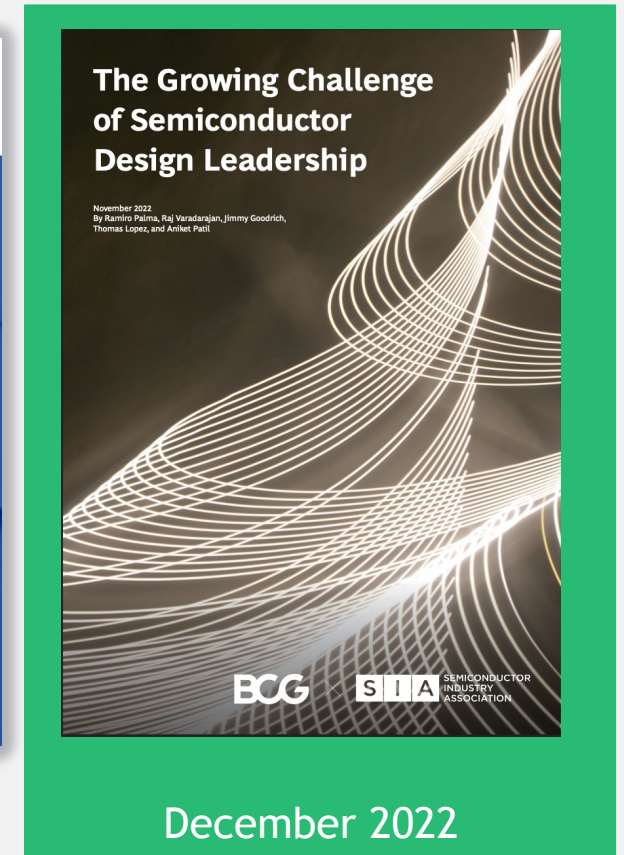
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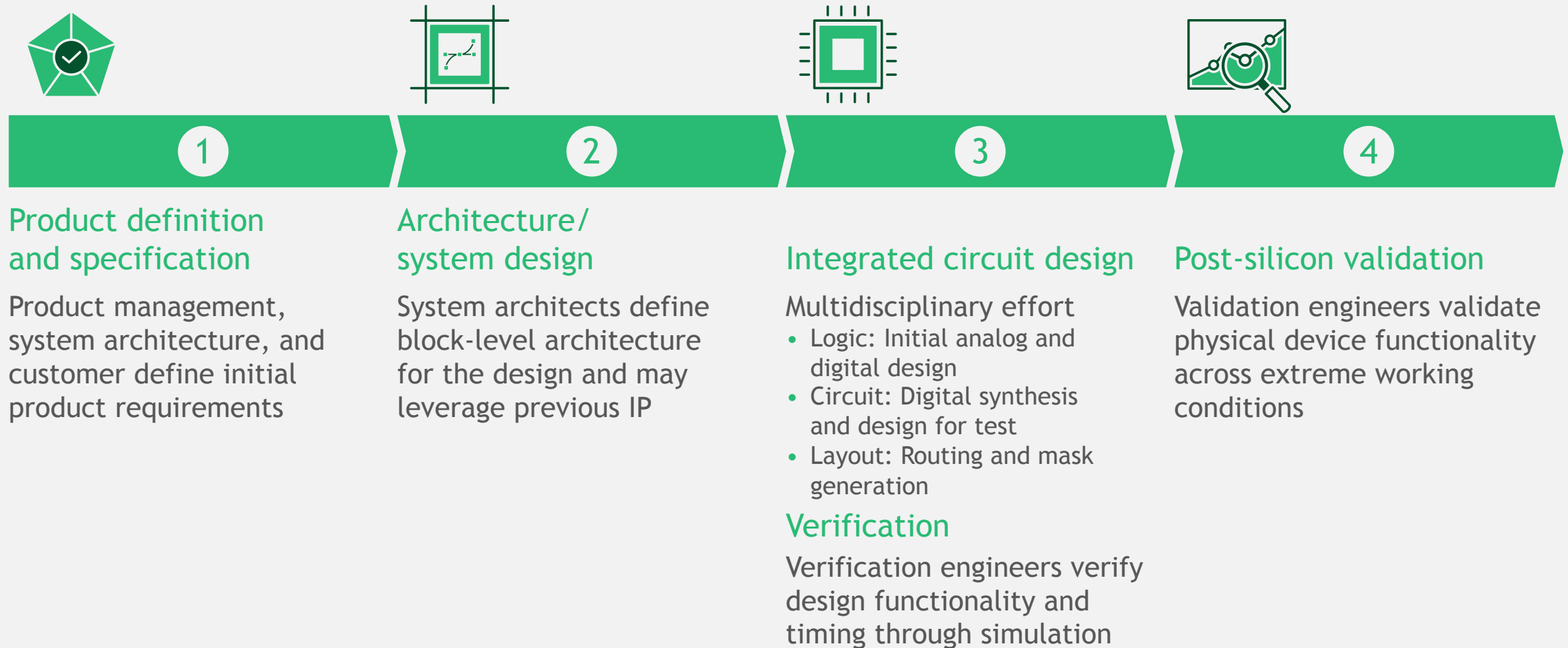


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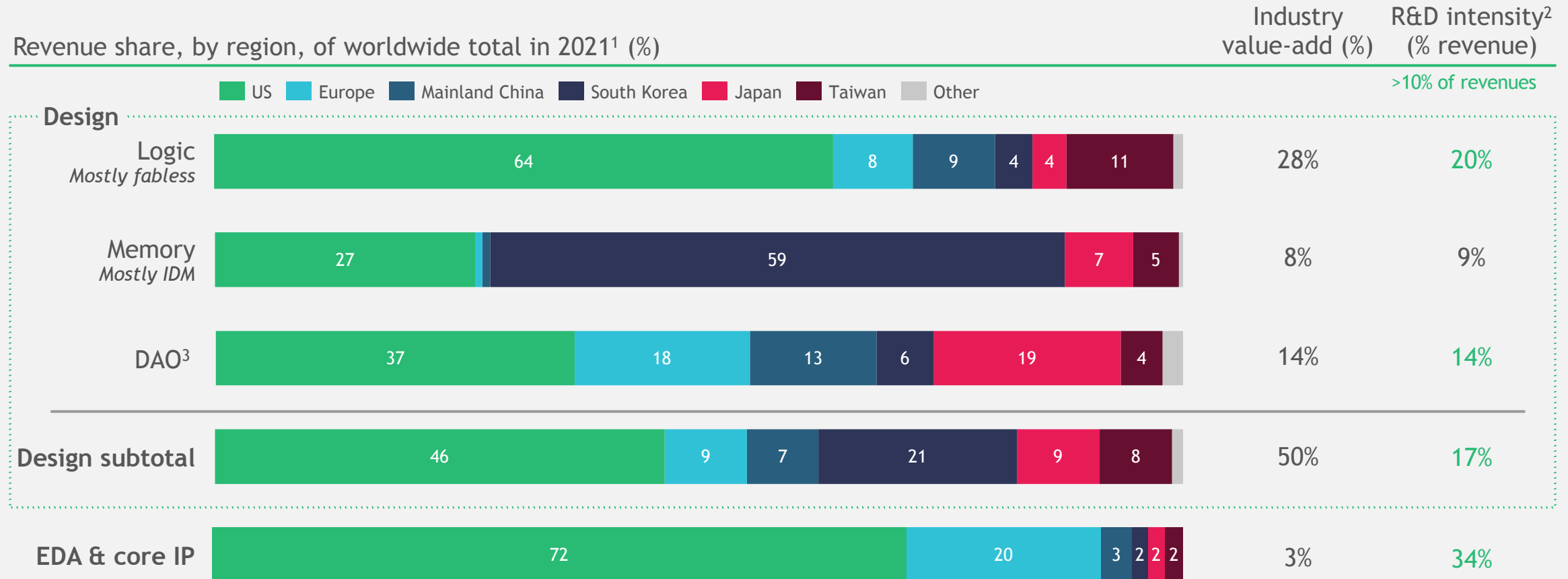
Objectives of this report

- 1 Provide an overview of semiconductor design and the benefits of leadership
- 2 Discuss the key risks and challenges to maintaining design leadership
- 3 Outline broad / high-level policy directions to address them

Semiconductor design consists of four major stages



The US is the longstanding global leader in semiconductor design which is both highly value-adding and R&D intense



Source: Capital IQ, SIA Factbook 2022, BCG analysis

Note: DAO = discrete, analog, and other; EDA = electronic design automation; IP = intellectual property. Because of rounding, not all bar segment totals add up to 100%.

¹ The regional breakdown is based on company revenues and headquarters location. Design revenues are based on fabless companies and estimated share of IDM revenues attributable to design. ² R&D Intensity, measured as R&D divided by revenue ³ Discrete, analog, optoelectronics, sensors, and others.

Leadership in design confers multiple advantages



Virtuous Cycle of Innovation

Leadership attracts global talent and contributes to a cycle of innovation and reinvestment



Ability to Shape Standards

First movers have advantage in setting and leveraging benefits of global technical standards



Stronger Security

National security benefits from improved defense systems at a lower risk of tampering and disruption



High-Quality Employment

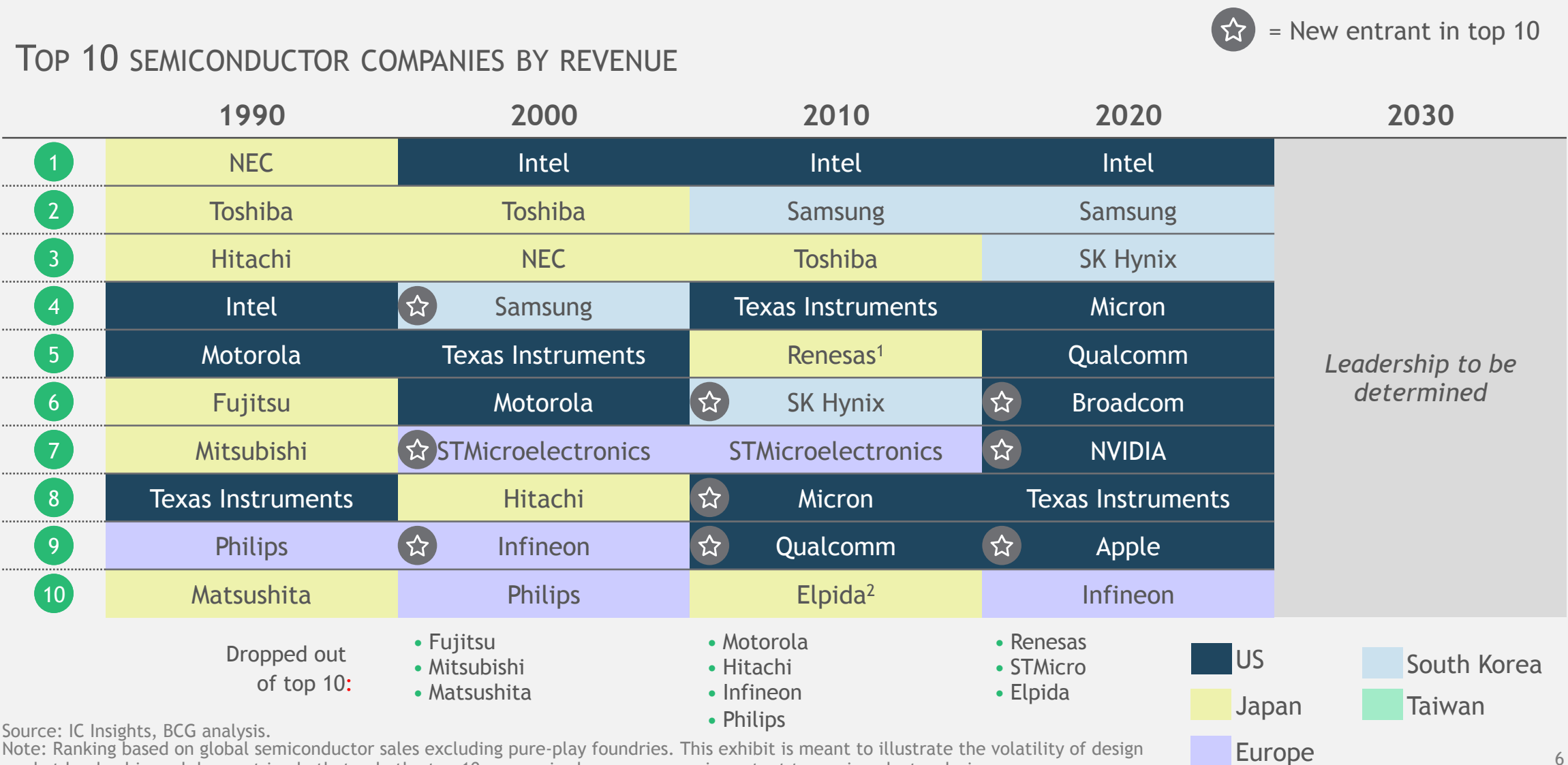
Average annual income of workers employed in semiconductor design was \$170,000 compared to the US median of \$56,000



Benefits for OEMs

Close collaboration between OEMs and local design teams creates competitive advantage

Design leadership however is volatile, with new industry leaders emerging each decade



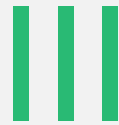
Ongoing US leadership faces three key challenges



Design costs are rising exponentially for fundamental / technical reasons

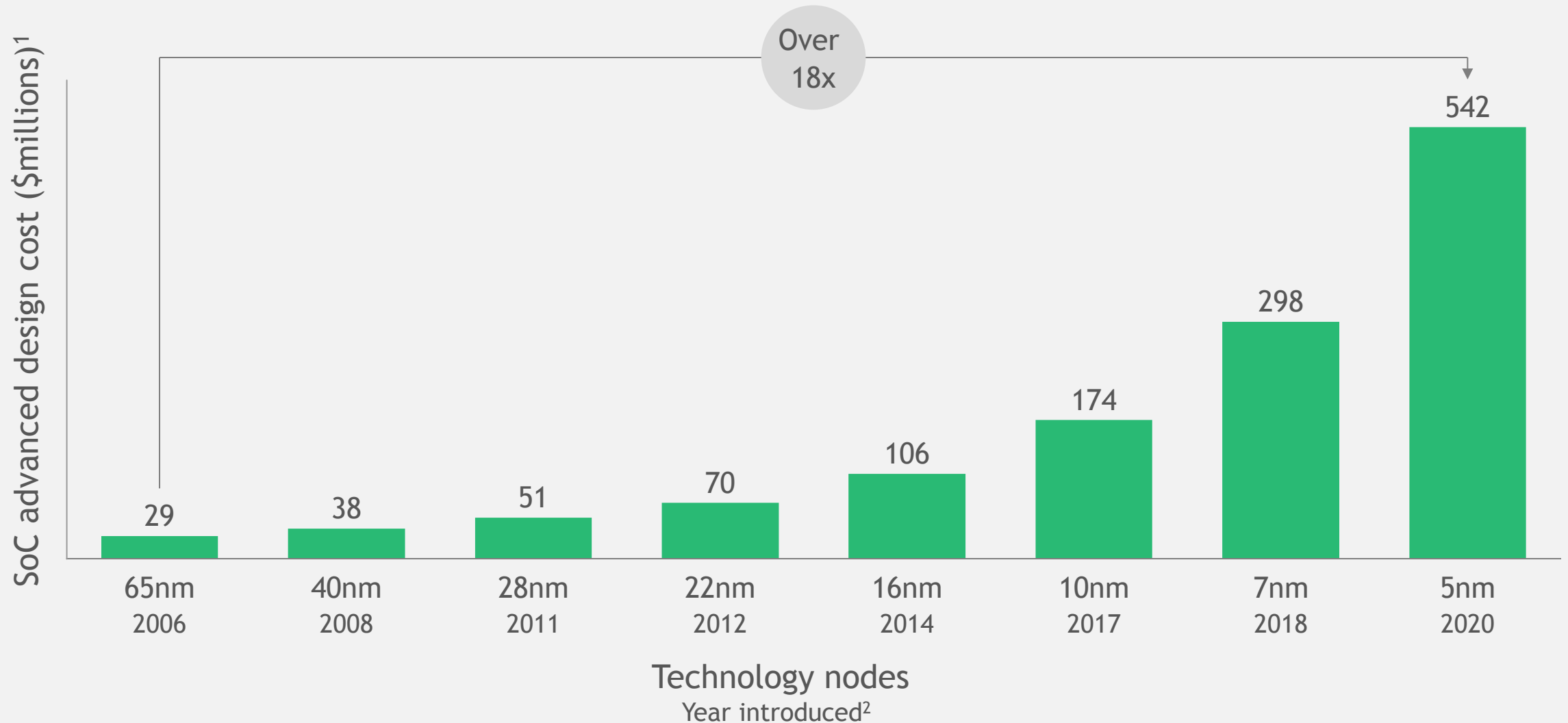


The US design workforce is expected to be significantly undersupplied by 2030



Ongoing market access, needed to ensure scale and fund R&D, is no longer a given

Design costs are rising with each new technology node

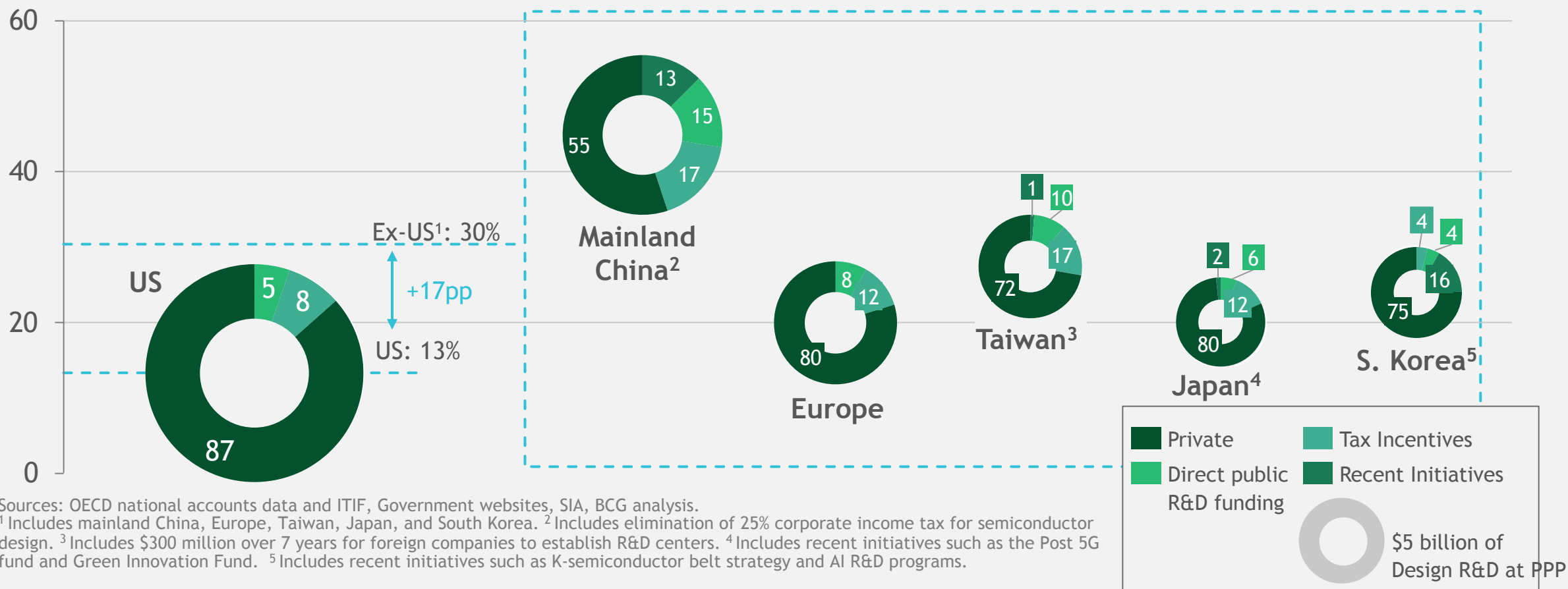


Sources: IBS, AnySilicon, TSMC, BCG analysis.

¹ System-on-a-chip (SoC) advanced design costs include intellectual property qualification, architecture, verification, physical, software, prototype, and validation activities. ² Year in which a technology node began volume production.

Share of semiconductor-specific design R&D funded by the private sector is greater in the US than other OECD peers

ESTIMATED SHARE OF SEMICONDUCTOR-SPECIFIC DESIGN R&D FUNDED BY PUBLIC INVESTMENT (%)
(INCLUDES ESTIMATES FROM RECENTLY ANNOUNCED INITIATIVES)



The US design workforce is estimated to face a 35% gap between supply and demand by 2030 creating a shortfall of 23,000 workers



89,000

Demand for US-based design workers in 2030

Demand for workers is expected to rise by ~50% ...



66,000

Supply of US-based design workers in 2030

... While supply will grow by less than 1% annually ...



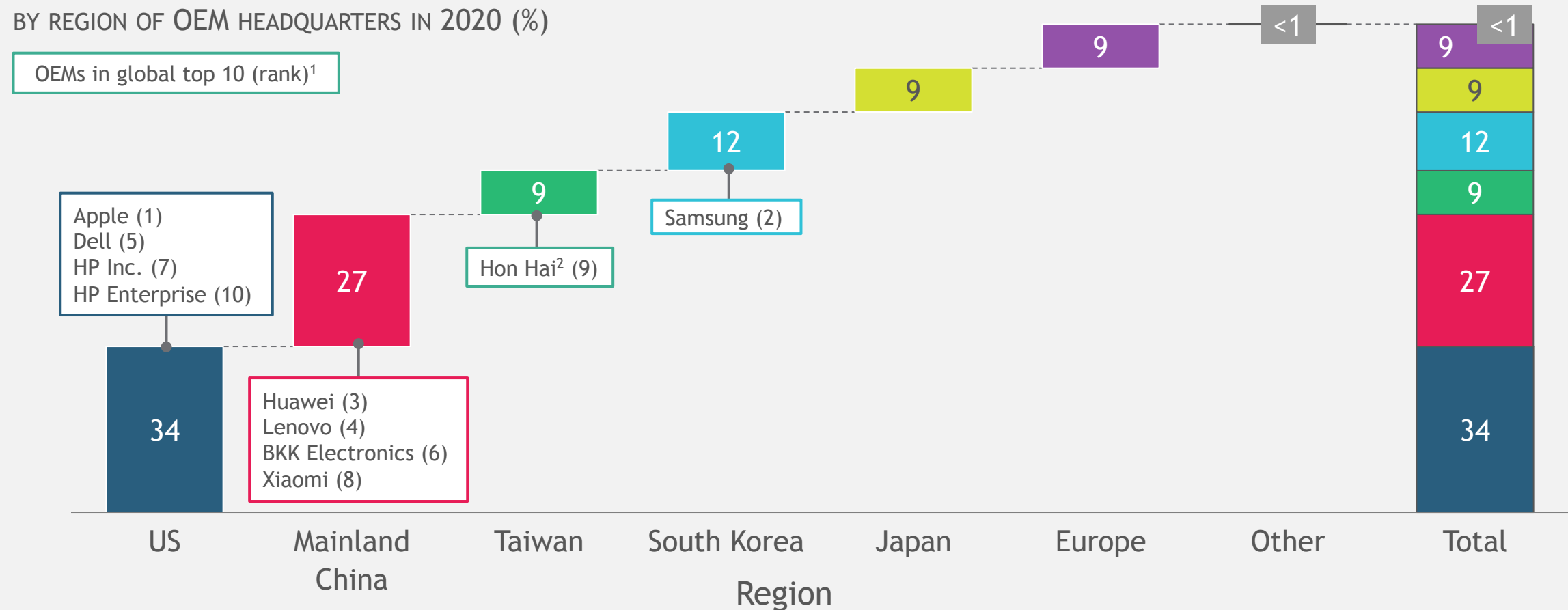
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Shortage of design workers in 2030, growing by 3,000 per year

... Meaning that demand for design workers will **exceed supply** by nearly 35% in 2030

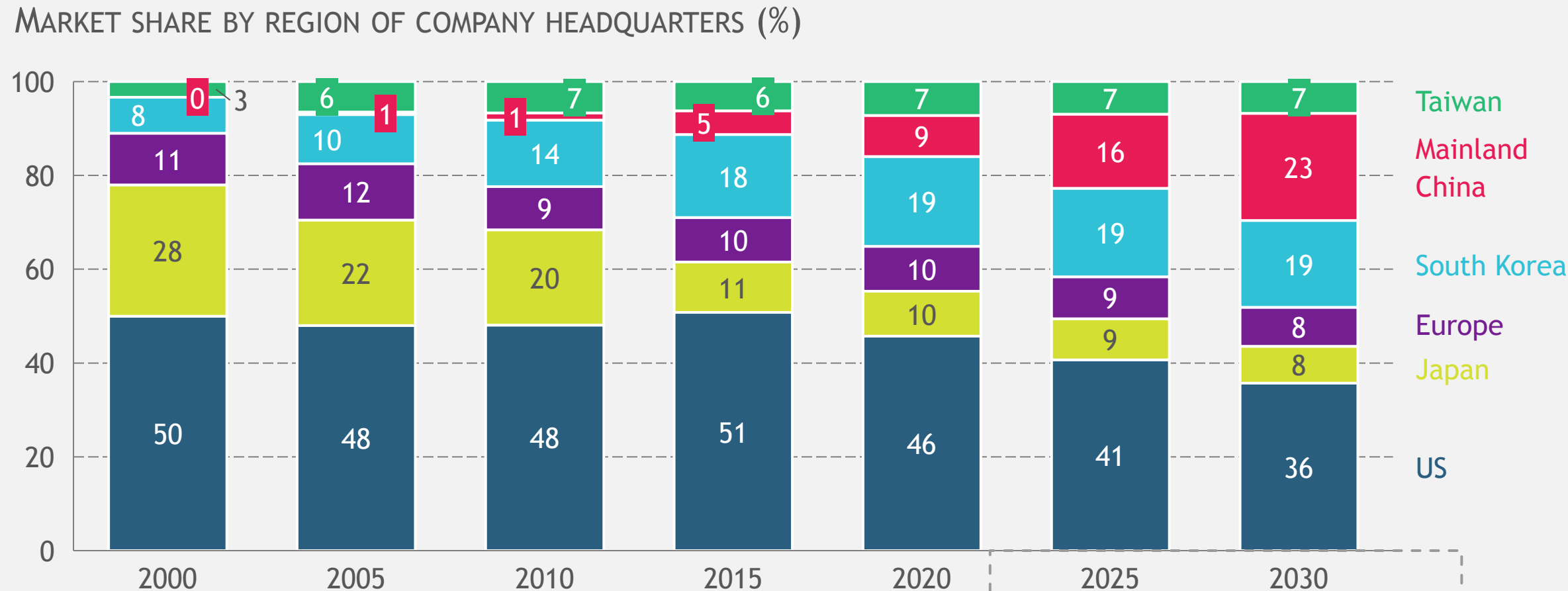
US OEMs have greatest demand for semiconductors, but 2/3 of global demand is outside US making open global markets critical

GLOBAL SEMICONDUCTOR DEMAND
BY REGION OF OEM HEADQUARTERS IN 2020 (%)



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¹ Rank of OEMs in the global top 10 is based on global revenues in 2020 for all semiconductor devices. ² Hon Hai Precision Industries, also known as Foxconn, is both an OEM and a contract manufacturer.

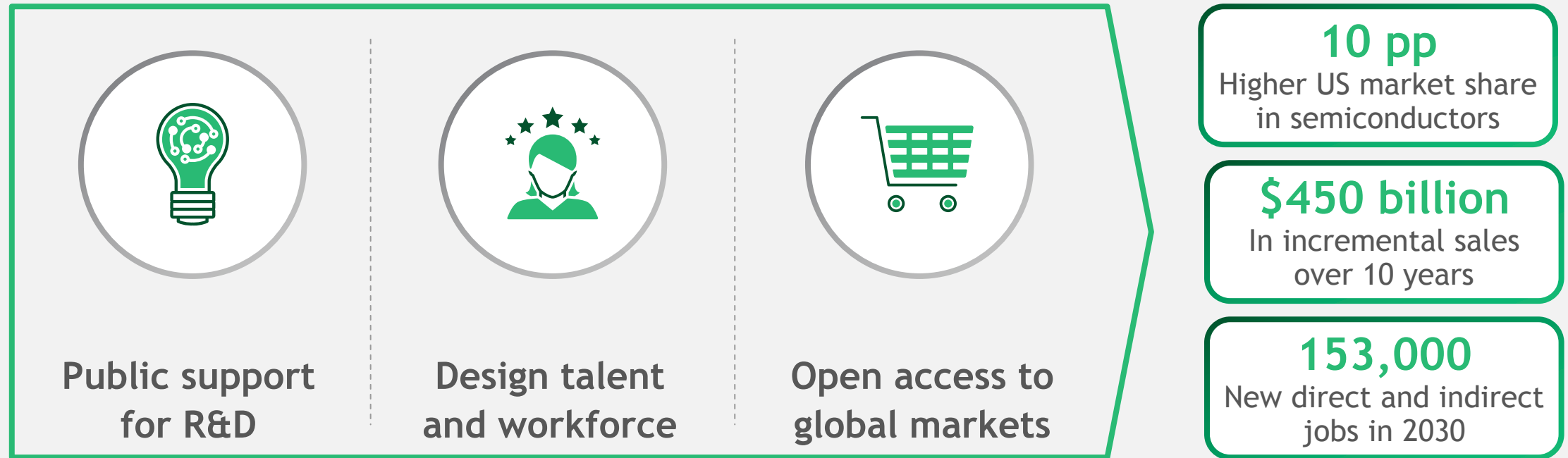
In absence of action, market share of US companies (a proxy for design leadership) is projected to drop to 36% by 2030



Sources: WSTS data, SIA, BCG analysis.
Note: Market share is based on revenues and the region in which headquarters is located for the company responsible for final sale of finished semiconductors; includes fabless, fab-lite, and IDM revenues; foundry and outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) revenues are excluded to avoid double-counting. Because of rounding, not all bar segment totals add up to 100%.

Status quo forecast
-1% year-over-year decline in US market share

Supporting US design leadership with policies targeting major challenges would also create significant economic benefits



Source: BCG analysis

Note: Market share and jobs impact is sized as of 2030; sales impact is sized cumulatively over 10 years. pp = percentage points.

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