



## TowerJazz Announces Strong Presence in South America, Partners with Fast Company Brazil to Support Several Initiatives and Increased Business

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**Technological advances and rising economies in BRIC countries to fuel long-term growth of semiconductor demand resulting in annual growth rate of 7.4% until 2015**

MIGDAL HAEMEK, Israel and SAO PAULO, April 18, 2012 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ --[TowerJazz](#), the global specialty foundry leader, today announced its new representative for South America, [Fast Company Brazil](#), a business agency created to support companies' success in the Brazilian market. Through this partnership, TowerJazz will expand its presence in a fast growing semiconductor industry region. South America, and Brazil in particular, is a major focus for TowerJazz, driven by initiatives taken by the Brazilian government, involving the fast growing local fabless companies and design houses together with the established OEMs in the country. The expertise and close proximity of Fast Company Brazil will provide TowerJazz with additional access to South American countries and their emerging semiconductor markets.

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The team at Fast Company Brazil has extensive semiconductor experience and is led by CEO and Founder, Jose Antonio Scodiero, who previously occupied the position of VP of Sales and Marketing for AMD in Latin America. The Company sees increased business as the Brazilian government has identified the semiconductor industry as a high priority. For instance, in one of their programs called CI BRASIL (Integrated Circuit Brasil), the government has sponsored 20 local design houses and trained more than 500 people in microelectronics. TowerJazz aims to utilize the considerable momentum occurring in the country.

According to PwC, growth in the global semiconductor market will be powered by the increasing importance of the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) economies' demand for semiconductor products. In a 2012 report, "Faster, greener, smarter - reaching beyond the horizon in the world of semiconductors," PwC mentions that both technological advances and the rising economies in those emerging markets will fuel the long-term growth of semiconductor demand, resulting in an annual average growth rate of 7.4% until 2015.

"As the global specialty foundry leader, we believe TowerJazz's portfolio in power management, RF and high performance analog will enable Brazilian semiconductor companies to make strides in becoming significant players in the global market. Partnering with Fast Company Brazil will enable us to establish presence in the region and demonstrate our superior customer support to Brazilian companies," said Dani Ashkenazi, Vice President of Sales at TowerJazz.

"The semiconductor market in South America is currently being formed and companies see value in personalized service to support their initiatives. Our local business development experience combined with TowerJazz's specialty process technologies, proven design enablement tools and excellent customer service will enable us to grow semiconductor business in this significant region," said Jose Scodiero, CEO and Founder of Fast Company Brazil.

**About Fast Company Brazil** Fast Company Brazil is a business agency created at the beginning of 2009 to support companies' success in the Brazilian market. Fast Company Brazil assists companies in evaluating their operations feasibility in Brazil and companies planning to invest resources in Brazil needing a solid 'Go To Market Plan' reducing time to market. In addition, the Agency supports companies already in the country needing to increase results and take operations to the next level as well as startups and companies launching new products. Fast Company Brazil also develops Business Plans, Business Feasibility Studies Market Reports (findings and opportunities) and develops relationships with new partners and customers. The Agency leverages its cooperation with Brazilian key authorities, executives and specialists as well as engages in government programs for innovation and technology. For more information, visit: [www.fastcompanybrazil.com.br](http://www.fastcompanybrazil.com.br).

**About TowerJazz** Tower Semiconductor Ltd. (NASDAQ: TSEM, TASE: TSEM), its fully owned U.S. subsidiary Jazz Semiconductor, Inc. and its fully owned Japanese subsidiary TowerJazz Japan, Ltd., operate collectively under the brand name TowerJazz, the global specialty foundry leader. TowerJazz manufactures integrated circuits with geometries ranging from 1.0 to 0.13-micron, offering a broad range of customizable process technologies including: SiGe, BiCMOS, Mixed-Signal and RFCMOS, CMOS Image Sensor, Power Management (BCD), and Non-Volatile Memory (NVM) as well as CMOS and MEMS capabilities. TowerJazz also offers a world-class design enablement platform that complements its sophisticated technology and enables a quick and accurate design cycle. In addition, TowerJazz provides (TOPS) Technology Optimization Process Services to IDMs as well as fabless companies that need to expand capacity, or progress from an R&D line to a production line. To provide multi-fab sourcing, TowerJazz maintains two manufacturing facilities in Israel, one in the U.S., and one in Japan with additional capacity available in China through manufacturing partnerships. For more information, please visit [www.towerjazz.com](http://www.towerjazz.com).

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