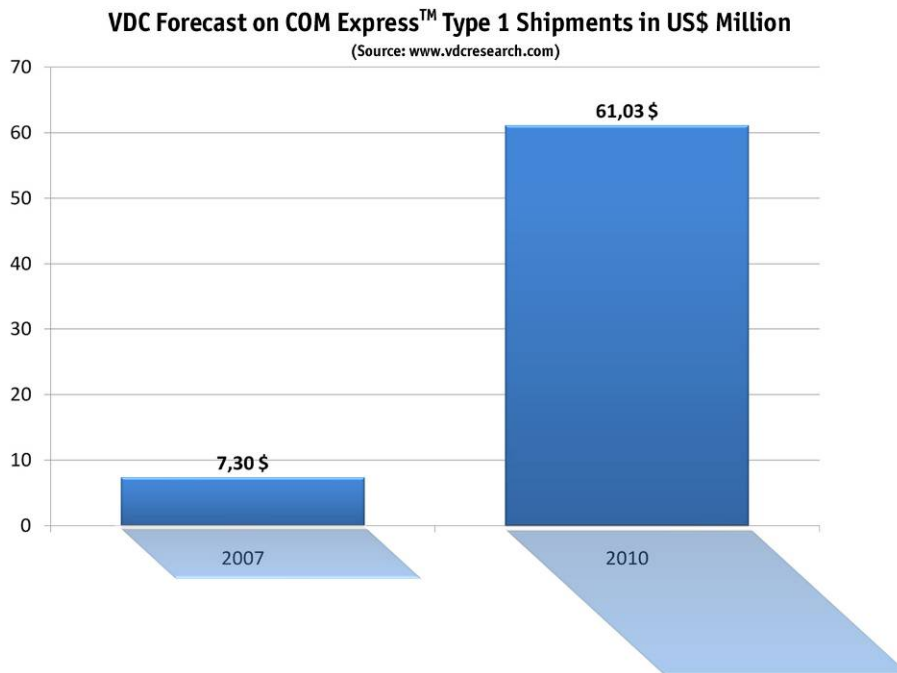


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VDC forecasts 70 percent CAGR for Computer-on-Modules with COM Express™ Type 1 connector

Market share of nanoETXexpress Computer-on-Modules rises sharply



nanoETXexpress Computer-on-Modules are gaining momentum



Eching, Germany, March 03, 2009 – According to latest reports from the renowned market research company, VDC, [COM Express™ Computer-on-Modules](#) with the COM Express™ Type 1 connector will attain an annual growth of 70 percent and secure a market share of 21 percent in 2010. This confirms the high market acceptance of the [nanoETXexpress](#) credit card sized small form factor that was initiated by Kontron and is the most prominent representative of this connector type.

“We are seeing a high demand for small form factors. This is being driven by applications which are making use of smaller COMs based on low power architectures such as the Intel® Atom™ processors”, explains Eric Heikkila, Director Embedded Hardware & Systems at VDC. “In this regard, VDC recommends monitoring the development of smaller COM Express™ footprints.”

nanoETXexpress is the only credit card sized Computer-on-Module specification with the COM Express™ Type 1 compatible connector.

COM Express™ Type 1 and 2 will gain a market share of 93 percent according to VDC, making them the de facto standard within the COM Express™ specification. Kontron is one of the leading forces in this market and, with its product range of nanoETXexpress, [microETXexpress®](#) (COM Express™

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Type 2 compatible) and COM Express™ modules, meets the most important market requirements as recognised by VDC.

In the area of Computer-on-Modules, VDC recommends investing mainly in COM Express™, as COM Express™ has the technically most mature Computer-on-Modules architecture and offers the highest performance. The fact that investments, for example in Qseven, are not so secure and perhaps could even be made in vain, is reflected, amongst other things, in current developments at the MXM-Special Interest Group.

"The MXM Connector, which Qseven uses and is mainly used in the area of graphics, is now – on the publication of MXM 3.0 specification - out of date because it is not mechanically compatible with the connector used with the new MXM 3.0 Type A or B modules. There is therefore technically and economically no reason to leave the extremely safe harbor of COM Express™," says Dirk Finstel, CTO of Kontron.

More information about COM Express™:

<http://www.kontron.com/products/computeronmodules/com+express/>

More information about nanoETXexpress:

<http://www.kontron.com/products/computeronmodules/com+express/nanoetxexpress/>

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Kontron is a Premier member of the Intel® Embedded and Communications Alliance and has been a VDC Platinum Vendor for Embedded Computer Boards 5 years running. Kontron is listed on the German TecDAX stock exchange under the symbol "KBC". For more information, please visit: <http://www.kontron.com>

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