



Investor Presentation

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Growth Capital Acquisition Corp. overview

Growth Capital overview

Issuer:	Growth Capital Acquisition Corp. (Nasdaq: GCACU, GCAC, GCACW)
Amount in Trust:	\$172,500,000
Units Offered at IPO:	17,250,000 units @ \$10.00 per unit
Unit Composition:	Each unit consists of 1 share of Class A common stock and 1/2 redeemable warrant (each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase 1 share of Class A common stock)
Sponsor Investment:	\$5,175,000 in 5,175,000 Warrants
Time Horizon:	18 months from January 29, 2021
Cash Held in Trust:	100.0% or \$10.00 per unit, in Trust for the initial 18-months from IPO
Warrant Strike/Call Price:	\$11.50 / \$18.00
Public Warrants:	8,625,000 warrants, all warrants expire after 5 years from closing of the business combination ("BC")
Sponsor Promote Shares :	4,312,500 common shares
Lock Up:	6-month lock-up of Sponsor's shares post-BC <u>or</u> released from lock-up if the stock is \geq \$12.00 for any 20 trading days within any 30 trading day period commencing at least 60 days post-BC
Sole Book Runner:	Maxim Group LLC
Target Industry	Merge/Acquire an operating business in any industry
Target Size	Desired Enterprise Value (EV) of target \$400m to \$1.5b

Experienced management team



Akis Tsirigakis

President, Chairman, Co-CEO

- 35+ yrs experience in shipping / ship ownership, in M&A and heading public companies
- Currently CEO of Nautilus Energy Management Corp, and CEO of SevenSeas Investment Fund
- Founded three blank check companies, Stellar Acquisition III Inc., Nautilus Marine Acquisition Corp., and Star Maritime Acquisition Corp., conducted their initial public offerings and successfully closed three business combinations
- Mr. Tsirigakis received his Master's Degree (1979) and B.Sc. in Naval Architecture from The University of Michigan



George Syllantavos

Co-CEO, CFO, Director

- 28+ yrs experience in M&A and transportation / finance, last 15 yrs focused on industrials, infrastructure and maritime transactions
- Currently Managing Director of Nautilus Carriers, Inc.
- Co-founded three blank check companies in partnership with Mr. Tsirigakis. He served as CFO of Star Maritime Acquisition Corp. and Nautilus Marine Acquisition Corp. and as CFO and co-CEO of Stellar Acquisition III Inc. Served as CFO of two post-merger companies, Star Bulk Carriers, Corp (SBLK) and Nautilus Offshore, Inc. (NMAR)
- Mr. Syllantavos received a B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering from Roosevelt University and an MBA in Operations Management, International Finance and Transportation Management from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University

Transaction summary



Jun Pei
Co-Founder & CEO



Winston Fu
CFO



Hull Xu
VP of Finance & Strategy



Akis Tsirigakis
President, Chairman, Co-CEO



George Syllantavos
Co-CEO, CFO, Director

Transaction details

Overview

- Growth Capital Acquisition Corp. (NASDAQ: GCAC) is a publicly-listed special purpose acquisition company with \$172.5mm in cash
- \$58.5mm PIPE raised in support of the transaction

Valuation

- Pro forma firm value of \$1,549mm, which equates to 1.8x 2025E revenue of \$861mm

Capital structure

- \$225mm⁽¹⁾ of pro forma cash held on the balance sheet

Ownership

- 85% existing shareholders; 12% SPAC IPO and founder shares; 3% PIPE investors

Anticipated timing

- Expected to close in Q4 2021

(1) Includes Cepton's net cash position of \$34mm as of March 31, 2021
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Intelligence at the Speed of Light

Company overview



We are Cepton

Our mission: Deploy high performance, mass-market lidar to deliver safety and autonomy across multiple industries

Market focus	>>	ADAS in mass market consumer vehicles
Technology advantage	>>	MMT [®] : Highly competitive price for performance with high reliability
Product platform	>>	Comprehensive lidar solution portfolio across hardware and software
Commercial success	>>	Largest ADAS lidar series production win from a Global Top 5 Auto OEM
Tier 1 partners	>>	Collaboration with leading global Tier 1 partners
Visionary team	>>	Founder-led, industry pioneer management team

Customers

- 100+ customer projects⁽¹⁾
- Active engagement: 10/10 top OEMs⁽²⁾
- 160+ opportunities in pipeline

Partners

- Strong collaboration with Tier 1s and system integrators



**Undisclosed
Tier 1 partner**

Manufacturing

- In-house pilot production
- High volume CMs and Tier 1 partners for mass market

Global Team

- HQ: San Jose, CA
- Development, sales & marketing across Canada, EMEA and APAC
- 116 team members including 51 Engineers and 21 PhDs

Funding

- ~\$100m raised to date
- Last funding round - Series C (Feb 2020)

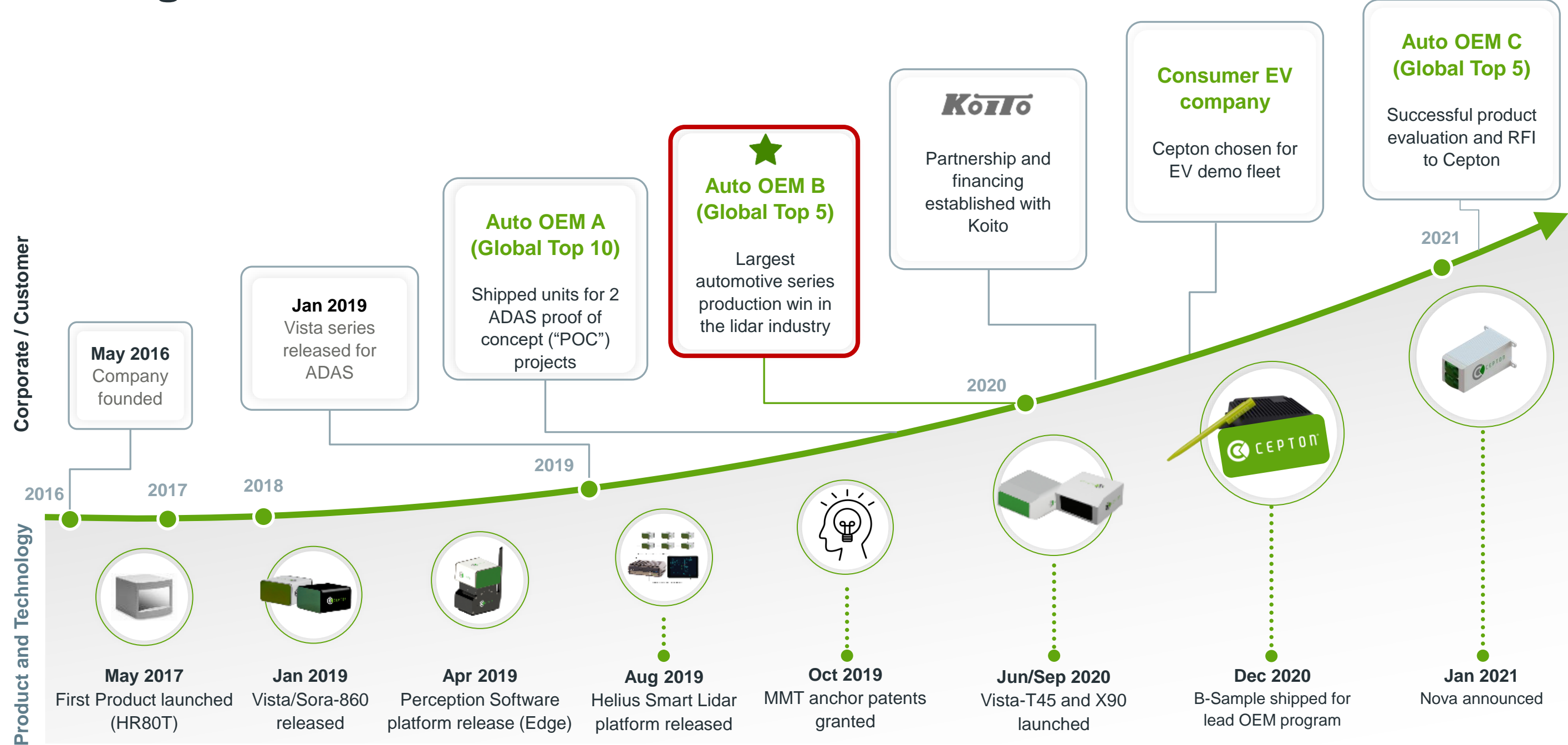
Note: Micro-Motion Technology (MMT[®]); Largest known series production win by number of models awarded

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(1) Customer projects defined as customers who have made a purchase since 2018

(2) Based on IHS light vehicle production volume rankings for 2019

Strong track record of commercial success and innovation



Note: Auto OEMs represent undisclosed customer relationships, rankings based on IHS light vehicle production volume rankings for 2019; Largest known series production win by number of models awarded

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Product leadership validated by world class customers and partners



Largest ADAS Lidar Series Production Win

- Expected 2023 SOP; sole sourced through 2027 with Tier 1
- Compact and energy efficient design
- Enables state-of-the-art ADAS capabilities
- Seamless cross-platform lidar integration



Platform #1



Platform #2



Platform #3

Mass market consumer vehicles with Cepton lidar technology
Expected deployment on multiple vehicle models across 3 platforms



Landmark Tier 1 Partnership

- World's #1 automotive exterior lighting Tier 1 supplier⁽¹⁾
- 3+ year relationship; led \$50M Series C investment (2020)
- Expands from traditional lighting to ADAS technology
- Supports auto-grade certifications and manufacturing



Seamless vehicle integration to enable mass market adoption
High volume lidar manufacturing

Note: Auto OEM B represents undisclosed customer relationship with a Global Top 5 Auto OEM. Ranking based on IHS light vehicle production volume rankings for 2019; Largest known series production win by number of models awarded
(1) Based on last reported pre-COVID-19 auto lighting revenue

Key lidar industry challenges for ADAS mass market adoption

MASS-SCALE ADOPTION REQUIRES A LIDAR SOLUTION THAT MEETS ALL THESE REQUIREMENTS



Performance

- Combination of high range and resolution to detect objects and for enhanced ADAS safety



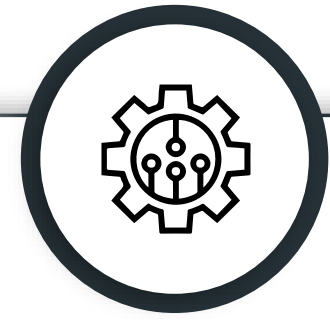
Auto-grade Reliability

- Long sensor lifetime and ISO 26262 ASIL-B functional safety compliance



Cost

- Low cost for large scale adoption across numerous vehicle platforms and models



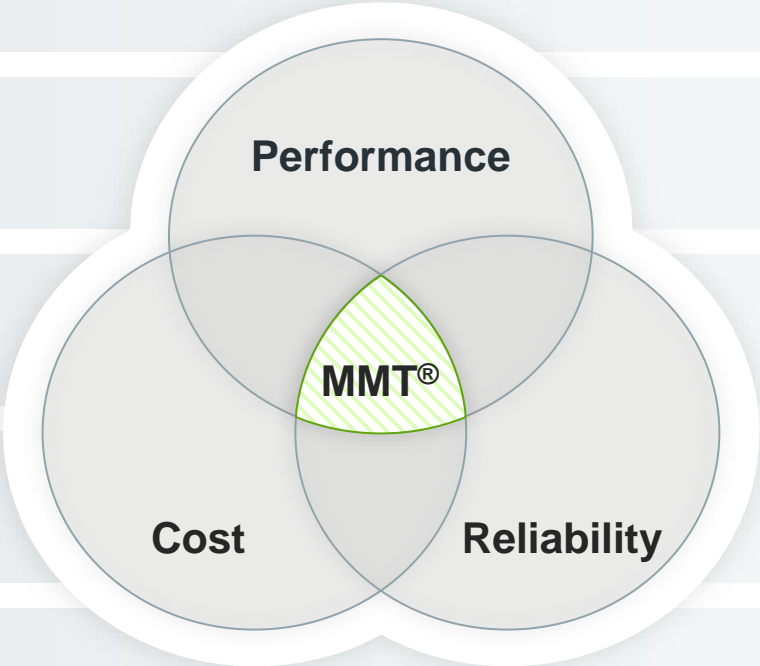
Integration

- Directional lidars with no spinning parts or sensors jutting out of the vehicle
- Small form factor for seamless vehicle integration

Cepton was built from the ground up to enable widespread adoption of L2+ automotive ADAS

Cepton's lidar value proposition

HIGHLY COMPETITIVE PRICE FOR PERFORMANCE AND RELIABILITY



- 1 Proven design and technology** ▶ Validated by largest ADAS lidar series production win at global Top 5 OEM
- 2 Superior performance** ▶ Combination of high range, high resolution and low power
- 3 Cost advantage** ▶ Cost efficiency driven by simplicity, design choice and packaging innovation
- 4 Compact form factor** ▶ Small and easy to embed in/around vehicles and infrastructure
- 5 Volume scalability** ▶ Off the shelf materials, modular – ideal for volume manufacturing
- 6 Auto-grade reliability** ▶ Mainstream tech; mirrorless, rotation-free, frictionless MMT® design
- 7 Leading Tier 1 partner** ▶ Tier 1 partner and investor Koito, enabling mass production at scale

Founder led team of lidar industry pioneers

VISIONARY TEAM WITH DECADES OF COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE ACROSS ADVANCED LIDAR AND IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES



Jun Pei, PhD
CEO and Co-Founder

- Technology specialist in optics and electronics
- Founded AEP Technology, developing advanced 3D optical instruments
- Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford



Mark McCord, PhD
CTO & Co-Founder

- Led Advanced Development at KLA-Tencor
- Former Associate professor at Stanford
- Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Stanford



Winston Fu, PhD
Chief Financial Officer

- Founder Silicon Valley venture capital firm, LDV Partners
- Served as CFO and Chairman of Active-Semi before Qorvo acquisition and helped build many technology companies as an entrepreneur and/or board member
- Ph.D. from Stanford in Applied Physics, MBA from Kellogg School of Management



Business Team



Mitchell Hourtienne
VP of Business Dev.



Hull Xu
VP of Finance & Strategy



Bruno Moretti
VP Product Marketing



Liqun Han, PhD
SVP of Operations



Dongyi Liao, PhD
SVP of Applications



Andrew Klaus
Country Manager (Japan)



Henri Haefner
Marketing Director



Klaus Wagner
Marketing Director



Dennis Chang
VP of Manufacturing



Hao Wang, Ph.D.
Director of Q & R



Key target markets

MULTIPLE LIDAR PRODUCTS SUPPORT A VARIETY OF END MARKET APPLICATIONS TODAY

Automotive



ADAS (L2+) – Primary Focus

OEM Series Production Vehicles



AV (L4+) – Adjacent

Robotaxi | Delivery | MaaS



Smart Infrastructure



Smart Cities

Roads | Tolling | Rail



Smart Spaces

Crowd Analytics | Security & Safety



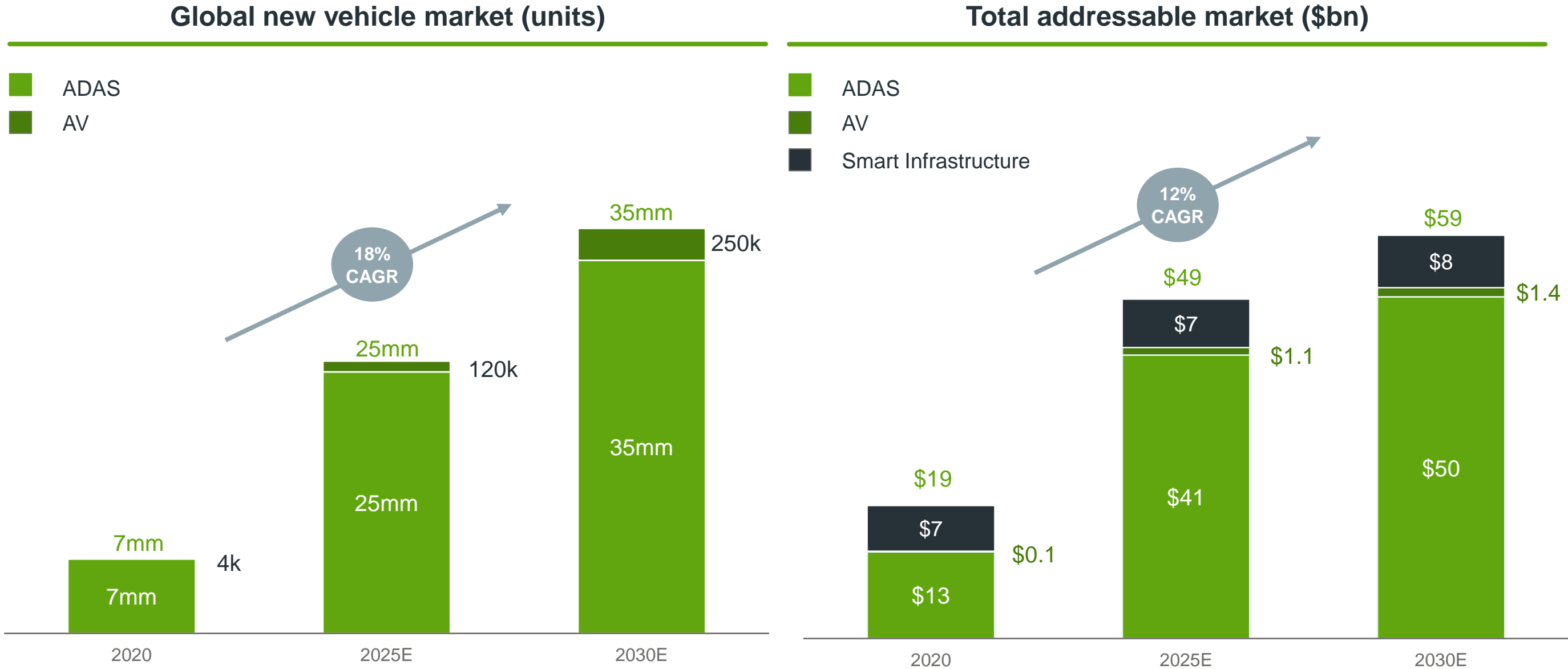
Smart Industrials

Industrials | Autonomous Ground Vehicles



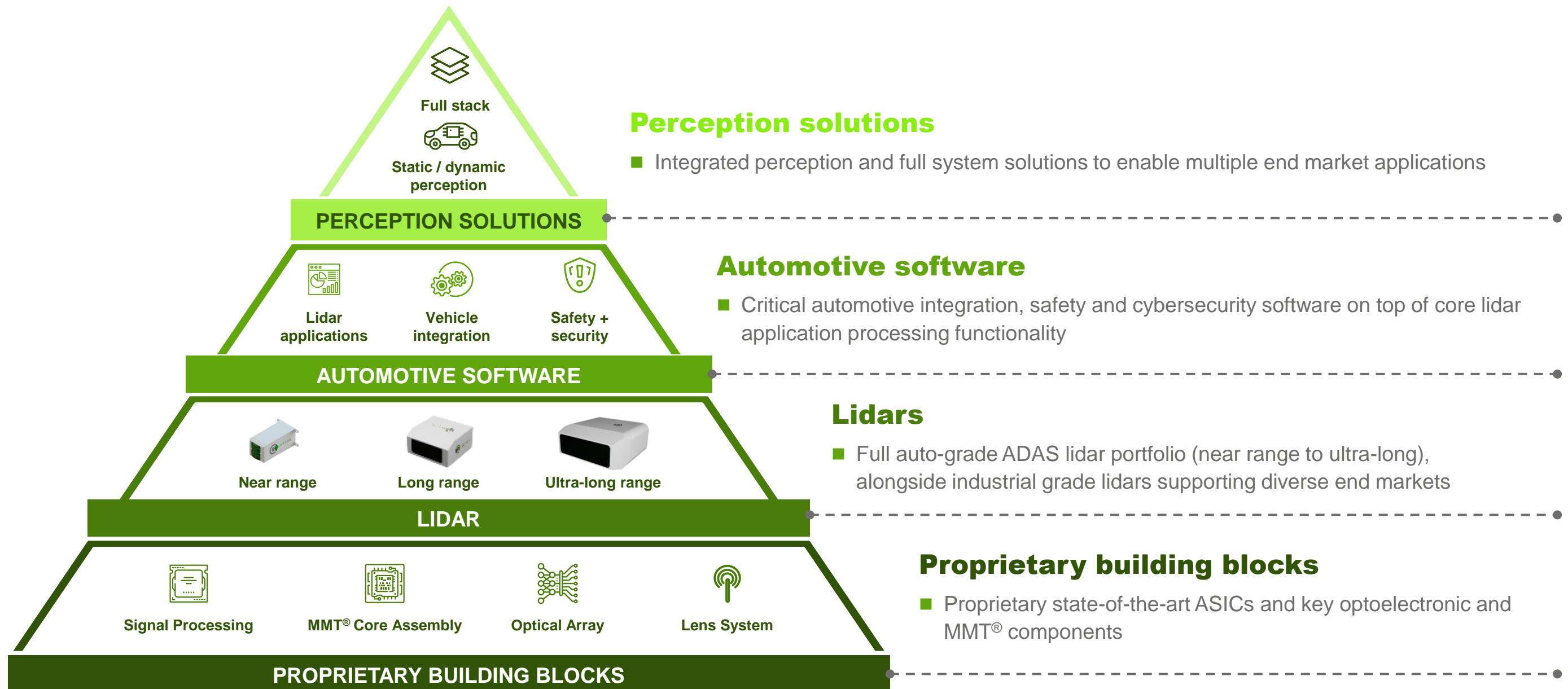
ADAS represents the largest lidar market opportunity

SIGNIFICANT TOTAL ADDRESSABLE MARKET OPPORTUNITY

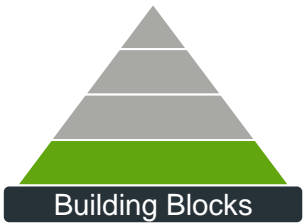


Cepton's end-to-end lidar solution platform

COMPREHENSIVE ADAS LIDAR SOLUTION PORTFOLIO ACROSS HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE



Cepton's superior lidar design choices



A BALANCED DESIGN APPROACH TO ACHIEVE A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCE TO PRICE RATIO

ILLUMINATION

What type of laser to use?

 **905 nm Wavelength; Edge Emitting**

Performance	✓ High brightness & efficiency with low power
Cost	✓ Already at \$1 per piece at high volume
Reliability	✓ Autograde silicon-based components

Competitors' choices

- 1550nm Fiber Laser** ✗ High cost & power, not auto-grade, high absorption by water
- ~15xx Tunable Laser** ✗ Reliability (unproven for automotive), high cost, complexity, water absorption
- ~850nm VCSEL** ✗ Low range / inadequate power

DETECTION

How to measure distance to objects?

 **Direct Time of Flight (TOF); Si APDs**

Performance	✓ Long range detection with Class 1 eye safety
Cost	✓ Low cost with advanced custom ASIC
Reliability	✓ Simple design with mature technology

Competitors' choices

- FMCW** ✗ High complexity, high cost, lower frame rates
- Histogram TOF** ✗ Higher noise, poor range, complexity
- InGaAs APD** ✗ High cost, not autograde
- SPAD / SiPM** ✗ Sun noise, range limitation, maturity

IMAGING

How to form 3D images?

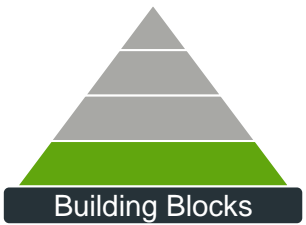
 **MMT®**

Performance	✓ High field of view, resolution and frame rate
Cost	✓ Low cost with a simple mirrorless design
Reliability	✓ Frictionless design using common materials

Competitors' choices

- Flash** ✗ Poor range, high power, limited field of view
- Sequential Flash** ✗ Weak range, field of view tradeoff
- Mechanical Rotation** ✗ High complexity/cost, low reliability
- MEMS / Galvo Mirror** ✗ Low reliability, high cost
- Other Mirror** ✗ Range/optical inefficiency, complexity

Breakthrough MMT[®] for lidar imaging



PATENT-PROTECTED, INNOVATIVE LIDAR TECHNOLOGY

IMAGING

MICRO MOTION TECHNOLOGY (MMT[®])

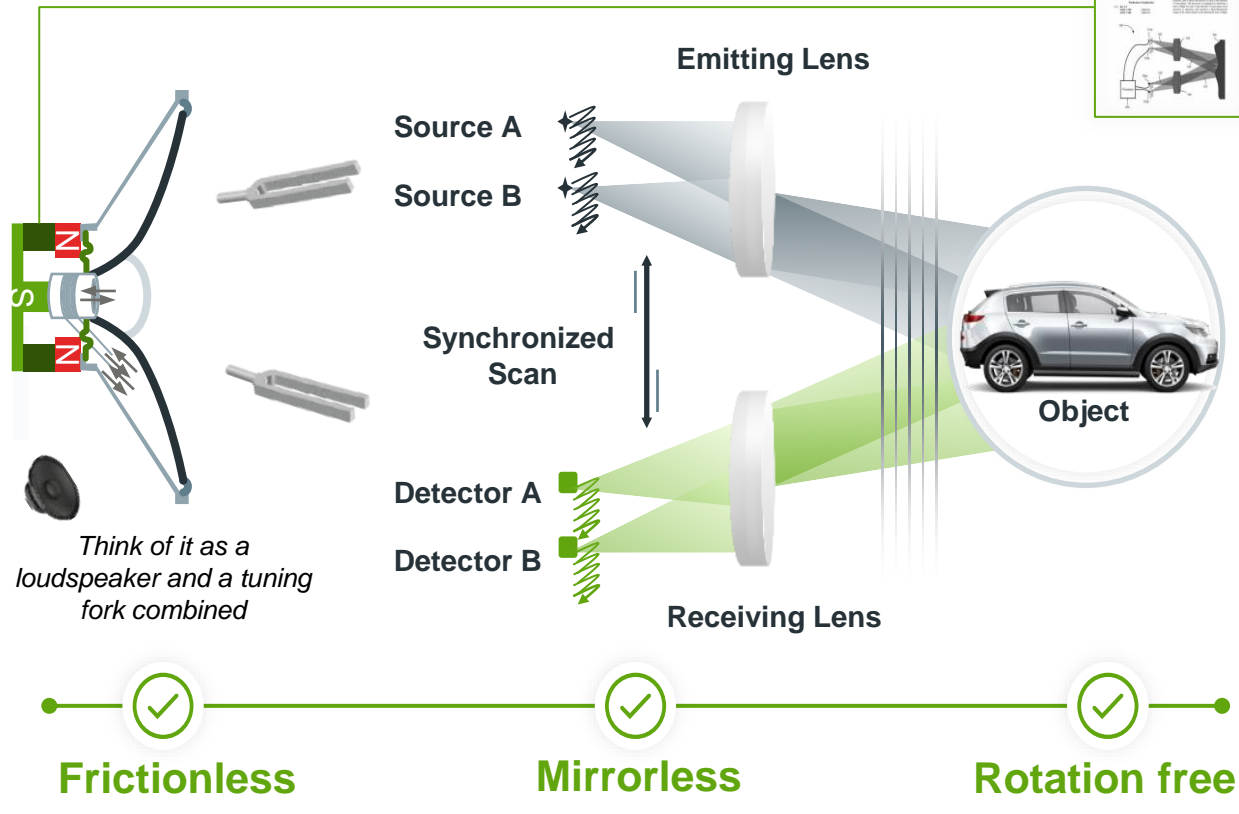
Scalable, licensable technology platform
Mirrorless, rotation-free, frictionless 3D imaging

Reliable	Durable, uses traditional / common materials
Versatile	Ability to achieve near- to ultra-long range and wide field of view
Innovative	Design simplicity combined with precision innovation Anchor patent covering all aspects
Efficient	Compact form factor, low power, inexpensive components
Scalable	Capability to scale-up to high manufacturing volumes

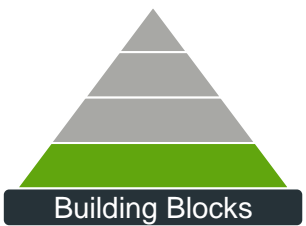
MMT[®] Design optimizes across key requirements

How does MMT[®] work?

PATENT-PROTECTED



Cepton's proprietary lidar engine ASIC



LIDAR FUNCTIONALITY EMBEDDED IN MINIATURE SYSTEM-ON-CHIP (SOC)

ILLUMINATION | DETECTION

SINGLE-CHIP LIDAR ENGINE ASIC

Feature-rich, powerful data processing SoC for lidar
Combines **illumination** control and **detection** functions

Reliable

Off-the-shelf, mature silicon process technology, manufactured by a top silicon foundry

Powerful

Lidar illumination control combined with sophisticated detection engine

Innovative

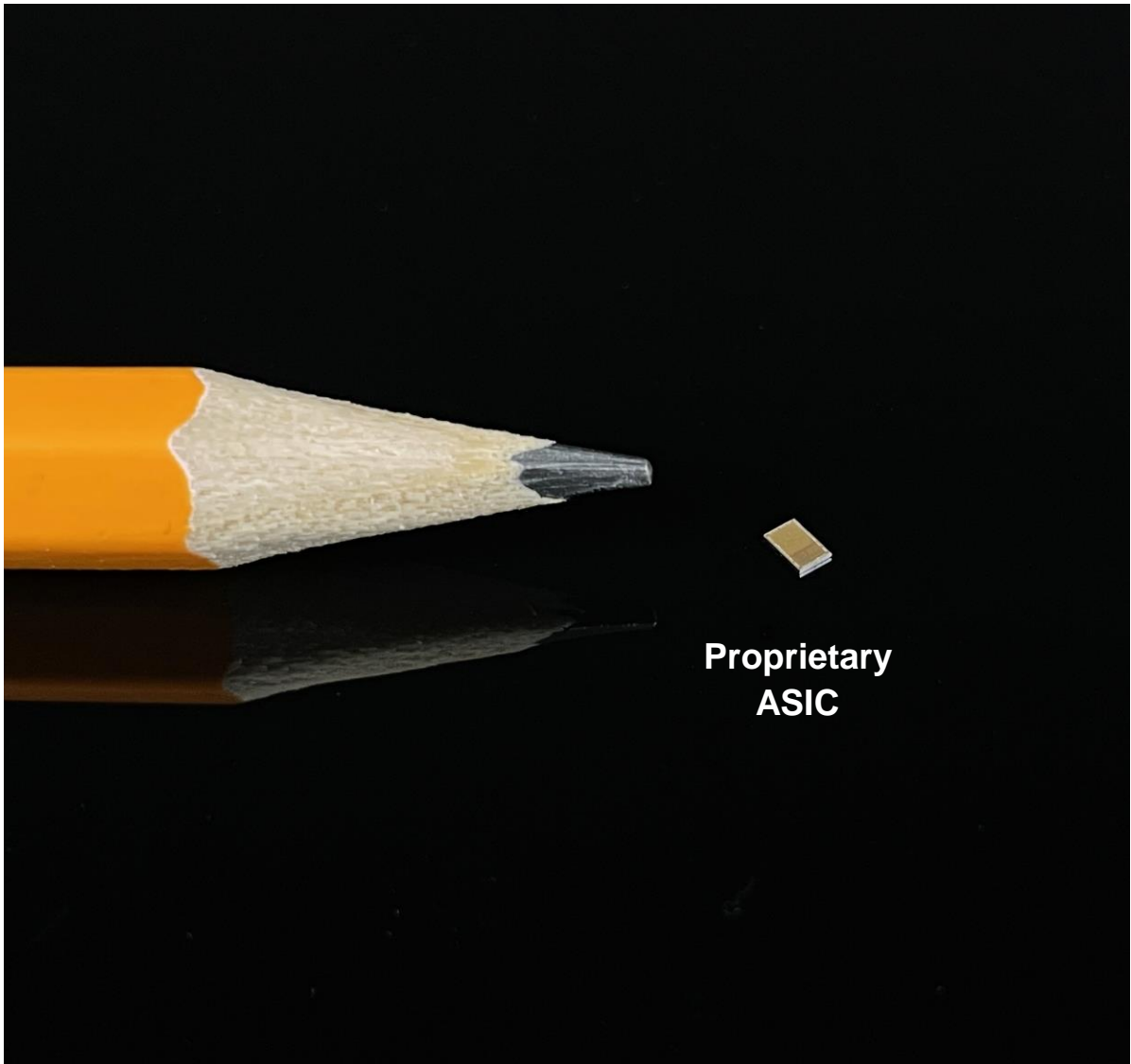
State-of-the-art signal processing maximizes range and minimizes noise

Inexpensive

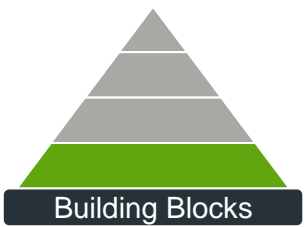
Low cost, low power design, seamlessly integrated into proprietary micro-optical array

Available

Already shipping in automotive B-sample lidars



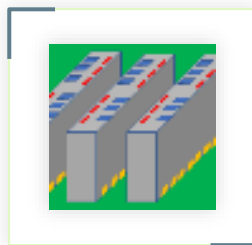
Designed from the ground up to support attractive pricing



OUR TECHNOLOGY, MATERIALS AND SUPPLY CHAIN ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE ADOPTION AT MASS SCALE

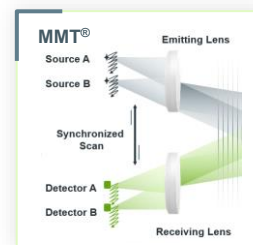
Optical Module

Off-the-shelf 905 nm lasers and silicon APDs (detectors), with CMs for micro-optical array manufacturing



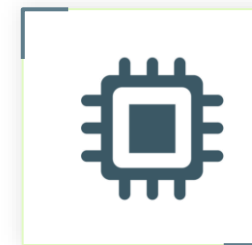
Scanning Mechanism

Unique, patented, low-cost MMT[®] made with mainstream materials



Integration

High performance lidar engine ASIC with low power, low cost, miniature footprint

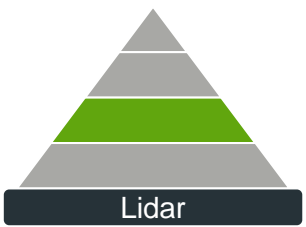


Supply Chain

Koito Tier 1 partnership + global CMs for high volume cost scale of key components



Cepton lidars: among smallest, most compact for ADAS



CEPTON LIDARS ARE IDEALLY SUITED FOR OEM IMPLEMENTATION AND INTEGRATION

Behind windshield



- Easier portability across platforms
- Existing cleaning mechanism
- Potential for integrated sensor farm
- Superior road vision

Headlamp *Kōtō*



- Compact design for easy placement
- Elegant, hidden integration
- Existing cleaning mechanism
- Dual sensor design for cut-in detection

Fascia



- Common placement area
- Minimal new real-estate needed
- Easily embeddable / non-intrusive
- Flexible placement for application



**Compact size adapted
for space constraints**



**Power
efficient**



**Mature and scalable design
for manufacturing**

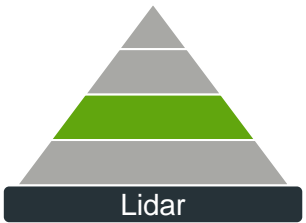
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Cepton's comprehensive ADAS lidar portfolio

MULTIPLE PRODUCTS SUPPORTING A VARIETY OF USE CASES

Automotive Smart infrastructure



Auto-Grade Lidar Sensors



Vista X

Range Up to 200m

Use Case ADAS L2+/L3
AV L4+
Smart Infrastructure

Price ⁽¹⁾ <\$500

Highlight High res + range
Compact
Low power, cost



Vista T

Range Up to 300m

Use Case ADAS L2+/L3
AV L4+

Price ⁽¹⁾ <\$500

Highlight High res + range
Embeddable
Low power, cost



Nova

Range Up to 30m

Use Case Automated park assist
ADAS L2+/L3, AV L4+
Smart Infrastructure

Price ⁽¹⁾ <\$100

Highlight Small wide field of view lidar
Easy to hide/embed
Ultra-low power, cost

Industrial Grade Lidar Sensors



Vista P / Sora P

Range Up to 200m

Use Case ADAS development platform
Low-speed AV L4+
Smart Infrastructure

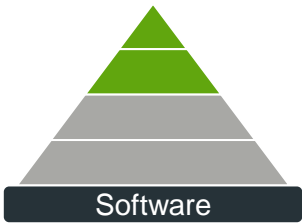
Price ¹ <\$1000

Highlight Good resolution/range
Compact, low power
Cost-effective

(1) Refers to high volume target price
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Advanced software for automotive integration and perception



SOFTWARE TO ENABLE SEAMLESS AUTOMOTIVE INTEGRATION AND LIDAR PERCEPTION TO SUPPORT OEM ADAS FEATURES

AUTOMOTIVE SOFTWARE



Seamless vehicle integration for ADAS series production



- AUTOSAR implementation
- Extrinsic / dynamic calibration

OEM safety and security standards compliance



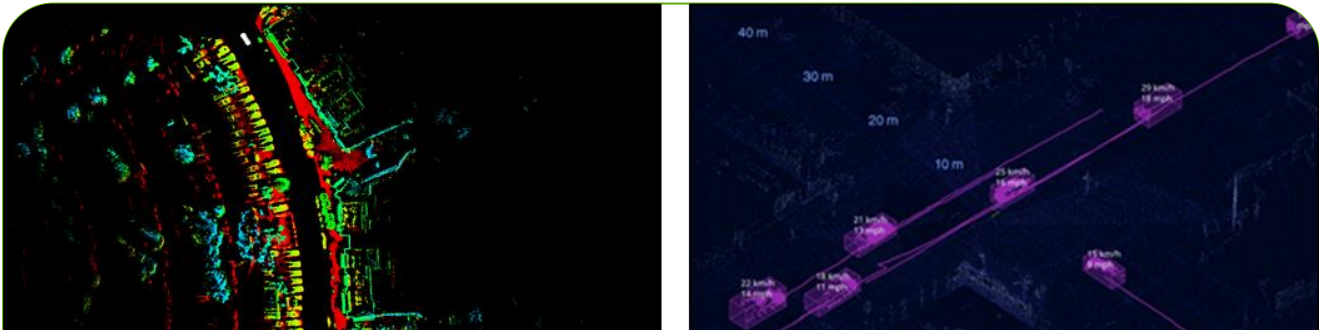
- ISO26262 / ASIL-B func safety
- Cybersecurity

Support for OEM OTA subscription models



- Diagnostics
- Over-The-Air update support

LIDAR PERCEPTION SOFTWARE



Feature-rich hardware accelerated perception



- Object detection + classification
- Object velocity + tracking

Scalable platform for T1/OEM feature integration



- Lane mark & ground extraction
- Free space/curb detection & more

Flexible engagement model



- Flexible development and licensing model for Tier 1/OEM engagements

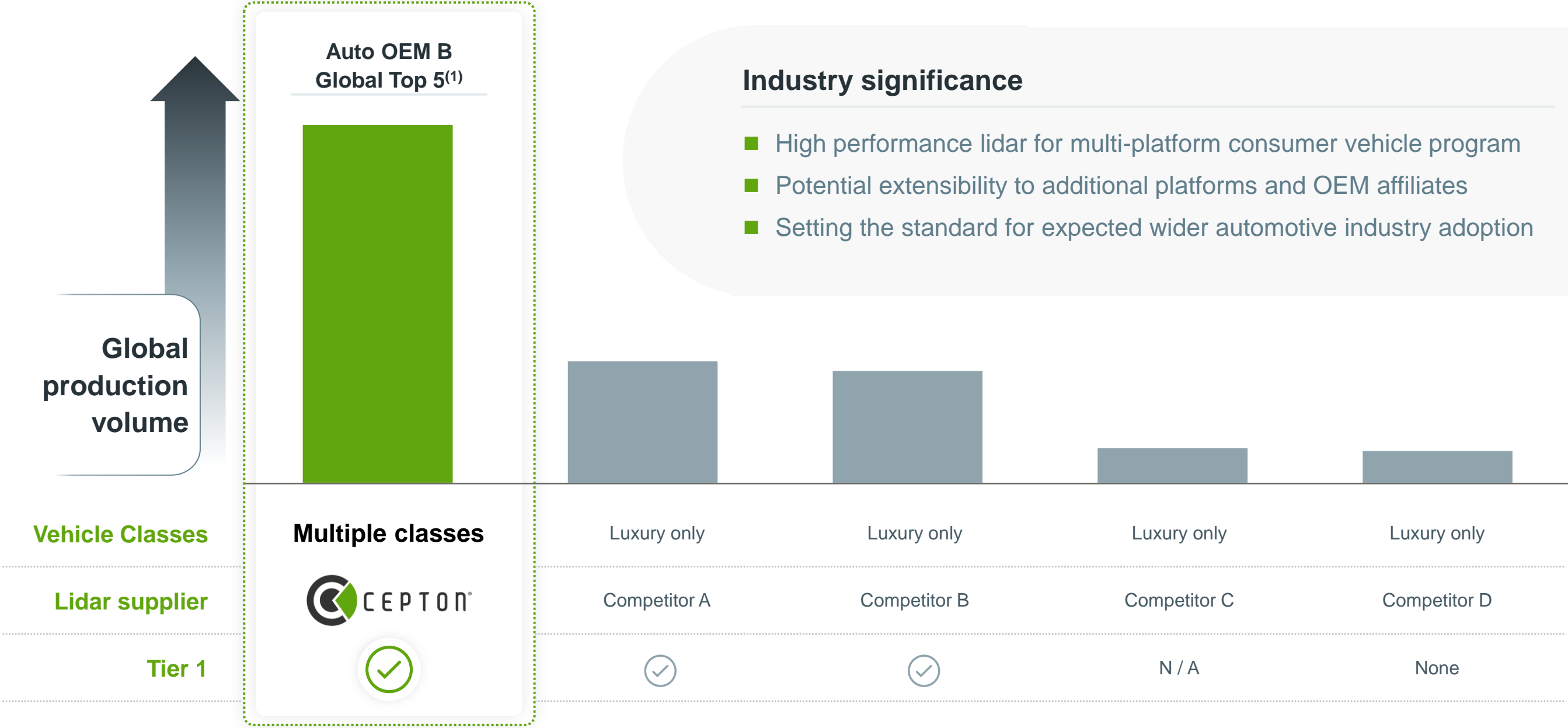
Leverages experience in Smart Infra markets



- Productization proof points in Smart Cities & Smart Spaces

Most significant L2+ ADAS lidar series production win in industry

SIGNIFICANT ANTICIPATED GLOBAL SALES VOLUME AND GOOD AFFILIATE OPPORTUNITIES



“Auto OEM B” ADAS lidar series production win overview

EXPECTED DEPLOYMENT ON MULTIPLE VEHICLE MODELS ASSOCIATED WITH 3 MAJOR VEHICLE PLATFORMS



Secular tailwinds could drive further growth in lidar attach rates

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Growing customer expectations for built-in advanced safety features
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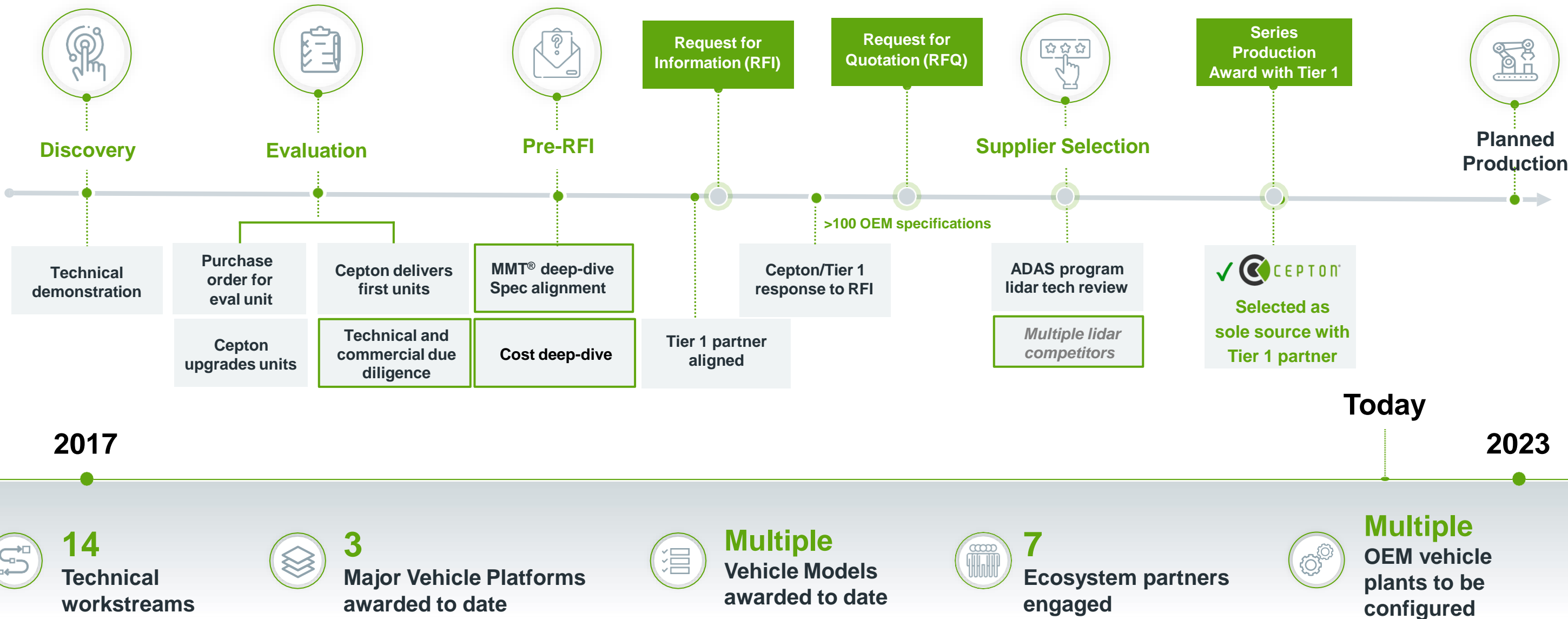
Attractive price points for ADAS and anticipated transition to feature subscription models
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Expected acceleration of EV transition enables hardware upgrades for L2+ ADAS lidar

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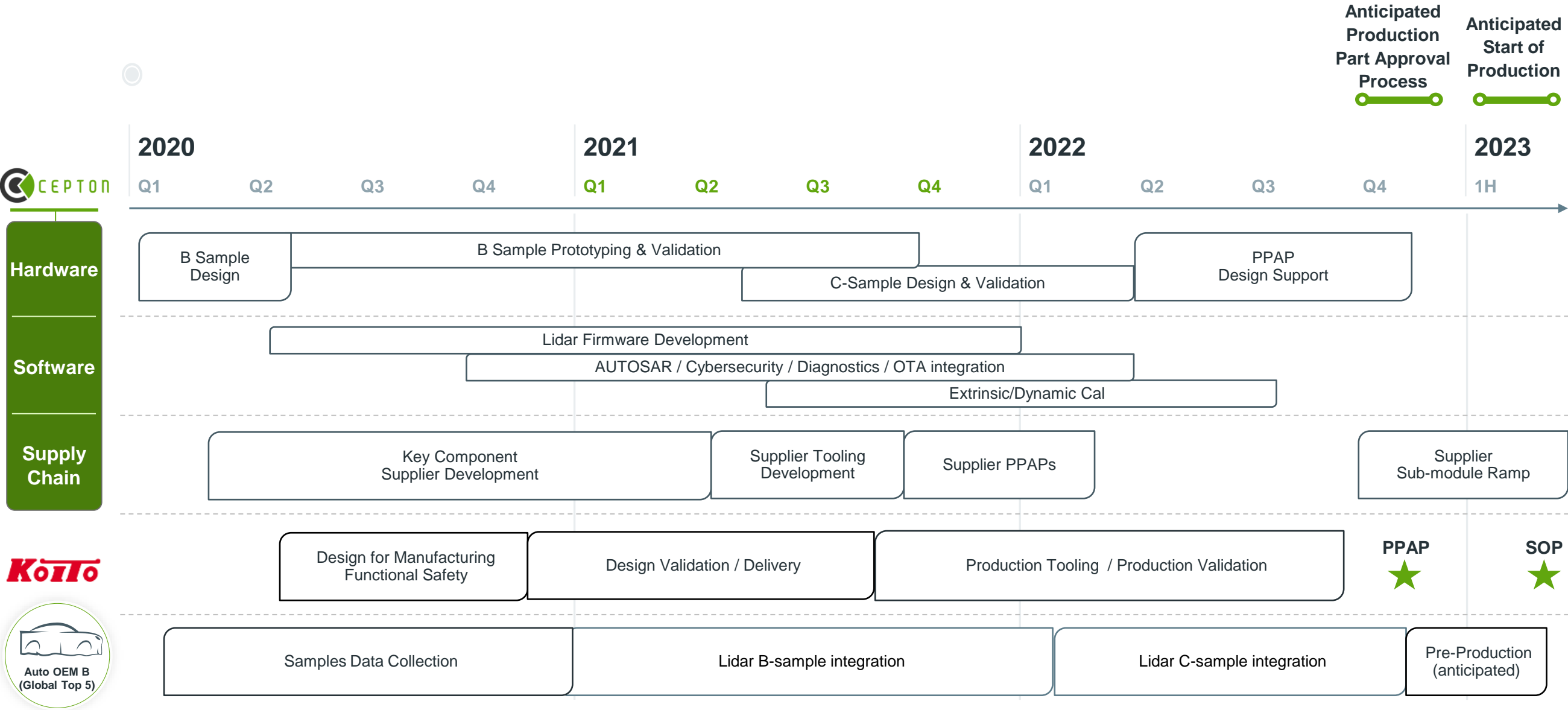
The journey to the ADAS series production win with Auto OEM B

STRONG AND ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP WITH OEM B FOLLOWING 3+ YEARS OF RIGOROUS ENGAGEMENT



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Vista anticipated series production target timeline at Auto OEM B



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Multi-platform win results in barriers to entry and flywheel effects

LONG DESIGN TIMELINE AND SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT



OEM B production win positions Cepton for potential affiliate and new OEM programs

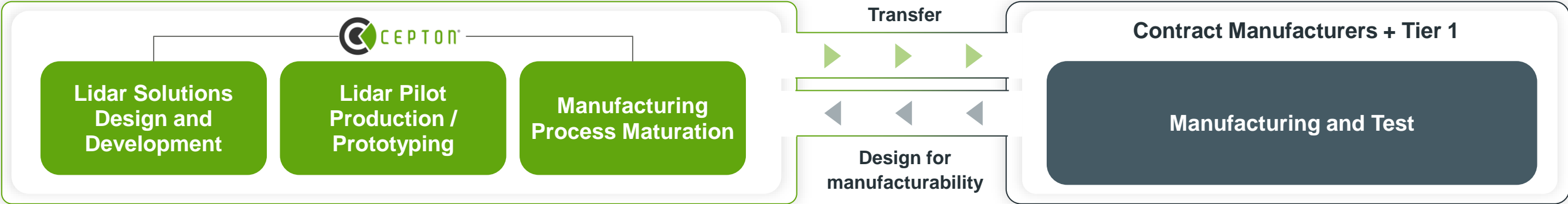
Cepton engagement model

DEEP, DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS WITH OEMS



Efficient mass production plan

CAPITAL-EFFICIENT INDUSTRIALIZATION PROCESS LEVERAGES EXTERNAL EXPERTISE AND INTERNAL INNOVATION



Internal Expertise



New product development and quick-turn design iterations



Design, development and testing of ASICs



Advanced lidar testing and validation



Prototyping and low volume manufacturing

Leverage External Expertise



Next-gen emitter/detector development



Customized lens module manufacturing



Key MMT® components



Lidar qualification and manufacturing



Internal new product prototyping



New technology innovation with strategic partners



Mass manufacturing with global certified manufacturers and Tier 1s

Why Cepton is winning

COMBINATION OF MARKET FOCUS, CUSTOMER TRACTION, AFFORDABLE PRICING AND SCALABLE MANUFACTURING

Key Criterion	Factors to consider		Competitor 1	Competitor 2	Competitor 3	Competitor 4	Competitor 5	Competitor 6	Competitor 7	Competitor 8
ADAS market focus	Product primary focus on ADAS lidar market									
Performance for L2+ ADAS	Long range, high resolution and wide field of view					N/A				
Significant ADAS L2+ OEM series production win	Expected deployment in a significant number of vehicle models with a global top 15 OEM									
Path to aggressive cost at scaled volume	Ability to achieve low enough cost point for mass market vehicle volumes									
Manufacturable in high volume	Technology capable of autograde reliability and mass market volume; Tier 1 partner for ADAS									

Third party validation: Cepton is the *only* lidar provider that fulfills *all* ADAS OEM requirements

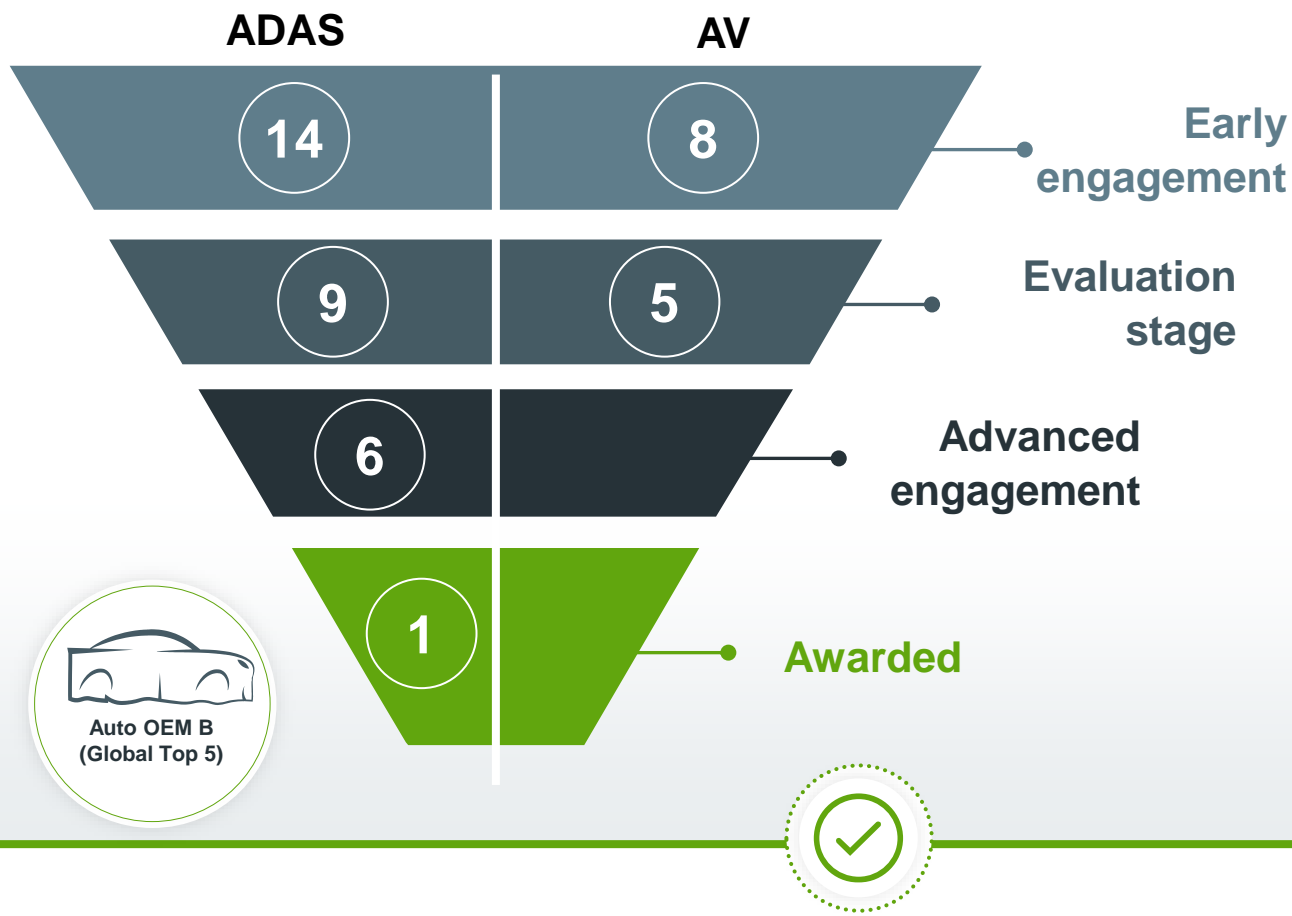
		Legend: Fulfills all OEM requirements Missing 1-2 OEM requirements Missing several OEM requirements No product offering						
CEPTON		Competitor 1	Competitor 2	Competitor 3	Competitor 4	Competitor 5	Competitor 6	Competitor 7
Strengths and opportunities for improvement	Resolution, range, automotive grade, pricing ⊕	Pricing, running production ⊕	Broad product portfolio ⊕	Automotive certifications ⊕	Resolution, range, less interference ⊕	Range, software development team ⊕	Automotive grade (for long range lidar) ⊕	Automotive grade, experienced team ⊕
	Still less well known ⊖	Resolution, range ⊖	Automotive grade, resolution (long range lidar) ⊖	Range, temperature ⊖	Power consumption, pricing ⊖	Size, power consumption, pricing ⊖	Lack of partnerships, first sample in 2022 ⊖	Tradeoff between field-of-view and range ⊖
Auto Products								
ADAS/L3	Vista X90/120 ■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	Vista T45 ■							
AV mobility	Vista X90/120 ■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	Vista T45 ■		■					
Short-range	Nova ■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
OEM series production wins/partner-ships	ADAS/L3 ✓	✓		✓		✓		✓
Tier 1 manufacturing partner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓

Source: Leading third party consulting firm; analysis conducted through expert interviews, product data sheets, investor presentations, supplier websites, press releases and market reports; study commissioned by Cepton



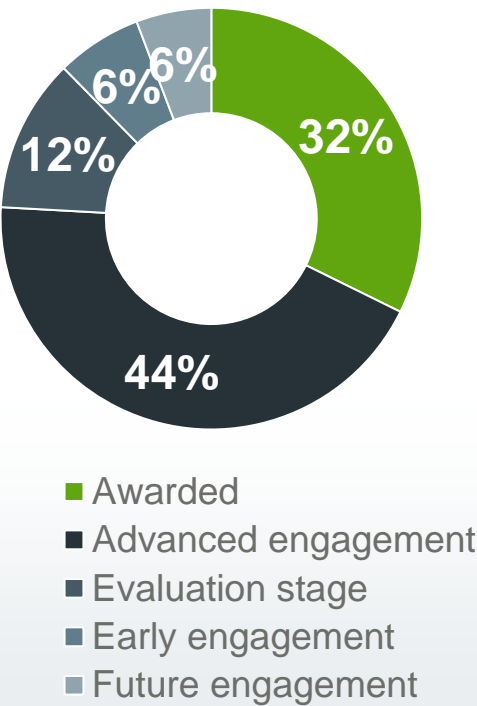
Large and diverse auto partner pipeline

ENGAGEMENT PIPELINE SUPPORTS REVENUE VISIBILITY



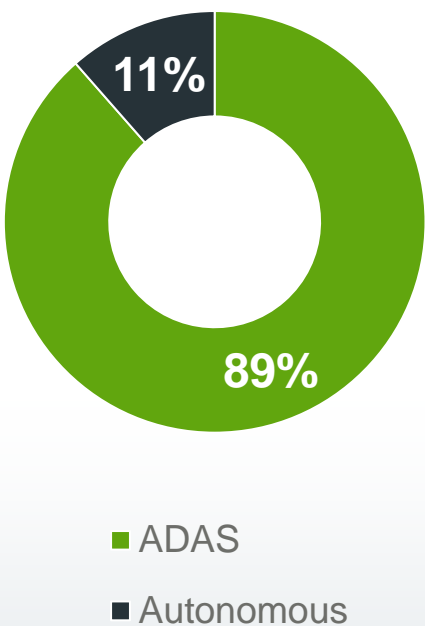
Ongoing engagements with **10/10** top OEMs

2026E revenue mix by current engagement stage



8 Tier 1 engagements on proof of concept (“POC”) or OEM programs

2026E revenue mix by projected segment











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Target markets in smart infrastructure

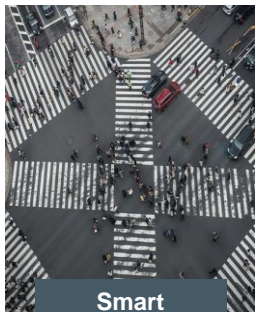
USE CASES AND KEY APPLICATIONS

Smart Cities			Smart Spaces			Smart Industrials	
Roads	Tolling	Rail	Crowd Analytics	Security	Safety	Industrial	AGV
							
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Cepton has established a strong pipeline in Smart Infrastructure

GROWING NUMBER OF SYSTEM INTEGRATOR (SI) AND OEM PARTNERSHIPS

Smart Cities



Smart roads



Smart tolling



Smart rail

Smart Spaces



Crowd analytics

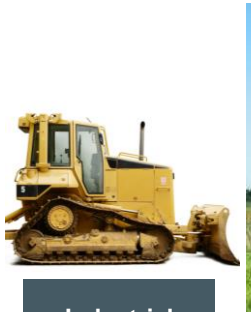


Security



Safety

Smart Industrials



Industrial



AGV

Cepton Wins and Partner Engagements



- Road/rail engagements with 6+ OEMs
- Strong worldwide SI partnerships – 8 and growing
- Major Japan Tier 1 partner

Go-to-market Strategy



- System Integrator (SI) partnerships
- Direct OEM engagements

Cepton Solutions



100-200m range, Hi-Res, MMT® lidar + perception solutions at affordable price points



Vista-X



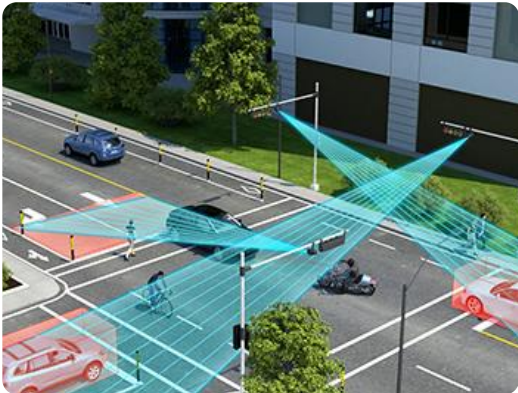
Vista-P
Sora-P

A leader in Smart Infrastructure

CEPTON IS A TOP DEPLOYER OF DIRECTIONAL LIDAR SOLUTIONS TO THE SMART INFRASTRUCTURE SPACE

Smart Cities

Major OEM



Major System Integrator



- Engaged for 2.5 years
- Feeder program for Smart Cities
- 8+ sites deployed

- Won major highway project
- Engaged for 1.5 years
- 3 active projects
- Discussing expanded partnership

Smart Spaces

Major System Integrator



- Long term contract in progress
- Engaged for 2+ years
- 5+ sites deployed

- Deployed at Orlando Intl Airport, pilots at Big Box retail, stadiums
- Engaged for ~1.5 years
- 5+ sites deployed

Investment highlights

1

Highly competitive price-for-performance lidar solutions, based on patented MMT®

- » Patented design built from the ground up for commercialization at scale
- » Architecture that enables price points supporting mass market adoption

2

Awarded industry's largest automotive OEM program

- » Largest global ADAS lidar program with anticipated start of production in 2023
- » Award designation positions Cepton as a potential market leader

3

Partnership with Koito, world's #1 Tier 1 auto lighting supplier⁽¹⁾

- » Accelerates product development and enables economies of scale
- » Accelerates OEM series programs with top OEMs

4

Anticipated rapid scaling with high potential revenue visibility

- » High visibility potential revenue expected to constitute ~64% of 2026E revenue, supported by 160+ pipeline opportunities
- » Diverse profile with total TAM ~\$60bn, smart infrastructure business scaling ahead of auto

5

Compelling financial profile

- » Anticipated high growth at scale and attractive targeted profitability with target EBITDA margin 40%+
- » Capital efficient model leveraging Tier 1 and SI relationships, and contract manufacturing

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Founder-led, industry pioneer team

- » Proven experience and track record in advanced lidar and imaging technology
- » Robust technology & product roadmap to rapidly move down cost curve



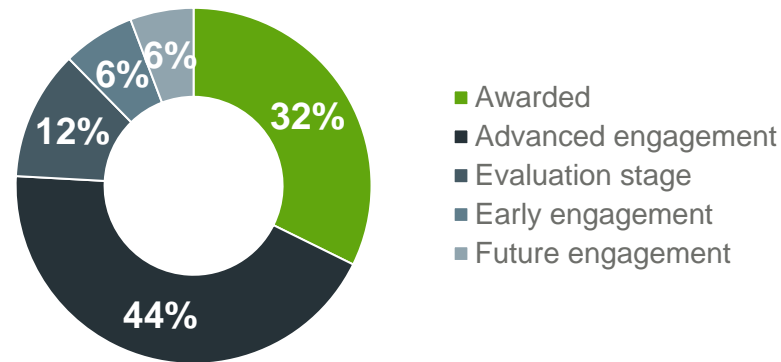
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Financial overview



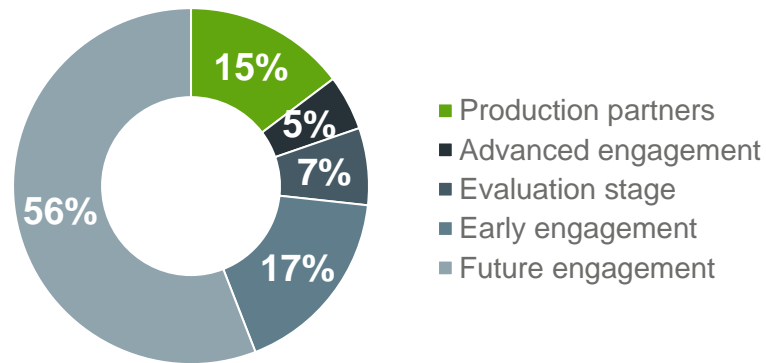
High visibility, diversified revenue plan

2026E Auto expected revenue mix by engagement stage



Expected Revenue: \$965 m
Pipeline today: 43 pipeline engagements

2026E Smart Infrastructure expected revenue mix by engagement stage

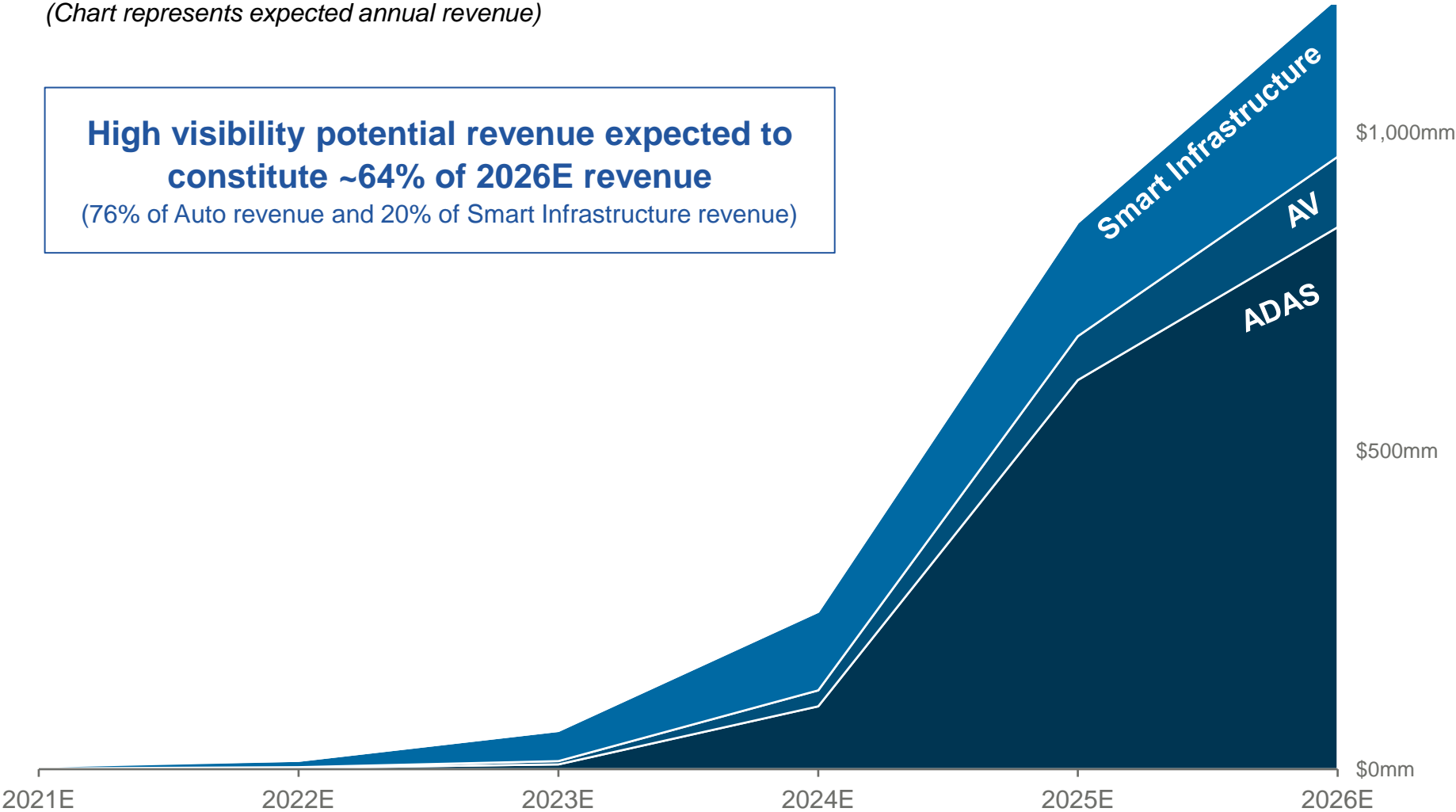


Expected Revenue: \$250 m
Pipeline today: 126 pipeline engagements

Expected Revenue of **\$860mm+** by 2025, **\$1.2bn+** by 2026

(Chart represents expected annual revenue)

High visibility potential revenue expected to constitute ~64% of 2026E revenue
(76% of Auto revenue and 20% of Smart Infrastructure revenue)

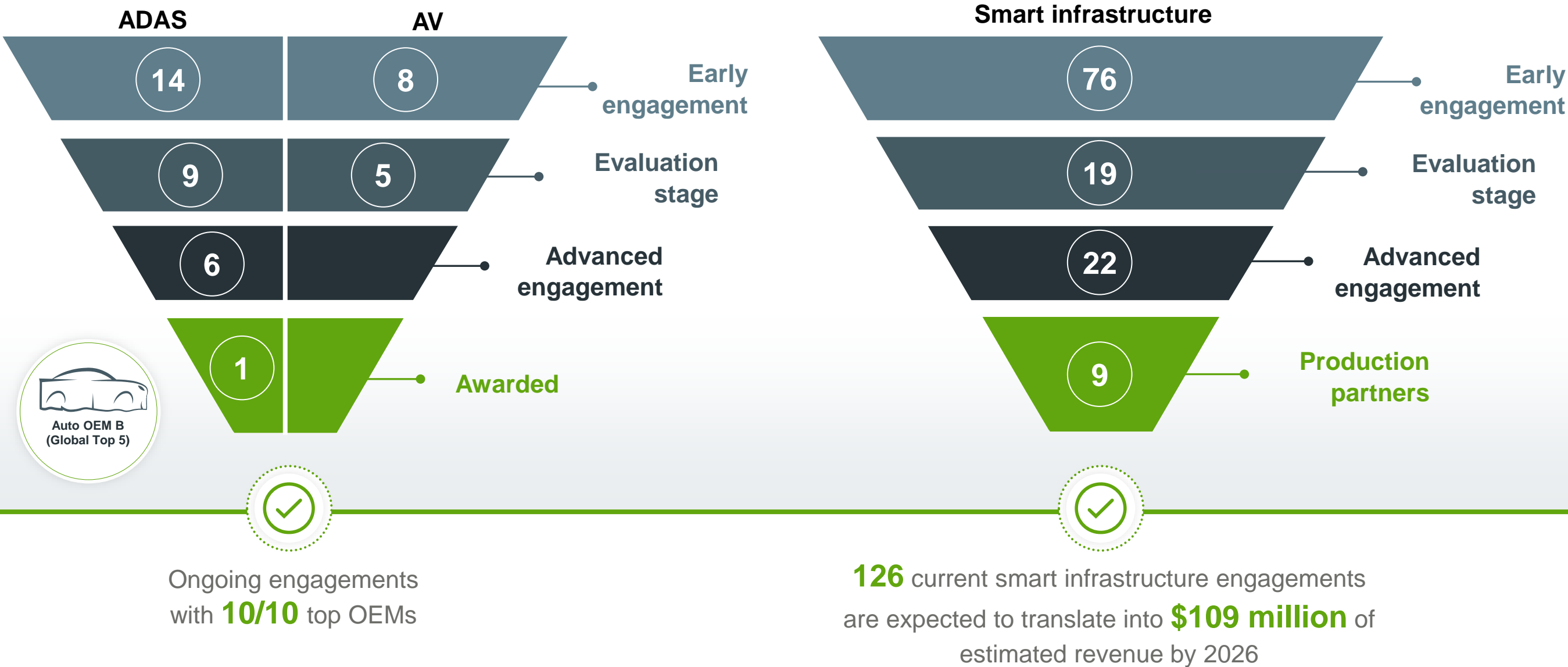


Note:

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Engagement pipeline supports our revenue visibility

LARGE AND DIVERSE PARTNER PIPELINE

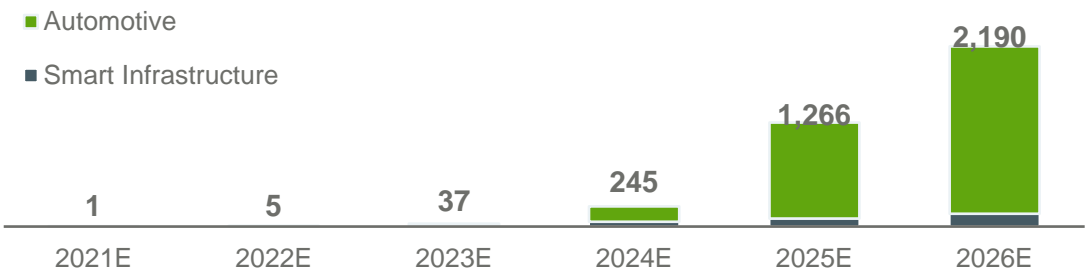


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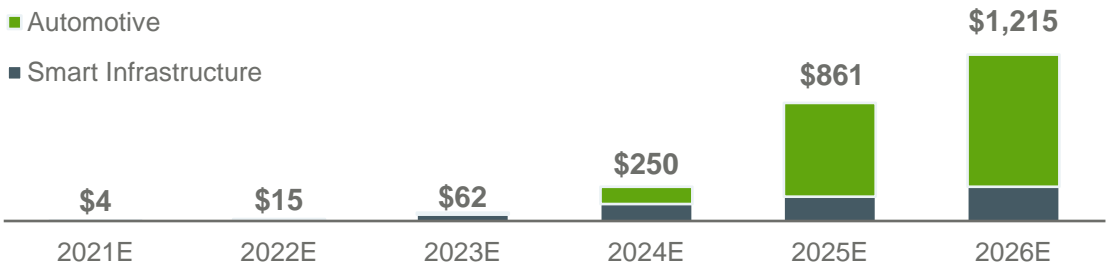
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Expected high growth at scale

Sensor unit sales (000s)

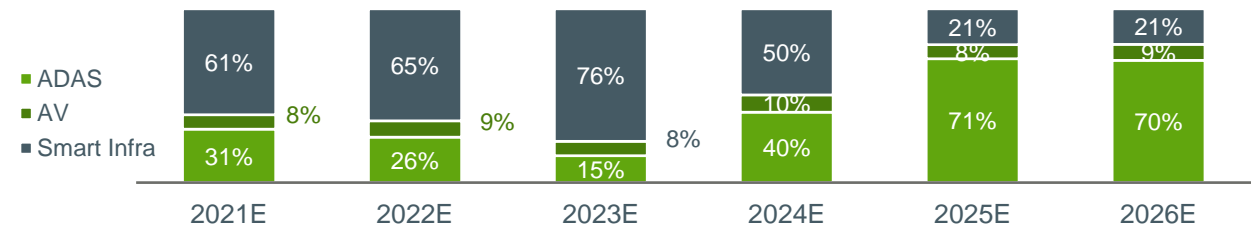


Revenue (\$mm)



Weighted ASP (\$)	~\$3,900	~\$2,700	~\$1,700	~\$1,000	~\$700	~\$550
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Revenue mix by market



Commentary

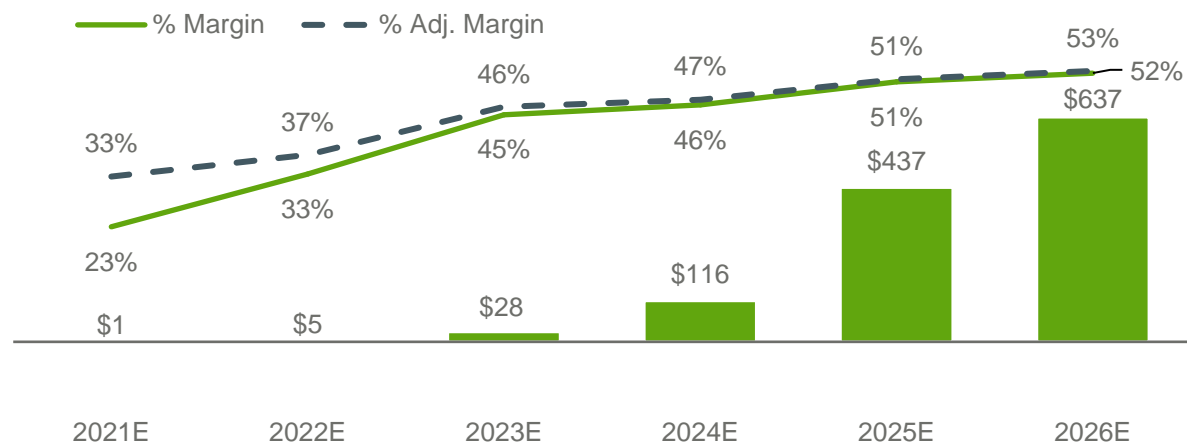
- Cepton offers lidar and perception solutions across multiple segments
 - Automotive OEM mass market (L2+) - key focus area
 - Automotive AV (L4-L5) - adjacency
 - Smart infrastructure - smart cities, smart spaces and smart industrials
- Expected revenue ramp in 2024+ primarily driven by scaling of automotive series production programs
 - ADAS revenue ramp from OEM programs expected to represent approximately 70% of total revenue by 2026
 - Ongoing engagement with top tier OEMs and EV OEMs
- Smart infrastructure expected to generate significant revenue ahead of OEM production scaling in 2024
 - Represents majority of estimated revenue through 2023
 - Over 120+ smart infrastructure opportunities in pipeline
- High visibility potential revenue expected to constitute ~64% of 2026E revenue (76% of auto revenue and 20% of smart infrastructure revenue)

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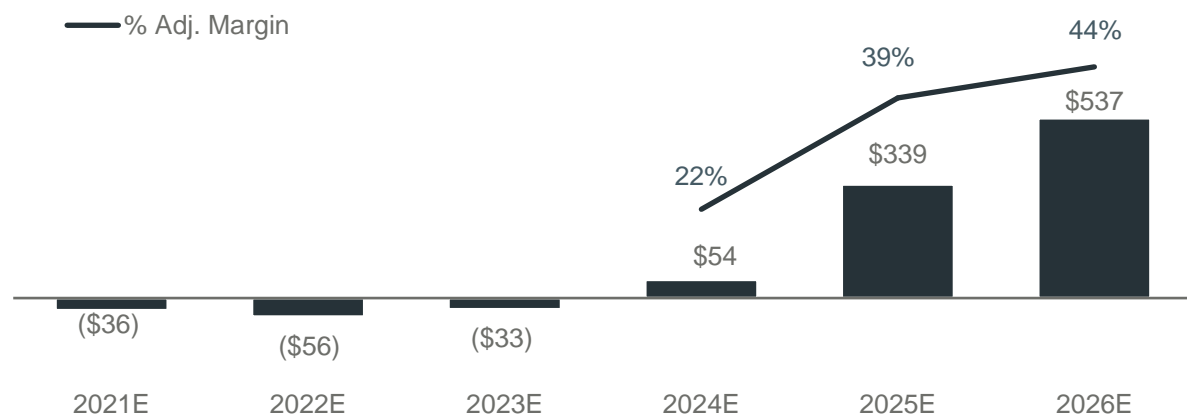


Attractive margin profile and profitability

Gross profit (\$mm)



Adj. EBITDA (\$mm)

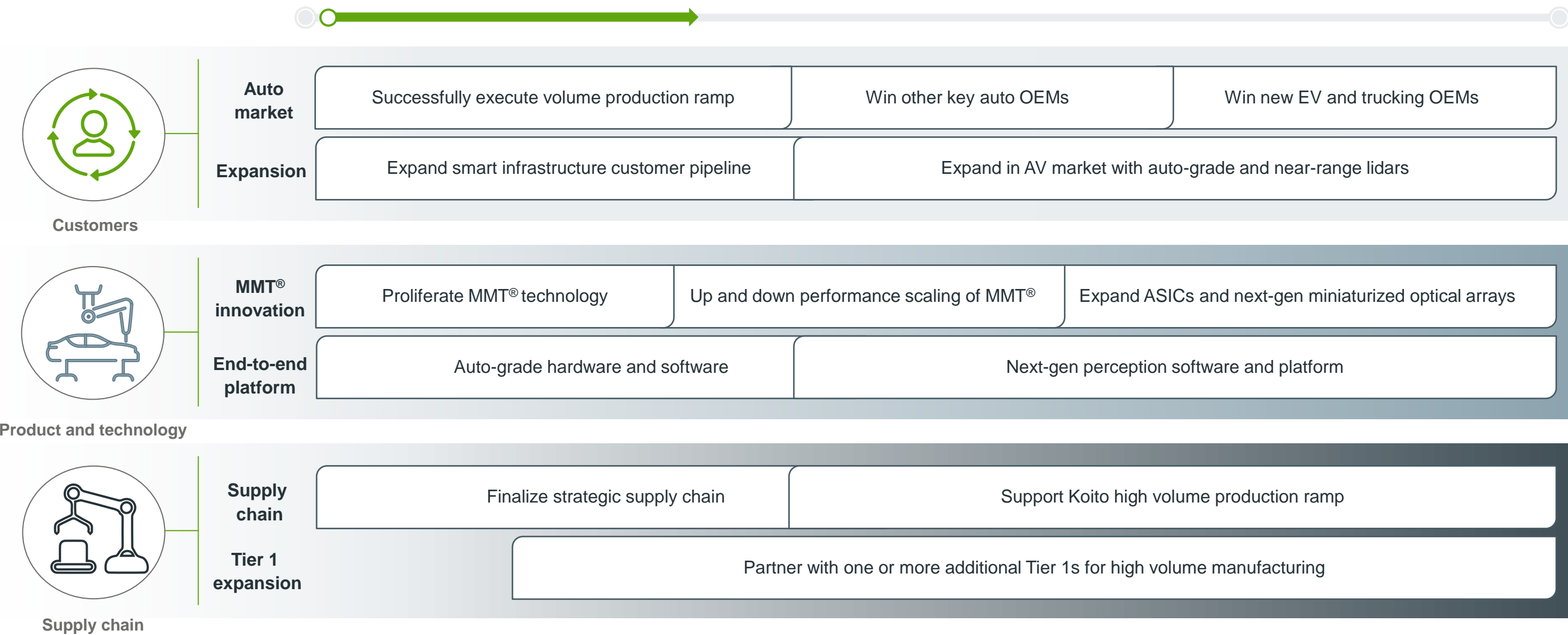


Commentary

- Structurally profitable, capital efficient business model
 - Mass-market OEM ADAS volumes enable economies of scale
 - MMT®, design choice, supply chain and manufacturing strategy drives best in class combination of performance, reliability and low cost
- Product adj. gross margin 30%+ 2021E, target 50%+ over time
 - Use of off the shelf, traditional materials and integration of key functions into inexpensive custom ASICs
 - Processes designed for volume manufacturing
 - Ability to sustain low ASPs maintaining attractive profitability
- Significant operating leverage and low capex requirements
 - Operating leverage from SG&A and R&D
 - Limited capex with Tier 1 relationship and CM production at scale
 - Tier 1 partnership: integration, qualification, certification and distribution
- Expect to achieve free cash flow breakeven by FY2024
- Long-term target: 40%+ adj. EBITDA margin

Use of proceeds

TO ACCELERATE CUSTOMER ACQUISITION, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MATURATION





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Transaction overview

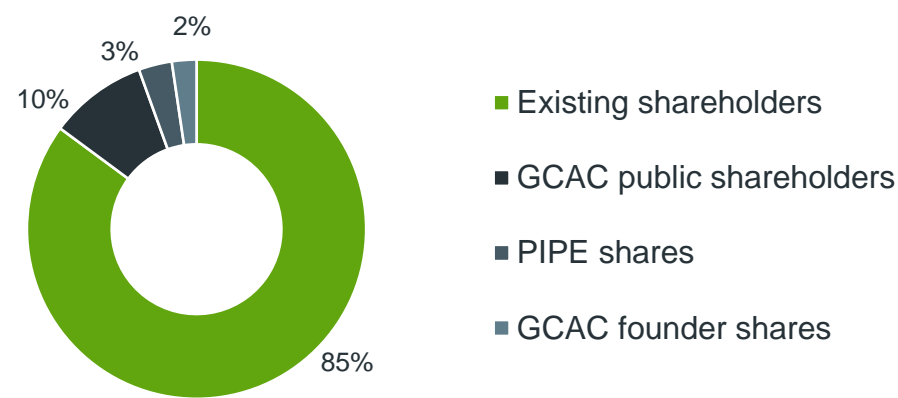


Transaction summary

Pro forma valuation (mm, except per share data)⁽¹⁾

Share price	\$10.00	
Pro forma shares outstanding	177.4	
Pro forma equity value	\$1,774	
Less: Cash	(\$225) ⁽²⁾	
Pro forma firm value	\$1,549	
Transaction multiples	Metric	x
FV / 2025E revenue	\$861	1.8x
FV / 2025E Adj. EBITDA	\$339	4.6x

Pro forma ownership at close



Illustrative sources (\$mm)

Sources of consideration	
Rollover equity	\$1,500.0
SPAC equity	\$172.5
PIPE	\$58.5
Total sources	\$1,731.0

Illustrative uses (\$mm)

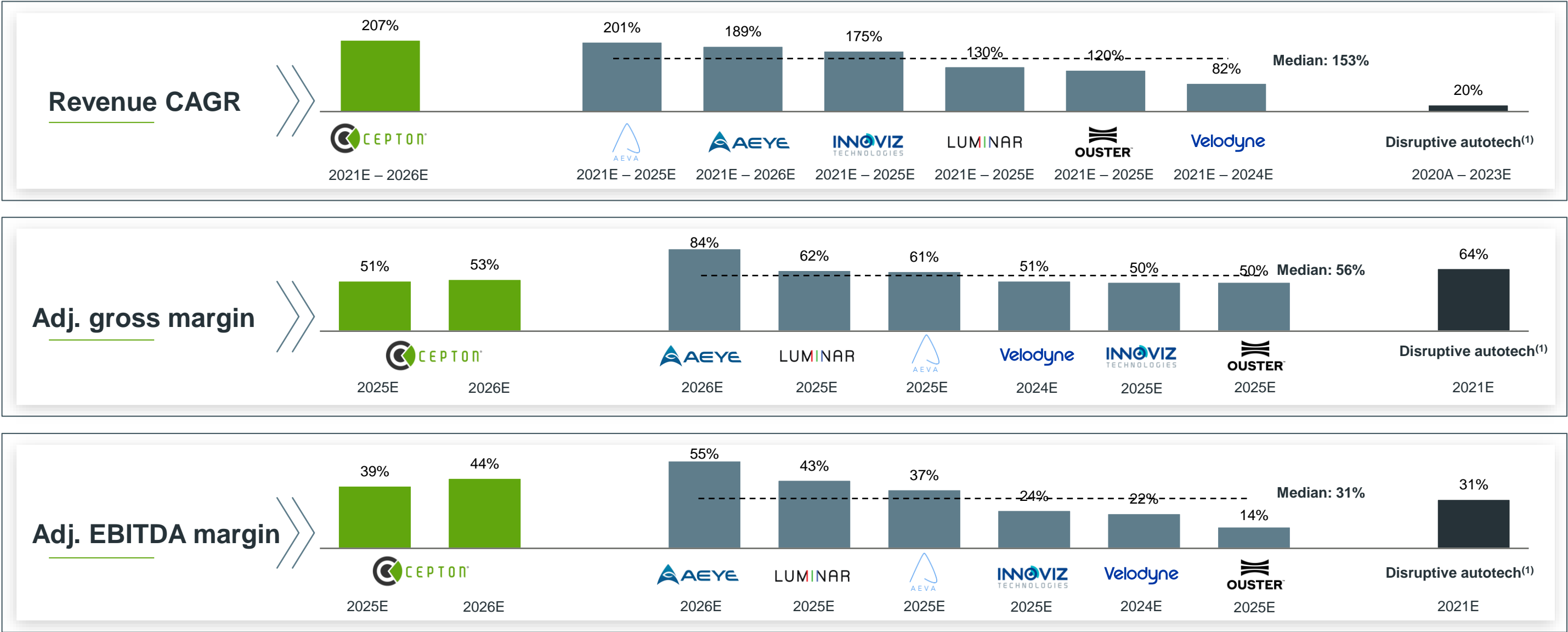
Uses of consideration	
Stock consideration	\$1,500.0
Cash consideration	--
Cash to balance sheet	\$191.0
Transaction costs	\$40.0
Total uses	\$1,731.0

Note: Assumes no redemptions from cash in trust account and assumes new shares issued at a price of \$10.00. Pro forma share count includes ~150mm for existing shareholders, ~17mm for GCAC public shareholders, ~6mm for PIPE shares and ~4mm GCAC founder shares. Adj. EBITDA is not a GAAP measure, see appendix for reconciliations

(1) Values shown assuming \$10.00 per GCAC share for illustrative purposes; pro forma valuation excludes the impact of warrants, unvested sponsorship shares and earnout shares

(2) Includes Cepton's net cash position of \$34mm as of March 31, 2021

Operational benchmarking



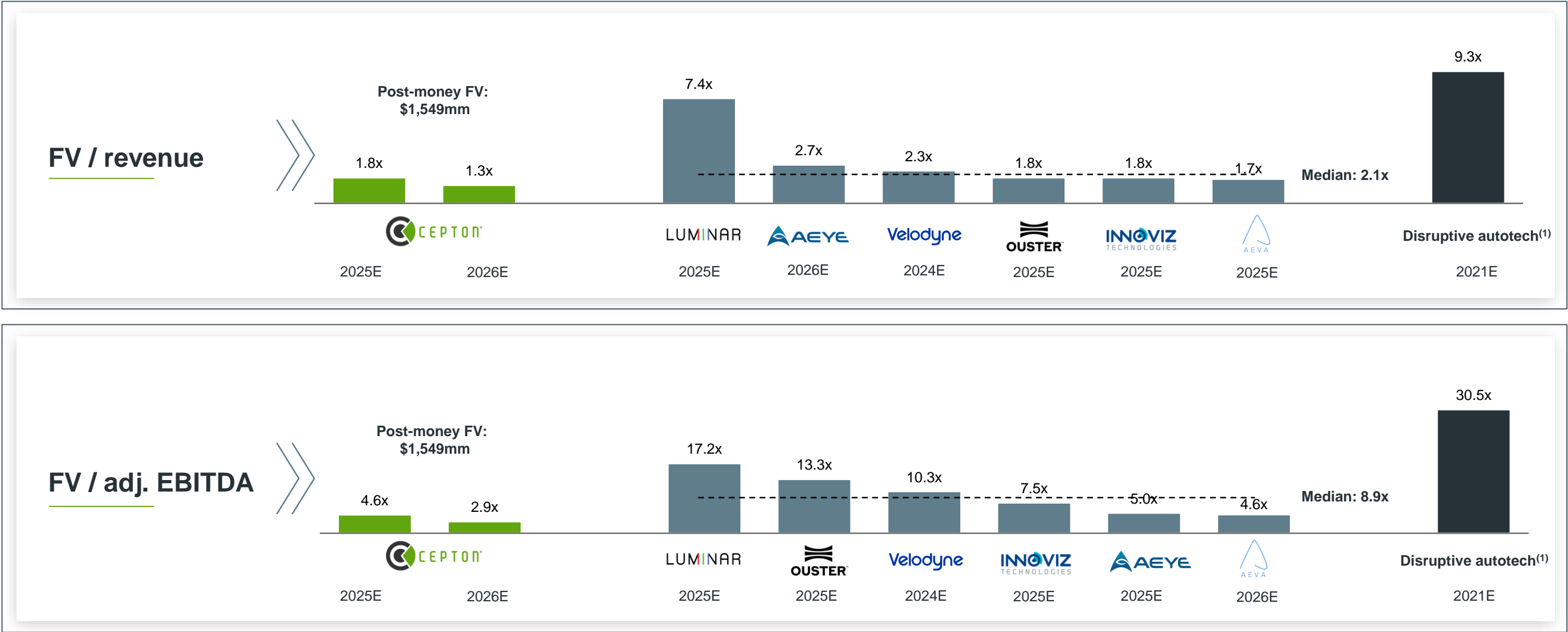
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Valuation benchmarking



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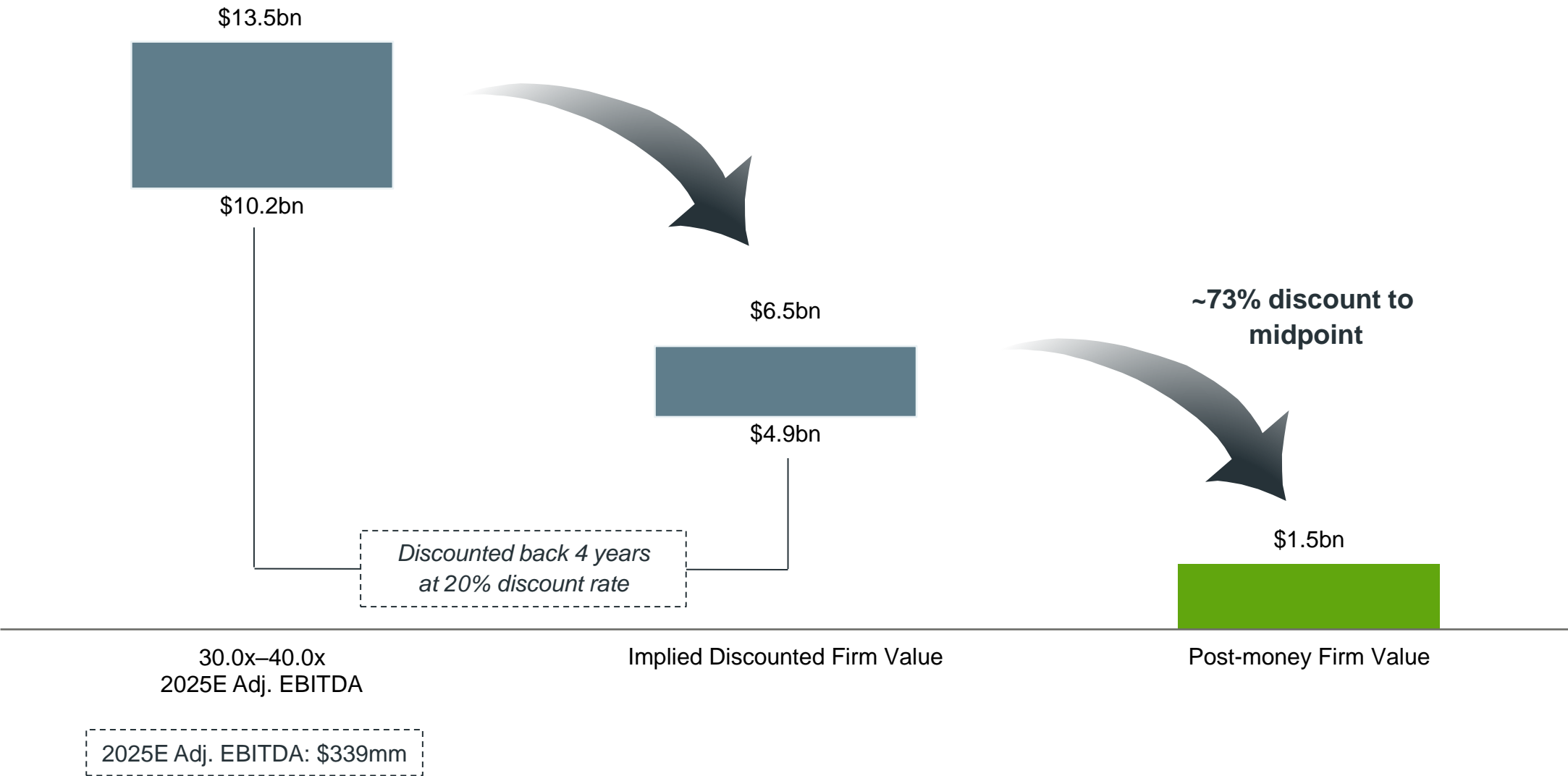
Transaction represents attractive discount

Comparable valuation sensitivity analysis

Estimated transaction value

Summary approach

- Applies a range of multiples to Cepton's 2025E adj. EBITDA (\$339mm) to arrive at an implied future firm value
- The future firm value is discounted back at 20% to arrive at an implied discounted firm value





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Appendix



Non-GAAP financial measures reconciliation

FYE December 31	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
(\$ in thousands)						
GAAP Gross Profit	1,046	4,997	27,732	115,913	437,363	637,143
(+) Factory overhead	425	539	933	2,495	4,305	4,859
Adj. Gross Profit	1,471	5,535	28,664	118,408	441,667	642,002
<i>Adj. Gross Profit Margin (%)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>53%</i>
GAAP Operating Income	(39,301)	(60,126)	(38,416)	46,340	326,491	519,920
(+) Depreciation & Amortization	262	335	373	1,526	3,838	6,679
(+) Stock Based Compensation	3,291	4,155	5,246	6,623	8,361	10,556
Adj. EBITDA	(35,748)	(55,635)	(32,797)	54,489	338,690	537,155
<i>Adj. EBITDA Margin (%)</i>	<i>nm</i>	<i>nm</i>	<i>(53%)</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>44%</i>
Cash Flow From Operations	(34,857)	(52,447)	(44,906)	12,314	144,430	405,679
(+) Capital Expenditures	(5,736)	(7,581)	(4,119)	(11,090)	(16,400)	(16,800)
Free cash flow	(40,593)	(60,028)	(49,025)	1,223	128,030	388,879
<i>Free Cash Flow Margin (%)</i>	<i>nm</i>	<i>nm</i>	<i>(79%)</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>32%</i>

Material contract summary

Arrangement with Koito

As of January 2020, Cepton was chosen by Koito Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (“Koito”) to supply Koito with ADAS lidar technology licenses and components for a major global automotive OEM (“Auto OEM B”) series production program for mass-market consumer vehicles. The purpose of the arrangement is to enable Koito to manufacture automotive grade lidars using Cepton’s MMT®. The lidars manufactured by Koito are to be supplied by Koito to Auto OEM B to fulfil the needs of its series production program. The expected production period of Cepton’s arrangement with Koito is from 2023 through 2027. Production volume will ultimately be dependent on numerous factors and are binding only upon issuance of a purchase order.

Risk considerations

All references to the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our” refer to the business of Cepton. The risks presented below are certain of the general risks related to the business of the Company, and such list is not exhaustive. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are not material may also significantly affect our business, financial condition, results of operations or reputation. Our business could be harmed by any of these risks. The list below has been prepared solely for purposes of the private placement transaction, and solely for potential private placement investors, and not for any other purpose. You should carefully consider these risks and uncertainties, and should carry out your own diligence and consult with your own financial and legal advisors concerning the risks and suitability of an investment in this offering before making an investment decision. Risks relating to the business of the Company will be disclosed in future documents filed or furnished by the Company and/or Growth Capital Acquisition Corp. (“Growth Capital”) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), including the documents filed or furnished in connection with the proposed transactions between the Company and Growth Capital. The risks presented in such filings will be consistent with those that would be required for a public company in their SEC filings, including with respect to the business and securities of the Company and Growth Capital and the proposed transactions between the Company and Growth Capital, and may differ significantly from, and be more extensive than, those presented below.

- Cepton is an early stage company with a history of losses and expects to incur significant expenses and continuing losses for the foreseeable future.
- Cepton’s limited operating history makes it difficult to evaluate its future prospects and the risks and challenges it may encounter.
- Cepton’s forecasts and projections are based upon assumptions, analyses and internal estimates developed by Cepton’s management. If these assumptions, analyses or estimates prove to be incorrect or inaccurate, Cepton’s actual operating results may differ materially from those forecasted or projected.
- Cepton continues to implement strategic initiatives designed to grow its business. These initiatives may prove more costly than it currently anticipates and Cepton may not succeed in increasing its revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the costs of these initiatives and to achieve and maintain profitability.
- If Cepton’s lidar products are not selected for inclusion in advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) and autonomous driving systems by automotive OEMs, automotive tier 1 companies, mobility or technology companies or their respective suppliers, its business will be materially and adversely affected.
- Cepton is reliant on key inputs and its inability to reduce and control the cost of such inputs could negatively impact the adoption of its products and its profitability.
- Continued pricing pressures, automotive OEM cost reduction initiatives and the ability of automotive OEMs to re-source or cancel vehicle or technology programs may result in losses or lower than anticipated margins, which will adversely affect Cepton’s results of operations and financial condition.
- Cepton expects to incur substantial R&D costs and devote significant resources to identifying and commercializing new products, which could significantly reduce its profitability and may never result in revenue to Cepton.
- Although Cepton believes that lidar is the industry standard for autonomous vehicles and other emerging markets, market adoption of lidar is uncertain. If market adoption of lidar does not continue to develop, or develops more slowly than Cepton expects, its business will be adversely affected.
- Cepton is substantially dependent on its series production win with Auto OEM B and its relationship with Koito, and its business and prospects will be materially and adversely affected if Auto OEM B’s development or launch plans for the multiple vehicle models in which Cepton’s products are expected to be deployed are significantly scaled back or terminated.
- Cepton may experience difficulties in managing its growth and expanding its operations.
- Cepton relies on third-party suppliers and because some of the raw materials and key components in its products come from limited or single-source suppliers, Cepton is susceptible to supply shortages, long lead times for components, and supply changes, any of which could disrupt its supply chain and could delay deliveries of its products to customers.
- Because Cepton’s sales have been partially to customers engaged in R&D projects and its orders are project-based, Cepton expects its results of operations to fluctuate on a quarterly and annual basis.
- Cepton’s transition to an outsourced manufacturing business model may not be successful, which could harm its ability to deliver products and recognize revenue.
- If Cepton further expands its international manufacturing operations, it may face risks associated with manufacturing operations outside the United States.
- Even though many of the components in Cepton’s lidars are modular and can be built using readily available materials, Cepton, its outsourcing partners and its suppliers may rely on complex machinery for Cepton’s production, which involves a significant degree of risk and uncertainty in terms of operational performance and costs. Cepton, its outsourcing partners and its suppliers may also rely on highly-skilled labor for Cepton’s production, and if such highly-skilled labor is unavailable, Cepton’s business could be adversely affected.
- As part of growing its business, Cepton may make acquisitions. If Cepton fails to successfully select, execute or integrate its acquisitions, then its business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.
- Changes in Cepton’s product mix may impact its financial performance.
- Cepton’s sales and operations in international markets expose it to operational, financial and regulatory risks.
- The complexity of Cepton’s products and the limited visibility into the various environmental and other conditions under which Cepton’s customers use the products could result in unforeseen delays or expenses from undetected defects, errors or reliability issues in hardware or software which could reduce the market adoption of its new products, damage its reputation with current or prospective customers, expose Cepton to product liability and other claims and adversely affect its operating costs.
- Cepton may be subject to product liability or warranty claims that could result in significant direct or indirect costs, which could adversely affect its business and operating results.
- If Cepton or its suppliers do not maintain sufficient inventory or if they do not adequately manage their respective inventory, Cepton could lose sales or incur higher inventory-related expenses, which could negatively affect Cepton’s operating results.
- The average selling prices of Cepton’s products could decrease rapidly over the life of the product, which may negatively affect Cepton’s revenue and gross margin. In addition, the selling prices Cepton is able to ultimately charge in the future for the products it is currently developing or commercializing may be less than what Cepton currently projects, which may cause Cepton’s actual operating results to differ materially from its projections.
- Adverse conditions in the automotive industry or the global economy more generally could have adverse effects on Cepton’s results of operations.
- The discontinuation, lack of commercial success, or loss of business with respect to a particular vehicle model or other customer solution for which Cepton is a significant supplier to, could reduce Cepton’s sales and adversely affect its profitability.
- Since many of the markets in which Cepton competes are new to lidar and rapidly evolving, it is difficult to forecast mid-to-long-term end-customer adoption rates and demand for Cepton’s products.
- Cepton targets many customers that are large companies with substantial negotiating power and potentially competitive internal solutions. If Cepton is unable to sell its products to these customers, its prospects and results of operations will be adversely affected.

Risk considerations (cont'd)

- Cepton's business could be materially and adversely affected if it lost any of its largest customers or if they were unable to pay their invoices.
- If Cepton is unable to establish and maintain confidence in its long-term business prospects among customers and analysts and within its industry or is subject to negative publicity, then Cepton's financial condition, operating results, business prospects and access to capital may suffer materially.
- Cepton's investments in educating its customers and potential customers about the advantages of lidar and its applications may not result in sales of Cepton's products.
- The period of time from engagement to a series production win and then to implementation is long, typically spanning over several years, especially in the automotive market, and Cepton's customer arrangements are subject to cancellation or postponement of contracts or unsuccessful implementation.
- Certain of Cepton's strategic, development, production partner and supply arrangements could be terminated or may not materialize into long-term contract partnership arrangements.
- Cepton operates in a highly competitive market and some market participants have substantially greater resources. Cepton competes against a large number of both established competitors and new market entrants.
- The markets in which Cepton competes are characterized by rapid technological change, which requires it to continue to develop new products and product innovations and could adversely affect market adoption of its products.
- Developments in alternative technology may adversely affect the demand for Cepton's lidar technology.
- Because lidar is new in most of the markets Cepton is seeking to enter, forecasts of market growth and Cepton's growth in the PIPE materials may not materialize as anticipated.
- Cepton may need to raise additional capital in the future in order to execute its business plan, which may not be available on terms acceptable to Cepton, or at all.
- If Cepton fails to maintain an effective system of internal controls, its ability to produce timely and accurate financial statements or comply with applicable regulations could be adversely affected.
- Changes in tax laws or exposure to additional income tax liabilities could affect Cepton's future profitability.
- Cepton's ability to use its net operating loss carryforwards and certain other tax attributes may be limited.
- Cepton's business depends substantially on the efforts of its co-founders, Dr. Jun Pei and Dr. Mark McCord, its executive officers and highly skilled personnel, and its operations may be severely disrupted if it lost their services.
- Cepton's business could be materially and adversely affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic or other health epidemics and outbreaks.
- Cepton's business is subject to the risks of earthquakes, fire, floods and other natural catastrophic events, global pandemics, and interruptions by man-made problems, such as terrorism. Material disruptions of Cepton's business or information systems resulting from these events could adversely affect its operating results.
- Interruption or failure of Cepton's information technology and communications systems could impact Cepton's ability to effectively provide its services.
- Cepton is subject to cybersecurity risks to operational systems, security systems, infrastructure, integrated software in its lidar solutions and customer data processed by Cepton or third-party vendors or suppliers and any material failure, weakness, interruption, cyber event, incident or breach of security could prevent Cepton from effectively operating its business and could subject Cepton to regulatory actions or litigation.
- Cepton is subject to governmental export and import control laws and regulations. Cepton's failure to comply with these laws and regulations could have an adverse effect on its business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.
- Changes to trade policy, tariffs and import/export regulations may have a material adverse effect on Cepton's business, financial condition and results of operations.
- Cepton has in the past and may become involved in legal and regulatory proceedings and commercial or contractual disputes, which could have an adverse effect on its profitability and consolidated financial position.
- Cepton is subject to, and must remain in compliance with, numerous laws and governmental regulations across various jurisdictions concerning the manufacturing, use, distribution and sale of its products. Some of Cepton's customers also require that it comply with their own unique requirements relating to these matters. These could impose substantial costs upon Cepton and materially impact our ability to fulfil certain business opportunities.
- Cepton is subject to various environmental laws and regulations that could impose substantial costs upon Cepton.
- Cepton is subject to U.S. and foreign anti-corruption and anti-money laundering laws and regulations. Cepton can face criminal liability and other serious consequences for violations, which can harm its business.
- Cepton's business may be adversely affected by changes in automotive and laser safety regulations or concerns that drive further regulation of the automotive and laser markets.
- Autonomous and ADAS features may be delayed in adoption by OEMs, and Cepton's business impacted, as additional emissions and safety requirements are imposed on vehicle manufacturers.
- Cepton's business may be adversely affected if it fails to comply with the regulatory requirements under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic or the Food and Drug Administration.
- Failures, or perceived failures, to comply with privacy, data protection, and information security requirements in the variety of jurisdictions in which Cepton operates may adversely impact its business, and such legal requirements are evolving, uncertain and may require improvements in, or changes to, Cepton's policies and operations.
- Regulations related to conflict minerals may cause Cepton to incur additional expenses and could limit the supply and increase the costs of certain metals used in the manufacturing of its products.
- Despite the actions Cepton is taking to defend and protect its intellectual property, Cepton may not be able to adequately protect or enforce its intellectual property rights or prevent unauthorized parties from copying or reverse engineering its solutions. Cepton's efforts to protect and enforce its intellectual property rights and prevent third parties from violating its rights may be costly.
- Third-party claims that Cepton is infringing intellectual property, whether successful or not, could subject it to costly and time-consuming litigation or expensive licenses, and its business could be adversely affected.
- Cepton's intellectual property applications for registration may not issue or be registered, which may have a material adverse effect on Cepton's ability to prevent others from commercially exploiting products similar to Cepton's.
- In addition to patented technology, Cepton relies on its unpatented proprietary technology, trade secrets, designs, experiences, work flows, data, processes, software and know-how.
- Cepton may be subject to damages resulting from claims that it or its current or former employees have wrongfully used or disclosed alleged trade secrets of its employees' former employers. Cepton may be subject to damages if its current or former employees wrongfully use or disclose Cepton's trade secrets.
- Cepton will incur increased costs as a result of operating as a public company, and its management will devote substantial time to compliance with its public company responsibilities and corporate governance practices.
- Cepton's management team has limited experience managing a public company.
- Unanticipated changes in effective tax rates or adverse outcomes resulting from examination of our income or other tax returns could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.