

Characteristics of the liquid crystals market

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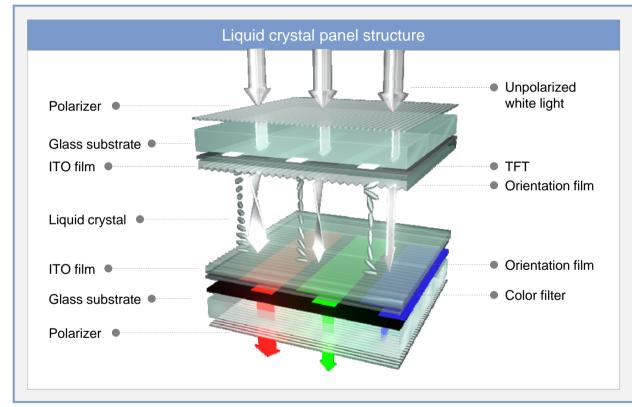
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Basic setup of a liquid crystal display





Business drivers

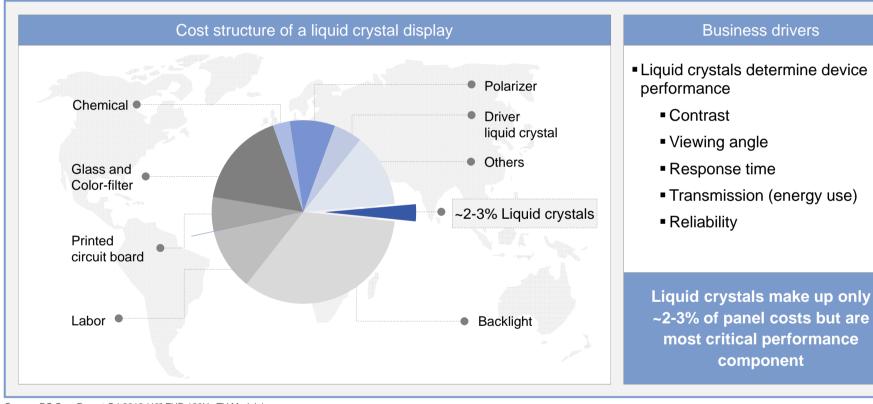
- Backlight (LED) as white light source
- Liquid crystals layer modulates light intensity by changing molecular orientation under applied voltage
- Color created by color filters

Liquid crystals enable revolutionary developments in the business environment and consumer electronics

Acronyms: TFT = Thin-Film Transistor; ITO = Indium Tin Oxide; LED = Light-Emitting Diode



Liquid crystals: The decisive element of a display but with low share of module cost



Source: DS Cost Report Q4 2012 (40" FHD 120Hz TV Module)

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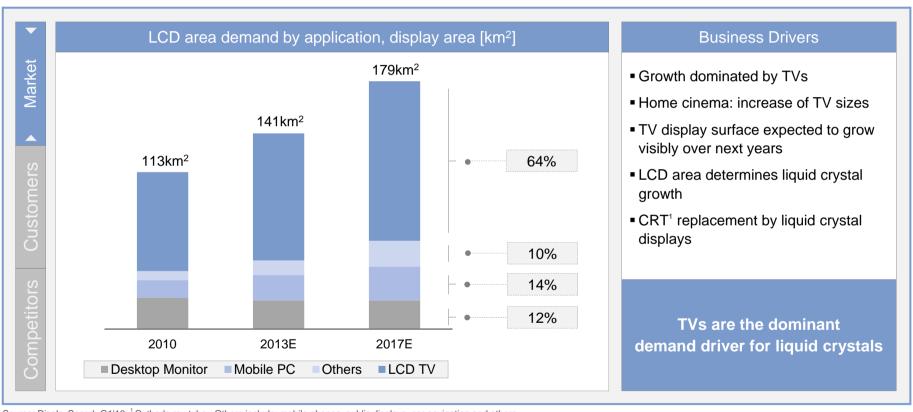
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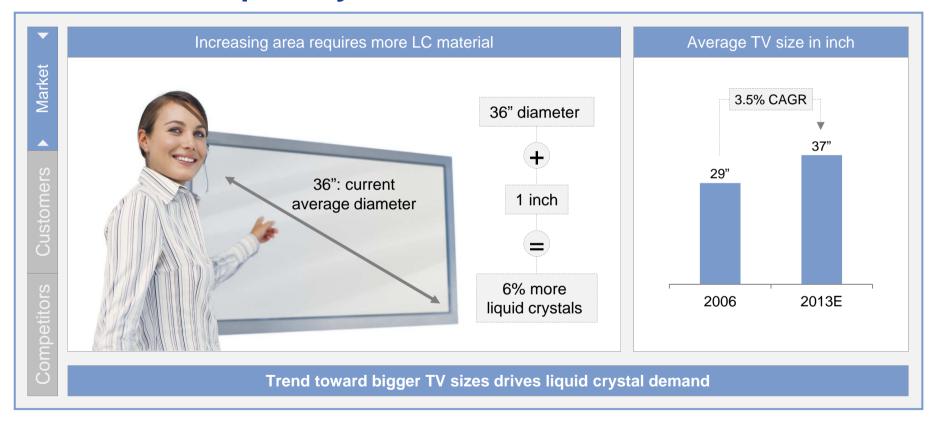
TV displays dominate the liquid crystals market and are its most prominent growth driver



Source: DisplaySearch Q1'13; 1 Cathode ray tube; Others include: mobile phones, public displays, car navigation and others

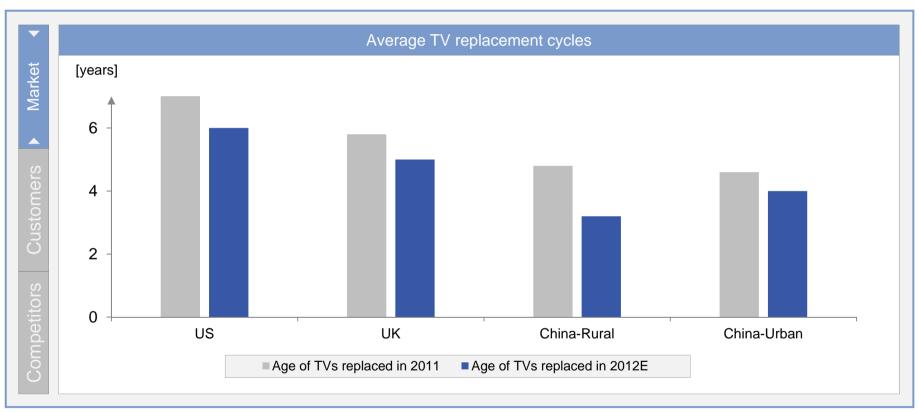


TV size increase leads to overproportionate demand increase for liquid crystals





TV replacement cycles are getting shorter, driving liquid crystals demand



Source: DisplaySearch 2012



The liquid crystal market is attractive despite its potential volatility

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Market volatility

- Multi-step supply chain from the Group to the consumer
- Downstream inventories driven by seasonal as well as one-time events and revolutions in technology
- Seasonal events: Christmas, Chinese New Year
- Examples of one-time events: Olympics, World Soccer events, etc.

Market attractiveness

Innovation-driven

High margins

■ Fast moving

■ Solid underlying growth trends

■ Highly concentrated

■ Constantly new applications



Attractive growing market with volatility but underlying strength



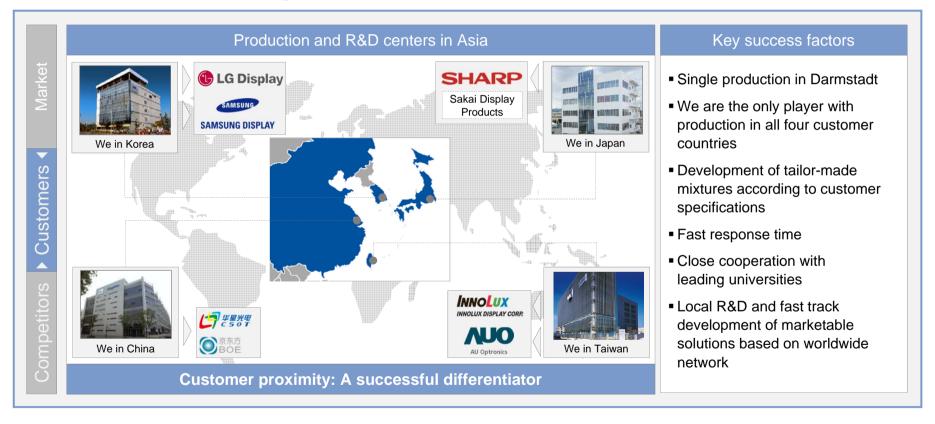
Our customers: All have strong capabilities in liquid crystal displays

| "Panel make | s" Small- / medium- | Large size panels | Focus | | LCD panel |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
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| INNOLUX DISPLAY | | \checkmark | | \checkmark | 1999 |
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| LG Disp | olay | \checkmark | | \checkmark | 1996 |
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| SHA | RP 🗸 | \checkmark | | ⊘ | 1995 |
| Sakai Display | Products | \checkmark | | ⊘ | 2009 |

Source: Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany research



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We are THE innovation leader with broadest competitive platform



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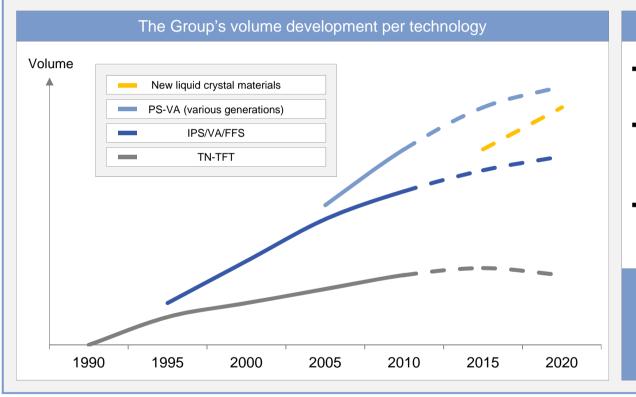
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Continued delivery of new innovations generating additional sales



Liquid crystal technologies

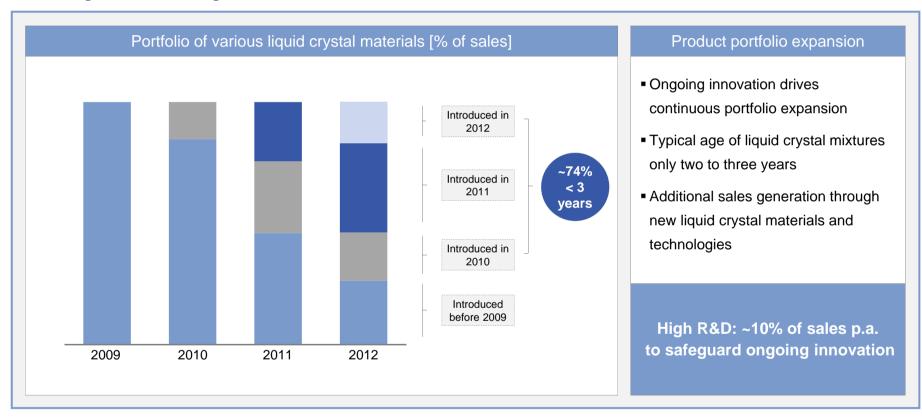
- Specific features of liquid crystals as enablers for new display applications
- Within technologies emergence of various distinct generations,
 e.g. PS-VA
- Novel liquid crystal materials
 SA-VA and Blue Phase currently
 in R&D

LC innovation cycles are getting shorter

Illustration



Strong R&D investment fosters innovation stream and product portfolio





Our deep know-how creates high entry barriers for potential competitors

New classes of liquid crystals enable revolutionary display and performance

Our liquid crystal single material



- Tons of raw materials used in multistep chemical syntheses to produce > 300 singles
- Ultra pure organic chemistry
- High quality standard of single substance

Translate chemistry into physics

Customized liquid crystal mixtures



- Leveraging our expertise in mixture recipes
- Approximately 10,000 mixtures per year
- We design the exact liquid crystal that our customers need

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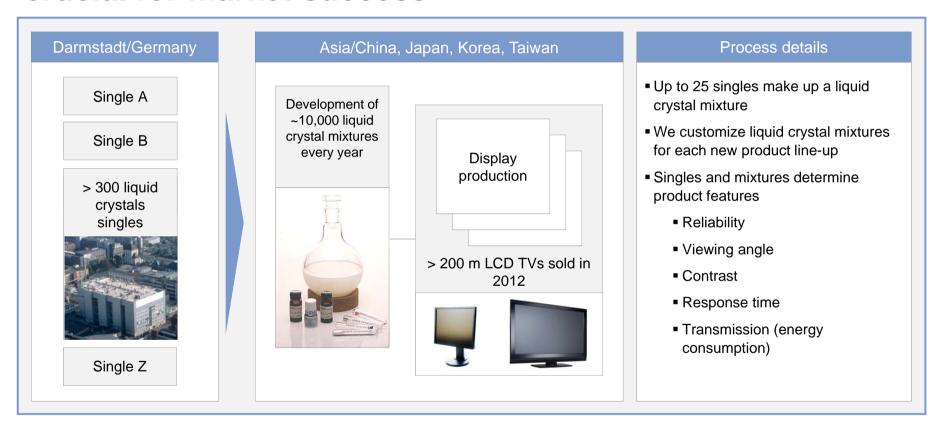
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Special expertise in single and mixture development crucial for market success



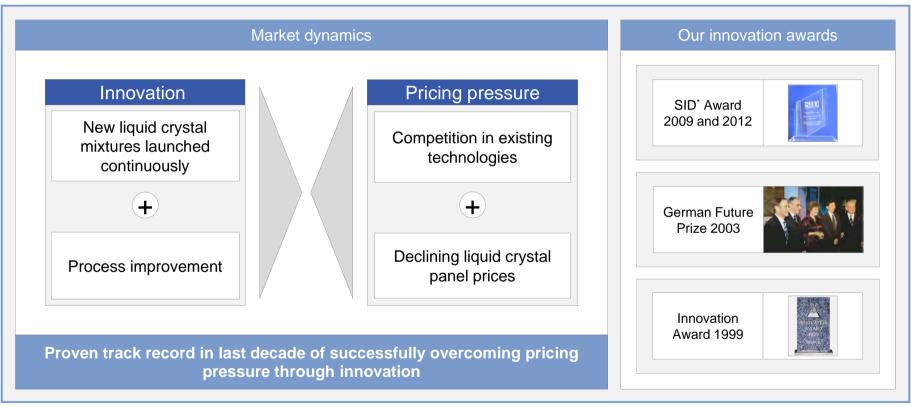


State-of-the-art multi-purpose production facilities with world's largest factory for liquid crystals



Innovation as key driver for profitability

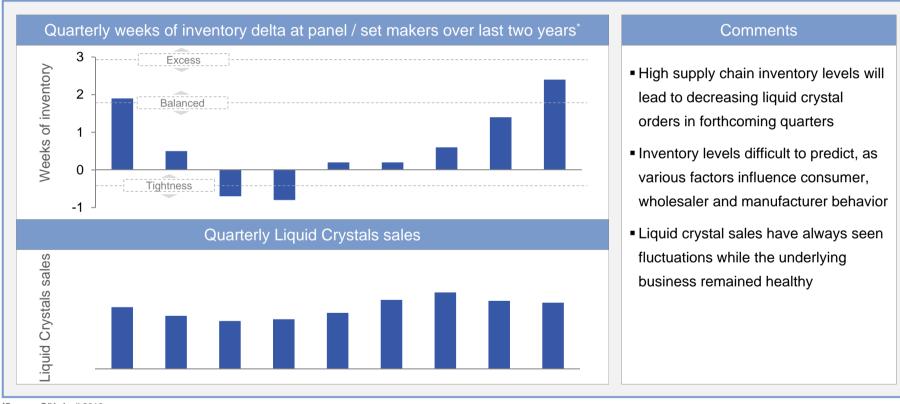




*SID: Society for Information Display



Long-term panel demand increases while hard to predict inventories cause sales fluctuations



*Source: GfK; April 2013

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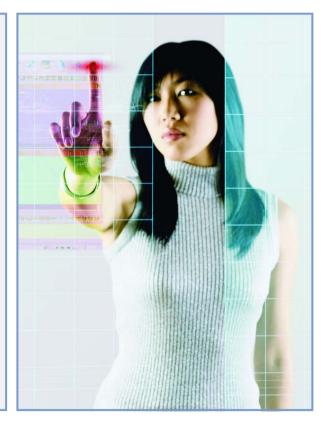
We have the most competitive platform in a dynamic liquid crystals market

Innovation leader with unique skill set and R&D centers in all customer countries

Panel makers need best-in-class supplier to build best-in-class displays

Underlying solid LCD TV market growth subject to occasional volatility

High margin technologies dominating sales split



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