

Avnet Abacus Adds Molex BittWare Product Portfolio

Accelerator boards will target data centres, instrumentation and NVMe storage

Brussels, Belgium, 18th March, 2020: Avnet Abacus, one of Europe's leading interconnect, passive, electro-mechanical and power distributors and a regional business unit of [Avnet](#) (NASDAQ: [AVT](#)), has extended its distribution agreement with Molex to include the BittWare field programmable gate array (FPGA) product range. BittWare, a Molex subsidiary headquartered in Concord, NH, USA, provides FPGA accelerator products designed to increase application performance and energy efficiency while reducing total cost of ownership in enterprise-level computing, networks, computational storage and signal processing.

BittWare products are based upon FPGA technology from Xilinx, Achronix and others. BittWare is the only vendor-agnostic FPGA supplier of critical mass able to address enterprise-class qualification, validation, lifecycle and support requirements for high-volume customers.

The BittWare product range is based around FPGA accelerator boards and their associated IP and design tools. FPGAs are well suited to hardware acceleration of functions like packet processing and parallel computing in emerging data centre and AI applications. Accelerator boards enable adoption of FPGA technology in standard card sizes, reducing hardware design effort and time to market.

Hagen Goetze, Senior Director Product Marketing at Avnet Abacus, commented: "Avnet Abacus, a leading design-in distributor offering a high level of technical expertise, has built up a strong, successful collaboration with Molex over the years. We are now taking on BittWare FPGA accelerators. Key areas we will address with the BittWare product range are data centres, instrumentation and NVMe storage."

Paul Keenan, Sales Director Distribution Europe at Molex, said: "We have been impressed with Avnet Abacus' successful record in working with Molex — in particular their excellent track record in finding and winning new projects for Molex solutions across our portfolio. We look forward to growing our business in Europe by leveraging the outstanding technical

knowledge, customer focus and attention to detail that the Avnet Abacus team consistently demonstrates.”

Avnet Abacus is an authorised Molex distributor throughout Europe. Besides BittWare, Avnet Abacus supplies Molex interconnect products, sensors, transducers, switches, relays and applications tooling.

About Molex:

Molex brings together innovation and technology to deliver electronic solutions to customers worldwide. With a presence in more than 40 countries, Molex offers a full suite of solutions and services for many markets, including data communications, consumer electronics, automotive, medical, and industrial. For more information, please visit www.molex.com.

About Avnet Abacus

Avnet Abacus is a pan-European demand creation distributor specialising in interconnect, passive, electromechanical, power supply and battery products. Avnet Abacus' extensive product range and exceptional line card is supported by a team of over 50 product specialists based across Europe, delivering technical expertise and technology focused initiatives. Avnet Abacus is a regional business unit of Avnet, (NASDAQ:AVT), with European headquarters in Belgium (Avnet Europe Comm. VA). For more information,

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