

PRESS RELEASE

## **Chipmetrics Secures € 2.4 Million Seed Funding Round to Accelerate Product Innovation and Global Expansion.**

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Chipmetrics Ltd, the Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) technology company and a pioneer in 3D ultra-high aspect ratio test elements for metrology of semiconductor and advanced thin film material manufacturing, proudly announces the successful closure of a €2.4 million investment round. The international investor syndicate was led by High-Tech Gründerfonds (HTGF) and co-led by OCCIDENT from Germany. Other investors were Innovestor, REDSTONE and BALD Engineering. This substantial investment serves as a testament to Chipmetric's groundbreaking advancements in the PillarHall® metrology test chip technology, positioning the company as a frontrunner in conformality measurements in material deposition processes. The funds raised will be instrumental in accelerating Chipmetric's product development efforts, scaling production capabilities, and expanding its market presence with the already existing international customer base.

**Mikko Utriainen**, the visionary founder & CEO of Chipmetrics, highlights the investment role in driving the company's innovative pursuits and global market expansion. "This investment is a boost for our growth plans and technological advancements. We are committed to enhancing our product portfolio, refine our measurement solutions, and reinforce our global sales network " **Utriainen** states.

**Olaf Joeressen**, Senior Investment Manager of HTGF comments: "The team's focus on delivering innovative solutions to their customers is impressive, and I look forward to more product and service innovations delivered by Chipmetrics!"

Investment manager **Simon Schild von Spannenberg** from OCCIDENT continues: "Chipmetrics has already established a reputable position in thin film process development with its innovative PillarHall® Lateral High Aspect Ratio (LHAR) test chips. Chipmetrics' products convince with their unique user interface, precision, speed, and cost-efficiency in the complex 3D measurements. Our investment reflects our confidence in the Chipmetrics' team and the success of the highly innovative technology on the global semiconductor market."

### **About Chipmetrics**

Chipmetrics Oy develops and delivers metrology solutions for manufacturing processes for the semiconductor industry. The company's business is based on the sale of innovative metrology chips and measurement services whose applications are focused on ALD technology. The company's main product is the PillarHall® metrology chip for thin film process conformality measurement. The company was founded in 2019 and its head office is in Joensuu, Finland. In addition, the company has employees and sales partners in Japan, South Korea, the USA, and Germany.

For more information, visit [www.chipmetrics.com](http://www.chipmetrics.com).

### **About High-Tech Gründerfonds**

The seed investor High-Tech Gründerfonds (HTGF) finances tech start-ups with growth potential and has supported more than 700 start-ups since 2005. With the launch of its fourth fund, HTGF now has about 1.4 billion euros under management. Its team of experienced investment managers and start-

up experts support young companies with expertise, entrepreneurial spirit and passion. HTGF's focus is on high-tech start-ups in the fields of digital tech, industrial tech, life sciences, chemistry and related business areas. To date, external investors have injected about 5 billion euros of capital into the HTGF portfolio via more than 2,000 follow-on financing rounds. In addition, HTGF has already successfully sold shares in more than 170 companies. Fund investors in this public-private partnership include the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, KfW Capital and 45 companies from a wide range of industries.

For more information at [www.htgf.de](http://www.htgf.de).

### **About OCCIDENT**

OCCIDENT is an international venture capital investor with offices in Munich and Zug, is owner-managed and invests its own assets. Its mission is to make a positive contribution to society through sustainable and meaningful investments. OCCIDENT invests in innovative deep tech start-ups with excellent technologies, broad application possibilities and the potential for further development in the fields of life sciences, industrial tech and digital. OCCIDENT acts as a long-term enabler for highly innovative startups and visionary founders.

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### **About Innovestor**

**Innovestor** is a Finnish investment company focusing on venture capital and real estate. In addition, we offer corporate venturing services. The firm currently manages six VC funds with total capital of over €250 million. Consisting of almost 100 growth companies across multiple sectors of technology and life science & health, it represents one of the largest private venture-backed portfolios in the Nordics. Our mission is to make good money.

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### **About Redstone**

Redstone, headquartered in Berlin with offices in Zurich and Helsinki, is a European early-stage venture capital firm that pursues selected investment strategies. With its data-driven approach, Redstone develops strong sector expertise, building valuable networks for its portfolio. As one of Europe's most active early-stage investors, Redstone manages a diverse portfolio of over 80 companies, focusing on Built World, Climate, Fintech, Industrial Tech, Social Impact, and Quantum.

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**Attached picture:**

Founders and management team of Chipmetrics Ltd. Persons in the picture, from left to right: Feng Gao (CTO), Pasi Hyttinen (CDO) and Mikko Utriainen (CEO).