

**Press Release**

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## Formnext and Wohlers Associates bring together investors and additive manufacturing

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### First “Wohlers Associates Investor Dinner” as part of Formnext 2019

In order to further promote access by the investment sector to companies in additive manufacturing, the US consulting firm Wohlers Associates, Inc., with support from Mesago Messe Frankfurt GmbH, is for the first time hosting an exclusive dinner for investors as part of the Formnext 2019 trade fair. The “Wohlers Associates Investor Dinner,” which takes place on 20 November 2019, will inform investors about the current status and the future prospects of additive manufacturing (AM) processes and industrial 3D printing worldwide.

As the leading global exhibition and conference on AM and intelligent industrial production, Formnext is the prominent platform enabling investors to obtain information about the latest and future trends in this industry. Formnext serves as a strong platform for young start-ups and established companies alike. And for innovative and up-and-coming companies, access to investors in a fast-growing market plays an important role for corporate development and successful market penetration. “That is why we are looking forward to using the Wohlers Associates Investor Dinner at Formnext 2019 to help investors discover the additive industry and its enormous market potential,” comments Sascha F. Wenzler of the Formnext Division Management, Mesago Messe Frankfurt GmbH.

Every year at Formnext, visitors experience many new technologies and services that continue to advance the development of additive manufacturing worldwide. With 2018 growth of 33.5 percent, the AM industry offers better economic opportunities for companies and investors than almost any other area of industry (see graph). “With an unparalleled number of developments in machinery, materials, services, and applications in the AM industry, it is now time for investors to expand their understanding of where this development is taking us,” says Terry Wohlers, Principal Consultant and President of Wohlers Associates. “For this reason, our consulting firm is working hard to educate and assist investors,” adds Wohlers.

Following an informal get-together, the evening begins with a presentation and discussion about the trends in the AM industry led by Terry Wohlers. The event includes dinner, explanatory reports by

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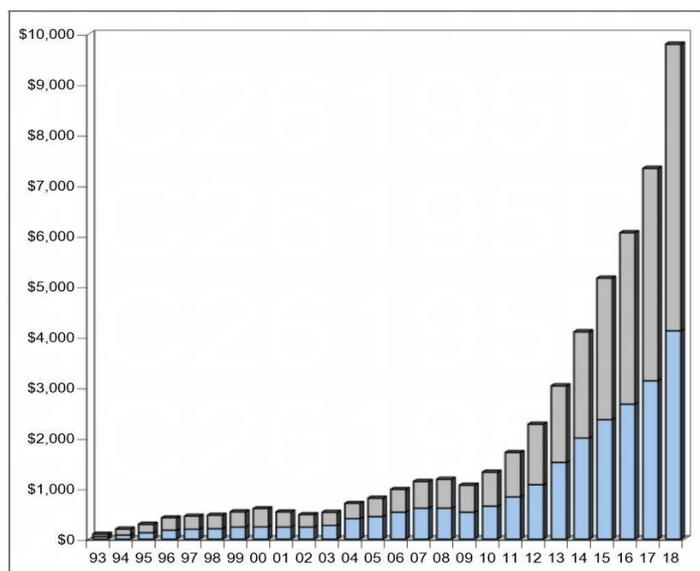
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Wohlers Associates' core team of five consultants, and questions from participants. These will deal with key and often challenging questions concerning AM, as well as the enormous opportunities offered by this technology.

As documented in *Wohlers Report 2019*, Wohlers Associates has tracked 107 current AM-related investments. With an estimated total volume of US\$1.45 billion, they illustrate the growing interest worldwide. Those participating in this special evening event will receive a copy of the *Wohlers Report* as part of the registration. For registration and further details on the event, go to:

<https://wohlersassociates.com/investor-dinner.html>



Global sales of the AM industry in USD millions: Products (blue) and Services (gray). Source: Wohlers Report 2019

### Background information on Formnext

Formnext is the leading trade fair for Additive Manufacturing and the next generation of intelligent manufacturing solutions. It focuses on the efficient realization of parts and products, from their design to serial production. Formnext shows the future of innovative manufacturing. Formnext is organized by Mesago Messe Frankfurt GmbH. ([formnext.com](http://formnext.com))

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The company offers an unparalleled window into additive manufacturing and 3D printing. The independent consulting firm of 32 years provides technical, market, and strategic advice on the new developments and trends in rapid product development and AM. Wohlers Associates counts 260 organizations in 26 countries among its clients. Separately, the company has provided advice to more than 180 companies in the investment community, most being institutional investors valued at billions of dollars. For more information, go to [wohlersassociates.com](http://wohlersassociates.com).

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