

2011: the Tablet's Year?

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Charis & Co. analyst Robert Cihra predicts global tablet sales will grow by 226% (56m units) this year-- with Apple's iPad claiming 67% of units.

This means 2011 iPad sales will total 36m in 2011.

Cihra says the iPad will dominate the year, thanks to its delaying most tablet launches (by sending them back to the drawing board). As expectation for the iPad's second version grows, iPads will also ignite growth towards thin-client Access computing.

Meanwhile the global PC market is predicted to slow down to 9% growth-- from 2010's 14%. The slow in growth is due to the tablet market's cannibalising into the netbook market.

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