## IDC: Heated 2012 for Mobiles

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Strong smartphone demand and heated vendor competition mark out the state of the WW mobile market in 2012, IDC says-- Q4 2012 mobile phone shipments grow by 1.9% Y-o-Y to total 482.5 million units.

As for the full year, the global market is essentially flat (1.7 billion units with a slight -0.2% decline).

Smartphones represent 45.5% of total Q4 2012 shipments, the biggest percentage recorded by IDC yet, even if with somewhat lower growth than earlier IDC estimates (36.4% compared to the 39.5% estimate).

On an annual basis 2012 smartphone shipments total 545.2m units, up by 10.1% from 2011.

Top Five Smartphone Vendors, Shipments, and Market Share, Q4 2012 (Units in Millions)

| Vendor     | 4Q12 Unit<br>Shipments | 4Q12 Market<br>Share | 4Q11 Unit<br>Shipments | 4Q11 Market<br>Share | Year-over-<br>Year Change |
|------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Samsung | 63.7                   | 29.0%                | 36.2                   | 22.5%                | 76.0%                     |
| 2. Apple   | 47.8                   | 21.8%                | 37.0                   | 23.0%                | 29.2%                     |
| 3. Huawei  | 10.8                   | 4.9%                 | 5.7                    | 3.5%                 | 89.5%                     |
| 4. Sony    | 9.8                    | 4.5%                 | 6.3                    | 3.9%                 | 55.6%                     |
| 5. ZTE     | 9.5                    | 4.3%                 | 6.4                    | 4.0%                 | 48.4%                     |
| Others     | 77.8                   | 35.5%                | 69.2                   | 43.1%                | 12.4%                     |
| Total      | 219.4                  | 100.0%               | 160.8                  | 100.0%               | 36.4%                     |

Source: IDC Worldwide Mobile Phone Tracker, January 24, 2013

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