According to DisplaySearch the upcoming wave of quantum dot LCD TVs are set for "explosive" growth, with shipments growing from 1.3 million in 2015 to 18.7m in 2018 as vendors respond to the challenges of OLED technology.

20 © DisplaySearch Middle East and Africa Latin 15 Am erica Shipments (millions) Asia Pacific China 10 Eastern Europe ■Western 5 Europe North Am erica Japan 0 2015 2016 2017 2018

Figure 1: Quantum Dot TV Shipment Forecast by Region

Source: DisplaySearch Quarterly TV Design and Features Report

"While LCD technology undisputedly dominates the TV scene, manufacturers continue to innovate, in order to bring additional value to consumers," the analyst says. "The launch of new 4K UHD services promises to foment another round of innovation, as content creators bring richer, deeper colors to their art. Curved screens are also a popular feature this year, but there will be limited opportunity for growth, as the market for this feature is expected to peak next year."

DisplaySearch describes quantum dot as a "weapon" for the creation of even better imagery-especially as broadcasters want to offer more to viewers than simply more pixels.

10 © DisplaySearch OLED 8 Shipments (millions) LCD 2 4K OLED 2K LCD 0 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Figure 2: Curved TV Forecast by Technology

Source: DisplaySearch Quarterly TV Design and Features Report

Another TV trend DisplaySearch looks at is curvy LCDs. The analyst describes the technology as "another opportunity for innovation," yet while shipments reach 1.8m in 2014 DisplaySearch expects a peak of 8.2m by 20.6 and 2017.

Interestingly W. Europe will be the dominant region for curvy TV, with 2016 and 2017 shipments reaching 2.6m, thanks to a European taste for unique design and Samsung's dominant market share.

"Curved TVs are an industry styling fashion, in the same way that sets became very thin when

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the first LED backlights were introduced," the analyst remarks. "In due course, such fashions can burn through, leaving enduring value. For example, the legacy of thin TVs is their lower power consumption. It is easy to dismiss fashion, but it remains a critical element in maintaining value and consumer interest in the TV category."

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