

Telecommunications Industry & Market in Israel

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Presentation Agenda

- Israel Demographics & ICT Statistics
- Telecommunications Industry
- Telecommunications Market Overview
- Telecom Israel 2004 Exhibition and Conference



Israel Demographics & ICT Statistics

ISRAEL Demographics



Population ~ 6.7 million.

Households ~ 1.9 million.

Average family ~ 3.6 persons.

Israel's ICT Sector - 2002 (Information & Communications Technology)



- Israeli ICT GDP grew from 3 billion \$ in
 1990 to 12 billion \$ in 2002, which is
 16% of business sector GDP.
- ICT GDP is ~11% of total GDP.
 OECD highest compared to 10-11% in US.

150,000 employees.



Telecommunications Industry

Israel's Electronics Industries Source: IAEI, 2004



- Combined 2003 sales \$13.2 billion, of which \$10.9 billion were exports sales.
- Highly skilled workforce ~ 53,500 employees, including over 64% scientists, engineers & technicians.
- Sales per employee ~\$246,000.

Total 2003 Sales - \$13.2 billion

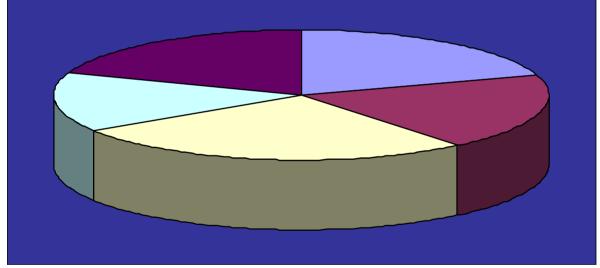
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Source: IAEI, 2004



Comm. & Telecomm. 20%





Software 27%

Industrial & Medical Systems 19%

Major R&D Efforts



Stretching Boundaries of Imagination & Ingenuity

- Innovative synergistic industry-academy cooperation, supported by the Chief Scientist, Ministry of Industry & Trade.
- Over 100 industrial & academic participants.
- Focused on establishment of the technological infrastructure for the next generation.
- Key telecommunications R&D activities:
 - Digital wireless
 - Satellite systems
 - Broadband & optical technology

- Internet & Multimedia
- Telemedicine
- Microelectronics
- Network management

Technology Start-ups



- Israel is one of the largest world centers for startup enterprises, with ~800 (year 2003) active startups.
- Innovative, technology-intensive activity, representing several technology breakthroughs.
- Major international activity:
 - Strategic alliances and joint ventures.
 - Raising capital venture, seed & risk investments.

Venture Capital



Source: IVC Research Center (2004)

- Investments by venture capital funds constitute an added value above financial contributions - in management, world market familiarity, strategic guidance and economic credibility.
- During 2003, 371 Israeli companies raised \$1.01 billion (compared to 352 companies & \$1.14 billion during 2002).
- 43% (\$421 million) was invested by Israeli venture capital funds.
- The active sectors are communications (33%), software (19%), life sciences (18%), semicoductors (12%) & Internet (4%).

Amos 2 Satellite



- Launched December 2003.
- Geostationary orbit at 4o West (co-located with AMOS 1).
- 11 active transponders & 3 backup transponders, 72 MHz bandwidth each.
- High power planned for DTH TV distribution, two-way Internet services and broadband VSAT networks.
- 3 spot beams:
 - Middle East supporting up to 11 transponders.
 - Europe supporting up to 6 transponders.
 - US East coast supporting up to 8 transponders.
- Designed, manufactured and controlled by Israel Aircraft Industries.
- Owned & operated by Spacecom Ltd.



Telecommunications Market Overview



Regulation

- Free and competitive markets promote growth, efficiency,customer satisfaction & wide geographical coverage.
- Facility-Based Competition in Israel.

From Monopoly to Competition

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Pelephone (Bezeq)

1994

2000

- Pelephone
- Cellcom
- Partner

2004 +

- Pelephone
- Cellcom
- Partner
- **OMIRS**

Fixed
Services
Infrastructure,
Transmission
& Telephony)

Mobile

Services

Bezeq

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- Bezeq
- Cable Companies
- Others:
 - →Wireline
 - **♦**Wireless

International Long Distance Services

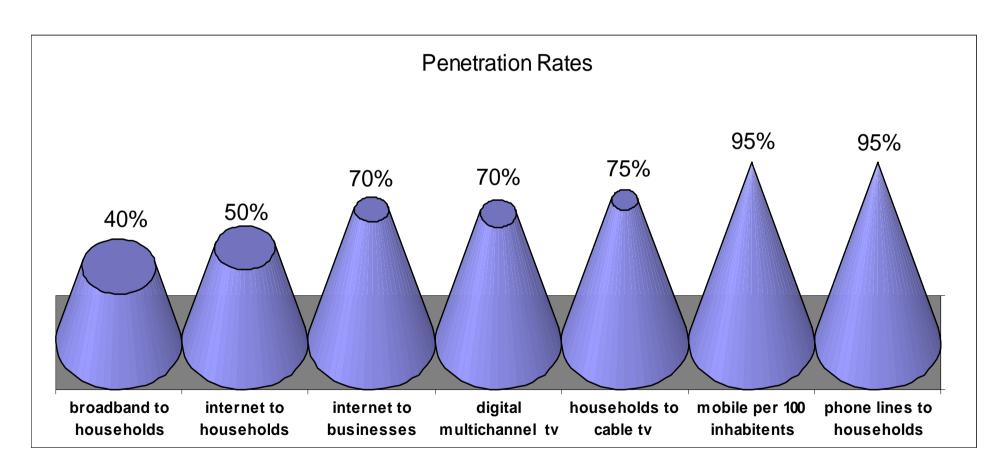
Bezeq

- Bezeq-International
- Barak
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- Additional operators

Israel's Telecommunications Statistics 2004





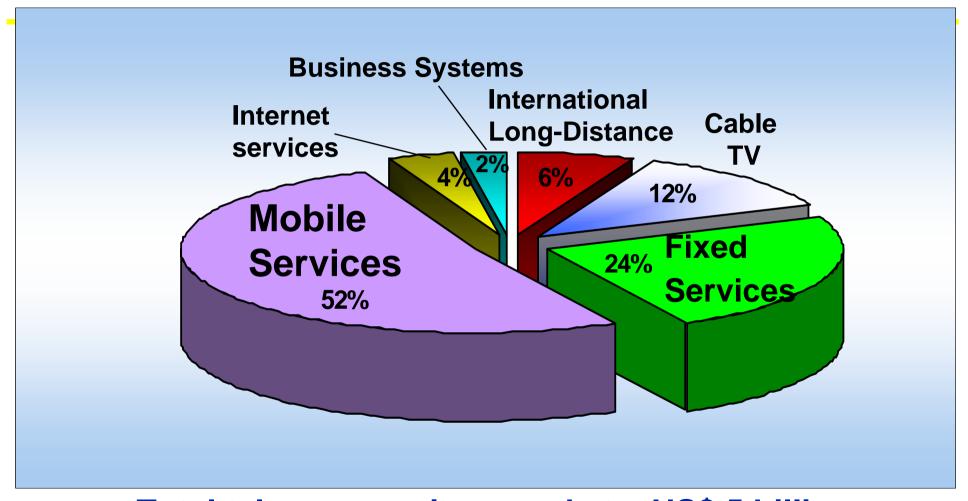
Israel's Telecommunications



- 3.0 million main telephone lines.
- 6.3 million mobile customers, on 4 networks.
- 1.4 million households connected to multichannel subscriber television
 - Cable TV: 3 operators, 1.0 million subscribers, 97% of homes passed.
 - Satellite DTH TV: 1 operator, 0.4 million subscribers.

Telecommunications Services Market - 2003





Total telecom services market ~ US\$ 5 billion, 1998-2003 avg. annual growth of 7%



Fixed services Driven by Broadband Demand

Actual competition started Q2 2002



Broadband Regulation

- Facility-Based Competition :
 - 1. ADSL Access provided by the (up to 2.5Mb/s downstream).
 - 2. Cable Modem broadband Internet services provided by cable TV firms the new entrants (up to 3Mb/s downstream).



Broadband Regulation

- Universal Service Obligation (USO) by two players; both have countrywide infrastructures (100% pop. coverage by 4 years).
- Israel is one of the few countries who adopted broadband USO.
- Unlicensed usage of the 2.4Ghz WLAN technology as a step of maximizing the Internet usage in the country.

Broadband

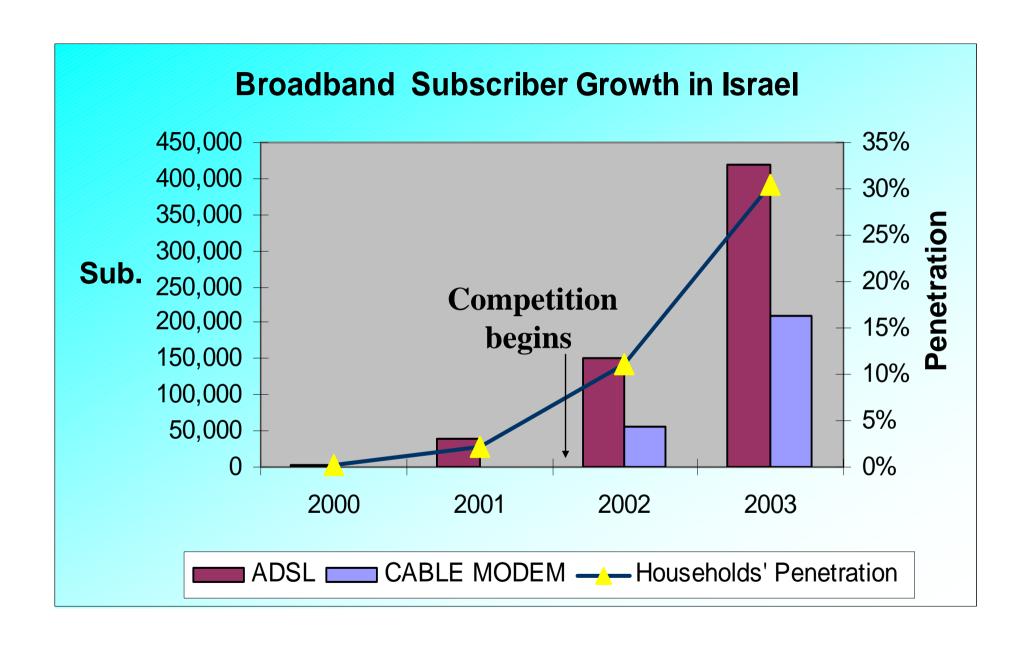


830,000 broadband lines (530,000 ADSL lines;
 300,000 cable modems).

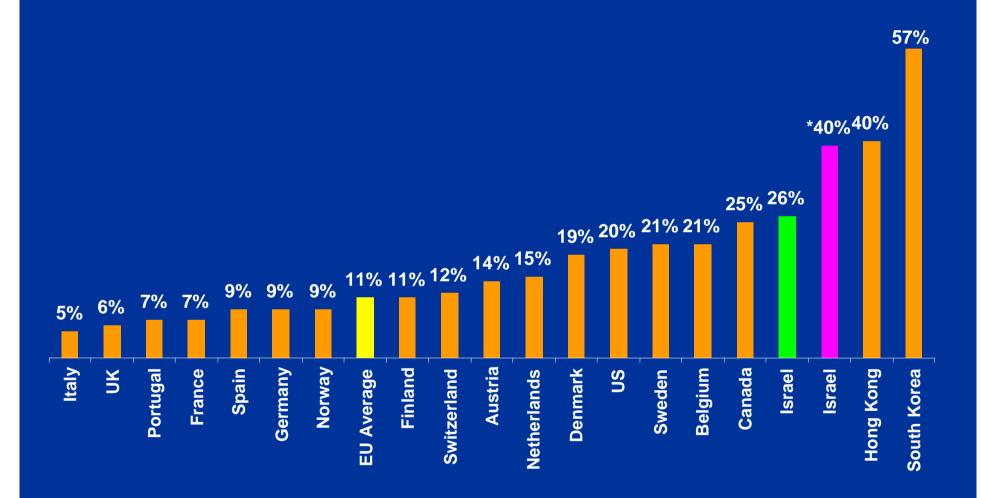
 Broadband subscriber growth ~200% last year.

Broadband household penetration 40%.

 Broadband penetration per 100 inhabitants 12%.



Households' Broadband Penetration (June 2003)



Source: TASC Ernst & Young

Public Internet Access (PIA) in Israel



- The importance of PIA: service provision to inaccessible population due to coverage or cost problems.
- Relatively easy implementation of public broadband access all over Israel
 In light of USO of two infrastructures and high broadband penetration.

Public Internet Access (PIA) in Israel



- PIA is accessible in education institutes, public libraries, community centers etc., but much remains to be done.
- Several examples of PIA existing projects:
 - Tapuah (Apple) the Israeli society for the Advancement of the Information Age;

 Achievements Establishment of 45 Internet Community Centers in the peripheral areas of Israel; providing ~20% of elementary schools students with the basic training for using the Internet; also unemployed.

PIA Projects in Israel Apple

Deployment of Learning Centers:





Public Internet Access (PIA) in Israel



- Lehava (Flame) governmental project bridging the digital divide within the Israeli society;
 - Among the objectives:
 - Establishing and operating 100 Community centers within 3 years, in low-income Periphery;
 - Acknowledging computer skills to thousands of citizens in each center;
 - Allowing low-income families, lacking home PC's to have access to digital contents and to Egovernment services by the information instructors;

Incumbent main services & technologies



- 100% digital exchanges & transmission (mainly SDH).
- Interconnection with mobile & ILD operators.
- ADSL Access.
- Data Network TDM, F.R, ATM, 64Kb/s –
 1Gb/s.
- IPVPN, Unified Messaging ,soon IP Centrex
 & DECT terminal equipment.

Bezeq in process of privatization



- Israel's incumbent telecommunications operator.
- Annual sales ~2.2 billion US \$ (inc. subsidiaries)
- Government holds 46% of Bezeq shares.
- During 2004 the government plans to sell its holdings:
 - 30%-40% to financial/strategic investor.
 - Additional shares in Tel Aviv stock exchange.

Cable TV firms - the new entrants



- Fully digitized HFC networks (750MHz).
- Cable Modem broadband Internet services (64Kb/s – 3Mb/s).
- Interactive TV
- Data services, T- mail, T- commerce.
- Future plans (end 2004) Universal IP telephony



Other new entrants

- End 2004 Granting general unique licenses for fixed services without any service areas obligation.
- Among the candidates : mobile operators.



Mobile Services

Competition Introduced

December 1994 with 130K sub,

2003 – 6.3 million sub. On 4 networks all with USO



Mobile Operators

Company/ Foreign Owner	Pelephone Shamruk	Cellcom Bell. S ,Safra	Partner Hutchison	MIRS Motorola
<u>Licensed</u>	1987	1994	1998	2001
Market share	28%	37%	31%	4%
Frequencies (Mhz)	800, 1900	800, 1800 ,1900	900, 1800, 1900	800
<u>Technology</u> (present)	NAMPS & CDMA	TDMA &	GSM	iDEN
		GSM		(TRUNCKING)
<u>Future</u>	EVDO	UMTS/EDGE	UMTS	iDEN 34

Mobile Technologies: key trends



- New services:
 - SMS ,WAP, SHTML wireless internet, Wi-Fi, soon PTT.
 - Content: news, media & data services.
 - Location based services.
 - M(obile) Commerce (vending machines, parking, gas station,etc).

Will 3G Succeed in Israel?



- Israel is well suited for 3G:
 - Relatively wealthy country.
 - Technology literate.
 - High mobile penetration, extremely high usage.
 - Heavy foreign Investments in mobile market.
- Favorable auction price
- Each service country-wide availability 24mo after initial commercialization.



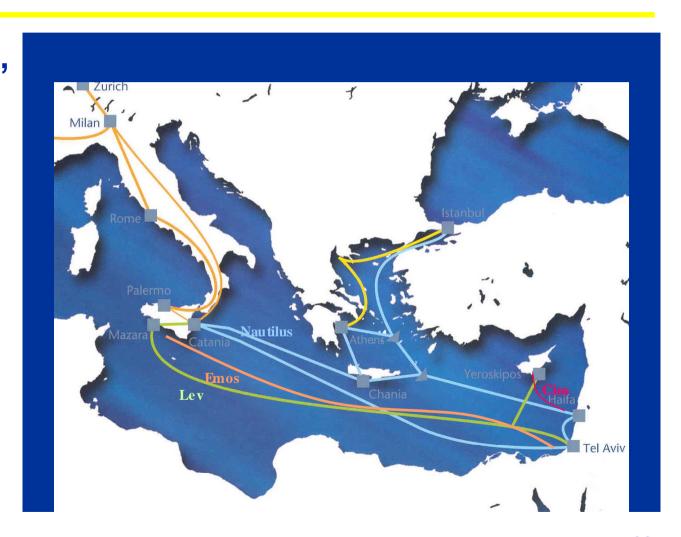
3G Regulation

- In the coming years 3G UMTS networks will be able to offer internet access of up to 2Mb/s and a wide variety of services & contents inc. multimedia applications, games, video etc.
- Today there is no debate about the economic rationale of establishing 3G networks; Equipment is cheaper than GSM equipment was at its first steps.
- Commercial networks have been launched all over
 Europe and are planned in Israel in the first half of 2004.
- Cellular penetration is much higher than the penetration of computers; thus 3G may prove to be a very essential medium to increase broadband penetration.
- Conclusion: today 3G USO is important!

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MED Nautilus Network

- 3.84 Tb/s DWDM, in restorable ring configuration (6 fibers pairs, (64 WL x 10 Gb/s per fiber pair).
- Service initiated November 2001. US \$500 M.
- 49% owned by Israeli shareholders.







Telecom Israel 2004 Exhibition and Conference: The Future is Here

Tel-Aviv, 8-11 November, 2004

For more information

Telecom Israel 2004: Telecom Showcase



- A bi-annual international event:
 - Expectation of more than 160,000 visitors, more than 4,000 foreign visitors, more than 20 telecom official delegations headed by ministers.
 - Following the remarkable success of Telecom-Israel events:
 - ◆1998 100,000 visitors, 3000 foreign visitors.
 - ◆2000 140,000 visitors, 4000 foreign visitors.
 - **2002**
 - **♦•160,000** visitors.
 - **❖ 372 Exhibitors from Israel and outside Israel.**
 - 4500 participants at Conferences.
 - ❖ 1,058,903 visitors at the web site in 2002 before Opening Day.
- Exhibition 35,000 sqm.
 - Over 400 exhibitors.
 - ~ 90 start-ups stands which were chosen by the Chief Scientist, Ministry of Industry & Trade.

Telecom-Israel 2002 Event

Tel-Aviv, 8-11 November, 2004



- Important international exhibition & conference:
- A showcase of hottest technologies and applications.
- The place to see how new technologies, products, services and issues are reshaping the world of communications.
- The future is here Wherever you look, across the globe, Israel's born products stand up.
- We invite you to witness for yourself!



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