Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) gave a cautiously optimistic outlook at their Q1 conference call citing mixed news on that front, but it signaled confidence in its 5nm technology development roadmap. 2019 revenue is only expected to increase by 1-3 percent, compared with 6.5 percent in 2018, as the company clears inventory congestion. They also forecasted a weak 1H 2019 owing to a slow demand for high end smart phone and higher inventory levels but expect 2H to recover with AI and probably 5G content to grow in smart phones.

Lam Research (NASDAQ:LRCX) last released its earnings results on Wednesday, January 23rd. The semiconductor company reported $3.87 earnings per share (EPS) for the quarter, topping analysts’ consensus estimates of $3.67 by $0.20. Lam Research had a net margin of 26.69% and a return on equity of 48.19%. The company had revenue of $2.52 billion during the quarter, compared to the consensus estimate of $2.50 billion. During the same quarter in the prior year, the firm earned $4.34 EPS. The company’s revenue was down 2.2% compared to the same quarter last year.
Xilinx posted strong quarterly results with revenue of $800m up 7% on last quarter and up 34% YoY.

Texas Instruments Inc. revenue fell 1% annually to $3.72 billion, which missed estimates by $30 million. But its EPS (which included a one cent tax benefit) nearly quadrupled to $1.27 per share, clearing estimates by three cents. For the first quarter TI expects its revenue to fall 4%-12% annually, and for its EPS to drop 0%-15%.

SEMI is redefining our approach to talent development through a diverse range of programs squarely addressing the critical need for talent to the industry. We have since 2018 established Workforce Pavilions at SEMICON events in Southeast Asia, the U.S., Taiwan, Europe and Japan for students to explore career opportunities and meet with recruiter. This year at SEMICON Southeast Asia, SEMI will be launching a 1st ever pilot SEMI High Tech University program in the Show. We are expecting to host more than 100 secondary 3 students and awe them with an immersive exploration journey of semiconductor process technology. SEMICON Southeast Asia will take place from 7th to 9th of May 2019 at MITEC, Kuala Lumpur.