

**T**hese are exciting times in the global commercial UAV industry. Multifaceted applications mean developers and manufacturers are seeing a rapid and ever-changing demand for this revolutionary technology.

There is a constant stream of forecasts from research consultancies about the sector's future. For example, in August the US-based market analyst Grand View Research predicted the sector's revenues will grow to US\$2.07 billion by 2022.

Its report followed another prediction, issued in July by BI Intelligence, which estimated a 19% compound annual growth rate up to 2020. In its latest World UAV Market study, the Teal Group consultancy predicted the total global UAV market's value - taking into account commercial,

consumer and military products - will increase from the US\$4 billion currently generated annually to US\$14 billion over the next ten years.

Consumer UAVs will account for 23% of that growth and civil applications for 5%, Teal said, as regulatory changes open airspace for commercial applications.

To reflect this dynamic industry, this special publication profiles some of the products on the market, applications and the growing ecosystem of developers, suppliers, research institutions, training providers, support organisations and end users.

  
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# A Growing Market



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