

T. J. RODGERS

PRESIDENT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND DIRECTOR

T.J. Rodgers is founder, president, CEO, and a director of Cypress Semiconductor Corporation. He was a Sloan scholar at Dartmouth College, where he graduated as Salutatorian with a double major in physics and chemistry. Rodgers attended Stanford University on a Hertz fellowship, where he earned a master's degree (1973) and a Ph.D. (1975) in electrical engineering. At Stanford he invented, developed, and patented the VMOS technology, which he sold for cash and royalties to American Microsystems Inc. (AMI). He managed the MOS memory design group at AMI from 1975 to 1980 before moving to Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), where he ran AMD's static RAM product group.

Rodgers is vice chair of the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA).

Rodgers founded Cypress Semiconductor in 1982, building it into an international supplier that designs and manufactures hundreds of integrated circuits in four product divisions: static memories, programmable products, data communications, and computation products. Cypress exports 36% of its sales. The company's products are designed into systems produced by the major international suppliers of computers, instrumentation, and telecommunications systems.

Called "a quintessential entrepreneurial company" by *The Wall Street Journal*, Cypress and its management team have received many awards for excellence in financial management. These include three Bronze Awards and two Silver Awards from *The Wall Street Transcript* for outstanding management; a Kachina Award from market-research company In-Stat Inc. for excellence in financial management; and an Encore Award from the Stanford University Business School as entrepreneurial company of the year for 1988.

Rodgers' personal interests include movies (he has a theater in his home); cooking, especially Italian, French, and Chinese cuisine; collecting fine wines, notably French burgundies; and tending his pinot noir vineyard, with which he intends to produce wines surpassing those in his collection. In addition, he is an avid jogger, logging four- to six-mile runs daily.