

Taiwan's Acer lowers second-quarter shipment forecast

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Taiwan's leading personal computer maker Acer Inc. said Tuesday that shipments are expected to drop about 10 percent in the current quarter from the previous one due to slowing demand.

The decline is caused by "recent company reorganisation, inventory adjustment and the seasonal slowdown" in the PC industry, the company said in a statement.

A spokeswoman said this would mark the company's second quarterly decline in shipments after first-quarter figures also fell against the previous quarter.

Acer recently replaced its [chief executive officer](#) and president Gianfranco Lanci, citing differing views over the future of the firm, which has been striving to branch into the [tablet market](#) amid slowing demand for PCs.

The company has named Jim Wong, who has been with Acer for more than two decades, as the new corporate president.

He will also be in charge of the newly-established Touch Business Group, comprising its former tablet and [smartphone](#) teams, which the firm hopes will enhance its development of new [mobile devices](#).

Acer, the world's second-biggest PC manufacturer, started shipping tablets in March but faces stiff competition from Apple's well-

established iPad. It aims to roll out 5 to 7 million tablets this year.

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