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The Journal said such a deal for Altera, with a market capitalization of \$10.4 billion before Friday, would be Intel's largest acquisition ever.

Altera, which designs processors for phone networks, cars and other devices, would help Intel diversify its [product line](#) amid slumping demand for personal computers.

Based in San Jose, California—a short distance from Intel's Santa Clara home—Altera had revenues in the past year of \$1.9 billion and employs some 3,000 people worldwide.

Intel, the longtime leader in semiconductors for personal computers, has been shifting its focus to mobile devices and connected objects, including a recently announced heart monitor which is incorporated in audio headphones.

Altera shares jumped 28 percent on the news to \$44.39, pushing its market valuation to some \$13 billion.

Intel shares gained 6.4 percent to \$32.

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