# ASML



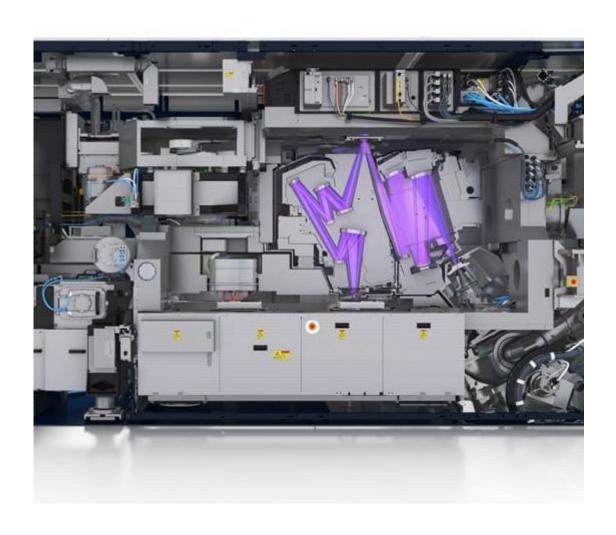
# Improved FX Exposure Forecasting with Artificial Intelligence

Pitch for DACT Treasury Award 2023

**ASML** Treasury team

# What is inside this box? And why is this important for Treasury?





#### ASML is a design & assembly company

- All parts of this machine are sourced from different suppliers
- Some parts are sourced in USD
- ASML sells its machines in EUR worldwide

**ASML** is exposed to the EUR/USD exchange rate

# Purchase hedging program





### **Challenges**

- The forecast for the hedging program is inaccurate (70%)
- Differences between forecast and actuals leads to:
  - being over or under hedged
  - ineffectiveness in hedge accounting
  - economic impact (e.g. impact on gross margin)
- The forecast creation is
  - Labor intensive
  - Excel heavy
  - Time consuming
  - Prone to manual error

#### **Solution**



#### MACHINE LEARNING

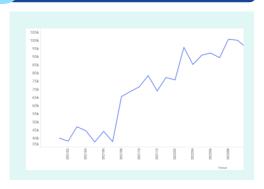
- Artificial Intelligence providing the forecasted USD intake without manual interference
- Recognizes patterns and trends
- Learns every month
- Scalable vertically and horizontally

# **AI-Powered USD FX Exposure Forecasting**

# Our journey to implement the AI solution

# ASML

5 years of historic USD intake actuals



20 Free open-source
Python algorithms



Teaching algorithms with first 3 years of actuals



Testing accuracy on last 2 years of actuals



Best 4 algorithms were further developed and re-tested



Best algorithm was further fine-tuned



Aligning with internal stakeholders

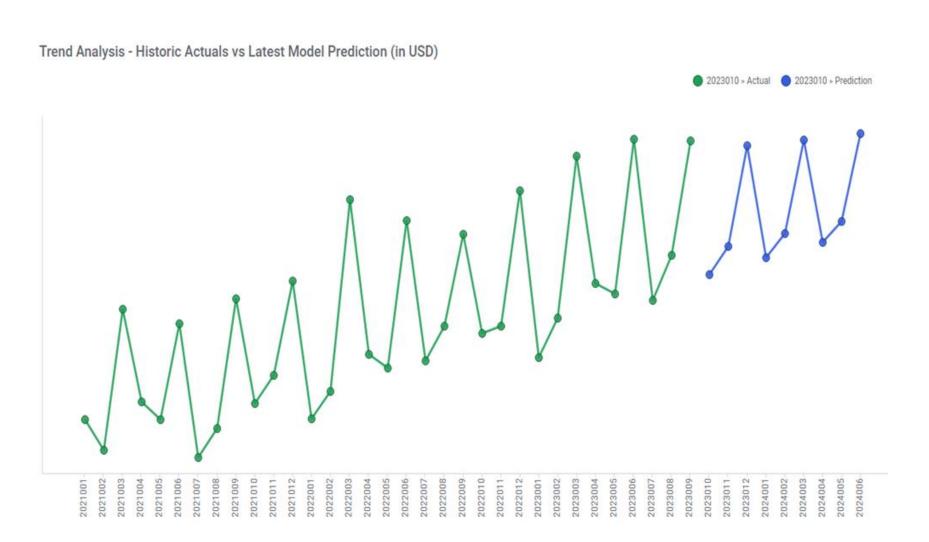


Better forecast leading to more efficient and effective hedging



# Al-Powered USD FX Exposure Forecasting In blue we see the forecasts on monthly future USD intake





Accuracy
96%
Average Accuracy (Last 3 Months)

# Reflection

# Collaboration between AI and Treasury led to a valuable new tool





## **Key business values**

- Improved forecast accuracy (from 70% to 96%) leading to more effective hedging
- Minimize impact of EUR/USD movements on ASML's gross margin
- More efficient input for hedging without waiting time and manual effort
- The AI solution is learning every month ensuring adaptability to business movements
- Resources can be used for more value-adding activities instead of processing of data
- Al provides increased level of data insights



## **Key learnings**

- Cross functional collaboration is essential for a successful outcome
- The basis of the AI solution is a free open-source python algorithm, so AI solutions are not only for the happy few
- The AI use cases in Treasury and broader finance organizations are endless

