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Abstracts

The Brazil Application-Specific Integrated Circuits (ASIC) market is forecast to grow at a CAGR of 7.9%, reaching USD 1.9 billion in 2031 from USD 1.3 billion in 2026.

The Brazilian ASIC market is undergoing a structural transformation, shifting from an import-reliant consumer electronics ecosystem toward a policy-driven market increasingly defined by digital infrastructure priorities, sustainable mobility, and AI compute sovereignty. This transition is anchored by a suite of long-term legislative initiatives, most notably the Brasil Semicon Programme enacted in September 2024 and the extension of the Semiconductor Development Support Programme (PADIS) through 2073, which together provide durable fiscal incentives for domestic ASIC design and R&D activity. Brazil's value chain remains concentrated at the consumption, assembly, and packaging end, while advanced node fabrication is outsourced globally, but the strategic direction is clearly toward cultivating a high-value, design-first ecosystem as the country's competitive differentiator within Latin America's digital economy.

Market Drivers

National 5G rollout is the most immediate infrastructure-led growth driver. As mobile network operators expand coverage across municipalities and transition to 5G Standalone architecture under ANATEL's mandate, demand rises sharply for power-efficient, custom-designed RF and baseband processing ASICs. Only purpose-built silicon can achieve the latency and throughput requirements for 3.5 GHz band operation, making ASIC adoption non-negotiable for carriers investing in Open RAN and next-generation base station infrastructure.

Automotive electrification, incentivised by the Rota 2030 programme, is a second

structural driver. The localisation of electric and hybrid vehicle assembly by multinational OEMs and Tier-1 suppliers directly increases demand for full-custom and semi-custom ASICs, particularly silicon carbide and gallium nitride power devices for traction inverters and battery management systems. The simultaneous proliferation of ADAS features in newer vehicle models creates additional demand for sensor fusion and vision processing ASICs designed to ISO 26262 automotive safety standards, establishing a high-reliability, persistent demand segment.

AI compute infrastructure investment is the third and fastest-accelerating driver. Major international technology firms have identified Brazil as a strategic hub for AI data centre development in Latin America, with NVIDIA publicly committing to collaborate with the Brazilian government on the national AI Plan in August 2025. This investment pipeline creates direct, large-volume demand for advanced node ASICs at 5 nm and 7 nm for AI training and inference workloads, where custom silicon delivers decisive performance-per-watt advantages over general-purpose processors.

Government fiscal support reinforces all three demand streams. The PADIS extension and the Brasil Semicon Programme lower R&D cost barriers for domestic design houses, while BNDES and Finep funding for rare earth element processing is building a longer-term strategic hedge against global critical material price volatility, given Brazil's position as the holder of the world's third-largest REE reserves.

Market Restraints

Dependence on international fabrication capacity is the primary structural constraint. Brazil's domestic process technology ceiling for logic remains at mature nodes, compelling all advanced-node ASIC designs to rely on Asian foundries, predominantly in Taiwan and South Korea. This exposure introduces lead-time risk, exchange rate volatility on BRL-denominated procurement, and vulnerability to global export control developments. Extended logistics also inflate total cost of ownership for locally designed cutting-edge products.

High non-recurring engineering costs at advanced nodes, compounded by Brazil's complex tax and customs regime, create additional barriers for smaller design firms. Chemical regulatory requirements introduced under Law No. 15.022/2024 add compliance overhead to the domestic production of ASIC-related materials and inputs. ANATEL's evolving certification framework under Resolution 780/2025 further increases the cost and complexity of bringing telecom-facing ASICs to market, requiring stricter conformity assessment procedures.

Technology and Segment Insights

By application, data centres and cloud computing represent the highest-growth segment, driven by AI accelerator demand and the national digital infrastructure agenda. Automotive is the second-largest segment by strategic importance, characterised by full-custom SiC and GaN power ASICs and ADAS processing silicon. Networking and telecommunications, industrial IoT, and consumer electronics complete the major application segments. Defence and aerospace represent a stable, low-volume but high-specification demand stream.

By process technology, mature nodes at 22 nm and above retain the largest volume share, serving automotive, industrial, and consumer electronics applications. Leading-edge nodes at 5 nm and 7 nm are the fastest-growing categories, concentrated in AI accelerator and cloud computing deployments. By product type, full-custom ASICs dominate the automotive and data centre segments, while semi-custom and programmable ASICs serve telecommunications and industrial IoT applications where design cycle flexibility is valued.

Brazil's position as a competitive Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test hub, particularly within the Manaus Free Trade Zone, provides a distinct back-end capability that supports regional final integration and reduces last-mile logistics complexity for domestic end-markets.

Competitive and Strategic Outlook

The competitive landscape is dominated by multinational fabless and integrated device manufacturers whose global portfolios address Brazil's primary demand verticals. Intel serves the data centre and enterprise infrastructure segment through semi-custom SoC solutions and its FPGA portfolio. NVIDIA holds a commanding position in AI compute infrastructure, with its Blackwell platform serving as the de facto standard for large-scale AI training. Infineon Technologies is the key automotive ASIC supplier, deeply embedded in domestic EV supply chains through its SiC and GaN power device portfolio. AMD, Marvell Technology, and Onsemi round out the key competitive set.

Domestic competition in advanced-node fabrication remains negligible, placing competitive differentiation in design capability, ecosystem partnerships, and proximity to end-market customers. The Brasil Semicon Programme's focus on cultivating a local fabless design ecosystem and IP development pipeline is the primary long-term

mechanism for building domestic competitive depth. Strategic partnerships between international firms, BNDES, and Finep are expected to accelerate this transition over the forecast period.

Key Takeaways

The Brazil ASIC market is set for strong and policy-supported growth through 2031, driven by converging demand from 5G infrastructure, automotive electrification, and AI data centre investment. Sustained legislative support, critical mineral development, and a maturing design ecosystem will be central to Brazil's ability to capture higher value within the global ASIC supply chain over the coming years.

Key Benefits of this Report

Insightful Analysis: Gain detailed market insights across regions, customer segments, policies, socio-economic factors, consumer preferences, and industry verticals.

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