



MulteFire Alliance

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Letter from Leadership

As the MulteFire Alliance wraps up its first year, it's natural to want to look back and reflect on the journey we've taken to get to this point. Thanks to our dedicated members, we've reached some significant milestones thus far, culminating with Release 1.0 specification publishing in the near future. Throughout the year, our members demonstrated measurable advantages of MulteFire technology, such as improved performance, coexistence with Wi-Fi in unlicensed spectrum, and the benefits of a truly neutral host.

In Q4, we were pleased to welcome Huawei as a board member to partner with our existing leadership team, as well as Comcast and CAICT, China Telecommunication Technology Labs-Terminals. The MulteFire Alliance membership is truly representative of the global service provider and vendor community – all committed to delivering a technology that will enable wireless innovation in enterprise, IoT, the cable industry, mobile broadband and more. Each member brings a unique perspective and opens opportunities for our collective success in defining the future of wireless connectivity.

We have achieved some significant milestones in our first year and are on track to make considerable strides in 2017, including Release 1.0 trials and preparation for market adoption. Thank you for your continued interest in and support for MulteFire. Look for more exciting news from the Alliance in the coming year, and have a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely,
Stephan Litjens
MulteFire Alliance Board Chair

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MulteFire: A Closer Look

IT architects are always on the hunt for ways to improve their companies' network infrastructure and enhance connectivity solutions. While conventional Wi-Fi deployments are suitable for some enterprises, they often require more access nodes, which strains the entire network. This is not the case for MulteFire.

MulteFire, offering a *new way to wireless*, provides expansive connectivity with fewer access points. This is beneficial for enterprise IT, as it translates into lower overhead. Not only is MulteFire easy to deploy, using small cell installations without needing to own licensed spectrum, it also provides better performance than Wi-Fi – both indoor and out. Furthermore, its neutral host capabilities help bring mobile cellular services inside buildings and other privately owned venues, while extending the cellular network for applications that need it.

The introduction of this new technology could not have come at a better time, as IT decision makers are busy planning network infrastructure enhancements and weighing the possible pros and cons of upgrading their existing Wi-Fi networks. MulteFire brings a new solution to the table, and with release 1.0 of the specification right around the corner and product deployments expected in 2018, MulteFire adoption in the enterprise is on the horizon.

There is a lot of momentum behind bringing MulteFire into the enterprise. With Huawei recently joining the MulteFire Alliance as a board member, the company is already [making a case](#) for how enterprises will use MulteFire. To learn more about the potential use cases for MulteFire in the enterprise, download our latest webinar with 451 Research “[LTE Network Technology: Bringing Seamless Connectivity to the Enterprise.](#)”

Events: Where to Find MulteFire Alliance

MulteFire Open Day – February 7, 2017, Tokyo

Save the date for the MulteFire Open Day, hosted by member company SoftBank, on February 7, 2017.

This half-day workshop in Tokyo will provide insight into how mobile operators, enterprises and IoT will use MulteFire technology and the business benefits it will bring to each vertical. The presentations will conclude with a reception and technology demonstrations.

A detailed agenda will be published shortly. Click [here](#) to RSVP for this event.

Mobile World Congress 2017

Join the MulteFire Alliance in Barcelona February 27-March 2, 2017 for Mobile World Congress. Visit us in Hall 7, Booth 7F81 to see technology demonstrations and meet with Alliance representatives.

MulteFire Panel Discussions at MWC on February 28

The MulteFire Alliance press event at Mobile World Congress is scheduled for February 28, 2017 at 2pm in Press Room 1. You are invited to join panelists from our member companies and other industry players as we discuss MulteFire and market adoption.

MulteFire in the News



Huawei signs up to MulteFire Alliance with IoT remit

Huawei has joined the MulteFire Alliance with a specific remit to test the technology's applications for enterprises and the IoT market.

[Huawei] said MulteFire “promises LTE-like performance with Wi-Fi-like deployment simplicity”, and would help industrial customers reduce investment costs on network deployment, operation, maintenance, personnel training, and other aspects.

The Chinese vendor will contribute to the Alliance’s marketing and technical specification groups, sharing “application scenarios” in the former, and focusing on broadband mobility and coverage improvements in the latter. To continue reading, click [here](#).

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Blog

- [MulteFire Continues to Gain Membership Momentum](#)
- [Tune-in to MulteFire Webinar on Enterprise IT](#)
- [Join in the SCWS 10th Anniversary Celebrations at SCWS Americas](#)
- [MulteFire is Making Global Strides: From CTIA in Vegas to Broadband World Forum in London](#)

Archived Webinars

- [451 Research Webinar: MulteFire for Enterprise IT](#)
- [Understanding MulteFire’s Radio Link](#)
- [MulteFire’s End-to-End Architecture](#)
- [The Promise of MulteFire](#)

Articles

- [MulteFire uses unlicensed spectrum for privateenterprise LTE networks – RCR Wireless](#)
- [Theneed for better indoor coverage - ConnexieB2B](#)

Whitepapers

- [MulteFire lights up thepath for universal wireless service](#)

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