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Semiconductor sales down year-on-year in February

European semiconductor sales reached US\$ 3.338 billion in February 2019, the European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) reported on 1 April based on WSTS data. These figures reflect a 3% decrease compared to the same month one year ago and a 2.3% decrease compared to January. This development is in line with growth patterns across the regions. On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales amounted to US\$ 32.864 billion, down 7.3% versus the previous month. The current slower growth – following record sales in 2018 – had been predicted by the WSTS organisation in its latest forecast report. All growth figures represent a three-month rolling average.

Looking at the European market, the main drivers of February's sales were optoelectronic devices (up 5.5% compared to January), discrete semiconductors (up 1.5%) and logic ICs (up 1.9%).

In February, exchange rate effects increased compared to January, when looking at market growth in Euros and in Dollars. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.935 billion Euros in February 2019, down 2.1% versus the previous month and an increase of 3.4% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales increased by 3.1%.

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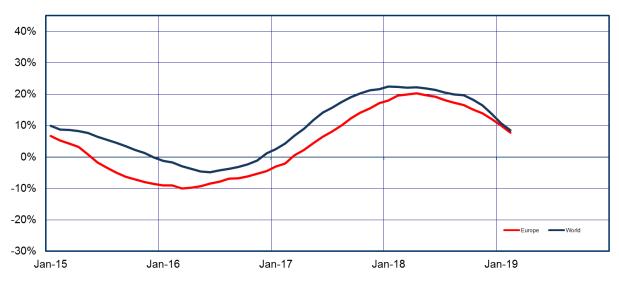
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Monthly European semiconductor sales

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jan 19	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 19
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Europe	3.415	3.338	-1.5%	-2.3%	0.2%	-3.0%	-4.9%	-4.5%
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Americas	7.308	6.366	-13.0%	-12.9%	-15.3%	-22.9%	-24.0%	-25.3%
Japan	3.159	2.992	-4.7%	-5.3%	-1.5%	-5.9%	-7.1%	-8.8%
Asia Pacific	21.587	20.168	-6.3%	-6.6%	-3.5%	-7.9%	-11.4%	-9.2%
of which China	11.627	10.719	-8.5%	-7.8%	-3.2%	-8.5%	-13.1%	-10.5%
World	35.469	32.864	-7.2%	-7.3%	-5.7%	-10.6%	-13.1%	-12.3%
In EURO:								
Europe	3.000	2.935	-1.3%	-2.1%	4.9%	3.4%	1.5%	3.1%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.142	1.133	-6.3%	-8.4%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

(3-month-average data, except YTD growth which is calculated based on current month data)

Semiconductor sales worldwide and in Europe (in US Dollars)



Note: On a 12/12 basis, i.e. on the basis of the percent change of a 12-month period compared to a similar period twelve months before



Monthly European semiconductor sales development (in Euro)

Note: 3/12 = Percent change of a three-month period compared to a similar period twelve months before 12/12 = Percent change of a twelve-month period compared to a similar period twelve months before

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About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) is the voice of the Semiconductor Industry of Europe. Its mission is to represent, promote and defend the common interests of the Europe based semiconductor industry towards the European Institutions and stakeholders in order to ensure a sustainable business environment and foster its global competitiveness. As a provider of key enabling technologies the industry creates innovative solutions for industrial development, contributing to economic growth and responding to major societal challenges. Being ranked as the most R&D intensive sector by the European Commission, the European semiconductor ecosystem supports approx. 200.000 jobs directly and up to 1.000.000 induced jobs in systems, applications and services in Europe. Overall, micro- and nano-electronics enable the generation of at least 10% of GDP in Europe and the world.

About WSTS: World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) is a non-profit organization of 62 semiconductor companies representing close to 80% of the world semiconductor market. Founded in 1986, WSTS is the singular source for monthly industry shipment statistics. The mission of WSTS is to be the respected source of semiconductor market data and forecast. <u>http://www.wsts.org/</u>