



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European semiconductor sales dip in February

Sales of semiconductor on the European market declined 3.1 percent in February, in line with seasonal patterns and sales developments reported for the other Regions, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reports today. When measured in units, European sales were still positive, showing a 8% year on year growth, meaning that average selling prices continued to have a negative impact on the market.

Sales for memories- both DRAMS and Flash- and microprocessors weakened further this month compared to January, on a three months rolling average.

Sales of digital signal processors – and generally chips used in communication applications- decreased, mirroring some weakness on the cellular phone market.

Discretes, optoelectronics, standard logic chips have shown good dynamics, as well as microcontrollers, these latter largely driven by the automotive market in Europe.

More in detail, European Semiconductor sales in February 2008 amounted to US\$ 3.336 billion according to WSTS, down 3.1% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a decrease of 0.1% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 0.1% versus the same period in the year 2007.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar widened its impact on the growth data to new record levels. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in February 2008 were 2.278 billion Euro, down 3.2% on previous month and down 10.7% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 11.3% versus the same period in the year 2007.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in February 2008 were US\$ 20.436 billion, down 4.9% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 1.5% versus the same month in 2007 and on a YTD basis it results in an increase of 1.5%.

(for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

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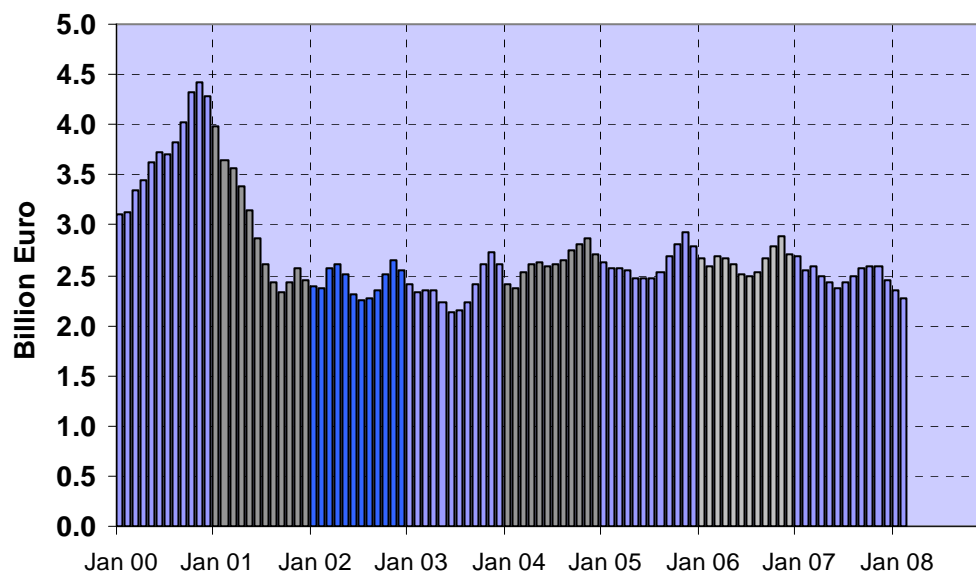
About WSTS: Established in 1986, WSTS is an organisation of 73 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing close to 90% of the world's semiconductor market. Its mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line form serving the broad marketing and executive needs, therefore documenting past - and anticipating future business trends. More information on the WSTS website at www.wsts.org

Market data by region¹

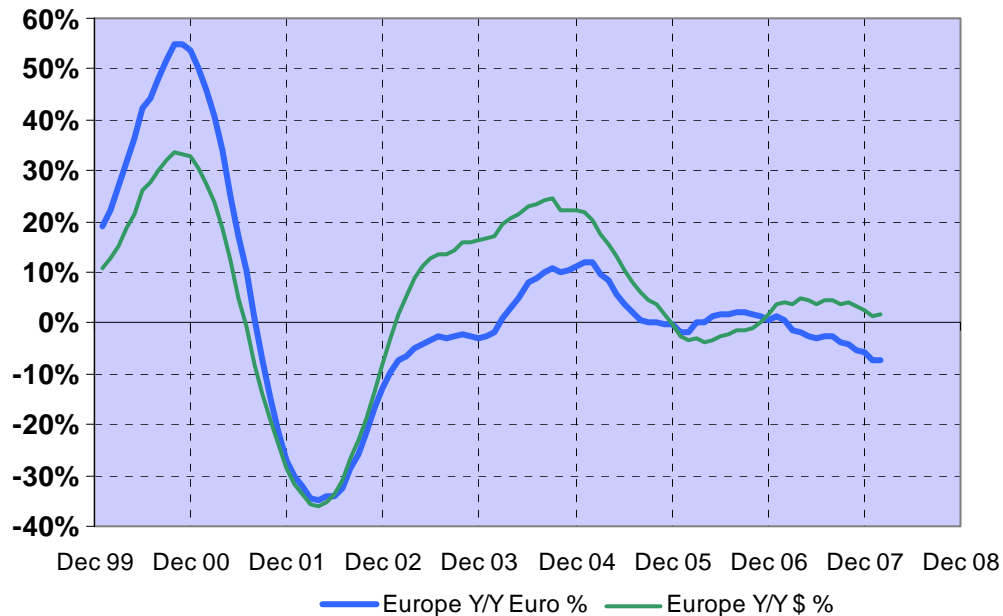
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jan 08	Feb08	Jan 08	Feb08	Jan 08	Feb08	Jan 08	Feb08
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Europe	3.443	3.336	-2.6%	-3.1%	-1.2%	-0.1%	-2.5%	0.1%
Americas	3.450	3.292	-5.6%	-4.6%	-7.0%	-3.5%	-5.8%	-3.2%
Japan	4.101	3.988	-4.8%	-2.8%	8.0%	8.2%	0.2%	4.5%
Asia Pacific	10.490	9.819	-2.7%	-6.4%	0.0%	1.2%	1.4%	2.4%
World	21.484	20.436	-3.6%	-4.9%	0.0%	1.5%	-0.7%	1.5%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.354	2.278	-3.6%	-3.2%	-12.2%	-10.7%	-13.7%	-11.3%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.469	1.472	13.0%	12.6%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

1) Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth, all figures are 3-month-average data

EUROPE - Monthly European Semiconductor sales in billion Euro (3-month-average data)



European Semiconductor sales growth in % - Annualized growth trend (Y/Y) in Euro and Dollar (12-month-average data)



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