



European Semiconductor Industry Association

## ***Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release***

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### **European sales of semiconductors grew 4% year-on-year in May**

European sales for semiconductors in May grew more than 4% in dollars compared to the same month in 2007, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported yesterday. However, data on sales show a slight decrease in May from April on a three month rolling average, following a trend registered also in Japan.

In Europe, positive growth rates were observed for some of the main product categories on a three month rolling average, in particular optoelectronics, sensor-actuators and digital signal processors. Sales for memories also grew in May: notably DRAMs returned to a positive growth, recording a 5% increase. Sales of NOR Flash Memories showed a positive trend, while figures related to trends in sales of discretes were almost flat on a three month rolling basis. On the negative side, sales for Microprocessors have decreased by 6%.

Looking at application specific chips, MOS Logic used in communications contributed mostly to the growth in May on a three month rolling average (+8%), due to the good performance of the mobile phones market.

More in detail, European semiconductor sales in May 2008 amounted to US\$ 3.408 billion according to WSTS, down 0.3% versus the previous month. This corresponds to an increase of 4.4% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 2.7% versus the same period in the year 2007.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar holds its impact on the growth data at record levels. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in May 2008 were 2.187 billion Euro, down 2.1% on previous month and down 10.2% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 10.6% versus the same period in the year 2007.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in May 2008 were US\$ 21.833 billion, up 2.8% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 7.5% versus the same month in 2007 and on a YTD basis it results in an increase of 5.3%.

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

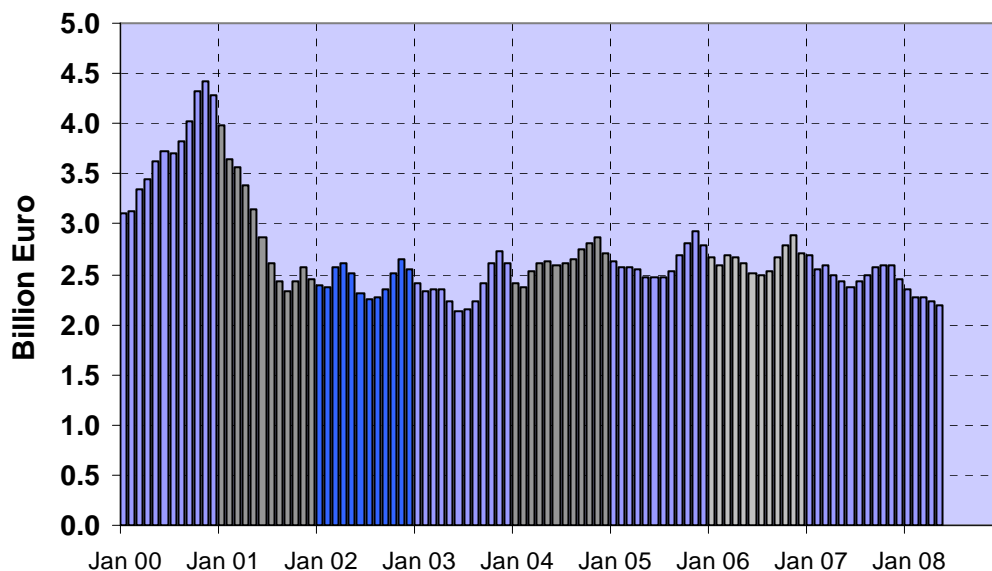
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## Market data by region<sup>1</sup>

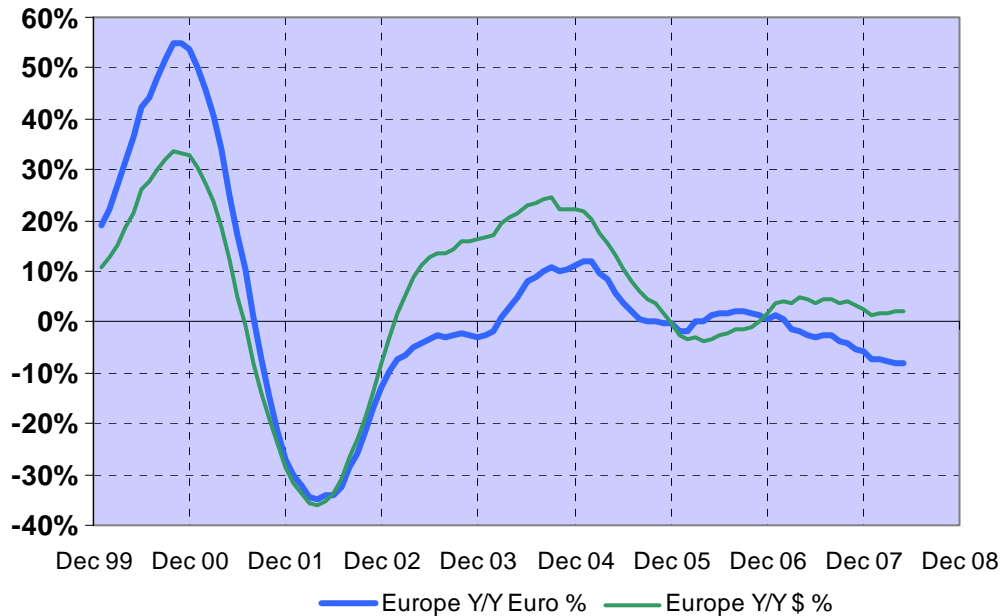
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Apr 08	May 08	Apr 08	May 08	Apr 08	May 08	Apr 08	May 08
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Europe	3.419	3.408	0.4%	-0.3%	3.8%	4.4%	2.3%	2.7%
Americas	3.457	3.518	1.3%	1.8%	6.0%	5.2%	3.0%	2.1%
Japan	4.291	4.288	0.9%	-0.1%	11.3%	9.5%	8.6%	7.5%
Asia Pacific	10.080	10.619	-0.2%	5.3%	4.5%	8.5%	3.7%	6.3%
of which China	3.857	4.151		7.6%				
World	21.248	21.833	0.4%	2.8%	5.9%	7.5%	4.3%	5.3%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.233	2.187	-1.8%	-2.1%	-10.0%	-10.2%	-10.9%	-10.6%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.579	1.556	16.8%	15.1%	< 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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