



European Semiconductor Industry Association

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

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### **European sales of semiconductors grew by 0,9 % in September**

The European market for semiconductors grew by 0,9 % in September compared with the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported yesterday.

Most product categories confirmed the trend observed in August, with total logic and MOS Special Purpose Logic driving the market. Optoelectronics also grew in September, recovering after the weaker performance registered in August, back to the positive growth rate recorded in the first half of 2008.

Looking at application specific chips, application specific analog ICs used in communications (+12%) and computer & peripherals (+6%) mostly contributed to the growth in September.

More in detail, European semiconductor sales in September 2008 amounted to US\$ 3.478 billion according to WSTS, up 0.9% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a decline of 1.5% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 0.8% versus the same period in the year 2007.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar recently started a spectacular decline, softening its impact on the growth data. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in September 2008 were 2.323 billion Euro, up 4.1% on previous month and down 9.5% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 10.8% versus the same period in the year 2007.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in September 2008 were US\$ 22.967 billion, up 1.1% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 1.6% versus the same month in 2007 and on a YTD basis it results in an increase of 4.50%.

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

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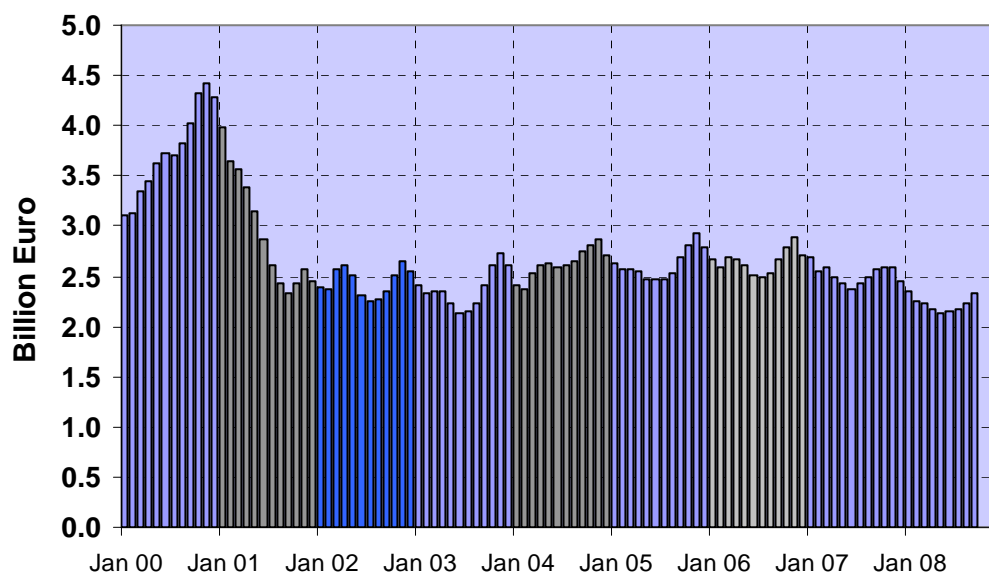
## Market data by region<sup>1</sup>

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Aug 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Sep 08
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Europe	3.447	3.478	1.6%	0.9%	2.1%	-1.5%	1.2%	0.8%
Americas	3.321	3.207	-0.8%	-3.4%	-7.3%	-15.7%	-3.6%	-5.0%
Japan	4.219	4.258	2.8%	0.9%	2.9%	0.0%	5.1%	3.8%
Asia Pacific	11.724	12.024	3.4%	2.6%	12.0%	9.2%	8.1%	8.3%
of which China	4.246	4.367		2.9%				
World	22.711	22.967	2.4%	1.1%	5.5%	1.6%	4.5%	4.0%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.232	2.323	2.8%	4.1%	-10.3%	-9.5%	-11.6%	-10.8%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.501	1.436	10.1%	3.7%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

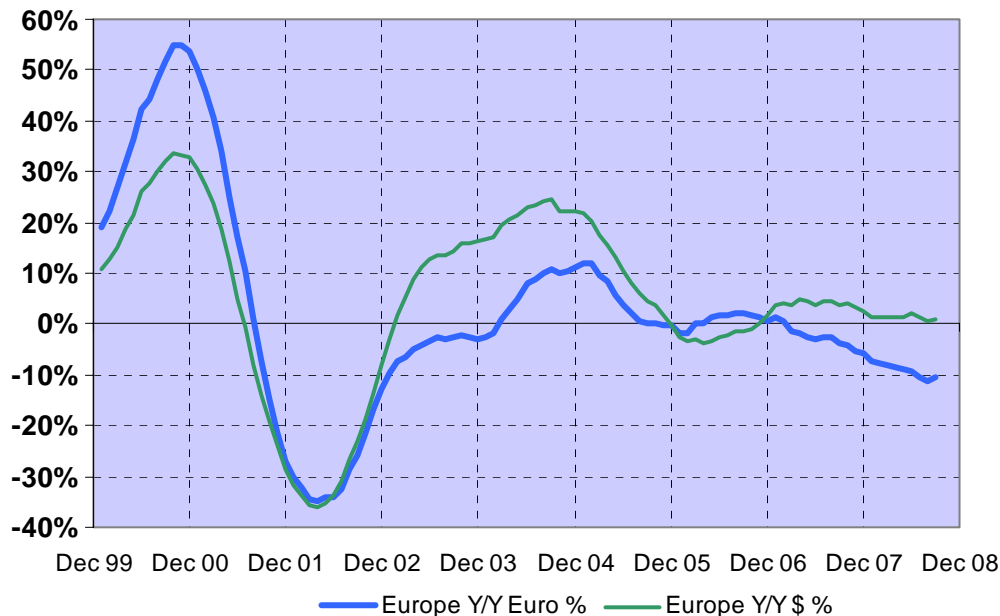
1) Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth, all figures are 3-month-average data

## 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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