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European Semiconductor Market in December 2002

European Semiconductor sales in December 2002 amounted to US\$ 2.543 billion according to WSTS. This corresponds to a +15.8% increase compared to the same month last year. In Total year 2002 semiconductor sales decreased by -8.0% versus previous year. Monthly sequential growth (i.e. December compared to November) was -2.5%.

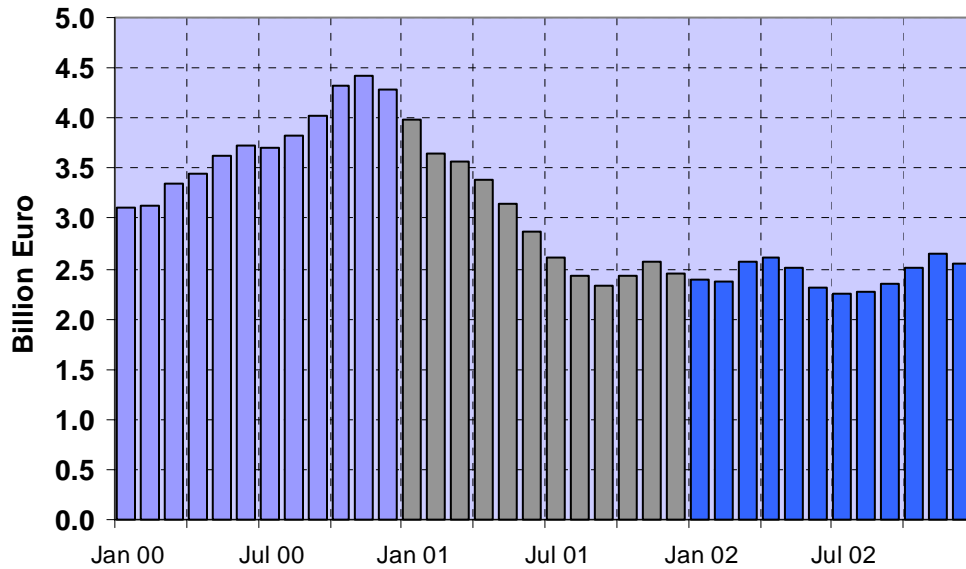
The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ has a significant impact on the growth data at this time. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in December were EURO 2.540 billion, a +3.5% increase versus the same month a year ago. In total year 2002 semiconductor sales decreased by -12.8% versus previous year. Monthly sequential growth in November was -3.8%.

On a Worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in December were US\$ 12.528 billion, a +23.1% growth versus the same month a year ago. On a monthly sequential basis, this corresponds to a decline of -2.3% and in total year 2002 to a growth of +1.3% versus 2001.

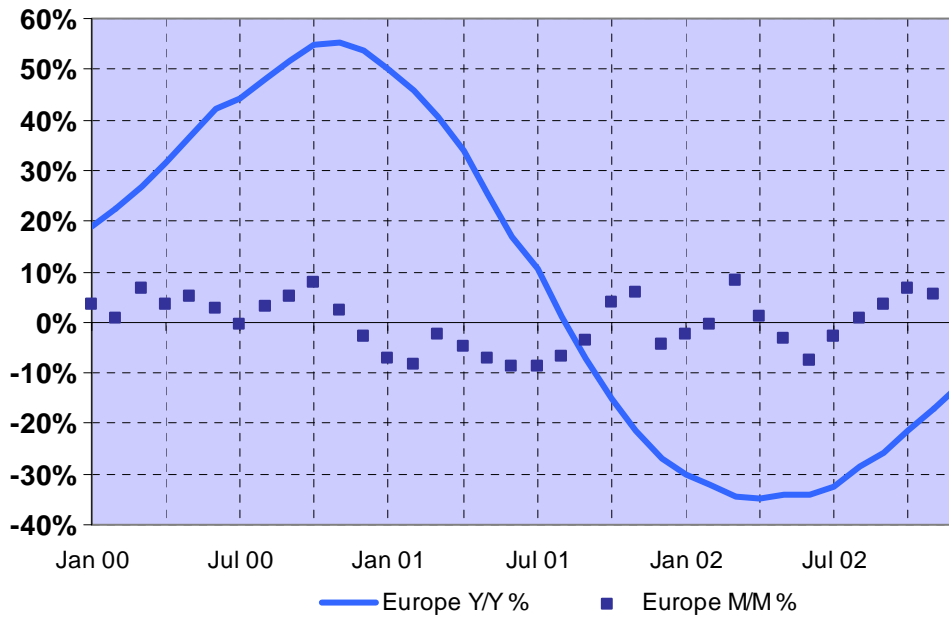
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Year on Year growth		Month on Month growth		YTD growth	
	Nov 02	Dez 02	Nov 02	Dez 02	Nov 02	Dez 02	Nov 02	Dez 02
in \$:								
Europe	2.609	2.543	12.5%	15.8%	6.1%	-2.5%	-9.9%	-8.0%
Americas	2.693	2.596	7.7%	5.0%	1.8%	-3.6%	-13.5%	-12.6%
Japan	2.847	2.775	22.5%	30.5%	-0.2%	-2.5%	-10.8%	-8.0%
Asia Pacific	4.678	4.614	35.2%	36.3%	2.7%	-1.4%	27.9%	28.5%
World	12.828	12.528	21.0%	23.1%	2.5%	-2.3%	-0.4%	1.3%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.640	2.540	2.8%	3.5%	5.3%	-3.8%	-13.8%	-12.8%
Rate	1.000	1.021	\$ /Euro					

(Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data.)

Europe (Euro)



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



European Semiconductor sales growth in %
Month over previous month (M/M) and yearly growth trend (Y/Y)
(3-month-average and 12-month-average data – measured in Euro)

About EECA and ESIA

The European Electronic Component Manufacturers Association (EECA) is an association grouping of four autonomous industry associations with members coming from the manufacturing and related industries as well as from national associations. Their goal is to promote and defend the vital interests of the European Electronic Components Industry and to support its competitive position in the global marketplace. The four associations are European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA), European Display Industry Association (EDIA), European Passive Components Industry Association (EPCIA), European Packaging and Interconnection Industry Association (EPIA). EECA is a chartered member of the World Semiconductor Council. More information can be found at <http://www.eeca.org>.

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