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European Semiconductor Market in February 2003

European Semiconductor sales in February 2003 amounted to US\$ 2.445 billion according to WSTS. This corresponds to a +16.6% increase compared to the same month last year. Year-to-date, semiconductor sales increased by +19.0% versus the same period last year. Monthly sequential growth (i.e. February compared to January) was -1.0%.

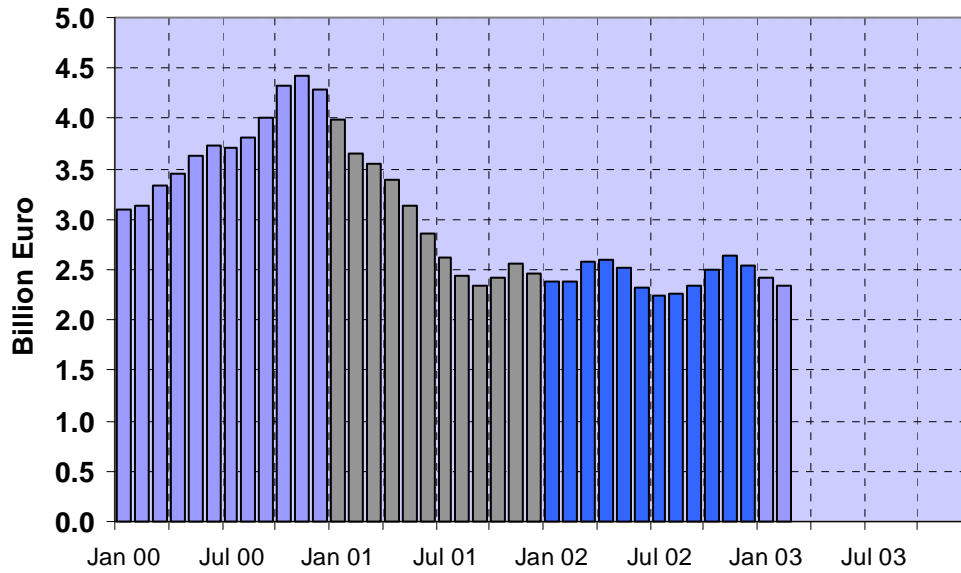
The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ has a significant impact on the growth data at this time. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in February were EURO 2.334 billion, a decline of -1.8% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales decreased by -2.0% versus the same period last year. Monthly sequential growth in January was -3.3%.

On a Worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in February were US\$ 11.841 billion, a +18.1% growth versus the same month a year ago. On a monthly sequential basis, this corresponds to a decrease of -3.3% and on a year-to-date basis to a growth of +17.0%.

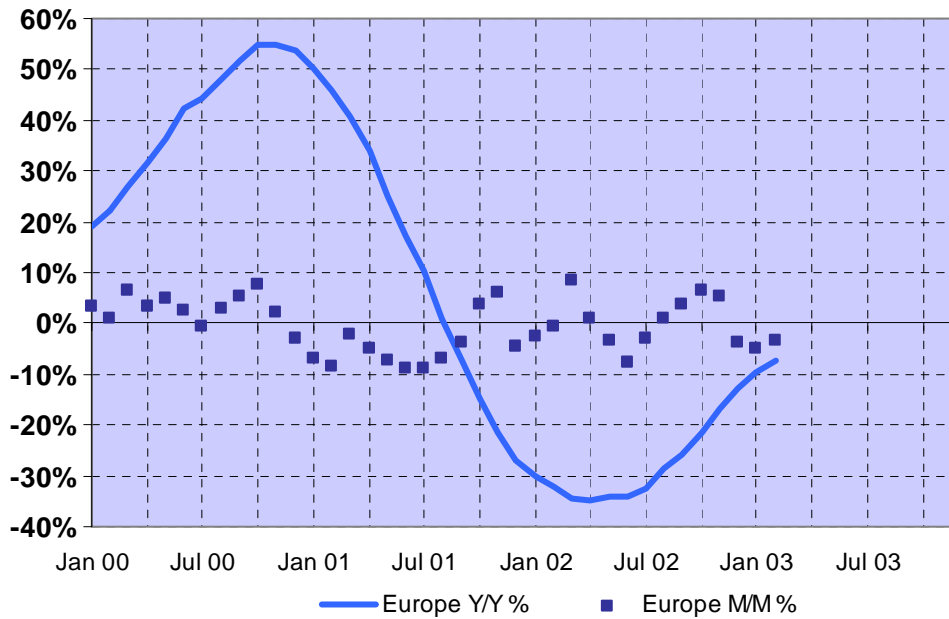
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Year on Year growth		Month on Month growth		YTD growth	
	Jan 03	Feb 03	Jan 03	Feb 03	Jan 03	Feb 03	Jan 03	Feb 03
in \$:								
Europe	2.471	2.445	16.2%	16.6%	-2.8%	-1.0%	17.3%	19.0%
Americas	2.542	2.408	2.9%	-4.5%	-2.1%	-5.3%	-3.3%	-6.1%
Japan	2.712	2.694	34.2%	34.5%	-2.3%	-0.7%	41.5%	34.9%
Asia Pacific	4.523	4.294	33.1%	26.1%	-2.0%	-5.1%	24.7%	21.4%
World	12.248	11.841	22.3%	18.1%	-2.2%	-3.3%	19.9%	17.0%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.412	2.334	0.9%	-1.8%	-5.0%	-3.3%	-1.9%	-2.0%
Rate	1.060	1.069	\$ / 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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