



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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Relative good start for the European semiconductor market in January

Despite the traditional slow start for January, the European market was relatively stable in comparison with the sales reported in December, on a three months rolling average, in comparison to the weaker results reported from the other Regions.

Microcontrollers increased compared to the previous month, DRAM memories confirm the good results from the last quarter of 2006. Sales of optoelectronics, general purpose logic and logic chips specifically designed for communication products contribute positively to the sales in Europe. Microprocessors have been in line with the total result.

On the negative side, WSTS reports weaker sales of flash memories and digital signal processors.

Despite this subdued market development on a sequential month to month basis, a year on year comparison illustrates that from an application perspective the market in January 2007 was significantly higher than a year ago in segments like consumer, and some typical areas of European strength such as automotive and IC cards.

European Semiconductor sales in January 2007 amounted to US\$ 3.484 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down 0.4% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 9.4% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 14.1% versus the same period in the year 2006.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ still had its impact on the growth data in the recent months. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in January 2007 were EURO 2.678 billion, down 1.3% on previous month and up 0.1% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a growth of 6.6% versus the same period in the year 2006.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in January 2007 were US\$ 21.474 billion, down 1.2% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 9.2% versus the same month in 2006 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 10.7%.

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

About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA), part of the European Electronic Component manufacturers' Association (EECA), represents the European-based manufacturers of semiconductor devices. The semiconductor industry provides the enabling technology, which is at the forefront of the development of the digital economy. The sector supports over 86,000 jobs in a market valued at around €31.8 bn in 2006.

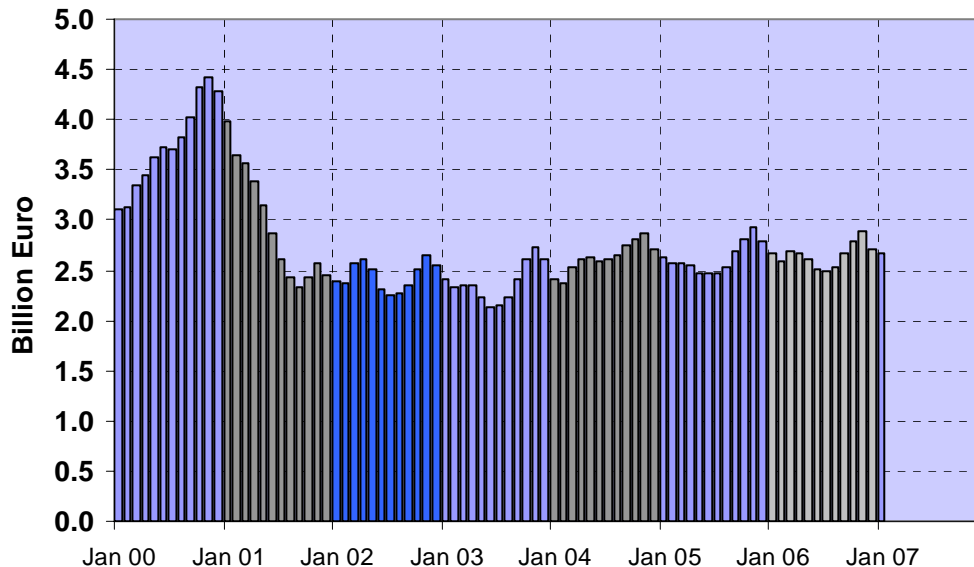
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005 WSTS members are 74 semiconductor companies from all over the world, representing 85% of the world semiconductor market. More information on the WSTS website at www.wsts.org

Market data by region¹

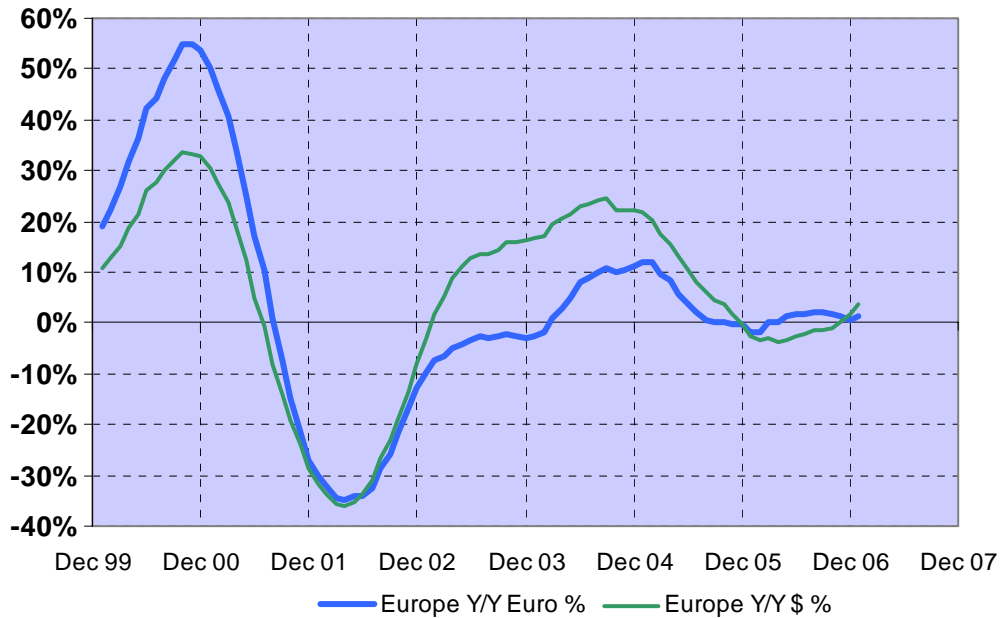
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Dec 06	Jan 07	Dec 06	Jan 07	Dec 06	Jan 07	Dec 06	Jan 07
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Europe	3.497	3.484	-5.1%	-0.4%	5.4%	9.4%	1.6%	14.1%
Americas	3.802	3.706	-4.2%	-2.5%	2.5%	-0.1%	10.3%	2.0%
Japan	3.877	3.793	-5.4%	-2.2%	7.1%	3.8%	5.3%	2.6%
Asia Pacific	10.569	10.491	-2.1%	-0.7%	13.6%	15.2%	12.7%	16.8%
World	21.745	21.474	-3.6%	-1.2%	9.0%	9.2%	8.9%	10.7%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.713	2.678	-6.2%	-1.3%	-2.7%	0.1%	0.5%	6.6%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.320	1.300	11.4%	7.1%	< 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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