



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European semiconductor sales outperformed world in September

The worldwide semiconductor market showed a 20% increase in September, following a surprisingly good August. This means that September is the strongest month in the year 2007 to date. With 26% increase, the European semiconductor market outperformed the world market.

On a quarterly basis, worldwide unit demand grew 9.3% in the third quarter over the second quarter, while unit demand in Europe was stable.

Despite the fact that some product categories continue to experience strong price pressures, worldwide ASPs have increased overall by 3.6% (+10% in Europe)

Looking at specific products, microprocessors, flash memories and application specific integrated circuits have been driving the September positive results. DRAM market was slightly positive, despite a strong price decline in September. On the negative sign were sensors and actuators and digital signal processors.

Looking at market segments, microchips used in specific applications (ASSP ICs) reported a good result, supported by wireless communication, consumer and, also by data processing- this latter consequence of the positive developments on the microprocessors market. Automotive has recovered in September after a weak start into the third quarter this year.

European Semiconductor sales in September 2007 amounted to US\$ 3.532 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up 4.6% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 3.5% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 3.3% versus the same period in the year 2006.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar continued to widen its impact on the growth data in the recent months. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in September 2007 were 2.570 billion Euro, up 3.3% on previous month and down 3.9% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 4.3% versus the same period in the year 2006.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in September 2007 were US\$ 22.605 billion, up 5.0% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 5.9% versus the same month in 2006 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 3.5%. (for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

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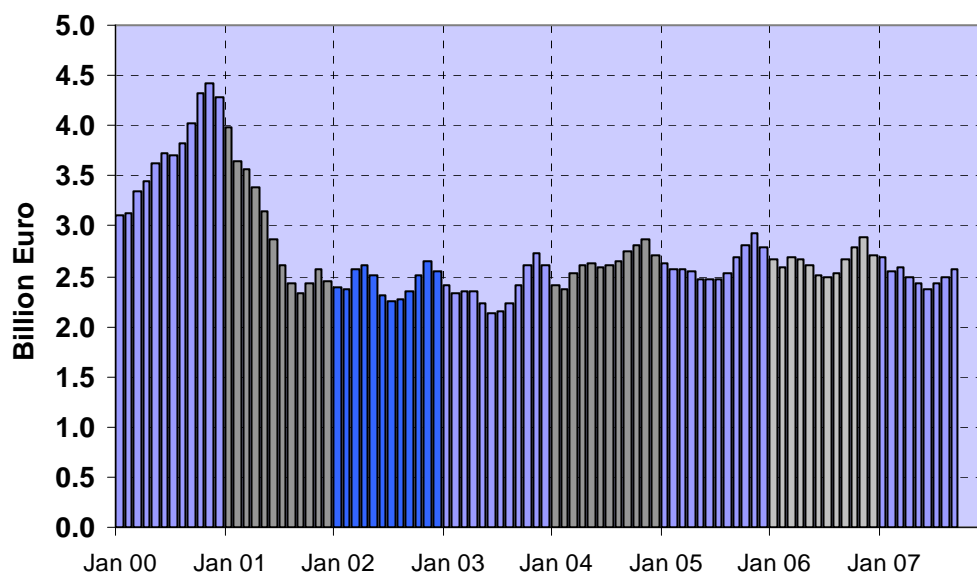
About WSTS: Established in 1986, WSTS is an organisation of 73 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing close to 90% of the world's semiconductor market. Its mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line form serving the broad marketing and executive needs, therefore documenting past - and anticipating future business trends. More information on the WSTS website at www.wsts.org

Market data by region¹

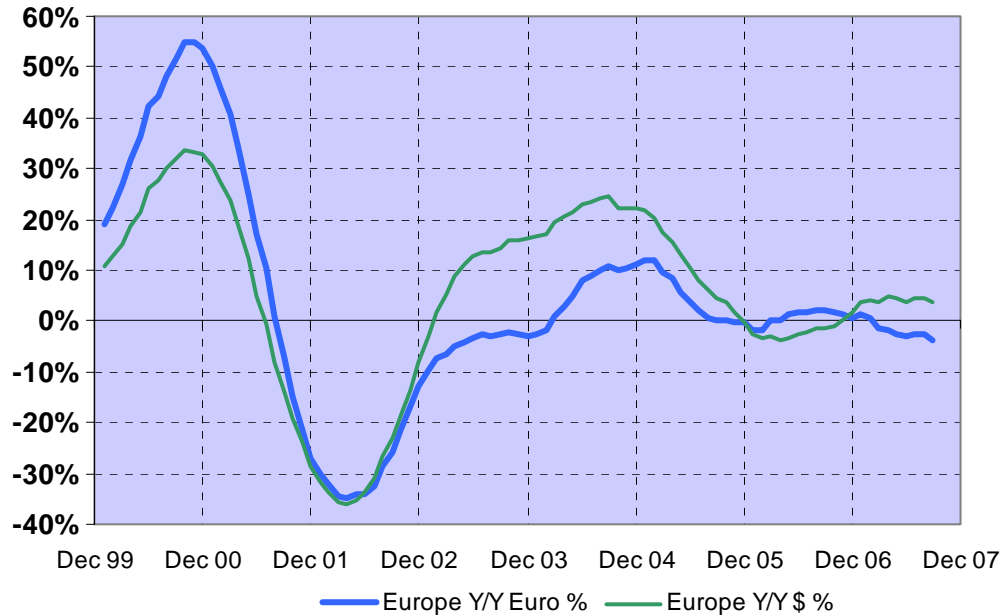
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Aug 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 07
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Europe	3.377	3.532	2.8%	4.6%	5.3%	3.5%	4.4%	3.3%
Americas	3.583	3.806	3.0%	6.2%	-6.3%	-2.2%	-6.8%	-6.4%
Japan	4.099	4.257	3.5%	3.8%	4.6%	5.8%	3.6%	3.6%
Asia Pacific	10.468	11.010	6.0%	5.2%	9.5%	9.9%	7.8%	7.4%
World	21.528	22.605	4.5%	5.0%	4.9%	5.9%	3.7%	3.5%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.487	2.570	2.6%	3.3%	-1.4%	-3.9%	-3.3%	-4.3%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.363	1.386	6.4%	8.7%	< 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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