



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European semiconductor market positive in October

Semiconductor sales in Europe grew faster than the worldwide market in October according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) organisation. This is the fourth successive month where the European market exhibited growth.

Increases were reported for a number of major product categories. Discretes, sensors and microprocessors performed well above the worldwide levels. However, the results for NAND flash memories, Digital Signal Processors (DSPs) and DRAMs were an exception to this trend.

Sales for application specific semiconductors rose sharply, in particular chips used in automotive, multipurpose/industrial, and computer sectors.

European Semiconductor sales in October 2007 amounted to US\$ 3.621 billion according to the WSTS, up 2.5% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 2.2% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 3.5% versus the same period in the year 2006.

The Euro- US dollar exchange rate continues to impact the data. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in October 2007 were € 2.607 billion, up 1.4% on previous month and down 6.3% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 4.5% versus the same period in the year 2006.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in October 2007 were US\$ 23.072 billion, up 2.1% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 5.0% versus the same month in 2006 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 3.9%.

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

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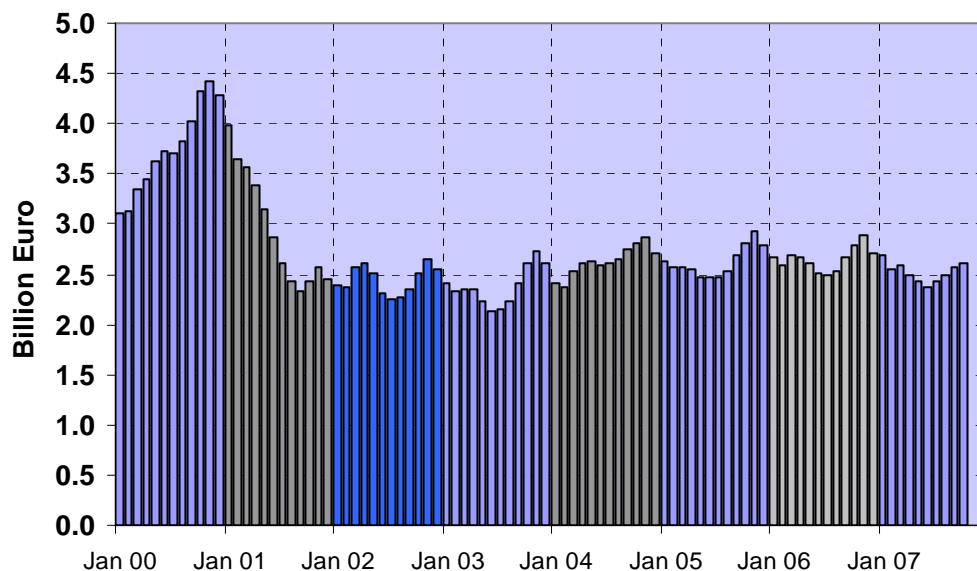
About WSTS: Established in 1986, WSTS is an organisation of 73 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing close to 90% of the world's semiconductor market. Its mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line 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

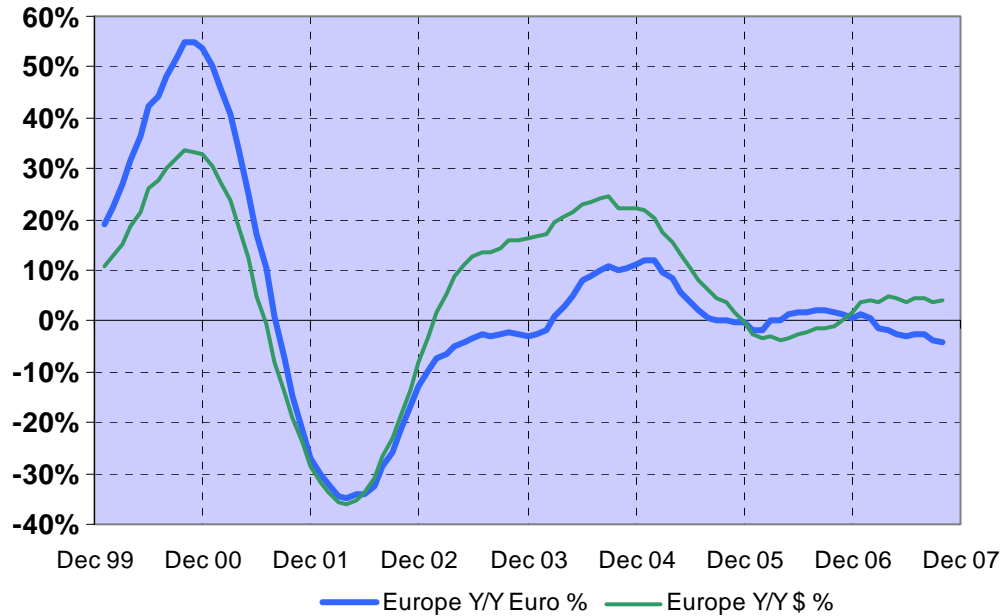
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Sep 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Oct 07
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Europe	3.532	3.621	4.6%	2.5%	3.5%	2.2%	3.3%	3.5%
Americas	3.806	3.868	6.2%	1.6%	-2.2%	-3.1%	-6.4%	-5.3%
Japan	4.257	4.371	3.8%	2.7%	5.8%	6.6%	3.2%	4.0%
Asia Pacific	11.009	11.213	5.2%	1.9%	9.9%	8.5%	7.5%	7.6%
World	22.604	23.072	5.0%	2.1%	5.9%	5.0%	3.5%	3.9%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.570	2.607	3.3%	1.4%	-3.9%	-6.3%	-4.3%	-4.5%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.386	1.419	8.7%	12.5%	< 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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