



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European semiconductor sales up 2.7 percent in 2007

Semiconductor sales on the European market were up 2.7 percent in 2007, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reports today. This is slightly below the 3.2 percent forecasted by the organization last Autumn, but the fifth consecutive positive year for Europe (not considering the 0.4 percent dip in 2005) - the sixth at worldwide level - and prospects for the future look optimistic.

A severe weakness of the memory market due to a strong price decline had a strong impact on the semiconductor market development. On a yearly base the negative impact of DRAM prices has been particularly severe in Europe, where those products still account for around 11% of the total market. Positive figures which were reported for Flash memories (in particular NAND) have not been enough to brighten up the performance of overall memory products. On the positive side throughout the year but also sequentially in the fourth quarter Power Semiconductors, micro components, sensors and logic products have shown good performance. These products are mainly used in Automotive, Communication (mobile phones), Industrial & Medical applications and in the PC market segments.

More in detail, European Semiconductor sales in December 2007 amounted to US\$ 3.534 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down 4.0% versus the previous month. This corresponds to an increase of 1.0% compared to the same month last year. In the total year 2007 semiconductor sales increased by 2.7% versus the year 2006. The market in total year 2007 reached a value of US\$ 40.972 billion.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar continued its impact on the growth data in the recent months. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in December 2007 were 2.442 billion Euro, down 5.7% on previous month and down 10% versus the same month a year ago. For total year 2007 semiconductor sales showed a decline of 5.8% versus the year 2006. In Euro the market in total year 2007 reached a value of € 29.915 billion.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in December 2007 were US\$ 22.281 billion, down 3.6% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 2.5% versus the same month in 2006 and on a total year basis it results in a growth rate of 3.2%. The World market in total year 2007 reached a value of US\$ 255.645 billion.

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

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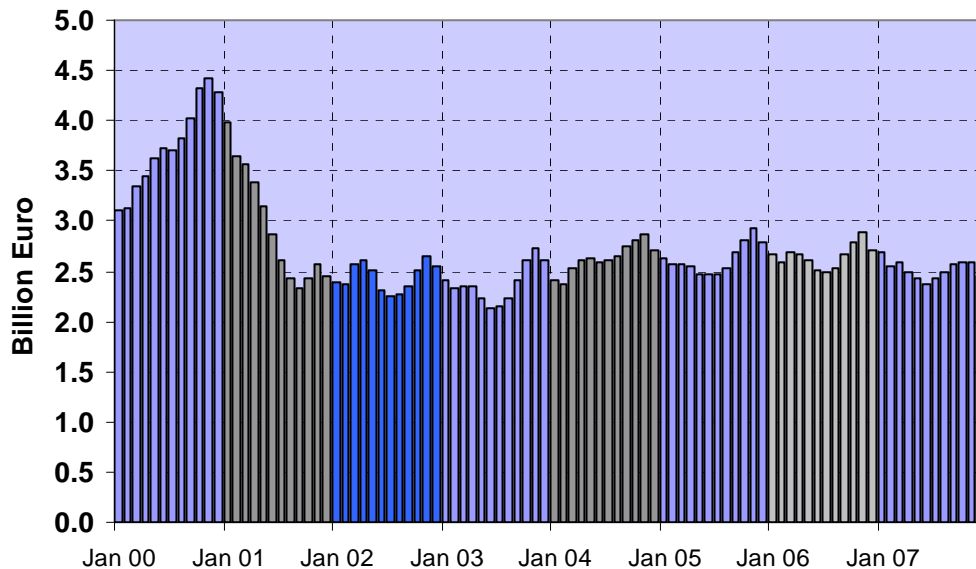
About WSTS: Established in 1986, WSTS is an organisation of 73 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing close to 90% of the world's semiconductor market. Its mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line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

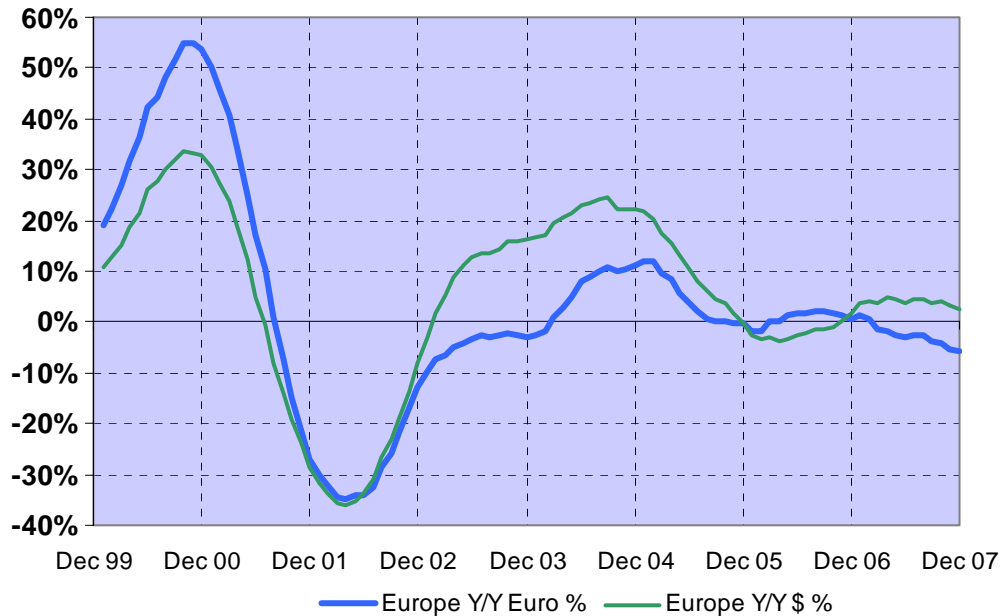
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Nov 07	Dec 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Nov 07	Dec 07
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Europe	3.681	3.534	2.0%	-4.0%	-0.1%	1.0%	3.0%	2.7%
Americas	3.825	3.655	-0.9%	-4.5%	-3.6%	-3.9%	-5.9%	-5.7%
Japan	4.386	4.307	0.5%	-1.8%	7.0%	11.1%	4.3%	5.2%
Asia Pacific	11.229	10.785	0.3%	-4.0%	4.0%	2.0%	6.8%	6.0%
World	23.121	22.281	0.4%	-3.6%	2.6%	2.5%	3.4%	3.2%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.591	2.442	-0.3%	-5.7%	-10.4%	-10.0%	-5.4%	-5.8%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.466	1.454	14.3%	10.2%	< 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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