



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European semiconductor sales keep the pace in January

Sales on the European semiconductor market have been weaker in January compared to the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reports today. This pattern is in line with seasonal behaviour and slightly better than the market development observed in the other Regions.

Sensors and Discretes have been rather stable, while optoelectronics grew well above the worldwide average.

Price pressures on computer chips – notably DRAM, but also microprocessors - still drive the market down, despite positive PC sales in the last quarter of 2007. On the other hand, the slowdown in sales of consumer electronics might also explain the decrease in the NAND Flash market.

Slower sales of digital signal processors were also reported in January.

More in detail, European Semiconductor sales in January 2008 amounted to US\$ 3.444 billion according to WSTS, down 2.5% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a decrease of 1.2% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 2.4% versus the same period in the year 2007.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar further widened its impact on the growth data in the recent months. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in January 2008 were 2.354 billion Euro, down 3.6% on previous month and down 12.1% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 13.7% versus the same period in the year 2007.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in January 2008 were US\$ 21.486 billion, down 3.6% versus the previous month. This results in a flat trend versus the same month in 2007 and on a YTD basis it results in a decline of 0.7%.

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

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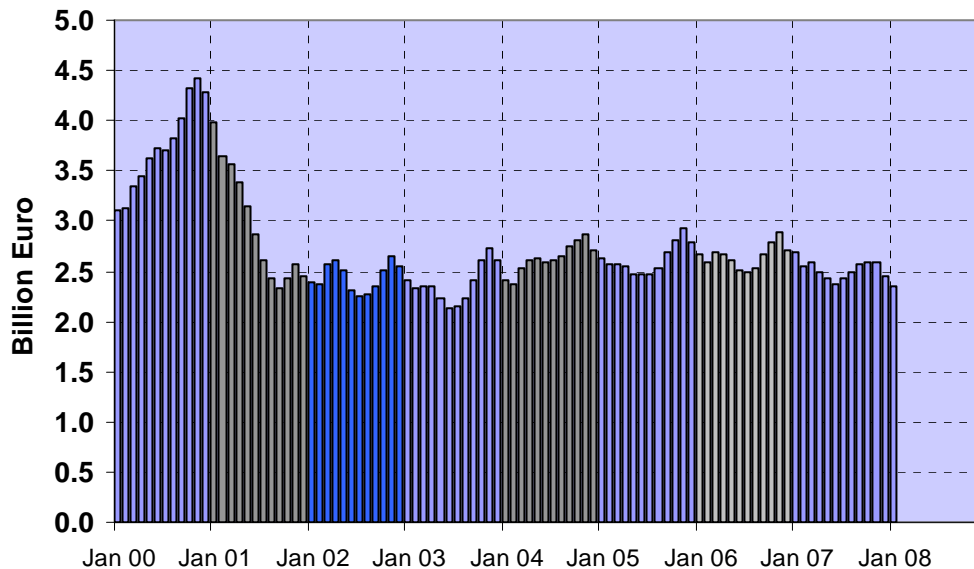
About WSTS: Established in 1986, WSTS is an organisation of 73 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing close to 90% of the world's semiconductor market. Its mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line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

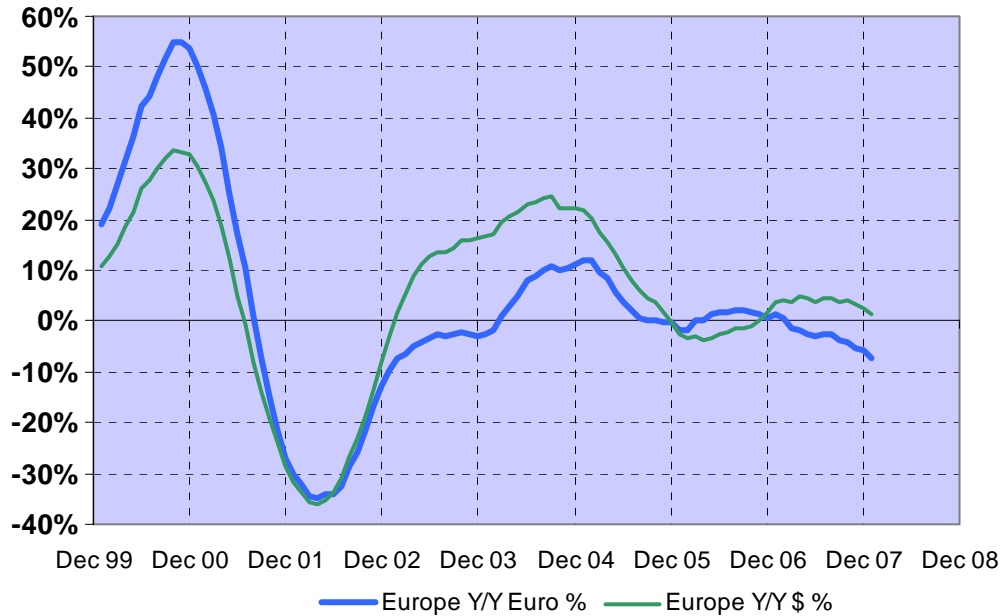
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Dec 07	Jan 08	Dec 07	Jan 08	Dec 07	Jan 08	Dec 07	Jan 08
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Europe	3.534	3.444	-4.0%	-2.5%	1.0%	-1.2%	2.7%	-2.4%
Americas	3.655	3.451	-4.5%	-5.6%	-3.9%	-6.9%	-5.7%	-5.6%
Japan	4.307	4.101	-1.8%	-4.8%	11.1%	8.0%	5.2%	0.1%
Asia Pacific	10.785	10.490	-4.0%	-2.7%	2.0%	0.0%	6.0%	1.4%
World	22.281	21.486	-3.6%	-3.6%	2.5%	0.0%	3.2%	-0.7%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.442	2.354	-5.7%	-3.6%	-10.0%	-12.1%	-5.8%	-13.7%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.454	1.469	10.2%	13.0%	< 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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