



European Semiconductor Industry Association

## ***Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release***

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### **European semiconductor sales show low digit growth in April**

The European market for semiconductors grew 0.4% in April, as reported on the 31st May by the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS).

Beside Optoelectronics- weaker this month- most product categories confirmed the trend observed in March, with discretes, sensors, and logic products driving the market and DRAM showing again more remarkable growth compared to the previous month.

Microprocessors and Flash memories (notably NOR) were reported to fall in low single digit, in line with what observed on the world market where a positive development in units shipments was not mirrored by growth in dollar terms.

Digital Signal Processors were also reported sluggish, contrasting with the good performance of other communication application specific chips.

Looking at segments, semiconductors used for industrial applications, automotive and, as already mentioned, communication were higher than a month ago, while semiconductor used in consumer and computer applications weakened in April.

More in detail, European semiconductor sales in April 2008 amounted to US\$ 3.419 billion according to WSTS, up 0.4% versus the previous month. This corresponds to an increase of 3.8% compared to the same month last year. On a year to date (YTD) basis semiconductor sales increased by 2.3% versus the same period in the year 2007.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar even further widened its impact on the growth data to new record levels. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in April 2008 were 2.233 billion Euro, down 1.8% on previous month and down 10% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 10.9% versus the same period in the year 2007.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in April 2008 were US\$ 21.248 billion, up 0.4% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 5.9% versus the same month in 2007 and on a YTD basis it results in an increase of 4.3%.

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

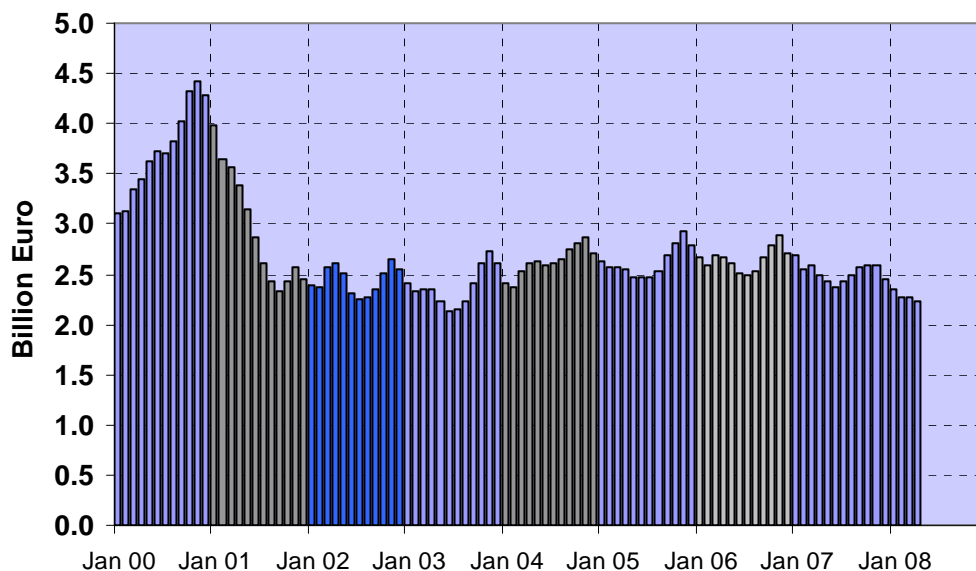
## Market data by region<sup>1</sup>

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Mar 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Apr 08
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Europe	3.407	3.419	2.2%	0.4%	0.6%	3.8%	0.6%	2.3%
Americas	3.414	3.457	3.5%	1.3%	2.2%	6.0%	2.2%	3.0%
Japan	4.252	4.291	6.7%	0.9%	9.7%	11.3%	9.7%	8.6%
Asia Pacific	10.100	10.080	2.7%	-0.2%	3.5%	4.5%	3.5%	3.7%
of which China	3.757	3.857		2.7%				
World	21.173	21.248	3.5%	0.4%	4.0%	5.9%	4.0%	4.3%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.274	2.233	-0.1%	-1.8%	-12.0%	-10.0%	-12.0%	-10.9%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.545	1.579	16.5%	16.8%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

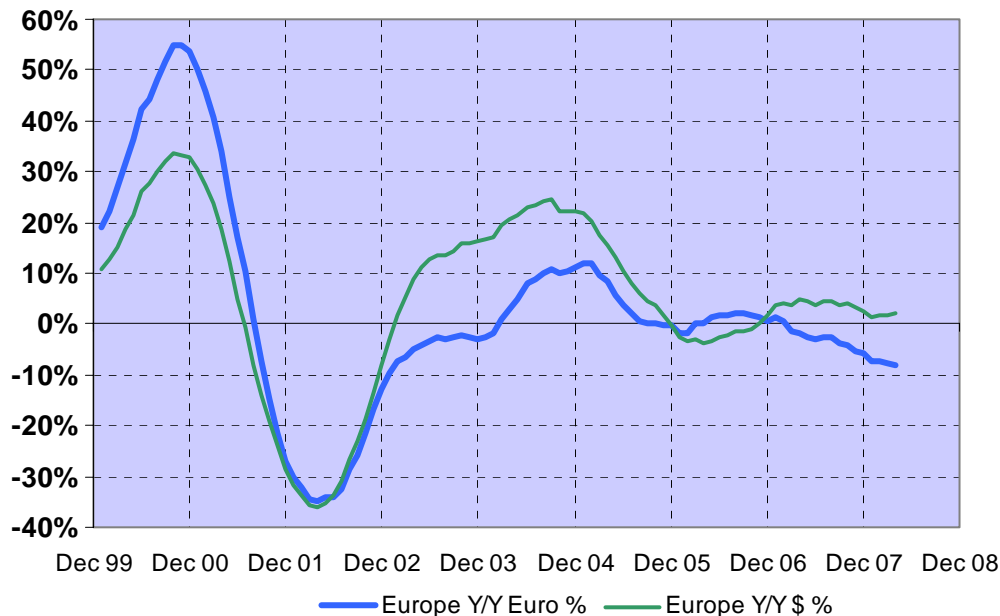
1) Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth, all figures are 3-month-average data

## 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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