



European Semiconductor Industry Association

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

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### **European sales of semiconductors show small growth in July**

Sales on the European semiconductor market grew by 0,7 % in July compared to the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics reports today.

Optoelectronics, total logic and MOS special purpose logic drove the market increase in Europe in July. As far as optoelectronics are concerned, notably image sensors and laser pickups confirmed the high growth (20% up for these latter) registered in June, while laser transmitters recorded the first positive growth (9%) after three months of decline. A similar market development can be noted on the logic side, with standard logic back to a positive growth after four months of downward trend, driven by MOS gate arrays, MOS standard cells & Field Programmable Logic Devices (FPLD) and MOS display drivers' good dynamics.

Looking at application specific chips, logic and analog devices designed for communication show a moving sequential quarterly growth, following a worldwide trend of the market for analog- and logic ICs designed for Wireless Communications.

More in detail, European semiconductor sales in July 2008 amounted to US\$ 3.392 billion according to WSTS, up 0.7% versus the previous month. This corresponds to an increase of 3.3% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 1.6% versus the same period in the year 2007.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar holds its impact on the growth data at very high level. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in July 2008 were 2.171 billion Euro, up 0.7% on previous month and down 10.5% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 11.7% versus the same period in the year 2007.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in July 2008 were US\$ 22.178 billion, up 2.8% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 7.6% versus the same month in 2007 and on a YTD basis it results in an increase of 5.0%.

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

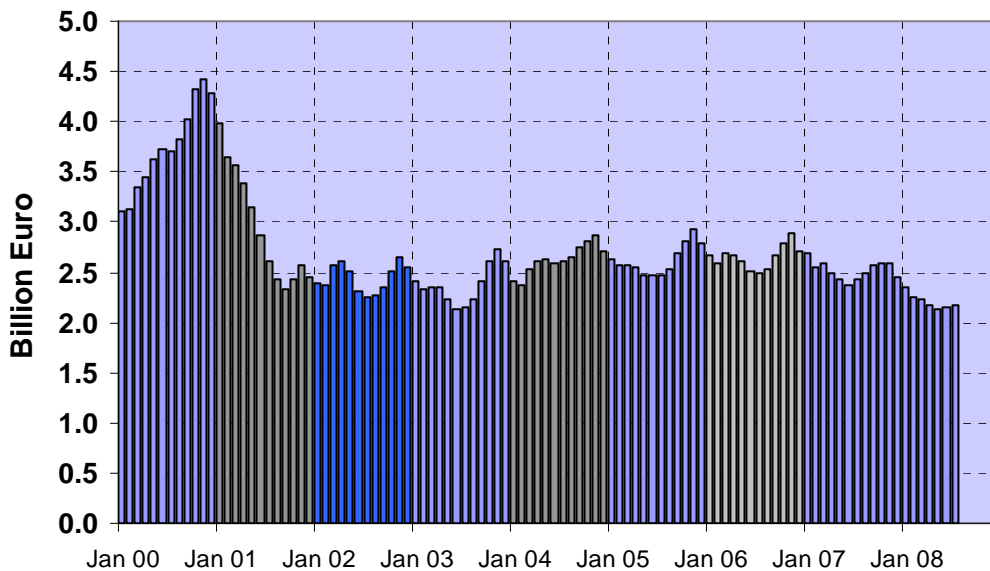
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## Market data by region<sup>1</sup>

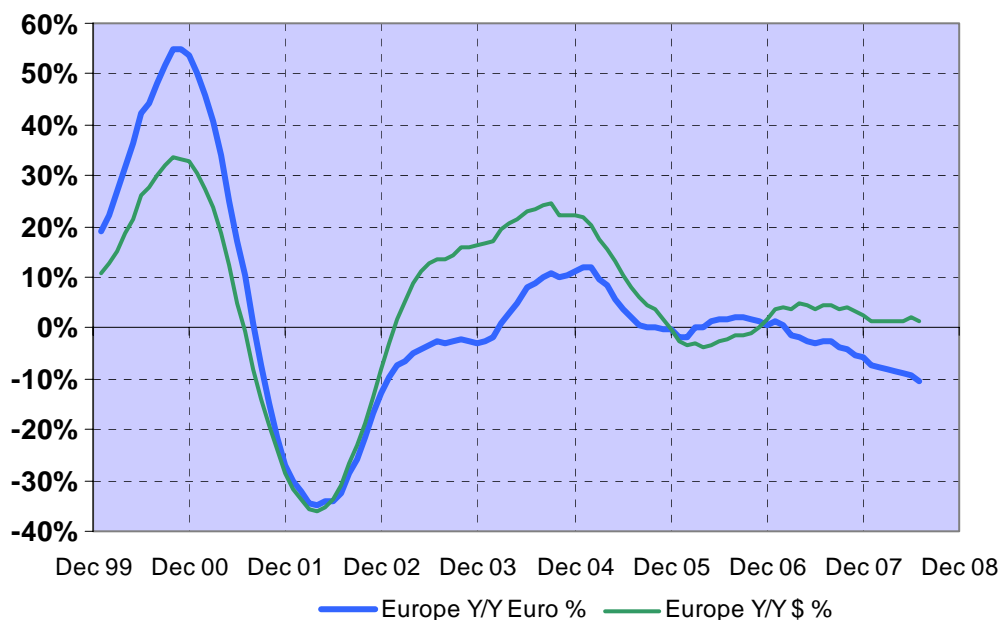
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jun 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 08
<b>in \$:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	3.369	3.392	1.2%	0.7%	5.1%	3.3%	1.9%	1.6%
<b>Americas</b>	3.402	3.347	0.7%	-1.6%	2.8%	-3.8%	1.1%	-1.9%
<b>Japan</b>	3.949	4.105	-6.8%	4.0%	2.8%	3.6%	5.9%	5.9%
<b>Asia Pacific</b>	10.847	11.334	3.1%	4.5%	12.9%	14.7%	7.8%	8.1%
of which China	4.129	4.252		3.0%				
<b>World</b>	<b>21.567</b>	<b>22.178</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
<b>In EURO:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	2.157	2.171	1.0%	0.7%	-9.3%	-10.5%	-11.4%	-11.7%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.555	1.580	15.9%	15.2%	< 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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