



European Semiconductor Industry Association

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

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### **European semiconductor market rebound accelerates in September**

European sales for semiconductors grew on a three month rolling average basis by 8.8 % in September compared with the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported on October 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the fifth month of consecutive growth in Europe. Coupled with the positive developments observed in the other regions in September, these are strong indicators of a market poised for renewed growth.

Increases were reported for a number of major product categories on a three month rolling average basis. Optoelectronics, sensors, total analog and microprocessors performed above the worldwide levels. On the logic side, total logic returned to positive growth, registering a 5,1% increase in sales after several months of decline.

Looking at application specific chips, analog devices used in automotive rose sharply, growing on a three month rolling average basis by 7.1% in September compared to the previous month.

Overall, European semiconductor sales in September 2009 amounted to US\$ 2,617 billion. This corresponds to a decline of 24.8% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 31.3% in 2009 versus the same period in the year 2008.

The exchange rate imbalance of the Euro compared to the US dollar has increased again its impact on the European sales picture. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales of 1,829 billion Euros in September 2009 rebounded further, up 7.2% on the previous month and down 21.3% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 23.8% in 2009 versus the same period in the year 2008.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in September 2009 were US\$ 20,639 billion, up 8.2% versus the previous month, which is a positive growth for the seventh month in a row now. This results in a lowered decline of 10.1% versus the same month in 2008 and on a YTD basis it results in a decline of 19.6%.

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

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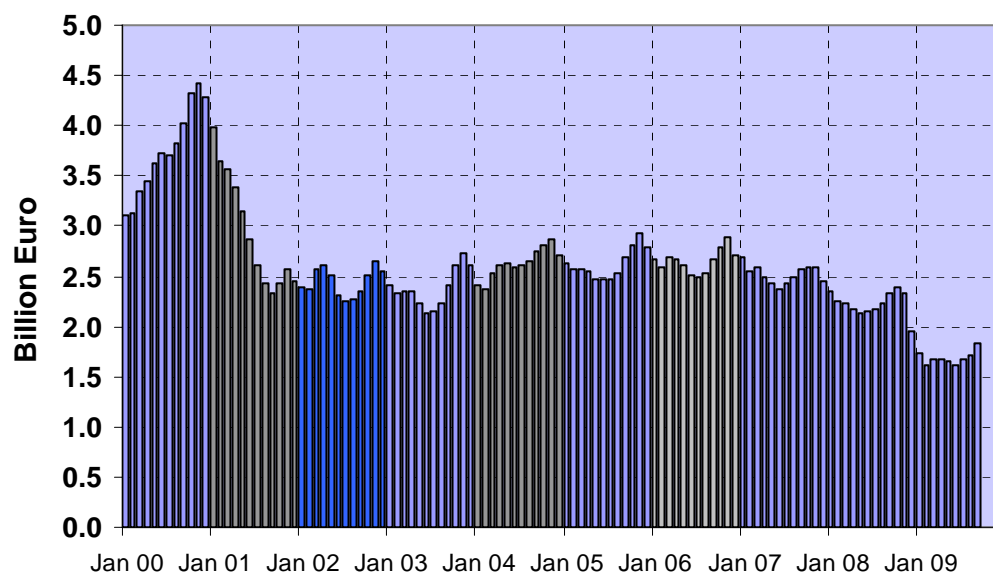
## Market data by region<sup>1</sup>

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Aug 09	Sep 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Aug 09	Sep 09
<b>in \$:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	2.406	2.617	3.8%	8.8%	-30.2%	-24.8%	-32.4%	-31.3%
<b>Americas</b>	3.254	3.456	5.7%	6.2%	-2.0%	7.8%	-12.2%	-9.7%
<b>Japan</b>	3.356	3.624	4.3%	8.0%	-20.5%	-14.9%	-29.3%	-26.5%
<b>Asia Pacific</b>	10.053	10.942	5.4%	8.8%	-14.3%	-8.9%	-17.5%	-16.4%
of which China	3.762	4.073	5.3%	8.3%	-11.4%	-6.7%	-15.3%	-14.0%
<b>World</b>	<b>19.069</b>	<b>20.639</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>-16.0%</b>	<b>-10.1%</b>	<b>-21.3%</b>	<b>-19.6%</b>
<b>In EURO:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	1.705	1.829	2.4%	7.2%	-23.6%	-21.3%	-23.6%	-23.8%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.425	1.455	-5.0%	1.3%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

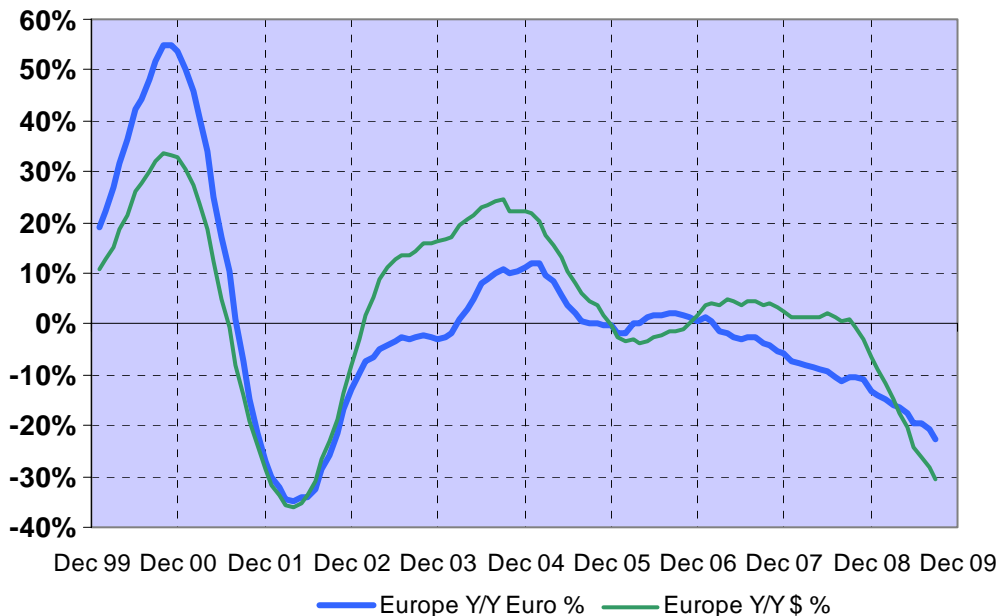
- 1) Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data except YTD growth which is based on current month data.

Please note that WSTS data for August 2009 have been revised.

## 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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