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**GLOBAL SEMICONDUCTOR SALES UP 3.8% IN DECEMBER 2012
COMPARED TO DECEMBER 2011**

Worldwide semiconductor sales in December 2012 were US\$ 24.735 billion, up 3.8 percent versus the same month in 2011, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics reported yesterday. The world semiconductor market reached a total value of 291.562 billion US\$ in 2012, down by 2.7 percent versus 2011. This is a slightly better result than the -3.2 percent forecasted by the organisation last autumn.

Looking to the European market, December semiconductor sales amounted to US\$ 2.625 billion, down by 5.5 percent compared to December 2011. These developments correspond to a decline in sales in the 4th quarter versus the 3rd quarter in Europe, connected to weaker sales in December. On a total year basis the European market in 2012 reached a value of 33.163 billion US\$, a decrease of 11.3 percent versus the year 2011

Measured in Euros, the worldwide semiconductor market reached a value of 226.908 billion Euros in 2012, up 5.37 percent versus 2011. In December, the Euro/USDollar exchange rate effects have become smaller when comparing market growth in Euros and in Dollars. In December 2012, European semiconductor sales were 2.024 billion Euros, down 1.8% versus the same month a year ago.

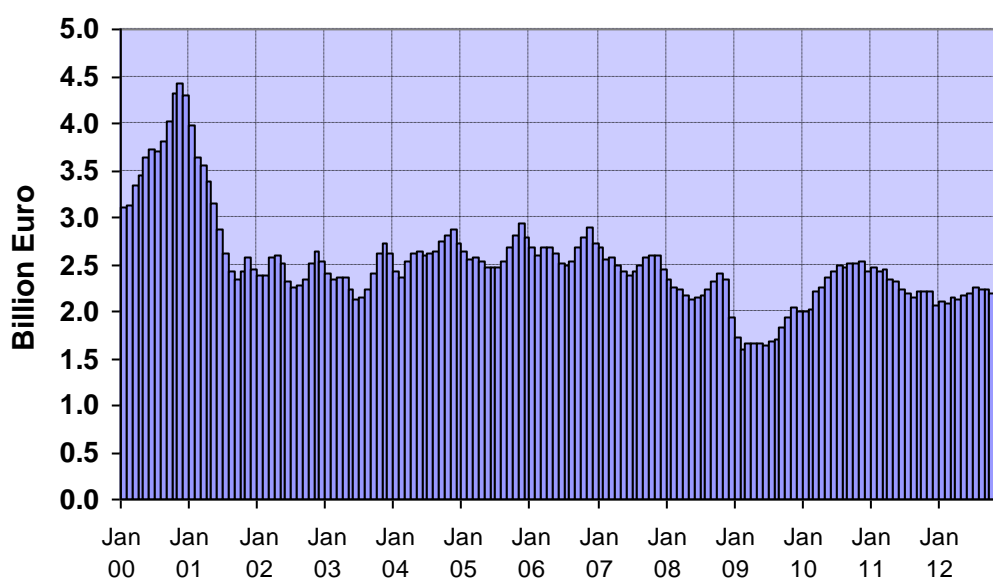
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Market data by region¹

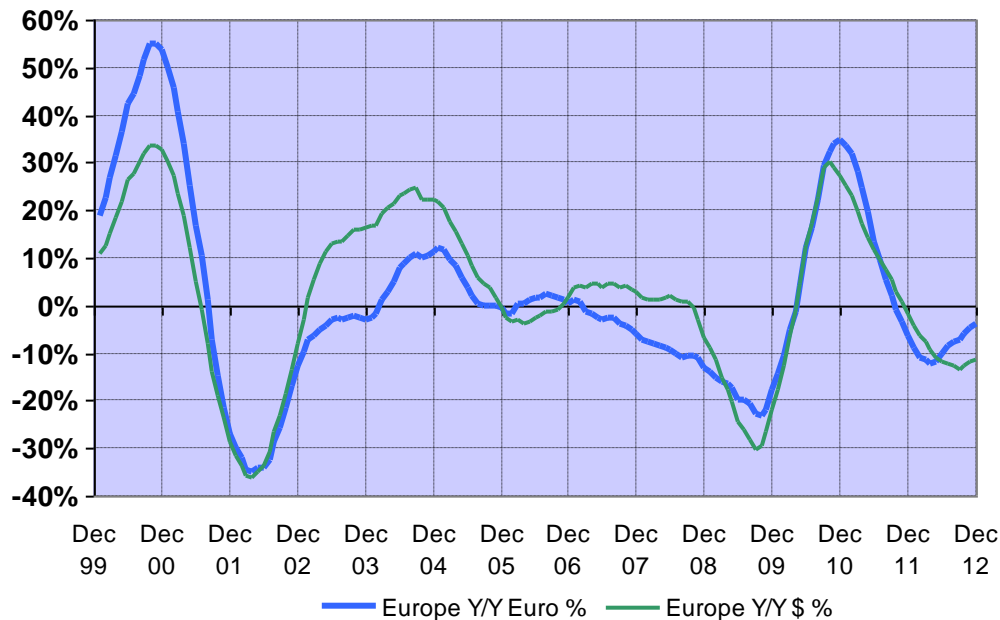
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Nov 12	Dec 12	Nov 12	Dec 12	Nov 12	Dec 12	Nov 12	Dec 12
in \$:								
Europe	2.804	2.625	0.4%	-6.4%	-7.4%	-5.5%	-11.6%	-11.3%
Americas	5.019	4.945	5.1%	-1.5%	9.5%	13.4%	-1.9%	-1.5%
Japan	3.411	3.189	-3.4%	-6.5%	-10.6%	-11.2%	-3.9%	-4.3%
Asia Pacific	14.277	13.976	1.0%	-2.1%	3.5%	6.7%	-1.0%	-0.6%
of which China	5.327	5.313	1.9%	-0.3%	-4.3%	0.8%	-6.9%	-6.5%
World	25.511	24.735	1.1%	-3.0%	1.2%	3.8%	-2.9%	-2.7%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.176	2.024	-0.6%	-7.0%	-1.5%	-1.8%	-3.7%	-4.0%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.283	1.310	-5.6%	-0.6%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

- 1) Unless otherwise indicated, figures are 3-month-average data. YTD growth which is based on current month 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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About WSTS: World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) is a non-profit organization of 62 semiconductor companies representing close to 80% of the world semiconductor market. Founded in 1986, WSTS is the singular source for monthly industry shipment statistics. The mission of WSTS is to be the respected source of semiconductor market data and forecast. <http://www.wsts.org/>