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Semiconductor sales in Europe up 19.5% compared to one year ago

European semiconductor sales reached US\$ 3.366 billion in October 2017. This represents a 19.5% increase compared the same month one year ago, the European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) reported on 4 December 2017 based on the latest WSTS report. Compared to September 2017, the European semiconductor market grew by 2.6%. On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in October 2017 were US\$ 37.091 billion, up 21.9% versus the same month in 2016, and up 3.2% from September 2017. All growth figures represent a three-month rolling average.

The continued growth in Europe was driven by strength in all major product segments. Discretes, sensors, Micro-processor units and application-specific chips performed particularly well compared to September. The memory market also continued its steady growth.

Looking at worldwide sales of application-specific chips, wireless, consumer, computer and automotive all went up significantly in October compared to the previous month.

Exchange rate effects kept their influence on the European October sales picture when comparing market growth in Euros and in Dollars. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.846 billion Euros in October 2017, up 1.9% versus the previous month and an increase of 12.6% versus the same month a year ago.

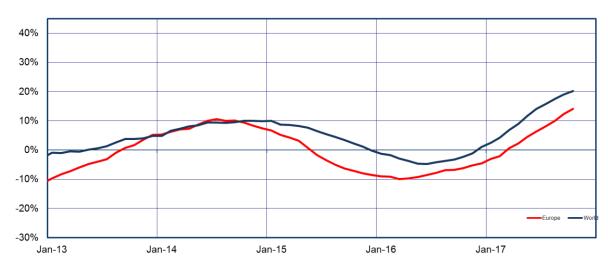
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Monthly European Semiconductor Sales

(3-month-average data, except YTD growth which is calculated based on current month data)

| Market data for the 3 month moving average ending: | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Region | sales (in billions) | | Month on Month growth | | Year on Year growth | | YTD growth | |
| | Sep 17 | Oct 17 | Sep 17 | Oct 17 | Sep 17 | Oct 17 | Sep 17 | Oct 17 |
| in \$: | | | | | | | | |
| Europe | 3.280 | 3.366 | 1.8% | 2.6% | 18.9% | 19.5% | 16.1% | 16.5% |
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| Americas | 7.994 | 8.541 | 5.9% | 6.8% | 40.6% | 40.9% | 32.4% | 33.3% |
| Japan | 3.140 | 3.197 | 0.5% | 1.8% | 11.9% | 10.7% | 13.1% | 12.8% |
| Asia Pacific | 21.538 | 21.988 | 2.3% | 2.1% | 18.5% | 17.8% | 20.0% | 19.8% |
| of which China | 11.359 | 11.653 | 2.5% | 2.6% | 19.9% | 19.1% | 23.8% | 23.3% |
| World | 35.952 | 37.091 | 2.8% | 3.2% | 22.2% | 21.9% | 21.3% | 21.4% |
| In EURO: | | | | | | | | |
| Europe | 2.792 | 2.846 | -0.4% | 1.9% | 12.9% | 12.6% | 16.3% | 16.0% |
| Rate (\$/Euro) | 1.192 | 1.175 | 6.4% | 6.5% | < Euro against \$ versus prev. Year | | | |

Semiconductor sales worldwide and in Europe (in US Dollars)



Note: On a 12/12 basis, i.e. on the basis of the percent change of a 12-month period compared to a similar period twelve months before

Monthly European Semiconductor Sales Development (in Euro)



Note: 3/12 = Percent change of a three-month period compared to a similar period twelve months before 12/12 = Percent change of a twelve-month period compared to a similar period twelve months before

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About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) is the voice of the Semiconductor Industry of Europe. Its mission is to represent, promote and defend the common interests of the Europe based semiconductor industry towards the European Institutions and stakeholders in order to ensure a sustainable business environment and foster its global competitiveness. As a provider of key enabling technologies the industry creates innovative solutions for industrial development, contributing to economic growth and responding to major societal challenges. Being ranked as the most R&D intensive sector by the European Commission, the European Semi-conductor ecosystem supports approx. 200.000 jobs directly and up to 1.000.000 induced jobs in systems, applications and services in Europe. Overall, micro- and nano-electronics enable the generation of at least 10% of GDP in Europe and the world.

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/