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European semiconductor sales up 5.8 percent month-to-month

European semiconductor sales in March 2021 reached US\$ 3.683 billion, an increase of 5.8% compared to February sales of US\$ 3.482 billion, the European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) reported based on World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) data. Such steady growth was recorded also on a year-to-date (YTD) basis: considering the January-to-March period, semiconductor sales in Europe increased by 8.7% versus the same period in the year 2020.

Europe was the region experiencing the biggest overall growth in March. Global semiconductor sales reached US\$ 41.047 billion, up 3.7% versus the US\$ 39.588 billion recorded in the previous month and up 17.8% versus the same month in 2020. All growth figures represent a three-month rolling average.

Discretes, sensors, logic chips as well as diodes were the top drivers of March's sales in Europe. Sales for these product categories grew by 9.6%, 9.2%, 8.8%, and 14% respectively. Looking at worldwide sales of application-specific semiconductors, strong growth was registered in the automotive, infotainment, and wired communication segments.

In March, exchange rate effects were less prominent than in February when comparing market growth in Euros and in Dollars. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 3.055 billion Euros in March 2021, up 6.5% versus February and a decrease of 0.7% versus the same month a year ago.

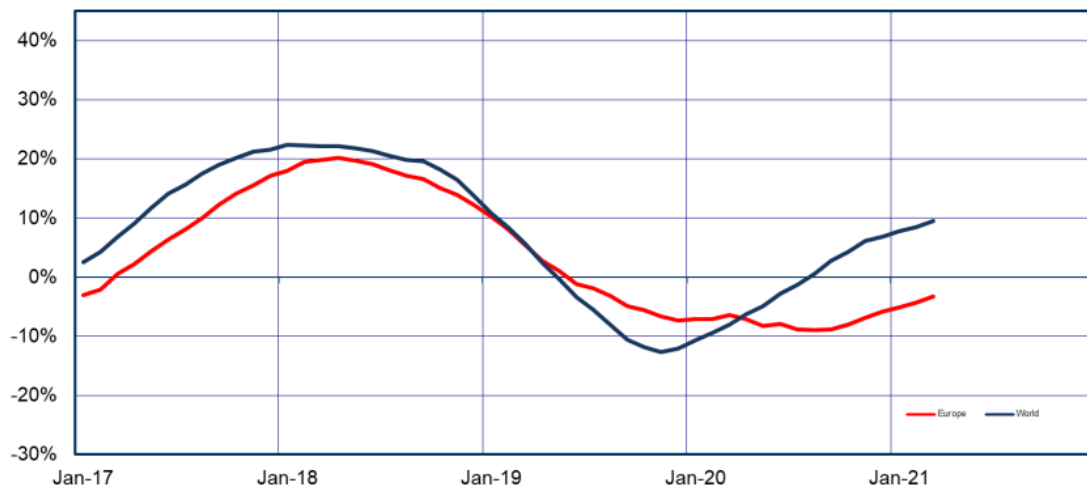
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Monthly European semiconductor sales

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

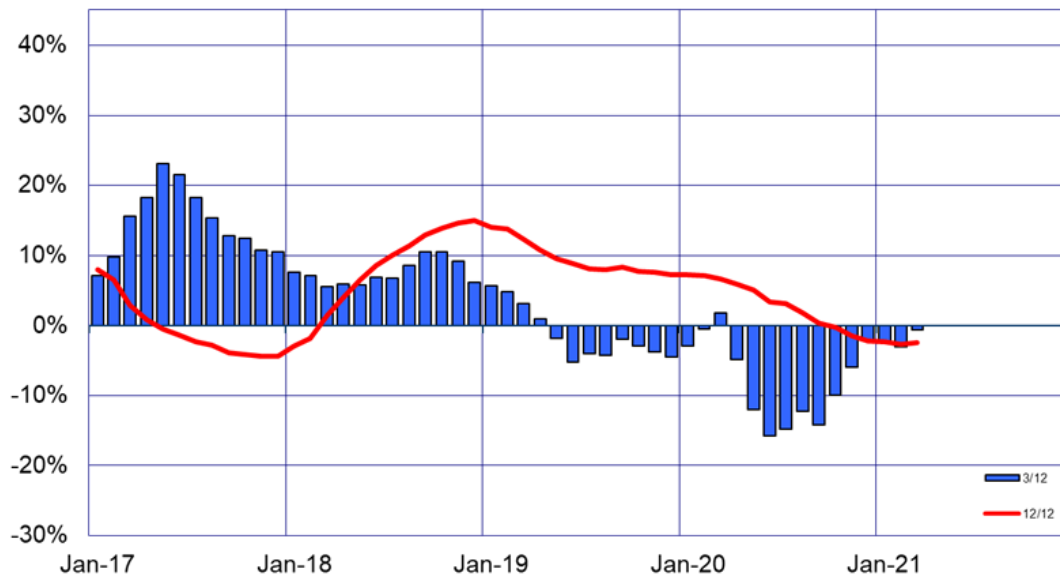
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Feb 21	Mar 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Feb 21	Mar 21
in \$:								
Europe	3.482	3.683	0.8%	5.8%	6.8%	8.7%	7.4%	8.7%
Americas	8.003	8.050	-5.9%	0.6%	9.7%	9.2%	8.1%	9.2%
Japan	3.164	3.261	-3.4%	3.1%	7.5%	13.0%	9.8%	13.0%
Asia Pacific	24.939	26.053	0.7%	4.5%	18.6%	22.8%	24.0%	22.8%
of which China	13.737	14.469	0.0%	5.3%	18.9%	25.6%	28.3%	25.6%
World	39.588	41.047	-1.0%	3.7%	14.7%	17.8%	17.7%	17.8%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.868	3.055	0.1%	6.5%	-2.9%	-0.7%	-2.6%	-0.7%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.209	1.192	11.0%	7.7%	< 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 Euros)



Note: 3/12 = Percent change of a three-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 in Europe. Its mission is to represent and promote 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 semiconductor 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) was founded in 1986 as a non-profit organisation of semiconductor product companies and is the industry's only source for monthly industry shipment statistics. <http://www.wsts.org/>