

## Fact sheet

Key figures on the Swiss mechanical and electrical engineering industries (MEM-industries)

1. YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON	2017	2018	
<b>New orders* total (indexed)</b>	103.2	109.9	
Change over year-back period	7.5%	6.5%	
– Domestic	3.9%	8.7%	
– Abroad	8.6%	5.8%	
Share of export orders	79.0%	79.3%	
<b>Turnover* total (indexed)</b>	106.7	118.9	
Change over year-back period	9.4%	11.4%	
– Domestic	1.2%	5.0%	
– Abroad	11.9%	13.3%	
<b>Exports** MEM industries as a whole</b>	CHF 66,755 mill.	CHF 69,725 mill.	
Change over year-back period	5.5%	4.4%	
– Consignments to EU	CHF 39,758 mill.	CHF 41,891 mill.	
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	59.6%	60.1%	
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 12,643 mill.	CHF 12,372 mill.	
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	18.9%	17.7%	
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 8,632 mill.	9,448 mill.	
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	12.9%	13.6%	
<b>2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON</b>	<b>4th quarter 2017</b>	<b>4th quarter 2018</b>	
<b>New orders* total (indexed)</b>	113.2	100.4	
Change over year-back quarter	29.4%	- 11.3%	
– Domestic	10.4%	2.0%	
– Abroad	35.2%	- 14.6%	
<b>Turnover* total (indexed)</b>	120.9	127.8	
Change over year-back quarter	12.8%	5.7%	
– Domestic	5.4%	3.8%	
– Abroad	14.8%	6.2%	
<b>Exports** MEM industries</b>	CHF 18,031 mill.	CHF 17,999 mill.	
Change over year-back quarter	11.7%	- 0.2%	
<b>3. EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>End Dec. 2016</b>	<b>End Dec. 2017</b>	<b>End Dec. 2018</b>
Capacity utilization MEM industries	86.0%	88.5%	91.6%
Workforce MEM industries***	317,600	312,300	320,400

\* Swissmem quarterly statistics (Index 1st quarter 2001 = 100).

\*\* General Directorate of Customs

\*\*\* Swiss Federal Statistical Office. BESTA: Workforce MEM industries. fulltime and part time rounded to 100, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018, data of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2018 not yet available.