

ZEW-Financial Market Survey: Results January 2006

Current economic situation	good		normal		bad		balance	
Eurozone	7.0	(+1.6)	76.1	(+3.7)	16.9	(-5.3)	-9.9	(+6.9)
Germany	4.7	(+1.6)	59.0	(+9.6)	36.3	(-11.2)	-31.6	(+12.8)
USA	59.4	(+5.7)	38.6	(-5.8)	2.0	(+0.1)	57.4	(+5.6)
Japan	23.7	(-2.7)	70.0	(+5.3)	6.3	(-2.6)	17.4	(-0.1)
United Kingdom	20.5	(+0.5)	72.7	(-0.5)	6.8	(+/-0.0)	13.7	(+0.5)
France	5.4	(+1.7)	71.7	(+4.7)	22.9	(-6.4)	-17.5	(+8.1)
Italy	2.1	(-0.3)	41.4	(+6.9)	56.5	(-6.6)	-54.4	(+6.3)
Economic expectations	improve		no change		get worse		balance	
Eurozone	66.8	(+13.4)	32.5	(-11.9)	0.7	(-1.5)	66.1	(+14.9)
Germany (=ZEW Indicator)	71.7	(+7.9)	27.6	(-6.4)	0.7	(-1.5)	71.0	(+9.4)
USA	6.3	(-3.9)	72.0	(+1.3)	21.7	(+2.6)	-15.4	(-6.5)
Japan	58.4	(+7.0)	39.9	(-7.1)	1.7	(+0.1)	56.7	(+6.9)
United Kingdom	12.8	(+0.1)	74.4	(+0.8)	12.8	(-0.9)	0.0	(+1.0)
France	52.2	(+13.0)	46.0	(-11.7)	1.8	(-1.3)	50.4	(+14.3)
Italy	42.8	(+8.8)	53.2	(-7.3)	4.0	(-1.5)	38.8	(+10.3)
Inflation rate	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Eurozone	30.8	(-7.3)	53.0	(+7.9)	16.2	(-0.6)	14.6	(-6.7)
Germany	31.3	(-7.8)	50.8	(+8.1)	17.9	(-0.3)	13.4	(-7.5)
USA	38.7	(-7.3)	46.2	(+12.0)	15.1	(-4.7)	23.6	(-2.6)
Japan	64.3	(+3.2)	34.3	(-2.6)	1.4	(-0.6)	62.9	(+3.8)
United Kingdom	21.2	(-2.4)	68.2	(+4.8)	10.6	(-2.4)	10.6	(+/-0.0)
France	28.1	(-6.4)	56.7	(+6.5)	15.2	(-0.1)	12.9	(-6.3)
Italy	28.5	(-8.6)	57.4	(+9.5)	14.1	(-0.9)	14.4	(-7.7)
Short-term interest rates	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Eurozone	84.1	(-1.3)	14.6	(+1.3)	1.3	(+/-0.0)	82.8	(-1.3)
USA	72.7	(-7.9)	26.3	(+8.5)	1.0	(-0.6)	71.7	(-7.3)
Japan	54.1	(+5.6)	45.6	(-5.6)	0.3	(+/-0.0)	53.8	(+5.6)
United Kingdom	19.9	(+0.4)	63.7	(-1.0)	16.4	(+0.6)	3.5	(-0.2)
Long-term interest rates	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Germany	66.0	(+/-0.0)	31.7	(+1.8)	2.3	(-1.8)	63.7	(+1.8)
USA	59.2	(-7.1)	36.8	(+6.0)	4.0	(+1.1)	55.2	(-8.2)
Japan	78.1	(+16.4)	21.5	(-12.4)	0.4	(-4.0)	77.7	(+20.4)
United Kingdom	30.6	(-11.5)	64.0	(+10.9)	5.4	(+0.6)	25.2	(-12.1)
Stock market indices	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
STOXX 50 (Eurozone)	72.7	(-3.6)	19.9	(+2.0)	7.4	(+1.6)	65.3	(-5.2)
DAX (Germany)	74.2	(+0.2)	18.0	(-2.1)	7.8	(+1.9)	66.4	(-1.7)
TecDax (Germany)	69.9	(+7.3)	21.4	(-6.8)	8.7	(-0.5)	61.2	(+7.8)
Dow Jones Industrial (USA)	54.9	(-2.7)	34.5	(+0.1)	10.6	(+2.6)	44.3	(-5.3)
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	76.2	(+2.3)	18.1	(-2.2)	5.7	(-0.1)	70.5	(+2.4)
FT-SE 100 (UK)	58.4	(-3.2)	33.1	(+1.9)	8.5	(+1.3)	49.9	(-4.5)
CAC-40 (France)	68.3	(-0.3)	24.3	(-1.0)	7.4	(+1.3)	60.9	(-1.6)
MIBtel (Italy)	58.4	(+5.3)	32.5	(+1.6)	9.1	(-6.9)	49.3	(+12.2)
Exchange rates (vs. Euro)	appreciate		no change		depreciate		balance	
Dollar	15.5	(-9.5)	29.2	(-0.8)	55.3	(+10.3)	-39.8	(-19.8)
Yen	28.0	(+4.3)	52.2	(-4.6)	19.8	(+0.3)	8.2	(+4.0)
UK Pound	8.2	(-0.6)	65.5	(-7.4)	26.3	(+8.0)	-18.1	(-8.6)
Swiss Franc	10.9	(-9.9)	80.1	(+9.7)	9.0	(+0.2)	1.9	(-10.1)
Commodities	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Oil (Brent Crude)	19.2	(-1.2)	47.8	(-0.9)	33.0	(+2.1)	-13.8	(-3.3)
Sectors	improve		no change		get worse		balance	
Banks	64.1	(-4.9)	31.5	(+6.9)	4.4	(-2.0)	59.7	(-2.9)
Insurance companies	62.7	(+3.4)	31.4	(-1.9)	5.9	(-1.5)	56.8	(+4.9)
Automobile	38.0	(+1.9)	51.3	(+/-0.0)	10.7	(-1.9)	27.3	(+3.8)
Chemicals / Pharmaceuticals	66.5	(+8.0)	31.6	(-5.9)	1.9	(-2.1)	64.6	(+10.1)
Steel	41.1	(+2.4)	52.6	(+0.3)	6.3	(-2.7)	34.8	(+5.1)
Electronics	47.4	(+0.6)	49.6	(+/-0.0)	3.0	(-0.6)	44.4	(+1.2)
Mechanical engineering	70.9	(+10.9)	26.9	(-4.1)	2.2	(-6.8)	68.7	(+17.7)
Retail / Consumer goods	37.4	(+12.0)	51.1	(-1.6)	11.5	(-10.4)	25.9	(+22.4)
Construction	20.7	(+0.2)	62.0	(+3.7)	17.3	(-3.9)	3.4	(+4.1)
Utilities	46.7	(-2.0)	44.8	(+1.0)	8.5	(+1.0)	38.2	(-3.0)
Services	61.4	(+6.9)	35.2	(-2.2)	3.4	(-4.7)	58.0	(+11.6)
Telecommunications	29.4	(-9.5)	59.0	(+9.5)	11.6	(+/-0.0)	17.8	(-9.5)
Information technology	58.0	(+7.4)	38.3	(+0.7)	3.7	(-8.1)	54.3	(+15.5)

Note: 303 Analysts participated in the January survey which was conducted during the period 12/27/05 to 01/09/06. Analysts were asked about their expectations for the next 6 months. Numbers displayed are percentages (month-over-month percentage point changes in parentheses). Balances refer to the difference between positive and negative assessments.