

## ZEW Financial Market Survey: Results February 2005

<b>Current economic situation</b>	<b>good</b>		<b>normal</b>		<b>bad</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	3.2	(+1.6)	69.9	(+3.1)	26.9	(-4.7)	-23.7	(+6.3)
Germany	1.3	(+0.6)	38.7	(+1.3)	60.0	(-1.9)	-58.7	(+2.5)
USA	46.0	(+6.9)	50.5	(-5.8)	3.5	(-1.1)	42.5	(+8.0)
Japan	8.2	(-0.8)	72.2	(+4.2)	19.6	(-3.4)	-11.4	(+2.6)
United Kingdom	37.9	(+5.0)	59.1	(-3.7)	3.0	(-1.3)	34.9	(+6.3)
France	8.0	(+4.5)	68.4	(+0.8)	23.6	(-5.3)	-15.6	(+9.8)
Italy	3.0	(+2.3)	55.4	(+0.8)	41.6	(-3.1)	-38.6	(+5.4)
<b>Economic expectations</b>	<b>improve</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>get worse</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	38.2	(+3.7)	59.6	(-1.3)	2.2	(-2.4)	36.0	(+6.1)
Germany (=ZEW Indicator)	39.7	(+4.8)	56.5	(-0.6)	3.8	(-4.2)	35.9	(+9.0)
USA	10.2	(-0.3)	72.7	(+5.0)	17.1	(-4.7)	-6.9	(+4.4)
Japan	28.6	(+4.3)	65.6	(+0.1)	5.8	(-4.4)	22.8	(+8.7)
United Kingdom	9.4	(-0.4)	70.8	(+3.1)	19.8	(-2.7)	-10.4	(+2.3)
France	27.8	(-2.5)	68.5	(+3.7)	3.7	(-1.2)	24.1	(-1.3)
Italy	29.0	(+2.1)	67.3	(-0.1)	3.7	(-2.0)	25.3	(+4.1)
<b>Inflation rate</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	16.2	(-1.6)	60.4	(-1.4)	23.4	(+3.0)	-7.2	(-4.6)
Germany	16.8	(-1.3)	58.4	(-3.0)	24.8	(+4.3)	-8.0	(-5.6)
USA	55.7	(-0.5)	32.8	(+0.3)	11.5	(+0.2)	44.2	(-0.7)
Japan	27.7	(-2.7)	68.2	(+1.4)	4.1	(+1.3)	23.6	(-4.0)
United Kingdom	26.0	(-0.2)	63.6	(-1.4)	10.4	(+1.6)	15.6	(-1.8)
France	16.5	(-1.1)	64.2	(+0.2)	19.3	(+0.9)	-2.8	(-2.0)
Italy	16.0	(-1.5)	66.4	(-0.1)	17.6	(+1.6)	-1.6	(-3.1)
<b>Short-term interest rates</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	24.6	(+1.4)	73.2	(+/-0.0)	2.2	(-1.4)	22.4	(+2.8)
USA	89.2	(+2.9)	10.8	(-2.2)	0.0	(-0.7)	89.2	(+3.6)
Japan	22.5	(+1.6)	77.5	(-1.6)	0.0	(+/-0.0)	22.5	(+1.6)
United Kingdom	24.6	(+1.5)	71.5	(+0.5)	3.9	(-2.0)	20.7	(+3.5)
<b>Long-term interest rates</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Germany	67.9	(-1.5)	28.3	(+1.7)	3.8	(-0.2)	64.1	(-1.3)
USA	80.2	(-0.4)	18.8	(+1.1)	1.0	(-0.7)	79.2	(+0.3)
Japan	58.4	(+0.9)	41.3	(+0.2)	0.3	(-1.1)	58.1	(+2.0)
United Kingdom	52.8	(-0.7)	45.2	(+4.0)	2.0	(-3.3)	50.8	(+2.6)
<b>Stock market indices</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
STOXX 50 (Eurozone)	66.4	(-5.0)	24.7	(+4.6)	8.9	(+0.4)	57.5	(-5.4)
DAX (Germany)	68.5	(-4.6)	22.0	(+4.3)	9.5	(+0.3)	59.0	(-4.9)
TecDax (Germany)	61.6	(-4.9)	26.9	(+3.3)	11.5	(+1.6)	50.1	(-6.5)
Dow Jones Industrial (USA)	56.2	(+0.4)	30.2	(-2.0)	13.6	(+1.6)	42.6	(-1.2)
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	66.9	(+3.6)	23.5	(-7.2)	9.6	(+3.6)	57.3	(+/-0.0)
FT-SE 100 (UK)	56.2	(-3.0)	32.6	(+3.6)	11.2	(-0.6)	45.0	(-2.4)
CAC-40 (France)	64.5	(-3.0)	25.8	(+3.3)	9.7	(-0.3)	54.8	(-2.7)
MIBtel (Italy)	59.6	(-3.2)	29.3	(+2.5)	11.1	(+0.7)	48.5	(-3.9)
<b>Exchange rates (vs. Euro)</b>	<b>appreciate</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>depreciate</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Dollar	22.8	(+0.4)	29.8	(-2.0)	47.4	(+1.6)	-24.6	(-1.2)
Yen	22.6	(+4.7)	61.8	(-8.1)	15.6	(+3.4)	7.0	(+1.3)
UK Pound	10.3	(+1.8)	63.8	(-6.5)	25.9	(+4.7)	-15.6	(-2.9)
Swiss Franc	10.6	(-2.4)	76.8	(+2.2)	12.6	(+0.2)	-2.0	(-2.6)
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Oil (Brent Crude)	11.9	(+3.4)	41.6	(-0.2)	46.5	(-3.2)	-34.6	(+6.6)
<b>Sectors</b>	<b>improve</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>get worse</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Banks	60.9	(+0.9)	33.1	(-1.8)	6.0	(+0.9)	54.9	(+/-0.0)
Insurance companies	49.8	(-4.0)	41.6	(+3.5)	8.6	(+0.5)	41.2	(-4.5)
Automobile	23.7	(-1.0)	55.8	(+5.1)	20.5	(-4.1)	3.2	(+3.1)
Chemicals / Pharmaceuticals	51.8	(+6.1)	43.9	(-2.5)	4.3	(-3.6)	47.5	(+9.7)
Steel	56.9	(-0.2)	33.3	(-2.6)	9.8	(+2.8)	47.1	(-3.0)
Electronics	35.5	(-5.4)	56.2	(+3.5)	8.3	(+1.9)	27.2	(-7.3)
Mechanical engineering	53.2	(-1.2)	39.6	(+4.0)	7.2	(-2.8)	46.0	(+1.6)
Retail / Consumer goods	26.0	(-0.7)	57.0	(+2.6)	17.0	(-1.9)	9.0	(+1.2)
Construction	8.3	(-1.8)	58.8	(+0.2)	32.9	(+1.6)	-24.6	(-3.4)
Utilities	54.4	(-4.3)	40.9	(+3.7)	4.7	(+0.6)	49.7	(-4.9)
Services	57.4	(-4.7)	40.4	(+5.1)	2.2	(-0.4)	55.2	(-4.3)
Telecommunications	63.0	(-3.3)	32.0	(+2.0)	5.0	(+1.3)	58.0	(-4.6)
Information technology	57.8	(-4.3)	36.8	(+2.6)	5.4	(+1.7)	52.4	(-6.0)

Note: 318 Analysts participated in the February survey which was conducted during the period 01/24 to 02/14/05. 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.