

ZEW Financial Market Survey: Results March 2005

Current economic situation	good		normal		bad		balance	
Eurozone	2.3	(-0.9)	67.6	(-2.3)	30.1	(+3.2)	-27.8	(-4.1)
Germany	1.0	(-0.3)	32.0	(-6.7)	67.0	(+7.0)	-66.0	(-7.3)
USA	47.6	(+1.6)	49.5	(-1.0)	2.9	(-0.6)	44.7	(+2.2)
Japan	5.6	(-2.6)	67.8	(-4.4)	26.6	(+7.0)	-21.0	(-9.6)
United Kingdom	35.6	(-2.3)	60.3	(+1.2)	4.1	(+1.1)	31.5	(-3.4)
France	8.4	(+0.4)	67.5	(-0.9)	24.1	(+0.5)	-15.7	(-0.1)
Italy	1.4	(-1.6)	52.4	(-3.0)	46.2	(+4.6)	-44.8	(-6.2)
Economic expectations	improve		no change		get worse		balance	
Eurozone	39.6	(+1.4)	58.1	(-1.5)	2.3	(+0.1)	37.3	(+1.3)
Germany (=ZEW Indicator)	40.8	(+1.1)	54.7	(-1.8)	4.5	(+0.7)	36.3	(+0.4)
USA	12.0	(+1.8)	69.9	(-2.8)	18.1	(+1.0)	-6.1	(+0.8)
Japan	30.2	(+1.6)	64.8	(-0.8)	5.0	(-0.8)	25.2	(+2.4)
United Kingdom	7.5	(-1.9)	75.6	(+4.8)	16.9	(-2.9)	-9.4	(+1.0)
France	25.3	(-2.5)	70.9	(+2.4)	3.8	(+0.1)	21.5	(-2.6)
Italy	26.4	(-2.6)	69.8	(+2.5)	3.8	(+0.1)	22.6	(-2.7)
Inflation rate	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Eurozone	20.1	(+3.9)	61.8	(+1.4)	18.1	(-5.3)	2.0	(+9.2)
Germany	20.8	(+4.0)	59.4	(+1.0)	19.8	(-5.0)	1.0	(+9.0)
USA	58.9	(+3.2)	34.5	(+1.7)	6.6	(-4.9)	52.3	(+8.1)
Japan	29.0	(+1.3)	66.9	(-1.3)	4.1	(+/-0.0)	24.9	(+1.3)
United Kingdom	34.3	(+8.3)	58.8	(-4.8)	6.9	(-3.5)	27.4	(+11.8)
France	20.4	(+3.9)	65.5	(+1.3)	14.1	(-5.2)	6.3	(+9.1)
Italy	21.4	(+5.4)	65.2	(-1.2)	13.4	(-4.2)	8.0	(+9.6)
Short-term interest rates	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Eurozone	27.4	(+2.8)	69.7	(-3.5)	2.9	(+0.7)	24.5	(+2.1)
USA	89.9	(+0.7)	9.1	(-1.7)	1.0	(+1.0)	88.9	(-0.3)
Japan	20.2	(-2.3)	79.8	(+2.3)	0.0	(+/-0.0)	20.2	(-2.3)
United Kingdom	26.1	(+1.5)	68.5	(-3.0)	5.4	(+1.5)	20.7	(+/-0.0)
Long-term interest rates	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Germany	70.7	(+2.8)	26.1	(-2.2)	3.2	(-0.6)	67.5	(+3.4)
USA	84.0	(+3.8)	13.4	(-5.4)	2.6	(+1.6)	81.4	(+2.2)
Japan	59.5	(+1.1)	39.8	(-1.5)	0.7	(+0.4)	58.8	(+0.7)
United Kingdom	55.9	(+3.1)	41.4	(-3.8)	2.7	(+0.7)	53.2	(+2.4)
Stock market indices	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
STOXX 50 (Eurozone)	62.9	(-3.5)	25.3	(+0.6)	11.8	(+2.9)	51.1	(-6.4)
DAX (Germany)	61.6	(-6.9)	25.3	(+3.3)	13.1	(+3.6)	48.5	(-10.5)
TecDax (Germany)	57.5	(-4.1)	26.7	(-0.2)	15.8	(+4.3)	41.7	(-8.4)
Dow Jones Industrial (USA)	51.3	(-4.9)	35.4	(+5.2)	13.3	(-0.3)	38.0	(-4.6)
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	66.3	(-0.6)	26.4	(+2.9)	7.3	(-2.3)	59.0	(+1.7)
FT-SE 100 (UK)	49.6	(-6.6)	36.0	(+3.4)	14.4	(+3.2)	35.2	(-9.8)
CAC-40 (France)	59.7	(-4.8)	26.7	(+0.9)	13.6	(+3.9)	46.1	(-8.7)
MIBtel (Italy)	54.3	(-5.3)	30.6	(+1.3)	15.1	(+4.0)	39.2	(-9.3)
Exchange rates (vs. Euro)	appreciate		no change		depreciate		balance	
Dollar	21.4	(-1.4)	30.6	(+0.8)	48.0	(+0.6)	-26.6	(-2.0)
Yen	20.5	(-2.1)	64.5	(+2.7)	15.0	(-0.6)	5.5	(-1.5)
UK Pound	10.6	(+0.3)	68.4	(+4.6)	21.0	(-4.9)	-10.4	(+5.2)
Swiss Franc	12.2	(+1.6)	77.7	(+0.9)	10.1	(-2.5)	2.1	(+4.1)
Commodities	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Oil (Brent Crude)	14.7	(+2.8)	32.8	(-8.8)	52.5	(+6.0)	-37.8	(-3.2)
Sectors	improve		no change		get worse		balance	
Banks	63.1	(+2.2)	29.3	(-3.8)	7.6	(+1.6)	55.5	(+0.6)
Insurance companies	51.8	(+2.0)	39.5	(-2.1)	8.7	(+0.1)	43.1	(+1.9)
Automobile	21.4	(-2.3)	54.3	(-1.5)	24.3	(+3.8)	-2.9	(-6.1)
Chemicals / Pharmaceuticals	56.0	(+4.2)	38.5	(-5.4)	5.5	(+1.2)	50.5	(+3.0)
Steel	54.6	(-2.3)	35.8	(+2.5)	9.6	(-0.2)	45.0	(-2.1)
Electronics	34.3	(-1.2)	60.2	(+4.0)	5.5	(-2.8)	28.8	(+1.6)
Mechanical engineering	54.0	(+0.8)	37.6	(-2.0)	8.4	(+1.2)	45.6	(-0.4)
Retail / Consumer goods	19.6	(-6.4)	60.4	(+3.4)	20.0	(+3.0)	-0.4	(-9.4)
Construction	6.3	(-2.0)	64.8	(+6.0)	28.9	(-4.0)	-22.6	(+2.0)
Utilities	48.5	(-5.9)	45.6	(+4.7)	5.9	(+1.2)	42.6	(-7.1)
Services	54.8	(-2.6)	42.6	(+2.2)	2.6	(+0.4)	52.2	(-3.0)
Telecommunications	60.5	(-2.5)	35.5	(+3.5)	4.0	(-1.0)	56.5	(-1.5)
Information technology	63.4	(+5.6)	32.6	(-4.2)	4.0	(-1.4)	59.4	(+7.0)

Note: 311 Analysts participated in the March survey which was conducted during the period 02/28 to 03/14/05. 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.