

**ZEW - Financial Market Survey: Results May 2018**

<b>Current economic situation</b>	<b>good</b>		<b>normal</b>		<b>bad</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	58.0	(- 1.6)	40.1	(+ 1.6)	1.9	(+/- 0.0)	56.1	(- 1.6)
Germany	87.9	(- 0.5)	11.6	(+ 0.5)	0.5	(+/- 0.0)	87.4	(- 0.5)
USA	81.4	(+ 1.3)	18.1	(- 1.3)	0.5	(+/- 0.0)	80.9	(+ 1.3)
Japan	32.8	(+ 2.7)	64.6	(- 3.3)	2.6	(+ 0.6)	30.2	(+ 2.1)
United Kingdom	8.9	(- 4.4)	75.5	(+ 1.1)	15.6	(+ 3.3)	-6.7	(- 7.7)
France	33.5	(- 1.3)	60.9	(+ 0.8)	5.6	(+ 0.5)	27.9	(- 1.8)
Italy	9.1	(- 1.0)	63.3	(- 2.5)	27.6	(+ 3.5)	-18.5	(- 4.5)
<b>Economic expectations</b>	<b>improve</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>get worse</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	20.2	(+ 1.0)	62.0	(- 1.5)	17.8	(+ 0.5)	2.4	(+ 0.5)
Germany (ZEW Indicator)	11.5	(- 0.1)	68.8	(+ 0.2)	19.7	(- 0.1)	-8.2	(+/- 0.0)
USA	18.0	(+ 2.0)	64.9	(+ 0.2)	17.1	(- 2.2)	0.9	(+ 4.2)
Japan	9.9	(- 2.6)	82.3	(+ 4.2)	7.8	(- 1.6)	2.1	(- 1.0)
United Kingdom	4.1	(- 2.5)	45.4	(+ 3.3)	50.5	(- 0.8)	-46.4	(- 1.7)
France	21.9	(- 1.2)	64.8	(+ 2.0)	13.3	(- 0.8)	8.6	(- 0.4)
Italy	10.7	(- 2.6)	61.9	(+ 1.2)	27.4	(+ 1.4)	-16.7	(- 4.0)
<b>Inflation rate</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	63.4	(+11.7)	35.6	(-11.7)	1.0	(+/- 0.0)	62.4	(+11.7)
Germany	68.0	(+13.0)	30.5	(-13.5)	1.5	(+ 0.5)	66.5	(+12.5)
USA	78.7	(+ 3.8)	19.3	(- 4.8)	2.0	(+ 1.0)	76.7	(+ 2.8)
Japan	29.4	(+ 4.7)	69.5	(- 4.8)	1.1	(+ 0.1)	28.3	(+ 4.6)
United Kingdom	58.7	(+ 2.0)	33.9	(+ 1.9)	7.4	(- 3.9)	51.3	(+ 5.9)
France	60.4	(+10.4)	38.1	(- 9.9)	1.5	(- 0.5)	58.9	(+10.9)
Italy	56.9	(+ 9.5)	41.5	(- 8.5)	1.6	(- 1.0)	55.3	(+10.5)
<b>Short-term interest rates</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	14.7	(- 2.8)	85.3	(+ 3.3)	0.0	(- 0.5)	14.7	(- 2.3)
USA	88.7	(- 3.0)	11.3	(+ 3.5)	0.0	(- 0.5)	88.7	(- 2.5)
Japan	5.8	(- 4.2)	93.7	(+ 4.2)	0.5	(+/- 0.0)	5.3	(- 4.2)
United Kingdom	48.9	(-10.8)	47.9	(+12.8)	3.2	(- 2.0)	45.7	(- 8.8)
<b>Long-term interest rates</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Germany	73.0	(+ 2.3)	24.5	(- 4.3)	2.5	(+ 2.0)	70.5	(+ 0.3)
USA	78.5	(- 2.6)	18.1	(- 0.8)	3.4	(+ 3.4)	75.1	(- 6.0)
Japan	25.5	(- 0.3)	73.4	(- 0.3)	1.1	(+ 0.6)	24.4	(- 0.9)
United Kingdom	65.8	(- 3.6)	32.6	(+ 4.6)	1.6	(- 1.0)	64.2	(- 2.6)
<b>Stock market indices</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
STOXX 50 (Eurozone)	46.9	(- 8.3)	36.6	(+ 3.3)	16.5	(+ 5.0)	30.4	(-13.3)
DAX (Germany)	48.2	(- 8.9)	35.9	(+ 4.0)	15.9	(+ 4.9)	32.3	(-13.8)
TecDax (Germany)	50.0	(- 4.9)	35.2	(+ 1.5)	14.8	(+ 3.4)	35.2	(- 8.3)
Dow Jones Industrial (USA)	45.3	(- 1.7)	35.8	(- 2.2)	18.9	(+ 3.9)	26.4	(- 5.6)
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	39.8	(- 5.4)	47.5	(+ 2.9)	12.7	(+ 2.5)	27.1	(- 7.9)
FT-SE-100 (UK)	22.5	(- 7.9)	48.3	(+ 5.6)	29.2	(+ 2.3)	-6.7	(-10.2)
CAC-40 (France)	40.2	(- 5.6)	42.5	(- 0.4)	17.3	(+ 6.0)	22.9	(-11.6)
MIbtel (Italy)	28.2	(- 8.0)	47.5	(+ 2.1)	24.3	(+ 5.9)	3.9	(-13.9)
<b>Exchange rates (vs. Euro)</b>	<b>appreciate</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>depreciate</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Dollar	52.3	(+ 5.6)	30.3	(- 2.5)	17.4	(- 3.1)	34.9	(+ 8.7)
Yen	14.3	(+ 2.1)	75.3	(- 2.4)	10.4	(+ 0.3)	3.9	(+ 1.8)
UK Pound	9.6	(- 1.1)	47.3	(- 1.6)	43.1	(+ 2.7)	-33.5	(- 3.8)
Swiss Franc	13.1	(+ 2.1)	69.1	(- 6.9)	17.8	(+ 4.8)	-4.7	(- 2.7)
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Oil (Brent Crude)	33.8	(+11.0)	45.4	(-11.2)	20.8	(+ 0.2)	13.0	(+10.8)
<b>Sectors</b>	<b>improve</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>get worse</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Banks	23.4	(- 5.9)	49.7	(+ 1.4)	26.9	(+ 4.5)	-3.5	(-10.4)
Insurance companies	22.3	(- 1.3)	55.4	(- 0.9)	22.3	(+ 2.2)	0.0	(- 3.5)
Automobile	15.4	(- 2.5)	60.6	(- 0.1)	24.0	(+ 2.6)	-8.6	(- 5.1)
Chemicals / Pharmaceuticals	37.0	(+ 2.1)	55.5	(- 3.8)	7.5	(+ 1.7)	29.5	(+ 0.4)
Steel	15.1	(- 0.6)	52.3	(- 8.2)	32.6	(+ 8.8)	-17.5	(- 9.4)
Electronics	31.4	(+10.8)	62.8	(-11.3)	5.8	(+ 0.5)	25.6	(+10.3)
Mechanical engineering	40.5	(+ 1.5)	49.1	(- 4.2)	10.4	(+ 2.7)	30.1	(- 1.2)
Retail / Consumer goods	47.1	(- 5.8)	46.0	(+ 4.1)	6.9	(+ 1.7)	40.2	(- 7.5)
Construction	48.0	(-10.2)	46.8	(+10.2)	5.2	(+/- 0.0)	42.8	(-10.2)
Utilities	17.4	(- 0.7)	72.8	(- 1.0)	9.8	(+ 1.7)	7.6	(- 2.4)
Services	38.3	(- 0.1)	57.6	(- 1.1)	4.1	(+ 1.2)	34.2	(- 1.3)
Telecommunications	25.2	(+ 5.9)	68.4	(- 7.6)	6.4	(+ 1.7)	18.8	(+ 4.2)
Information technology	58.2	(+ 1.5)	39.5	(- 2.6)	2.3	(+ 1.1)	55.9	(+ 0.4)

Note: 210 analysts participated in the May-survey which was conducted during the period 30 Apr 2018 - 14 May 2018. 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.