

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

<b>Current economic situation</b>	<b>good</b>		<b>normal</b>		<b>bad</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	32.0	(- 6.2)	66.0	(+ 6.2)	2.0	(+/- 0.0)	30.0	(- 6.2)
Germany	73.1	(+ 0.2)	26.4	(- 0.2)	0.5	(+/- 0.0)	72.6	(+ 0.2)
USA	83.1	(+ 3.8)	15.4	(- 4.8)	1.5	(+ 1.0)	81.6	(+ 2.8)
Japan	18.2	(- 3.7)	77.9	(+ 3.0)	3.9	(+ 0.7)	14.3	(- 4.4)
United Kingdom	9.1	(- 2.6)	74.9	(+ 7.3)	16.0	(- 4.7)	-6.9	(+ 2.1)
France	21.3	(- 2.5)	73.4	(+ 2.0)	5.3	(+ 0.5)	16.0	(- 3.0)
Italy	4.3	(- 0.5)	58.8	(- 1.6)	36.9	(+ 2.1)	-32.6	(- 2.6)
<b>Economic expectations</b>	<b>improve</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>get worse</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	16.3	(+ 3.3)	56.3	(+ 1.0)	27.4	(- 4.3)	-11.1	(+ 7.6)
Germany (ZEW Indicator)	13.7	(+ 4.7)	58.9	(+ 1.6)	27.4	(- 6.3)	-13.7	(+11.0)
USA	13.3	(- 0.9)	64.1	(+ 4.7)	22.6	(- 3.8)	-9.3	(+ 2.9)
Japan	9.0	(+ 1.9)	79.8	(+ 3.7)	11.2	(- 5.6)	-2.2	(+ 7.5)
United Kingdom	4.3	(+ 0.1)	32.3	(- 5.7)	63.4	(+ 5.6)	-59.1	(- 5.5)
France	15.0	(- 0.4)	62.0	(+ 1.2)	23.0	(- 0.8)	-8.0	(+ 0.4)
Italy	8.2	(+ 0.2)	53.8	(+ 7.0)	38.0	(- 7.2)	-29.8	(+ 7.4)
<b>Inflation rate</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	44.4	(- 2.9)	43.9	(- 1.8)	11.7	(+ 4.7)	32.7	(- 7.6)
Germany	45.6	(- 4.2)	42.1	(+ 1.4)	12.3	(+ 2.8)	33.3	(- 7.0)
USA	58.2	(-10.8)	33.0	(+ 6.1)	8.8	(+ 4.7)	49.4	(-15.5)
Japan	17.9	(- 2.7)	76.0	(- 0.1)	6.1	(+ 2.8)	11.8	(- 5.5)
United Kingdom	51.4	(- 0.4)	35.5	(- 0.9)	13.1	(+ 1.3)	38.3	(- 1.7)
France	39.8	(- 7.6)	48.4	(+ 1.1)	11.8	(+ 6.5)	28.0	(-14.1)
Italy	37.3	(-11.1)	48.4	(+ 4.4)	14.3	(+ 6.7)	23.0	(-17.8)
<b>Short-term interest rates</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	10.2	(- 2.4)	89.8	(+ 2.9)	0.0	(- 0.5)	10.2	(- 1.9)
USA	91.2	(+ 5.3)	8.8	(- 5.3)	0.0	(+/- 0.0)	91.2	(+ 5.3)
Japan	6.2	(+ 0.8)	93.8	(- 0.8)	0.0	(+/- 0.0)	6.2	(+ 0.8)
United Kingdom	44.2	(+ 2.5)	53.0	(- 1.0)	2.8	(- 1.5)	41.4	(+ 4.0)
<b>Long-term interest rates</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Germany	64.7	(- 2.0)	33.8	(+ 1.5)	1.5	(+ 0.5)	63.2	(- 2.5)
USA	72.1	(- 3.7)	25.3	(+ 2.1)	2.6	(+ 1.6)	69.5	(- 5.3)
Japan	19.1	(- 5.1)	79.8	(+ 4.0)	1.1	(+ 1.1)	18.0	(- 6.2)
United Kingdom	54.1	(- 3.9)	42.1	(+ 2.3)	3.8	(+ 1.6)	50.3	(- 5.5)
<b>Stock market indices</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
STOXX 50 (Eurozone)	42.2	(- 1.4)	43.2	(+ 3.3)	14.6	(- 1.9)	27.6	(+ 0.5)
DAX (Germany)	45.4	(- 1.4)	38.4	(+ 4.9)	16.2	(- 3.5)	29.2	(+ 2.1)
TecDax (Germany)	44.8	(- 1.5)	38.5	(+ 2.3)	16.7	(- 0.8)	28.1	(- 0.7)
Dow Jones Industrial (USA)	40.8	(+ 1.5)	40.2	(+ 1.4)	19.0	(- 2.9)	21.8	(+ 4.4)
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	35.1	(+ 2.5)	53.6	(+ 1.6)	11.3	(- 4.1)	23.8	(+ 6.6)
FT-SE-100 (UK)	21.9	(+ 2.0)	42.0	(- 7.1)	36.1	(- 5.1)	-14.2	(- 3.1)
CAC-40 (France)	35.1	(- 2.8)	49.1	(+ 6.5)	15.8	(- 3.7)	19.3	(+ 0.9)
MIbtel (Italy)	24.7	(- 0.3)	43.4	(+ 0.4)	31.9	(- 0.1)	-7.2	(- 0.2)
<b>Exchange rates (vs. Euro)</b>	<b>appreciate</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>depreciate</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Dollar	48.4	(+ 0.2)	33.7	(- 1.7)	17.9	(+ 1.5)	30.5	(- 1.3)
Yen	12.8	(- 3.8)	78.4	(+ 2.8)	8.8	(+ 1.0)	4.0	(- 4.8)
UK Pound	11.8	(+ 1.4)	36.2	(-10.8)	52.0	(+ 9.4)	-40.2	(- 8.0)
Swiss Franc	17.3	(- 1.6)	70.4	(+ 2.7)	12.3	(- 1.1)	5.0	(- 0.5)
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Oil (Brent Crude)	16.3	(- 1.5)	68.0	(+10.9)	15.7	(- 9.4)	0.6	(+ 7.9)
<b>Sectors</b>	<b>improve</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>get worse</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Banks	17.0	(+ 4.7)	51.2	(- 4.7)	31.8	(+/- 0.0)	-14.8	(+ 4.7)
Insurance companies	12.9	(+ 1.7)	56.5	(- 6.4)	30.6	(+ 4.7)	-17.7	(- 3.0)
Automobile	6.0	(+ 4.2)	46.7	(+ 8.1)	47.3	(-12.3)	-41.3	(+16.5)
Chemicals / Pharmaceuticals	23.5	(+ 1.5)	65.7	(+ 0.2)	10.8	(- 1.7)	12.7	(+ 3.2)
Steel	10.3	(+ 3.7)	43.6	(- 4.9)	46.1	(+ 1.2)	-35.8	(+ 2.5)
Electronics	22.7	(- 2.3)	69.5	(+ 7.6)	7.8	(- 5.3)	14.9	(+ 3.0)
Mechanical engineering	23.8	(- 4.6)	58.9	(+ 5.6)	17.3	(- 1.0)	6.5	(- 3.6)
Retail / Consumer goods	41.0	(- 0.4)	52.4	(+ 3.9)	6.6	(- 3.5)	34.4	(+ 3.1)
Construction	44.1	(- 4.4)	47.6	(+ 3.2)	8.3	(+ 1.2)	35.8	(- 5.6)
Utilities	17.3	(+ 3.6)	74.4	(- 0.7)	8.3	(- 2.9)	9.0	(+ 6.5)
Services	32.8	(+ 0.1)	63.6	(+ 0.5)	3.6	(- 0.6)	29.2	(+ 0.7)
Telecommunications	19.7	(+ 1.2)	69.8	(- 3.9)	10.5	(+ 2.7)	9.2	(- 1.5)
Information technology	52.7	(- 0.3)	44.8	(+ 2.6)	2.5	(- 2.3)	50.2	(+ 2.0)

Note: 199 analysts participated in the August-survey which was conducted during the period 30 Jul 2018 - 13 Aug 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.