

**ZEW - Financial Market Survey: Results December 2017**

<b>Current economic situation</b>	<b>good</b>		<b>normal</b>		<b>bad</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	53.6	(+ 3.3)	43.5	(- 3.7)	2.9	(+ 0.4)	50.7	(+ 2.9)
Germany	89.8	(+ 0.5)	9.7	(- 0.5)	0.5	(+/- 0.0)	89.3	(+ 0.5)
USA	78.6	(+11.0)	20.4	(-11.0)	1.0	(+/- 0.0)	77.6	(+11.0)
Japan	31.2	(- 0.3)	66.8	(+ 2.6)	2.0	(- 2.3)	29.2	(+ 2.0)
United Kingdom	11.6	(+ 1.5)	69.7	(+ 1.6)	18.7	(- 3.1)	-7.1	(+ 4.6)
France	24.2	(+ 4.8)	68.3	(- 5.0)	7.5	(+ 0.2)	16.7	(+ 4.6)
Italy	11.4	(+ 2.2)	62.7	(- 0.7)	25.9	(- 1.5)	-14.5	(+ 3.7)
<b>Economic expectations</b>	<b>improve</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>get worse</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	34.8	(- 1.2)	59.4	(+ 0.5)	5.8	(+ 0.7)	29.0	(- 1.9)
Germany (ZEW Indicator)	23.7	(+ 0.9)	70.0	(- 3.1)	6.3	(+ 2.2)	17.4	(- 1.3)
USA	23.8	(+ 1.8)	67.5	(- 3.4)	8.7	(+ 1.6)	15.1	(+ 0.2)
Japan	18.6	(- 0.4)	74.7	(- 3.1)	6.7	(+ 3.5)	11.9	(- 3.9)
United Kingdom	7.6	(+ 3.3)	41.9	(+ 6.4)	50.5	(- 9.7)	-42.9	(+13.0)
France	37.8	(+ 1.7)	56.2	(- 3.0)	6.0	(+ 1.3)	31.8	(+ 0.4)
Italy	25.0	(+ 2.6)	65.3	(- 0.5)	9.7	(- 2.1)	15.3	(+ 4.7)
<b>Inflation rate</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	48.6	(+ 6.4)	49.0	(- 3.6)	2.4	(- 2.8)	46.2	(+ 9.2)
Germany	52.2	(+ 6.4)	46.3	(- 2.2)	1.5	(- 4.2)	50.7	(+10.6)
USA	71.7	(+ 9.7)	26.3	(- 9.6)	2.0	(- 0.1)	69.7	(+ 9.8)
Japan	26.3	(+ 4.7)	71.6	(- 3.5)	2.1	(- 1.2)	24.2	(+ 5.9)
United Kingdom	52.8	(- 0.7)	39.1	(+ 4.5)	8.1	(- 3.8)	44.7	(+ 3.1)
France	41.7	(+ 2.1)	55.3	(+ 0.2)	3.0	(- 2.3)	38.7	(+ 4.4)
Italy	38.5	(+ 2.9)	56.9	(+ 1.0)	4.6	(- 3.9)	33.9	(+ 6.8)
<b>Short-term interest rates</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Eurozone	12.4	(+ 3.2)	87.1	(- 3.7)	0.5	(+ 0.5)	11.9	(+ 2.7)
USA	86.1	(+ 0.8)	13.9	(- 0.8)	0.0	(+/- 0.0)	86.1	(+ 0.8)
Japan	5.3	(- 0.8)	94.2	(+ 0.3)	0.5	(+ 0.5)	4.8	(- 1.3)
United Kingdom	45.1	(- 5.2)	51.3	(+ 4.8)	3.6	(+ 0.4)	41.5	(- 5.6)
<b>Long-term interest rates</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Germany	62.4	(- 1.4)	36.6	(+ 1.4)	1.0	(+/- 0.0)	61.4	(- 1.4)
USA	80.0	(+ 0.7)	19.5	(- 0.7)	0.5	(+/- 0.0)	79.5	(+ 0.7)
Japan	19.7	(- 3.5)	79.8	(+ 3.0)	0.5	(+ 0.5)	19.2	(- 4.0)
United Kingdom	59.0	(- 4.2)	35.9	(+ 0.2)	5.1	(+ 4.0)	53.9	(- 8.2)
<b>Stock market indices</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
STOXX 50 (Eurozone)	53.1	(+ 2.9)	34.9	(- 0.9)	12.0	(- 2.0)	41.1	(+ 4.9)
DAX (Germany)	54.1	(+ 4.9)	31.8	(- 2.8)	14.1	(- 2.1)	40.0	(+ 7.0)
TecDax (Germany)	50.0	(+ 3.6)	36.3	(- 1.8)	13.7	(- 1.8)	36.3	(+ 5.4)
Dow Jones Industrial (USA)	46.6	(+ 2.1)	34.9	(- 0.4)	18.5	(- 1.7)	28.1	(+ 3.8)
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	47.0	(+ 3.0)	41.4	(- 4.4)	11.6	(+ 1.4)	35.4	(+ 1.6)
FT-SE-100 (UK)	31.1	(+ 3.7)	39.0	(- 2.5)	29.9	(- 1.2)	1.2	(+ 4.9)
CAC-40 (France)	49.7	(+ 5.5)	34.3	(- 4.5)	16.0	(- 1.0)	33.7	(+ 6.5)
MIStel (Italy)	40.1	(+ 2.4)	44.6	(+ 1.4)	15.3	(- 3.8)	24.8	(+ 6.2)
<b>Exchange rates (vs. Euro)</b>	<b>appreciate</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>depreciate</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Dollar	46.2	(- 2.2)	41.0	(+ 3.5)	12.8	(- 1.3)	33.4	(- 0.9)
Yen	9.6	(- 2.1)	79.6	(+ 5.9)	10.8	(- 3.8)	-1.2	(+ 1.7)
UK Pound	11.0	(+ 3.1)	41.6	(+ 4.0)	47.4	(- 7.1)	-36.4	(+10.2)
Swiss Franc	11.6	(- 1.4)	74.6	(+ 2.3)	13.8	(- 0.9)	-2.2	(- 0.5)
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>increase</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>decrease</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Oil (Brent Crude)	28.1	(- 3.9)	58.9	(+ 6.6)	13.0	(- 2.7)	15.1	(- 1.2)
<b>Sectors</b>	<b>improve</b>		<b>no change</b>		<b>get worse</b>		<b>balance</b>	
Banks	23.0	(+ 1.7)	46.1	(- 1.5)	30.9	(- 0.2)	-7.9	(+ 1.9)
Insurance companies	20.7	(+ 3.0)	51.7	(+ 0.5)	27.6	(- 3.5)	-6.9	(+ 6.5)
Automobile	26.8	(+ 1.8)	60.9	(+ 1.1)	12.3	(- 2.9)	14.5	(+ 4.7)
Chemicals / Pharmaceuticals	44.7	(- 0.7)	52.5	(+ 0.4)	2.8	(+ 0.3)	41.9	(- 1.0)
Steel	23.3	(- 8.0)	65.9	(+ 8.2)	10.8	(- 0.2)	12.5	(- 7.8)
Electronics	42.4	(+/- 0.0)	54.8	(- 1.0)	2.8	(+ 1.0)	39.6	(- 1.0)
Mechanical engineering	55.4	(- 1.9)	40.1	(+ 1.1)	4.5	(+ 0.8)	50.9	(- 2.7)
Retail / Consumer goods	60.1	(- 0.8)	36.5	(+ 1.7)	3.4	(- 0.9)	56.7	(+ 0.1)
Construction	56.5	(+ 0.1)	39.0	(+ 0.3)	4.5	(- 0.4)	52.0	(+ 0.5)
Utilities	19.3	(- 1.6)	72.7	(+ 2.9)	8.0	(- 1.3)	11.3	(- 0.3)
Services	43.0	(+ 1.7)	54.2	(- 1.4)	2.8	(- 0.3)	40.2	(+ 2.0)
Telecommunications	26.2	(- 1.6)	67.0	(+ 1.0)	6.8	(+ 0.6)	19.4	(- 2.2)
Information technology	62.3	(- 2.9)	37.1	(+ 2.9)	0.6	(+/- 0.0)	61.7	(- 2.9)

Note: 207 analysts participated in the December-survey which was conducted during the period 27 Nov 2017 - 11 Dec 2017. 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.