

## ZEW Financial Market Survey: Results December 2005

Current economic situation	good		normal		bad		balance
Eurozone	5.4	(+2.0)	72.4	(+4.7)	22.2	(-6.7)	-16.8 (+8.7)
Germany	3.1	(+0.9)	49.4	(+9.0)	47.5	(-9.9)	-44.4 (+10.8)
USA	53.7	(+7.7)	44.4	(-5.6)	1.9	(-2.1)	51.8 (+9.8)
Japan	26.4	(+3.6)	64.7	(-2.9)	8.9	(-0.7)	17.5 (+4.3)
United Kingdom	20.0	(+2.6)	73.2	(-2.5)	6.8	(-0.1)	13.2 (+2.7)
France	3.7	(+0.1)	67.0	(+10.7)	29.3	(-10.8)	-25.6 (+10.9)
Italy	2.4	(+0.7)	34.5	(+0.4)	63.1	(-1.1)	-60.7 (+1.8)
Economic expectations	improve		no change		get worse		balance
Eurozone	53.4	(+10.0)	44.4	(-8.8)	2.2	(-1.2)	51.2 (+11.2)
Germany (=ZEW Indicator)	63.8	(+18.9)	34.0	(-14.9)	2.2	(-4.0)	61.6 (+22.9)
USA	10.2	(+3.6)	70.7	(+/-0.0)	19.1	(-3.6)	-8.9 (+7.2)
Japan	51.4	(+3.0)	47.0	(-2.7)	1.6	(-0.3)	49.8 (+3.3)
United Kingdom	12.7	(+2.4)	73.6	(+1.2)	13.7	(-3.6)	-1.0 (+6.0)
France	39.2	(+11.4)	57.7	(-5.9)	3.1	(-5.5)	36.1 (+16.9)
Italy	34.0	(+7.8)	60.5	(-4.9)	5.5	(-2.9)	28.5 (+10.7)
Inflation rate	increase		no change		decrease		balance
Eurozone	38.1	(-12.0)	45.1	(+10.9)	16.8	(+1.1)	21.3 (-13.1)
Germany	39.1	(-11.8)	42.7	(+10.9)	18.2	(+0.9)	20.9 (-12.7)
USA	46.0	(-8.1)	34.2	(+3.2)	19.8	(+4.9)	26.2 (-13.0)
Japan	61.1	(-2.1)	36.9	(+2.7)	2.0	(-0.6)	59.1 (-1.5)
United Kingdom	23.6	(-12.0)	63.4	(+9.9)	13.0	(+2.1)	10.6 (-14.1)
France	34.5	(-11.7)	50.2	(+11.2)	15.3	(+0.5)	19.2 (-12.2)
Italy	37.1	(-9.6)	47.9	(+8.5)	15.0	(+1.1)	22.1 (-10.7)
Short-term interest rates	increase		no change		decrease		balance
Eurozone	85.4	(+15.5)	13.3	(-15.0)	1.3	(-0.5)	84.1 (+16.0)
USA	80.6	(-7.6)	17.8	(+6.0)	1.6	(+1.6)	79.0 (-9.2)
Japan	48.5	(+1.7)	51.2	(-2.0)	0.3	(+0.3)	48.2 (+1.4)
United Kingdom	19.5	(-3.9)	64.7	(+4.5)	15.8	(-0.6)	3.7 (-3.3)
Long-term interest rates	increase		no change		decrease		balance
Germany	66.0	(-3.4)	29.9	(+5.8)	4.1	(-2.4)	61.9 (-1.0)
USA	66.3	(-5.2)	30.8	(+7.3)	2.9	(-2.1)	63.4 (-3.1)
Japan	61.7	(-7.7)	33.9	(+4.3)	4.4	(+3.4)	57.3 (-11.1)
United Kingdom	42.1	(+1.8)	53.1	(+0.4)	4.8	(-2.2)	37.3 (+4.0)
Stock market indices	increase		no change		decrease		balance
STOXX 50 (Eurozone)	76.3	(+4.8)	17.9	(-5.5)	5.8	(+0.7)	70.5 (+4.1)
DAX (Germany)	74.0	(+1.8)	20.1	(-1.4)	5.9	(-0.4)	68.1 (+2.2)
TecDax (Germany)	62.6	(+1.0)	28.2	(-0.8)	9.2	(-0.2)	53.4 (+1.2)
Dow Jones Industrial (USA)	57.6	(+13.2)	34.4	(-10.7)	8.0	(-2.5)	49.6 (+15.7)
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	73.9	(-2.5)	20.3	(-0.7)	5.8	(+3.2)	68.1 (-5.7)
FT-SE 100 (UK)	61.6	(+8.4)	31.2	(-7.1)	7.2	(-1.3)	54.4 (+9.7)
CAC-40 (France)	68.6	(+5.7)	25.3	(-4.0)	6.1	(-1.7)	62.5 (+7.4)
MIBtel (Italy)	53.1	(-5.3)	30.9	(-1.7)	16.0	(+7.0)	37.1 (-12.3)
Exchange rates (vs. Euro)	appreciate		no change		depreciate		balance
Dollar	25.0	(-3.7)	30.0	(+2.2)	45.0	(+1.5)	-20.0 (-5.2)
Yen	23.7	(-8.7)	56.8	(+0.9)	19.5	(+7.8)	4.2 (-16.5)
UK Pound	8.8	(-2.5)	72.9	(+6.0)	18.3	(-3.5)	-9.5 (+1.0)
Swiss Franc	20.8	(+3.7)	70.4	(-5.3)	8.8	(+1.6)	12.0 (+2.1)
Commodities	increase		no change		decrease		balance
Oil (Brent Crude)	20.4	(+3.6)	48.7	(+0.9)	30.9	(-4.5)	-10.5 (+8.1)
Sectors	improve		no change		get worse		balance
Banks	69.0	(-1.1)	24.6	(+0.6)	6.4	(+0.5)	62.6 (-1.6)
Insurance companies	59.3	(+7.8)	33.3	(-4.8)	7.4	(-3.0)	51.9 (+10.8)
Automobile	36.1	(+5.1)	51.3	(-3.8)	12.6	(-1.3)	23.5 (+6.4)
Chemicals / Pharmaceuticals	58.5	(+3.9)	37.5	(-3.7)	4.0	(-0.2)	54.5 (+4.1)
Steel	38.7	(+5.3)	52.3	(-1.7)	9.0	(-3.6)	29.7 (+8.9)
Electronics	46.8	(+15.6)	49.6	(-13.9)	3.6	(-1.7)	43.2 (+17.3)
Mechanical engineering	60.0	(-5.6)	31.0	(+2.2)	9.0	(+3.4)	51.0 (-9.0)
Retail / Consumer goods	25.4	(+6.2)	52.7	(-1.5)	21.9	(-4.7)	3.5 (+10.9)
Construction	20.5	(+10.0)	58.3	(-3.0)	21.2	(-7.0)	-0.7 (+17.0)
Utilities	48.7	(-3.1)	43.8	(+3.7)	7.5	(-0.6)	41.2 (-2.5)
Services	54.5	(+0.1)	37.4	(-5.3)	8.1	(+5.2)	46.4 (-5.1)
Telecommunications	38.9	(-1.2)	49.5	(+0.2)	11.6	(+1.0)	27.3 (-2.2)
Information technology	50.6	(-5.2)	37.6	(-2.3)	11.8	(+7.5)	38.8 (-12.7)

Note: 317 Analysts participated in the December survey which was conducted during the period 11/28 to 12/12/05. 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.