



sentix Eco Report Indicators for the Global Economy

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Sentix economic index: economy continues to gain momentum

- Spring fever in chilly February! The sentix economic indices continue to improve!
- For Euroland the total index rises from -21.1 to -11.1 points. Especially the expectations improve strongly to the highest level since May 2011.
- All world regions improve. The Asia-Pacific region stands out positively (expectations +15.25 points).
- The economic values in the US improve, also. After the relative strength of the last months, the dynamic drops, relatively. The period of positive economic surprises should be at an end, here.

Statistics

Survey period: **02.02.-04.02.2012**

Participants: **956**

sentix indications for upcoming market events

At this point we will publish upcoming important market events and the expectations which can be derived from already published sentix data.

sentix – first mover advantage

14.02.2012 - ZEW-index: further improvements probable

23.02.2012 - Ifo-index: sideways on a high level

Table of February results 2012 for Euroland economy

Euro area	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12
Overall Index	-15.4	-18.5	-21.2	-24.0	-21.1	-11.1
Headline Index						
- Current situation	-3.3	-5.8	-11.8	-17.3	-18.8	-15.8
- Expectations	-26.8	-30.5	-30.3	-30.5	-23.5	-6.3

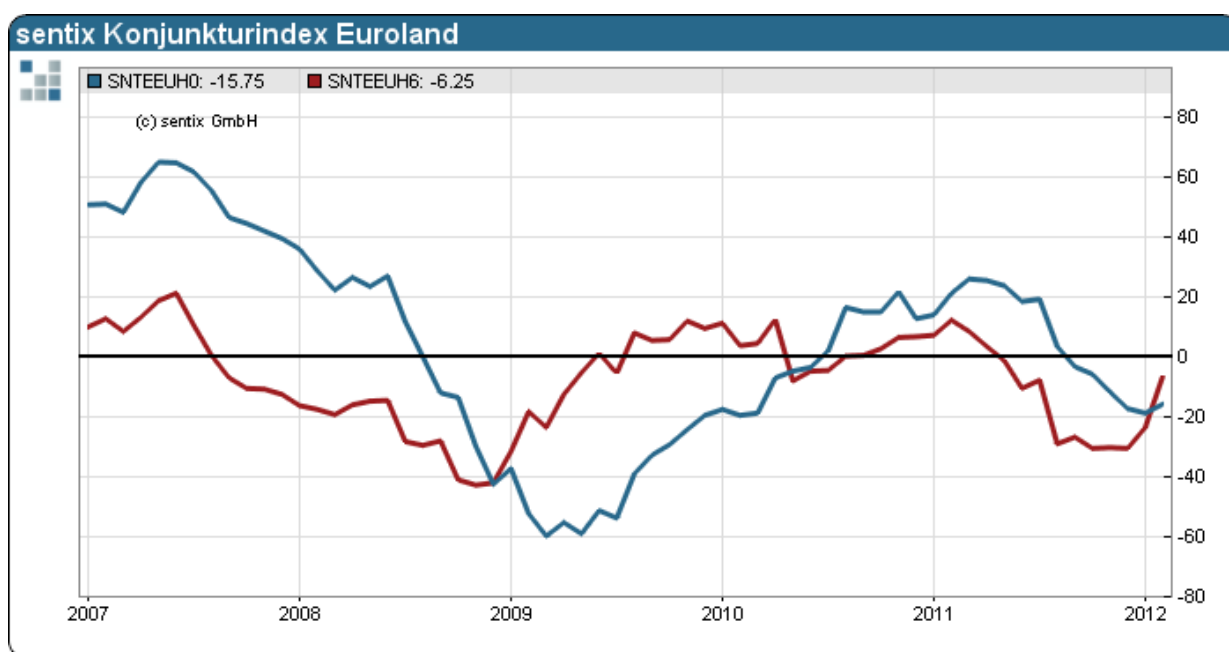


Commentary on survey results of February 2012

Economy continues to gain momentum

Spring stimulation in February! The global economy gains momentum. The roughly 1000 institutional and private investors surveyed by sentix consider the economic perspectives to be greatly improved. All world regions show positive signs, the improvements in Asia and Euroland are especially conspicuous.

February hands us further improvements in the economic situation. Even for crisis-ridden Euroland, we can report a clearly improved assessment from sentix participants. The expectation index for the Euro-region rises by more than 17 points to -6.25. This is still a negative value and means that the majority still believes in a slight weakening of the economy. But it is also the best expectation value since May 2011!

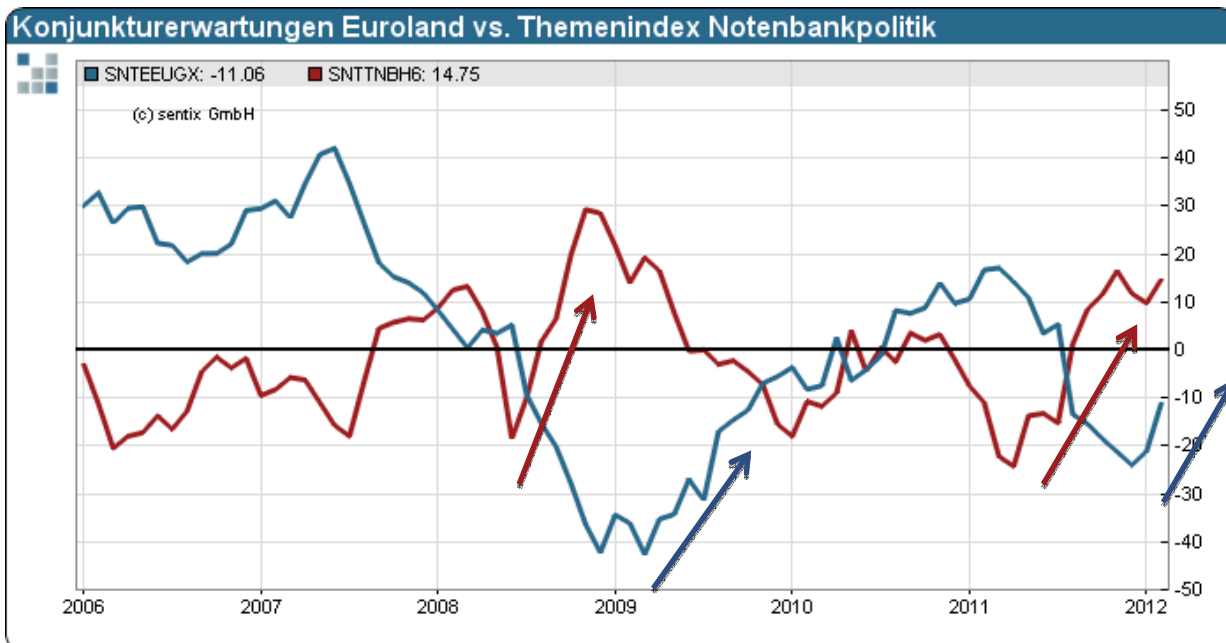


sentix economy Euroland (Situation and Expectations)

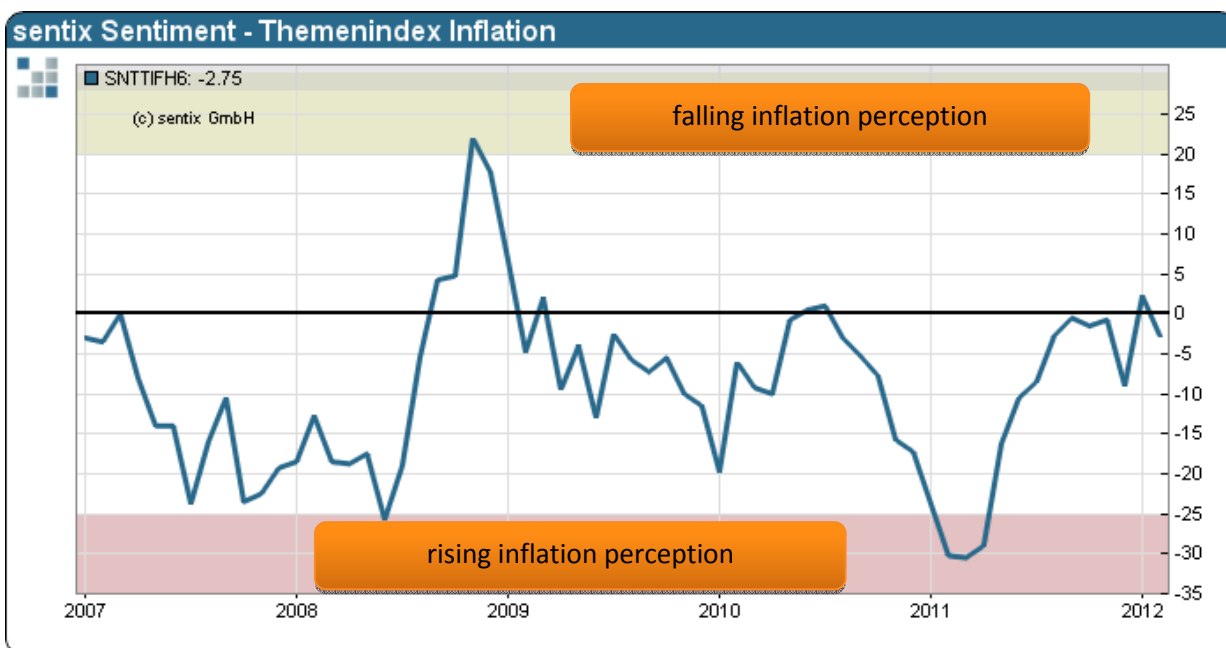
We were able to see a similarly strong rise in expectations at the turn of the year 2008 / 2009. Then, just as now, the financial crisis was the dominating event. And then, just as now, it was courageous, expansive central bank policies that kick-started the turnaround.

The exceptional 3-year tender of the ECB from December 2011 has, from the viewpoint of investors, obviously been a game changer. This tender, in fact, primarily affects the bond markets in the Euro periphery. For investors, the drop in write-off necessities of banks is equivalent to a drop in the risk of a credit crunch for the economy.

Also, the inflation forecast is stable from an investor point of view, so that fiscal impulses can continue to have an effect.



sentix economic index Euroland (expectations) and sentix topic index central bank policies



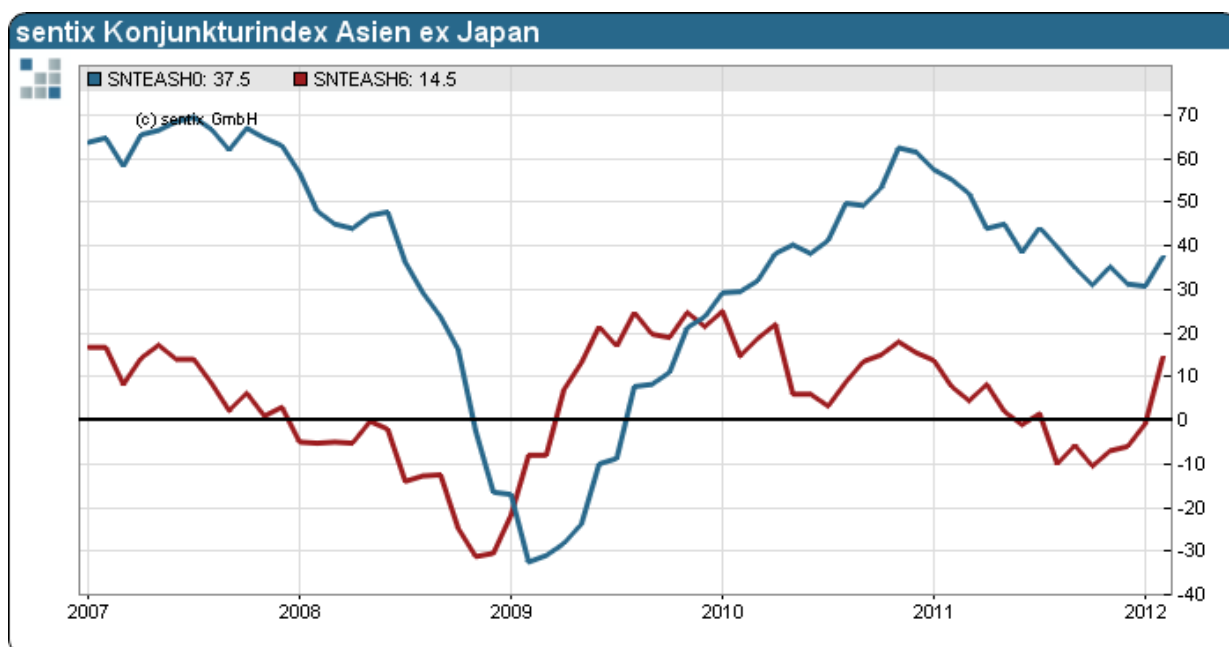
sentix topic index inflation

Economy continues to surprise - globally!

In January, the sentix economic indices once again lived up to their reputation as first movers. As the first indicator family, we were able to report a ray of economic hope. Derived from this, it was once again possible to anticipate the sentiment improvement in the ZEW index or the OECD Leading Indicator that were surprises for the market.



The current data collection points towards markets having further positive economic surprises in store. This holds on the one hand, as mentioned, for Euroland. On the other hand, it also holds for the Asia-Pacific region. Here, expectation values improve by more than 15 points and situational values also rise palpably.



sentix economic index Asia ex Japan (situation and expectations)

Asia ex Japan	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12
Overall Index	13.7	9.2	13.1	11.8	14.4	25.7
Headline Index						
- Current situation	35.0	31.0	35.3	31.3	30.8	37.5
- Expectations	-5.8	-10.5	-7.0	-6.0	-0.8	14.5

Besides the Asia-Pacific region, this statement also holds for Latin America, while investors see the development in Eastern Europe more critically.

For months, now, this region has been lagging behind other upcoming economic regions. Latent political risks are a blight for economic perspectives. Though expectation values improve, here, also, the situational values remain, on an absolute scale, much lower.

USA – the best is behind us

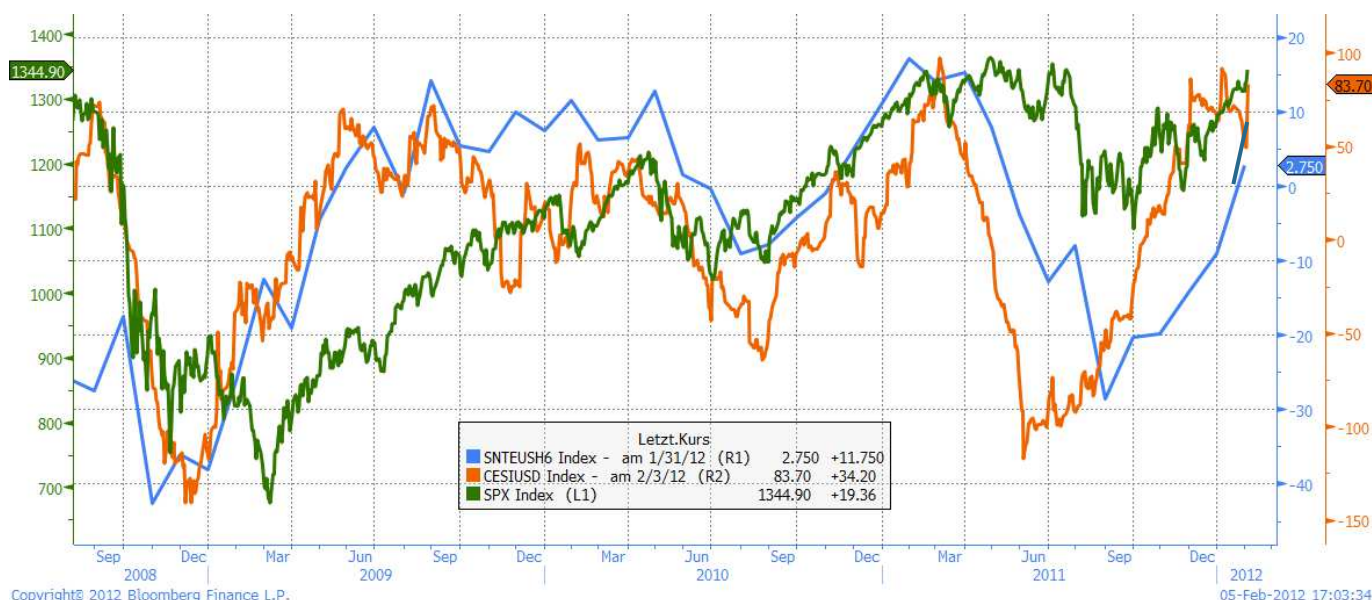
Ostensibly, the US-economy continues to improve. The sentix indices continue to rise, both in situation and expectations. However, the rises are much less pronounced than those of the other regions. With a view to the relative strength of the US economy in the past months, this needn't yet been seen to be a cause for alarm.



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But this could be of importance for the capital market trends of the upcoming weeks. The US markets profit significantly from the positive surprises on the economic front, which will now be less probable for the upcoming weeks.



sentix economic index USA (expectations), S&P 500 and US-Eco-Surprise Index

USA	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12
Overall Index	-21.5	-20.4	-13.9	-6.4	5.6	11.1
Headline Index						
- Current situation	-22.8	-21.0	-13.5	-3.8	8.5	12.0
- Expectations	-20.3	-19.8	-14.3	-9.0	2.8	10.3

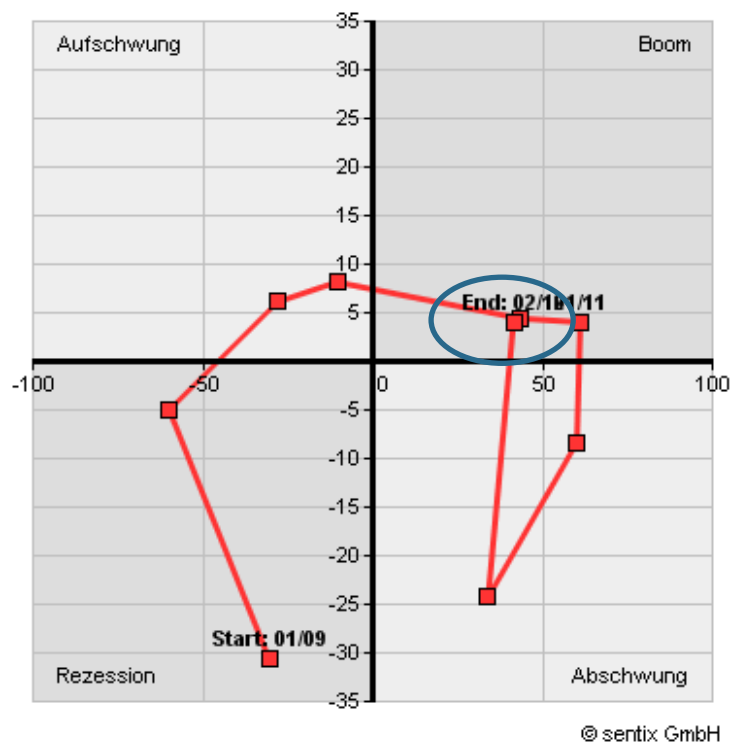
Further data and charts

Global aggregate	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12
Overall Index	-4.4	-6.7	-3.7	-7.3	1.8	10.3

Germany	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12
Overall Index	3.8	1.9	2.8	5.6	10.0	22.0
Headline Index						
- Current situation	36.7	32.6	34.0	36.3	37.0	41.4
- Expectations	-24.5	-24.8	-24.3	-21.0	-14.0	4.1



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sentix economic clock Germany: back to the Boom-Quadrant!

Japan	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12
Overall Index	-13.4	-13.1	-13.1	-11.3	-7.8	-4.4

Eastern Europe	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12
Overall Index	1.5	-3.1	-0.6	-6.5	-7.8	1.6
Headline Index						
- Current situation	16.8	11.5	13.5	4.5	-2.5	1.3
- Expectations	-12.8	-16.8	-13.8	-17.0	-13.0	2.0

Latin America	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12
Overall Index	7.6	4.4	9.2	8.9	12.2	20.6



Data availability

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