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sentix Economic Index: Recovery is back on track

- The sentix Economic Index for the Euro area continues to rise, gaining +3.4 points, reaching +15.1 points in November.
- Within Europe, expectations rise for Germany and especially Switzerland while Austria lags behind.
- Reason for rising economic expectations is **gaining confidence in Asian markets**. The index for “Asia ex. Japan” gains solid +10.3 points thus vitalizing economic expectations for the rest of the world as well. Relative gainers are Japan and Latin America.

Statistics

Poll running: **05.11.-07.11.2015**
Survey participants: **1.043 investors**
(of which institutional investors: **280**)

Current economic regimes* of countries /regions in focus:

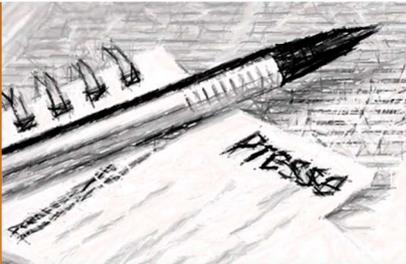
Region / country	Regime	Region / country	Regime
 Euro area	upturn	 USA	upturn
 Germany	upturn	 Japan	slight upturn
 Switzerland	upturn	Asia ex Japan	upturn
 Austria	stagnation	Latin America	stabilisation
Eastern Europe	stabilisation	Global Aggregate	upturn

* The regimes – ranging from recession to boom – are derived from the sentix Economic Indices according to the principle of the “economy clock” (see annotation on next page). They reflect investors’ perceptions of different economies. These perceptions are the basis for investors’ behaviour, i.e. their asset allocation, and are thus relevant for financial markets. They are historically close to actual economic activities but need not necessarily be identical.

Results for the Euro area economy: November 2015

Euro area	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
Overall Index	17.1	18.5	18.4	13.6	11.7	15.1 
Headline Index						
- Current situation	11.8	14.8	15.3	15.0	13.0	16.0
- Expectations	22.5	22.3	21.5	12.3	10.5	14.3

Highest value since Aug. 15



Commentary on the survey results for October 2015

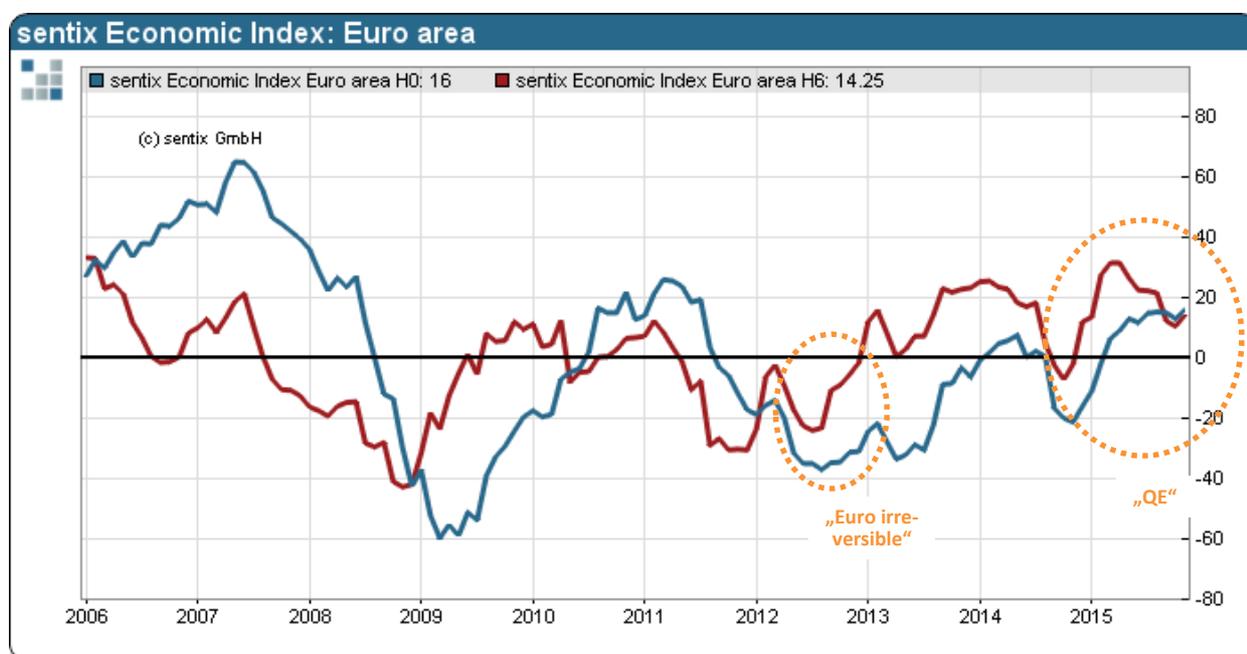
Recovery is back on track

Sentix captures a significant sentiment swing regarding global economic expectations in November. Neither signs of a seasonal depression of investors' mood nor a November bias can be traced in the latest sentix data. With the exception of Austria, investors' economic expectations rise for all major world regions. Of particular significance is the change of economic trend in Asia ex. Japan. Apparently, Chinese administration has been successful in restoring confidence in the potential of the Chinese economy.

Euro area – economic upturn continues

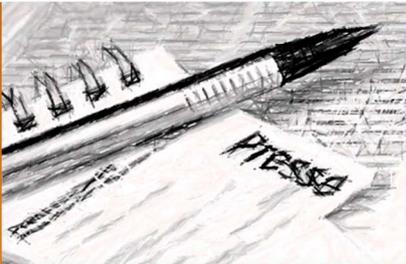
Despite latest developments in Europe's migrant crisis, negative effects on investors' economic expectations for the euro area are not visible. Current situation and expectation values are likewise strengthening. The headline index rises to +15.1 points, an improvement of +3.4 points regarding previous results. Analysing the differences between Germany (headline reading of +2.3) and Austria (headline reading of -7.3) the sentix data reveals an economic trend reversal at international level is likely the cause of those divergences. Apparently not migration crisis related policies or sentiment towards it.

Foremost, improvements of economic expectations for Asia ex. Japan affect the Euro area positive. Moreover, this global sentiment boost has for reaching influence on previously grim looking economies: even Eastern Europe and Latin America gain. Export dependant economies such as Switzerland are particularly benefitting.



sentix Economic Index, euro zone: **current assessment (blue)** and **expectations (red)**

Despite the positive news, a string is attached: institutional investors reveal that their **inflation expectations** plunge from +16.5 to -11.5 points in November. Hence, bond markets could turn sour over such surprising negative implications in the weeks ahead.



Latin America – glimmers of hope for a battered continent

Latin America, especially Brazil, was not blessed in terms of economic expectations recently. Previous sentix Economic Index issues were forecasting even the possibility of a recession on the southern American continent. Besides home-grown issues, such as political instabilities and corruption sweeping Brazil, the ongoing bear market for the continent's vital commodities were responsible. According to respondents of the latest sentix survey, Latin America should have passed its economic trough. Considerably rising economic expectations (to -1.8) signalise that a process of economic stabilisation is underway.

Latin America	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
Overall Index	-8.4	-10.0	-18.9	-25.7	-26.2	-19.5
Headline Index						
- Current situation	-17.5	-21.5	-30.0	-38.8	-42.5	-35.8
- Expectations	1.3	2.3	-7.1	-11.5	-8.3	-1.8

A global tendency – Asia promotes a turnaround

In November, economic expectations improve across all major world regions. Point of origin for global change of economic expectations is Asia ex. Japan, hence, predominantly the Chinese economy. The headline index improves by +10.3 points, boosting economic sentiment across the globe. Apparently investors are expecting that commodity markets stabilise. The gain in momentum could boost capacity utilisations globally. Simultaneously, inflation expectations are rising. To conclude, a reversal of the economic trend has consummated.

Asia ex Japan	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
Overall Index	19.4	15.0	6.1	-4.3	-0.4	9.9
Headline Index						
- Current situation	24.8	19.0	6.5	-4.0	-2.5	9.3
- Expectations	14.3	11.0	5.8	-4.5	1.8	10.5
Global Aggregate						
Overall Index	14.6	14.2	10.0	3.3	3.0	9.5



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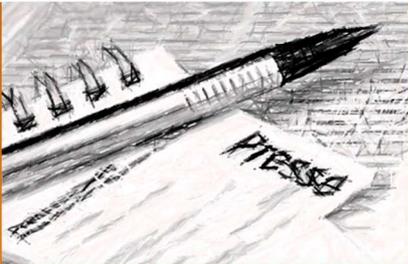
Germany	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
Overall Index	26.8	26.8	25.7	20.6	17.8	20.1
Headline Index						
- Current situation	40.3	39.1	39.5	37.9	35.1	36.4
- Expectations	14.1	15.1	12.7	4.4	1.8	5.0

Austria	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
Overall Index	1.8	-0.9	13.6	-5.1	6.7	-0.6
Headline Index						
- Current situation	3.6	-0.1	7.0	-3.1	-4.8	-4.8
- Expectations	0.0	-1.7	20.3	-7.0	18.9	3.6

Switzerland	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
Overall Index	-4.8	-2.2	1.3	7.7	5.5	10.2
Headline Index						
- Current situation	-6.6	0.7	-3.0	7.6	5.4	4.2
- Expectations	-3.0	-5.0	5.7	7.8	5.6	16.5

Japan	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
Overall Index	13.4	14.1	11.6	1.1	-2.5	3.9
Headline Index						
- Current situation	15.3	17.3	14.8	4.0	-2.5	4.3
- Expectations	11.5	11.0	8.5	-1.8	-2.5	3.5

Eastern Europe	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
Overall Index	-3.0	-5.1	-5.9	-13.0	-12.7	-6.8
Headline Index						
- Current situation	-11.0	-13.3	-12.8	-18.3	-20.3	-14.5
- Expectations	5.3	3.5	1.3	-7.5	-4.8	1.3



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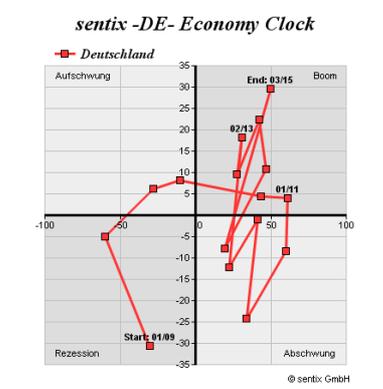
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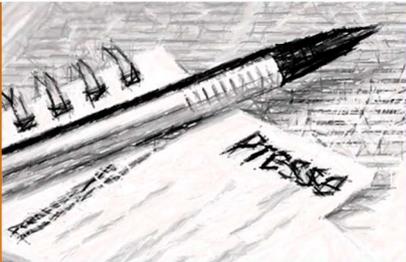
Background, methodology and more

See <http://economics.sentix.de>



The idea of the „economy clock“

The sentix economy clock show the assessment of the current situation and investors' 6-month expectations in a x-y diagram. The assessment of the current situation is displayed on the x-axis and 6-month expectations on the y-axis. An upturn, for instance, is characterised by still negative readings for the assessment of the current situation but already positive values for investors' expectations. This is why the upturn area lies in the upper left part of the clock. The graph on the left hand side shows Germany starting in 2009 from a recession ending in 03/15 in a boom.



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