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## sentix Economic Index: Vaccine releases boom-like growth forces

- The expectation components of the sentix economic indices are going through the roof one after the other: We measure an all-time high (!) in economic expectations in five different regions of the world.
- Asia ex Japan, the US, Japan, Eastern Europe and Germany have risen by around 10 points in the 6-month figures. The current situation is also improving, but at a slower pace.
- The surprisingly strong increase is based on the hope that the corona pandemic can soon be brought under control through the use of vaccines. This is releasing boom-like growth forces. The sentix Global Aggregate Overall Index rises by 6.1 points, the highest value since May 2019.

### Statistics

Poll running: **3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. to 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2020**  
Survey participants: **1,112 investors**  
(260 of those are institutional investors)

## Current economic regimes\* of countries /regions in focus:

Region / country	Regime	Region / country	Regime
Eurozone	Recovery	USA	Recovery
Germany	Recovery	Japan	Recovery
Switzerland	Recovery	Asia ex-Japan	Boom
Austria	Recovery	Latin America	Recovery
Eastern Europe	Recovery	Global Aggregate	Recovery

\* 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 penultimate 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: December 2020

Euro Area	Jul. 20	Aug. 20	Sep. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 20	Dec. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-18.2	-13.4	-8.0	-8.3	-10.0	-2.7	Highest since 02.2020
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-49.5	-41.3	-33.0	-32.0	-32.3	-30.3	Highest since 03.2020
- Expectations	19.5	19.3	20.8	18.8	15.3	29.3	Highest since 04.2015



## Commentary on the survey results for December 2020

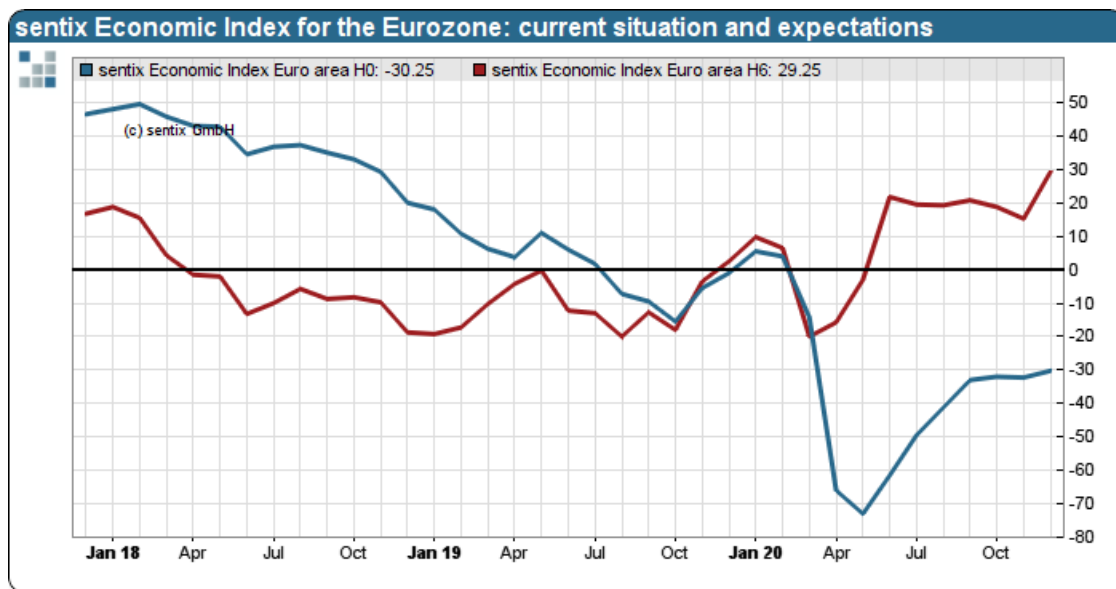
### Vaccine releases boom-like growth forces

The Corona crisis year 2020 will end with a bang, which will set several exclamation marks for the global economy. In our December results, we have a series of all-time highs (!) in the expectation components of various world economic regions. Hopes for an early use of vaccines are fuelling the fantasy that the economy in 2021 will recover more clearly than previously expected from the consensus.

### Euro area: Promising look into the year 2021

The consensus probably did not expect this at all: The sentix overall economic index for the euro zone rises by 7.3 points to -2.7 points, the highest level since February 2020. The strong increase in the overall index is due to the large increase in economic expectations. The sub-index rises to +29.3 points, the highest value since April 2015. Investors are reflecting the improved future prospects for the global economy, which will result from the soon availability of at least three vaccines to fight the Corona Pandemic. The outcome of the U.S. election is also likely to have had a positive effect on the latest survey results.

In addition, the current situation may also recover slightly. The sub-index, which describes the status quo of the economy in Euroland, rises by 2 points to -30.3. The so-called "lockdown light" has so far had little effect on investors' assessment of the current economic assessment. There has been no further decline. Overall, Euroland is benefiting from the international tailwind.



sentix Economic Index for the Eurozone: **current situation** and **expectations**

The monetary policy measures taken by central banks to support the economy continue to have a positive effect on investors. The of sentix Topic Barometer "Central Bank Policy" remains clearly in the positive and thus supportive range. In contrary in all other sub-indicators, however, the clouds are darkening for the bond market. Inflation expectations in particular are now rising sharply (highest value since November 2018).



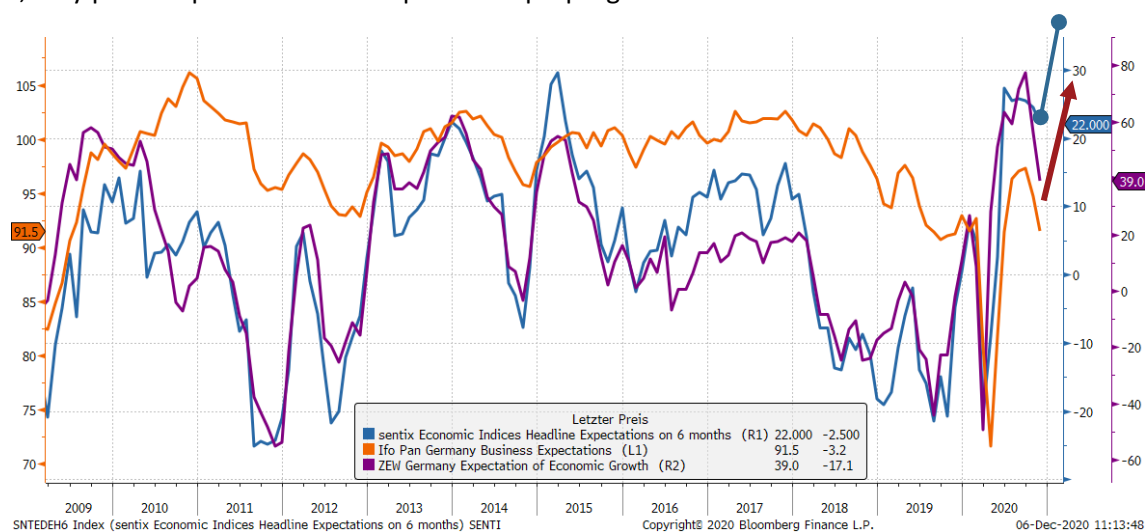
## Germany: All-time high in economic expectations (1)

Compared to other European countries, Germany is doing well. This conclusion most recently applied to the Corona case statistics. Now this statement also applies to the economic outlook. The overall index for Germany moves 5.6 points further into the plus zone, driven by very positive expectation values: the sub-index for the 6-month expectations rises very dynamically by 12.3 points and thus reaches a new all-time high of +34.3 points! These figures underline that the economic recovery in 2021 should be much more dynamic than previously expected by the consensus.

The "lockdown light" decided by the German government thus has a comparatively below-average effect on the assessment of the current situation. Although this only improves marginally by 0.2 points, there is no decline. In sum this is the seventh consecutive increase. One thing is certain: Germany, but also Euroland, are in the wake of a global economic stimulus package.

Germany	Jul. 20	Aug. 20	Sep. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 20	Dec. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-10.5	-4.5	-0.1	1.4	1.3	6.9	Highest since 05.2019
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-40.8	-30.8	-22.8	-19.3	-17.5	-17.3	Highest since 03.2020 7. increase in a row
- Expectations	25.5	25.8	25.5	24.5	22.0	34.3	Alltime High!

Christmas surprise: sentix is known as the "first mover" among leading indicators. As the December data from sentix are already available, very positive pre-Christmas surprises are preprogrammed for the ZEW and ifo index.



comparison of economic expectations by ifo, ZEW, und sentix

## USA: All-time high in economic expectations (2)

The next exclamation mark we receive is from the US region. US President Trump has been voted out of office, the Democratic successor Joe Biden promises the world fewer conflicts with international trading partners. The US economy is therefore continuing its race to catch up. Even though the assessment of the current situation has dropped by 1.3 points due to the high corona infection figures, the 11-point increase in expectations sparks clear economic fantasy for the coming year. The new all-time high in the expectations component of +32.3 points is probably due in particular to hopes of an early use of effective vaccines against corona.



## United States

	Jul. 20	Aug. 20	Sep. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 20	Dec. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-17.1	-15.6	-4.8	-1.1	4.8	9.1	Highest since 02.2020 8. increase in a row
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-43.0	-40.8	-27.3	-20.5	-10.5	-11.8	
- Expectations	13.0	13.5	20.5	20.5	21.3	32.3	Alltime High!

## Asia: All-time high in economic expectations (3+4)

The economy in Asia ex Japan remains the global growth engine. China shines with the seventh consecutive increase, both in the overall index and in the current situation values. The all-time high in the expectations component of the index, at plus 40 points, is remarkable in that the previous month's figure already radiated a strong sense of optimism and was topped by a further 9.2 points. China is buzzing and sparks euphoria!

Japan's economy is also catching up with big steps. Here, too, the all-time high in the 6-month expectations at 32.8 points is more than remarkable. Japan is benefiting in particular from its successful pandemic control.

## Japan

	Jul. 20	Aug. 20	Sep. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 20	Dec. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-11.4	-8.6	-2.3	-2.6	6.1	14.5	Highest since 10.2018
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-37.0	-31.5	-23.0	-21.0	-8.3	-2.3	Highest since 02.2020 7. increase in a row
- Expectations	18.3	17.5	20.8	17.8	21.5	32.8	Alltime High!

## Asia ex Japan

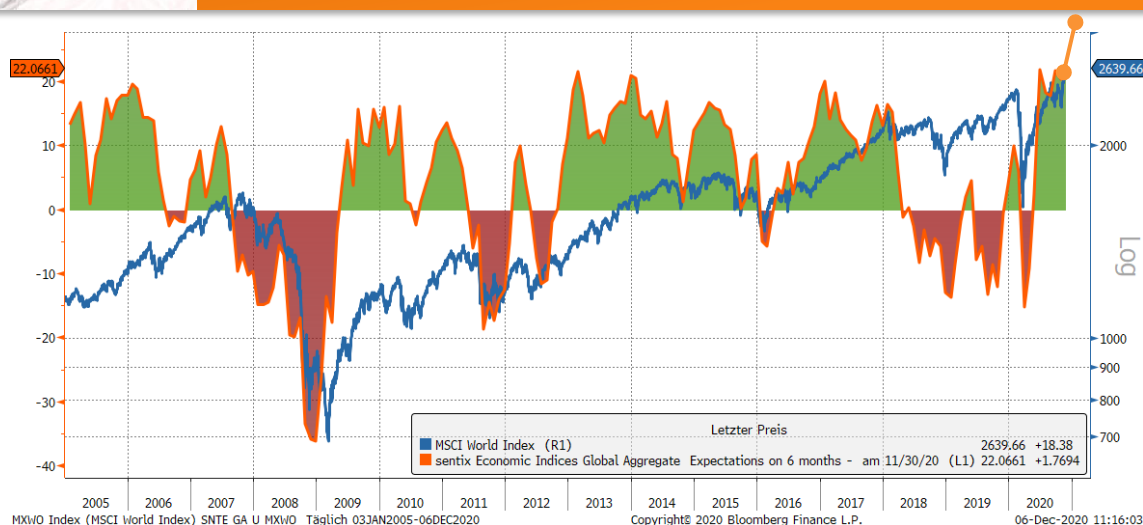
	Jul. 20	Aug. 20	Sep. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 20	Dec. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-2.5	0.6	6.6	10.3	23.3	29.7	Highest since 02.2018 7. increase in a row
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-26.8	-20.8	-12.5	-5.0	16.0	19.8	Highest since 01.2020 7. increase in a row
- Expectations	25.3	24.5	27.8	26.8	30.8	40.0	Alltime High!

## Global: All-time high in economic expectations (5)

It is therefore not surprising that the sentix Global Aggregate also has an all-time high in the expectation component. The global aggregate clearly indicates that the global economy will experience a surprisingly strong upswing in 2021. On a positive note, the economic recovery is very broad-based. This is likely to have repercussions for the global stock market.

## Global

	Jul. 20	Aug. 20	Sep. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 20	Dec. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-12.5	-9.7	-2.9	-0.5	7.1	13.2	Highest since 05.2019 8. increase in a row
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-38.9	-33.8	-24.6	-19.3	-6.9	-4.6	Highest since 02.2020 7. increase in a row
- Expectations	18.2	17.8	21.6	20.3	22.1	32.7	Alltime High!



sentix-Global Aggregate economic expectations and MSCI World equity index

## Further result tables

### Eastern Europe

	Jul. 20	Aug. 20	Sep. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 20	Dec. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-18.8	-17.8	-12.7	-12.8	-11.9	-6.3	Highest since 02.2020
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-46.0	-42.8	-35.8	-33.5	-31.8	-30.0	Highest since 03.2020 7. increase in a row
- Expectations	13.3	11.0	13.5	10.5	10.3	20.8	Alltime High!

### Latin America

	Jul. 20	Aug. 20	Sep. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 20	Dec. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-38.3	-35.6	-28.9	-26.9	-22.2	-16.5	Highest since 02.2020 7. increase in a row
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-67.3	-63.5	-55.8	-51.5	-45.3	-43.8	Highest since 03.2020 7. increase in a row
- Expectations	-3.0	-2.0	3.0	1.8	4.3	15.5	Highest since 02.2018

### Switzerland

	Jul. 20	Aug. 20	Sep. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 20	Dec. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-1.6	-1.5	10.0	13.3	0.9	10.7	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-14.8	-19.0	-1.8	2.5	-6.0	-5.3	
- Expectations	12.5	17.8	22.5	24.8	8.0	28.0	Highest since 04.2010

### Austria

	Jul. 20	Aug. 20	Sep. 20	Oct. 20	Nov. 20	Dec. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-3.9	-10.1	3.4	-9.4	-9.1	3.4	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-34.0	-39.0	-13.3	-31.8	-28.3	-33.3	
- Expectations	31.8	24.0	21.5	16.0	12.3	48.0	Alltime High!



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## Background, methodology and more

Current reports and documentation: <https://www.sentix.de/index.php/en/sentix-Economic-News/>

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