IPE INVESTMENT MANAGER EXPECTATIONS INDICATOR

▲ **Rise** ↑ Positive shift (from last month)
■ **Stable** – No view
▼ **Fall** ↓ Negative shift (from last month)

IPE polled 39 asset managers this month on their six-to-12-month views on regional equities, global bonds and currency pairs as shown below. A summary of the survey appears on page 88.

		EQUITIES					BOND PRICES				CURRENCIES		
	Location	US	Euro-zone	Japan	Asia	UK	$	¥	£	€	$/€	$/¥	$/£
AllianceBernstein	US/UK	▲	■	▲↑	▲	■	▲	▼	■	■↓	▼	▼	■
Allianz Global Investors	Ger/UK	■	▲	▲	▲	▲	■	▼	▲↑	▲↑	▼	■	■
Allspring Global Investments	US/UK	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	■	▲	■↓	▲↑	▲↑	▲↑
Amundi Asset Management	Fra	▼	▲↑	■	▲↑	▲↑	▼↓	■	▲	■↓	▼↓	▼	▼↓
Apo Asset Management	Ger	▲	■	■↓	■	▲↑	■	▼	■	▼	■	■	■
Bank J. Safra Sarasin	Swi	■	▲↑	▼↓	▼	■	▲	■	▲	▲	▼	▼	▼
Bantleon AG	Swi	■	▲	▲	▲	–	▼	–	–	▼	▼	–	–
Berenberg Wealth & Asset Mngt.	Ger	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲↑	■	■	■↓	▼↓	▼↓	▼↓
BNY Advisors Investment Institute	UK	■↑	▼	■	■	■	▼	■	▲	■	–	–	–
CBL Asset Management	Lat	■	■	–	–	–	▲	–	–	▲	▲	–	–
Columbia Threadneedle Inv.	US	■	■	▲↑	▲↑	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Crédit Mutuel Asset Management	Fra	■	■	■↑	▲↑	■	■↑	▼	■↑	■	▼↓	▼↓	■↓
Currency Research Associates	US	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▲	▲	▲	▲	▼	▼	▼
DWS Investment	Ger	▲	▲	▲	■↓	▲	▲	■↑	▲	▲	■	▼	▼
Econopolis Wealth Management	Bel	▲↑	▲↑	▲↑	▲↑	▲↑	■	■	■	■	▼	▼	▼
Edmond de Rothschild AM	Fra	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼↓	▲↑	–	▲↑	▲↑	▼	▼	▼
Erste Asset Management	At	▲	■	■	■	■	▲	■	■	■	▼	▼	▼
Eurizon Capital	It	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	▲	▼	▼	▼
Fideuram Asset Management	It	■	▲	■	▲	▲	■	■	■	■	▼	■	▼
Generali Asset Management	Ger/It	▲↑	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▼	▲	▼	▼	▼	▼
GNB Gestao Activos	Por	▲	■	▲	▲	■	▲	▼	▲	■	▼↓	■↓	■↓

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Graphene Investment	Fra	■↓	■↓	▲	■↓	■	–	–	–	–	■↑	▼	■
Irish Life Investment Managers	Ire	▲	▲	▲	▲	■	▲	■	■	▲	▼	▼	■
Mandarine Gestion	Fra	■	■↓	■	▲	■	■	■	▲	▲↑	■	▼	■
MEAG		■↓	■↓	■↓	■↓	■↓	▼	■	■	■	▼↓	■	■
MFI Asset Management	Ger	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	■	■	–	▲	▼	▼	▼
Morgan Stanley Inv. Mngt.	UK/US	▼	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	■	■	■	▼	▼	■
Muzinich & Co.	UK	■↓	▲	▲↑	■↓	■	▲	▼	▲	■	▼	▼	▼
Ninety One	UK	▼	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▼	■	▲	▼	▼	▼
Oddo BHF Asset Management	Ger	■	■	■	■	■	■	▼	▲	▲	■	▼	■
Ofi Invest Asset Management	Fra	▲↑	▲↑	▲	▲	▲↑	▲	▼	▲	■	■	■	■
ONE Swiss Bank	Swi	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■↑	▼	■
Ostrum Asset Management	Fra	▲↑	▲↑	■	■↓	▲↑	▲↑	■	■	■↓	■	■↑	■
Pictet Asset Management	Swi	■	■	■	▲	■	■	■	■	■	▼	■	■
PineBridge Investments	US	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	▲	■	■
Russell Investments	US	■	■	■	▲	■	▼	■	▼	▼	■↑	▼	■
Salus Alpha Capital	Liecht	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	■	▲	■	■	▲	■
Union Bancaire Privée	Swi	▲	▲	▲	▲↑	■	■	■	■	■	▼	▼	■
Union Investment Institutional	Ger	■	■	■	■	■	▼↓	▼	■	■	▼	▼	▼↓
% predicting rise (previous month)		36 (31)	46 (41)	47 (42)	55 (53)	38 (30)	47 (41)	3 (3)	43 (34)	32 (38)	8 (16)	6 (11)	3 (6)
% predicting stability (previous month)		49 (51)	44 (44)	42 (47)	34 (37)	54 (59)	37 (46)	66 (63)	54 (60)	58 (51)	29 (26)	28 (22)	56 (58)
% predicting fall (previous month)		15 (20)	10 (15)	11 (11)	11 (11)	8 (11)	16 (13)	31 (34)	3 (6)	10 (11)	63 (58)	66 (67)	41 (36)

ASSET ALLOCATION
IPE QUEST EXPECTATIONS INDICATOR

Political risk
The US government is now embroiled with itself over the budget and keeps fuelling tensions with allies like Canada and India. Companies depending on imports and those with complicated distribution networks are most at risk. Meanwhile, EU companies are feeling the pressure from China's stubborn defence of its microchip industry.

Deliveries of weapons from the EU and UK to Ukraine, such as drones and air-defence systems, have increased significantly, which contains the risk of escalation.

Asset allocation
Net equity sentiment statistics have become more positive in all regions, an uptick in optimism that is hard to understand. The neutral vote is still higher than usual, given the considerable uncertainty.

Net bond statistics are drifting slightly apart, with only EU bonds sentiment worsening somewhat.

Country allocation
The analysts of English-speaking countries prefer bonds, while equity is preferred in the EU and Japan. This could represent a good opportunity to diversify. With the exception of EU bonds, all statistics have moved up. This is certainly exuberance, but is it irrational?

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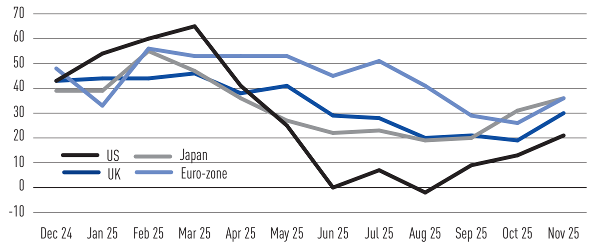
Net sentiment equities


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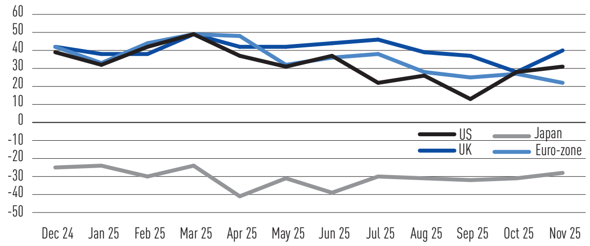

KEY FOR EXPECTATIONS GRAPHS
- % of managers expecting rise
- % of managers expecting stability
- % of managers expecting fall

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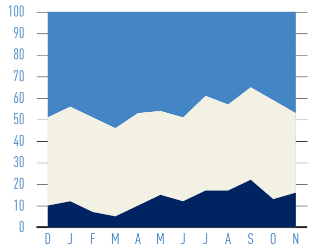

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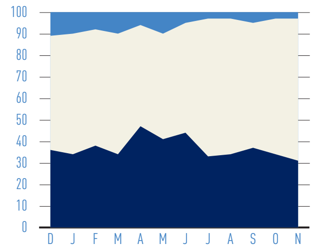

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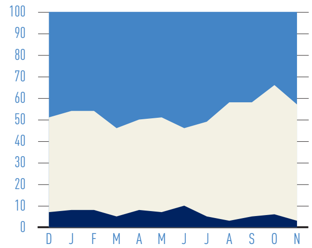

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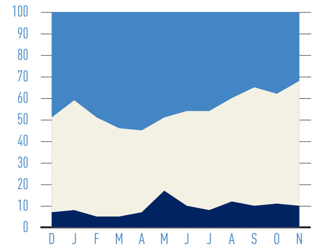

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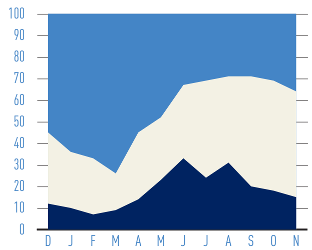

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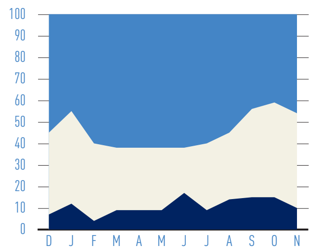

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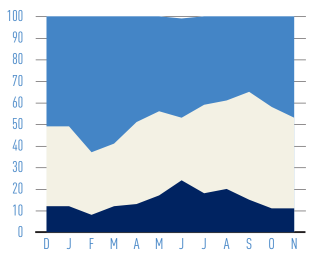

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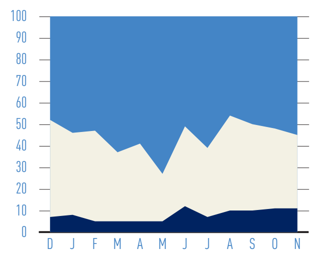

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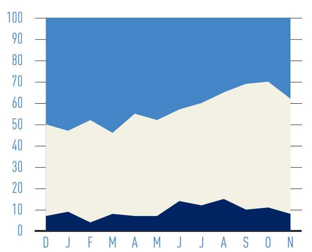

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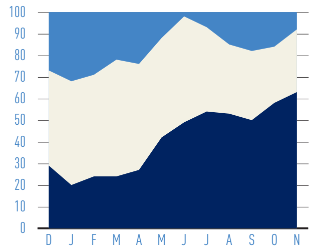

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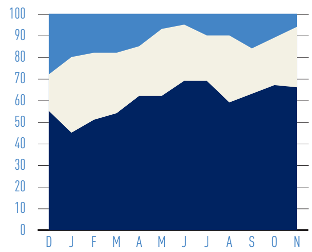

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