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## Uncertainty Affecting 2015 Outlook

- The outlook for **Denmark** next year has become less favourable, with downgraded projections for GDP growth stemming from reduced forecasts for private consumption and exports. Inflation expectations have similarly fallen.
- **Finland's** outlook is subdued with growth expectations lowered again in response to a weaker investment and export profile. Inflation is not considered a major risk with growth weak and unemployment high.
- The economic outlook for Norway has taken a large hit from plunging oil prices, affecting GDP growth, exports and investment (now negative next year) and eroding the country's large budget and current account surpluses.
- Sweden's growth prospects are more favourable, though predictions for manufacturing production have taken a tumble and the fiscal deficit larger than previously assumed. Forecasts for the main underlying inflation rate (CPIF) have also fallen, highlighting the Riksbank's failure to achieve its target.
- Have a happy holiday season. We poll again in the New Year...



**Next Month's Survey Deadline:  
January 19th, 2015**

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### Calculated Regional Aggregates

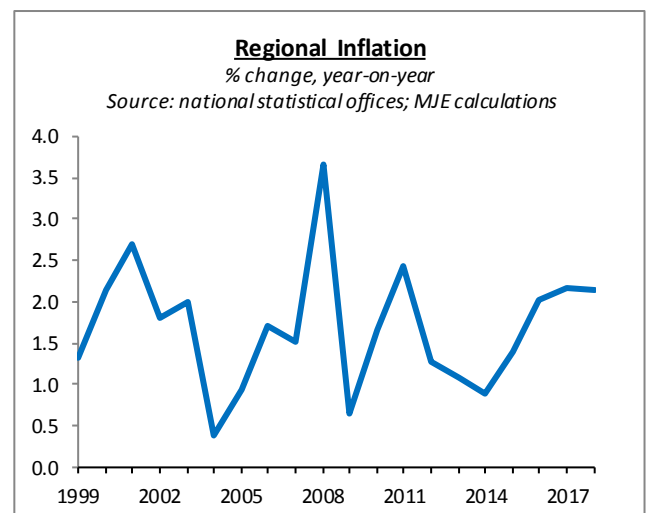
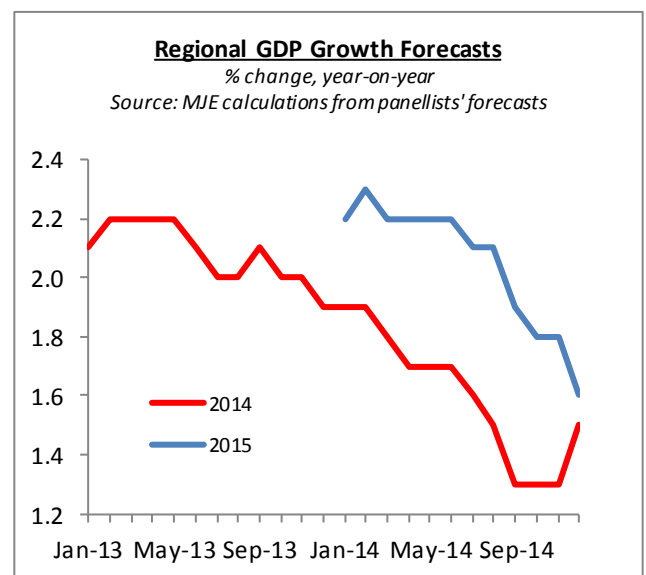
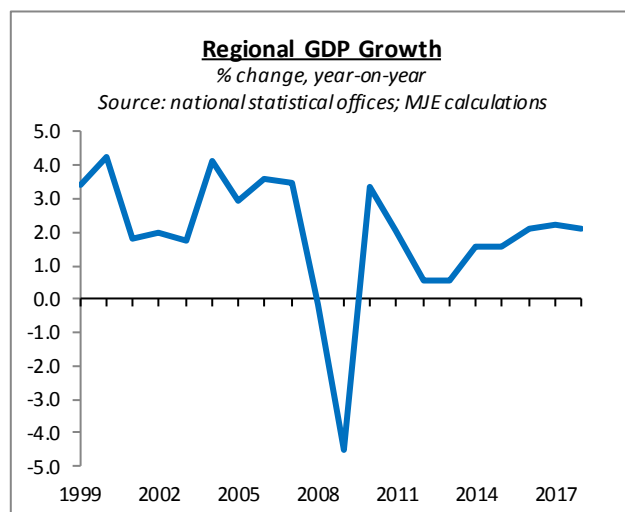
(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014f</u>	<u>2015f</u>
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>	2.0	0.6	0.6	1.5	1.6
<b>Private Consumption</b>	2.3	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.9
<b>Government Consumption</b>	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.4
<b>Gross Fixed Investment</b>	6.0	2.2	1.3	1.5	1.9
<b>Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)</b>	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.4
<b>Consumer Price Inflation</b>	2.4	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.4
<b>General Government Balance (% GDP)</b>	4.6	4.2	3.0	2.3	1.7

Notes: Regional totals are weighted averages calculated from the individual country data, using fixed GDP weights for 2010 and converted to euros at average 2010 exchange rates. f = consensus (mean average) forecast.

#### 2015 Outlook Deteriorates

- The regional picture has altered this month, partly because of major changes to historical data following the adoption of new national accounts methodology. This, and the fact that countries are struggling to sustain exports in a difficult climate, with oil prices harming Norway (and Denmark to a lesser extent), means that the 2015 growth outlook is much weaker.
- Forecasts for GDP growth show a more moderate path of recovery into next year, with investment expectations downgraded substantially. The weaker growth profile also implies a higher unemployment rate.



### Quarterly Forecasts and Historical Data

(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)

<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Q1'13</b>	<b>Q2'13</b>	<b>Q3'13</b>	<b>Q4'13</b>	<b>Q1'14</b>	<b>Q2'14</b>
Gross Domestic Product	-0.8	-1.3	-0.2	0.4	0.3	1.1
Consumer Prices	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.30	0.38
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.43	1.86	1.97	1.98	1.62	1.29
	<b>Q3'14</b>	<b>Q4'14</b>	<b>Q1'15</b>	<b>Q2'15</b>	<b>Q3'15</b>	<b>Q4'15</b>
Gross Domestic Product	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.9
Consumer Prices	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.4
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.29	0.31	0.27	0.24	0.24	0.22
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.21	1.13	1.01	1.16	1.28	1.66
	<b>Q1'13</b>	<b>Q2'13</b>	<b>Q3'13</b>	<b>Q4'13</b>	<b>Q1'14</b>	<b>Q2'14</b>
<b>Finland</b>						
Gross Domestic Product	-3.6	-1.1	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.3
Industrial Production	-3.4	-6.4	-2.4	-2.2	-5.6	-3.0
Consumer Prices	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.9
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.21	0.22	0.18	0.29	0.31	0.21
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.43	2.02	2.00	2.43	1.87	1.45
	<b>Q3'14</b>	<b>Q4'14</b>	<b>Q1'15</b>	<b>Q2'15</b>	<b>Q3'15</b>	<b>Q4'15</b>
Gross Domestic Product	0.1	-0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	1.0
Industrial Production	-2.3	-1.2	1.5	1.9	2.3	2.6
Consumer Prices	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.12
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.07	1.00	1.08	1.23	1.39	1.51
	<b>Q1'13</b>	<b>Q2'13</b>	<b>Q3'13</b>	<b>Q4'13</b>	<b>Q1'14</b>	<b>Q2'14</b>
<b>Norway</b>						
Gross Domestic Product	-2.8	2.1	2.5	2.0	4.0	1.0
Industrial Production	-8.7	-5.7	-1.2	-3.9	5.3	0.2
Consumer Prices	1.2	2.0	3.0	2.3	2.1	1.8
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	1.87	1.66	1.70	1.69	1.73	1.75
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	2.07	2.56	2.83	3.00	2.89	2.48
	<b>Q3'14</b>	<b>Q4'14</b>	<b>Q1'15</b>	<b>Q2'15</b>	<b>Q3'15</b>	<b>Q4'15</b>
Gross Domestic Product	2.7	3.0	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.7
Industrial Production	2.4	7.8	0.9	-0.3	-3.3	-6.1
Consumer Prices	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.7	2.2
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	1.65	1.63	1.52	1.43	1.43	1.43
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	2.26	2.11	2.12	2.23	2.37	2.53
	<b>Q1'13</b>	<b>Q2'13</b>	<b>Q3'13</b>	<b>Q4'13</b>	<b>Q1'14</b>	<b>Q2'14</b>
<b>Sweden</b>						
Gross Domestic Product	0.4	0.8	1.4	2.5	1.7	1.9
Industrial Production	-4.6	-6.3	-4.0	-1.4	-1.4	-1.1
Consumer Prices	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.0
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	1.24	1.21	1.21	0.94	0.92	0.75
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.66	2.20	2.45	2.53	2.12	1.85
	<b>Q3'14</b>	<b>Q4'14</b>	<b>Q1'15</b>	<b>Q2'15</b>	<b>Q3'15</b>	<b>Q4'15</b>
Gross Domestic Product	2.1	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.6	2.9
Industrial Production	-4.0	-2.5	-1.3	-0.2	1.8	2.0
Consumer Prices	-0.2	-0.2	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.8
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.47	0.34	0.24	0.24	0.27	0.44
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.49	1.41	1.59	1.46	1.71	1.87

## Denmark: 2014 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consump- tion	Govern- ment Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribu- tion to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribu- tion to GDP growth
<b>Panellists</b>								
Danske Bank	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.1	0.8	1.7	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	0.6	0.0	0.9	3.2	0.1	1.9	3.0	-0.4
IHS Economics	0.8	0.0	1.0	3.3	na	2.3	3.8	2.6
Nordea	0.8	-0.2	0.9	3.2	0.3	2.2	3.5	na
Oxford Economics	0.8	0.0	1.0	3.4	0.4	2.5	3.8	-0.5
SEB	1.0	0.9	1.3	2.4	-0.1	2.4	3.9	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Last Month	0.8	0.9	1.0	2.1	0.2	2.0	3.4	0.7
2 Months Ago	0.8	1.0	0.9	2.4	0.1	2.6	3.6	-0.7
Median	0.8	0.0	1.0	3.2	0.1	2.3	3.7	-0.4
High	1.0	0.9	1.3	3.4	0.4	2.5	3.9	2.6
Low	0.6	-0.2	0.8	1.5	-0.1	0.8	1.7	-0.5
Standard Deviation	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.8	1.8
Number of Forecasts	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	3
<b><u>Other Forecasts</u></b>								
Econ Council (Oct. '14)	0.5	1.1	1.3	2.6	0.3	1.8	4.4	na
Finance Ministry (Aug. '14)	1.4	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Nationalbank (Oct. '14)	0.8	1.2	1.0	na	0.3	2.3	4.2	na
EC (Nov. '14)	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.9	0.1	1.1	2.1	-0.4
IMF (Oct. '14)	1.5	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.8	0.3	1.2	2.2	-0.4

- Stalling consumer demand and export growth are undermining Denmark's economic prospects as it struggles to recover from a house price bubble while also experiencing lower oil prices in the face of weak demand for other Danish products overseas.
- Mindful of its responsibility to lower the deficit and manage Denmark's reasonable debt burden the government has ruled out additional fiscal stimulus (relying on monetary relaxation to stimulate credit growth). Denmark, moreover, does not have the luxury of a competitive currency given the krone's fix to the euro for the majority of Danish trade.
- Confidence indicators were disappointing in November. The European Commission's economic sentiment indicator plunged to 98.4, its lowest level all year on the back of a three-month slide in manufacturing sector confidence. Consumer confidence held up and construction prospects improved a little, but sentiment within the services sector fell away.
- Inflation remained at 0.5% y/y in November remaining steady for a fourth consecutive month, but could fall into negative territory as the effects of lower oil prices filter through, especially if the market price slips below \$60/barrel in the coming months.

## Denmark: 2014 Forecasts

<b>Other Indicators</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Average Earnings (private sector)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Dkr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Government Balance (% of GDP)
<b>Panellists</b>						
Danske Bank	5.1	0.5	na	na	6.5	-0.4
Econ Intelligence Unit	5.1	0.6	1.3	na	6.5	-1.3
IHS Economics	na	0.6	na	153.2	7.5	-1.2
Nordea	5.1	0.6	1.3	127.0	6.6	-0.2
Oxford Economics	5.1	0.6	1.9	132.2	6.9	-1.2
SEB	na	0.6	1.3	na	6.8	0.0
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Last Month	5.2	0.6	1.5	132.9	6.5	-0.7
2 Months Ago	5.2	0.7	1.5	137.5	6.6	-0.7
Median	5.1	0.6	1.3	132.2	6.7	-0.8
High	5.1	0.6	1.9	153.2	7.5	0.0
Low	5.1	0.5	1.3	127.0	6.5	-1.3
Standard Deviation	0.0	0.0	0.3	13.9	0.4	0.6
Number of Forecasts	4	6	4	3	6	6
<b>Other Forecasts</b>						
Econ Council (Oct. '14)	na	0.7	na	109.5	5.8	-1.7
Finance Ministry (Aug. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	-1.2
Nationalbank (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	6.4	-0.6
EC (Nov. '14)	na	na	na	na	6.2	-1.0
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	0.6	na	na	7.1	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	0.5	na	na	6.2	-1.7

<b>Denmark: Historical Data (% change, year-on-year)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Gross Domestic Product	-5.1	1.6	1.2	-0.7	-0.5
Private Consumption	-3.6	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.0
Government Consumption	3.1	1.3	-1.4	-0.2	-0.5
Gross Fixed Investment	-14.3	-4.0	0.3	0.6	0.9
Inventory Building (% contribution)	-2.2	1.3	0.9	-0.5	-0.2
Goods & Services Exports	-9.5	1.9	7.3	0.1	0.8
Goods & Services Imports	-12.4	0.9	7.2	0.9	1.5
Net Exports (% contribution)	1.0	0.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	4.8	6.1	6.0	6.1	5.8
Consumer Prices	1.3	2.3	2.8	2.4	0.8
Average Earnings (private sector)	3.1	2.3	1.8	1.5	1.2
Current Account Balance (Dkr bn)	56.9	103.0	105.3	105.0	136.0
- as a % of GDP	3.3	5.7	5.7	5.6	7.2
General Govt Budget Balance (% of GDP)	-2.8	-2.7	-2.1	-3.9	-0.7

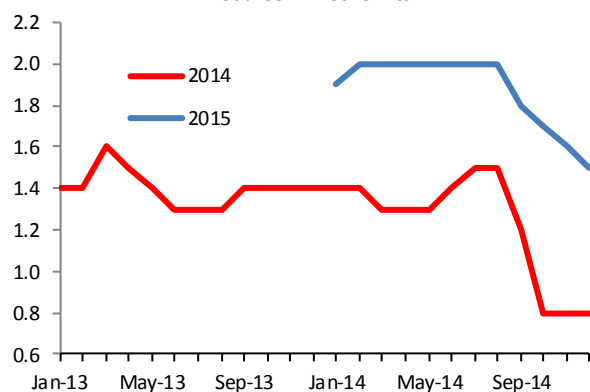
Source: Eurostat, Statistics Denmark

## Denmark: 2015 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consump- tion	Govern- ment Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribu- tion to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribu- tion to GDP growth
<b>Panellists</b>								
Danske Bank	1.3	1.5	0.8	1.9	-0.2	2.0	2.2	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	0.9	0.8	0.8	2.2	-0.1	2.2	2.9	-0.2
IHS Economics	1.8	1.2	1.6	4.0	na	2.6	3.5	3.2
Nordea	1.3	0.6	0.9	1.5	0.0	1.4	1.0	na
Oxford Economics	1.7	1.2	1.5	4.7	-0.2	3.9	4.1	0.1
SEB	2.0	0.0	0.9	2.4	0.1	3.0	3.2	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Last Month	1.6	1.7	1.1	2.8	0.0	3.2	3.7	0.9
2 Months Ago	1.7	1.8	1.1	2.8	0.0	3.4	3.8	-0.3
Median	1.5	1.0	0.9	2.3	-0.1	2.4	3.1	0.1
High	2.0	1.5	1.6	4.7	0.1	3.9	4.1	3.2
Low	0.9	0.0	0.8	1.5	-0.2	1.4	1.0	-0.2
Standard Deviation	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.3	0.1	0.9	1.1	1.9
Number of Forecasts	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	3
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Econ Council (Oct. '14)	1.5	1.9	0.8	3.7	0.2	2.8	4.3	na
Finance Ministry (Aug. '14)	2.0	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Nationalbank (Oct. '14)	1.7	2.0	0.7	na	-0.1	2.2	2.1	na
EC (Nov. '14)	1.7	1.7	0.6	3.0	-0.1	3.7	3.7	0.2
IMF (Oct. '14)	1.8	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	1.4	2.0	0.8	1.6	-0.2	2.6	2.7	0.1

### Denmark: GDP Growth Consensus Forecasts

*% change, year-on-year*  
Source: MJEconomics



### Denmark: Background Information

<b>Government:</b>	Social Democrat led coalition
<b>Next Election:</b>	By September 2015 (parliamentary)
<b>Capital City:</b>	Copenhagen (GMT+1 hour)
<b>Currency:</b>	Danish Krone (pegged to the euro)
<b>Nominal GDP:</b>	\$331 bn
<b>Population:</b>	5.6 m
<b>Economic Freedom:</b>	10th out of 178 countries
<b>Doing Business:</b>	5th out of 189 countries
<b>Competitiveness:</b>	13th out of 144 countries
<b>Corruption:</b>	1st out of 175 countries
<b>Government Debt:</b>	45% of GDP
<b>Corporate Tax Rate:</b>	24.5%

*Sources: Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, Eurostat, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank and World Economic Forum.*

## Denmark: 2015 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Average Earnings (private sector)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Dkr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Government Balance (% of GDP)
<b>Panellists</b>						
Danske Bank	4.9	0.8	na	na	6.0	-2.9
Econ Intelligence Unit	5.0	0.8	1.4	na	6.3	-3.1
IHS Economics	na	0.8	na	152.1	7.5	-1.0
Nordea	5.1	0.9	1.4	125.0	6.4	-2.8
Oxford Economics	5.6	1.3	3.2	130.2	6.5	-2.6
SEB	na	0.8	1.7	na	6.5	-1.5
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
Last Month	5.2	1.2	1.9	125.4	6.3	-2.3
2 Months Ago	5.2	1.3	1.9	130.3	6.2	-1.9
Median	5.1	0.8	1.6	130.2	6.5	-2.7
High	5.6	1.3	3.2	152.1	7.5	-1.0
Low	4.9	0.8	1.4	125.0	6.0	-3.1
Standard Deviation	0.3	0.2	0.9	14.4	0.5	0.9
Number of Forecasts	4	6	4	3	6	6
<b>Other Forecasts</b>						
Econ Council (Oct. '14)	na	1.3	na	85.8	4.5	-3.6
Finance Ministry (Aug. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	-3.0
Nationalbank (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	5.8	-3.2
EC (Nov. '14)	na	na	na	na	6.1	-2.3
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	1.6	na	na	7.0	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	0.7	na	na	6.9	-2.2

### Denmark: Unemployment Rate

% of labour force

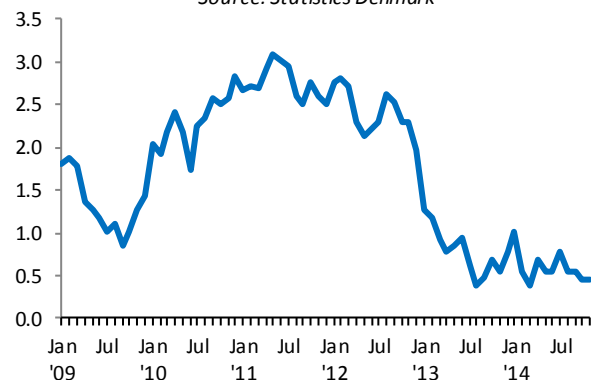
Source: Statistics Denmark



### Denmark: Inflation Rate

% change, year-on-year

Source: Statistics Denmark



**Finland: 2014 Forecasts**

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consump- tion	Govern- ment Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribu- tion to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribu- tion to GDP growth
<b>Panellists</b>								
Aktia Bank	-0.3	-0.4	0.1	-3.6	na	-0.3	-0.9	na
Danske Bank	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	-3.5	na	0.5	-0.5	na
DZ Bank	0.0	-0.3	-0.5	-3.0	na	0.7	0.1	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	-0.4	0.3	0.3	-2.0	0.2	-0.4	0.6	-0.4
ETLA	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-3.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.1
Handelsbanken	0.0	-0.4	0.2	-4.7	na	0.9	0.0	na
IHS Economics	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-4.7	na	0.7	0.3	na
Nordea	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-4.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	na
Oxford Economics	0.1	0.1	-0.3	-4.4	0.1	1.5	-0.9	0.9
SEB	-0.3	-0.4	0.3	-1.2	0.0	0.0	-0.3	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Last Month	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-3.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1
2 Months Ago	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-3.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Median	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-3.6	0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.1
High	0.1	0.3	0.3	-1.2	0.6	1.5	0.6	0.9
Low	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-4.7	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.4
Standard Deviation	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.7
Number of Forecasts	10	10	10	10	5	10	10	3
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Bank of Finland (Jun. '14)	0.0	-0.7	0.5	na	0.6	2.1	1.0	0.4
Finance Ministry (Sep. '14)	0.0	0.0	0.2	-3.7	na	0.4	-0.9	na
EC (Nov. '14)	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	-3.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1
IMF (Oct. '14)	-0.2	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7	-3.2	0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.2

- Business confidence weakened in November as industrial sentiment was undermined once again by the difficulties facing Finland's traditional growth engines, and in response to the sanctions affecting exports to Russia. Worryingly, the unemployment rate increased to 8.9% in October, and there is a fear of Finland being able to provide only low productivity jobs until new growth industries are found.
- Consequently, although the economy has registered some, albeit weak growth in recent quarters, a third year of decline is in prospect this year, with only glimmering prospects for improvement in 2015.
- Russia's is Finland's third-largest export market and the country is more exposed than most to its trade. The government has nevertheless opted to refrain from the necessary reforms to make the economy more competitive, or provide a fiscal boost in the short term, preferring to rely on monetary policy expansion and a more competitive euro with an election due in April.
- Consumer confidence improved for a second successive month in November, though it has done so from a low level and while energy and transport costs will be relieved by falling oil prices un certainty over the economy, job prospects and government policy to keep a lid on spending.



## Finland: 2014 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Production	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Producer Prices (total industry)	Wages & Salaries (private sector)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Euros bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
Panellists								
Aktia Bank	na	8.6	1.1	na	1.4	-3.4	-1.7	-2.8
Danske Bank	na	8.6	1.0	na	1.2	-2.5	-1.2	-2.0
DZ Bank	na	na	1.3	na	na	-0.4	-2.2	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	-3.0	8.6	1.3	-0.8	1.9	-1.1	-0.5	-3.6
ETLA	-0.9	8.7	1.1	-0.8	1.3	-2.7	-1.3	-2.3
Handelsbanken	-1.0	8.7	1.1	na	na	na	na	na
IHS Economics	-2.6	8.6	1.0	na	na	-3.5	-1.7	-3.4
Nordea	na	8.6	1.1	na	na	na	-1.9	-1.9
Oxford Economics	-3.2	8.6	1.1	-0.7	1.0	-3.7	-1.8	-2.7
SEB	na	8.5	1.3	na	1.5	na	-1.4	-2.2
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
Last Month	-2.4	8.6	1.1	-0.7	1.3	-2.4	-1.4	-2.6
2 Months Ago	-2.4	8.6	1.1	-0.8	1.3	-2.4	-1.1	-2.6
Median	-2.6	8.6	1.1	-0.8	1.4	-2.7	-1.7	-2.5
High	-0.9	8.7	1.3	-0.7	1.9	-0.4	-0.5	-1.9
Low	-3.2	8.5	1.0	-0.8	1.0	-3.7	-2.2	-3.6
Standard Deviation	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.3	0.5	0.6
Number of Forecasts	5	9	10	3	6	7	9	8
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Bank of Finland (Jun. '14)	na	8.6	1.0	na	1.1	-1.2	-0.6	-2.6
Finance Ministry (Sep. '14)	na	8.6	1.1	na	1.4	-3.1	-1.5	-2.7
EC (Nov. '14)	na	8.6	na	na	na	na	-1.9	-2.9
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	8.5	na	na	na	na	-0.6	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	8.5	na	na	na	na	-1.6	-2.6

<b>Finland: Historical Data (% change year-on-year)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Gross Domestic Product	-8.3	3.0	2.6	-1.5	-1.2
Private Consumption	-2.7	3.1	2.9	0.1	-0.7
Government Consumption	1.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	1.5
Gross Fixed Investment	-12.5	1.1	4.1	-2.5	-4.8
Inventory Building (% contribution)	-2.5	1.5	1.5	-1.0	0.0
Goods & Services Exports	-20.1	6.2	2.0	1.2	-1.7
Goods & Services Imports	-16.9	6.5	6.0	1.3	-2.5
Net Exports (% contribution)	-1.9	0.0	-1.5	0.0	0.3
Industrial Production	-18.0	5.1	2.1	-1.6	-3.6
Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	8.2	8.4	7.8	7.7	8.2
Consumer Prices	0.0	1.2	3.4	2.8	1.5
Producer Prices	-6.9	5.2	5.6	1.3	-0.4
Wages and Salaries (private sector)	4.0	2.6	2.5	3.0	2.1
Current Account Balance (Euros bn)	3.5	2.1	-4.2	-2.8	-3.3
- as a % of GDP	1.9	1.1	-2.1	-1.4	-1.6
General Govt Budget Balance (% of GDP)	-2.5	-2.6	-1.0	-2.1	-2.4

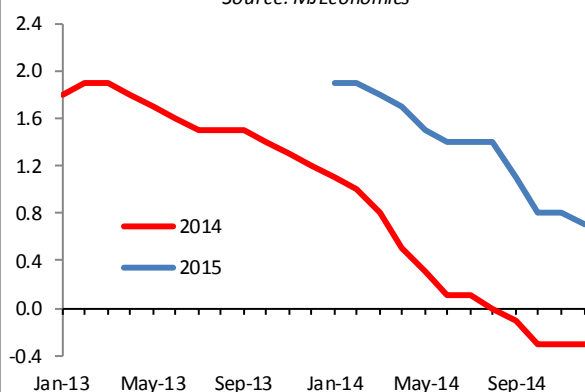
*Source: Eurostat, Statistics Finland*

## Finland: 2015 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consump- tion	Govern- ment Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribu- tion to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribu- tion to GDP growth
<b>Panellists</b>								
Aktia Bank	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	na	1.0	0.4	na
Danske Bank	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.0	na	3.0	1.5	na
DZ Bank	0.9	0.2	0.6	2.5	na	3.7	3.5	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.0	0.7	0.4	2.0	0.0	1.1	0.9	0.1
ETLA	0.8	0.6	0.0	1.4	0.2	2.2	2.3	-0.1
Handelsbanken	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.5	na	4.7	2.7	na
IHS Economics	1.3	0.7	0.3	2.6	na	3.7	4.4	na
Nordea	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	-1.1	-0.2	1.0	0.5	na
Oxford Economics	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.2	1.9	1.9	0.0
SEB	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.0	1.5	1.3	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Last Month	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.0	2.5	2.1	0.2
2 Months Ago	0.8	0.5	0.4	1.4	0.0	2.6	2.3	0.0
Median	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.0	2.1	1.7	0.0
High	1.3	0.7	1.0	2.6	0.2	4.7	4.4	0.1
Low	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-1.1	-0.2	1.0	0.4	-0.1
Standard Deviation	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.2	0.2	1.3	1.3	0.1
Number of Forecasts	10	10	10	10	5	10	10	3
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Bank of Finland (Jun. '14)	1.4	0.8	-0.8	na	0.1	4.8	4.1	0.3
Finance Ministry (Sep. '14)	1.2	0.3	0.4	2.4	na	4.0	3.2	na
EC (Nov. '14)	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.0	1.9	1.1	0.3
IMF (Oct. '14)	0.9	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	0.9	0.2	0.0	1.3	0.1	2.9	1.5	0.5

### Finland: GDP Growth Consensus Forecasts

*% change, year-on-year  
Source: MJEconomics*



### Finland: Background Information

<b>Government:</b>	National Coalition Party led coalition
<b>Next Election:</b>	By April 2015 (parliamentary)
<b>Capital City:</b>	Helsinki (GMT +2 hours)
<b>Currency:</b>	Euro (free float)
<b>Nominal GDP:</b>	\$257 bn
<b>Population:</b>	5.4 m
<b>Economic Freedom:</b>	19th out of 178 countries
<b>Doing Business:</b>	12th out of 189 countries
<b>Competitiveness:</b>	4th out of 144 countries
<b>Corruption:</b>	3rd out of 175 countries
<b>Government Debt:</b>	56% of GDP
<b>Corporate Tax Rate:</b>	20.0%

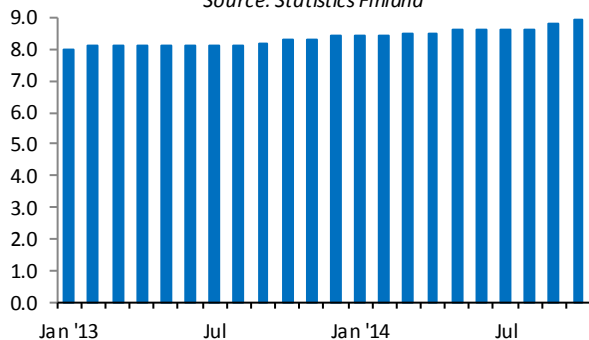
*Sources: Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, Eurostat, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank and World Economic Forum.*

## Finland: 2015 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Production	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Producer Prices (total industry)	Wages & Salaries (private sector)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Euros bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
Panellists								
Aktia Bank	na	8.9	1.3	na	1.2	-3.0	-1.5	-2.6
Danske Bank	na	8.6	1.0	na	1.0	-2.0	-1.0	-1.8
DZ Bank	na	na	1.6	na	na	0.0	-2.0	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.3	8.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	-0.7	-0.4	-2.1
ETLA	2.3	8.7	1.3	0.5	1.1	-3.2	-1.6	-2.8
Handelsbanken	4.5	8.8	1.2	na	na	na	na	na
IHS Economics	3.1	8.2	1.1	na	na	-2.4	-1.2	-2.8
Nordea	na	9.0	0.4	na	na	na	-1.8	-2.1
Oxford Economics	1.1	8.7	0.8	1.3	1.8	-2.4	-1.1	-2.2
SEB	na	8.3	1.1	na	1.5	na	-1.2	-2.0
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
Last Month	2.0	8.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	-2.0	-1.2	-2.1
2 Months Ago	2.3	8.6	1.2	1.5	1.4	-2.3	-1.0	-2.2
Median	2.3	8.7	1.2	1.3	1.4	-2.4	-1.2	-2.2
High	4.5	9.0	1.6	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.4	-1.8
Low	1.1	8.2	0.4	0.5	1.0	-3.2	-2.0	-2.8
Standard Deviation	1.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.2	0.5	0.4
Number of Forecasts	5	9	10	3	6	7	9	8
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Bank of Finland (Jun. '14)	na	8.3	1.5	na	1.6	-0.4	-0.2	-1.6
Finance Ministry (Sep. '14)	na	8.5	1.5	na	1.2	-2.5	-1.2	-2.4
EC (Nov. '14)	na	8.5	na	na	na	na	-1.7	-2.6
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	8.3	na	na	na	na	-0.5	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	8.6	na	na	na	na	-1.1	-2.1

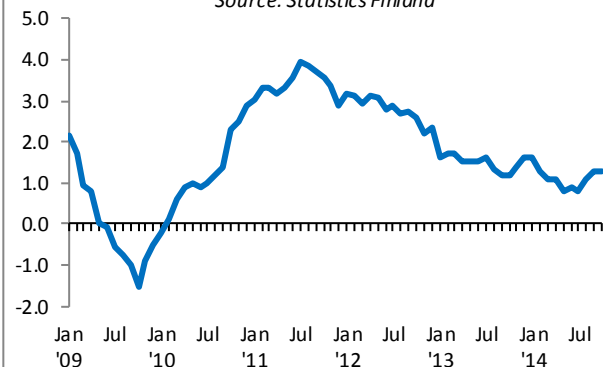
### Finland: Unemployment Rate

*% of labour force  
Source: Statistics Finland*



### Finland: Inflation Rate

*% change, year-on-year  
Source: Statistics Finland*



## Norway: 2014 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product		Private Consumption	Government Consumption	Gross Fixed Investment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribution to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribution to GDP growth
	Total	Mainland							
<b>Panellists</b>									
Danske Bank	na	2.5	2.1	2.1	0.2	0.0	1.2	1.5	na
DZ Bank	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.0	0.5	0.4	0.2	1.2	-0.3
Econ Intelligence Unit	2.3	na	1.8	3.2	1.2	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.2
IHS Economics	2.0	na	1.7	3.2	1.1	na	0.3	1.0	-0.4
Nordea	2.1	2.6	1.8	3.2	1.1	0.6	0.5	1.1	na
Oxford Economics	2.1	2.6	1.8	3.1	1.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	-0.1
SEB	2.1	2.6	2.1	3.2	1.1	0.0	0.4	1.1	na
Statistics Norway	2.4	2.7	2.2	3.1	1.6	0.9	1.0	2.9	-0.4
Swedbank First Securities	2.1	2.6	1.7	2.8	0.2	0.5	1.6	1.4	0.2
UniCredit Bank	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.3	-0.1	1.6	1.2	0.3
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Last Month	1.7	2.3	2.2	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.1	0.1
2 Months Ago	1.7	2.3	2.2	2.1	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.1	0.0
Median	2.1	2.6	2.0	3.1	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.2	-0.1
High	2.4	2.7	2.3	3.2	1.6	0.9	1.6	2.9	0.3
Low	1.7	2.0	1.7	2.0	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.8	-0.4
Standard Deviation	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3
Number of Forecasts	9	8	10	10	10	9	10	10	7
<b>Other Forecasts</b>									
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.0	na	2.2	2.3	na
Norges Bank (Dec. '14)	2.0	2.5	1.8	3.3	na	na	na	1.3	na
EC (Nov. '14)	2.0	na	2.2	1.9	3.3	-0.1	3.3	4.4	0.0
IMF (Oct. '14)	1.8	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	1.7	2.4	2.1	2.3	0.7	0.5	-0.5	0.4	-0.3

- The effect of the slump in oil prices dragging down the krone is expected to be net negative for an economy so dependent on its hydrocarbons industry, though the country has substantial buffers to withstand the shock weakening the fiscal and current account balances.
- At \$60 per barrel for oil exports many offshore projects become unprofitable, and with petroleum majors planning to cut back on capital spending over the next few years the oil and gas manufacturing and services supplier industry will be scaled down. This will outweigh the boost to non-petroleum sectors from a more competitive krone exchange rate.
- Norges Bank seems undeterred in its ambition to keep interest rates low for as long as possible, focusing more on the effects of the oil industry downturn and the effect this will have on the labour market and on disposable incomes and spending than of fuelling inflation which is only just below the Bank's 2.5% target.
- Low interest rates nonetheless also run the risk of further fuelling credit imbalance and a housing market boom, making it increasingly difficult to soften the market for fear of puncturing the bubble and causing a larger and more broad-based downturn.

## Norway: 2014 Forecasts

<b>Other Indicators</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Production	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Consumer Prices (CPI-ATE index, underlying rate)	Manufac- turing Earnings	Current Account Balance (annual total, Nkr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
<b>Panellists</b>								
Danske Bank	na	3.4	2.2	na	na	na	na	na
DZ Bank	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	na	3.5	2.0	na	4.1	360.6	11.1	12.1
IHS Economics	3.2	3.5	2.0	na	na	315.5	10.0	9.5
Nordea	na	3.5	2.0	2.4	na	318.0	10.0	9.5
Oxford Economics	3.9	3.6	2.1	na	3.9	272.8	8.6	9.8
SEB	na	3.5	2.0	2.4	3.5	na	na	na
Statistics Norway	na	3.5	2.0	2.4	na	274.6	9.0	na
Swedbank First Securities	3.2	3.5	2.0	2.4	3.0	293.6	9.5	9.6
UniCredit Bank	na	3.5	2.0	2.1	na	na	na	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>305.9</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Last Month	2.3	3.4	2.1	2.4	3.8	323.7	10.5	10.5
2 Months Ago	2.0	3.4	2.1	2.4	3.9	323.4	10.2	10.6
Median	3.2	3.5	2.0	2.4	3.7	304.6	9.8	9.6
High	3.9	3.6	2.2	2.4	4.1	360.6	11.1	12.1
Low	3.2	3.4	2.0	2.1	3.0	272.8	8.6	9.5
Standard Deviation	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	33.0	0.9	1.1
Number of Forecasts	3	9	9	5	4	6	6	5
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	na	3.4	2.1	2.4	na	na	11.6	9.8
Norges Bank (Dec. '14)	na	3.5	2.0	2.5	na	na	na	na
EC (Nov. '14)	na	2.9	na	na	na	na	11.2	10.6
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	3.7	2.0	na	na	na	10.6	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	3.4	2.1	na	na	na	9.9	9.9

<b>Norway: Historical Data (% change year-on-year)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
GDP, total	-1.6	0.6	1.0	2.7	0.7
GDP, mainland	-1.6	1.8	1.9	3.8	2.3
Private Consumption	0.0	3.8	2.3	3.5	2.1
Government Consumption	4.1	2.2	1.0	1.6	1.7
Gross Fixed Investment	-6.8	-6.6	7.4	7.6	6.8
Inventory Building (% contribution)	-1.6	1.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.3
Goods & Services Exports	-4.1	0.7	-0.8	1.4	-3.0
Goods & Services Imports	-10.0	8.3	4.0	3.1	4.3
Net Exports (% contribution)	1.5	-2.2	-1.6	-0.5	-2.6
Industrial Production	-3.6	-5.5	-4.3	2.7	-4.9
Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.5
Consumer Prices, headline rate	2.1	2.4	1.2	0.8	2.1
Consumer Prices, underlying rate (CPI-ATE)	2.6	1.4	0.9	1.2	1.6
Manufacturing Earnings	4.3	3.6	4.5	4.4	3.7
Current Account Balance (Nkr bn)	258.2	282.7	344.9	368.9	299.5
- as a % of GDP	10.6	10.9	12.4	12.4	9.8
General Govt Budget Balance (% of GDP)	10.5	11.0	13.3	13.6	11.1

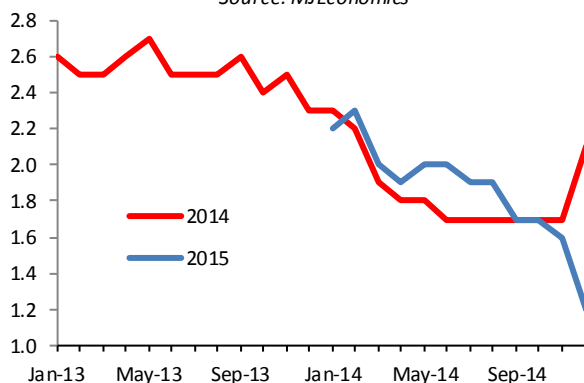
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## Norway: 2015 Forecasts

National Accounts (constant prices) <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product		Private Consumption	Government Consumption	Gross Fixed Investment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribution to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribution to GDP growth
	Total	Mainland							
<b>Panellists</b>									
Danske Bank	na	2.2	2.1	2.1	-1.0	-0.1	1.0	3.5	na
DZ Bank	2.3	2.5	2.9	1.2	4.6	-0.4	3.9	4.8	0.1
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.0	na	1.9	2.9	-1.9	-0.4	1.5	0.5	0.4
IHS Economics	0.6	na	2.0	2.3	-2.8	na	1.5	1.3	0.2
Nordea	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.4	-2.2	0.3	1.9	1.2	na
Oxford Economics	0.8	1.6	2.2	2.6	0.7	-1.0	1.3	1.1	0.2
SEB	1.2	2.1	2.7	2.1	-1.8	0.0	2.6	3.4	na
Statistics Norway	0.6	1.0	1.4	2.5	-2.0	0.3	0.8	2.2	-0.3
Swedbank First Securities	1.1	1.2	1.2	2.3	-2.7	-0.2	2.0	-0.2	0.8
UniCredit Bank	2.1	2.2	2.7	2.0	4.1	-0.1	2.5	3.0	0.1
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Last Month	1.6	2.0	2.5	2.0	0.5	-0.1	2.1	2.6	0.2
2 Months Ago	1.7	2.2	2.5	2.0	1.0	-0.1	2.2	2.7	0.2
Median	1.1	1.9	2.1	2.3	-1.9	-0.1	1.7	1.8	0.2
High	2.3	2.5	2.9	2.9	4.6	0.3	3.9	4.8	0.8
Low	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.2	-2.8	-1.0	0.8	-0.2	-0.3
Standard Deviation	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	2.7	0.4	0.9	1.6	0.3
Number of Forecasts	9	8	10	10	10	9	10	10	7
<b>Other Forecasts</b>									
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	1.6	2.0	2.7	2.2	-0.9	na	2.2	2.5	na
Norges Bank (Dec. '14)	1.3	1.5	2.0	2.5	na	na	na	2.0	na
EC (Nov. '14)	2.2	na	2.0	1.8	1.9	0.0	4.0	3.8	0.5
IMF (Oct. '14)	1.9	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	1.8	2.5	3.0	2.3	0.5	0.0	1.1	1.8	-0.1

### Norway: GDP Growth Consensus Forecasts

*% change, year-on-year*  
Source: MJEconomics



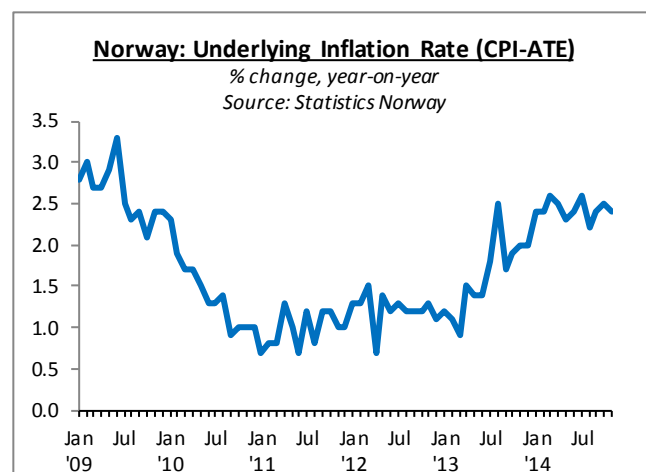
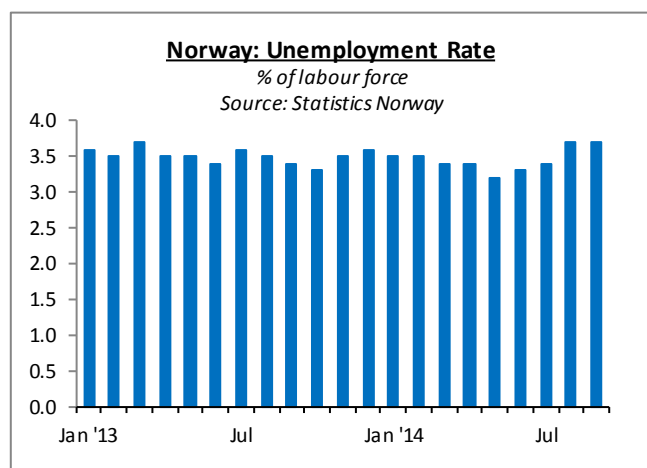
### Norway: Background Information

<b>Government:</b>	Conservative-Progress Party coalition
<b>Next Election:</b>	2017 (parliamentary)
<b>Capital City:</b>	Oslo (GMT +1 hour)
<b>Currency:</b>	Norwegian Krone (free float)
<b>Nominal GDP:</b>	\$513 bn
<b>Population:</b>	5.1m
<b>Economic Freedom:</b>	32nd out of 178 countries
<b>Doing Business:</b>	9th out of 189 countries
<b>Competitiveness:</b>	11th out of 144 countries
<b>Corruption:</b>	5th out of 175 countries
<b>Government Debt:</b>	29.5% of GDP
<b>Corporate Tax Rate:</b>	27.0%

Sources: Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, Eurostat, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank and World Economic Forum.

## Norway: 2015 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Production	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Consumer Prices (CPI-ATE index, underlying rate)	Manufac- turing Earnings	Current Account Balance (annual total, Nkr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
Panellists								
Danske Bank	na	3.5	2.0	na	na	na	na	na
DZ Bank	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	na	3.8	1.4	na	3.4	363.6	11.0	9.3
IHS Economics	0.6	3.7	1.8	na	na	281.7	9.0	7.6
Nordea	na	3.9	1.6	1.9	na	228.9	7.0	7.6
Oxford Economics	-2.2	3.9	1.8	na	4.0	170.4	5.3	5.8
SEB	na	3.8	1.9	2.0	3.3	na	na	na
Statistics Norway	na	3.9	2.6	2.8	na	226.3	7.3	na
Swedbank First Securities	0.5	4.1	2.5	2.6	2.8	264.2	8.5	7.0
UniCredit Bank	na	3.5	2.2	2.4	na	na	na	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>255.9</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Last Month	0.3	3.7	2.0	2.0	3.8	318.3	9.8	9.7
2 Months Ago	0.5	3.6	2.1	2.0	3.9	320.0	9.8	10.1
Median	0.5	3.8	1.9	2.4	3.4	246.6	7.9	7.6
High	0.6	4.1	2.6	2.8	4.0	363.6	11.0	9.3
Low	-2.2	3.5	1.4	1.9	2.8	170.4	5.3	5.8
Standard Deviation	1.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	65.2	2.0	1.3
Number of Forecasts	3	9	9	5	4	6	6	5
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	na	3.6	2.1	2.1	na	na	11.7	9.5
Norges Bank (Dec. '14)	na	3.8	2.5	2.5	na	na	na	na
EC (Nov. '14)	na	3.1	na	na	na	na	11.4	10.0
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	3.8	2.0	na	na	na	10.2	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	3.4	2.2	na	na	na	7.9	9.5



## Sweden: 2014 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consump- tion	Govern- ment Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribu- tion to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribu- tion to GDP growth
<b>Panellists</b>								
Confed of Swe Enterprise	2.3	3.0	1.2	4.3	0.2	2.6	4.4	-0.6
Danske Bank	1.9	2.7	1.3	4.9	0.0	2.1	4.5	na
DZ Bank	2.0	2.8	1.2	4.0	0.4	2.7	4.3	-0.5
Econ Intelligence Unit	2.0	2.9	1.4	3.8	0.0	2.3	3.8	-0.4
Handelsbanken	2.0	2.5	1.6	4.9	0.2	2.5	5.1	-0.9
IHS Economics	1.9	2.4	1.6	4.7	na	2.3	5.1	-1.1
Morgan Stanley	1.7	2.6	1.5	4.8	0.1	2.3	5.2	-1.0
National Institute - KI	1.9	2.5	1.4	4.4	0.1	2.9	4.9	-0.6
Nordea	1.8	2.4	1.4	4.6	0.3	2.3	5.1	na
Oxford Economics	1.8	2.4	1.5	4.7	0.3	2.2	5.2	-1.1
SEB	2.1	2.7	0.8	4.5	0.1	2.1	3.5	na
UniCredit Bank	2.0	2.8	1.0	3.6	0.0	2.4	3.5	-0.3
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Last Month	2.0	2.8	1.2	4.1	0.1	2.4	4.3	-0.6
2 Months Ago	2.0	2.8	1.2	4.1	0.1	2.5	4.3	-0.5
Median	2.0	2.7	1.4	4.6	0.1	2.3	4.7	-0.6
High	2.3	3.0	1.6	4.9	0.4	2.9	5.2	-0.3
Low	1.7	2.4	0.8	3.6	0.0	2.1	3.5	-1.1
Standard Deviation	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.3
Number of Forecasts	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	9
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	2.2	2.9	1.1	4.5	0.2	2.3	4.6	-0.7
Riksbank (Dec. '14)	1.9	2.4	1.5	4.7	0.2	2.2	5.1	-1.0
EC (Nov. '14)	2.0	2.9	1.4	3.9	0.2	2.2	4.5	-0.8
IMF (Oct. '14)	2.1	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	2.1	2.4	1.7	4.6	0.4	2.4	4.2	na

- Although the economy is performing reasonably well considering the weaknesses in other European countries, Sweden's economic sentiment indicator slipped in November to 107.6 and is thus still below its highest point this year, which was 109.1 back in January.
- Confidence among consumers has fallen for two straight months, affecting retail trade sentiment (and signalling perhaps some caution over taxes, prices and debt levels), but has improved within industry, including the construction sector, eyeing in part a more competitive exchange rate.
- Partly that reflects the government crisis forcing fresh elections in March. The new centre-left Social Democrat-led minority coalition failed to find sufficient support for its first budget when the far-right Sweden Democrats, gaining at this year's general election, decided against lending its support. The crisis has raised uncertainty as to what government will be formed.
- Still, the unemployment has remained at 7.9% in recent months (to October), and the headline consumer price index is still falling, accompanied by very low underlying inflation rate leading the Riksbank to contemplate more monetary stimulus measures to achieve its now discredited 2% inflation target and a softer and delayed rise in interest rates in 2016.



## Sweden: 2014 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Prodn (mining & manufac.)	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Consumer Prices (CPIF index, underlying rate)	Producer Prices (total industry)	Hourly Earnings (total industry)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Skr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
Panellists									
Confed of Swe Enterprise	na	7.9	-0.2	0.5	na	na	na	na	na
Danske Bank	na	8.0	-0.1	na	na	na	na	na	-2.0
DZ Bank	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	-1.5	7.9	-0.1	na	1.5	2.4	220.1	5.7	-2.2
Handelsbanken	-2.2	8.0	-0.2	0.5	na	2.8	226.0	6.1	-2.1
IHS Economics	-1.9	8.0	-0.2	na	1.7	na	232.9	6.0	-2.0
Morgan Stanley	na	7.9	-0.2	0.5	na	na	215.9	5.5	-2.5
National Institute - KI	-0.3	7.9	0.0	0.6	na	3.0	230.8	6.1	-2.2
Nordea	na	7.9	-0.2	0.5	na	2.1	201.3	5.2	-2.3
Oxford Economics	-2.0	7.9	-0.2	na	1.9	na	228.5	5.9	-2.1
SEB	na	8.0	-0.2	0.5	na	2.7	na	6.0	-1.5
UniCredit Bank	na	8.0	-0.1	0.8	na	na	na	6.1	-1.8
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>222.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
Last Month	-1.6	7.9	-0.1	0.6	1.6	2.6	221.8	6.0	-2.1
2 Months Ago	-0.9	7.9	-0.1	0.6	1.6	2.6	222.1	6.0	-1.9
Median	-1.9	7.9	-0.2	0.5	1.7	2.7	226.0	6.0	-2.1
High	-0.3	8.0	0.0	0.8	1.9	3.0	232.9	6.1	-1.5
Low	-2.2	7.9	-0.2	0.5	1.5	2.1	201.3	5.2	-2.5
Standard Deviation	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	11.0	0.3	0.3
Number of Forecasts	5	11	11	7	3	5	7	9	10
<b>Other Forecasts</b>									
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	na	7.9	0.0	0.6	na	na	na	na	-2.2
Riksbank (Dec. '14)	na	7.9	-0.2	0.5	na	3.0	na	5.4	-2.2
EC (Nov. '14)	na	7.9	na	na	na	na	na	5.7	-2.4
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	8.0	0.1	na	na	na	na	5.7	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	7.9	-0.1	na	na	na	na	5.3	-1.7

<b>Sweden: Historical Data (% change year-on-year)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Gross Domestic Product	-5.2	6.0	2.7	-0.3	1.3
Private Consumption	0.4	3.9	1.9	0.8	1.9
Government Consumption	2.3	1.3	0.8	1.1	0.7
Gross Fixed Investment	-13.4	6.0	5.7	-0.2	-0.4
Inventory Building (% contribution)	-1.6	2.1	0.5	-1.1	0.0
Goods & Services Exports	-14.5	11.9	6.1	1.0	-0.2
Goods & Services Imports	-14.1	12.8	7.3	0.5	-0.7
Net Exports (% contribution)	-1.0	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.2
Industrial Production	-19.4	8.7	3.1	-3.2	-4.3
Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	8.3	8.4	7.5	8.0	8.0
Consumer Prices (headline rate)	-0.3	1.3	3.0	0.9	0.0
Consumer Prices (underlying rate, CPIF)	1.7	2.0	1.4	1.0	0.9
Producer Prices	1.1	1.0	0.4	-0.9	-2.8
Labour Costs (mining and manufacturing)	3.4	2.6	2.7	3.2	2.6
Current Account Balance (Skr bn)	194.6	211.6	212.5	212.4	274.1
- as a % of GDP	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.8	7.3
General Govt Budget Balance (% of GDP)	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.9	-1.3

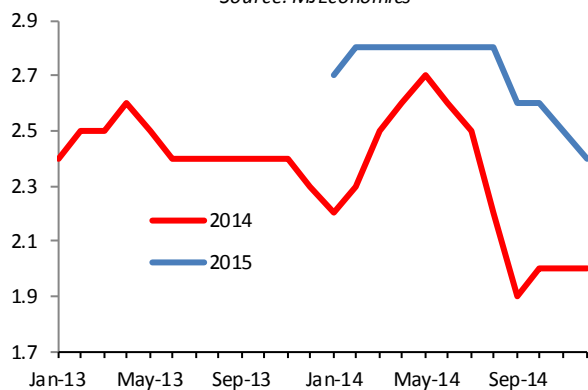
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## Sweden: 2015 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consump- tion	Govern- ment Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribu- tion to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribu- tion to GDP growth
<b>Panellists</b>								
Confed of Swe Enterprise	2.9	3.2	1.3	3.5	0.1	4.6	4.7	0.1
Danske Bank	1.7	1.7	1.6	7.3	0.0	3.0	4.0	na
DZ Bank	2.1	2.4	0.9	3.0	-0.3	3.9	4.2	0.0
Econ Intelligence Unit	2.4	2.6	1.4	4.7	0.1	3.0	5.0	-0.6
Handelsbanken	2.7	2.5	1.5	4.1	0.0	4.9	4.7	0.3
IHS Economics	1.8	2.1	1.7	4.1	na	2.7	3.8	-0.4
Morgan Stanley	2.4	3.4	1.4	4.4	-0.1	3.2	4.8	-0.5
National Institute - KI	2.9	2.3	1.4	7.0	0.0	4.8	5.3	0.1
Nordea	2.5	2.2	1.6	4.6	0.0	4.8	5.1	na
Oxford Economics	2.0	2.9	1.5	4.1	0.2	3.7	6.4	-0.9
SEB	2.7	3.0	0.8	4.5	0.1	3.4	3.7	na
UniCredit Bank	2.7	2.4	0.5	2.6	-0.3	3.0	0.6	0.3
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Last Month	2.5	2.7	1.2	4.5	0.0	3.9	4.4	-0.2
2 Months Ago	2.6	2.7	1.3	4.6	0.0	4.0	4.4	-0.1
Median	2.5	2.5	1.4	4.3	0.0	3.6	4.7	0.0
High	2.9	3.4	1.7	7.3	0.2	4.9	6.4	0.3
Low	1.7	1.7	0.5	2.6	-0.3	2.7	0.6	-0.9
Standard Deviation	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.8	1.4	0.4
Number of Forecasts	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	9
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	2.8	3.2	1.5	5.5	0.0	5.4	6.1	-0.1
Riksbank (Dec. '14)	2.4	2.6	1.9	4.9	0.1	4.9	5.9	-0.2
EC (Nov. '14)	2.4	2.8	1.4	4.3	0.0	3.9	4.9	-0.3
IMF (Oct. '14)	2.7	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	2.8	2.6	1.9	4.4	0.1	3.4	3.5	na

### Sweden: GDP Growth Forecasts

*% change, year-on-year  
Source: MJEconomics*



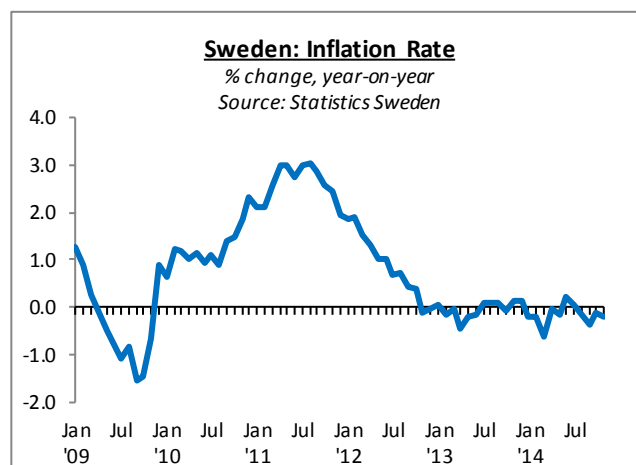
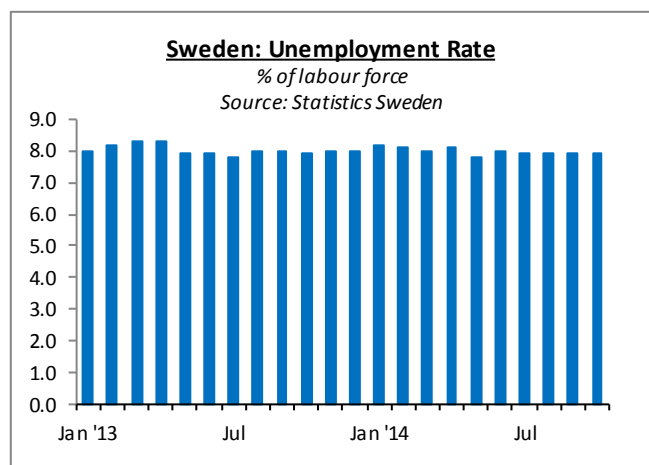
### Sweden: Background Information

<b>Government:</b>	Social Democrat led coalition
<b>Next Election:</b>	By September 2018 (parliamentary)
<b>Capital City:</b>	Stockholm (GMT+1 hour)
<b>Currency:</b>	Swedish Krona (free float)
<b>Nominal GDP:</b>	\$558 bn
<b>Population:</b>	9.6m
<b>Economic Freedom:</b>	20th out of 178 countries
<b>Doing Business:</b>	14th out of 189 countries
<b>Competitiveness:</b>	10th out of 144 countries
<b>Corruption:</b>	4th out of 175 countries
<b>Government Debt:</b>	38.6% of GDP
<b>Corporate Tax Rate:</b>	22.0%

*Sources: Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, Eurostat, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank and World Economic Forum.*

## Sweden: 2015 Forecasts

<b>Other Indicators</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Prodn (mining & manufac.)	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Consumer Prices (CPIF index, underlying rate)	Producer Prices (total industry)	Hourly Earnings (total industry)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Skr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
<b>Panellists</b>									
Confed of Swe Enterprise	na	7.5	0.7	1.4	na	na	na	na	na
Danske Bank	na	7.7	1.0	na	na	na	na	na	-1.2
DZ Bank	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.8	7.6	1.5	na	2.5	2.5	227.4	5.7	-1.3
Handelsbanken	0.6	7.7	1.3	1.4	na	3.0	215.0	5.8	-1.3
IHS Economics	1.2	7.7	0.3	na	0.3	na	242.4	6.0	-1.1
Morgan Stanley	na	7.4	0.7	0.9	na	na	214.5	5.3	-1.7
National Institute - KI	4.6	7.6	1.1	1.5	na	2.9	232.9	5.9	-1.3
Nordea	na	7.7	0.3	0.9	na	2.8	204.3	5.1	-1.6
Oxford Economics	0.3	7.5	0.1	na	1.9	na	194.4	4.9	-2.1
SEB	na	7.6	3.0	1.0	na	2.8	na	5.5	-0.9
UniCredit Bank	na	7.8	1.2	1.5	na	na	na	5.5	-1.1
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>218.7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
Last Month	2.0	7.6	1.0	1.4	1.6	2.8	224.1	5.6	-1.3
2 Months Ago	2.7	7.6	1.2	1.4	2.5	2.9	224.0	5.6	-1.1
Median	1.2	7.6	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.8	215.0	5.5	-1.3
High	4.6	7.8	3.0	1.5	2.5	3.0	242.4	6.0	-0.9
Low	0.3	7.4	0.1	0.9	0.3	2.5	194.4	4.9	-2.1
Standard Deviation	1.7	0.1	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.2	16.7	0.4	0.4
Number of Forecasts	5	11	11	7	3	5	7	9	10
<b>Other Forecasts</b>									
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	na	7.3	0.9	1.4	na	na	na	na	-1.1
Riksbank (Dec. '14)	na	7.5	0.3	1.0	na	3.0	na	4.7	-1.3
EC (Nov. '14)	na	7.8	na	na	na	na	na	5.4	-1.8
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	7.8	1.4	na	na	na	na	6.1	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	7.5	0.8	na	na	na	na	5.0	-1.3



**Iceland Forecasts***% change, year-on-year, unless otherwise stated*

<b>GDP Growth</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
CBol	3.5	2.9	3.5
EC	3.5	2.3	2.8
IMF	3.3	2.9	3.0
OECD	3.5	2.5	3.3
SI	3.5	2.7	3.3

<b>Private Consumption</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
CBol	0.8	4.3	4.2
EC	0.8	4.0	3.9
IMF	na	na	na
OECD	0.8	4.0	3.6
SI	0.8	3.9	4.0

<b>Fixed Investment</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
CBol	-2.2	17.6	14.1
EC	-2.2	11.0	9.5
IMF	na	na	na
OECD	-2.2	12.3	16.0
SI	-2.2	14.0	18.7

<b>Export Volume</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
CBol	6.9	3.6	2.6
EC	6.9	3.5	4.0
IMF	na	na	na
OECD	6.9	3.3	3.1
SI	6.9	3.9	2.8

<b>Import Volume</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
CBol	0.4	8.3	5.9
EC	0.4	7.8	6.7
IMF	na	na	na
OECD	0.4	8.0	6.3
SI	0.4	8.1	7.4

<b>Consumer Price Inflation</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
CBol	3.9	2.2	2.6
EC	3.9	2.3	2.8
IMF	3.9	2.5	3.3
OECD	3.9	2.2	2.7
SI	3.9	2.2	2.7

<b>Current Acc. (% of GDP)</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
CBol	5.6	3.3	1.3
EC	5.6	2.6	1.2
IMF	3.9	2.1	2.3
OECD	5.6	3.2	1.2
SI	5.6	3.5	0.9

<b>Budget Balance (% of GDP)</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
CBol	-1.7	1.9	-0.2
EC	-1.7	1.5	0.0
IMF	na	na	na
OECD	-2.0	-0.5	-0.3
SI	na	na	na

**Sources:**

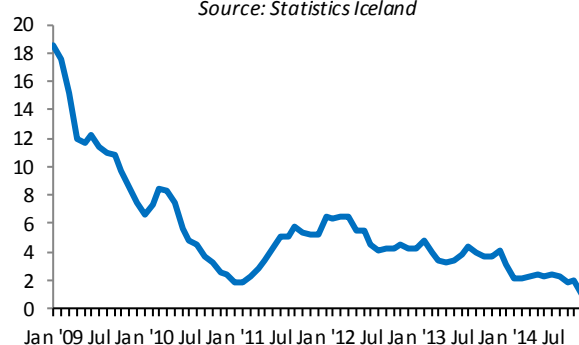
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**Iceland Snapshot**

- In 2015, the authorities might finally lift the capital controls still in place since the banking crisis caused such devastation to Iceland's small, but unbalanced economy in 2008.
- Inflation has fallen to new lows and with falling oil prices keeping inflation down the economy can withstand a moderate exchange rate shock if capital controls are rescinded in a controlled manner.
- Economic growth has weakened on a y/y basis, but was very strong during Q3 on a seasonally-adjusted, quarterly basis, underpinned by exports and also investment spending which has a history of volatility arising from large infrastructure projects and defence spending. Meanwhile unemployment is low and inbound tourism at more competitive prices continues to make a positive impact.

**Iceland: Inflation Rate**

*% change, year-on-year*  
 Source: Statistics Iceland

**Iceland: Background Information**

<b>Government:</b>	Progressive Party led coalition
<b>Next Election:</b>	By June 2016 (presidential)
<b>Capital City:</b>	Reykjavic (GMT time)
<b>Currency:</b>	Icelandic Krona (capital controls)
<b>Nominal GDP:</b>	\$15 bn
<b>Population:</b>	0.3m
<b>Economic Freedom:</b>	23rd out of 178 countries
<b>Doing Business:</b>	13th out of 189 countries
<b>Competitiveness:</b>	30th out of 144 countries
<b>Corruption:</b>	12th out of 175 countries
<b>Government Debt:</b>	122.6% of GDP
<b>Corporate Tax Rate:</b>	20.0%

Sources: Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, Eurostat, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank and World Economic Forum.

**Interest Rate Forecasts**

**3-month Danish CIBOR Rate, %**

Rate on Survey Date: **0.30**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	0.31	0.22
High	0.35	0.31
Low	0.29	0.15
Standard Deviation	0.03	0.08

**10 Year Danish Govt Bond Yield, %**

Rate on Survey Date: **0.91**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	1.13	1.66
High	1.70	1.80
Low	0.66	1.58
Standard Deviation	0.50	0.12

**3-month Euro Area EURIBOR Rate, %**

Rate on Survey Date: **0.08**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	0.09	0.12
High	0.10	0.50
Low	0.02	0.05
Standard Deviation	0.02	0.11

**10 Year Finnish Govt Bond Yield, %**

Rate on Survey Date: **0.74**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	1.00	1.51
High	1.30	1.92
Low	0.88	1.25
Standard Deviation	0.20	0.32

**3-month Norwegian NIBOR Rate, %**

Rate on Survey Date: **1.49**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	1.63	1.43
High	1.70	1.70
Low	1.40	1.20
Standard Deviation	0.15	0.25

**10 Year Norwegian Govt Bond Yield, %**

Rate on Survey Date: **1.60**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	2.11	2.53
High	2.50	2.95
Low	1.87	2.05
Standard Deviation	0.34	0.45

**3-month Swedish STIBOR Rate, %**

Rate on Survey Date: **0.27**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	0.34	0.44
High	0.70	0.80
Low	0.20	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.20	0.28

**10 Year Swedish Govt Bond Yield, %**

Rate on Survey Date: **0.96**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	1.41	1.87
High	1.70	2.10
Low	1.05	1.60
Standard Deviation	0.34	0.25

**Oil Price Forecasts**

**Oil Prices, Brent Blend, US\$ per barrel**

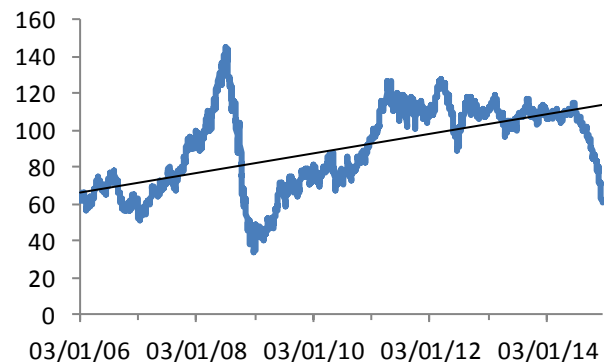
Price on Survey Date: **60.2**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	70.2	73.3
High	77.4	83.0
Low	62.0	64.5
Standard Deviation	5.5	5.0

Notes: The consensus (mean average) is based on responses from panellists in our Nordic Barometer survey and those in our companion publication, the Euro Zone Barometer. Forecasts are for end period.

**Oil Price Trend**

Brent Blend, US\$ per barrel  
Source: FT



**Exchange Rate Forecasts**

**Danish Krone/Euro Exchange Rate**

Rate on Survey Date: **7.440**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	7.452	7.455
High	7.460	7.460
Low	7.440	7.440
Standard Deviation	0.009	0.008

**US Dollar/Euro Exchange Rate**

Rate on Survey Date: **1.242**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	1.250	1.183
High	1.340	1.310
Low	1.220	1.100
Standard Deviation	0.030	0.055

**Norwegian Krone/Euro Exchange Rate**

Rate on Survey Date: **9.216**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	8.657	8.512
High	9.200	9.000
Low	8.050	8.101
Standard Deviation	0.374	0.316

**Swedish Krona/Euro Exchange Rate**

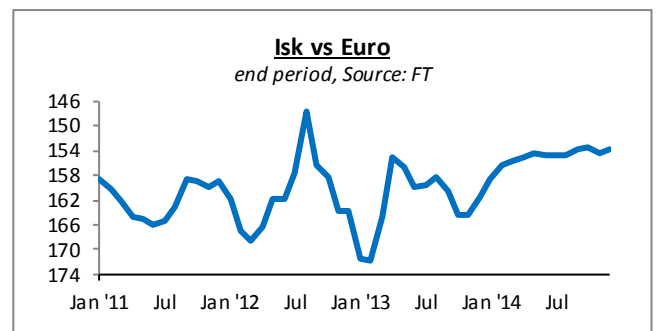
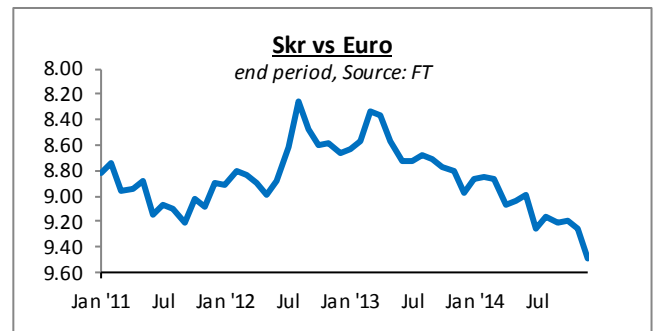
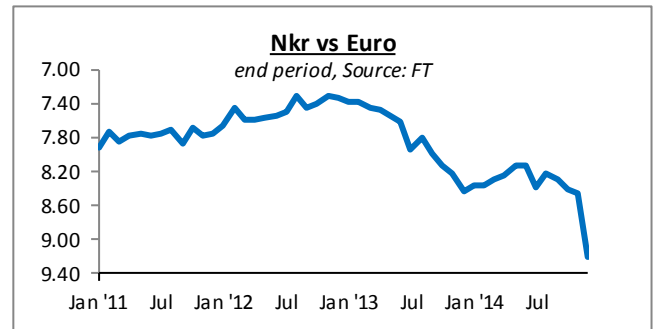
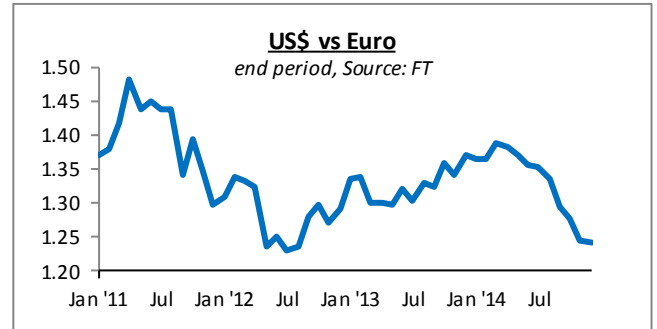
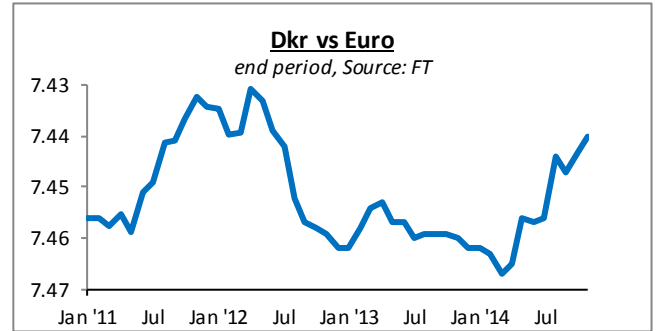
Rate on Survey Date: **9.485**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	9.236	8.983
High	9.400	9.400
Low	9.077	8.700
Standard Deviation	0.103	0.196

**Icelandic Krona/Euro Exchange Rate**

Rate on Survey Date: **153.9**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Mean Average	153.1	149.4
High	155.0	155.0
Low	149.4	144.6
Standard Deviation	2.5	5.2



**The Nordic Barometer Monthly  
Qualitative Interest Rate Poll**

Share of respondents anticipating that between now and our next survey the **DANISH POLICY RATE** will:

<b>Remain UNCHANGED?</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely increase?	na
<b>DECREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely decrease?	na

Share of respondents anticipating that between now and our next survey the **DANISH LENDING RATE** will:

<b>Remain UNCHANGED?</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely increase?	na
<b>DECREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely decrease?	na

Share of respondents anticipating that between now and our next survey the **EURO AREA POLICY RATE** will:

<b>Remain UNCHANGED?</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely increase?	na
<b>DECREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely decrease?	na

Share of respondents anticipating that between now and our next survey the **NORWEGIAN POLICY RATE** will:

<b>Remain UNCHANGED?</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely increase?	na
<b>DECREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely decrease?	na

Share of respondents anticipating that between now and our next survey the **SWEDISH POLICY RATE** will:

<b>Remain UNCHANGED?</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely increase?	na
<b>DECREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely decrease?	na

**Central Bank Watch**

- Monetary policy throughout the region is set to remain expansionary well into next year and possibly extending into 2016, too, should economies remain weak and inflation fails to rise. As such there are no immediate changes to interest rates expected.
- Both Norges Bank and the Riksbank, the Norwegian and Swedish central banks, have unveiled softer rate paths, delaying future interest rate rises with the latter perhaps implementing a negative interest rate next year having already lowered the repo to zero. Mirroring the ECB, the Riksbank is also poised to implement other, quantitative-easing, measures to arrest the deflationary trend and restore credibility to its inflation target.

**The Most Recent Interest Rate Changes**

**Denmark: Danmarks Nationalbank**  
September 4th, 2014

A reduction in the certificates of deposit rate from 0.05% to -0.05% with effect from September 5th. The discount rate and current-account rate are unchanged at 0.00%, and the lending rate is unchanged at 0.20%.

**Finland: European Central Bank**  
September 4th, 2014

A reduction in the repo rate from 0.15% to 0.05% with effect from September 10th, 2014.

**Norway: Norges Bank**  
March 14th, 2012

A reduction in the sight deposit rate from 1.75% to 1.50% with effect from March 15th, 2012.

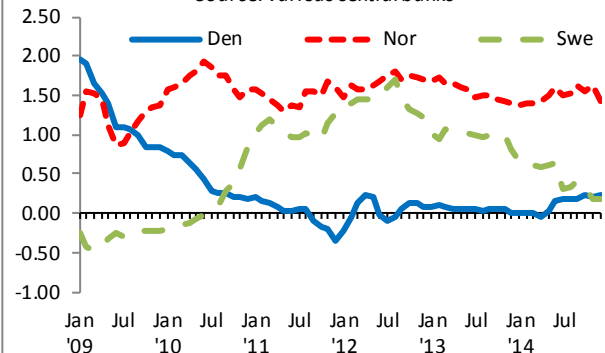
**Sweden: Sveriges Riksbank**  
October 27th, 2014

A reduction in the repo rate from 0.25% to 0.00% with effect from October 29th, 2014.

**Short Term Interest Rate Spreads vs Euro**

three month interbank rates, % p.a.

Source: various central banks



**Long Term Forecasts**

Forecasts for 2016 to 2018 are taken from our October 2014 special long term forecasts survey.

<b>Denmark</b>						
<i>(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>	-0.5	0.8	1.5	1.9	2.0	1.9
<b>Private Consumption</b>	0.0	0.2	0.9	1.9	1.8	1.7
<b>Gross Fixed Investment</b>	0.9	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.0	2.8
<b>Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)</b>	5.8	5.1	5.2	5.6	5.8	5.7
<b>Consumer Prices</b>	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.7	1.7	1.8
<b>Current Account (annual total, Dkr bn)</b>	136.0	137.5	135.8	127.4	146.8	152.7
<b>Current Account (% of GDP)</b>	7.2	6.8	6.5	5.9	6.4	6.5
<i>(end period)</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>3 Month Interest Rate, % per annum</b>	0.26	0.31	0.22	0.57	1.25	1.90
<b>10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum</b>	1.98	1.13	1.66	2.12	2.70	3.20
<b>Yield Differential</b>	1.72	0.82	1.44	1.55	1.45	1.30
<b>Dkr per Euro Exchange Rate</b>	7.460	7.452	7.455	7.458	7.458	7.457
<b>Finland</b>						
<i>(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>	-1.2	-0.3	0.7	1.6	1.9	1.9
<b>Private Consumption</b>	-0.7	-0.2	0.3	1.5	1.8	1.9
<b>Gross Fixed Investment</b>	-4.8	-3.5	0.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
<b>Industrial Production</b>	-3.6	-2.1	2.5	3.3	3.6	3.4
<b>Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)</b>	8.2	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.0	7.8
<b>Consumer Prices</b>	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.8	1.9
<b>Current Account (annual total, Euros bn)</b>	-3.3	-2.5	-2.0	-1.8	-1.0	-0.4
<b>Current Account (% of GDP)</b>	-1.6	-1.5	-1.3	-0.8	-0.3	-0.1
<i>(end period)</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>3 Month Interest Rate, % per annum</b>	0.29	0.09	0.12	0.74	1.19	1.91
<b>10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum</b>	2.43	1.00	1.51	2.31	2.75	3.26
<b>Yield Differential</b>	2.14	0.91	1.39	1.58	1.56	1.35
<b>US\$ per Euro Exchange Rate</b>	1.378	1.250	1.183	1.248	1.259	1.257
<b>Norway</b>						
<i>(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Gross Domestic Product, total</b>	0.7	2.1	1.2	2.0	2.3	2.4
<b>Private Consumption</b>	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.7	2.6
<b>Gross Fixed Investment</b>	6.8	1.0	-0.5	2.1	3.1	3.1
<b>Industrial Production</b>	-4.9	3.4	-0.4	0.5	0.8	0.9
<b>Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)</b>	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.7
<b>Consumer Prices</b>	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3
<b>Current Account (annual total, Nkr bn)</b>	299.5	305.9	255.9	322.3	330.0	353.6
<b>Current Account (% of GDP)</b>	9.8	9.7	8.0	9.3	9.0	8.7
<i>(end period)</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>3 Month Interest Rate, % per annum</b>	1.69	1.63	1.43	2.42	2.90	3.50
<b>10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum</b>	3.00	2.11	2.53	3.25	3.73	4.18
<b>Yield Differential</b>	1.31	0.48	1.10	0.83	0.83	0.68
<b>Nkr per Euro Exchange Rate</b>	8.360	8.657	8.512	8.074	8.139	8.180
<b>Sweden</b>						
<i>(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>	1.3	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.0
<b>Private Consumption</b>	1.9	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.0
<b>Gross Fixed Investment</b>	-0.4	4.4	4.5	5.1	3.5	2.8
<b>Industrial Production</b>	-4.3	-1.6	1.7	2.8	2.7	2.6
<b>Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)</b>	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.3	6.9	6.7
<b>Consumer Prices</b>	0.0	-0.2	1.0	2.2	2.3	2.1
<b>Current Account (annual total, Skr bn)</b>	274.1	222.2	218.7	220.1	206.3	219.5
<b>Current Account (% of GDP)</b>	7.3	5.8	5.5	5.2	4.8	4.9
<i>(end period)</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>3 Month Interest Rate, % per annum</b>	0.94	0.34	0.44	2.30	3.17	3.77
<b>10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum</b>	2.53	1.41	1.87	3.60	4.02	4.22
<b>Yield Differential</b>	1.59	1.07	1.43	1.30	0.85	0.45
<b>Skr per Euro Exchange Rate</b>	8.850	9.239	8.993	8.750	8.723	8.670

Note: forecasts = consensus (mean average).



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