DHL GLOBAL TRADE BAROMETER – GERMANY
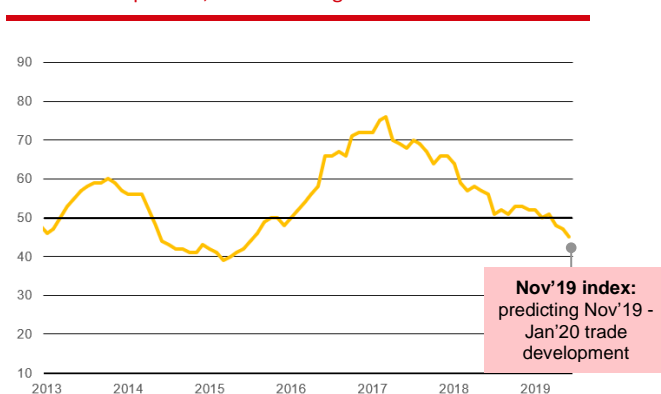
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German trade expected to further decrease over next three months

Key findings:

- German trade outlook remains negative, dropping by -3 points to 45.

- GTB forecasts a protracted slowdown for the coming three months.

- Air trade falls significantly by -7 points to 45, indicating a further slight decline.

- Ocean trade outlook remains unchanged at 45 points, indicating further decline at constant pace.

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Index 2013 – present, 50 = no change

Nov'19 index: predicting Nov'19 - Jan'20 trade development

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Indexes – latest three months

	Sep'19	Oct'19	Nov'19
Germany Trade	48	47	45
✈ Air Trade	52	46	45
⚓ Ocean Trade	45	47	45

The DHL Global Trade Barometer forecasts a further slowdown of the overall German trade, decreasing -3 points to 45 compared to the last update in September. The slowdown is solely attributed to the deceleration in air trade dropping -7 points to 45. The outlook for ocean trade stagnates below the 50-points-threshold of no growth at an index of 45.

The decline in air trade outlook relates to dwindling air exports. Air exports of Capital Equipment & Machinery, Land Vehicles & Parts and High Technology abate into deflation. However, exports of Basic and Industrial Raw Materials and Chemicals & Products are expected to grow moderately – albeit at a slower pace. Air imports are lifted by a positive growth outlook for Land Vehicles & Parts, Basic Raw Materials and Machinery Parts, offsetting the expected decline of Chemicals & Products and the Consumer Fashion Goods air imports.

The outlook for ocean trade is aggravated by the weakening ocean exports. Faltering exports of Capital Equipment & Machinery and Land Vehicles & Parts offset the mild growth expected for Machinery Parts and Basic Raw Materials. Ocean imports are also predicted to decelerate as Land Vehicles & Parts and Consumer Fashion Goods continue to weigh on the ocean trade outlook.

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Sector development – latest three months

	Sep	Oct	Nov
Basic Raw Materials	49	50	51
Capital Equip. & Machinery	44	27	24
Chemicals & Products	57	58	49
Consumer Fashion Goods	27	28	30
High Technology	53	49	47
Industrial Raw Materials	52	53	51
Land Vehicles & Parts	29	30	28
Machinery Parts	57	57	54
Personal & Household Goods	49	50	47

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About the DHL Global Trade Barometer:

The DHL Global Trade Barometer an early indicator for the current state and future development of global trade. It is based on import and export data for a number of intermediates and early-cycle commodities that serve as the basis for further industrial production. Sources for the index are aggregated market data from air and containerized ocean freight from seven countries (China, South Korea, Germany, India, Japan, UK, USA), which account for more than 75 percent of world trade. These data are evaluated using artificial intelligence and various statistical methods and compressed to a single index value that represents the weighted average of the current growth and the upcoming two months of trade. The index, which was designed in cooperation with Accenture, is published four times a year by DHL on a global scale as well as for each of the seven countries surveyed.

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