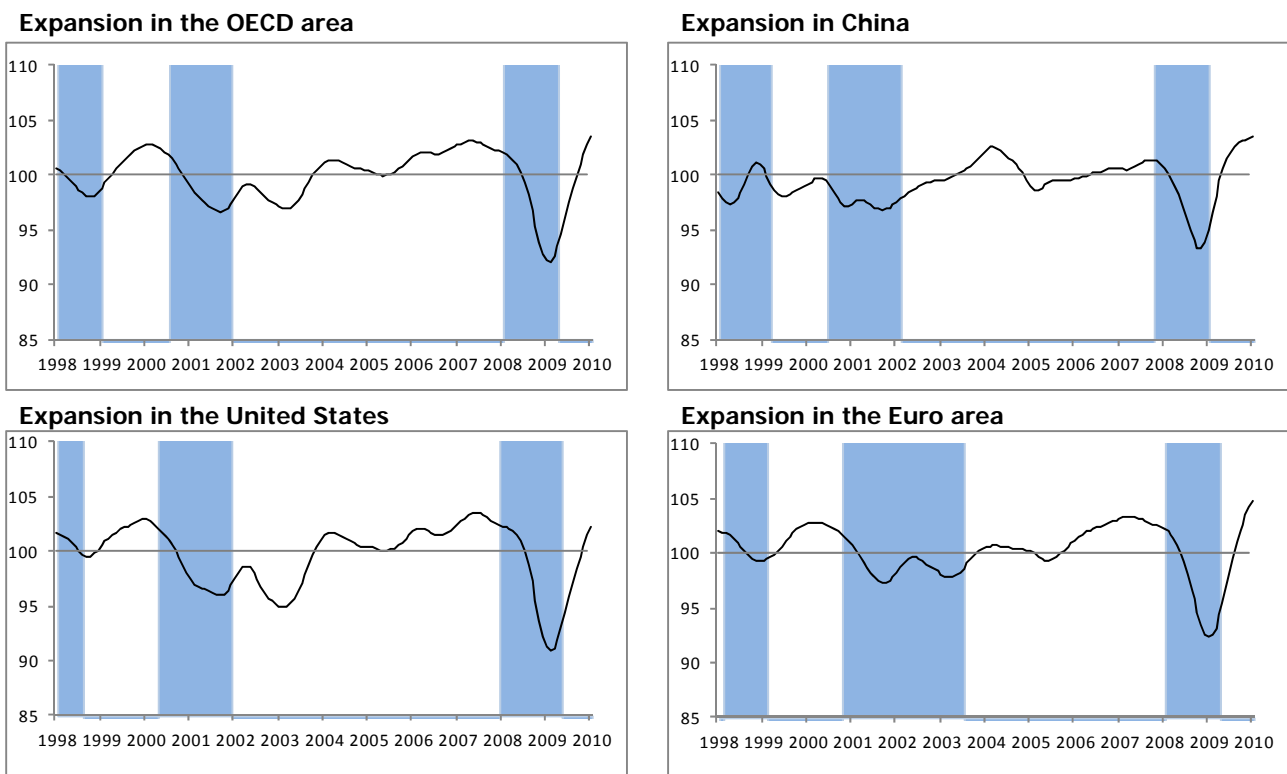


OECD composite leading indicators continue to signal expansion in economic activity

OECD composite leading indicators (CLIs) in January 2010 continue to signal an improvement in economic activity for the G7 countries although only marginally more so than in the assessment for December. The CLIs for Brazil and India point to a recovery, which may nevertheless lose momentum. By contrast, economic activity is projected to continue to expand in China and Russia.

The CLI for the **OECD area** increased by 0.8 point in January 2010 and was 11.3 points higher than in January 2009, the increase was spread evenly among CLIs of the **United States** (increase of 11.0 points year-on-year), the **Euro area** (12.5 points higher) and **Japan** (10.7 points higher). The CLI for **China** increased by a mere 0.1 point in January 2010 compared with the previous month.



The above graphs show for each country the outlook for economic activity based on the CLIs. CLIs attempt to indicate turning points in economic activity approximately six months in advance. Shaded areas represent observed downswings (measured from peak to trough) in the de-trended industrial production (the reference series for economic activity).

Methodological Notes:

The CLI methodological notes are available at: <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/22/47/44728410.pdf>

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CLI data is available at: http://stats.oecd.org/wbos/default.aspx?datasetcode=MEI_CLI

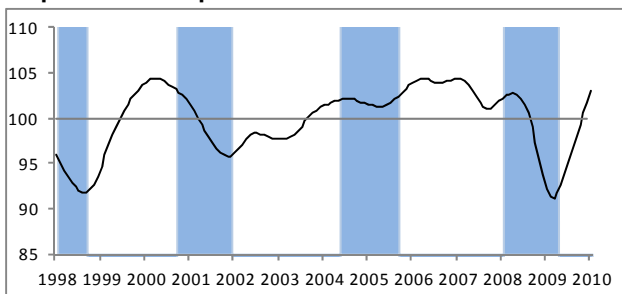
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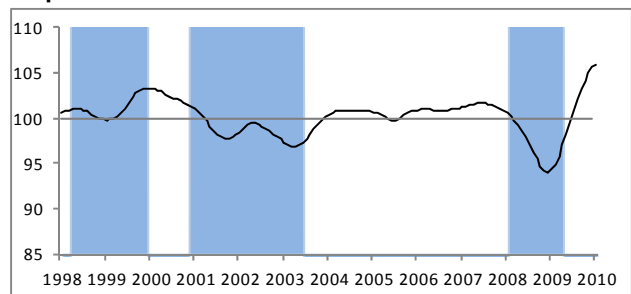
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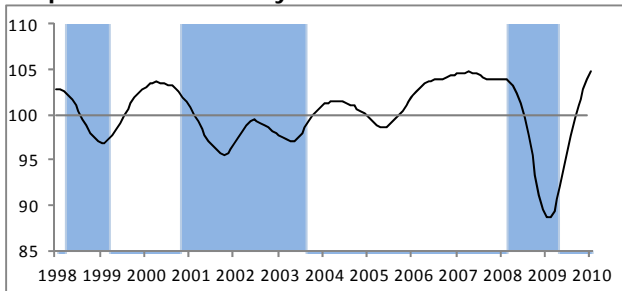
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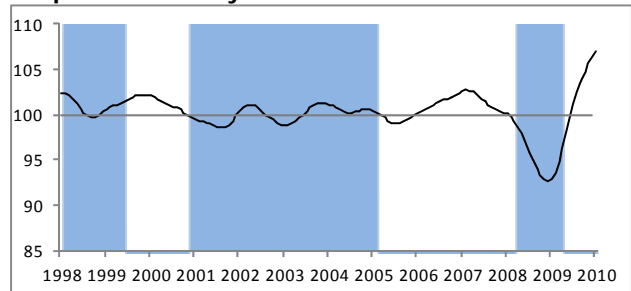
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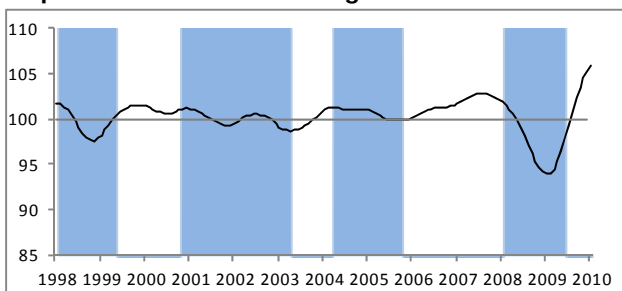
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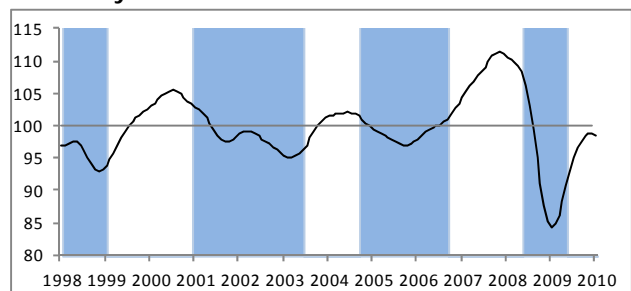
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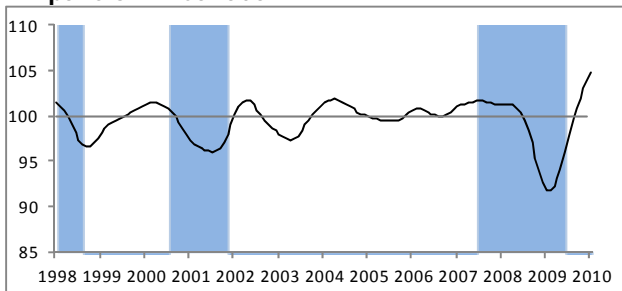
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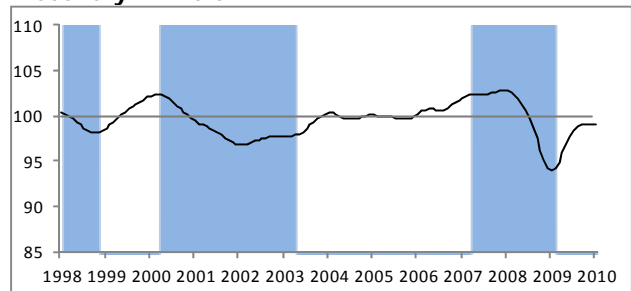
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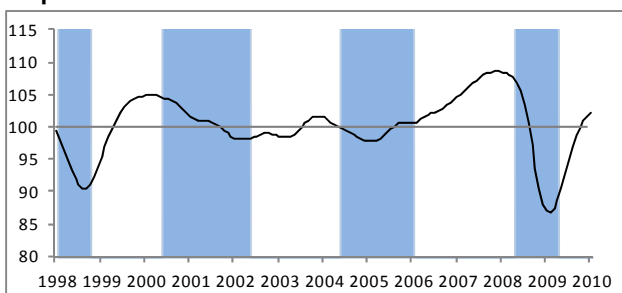
Expansion in Canada



Recovery in India



Expansion in Russia



Note: The horizontal line 100 shows the long-term trend in industrial production (the reference series). *Expansion* denotes a CLI increasing above 100; *downturn* a CLI decreasing but still above 100; *slowdown* a CLI decreasing below 100; *recovery* a CLI increasing but below 100.

Table 1: Composite Leading Indicators

	Deviation from trend, amplitude adjusted (long term average =100)					Change from previous month (points)					Year on Year change (points)	Growth cycle outlook**
	2009		2010			2009		2010			Latest month	
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan		
OECD Area	99.9	101.0	101.9	102.8	103.6	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	11.3	expansion
Euro Area	101.4	102.5	103.4	104.2	104.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	12.5	expansion
Major Five Asia*	101.2	101.7	102.1	102.5	102.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	8.9	expansion
Major Seven	99.6	100.8	101.8	102.8	103.6	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	11.9	expansion
Canada	100.7	101.9	103.0	103.9	104.8	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	13.0	expansion
France	103.2	104.2	105.0	105.6	105.9	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.3	11.6	expansion
Japan	98.0	99.3	100.5	101.7	103.0	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	10.7	expansion
Germany	100.3	101.7	102.9	103.9	104.7	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.9	16.0	expansion
Italy	103.9	104.9	105.7	106.4	107.1	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	14.2	expansion
United Kingdom	102.3	103.5	104.5	105.3	105.9	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6	12.0	expansion
United States	98.4	99.4	100.5	101.4	102.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	11.0	expansion
Brazil	97.6	98.4	98.8	98.8	98.6	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.0	-0.2	14.2	recovery
China	102.9	103.1	103.2	103.3	103.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	8.4	expansion
India	98.9	99.0	99.1	99.1	99.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1	5.1	recovery
Russia	98.7	100.0	101.1	101.7	102.1	1.8	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.4	15.1	expansion

* China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Korea.

** Growth cycle phases of the CLI are defined as follows: expansion (increase above 100), downturn (decrease above 100), slowdown (decrease below 100), recovery (increase below 100).

Table 2: Historical Performance of CLI and Recent Cyclical Turning Points in the Reference Series

	CLI Historical Performance			Recent confirmed Turning Point dates in the reference series					
	Lead (+) / Lag (-) at all turning points			Dates marked with (P) are provisional turning points					
	start year	mean	st. dev.	peak	trough	peak	trough	peak	trough
OECD Area	1961	6	3.5	Aug 2000	Jan 2002			Feb 2008 P	May 2009 P
Euro Area	1963	7	3.1	Nov 2000	Jul 2003			Mar 2008 P	May 2009 P
Major Five Asia*	1982	6	6.0	Aug 2000	Dec 2001	May 2004 P	Jun 2005 P	Feb 2008 P	Mar 2009 P
Major Seven	1959	6	3.7	Aug 2000	Jan 2002			Mar 2008 P	May 2009 P
Canada	1956	8	3.7	Aug 2000	Nov 2001			Aug 2007 P	Jun 2009 P
France	1962	7	4.9	Dec 2000	Jul 2003			Feb 2008 P	Apr 2009 P
Japan	1959	6	4.5	Sep 2000	Dec 2001			Mar 2008 P	Apr 2009 P
Germany	1961	5	4.0	Nov 2000	Jul 2003			Mar 2008 P	May 2009 P
Italy	1973	7	5.8	Dec 2000			Feb 2005 P	Mar 2008 P	May 2009 P
United Kingdom	1958	7	5.2	Sep 2000	Apr 2003	Apr 2004	Aug 2005 P	Feb 2008 P	Jun 2009 P
United States	1955	5	3.4	May 2000	Dec 2001			Feb 2008 P	May 2009 P
Brazil	1989	5	2.3	Jan 2001	Jun 2003	Oct 2004	Aug 2006 P	May 2008 P	Apr 2009 P
China	1983	5	5.3	Jul 2000	Jan 2002			Dec 2007 P	Feb 2009 P
India	1994	5	5.6	May 2000	Apr 2003			Apr 2007 P	Jan 2009 P
Russia	1993	3	2.7	Jun 2000	Jul 2002	Jun 2004	Sep 2005 P	Apr 2008 P	May 2009 P

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P= provisional