

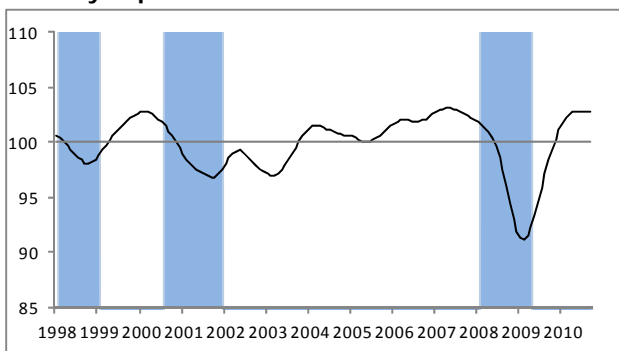
OECD composite leading indicators point to diverging growth patterns in major economies

OECD composite leading indicators (CLIs) for September 2010 point to diverging patterns of economic growth across major economies.

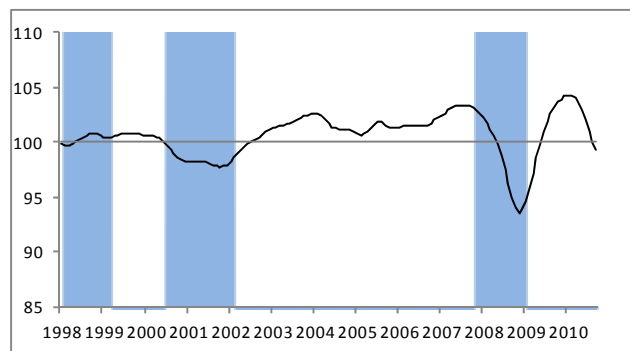
The CLIs show signs of continuing expansion in **Germany, Japan, the United States and Russia**, while pointing to a moderate downturn in **Canada, France, India, Italy and the United Kingdom**.

The CLIs for **Brazil and China** continue to point strongly downwards, edging below the long term trend and implying that the level of industrial production will fall below its longer-term trend in these two economies.

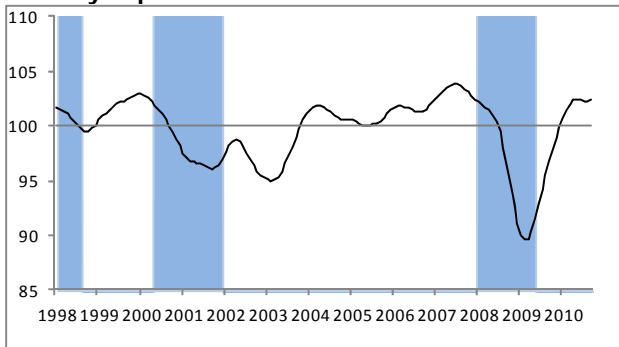
Steady expansion in the OECD area



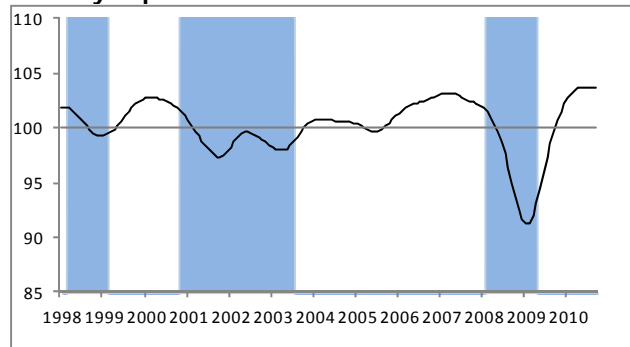
Slowdown in China



Steady expansion in the United States



Steady expansion in the Euro area



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>

Access data:

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

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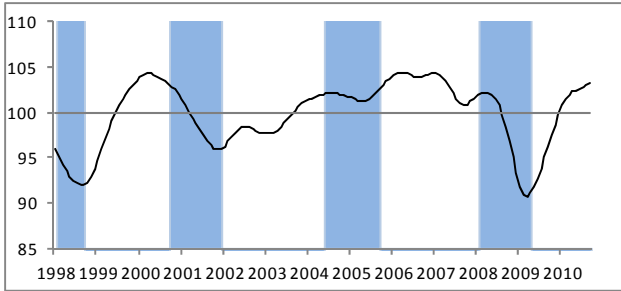
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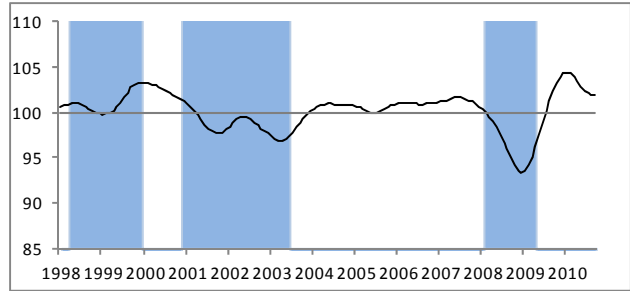
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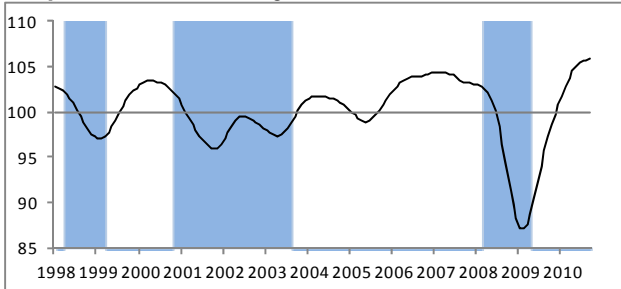
Expansion in Japan



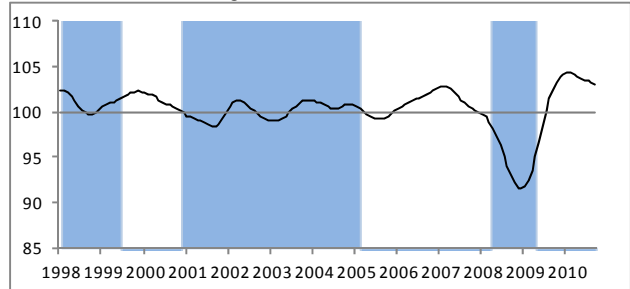
Downturn in France



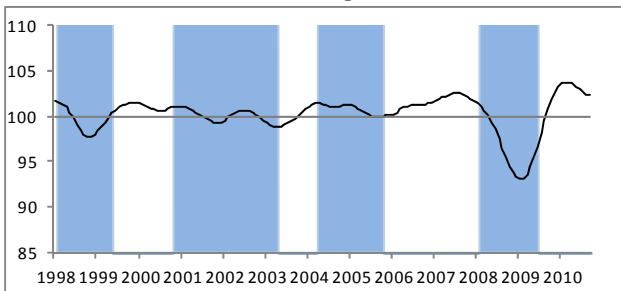
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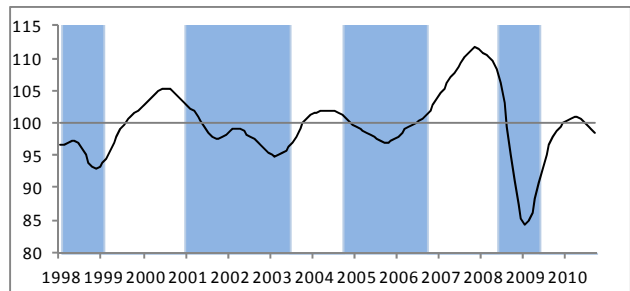
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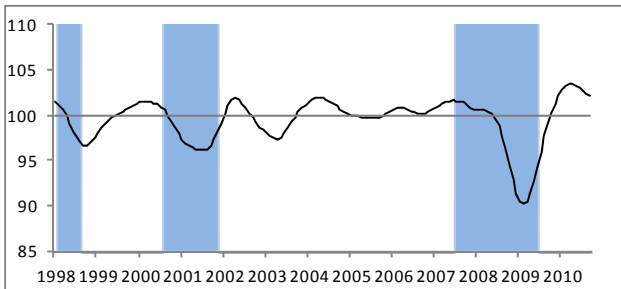
Downturn in the United Kingdom



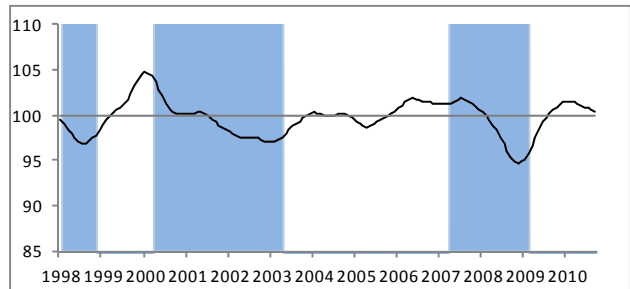
Slowdown in Brazil



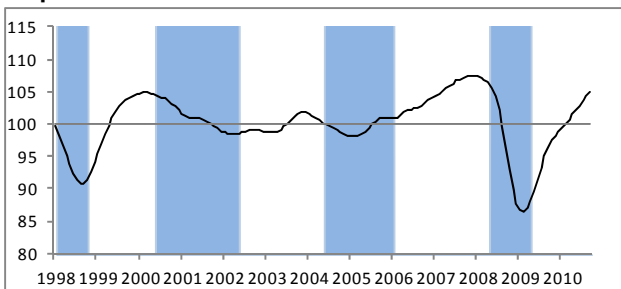
Downturn in Canada



Downturn 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

	Ratio to trend, amplitude adjusted (long term average =100)					Change from previous month (points)					Year on Year change (points)	Growth cycle outlook**	
	2010					2010							Latest month
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep			
OECD Area	102.9	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	Steady expansion	
Euro Area	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	Steady expansion	
Major Five Asia*	102.4	101.9	101.4	101.0	100.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	Downturn	
Major Seven	103.0	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	4.9	Steady expansion	
Canada	103.3	103.0	102.6	102.3	102.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	2.9	Downturn	
France	102.9	102.4	102.1	102.0	101.9	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5	Downturn	
Japan	102.5	102.6	102.8	103.0	103.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	6.9	Expansion	
Germany	105.1	105.5	105.7	105.8	105.8	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	8.6	Expansion	
Italy	103.7	103.6	103.4	103.2	103.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	Downturn	
United Kingdom	103.3	103.0	102.7	102.5	102.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	1.5	Downturn	
United States	102.4	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	5.6	Steady expansion	
Brazil	100.5	100.1	99.5	99.0	98.6	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	0.8	Slowdown	
China	103.0	102.0	100.9	100.0	99.3	-0.6	-1.0	-1.1	-0.9	-0.7	-4.0	Slowdown	
India	101.1	100.9	100.7	100.6	100.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	Downturn	
Russia	102.1	102.8	103.5	104.2	104.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	8.5	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). CLI data for 29 OECD member countries and 6 OECD non-member economies available at: http://stats.oecd.org/wbos/default.aspx?datasetcode=MEI_CLI

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

	CLI Historical Performance			Recent Turning Point dates in the reference series					
	Lead 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*	1983	8	5.8	Aug 2000	Dec 2001	May 2004 P	Jun 2005 P	Jan 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	1990	6	4.9	Jul 2000	Jan 2002			Jan 2008 P	Feb 2009 P
India	1994	4	2.7	May 2000	Apr 2003			Mar 2007 P	Feb 2009 P
Russia	1993	3	2.3	Jun 2000	Jul 2002	Jun 2004	Sep 2005 P	Apr 2008 P	May 2009 P

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P= provisional