

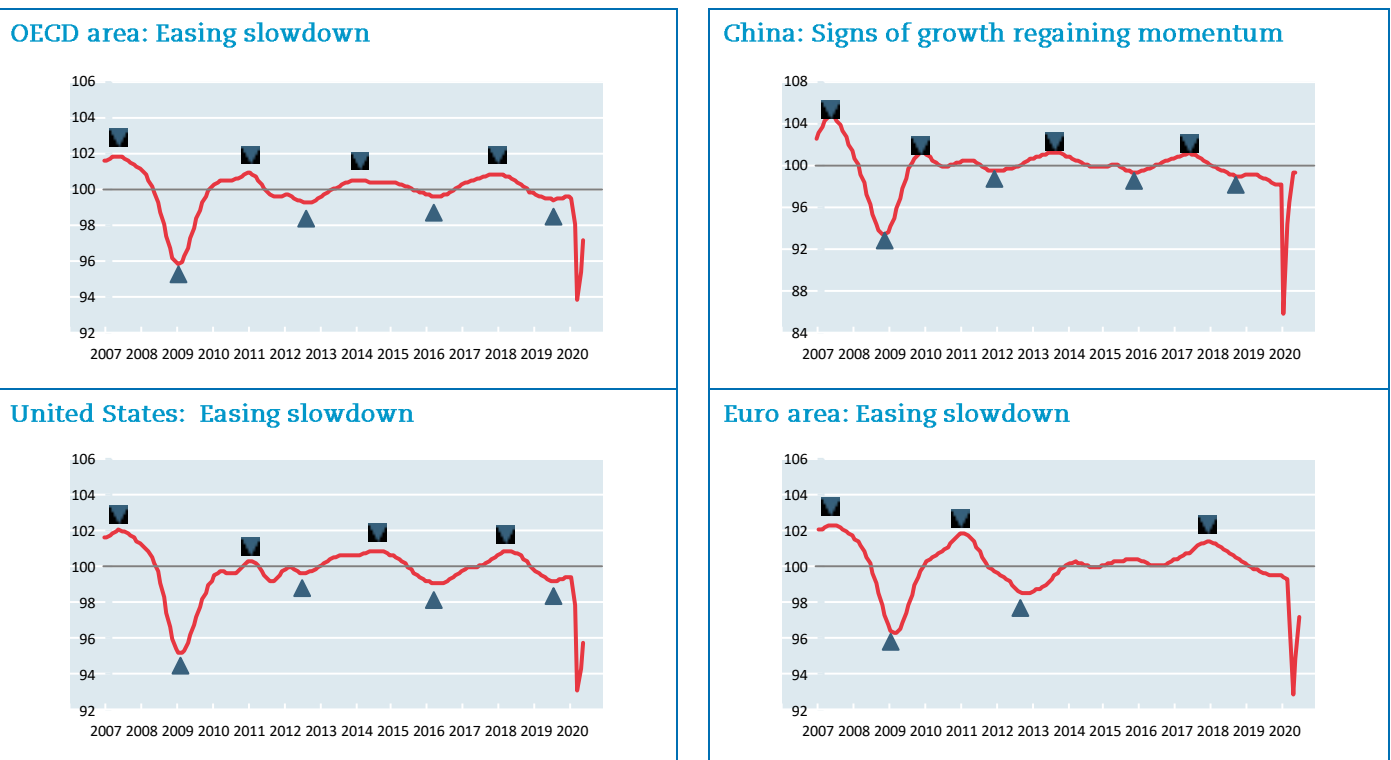
OECD CLIs BEGIN TO RECOVER FROM CRISIS-LOWS BUT REMAIN BELOW LONG-TERM TRENDS

Composite leading indicators (CLIs) point to a significant improvement from the unprecedented slowdown reached at the height of the current crisis in April but the recovery remains fragile, as uncertainty persists around the possibility of future lockdowns.

CLIs rebounded strongly in most OECD large economies, as restrictions related to Covid-19 have gradually eased and uncertainty reduced, but they remain below the levels recorded prior to the coronavirus outbreak and well below long-term trends.

Similar patterns are visible among major emerging economies, with the CLI in China in particular, where the crisis hit first, returning above pre-crisis levels, albeit below long-term trends. However, in India, the CLI remains close to the crisis low.

However, it should be noted that, in the current circumstances, the CLIs should be interpreted with care as considerable uncertainty surrounding the impact of current lock-downs and transitions out of lock-downs remains. As always, the magnitude of the CLI decline should not be regarded as a measure of the degree of contraction in economic activity, but rather as an indication of the strength of the signal.



The above graphs show country specific composite leading indicators (CLIs). Turning points of CLIs tend to precede turning points in economic activity relative to trend by approximately six months. The horizontal line at 100 represents the trend of economic activity. Shaded triangles mark confirmed turning-points of the CLI. Blank triangles mark provisional turning-points that may be reversed.



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Data for 33 OECD member countries and 6 OECD non-member economies are available at: http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=MEI_CLI

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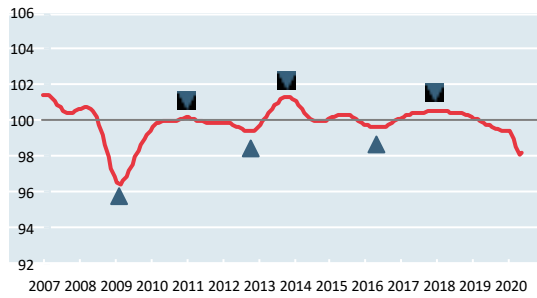
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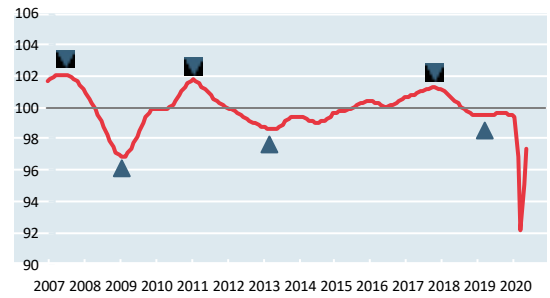
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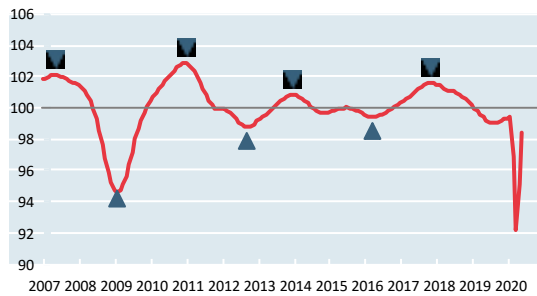
Japan: Signs of easing slowdown



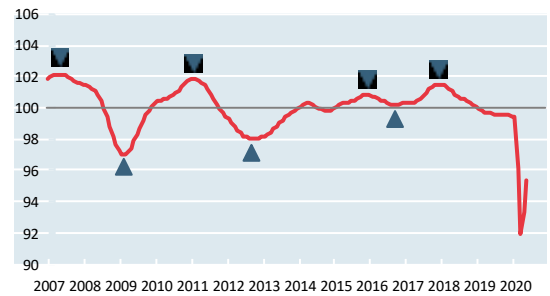
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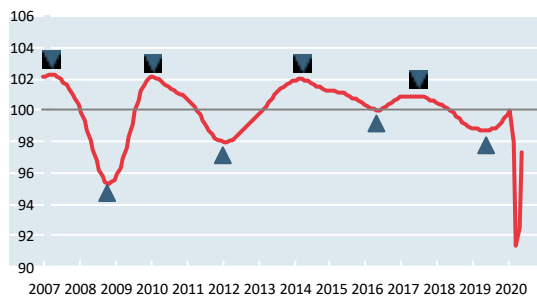
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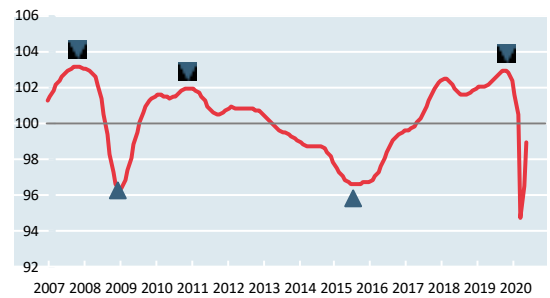
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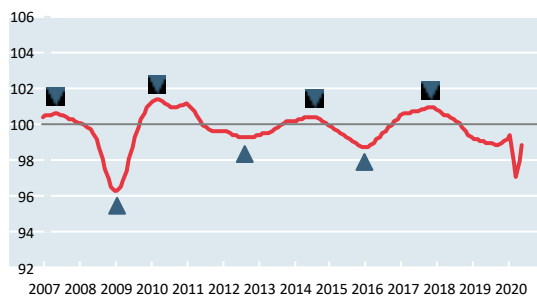
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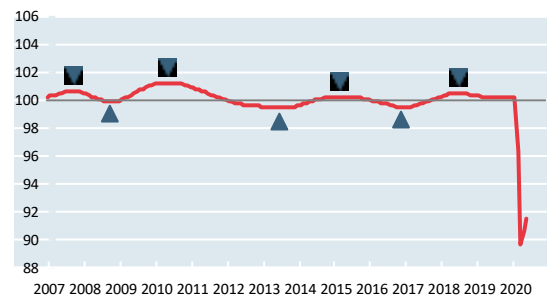
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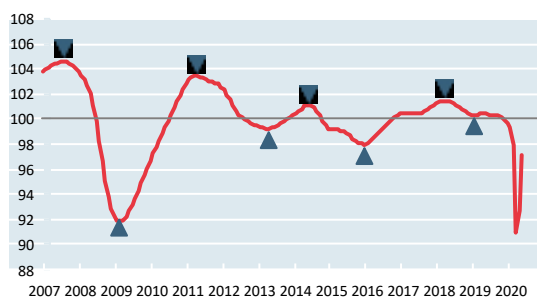
Canada: Easing slowdown



India: Signs of easing slowdown



Russia: Easing slowdown



The graphs show country specific composite leading indicators (CLIs) solid line, left axis and the relative month-on-month growth rate, right axis). Turning points of CLIs tend to precede turning points in economic activity relative to trend by six to nine months. The horizontal line at 100 represents the trend of economic activity. Shaded triangles mark confirmed turning-points of the CLI. Blank triangles mark provisional turning-points that may be reversed.

Table 1: Composite Leading Indicators*

	Ratio to trend, amplitude adjusted (long term average =100)					Month on Month change (%)					Year on Year change (%)	Growth cycle outlook	Memorandum item
	2020					2020					Latest month		Last month's growth cycle outlook (when different from current assessment)
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun			
OECD Area	99.5	98.0	93.8	95.3	97.1	-0.05	-1.53	-4.22	1.60	1.88	-2.34	Easing slowdown	
Euro Area	99.3	97.1	92.9	94.8	97.2	-0.10	-2.24	-4.35	2.06	2.53	-2.48	Easing slowdown	
Major Five Asia**	92.1	95.6	95.0	96.9	97.1	-6.95	3.84	-0.64	1.97	0.23	-2.36	Easing slowdown	
Major Seven	99.5	97.7	93.6	94.9	96.7	0.01	-1.72	-4.19	1.38	1.85	-2.67	Easing slowdown	
Canada	99.4	97.9	97.1	97.9	98.9	0.24	-1.52	-0.87	0.89	0.95	-0.14	Easing slowdown	
France	99.4	96.8	92.2	95.0	97.3	-0.08	-2.56	-4.83	3.09	2.45	-2.19	Easing slowdown	
Japan	99.4	99.0	98.6	98.1	98.2	-0.02	-0.35	-0.47	-0.49	0.11	-1.61	Signs of easing slowdown	
Germany	99.4	96.9	92.2	95.1	98.4	0.08	-2.55	-4.87	3.18	3.41	-0.88	Easing slowdown	
Italy	99.4	96.2	92.0	93.4	95.4	-0.09	-3.22	-4.37	1.52	2.15	-4.28	Easing slowdown	
United Kingdom	100.0	98.0	91.4	92.4	97.4	0.28	-2.08	-6.70	1.14	5.34	-1.41	Easing slowdown	
United States	99.4	97.8	93.1	94.3	95.7	-0.03	-1.58	-4.87	1.37	1.45	-3.62	Easing slowdown	
Brazil	101.6	100.5	94.7	96.4	98.9	-0.68	-1.12	-5.74	1.80	2.56	-3.29	Easing slowdown	
China***	85.8	94.3	96.5	99.3	99.3	-12.56	9.94	2.35	2.87	0.04	0.40	Signs of growth regaining momentum	
India	100.1	96.2	89.5	90.5	91.4	0.01	-3.89	-6.98	1.14	0.99	-8.69	Signs of easing slowdown	
Russia	99.4	97.9	90.9	92.7	97.2	-0.36	-1.41	-7.18	1.95	4.82	-3.24	Easing slowdown	

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Please note that CLI estimates for Hungary, New Zealand and Norway could not be updated this month

** China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Korea.

*** The reference series for China is the value added of industry, at 1995 constant prices, 100 million Yuan.