

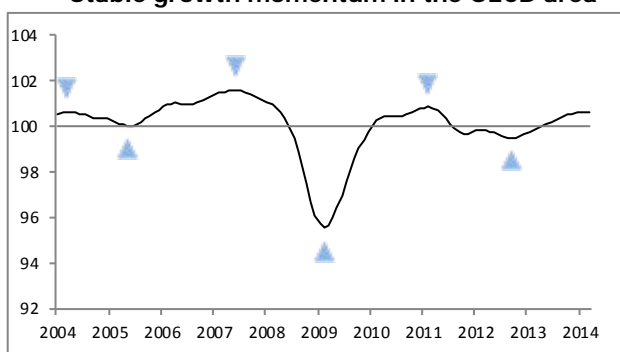
Composite leading indicators point to weakening growth in major emerging economies but stable growth momentum in most OECD countries

Composite leading indicators (CLIs), designed to anticipate turning points in economic activity relative to trend, point to weakening growth in major emerging economies. CLIs point to growth below trend in **Brazil, China** and **India**, and to growth losing momentum in **Russia**.

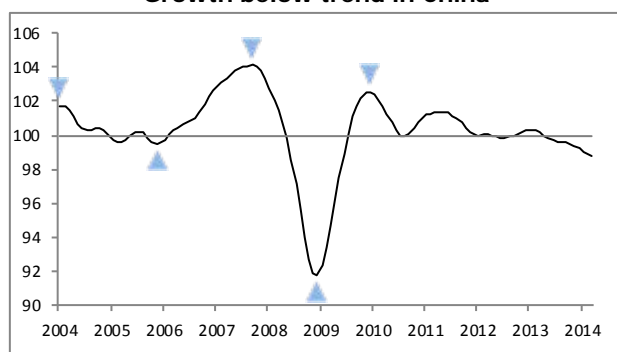
For the **OECD** as a whole, and for the **United States, Canada** and **Japan**¹, CLIs point to stable growth momentum. The same is true for the **United Kingdom**, where the CLI indicates that the growth momentum is stabilising at above-trend rates.

In the **Euro Area** as a whole, and in **Italy**, CLIs continue to indicate a positive change in momentum. In **Germany** and **France**, CLIs point to stable growth momentum.

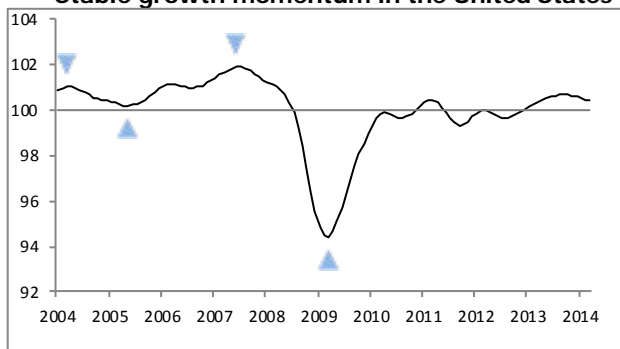
Stable growth momentum in the OECD area



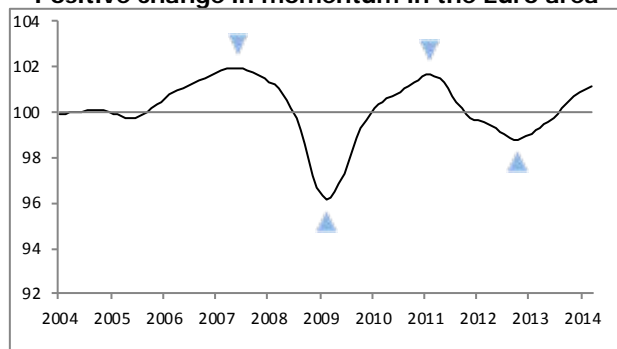
Growth below trend in China



Stable growth momentum in the United States



Positive change in momentum in the Euro area



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Methodological Notes:

The CLI methodological notes are available at: www.oecd.org/std/leading-indicators/44728410.pdf

Watch our video explaining the CLIs: [HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?FEATURE=PLAYER_EMBEDDED&V=UY8iPW0GVao](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=UY8iPW0GVao)

Access data: http://stats.oecd.org/wbos/default.aspx?datasetcode=MEI_CLI

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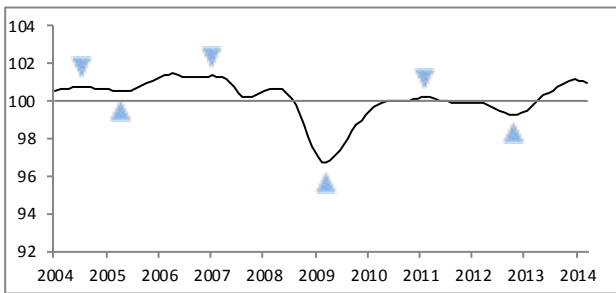
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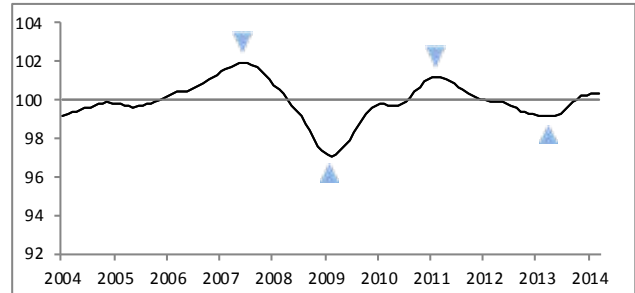
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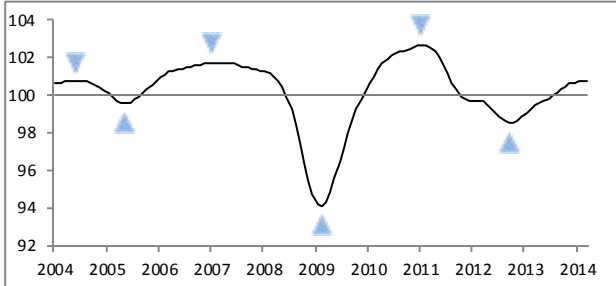
Stable growth momentum in Japan²



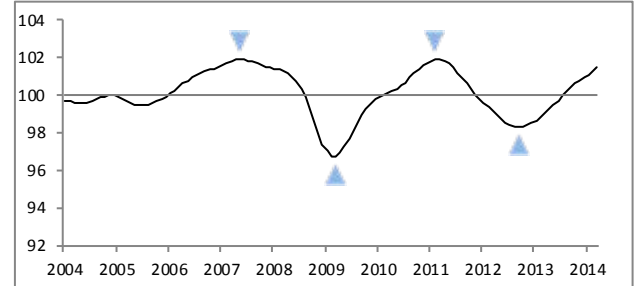
Stable growth momentum in France



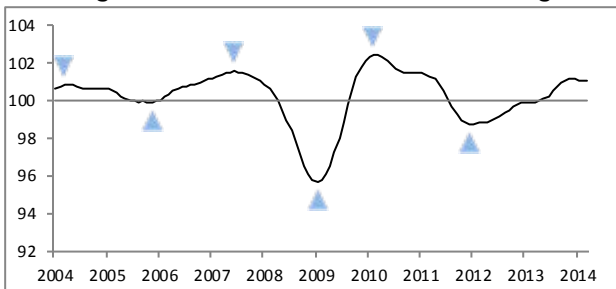
Stable growth momentum in Germany



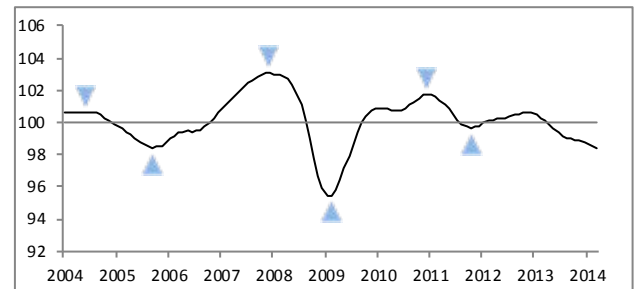
Positive change in momentum in Italy



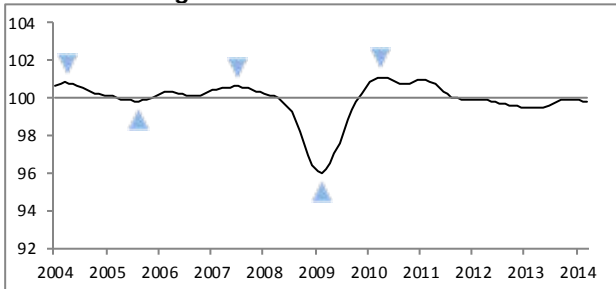
Stable growth momentum in the United Kingdom



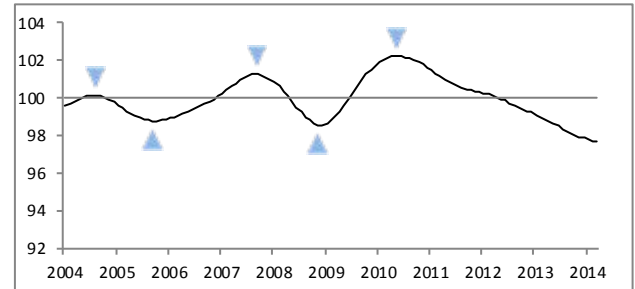
Growth below trend in Brazil



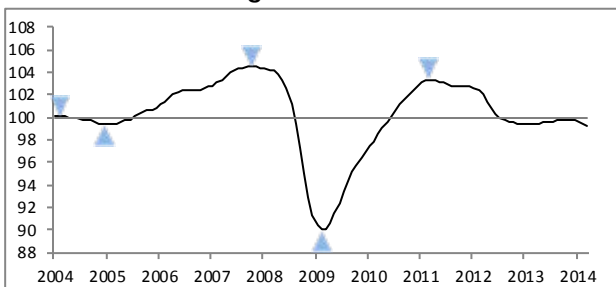
Stable growth momentum in Canada



Growth below trend in India



Growth losing momentum in Russia



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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
	2013		2014			2013		2014				
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
OECD Area	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.65	stable growth momentum
Euro Area	100.7	100.9	101.0	101.1	101.2	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.10	0.08	1.85	positive change in momentum
Major Five Asia*	99.5	99.4	99.3	99.2	99.1	-0.06	-0.09	-0.11	-0.11	-0.07	-0.80	stable growth momentum
Major Seven	100.7	100.7	100.7	100.7	100.6	0.04	0.00	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	0.66	stable growth momentum
Canada	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.8	0.01	-0.03	-0.05	-0.04	-0.03	0.34	stable growth momentum
France	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.4	100.4	0.12	0.09	0.06	0.03	0.02	1.25	stable growth momentum
Japan	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.1	101.0	0.09	0.04	-0.01	-0.05	-0.06	1.07	stable growth momentum
Germany	100.6	100.7	100.8	100.8	100.8	0.13	0.09	0.06	0.02	-0.01	1.32	stable growth momentum
Italy	100.8	100.9	101.1	101.3	101.5	0.16	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.19	2.47	positive change in momentum
United Kingdom	101.1	101.2	101.1	101.1	101.0	0.07	0.01	-0.03	-0.05	-0.04	1.06	stable growth momentum
United States	100.6	100.6	100.5	100.4	100.4	-0.03	-0.06	-0.08	-0.05	-0.01	0.11	stable growth momentum
Brazil	98.8	98.7	98.6	98.5	98.4	-0.07	-0.10	-0.12	-0.12	-0.10	-1.69	growth below trend
China	99.4	99.3	99.1	98.9	98.8	-0.09	-0.16	-0.19	-0.19	-0.11	-1.37	growth below trend
India	97.9	97.9	97.8	97.7	97.7	-0.10	-0.08	-0.07	-0.06	-0.05	-1.21	growth below trend
Russia	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.4	99.2	-0.03	-0.10	-0.17	-0.20	-0.20	-0.29	growth losing momentum

* China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Korea.

**CLI data for 33 OECD member countries and 6 OECD non-member economies are available at:

http://stats.oecd.org/wbos/default.aspx?datasetcode=MEI_CLI