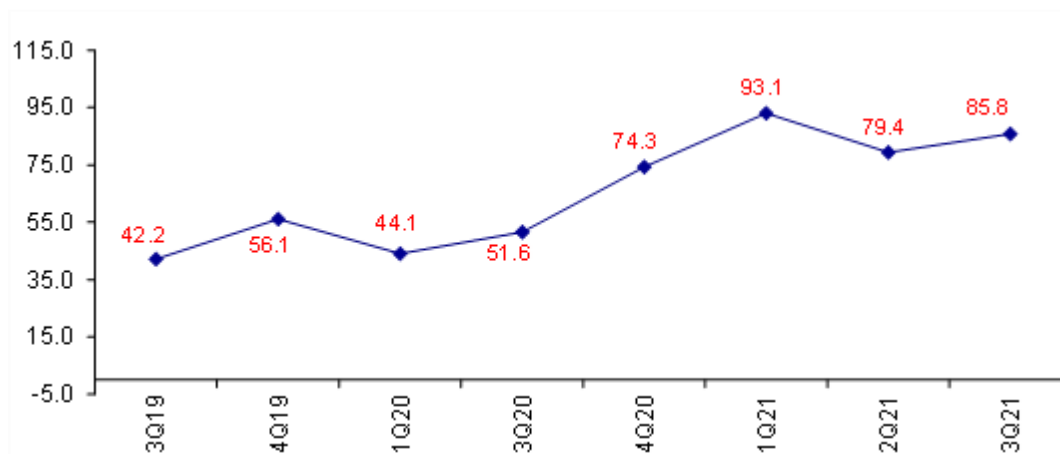


Business Outlook Still Positive

Connector Confidence Index is positive at 85.8 in spite of rising inflation, product shortages and a GDP decline in China.

World Connector Confidence Index (WCCI) >50.0 = Positive



The **World Connector Confidence Index (WCCI)** is the average of all responses for “present situation,” and “future expectations.”

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Present Business Expectations

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Industry personnel were asked, “What is your appraisal of current business conditions (positive, negative, neutral)?”

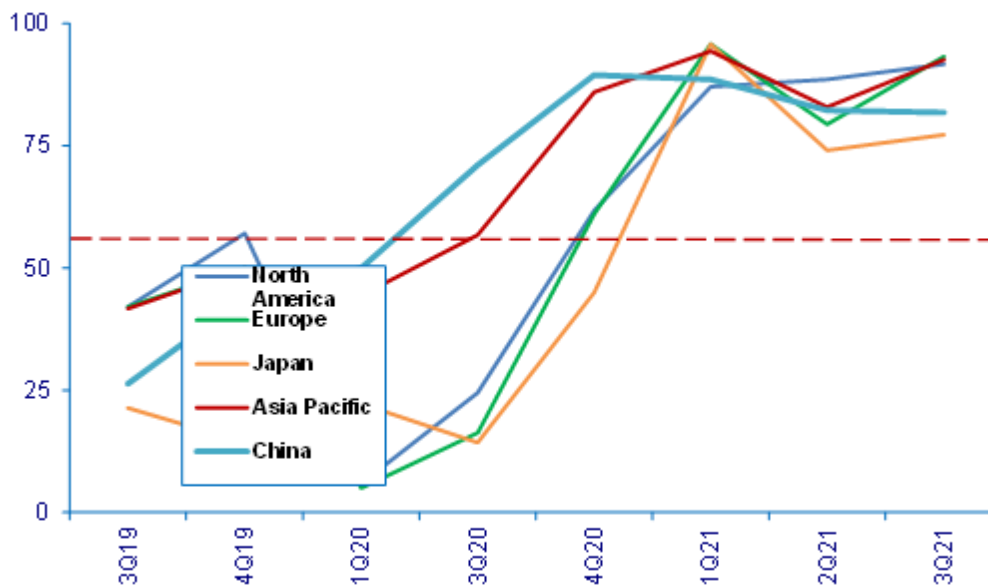
Present Situation Index – 87.8

	3Q19	4Q19	1Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	42.1	57.1	5.9	24.5	61.8	87.1	88.6	91.7	+	↑
Europe	42.1	50.0	5.0	16.3	61.1	95.8	79.4	93.3	+	↑
Japan	21.4	14.3	22.2	14.3	45.0	95.8	74.1	77.3	+	↑
Asia	41.7	50.0	44.4	56.8	86.0	94.4	82.9	92.6	+	↑
China	26.3	43.8	50.0	71.1	89.5	88.6	82.3	81.8	+	↓
World	34.9	45.9	20.9	37.6	71.9	92.0	81.8	87.8	+	↑
Confidence	-	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑		
Trend		↑	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑		

All regions were positive about present business conditions. China was the only region that dropped, but only slightly.

Present Situation Index

>50.0 = Positive



Future Expectations

Industry personnel were asked, “What is your expectation of future business conditions six months from now (positive, negative, or neutral)?”

Future Expectations Index – 83.7

Region	3Q19	4Q19	1Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	50.0	68.8	62.5	53.8	73.9	92.9	80.6	88.2	+	↑
Europe	42.1	64.7	31.3	50.0	70.0	89.3	78.1	82.8	+	↑
Japan	40.0	42.9	53.8	48.5	50.0	100.0	68.0	81.0	+	↑
Asia	64.3	78.6	85.7	80.9	85.7	96.9	79.4	85.7	+	↑
China	52.9	58.8	77.8	78.6	87.8	93.8	76.5	79.3	+	↑
World	49.4	64.8	62.4	63.6	76.5	94.2	77.0	83.7	+	↑
Confidence	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Trend		↑	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑		

All regions rose in confidence from the 2nd quarter.

Future Expectations Index

(>50.0 = Positive)

