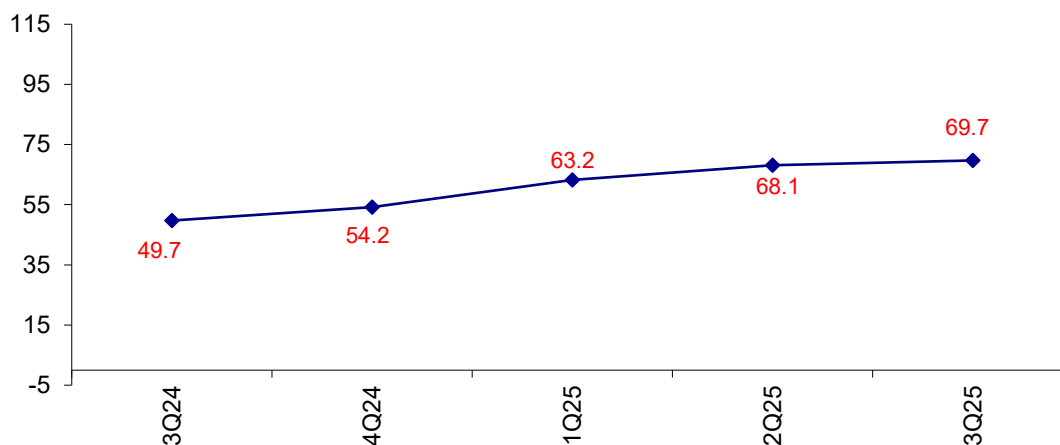


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Confidence in Future Business Rises

The Connector Confidence Index for the 3rd quarter is 69.7, about the same as the second quarter at 68.1.

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

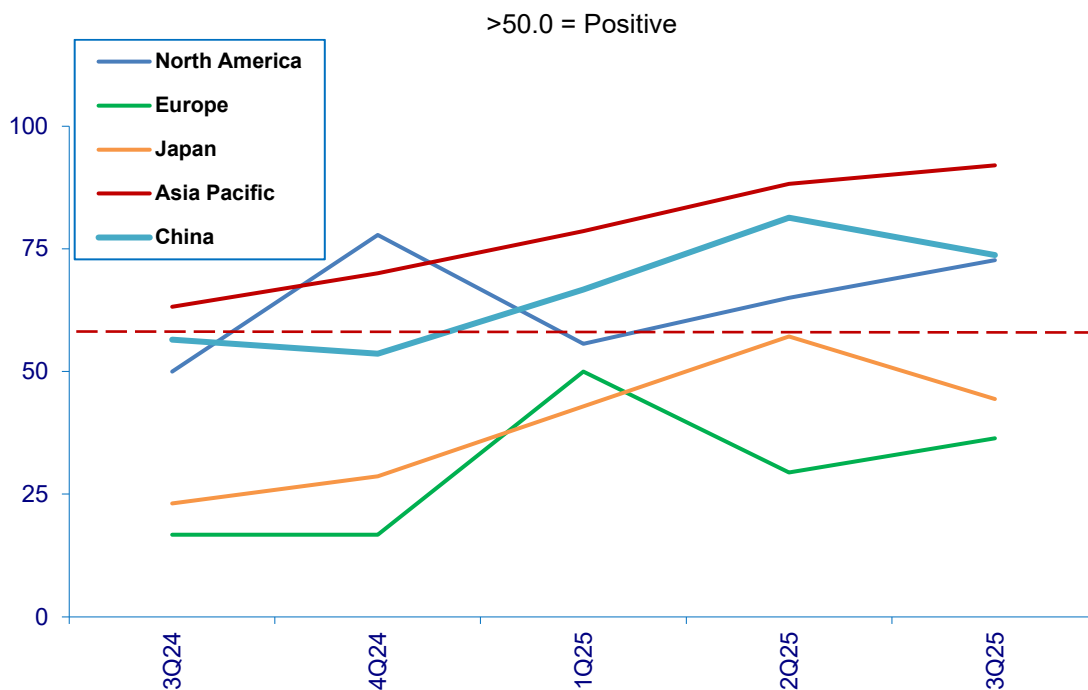
Industry personnel were asked, "What is your appraisal of current business conditions (positive, negative, neutral)?"

Present Situation Index – 65.1

	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	50.0	77.8	55.6	65.0	72.7	+	↑
Europe	16.7	16.7	50.0	29.4	36.4	-	↑
Japan	23.1	28.6	42.9	57.1	44.4	-	↓
Asia	63.2	70.0	78.6	88.2	92.0	+	↑
China	56.5	53.6	66.7	81.3	73.7	+	↓
World	43.7	43.7	44.7	58.4	65.1	+	↑
Confidence	-	-	-	+	+		
Trend		↑	↑	↑	↑		

The present confidence level is positive at 65.1. Japan and China have dropped in confidence.

Present Situation Index



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 – 73.9

	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	61.5	76.9	62.5	73.7	66.7	+	↓
Europe	37.5	50.0	62.5	46.7	64.0	+	↑
Japan	44.4	57.9	60.0	61.5	64.3	+	↑
Asia	77.8	81.8	81.3	100.0	96.2	+	↓
China	54.5	55.2	73.3	75.0	74.9	+	↓
World	56.5	63.5	67.9	72.2	73.9	+	↑
Confidence	+	+	+	+	+		
Trend		↑	↑	↑	↑		

Japan rose in future confidence, and Europe also rose, but with much more confidence about the future.

Future Expectations Index

(>50.0 = Positive)

