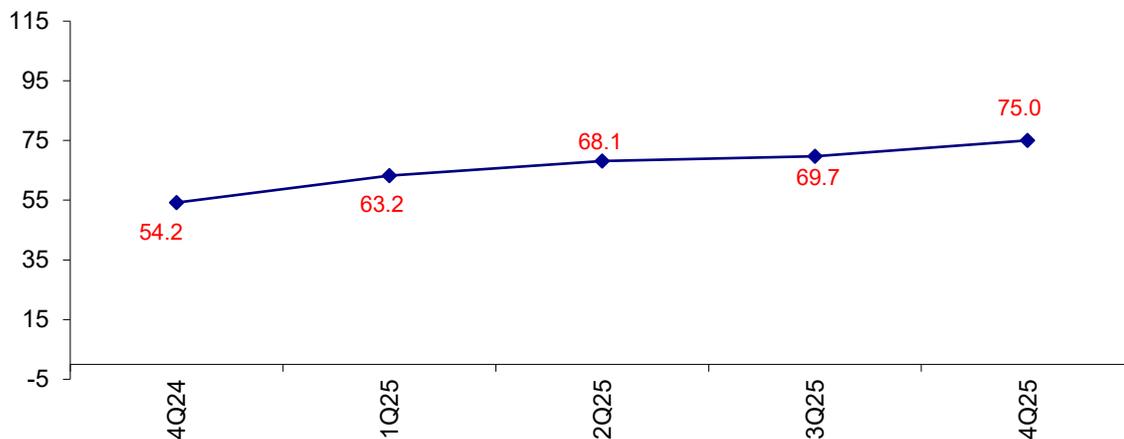


Business Is Good Confidence Trend Rises

The Connector Confidence Index for the 4th quarter of 2025 is 75.0 up from 3rd quarter at 69.7.

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)?"

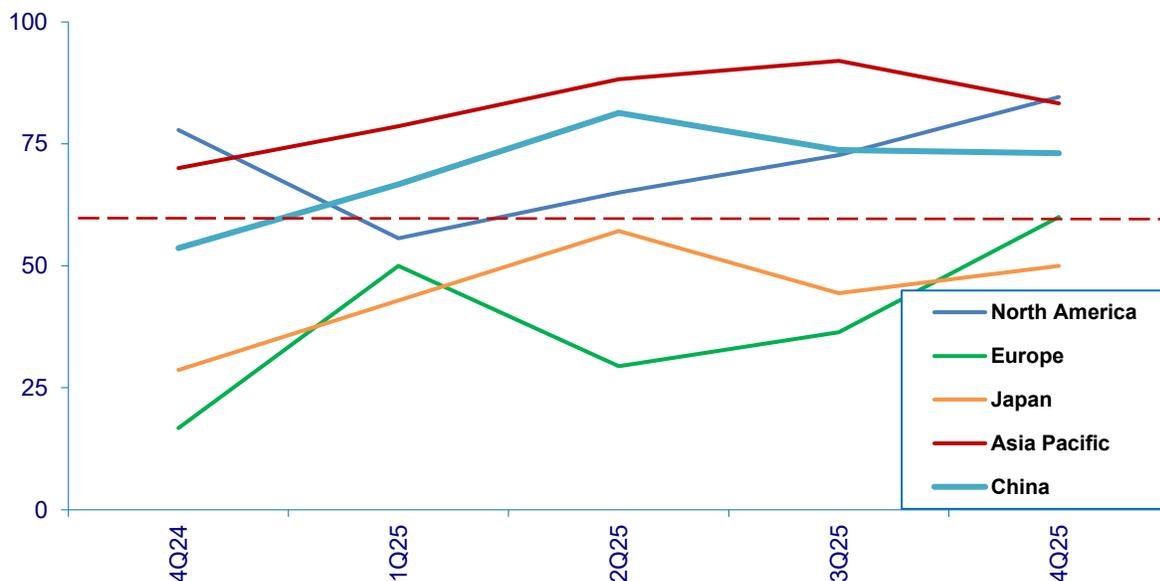
Present Situation Index – 71.9

	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	77.8	55.6	65.0	72.7	84.6	+	↑
Europe	16.7	50.0	29.4	36.4	60.0	+	↑
Japan	28.6	42.9	57.1	44.4	50.0	+	Neu
Asia	70.0	78.6	88.2	92.0	83.3	+	↑
China	53.6	66.7	81.3	73.7	73.1	+	↓
World	43.7	44.7	58.4	65.1	71.9	+	↑
Confidence	-	-	+	+	+		
Trend		↑	↑	↑	↑		

All regions, except China, rose in confidence in present business conditions. Basically, China was just about the same as last quarter.

Present Situation Index

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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 – 78.0

	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	76.9	62.5	73.7	66.7	86.2	+	↑
Europe	50.0	62.5	46.7	64.0	73.9	+	↑
Japan	57.9	60.0	61.5	64.3	63.2	+	↓
Asia	81.8	81.3	100.0	96.2	87.5	+	↓
China	55.2	73.3	75.0	74.9	73.9	+	↓
World	63.5	67.9	72.2	73.9	78.0	+	↑
Confidence	+	+	+	+	+		
Trend		↑	↑	↑	↑		

North America and Europe rose in future confidence. Japan and China stayed about the as the 3rd quarter.

Future Expectations Index

(>50.0 = Positive)

