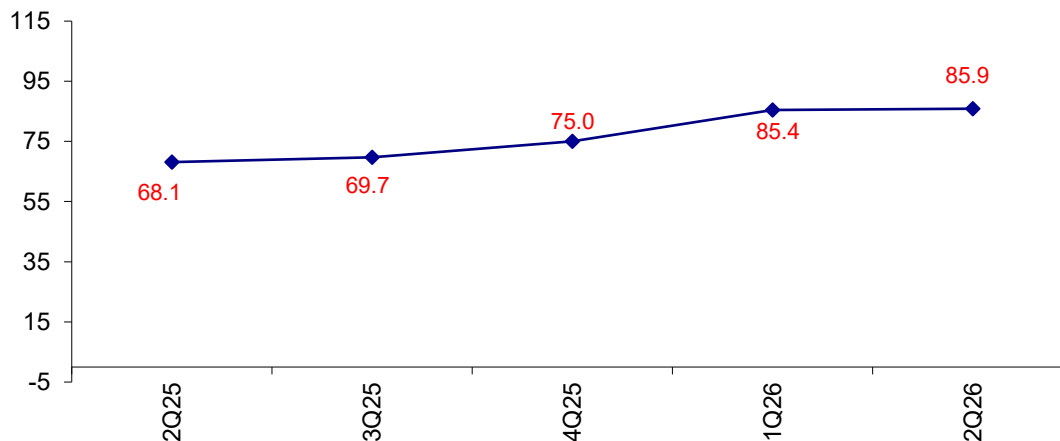


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Business is Excellent And Confidence is High

The Connector Confidence Index for the 2nd quarter of 2026 is 85.9.

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)?"

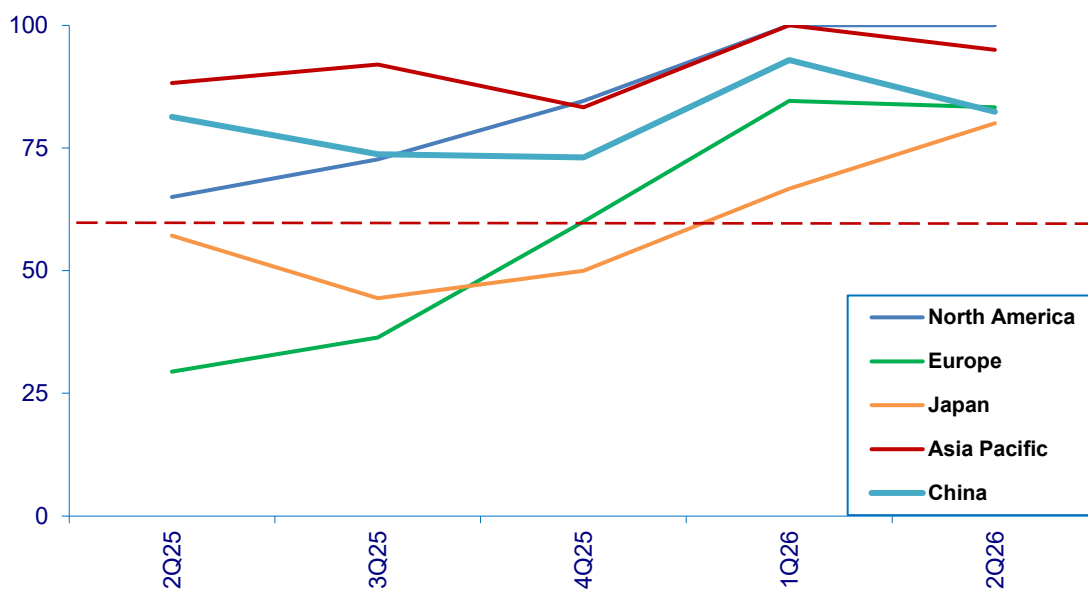
Present Situation Index – 89.4

	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	65.0	72.7	84.6	100.0	100.0	+	Same
Europe	29.4	36.4	60.0	84.6	83.3	+	↓
Japan	57.1	44.4	50.0	66.7	80.0	+	↑
Asia	88.2	92.0	83.3	100.0	95.0	+	↓
China	81.3	73.7	73.1	92.9	82.4	+	↓
World	58.4	65.1	71.9	89.4	89.4	+	Same
Confidence	-	+	+	+	+		
Trend		↑	↑	↑	Same		

North America was again at 100.0. Japan was the only region that was higher than 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 – 82.4

	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	73.7	66.7	86.2	93.3	91.0	+	↓
Europe	46.7	64.0	73.9	70.0	71.4	+	↑
Japan	61.5	64.3	63.2	64.3	71.4	+	↑
Asia	100.0	96.2	87.5	92.3	89.5	+	↓
China	75.0	74.9	73.9	83.3	81.3	+	↓
World	72.2	73.9	78.0	81.3	82.4	+	↑
Confidence	+	+	+	+	+		
Trend		↑	↑	↑	↑		

All regions are positive in future business conditions.

Future Expectations Index

(>50.0 = Positive)

