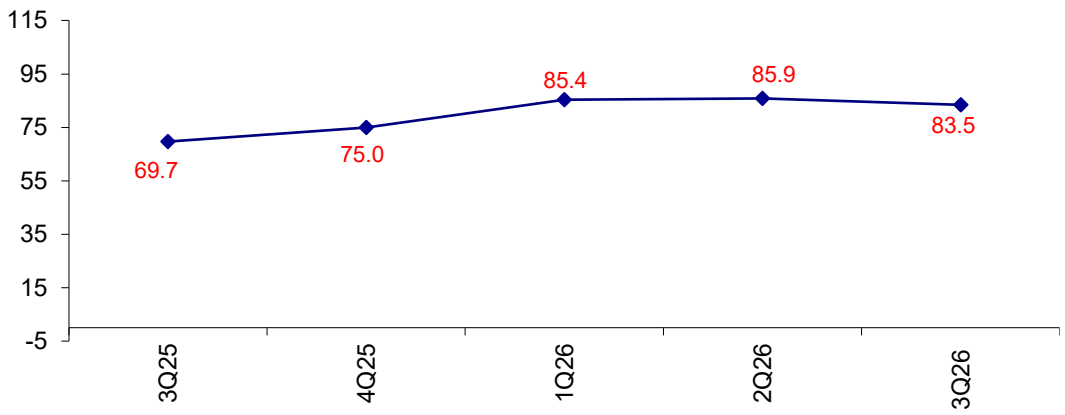
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Connector Confidence Continues to Remain Positive

The Connector Confidence Index for the 3rd quarter of 2026 is 83.5.

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)?

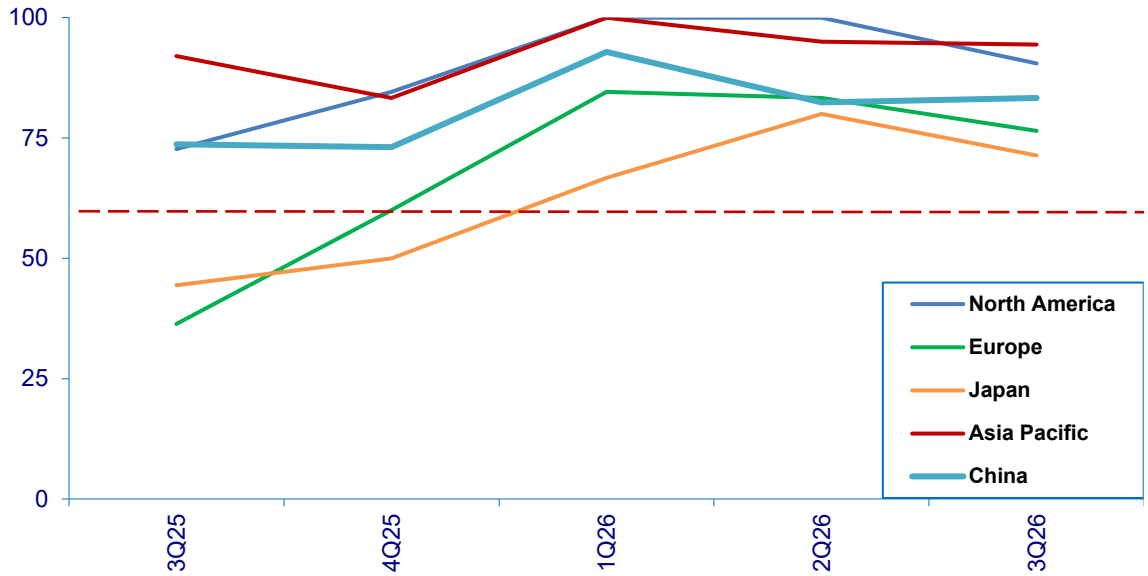
Present Situation Index – 84.1

	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26	3Q26	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	72.7	84.6	100.0	100.0	90.5	+	↓
Europe	36.4	60.0	84.6	83.3	76.5	+	↓
Japan	44.4	50.0	66.7	80.0	71.4	+	↓
Asia	92.0	83.3	100.0	95.0	94.4	+	↓
China	73.7	73.1	92.9	82.4	83.3	+	↑
World	**65.1**	**71.9**	**89.4**	**89.4**	**84.1**	+	↓
Confidence	+	+	+	+	+		
Trend	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓		

All regions are slightly lower in confidence for the 3rd quarter, except China.

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 – 83.0

	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26	3Q26	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	66.7	86.2	93.3	91.0	91.3	+	↑
Europe	64.0	73.9	70.0	71.4	75.0	+	↑
Japan	64.3	63.2	64.3	71.4	69.2	+	↓
Asia	96.2	87.5	92.3	89.5	89.5	+	Same
China	74.9	73.9	83.3	81.3	82.6	+	↑
World	**73.9**	**78.0**	**81.3**	**82.4**	**83.0**	+	↑
Confidence	+	+	+	+	+		
Trend		↑	↑	↑	↑		

Japan was the only region that was down in confidence for the future. Asia remained the same.

Future Expectations Index

(>50.0 = Positive)

