

# Global @dvisor

#### The Economic Pulse of the World

Citizens in 24 Countries Assess the Current State of their Country's Economy for a Total Global Perspective







A Global @dvisory – April 2012 – G@31 The Economic Pulse

### These are the findings of the *Global @dvisor* Wave 31 (G@31), an Ipsos survey conducted between March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

#### **SURVEY METHOD**

 The survey instrument is conducted monthly in 24 countries around the world via the Ipsos Online Panel system.

#### COUNTRIES

 The countries reporting herein are Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States of America

#### **SAMPLE**

 For the results of the survey presented herein, an international sample of 18,775 adults age 18-64 in the US and Canada, and age 16-64 in all other countries, were interviewed. Approximately 1000+ indi∨iduals participated on a country by country basis via the Ipsos Online Panel with the exception of Argentina, Belgium, Indonesia, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden and Turkey, where each have a sample approximately 500+. In this wave (G@31), 500 individuals from Portugal also participated in the survey.

#### WEIGHTING

 Weighting was then employed. to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to the most recent country Census data, and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. A survey with an unweighted probability sample of this size and a 100% response rate would have an estimated margin of error of +/-3.1 percentage points for a sample of 1,000 and an estimated margin of error of +/-4.5 percentage points 19 times out of 20 per country of what the results would have been had the entire population of adults in that country had been polled. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error. and measurement error.



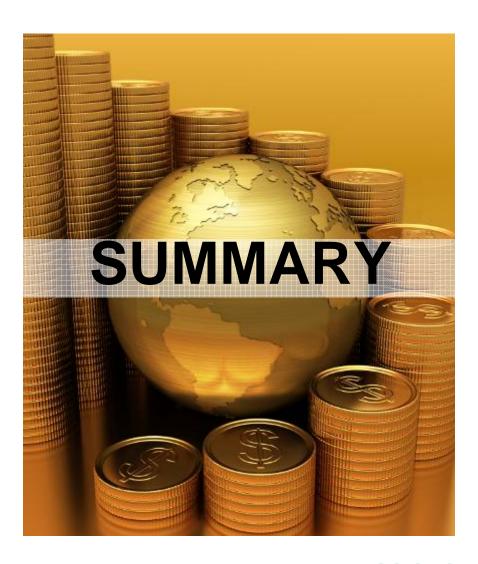
#### **Analytic Components...**

There are three analytic components that make up the findings of this monthly Economic Pulse report. Each question is tracked and analyzed from questions dealing with:

### **1.1** The currently perceived macroeconomic state of the respondent's country:

- Thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in [insert country]? Is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?
- ② The currently perceived state of the local economy:
- Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy.
- **③ A six month outlook for the local economy:**
- Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?







#### Summary...

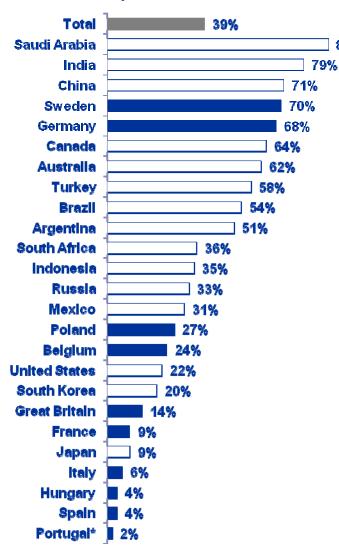
- This month's average global citizen assessment of their national economy stands at 39% who think it is "good": the slow-moving pendulum, that swung up one point, down one point for the better part of 2011, now maintains a standstill that has lasted for the past three waves.
- Underneath this layer of seeming inertia, regional variations persist. The world's fastest developing regions appear to have slowed down this month with the Middle East and Africa (-2 points to 61%) and Latin America (-1 to 45%) being the only regions to show declines. No change is witnessed in the Asia-Pacific region (44%) while modest improvements are reported in North America (+1 to 43%) and even struggling Europe (+2 to 25%).
- Citizens' <u>predictions</u> of whether they think their <u>local economy</u> will be "stronger", "weaker" or "about the same" six months from now <u>have skipped up two points</u>
   (26%) <u>agreeing it will be stronger</u>, the highest it has been since around this time last year (26%). All regions reflect improvements on this measure.



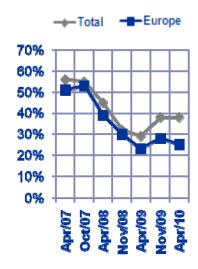
#### A Look at Europe

89%





- The global aggregate continues to be dragged down by Europe, despite a two-point improvement this wave to 25% saying the current economic situation in their country is 'good.' Most European countries sit at the bottom of the 24 countries surveyed.
- In April 2007, European economic confidence assessments (51%) sat close to the global average 56%). It shadowed the global aggregate over the next two years, as many countries slipped during the global economic recession.



But the crisis formed a gap between Europe and the world that would persist to present day. In January 2010 the European sentiment (28%) was ten points weaker that the 24 country total (38%) and now in March 2012 the gap has widened to 14 points (Europe 25%, total 39%).

<sup>\*</sup>Portugal was not in G@ aggregate







### Global Average of National Economic Assessment (39%) remains stagnant

- The average global economic assessment of national economies surveyed in 24 countries is <u>unchanged since the last sounding with 39% reporting current economic conditions in their country are "good".</u>
- Saudi Arabia is once again showing the strongest (89%) rating of its national economic assessment, followed by India (79%), China (71%) and Sweden (70%).
- Only 2% in Portugal report their country's economic situation is 'good', followed by a tie between Spain (4%) and Hungary (4%), then by Italy (6%) all at the lowest levels.
- Countries with the greatest improvements: Belgium (+8 to 24%), Poland (+6 to 27%), India (+5 to 79%), Russia (+5 to 33%), Argentina (+4 to 51%) and Great Britain (+4 to 14%).
- Countries with the greatest declines: Brazil (-9 to 54%), Indonesia (-5 to 35%), South Africa (-4 to 36%), Australia (-4 to 62%), Sweden (-3 to 70%), and Germany (-3 to 68%).



### Global Average of <u>Local Economic Assessment</u> (30%) Being "Good" <u>Up One Point This Month</u>

- The global average of <u>local economic assessment being "good"</u> among the 24 countries <u>is up one point</u> this wave to <u>three in ten (30%)</u>.
- <u>Saudi Arabia (69%)</u> remains the unchallenged leader on this measure. China (59%) is a distant second, followed by India (56%) and Germany (47%). At the bottom of the rating are Portugal (5%), Spain (6%), Japan (6%), Hungary (7%) and Italy (12%).
- Countries with the greatest improvements: China (+10 to 59%), India (+5 to 56%), Belgium (+5 to 16%), Poland (+4 to 22%) and Saudi Arabia (+4 to 69%).
- Countries with the greatest declines: Australia (-3 to 43%), Brazil (-3 to 41%), Mexico (-3 to 25%) and Turkey (-4 to 37%).



#### Global Average of <u>Future Outlook for Local Economy Up</u> <u>Two Points:</u> 26%

- Citizens asked to provide their assessments on the extent to which they think their local economy will be "stronger", "weaker" or "about the same" six months from now found a global average of <u>one quarter (26%) who believe it will be "stronger</u>."
- Brazil continues to lead on this measure with seven out of ten (71%) indicating that the local economy will be stronger over next 6 months. Saudi Arabia (59%) holds a more distant second place, followed by India (57%), Argentina (47%) and Mexico (46%).
- Only a handful in France (6%), Belgium (7%), Hungary (8%) and South Korea (11%) report they expect their local economies to be stronger.
- Countries with the greatest improvements: China (+8 to 42%), Turkey (+5 to 39%), Russia (+5 to 20%) and Sweden (+5 to 17%)
- Countries with the greatest declines: Indonesia (-2 to 26%), Germany (-3 to 17%),
   South Korea (-3 to 11%) and South Africa (-5 to 16%)



# 1. National Economic Assessments: Countries at a Glance Compared to the Last Wave...

Thos	se Cou	ıntries Where th	ne C	oun	try Economic	Ass	sess	sment	
is HIGHEST this mont		has experience IMPROVEMI since last sou	ENT		has experience DECLINE since last sou	is LOWEST this month			
Saudi Arabia	89%	Belgium	<b>A</b>	8	Brazil	•	9	Spain	4%
India	79%	Poland		6	Indonesia	•	5	Hungary	4%
China	71%	India		5	South Africa	•	4	Italy	6%
Sweden	70%	Russia		5	Australia	•	4	Japan	9%
Germany	68%	Argentina	<b>A</b>	4	Sweden	•	3	France	9%
Canada	64%	Great Britain		4	Germany	•	3	Great Britain	14%
Australia	62%	South Korea	<b>A</b>	3	Saudi Arabia	•	1	South Korea	20%
Turkey	58%	United States	<b>A</b>	3	China	•	1	United States	22%
Brazil	54%	Mexico	<b>A</b>	2	Canada	•	1	Belgium	24%
		France	<b>A</b>	2					
		Hungary	<b>A</b>	1					



### 1. National Economic Assessment: Regions at a Glance Compared to the Last Wave...

REGION (in descending order by NET)	NET 'Good'	CHANGE (since last sounding)
Middle East/Africa	61%	<b>▼2</b> %
BRIC	59%	N/C
LATAM	45%	▼1%
APAC	44%	N/C
North America	43%	▲1%
G-8 Countries	28%	▲1%
Europe	25%	▲2%



# 2. Local Economic Assessment: Countries at a Glance Compared to the Last Wave...

#### Those Countries Where the Local Area Economic Assessment...

is HIGHEST this month		has experience IMPROVEMI since last sou	ENT		has experien DECLINE since last sou	is LOWEST this month			
Saudi Arabia	69%	China		10	Turkey	▼	4	Spain	6%
China	59%	India		5	Mexico	▼	3	Japan	6%
India	56%	Belgium		5	Brazil	$\blacksquare$	3	Hungary	<b>7</b> %
Germany	47%	Poland		4	Australia	•	3	Italy	12%
Sweden	46%	Saudi Arabia		4	Canada	$\blacksquare$	2	France	15%
Canada	44%	Great Britain		3	Spain	•	1	South Korea	16%
Australia	43%	South Africa		3	Indonesia	$\blacksquare$	1	Belgium	16%
Brazil	41%	Russia		2	Germany	•	1	Great Britain	18%
		France		2	United States	$\blacksquare$	1		
		Argentina		1					
		Hungary		1					
		South Korea		1					
		Sweden		1					



# 2. Local Economic Assessment: Regions at a Glance Compared to the Last Wave...

REGION (in descending order by NET)	NET 'Strong' Top 3 Box (5-6-7)	CHANGE (since last sounding)
BRIC	45%	<b>▲4</b> %
Middle East/Africa	45%	▲1%
North America	34%	▼1%
APAC	33%	<b>▲2</b> %
LATAM	32%	▼2%
G-8 Countries	24%	▲1%
Europe	21%	▲2%



### 3. Six Month Outlook on the Local Economy: Countries at a Glance Compared to the Last Wave...

#### Countries where the Assessment of the Local Economic Strengthening ...

is HIGHEST this month		has experience IMPROVEM since last sou	ENT	•	has experie DECLIN since last so	<b>IE</b>	is LOWEST this month			
Brazil	71%	China		8	South Africa	•	5	France	6%	
Saudi Arabia	59%	Russia		5	South Korea	_	3	Belgium	<b>7</b> %	
India	<b>57</b> %	Sweden		5	Germany	•	3	Hungary	8%	
Argentina	47%	Turkey		5	Indonesia	_	2	South Korea	11%	
Mexico	46%	Mexico		4				Japan	12%	
China	42%	Japan		4				<b>Great Britain</b>	12%	
Turkey	39%	Argentina		4				Poland	15%	
		<b>Great Britain</b>		3				South Africa	16%	
		Poland		3				Australia	16%	
		Spain		3						
		Brazil		2						
		Saudi Arabia		2						
		Belgium		2						
		Hungary		2						
		France		2						
		Canada		2						
		India		1						



# 3. Six Month Outlook on Local Economy: Regions at a Glance Compared to Last Wave...

REGION (in descending order by NET)	NET 'Stronger'	CHANGE (since last sounding)
LATAM	54%	▲3%
BRIC	47%	▲3%
Middle East/Africa	38%	▲1%
APAC	26%	▲1%
North America	24%	▲1%
G-8 Countries	17%	<b>^2</b> %
Europe	13%	<b>^2</b> %



### **DETAILED FINDINGS**



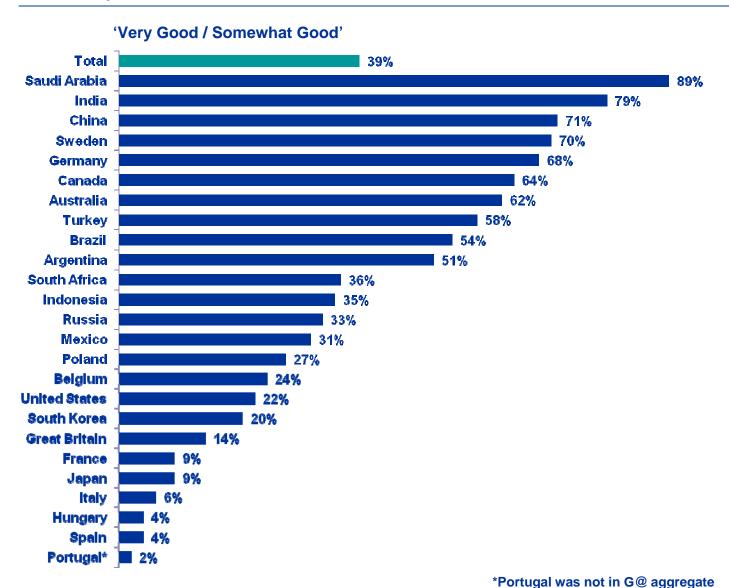
# **1** Assessing The Current Economic Situation ...

...in Their Country





### Global Citizens Assess the <u>Current Economic Situation</u> in their Country as "Good"



Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in [insert country]? Is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?

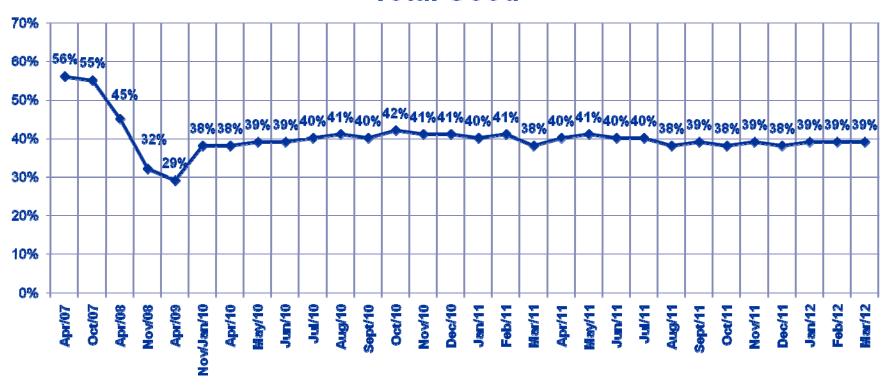
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### Global Average Tracked - Global Citizens Assess the Current Economic Situation in their Country as "Good":...



#### **Total Good**





#### For All Countries Tracked: Citizens Assess the Current Economic Situation in their Country as "Good"

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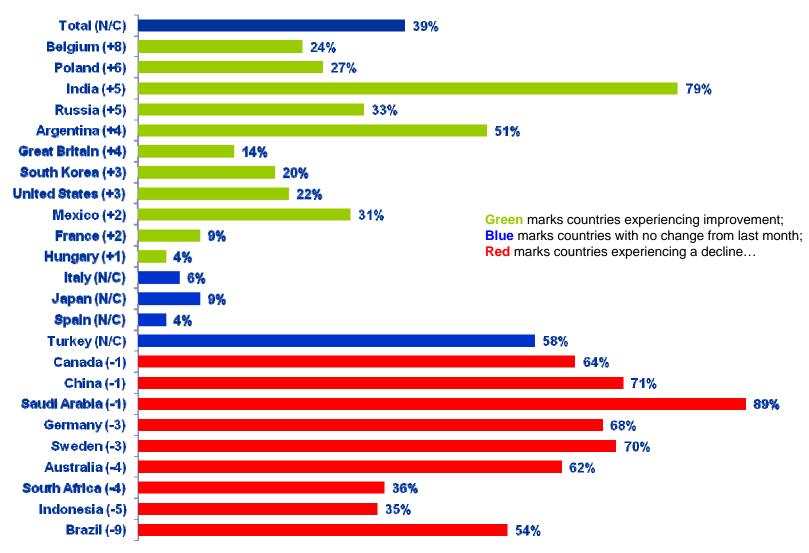
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Argentina	28%	21%	25%	27%	39%	34%	36%	38%	35%	42%	39%	45%	41%	43%	46%	46%	47%	50%	50%	59%	54%	55%	52%	55%	47%	51%
Australia	82%	80%	73%	74%	72%	72%	72%	77%	78%	74%	75%	78%	72%	70%	70%	73%	66%	64%	56%	61%	62%	67%	68%	70%	66%	62%
Belgium	28%	29%	22%	23%	22%	29%	33%	36%	29%	28%	31%	34%	39%	36%	41%	40%	42%	41%	37%	31%	25%	24%	19%	22%	16%	24%
Brazil	72%	59%	60%	65%	65%	55%	60%	58%	66%	64%	62%	56%	61%	53%	52%	51%	51%	53%	52%	55%	55%	59%	56%	62%	63%	54%
Canada	60%	65%	67%	64%	68%	68%	65%	68%	63%	63%	62%	68%	68%	64%	68%	69%	69%	72%	73%	66%	66%	62%	63%	65%	65%	64%
China	78%	80%	82%	78%	77%	74%	77%	75%	79%	74%	72%	74%	73%	67%	75%	68%	68%	66%	61%	65%	65%	62%	55%	64%	72%	71%
France	14%	11%	9%	8%	6%	9%	12%	10%	10%	12%	12%	11%	10%	10%	8%	11%	12%	8%	12%	7%	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%	9%
Germany	44%	37%	45%	37%	38%	48%	55%	56%	64%	67%	63%	64%	64%	62%	67%	68%	68%	71%	66%	63%	64%	64%	61%	70%	71%	68%
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Hungary	7%	4%	8%	8%	8%	9%	11%	7%	13%	7%	6%	3%	5%	3%	6%	5%	6%	5%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%
India	82%	83%	86%	85%	85%	78%	80%	82%	88%	88%	87%	76%	77%	73%	76%	73%	71%	62%	69%	69%	75%	69%	68%	65%	74%	79%
Indonesia	-	49%	52%	52%	49%	51%	39%	49%	54%	45%	48%	37%	38%	40%	46%	47%	40%	41%	36%	42%	35%	50%	46%	45%	40%	35%
Italy	24%	17%	17%	14%	16%	16%	17%	14%	16%	11%	14%	11%	14%	12%	10%	14%	10%	10%	8%	8%	8%	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%
Japan	8%	7%	7%	6%	9%	6%	8%	7%	8%	6%	9%	6%	8%	8%	7%	9%	8%	8%	6%	8%	6%	7%	8%	8%	9%	9%
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South Africa	-	38%	44%	41%	34%	56%	45%	41%	46%	41%	51%	45%	45%	40%	41%	43%	42%	38%	39%	34%	39%	32%	32%	42%	40%	36%
South Korea	28%	29%	32%	31%	34%	34%	30%	35%	32%	37%	39%	34%	38%	22%	25%	29%	27%	27%	18%	21%	18%	26%	21%	17%	17%	20%
Spain	10%	5%	5%	6%	5%	10%	10%	9%	10%	7%	7%	4%	6%	6%	8%	6%	6%	7%	6%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Sweden	58%	58%	56%	60%	63%	71%	73%	72%	77%	75%	75%	82%	80%	71%	78%	76%	76%	77%	70%	74%	69%	73%	74%	72%	73%	70%
Turkey	51%	35%	44%	40%	44%	37%	45%	39%	43%	41%	41%	46%	47%	43%	49%	50%	51%	57%	48%	61%	59%	54%	58%	55%	58%	58%
<b>United States</b>	20%	17%	25%	23%	18%	17%	15%	15%	18%	20%	19%	20%	20%	19%	17%	23%	19%	19%	14%	15%	14%	19%	21%	21%	19%	22%



#### Countries Ranked and Marked By Change In Assessment From Last Month

(Left Column) Thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in [insert country]? Is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?

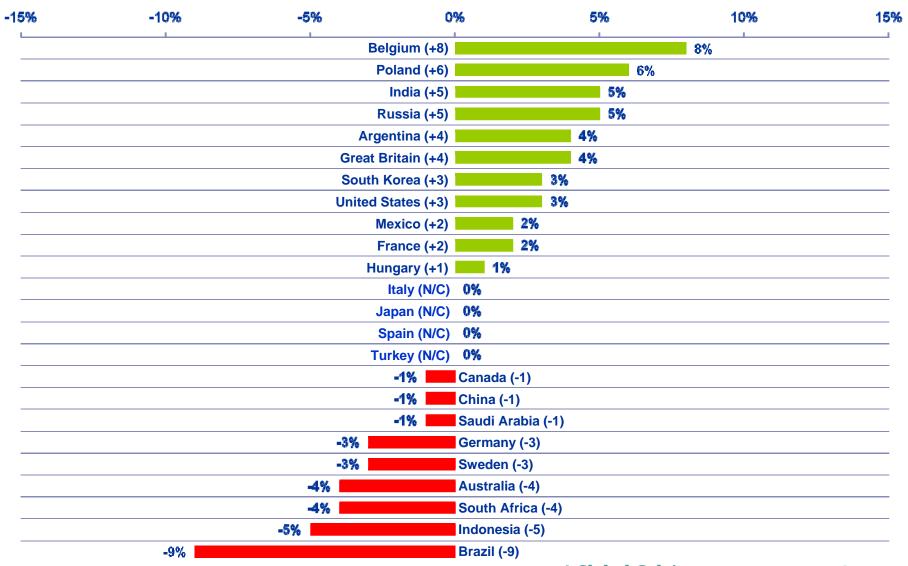






#### Countries Ranked by Net Improvement, Decline or No Change Compared to

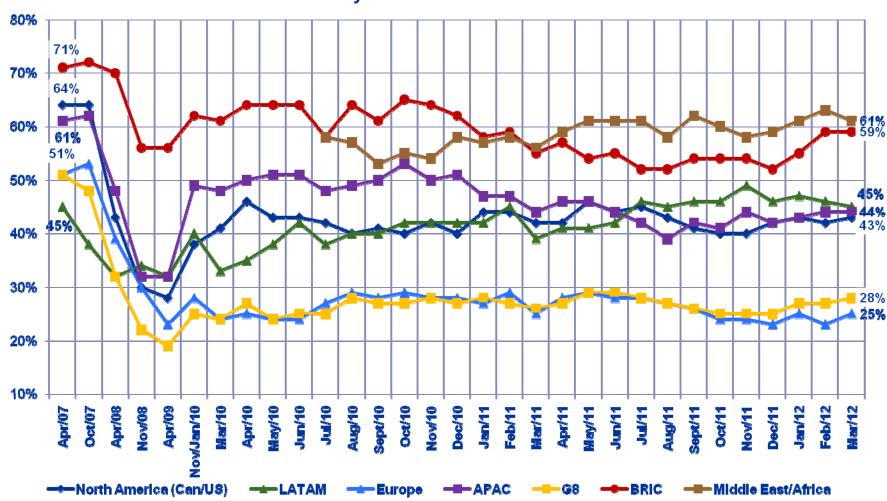
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### Assessing the Current Economic Situation by All Regions: Current Tracked Status:



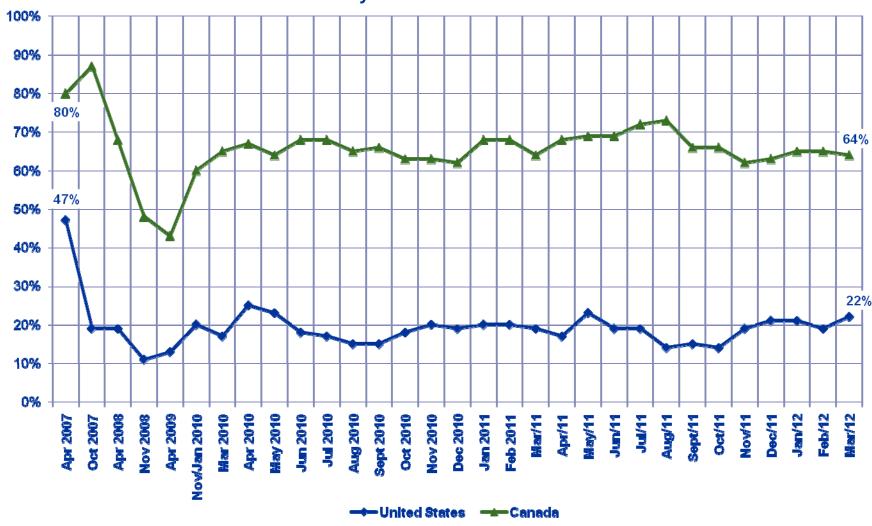




### North American (Canada/US) Countries Assessing the Current Economic Situation



#### 'Very Good / Somewhat Good'



Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in [insert country]?

Is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?

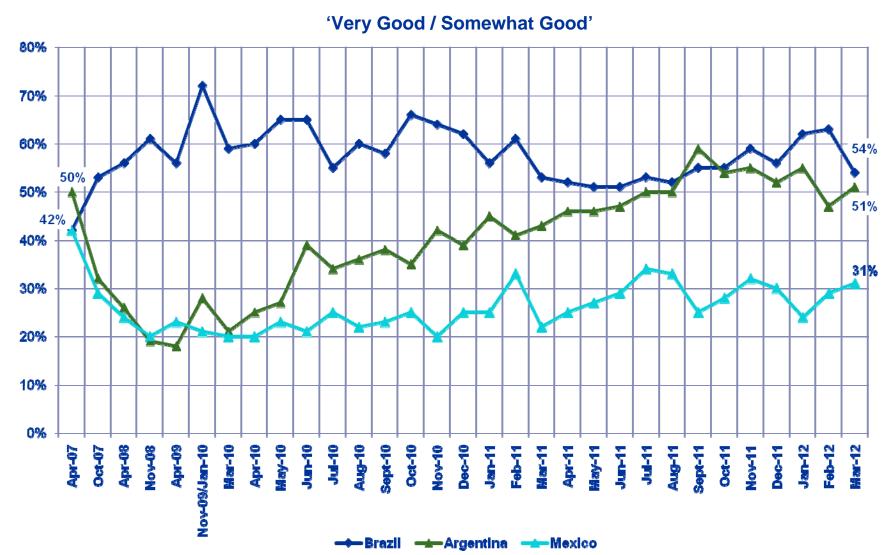
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#### **LATAM Countries**



#### Assessing the Current Economic Situation

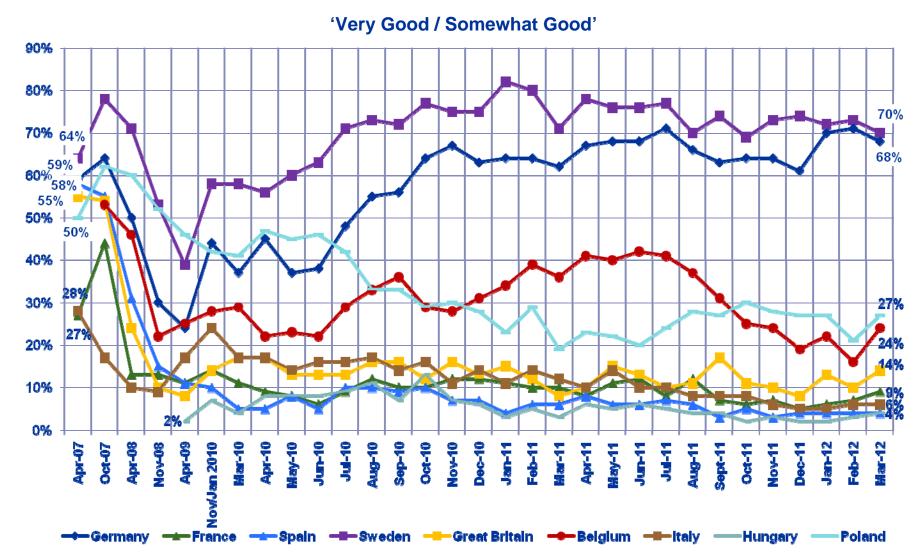




#### **European Countries**

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#### Assessing the Current Economic Situation



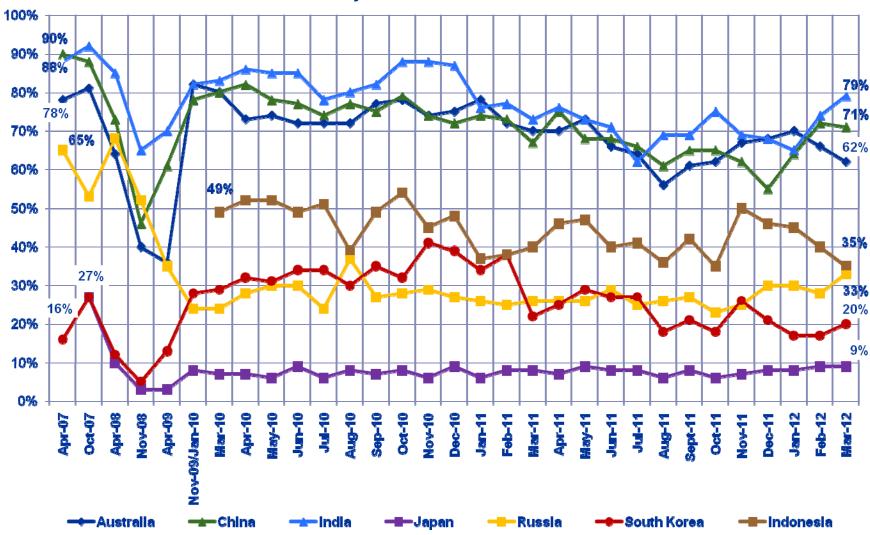


#### **APAC Countries**



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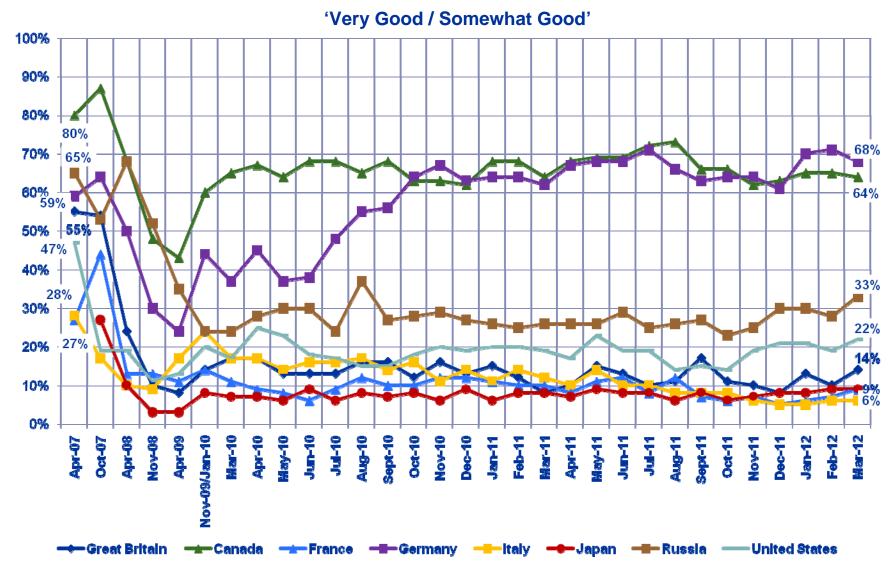






# **G8 Countries Assessing the Economic Situation**





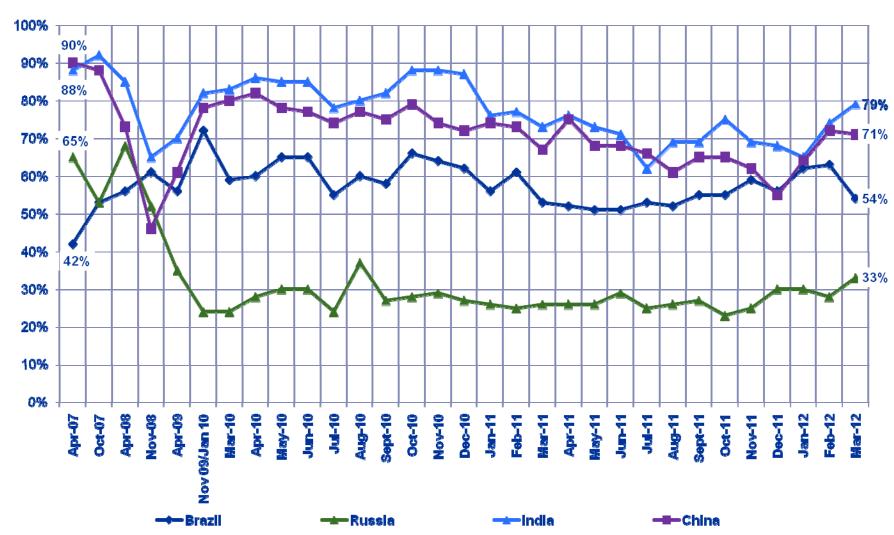


#### **BRIC Countries**



#### Assessing the Economic Situation

#### 'Very Good / Somewhat Good'



Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in [insert country]? Is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?

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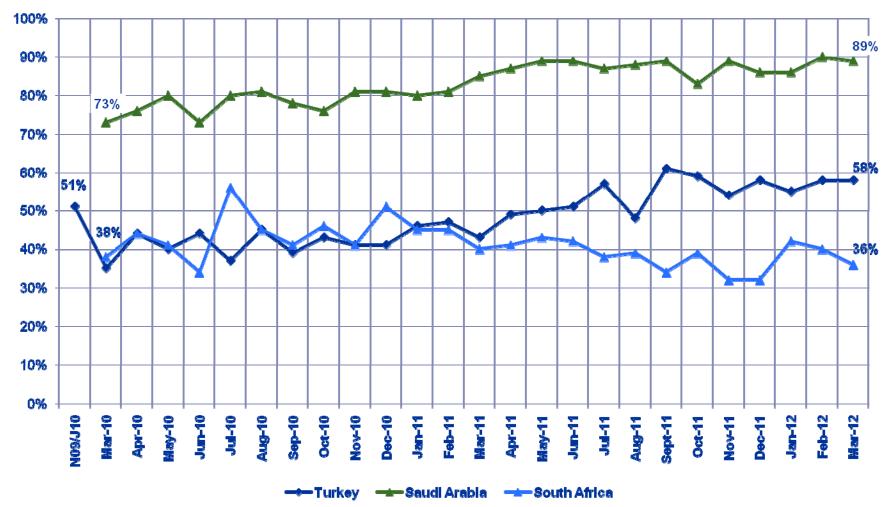


#### Middle East/African Countries

#### Assessing the Economic Situation



#### 'Very Good / Somewhat Good'





### 2 Assessing The Economy...

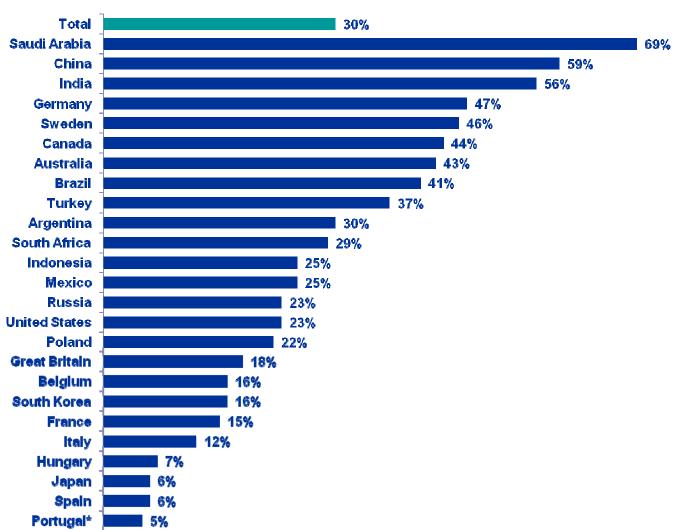
### ...In Their Local Area





# Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy In Their Local Area is Strong...





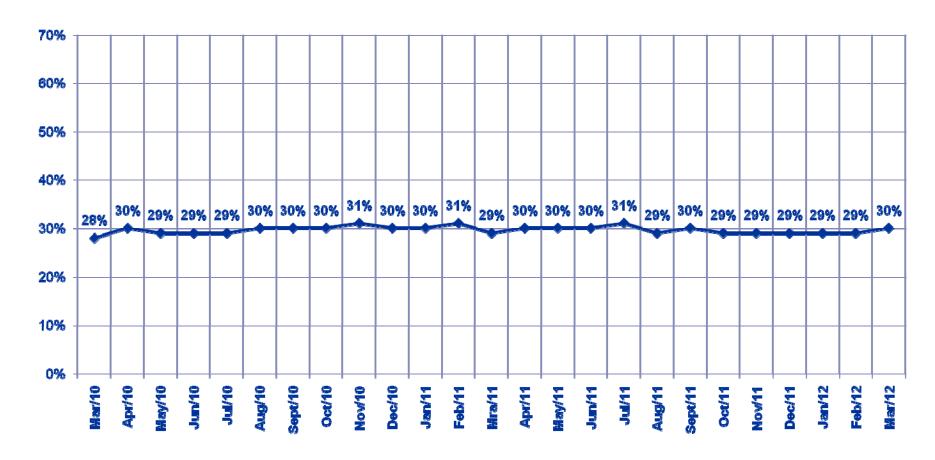
Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy



# Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy In Their Local Area is Strong



**Total - % Strong (Top 3: 5-6-7)** 





# Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy In Their Local Area is Strong

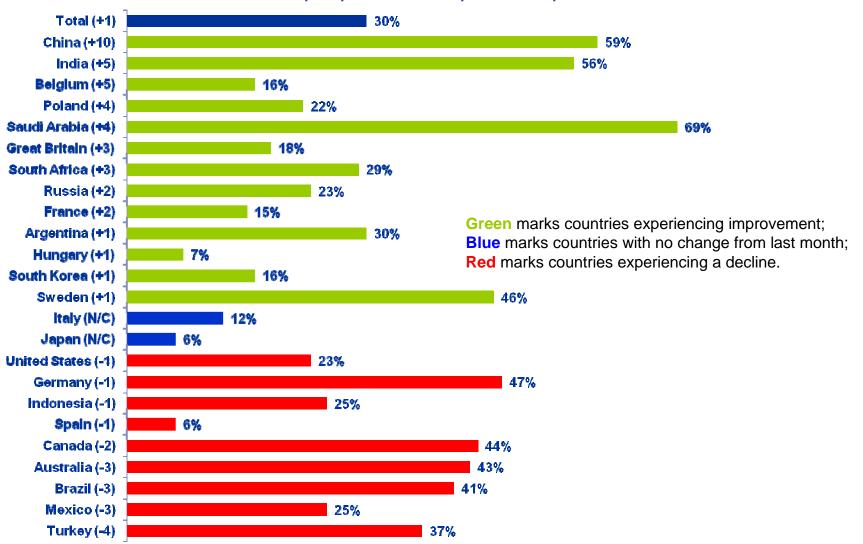
% Strong (Top 3 5-6-7)

	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010	June 2010	July 2010	Aug 2010	Sept 2010	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012
Total	28%	30%	29%	29%	29%	30%	30%	30%	31%	30%	30%	31%	29%	30%	30%	30%	31%	29%	30%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	30%
Argentina	19%	19%	15%	23%	20%	25%	26%	21%	28%	28%	30%	28%	26%	30%	28%	31%	30%	29%	36%	35%	36%	34%	35%	29%	30%
Australia	56%	55%	55%	50%	52%	52%	53%	57%	53%	55%	60%	54%	53%	51%	50%	46%	46%	42%	43%	49%	46%	47%	47%	46%	43%
Belgium	15%	11%	11%	12%	14%	20%	19%	17%	21%	16%	20%	30%	23%	27%	26%	25%	24%	19%	21%	18%	16%	14%	15%	11%	16%
Brazil	38%	48%	48%	51%	41%	46%	45%	50%	47%	51%	42%	47%	41%	39%	42%	41%	43%	46%	39%	44%	49%	46%	50%	44%	41%
Canada	44%	47%	45%	46%	47%	46%	48%	43%	46%	42%	49%	49%	46%	49%	49%	51%	49%	51%	48%	48%	44%	45%	45%	46%	44%
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<b>Great Britain</b>	16%	19%	13%	12%	15%	15%	15%	13%	16%	15%	15%	14%	12%	14%	17%	17%	12%	12%	17%	13%	13%	13%	16%	15%	18%
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Indonesia	37%	30%	34%	26%	30%	26%	29%	33%	31%	32%	25%	23%	30%	27%	33%	27%	29%	24%	31%	26%	34%	33%	31%	26%	25%
Italy	18%	19%	17%	18%	18%	19%	18%	17%	15%	18%	14%	18%	16%	16%	18%	17%	16%	14%	13%	12%	10%	10%	10%	12%	12%
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Saudi Arabia	49%	53%	51%	48%	55%	58%	57%	47%	50%	58%	57%	55%	62%	63%	61%	63%	66%	69%	64%	58%	67%	64%	69%	65%	69%
South Africa	26%	35%	28%	27%	34%	28%	26%	27%	26%	30%	34%	29%	22%	23%	28%	34%	34%	27%	26%	26%	25%	23%	26%	26%	29%
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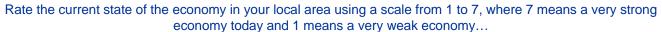
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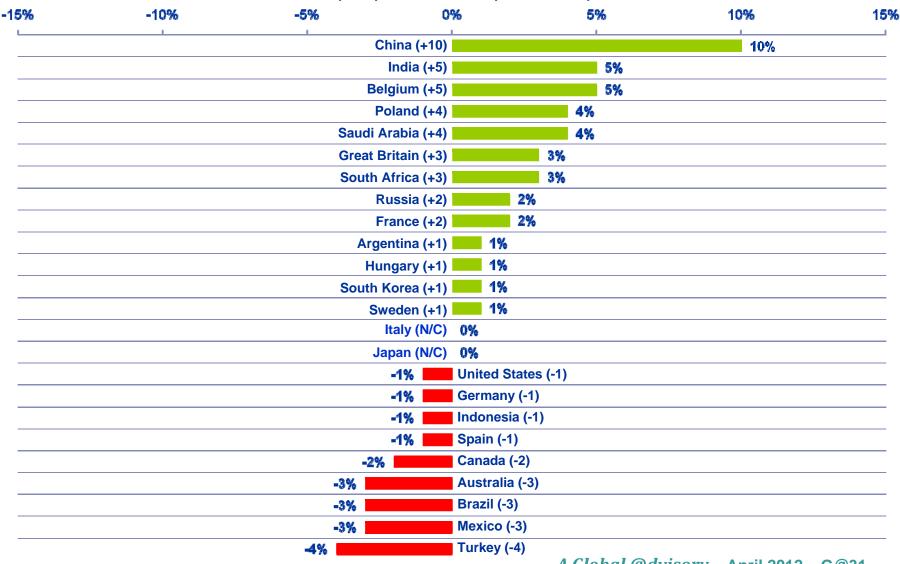
Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy...





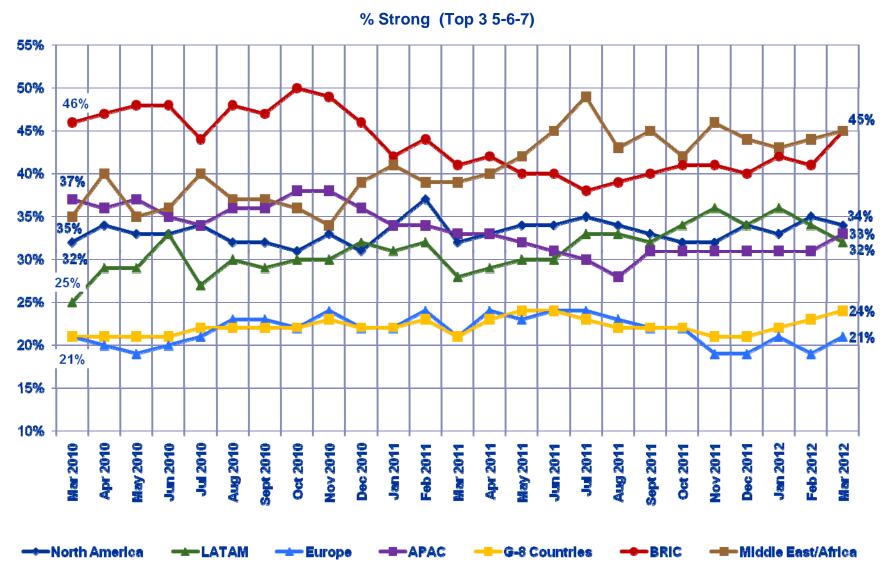
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## **All Regions**



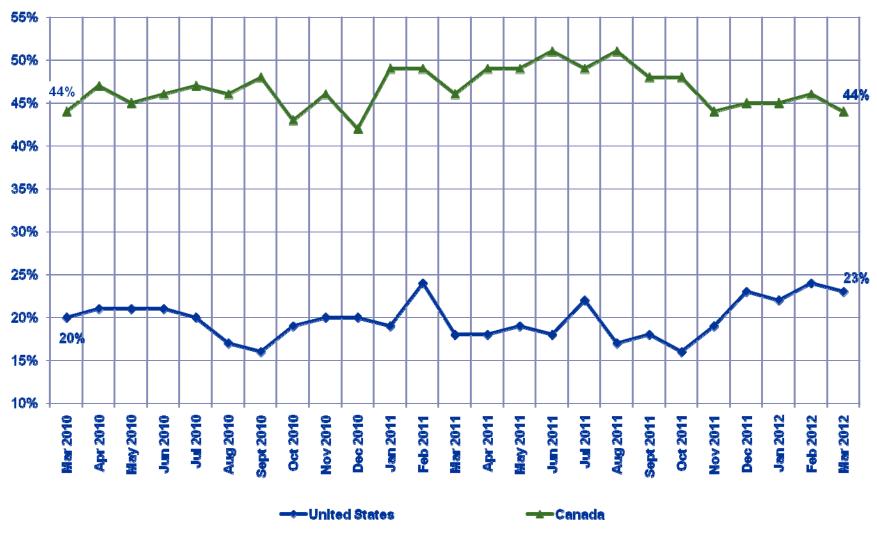


#### **North American Countries**

## Assess the Strength of Their Local Economy







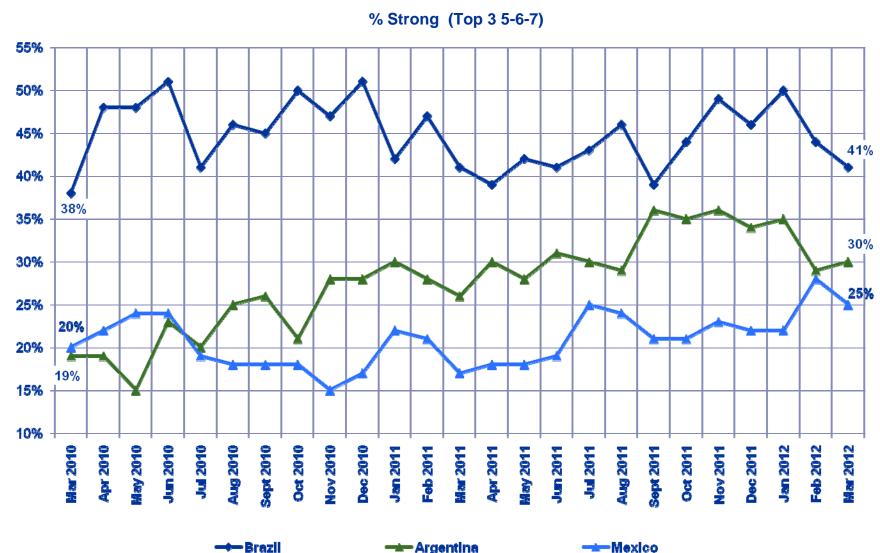
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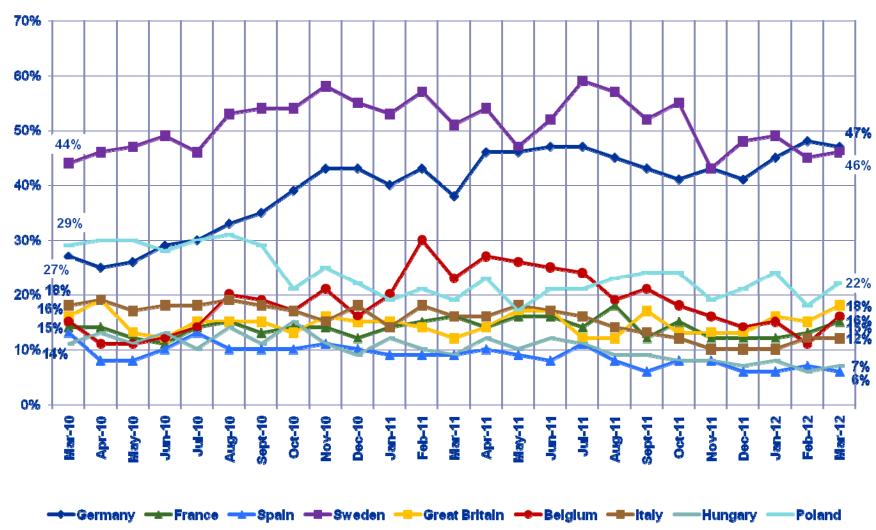




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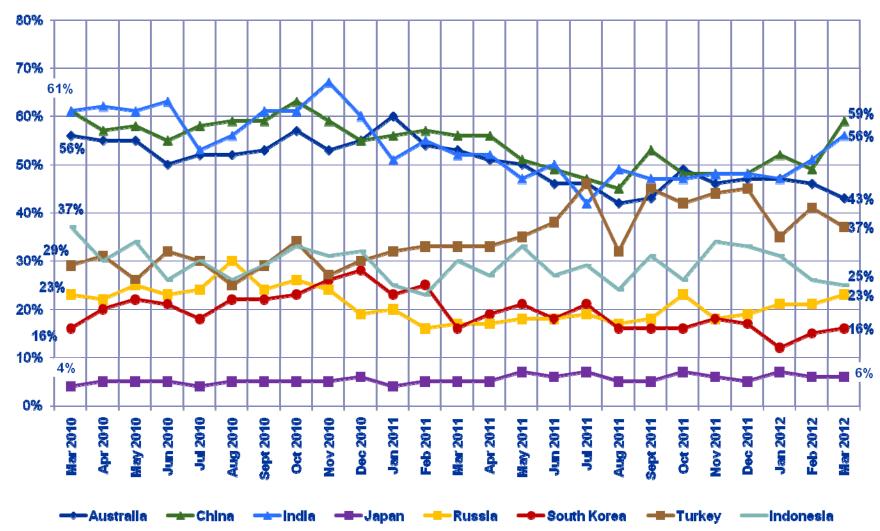




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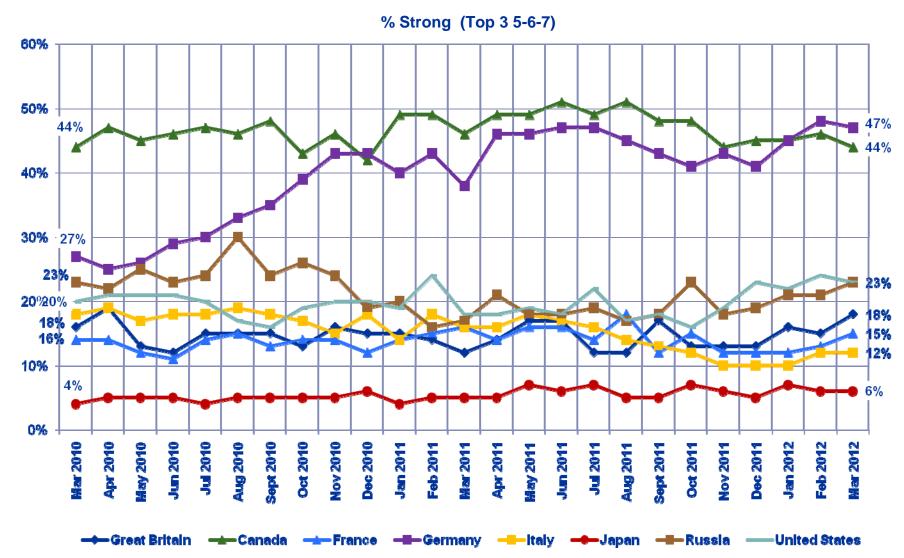






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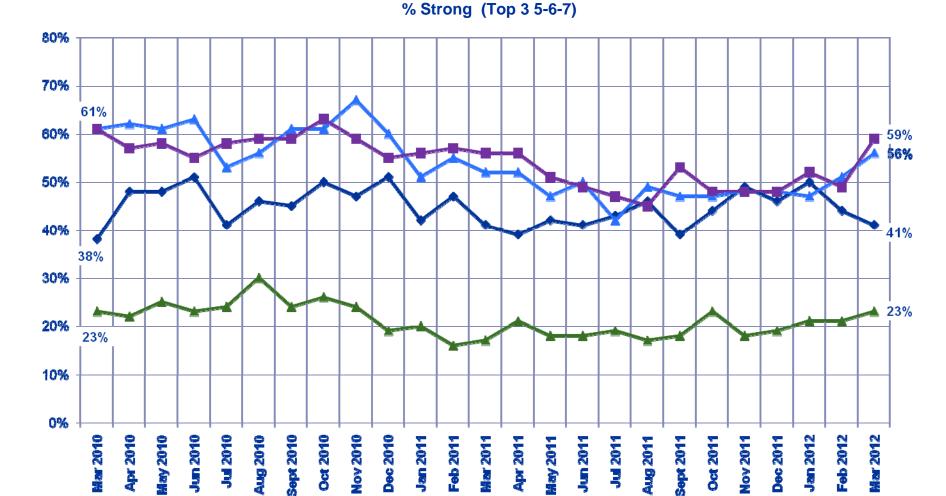






### **BRIC Countries**

## Assess the Strength of Their Local Economy



Jan 2011

---- Russia

Feb 2011

Mar 2011

Apr 2011

May 2011

Jun 2011

---India

Jul 2011

Aug 2011

Sept 2011

Oct 2011

Nov 2011

---China

Dec 2011

Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy.

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Sept 2010

Mar 2010



#### **Middle East/ African Countries**







# **3** Assessing the Strength of The Local Economy...

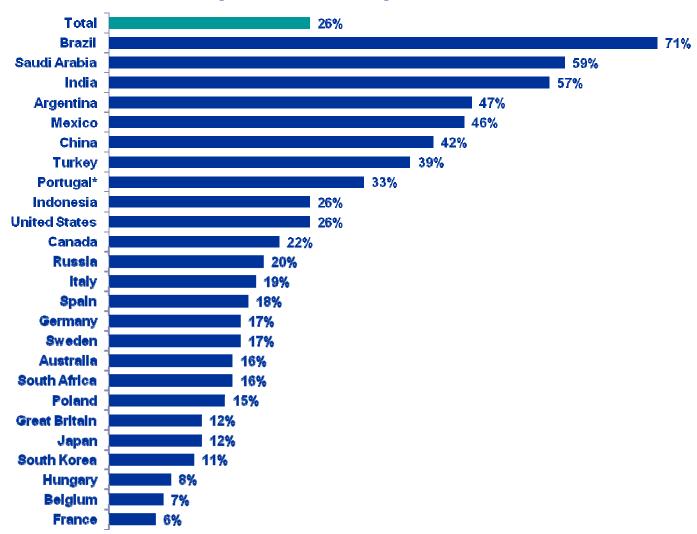
...Six Months From Now





## Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy in the Local Area to be Stronger in The Next Six Months...





Looking ahead 6 months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

\*Portugal was not in G@ aggregate

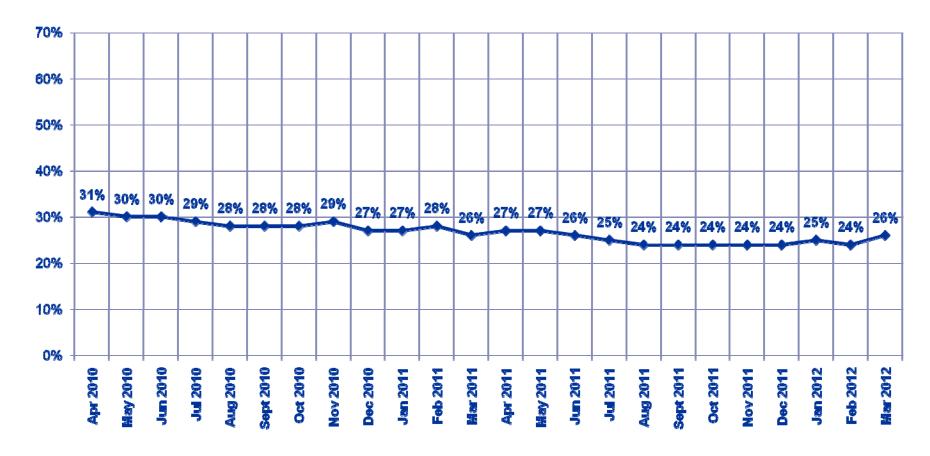
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## Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy in the Local Area to be Stronger in The Next Six Months



## Global Total % Much Stronger / Somewhat Stronger





## Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy in the Local Area to be Stronger in The Next Six Months...

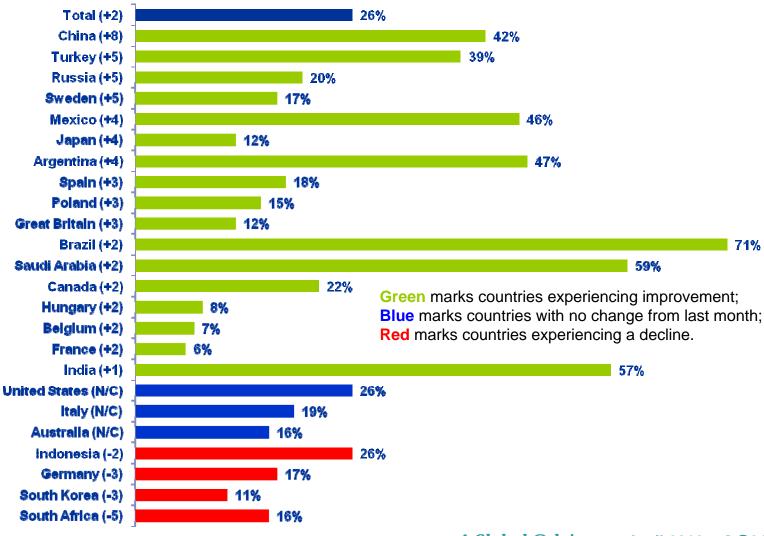
#### % Much Stronger/Somewhat Stronger

	Mar 2010	April 2010	May 2010	June 2010	July 2010	Aug 2010	Sept 2010	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012
Total	31%	31%	30%	30%	29%	28%	28%	28%	29%	27%	27%	28%	26%	27%	27%	26%	25%	24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	25%	24%	26%
Argentina	32%	36%	35%	45%	36%	45%	42%	39%	44%	43%	42%	44%	44%	42%	45%	47%	47%	52%	52%	50%	47%	45%	42%	43%	47%
Australia	36%	34%	30%	25%	29%	26%	27%	29%	27%	24%	23%	24%	22%	23%	20%	19%	19%	16%	16%	16%	18%	16%	19%	16%	16%
Belgium	18%	14%	10%	14%	14%	17%	15%	13%	12%	12%	13%	13%	14%	15%	11%	14%	10%	6%	8%	8%	4%	5%	6%	5%	7%
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Indonesia	31%	33%	36%	36%	38%	35%	35%	35%	34%	30%	26%	26%	29%	28%	32%	29%	29%	28%	29%	28%	32%	37%	32%	28%	26%
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Spain	28%	27%	26%	21%	25%	24%	22%	20%	21%	20%	20%	21%	21%	23%	22%	20%	18%	18%	15%	23%	17%	21%	18%	15%	18%
Sweden	19%	20%	15%	21%	20%	17%	19%	21%	19%	20%	16%	21%	17%	18%	17%	16%	15%	14%	14%	11%	16%	12%	16%	12%	17%
Turkey	32%	35%	30%	30%	32%	33%	29%	28%	27%	23%	30%	32%	28%	32%	34%	36%	38%	25%	40%	35%	28%	35%	31%	34%	39%
<b>United States</b>	31%	36%	32%	27%	23%	22%	22%	24%	29%	25%	27%	27%	21%	24%	25%	22%	22%	17%	17%	16%	20%	23%	26%	26%	26%



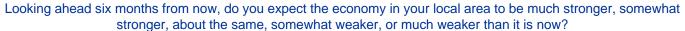
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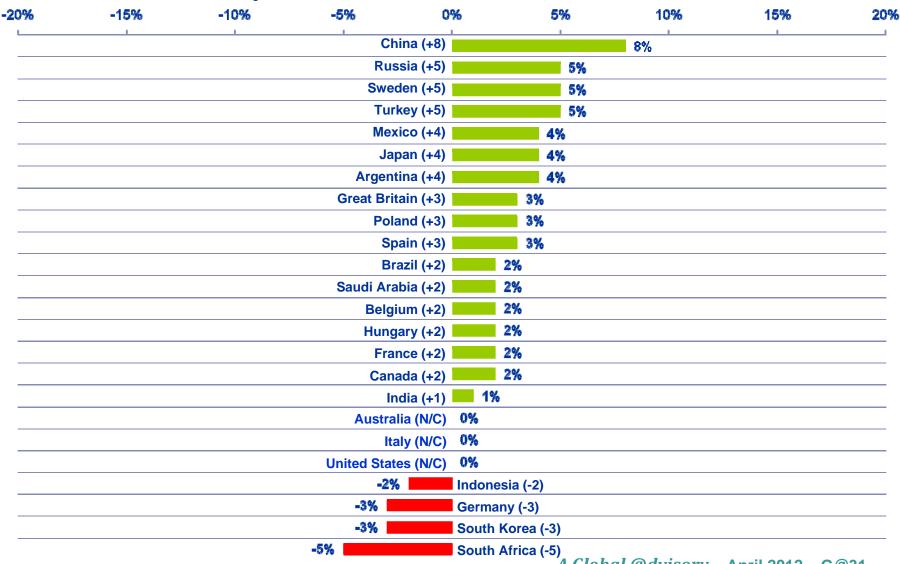
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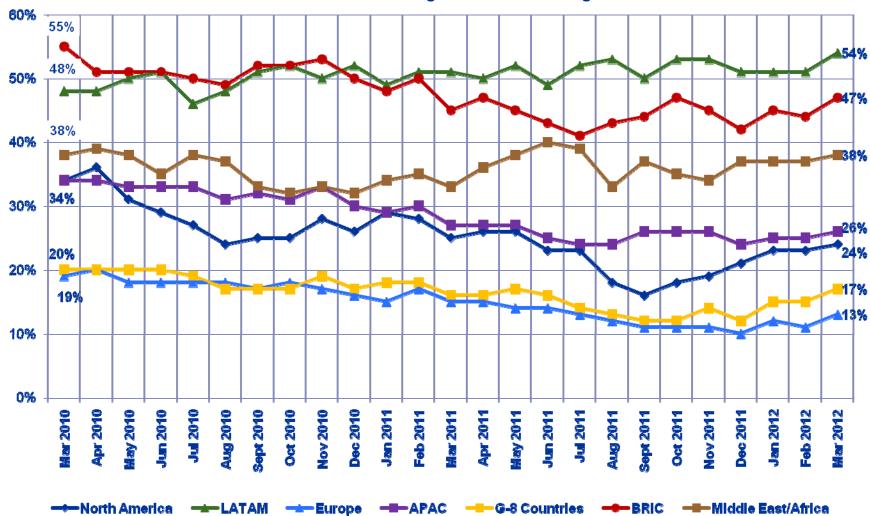






## All Regions - Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy in the Local Area to be Stronger in The Next Six Months







## North American Countries - Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy in the Local Area to be Stronger in The Next Six Months





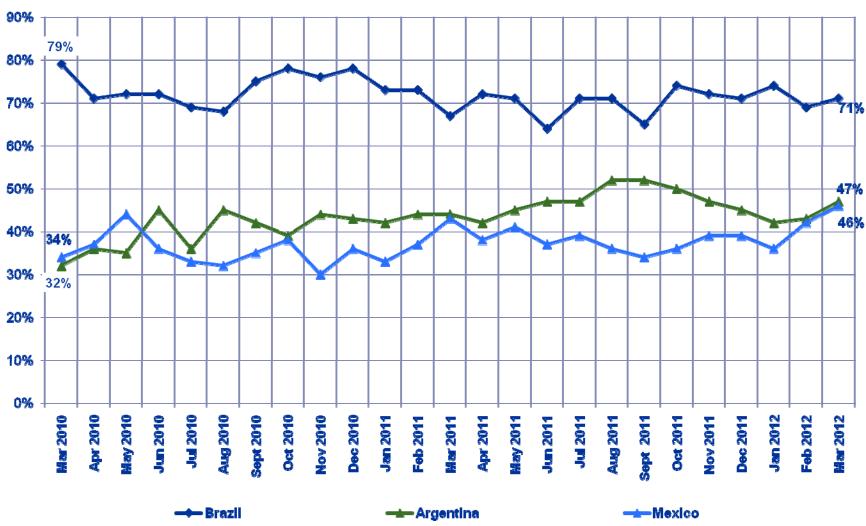




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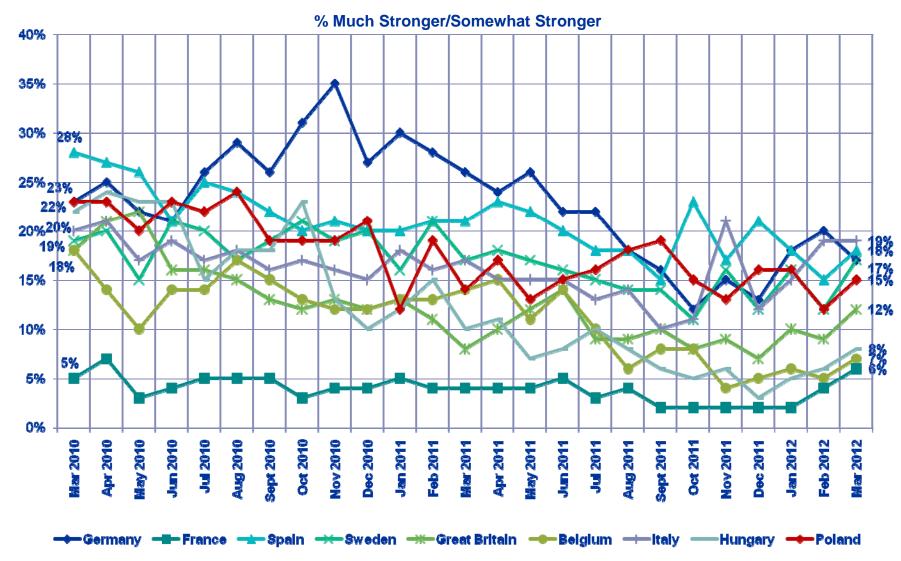






## **European Countries - Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy in the Local Area to be Stronger in The Next Six Months**



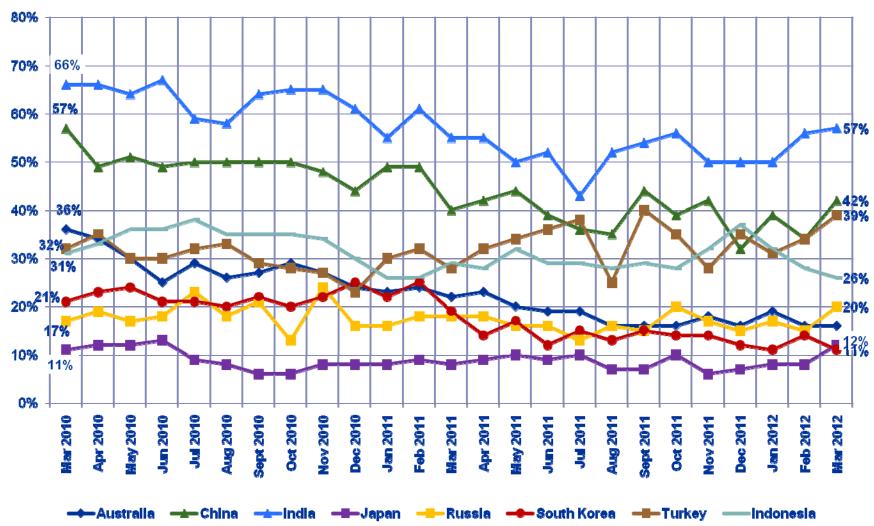




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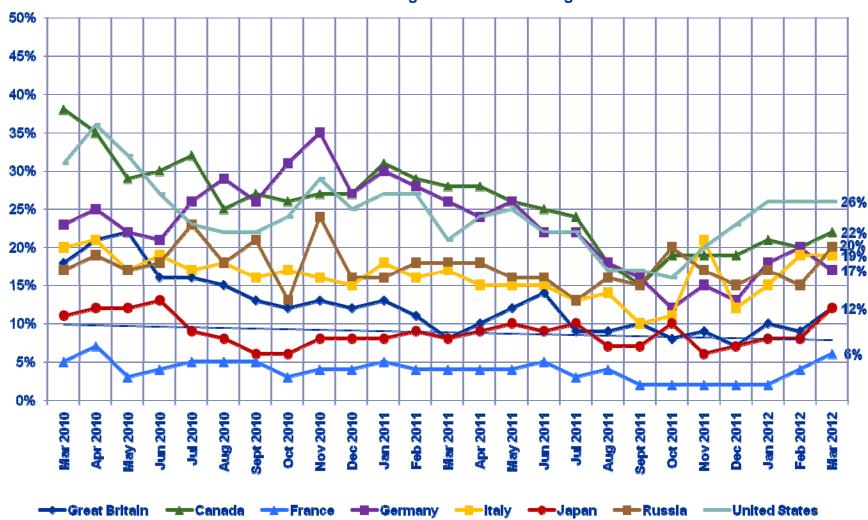




## **G8 Countries - Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy in the Local Area to be Stronger in The Next Six Months**





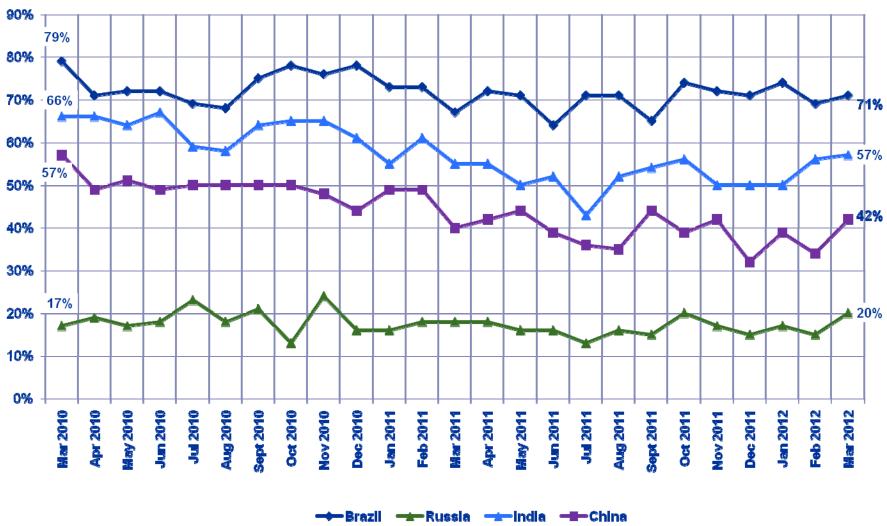




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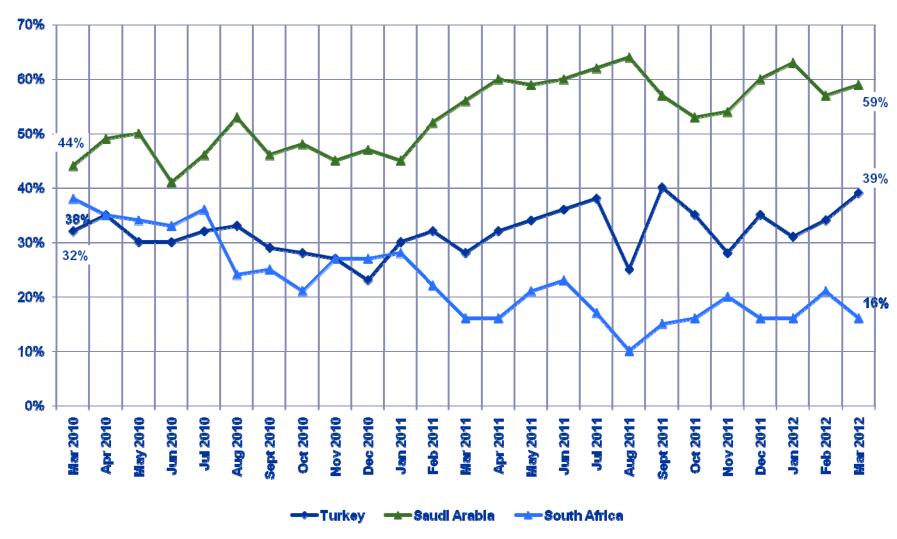




## Middle East/African Countries - Citizen Consumers Who Say The Economy in the Local Area to be Stronger in The Next Six Months



#### % Much Stronger/Somewhat Stronger





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