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Storm Clouds on the Horizon?

Global Consumer Confidence Waning

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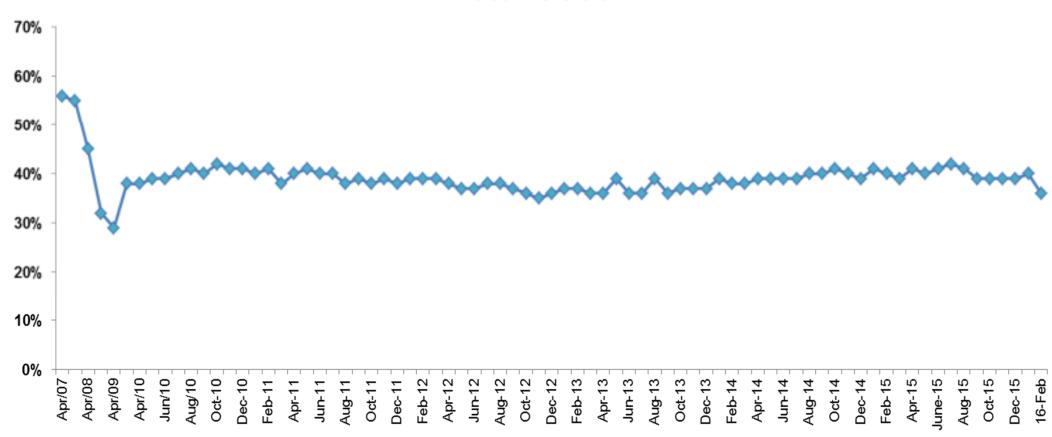
Talking Points

- Economic storm clouds on the horizon as global consumer confidence wanes.
- Consumer confidence dips across all regions but is especially sharp in China and other emerging markets.
- Such confidence metrics important leading indicators of household expenditures four to six months out.
- The US, however, is holding its own. For the now, the global crisis of consumer confidence has not bled over to American consumers.
- That said, the following months with be essential in understanding the relative degree of US insulation from the global slowdown.



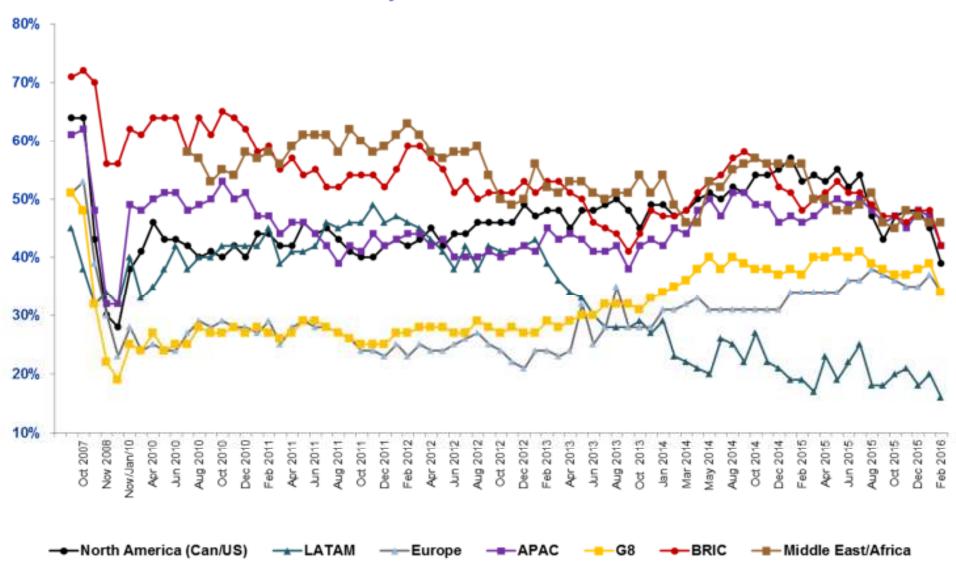
Global consumer confidence shows decline over the last month—a 4 point dip.

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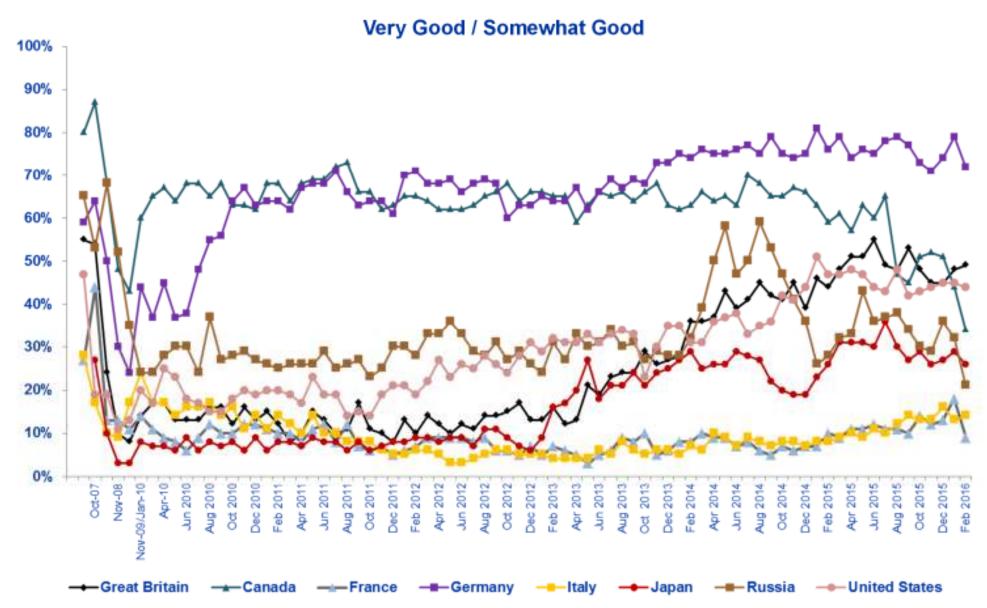


Confidence declines across all regions except the Middle East/Africa



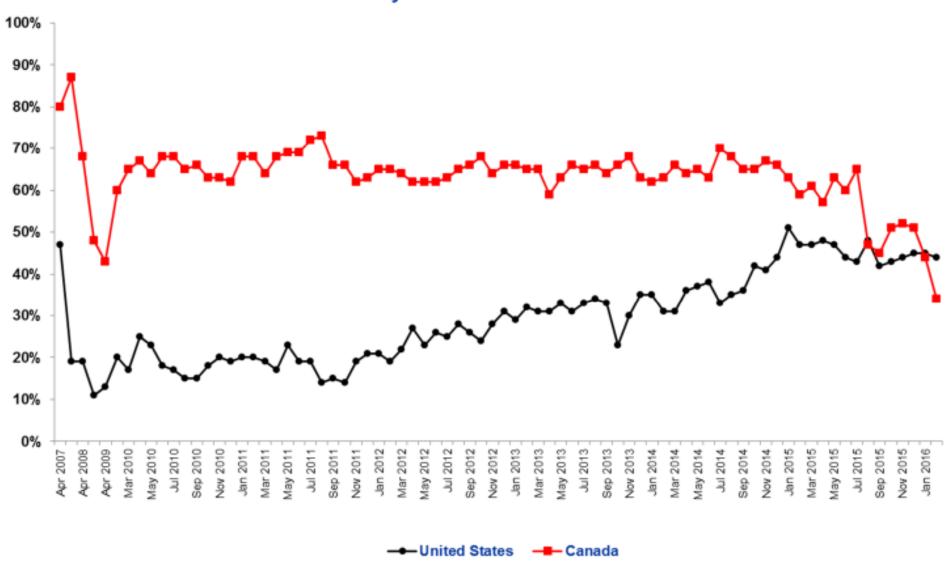


General consumer angst in the G8



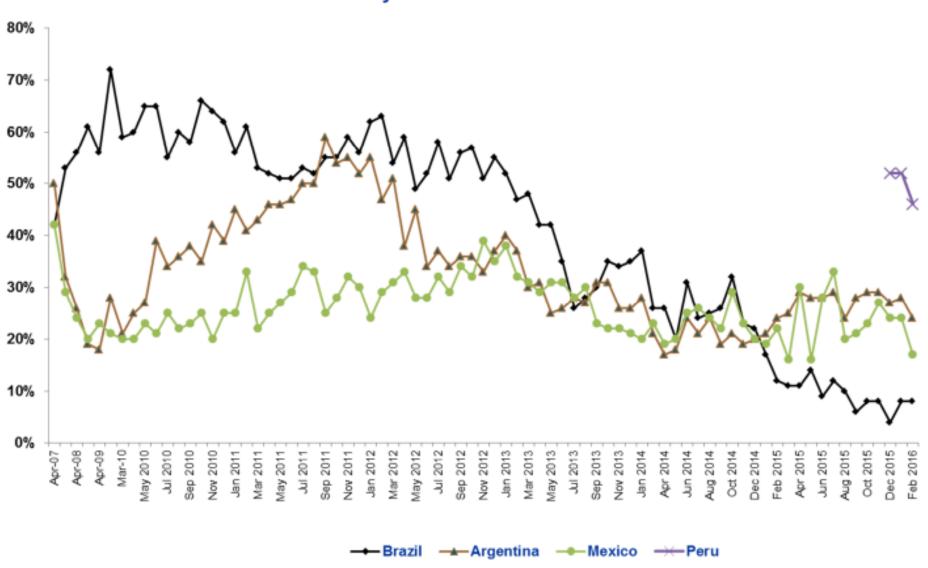


Canada shows precipitous decline over the last few months, while the US is holding its own



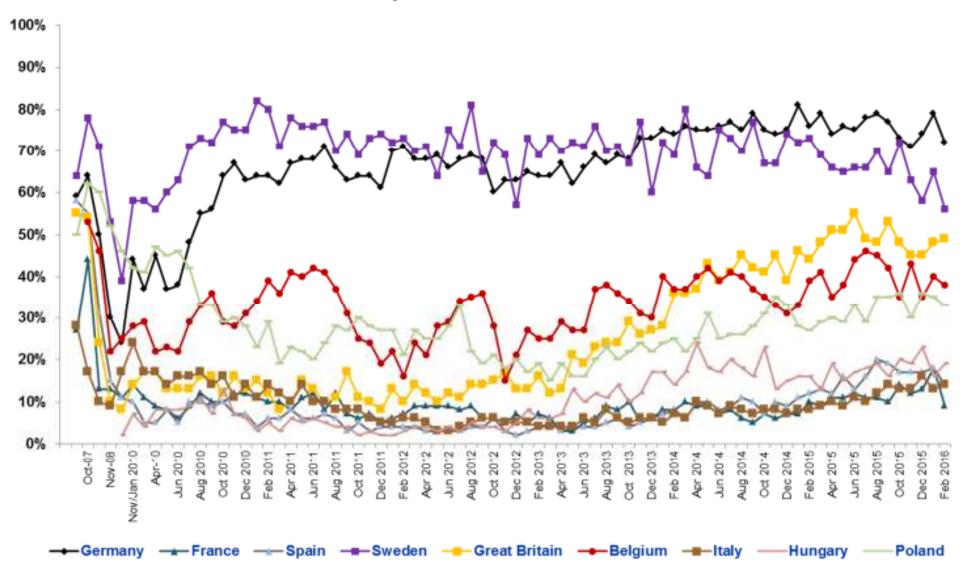


Crisis of Consumer Confidence in Latin America



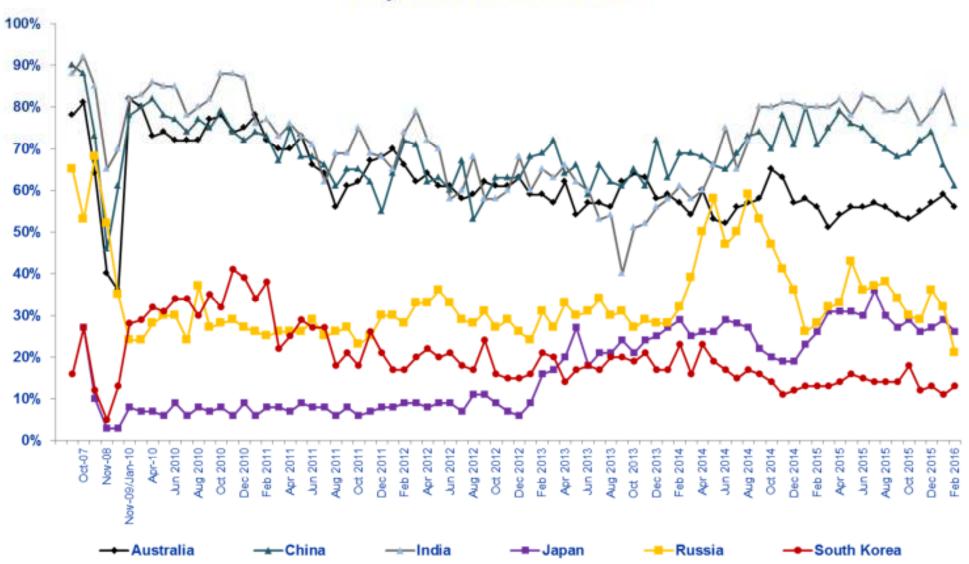


Europe's consumer confidence anchors (Germany and Sweden) also showing signs of weakness



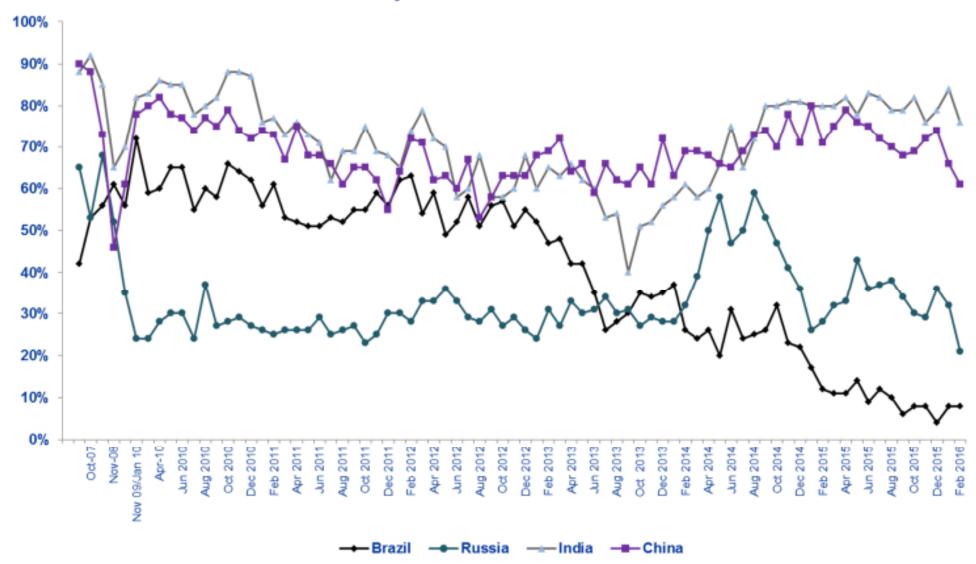


APAC slowdown being driven by China and Russia



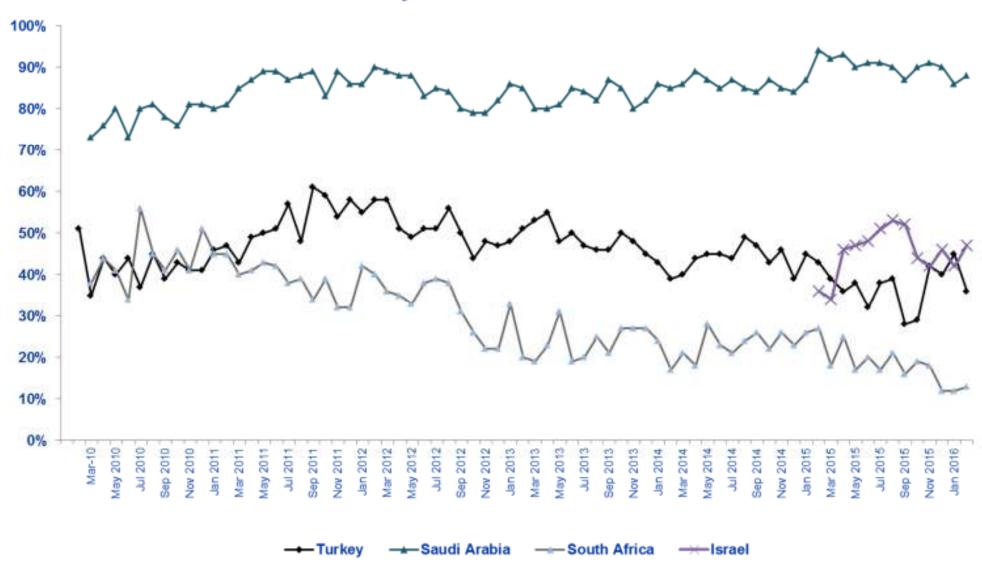


BRICs are no longer a hedge against the lukewarm consumer confidence of G8 countries





Saudi Arabia and Israel holding firm, while South Africa and Turkey experiencing a steady decline





Methodology

- These are the findings of the Global @dvisor Wave 76 (G@76), an Ipsos survey conducted between November 20th and December 4th.
- The survey instrument is conducted monthly in 24 countries around the world via the Ipsos Online Panel system. The countries reporting herein are
 Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Great Britain, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russia,
 Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States of America.
- For the results of the survey presented herein, an international sample of 18,584 adults aged 18-64 in the US, Israel and Canada, and age 16-64 in all other countries, were interviewed. Approximately 1000+ individuals participated on a country by country basis via the Ipsos Online Panel with the exception of Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Colombia, Hungary, India, Israel, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden and Turkey, where each have a sample approximately 500+.
- 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.

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