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All information will be handled confidentially. Your responses will be analysed anonymously. **1.** We estimate the current overall macroeconomic situation as being

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	good	normal	bad	no estimate
Euro area	[]	[]	[]	[]
Germany	[]	[]	[]	[]
US	[]	[]	[]	[]
China	[]	[]	[]	[]

2a. In the medium-term (6 months), the overall macroeconomic situation will

	not			no
	improve	change	worsen	estimate
Euro area	[]	[]	[]	[]
Germany	[]	[]	[]	[]
US	[]	[]	[]	[]
China	[]	[]	[]	[]

2b. Please assess the probability of the following medium-term (6 months) developments of the overall macroeconomic situation in Germany (in percent).

Imp	provement	No change	Worsening	Σ
				100%

2c. The probability of a negative GDP growth in Germany (quarterly growth of the seasonally adjusted real GDP) will be:

current quarter (Q3 2024):	[] percent
next quarter (Q4 2024):	[] percent

3. In the medium-term (6 months), the annual inflation rate will

	not			no
	increase	change	decrease	estimate
Euro area	[]	[]	[]	[]
Germany	[]	[]	[]	[]
US	[]	[]	[]	[]
China	[]	[]	[]	[]

4. In the medium-term (6 months), short-term interest rates (3-month interbank rates) will

	not			no
	increase	change	decrease	estimate
Euro area	[]	[]	[]	[]
US	[]	[]	[]	[]
China	[]	[]	[]	[]

5. In the medium-term, long-term interest rates (yields on 10-year bonds) will

not			no
increase	change	decrease	estimate
[]	[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]	[]
	increase [] [] []		

6a. In the medium-term (6 month), the following stock market indices will

not	no	
ease chang	e decrease	e estimate
] []	[]	[]
] []	[]	[]
] []	[]	[]
] []	[]	[]

6b. Six months ahead, I expect the DAX to stand at [_____] points. With a probability of 90 per cent the DAX will then range between [_____] and [____] points.

 ${\rm 6c.}$ In view of the fundamentals of the DAX companies, the DAX is currently

over-priced [] fairly priced [] under-priced []

7. In the medium-term (6 months), the following currencies compared to the Euro will

		stay		no
	appreciate	constant	depreciate	estimate
US Dollar	[]	[]	[]	[]
Yuan	[]	[]	[]	[]

8. In the medium-term (6 months), the profit situation of German companies in the following sectors will

		not		no
	improve	change	worsen	estimate
Banks	[]	[]	[]	[]
Insurance	[]	[]	[]	[]
Automotive	[]	[]	[]	[]
Chemicals/Pharma	[]	[]	[]	[]
Steel/Metal Products	[]	[]	[]	[]
Electronics	[]	[]	[]	[]
Machinery	[]	[]	[]	[]
Private Consumption /	[]	[]	[]	[]
Retail Sales				
Construction	[]	[]	[]	[]
Utilities	[]	[]	[]	[]
Services	[]	[]	[]	[]
Telecommunications	[]	[]	[]	[]
InformTechnologies	[]	[]	[]	[]
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Special questions: US presidential election

We would like to ask for your personal assessment of the probability of Donald Trump being elected as the next US president and how 1. certain events affected your expectation. Please state your answers on a scale from 0% (no chance) to 100% (absolutely certain).

In your opinion, how likely was it that Donald Trump would be elected as the next US president...

- after Biden decided to step down from the presidential race on 21 July 2024 but before the Democratic National Convention from 1. 19-22 August 2024? ___] per cent
- ...after the Democratic National Convention from 19-22 August 2024 but before the TV debate between Trump and Harris on 10 2. September 2024?] per cent] per cent
- 3. ...after the TV debate between Trump and Harris on 10 September 2024?
- We would like to ask you for your scenario-based point forecast of the growth rate of the German GDP depending on the outcome of the 2. US presidential election:

Please indicate the annual real GDP growth rate in percent.

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028
Forecast if Trump is elected as US president	%	%	%	%
Forecast if Harris is elected as	%	%	%	%

US president

We would like to ask you for your scenario-based point forecast of the annual inflation rate in Germany depending on the outcome of the US presidential election:

Please indicate the annual average change of the HICP in percent.

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028
Forecast if Trump is elected as US president	%	%	%	%
Forecast if Harris is elected as US president	%	%	%	%

- Which economic and/or political measures should the German government ideally implement right now (i.e., before the outcome of the US 3. presidential election is known) to safeguard the German economy against potential adverse effects of policies implemented by the new US government?
- 4. Please indicate for the following economic, political, or monetary policy outcomes whether they are more likely to be achieved during a presidency of either Donald Trump, Kamala Harris, neither of the two, or equally by both.

	Kamala Harris	Donald Trump	Neither of the two	Equally by both
Stabilizing global financial markets				
Tighter financial conditions for US firms				
Stronger US Dollar relative to the Euro				
Maintaining independence of the Federal Reserve				
Increase in employment relative to current levels				
Price stability				
Fiscal dominance				
Improving economic relations between the US and Germany				
Finding an agreement to end the Ukraine War				