

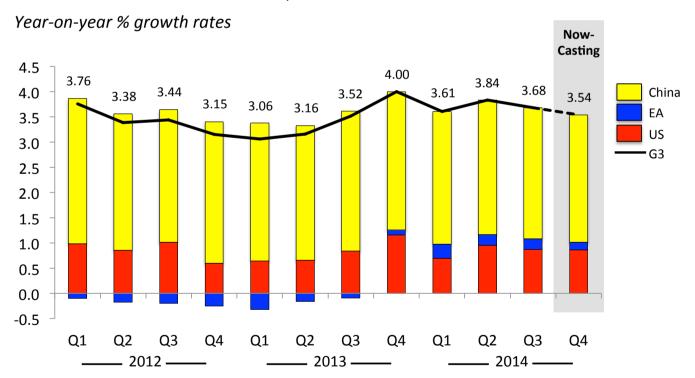
Q4 GDP up 3.5% on last year

Revised figures point to declining growth rate across G3

The G3 economies – the US, Euro Area and China – are growing at 3.54% in the fourth quarter of 2014 with respect to the same period in the previous year, according to the Now-Casting growth monitor. Revisions to official GDP figures for prior periods show that the growth rate for Q4 is lower than Q3 (3.68%) and for Q2 (3.84%) on the same basis. The Q4 growth rate is almost the same as we saw a month ago; an upward revision of the Euro Area numbers has been offset by a downward revision for China.

Jasper McMahon, Co-founder and Director of Now-Casting, commented: "Although official numbers for Q3 were in line with expectations, Q4 will be weaker. We now expect GDP growth for the full year to be 3.67%"

GDP GROWTH FOR THE G3 – US, EURO AREA & CHINA



Contributions to G3 growth weighted by share of 2013 GDP from IMF World Economic Outlook, October 2014 Sources: US Bureau of Economic Analysis; Eurostat; National Bureau of Statistics of China; IMF World Economic Outlook, October 2014; Now-Casting Economics Ltd.



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CHANGES TO GROWTH RATES SINCE LAST MONTH'S PRESS RELEASE year-on-year % growth rates

		Q3 2014	Q4 2014			
	Last month's prediction	3.52	3.55			
G3	New prediction ¹	3.68	3.54			
	Change on month	+0.16	-0.01			
	Last month's prediction	2.10	2.30			
US	New prediction ¹	2.35	2.34			
	Change on month	+0.25	+0.04			
	Last month's prediction	0.53	0.22			
Euro Area	New prediction ¹	0.78	0.54			
	Change on month	+0.25	+0.32			
	Last month's prediction ¹	7.30	7.41			
China	New prediction ¹	7.30	7.10			
	Change on month	0.00	-0.31			

¹ New figures for Q3 are official estimates for all three components: the US, Euro Area and China

GDP GROWTH FOR THE G3 – US, EA AND CHINA year-on-year % growth rates

		20	12		20	13			20	_	2013	2014		
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Year	Year
Growth rates														
US		2.74	1.61	1.73	1.77	2.27	3.12	1.89	2.59	2.35	2.34		2.22	2.29
Euro Area		-0.74	-0.93	-1.16	-0.59	-0.34	0.38	1.01	0.77	0.78	0.54		-0.43	0.78
China		7.40	7.90	7.70	7.50	7.80	7.70	7.40	7.50	7.30	7.10		7.68	7.33
Contribution to G3 growth rate	Weight ¹													
US	36.9%	1.01	0.59	0.64	0.65	0.84	1.15	0.70	0.96	0.87	0.87		0.82	0.85
Euro Area	27.5%	-0.20	-0.25	-0.32	-0.16	-0.09	0.10	0.28	0.21	0.22	0.15		-0.12	0.21
China	35.6%	2.63	2.81	2.74	2.67	2.77	2.74	2.63	2.67	2.60	2.53	_	2.73	2.61
G3 growth rate		3.44	3.15	3.06	3.16	3.52	4.00	3.61	3.84	3.68	3.54		3.43	3.67

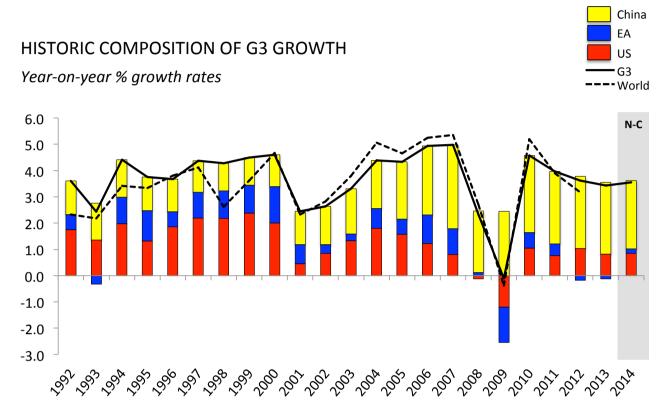
¹ Weights are shares of 2013 G3 GDP from IMF World Economic Outlook, October 2014

Sources: US Bureau of Economic Analysis; Eurostat; National Bureau of Statistics of China; IMF World Economic Outlook, October 2014 Database; Now-Casting Economics Ltd



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Contributions to G3 growth weighted by share of G3 GDP growth in each year. Sources: IMF World Economic Outlook, October 2014; Now-Casting Economics Ltd

HISTORIC GDP GROWTH RATES - WORLD VS G3 year-on-year % growth

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
US	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.3	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.0	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.2	0.8	-0.1	-1.2	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.8
Euro Area	0.6	-0.3	1.0	1.2	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.1	-1.4	0.6	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
China	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.6	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6
G3	3.6	2.4	4.4	3.7	3.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.6	2.4	2.6	3.3	4.4	4.3	4.9	5.0	2.3	-0.1	4.6	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.7
World	2.3	2.2	3.4	3.3	3.8	4.1	2.6	3.6	4.7	2.3	2.8	3.8	5.1	4.7	5.2	5.3	2.7	-0.4	5.2	3.9	3.2		

Contributions to G3 growth weighted by share of 2013 GDP from IMF World Economic Outlook, October 2014. Sources: 2014 figures from Now-Casting Economics Ltd; other figures from IMF World Economic Outlook, October 2014



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The next estimate of G3 GDP growth will be published on Monday, 15th December 2014. G3 GDP estimates will be published on the 15th of each month or the first working day thereafter, except in months in which the first official estimate of GDP for the US, Euro Area or China is published close to the middle of the month. In those months the Now-Casting global growth monitor will be published immediately after the relevant official release.

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