

19th December, 2007

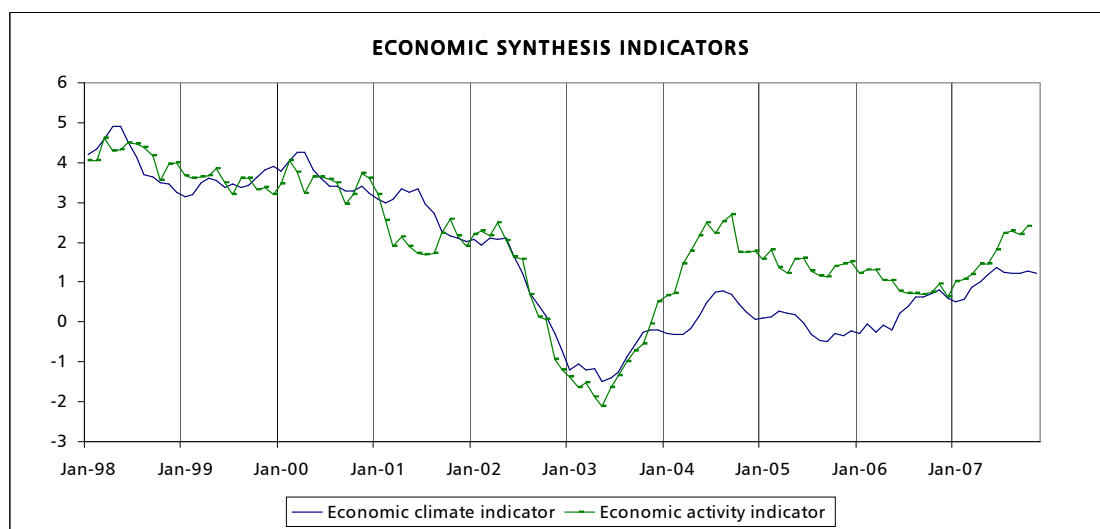
Monthly Economic Survey

November 2007

Investment and consumption slow down. Industrial production grows more intensely. Prices accelerate.

The available indicators to October and November about the international economic background presented a less favourable environment to the Portuguese economy. In November, oil and other raw materials prices accelerated. At the European Union and Euro Zone level, the economic sentiment indicator continued to diminish. On the domestic side, the indications are mixed. On the one hand, the indicators about private consumption and investment point to some deceleration in October. On the other hand, indicators related to the supply side behaviour, namely the turnover and production indexes, revealed more intense growths, as it did the economic activity indicator. On the same month was observed a slow down in the value of imports (0.2 percentage points) and, in a greater degree, of exports (1.1 p.p.).

In November, inflation continued to increase, reaching 2.8% (0.2 p.p. more than in October). Nevertheless, for the third consecutive month, the inflation measured by the HICP was on an inferior level than the Euro Zone one.



Report based on information available up to December 17, 2007.

Next report will be released on January 18, 2008.

NOTES

With exception of situations duly identified, the values presented in tables and graphs and others that also serve for the analysis are, in the case of quantitative series, year-on-year rates of change (y.r.) under three-month moving average (3-mma) or, in the case of qualitative series, 3-mma of seasonally adjusted values (s.a.) or of effective values (e.v). Annual information correspond to 12-mma, with the exception of variables presented as y.r. on stocks, where the annual value corresponds to the variation of the balance at the end of the year.

Balances: differences between the percentage of respondents giving positive and negative replies. Annualised variation (a.v.). Weight (w.).



		Year 2005	Year 2006	Quarter 3 2006	Quarter 4 2006	Quarter 1 2007	Quarter 2 2007	Quarter 3 2007	May-07	Jun-07	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07
International background															
GDP of customer countries	s.a/y.r.	2.2	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.2	2.8	3.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
GDP EU	s.a/y.r.	1.8	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.4	2.8	2.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
GDP EA	s.a/y.r.	1.5	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.2	2.5	2.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Industrial production index of customer countries	s.a/y.r./3-mma	0.8	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.0	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.6	-	-
Economic Sentiment Indicator in EU	ind/s.a.-3mma	99.4	108.3	109.6	112.0	112.2	114.5	112.3	114.1	114.5	114.4	113.8	112.3	111.1	109.3
Economic Sentiment Indicator in EA	ind/s.a.-3mma	97.9	106.9	108.2	109.9	110.0	111.6	109.3	111.4	111.6	111.6	110.9	109.3	107.6	105.9
Order books in industry of EU	balance/s.a.-3mma	-18.0	-3.5	0.0	2.7	4.3	6.2	3.7	6.4	6.2	5.2	4.8	3.7	2.9	1.7
Consumer confidence indicator in EU	balance/s.a.-3mma	-10.7	-7.5	-7.4	-6.1	-5.0	-2.3	-3.0	-3.1	-2.3	-1.6	-2.1	-3.0	-4.0	-5.2
Unemployment rate in EU	s.a/%	8.9	8.1	8.0	7.7	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	-
Harmonised index of consumer price in EA	y.r.	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.1	2.6	3.1
Production price index of supplying countries	y.r./3-mma	3.8	4.2	4.5	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.1	-
Crude oil price (Brent)	y.r.	42.7	18.2	8.4	-3.4	-14.2	-8.1	-0.2	-9.0	-2.3	-3.4	-9.1	14.1	26.3	38.0
Economic activity															
GDP	y.r.	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Economic climate indicator	balance/3-mma	-0.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
Economic activity indicator	3-mma	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.6	1.2	1.8	2.2	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.4	-
Total turnover index	y.r./3-mma	0.6	2.6	4.5	2.7	4.8	4.1	4.3	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.9	4.3	4.6	-
Manufacturing industry production index	y.r./3-mma	-1.5	2.3	3.5	2.5	4.7	3.6	2.2	4.6	3.6	2.6	2.0	2.2	3.1	-
Production index in construction	y.r./3-mma	-4.9	-6.6	-7.9	-7.2	-6.8	-4.7	-2.5	-5.4	-4.7	-3.7	-2.7	-2.5	-2.1	-
Retail trade turnover index (real)	y.r./3-mma	1.7	1.2	3.4	1.1	1.7	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.7	1.5	0.5	0.9	-
Consumption															
Consumer confidence indicator	balance/3-mma	-37.7	-34.2	-31.9	-31.0	-33.2	-32.9	-35.5	-33.0	-32.9	-33.2	-34.6	-35.5	-36.8	-37.9
Quantitative indicator of consumption	y.r./3-mma	2.7	1.4	2.0	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.0	1.9	-
Indicator of non-durable consumer goods	y.r./3-mma	2.4	1.5	1.8	1.3	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.3	-
Indicator of durable consumer goods	y.r./3-mma	5.3	0.7	4.1	1.2	2.4	9.0	5.1	3.3	9.0	8.8	9.0	5.1	6.3	-
Vol. ind. consumption of passenger vehicles	y.r./3-mma	6.3	-3.2	1.3	-2.9	1.2	13.4	3.6	2.8	13.4	12.0	11.2	3.6	5.3	-
Investment															
GFCF indicator		-2.4	-3.1	-2.4	-5.7	0.1	0.2	3.7	-0.4	0.2	8.0	8.4	3.7	0.9	-
Cement sales	y.r./3-mma	-6.0	-7.6	-9.5	-8.4	-1.9	-2.3	2.1	-1.3	-2.3	0.0	1.0	2.1	-	-
Sales of steel for concrete	y.r./3-mma	-6.8	5.9	14.3	-11.5	-6.9	-3.9	-9.4	-2.8	-3.9	-8.0	-3.8	-9.4	-	-
Credit for purchase of habitation	y.r./stocks	11.9	15.6	15.2	15.6	9.6	9.0	9.8	9.1	9.0	8.0	8.2	9.8	-	-
Licenses for construction of new habitations	y.r./3-mma	-2.0	-6.8	-8.3	-13.3	-9.6	-12.3	-5.2	-10.6	-12.3	-9.0	-6.6	-5.2	-7.1	-
Machinery and equipment indicator		1.8	2.7	2.8	3.8	4.1	4.0	5.1	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.6	5.1	5.2	5.4
Sales of light commercial vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-1.8	-7.3	-6.4	-1.0	1.5	48.0	-17.5	14.5	48.0	38.8	30.0	-17.5	-15.3	-12.8
Sales of new heavy commercial vehicles	y.r./3-mma	0.1	12.9	52.0	-31.9	2.7	-9.0	-19.8	-21.8	-9.0	80.5	56.6	-19.8	-11.8	2.9
External demand															
External demand indicator in value	s.a/y.r./3-mma	10.4	12.3	10.6	8.6	4.0	2.4	5.1	1.8	2.4	3.6	4.6	5.1	-	-
External order books	balance/3-mma	-23.7	-14.4	-13.7	-10.7	-7.0	-2.0	-1.3	-4.0	-2.0	0.7	0.0	-1.3	-1.3	-2.0
Exports of merchandises in value	y.r./3-mma	2.8	12.4	13.1	12.7	12.6	8.9	5.1	9.3	8.9	7.5	6.8	5.1	4.0	-
Imports of merchandises in value	y.r./3-mma	5.5	8.1	8.7	5.7	2.4	5.4	5.8	4.4	5.4	4.7	5.0	5.8	5.6	-
Labour market															
Unemployment rate	%	7.6	7.7	7.4	8.2	8.4	7.9	7.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Employment	y.r.	0.0	0.7	1.1	0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployed registration along the month	s.a/y.r./3-mma	4.1	1.2	-1.1	2.6	-5.3	-3.8	-6.1	-5.8	-3.8	-2.8	-2.3	-6.1	-6.8	-
Unemployment expectations	balance/3-mma	49.0	43.8	40.0	39.3	40.5	40.4	42.7	40.9	40.4	40.6	42.1	42.7	44.0	44.7
Vacancies along the month	s.a/y.r./3-mma	5.4	3.6	6.9	-0.1	15.1	3.0	11.4	5.1	3.0	4.9	11.5	11.4	19.5	-
Employment indicator (short-term statistics)	y.r./3-mma	-2.2	-1.9	-1.8	-1.9	-1.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	-
Wage negotiation	av/3-mma&w.	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.6
Prices and exchange rates															
Consumer price index	y.r.	2.3	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.6	2.8
Core inflation indicator	y.r.	1.6	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.1	1.8	2.2	2.3
Consumer price index - goods	y.r.	1.9	3.2	3.2	2.5	2.3	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.5	1.7	2.4	2.7
Consumer price index - services	y.r.	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.6	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.0
Manufacturing industry production price index	y.r./3-mma	3.5	4.6	4.9	2.8	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7	2.5	-
Exchange rate euro/USD	y.r.	0.1	0.9	4.5	8.5	9.0	7.3	7.9	5.8	6.1	8.1	6.3	9.2	12.8	14.0
Exchange rate euro/JPY	y.r.	1.8	6.6	9.2	8.9	11.3	13.2	9.3	14.4	13.4	13.7	7.1	7.3	10.2	7.8