

# Decision Analyst Global Economic Indices

December 2017

Arlington, Texas—The following chart compares Decision Analyst’s U.S. Economic Index to its Economic Indices for other countries. The Russian Federation increased by 6 points in the past 12 months, while the United Kingdom and France each declined by 2 points. In South America, Brazil increased 10 points in the past 12 months, and Chile increased 9 points. Colombia declined by 3 points. In Asia, India declined by 4 points.

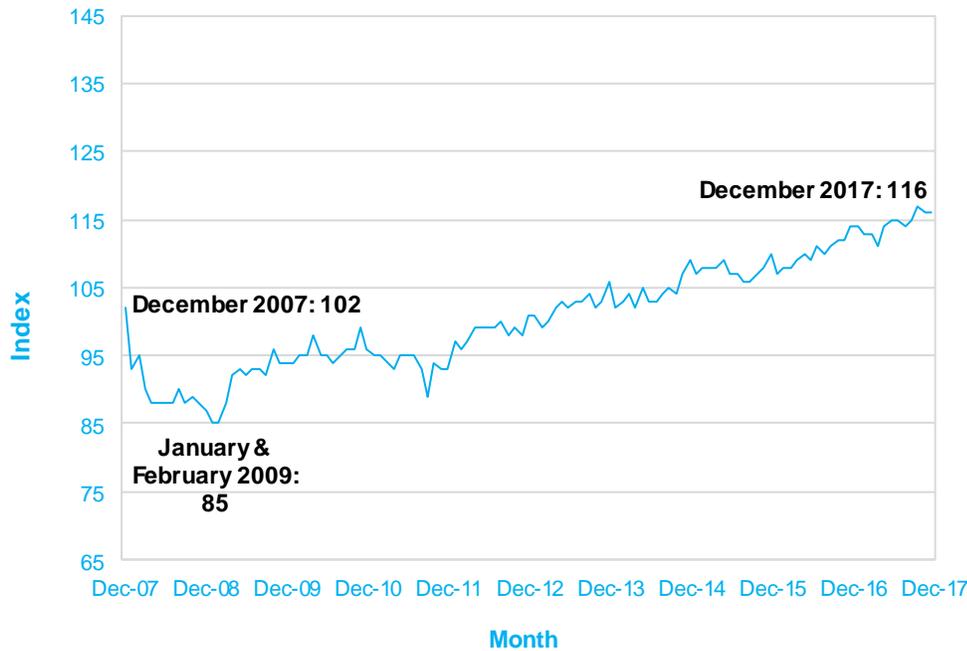
| Decision Analyst Global Economic Indices<br>December 2017                           |                     |                     |  |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|--|
|   |                     | December 2017 Index | Past-12-Month Change<br>(From Dec. 2016 to<br>Dec. 2017) |
| <b>North America</b>  |                     |                     |  |
|    | United States       | 116                 | ↑ +2   |
|    | Canada              | 95                  | ↑ +4   |
|    | Mexico*             | 98                  | ↑ +3   |
| <b>South America</b>  |                     |                     |  |
|    | Argentina*          | 92                  | ↑ +5   |
|   | Brazil*             | 105                 | ↑ +10  |
|  | Chile*              | 103                 | ↑ +9   |
|  | Colombia*           | 96                  | ↓ -3   |
|  | Peru*               | 106                 | ↑ +3   |
| <b>Europe</b>   |                     |                     |  |
|  | France              | 89                  | ↓ -2   |
|  | Germany             | 106                 | ↑ +1   |
|  | Italy               | 98                  | → +/-0   |
|  | Russian Federation* | 104                 | ↑ +6   |
|  | Spain*              | 100                 | ↑ +2   |
|  | United Kingdom      | 103                 | ↓ -2   |
| <b>Australia/Asia</b>   |                     |                     |  |
|  | Australia*          | 97                  | ↑ +5   |
|  | India*              | 122                 | ↓ -4   |

\* The Index numbers for Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, India, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, and Spain are 3-month moving averages to smooth out month-to-month fluctuations. The reported Index number averages the current month with the previous 2 months.

The Decision Analyst Economic Indices are based on monthly online surveys in the respective countries; these surveys provide inputs to Decision Analyst’s econometric models that compute the Economic Indices for the different countries.

## North America

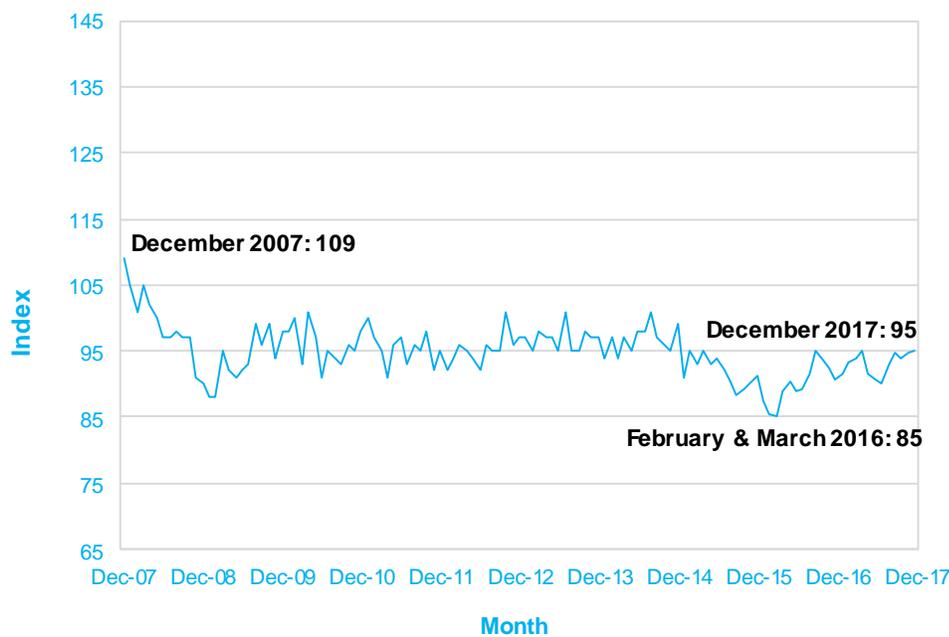
### United States Economic Index December 2017



**Past-12-Month  
Change**  
From Dec. 2016 to  
Dec. 2017)



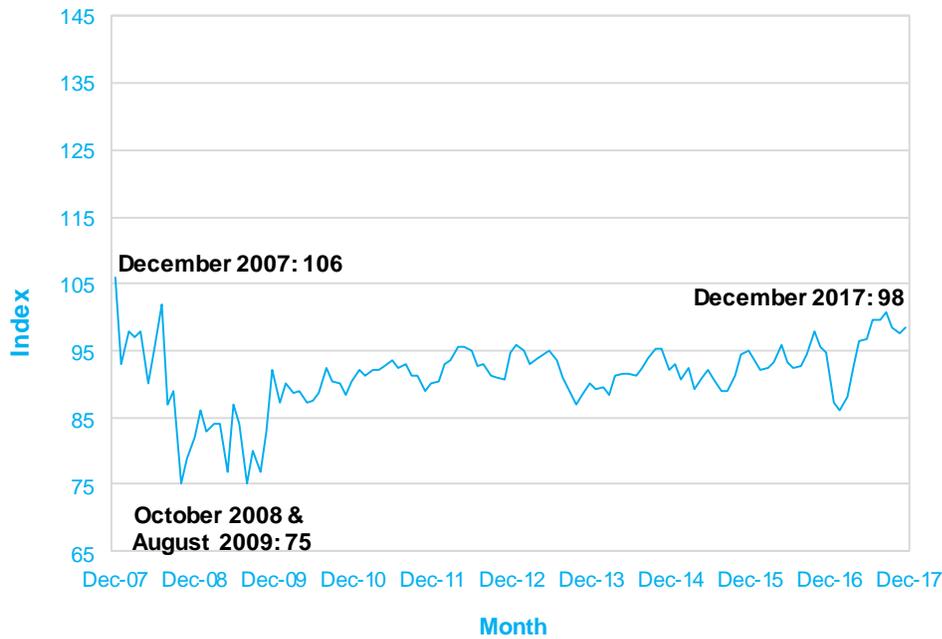
### Canada Economic Index December 2017



**Past-12-Month  
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**Mexico\* Economic Index  
December 2017**



**Past-12-Month  
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**South America**

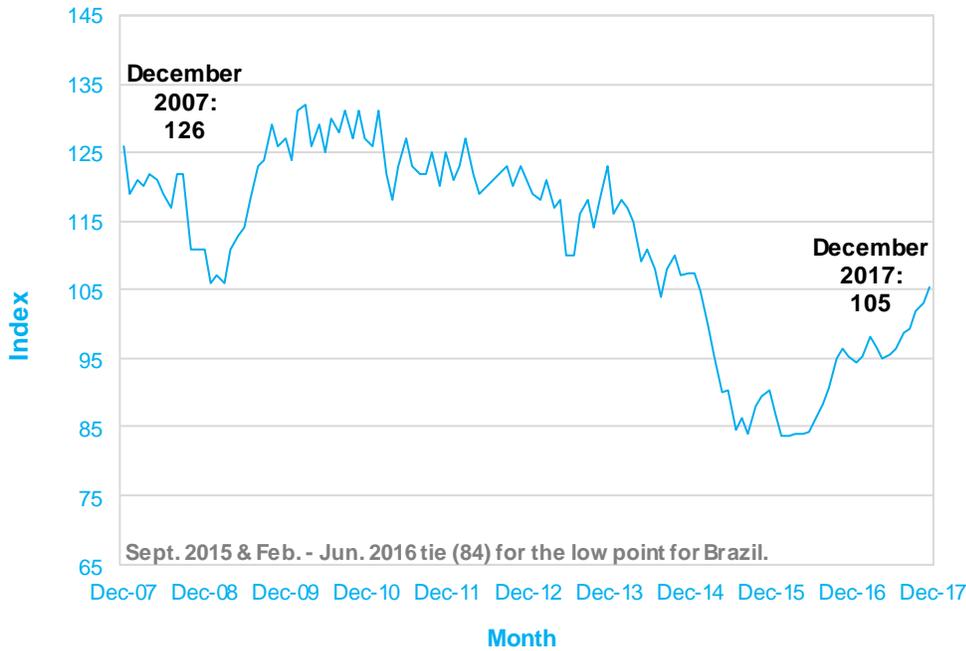
**Argentina\* Economic Index  
December 2017**



**Past-12-Month  
Change  
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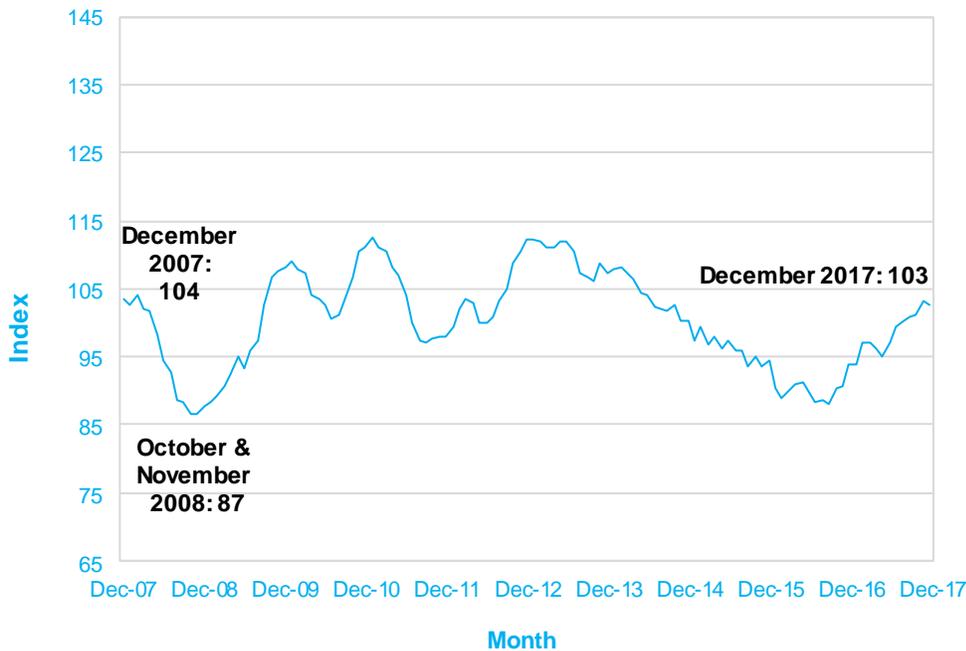
**Brazil\* Economic Index  
December 2017**



**Past-12-Month  
Change**  
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**+10  
Points**

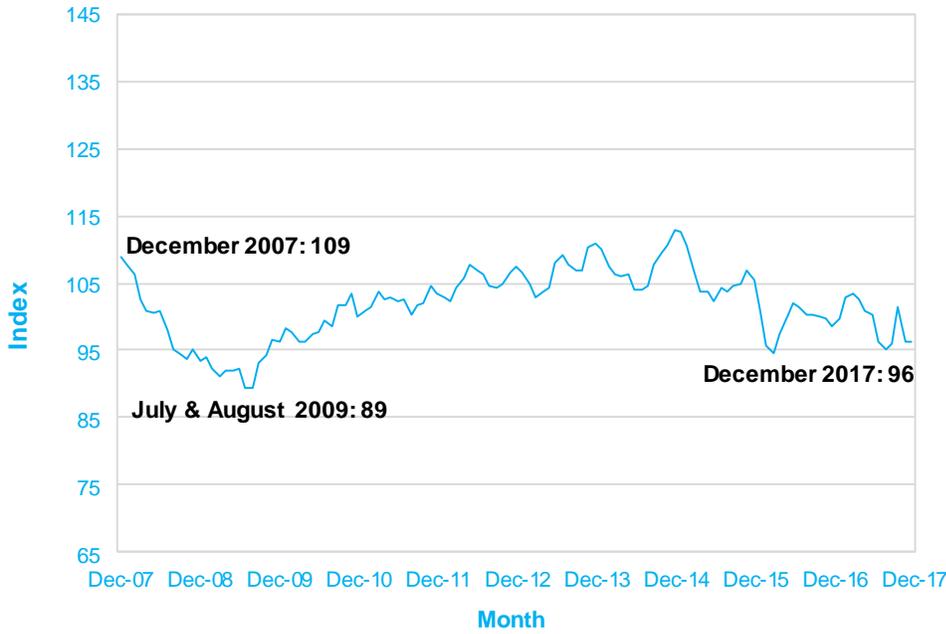
**Chile\* Economic Index  
December 2017**



**Past-12-Month  
Change**  
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**+9  
Points**

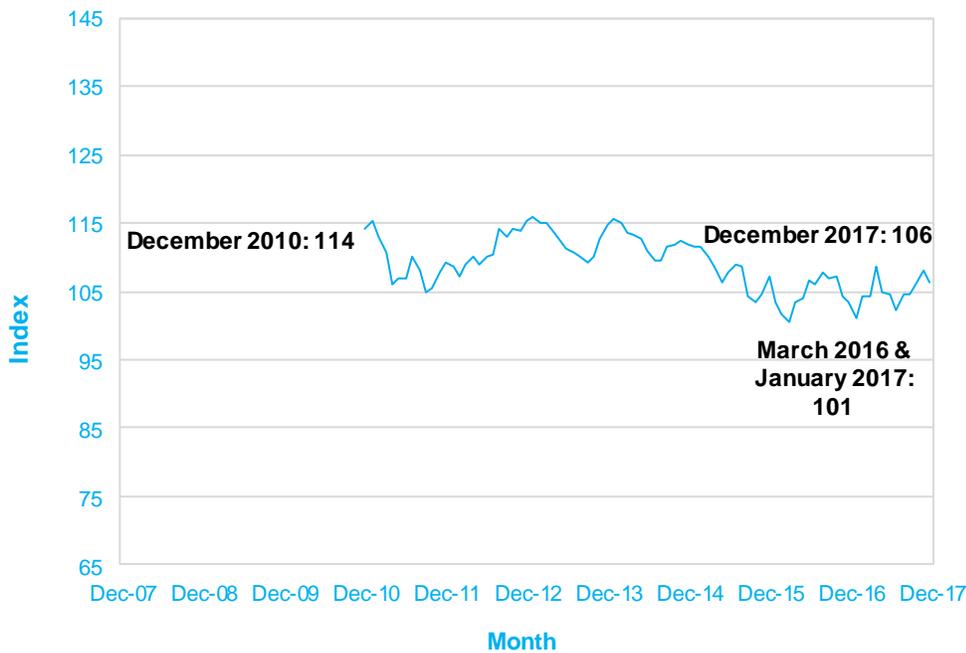
**Colombia\* Economic Index  
December 2017**



**Past-12-Month  
Change**  
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**-3  
Points**

**Peru\* Economic Index  
December 2017**



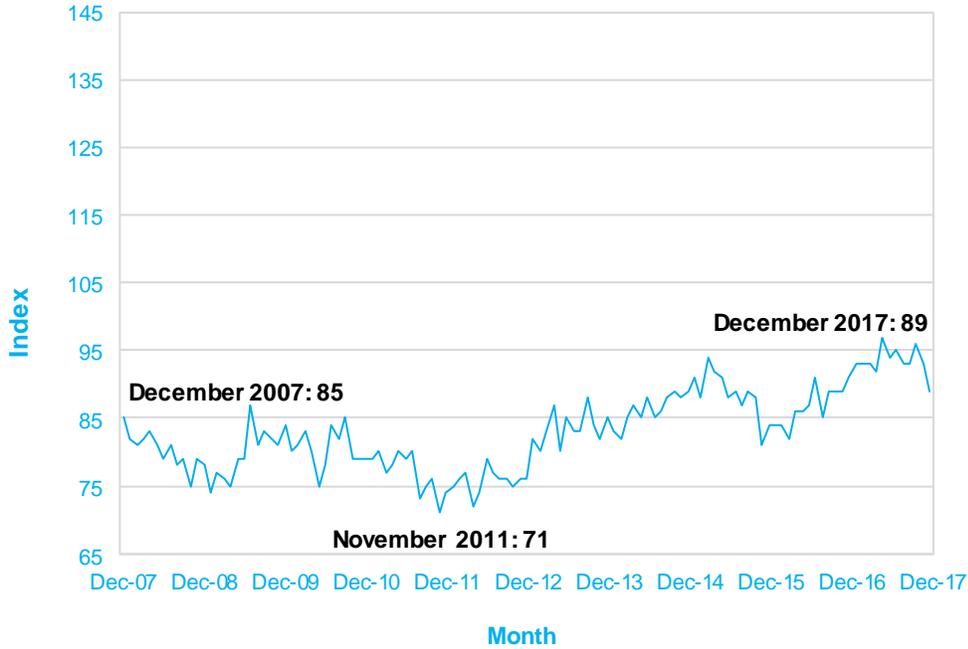
**Past-12-Month  
Change**  
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**+3  
Points**

Data collection for  
Peru began in  
December 2010.

## Europe

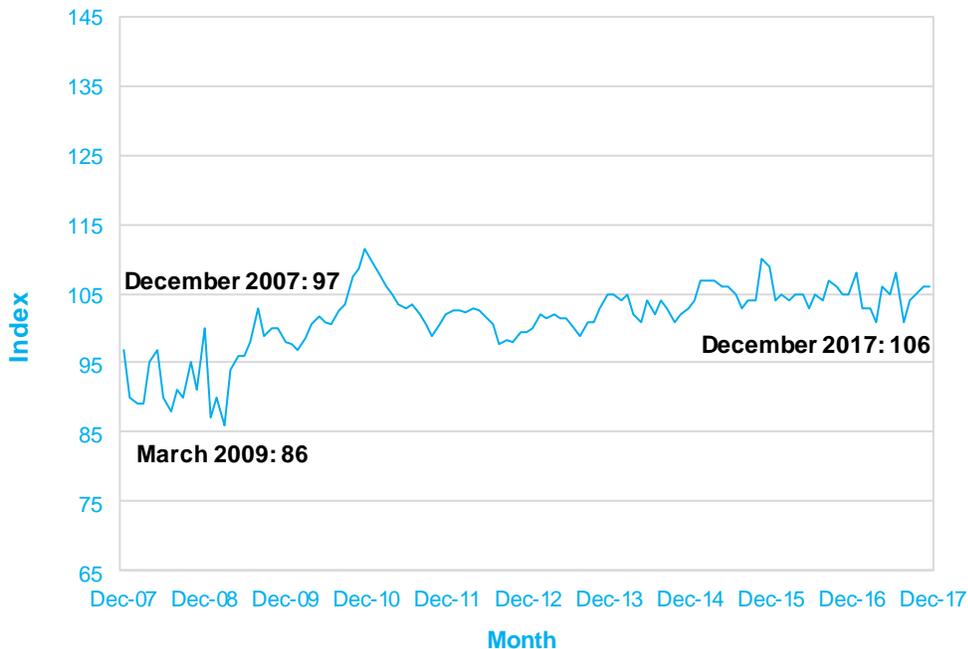
### France Economic Index December 2017



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Change**  
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**-2  
Points**

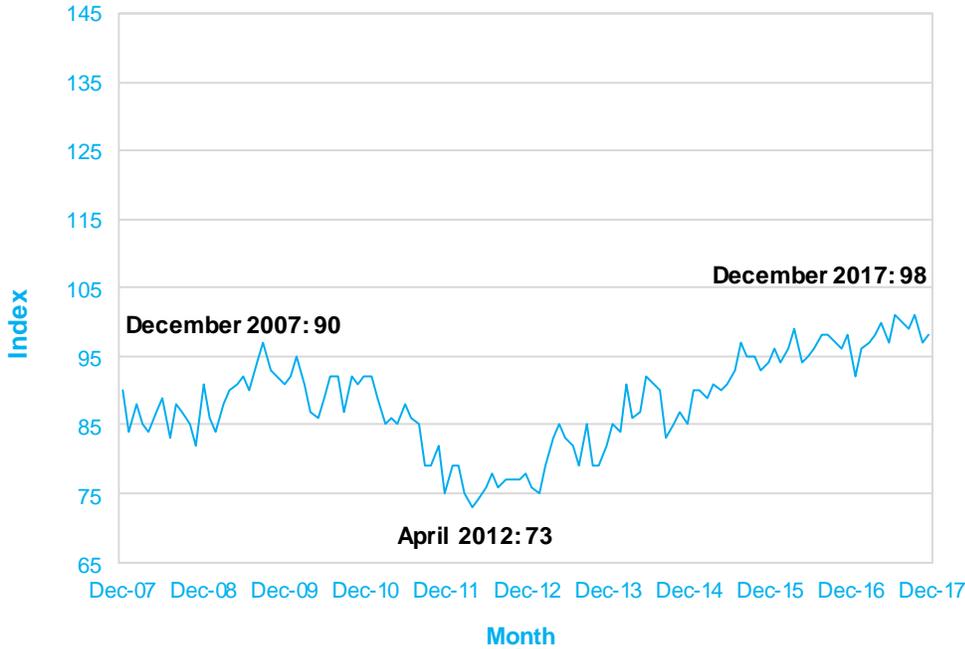
### Germany Economic Index December 2017



**Past-12-Month  
Change**  
(From Dec. 2016 to  
Dec. 2017)

**+1  
Point**

**Italy Economic Index  
December 2017**

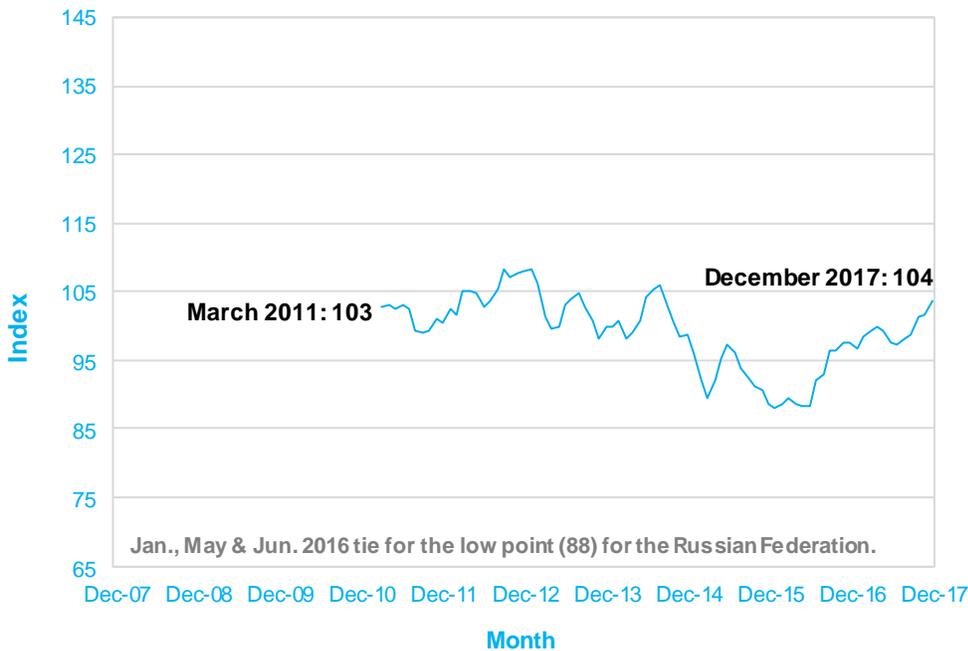


**Past-12-Month  
Change  
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Dec. 2017)**



**+/-0  
Points**

**Russian Federation\* Economic Index  
December 2017**



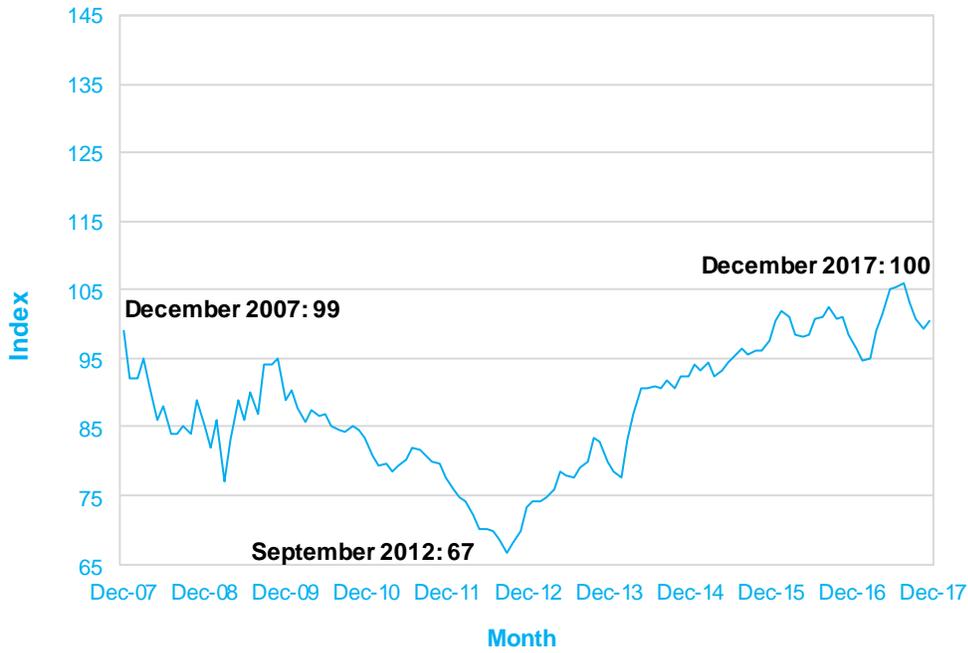
**Past-12-Month  
Change  
(From Dec. 2016 to  
Dec. 2017)**



**+6  
Points**

**Data collection for  
the Russian  
Federation began in  
March 2011.**

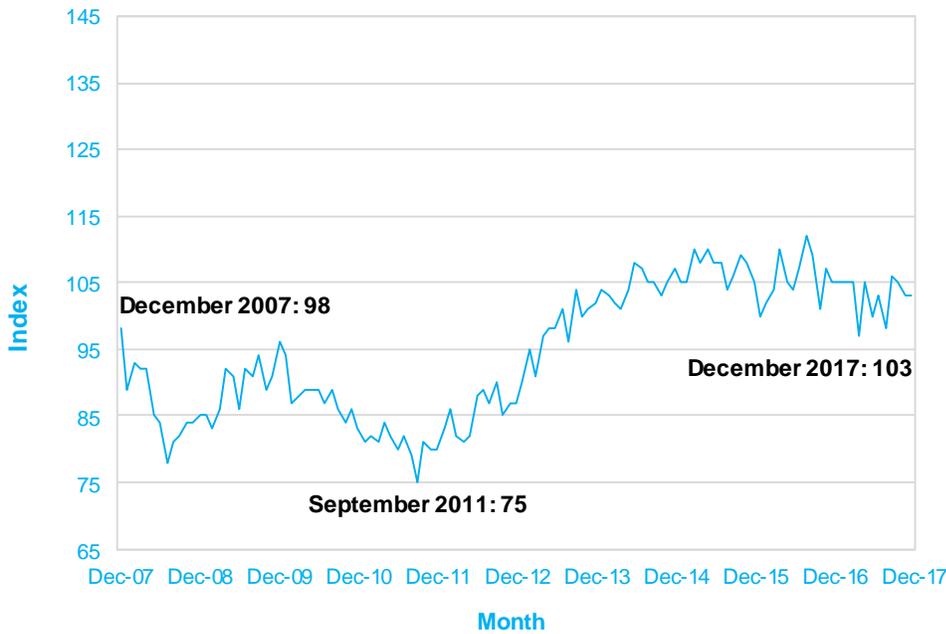
**Spain\* Economic Index  
December 2017**



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**United Kingdom Economic Index  
December 2017**

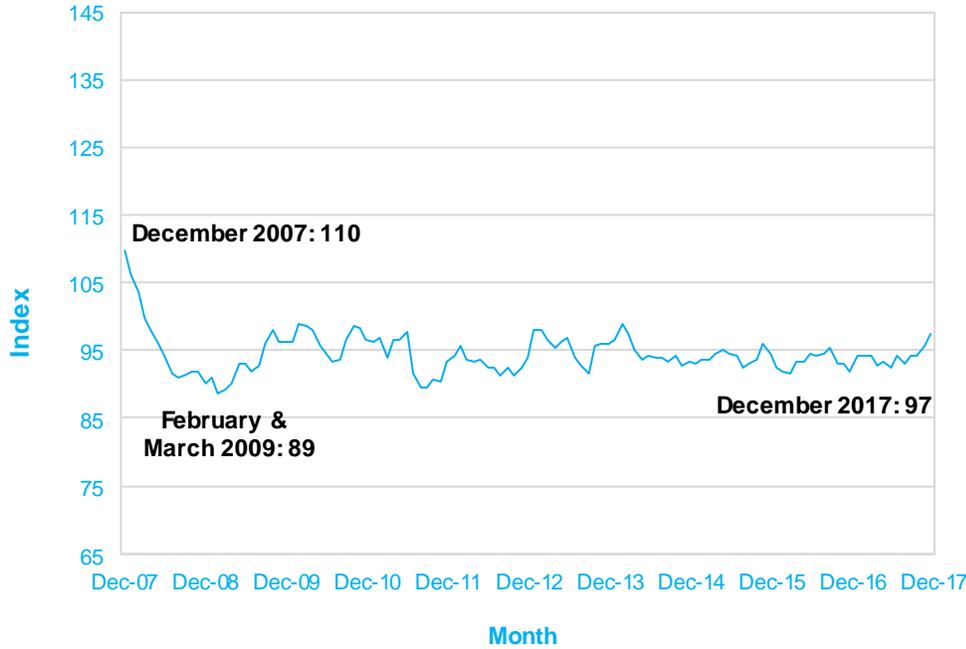


**Past-12-Month  
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## Australia/Asia

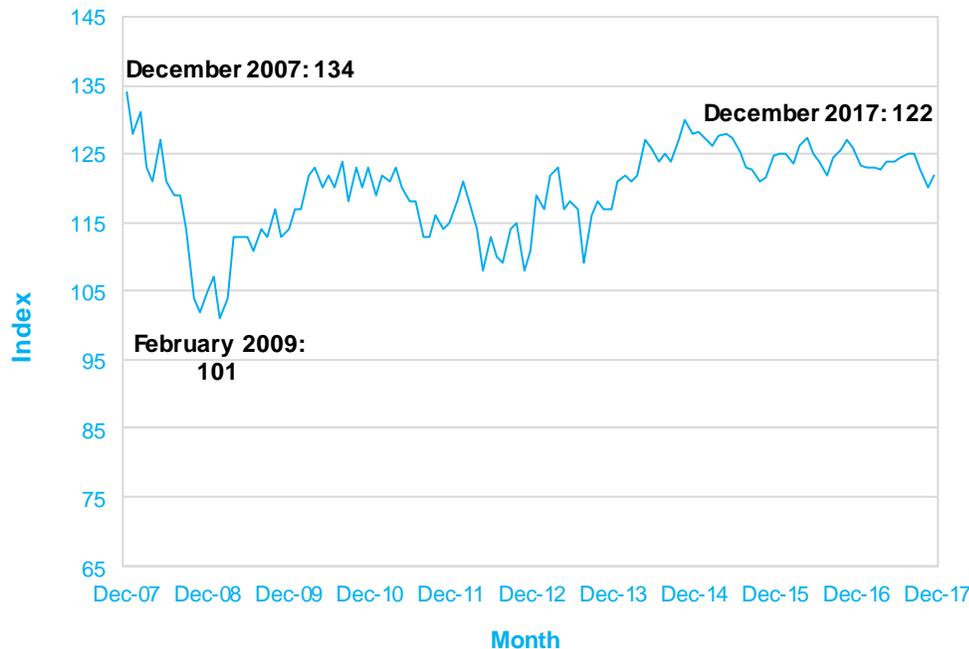
### Australia\* Economic Index December 2017



**Past-12-Month  
Change**  
(From Dec. 2016 to  
Dec. 2017)

**+5  
Points**

### India\* Economic Index December 2017



**Past-12-Month  
Change**  
(From Dec. 2016 to  
Dec. 2017)

**-4  
Points**

## \*Three-Month Moving Average

The Index numbers for Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, India, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, and Spain are 3-month moving averages to smooth out month-to-month fluctuations. The reported Index number averages the current month with the 2 previous months. Prior to July 2013, the Index numbers reported for Germany were a 3-month moving average. Starting in July 2013, the Index numbers reported for Germany are the actual monthly numbers.

## Methodology

The Decision Analyst Economic Index is based on a monthly online survey of several thousand households balanced by gender, age, and geography. The scientific survey is conducted in the last 10 days of each month. The Economic Index is calculated from 9 different economic measurements using a sophisticated econometric model. The result is a snapshot of coming economic activity in each country surveyed, as seen through the eyes of representative consumers living in the respective countries.

Decision Analyst conducts its concurrent economic surveys each month in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom, and the United States. Whenever the Decision Analyst Economic Index is greater than 110, it tends to signal an expanding economy. An Index value of 90 to 110 suggests a no-growth or slow-growth economy, and near or below 90 generally indicates economic contraction. These guidelines vary by country, however.

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