



SPRING 2009 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR HUNGARY: ANSWERS FROM MGYOSZ

MAIN FORECAST

| | 2008 | 2009 |
|--------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| Real GDP growth | 0.6 | between -3.0 and -3.5 % |
| Consumer price inflation | 6.1 | 3.9 |
| Unemployment rate | 8.0 | 8.5 |
| Employment growth | -1.6 | -1.5 |

Components of aggregate demand

| Annual % change | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|------|------|
| Private consumption | 0.5 | -3.5 |
| Public consumption | na | na |
| Investment (Gross fixed capital formation) | -2.5 | -5.0 |
| Exports | 4.0 | -3.0 |
| Imports | 4.0 | -4.0 |

ECONOMIC SENTIMENT

| | Positive | Negative | Unchanged | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Trend in business climate over the next 6 months | | Industry Services | | | |
| Trend in profitability over the next 6 months | | Industry Services | | | |
| Investment intentions over the next 6 months | Increase (faster pace) | Increase (slower pace) | Unchanged | Decrease (slower pace) | Decrease (faster pace) Industry Services |
| Driving force behind investment decisions in the next 6 months | Replacement Down | Extension Down | Rationalisation Up | Innovation Same | |
| Overall trend in employment | Industry: past 6 months Down | Industry: next 6 months Down | Services: past 6 months Down | Services: next 6 months Down | |

ACCESS TO FINANCE

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|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Compared to 6 months ago, cost/access to finance has been... | | | | |
| for SMEs | sharply up / restrained | up / more difficult | same | down / easier |
| | Access | Cost | | |
| for larger companies (>250 employees) | | Cost | | |
| | Access | | | |
| Over the next 6 months, cost /access to finance will be... | | | | |
| for SMEs | sharply up / restrained | up / more difficult | same | down / easier |
| | | Cost Access | | |
| for larger companies (>250 employees) | | Cost Access | | |
| For companies, the current financing situation is... | an existential threat | of high concern | somewhat concerning | not worrying |
| working capital / treasury needs | SMEs | large companies | | |
| debt refinancing | SMEs | large companies | | |
| financing productive investments | | SMEs large companies | | |
| financing innovation and R&D | | SMEs large companies | | |



POLICY MIX

Given natl. circumstances, are recovery plans appropriate to stimulate the economy?

not enough

Tight, appropriate for the euro area

Tight
yes

Appropriate

Loose

Loose, appropriate for the euro area

Monetary policy is...

adequate
yes

inadequate

Consistency between fiscal and monetary policies