



AUTUMN 2012 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR SWEDEN: ANSWERS FROM SN

MAIN FORECAST						
Annual % change		2012	2013			
Real GDP growth		0,9	1,2			
Consumer price inflation		1,0	1,1			
Unemployment rate		7,7	8,0			
Employment growth		0,4	-0,2			
Hourly wage growth		3,5	2,9			
Hourly labour productivity growth		1,8	1,6			
annual hours worked per person employed		n/a	n/a			
government net lending (% of GDP)		-0,3	-0,6			
gross public debt (% of GDP)		37,7	36,9			
current account balance (% of GDP)	6,4	5,9			
ECONOMIC SENTIMENT						
	Positive	Negative	Unchanged			
Trend in business climate over the next 6 months		_	_			
	Positive	Negative	Unchanged			
Trend in profitability over the next 6 months		_				
	Increase (faster pace)	Increase (slower pace)	Unchanged	Decrease (slower pace)	Decrease (faster pace)	
Investment intentions over the next 6 months						
	Global demand	Domestic demand	Cost of finance	Availability of finance	Company Profitability	Capacity Utilisation
Influence on companies' investment decisions	na	na	na	na	neutral	neutral
	Replacement	Extension	Rationalisation	Innovation		
investment decisions in the next 6 months	na	na	na	na		
	Industry: past 6 months	Industry: next 6 months	Services: past 6 months	Services: next 6 months		
Overall trend in employment	na	na	na	na		





Compared to 6 months ago, cost/access to finance has been	sharply up / restrained	up / more difficult	same	down / easier
for SMEs				
ger companies (>250 employees)				
Over the next 6 months, cost access to finance will be	sharply up /	up / more difficult	same	down / easier
for SMEs		Cost		
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			Access	
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