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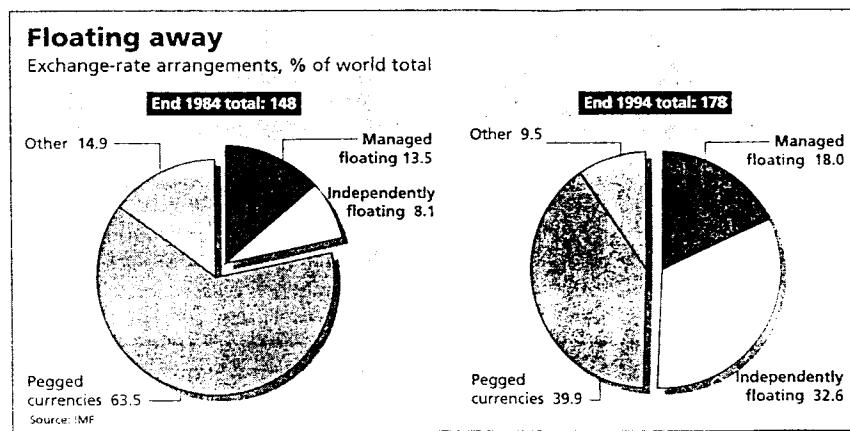
FIGURE 1

Table 1 *History of the Snake*

Date	Change
1972 April	Snake established
June	£ floated, sterling leaves the snake
Dec.	Lira leaves
1973 March	Joint float agreed, D-Mark revalued by 3%
June	D-Mark revalued by 5½%
Sept.	Guilder revalued by 5%
Nov.	Norwegian kroner revalued by 5%
1974 Jan.	French franc leaves
1975 July	French franc rejoins
1976 March	French franc leaves; 'worm' agreement for narrower bands between Benelux currencies abandoned.
Oct.	Realignment, D-mark up by 6% against Danish krone, 3% against Swedish krona and Norwegian krone and 2% against Benelux
1977 April	Swedish krona devalued by 6%, Danish and Norwegian kroner by 3%
August	Swedish krona leaves
	Norwegian and Danish kroner devalued by 5%
1978 Feb.	Norwegian krone devalued by 8%
Oct.	Realignment, mark up 4% against Danish and Norwegian kroner and by 2% against Benelux
1979 March	EMS comes into effect

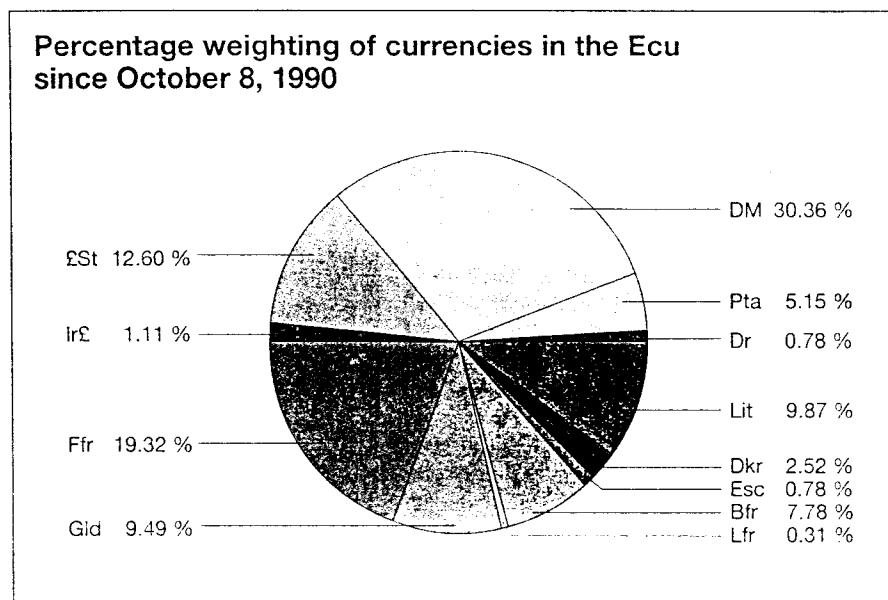
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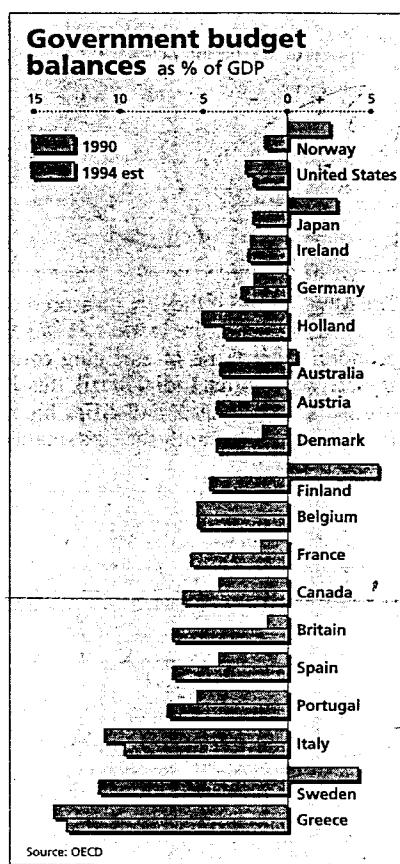
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Naughty boys		
	General government gross debt as % of GDP Forecasts	
	1995	1996
Austria	59.9	60.8
Belgium	138.7	136.0
Britain	52.4	53.1
Denmark	78.0	78.2
Finland	80.2	86.2
France	53.4	55.6
Germany	59.4	58.9
Greece	125.4	128.1
Holland	78.8	78.0
Ireland	83.7	79.1
Italy	126.8	128.6
Luxembourg	9.8	9.9
Portugal	71.7	72.3
Spain	65.8	66.1
Sweden	102.7	110.5

Sources: European Monetary Institute; OECD

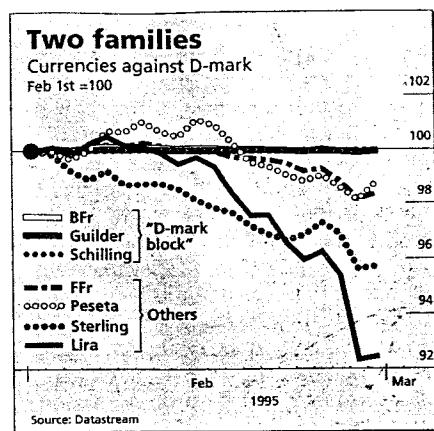
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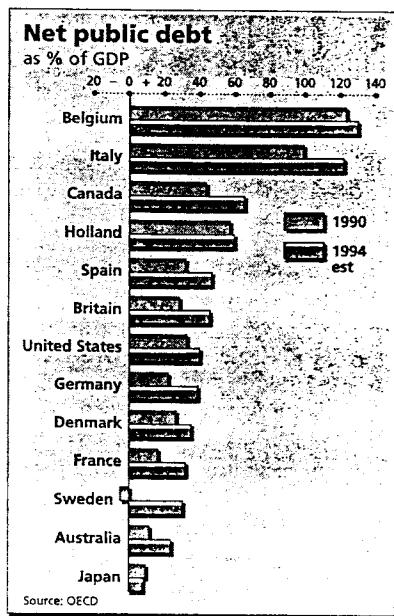
Macroeconomic Performance of the Spanish Economy
average rates of growth in real terms

	1940-50	1950-60	1961-74	1975-78	1979-84
GDP	1.3(1)	5.7(1)	7.0	2.3	1.3
Industrial Output	3.0(3)	7.4(3)	10.3	2.4	1.1
Gross Fixed Capital Formation	-	-	11.0	-2.1	-1.9
Exports of goods and services	-	3.1(4)	11.5	0.9	7.3
Imports of goods and services	-	7.4(4)	16.1	0.9	2.9
Consumer Prices	11.6(2)	5.5(2)	7.5	19.2	13.4
Employment	-	0.5	-1.4	-2.2	
Contribution of Exports to the rate of growth of GDP	-	-	-1.4	1.0	1.4

Source: "Economia 85" Supplement to *Papeles de Economía Española* No.22.

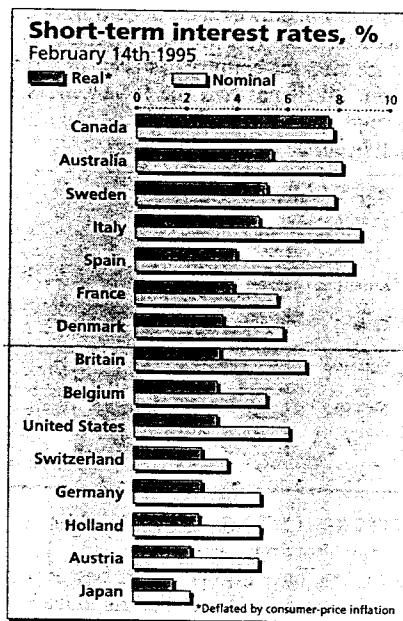
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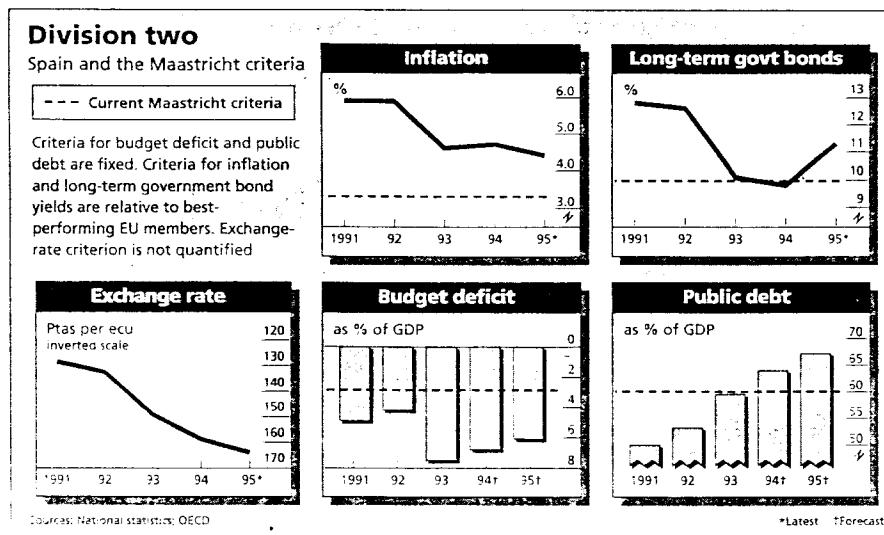
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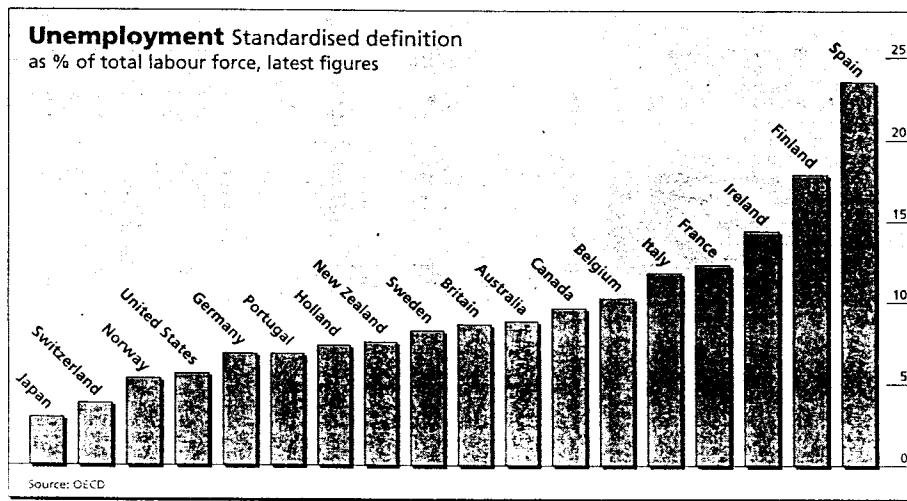
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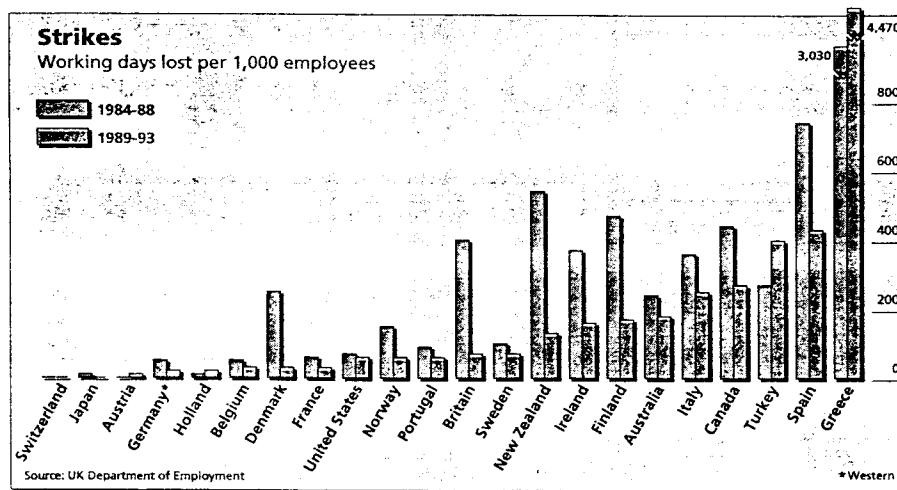
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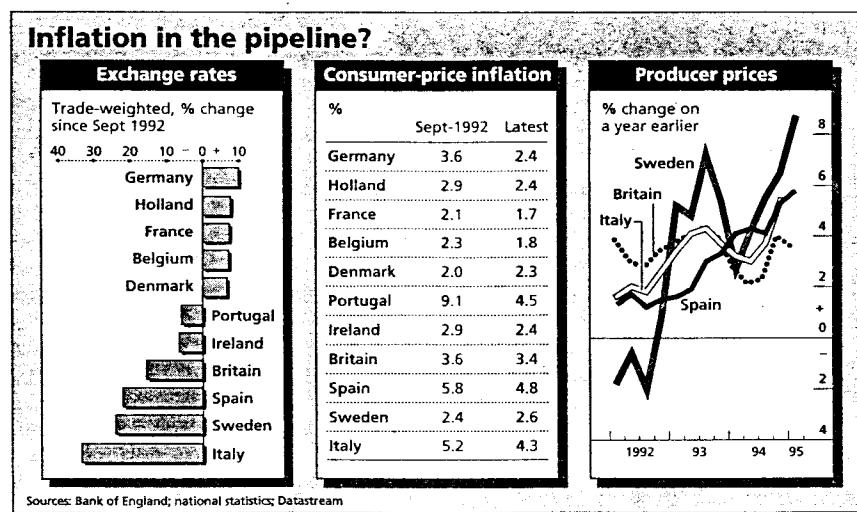
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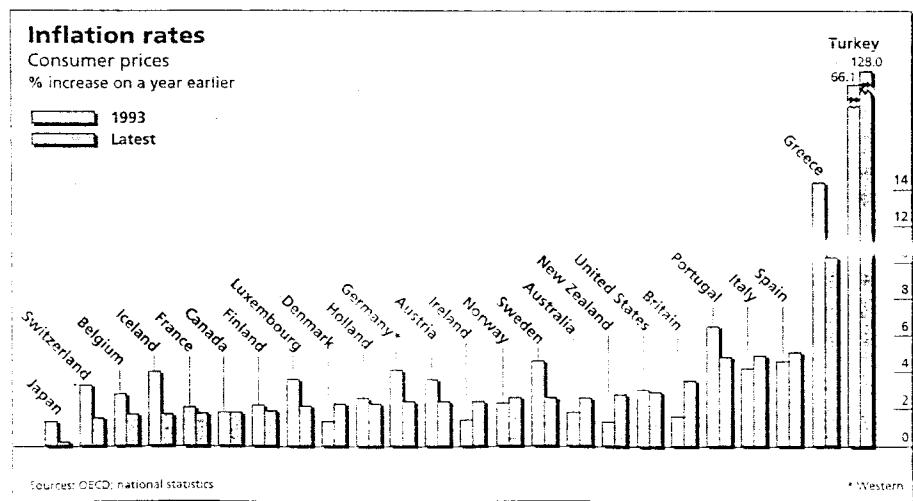
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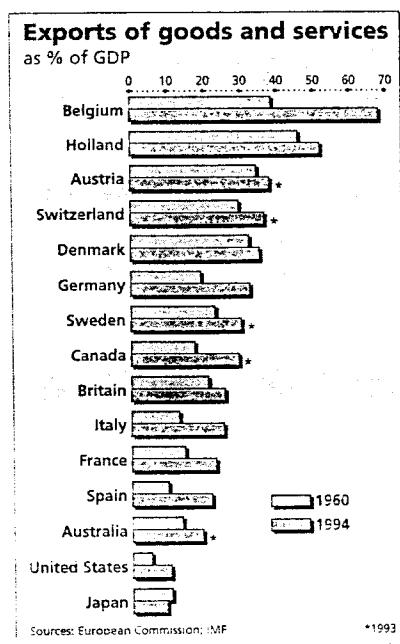
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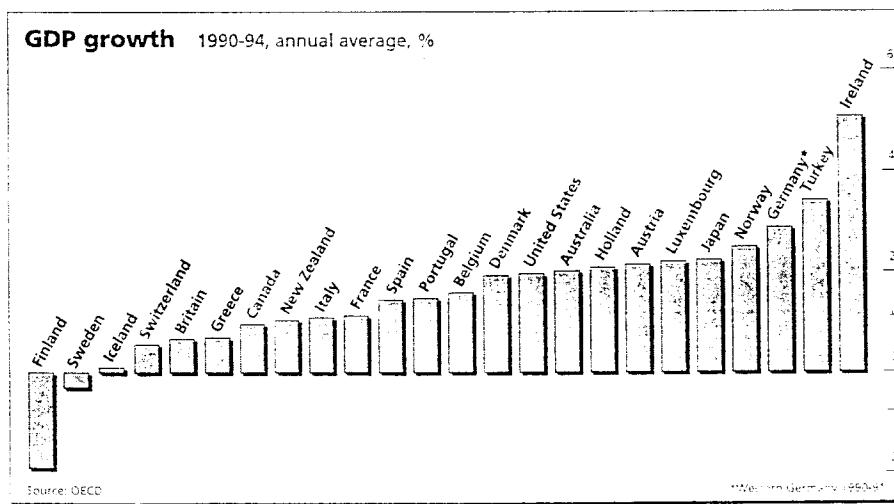
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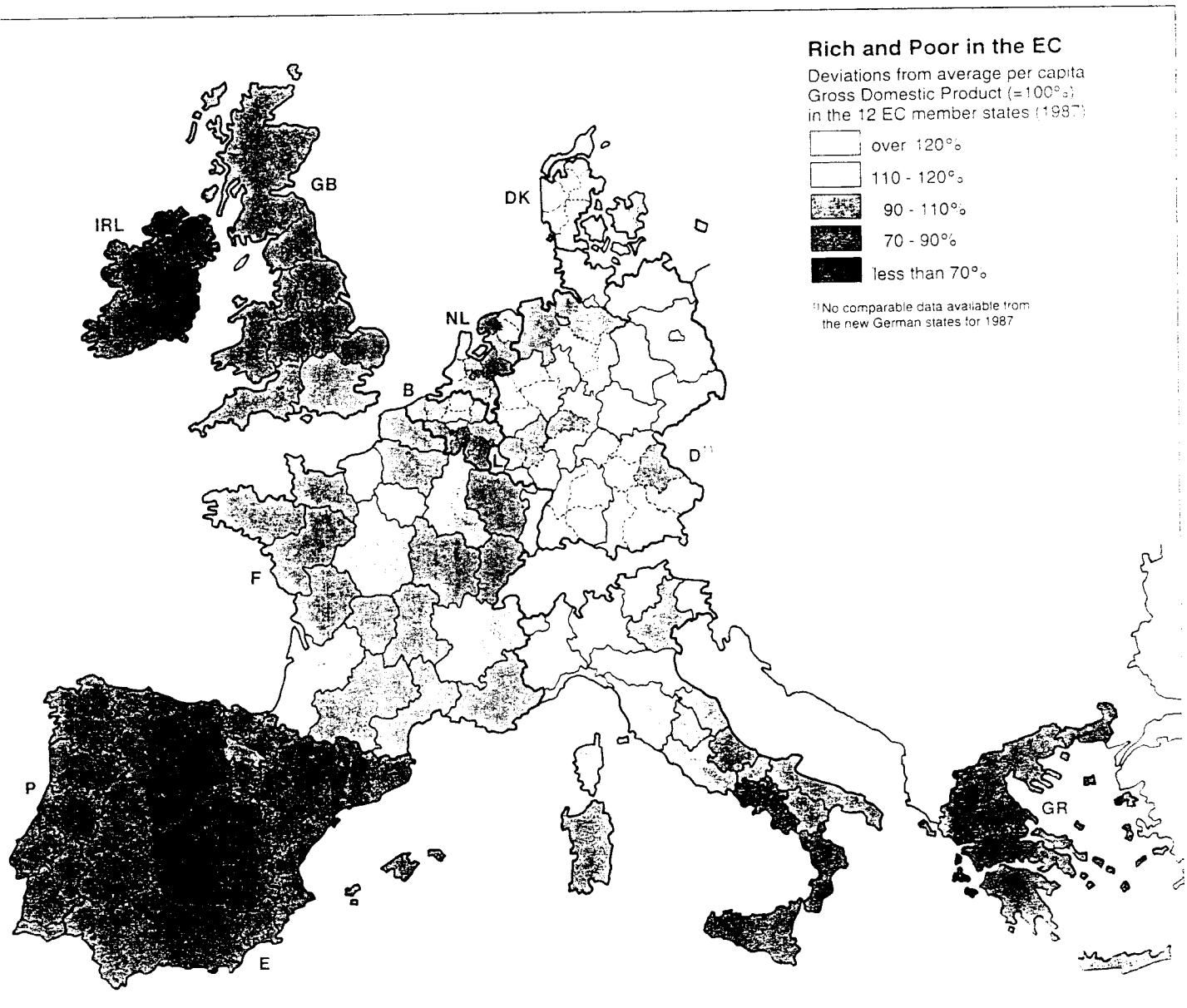
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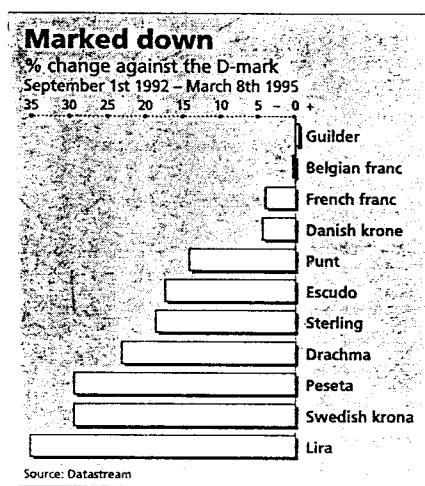
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Source: Federal Statistical Office '90

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FIGURE 19

Exchange-rate forecasts				
	EIU April consensus of currency per \$			
April 18th	3 months	6 months	12 months	
Australia m 1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	
A\$ 1.35 r 1.32-1.41	1.27-1.39	1.30-1.47		
Austria m 10.15	10.19	10.10		
ASch 9.62 r 9.71-10.88	9.64-11.05	9.50-11.47		
Belgium m 29.91	30.10	30.06		
BFr 28.10 r 28.60-32.17	28.40-32.50	27.81-33.61		
Britain m 1.59	1.59	1.58		
£1.61* r 1.52-1.64	1.68-1.55	1.69-1.49		
Canada m 1.41	1.39	1.37		
C\$ 1.37 r 1.39-1.43	1.35-1.41	1.33-1.43		
Denmark m 5.80	5.82	5.79		
DKr 5.39 r 5.52-6.12	5.59-6.16	5.29-6.39		
France m 5.00	5.05	5.06		
FFr 4.82 r 4.67-5.38	4.70-5.38	4.50-5.58		
Germany m 1.43	1.44	1.43		
DM 1.37 r 1.34-1.56	1.30-1.57	1.25-1.63		
Holland m 1.61	1.63	1.63		
Guilder 1.53 r 1.50-1.75	1.53-1.76	1.51-1.83		
Italy m 1742	1732	1739		
Lire 1,704 r 1677-1827	1644-1850	1593-1953		
Japan m 90	92	92		
¥81.5 r 85-100	80-103	75-107		
Spain m 131	131	132		
Ptas 123 r 120-139	120-138	118-144		
Sweden m 7.52	7.50	7.54		
SKr 7.30 r 7.11-8.30	7.15-7.84	7.09-8.02		
Switzerland m 1.18	1.19	1.18		
SFr 1.13 r 1.14-1.32	1.12-1.34	1.09-1.41		

*\$ per £ m=mean r=range

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OTHER ECONOMIC INDICATORS (THE ECONOMIST APRIL 22nd, 1995)

FIGURE 20

Stock price indices

	1995			% change on				
	Apr 18th	high	low	one week	one year	record high	Dec 30th 1994 in local currency	1994 in \$ terms
Australia	2,040.5	2,040.5	1,823.3	+ 2.4	- 1.0	- 12.8	+ 6.7	+ 2.0
Austria	355.3	395.4	350.3	- 1.1	- 16.9	- 49.5	- 10.1	+ 2.0
Belgium	1,361.7	1,391.2	1,271.5	+ 0.2	- 7.8	- 11.7	- 2.0	+ 10.9
Britain	3,194.5	3,210.9	2,954.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.1	- 9.3	+ 4.2	+ 7.4
Canada	4,299.4	4,319.5	3,991.3	+ 0.6	+ 4.5	- 6.7	+ 2.0	+ 4.5
Denmark	336.9	357.6	330.0	+ 0.7	- 10.3	- 19.0	- 3.5	+ 9.1
France	1,226.2	1,258.6	1,154.4	- 0.7	- 14.3	- 22.6	- 2.0	+ 8.7
Germany	1,965.3	2,135.0	1,911.0	- 1.4	- 9.5	- 13.5	- 6.7	+ 5.7
Holland	272.0	280.4	266.2	- 0.1	- 3.8	- 7.7	- 2.2	+ 10.9
Italy	610.8	680.5	588.0	+ 3.0	- 20.2	- 32.7	- 3.4	- 8.0
Japan	16,225	19,684	15,381	- 0.3	- 19.6	- 58.3	- 17.7	+ 0.7
Spain	276.4	290.1	264.1	+ 0.2	- 11.9	- 22.9	- 3.0	+ 4.0
Sweden	1,509.3	1,563.8	1,439.8	nil	+ 4.3	- 5.9	+ 2.6	+ 4.5
Switzerland	2,547.1	2,642.4	2,450.3	- 0.6	- 10.2	- 19.9	- 3.1	+ 12.4
United States	4,179.1	4,208.2	3,832.1	- 0.2	+ 15.5	- 0.7	+ 9.0	+ 9.0
World*	659.4	660.8	596.2	+ 1.3	+ 8.6	- 0.2	+ 6.6	+ 6.6

*Morgan Stanley Capital International index includes above markets and seven others in dollar terms.

% change at annual rate

	Consumer prices*		The Economist poll consumer prices forecast		Producer prices*		Wages/earnings	
	3 mths†	1 year	1995	1996	3 mths†	1 year	3 mths†	1 year
Australia	+ 3.3	+ 2.6 Q4	+ 3.8	+ 4.0	+ 4.8	+ 3.7 Feb	- 0.4	+ 3.8 Nov
Austria	+ 4.6	+ 2.4 Mar	+ 2.6	+ 2.9	- 0.9	+ 2.0 Mar	na	+ 4.5 Nov
Belgium	+ 2.4	+ 1.7 Mar	+ 2.2	+ 2.6	+ 1.0	+ 1.7 Oct	+ 7.1	+ 1.6 Q4†
Britain	+ 3.6	3.5 Mar	+ 3.3	+ 4.2	+ 8.0	+ 3.8 Mar	+ 7.8	+ 3.5 Feb
Canada	+ 3.5	+ 1.8 Feb	+ 2.1	+ 2.7	+13.4	+ 8.8 Feb	+ 7.2	+ 1.1 Jan
Denmark	+ 1.7	+ 2.3 Feb	+ 2.6	+ 3.1	+ 5.1	+ 3.4 Feb	- 5.1	+ 3.1 Aug
France	+ 2.3	+ 1.8 Mar	+ 1.9	+ 2.3	+11.3	+ 5.3 Q4	+ 2.6	+ 2.2 Q4*
Germany‡	+ 3.9	+ 2.4 Mar	+ 2.3	+ 2.7	+ 7.7	+ 3.9 Mar	na	+ 3.6 Feb**
Holland	+ 1.5	+ 2.3 Mar	+ 2.5	+ 2.8	+ 4.9	+ 3.6 Feb	+ 1.3	+ 0.7 Feb
Italy	+ 6.3	+ 4.9 Mar	+ 5.1	+ 5.6	+ 8.2	+ 5.6 Jan	+ 1.0	+ 3.0 Dec*
Japan	- 1.7	+ 0.2 Feb	+ 0.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.1	- 1.1 Mar	+25.1	+ 1.5 Dec
Spain	+ 7.9	+ 5.1 Mar	+ 4.8	+ 5.2	+10.9	+ 6.6 Feb	+ 3.7	+ 4.5 Q3
Sweden	+ 2.5	+ 2.6 Mar	+ 3.4	+ 4.0	+14.9	+ 9.7 Feb	+ 5.9	+ 4.6 Dec*
Switzerland	+ 5.4	+ 1.5 Mar	+ 2.3	+ 2.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.8 Feb	na	+ 2.5 Oct††
United States	+ 3.3	+ 2.9 Mar	+ 3.3	+ 3.8	+ 3.9	+ 1.6 Mar	+ 2.5	+ 2.8 Mar

* Not seasonally adjusted. † Average of latest 3 months compared with average of previous 3 months, at annual rate. ‡ Western. †† 1993. ** New series.

% change at annual rate

	GDP		The Economist poll GDP forecasts		Industrial production		Retail sales (volume)	Unemployment % rate
	3 mths†	1 year	1995	1996	3 mths†	1 year	1 year	latest year ago
Australia	+ 1.6	+ 5.0 Q4	+ 4.1	+ 3.1	+ 5.0	+ 7.9 Q4	+ 6.0 Q4	8.7 Mar 10.3
Austria	+14.5	+ 2.5 Q3*	+ 3.0	+ 3.0	+ 4.3	+ 4.6 Dec	+ 1.3 Dec	6.4 Feb** 6.7
Belgium	+ 0.8	+ 1.7 Q3	+ 2.7	+ 2.7	-26.1	- 3.9 Jul	+ 1.5 Nov	13.6 Mar 13.5
Britain	+ 3.1	+ 4.2 Q4	+ 3.5	+ 2.9	- 1.0	+ 3.8 Feb	+ 2.6 Feb	8.4 Mar 9.7
Canada	+ 5.9	+ 5.6 Q4	+ 3.9	+ 2.8	+11.0	+10.2 Jan	+ 8.8 Dec	9.7 Mar 10.5
Denmark	+ 7.1	+ 3.2 Q4	+ 3.3	+ 2.9	na	+ 7.1 Feb*	+ 3.9 Feb	10.5 Feb 12.5
France	+ 2.4	+ 3.6 Q4	+ 3.2	+ 3.0	+ 2.9	+ 5.6 Jan	+ 4.2 Jan	12.3 Feb 12.5
Germany‡	+ 3.0	+ 3.3 Q4	+ 2.9	+ 2.9	+ 8.1	+ 7.8 Dec	- 0.6 Dec	8.2 Mar** 8.3
Holland	+ 3.0	+ 3.3 Q4	+ 3.0	+ 3.0	- 3.8	+ 4.5 Jan	- 1.6 Dec	7.7 Mar†† 7.8
Italy	+ 0.1	+ 2.7 Q4	+ 3.1	+ 3.0	+12.2	+ 7.3 Feb	- 5.9 Dec	11.9 Feb** 11.2
Japan	- 3.4	+ 0.9 Q4	+ 2.0	+ 3.2	+ 4.1	+ 7.2 Feb	- 0.5 Nov	2.9 Feb 2.9
Spain	+ 3.0	+ 2.8 Q4	+ 3.2	+ 3.3	+ 4.9	+13.9 Jan	- 9.9 Dec	23.9 Q4* 23.0
Sweden	+ 4.3	+ 3.6 Q4	+ 2.4	+ 2.6	-21.4	+13.5 Jan	+ 6.0 Dec	7.6 Feb* 7.3
Switzerland	+ 2.3	+ 2.6 Q4	+ 2.5	+ 2.7	+ 3.2	+ 6.2 Q3	+ 2.2 Dec	4.4 Mar* 5.0
United States	+ 5.1	+ 4.1 Q4	+ 3.2	+ 2.3	+ 5.5	+ 4.5 Mar	+ 4.2 Feb	5.5 Mar 5.5

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The Economist poll of forecasters, April averages (previous month's, if changed)

	Real GDP, % change				Consumer prices		Current account	
	Low/high range		average		% increase		% of GDP	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
Australia	3.0/4.7	1.8/3.9	4.1 (3.9)	3.1 (2.8)	3.8 (3.7)	4.0 (3.9)	-5.2 (-5.1)	-4.9
Austria	2.5/3.3	2.3/3.5	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.9 (3.0)	-0.9	-1.1 (-1.0)
Belgium	2.4/3.0	2.1/3.1	2.7	2.7 (2.8)	2.2	2.6	5.6 (5.1)	5.4 (4.7)
Britain	2.8/4.5	1.7/3.5	3.5 (3.6)	2.9	3.3 (3.2)	4.2 (4.0)	-0.4	-0.9 (-1.0)
Canada	3.5/4.6	1.7/4.0	3.9 (3.8)	2.8 (2.9)	2.1	2.7	-2.6	-2.3 (-2.4)
Denmark	2.7/3.5	2.5/3.3	3.3 (3.4)	2.9 (3.0)	2.6 (2.7)	3.1 (3.2)	2.3 (2.2)	2.2 (2.1)
France	2.7/3.5	2.7/3.6	3.2	3.0	1.9 (2.0)	2.3	0.7	0.6 (0.5)
Germany*	2.3/3.6	2.0/3.7	2.9	2.9 (3.1)	2.3	2.7	-1.1 (-1.0)	-0.7
Holland	2.7/3.4	2.3/3.5	3.0	3.0 (3.1)	2.5	2.8	2.6 (2.7)	2.4
Italy	2.6/3.4	2.8/3.3	3.1	3.0 (3.1)	5.1 (4.3)	5.6 (4.6)	1.7	1.7 (1.6)
Japan	0.9/2.9	2.5/4.1	2.0 (2.2)	3.2 (3.3)	0.6 (0.7)	1.0 (1.4)	2.4	1.8
Spain	2.8/3.6	2.9/4.0	3.2 (3.1)	3.3	4.8 (4.7)	5.2 (4.7)	-1.0 (-1.1)	-1.4 (-1.7)
Sweden	1.5/3.1	1.7/3.1	2.4	2.5 (2.7)	3.4	4.0 (3.9)	1.3 (1.4)	2.0 (1.9)
Switzerland	2.0/2.8	2.0/3.1	2.4 (2.5)	2.7 (2.8)	2.3 (2.5)	2.5 (2.4)	6.5 (6.3)	5.9 (5.7)
USA	2.7/3.6	1.5/2.9	3.2	2.3	3.3	3.8	-2.2	-1.9

Sources: BZW, EU, Goldman Sachs, Hoare Govett, James Capel, Kredietbank, Lehman Brothers, Long-Term Credit Bank, Merrill Lynch, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, Nomura, Nordbanken, Panpas, Royal Bank of Canada, Salomon Brothers, Scotiabank, UBS, S.G. Warburg. *Western Germany except current-account Stanley Nomura, Nordbanken, Panpas, Royal Bank of Canada, Salomon Brothers, Scotiabank, UBS, S.G. Warburg. *Western Germany except current-account

	Interest rates % p.a. (Apr 18th 1995)								
	Money supply*		over-night	3-mth money market	banks prime	bond yields		Eurocurrency	
	% rise on year ago	narrow broad				gov't [†]	corporate	3 mths	bonds
Australia	-9.1	+8.1	Jan	7.50	7.85	4.75	11.50	9.69	10.22
Austria	-6.3	+5.2	Dec	4.41	4.83	5.38	8.75	7.06	na
Belgium	+10.4	+1.2	Oct	4.75	5.13	5.88	8.75	7.72	7.47
Britain	+6.2	+4.6	Feb	5.25	6.63	5.13	7.75	6.40	8.88
Canada	-6.7	+5.5	Feb	8.13	7.94	5.94	9.75	8.38	9.38
Denmark	na	-6.9	Jan	7.00	7.00	6.15	8.25	8.55	9.41
France	-0.6	+2.5	Jan	7.63	8.15	5.92	8.25	7.66	8.07
Germany	+4.3	+0.1	Feb	4.60	4.60	5.55	7.00	6.90	6.86
Holland	+2.4	+1.4	Feb	4.38	4.60	5.25	6.25	7.06	6.91
Italy	+1.0	+0.2	Jan	10.38	10.94	8.06	10.63	13.10	10.94
Japan	-2.0	+3.6	Mar	1.22	1.35	2.24	2.75	3.44	3.57
Spain	+5.3	+10.0	Mar	8.50	9.37	7.82	9.00	11.76	12.35
Sweden	na	-3.4	Feb	8.40	8.85	7.06	10.00	11.09	11.62
Switzerland	+5.0	+3.4	Dec	3.50	3.50	4.13	5.50	4.83	4.92
United States	+0.6	+1.0	Mar	6.00	6.14	4.12	9.00	7.02	8.11

T: Ten-year bonds rates (old series: Britain 15-year 8.33%, United States 30-year 7.39%)

*Narrow: M1 except Britain M0; broad: M2 or M3 except Britain M4. Sources: Banco Bilbao Vizcaya, Belgian Bankers' Association, Chase Manhattan, Crédit Lyonnais, Den Danske Bank, GiroCredit Bank, Bank Nederland, Royal Bank of Canada, SE-Banken, Svenska Handelsbanken, WEFA Group, Westpac Banking Corp, J.P. Morgan, CS First Boston, Datastream. These rates cannot be construed as offers by these banks.

	Trade balance*, \$bn		Current account, \$bn		Exchange rate		Currency units per \$		Currency units		Foreign reserves† \$bn	
	latest month	latest 12 months	latest 12 mths	latest	trade-weighted‡** year ago	latest	year ago	per £	per DM	per ecu	latest	year ago
Australia	-0.39 Feb	-4.3	-17.8 Feb	78.8	86.9	1.35	1.40	2.18	0.99	1.81	11.7 Feb	11.5
Austria	-1.45 Dec ^{§§}	-10.3	-2.1 Dec	108.1	103.1	9.62	12.1	15.5	7.03	12.9	19.9 Feb	16.5
Belgium	+0.80 Jun	+8.3	+6.7 Q4	110.9	104.1	28.1	35.4	45.4	20.6	37.6	13.8 Feb	12.6
Britain	-1.80 Jan	-16.7	-0.1 04	84.1	89.0	0.62	0.68	-	0.45	0.82	40.8 Nov	37.7
Canada	+1.72 Feb	+14.4	-18.1 04	82.2	83.8	1.37	1.39	2.21	1.00	1.83	14.3 Feb	12.4
Denmark	+0.41 Dec	+6.0	+3.4 Q4	110.7	104.1	5.39	6.74	8.69	3.94	7.21	8.7 Jan	9.5
France	+1.79 Jan	+26.0	+14.8 Jan	110.3	104.3	4.82	5.83	7.77	3.52	6.45	26.6 Jan	24.2
Germany	+3.94 Dec	+45.5	-31.8 Jan	114.1	104.8	1.37	1.70	2.21	-	1.83	79.4 Feb	78.9
Holland	+1.16 Nov ^{§§}	+12.9	+13.1 Q3	110.8	103.8	1.53	1.91	2.47	1.12	2.05	35.8 Feb	32.3
Italy	-0.57 Dec	+22.1	+15.6 Dec	63.8	79.2	1.704	1.627	2.747	1.245	2.280	28.9 Feb	32.6
Japan	+72.1b Feb	+143.6	+126.6 Feb	175.0	148.1	81.5	103	131	59.6	109	127.6 Feb	101.4
Spain	-2.16 Feb	-26.1	-2.1 Jan	78.5	80.5	123	140	198	89.7	164	39.2 Feb	41.7
Sweden	+1.16 Feb	+15.2	+1.0 Jan	76.4	82.3	7.30	7.92	11.8	5.34	9.77	24.0 Jan	19.4
Switzerland	+0.17 Dec	+2.4	+17.5 Q3	115.1	104.2	1.13	1.46	1.82	0.83	1.51	30.0 Feb	29.7
United States	-14.2C Feb	-102.0	+155.7 Q4	85.9	100.1	-	-	1.61	0.73	1.34	55.0 Jan	53.2

*Australia, Britain, France, Canada, Japan and USA imports tot. exports tot. USA new orders. **New series. †1990=100. Bank of England. [‡]New series. [§]Excluding gold. ^{||}Deficit.

††1990 seasonally adj. stated

