DHL GLOBAL TRADE BAROMETER – CHINA

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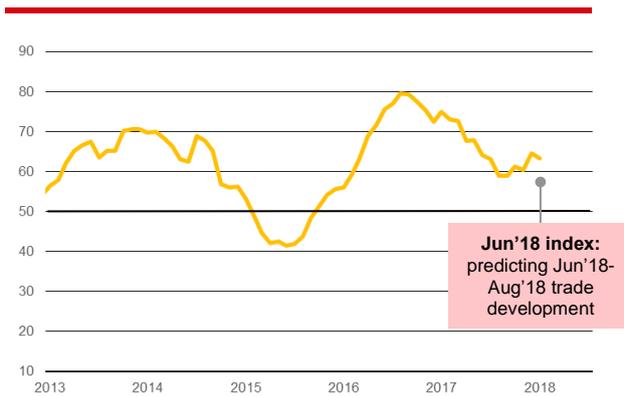
Key findings:

- Overall index for China increased by +2 to 63 points, predicting solid Chinese trade growth for the coming three months

- Improvement by +1 point to 72 indicated air trade growth in China, mostly driven by trade in Machinery Parts and Consumer Fashion Goods

- Ocean trade growth gains +3 points and reaches 58, which indicates mildly positive growth expectations for the coming quarter that are mainly driven by ocean exports

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Index 2013 – present, 50 = no change

Jun'18 index: predicting Jun'18-Aug'18 trade development

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Indexes 2018 – latest four months

	Mar'	Apr'	May'	Jun'
China Trade	61	60	64	63
✈ Air Trade	71	67	71	72
⚓ Ocean Trade	55	57	60	58

Chinese trade growth is expected to accelerate in the next three months, as the DHL Global Trade Barometer index is up by +2 points compared to March, reaching a level of 63, clearly above the threshold of 50 points which indicates positive growth expectations. The development is fueled by growth for both air (+1 point) and ocean (+3 points) trade, which is expected to accelerate further in the next three months.

Air exports are mostly driven by Machinery Parts and Consumer Fashion Goods, which are expected to show robust and accelerated growth in the next three months. On the air import side, growth is expected to be fueled by Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods, Basic Raw Materials, Machinery Parts and Capital Equipment. On the watchlist however are the air exports of Personal & Household Goods and Basic Raw Materials, as well as air imports of High Technology. All three are expected to contract somewhat in the next three months.

Ocean trade growth is expected to remain on the upward trend, which is mainly driven by ocean exports. Personal & Household Goods continue to dominate the Chinese ocean export growth, although at a slightly slower pace compared to March. As the growth outlook is further improving for the next three months, Machinery Parts are also contributing to ocean exports. However, the contribution of ocean imports to the improved overall outlook for ocean trade remains modest. The positive outlook for ocean imports of Chemicals & Products partly offsets the expected contraction of Basic Raw Materials ocean imports in the coming three months.

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Indexes 2018 Sector development

	Mar'	Apr'	May'	Jun'
Basic Raw Materials	54	41	38	35
Capital Equip. & Machinery	97	96	90	82
Chemicals & Products	85	86	81	82
Consumer Fashion Goods	39	50	52	43
High Technology	51	53	55	58
Industrial Raw Materials	56	59	68	65
Land Vehicles & Parts	75	84	82	84
Machinery Parts	73	70	76	81
Personal & Household Goods	60	73	70	62
Temperature or Climate	54	77	83	83

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About the DHL Global Trade Barometer:

The DHL Global Trade Barometer an early indicator for the current state and future development of global trade. It is based on import and export data for a number of intermediates and early-cycle commodities that serve as the basis for further industrial production. Sources for the index are aggregated market data from air and containerized ocean freight from seven countries (China, South Korea, Germany, India, Japan, UK, USA), which account for more than 75 percent of world trade. These data are evaluated using artificial intelligence and various statistical methods and compressed to a single index value that represents the weighted average of the current growth and the upcoming two months of trade. The index, which was designed in cooperation with Accenture, is published four times a year by DHL on a global scale as well as for each of the seven countries surveyed.

About DHL:

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