India maintains strongest trade growth among GTB constituents

Key findings:

- India remains the GTB country with the strongest overall growth prediction for trade with 75 points. However, the country is not spared from the global decline in trade outlooks and loses -8 points in its overall prognosis.

- The Indian air trade outlook declines by -7 to 65 points. This is mainly driven by dynamic air imports, as well as strong exports of Temperature and Climate Control products.

- The outlook for Indian ocean trade remains bullish with 80 points, despite the fact that this is a decline by -9 points compared to September. India’s strong Ocean trade was particularly fostered by exports of Basic and Industrial Raw Materials.

India Trade

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The DHL Global Trade Barometer continues to indicate a prosperous overall trade outlook for India, although growth is slowing down notably from a very high level (-8 points compared to September). Indian ocean trade (with an index of 80) is expected to outperform air trade, although the outlook for air trade also remains solid at a level of 65.

The Indian air trade outlook is propelled by air imports, especially by the strong outlook for Machinery Parts and High Technology air imports. On the export side, air exports of Temperature or Climate Control products are expected to perform strongly. However, the air exports outlook is dampened by a weak prognosis for Basic Raw Materials and Chemicals & Products, for which the GTB predicts a negative growth for the upcoming three months.

The bright outlook of ocean trade is primarily driven by a strong – although decelerating – growth of Basic and Industrial Raw Materials, both on the import as well as on the export side. In addition, ocean exports are also driven by a positive outlook of Chemicals & Products. The single exception to the strong ocean exports outlook are Temperature or Climate Control goods, indicating a slight negative outlook for the next three months. Furthermore, the outlook for ocean imports is positively influenced by trade in Machinery Parts and High Technology, even though growth is somewhat decelerating from the very high levels seen in previous updates.
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