



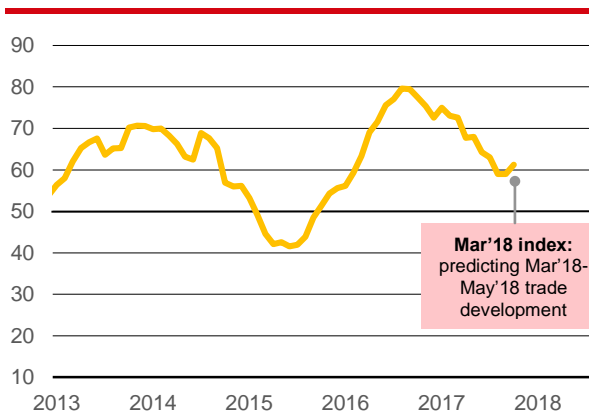
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Moderate trade growth in China expected to slightly gain momentum

Key findings:

- Index for China increased by +2 points to 61, still the lowest value of all GTB countries surveyed
- Trade growth in China expected to slightly accelerate, mainly driven by strong air trade, particularly in Machinery Parts and Consumer Goods
- Outlook for Chinese ocean trade remains mildly positive and is predominantly fueled by trade in Industrial Raw Materials

DHL Global Trade Barometer – China Index 2013 – present, 50 = no change



DHL Global Trade Barometer – China Indexes – latest three months

	Jan'18	Feb'18	Mar'18
China Trade	59	59	61
✈ Air Trade	70	68	71
🚢 Ocean Trade	52	54	55

The DHL Global Trade Barometer predicts further positive growth for Chinese trade. The index improved by +2 compared to February to 61 points, which is, together with the UK, the lowest value of all seven countries surveyed.

Chinese air trade maintains a significantly positive outlook, picking up pace after a slight slowdown in growth anticipated in the previous month. Machinery Parts and Consumer Goods remain important drivers

for Chinese air trade, notably for air exports out of China. Air exports of Consumer Fashion returns to positive territory compared to the previous index, contributing to the improved outlook for air trade in China. On the air import side, growth is expected to decelerate. While the bright outlook for Capital Equipment & Machinery is driving growth, air imports of High Technology is expected to decline in the next three months. Although air imports growth of Industrial Raw materials is expected to remain positive for the next three months, the outlook is less positive than in the previous month.

Ocean trade growth is expected to continue on the upward trend, as the outlook increased by +1 compared to February, to a moderate growth outlook of 55. For ocean trade, Industrial Raw Materials are by far the biggest driver of expected growth, both for imports as well as for exports. The outlook of Chinese ocean exports looks promising as – in addition to Industrial Raw Materials – all major industries like Consumer Goods, Machinery Parts and Automotive are expected to show positive growth. On the watchlist however remains the ocean exports of Consumer Fashion, for which a continued contraction is expected in the next three months.

DHL Global Trade Barometer – China Sector development

	Jan'18	Feb'18	Mar'18
Basic Raw Materials	64	60	54
Capital Equip. & Machinery	95	97	97
Chemicals & Products	83	81	85
Consumer Fashion Goods	45	39	39
High Technology	58	53	51
Industrial Raw Materials	43	46	56
Land Vehicles & Parts	75	76	75
Machinery Parts	77	77	73
Personal & Household Goods	65	54	60
Temperature or Climate Control	69	50	54



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The DHL Global Trade Barometer is 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.

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