

Business Pulse

December 2017

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+28% (-1)	+25% (-3)	+13% (+8)	+37% (+4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+30% (-5)	+28% (+3)	+21% (-15)	+34% (-5)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	+2% (+2)	-5% (-1)		+14% (-2)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-4% (-1)		+7% (-3)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+38% (-2)	+36% (0)	+30% (+4)	+57% (+3)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+27% (+7)	+22% (+8)	+12% (0)	+37% (+4)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+15% (0)	+7% (+3)	+4% (-1)	+9% (-8)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+14% (-1)	+7% (-1)	+4% (-1)	+20% (0)

*Business Activity refers to production in the case of industry, demand/turnover for services, sales for retail and building activity for construction.

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Note: Balances are calculated as the difference between positive and negative responses (using weighted averages for questions with multiple options).

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