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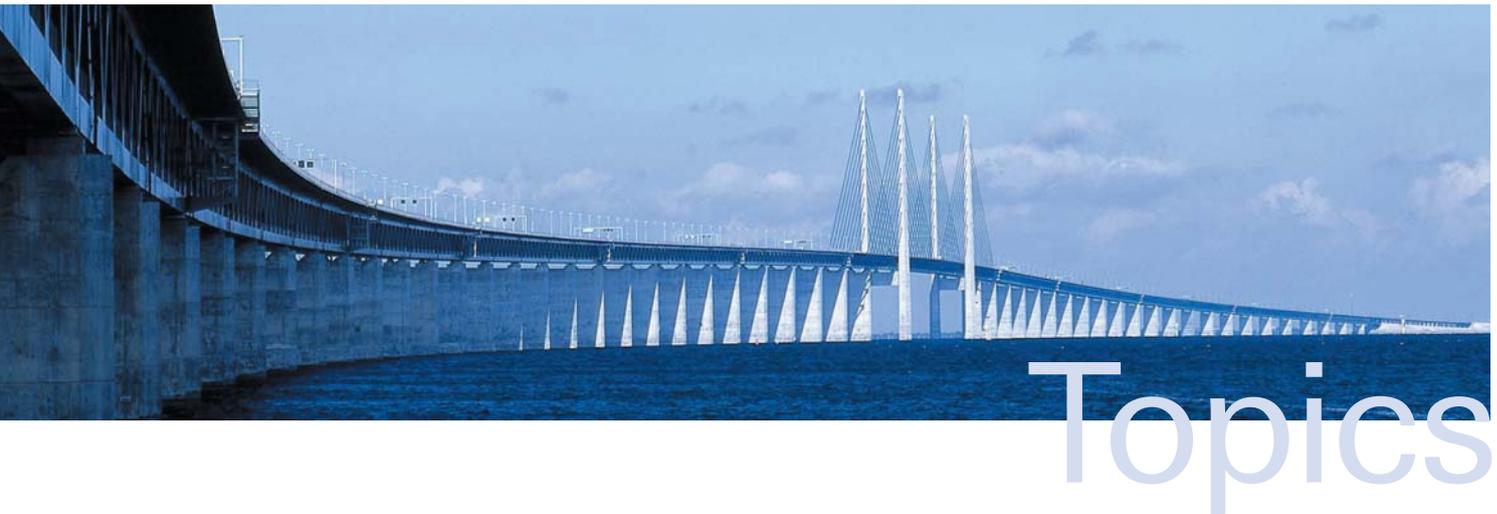
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# Topics



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*I hope you will find our products both captivating and useful. We would highly welcome an open dialogue with you.*

Norbert Walter  
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Managing Director, Deutsche Bank Research

## We take a stand

A core competence of DB Research is analysis of current political and economic developments in the industrialised world and emerging markets. In addition, we take a stand on a broad spectrum of structural topics.

### **Looking beyond day-to-day political events: Germany and Europe**

We provide the public and political decision-makers with the business and academic communities's take on structural challenges, covering a broad range of topics: tax and fiscal policy, SME policies, labour market issues, and the social-policy and pension problems associated with demographic developments.

Globalisation is putting the macroeconomic policy environment in Germany and Europe to the test. We therefore focus particularly on this issue.

# Topics

Examination and assessment of political, institutional and economic developments at the EU level – including the European Monetary Union – form a major feature of our work.

## **Banks and financial markets: Helping to shape change**

We discuss the consequences of structural shifts in banking and financial markets at the national and European level, and increasingly outside Europe. We coordinate and formulate Deutsche Bank's stance on regulatory projects, especially the regulation of European financial markets and the integration of transatlantic financial markets. We play an active part in shaping *Finanzstandort Deutschland* – Germany as a financial centre.

## **Industries: Monitoring, analysis and recommendations**

Based on our analysis of cyclical and structural developments, we deliver economic policy recommendations for the major sectors of industry.

Our research is international in scope and focuses on important sectors of manufacturing, transportation and the environment, the distributive trade and services as well as young, dynamic sectors. Our real estate analysis embraces assessments of the Germany construction industry and property markets as well as research into selected locations at home and abroad.

Given the foreseeable scarcity of fossil fuels, our energy sources and technologies need to be diversified. DB Research takes account of the critical supply situation with the megatopic *Energy*.

## **Digitisation leading to structural change in the economy**

Another focus of our work is on the structural shifts in both the economy and society caused by new technologies, especially in banking and the financial markets. Our research covers, for example, electronic banking trends and the advance of outsourcing and offshoring in the financial services industry.

## **Eyeing emerging markets**

We closely monitor economic and political developments in Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Africa, providing online information, analyses and data on these regions. We highlight China's and India's growing prominence as global economic players. We pay special attention to the ten Central and Eastern European countries that recently joined the European Union as well as to the new accession candidates. Also, Latin America's size and economic potential are catapulting the region onto the global stage. We have therefore chosen Latin America as one of our megatopics.

### **Megatopics**

These subject areas are currently receiving our particular attention:

- More growth for Germany
- European integration
- Financial market regulation in Europe
- Demography
- Digital economy
- Energy
- Global growth centres
- India
- China
- Latin America

## Publication series

Each year DB Research produces some 50 studies in English and German. We are also called upon to write numerous articles for trade journals and Deutsche Bank's client newsletters. Here is an overview of the range of DB Research publications:

- **Current Issues**  
Economics and society – international in scope and looking beyond day-to-day business
- **E-economics**  
The consequences of increased use of the internet and new technologies
- **E-Banking Snapshot**  
Data, charts and graphs illustrating trends in electronic banking, outsourcing/offshoring, mobile banking etc.
- **EU Monitor**  
Articles on European integration and the development of the single European financial market
- **Research Notes**  
Working papers on financial market issues and economic, social and societal trends

### Looking even further ahead:

#### Macro trends and strategic foresight

Besides using traditional econometric methods we increasingly apply trend and scenario analysis, system dynamics and qualitative market and social analysis. Additionally, we combine qualitative and quantitative methods to create new approaches. Only then can we develop consistent pictures of the future, anticipate the themes and issues of tomorrow and ultimately put current events and information into better perspective. This "strategic foresight" focuses on topics such as global growth centres, demography and Germany's innovative capacity.



# Topics

# Events

## Inviting dialogue

We present our research at conferences, workshops, seminars and press briefings and participate in public debate on important economic and political issues. Our Berlin office provides a forum for the face-to-face exchange of opinions.

We mainly address representatives of the business community, politics, academia and the media. The themes for our events are economic policy issues, banking and financial markets, business sectors and international relations. For these events, we extend invitations in association with other institutions and the competent divisions of Deutsche Bank. DB Research hosts 20 to 30 events every year, as a rule in Berlin and Frankfurt. In addition, our analysts participate in customer events arranged by Deutsche Bank Group, and in academic conferences.



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- The political economy of reform in Germany and abroad
- Integration of European mortgage markets
- Offshoring – Ready for take-off
- India rising: A medium-term perspective
- Mexico 2020: Tequila sunrise

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DB Research Team Heads

A special service on our homepage is the *Country Infobase*, a database with information on more than 50 countries around the globe.

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