



1) Do you expect each of the following UK economic indicators to improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?

### **Economic growth**

Total	156	100%
Improve	43	28%
Stay the same	55	35%
Get worse	58	37%
No opinion	0	0%





1) Do you expect each of the following UK economic indicators to improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?

#### Inflation

Total	156	100%
Improve	26	17%
Stay the same	54	35%
Get worse	72	46%
No opinion	4	3%





1) Do you expect each of the following UK economic indicators to improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?

### Unemployment

Total	155	100%
Improve	3	2%
Stay the same	7	5%
Get worse	145	94%
No opinion	0	0%





2) Do you expect investment by your clients in each of the following to increase, stay the same or decrease over the next 12 months?

### **UK** equities

Total	155	100%
Increase	102	66%
Stay the same	36	23%
Decrease	13	8%
No opinon	4	3%





2) Do you expect investment by your clients in each of the following to increase, stay the same or decrease over the next 12 months?

### **International equities**

Total	154	100%
Increase	88	57%
Stay the same	41	27%
Decrease	16	10%
No opinon	9	6%





2) Do you expect investment by your clients in each of the following to increase, stay the same or decrease over the next 12 months?

### Corporate bonds

Total	155	100%
Increase	61	39%
Stay the same	49	32%
Decrease	33	21%
No opinon	12	8%





2) Do you expect investment by your clients in each of the following to increase, stay the same or decrease over the next 12 months?

### Treasury bonds

Total	153	100%
Increase	38	25%
Stay the same	43	28%
Decrease	60	39%
No opinon	12	8%





2) Do you expect investment by your clients in each of the following to increase, stay the same or decrease over the next 12 months?

#### Cash

Total	153	100%
Increase	21	14%
Stay the same	36	24%
Decrease	89	58%
No opinon	7	5%





2) Do you expect investment by your clients in each of the following to increase, stay the same or decrease over the next 12 months?

### **Commercial property**

Total	154	100%
Increase	19	12%
Stay the same	55	36%
Decrease	47	31%
No opinon	33	21%





2) Do you expect investment by your clients in each of the following to increase, stay the same or decrease over the next 12 months?

### **Hedge funds**

Total	153	100%
Increase	17	11%
Stay the same	45	29%
Decrease	50	33%
No opinon	41	27%





2) Do you expect investment by your clients in each of the following to increase, stay the same or decrease over the next 12 months?

#### **Unit trust**

Total	156	100%
Increase	77	49%
Stay the same	50	32%
Decrease	11	7%
No opinon	18	12%





### 3) Which of the following asset classes do you consider being current buy opportunities?

Total	186	100%
Banking	65	35%
Pharmaceuticals	78	42%
Manufacturing	32	17%
Mining	59	32%
Technology	49	26%
Automobile industry	7	4%
Retail	36	19%
Utilities	53	28%
Oil and Gas	88	47%
Property	35	19%
Other (please specify)	16	9%





### 4) Do you expect there to be a rally in UK equities in:

Total	155	100%
6 months	55	35%
12 months	57	37%
18 months	30	19%
24 months	9	6%
More than 24 months	4	3%





5) Do you think interest rates will be at the same level, higher or lower than they are now in:

### 3 months time

Total	153	100%
Higher	6	4%
The same level	144	94%
Lower	3	2%
No opinion	0	0%





5) Do you think interest rates will be at the same level, higher or lower than they are now in:

### 6 months time

Total	155	100%
Higher	40	26%
The same level	111	72%
Lower	3	2%
No opinion	1	1%





5) Do you think interest rates will be at the same level, higher or lower than they are now in:

### 12 months time

Total	152	100%
Higher	115	76%
The same level	36	24%
Lower	1	1%
No opinion	0	0%





5) Do you think interest rates will be at the same level, higher or lower than they are now in:

### 18 months time

Total	151	100%
Higher	141	93%
The same level	9	6%
Lower	1	1%
No opinion	0	0%





### 6) When do you expect the UK economy to begin growing again?

Total	155	100%
In the next 6 months	6	4%
In the next 6 to 12 months	48	31%
In the next 12 to 18 months	78	50%
In the next 18 to 24 months	18	12%
In more than 24 months	5	3%





### 7) Would you describe the current mood in the private client/stockbroking business as:

Total	154	100%
Pessimistic	20	13%
Optimistic	40	26%
Circumspect	94	61%





8) If you are comparing it with other aspects of the financial services industry would you describe the mood of the Private Client Investment Management/Stockbroking community to be:

Total	154	100%
More optimistic than other aspects of the financial services industry	68	44%
Less optimistic than other aspects of the financial services industry	11	7%
Similar in outlook to the rest of the financial services industry	75	49%