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LLOYDS BANK INVESTOR SENTIMENT INDEX

Investor confidence falls over uncertainty in the US

Sentiment worsened
for all four
UK asset classes

Gold remains top
asset class against backdrop
of geopolitical uncertainty

Japanese, Emerging
Market and Eurozone shares
all score higher

UK investor sentiment towards the US and the UK was low even before the US Presidential election result was known, according to the latest figures from the Lloyds Bank Investor Sentiment Index.

Confidence in US equities, UK equities, UK government bonds, UK corporate bonds, UK property, commodities and cash all fell in the run-up to the US election, suggesting that geopolitical uncertainty was weighing large on investors' minds. In the November index, UK property saw the biggest decrease in investor sentiment of any asset class of -6.5%. This coincides with the actual 5.5% reduction in asset class performance.

Despite a 12% increase in UK investor confidence in Eurozone equities, sentiment on the whole still remains negative at -28%, making it the asset class that generates the most negativity after cash.

Investor sentiment towards gold remains strong at 45%. The asset class has seen the biggest change in sentiment over the last year - seeing a 26% increase - showing that investors have favoured the so called 'safe haven'. At the opposite end of the spectrum, sentiment in cash also remained static at -44%.

OVERALL INVESTOR SENTIMENT

-0.84%
monthly decrease



-8.97%
yearly decrease

ASSET CLASS PERFORMANCE by month

+ Japanese Shares
4.8%

UK property
-5.5%



Markus Stadlmann, Chief Investment Officer at Lloyds Private Banking, says:

Investors have continued to react in November to ongoing political uncertainty in the US but the outlook is likely to shift over the longer term. The wider impact of the US election will be drawn out given that Donald Trump is not sworn in until January 2017 and it will take time for his measures to be transformed to legislation and then implemented. We are also seeing growing signs that improved US economic growth is on the cards, and the lagged impact of the decline in US Treasury yields over the past few months is expected to provide a boost to interest-sensitive spending categories, like cars and property.

The UK is more likely to be influenced by Bank of England decisions and EU exit consideration than the recent US election. The UK Government finds itself in a challenging position ahead of formal EU exit negotiations, further compounded by the recent decision that it must now consult MPs before it triggers Article 50. We anticipate seeing growing investor nervousness towards the UK as the situation around Brexit continues to evolve. Despite a small uplift in sentiment towards European equities this month, we do not believe this marks the beginning of a large scale turnaround in investor sentiment towards the asset class, which has been consistently negative for a long period now.



Actual performance of the asset classes over the past month has predominately correlated with the overall sentiment, with the majority of performance being negative. Only Japanese equities experience month on month gains, rising 4.8% but this was reflected in a rise in sentiment of 3%. Despite a slight increase in actual performance by 0.3%, confidence towards UK equities still fell by 4.5%.

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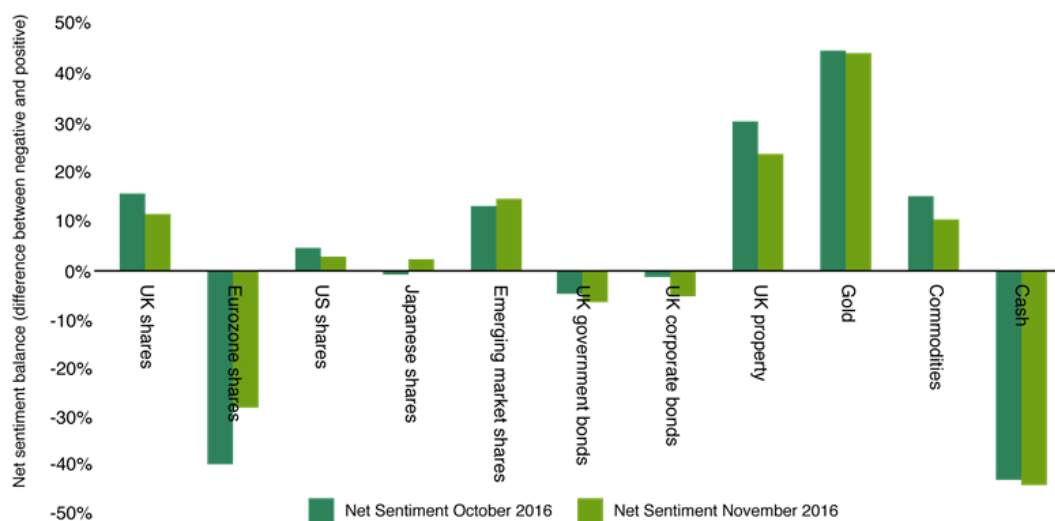
All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 4,485 adults, of which 1,075 were investors. Fieldwork was undertaken between 28th October - 1st November 2016. The survey was carried out online. The figures have been weighted and are representative of all UK adults (aged 18+).

Table 1: Net Sentiment, Source: Investor Sentiment Index

	Net Sentiment November 2015	Net Sentiment October 2016	Net Sentiment November 2016	Monthly PP Change in Net Sentiment October 2016 – November 2016	Annual PP Change in Net Sentiment November 2015 – November 2016
UK shares	26.28%	15.87%	11.34%	-4.53%	-14.94%
Eurozone shares	-27.35%	-39.95%	-28.29%	11.66%	-0.94%
US shares	10.85%	4.34%	2.56%	-1.78%	-8.29%
Japanese shares	-4.83%	-0.99%	2.03%	3.02%	6.86%
Emerging market shares	5.32%	13.33%	14.63%	1.30%	9.31%
UK government bonds	16.04%	-5.19%	-6.75%	-1.56%	-22.79%
UK corporate bonds	10.99%	-1.65%	-6.04%	-4.39%	-17.03%
UK property	52.58%	30.48%	23.93%	-6.55%	-28.65%
Gold	19.23%	44.95%	44.86%	-0.09%	25.63%
Commodities	2.45%	15.43%	10.06%	-5.37%	7.61%
Cash		-43.32%	-44.25%	-0.93%	NA
Average*	11.16%	3.03%	2.19%	-0.84%	-8.97%

*Average excluding cash

Lloyds Bank Private Banking UK Investor Sentiment Index



Asset Class Performance

	1 month % Change	3 month % Change	6 month % Change	12 month % Change
UK shares	0.3%	2.9%	9.4%	6.9%
Eurozone shares	-1.7%	0.0%	-2.7%	-6.9%
US shares	-2.1%	-2.2%	3.0%	2.0%
Japanese shares	4.8%	-4.3%	2.9%	-10.2%
Emerging market shares	-3.8%	-1.8%	-4.5%	-8.2%
UK government bonds	-4.3%	-4.0%	4.4%	7.2%
UK corporate bonds	-3.8%	-4.0%	3.8%	6.1%
UK property	-5.5%	-6.3%	-10.8%	-21.4%
Gold	-3.3%	-6.1%	-1.9%	10.8%
Commodities	-1.5%	4.4%	3.4%	-13.7%
Cash	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.5%

Source: Datastream, all data to end of trading 31 November 2016

Editor's Notes

	Thomson Reuters Definition	Code
UK shares	UK-DS Market - PRICE INDEX	TOTMKUK
Eurozone shares	EUROPE-DS Market - PRICE INDEX	TOTMKER
US shares	US-DS Market - PRICE INDEX	TOTMKUS
Japanese shares	JAPAN-DS Market - PRICE INDEX	TOTMKJP
Emerging market shares	EMU-DS Market - PRICE INDEX	TOTMKEM
UK government bonds	UK BENCHMARK 10 YEAR DS GOVT. INDEX - CLEAN PRICE INDEX	BMUK10Y
UK corporate bonds	Sterling Aggregate: Corporate GBP - Average price	LHSACOR
UK property	S&P UK PROPERTY - PRICE INDEX	SBBPUKE
Gold	S&P GSCI Gold Total Return - RETURN IND. (OFCL)	GSGCTOT
Commodities	S&P GSCI Commodity Total Return - RETURN IND. (OFCL)	GSCITOT
Cash	JPM UK CASH 1M - TOT RETURN IND	JPUK1ML

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