

About the Corporate Confidence Indices (CCI)

The key objective of the CCI is to provide the most current and accurate business outlook for Trinidad and Tobago and the global economy as seen by the executives and business leaders of local organisations. There are six (6) dimensions to the CCI. These are:

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| Financial Performance | Financial Outlook |
| Investment Outlook | Employment Outlook |
| Local Economic Outlook | Global Economic Outlook |

The CCI for the **Second Quarter** 2007 was disseminated during April 2007; 77 executives responded.

Key Findings

- Executive opinion deteriorated with respect to the Financial Performance, Financial Outlook, and Local Economic Outlook for their organisations.
- The Investment Outlook Index increased over the 6-month horizon but remained constant during the 12-month horizon.
- The Employment Outlook Index, on the other hand, decreased over the 6-month period but also remained constant during the 12-month period.
- Executive confidence in the Global Economic outlook improved over both the 6 and 12-month horizons.

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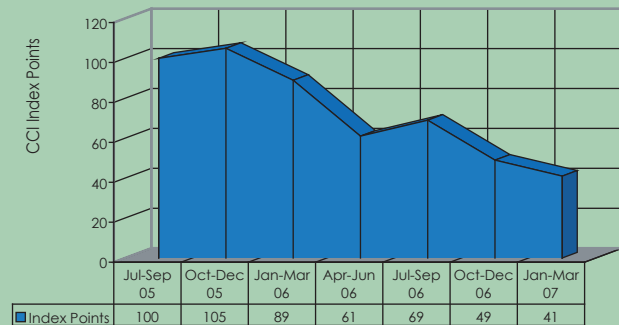
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Organisation Financial Performance

- Executive opinion on the Financial Performance of their organisations fell by 8 CCI points over the past 6-months from 49 to 41 points.
- Fifty-three percent of respondents said that their organisation performed better /much better than 6 months ago while 11% said that their organisation performed worse /much worse.
- Thirty-five percent said that there was no significant change in their organisation's financial performance during this period.

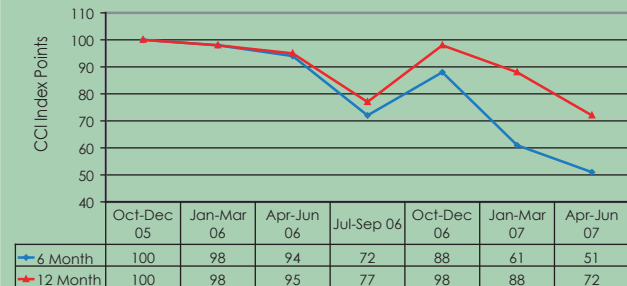
Financial Performance



Financial Outlook

- Executive confidence in the Financial Outlook for their organisations over both the 6 and 12-month periods deteriorated significantly during this quarter.
- The index fell from 61 to 51 CCI points over the 6-month horizon, while it declined from 88 to 72 CCI points over the 12-month horizon.
- The decrease in the index was due mainly to the increase in the proportion of negative responses by executives.

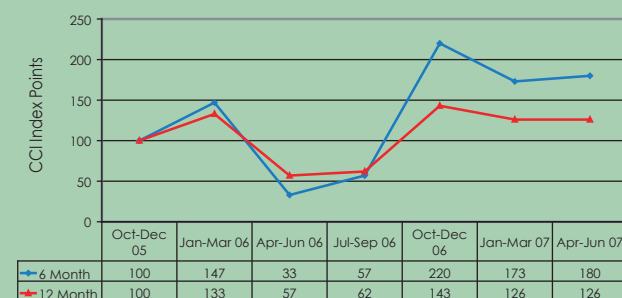
Financial Outlook



Investment Outlook

- The Investment Outlook Index increased marginally from 173 to 180 CCI points over the 6-month horizon but remained constant at 126 CCI points over the 12-month horizon.
- This increase is due to the fact that more executives said they would be investing in their organisation over the 6-month period compared to over the 12-month period.
- The majority of executives surveyed indicated that they would be investing in fixed capital followed by technological capital and human capital.

Investment Outlook



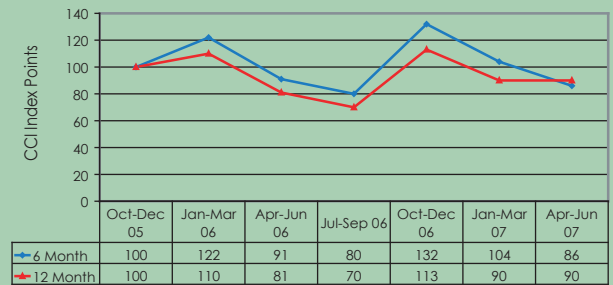


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Employment Outlook

- The outlook for Employment also declined over the 6- month horizon but stayed constant over the 12- month horizon.
- The index fell by 18 CCI points over the 6-month horizon and remained at 90 CCI points over the 12-month horizon.
- The majority of executives indicated that any changes in employment (i.e. either increases or decreases) within their organisations would affect permanent employees primarily, followed by full-time and contract employees.
- With respect to the organisations that are hiring, the majority said that these positions would occupy vacancies in existing departments in the same country as the company's head office.

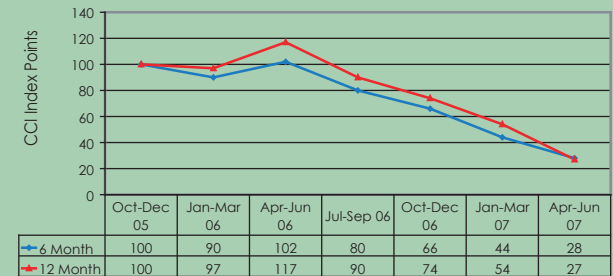
Employment Outlook



Local Economic Outlook

- Executive confidence in the local economy continued to slide over both the 6 and 12-month horizons.
- The index fell from 44 to 28 CCI points over the 6-month time period and from 54 to 27 CCI points over the 12-month time period.
- Over 85% of executives attributed their declining confidence in the local economy to perceptions of uncontrolled government spending, while inflationary pressure and crime remained the other most influential factors.

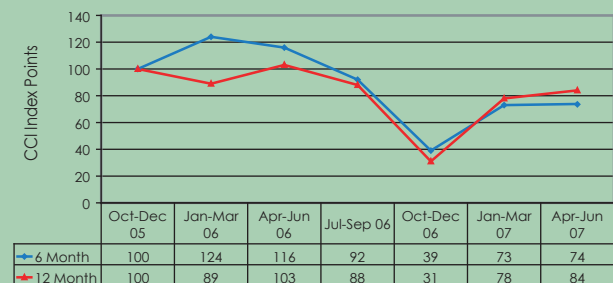
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Global Economic Outlook

- Executive confidence in the performance of the global economy rose slightly during both the 6 and 12-month time periods.
- The index increased from 73 to 74 CCI points over the 6-month horizon and from 78 to 84 CCI points over the 12-month horizon.
- This was attributed mainly to rising consumer spending worldwide, the stabilisation of world energy prices and increasing international trade flows.

Global Economic Outlook

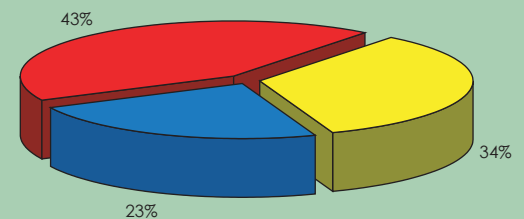


Results from last quarter's Current Pulse Question

Each quarter, we gauge Executive opinion on a prominent issue impacting the business environment.

The results showed that 43% of executives believe the proposed aluminium smelters would not be beneficial to the sustainable economic development of Trinidad & Tobago, whereas 34% said that it would. Twenty-three percent said that they did not know.

Do you think that the proposed aluminium smelters would be beneficial to the sustainable economic development of Trinidad & Tobago?



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 Corporate Confidence Index
 Third Quarter 2007 (July - September 2007)
 Please complete and return to us by June 22nd 2007
 This is to ensure that results are released promptly.
 PLEASE TICK THE MOST APPROPRIATE ANSWERS

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE					
Is your organisation's financial performance better or worse off compared to six (6) months ago, based on:					
	Much Better	Better	No Change	Worse	Much Worse
Sales/Revenue					
Profitability					
Market Share					

Please indicate the reason for your answer

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK										
What is the financial outlook for your organisation based on:										
	6 MONTHS					12 MONTHS				
	Much Better	Better	No Change	Worse	Much Worse	Much Better	Better	No Change	Worse	Much Worse
Sales Revenue										
Profitability										
Market Share										

Please indicate the reason for your answer

INVESTMENT (CAPITAL) OUTLOOK						
Are there any major capital investments planned or foreseen for your organisation based on:						
	6 MONTHS			12 MONTHS		
	Yes	No	Don't Know	Yes	No	Don't Know
Fixed Capital						
Financial Capital						
Human Capital						

Please indicate the reason for your answer

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK			
What is the outlook for employment in your organisation in the next:			
	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Six Months			
Twelve Months			

Please indicate the reason for your answer

LOCAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK										
What is your outlook for the LOCAL ECONOMY based on:										
	6 MONTHS					12 MONTHS				
	Very Positive	Positive	No Change	Negative	Very Negative	Very Positive	Positive	No Change	Negative	Very Negative
Consumption										
Government Spending										
Imports										
Exports										

Please indicate the reason for your answer



GLOBAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

What is your outlook for the GLOBAL ECONOMY based on:

	6 MONTHS					12 MONTHS				
	Very Positive	Positive	No Change	Negative	Very Negative	Very Positive	Positive	No Change	Negative	Very Negative
Consumption										
Government Spending										
Imports										
Exports										

Please indicate the reason for your answer

CURRENT PULSE QUESTION

Do you think the current investment climate in Trinidad and Tobago is attractive to international investors?

	Yes	No	Not Sure/Don't Know
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Please indicate the sector to which your organisation belongs:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational & cultural community services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	SME
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assembly – type & related industries	<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy & energy related industries	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hotels & Guesthouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Textiles, garments, footwear & headwear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemicals & non-metallic minerals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation, communication & storage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance, insurance, real estate & business services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood & related products
<input type="checkbox"/>	Distribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food & drink processors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Printing, publishing & paper converters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

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