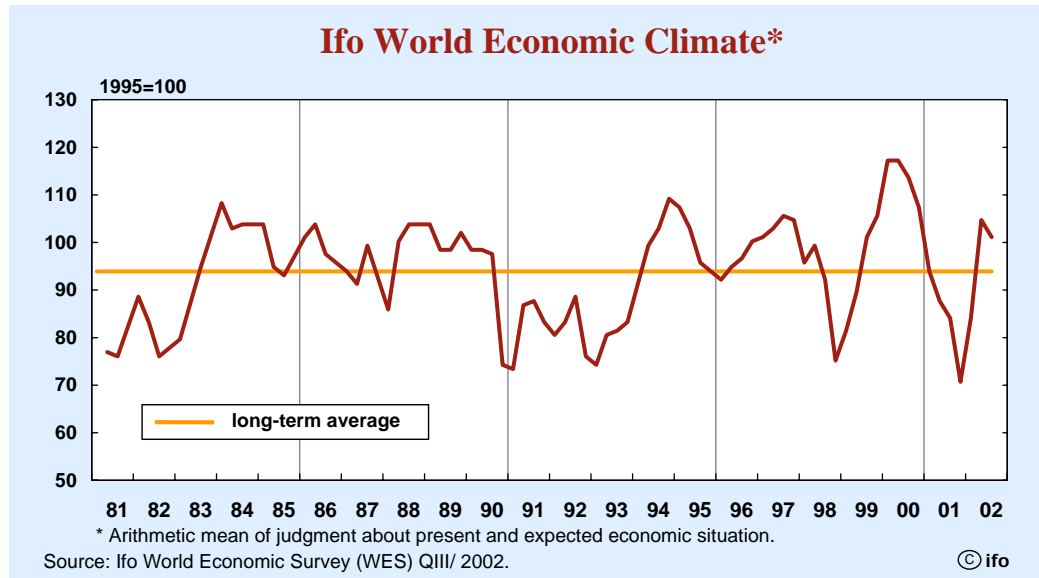


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Fig. 1



World Economy (Index, 1995 = 100)

Quarter/year	III/00	IV/00	I/01	II/01	III/01	IV/01	I/02	II/02	III/02
Climate	113.6	107.4	94.0	87.7	84.1	70.7	84.1	104.7	101.1
Situation	126.0	127.9	109.6	93.2	76.7	63.9	63.9	85.8	87.7
Expectations	101.8	87.7	78.9	82.5	91.2	77.2	103.5	122.8	114.0

The Ifo/ICC World Economic Survey (WES) investigates world wide economic trends by polling economic experts from multinational corporations and international organisations. 1055 experts from 90 countries participated in the most recent poll of July 2002.

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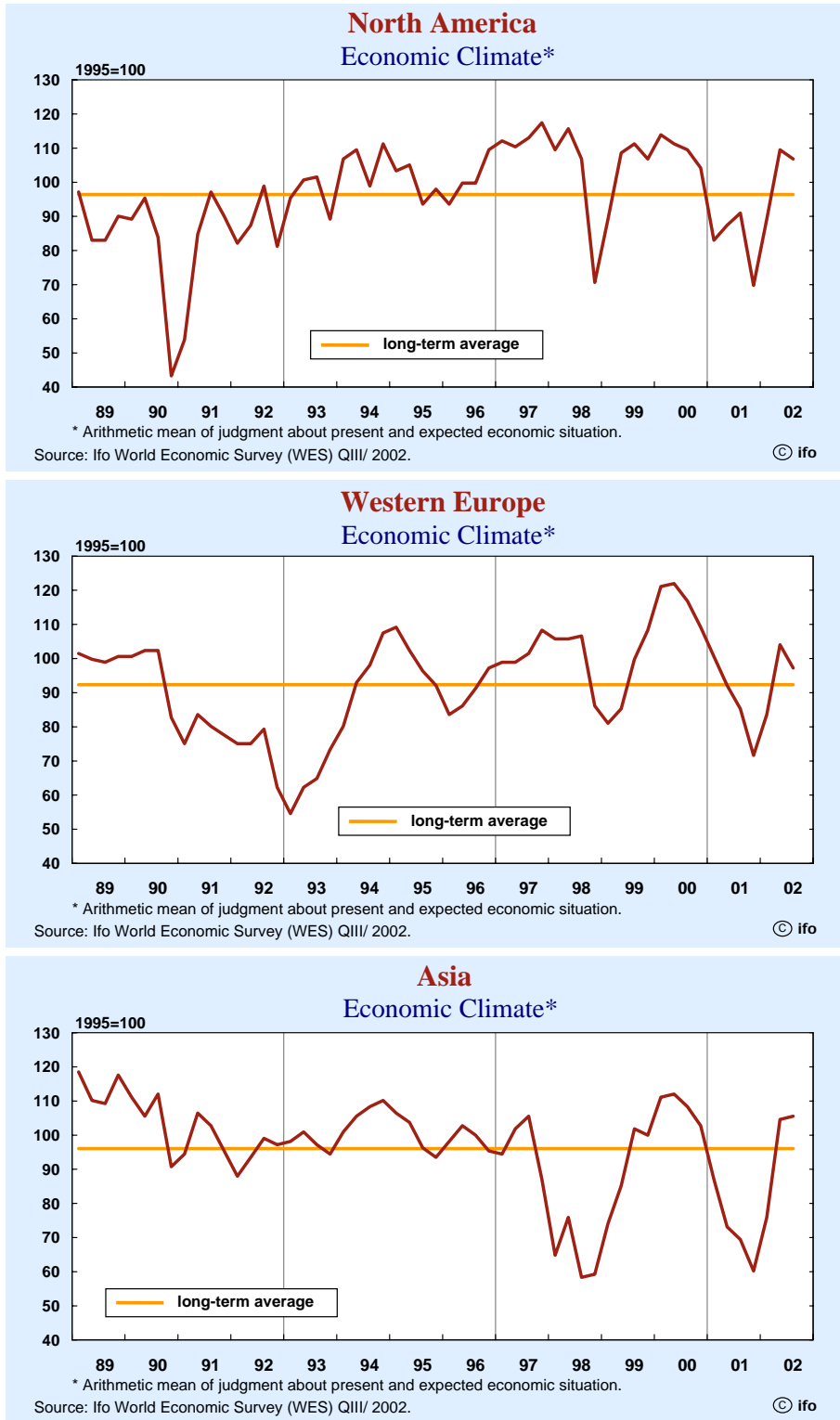
Latest Results of the Ifo/ICC World Economic Survey (WES)

The Ifo/ICC World Economic Climate indicator declined slightly in July 2002 after having risen sharply in the January and April surveys. The July value is 101.1 after 104.7 in April. Despite this dip, the indicator is still above its long-term average (see Figure 1). The decline results exclusively from somewhat less positive expectations, whereas the assessment of the current economic situation was again a bit more favourable. In total, the only moderate decline of the world economic indicator signals that a double-dip of the world economy is not very likely. However, the ongoing economic recovery will have less momentum than previously expected.

A regional break-down (see Figure 2) shows that the decline of the overall indicator resulted mainly from less positive data in Western Europe and to a lesser degree in North-America, whereas the economic climate indicator in Asia even improved further. This pattern indicates that the strength of the Western European upturn is now clearly less than the world average.

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Fig. 2



Climate (1995=100)	III/00	IV/00	I/01	II/01	III/01	IV/01	I/02	II/02	III/02
North America	109.5	104.2	83.0	87.4	90.9	69.8	89.2	109.5	106.8
Western Europe	116.8	109.2	100.6	92.1	85.3	71.6	83.6	104.1	97.2
Asia	108.3	102.8	87.0	73.1	69.4	60.2	75.9	104.6	105.6