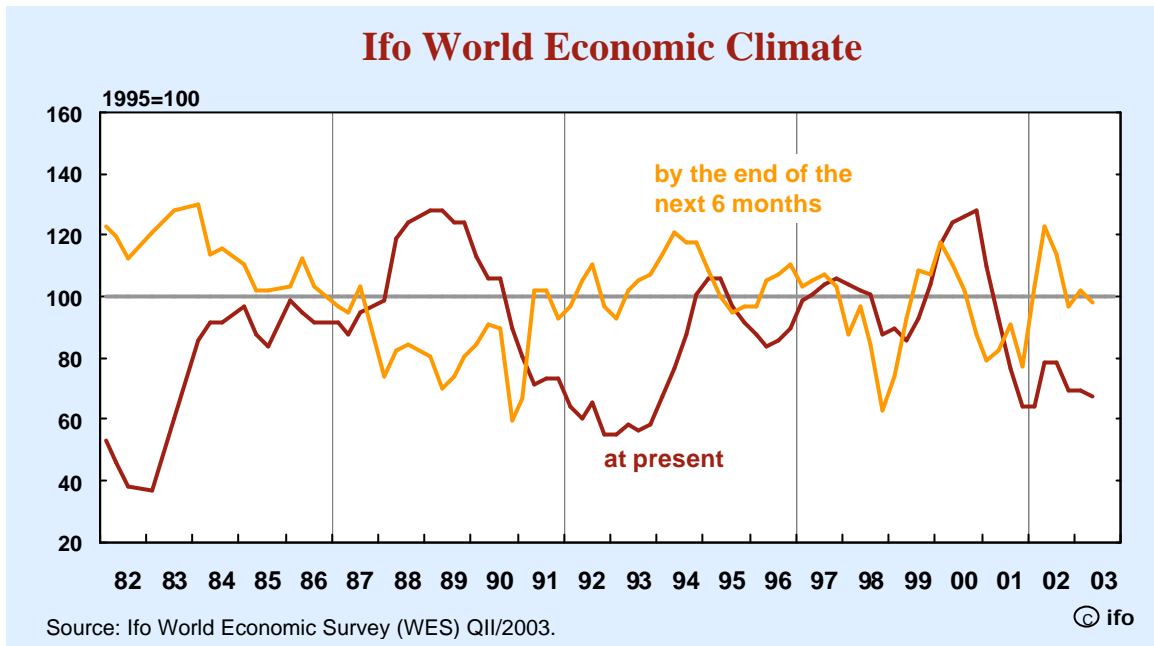


Fig. 1



World Economy (Index, 1995 = 100)

Quarter/year	II/01	III/01	IV/01	I/02	II/02	III/02	IV/02	I/03	II/03
Climate	87.7	84.1	70.7	84.1	101.1	96.6	83.2	85.9	83.2
Situation	93.2	76.7	63.9	63.9	78.5	78.5	69.4	69.4	67.6
Expectations	82.5	91.2	77.2	103.5	122.8	114.0	96.5	101.8	98.2

The Ifo World Economic Survey (WES) investigates world-wide economic trends by polling economic experts from multinational corporations and international organisations. The April 2003 survey received responses from 1,043 experts in 88 countries.

WES is a quarterly survey conducted in co-operation with the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris (ICC) and receives financial support from the European Commission.

Still no Recovery of the World Economic Climate in April

Latest Results of the Ifo World Economic Survey (WES) of 2nd quarter 2003

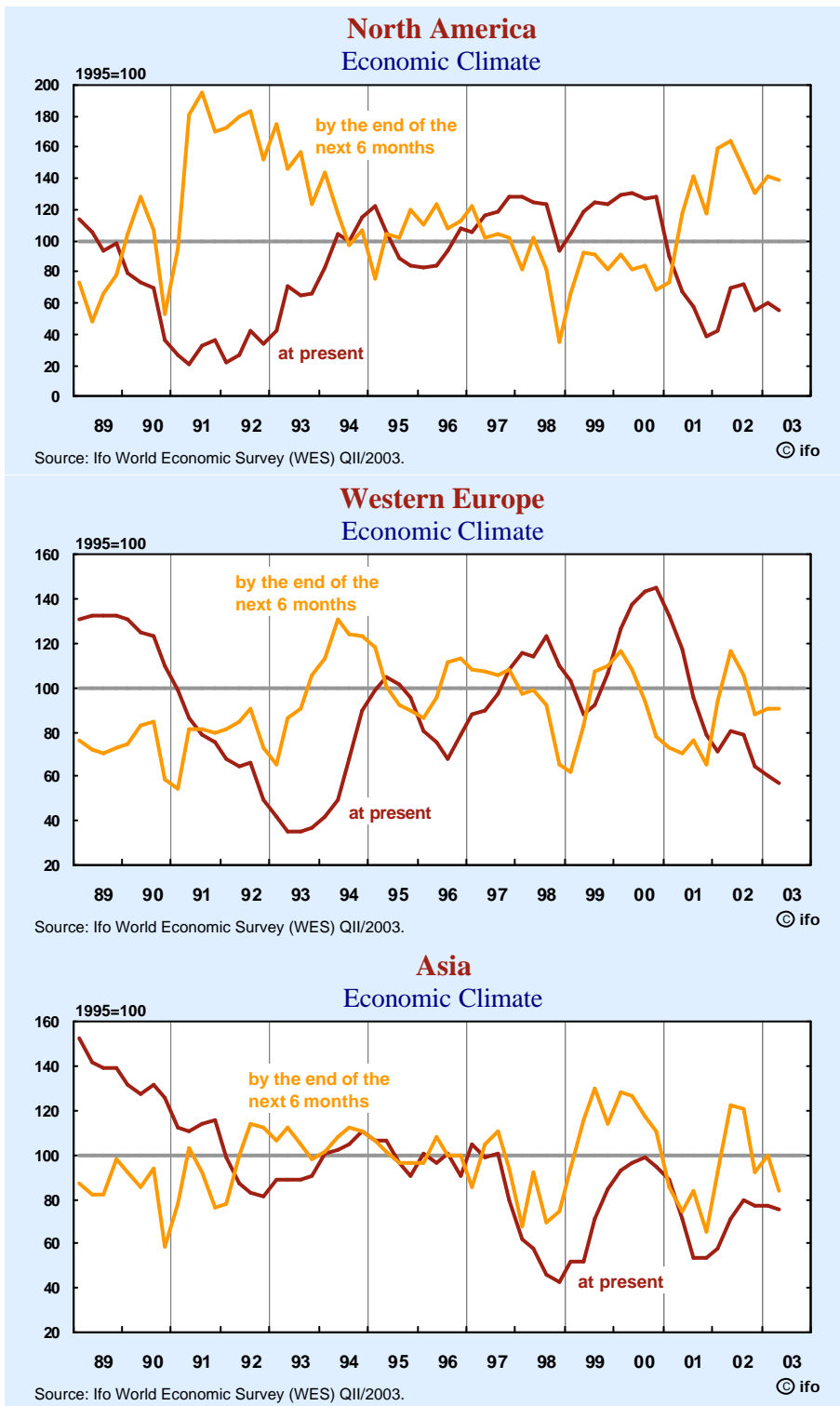
The WES World Economic Climate indicator worsened slightly in April 2003 compared to the results of the preceding survey of January 2003. The weakening of the indicator was the result of both more unfavourable assessments of the current economic situation as well as less confident expectations for the next six months.

It must be kept in mind, however, that nearly half of the responses were submitted before April 8, the day Baghdad fell. Separate evaluations of survey responses before and after this date show that the economic expectations after April 8 were clearly more favourable. Thus, the chances for a slight recovery of the world economy have improved.

A regional breakdown (see Figure 2) shows that the economic climate worsened particularly in Asia (presumably due to the SARS epidemic). In Western Europe it remained stable at a low level, and in North America the indicator weakened somewhat.

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Fig. 2



Climate (1995=100)	II/01	III/01	IV/01	I/02	II/02	III/02	IV/02	I/03	II/03
North America	87.4	90.9	69.8	89.2	106.8	101.5	85.7	92.7	89.2
Western Europe	92.1	85.3	71.6	83.6	99.8	93.0	76.8	76.8	75.1
Asia	73.1	69.4	60.2	75.9	98.1	100.9	85.2	88.9	79.6