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## Press Release

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### KOF Economic Barometer – High as for the Last Time in August 2006

**In May, the KOF Economic Barometer pointed at 2.16. It has now been continuously on the rise for a year. Accordingly, the recovery of the Swiss economy should continue.**

The KOF Economic Barometer has risen 0.11 points relative to April (2.05, revised from 1.99) and now shows a reading of 2.16. This level was surpassed for the last time in August 2006. Accordingly, in the next few months, the year-on-year growth rate of Swiss Gross Domestic Product (GDP) should be clearly positive.

The KOF Economic Barometer is based on a multi-sectoral design with three modules. Their contribution to the development of the barometer is as follows: The «Core GDP» module (GDP excluding construction and banking) indicates continuously high growth rates. The «Construction» and the «Banking» modules are also in positive territory, albeit less significantly so than «Core GDP».

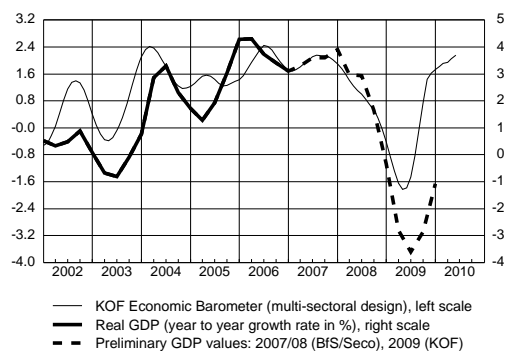
The Core GDP module accounts for more than 90% of Swiss GDP and hence dominates our barometer. The measurement model «Swiss Industry» is still at a high level, moving almost horizontally. The measurement model «Swiss Exports Destination EU» appears to indicate an upper turning point. On the other hand, the «Swiss Consumption» measurement model reveals positive dynamics.

#### Values for the past months

Current level / Level a month ago

January 2010	1.82	1.82
February 2010	1.91	1.91
March 2010	1.95	1.96
April 2010	2.05	1.99
May 2010	2.16	

KOF Economic Barometer and GDP



Construction and interpretation, please see: <http://www.kof.ethz.ch/konjunktur>, in English