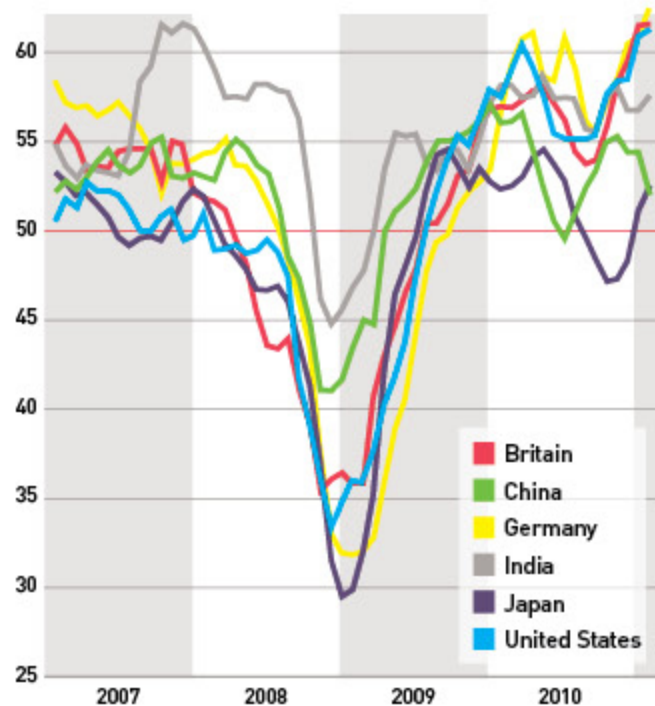


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ON THE UP AND UP

Manufacturing growth in China has been slowing since late 2010, while it is accelerating in the United States and Germany.

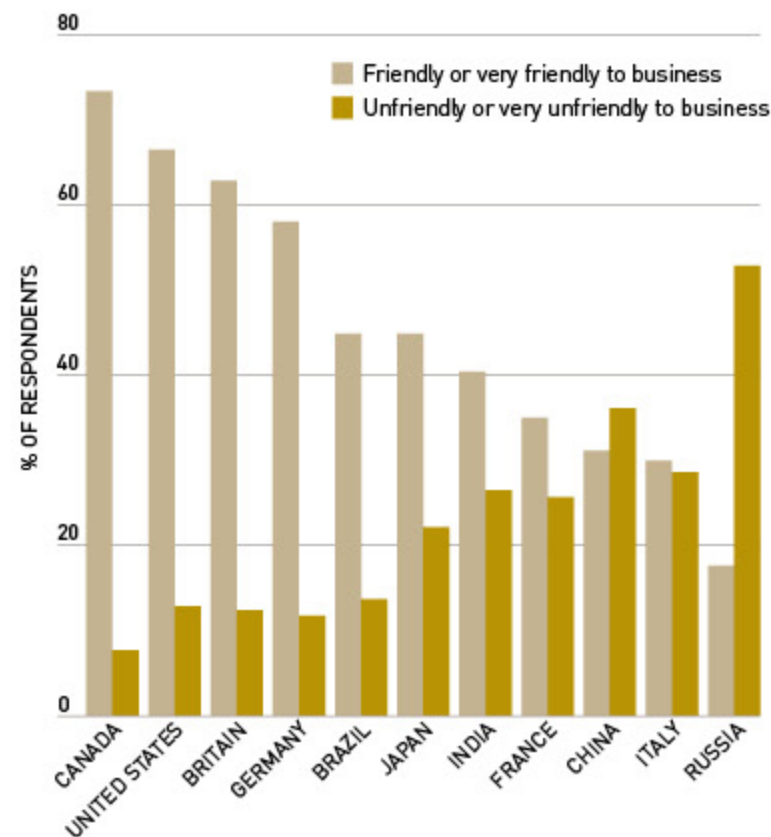


Based on a survey of purchasing executives. A reading above/below 50 indicates manufacturing is generally expanding compared with the previous month.

SOURCE: MARKIT; INSTITUTE FOR SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

BUSINESS-FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS

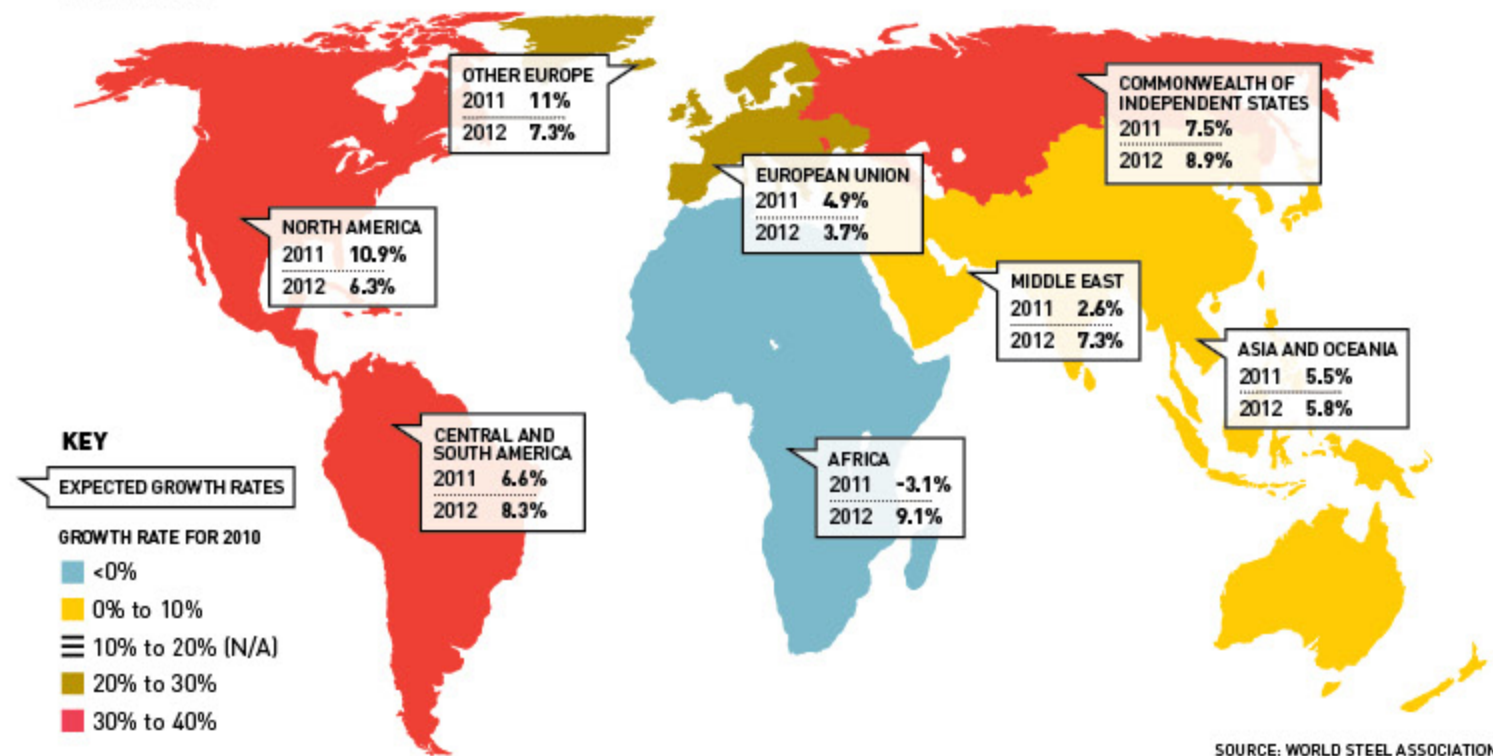
Canada and the United States rank as the two countries most friendly to business by 1,500 executives.



SOURCE: THE FINANCIAL TIMES AND THE ECONOMIST

DEMAND FOR STEEL BY REGION

Demand for steel is growing more quickly in developing economies and is expected to grow even more quickly in the Middle East and Africa in 2012.



SOURCE: WORLD STEEL ASSOCIATION

Nearly *two-thirds* of C-level executives worry the worst is yet to come in the Eurozone's sovereign debt crisis, indicating a low level of confidence that official efforts have come close to delivering a solution.

SOURCE: THE FINANCIAL TIMES AND THE ECONOMIST