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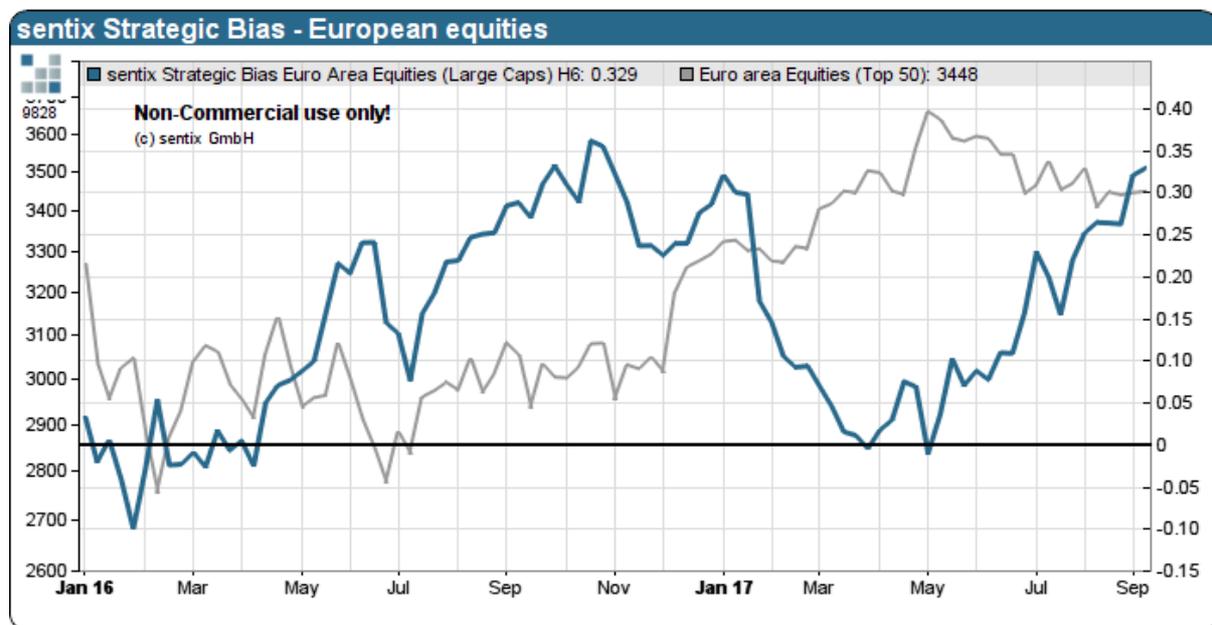
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The basic trust for European equities returns sustainably

The confidence for the European equity market rises to a new annual high. Since the beginning of May, the basic conviction has been steadily increasing, indicating a clear increase in trust. This development is a positive signal and argues for a recovery potential for the European equity market.

The recent development of the Strategic Bias suggests an increased probability that the European stock market will return into the Bull Mode. Conceptually, the sentix Strategic Bias measures the investor's basic trust for up to six months. As a result, an increasing indicator usually leads to a rising disposition to buy. The significant increase of the confidence is remarkable, as the latest development took place during growing worries about the US economy, the North Korean crisis and the seasonal weak month of September.



sentix Strategic Bias European Equities and EuroSTOXX 50 Index

Regarding to the sentix investment levels the disposition to buy is not yet implemented in the portfolios. Therefore, the chances for positive autumn for the European stock market are increased.



Background

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The latest sentix Global Investor Survey was conducted from 07-September to 09-September-2017. Around 1.000 individual and institutional investors took part in it.

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