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North and South American markets finished mixed as of the most recent closing prices. The IPC gained % and the Bovespa rose %. The S&P lost %.

Interestingly, many American behemoths struggled especially in China and other Asian markets, largely due to a lack of understanding of local demands and buying habits. In most cases, an adherence to their Americanized approach to marketing and selling became their undoing. Who would have guessed not everyone wants to live American style? Below are 10 American brands that struggled to make it abroad.

Best Buy Image Source This big box store chain may appeal to Americans, but the electronics and entertainment retailer has struggled to make headway in foreign markets. Business Insider reported in that Best Buy bungled its European efforts through poor marketing strategy and for failing to notice that Europeans prefer smaller shops to large box stores, among other factors. Best Buy also closed its branches in China and Turkey. Both Forbes India and Finance Elements noted that the company did not adjust its strategies and purchasing methods according to local preferences. For example, buyers had to input their credit card information in order to make a purchase, a practice that was not popular in Japan at the time. The company did not offer a cash-on-delivery service, which Finance Elements asserts would have made a significant difference in how it was received. Forbes noted that eBay learned from these early mistakes and made more successful returns to both countries several years after its initial failed attempts.

Google Image Source This most massive of Internet companies faced notorious issues with the Chinese government over censorship, but its struggles in China go well beyond that. The New York Times reported in that Google could never catch up to Chinese competitor Baidu, which initially catered to consumers by offering easy access to pirated media, rapidly growing their user base. He blamed corporate bureaucracy in part for U.

Groupon Image Source Tech in Asia wrote a fairly scathing piece on the ways in which group-buying deals site Groupon made missteps in the Chinese market. Groupon now holds a minority share in Gaopeng, the local daily deals site it launched in partnership with Chinese company Tencent.

Mattel Image Source The free-standing Barbie store Mattel built in Shanghai turned out to be less of a dream house and more of a disappointment in a market it seemed to have approached too aggressively. Businessweek described the store, which was meant to appeal to both young girls and adult women, as having display cases, a spa and a cocktail bar, and other various attractions. The 36,000-square-foot, six-story Barbie store was open only two years before Mattel decided to close up shop. The company made a good effort during its year run in Jamaica, initially opening 11 stores on the island. In Barbados, the company was there less than a year before closing due to lack of sales.

Starbucks Image Source Given its prolific status in the United States, it seems almost inconceivable that Starbucks would not be a crowd-pleaser wherever it opened its doors.

Taco Bell Image Source This gastronomically dubious fast food chain has seen mixed reactions in Asia. Taco Bell made a valiant return to South Korea in 2011, after a poor performance there in the 1990s. The fast food chain was opened in Itaewon and Hongdae — a strategic move, as these are two popular nightlife areas frequented by foreigners who are likely familiar with the brand.

WalMart Image Source This famous shopping center is as American as apple pie — and that just may be its biggest problem abroad. WalMart has made forays into a number of foreign markets but been unable to replicate its original success in some, a problem that can be attributed to the corporation not fine-tuning the shopping experience to the local culture. For example, in South Korea, the company did not heed local preferences for buying small packages at a variety of local stores, the presence of native discount chains, and aesthetic preferences among shoppers, according to The New York Times. Similar problems contributed to its closures in Germany, where customers could find groceries for lower prices at local stores.

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Business Economics rate on year benchmark US bonds reached their highest level for seven years after the latest snapshot of the American labour market showed fewer workers claiming jobless.

Elsewhere, things are not so good. As expected, the Chinese economy and its consumer market are on the rise. Sweden Wikicommons Swedish consumers represent 0. The Swedes have been encouraged by low interest rates and new jobs in the service sector. This has boosted confidence in their present-day economy. They also have a stronger confidence in the future. Lifted by optimism, there has been a remarkable increase in the household debt ratio. In other words, Swedes are spending more money. Debt is increasing in big cities as well as university cities and is mainly a consequence of an overheated housing market. This could pose a risk in the future, economists warn. Austria Wikicommons Austrian consumers represent 0. The anticipated upswing of the Austrian economy is expected to be driven by an improvement in global economic conditions. Austrian business leaders are particularly worried about the ongoing Ukraine–Russia conflict as a great share of the products they produce are exported to central and eastern European countries. Venezuela Wikicommons Venezuelan consumers represent 0. Poor economic conditions and high rates of crime will pose challenges for Maduro, but the weakened opposition will represent little threat, ensuring that the administration serves out the remainder of its term. Access to US dollars will remain highly restricted and the business climate will remain hostile. This past February, the government launched an overhaul of the exchange rate system which includes a new mechanism called Simadi that allows for legal trading of the bolivar. Venezuelan authorities are hoping that Simadi will help ease dollar shortages and counteract widespread black market activity in the country. The result was driven largely by a recovery in both consumer consumption and the external sector. If Greece fulfills a number of conditions, including tackling tax evasion and honoring completed privatization sales, the country will receive another EURO 7. However, the government faces a tough road ahead. Belgium Wikicommons Belgian consumers represent 0. The pick-up in consumer demand, driven by household consumption and business investment, should continue to spur economic activity, with further support coming from the gradual firming of export growth. However, prospects remain fragile due to low confidence, weak competitiveness and fiscal consolidation. The unemployment rate is projected to fall slowly. Inflation will pick up in the course of , but will remain modest due to limited imported price pressures. As planned, consolidation measures should be tilted towards expenditure restraint, since spending cuts would make room to lower the tax burden, especially on labor. A tax shift from labor to consumption and capital gains would also reduce labor costs and increase competitiveness. Poland Wikicommons Polish consumers represent 0. But growth in Poland, Latvia and Lithuania will be moderate. Households are benefiting from continued good real incomes especially in the Baltics and low interest rates: Direct trade ties between conflict-hit countries and individual Central and Eastern European countries are also relatively small, except for the Baltics and some other former Soviet republic Switzerland Wikicommons Swiss consumers represent. The Swiss economy had solid growth in despite a moderation in the fourth quarter due to a weaker global trade environment. The latest economic data, however, point to a pessimistic start to A strong domestic currency will have a negative effect on exports, which are a key driver of growth. Indonesia Wikicommons Indonesian consumers represent 0. Like other markets in the region, Indonesia also faces mounting inflation, a falling currency as part of wider emerging market sell-off, and relatively weak economic prospects for In June , the central bank raised the costs of borrowing in a pre-emptive move against higher inflation expectations. This is likely to be the start of a longer cycle of monetary tightening. However, the fact that the Indonesian consumer market has been resilient ever since the global economic downturn means that consumers will likely remain confident and carry on spending, making private consumption a bright spot in the wider economic picture. Netherlands Wikicommons Consumers from the Netherlands represent 1. The recovery from recession has been uneven as business investment has been volatile, but private consumption has started to recover. Growth should pick up somewhat as consumer demand gradually improves, but poor access to credit for small and medium-sized enterprises and low liquidity of household balance sheets are important headwinds. As a result of the tepid

recovery, inflation is expected to remain low. Large fiscal consolidation has led to a major structural adjustment over the recent years. Recent structural reforms to reduce labor market segmentation, increase work incentives and cut mortgage interest deductibility could help improve resource allocation and raise medium-term growth. The Turkish economy slowed notably in the third quarter of last year, dragged down by weakening domestic and external demand. More recent data for paint a mixed picture of the economy going forward. The manufacturing sector signaled contraction for the second month in a row in February, but both consumer and business confidence improved. In addition, the Turkish lira fell to a new record low in March amid political uncertainties. South Korea Wikicommons South Korean consumers represent 1. South Korea lowered its growth forecast for , citing persistently weak sentiment among consumers and businesses. But the government predicted that overall economic conditions will improve from this year thanks to government measures, recovery in the U. Six months ago, it forecast growth of 4. It also lowered its forecast for this year to 3. Australia Wikicommons Australian consumers represent 1. The state of the Australian labor market, the pace of economic growth and international risks are also the source of some unease in the country. High profile events like the closure of GM Holden and Toyota manufacturing operations in Australia and difficulties at Qantas have added to the perception of economic weakness. Despite these negatives, a number of positives continue to benefit households. These include the emergence of significant home price growth over the past 18 months and the fact that interest rates are set to remain at record lows for some months yet. Over the past year, the international economic environment has enjoyed its most stable period in some time. Accordingly, it is likely that consumer sentiment would be even lower in the absence of these elements. Mexico Wikicommons Mexican consumers represent 1. Economic activity is showing signs of recovery from the cyclical downturn experienced over the past two years. Economic growth fell to 1. More recent economic data show that a recovery, led by strong consumer public spending and manufacturing exports, is underway. A pick-up in domestic demand should raise growth next year to about 3. Russia Wikicommons Russian consumers represent 1. The economy is bottoming out, barely avoiding a recession. The falling oil price and the tensions regarding the conflict in Ukraine are undermining consumer confidence. The ruble has sharply depreciated as a result of both factors, which has cushioned the economy to some extent. The strength of the recovery will depend on the flexibility of the economy and its ability to increase trade with non-sanctioning countries. Monetary policy has moved to full inflation targeting earlier than planned. Inflation has been driven up by sanctions-related price increases and the pass-through of ruble depreciation. The termination of the peg of the ruble to the dollar and the euro will give the monetary authorities greater freedom to adjust the policy stance for domestic requirements. India Wikicommons India consumers represent 2. A slower annual gain in food prices helped ease consumer price inflation to a three-month low of 8. That was certainly good news. Retail inflation has been above 8 percent since February The Reserve Bank of India eased rules to spur bank lending and toned down inflation rhetoric at its last policy review, but few analysts expect it to cut rates anytime soon. Canada Wikicommons Canadian consumers represent 2. The share of Canadians who predict the national economy will weaken over the next six months rose to It was the first full week of polling since the central bank made its surprise cut on Jan. Spain Wikicommons Spanish consumers represent 2. Spain is still experiencing an economic decline, thus affecting the purchasing power of Spanish consumer. However, as basic necessities, food and non-alcoholic beverages will continue to represent a significant portion of consumer expenditure. Despite declines in consumer expenditure in , many food and beverage categories are expected to see growth throughout the next five years. Brazil Wikicommons Brazilian consumers represent 2. The outlook for certain sectors is quite good, especially consumer goods, finance and infrastructure. A growing middle class means increased spending on consumer goods. One domestic company doing particularly well in this sector is Natura Cosméticos which has a Italy Wikicommons Italian consumers represent 3. The Italian economy contracted for the third consecutive year in Although annual growth figures remain in negative territory, preliminary sequential data suggest that the economy may have exited recession in the final quarter of last year. Moreover, recent data show that economic activity is slowly rebounding in Meanwhile, on February 25, , the European Commission EC announced that it will finally not take disciplinary actions against Italy over its rising public debt levels. Consumer spending growth is expected to moderate in medium term. Consumer

spending growth has been boosted over the past two years by a falling savings ratio, but there are limits to how low this can go.

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