

Besorgniserregend ist in diesem Zusammenhang insbesondere, dass parallel zu dieser Einschätzung auch die Beurteilung der aktuellen Standortpolitik Österreichs den niedrigsten Wert seit Erhebungsbeginn erhielt. Mehr als zwei Drittel der Befragten bezeichneten die aktuelle Standortpolitik als mittelmäßig oder schlecht.

Wir sehen diese Entwicklung mit großer Besorgnis und werden auch weiter diesen Missstand aufzeigen und für eine Stärkung des Wirtschaftsstandort Österreich kampfen. Die gesamte Erhebung mit den Ergebnissen zum Geschäftsklima in Österreich und den USA sowie die Antwort auf die Frage, was die CEOs von den Russland-Sanktionen halten, finden Sie auf unserer Website.
Goods and Services

Deficit Down

The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, through the Department of Commerce, announced that total July exports of $198.0 billion and imports of $238.6 billion resulted in a goods and services deficit of $40.5 billion, down from $40.8 billion in June, revised.

July exports were $1.8 billion more than June exports of $196.2 billion. July imports were $1.6 billion more than June imports of $237.0 billion.

Producer Price Index

unchanged

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the Producer Price Index for final demand was unchanged in August, seasonally adjusted.

Final demand prices advanced 0.1 percent in July and 0.4 percent in June.

Industrial Production

Down

The index of industrial production edged down 0.1 percent in August. The decline in total industrial production and in manufacturing output in August reflected a decrease of 7.6 percent in the production of motor vehicles and parts, which had jumped more than 9 percent in July.

Unemployment Rate

Down

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 142,000 in August, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 6.1 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Job gains occurred in professional and business services and in health care.

GDP Increased

Real gross domestic product—the output of goods and services produced by labor and property located in the United States—increased at an annual rate of 4.2 percent in the second quarter of 2014, according to the “second” estimate released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

In the first quarter, real GDP decreased 2.1 percent.

Consumer Price Decreased

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.2 percent in August on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 1.7 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The Conference Board

Leading Economic Index®

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for the U.S. increased 0.2 percent in August to 103.8 (2004 = 100), following a 1.1 percent increase in July, and a 0.7 percent increase in June.

“The LEI continued to rise in August, although at a slower rate than in July,” said Ataman Ozyildirim, Economist at The Conference Board. “The LEI’s six-month growth trend has been held back slightly by lackluster contributions from housing permits and new orders for nondefense capital orders. Despite concerns about investment picking up, the economy should continue expanding at a moderate pace for the remainder of the year.”

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United States Economic Data

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AGRANA Research & Innovation Center in Tulln has been ceremoniously opened - bringing all R&D activities together in one location

With these new premises, the global sugar, starch and fruit company Agrana has combined all research and innovation activities of ‘Zuckerforschung Tulln’ previously at different geographical locations, and the Innovation and Competence Center under one roof in Tulln. This will create synergies for cross-divisional research focal areas such as nutrition physiology, sweeteners and aromas, microbiology, product quality and safety, and organic products.

“The field of research and development has always been an important part of Agrana’s success. Efficient research provides a competitive edge in the market and our passion for innovation has always given us the opportunity to outperform the industry average. An important rule here has always been the following: innovation must provide the best solution at the right time in the market – otherwise it has no chance of becoming a reality,” says Johann Marihart, CEO of Agrana Beteiligungs-AG.

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Erste Bank

ERSTE BANK Open 2014: Juniors also supported by Erste Bank

Erste Bank will this year be the title sponsor of the Erste Bank Open for the fourth time. The largest local tennis tournament featuring top international players will be held in the Erste Bank Wiener Stadthalle from 11 to 19 October 2014. A pilot project from last year is also being continued due to its big success: the spark7 street tennis, which sees tennis played in the city’s sports enclosures. The most talented juniors will be identified as part of a large inter-district tournament whose final will be held in the Märzpark in front of the Erste Bank Wiener Stadthalle on the Monday of the tournament week.

Novomatic Group

New Chief Executive Officer of NOVOMATIC Group

As of the 1st of October 2014, Mr. Harald Neumann, 52, will be the new Chief Executive Officer of the Novomatic Group. Mr. Neumann has been managing major associated companies within the Group since 2011 and is responsible for international gaming projects. Prior to his engagement with Novomatic, Mr. Neumann served as chairman of the management board at an internationally leading security company.

Wolf Theiss

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Researchers for Euromoney’s annual report on life sciences firms and their attorneys found that Wolf Theiss, Austria’s largest law firm, provides specialized and exceptional service to clients in the life sciences industry. Highly recommended were four partners. Wolf Theiss Managing Partner Erik Steger: „We are grateful that Wolf Theiss can serve its clients in the life sciences industry with such highly recommended lawyers – congratulations to Bettina Knoetzl, Georg Kresbach, Kurt Retter and Guenter Bauer!“
Culture

Maps to the Stars
directed by: David Cronenberg
Cast: Julianne Moore, Robert Pattinson, Mia Wasikowska, John Cusack, Carrie Fisher
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A tour into the heart of a Hollywood family chasing celebrity, one another and the relentless ghosts of their pasts. In Maps to the Stars, director David Cronenberg forges both a wicked social satire and a very human ghost story from our celebrity-obsessed culture. The Weiss family is the archetypical Hollywood dynasty: father Stafford is an analyst and coach, who has made a fortune with his self-help manuals; mother Cristina mostly looks after the career of their son Benjie, 13, a child star. One of Stafford’s clients, Havana, is an actress who dreams of shooting a remake of the movie that made her mother, Clarice, a star in the 60s. Clarice is dead now and visions of her come to haunt Havana at night. Adding to the toxic mix, Benjie has just come off a rehab program he joined when he was 9 and his sister, Agatha, has recently been released from a sanatorium where she was treated for criminal pyromania and befriended a limo driver Jerome who is also an aspiring actor.

Bad Dates
by Theresa Rebeck
19th September - 17th October
English Theatre

Bad Dates is a charming and funny one woman show that follows Haley, a middle-aged divorced single mom from Texas, who decides, after years of devoting her energies to her daughter and her job, to start dating again.
After fleeing from her criminal ex-husband, she took a job as a waitress in a New York restaurant. When her Romanian mobster boss went bust for laundering money, Hailey stepped in as the new manager, being the only competent person left on the work force. She excelled at her new job and turned the restaurant into an unexpected “hot spot”. With her financial success came a sprawling designer shoe collection – 600 pairs in total – and the confidence and desire to finally re-enter the dating world. But Hailey soon finds out that finding Mr. Right will be the biggest challenge yet.

Rocky Horror Show
by Richard O’Brien
18th November – 14th December 2014
MuseumsQuartier Vienna
Hall E

More than 20 million people have seen the off-key adult fairy tale since its world premiere at London’s Royal Court Theatre in 1973. With “The Time Warp”, “Sweet Transvestite” and many more songs which are irremovably lodged in our collective cultural consciousness, it has defined an entire era. Brilliantly bizarre and atmospheric, it was its own phenomenon from the very beginning, far removed from the conventions of the glitzy world of commercial musicals. One year later the off-beat story of Brad and Janet, an innocent couple lost in a mysterious castle and caught up in a mad series of events including rock ‘n’ roll hits, an anarchic sense of humour and some of the funniest lyrics in musical history, was made into an equally legendary film, The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Even today, audiences partake in the story of Brad, Janet, and the diabolical Dr. Frank ‘n’ Furter in an almost ritualistic way. Richard O’Brien’s Rocky Horror Show – without question the most lurid show in rock theatre history – is a mind-blowing and sensual experience, a divine party, an infernal joke in life’s Garden of Eden. It created its own world from the start, impossible to categorize.
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Mag. Daniela Homan

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