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DDV Online trends survey – August 2019:

Portfolio investors are attached to home...

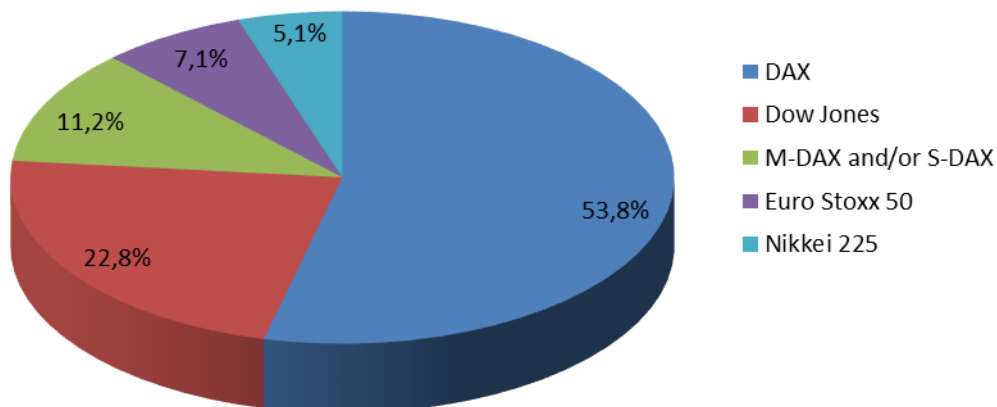
... but international investments are increasingly important

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Fifty-four percent of retail investors in Germany opt for the German blue-chip index, DAX. The US Dow Jones index remains in second place, although its share is significantly larger than in last year's survey, at almost 23 percent. In third place, at 11.2 percent, is the German mid-cap index MDAX and/or the small-cap index SDAX – ahead of the European Euro Stoxx 50 – the first choice of 7.1 percent of those surveyed. Only 5.1 percent choose the Japanese benchmark index, the Nikkei 225. These were the core findings of August's trend survey by Deutscher Derivate Verband (DDV), the German Derivatives Association. A total of 1,728 persons took part in the online survey, which was conducted jointly with several major finance portals. Most of the respondents were well-informed investors, who make their own investment decisions and act without advice.

Lars Brandau, Managing Director of the DDV, commented: 'Many investors in Germany are continuing to concentrate on the domestic market. For many investors, what they see as familiar obviously appears less risky and is sometimes more lucrative. However, given the need for portfolio diversification, investors should take a broader view when investing and take advantage of whatever market opportunities are presented. This may mean looking beyond the DAX. Structured securities are issued with a variety of indices as underlyings.'

Indices are very popular as underlyings for both investment and leverage products.
Which of the following indices do you prefer to invest in?



There were 1,728 respondents to this online trends survey. The results of the survey, which was conducted in collaboration with the finance portals Ariva.de, finanzen.net, finanztreff.de, guidants.com, onvista and wallstreet-online.de, are also available on the DDV website at <http://www.derivateverband.de/ENG/Statistics/TrendOfTheMonth>

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