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## Best of Erste AM Investment Blog 2017

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2017 was a positive year on the global capital markets [see blog from 2 January 2018](#). We have analysed which blogs were the most popular ones last year.

Over the course of the year we have posted 100 blogs, which were clicked by 99,221 visitors. Among the most popular ones were the following topics:

1. [Equities: Threats and opportunities of rising interest rates](#)(7.2.) – Peter Szopo
2. [What investors can learn from Maria Theresia and the Vienna stock exchange](#)(12.5.) – Paul Severin
3. [What effect does the French election have on the bond markets?](#)(17.3.) – guest author/Stephanie Clam Martinic
4. [Equities amid rising interest rates](#) (25.10.) – Harald Egger
5. [Global stock markets: Break, correction or worse](#) (30.8.) – Peter Szopo

Very popular were also our surveys. On average 294 persons did participate. Last year this crowd could assess the developments of the markets very well. Hence, it is worth while to check closely the surveys of our community.

The most popular surveys in 2017	Number of Yes Votes	Number of No Votes
Will the German yield curve move into positive territory this year? (20.4. – 18.5.)	156	301
Will there be a positive surprise in global growth in the next 12 months? (7.3. – 7.4.)	203	176
Are equity markets entering a correction phase? (19.5. – 17.6.)	201	163
Do you expect core inflation to increase above 1.0% until year-end? (7.4. – 20.4.)	230	92
Do equity markets underestimate the political risks? (19.1. – 18.2.)	199	117

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