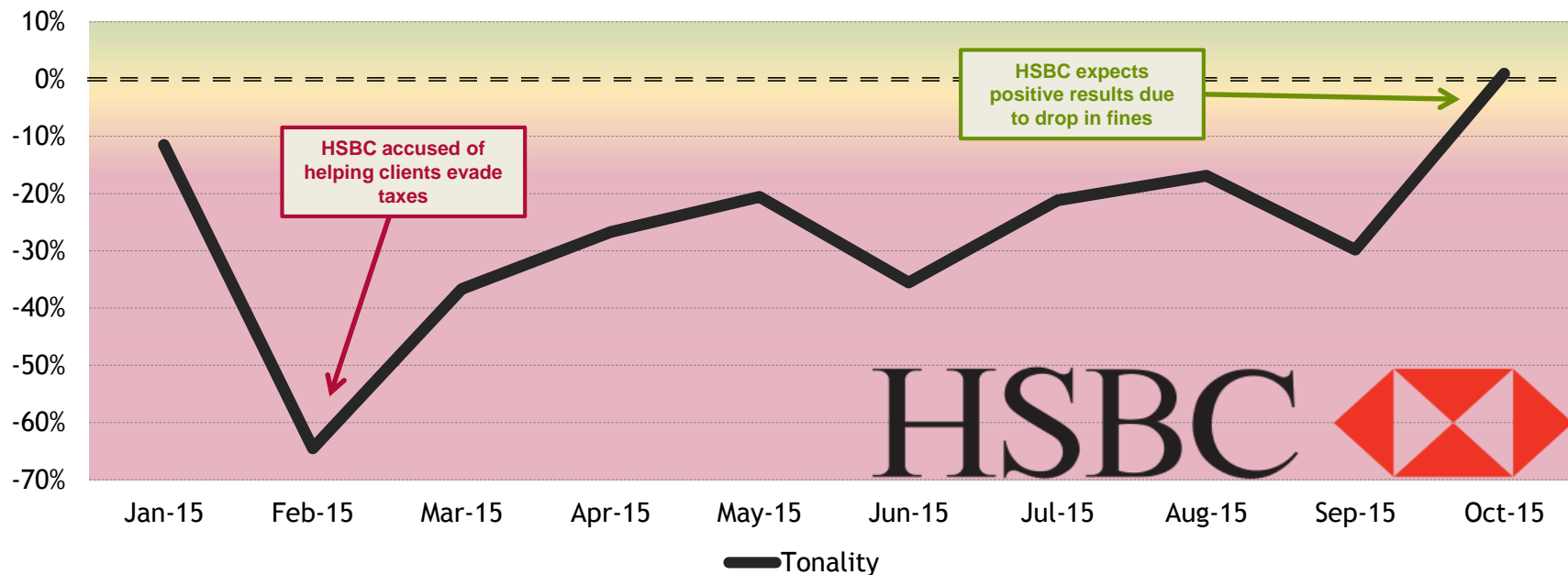


HSBC accused of helping clients evade tax

Tonality of coverage on HSBC



Tonality of coverage on HSBC remained within the negative for most of the year. The company's image was served affected by allegations in February that the bank was helping its clients evade tax obligations.