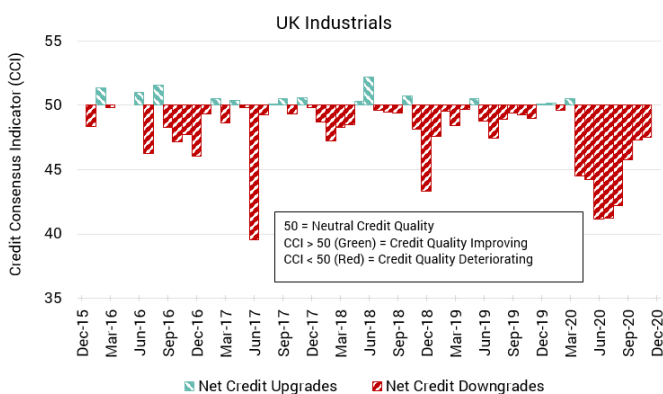


Credit Consensus Indicator (CCI) UK, EU & US Industrials

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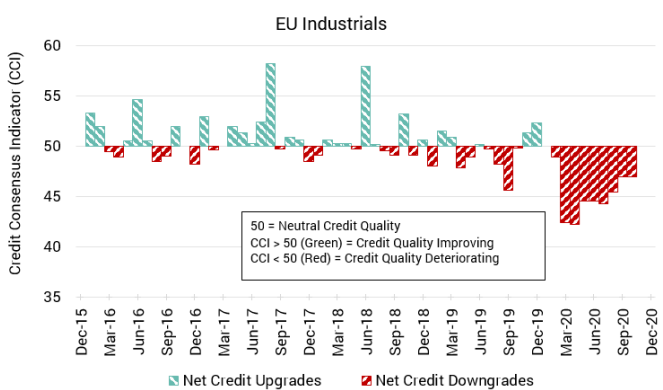


UK Industrials: Improving but Still Negative

The CCI score for UK Industrials is below 50 but much better than it was earlier in the year, when it took a sharp downward turn. From the March through July update, all scores were below 45.

The current CCI score for UK Industrials is 47.5, up from 47.3 last month.

Though the credit outlook for the sector is still a net negative, it has been gradually improving since the summer.

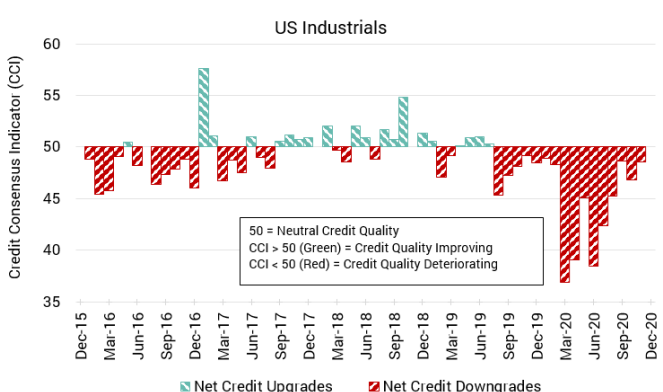


EU Industrials: Looking Brighter

After nine straight months of net negative sentiment, there may be some light on the horizon for EU Industrials.

Credit sentiment for EU Industrials has shifted to neutral, ending the month with a CCI of 50, up from 46.9 last month.

This is the first time the outlook for the sector has reached this level since January 2020. In fact, from March through July, the EU CCI score was below 45, suggesting a particularly dour outlook for the sector.



US Industrials: Volatility Remains

The outlook for US Industrials has been showing signs of intermittent improvement since the fall of 2020, even as the month-to-month CCI readings have been more volatile for the US than for the EU and UK.

The current CCI score for US Industrials is 48.5, up from 46.8 last month.

Though now showing promising upwards movement, the US Industrials sector outlook has been net negative for 16 straight months, including the current update. Some months, it went below 40, much lower than scores for the EU or UK.

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