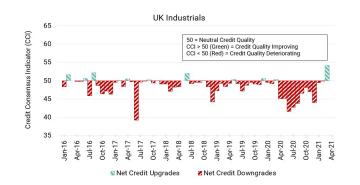
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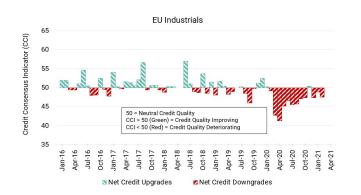
Credit Consensus Indicator (CCI) UK, EU & US Industrials

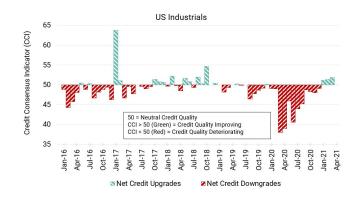
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Credit Benchmark's monthly measure of credit risk sentiment and activity draws on the collective intelligence of over 20,000 analysts at 40+ of the world's leading financial institutions.

This measure, known as the **Credit Benchmark Credit Consensus Indicator (CCI)**, shows changes in forward looking credit opinion for aggregated Industrials across the US, UK, and EU.







UK Industrials: Credit on the Up

UK Industrial companies took a big leap forward this month after a year of deterioration.

This month's **CCI is 54.2**, well above last month's 49.9 and the best score yet.

In addition to <u>supply chain problems</u>, there are <u>manufacturing</u> <u>profitability concerns</u> and issues around <u>Brexit</u>. Still, with the economy set for a strong rebound, this will keep pressure on Industrials to move in the right direction.

EU Industrials: Slow, but Steady

EU Industrial companies are close to crossing a key threshold.

This month's **CCI is a neutral 50**, up from last month's negative score of 47.6 and moving in a positive direction.

With its <u>vaccination program</u> on track and monetary policy <u>remaining loose</u>, the EU has a strong foundation. Air travel is set for a boost. The biggest negative for the region may be <u>supply chain</u> <u>disruption</u>.

US Industrials: Continued Improvement

US Industrial companies registered a net positive score above 50 for the third consecutive month.

This month's **CCI is 51.9**, up slightly from last month's 51.4.

The US economy was in a <u>strong position</u> prior to the latest data release and <u>remains</u> so even with some blips like a <u>weak jobs report</u>. The Fed, which is keeping its accommodative monetary policy, thinks inflation may be <u>transitory</u>. <u>Air travel</u> is picking up. Even with <u>supply</u> <u>chain problems</u> as obstacles, the US is on a solid path.

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