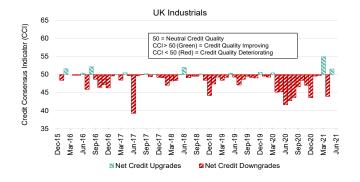
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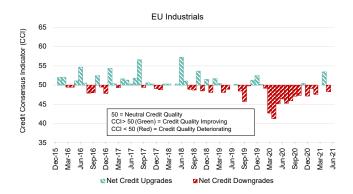


UK Industrials: A Step Back, a Step Forwards

UK Industrial firms have slipped back into positive territory after backflipping into negative territory last month.

The **UK CCI score is 51.5**, a positive change from 43.9 last month.

The UK economy is in a good position and reports of a spike in <u>new orders</u> and a <u>doubling</u> of manufacturing growth indicates better days ahead for the industry.

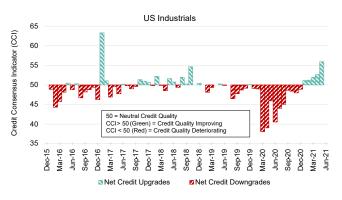


EU Industrials: Struggling to Improve

EU Industrial companies are back in a weak position, hovering below neutral after last month's positive CCI reading.

The **EU CCI score is 48.3**, a negative change from 53.5 last month.

Europe's economy is in <u>great shape</u> but pressures on some industries such as the building material shortages <u>facing</u> <u>construction</u> may act as an anchor to growth.



US Industrials: All Signs Point Up

The outlook for **US Industrial companies** continues to shine brightly.

The **US CCI score is 55.9** this month, another instance of improving credit quality from last month's CCI of 52.7.

The US economy is in <u>good shape</u> and <u>one measure</u> showed manufacturing activity expanded at the fastest pace in 14 years of recording. With these positive signs, the CCI should continue to improve.

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