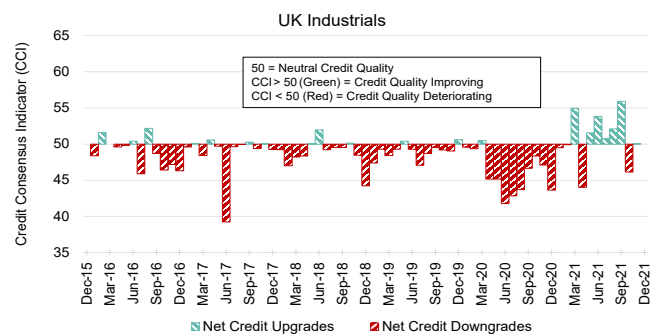


Credit Consensus Indicator (CCI) UK, EU & US Industrials

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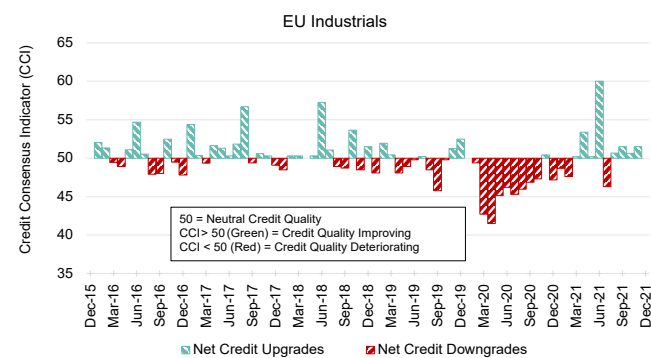


UK Industrials: Incremental Gain

After a material negative drop last month, the consensus credit quality of **UK Industrial firms** has returned to positive territory this month, albeit incrementally.

The **UK CCI score is now 50.1**, just scraping above the neutral mark after last month's negative score of 46.1.

UK manufacturers are keeping the faith, [with a survey](#) showing 73% of firms expect conditions to improve in 2022 – though this optimism is tempered by labor shortages and rising costs.

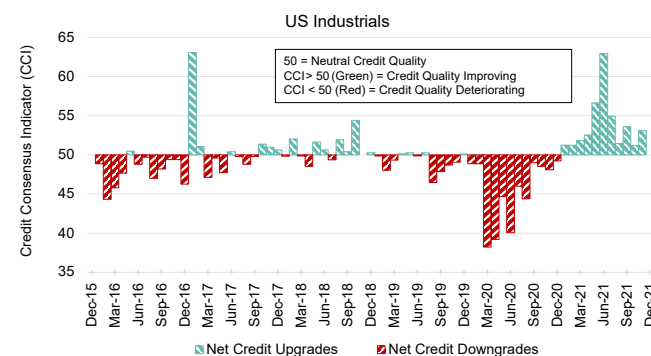


EU Industrials: Mild Positivity

Consensus credit quality for **EU Industrial firms** has been idling for the last four months, with modest positive readings and little change month-on-month.

The **EU CCI score** has marginally improved this month, sitting at 51.5, up from 50.6 last month.

European manufacturing continued to expand in late 2021, [with tentative signs](#) that ongoing supply chain pressures are beginning to recede – though Omicron-related disruptions cannot be ruled out.



US Industrials: Retaining Power

US Industrial firms have gone from strength to strength in recent months, with their collective credit quality remaining in positive territory for an 11th consecutive month.

The **US CCI score is 53.1**, an improvement from last month's weaker score of 51.2.

Though last month did indicate some slowing, [the industry is experiencing](#) an easing of supply constraints and a cooling of input prices, and the credit quality of the sector reflects these tentatively positive signs.

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