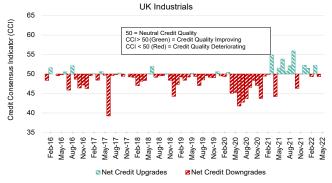
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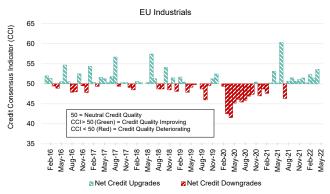


UK Industrials: Another Hiccup

UK Industrial firms are experiencing some instability in their collective credit quality, with another reversal of last month's net improvement.

The **UK CCI score** sat just under neutral this month, at **49.4**. This drop comes after last month's positive score of 52.2, which followed an earlier negative score.

This instability is unsurprising given British manufacturing activity was reported to expand last month at the <u>weakest rate since January 2021</u>; struggling to maintain momentum against rising costs of living.

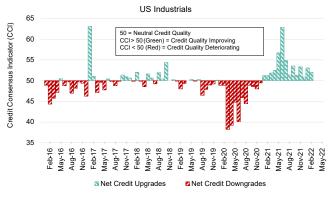


EU Industrials: Continued Improvement

The improving trend for **EU Industrial firms** continues, with credit quality hitting another a peak not seen in recent months.

The EU CCI score is 52.3 which is the highest score since June 2021. The CCI has not been in negative territory since the subsequent CCI score drop in July 2021.

These good fortunes may be jeopardised by heightened supply chain crisis issues as a result of EU regulations <u>limiting steel imports</u> – potentially forcing manufacturers to relocate to Asia.



US Industrials: Steady but Modest

US Industrial firms are in the happy position of experiencing another month of net credit quality improvement.

Continuing a positive run, the **US CCI score sits at 52.6** this month. This is the 16th consecutive month showing a positive score. Scores have been modest across 2022, however.

<u>US investment</u> into local vehicle and semiconductor chip manufacturing will go some way to ease supply chain pressures which threaten to slow recent <u>positive output figures</u>.

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