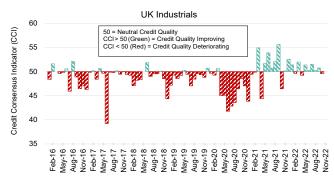
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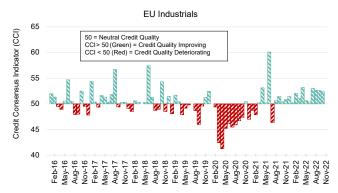


UK Industrials: Return To Net Deterioration

UK Industrial firms are struggling to remain in positive territory, with a return to net deterioration this month.

The **UK Industrials CCI score is 49.6** this month, the first instance of a negative score since April 2022, and the third negative score in the last 12 months.

Further <u>train strikes</u> have been announced by rail staff, raising fears of severe travel disruption over the festive period, as the transport system is struck by widescale industrial action.

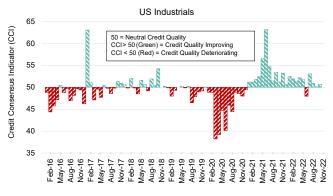


EU Industrials: Modest Improvement Continues

EU Industrial firms have registered another positive CCI for this month, which is the fifteenth consecutive instance of a positive score.

Whilst the trend was dipping close to neutral, the **EU Industrials CCI** score is **52.4** this month, a fourth large positive CCI score in a row.

The European Union is more determined than ever to transition from expensive imported fossil fuels to competitive, clean and home-grown renewables, to secure its <u>clean energy industrial base</u>.



US Industrials: Hanging On

US Industrial firms hang on to mild positivity with a fourth consecutive instance of a positive CCI score.

The **US Industrials CCI score this month is 50.7**, a slight improvement from last month's CCI of **50.2**.

US Industrial companies across the sectors have <u>bounced back</u> from the pandemic-driven recession. Now the digital revolution is brewing in the industrials sector.

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