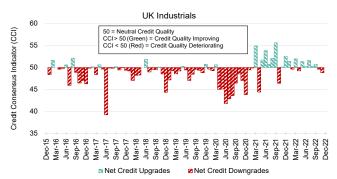
Credit Benchmark

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

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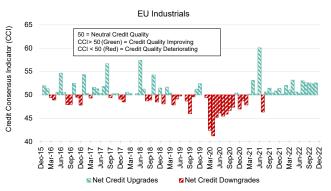


UK Industrials: Lingering Deterioration

UK Industrial firms continue to register a negative CCI this month.

The **UK Industrials CCI score is 48.8** this month, a slight worsening from last month's CCI of **49.6**.

Further <u>train strikes</u> have been announced this week, expecting to cause significant disruptions. Ministers warn of 'permanent scarring' left by rolling industrial action.

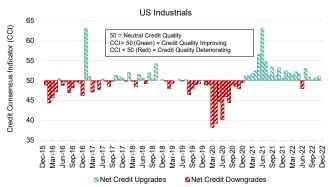


EU Industrials: Modest Improvement Continues

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

Whilst the trend was dipping close to neutral in Jun-22, the EU Industrials CCI score has remained above **52.3** for the last 5 months. The **EU Industrials CCI score is 52.6** this month.

The energy crisis, along with steps taken by the US, China and others, poses a <u>significant challenge</u> and calls for a bold new EU industrial strategy.



US Industrials: Improvement Strengthening

US Industrial firms remain slightly positive with a fifth consecutive instance of a positive CCI score.

The **US Industrials CCI score this month is 51.1**, an improvement from last month's CCI of **50.7**.

In the US, the glory days of manufacturing could once again be possible. Industrial technology companies under-the-radar successes are powering a <u>resurgence in US manufacturing</u>.

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