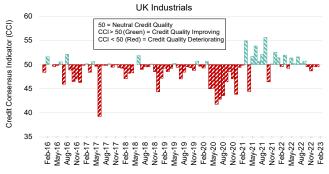
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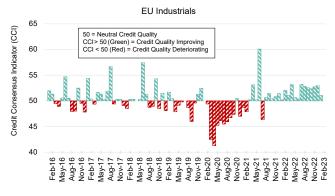


UK Industrials: Trend of Net Deterioration Continues

UK Industrial firms continue to register a negative CCI this month, which is the fourth consecutive instance of a negative score.

The **UK Industrials CCI score is 49.5** this month, a slight deterioration from last month's CCI of **49.6**.

Reuters poll suggests Fridays UK GDP numbers will show growth for January. UK's construction sector <u>rebounded back into growth</u> in February as fears of a recession fade.

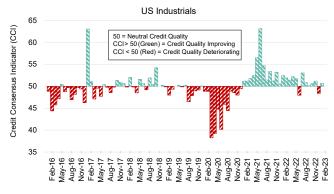


EU Industrials: Trend of Net Improvement Continues

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

The **EU Industrials CCI score is 51.1** this month, its lowest score since Jun-22.

The S&P Global Eurozone Manufacturing PMI down in February. The EC proposed <u>packaging regulations</u> that would require companies to make their Containers & Packaging easier to reuse, recycle or in some cases, compost.



US Industrials: Return to Net Improvement

US Industrial firms return to positive credit balance this month after ended their run of five months of positive credit balance last month.

The **US Industrials CCI score this month is 50.7**, an increase from last month's CCI of **48.4**.

US February jobs report, due this week, is expected to show continued but slowing growth. A shortage of construction workers is <u>putting at risk</u> the plan to fuel a building boom in the US.

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