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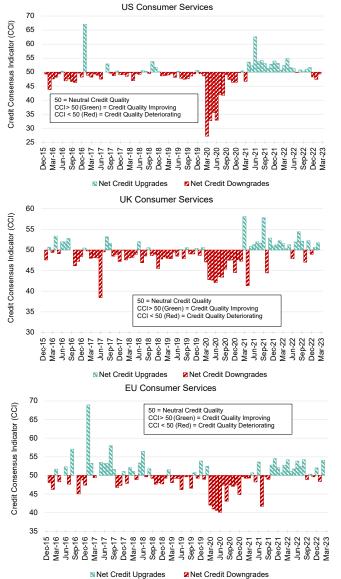
Credit Consensus Indicator (CCI) US, UK & EU Consumer Services

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Credit Benchmark's monthly measure of credit risk sentiment and activity draws on the collective intelligence of over 20,000 analysts at 40+ of the world's leading financial institutions.

This measure, known as the **Credit Benchmark Credit Consensus Indicator (CCI)**, shows changes in forward looking credit opinion for aggregated Consumer Services across the US, UK and EU.

Consumer Services consists of sectors Media, Retail, and Travel & Leisure.



US Consumer Services: Net Deterioration Continues

The deteriorating trend for **US Consumer Services firms** continues, with a third month of negative credit balance.

US Consumer Services CCI score this month is 49.3, an improvement from last month's CCI of 47.4.

No-frills US retailers <u>step up investment</u> to attract middle-income shoppers in search of cheaper groceries.

UK Consumer Services: Net Improvement Continues

UK Consumer Services firms have registered another positive CCI this month.

UK Consumer Services CCI score this month is 51.8, an increase from last month's CCI of 50.6.

The UK aviation sector expects growth in <u>demand for flying to slow</u> in the coming decades because of higher ticket prices, as the industry turns to expensive new technologies to try to cut its carbon emissions.

EU Consumer Services: Ups and Downs

EU Consumer Services firms have experienced recent instability in their collective credit balance.

EU Consumer Services CCI score this month is 54.1, a modest improvement from last month's CCI of 48.4.

<u>Food prices are soaring</u>, particularly in Europe, as producers and retailers try to maintain or increase their margins.

About Credit Benchmark Credit Consensus Indicators (CCIs)

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