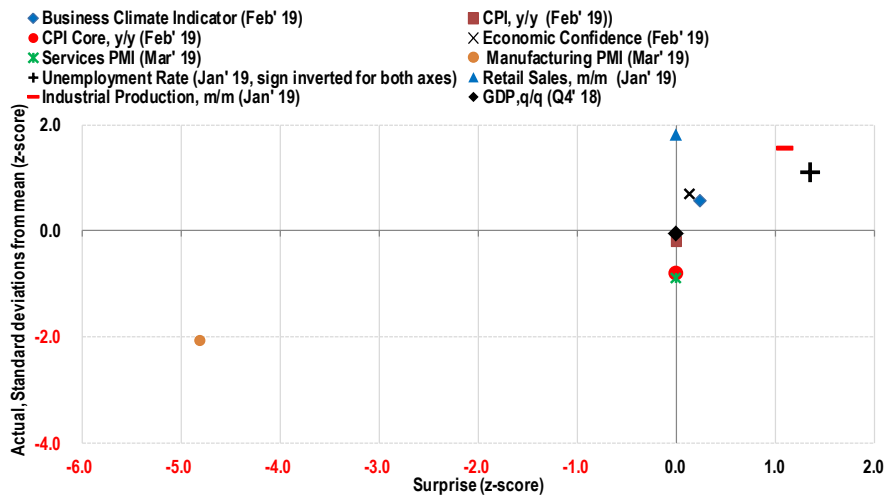


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Eurozone: Further deterioration in manufacturing sector

The latest economic data are globally in line with, or even above, expectations. Some indicators remain at a high level compared to their long-term average. The further and significant deterioration in manufacturing activity draws our attention. In March 2019, the PMI manufacturing in the eurozone reached a lowest point since 2013, at 47.6, displaying a declining trend since the peak at the end of 2017 (60.6). A more pronounced decrease can be observed in Germany, where the PMI manufacturing reached only 44.7 in March, in line with the slowdown in global trade which weighs on exports orders. Although slightly below its long-term average, the PMI services in the eurozone remains resilient.



Source: Bloomberg, Markit, BNP Paribas

Indicators preview

Next week a lot of survey data will be published for the month of March. In Germany: IFO business climate, GfK consumer confidence. In France: business confidence and consumer confidence. In the US: the Conference Board consumer confidence and the University of Michigan sentiment index. In the UK: consumer confidence. For the eurozone the European Commission's economic confidence index and its components will be released. In addition we will have GDP growth for the 4th quarter of 2018 in France, the US and the UK. Home sales and building permits in the US are noteworthy as well in order to check whether the recent stabilisation of the housing market data is confirmed. Finally, we also have inflation in Germany and France.

Date	Country/Region	Event	Period	Surv(M)	Prior
03/25/19	Germany	IFO Business Climate	Mar	--	98.5
03/26/19	Germany	GfK Consumer Confidence	Apr	--	10.8
03/26/19	France	Business Confidence	Mar	--	103
03/26/19	France	GDP QoQ	4Q	--	0.3%
03/26/19	United States	Housing Starts MoM	Feb	0.2%	18.6%
03/26/19	United States	Building Permits MoM	Feb	0.2%	1.4%
03/26/19	United States	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	Mar	131.9	131.4
03/27/19	France	Consumer Confidence	Mar	--	95
03/27/19-04/03/19	Germany	Retail Sales MoM	Feb	--	3.3%
03/28/19	Eurozone	Economic Confidence	Mar	--	106.1
03/28/19	United States	GDP Annualized QoQ	4Q	2.3%	2.6%
03/28/19	Germany	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	Mar	--	0.5%
03/29/19	United Kingdom	GfK Consumer Confidence	Mar	--	-13
03/29/19	France	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	Mar	--	0.1%
03/29/19	United Kingdom	GDP QoQ	4Q	--	0.2%
03/29/19	United States	New Home Sales MoM	Feb	2.3%	-6.9%
03/29/19	United States	University of Michigan Sentiment	Mar	97.5	97.8

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