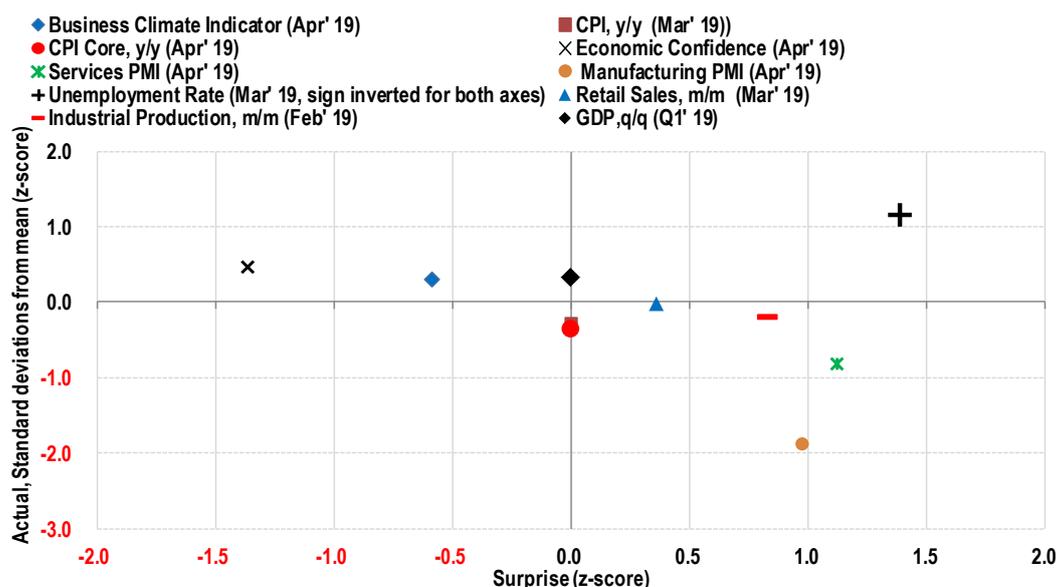


## Pulse

## Eurozone: pickup in economic activity in Q1 2019

Most leading economic indicators are in line, or even above, expectations. Activity in the manufacturing sector remains subdued, the Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) reaching only 47.9 in April. This poor performance is partially offset by the resilience of the PMI Services Index which is below its long-term average but still well above the 50 threshold (52.8 in April). The low level of unemployment regarding the historical average also sends a positive signal. Globally, economic growth went up in Q1 2019, to 0.4% q/q, after weak performances at the end of 2018 (growth reached respectively 0.1% and 0.2% in Q3 and Q4 2018). One can notice the economic recovery in Italy after the technical recession experienced in the second semester 2018, and the still buoyant Spanish growth.



Sources : INSEE, Markit, Bloomberg, calculs BNP Paribas

## Indicators preview

One of the highlights of the week will be the German GDP number for the first quarter. Several releases will enable a better assessment of how the economy is doing in April: in France, we have the Banque de France industrial sentiment, in the US, small business sentiment, retail sales, industrial production, housing starts and building permits. For May we will have in the US the NAHB housing market index, the Philadelphia Fed index and University of Michigan sentiment. We will also have first quarter labour market data for the eurozone and France, as well as inflation for April in France and Germany.

Date	Country/Region	Event	Period	Survey	Prior
05/13/2019	France	Bank of France Ind. Sentiment	April	--	100
05/14/2019	Germany	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	April	1.0%	1.0%
05/14/2019	Eurozone	Industrial Production SA MoM	Mar	--	-0.2%
05/14/2019	United States	NFIB Small Business Optimism	April	102.0	101.8
05/15/2019	Germany	GDP SA QoQ	1Q	0.4%	0.0%
05/15/2019	France	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	April	--	0.3%
05/15/2019	Eurozone	Employment QoQ	1Q	--	0.3%
05/15/2019	Eurozone	GDP SA QoQ	1Q	0.4%	0.4%
05/15/2019	United States	Retail Sales Advance MoM	April	0.3%	1.6%
05/15/2019	United States	Industrial Production MoM	April	0.1%	-0.1%
05/15/2019	United States	NAHB Housing Market Index	May	64	63
05/16/2019	France	ILO Unemployment Rate	1Q	8.7%	8.8%
05/16/2019	United States	Housing Starts	April	1.228e+06	1.139e+06
05/16/2019	United States	Building Permits	April	1.295e+06	1.269e+06
05/16/2019	United States	Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	May	10.0	8.5
05/17/2019	Eurozone	EU27 New Car Registrations	April	--	-3.9%
05/17/2019	United States	University of Michigan Sentiment	May	97.7	97.2

Source: Bloomberg, BNP Paribas

