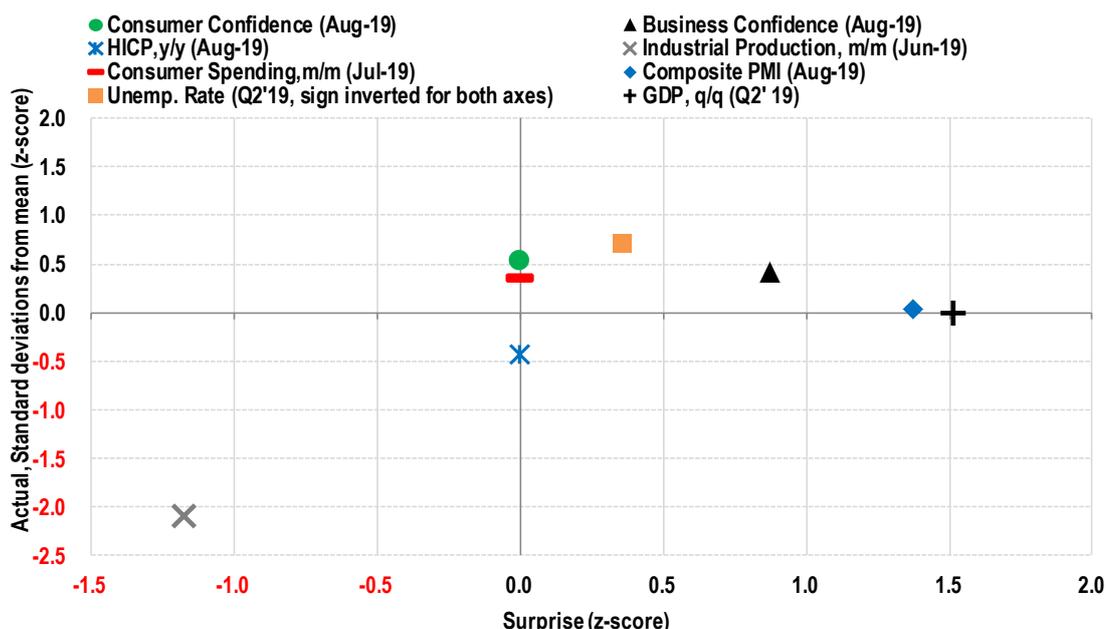


Pulse

France: reassuring data amidst increased risks

Our pulse indicators continue to send a positive signal: stability of the INSEE business and consumer confidence surveys in August, even a slight improvement in the composite PMI; a more important than expected fall in Q2 unemployment rate (-0.2 points, at 8.5%); a small but solid rebound in July consumer spending on goods (+0.4% m/m); a slight upward revision of the second estimate of Q2 GDP growth (+0.1 point, at 0.3% q/q), thus running at the same rate as in Q1. These signs of good performance of the French economy are noteworthy while uncertainties and worrying signals have been building up on the external front. In this context, even if the latest economic news is reassuring, risks on Q3 French growth remain on the downside.



Note: z-score is a score which indicates how many standard deviations an observation is from the mean: $z=(x-\mu)/\sigma$ where x : observation, μ : mean, σ : standard deviation.

On the X-axis, x corresponds at the last known surprise for each indicator represented on the graph, μ and σ corresponds respectively to the mean and the standard deviation of the last 24 value for monthly data and the last 8 quarters for quarterly data. On the Y-axis, x corresponds at the last known value of indicator, μ and σ corresponds respectively to the mean and the standard deviation for this indicator since 2000 (for China since 2011).

Indicators preview

As always, the start of the month is very rich in terms of data releases. We will have the manufacturing, services and composite PMIs for a large number of countries, as well as the ISM indices in the US. In the eurozone, a new estimate for second quarter growth will be published. The Beige Book of the Federal Reserve will provide a detailed picture of the US economy, but the highlight of the week are of course the labour market data. Given its declining trend in recent months, the length of the workweek (average weekly hours) should get some attention as well.

Date	Region	Event	Period	Survey	Prior
09/02/2019	China	Caixin China PMI Mfg	August	49.8	49.9
09/02/2019	France	Markit France Manufacturing PMI	August	51.0	51.0
09/02/2019	Eurozone	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	August	47.0	47.0
09/03/2019	United States	ISM Manufacturing	August	51.5	51.2
09/04/2019	China	Caixin China PMI Composite	August	--	50.9
09/04/2019	France	Markit France Composite PMI	August	--	52.7
09/04/2019	Eurozone	Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	August	51.8	51.8
09/04/2019	Eurozone	Retail Sales MoM	July	-0.5%	1.1%
09/04/2019	United States	U.S. Federal Reserve Releases Beige Book			
09/05/2019	Germany	Factory Orders MoM	July	-1.3%	2.5%
09/05/2019	United States	Durable Goods Orders	July	--	2.1%
09/05/2019	United States	ISM Non-Manufacturing Index	August	53.6	53.7
09/06/2019	France	Trade Balance	July	--	-5.187e+09
09/06/2019	Eurozone	GDP SA QoQ	2Q	0.2%	0.2%
09/06/2019	United States	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	August	165000	164000
09/06/2019	United States	Unemployment Rate	August	3.7%	3.7%
09/06/2019	United States	Average Weekly Hours All Employees	August	34.4	34.3

Source: Bloomberg, BNP Paribas

