Investment Research - General Market Conditions

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Monitor

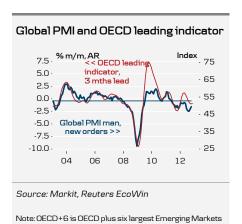
Global: Business Cycle Monitor

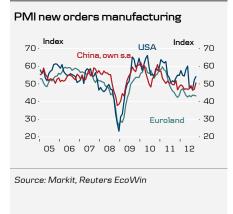
Summary and outlook

- Global leading indicators showed continued signs of improvement, as Global PMI and new
 orders increased further confirming the positive trend in the global economy. The US and
 China were the main forces behind the rise, as national PMIs increased and expectations
 were positive. Emerging Markets in general look better as PMIs in Russia and Brazil also
 rose nicely. The European economies, which usually lag behind, remain stuck at a
 relatively low point. OECD's global leading indicator is still declining but not as steeply as
 in previous months.
- Overall we believe that the upturn in leading indicators will continue in the coming months and that Europe will follow the trend set by China and the US, albeit from very low levels.

Details

- Global PMI new orders in October rose from 48.1 to 49.4 as overall sentiment began to recover.
- In the US manufacturing ISM increased from 51.5 to 51.7 keeping the level well above 50. The new orders index rose further from last month's jump landing at 54.2 – the highest level since May this year.
- In the euro area manufacturing PMIs have stabilised but are well below the US and China. There is still a wedge between the hard and the soft data, where hard data like industrial production have improved but PMIs have not. Scandinavian manufacturing PMIs remains weak as well – especially in Sweden.
- In China the NBS and HSBC PMIs increased and for the first time since October last year both PMIs are now above 50, inventories are falling and there is a positive outlook for the future. Japan is the main drag in the Asian economies as industrial production is weak and expectations are negative but in the rest of Asia PMIs improved. In CEE PMIs were mixed but the general picture showed slight improvement. PMI in Russia improved quite strongly. In Brazil PMI increased in October, showing signs of improvement in the region.





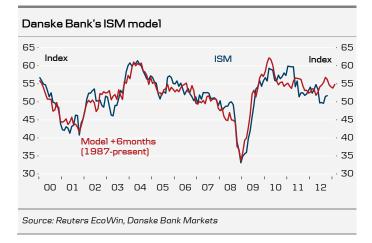
Key leading indicators to watch

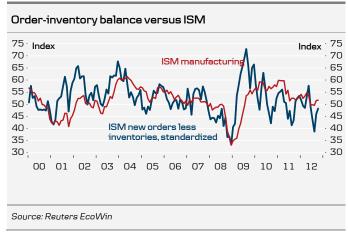
- German factory orders: 6 Nov
- OECD lead. indicators: 12 Nov
- German ZEW: 13 Nov
- Euro flash PMI: 22 Nov
- China flash PMI: 22 Nov
- German Ifo: 23 Nov
- US ISM / Global PMI: 3 Dec

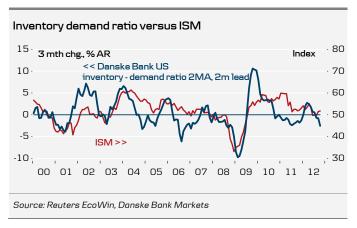
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Eurozone

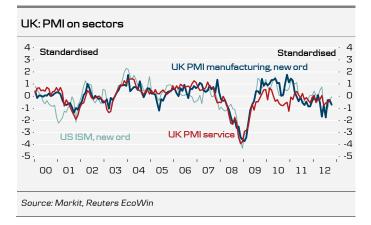


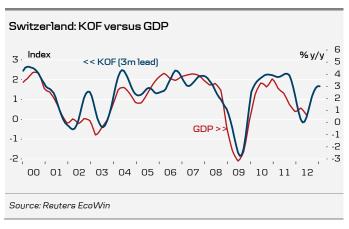






UK and Switzerland

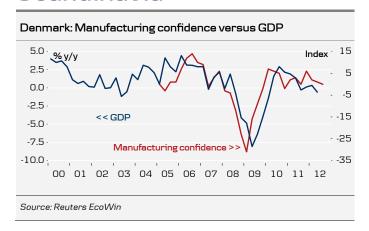


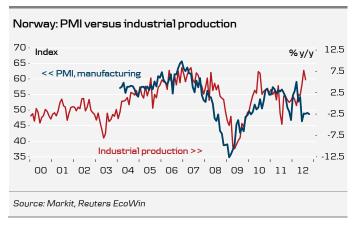


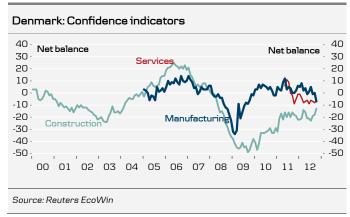




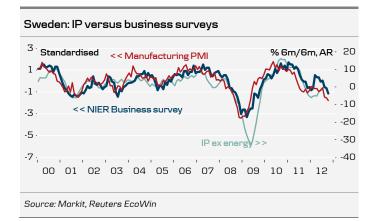
Scandinavia

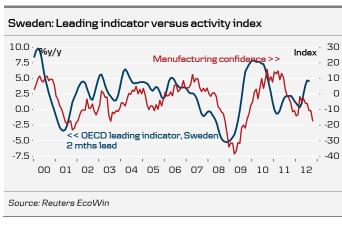


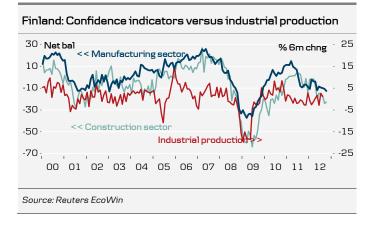






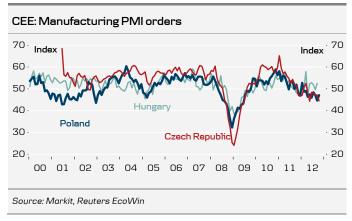


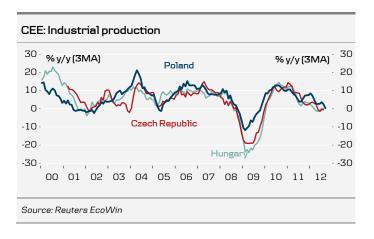






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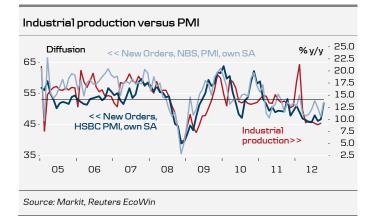


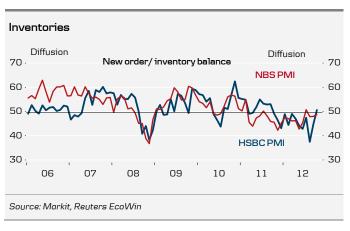




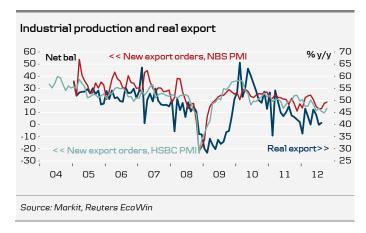


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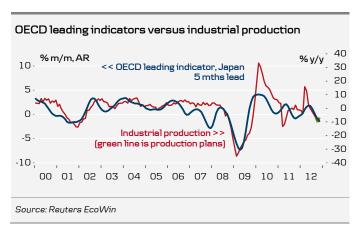


Leading indicator versus industrial production % y/y · 25.0 106 Index - 22.5 <<Leading indicator 104 - 20.0 - 17.5 102 - 15.0 100 12.5 10.0 98 7.5 96; 5.0 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 Source: Reuters EcoWin

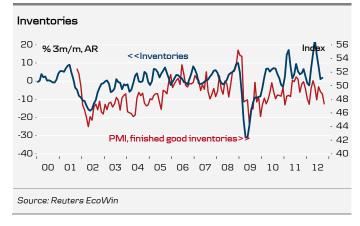


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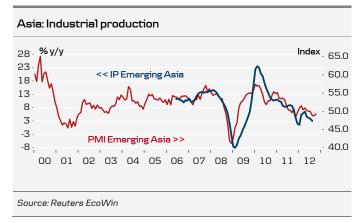








Other Asia





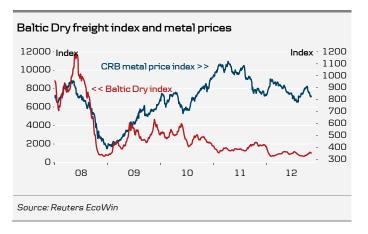




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