

Confidence Indicators February 2016

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Confidence Mostly Unchanged in February

Manufacturing

Confidence remained stable but the indicator is below its long-term average.

Finnish manufacturing confidence indicator stayed unchanged in February. It scored -8 points (-8 in January, too) while its long-term average is +1. Production is expected to stay at the current level during the next few months. Order books are below their long-term average. Stocks of final goods were stable however the level is above normal.

Construction

The confidence indicator stayed almost unchanged near its long-term average.

The construction confidence indicator lost one point in February. The latest balance figure is -9 points (revised figure -8 in January). Confidence is close to its long-term average (-8). Order books are below normal and personnel expectations are slightly negative.

Services

There was no major change in the service sector confidence. Sales expectations are moderately positive.

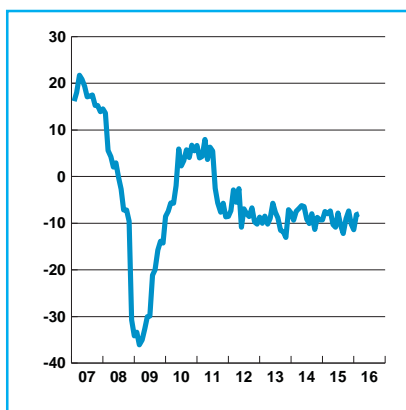
Service sector confidence indicator scored +10 points in February (+11 in January). Confidence is only marginally below its long-term average (+13). The overall business situation has been steady in the past few months. However, some sales growth is expected for the coming months.

Retail trade

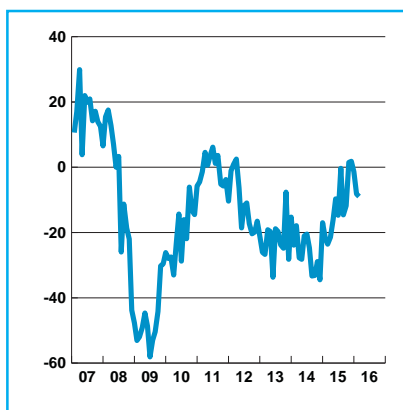
Retail trade confidence weakened slightly. Sales expectations for the coming months are cautious.

Retail trade confidence declined 5 points in February. The latest indicator figure is -9 points (-4 in January). The long-term average is -2. Sales volumes continued to contract and also the sales expectations for the next few months are mildly negative.

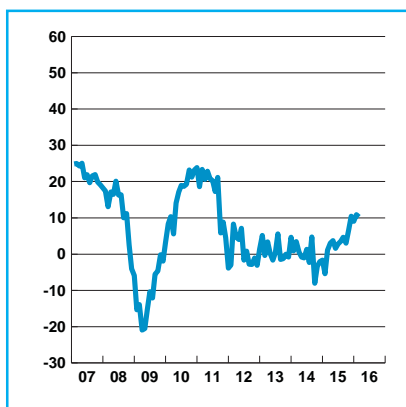
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