

Confidence Indicators November 2016

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Finnish Business Confidence Slightly Down

Manufacturing

Manufacturing confidence weakened slightly

Finnish manufacturing confidence weakened slightly in November. The confidence indicator scored -4 (revised figure -2 in October). Confidence is slightly below its long-term average (+1). Production is expected to increase slowly but order books are still below normal. Stocks of final goods stayed close to normal levels.

Construction

Construction confidence declined somewhat

Confidence in the Finnish construction sector declined somewhat in November. The latest confidence indicator figure is -7 (-2 in October). Confidence is currently close to its long-term average (-8). Order books are slightly below normal but workforce is expected to stay rather stable.

Services

Service sector confidence stayed close to average

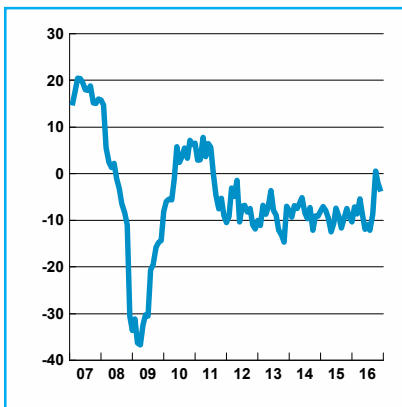
The confidence indicator in services stood at +12 points in November (+14 in October). The indicator is almost at its long-term average (+13). The overall business situation has continued to improve gradually. Some further increase in sales volumes is expected.

Retail trade

Retail trade confidence turned slightly down

The retail trade confidence indicator decreased in November. It scored -8 points (-2 in October). The long-term average is -2. Sales figures have turned slightly down during the last few months. Some decrease is predicted for the winter season, too.

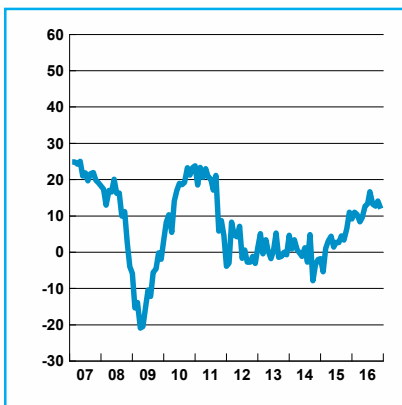
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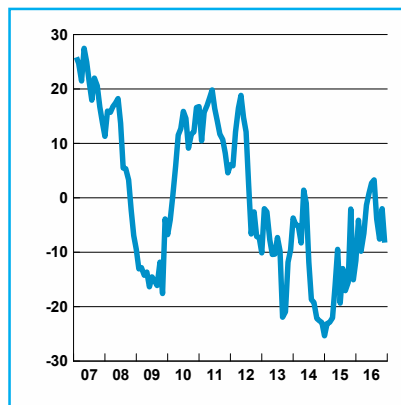
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Retail Trade Confidence Indicator



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