

Week Ahead Economic Overview

- **China third quarter GDP data**
- **UK unemployment, inflation and retail sales figures**
- **US industrial output numbers**

The week sees the first estimate of China's third quarter economic growth. UK unemployment and retail sales figures and US industrial output data are also the highlights of the week, as well as inflation updates for the UK and the eurozone.

Amid industrial output, retail sales and fixed asset investment figures, China will see gross domestic product data for the third quarter on Friday. The Chinese economy is likely to have grown at a stronger annual rate than the four-year low of 7.5% recorded in the second quarter. However, the [composite PMI](#) is only consistent with a slight acceleration. International trade figures for China, which are out earlier in the week along with inflation numbers, may divulge more hints before the GDP release.

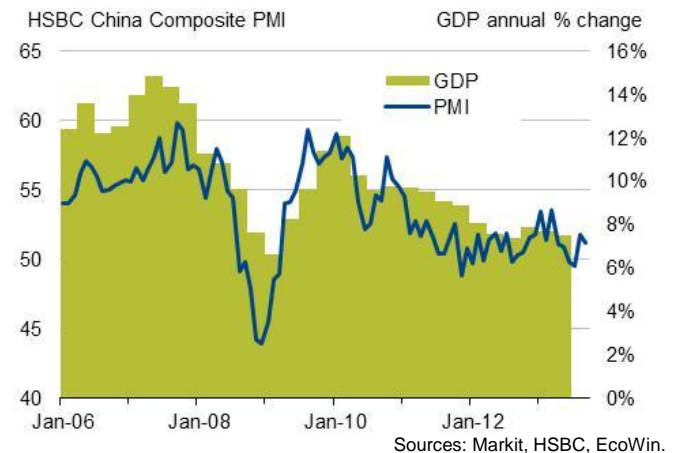
Unemployment, inflation and retail sales data are the highlights in the UK. The former is going to be the most closely watched, given the relevance to monetary policy, and is likely to show a further fall in the number of people unemployed, with [PMI data](#) signalling the strongest rate of job creation in six years and [recruitment agencies](#) reporting a further sharp rise in demand for staff in September. The increase in employment indicated by the surveys may feed in to higher retail sales, but updated inflation numbers are likely to show consumers continuing to battle with falling real wages.

In the US, industrial output data are published. The Fed also updates its Beige Book and publishes the Empire State and Philadelphia regional business surveys. However, all of these data releases are likely to be overshadowed by discussions on the US debt ceiling, especially as the US Treasury puts 17 October as the date when the current level will be surpassed.

The eurozone sees industrial production and the final estimate of consumer price inflation, while the ZEW sentiment survey is published for Germany. After the surprise plunge in industrial output in July, [down 1.5%](#)

[to its lowest level in more than three years](#), the August estimates will be closely watched to see if the region can continue its modest recovery in the third quarter.

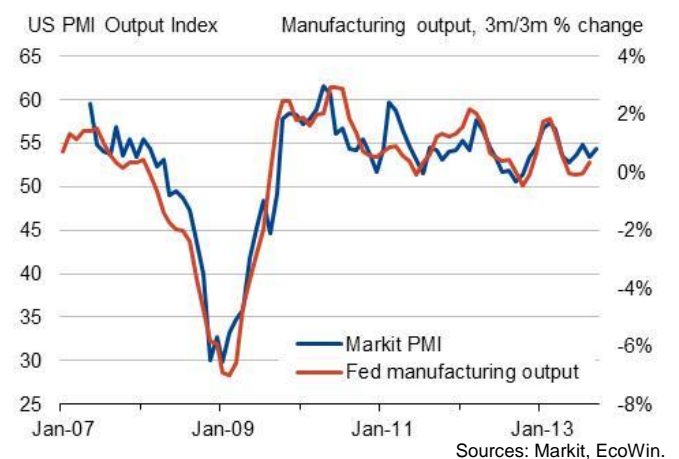
China GDP and the PMI



UK labour market survey indicators



US manufacturing output



Monday 14 October

Chinese international trade data are published over the weekend, while consumer and producer prices numbers are out on Monday.

Industrial output figures are published for the eurozone.

Tuesday 15 October

Industrial production (final estimate) and capacity utilisation data are released in Japan.

Inflation data are published in France and the UK.

Sentiment indicators from ZEW are released for Germany.

The latest results from the Empire State survey are out in the US.

Wednesday 16 October

International trade numbers are published in Italy and the eurozone. The euro area also sees the final estimate of consumer prices numbers in September.

Unemployment and average earnings data are released in the UK.

The results from the NAHB builders survey are out in the US, followed by the latest edition of the Fed's Beige Book.

Thursday 17 October

Eurozone current account numbers are published.

Retail sales figures are out in the UK.

US industrial production and capacity utilisation data are out, followed by the results from the Philadelphia Fed's business survey.

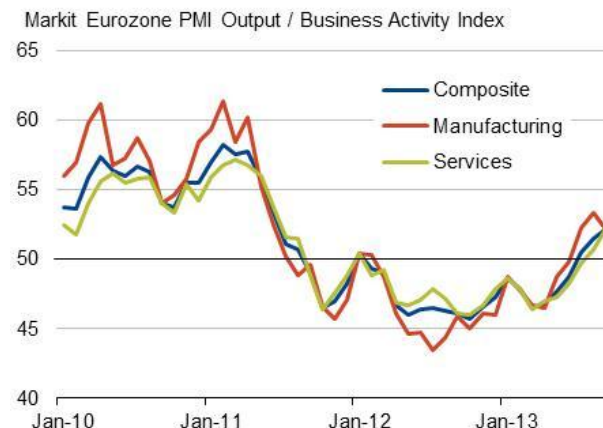
Friday 18 October

China sees GDP data for the third quarter, alongside industrial output, retail sales and fixed asset investment numbers.

Consumer prices figures are published in Canada.

The leading indicator from the Conference Board is the only notable release in the US.

Eurozone PMIs



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