

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS – UNITED KINGDOM

December 2018

U.K. economy at a glance

Quarterly economic indicators							
	Q1-17	Q2-17	Q3-17	Q4-17	Q1-18	Q2-18	Q3-18
Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated							
Real GDP							
Quarter-over-quarter annualized % change	1.76	1.04	1.41	1.48	0.37	1.62	2.46
	1.82	1.92	1.80	1.42	1.07	1.22	1.48
Current account balance (US\$ millions, sa)	-20939	-29697	-23507	-24495	-21844	-27660	-
% of GDP	-3.34	-4.57	-3.50	-3.56	-3.01	-3.87	-
BOE/GFK NOP Survey: Inflation expectations	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0

Monthly economic indicators							
	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated							
Labour market							
Employment (3-month moving average)	0.98	0.81	0.90	1.09	1.23	-	-
Unemployment rate (3-month moving average, %)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	-	-
Average earnings (3-month moving avg., y-o-y %)	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.3	-
Housing market							
Nationwide housing price	2.42	1.99	2.50	2.05	1.92	1.65	1.95
Halifax house price	1.80	4.33	4.29	2.43	0.38	1.33	-0.72
RICS house price balance (% change in last 3 months)	-1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	-3.0	-10.0	-11.0
Manufacturing & industrial production							
PMI - manufacturing (sa, 50+=Expansion)	54.2740	54.1307	53.9244	52.9269	53.6701	51.0633	53.1191
Industrial production	0.20	0.69	0.98	1.08	0.00	-0.78	-
Manufacturing production	1.08	1.76	1.27	1.27	0.48	-0.96	-
Merchandise trade							
Trade balance (millions of GBP)	-11997	-10471	-11327	-12988	-10681	-11873	-
Exports	1.37	9.53	4.97	3.62	1.08	4.73	-
Imports	2.14	-0.86	3.39	4.73	1.55	5.21	-



CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS – UNITED KINGDOM

December 2018

U.K. economy at a glance (cont.)

	Monthly economic indicators						
	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18
Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated							
Consumer							
Retail sales	6.32	4.31	5.06	4.83	4.55	3.39	-
Retail sales volume	4.46	2.94	4.12	3.50	3.61	2.62	-
GFK consumer confidence (% balance)	-7	-9	-10	-7	-9	-10	-13
Prices							
CPI	2.42	2.42	2.52	2.60	2.40	2.40	-
Period to period % change	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.66	0.09	0.09	-
Core CPI	2.22	2.03	2.03	2.31	2.01	1.92	-
Period to period % change	0.38	-0.19	0.00	0.76	0.00	-0.09	-
Retail price index	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.3	-
All items excl mortgage interest payments	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.2	-
PPI	2.99	3.26	3.07	2.88	3.15	3.32	-
Net Sector Input: Mfg Materials & Fuels	9.60	10.29	10.29	9.44	10.51	10.02	-
Financial market at a glance							
Official bank rate*	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	0.7500	0.7500	0.7500	0.7500
2-year yield**	0.72	0.67	0.71	0.72	0.80	0.81	0.76
5-year yield**	1.06	0.99	0.98	1.00	1.10	1.12	1.00
10-year yield**	1.52	1.43	1.38	1.41	1.51	1.55	1.44
USD/GBP**	1.34700	1.32940	1.31620	1.28780	1.30660	1.30120	1.29000
FTSE 100 index**	3.60	2.59	3.45	2.65	0.70	-4.94	-5.38

* End of period

** Average over period

The material contained in this report is the property of Royal Bank of Canada and may not be reproduced in any way, in whole or in part, without express authorization of the copyright holder in writing. The statements and statistics contained herein have been prepared by RBC Economics Research based on information from sources considered to be reliable. We make no representation or warranty, express or implied, as to its accuracy or completeness. This publication is for the information of investors and business persons and does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy securities.

