

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS – UNITED KINGDOM

May 2018

U.K. economy at a glance

	Quarterly economic indicators						
	Q3-16	Q4-16	Q1-17	Q2-17	Q3-17	Q4-17	Q1-18
Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated							
Real GDP							
Quarter-over-quarter annualized % change	2.18	3.03	1.26	0.99	1.86	1.56	0.40
	1.97	1.99	2.09	1.86	1.78	1.42	1.20
Current account balance (US\$ millions, sa)	-43915	-28458	-24333	-32799	-25109	-24482	-
% of GDP	-6.78	-4.59	-3.89	-5.06	-3.75	-3.58	-
BOE/GFK NOP Survey: Inflation expectations	2.2	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9

	Monthly economic indicators						
	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated							
Labour market							
Employment (3-month moving average)	1.31	1.01	1.26	1.34	1.24	-	-
Unemployment rate (3-month moving average, %)	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	-	-
Average earnings (3-month moving avg., y-o-y %)	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.6	-
Housing market							
Nationwide housing price	2.53	2.49	2.52	3.13	2.15	2.06	2.60
Halifax house price	3.51	3.47	0.83	1.93	2.35	4.10	0.25
RICS house price balance (% change in last 3 months)	2.0	0.5	8.3	7.3	-0.9	-0.3	-8.4
Manufacturing & industrial production							
PMI - manufacturing (sa, 50+=Expansion)	56.1938	58.2747	55.9615	55.0351	54.8642	54.8855	53.9065
Industrial production	3.99	2.05	-0.39	1.06	2.15	2.95	-
Manufacturing production	4.49	3.15	0.86	2.23	2.53	2.94	-
Merchandise trade							
Trade balance (millions of GBP)	-11552	-12417	-11771	-11903	-10414	-12287	-
Exports	6.45	3.91	2.57	5.93	1.42	1.31	-
Imports	9.79	4.29	2.33	5.86	-0.31	0.97	-



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Consumer							
Retail sales	3.02	4.25	4.00	4.30	3.69	3.21	-
Retail sales volume	-0.09	1.21	1.14	1.42	1.13	1.14	-
GFK consumer confidence (% balance)	-10	-12	-13	-9	-10	-7	-9
Prices							
CPI	2.96	3.16	2.94	2.96	2.74	2.44	-
Period to period % change	0.10	0.38	0.29	-0.48	0.48	0.10	-
Core CPI	2.76	2.95	2.64	2.86	2.64	2.34	-
Period to period % change	0.00	0.29	0.29	-0.57	0.48	0.19	-
Retail price index	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.3	-
All items excl mortgage interest payments	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.4	-
PPI	2.86	3.14	3.31	2.84	2.65	2.36	-
Net Sector Input: Mfg Materials & Fuels	4.97	7.69	5.63	4.17	3.80	4.19	-
Financial market at a glance							
Official bank rate*	0.2500	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000
2-year yield**	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.58	0.72	0.78	0.81
5-year yield**	0.79	0.77	0.76	0.90	1.11	1.08	1.11
10-year yield**	1.40	1.34	1.28	1.41	1.63	1.53	1.53
USD/GBP**	1.32020	1.32170	1.34040	1.38240	1.39610	1.39760	1.40790
FTSE 100 index**	7.09	9.38	7.48	6.72	0.21	-3.66	0.34

* End of period

** Average over period

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