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Resilient activity feeding wage pressure

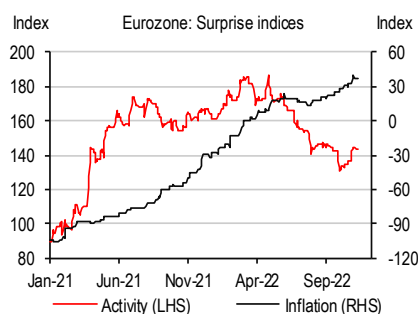
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Although recession still seems likely, activity data are still surprising to the upside. Alongside a tight labour market and high inflation, this is fuelling wage growth. Resilient demand and risks to aggregate supply mean markets don't expect central banks to pivot soon – despite the BoE's dovish signal.

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Resilience in activity, wage pressure rising

1. Eurozone activity and inflation data have been surprising to the upside recently...



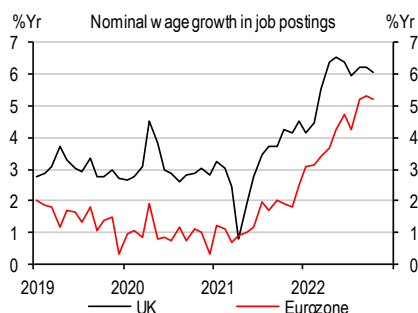
Source: Bloomberg, HSBC

2. ... and the Sentix indicator of investor confidence ticked up...



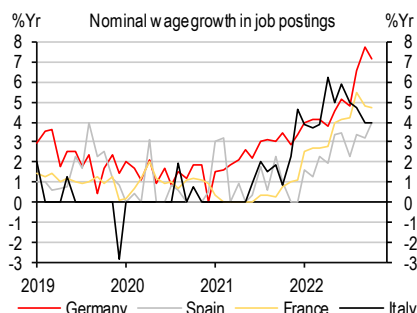
Source: Macrobond, Sentix

3. But the tight jobs market and high inflation is feeding into higher wages in job ads...



Source: Indeed, Central Bank of Ireland

4. ... particularly in Germany



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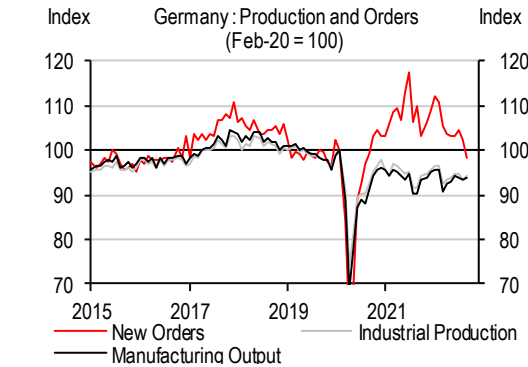
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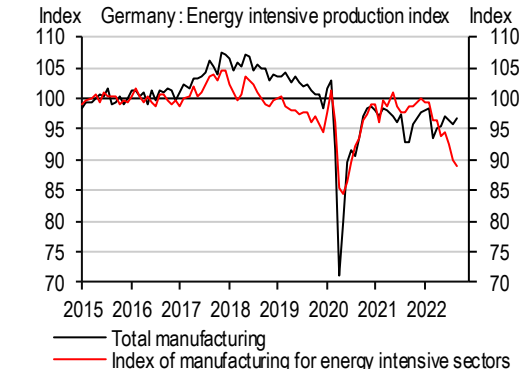
The outlook for manufacturing remains more challenging

5. German industrial orders plunged in September, but remain around pre-COVID-19 levels



Source: Macrobond

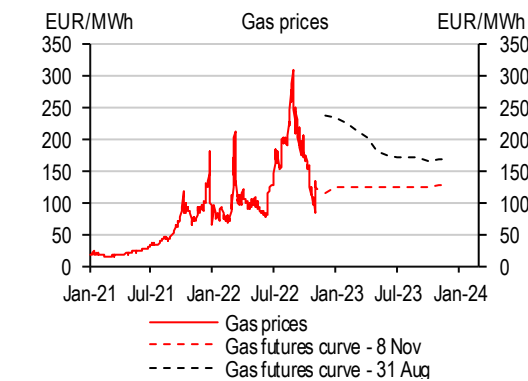
6. Unsurprisingly, energy-intensive industries have seen the biggest falls in output



Source: Macrobond

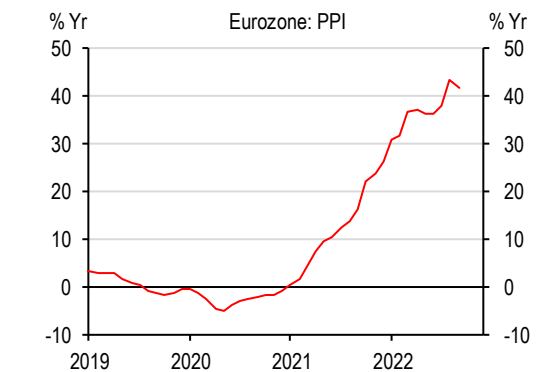
Energy prices down, but the market is still tight

7. Near-term gas futures prices have fallen further



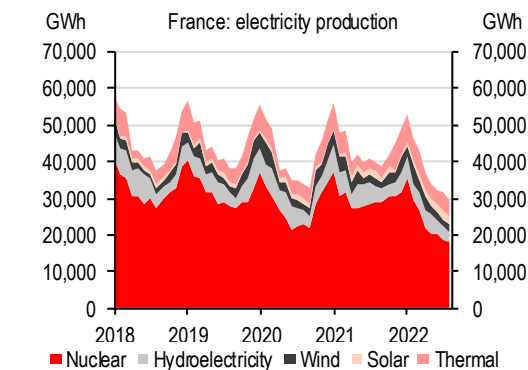
Source: Bloomberg

8. Producer prices still rising rapidly, but the annual rate of inflation moderated in September



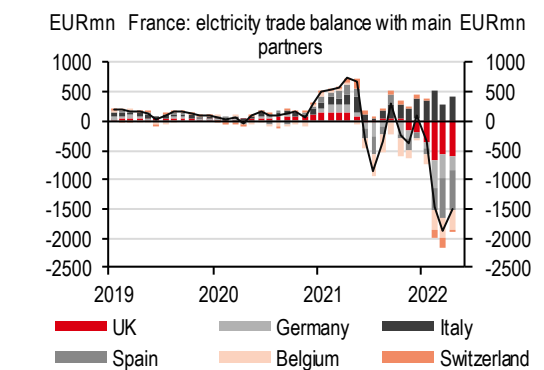
Source: Bloomberg

9. French electricity production is still low, with the re-opening of some nuclear plants pushed back again...



Source: French Ministry

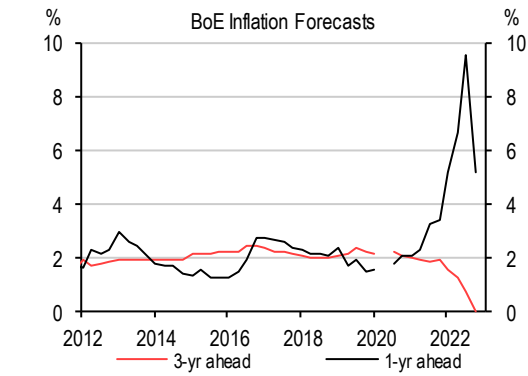
10. ...meaning France remains a net importer of electricity



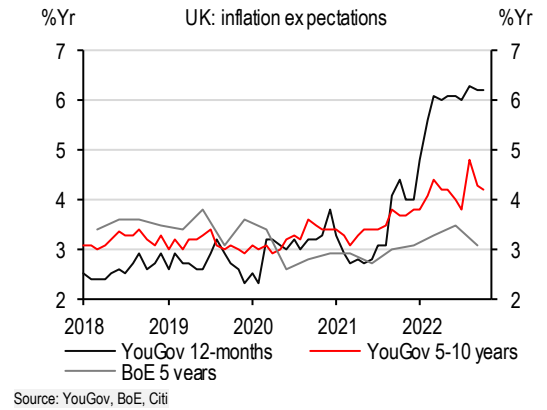
Source: French Customs

A dovish BoE, despite the largest rate rise for thirty years

11. Despite a 75bp rate rise, the BoE was dovish in November, forecasting zero inflation by the end of 2025



12. UK inflation expectations may be stabilising



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