

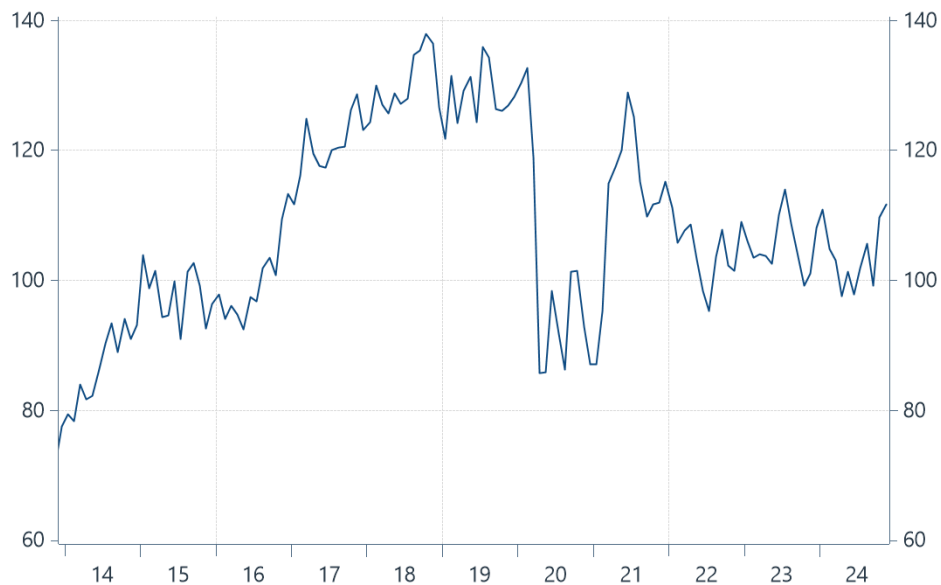
The Week Ahead

We're looking at a data-light week ahead as the year draws to a close, with many markets closing for the Christmas and Boxing Day holidays.

In the US and Canada, no major data releases are scheduled, though there are a few key indicators to watch: the December US Conference Board consumer confidence index, November durable goods orders, and new home sales for November. US consumer confidence has been edging upward in recent months, likely driven by growing optimism in the labor market.

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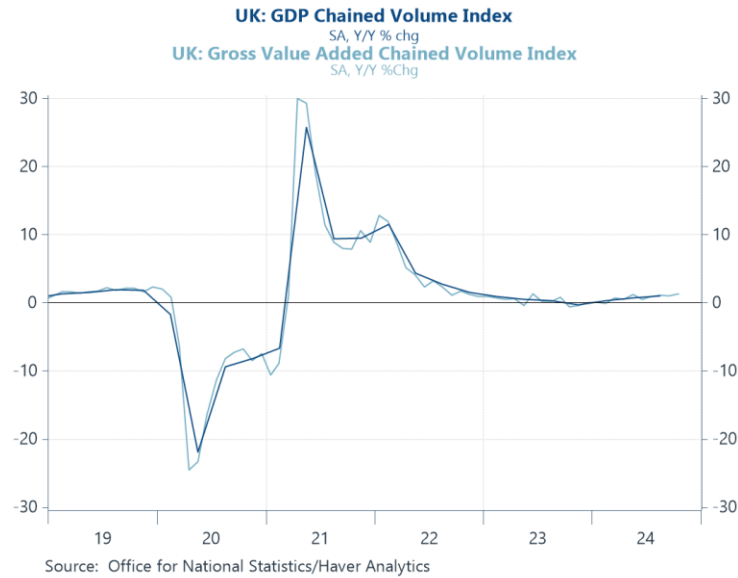
U.S.: Conference Board: Consumer Confidence
SA, 1985=100



Source: The Conference Board/Haver Analytics

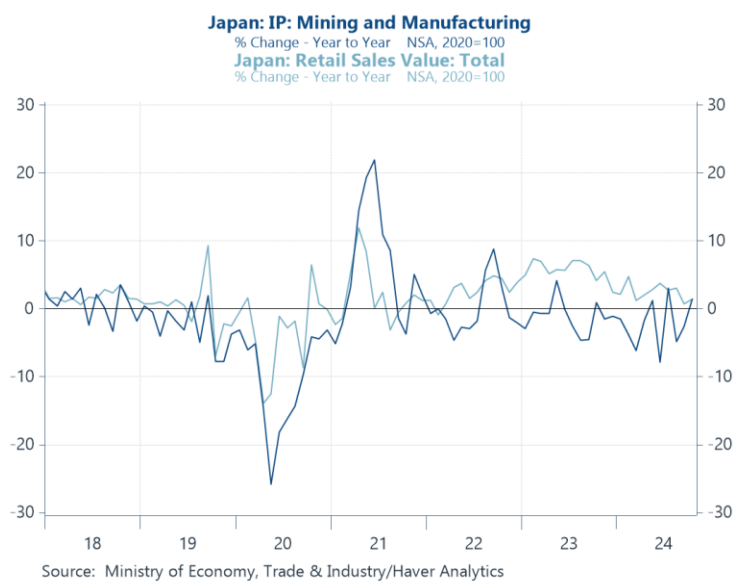
The data docket is similarly light in Europe, as regional markets prepare to close for the holidays. However, the final Q3 GDP readings for the UK and Spain could attract attention, especially if there are any significant revisions.

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Asia's data calendar is also sparse, with only a few releases of note in Japan as the region heads into its holiday season. Japan will report November industrial production, retail sales, and labor market data on Friday, which could provide insight into potential further tightening moves by the Bank of Japan.

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Data featured in charts:

1: Series 1: S111VCC@G10

S111VCC@G10 [U.S.: Conference Board: Consumer Confidence (SA, 1985=100)]

2: Series 1: IHYRQ@UK

IHYRQ@UK [UK: GDP Chained Volume Index (SA, Y/Y % chg)]

Series 2: ED2R@UK

ED2R@UK [UK: Gross Value Added Chained Volume Index (SA, Y/Y %Chg)]

3: Series 1: yryr%(JPNIIIP@JAPAN)

JPNIIIP@JAPAN [Japan: IP: Mining and Manufacturing (NSA, 2020=100)]

Series 2: yryr%(JPSIR@JAPAN)

JPSIR@JAPAN [Japan: Retail Sales Value: Total (NSA, 2020=100)]

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