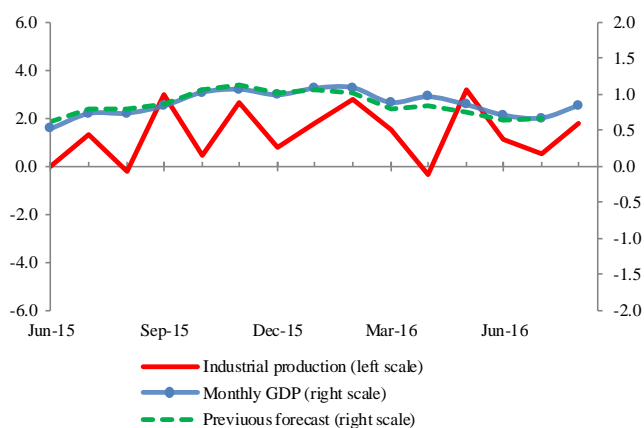


Data and comment

Monthly GDP: August

In August industrial production was much above expectations (1,7 % m/m) with the index reaching the highest level in four years. All the main industry groups scored positive month over month growth rates - intermediate goods (3,1%), investment goods (6,6%), energy (1,4%) - but consumption goods (-0,5%). The August reading posted also a very positive year on year growth number (+4,1%). Concerning the month of September high frequency indicators provided positive signals: the manufacturing sector PMI rebounded above the expansion/recession 50-threshold also due to the foreign orders component and car registration rose by 4,6% m/m; on a less positive note, the PMI of the service sector contracted from 52,3 to 50,7.

GDP and Industrial Production
(year-on-year percentage growth)



(*) Monthly GDP is an average of results obtained from different models as documented in Frale, C., and Monteforte, L., "FaMIDAS: A mixed frequency factor model with MIDAS structure", MEF and Department of the Treasury Working Paper Series n. 3/2010.

Monthly GDP (month-on-month percentage growth)			
	Industrial production (ISTAT)	Monthly GDP (monthly estimate)	Monthly GDP (revised estimate)
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Dec-14	0.3	0.10	0.08
Jan-15	-0.3	0.12	0.09
Feb-15	-0.3	0.15	0.11
Mar-15	0.8	0.22	0.17
Apr-15	1.2	0.05	0.00
May-15	-1.7	0.07	0.07
Jun-15	1.4	0.06	0.12
Jul-15	0.5	0.10	0.14
Aug-15	-0.7	0.02	0.01
Sep-15	1.4	0.01	0.05
Oct-15	-0.8	0.11	0.11
Nov-15	0.8	0.09	0.10
Dec-15	-1.5	0.00	0.01
Jan-16	0.7	0.15	0.18
Feb-16	0.7	0.12	0.12
Mar-16	-0.4	-0.02	-0.04
Apr-16	-0.7	0.11	0.08
May-16	1.7	-0.02	-0.04
Jun-16	-0.6	-0.04	-0.02
Jul-16	0.0	0.11	0.10
Aug-16	0.5	-	0.19