



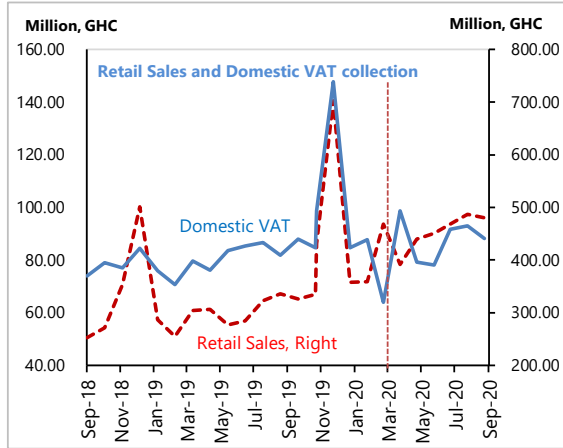
Real Sector Charts – MPC November 2020

The following panel of charts provide pictorial information on how the variables in the composite index of economic activity have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic shock and trends following the lifting of the partial restrictions.

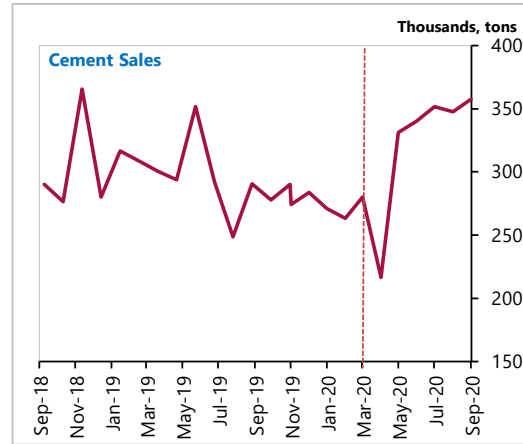
Following a contraction in March, April and May, the real Composite Index of Economic Activity (CIEA) recorded an annual growth of 10.5 percent in September 2020, compared with 4.2 percent growth a year ago. The main drivers of economic activity at this MPC round are construction, consumption, credit to the private sector and improvements in business and consumer confidence.

Panel 1:
Ghana Leading Indicators of Economic Activity
Impact of COVID-19 on Real Sector Indicators

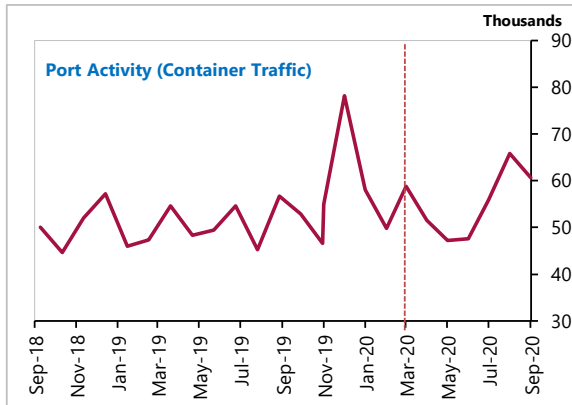
...Domestic consumption, proxied by Retail sales and domestic VAT collections, remains above pre-pandemic levels in September 2020...



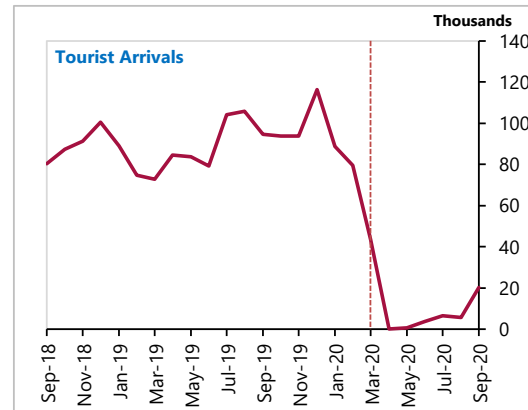
...Construction activities, proxied by cement sales, went up in September 2020...



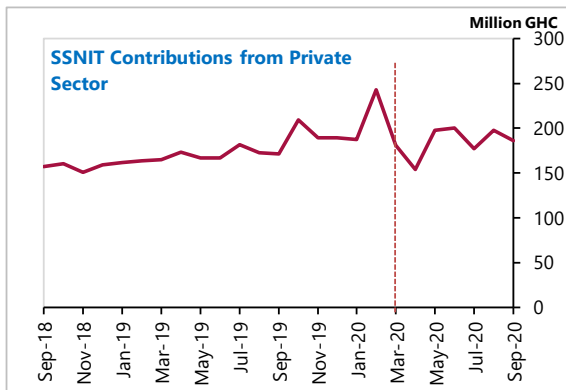
...Port activity moderated in September 2020...



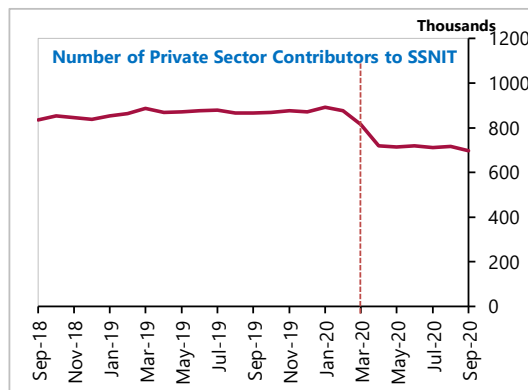
...Tourist arrivals picking up, but slowly...



...Labour market conditions remain tight...



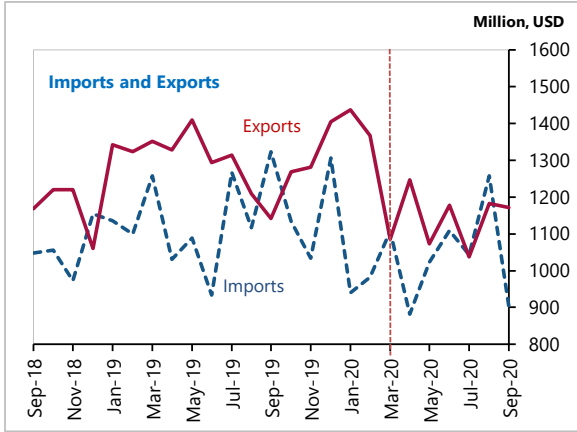
...Labour hiring conditions, proxied by the number of private sector workers contributing to SSNIT is yet to pick up...



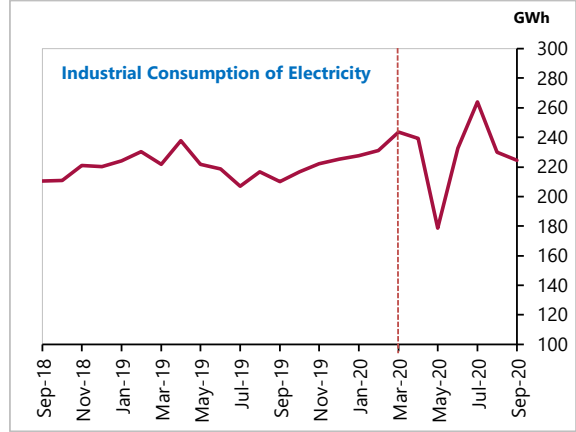
Sources: Bank of Ghana, Various Stakeholders

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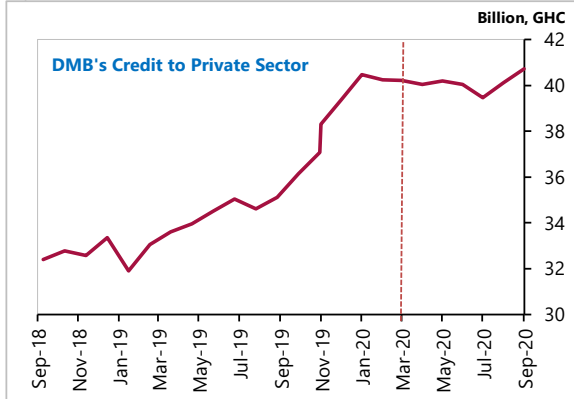
...Similar to exports, imports declined but much sharper...



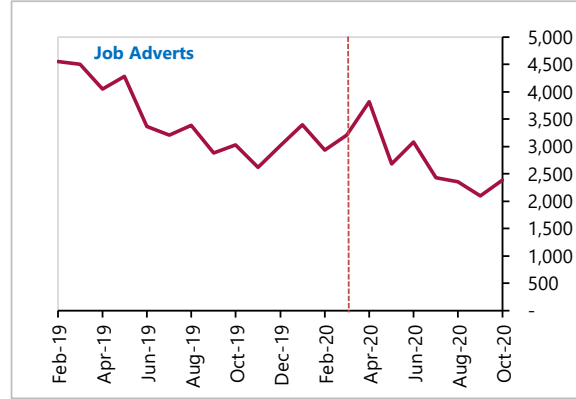
...Industrial activity, proxied by industrial consumption of electricity, has declined in two consecutive months with activity remaining below pre-pandemic levels...



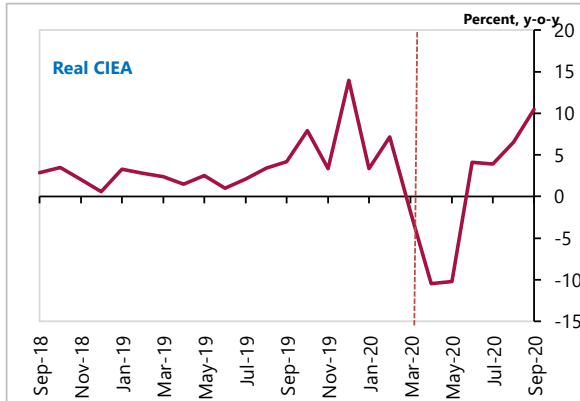
...Strong pickup in commercial banks' credit to the private sector in September 2020...



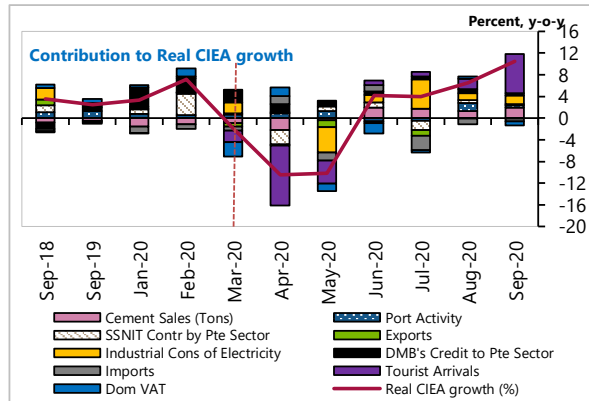
...Demand for labour, proxied by the number of job adverts (in print and online media) is still below pre-pandemic levels...



...On a year-on-year basis, real CIEA grew significantly by 10.5 percent, after recovering in July 2020 from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Economic activity contracted by 1.9 percent, 10.5 percent and 10.2 percent in March, April and May 2020, respectively...



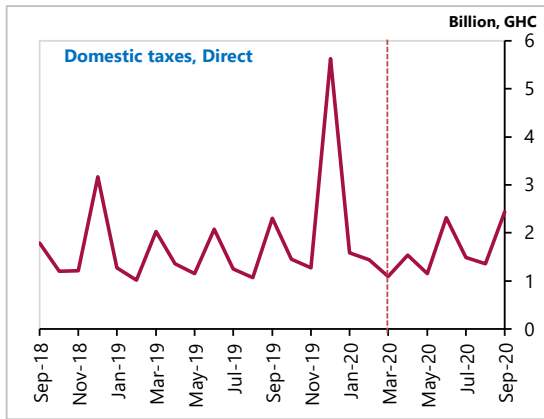
...The significant growth in real CIEA was driven mainly by a pick up in Tourist Arrivals, Industrial Consumption of Electricity, Cement Sales, DMB's Credit to the Private Sector, Port Activity, and Exports...



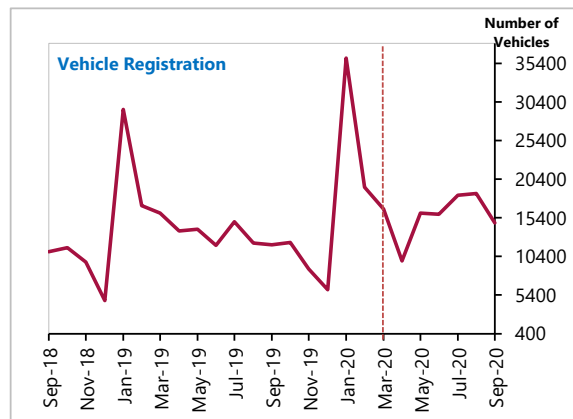
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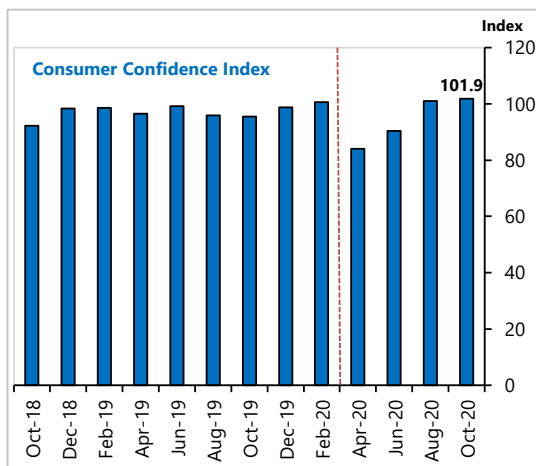
...Domestic tax collection is improving...



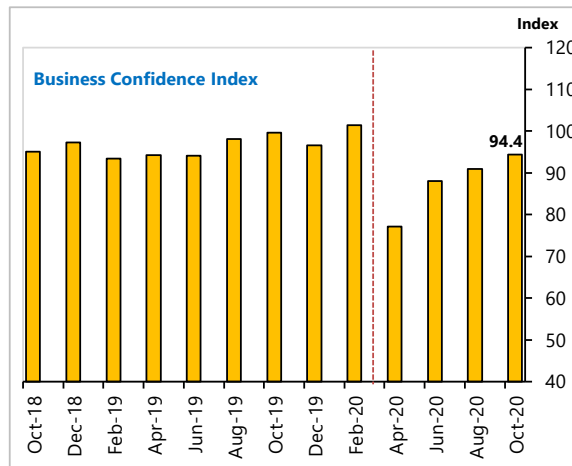
...Vehicle registration dipped in September 2020...



...Consumer confidence remained flat in October 2020, largely driven by current and future expectations...



...Business confidence is gradually rebounding from the impact of COVID-19 and still below pre-pandemic confidence levels...



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