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J.P.Morgan Global Manufacturing PMI™

Global Manufacturing PMI at 21-month high in August

Key findings

Output and new order growth accelerate

Downturn in employment continues

Input price inflation rises to 20-month record

The recovery of the global manufacturing sector gathered pace in August, with output and new orders rising at the fastest rates since April 2018 and June 2018 respectively. The upturn was mainly driven by the restarting of production and reopening of clients following lockdowns in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.

The J.P.Morgan Global Manufacturing PMI™ – a composite index produced by J.P.Morgan and IHS Markit in association with ISM and IFPSM – rose to a 21-month high of 51.8 in August, from 50.6 in July and above the neutral 50.0 mark for the second successive month. Of the 31 territories covered by the survey, 19 recorded PMI readings indicative of growth.

August saw manufacturing output increase for the second month running, following a five-month sequence of decline. Production rose across the three sub-sectors covered by the survey. Growth accelerated to a 16-month high at consumer goods producers and to 30- and 23-month peaks in the intermediate and investment goods categories respectively.

China, the US, Germany, the UK, India and Brazil were some of the larger industrial nations to register expansions of output during August. Mexico, the Philippines, Vietnam and Japan saw the steepest rates of contraction.

The level of incoming new business also rose for the second successive month in August. However, the recent rebound in new order inflows has been achieved despite a continued downturn in international trade.

New export business has now decreased throughout the past two years, a sequence that started in September 2018. Lower inflows of work from abroad were registered across much of the Asia region, including key exporting territories such as Japan, South Korea and India. A notable exception

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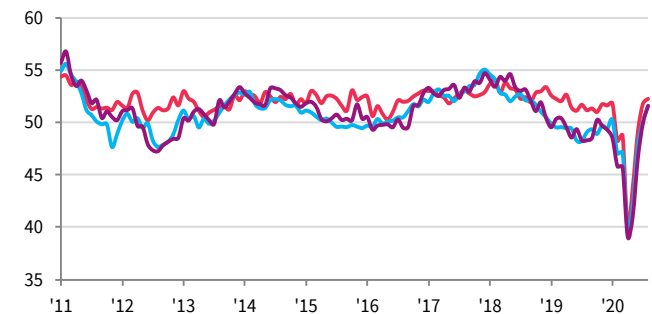


Sources: J.P.Morgan, IHS Markit.

PMI by goods sector

Consumer / Intermediate / Investment

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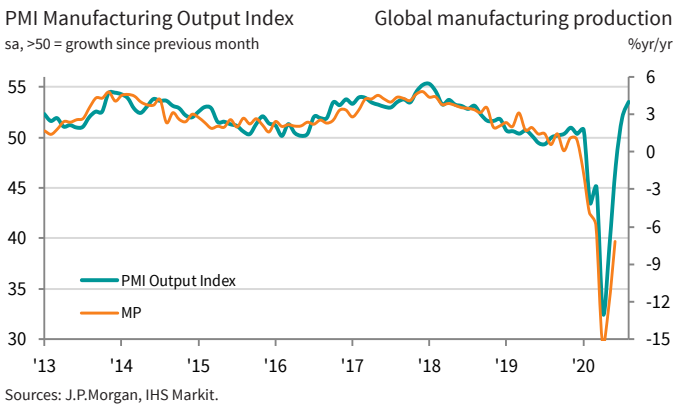
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Index summary

sa, 50 = no change over previous month. *50 = no change over next 12 months.

Index	Jul-20	Aug-20	Interpretation
PMI	50.6	51.8	Improvement, faster rate
Output	52.0	53.6	Growth, faster rate
New Orders	51.2	52.8	Growth, faster rate
New Export Orders	47.2	49.9	Decline, slower rate
Future Output	59.5	60.8	Growth expected, firmer sentiment
Employment	47.3	48.6	Decline, slower rate
Input Prices	53.1	54.5	Inflation, faster rate
Output Prices	51.0	51.5	Inflation, faster rate

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was China, which saw a slight increase for the first time in eight months. Among the other large industrial regions covered by the survey, the US, the euro area and the UK also saw new export orders rise.

Global manufacturing employment declined for the ninth consecutive month in August. That said, the pace of job losses eased to the weakest since January. Employment fell in China, Japan, the eurozone the UK, South Korea, Taiwan and India (among others), but rose in the US, Brazil, Canada, Turkey and Myanmar. Business optimism rose to a six-month peak, while the cyclically sensitive new orders-to-inventory ratio rose to its highest level since January 2018.

August saw input cost inflation accelerate to a 20-month record. Part of the increase was passed on to clients, taking the rate of increase in output charges to its highest since March 2019. Supply-chain disruption continued, as signalled by a further lengthening of average vendor lead times. Stocks of purchases and finished goods were both depleted again, the former despite the first increase in input buying activity since the end of 2018.

Manufacturing PMI
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Aug '20



Sources: J.P.Morgan, IHS Markit, Commonwealth Bank, Unicredit Bank Austria, Caixin, Davivienda, BME, HPI, AIB, Jibun Bank, NEVI, AERCE, Istanbul Chamber of Industry, CIPS.

Comment

Olya Borichevska, Global Economist at J.P.Morgan, said:

“The recovery in the global manufacturing sector gathered further pace in August, with rates of expansion in output and new orders the steepest since mid-2018. The upturn should strengthen further in the short term if lockdowns and other restrictions in place to combat the COVID-19 pandemic are eased further as expected. Business optimism and the orders-to-inventory ratio also point to further near-term gains. The labour market remains in the doldrums and could face prolonged weakness as companies restructure in light of the current normal.”

Methodology

The J.P.Morgan Global Manufacturing PMI™ is produced by IHS Markit in association ISM and IFPSM.

Global manufacturing PMI indices are compiled by IHS Markit from responses to monthly questionnaires sent to purchasing managers in survey panels in over 40 countries (see table, right for full coverage), totalling around 13,500 companies. These countries account for 98% of global manufacturing value added*.

Survey responses are collected in the second half of each month and indicate the direction of change compared to the previous month. A diffusion index is calculated for each survey variable, at the country level. The index is the sum of the percentage of 'higher' responses and half the percentage of 'unchanged' responses. The indices vary between 0 and 100, with a reading above 50 indicating an overall increase compared to the previous month, and below 50 an overall decrease. The indices are then seasonally adjusted.

Indices are calculated for the following variables: output, new orders, new export orders, future output, backlogs of work, employment, quantity of purchases, suppliers' delivery times, stocks of purchases, stocks of finished goods, input prices and output prices.

Global manufacturing indices are calculated by weighting together the country indices. Country weights are calculated from annual manufacturing value added*.

The headline figure is the Global Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index™ (PMI). The PMI is a weighted average of the following five global indices: new orders (30%), output (25%), employment (20%), suppliers' delivery times (15%) and stocks of purchases (10%). For the PMI calculation the Suppliers' Delivery Times Index is inverted so that it moves in a comparable direction to the other indices.

Underlying survey data are not revised after publication, but seasonal adjustment factors may be revised from time to time as appropriate which will affect the seasonally adjusted data series.

For further information on the PMI survey methodology, please contact economics@ihsmarkit.com.

The J.P.Morgan Global Manufacturing PMI provides the first indication each month of world manufacturing business conditions. The data enable decision makers in the financial world and in government to make better judgements much earlier than would otherwise be the case. The wide coverage of the indices, together with their speed of production, accuracy and direct comparability, make them unmatched as economic indicators. They provide truly "must have" information for financial institutions of all kinds and for major corporations world-wide.

* Source: World Bank World Development Indicators.

Data sources

Region	Producer	In association with
Australia	IHS Markit	Commonwealth Bank
Austria	IHS Markit	Unicredit Bank Austria / OPWZ
Brazil	IHS Markit	-
Canada	IHS Markit	-
China (mainland)	IHS Markit	Caixin
Colombia	IHS Markit	Davivienda
Czech Republic	IHS Markit	-
Denmark	DILF	Kairoscommodities
Egypt*	IHS Markit	-
France	IHS Markit	-
Germany	IHS Markit	BME
Greece	IHS Markit	HPI
Hong Kong SAR ^{1*}	IHS Markit	-
Hungary	HALPIM	-
India	IHS Markit	-
Indonesia	IHS Markit	-
Ireland	IHS Markit	AIB
Israel	IPLMA	Bank Hapoalim Ltd
Italy	IHS Markit	-
Japan	IHS Markit	au Jibun Bank
Kazakhstan	IHS Markit	Tengri Partners
Kenya*	IHS Markit	Stanbic Bank
Lebanon*	IHS Markit	BLOMINVEST Bank
Malaysia	IHS Markit	-
Mexico	IHS Markit	-
Myanmar	IHS Markit	-
Netherlands (The)	IHS Markit	NEVI
New Zealand	Business NZ	Bank of New Zealand
Nigeria*	IHS Markit	Stanbic IBTC Bank
Philippines (The)	IHS Markit	-
Poland	IHS Markit	-
Russia	IHS Markit	-
Saudi Arabia*	IHS Markit	-
Singapore*	IHS Markit	-
South Africa*	IHS Markit	-
South Korea	IHS Markit	-
Spain	IHS Markit	AERCE
Switzerland	procure.ch	Credit Suisse
Taiwan	IHS Markit	-
Thailand	IHS Markit	-
Turkey	IHS Markit	Istanbul Chamber of Industry
UAE*	IHS Markit	-
United Kingdom	IHS Markit	CIPS
United States ²	IHS Markit / ISM	-
Vietnam	IHS Markit	-

*Indices calculated from manufacturing responses extracted from survey panels covering the entire private sector economy.

¹Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region of China.

²US data compiled by ISM pre-February 2010 and by IHS Markit post-January 2010.

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