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# IHS Markit Global Sector PMI™

## Global tourism & recreation sector rebounds in May as economies reopen

### Key findings

Fastest increase in business activity in Tourism & Recreation since series began in October 2009

Real Estate, Insurance and Industrial Services also set record growth rates

Majority of sectors post record high rates of charge inflation in May

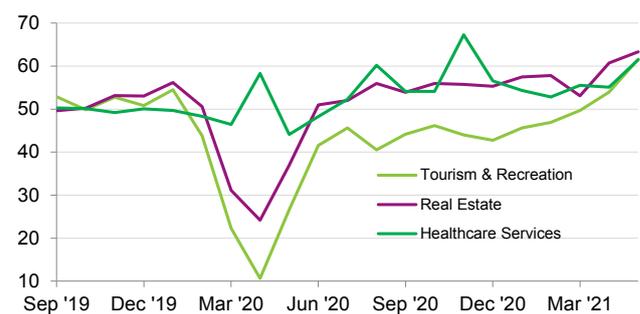
The latest Global Sector PMI™ data from IHS Markit revealed universal growth of both output and new orders across all 21 sectors monitored for the second successive month in May. Moreover, all sectors except Tourism & Recreation recorded higher employment, repeating the pattern observed in April. The latest data also revealed surging inflationary pressures, with seven sectors registering record input cost inflation in May and 12 posting record output price inflation.

The strongest rate of growth in business activity in May was registered in Real Estate, which topped the rankings for the first time since January 2020. Moreover, at 63.3, the Global Real Estate Business Activity Index was a record high since the series began in October 2009. The next-fastest growing sector was Tourism & Recreation, which climbed 14 places since April and also set a series-record pace of expansion. Record increases in activity were also signalled in Insurance and Industrial Services. Rapid growth was also signalled in Healthcare Services, in third place overall with the second-strongest expansion on record (behind November 2020).

For the second month running, all sectors except Tourism & Recreation recorded higher employment. The strongest growth rates were in Healthcare Services, Insurance and Technology Equipment, with the latter two also posting series-record increases in May.

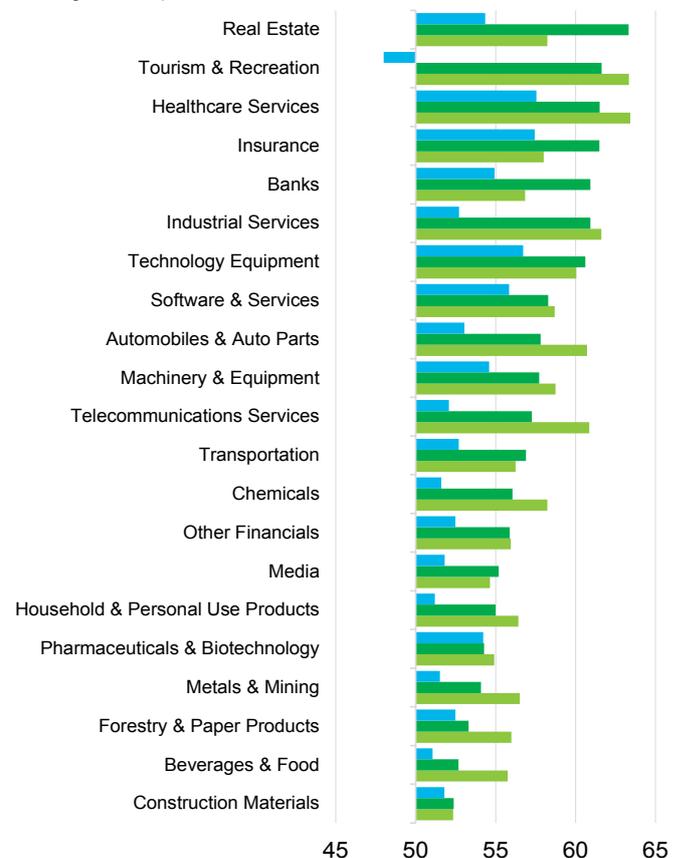
May data signalled surging price pressures across many sectors. Seven sectors recorded record rates of input price inflation, while 12 registered record output price inflation during the month. On both metrics, Metals & Mining recorded the fastest rates of inflation across all sectors monitored.

Global Business Activity Index  
sa, >50 = growth since previous month



Source: IHS Markit.

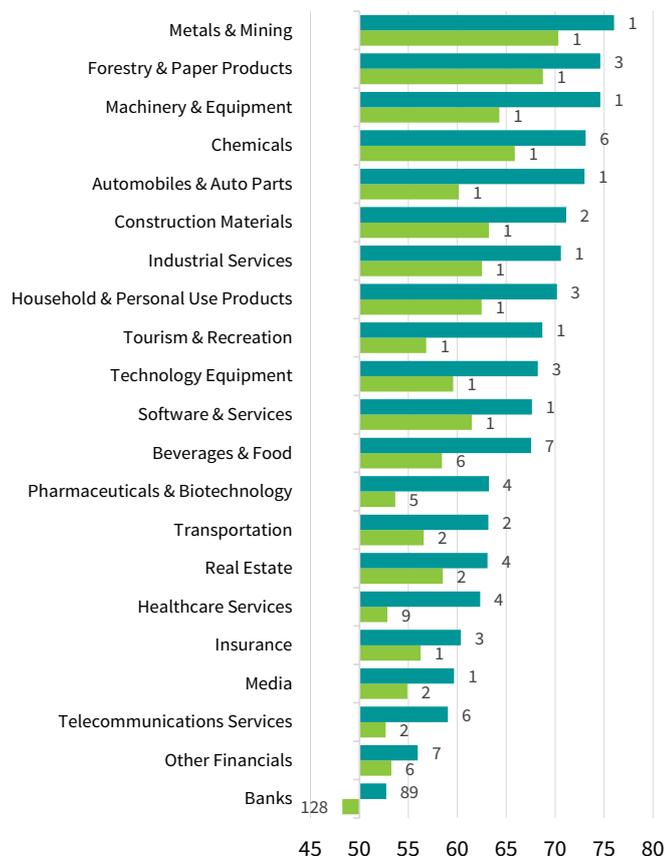
Output Index ■ / New Orders Index ■ / Employment Index ■, May '21  
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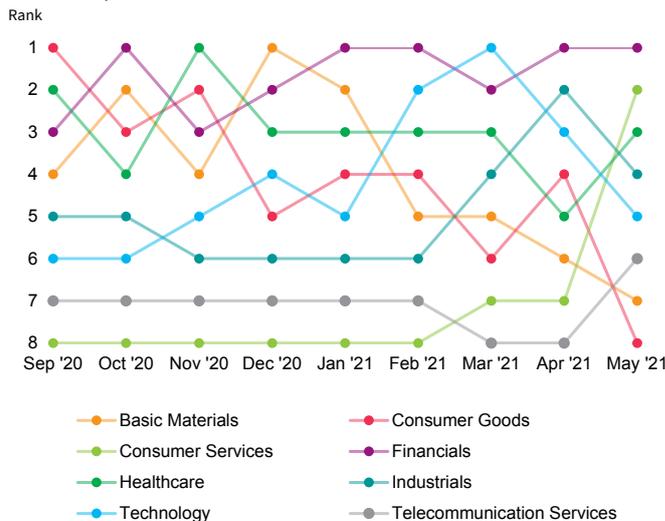
Input Prices Index / Output Prices Index, May '21

sa, >50 = inflation since previous month. Number shows series historical rank since Oct '09.



Source: IHS Markit.

Global Output Index



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### Methodology

The IHS Markit Global Sector PMI™ indices are compiled by IHS Markit from responses to questionnaires sent to purchasing managers in IHS Markit's global PMI survey panels, covering over 27,000 private sector companies in more than 40 countries.

IHS Markit maps individual company responses to industry sectors according to standard industry classification (SIC) codes. Global Sector PMI indices are available for the basic materials, consumer goods, consumer services, financials, healthcare, industrials, technology and telecommunication services industry groups, and sub-sectors of these groups.

Survey responses are collected in the second half of each month and indicate the direction of change compared to the previous month. Survey responses are weighted by country of origin, based on sectoral gross value added. A diffusion index is calculated for each survey variable. 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.

For manufacturing sectors, the headline figure is the Purchasing Managers' Index™ (PMI). The PMI is a weighted average of the following five 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.

For services sectors, or sectors covering both manufacturing and services, the headline figure is the Business Activity Index. This is a diffusion index calculated from a question that asks for changes in the volume of business activity or output compared with one month previously.

For further information on the PMI survey methodology, please contact [economics@ihsmarkit.com](mailto:economics@ihsmarkit.com).

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