Istanbul Chamber of Industry Turkey PMI® Manufacturing Index

PMI rises to 47.9 in June

June 2019
Key findings:
- PMI at 11-month high of 47.9
- New export orders rise for first time in four months
- Much softer moderation of total new business

Summary
According to the latest PMI® survey data from Istanbul Chamber of Industry and IHS Markit, business conditions in the Turkish manufacturing sector moderated to the least extent in almost a year during June. New export orders returned to growth, helping lead to a much weaker slowdown in total new business.

The headline Istanbul Chamber of Industry Turkey Manufacturing PMI is a composite single-figure indicator of manufacturing performance. It is derived from indicators for new orders, output, employment, suppliers’ delivery times and stocks of purchases. Any figure greater than 50.0 indicates overall improvement of the sector.

The heading PMI was at 47.9 in June, up from 45.3 in May and pointing to the softest moderation in the health of the sector since July 2018.

Central to the pick-up in the headline figure was a much softer moderation of new orders, which slowed to the weakest extent in 14 months. In turn, total new business was boosted by a first rise in new export orders since February amid reports of improving customer demand in international markets.

Output and employment were also scaled back to lesser extents at the end of the second quarter, but production continued to moderate at a solid pace amid continued reports from panellists of challenging market conditions.

With the slowdown in new orders moderating, manufacturers responded by reducing the pace at which they scaled back purchasing activity. The latest slowdown was much weaker than in May and the softest since April 2018. As a result, stocks of purchases were reduced to a lesser extent than in
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the previous month.

Inflation of both input costs and output prices softened slightly in June. That said, panellists indicated that currency weakness continued to lead to sharp rises in cost burdens, which were often passed on to customers through higher output prices.

Comment

Commenting on the Istanbul Chamber of Industry Turkey Manufacturing PMI survey data, Andrew Harker, Associate Director, IHS Markit, said:

"The end of the second quarter of the year provided some signs of encouragement for Turkish manufacturers, not least due to a return to growth of new export orders. This contributed to a much softer moderation of total new business. Moreover, the current level of the PMI is consistent with a stabilisation in official industrial production data halfway through 2019."
Output in the Turkish manufacturing sector moderated in June. That said, the latest scaling back of production was less marked than seen in May amid a rise in new export orders. Panellists indicated that domestic market conditions remained challenging.

June data pointed to an increase in new business from abroad, the first in four months. Although slight, the rate of expansion was the fastest since April 2018. Panellists signalled strengthening demand in export markets.

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Istanbul Chamber of Industry

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Survey responses reflect the change, if any, in the current month compared to the previous month based on data collected mid-month. For each of the indicators the ‘Report’ shows the percentage reporting each response, the net difference between the number of higher/better responses and lower/worse responses, and the ‘diffusion’ index. This index is the sum of the positive responses plus a half of those responding ‘the same’.

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