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IHS Markit Global Sector PMI™

Tech sector remains top of global rankings at end of 2017

Key findings:

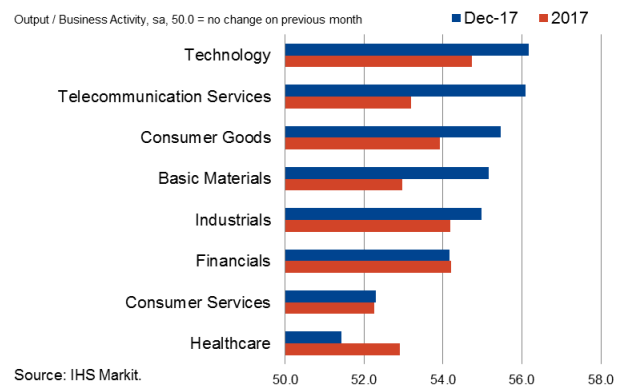
- Technology was also fastest-growing sector over 2017 as a whole
- Strongest rise in chemicals output in nearly seven years
- Other financials and technology equipment were sharpest-growing detailed sectors in 2017

The final IHS Markit Global Sector PMI™ data for 2017 signalled that global **technology** output continued to expand sharply in December. The rate of growth in the sector was unchanged from November and the joint-strongest in over three years. Technology was the strongest-growing among eight broad sectors monitored in December, and also the top-ranked category across 2017 as a whole.

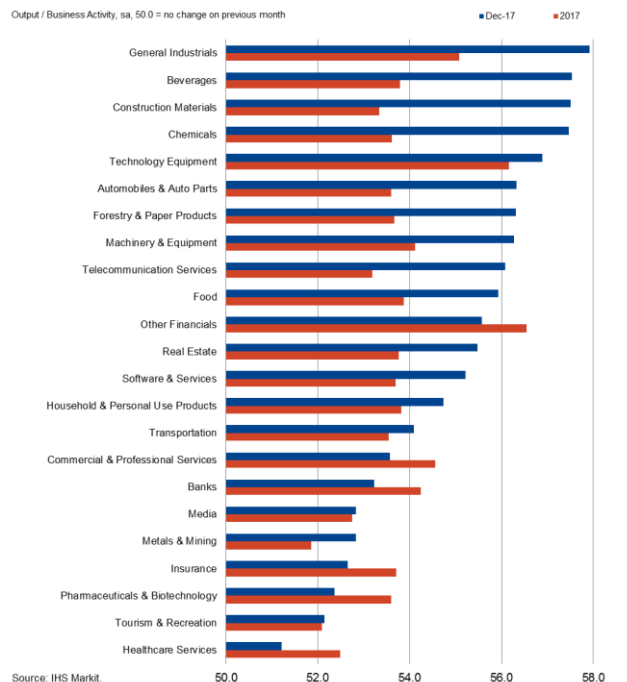
At the detailed level, **general industrials** topped the output growth rankings in December with the fastest expansion since March 2010. Other strong performers during the month included **beverages**, **construction materials** and **chemicals**, with the latter posting the sharpest increase in output in nearly seven years.

Across 2017 as a whole, **other financials** recorded the sharpest rise in output at the detailed level, followed by **technology equipment** and general industrials respectively. **Metals & mining** registered the slowest average growth, but nonetheless had its best year since 2010.

Global Sector PMI: broad sectors



Global Sector PMI: detailed sectors



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IHS Markit Global Sector PMI data are derived from surveys of over 20,000 companies operating in over 40 countries. The data are typically released on the fifth working day of each month, two days' after the Global Composite PMI, at 1100 Eastern US time.

The Global Sector PMI data provide corporate planners and decision makers, economic analysts, policy makers and investors with a powerful and unique database with which to monitor business cycles by industry. Sector trends over time can be tracked as well as relative performance between sectors, allowing identification of key growth industries and the drivers within them.

The dataset provides monthly indicators of business trends across variables such as output, order books, prices, inventories and employment for eight major groups including: basic materials, consumer goods, consumer services, financials, healthcare, industrials, technology and telecommunication services; and a further 26 sectors and subsectors of those groups.

Sector PMI data are generated from the same questionnaire responses as national PMI data, and mapped to IHS Markit's sector classification structure using Standard Industry Classification (SIC) codes. Respondents are asked to state whether business conditions for a number of variables have improved, deteriorated or stayed the same compared with the previous month. Diffusion indexes are calculated for each variable (the percentage of positive responses plus half the percentage of neutral responses). These indexes vary between 0 and 100 with levels of 50.0 signalling no change on the previous month. Readings above 50.0 signal an improvement or increase on the previous month. Readings below 50.0 signal a deterioration or decrease on the previous month. The greater the divergence from 50.0 the greater the rate of change signalled.

Individual company responses will be weighted on the basis of that company's country of origin. Country weights for each sector are derived from a combination of GDP data and detailed industry gross value added.

The PMI diffusion indexes are then adjusted for seasonality using the X-12 ARIMA program.

Detailed historical global sector data are available via a subscription from IHS Markit, and datasets are also available for Europe, Asia and the US. For further information please contact economics@ihsmarkit.com.

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