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IHS Markit Global Sector PMI™

Technology regains top spot in global sector rankings

Key findings:

- Strongest rise in hi-tech output in nearly three years
- Pharmaceuticals & biotechnology is fastest-growing detailed sector
- Autos output falls in August

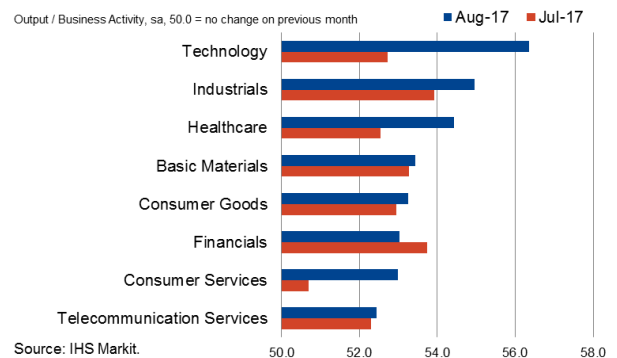
The latest set of IHS Markit Global Sector PMI™ data signalled stronger growth of output across many sectors in August, with seven out of eight broad segments seeing upticks in growth since July. The **technology** sector was the fastest-growing area of the global economy for the fourth time in five months, having briefly lost top spot to **industrials** in July. The only broad sector to see slower growth was **financials**.

Within technology, **software & services** and **technology equipment** posted faster rates of expansion, notably in the former. The sectors were ranked fourth and fifth out of 23 sectors monitored at the most detailed level.

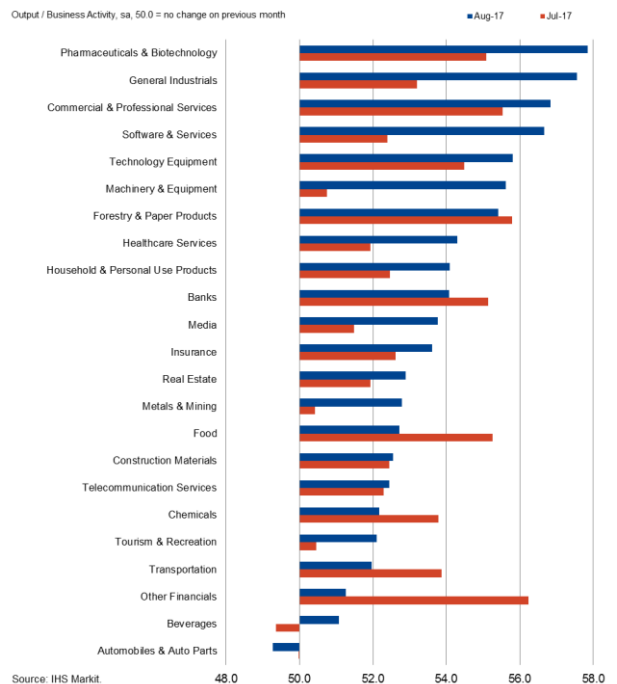
Output growth in the industrials sector was driven by **general industrials** and **commercial & professional services**, which were ranked second and third respectively. A comparatively modest rise in activity was seen in **transportation**, ranked twentieth in the latest table.

Pharmaceuticals & biotechnology was the fastest-growing detailed sector in August. In contrast, **automobiles & auto parts** was the only segment monitored to post declining output.

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 30 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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