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IHS Markit Europe Sector PMI[®]

Broad-based growth observed across sectors

Key points:

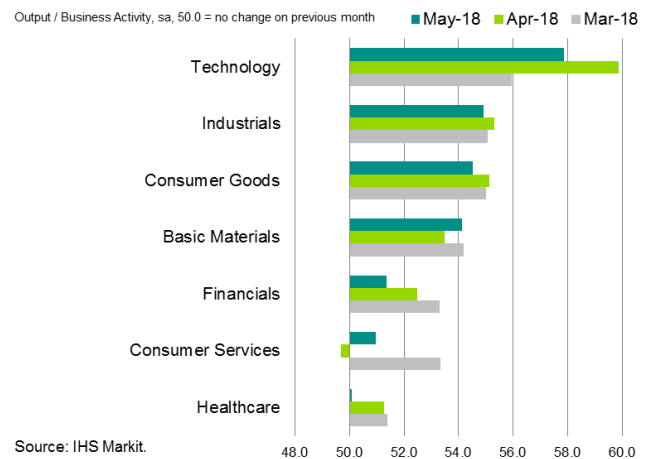
- Technology remains the fastest growing sector
- Consumer services returns to growth following contraction in April
- Healthcare sees negligible rise in activity

The latest Europe Sector *PMI[®]* data from IHS Markit signalled widespread growth across the vast majority of monitored sectors during May. For the fourth month in succession, **technology** recorded the most marked pace of expansion of the seven broadly defined sectors, underpinned by a substantial increase in **technology equipment**. At the detailed level, **food**, **general industrials** and **software & services** also exhibited strong activity growth midway through the second quarter.

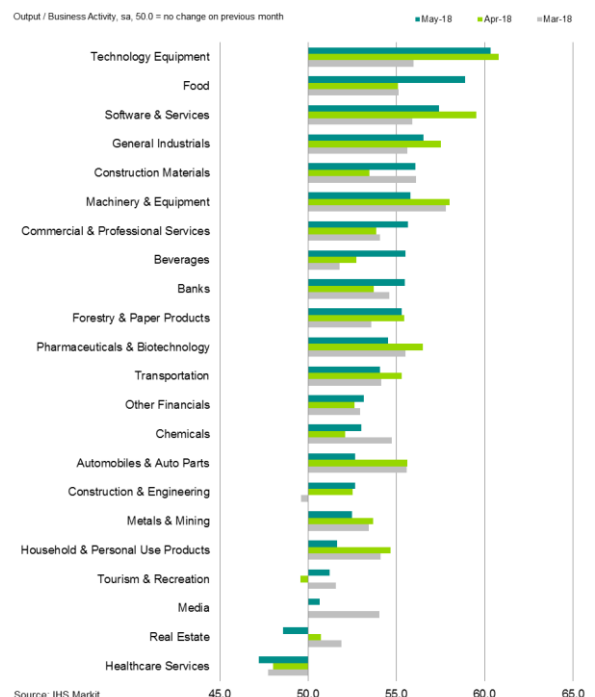
The broad **financial sector** continued to expand in May, though the pace of growth was only modest, outperforming only **consumer services** and **healthcare**. A contraction in **real estate** weighed on the overall performance as **other financials** and **banks** recorded solid expansions. Modest growth meanwhile was noted in consumer services following April's decline.

Healthcare remained broadly unchanged in May, as a decline in **healthcare services** – the fourth in as many months – offset a rise in **pharmaceuticals & biotechnology** output. Elsewhere, activity across **media** and **tourism & recreation** increased, though the pace of expansion was only marginal in both cases.

Europe Sector PMI



Detailed sector breakdown



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IHS Markit Europe Sector PMI data are derived from surveys of around 6,500 companies operating in 11 countries, including Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Spain and the United Kingdom. The data are typically released on the fifth working day of each month, two days' after the Global Composite PMI, at 0930 UK time.

The Europe 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 seven major groups including: basic materials, consumer goods, consumer services, financials, healthcare, industrials, and technology; 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 European sector data are available via a subscription from IHS Markit, and datasets are also available for the US, Asia and at a global level. For further information please contact economics@ihsmarkit.com.

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