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# J.P.Morgan Global Manufacturing & Services PMI™

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## Global economic growth slows to 16-month low in March

March saw the pace of global economic expansion ease to a 16-month low, following tandem slowdowns in the manufacturing and service sectors.

The J.P.Morgan Global All-Industry Output Index<sup>1,2</sup> – which is produced by J.P.Morgan and IHS Markit in association with ISM and IFPSM – posted 53.3, down from February's 41-month high of 54.8. That said, the average reading over the opening quarter (54.2) was still the best outcome since quarter three of 2014.

*Please note that PMI data for Colombia manufacturing were included in the global readings for the first time. This has resulted in minor revisions to previously published global index numbers.*

The slowdown signalled during March was reflective of a general easing in rates of expansion (in many cases from recent highs) across much of the global economy. On a sector basis, growth of manufacturing production eased to an eight-month low and service sector business activity rose to the weakest extent in almost a year-and-a-half.

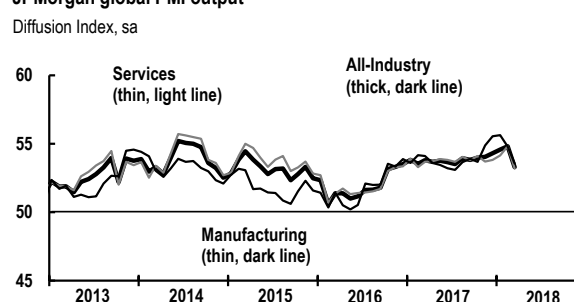
Rates of increase in output also moderated in five of the six sub-sectors covered by the survey (business services, consumer goods, consumer services, financial services and intermediate goods). Only the investment goods category saw production rise at a stronger pace.

National PMI data also signalled a widespread growth deceleration. Although all-industry output rose in all of the countries covered, only India (which saw a return to expansion) and Australia (where growth accelerated to a three-month high) saw improved trends in output.

Rates of expansion eased in the US (two-month low), the euro area (14-month low), China (four-month low) and Japan (17-month low). Growth in the UK was the weakest during the current 20-month sequence of increase and also moderated in Brazil (two-month low) and Russia (five-month low).

March saw the rate of increase in incoming new work remain solid, despite easing to a five-month low. The pace

JPMorgan global PMI output



### Global Manufacturing & Services PMI™

50 = no change on prior month.

Index	Feb.	Mar.	+/-	Summary
Output	54.8	53.3	-	Expanding, slower rate
New Orders	55.3	54.2	-	Expanding, slower rate
Employment	52.9	52.8	-	Rising, slower rate
Input Prices	57.6	56.5	-	Rising, slower rate
Output Charges	53.4	52.8	-	Rising, slower rate
Backlogs	51.6	51.3	-	Rising, slower rate
Future Output	66.0	64.9	-	Positive, lesser extent

of growth was sufficient to test capacity, leading to a further accumulation of outstanding business. Firms responded by raising employment, with jobs growth registered for the ninety-seventh straight month.

Staffing levels were raised in most of the nations covered by the survey, the exceptions being a mild decrease in China and the steepest reduction in Brazil since last August. The US, Japan, Spain and Australia all registered faster increases than in February.

Price pressures moderated in March, with rates of increase in costs and output charges slowing. Inflation for both price measures remained sharper (on average) in developed nations compared to emerging markets.

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## Notes to Editors:

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## Data Sources:

Country	% Share of global GDP <sup>4</sup>	Producer	In association with	Website
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- 3) For these nations, manufacturing and service sector responses are extracted from whole economy PMI surveys for inclusion in the Global PMI
- 4) Source: World Bank World Development Indicators (2015 data, constant US\$ measure).

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