

## News Release

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### UniCredit Bank Austria Manufacturing PMI<sup>®</sup>

#### Austrian manufacturing growth remains elevated in October

##### Key findings:

- Headline PMI unchanged since September at 59.4
- Slowest rise in new orders since March
- Input price inflation accelerates to 77-month high

Data collected from October 12-24

October PMI<sup>®</sup> survey data from Unicredit Bank Austria signalled a further marked improvement in the health of the Austrian manufacturing sector at the start of the fourth quarter. Growth rates for output, employment and new orders remained historically strong, although the latter increased at the slowest rate since March. Meanwhile, supplier's delivery times lengthened to the second-greatest extent on record. This contributed to an intensification of cost pressures in the sector, with the sharpest rise in input prices since May 2011.

The headline UniCredit Bank Austria 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 PMI was unchanged from September's 59.4 in October, signalling a further marked overall improvement in manufacturing business conditions. The latest reading was the joint-eighth highest in the survey history, compared with a long-run average since October 1998 of 52.0. Among the five components of the headline PMI, downward movements in the output and new orders indices were offset by stronger readings for employment, suppliers' delivery times and stocks of purchases.

##### UniCredit Bank Austria Manufacturing PMI



Austrian manufacturing production rose for the thirty-first consecutive month in October. The rate of expansion eased to a five-month low, but remained well above the long-run survey average. Notably sharp growth was again recorded in the investment goods sector.

Higher output reflected further strong gains in new orders during October. The rate of expansion was marked overall, but slowed to the weakest since March despite a slightly sharper rise in new export business.

To address high workloads and rising backlogs, Austrian manufacturers boosted their workforces in October. The rate of job creation was the joint-fourth fastest in the survey history.

Manufacturers reported bottlenecks and shortages at suppliers in October. Consequently, input delivery times lengthened to the second-greatest extent in the survey history.

Shortages at suppliers contributed to greater cost pressures in October. The rate of input price inflation accelerated to the highest since May 2011,

with intermediate goods producers seeing the sharpest increase. Meanwhile, output prices increased for the twelfth month running and at the fastest rate in three months.

Output expectations for the next 12 months remained strongly positive in October. Firms linked confidence to a positive economic outlook for 2018, planned investment in capacity and new markets. That said, sentiment eased to a five-month low.

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The UniCredit Bank Austria Manufacturing *PMI*<sup>®</sup> is based on data compiled from monthly replies to questionnaires sent to purchasing executives in 300 industrial companies. The panel is stratified by GDP and company workforce size.

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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The UniCredit Bank Austria Manufacturing *PMI* is a composite index based on five of the individual indexes with the following weights: New Orders - 0.3, Output - 0.25, Employment - 0.2, Suppliers' Delivery Times - 0.15, Stock of Items Purchased - 0.1, with the Delivery Times index inverted so that it moves in a comparable direction. The *PMI* is designed to show a convenient single-figure summary of the health of the manufacturing sector.

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