

Istanbul Chamber of Industry Istanbul PMI® Manufacturing Index

Istanbul PMI rises to 53.0 in October

October 2017 Key findings:

- Business conditions improve in Istanbul's manufacturing sector as PMI ticks up
- Output and new orders grow at a quicker pace
- Firms respond to higher demand by increasing employment

Summary

The Istanbul Manufacturing PMI® signalled another solid performance from the city's goods-producing sector in October. The survey showed that output and total new orders continued to expand, and at an accelerated pace. Firms reacted to the improvement in underlying demand by expanding their capacity. Workforce numbers rose further, as did manufacturers' purchasing activity. As a result, companies were able to work through their outstanding business at the quickest pace observed in 2017 so far.

The headline Istanbul Chamber of Industry Istanbul 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.

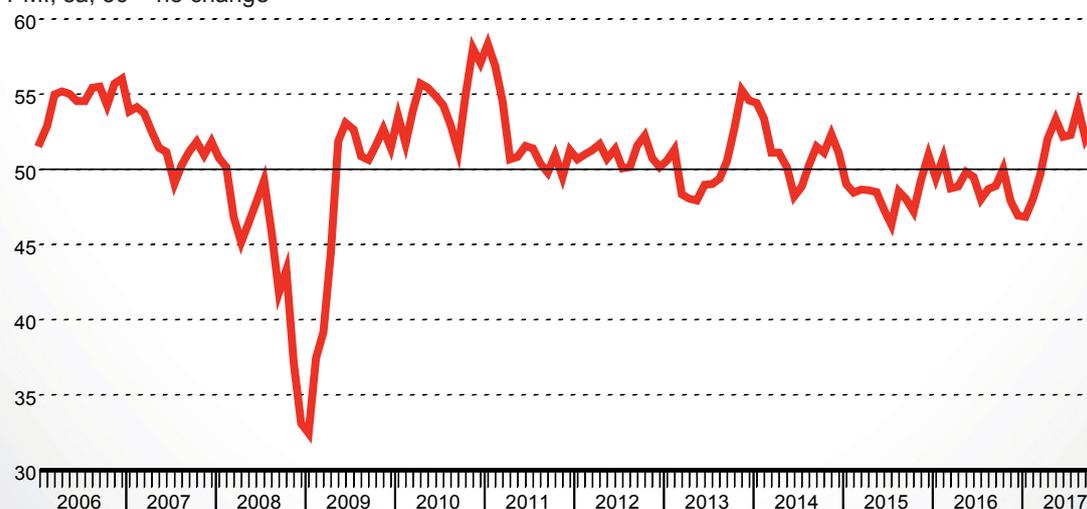
The PMI registered 53.0 in October, up from 52.1 in September. This signalled a further solid improvement in business conditions at Istanbul manufacturers, the seventh in as many months. Moreover, the headline figure was well above the long-run average (50.6).

Output growth was sustained in October, with the rate of expansion accelerating from September. This lengthened the current period of growth to eight months, the longest sequence of successive expansion in over six years. Survey respondents often commented that higher underlying demand

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Historical overview

PMI, sa, 50 = no change



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and a growing customer base were responsible for the rise.

Meanwhile, volumes of new business received by Istanbul manufacturers increased in October, and at a faster pace than observed in September. Growth in total new orders outstripped that for new work from abroad, as has been the case for six months running.

In order to accommodate the rise in demand, businesses expanded their capacity in October. Notably, workforce numbers exhibited solid growth and rose at a faster pace than in September. Furthermore, firms raised their purchasing activity, which helped them to work through outstanding business. That said, higher purchasing activity continued to lengthen suppliers' delivery times.

Inflationary pressures rose at Istanbul manufacturers in October, as both input and output prices grew at an accelerated rate compared to September. That said, the survey showed that firms partially absorbed higher purchase costs as input price inflation outpaced growth in prices charged for goods.

Comment

Commenting on the Istanbul Chamber of Industry Istanbul Manufacturing PMI survey data, Gabriella Dickens, Economist at IHS Markit, said:

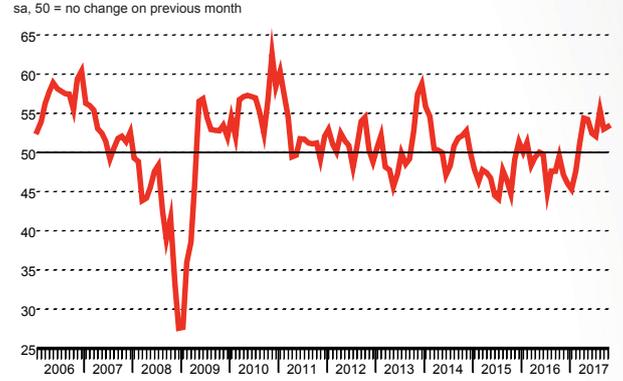
“October’s PMI indicated that the health of Istanbul’s manufacturing sector improved. Higher underlying demand formed the basis for the growth, driving up output and new orders, particularly from domestic channels. Firms reacted accordingly by expanding their employment and purchasing activity.”

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Output Index

Q. Please compare your production/output this month with the situation one month ago.

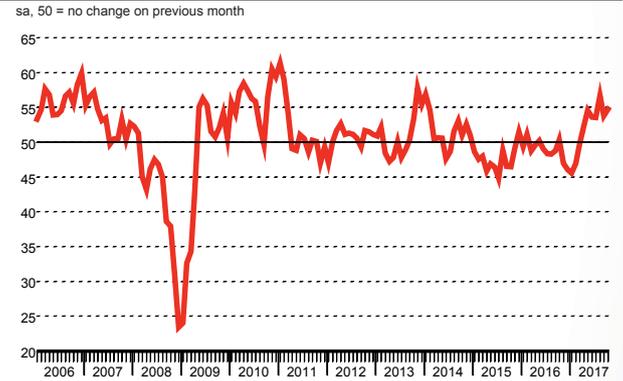
Manufacturing output in Istanbul rose for the eighth consecutive month in October. The rate of growth accelerated slightly from the previous month and remained solid. Firms noted that the expansion in output was the result of higher new orders and demand.



New Orders Index

Q. Please compare your new orders received (in units) this month with the situation one month ago.

Volumes of new orders received by goods producers based in Istanbul rose for the seventh successive month in October. New products and heightened demand were the main factors survey respondents noted as being behind the rise. The rate of expansion quickened from September to the second-fastest observed since January 2014.



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Generating and conducting economic researches together with gathering data, ICI holds the widest knowledge on Istanbul industry whilst giving direction to Turkish industrialists and providing intense contribution for shaping economic and industrial policies.

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