

Monthly PMI Bulletin

Global growth continues to be buoyed by service sector expansion

Monthly summary

The global economic expansion accelerated at the start of the second quarter, buoyed primarily by faster services activity growth while manufacturing performance lagged. Consequently, developments on the inflation front likewise diverged, though a key question for the inflation outlook is how durable the ongoing service sector resurgence will be.

The J.P.Morgan Global Composite Output Index – produced by S&P Global – posted 54.2 in April, up from 53.4 in March. This marked the third consecutive monthly expansion of the global economy, at the fastest pace since December 2021. The latest reading is indicative of global GDP rising at a quarterly annualized rate of approximately 4.0%.

Although both manufacturing and service activity grew at faster rates, the gap between the rates of expansion



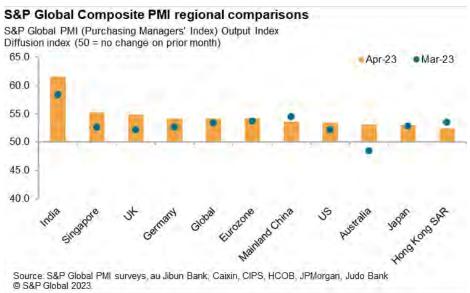
widened for a second straight month to signal an increasing sectoral divergence. This was mainly accounted for by faster service sector growth amid increased demand, especially within the consumer services sector, where tourism activity further surged at the start of the second quarter. This consumer services surge was especially prominent in Asia, following the removal of COVID-19 containment measures in mainland China, but also reflects the global economy's first year of unrestricted global travel since the pandemic.

Meanwhile manufacturing sector output rose for a third straight month, albeit only mildly. While new orders for goods remained in contraction territory, the healing of global supply chains enabled the improvement in output performance. That said, the lack of demand growth remains worrying, especially if the surge in demand for services wanes in the months ahead.

In short, our key takeaways from the April PMI are:

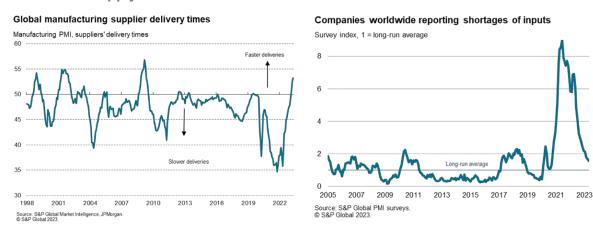
- Global growth remained solid at the start of the second quarter, though accounted for mainly by service sector activity improvements
- Supply chain pressures have further eased, supporting the expansion in manufacturing production, although factory output growth remained weak against a lack of demand growth
- 3) The divergence in manufacturing and services performance can likewise be seen in prices, with services-led price hikes keeping global inflation elevated, which may sustain present high interest rates even if rates would have likely peaked by the second half of 2023

Regional comparisons



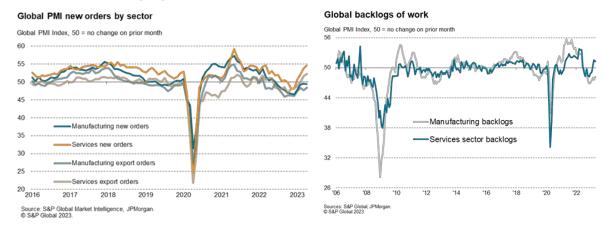
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The Good: Supply chains on the mend



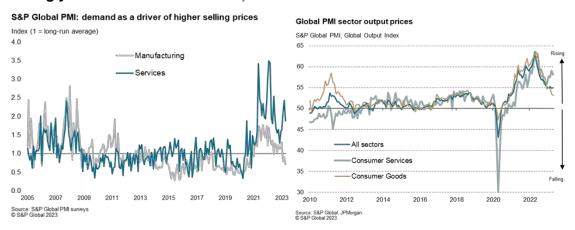
- Average supplier delivery times shortened globally for a third consecutive month in April, improving at the fastest rate since 2009 according to the latest PMI surveys.
- This was accompanied by indications of reduced reporting of input shortages at the start
 of the second quarter. Incidences of reported shortages fell to just 1.6 times the long run
 average from the peak of nine-times in mid-2021.
- This had benefitted global manufacturers as they were able to clear their backlogs, supporting ongoing goods production. [Link]

The Bad: Diverging demand trends



- Despite the improvements in supply chain conditions supporting goods production, the lack of demand growth within the manufacturing sector remains an issue. Global manufacturing new orders have now declined for the tenth consecutive month.
- This is further contrasted with stronger service sector demand as global spending continue the shift away from goods to services at the start of the second quarter.
- Additionally, the backlogs of work index also outlined the divergence between
 manufacturing and service performance with manufacturing backlogs remaining well in
 contraction territory to hint at the lack of additional work to sustain the current growth in
 manufacturing output.
- Should the service sector outperformance run out of steam, the global expansion may be at risk of sharply reversing its course.

The Ugly: Service sector inflation pressures



- As a result of the divergence in sector performance, price trends have also deviated between the two. While service providers were able to charge higher selling prices on the back of higher demand, the same may not be said for manufacturers. The occurrences in which higher demand led to higher selling prices for the goods producing sector had fallen sharply past the long-run average in April, landing at the lowest level since September 2020. [Link]
- The deviation in price trends is especially prominent examining consumer goods and services with service sector inflation far exceeding that of goods.
- The concern for such deviation in price trends is the implication this would have for global interest rates, with service-led inflation potentially keeping rates higher for longer.

Global PMI heatmap

Manufacturing

		May'22	Jun'22	Jul'22	Aug'22	Sep'22	Oct'22	Nov'22	Dec'22	Jan'23	Feb'23	Mar'23	Apr'23
Global	Global												
	Canada												
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Services

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	Germany												
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	Italy												
	Spain												
	UK												
	Australia												
	China (Mainland)												
Asia Pacific	India												
	Japan												
	Kazakhstan												
	Russia												

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Manufacturing indices

Output*
New orders*
New export orders
Backlogs of work
Employment*
Input prices
Output prices
Future expectations
Quantity of purchases
Suppliers' delivery times*
Stocks of purchases
Stocks of finished goods

*PMI components

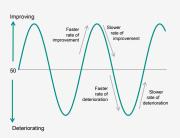
Services indices

Business activity
New business
New export orders
Outstanding business
Employment
Input costs
Prices charged
Future expectations

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Key:

Improving at a faster rate	
Improving at a slower rate	
At neutral 50.0 mark	
Deteriorating at a slower rate	
Deteriorating at a faster rate	



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Composite / Whole Economy

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	Uganda												
	Zambia												

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Metal Users and Electronics

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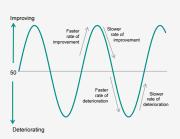
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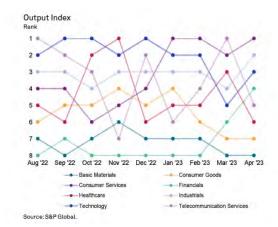
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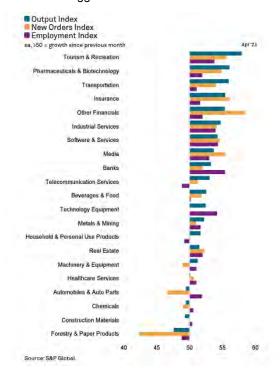
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Global Sector PMI

Latest S&P Global Sector PMI™ data revealed that improvements were seen across the sectors with most sectors posting higher business activity in April. Growth amongst the **eight industry groups** was led by *Consumer Services* once again. Only the *Basis Materials* sector recorded contractions and for a second straight month.



Meanwhile **amongst the more detailed sectors**, *Tourism & Recreation* continued to lead the pack as the best performers among the 21 categories tracked. On the other hand, *Forestry & Paper Products*, followed by *Construction Materials* struggled the most.



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