

Monthly PMI Bulletin

Global economic activity declines for second successive month in September

October 2022

Monthly summary

September saw the level of global economic activity contract for the second successive month, as output fell more quickly at manufacturers but stabilised at service providers. However, the rate of overall decline eased slightly since August, reflecting a marked easing in the downturn in the US and return to growth in Japan.

The [J.P.Morgan Global Composite Output Index](#) – produced by S&P Global – posted 49.7 in September, up from August's 26-month low of 49.3.

National PMI data highlighted downturns in the US, the euro area (with only France among the big-four EA economies to see expansion) and the UK. Output rose in Japan, Brazil, Russia and Australia.

The level of incoming new business was unchanged during September, as a further decrease in manufacturing was offset by a modest increase at service providers. The trend in new export orders remained a drag on overall new work intakes, declining at the steepest pace since June 2020. Decreases were seen in both the manufacturing and service sectors, with the sharper downturn in the former. The US, the euro area, Japan, the UK and Brazil were among the larger economies to see new export business fall.

Cost pressures globally remain elevated, though trends vary by region. While cost inflation showed further signs of moderating in the US and many emerging markets, helping support demand in some cases, inflationary pressures intensified in Europe due to the energy crisis. These varying inflation pressures played a part not only in driving disparities in current demand conditions, but also greatly affected future output expectations, which have deteriorated markedly in Europe.

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

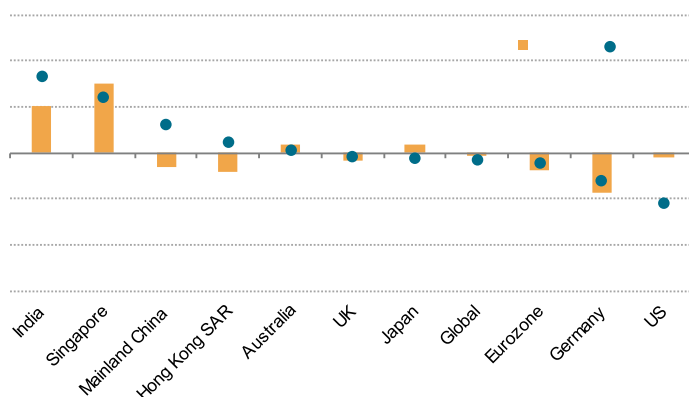
- 1) Global economic activity contracted again in September. The focus now shifts to whether any further cooling of cost pressures can help stimulate growth and offset the adverse impact of rising interest rates.
- 2) Manufacturing is being hit by rising prices, weakened demand and slumping trade, as well as a shift towards inventory reduction. In the service sector, consumer focused firms are likewise suffering falling demand due to the cost-of-living crisis.
- 3) There were ongoing signs of diverging trends, with the weakest performances seen in Europe, though emerging market growth was notably subdued.

JP Morgan Global composite PMI



* Please note that due to later-than-usual release dates, September data for South Korea manufacturing, China services and India services were not available for inclusion in the global numbers.

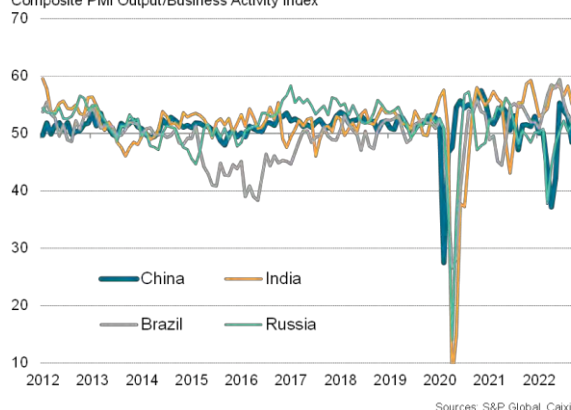
Regional comparisons



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The Good: Still bright(er) spots amongst economies

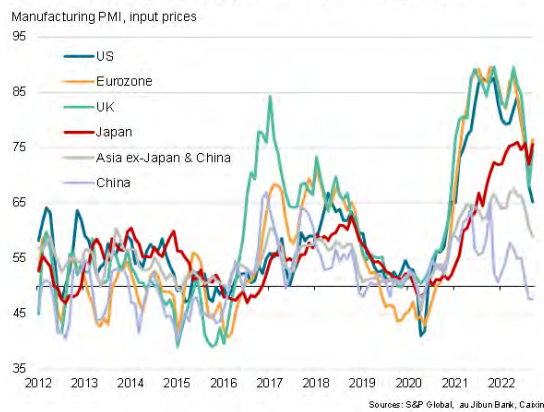
Composite PMI Output/Business Activity Index



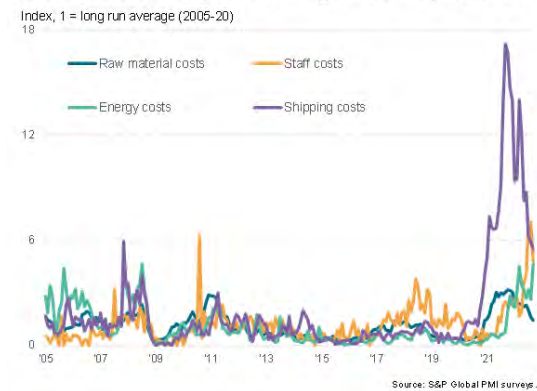
- The weakest economic growth trends were seen in Europe, which not-coincidentally also saw the steepest inflationary pressures. Conversely, bright spots were found in other regions, including some emerging economies, albeit with the overall EM performance subdued as business activity fell back into decline in mainland China.
- India again reported the strongest expansion of the BRIC economies, albeit with the rate of increase softening to a six-month low as growth slowed in both manufacturing and services.
- Brazil also recorded a sustained expansion, through here too growth weakened in as political uncertainty exacerbated existing economic headwinds.
- Bucking the deteriorating trend among the BRICs was Russia, where output growth picked up after the near-stalling seen in August. Russia's expansion nonetheless remained very subdued by historical standards due in part to the impact of sanctions and an associated further steep fall in exports.
- Elsewhere, some MENA economies, [such as the UAE](#), remained on a more solid footing in September, and appear to be immune to some of the drags facing the global economy. In fact, Dubai and the UAE as a whole registered the strongest rates of output growth across the economies covered by composite or whole economy PMI surveys in September.

– The Bad: Cost pressures resurge in manufacturing

Manufacturing input cost inflation in key economies



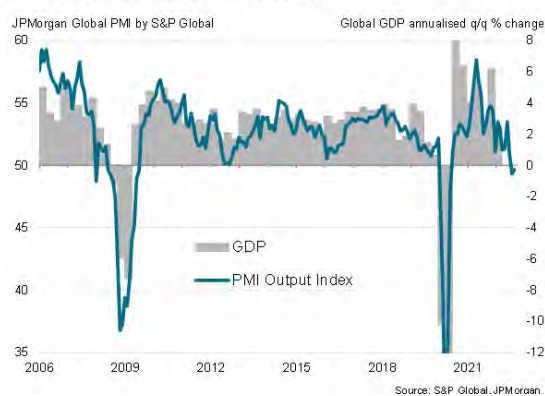
Reasons cited worldwide for higher factory input costs



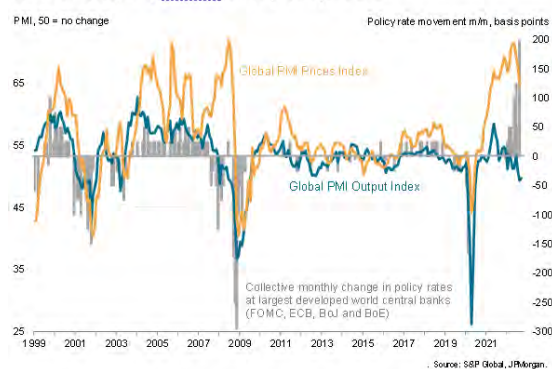
- The global manufacturing PMI survey found average input costs rising at an increased rate for the first time in five months in September.
- Albeit only modest, the acceleration in price growth contrasted with slower rates of inflation in the prior four months and leaves the index signalling persistent inflationary pressures at an elevated level. While down sharply compared to the peaks seen earlier in the year, the latest reading was among the highest seen since early 2011.
- The renewed upswing in price pressures is being driven by higher energy prices and currency fluctuations, and as such was principally focused on Europe and Japan.
- A deeper dive into the reasons provided by manufacturers worldwide for their costs to have risen also suggested supply chain price pressures have moderated, as have wage pressures. But energy-fuelled cost increases have risen to a survey high.

The Ugly: Global economy registers back-to-back contraction

JP Morgan Global composite PMI



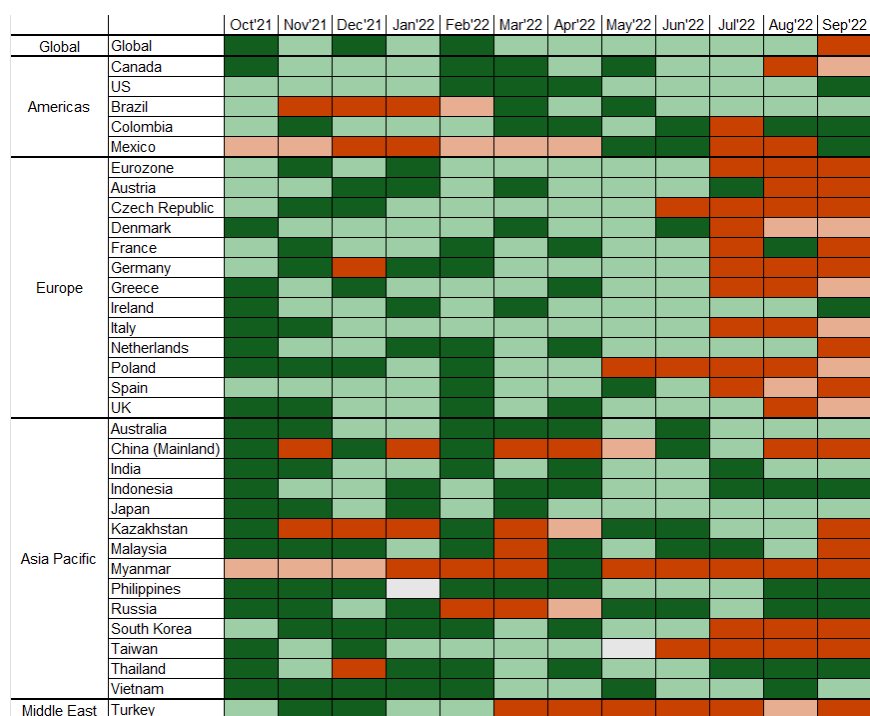
Global output, prices and policy rates



- The September worldwide PMI survey data therefore highlight how recent aggressive policy tightening measures taken by central banks, appear to have contributed to a cooling of price pressures. However, this action has come at the expense of falling output for two successive months.
- The focus will now shift to the extent to which inflation and destocking might serve to further damage global demand, especially with higher borrowing costs (notably in the form of homeowner mortgages) adding to cost-of-living pressures.
- Supply chain developments will also be eyed for their changing impact on inflation, after
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- economies being at increased risk of recession will also be fundamental to future prospects.

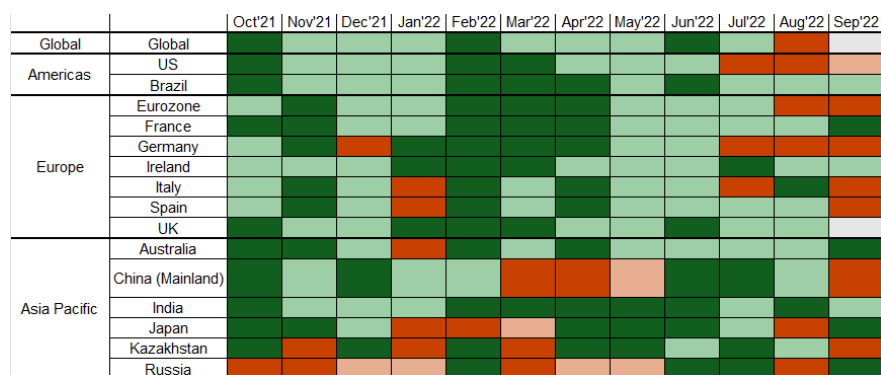
Global PMI heatmap

Manufacturing



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Services



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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
 Stocks of purchases*
 Stocks of finished goods

*PMI components

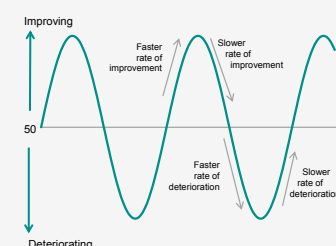
Services indices

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

Read more about the headline PMI™ and its subindices [here](#).

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

		Oct'21	Nov'21	Dec'21	Jan'22	Feb'22	Mar'22	Apr'22	May'22	Jun'22	Jul'22	Aug'22	Sep'22
Global	Global												
Americas	Brazil												
	US												
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Africa	UAE												
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	South Africa												
	Uganda												
	Zambia												

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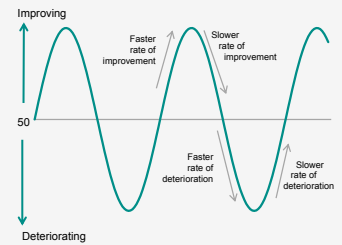
Composite indices comprise:

Output/business activity
 New business
 New export orders
 Outstanding business
 Employment
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 Output prices
 Future expectations

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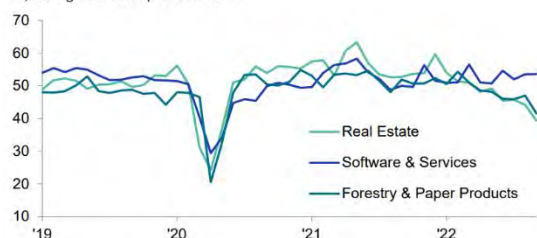
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Global Sector PMI

Latest S&P Global Sector PMI™ data signalled difficulties across a range of sectors in September, with a majority continuing to post reductions in activity at the end of the third quarter. Real Estate led the decline, while growth often emanated from the Technology and Telecommunication Services categories.

Global Sector PMI Business Activity Index

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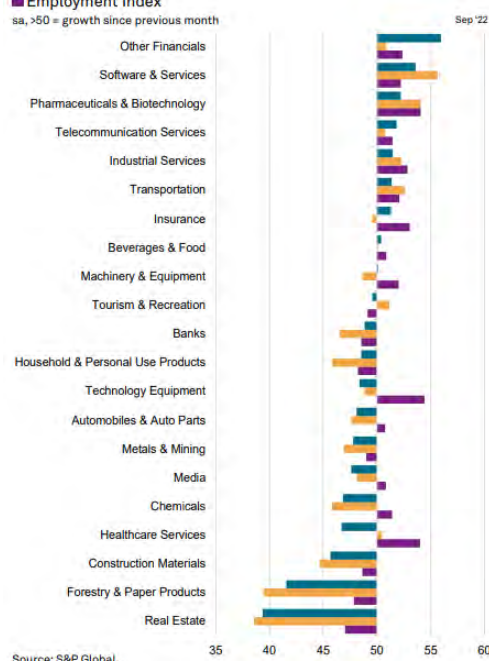


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- The Real Estate sector remained under pressure amid deteriorating financial conditions. In fact, September saw rates of decline in activity and new business accelerate further. Except for the initial outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the reductions were the most pronounced since the series began in late-2009.
- September data pointed to a renewed fall in Tourism & Recreation activity, the first in eight months, as cost of living pressures have choked off the post-pandemic recovery. Input costs in the sector increased at the sharpest pace of all those covered at the end of the third quarter.
- Weakness was also found in manufacturing sectors, with Basic Materials seeing production fall particularly sharply. Within the category, Forestry & Paper Products saw output decrease at the fastest pace since May 2020, with firms scaling back employment accordingly. Meanwhile, stocks of finished goods increased at the fastest pace in almost four years

Output Index
New Orders Index
Employment Index

sa, >50 = growth since previous month



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