

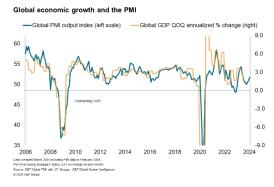
# Monthly PMI Bulletin

Global economic growth hits eight-month high, selling price inflation rises

## **Monthly summary**

The global economic expansion accelerated for a fourth straight month in February as both manufacturing output and services activity grew at faster rates. This was accompanied by rising selling price inflation, however, driven by the service sector.

The J.P.Morgan Global PMI Composite Output Index – produced by S&P Global – rose to 52.1 in February, up from 51.8 in January. The headline PMI continued to sit below the survey's long-run average of 53.2 and is consistent with an annualized quarterly global GDP growth of approximately 2%, which remains well below the pre-pandemic ten-year average of 3.0%. That said, the latest PMI reading signalled the fastest global expansion since June 2023, further



helping to allay concerns of a global recession.

The latest improvement was also broad-based as both manufacturing and service sector growth accelerated in February, with the number of sub-sectors expanding now at a tenmonth high. Manufacturing output notably rose for a second straight month, with a renewed rise in goods new orders driving the latest expansion in production. A revival in consumer demand, an easing of the recent destocking trend and further inventory building were observed as key reasons for the improvement in manufacturing sector conditions. This was while the impact from the Red Sea disruptions remained limited upon supply chains in February, thereby enabling the growth in production to accelerate.

Services activity meanwhile expanded at an even more pronounced rate in February, supported by looser financial conditions, reduced recession fears and robust labour markets.

Selling price inflation rose in tandem with the growth in activity, however, and remained elevated by pre-pandemic standards. This was especially so in the service sector. As such, we will be closely watching the next release of flash PMI data on <a href="March 21">March 21</a> for the inflation trajectory given the uncertainty this continues to pose to rate cut plans around the world.

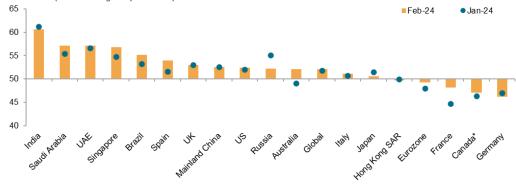
In short, our key takeaways from the February PMI are:

- Global economic conditions further improved with a broad-based acceleration in growth across both manufacturing and service sectors. Forward-looking indicators also hint at sustained expansions in the short-term.
- Average selling prices rose in February and remained elevated by pre-pandemic standards, attributed mainly to service sector inflation. This indicates that we will continue to see consumer price inflation staying elevated in the coming months.

## Regional comparisons

#### S&P Global Composite PMI regional comparisons

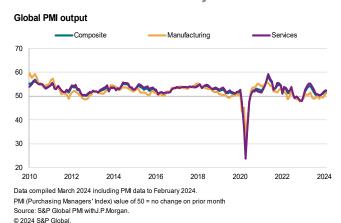
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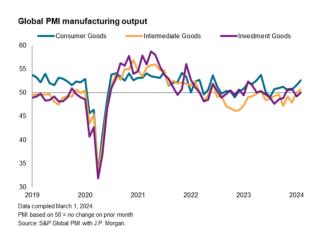


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## The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly | Key PMI developments

#### The Good: Demand recovery



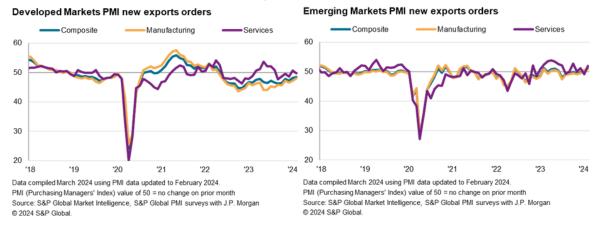


 Global economic growth accelerated for a fourth straight month in February, supported by faster expansions in both the manufacturing and service sectors.

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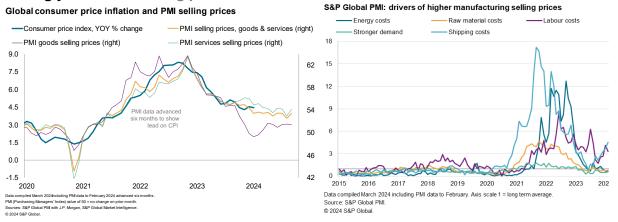
- More positively, broad-based improvements in demand conditions, across both the manufacturing and service sectors, was observed for the first time since June 2022, reflecting a turnaround especially in the manufacturing sector.
- The upturn provided a welcome indication that the goods-producing sector may be pulling out of the malaise it has been embroiled in after the post-COVID-19 reopening that caused global demand to shift from goods to services.
- Notably, consumer demand revived globally, attributed to looser financial conditions and robust labour markets.
- Read our <u>full analysis here</u>.

The Bad: Trade conditions still weak, but continue to recover



- Despite global growth accelerating in February, trade conditions remained subdued in February with the latest deterioration in trade extending the sequence of decline to two years.
- The downturn in global trade remained centred on the manufacturing sector in February
  as the exchange of services continued to expand. Geographically, this was most notable
  in developed markets. In contrast, emerging markets trade expanded at the fastest rate
  in a year.
- Broadly, however, the rate of contraction for trade was the weakest seen over the current sequence, reflecting an easing of the downturn midway into the first quarter.
- Read our full analysis here.

#### The Ugly: Elevated selling prices hint at stubborn inflation



- Amidst the acceleration in global growth, global selling price inflation edged higher in February, remaining elevated by pre-pandemic standards.
- Leading indicator properties of the PMI prices index therefore signalled that inflation may stay stubborn in the coming months. While regional divergences are notable, with February seeing the US inflation descent outpacing that of Europe, we continue to see the likelihood for prices to be elevated around the 3.0% level on a global scale, which adds uncertainties over how quickly and how much central banks around the world could cut rates.
- Furthermore, although the disruptions from the Red Sea remain largely contained at present, excess shipping capacity has been reduced and shipping costs have become a more prominent driver for goods inflation that will need to be closely monitored.

## **Global PMI heatmap**

#### Manufacturing

		Mar'23	Apr'23	May'23	Jun'23	Jul'23	Aug'23	Sep'23	Oct'23	Nov'23	Dec'23	Jan'24	Feb'24
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	Canada												
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	Vietnam												
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#### Services

		Mar'23	Apr'23	May'23	Jun'23	Jul'23	Aug'23	Sep'23	Oct'23	Nov'23	Dec'23	Jan'24	Feb'24
Global	Global												
	Brazil												
Americas	Canada												
	US												
	Eurozone												
	France												
	Germany												
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	Spain												
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Asia Pacific	India												
	Japan												
	Kazakhstan												
Others	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

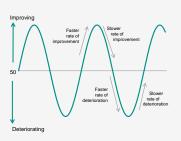
#### Services indices

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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<sup>\*</sup>PMI components

#### **Composite / Whole Economy**

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Others	Russia												

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#### Metal Users (trend) and Electronics

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	Steel												
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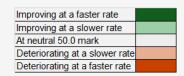
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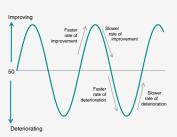
## Composite indices comprise:

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

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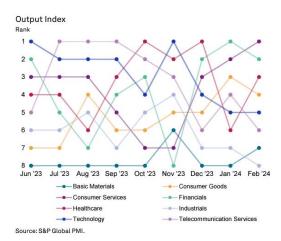




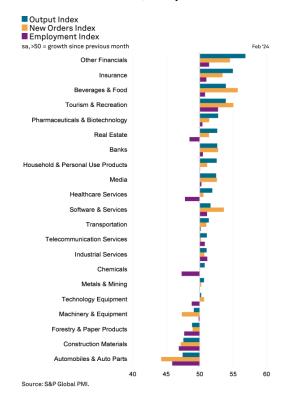
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#### **Global Sector PMI**

The latest S&P Global Sector PMI® data revealed that 17 of the 21 monitored sectors recorded higher activity, the highest number in ten months. *Telecommunications services* rose to the top ranked position among the **eight industry groups**, though financials also continued to record improvements. *Industrials* became the worst performer with a marginal decline in output.



Non-bank ('other') financials experienced the fastest rise in activity **amongst the more detailed sectors** in February, followed by *Insurance*, while various consumer-related sectors also performed well. Meanwhile, manufacturing sectors dominated the decliners, led by *Automobiles & Auto Parts*.



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