

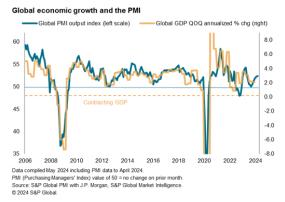
Monthly PMI Bulletin

Global PMI at ten-month high while price pressures remain elevated

Monthly summary

The global economic expansion unfolded at the fastest pace in ten months at the start of the second quarter of 2024, supported by broad-based growth across both manufacturing and service sectors. Selling price inflation remained elevated, however, even as it eased in April.

The J.P.Morgan Global PMI Composite Output Index – produced by S&P Global – rose to 52.4 in April, up from 52.3 in March. The headline PMI, despite remaining below the survey's long-run average of 53.2, is the highest in ten months and is consistent with annualized quarterly global GDP growth of approximately 2.7%. The latest acceleration in global growth was supported by faster services activity growth, though manufacturing output continued to expand for a fourth



successive month, altogether reflective of well-balanced improvements in global economic conditions at the start of the second quarter of 2024.

Underpinning the latest rise in global business activity were <u>looser financial conditions and improvements in consumer confidence</u>. The manufacturing sector also benefitted from the tapering off of destocking efforts, thereby leading to a third monthly rise in manufacturing new orders globally.

That said, price pressures remained elevated even as global selling price inflation eased to a three-month low. The pace at which average selling prices rose in April was close to the rolling 12-month average, to signal that inflationary pressures continue to be stubbornly high heading into midyear. This further highlights the uncertainties for the interest rate outlook, with the inflation fight having made little progress since late 2023. That said, a fall in global employment in April hints at a possible cooling of labour market price pressures in some economies, notably the US. Further insights into how growth, jobs and prices will trend into mid-2024 will be awaited with May flash PMI due May 23.

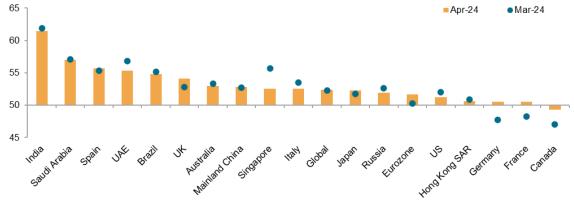
In short, our key takeaways from the April PMI are:

- Global economic conditions improved in April, supported by broad-based growth and rising new business, including the first increase in global exports since February 2022.
- Inflationary pressures remained elevated and exhibited further signs of being sticky. This not only complicates the interest rates outlook for central bankers, it has also affected investors confidence, weighing on the level of business confidence.
- 3. Job markets will be key to watch after April saw a marginal drop in global employment, led by a fall in the US.

Regional comparisons

S&P Global Composite PMI regional comparisons

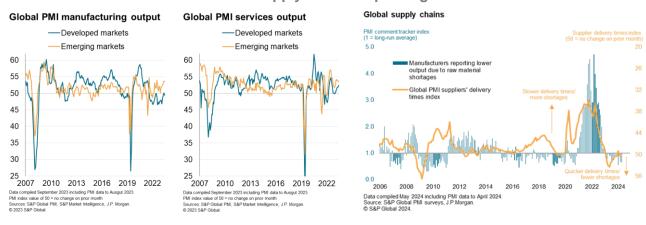
S&P Global PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index) Output Index Diffusion index (50 = no change on prior month)



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

The Good: Growth accelerates with supply chains improving



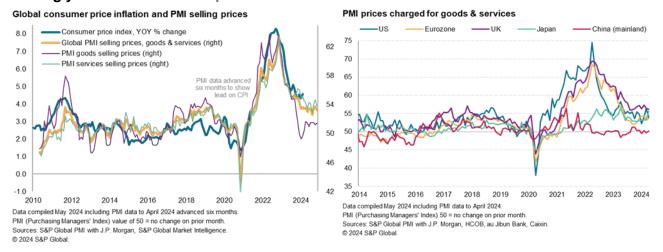
- April's PMI data revealed that business activity growth accelerated globally to the fastest since June 2023, supported by broad-based expansion in both the manufacturing and service sectors. Likewise, by regions, developed markets expanded at the fastest pace in ten months while emerging markets business activity continued to grow at a solid rate.
- Despite the faster growth, global supply chains have yet to show signs of stress. In fact, global supplier delivery times shortened in April, suggesting an easing of the shipping delays seen earlier in the year linked to Red Sea disruptions and helping producers raise output.
- Read our <u>full analysis here</u>.

The Bad: Rising manufacturing costs

Global manufacturing PMI costs and prices Output prices (left axis) Input costs (right axis) 70 65 68 62 60 55 56 50 50 45 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024 Data compiled May 2024 using PMI data updated to April 2024 PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index) value of 50 = no change on prior month © 2024 S&P Global

- Worth highlighting from our April surveys was the renewed increase in manufacturing input cost inflation. Average input prices in the goods producing sector increased at the fastest rate in 14 months, far outpacing the rate of output price inflation. This reflected the heightening of input material costs for producers as demand rose, albeit with firms hesitant to pass on the increase in costs in full so as to support sales.
- The good news is that the reduced stress seen in supply chains is helping to constrain price growth.
- Read our <u>full analysis here</u>.

The Ugly: Stubborn services prices



- Amid the broad-based improvements in global growth, the biggest concern remains inflation as global selling prices continued to rise at an elevated rate into the start of the second quarter, complicating the outlook for interest rates.
- As it is, major central banks including the Fed remain wary of the inflation path and could keep rates higher for longer. This poses a threat to current business and consumer confidence that has helped to support growth thus far.
- At the root of stubbornly high inflation is primarily elevated services inflation. Developed market prices have stayed relatively more elevated compared to emerging market nations, notably in the UK and Japan, as well as Spain and Italy.
- Read our <u>full analysis here</u>.

Global PMI heatmap

Manufacturing

		May'23	Jun'23	Jul'23	Aug'23	Sep'23	Oct'23	Nov'23	Dec'23	Jan'24	Feb'24	Mar'24	Apr'24
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Others	Russia												
Others	Turkey												

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Services

		May'23	Jun'23	Jul'23	Aug'23	Sep'23	Oct'23	Nov'23	Dec'23	Jan'24	Feb'24	Mar'24	Apr'24
Global	Global												
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	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

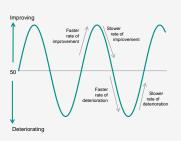
Services indices

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 <u>here</u>.

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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^{*}PMI components

Composite / Whole Economy

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	Uganda												
	Zambia												
Others	Russia												

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Metal Users (trend) and Electronics

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Global	Steel												
	Electronics												

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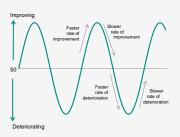
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Output/business activity New business New export orders Outstanding business Employment Input costs Output prices Future expectations

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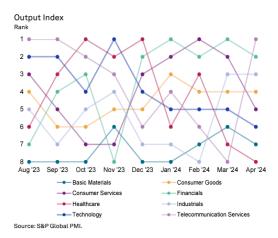
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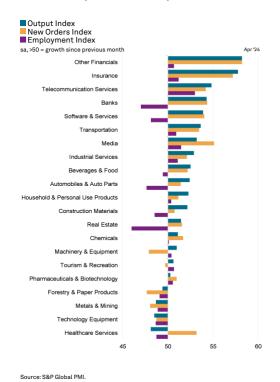
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Global Sector PMI

The latest S&P Global Sector PMI® data indicated that the vast majority of sectors registered growth again in April. That said, *Telecommunication Services* rose through the ranks to become the fastest growing segment among the **eight industry groups**. Meanwhile, *Healthcare* slipped to become the last and was the only one to post below the 50.0 neutral point in April.



More detailed sector data further revealed that *Healthcare Services* was the main underperformer in the Healthcare group. On the other hand, while *Telecommunication Services* was likewise ranked amongst the top few, financials sectors such as *Non-bank* ('other') *Financials, Insurance* and *Banks* were notably the main star performers in April.



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