

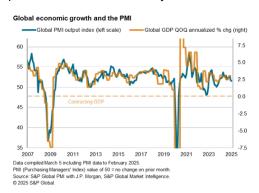
Monthly PMI Bulletin

Global growth decelerates while business optimism cools

Monthly summary

The global economic expansion slowed for a second successive month in March with decelerating services offsetting improvements in the goods producing sector. Cost pressures intensified while employment and business optimism levels fell in February.

The J.P.Morgan Global PMI Composite <u>Output Index</u> – produced by S&P Global – registered 51.5 in February, down from 51.8 in January. The latest print signalled an extension of the global economic expansion to just over two years, though growth was the slowest in 14 months. At its current level, the index is <u>broadly</u> <u>consistent with the global economy</u> <u>expanding at an annualized rate of 2.2%,</u> <u>falling short of the estimated 3.0% growth</u> seen in the fourth guarter of last year.



The softening of the global growth pace was mainly attributed to a slower services activity expansion, which decelerated for a second successive month. While goods production increased at the fastest pace in eight months, the rate of growth was mild and supported to some extent by temporary front-loading of goods orders ahead of additional tariff implementation. By region, the slowdown in growth was limited to developed economies, with the US notably losing momentum to expand at the softest pace since last April.

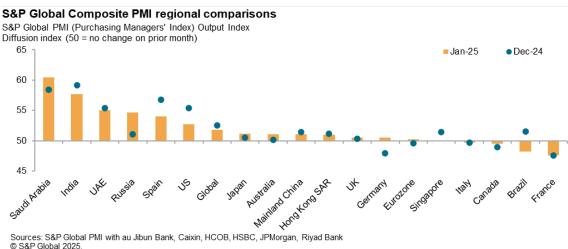
In addition to slowing growth, employment levels fell for the first time in three months and business confidence sank to the lowest since last September. Concurrently, cost pressures intensified with input cost inflation touching a seven-month high prior to fresh injections of global tariffs in the early March.

The latest PMI indicators therefore hint at added pressure on growth in the near-term and we will look to upcoming flash PMI releases on <u>March 24th</u> for fresh insights into business conditions amid the rapidly changing environment across major developed economies.

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

- 1. Global economic growth softened again in February, attributed to slowing services activity expansion. While this weakness was partly offset by improvements in the manufacturing sector, the front-loading of goods orders ahead of planned tariffs supported the uptick in production.
- 2. Rising cost inflation, even prior to the implementation of additional tariffs in various parts of the world, poses a threat for a further rise in selling prices in the coming months.
- 3. Slowing new orders growth, falling employment, and reduced optimism all hint at further softening of global growth in the coming months.

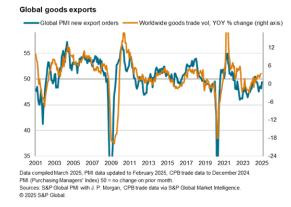
Regional comparisons



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

The Good: Manufacturing output growth at eight-month high





- February's PMI data revealed that, while global economic growth softened, manufacturing production expanded at the fastest pace since last June, narrowing the gap with services to the smallest in over two years.
- The latest increase in manufacturing output was also accompanied by rising new orders and an improvement in business sentiment among manufacturers. <u>Manufacturing export</u> <u>orders had also near-stabilised</u> in the latest survey period.
- That said, regional variations were apparent with rising production growth in the US and Asia contrasting with downturns in Europe. Likewise for manufacturing sentiment, as optimism rose among US manufacturers but fell in the Asia excluding Japan and mainland China region.
- Export order trends meanwhile outlined the likelihood of further front-loading driven goods exchanges prior to the implementation of additional tariffs, lending doubts to the sustainability of the recent improvement in manufacturing sector conditions.
- Read our <u>full analysis here</u>.

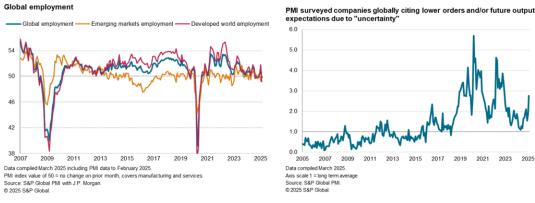
The Bad: Softening demand growth

Global backlogs of orders and inflows of new orders



- Forward-looking PMI indictors pointed to the potential for the global growth pace to moderate in the coming months. At the very core, the rate of new business growth slowed for a second successive month to the softest since last September. This was while the volume of unfinished work depleted at the quickest pace in 14 months, reflecting a diminishing pipeline of work.
- Additionally, optimism regarding output growth in the next 12 months has also dimmed, altogether projecting a softening trend for output growth in the near-term.
- Finally, selling price inflation eased in February but, with input costs increasing at the fastest pace in seven months, charges may increase at an accelerated rate in the months ahead, posing a risk to demand growth.
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The Ugly: Job shedding amidst rising uncertainty

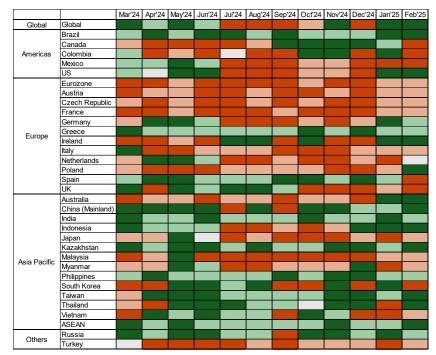


- Employment levels fell globally for the first time this year, encapsulating companies' reduced requirements and expectations pertaining to lower workforce capacity. The reduction in staffing levels was notably driven by sustained job shedding in the manufacturing sector even though production growth accelerated, adding further to hints of the latest boost to production being temporary. Even in the faster growing service sector jobs growth came to an end after a five-month streak.
- Panel comments highlighted the potential for more volatile business conditions as instances of global companies citing 'uncertainty' dampening demand and business optimism rose to the highest since December 2022.
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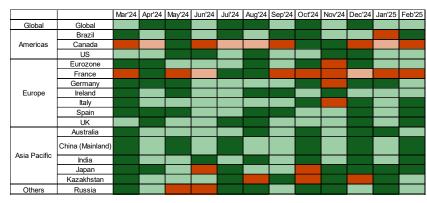
Global PMI heatmap

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 Suppliers' delivery times* Stocks of purchases* Stocks of finished goods

*PMI components

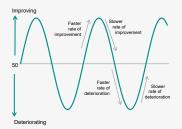
Services indices

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

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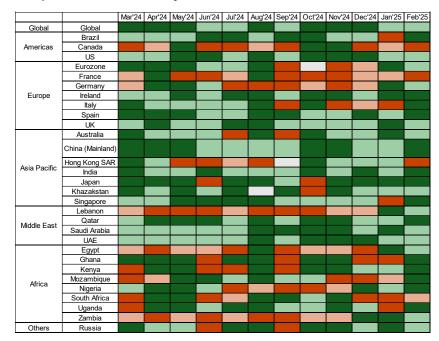
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Composite / Whole Economy



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Global Sectors

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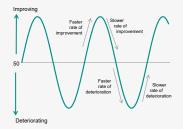
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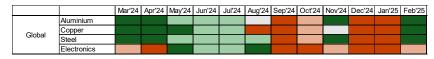
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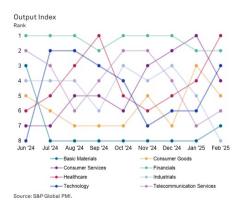
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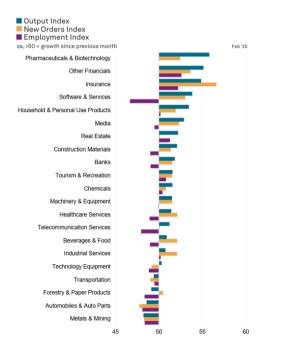
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Global Sector PMI

The latest S&P Global Sector PMI[®] data indicated that seven of the **eight industry groups** reported growth globally in February, up from six at the start of the year. *Basic Materials* returned to growth, albeit only marginally, while *Industrials* activity stalled. Growth was led by *Healthcare* and *Financials*.



Looking at the **detailed sectors**, 17 of the 21 monitored sectors recorded increased output in February, the highest in eight months. The fastest growth was reported among *Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology, Other 'non-bank' Financials* and *Insurance*. On the other hand, various manufacturing sectors led the contraction, including *Metals & Mining, Automobile & Auto Parts* and *Forestry & Paper Products*.



Source: S&P Global PMI.

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