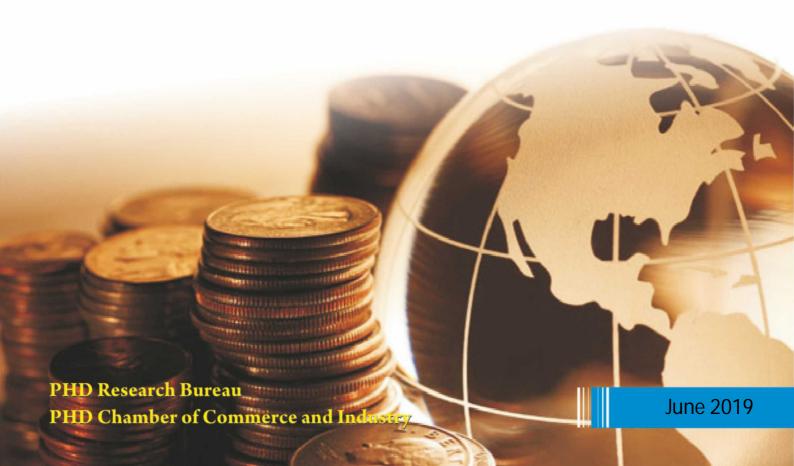


GLOBAL ECONOMIC MONITOR

Monthly update of developments in the global economy





Brief Summary

The OECD Economic Outlook projects that the global economy would grow by 3.2% in 2019 and 3.4% in 2020. The Outlook includes downward revisions for many major economies and warns that current growth rates are insufficient to bring about major improvements in employment or living standards. India has the fastest growth among G20 economies and its GDP growth is expected to regain strength and approach 7.2% in 2019 and 7.4% in 2020.

The major countries have recorded an upward trend in their GDP growth as per the latest data. The GDP growth rate of US, Eurozone, UK, Germany and Japan increased to 3.1%, 0.4%, 0.5%, 0.4% and 0.5% in 1Q19 as compared to 2.2%, 0.2%, 0.2%, 0% and 0.4% respectively in 4Q18. Russia and India recorded an increase in their GDP growth rate to 0.8% and 1.6% in 4Q18 as compared to 0.3% and 1.5% respectively in 3Q18. On the other hand, GDP growth rate of China recorded a dip from 1.5% in 4Q18 to 1.4% in 1Q19.

Economic health of manufacturing sector, as implied by manufacturing PMI, showed a mixed trend in major economies in May 2019. Manufacturing PMI of United States, Eurozone and India declined to 50.6, 47.7 and 51.8 (April) respectively, while manufacturing PMI rose to 50.6, 51.8 (April) and 49.6 for France, Spain and Japan, respectively in May 2019 (or as specified).

Core inflation in most of the major economies has recorded an upward trend. Inflation increased in US, Japan, India, United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and China to 2.0%, 0.9%, 2.9%, 2.1%, 2.0%, 1.1% and 2.5%, while inflation rate eased in South Africa to 4.4% in April 2019. On the market front, most of the key international indices exhibited a negative trend. China's SHSZ registered a maximum decrease of 6.1% as on 29th May 2019 as compared to 29th April 2019, followed by Japan's NIKKEI, with the decrease of 5.6%, US DJIA, with the decrease of 5.2% and Germany's DAX, with the decrease of 4%. India's SENSEX recorded an increase of 1.2% in May 2019 over April 2019.

Trade balance in major economies in the global ecosystem recorded a positive trend. While trade deficit of the economies such as UK and Canada, narrowed; Brazil and Russia recorded an increase in trade surplus, while China's trade surplus narrowed and India's and US' trade deficit widened.

Unemployment rate in most of the economies recorded a declining trend- Economies including Italy, Japan, UK and UK recorded a decrease in their unemployment rate, while India recorded a dip in the same indicator and unemployment rate in Russia remained at the same level.

Going ahead, the key policy priorities are to ensure sufficient support for demand, reduce policy-related uncertainty, enhance resilience against risks and strengthen prospects for medium-term growth that provides opportunities for all.



World Economy: Key Monetary and Fiscal Indicators

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Country	GDP Billion (US\$)	GDP Growth (YoY)	Government Debt as % of GDP	Interest Rate	Inflation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Current Account	Government Budget		
	Dec '17	Mar'18	Dec '18	May'19	Apr'19	Apr'18	Dec '18	Dec '18		
United States	19390	3.1%	105.4% ³	2.5	2.0%	3.6%	(-)2.4%	(-)3.8%		
Canada	1,653	0.1%~	90.6%	1.75%	2.0%	5.7%	(-)3% ³	(-)0.9% ³		
Japan	4,872	0.5%	253% ³	-0.10% ¹	0.9%	2.4%	4.02% ³	(-)4.5% ³		
				Euro A	rea					
United Kingdom	2,622	0.5%	84.7%	0.75%	2.1%	3.8%®	(-)3.9%	(-)2.0%		
Germany	3,677	0.4%	60.9%	0.00%	2.0%	3.2%	7.3%	1.7%		
France	2,582	0.3%	98.4%	0.00%	1.0%4	8.7%®	(-)0.3%	(-)2.5%		
				European	PIIGS					
Portugal	217	0.5%	121.5%	0.00%	0.8%	6.8%®	(-)0.6%	(-)0.5%		
Ireland	333	1.0% ~	64.8%	0.00%	1.7%	4.6%	9.1%	0.0%		
Italy	1,934	0.2%	132.2%	0.00%	1.1%	10.2%®	2.5%	(-)2.1%		
Greece	200	-0.1% [~]	181.1%	0.00%	1.0%	18.5%**	(-)2.9%	1.10%		
Spain	1,311	0.7%	97.1%	0.00%	0.8%4	14.7%®	0.9%	(-)2.5%		
				BRICS Cou	ıntries					
Brazil	2055	-0.2%	77.2%	6.5%	4.94%	12.7%®	(-)0.77%	(-)7.8%		
Russia	1,577	0.8%	13.5% ³	7.75% ¹	5.2%	4.7%	2.2%3	(-)2.7%		
India	2,597	1.6% ~	68.7% ³	6.00% ¹	2.92%	3.53% ²	(-)2.3%	(-)3.4%		
China	12,237	1.4%®	47.6% ³	4.35% ¹	2.5%	3.67%®	0.4%	(-)4.2%		
South Africa	349	1.4% ~	53.1% ³	6.75%	4.4%	27.6%®	(-)2.5% ³	(-)4.6%		
	ASEAN Economies									
Indonesia	1016	1.4%	29.8%	6.00%	2.83%	5.01%®	(-)3.0%	(-)1.76%		
Thailand	455	1.0%	41.8% ³	1.75%	1.23%	1.0%	7.5%	(-)2.5%		
Singapore	324	3.8% ~	110.6% ³	2.24%®	0.80%	2.20%®	19.5% ³	0.40%		
Malaysia	314	1.1%	51.8%	3.00%	0.20%	3.4%®	2.3%	(-)3.7%		
Philippines	313	1.0%	41.9%	4.50%	3.0%	5.20%®	(-)2.4%	(-)3.0%		

Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from various sources. Note: * pertains to September 2018; * data pertains to February 2019, * Data pertains to December 2018; * data pertains to March 2019; * data pertains to January 2019; * data pertains to April 2019; * data pertains to 2018; * data pertains to December 2017; * data pertains to May 2019.



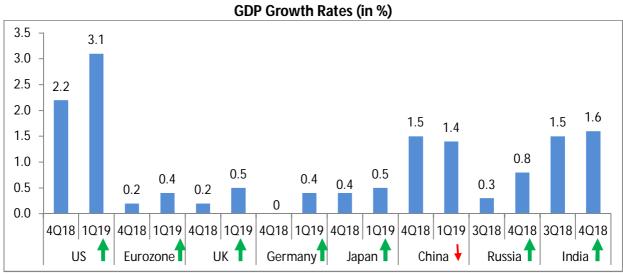
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1. Growth

The major countries have recorded an upward trend in their GDP growth as per the latest data. The GDP growth rate of US, Eurozone, UK, Germany and Japan increased to 3.1%, 0.4%, 0.5%, 0.4% and 0.5% in 1Q19 as compared to 2.2%, 0.2%, 0.2%, 0% and 0.4% respectively in 4Q18. Russia and India recorded an increase in their GDP growth rate to 0.8% and 1.6% in 4Q18 as compared to 0.3% and 1.5% respectively in 3Q18. On the other hand, GDP growth rate of China recorded a dip from 1.5% in 4Q18 to 1.4% in 1Q19.



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Easing growth momentum in the OECD area- Composite leading indicators (CLIs), designed to anticipate turning points in economic activity relative to trend six to nine months ahead, point to easing growth momentum in the OECD area as a whole.

Composite	Leading	Indicators
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	composite Leading Indicators											
	Ratio to trend, amplitude adjusted				М	onth o	nth on Month change			Year on Year change		
		(long te	rm averag	ge =100)			(%)				(%)	Growth cycle outlook
	2018 2019		2019	9		2018		2019		Latest	,	
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	month	
OECD Area	99.4	99.3	99.2	99.1	99.0	-0.16	-0.15	-0.13	-0.11	-0.08	-1.48	Easing growth momentum
Euro Area	99.7	99.5	99.4	99.3	99.1	-0.14	-0.14	-0.14	-0.13	-0.12	-1.59	Easing growth momentum
Major Five Asia**	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.4	-0.01	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.07	-0.39	Stable growth momentum
Major Seven	99.6	99.4	99.2	99.1	98.9	-0.19	-0.20	-0.19	-0.16	-0.13	-1.53	Easing growth momentum
Canada	99.4	99.2	99.0	98.9	98.7	-0.22	-0.21	-0.17	-0.14	-0.12	-1.68	Easing growth momentum
France	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.1	99.1	-0.12	-0.08	-0.03	-0.01	0.00	-1.36	Stable growth momentum
Japan	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.5	99.4	-0.09	-0.12	-0.12	-0.11	-0.09	-0.73	Easing growth momentum
Germany	100.0	99.8	99.5	99.3	99.0	-0.18	-0.23	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	-1.88	Easing growth momentum
Italy	99.7	99.6	99.4	99.2	99.1	-0.12	-0.13	-0.16	-0.18	-0.17	-1.83	Easing growth momentum
United Kingdom	98.9	98.7	98.6	98.5	98.5	-0.22	-0.18	-0.13	-0.08	-0.02	-1.55	Easing growth momentum
United States	99.6	99.4	99.1	98.9	98.8	-0.24	-0.25	-0.23	-0.19	-0.15	-1.66	Easing growth momentum
Brazil	102.0	102.1	102.3	102.4	102.4	0.12	0.17	0.17	0.11	0.03	-0.30	Growth gaining momentum
China***	98.5	98.5	98.5	98.6	98.7	-0.04	-0.01	0.03	0.06	0.10	-0.82	Stable growth momentum
India	100.6	100.7	100.7	100.8	100.8	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.68	Stable growth momentum
Russia	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	-0.19	-0.15	-0.07	0.00	0.04	-1.04	Signs of stabilising growth momentur

Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from OECD; ** China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Korea; *** The reference series for China is the value added of industry, at 1995 constant prices, 100 million Yuan.



Industry 2.

Economic health of manufacturing sector, as implied by manufacturing PMI, showed a mixed trend in major economies in May 2019. Manufacturing PMI of United States, Eurozone and India declined to 50.6, 47.7 and 51.8 (April) respectively, while manufacturing PMI rose to 50.6, 51.8 (April) and 49.6 for France, Spain and Japan, respectively in May 2019 (or as specified).

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of Select Countries

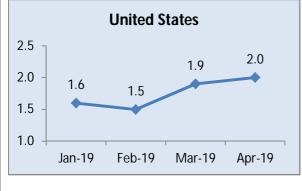
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Country	December 2018	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019	April 2019	May 2019	Change*
United States	53.9	54.9	53.0	52.5	52.4	50.6	\
Eurozone	51.4	50.5	49.3	47.6	47.8	47.7	\Psi
France	49.7	51.2	51.5	49.8	49.6	50.6	↑
Spain	51.1	52.4	49.9	50.9	51.8	-	1
Japan	52.4	50.0	48.9	49.2	49.5	49.6	↑
India	53.2	53.9	54.3	52.6	51.8	-	\Psi

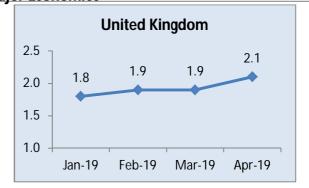
Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from various sources (* change in the latest month data as compared to the previous month)

3. Inflation

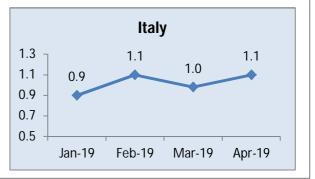
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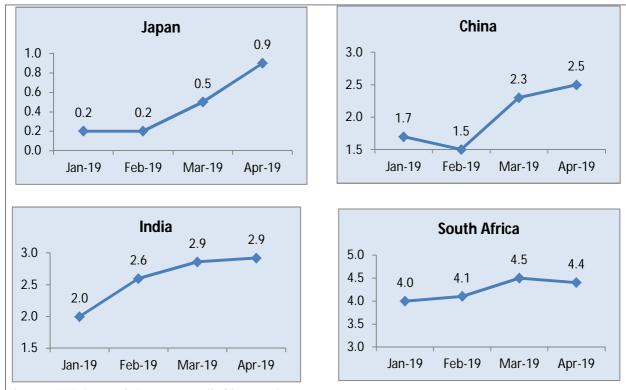












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4. **Markets**

Most of the key international indices exhibited a negative trend- Most of the key international indices exhibited a negative trend. China's SHSZ registered a maximum decrease of 6.1% as on 29th May 2019 as compared to 29th April 2019, followed by Japan's NIKKEI, with the decrease of 5.6%, US DJIA, with the decrease of 5.2% and Germany's DAX, with the decrease of 4%. India's SENSEX recorded an increase of 1.2% in May 2019 over April 2019.

Global Indices

Index	Index	Index	Monthly Change	
	(as on 29 th April, 19)	(as on 29 th May, 19)	(in %)	
DAX ¹	12,328	11,837	-4.0 ↓	
DJIA ²	26,554	25,169	-5.2 ↓	
NIKKEI ³	22,258*	21,003	-5.6 ↓	
SENSEX ⁴	39,031**	39,502	1.2 ↑	
SHSZ ⁵	3,900	3663	-6.1 ↓	

Source: PHD Research Bureau compiled from various sources. Note: ¹ Deutscher Aktien Index (Germany), ² Dow Jones Industrial Average (US), ³ NIKKEI (Japan), ⁴ BSE SENSEX (India), ⁵Shanghai Shenzhen (China), *data as on 26th April 2019; ** data as on 30th April 2019.



Commodities 5.

International prices of the most of the key commodities showed negative trend- During the period April 2019 to May 2019, prices of copper exhibited the maximum decrease of 6.3% to 6,025\$/tonne, followed by prices of sugar, with a dip of 3.8% to 325\$/tonne, prices of silver, which decreased by 2.7% to the price of 14.4\$/ounce, prices of crude oil, with a decrease of 1.1% to around 73\$/bbl. However, the prices of gold increased by 0.4% to 1,276\$/ounce.

International Commodity Prices

Commodity Units		As on	As on	Monthly Change	
		(as on 24 th April, 2019)	(as on 20 th May, 2019)	(in %)	
Gold	\$/ounce	1,271.7	1,276.7	0.4 🔨	
Silver	\$/ounce	14.8	14.4	(-)2.7 ↓	
Copper	\$/tonne	6,430.0	6,025.0	(-)6.3 ↓	
Crude Oil	\$/bbl	73.9	73.1	(-)1.1 ↓	
Sugar	\$/tonne	337.4	324.7	(-)3.8 ↓	

Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from various sources

Trade 6.

Trade balance in major economies in the global ecosystem recorded a positive trend. While trade deficit of the economies such as UK and Canada, narrowed; Brazil and Russia recorded an increase in trade surplus, while China's trade surplus narrowed and India's and US' trade deficit widened.

The **US** trade deficit widened to USD 50.0 billion in March 2019 from an eight-month low of USD 49.3 billion in the previous month.

Russia's trade surplus rose to USD 15.54 billion in March of 2019 from USD 15.03 billion in the corresponding month of the previous year.

The **UK** trade deficit shrank to GBP 5.41 billion in March 2019 from an upwardly revised GBP 6.22 billion in the previous month.

Brazil's trade surplus rose to USD 6.06 billion in April 2019 from USD 5.92 billion in the corresponding month of the previous year.

China's trade surplus plunged to USD 13.84 billion in April 2019 from USD 26.21 billion in the same month a year earlier.

India's trade deficit widened to USD 15.33 billion in April 2019 from USD 13.72 billion in the same month last year.

Canada's merchandise trade deficit narrowed to CAD 3.21 billion in March 2019 from an upwardly revised CAD 3.42 billion in the previous month.

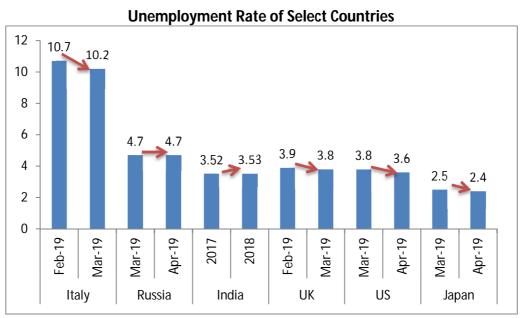
Green color indicates that trade deficit has narrowed or trade surplus has increased Red color indicates that trade deficit has widened or trade surplus has reduced

Source: PHD Research Bureau compiled from various sources



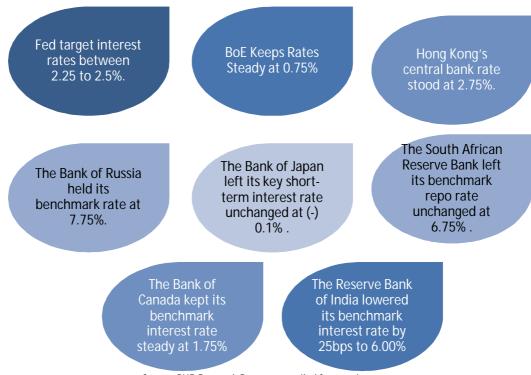
7. **Unemployment**

Unemployment rate in most of the economies recorded a declining trend- Economies including Italy, Japan, UK and UK recorded a decrease in their unemployment rate, while India recorded a dip in the same indicator and unemployment rate in Russia remained at the same level.



Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from various sources

8. **Policy Developments**



Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from various sources



Special Feature

Analysis of IMD World Competitiveness Rankings, 2019

According to IMD World Competitiveness Rankings, 2019, Singapore has ranked as the world's most competitive economy for the first time since 2010, as the United States slipped from the top spot, while economic uncertainty took its toll on conditions in Europe.

IMD World Competitiveness Rankings

2019 Rank	Country	2018 Rank
1	Singapore	3
2	Hong Kong SAR	2
3	USA	1
4	Switzerland	5
5	UAE	7
6	Netherlands	4
7	Ireland	12
8	Denmark	6
9	Sweden	9
10	Qatar	14
43	India	44

Source: PHD Research Bureau compiled from IMD Competitiveness Rankings

Singapore's rise to the top was driven by its advanced technological infrastructure, the availability of skilled labor, favorable immigration laws, and efficient ways to set up new businesses. Hong Kong SAR held on to second place, helped by a benign tax and business policy environment and access to business finance.

Following are the top performers in respective categories:

Government Efficiency

- 1. Hong Kong SAR
- 2. UAE
- 3. Singapore
- 4. Switzerland
- 5. Qatar

Economic Performance

- 1. USA
- 2. China Mainland
- 3. Qatar
- 4. Luxembourg
- 5. Singapore

Business Efficiency

- 1. UAE
- 2. Hong Kong
- 3. Ireland
- 4. Netherlands
- 5. Singapore

Infrastructure

- 1. USA
- 2. Switzerland
- 3. Denmark
- 4. Sweden
- 5. Finland

India has moved up one place to rank as the world's 43rd most competitive economy as compared to 44th rank previous year. The improvement in rankings has been on the back of India's robust economic growth, a large labour force and its huge market size. The Asia-Pacific region emerged as a beacon for competitiveness, with 11 out of 14 economies either improving or holding their ground, led by Singapore and Hong Kong SAR at top of the global chart.



Conclusions

According to OECD, global economy is expected to grow at 7.2% in 2019 and at 7.4% in 2020. In the advanced economies, improved labour market conditions, lower headline inflation and, modest supportive fiscal measures is expected to help support real income growth and household spending. Growth prospects in the emergingmarket economies are collectively projected to be broadly steady over 2019-20.

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Core inflation in most of the major economies has recorded an upward trend and on the market front, most of the key international indices exhibited a negative trend.

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As per the data on Indian economy, inflation rate increased to 2.9% in April 2019; India's SENSEX registered an increase of 1.2% on 29th May 2019 as compared to 29th April 2019; trade deficit widened to USD 15.3 billion in April 2019 from USD 13.7 billion in the same month last year. India's GDP growth stands at 6.8% (PE) in FY2018-19 and at 5.8% for O4 FY2019.

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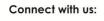
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	Thematic Research Reports	Foreign exchange market	 Trade & Inv. Facilitation Services (TIFS) newsletter 	
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		Global Economy	Industry Development Monitor (IDM)	



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