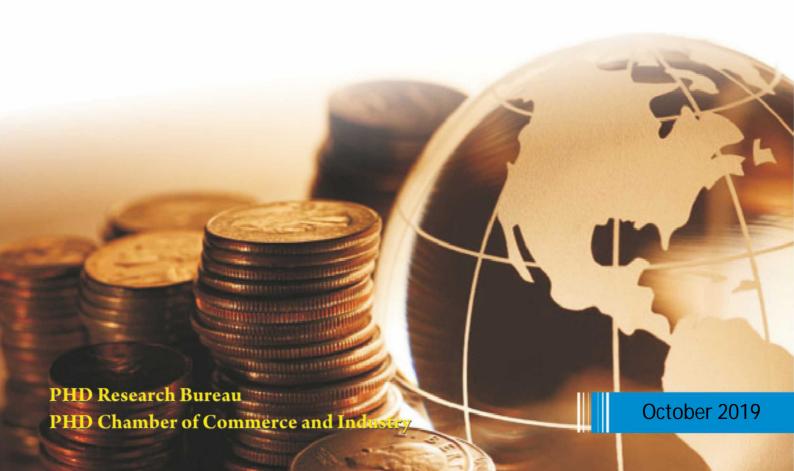


# GLOBAL ECONOMIC MONITOR

Monthly update of developments in the global economy





### **Brief Summary**

The global outlook has become increasingly fragile and uncertain. As per the OECD estimates, global growth is projected at 2.9% in 2019 and 3% in 2020. These would be the weakest annual growth rates since the financial crisis, with downside risks continuing to mount.

The major economies have recorded a downward trend in their quarterly GDP growth. In US, exports plunged in the second quarter of 2019, along with decline in the business and residential investments. In the Euro area, household consumption and fixed investment supported the GDP expansion while net trade contributed negatively to growth. In Germany, net external demand contributed negatively to the GDP as exports fell faster than imports, while investment in construction declined markedly. Japan also recorded a dip in GDP growth as there was a sharp downward revision of capital expenditure amid weakness in the global economy and worsening trade protectionism.

Economic health of manufacturing sector, as implied by manufacturing PMI, showed a declining trend in major economies in September 2019. Manufacturing PMI of Eurozone, France, Spain and Japan decreased; manufacturing PMI increase for United States; while manufacturing PMI of India remained unchanged as compared to the previous month. Euro Area recorded the steepest contraction in the manufacturing sector October 2012, as output, new orders and purchasing all fall sharply during September 2019.

Core inflation in most of the major economies has eased in August 2019 as compared to the previous month. Inflation declined in US, UK, Germany, Italy and Japan, while increased in South Africa. Further, inflation rate China and India remained unchanged in August 2019 as compared to the previous month.

On the market front, most of the key international indices exhibited an increasing trend-Japan's NIKKEI registered a maximum increase of 5.1% as on 30th September 2019 as compared to 30th August 2019, followed by Germany's DAX, with an increase of 4.1%, India's SENSEX, which registered a rise of 3.6%, US DJIA, with an increase of 1.9% and China's SHSZ with the rise of 0.4%.

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

Going forward, collective efforts are required to halt the build-up of trade-distorting tariffs and subsidies and to restore a transparent and predictable rules-based system to encourage businesses to invest. Monetary policy should remain highly accommodative in the advanced economies along with stronger fiscal and structural policy support.



**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 '18	Jun'19	Dec '18	Sep'19	Aug'19	Aug'18	Dec '18	Dec '18	
United States	20,494	2.0%	105.4% <sup>3</sup>	2.00%	1.7%	3.5% <sup>7</sup>	(-)2.4%	(-)3.8%	
Canada	1,709	0.9%	90.6%	1.75%	1.9%	5.7%	(-)3% <sup>3</sup>	(-)0.9% <sup>3</sup>	
Japan	4,970	0.3%	253% <sup>3</sup>	-0.10%	0.3%	2.2%	4.02% <sup>3</sup>	(-)4.5% <sup>3</sup>	
				Euro A	rea				
United Kingdom	2,825	(-)0.2%	84.7%	0.75%	1.7%	3.8%6	(-)3.9%	(-)2.0%	
Germany	3,996	(-)0.1%	60.9%	0.00%	1.2% <sup>7</sup>	3.1%	7.3%	1.7%	
France	2,777	0.3%	98.4%	0.00%	0.9%	8.5% <sup>5</sup>	(-)0.3%	(-)2.5%	
				European	PIIGS				
Portugal	237	0.5%	121.5%	0.00%	(-)0.1% <sup>7</sup>	6.3% <sup>5</sup>	(-)0.6%	(-)0.5%	
Ireland	375	0.7%	64.8%	0.00%	0.7%	5.3%	9.1%	0.0%	
Italy	2,073	0.0%	132.2%	0.00%	0.4% <sup>7</sup>	9.5%	2.5%	(-)2.1%	
Greece	218	0.8%	181.1%	0.00%	-0.2%	17.0% <sup>5</sup>	(-)2.9%	1.10%	
Spain	1,426	0.5%	97.1%	0.00%	0.1% <sup>7</sup>	14.0% <sup>5</sup>	0.9%	(-)2.5%	
				BRICS Cou	ıntries				
Brazil	1,868	0.4%	77.2%	5.5%	3.43%	11.8%	(-)0.77%	(-)7.8%	
Russia	1,657	(-)0.4%®	13.5% <sup>3</sup>	7.0%	4.3%	4.3%	2.2%3	(-)2.7%	
India	2,726	1.0%	68.7% <sup>3</sup>	5.4%	3.21%	6.0%~	(-)2.3%	(-)3.4%	
China	13,608	1.6%	47.6% <sup>3</sup>	4.2%	2.8%	3.61% <sup>5</sup>	0.4%	(-)4.2%	
South Africa	366	3.1%	53.1% <sup>3</sup>	6.50%	4.3%	29.0% <sup>5</sup>	(-)2.5% <sup>3</sup>	(-)4.6%	
ASEAN Economies									
Indonesia	1042	4.2%	29.8%	5.25%	3.39%	5.01%®	(-)3.0%	(-)1.76%	
Thailand	504	0.6%	41.8% <sup>3</sup>	1.5%	0.32%	1.0%	7.5%	(-)2.5%	
Singapore	364	-3.3%	110.6% <sup>3</sup>	1.74%8	0.50%	2.2% <sup>5</sup>	19.5% <sup>3</sup>	0.40%	
Malaysia	354	1.0%	51.8%	3.0%	1.5%	3.3%6	2.3%	(-)3.7%	
Philippines	330	1.4%	41.9%	4.00%	1.7%	5.4% <sup>7</sup>	(-)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; data pertains to June 2019; data pertains to July 2019; data pertains to September 2019; data pertains to August 2019.



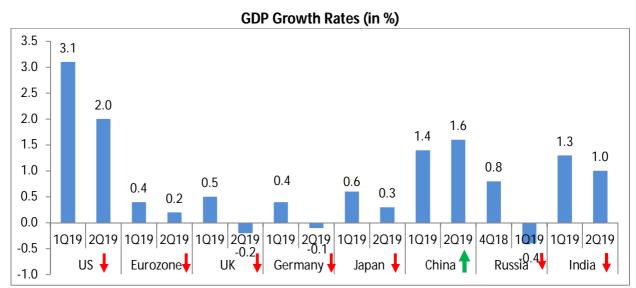
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### 1. Growth

The major economies have recorded a downward trend in their GDP growth as per the latest data. GDP growth of US, Eurozone and Japan was recorded at 2%, 0.2%, 0.3% in 2Q 2019 as compared to 3.1%, 0.4% and 0.6% in 1Q 2019 respectively. Further, GDP contracted in economies like UK, Germany and Russia at rate of 0.2%, 0.1% and 0.4% (1Q 2019) in 2Q 2019 respectively. On the other hand, China recorded an increase in QoQ GDP growth rate. The country's GDP growth rate increased to 1.6% in 2Q 2019, as compared to 1.3% in 1Q 2019.



Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

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

	composite Leading indicators											
	Ratio to trend, amplitude adjusted				Мо	onth on Month change		Year on Year change				
	(long term average =100)					(%)				(%)	Growth cycle outlook	
	2019					2019				Latest	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	month	
OECD Area	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.0	-0.08	-0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-1.24	Stable growth momentum
Euro Area	99.5	99.3	99.2	99.1	99.0	-0.12	-0.12	-0.12	-0.12	-0.12	-1.45	Easing growth momentum
Major Five Asia**	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.1	99.1	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.58	Stable growth momentum
Major Seven	99.4	99.2	99.1	99.0	98.9	-0.12	-0.12	-0.12	-0.13	-0.14	-1.61	Easing growth momentum
Canada	99.1	99.1	99.0	98.9	98.9	-0.06	-0.05	-0.05	-0.06	-0.10	-1.39	Stable growth momentum
France	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	0.01	-0.83	Stable growth momentum
Japan	99.6	99.5	99.4	99.3	99.3	-0.10	-0.09	-0.09	-0.10	-0.08	-0.95	Stabilising growth momentum
Germany	99.5	99.3	99.1	98.8	98.6	-0.23	-0.22	-0.22	-0.23	-0.23	-2.18	Easing growth momentum
Italy	99.4	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.1	-0.12	-0.09	-0.07	-0.06	-0.04	-1.26	Stabilising growth momentum
United Kingdom	98.8	98.8	98.9	98.9	98.9	-0.01	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.01	-1.06	Stable growth momentum
United States	99.3	99.2	99.0	98.9	98.7	-0.15	-0.15	-0.16	-0.17	-0.20	-1.93	Easing growth momentum
Brazil	102.2	102.3	102.2	102.2	102.2	0.05	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.06	0.27	Stable growth momentum
China***	98.6	98.6	98.7	98.7	98.8	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.08	-0.53	Stable growth momentum
India	100.2	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.8	-0.09	-0.10	-0.10	-0.11	-0.12	-0.88	Signs of easing growth momentum
Russia	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.6	0.00	0.00	-0.03	-0.08	-0.12	-1.23	Stable growth momentum

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI 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.



#### 2. **Industry**

Economic health of manufacturing sector, as implied by manufacturing PMI, showed a declining trend in major economies in September 2019. Manufacturing PMI of Eurozone, France, Spain and Japan decreased to 45.7, 50.1, 47.7 and 48.9, respectively, while manufacturing PMI increase to 51.1 for United States in September 2019. Manufacturing PMI of India remained at the level of 51.4 in September 2019 as compared to the previous month.

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of Select Countries

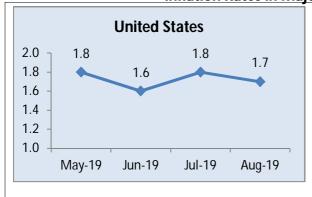
Country	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	August 2019	September 2019	Change*
United States	52.4	50.6	50.1	50.4	50.3	51.1	<b>^</b>
Eurozone	47.8	47.7	47.8	46.5	47.0	45.7	<b>4</b>
France	49.6	50.6	52.0	49.7	51.1	50.1	<b>↓</b>
Spain	51.8	50.1	47.9	48.2	48.8	47.7	<b>\Psi</b>
Japan	49.5	49.6	49.5	49.4	49.3	48.9	<b>↓</b>
India	51.8	52.7	52.1	52.5	51.4	51.4	$\leftrightarrow$

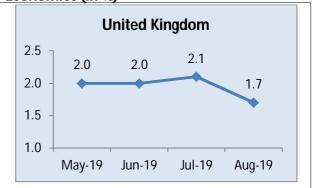
Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources (\*change in the latest month data as compared to the previous month)

#### 3. Inflation

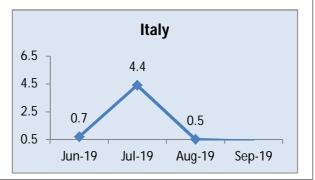
Core inflation in most of the major economies has eased in August 2019 as compared to the previous month. Inflation declined in US, UK, Germany, Italy and Japan to 1.7%, 1.7%, 1.2% (September 2019), 0.5%, 4.0% (September 2019) and 0.3%, while inflation rate increased in South Africa to 4.3%. Inflation rate China and India remained flat at 2.8% and 3.2%, respectively in August 2019 as compared to the previous month.



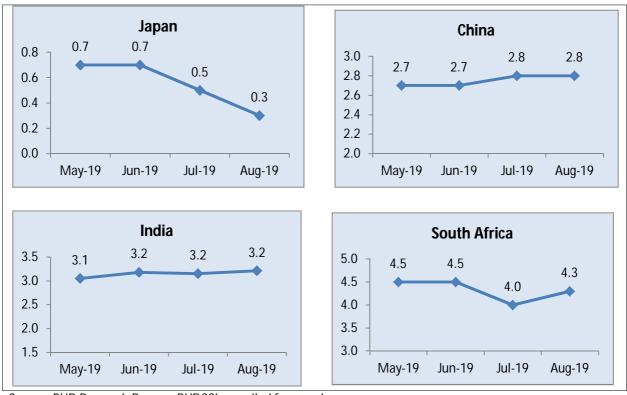












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#### 4. **Markets**

Most of the key international indices exhibited an increasing trend- Japan's NIKKEI registered a maximum increase of 5.1% as on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 as compared to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, followed by Germany's DAX, with an increase of 4.1%, India's SENSEX, which registered a rise of 3.6%, US DJIA, with an increase of 1.9% and China's SHSZ with the rise of 0.4%.

**Global Indices** 

Index	Index	Index	Monthly Change
	(as on 30 <sup>th</sup> August, 19)	(as on 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 19)	(in %)
DAX <sup>1</sup>	11,939	12,428	4.1 <b>↑</b>
DJIA <sup>2</sup>	26,403	26,916	1.9 🛧
NIKKEI <sup>3</sup>	20,704	21,755	5.1 <b>↑</b>
SENSEX <sup>4</sup>	37,332	38,667	3.6 ↑
SHSZ <sup>5</sup>	3,799	3,814	0.4 ↑

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources. Note: 1 Deutscher Aktien Index (Germany), 2 Dow Jones Industrial Average (US), <sup>3</sup> NIKKEI (Japan), <sup>4</sup> BSE SENSEX (India), <sup>5</sup> Shanghai Shenzhen (China).



#### **Commodities** 5.

International prices of the most of the key commodities showed increasing trend- During the period August 2019 to September 2019, the prices of crude oil recorded the maximum increase of 11.2% to around 65.3\$/bbl, followed by prices of silver, which exhibited the increase of 4.7% to the price of 17.8\$/ounce and the prices of gold recorded an increase of 0.1% to 1,500\$/ounce. However, prices of sugar recorded a decrease of 3.7% to 321.6\$/tonne, followed by prices of copper, which decreased by 0.6% to 5,745\$/tonne during the period August 2019 to September 2019.

**International Commodity Prices** 

Commodity Units		As on 19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019	As on 19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019	Monthly Change (in %)	
Gold	\$/ounce	1,499.3	1,500.3	0.1 🛧	
Silver	\$/ounce	17.0	17.8	<b>4.7 ↑</b>	
Copper	\$/tonne	5,710.0	5,745.0	(-)0.6 ↓	
Crude Oil	\$/bbl	58.7	65.3	11.2 🛧	
Sugar	\$/tonne	310.2	321.6	(-)3.7 ↓	

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

#### **Trade** 6.

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

The US trade deficit widened to USD 54.9 billion in August 2019 from USD 54.0 billion in the previous month.

Russia's trade surplus shrank to USD 11.22 billion in July of 2019 from USD 13.12 billion in the corresponding month of the previous year.

The **UK** trade deficit rose slightly to GBP 0.22 billion in July 2019 from a revised GBP 0.13 billion shortfall in the previous month.

Brazil's trade surplus narrowed to USD 2.25 billion in September 2019 from USD 5.07 billion in the corresponding month of the previous year.

China's trade surplus widened to USD 34.83 billion in August 2019 from USD 26.30 billion in the same month a year earlier.

**India's** trade deficit narrowed to USD 13.45 billion in August 2019 from USD 17.92 billion in the same month last year.

Canada's trade gap decreased to CAD 0.96 billion in August 2019 from an upwardly revised CAD 1.38 billion in the previous month.

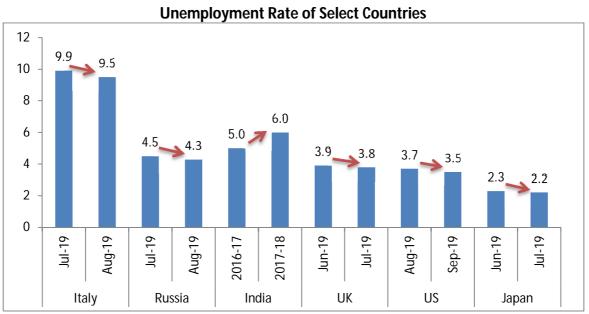
Green color indicates that trade deficit has narrowed or trade surplus has increased Red color indicates that trade deficit has widened or trade surplus has reduced

Source: PHD Research Bureau compiled from various sources



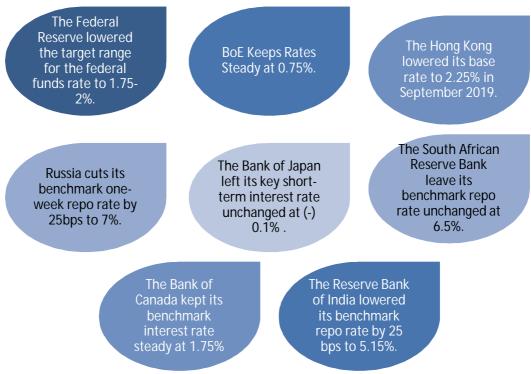
#### **7**. **Unemployment**

Unemployment rate in most of the major economies showed a declining trend - Economies including Italy, Russia, US, UK and Japan recorded decrease in their unemployment rate as compared to the previous month. India's unemployment rate increased to 6% in 2017-18, as compared to 5% in 2016-17.



Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

#### 8. **Policy Developments**



Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from various sources



## **Special Feature**

### **Analysis of Global Competitiveness Index 2019**

According to Global Competitiveness Report 2019, compiled by World Economic Forum, ten years on from the global financial crisis, the world economy remains locked in a cycle of low or flat productivity growth despite the injection of more than USD 10 trillion by central banks. With a score of 84.8 (+1.3), Singapore is the world's most competitive economy in 2019, overtaking the United States, which falls to second place. Hong Kong SAR (3<sup>rd</sup>), Netherlands (4<sup>th</sup>) and Switzerland (5<sup>th</sup>) round up the top five.

The Global Competitiveness Index 4.0 2019 Rankings

Rank	Economy	Score
1	Singapore	84.8
2	United States	83.7
3	Hong Kong SAR	83.1
4	Netherlands	82.4
5	Switzerland	82.3
6	Japan	82.3
7	Germany	81.8
8	Sweden	81.2
9	United Kingdom	81.2
10	Denmark	81.2
68	India	61.4

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from Global Competitiveness Report 2019, World Economic Forum. Note: The Global Competitiveness index 4.0 captures the determinants of long-term growth.

Building on four decades of experience in benchmarking competitiveness, the index maps the competitiveness landscape of 141 economies through 103 indicators organized into 12 themes.

#### Highlights:

- With a score of 84.8 out of 100, Singapore is the country closest to the frontier of competitiveness.
- Other G20 economies in the top 10 include the United States (2<sup>nd</sup>), Japan (6<sup>th</sup>), Germany (7<sup>th</sup>) and the United Kingdom (9<sup>th</sup>) while Argentina (83<sup>rd</sup>, down two places) is the lowest ranked among G20 countries.
- Asia-Pacific is the most competitive region in the world, followed closely by Europe and North America.
- The United States may have lost out to Singapore overall, but it remains an innovation powerhouse, ranking 1<sup>st</sup> on the business dynamism pillar, 2<sup>nd</sup> on innovation capability, and 1<sup>st</sup> for finding skilled employees.
- Nordic countries are among the world's most technologically advanced, innovative and dynamic while also providing better living conditions and social protection.
- Denmark, Uruguay and Zimbabwe have increased their shares of renewable sources of energy significantly more than other countries at their respective levels of competitiveness.



### **Conclusions**

Global growth remains subdued as exports and consumer demand remains sluggish. On the quarterly basis, the major economies have recorded a downward trend in their GDP growth. Rising trade policy tensions are significantly impacting confidence and investments, adding to policy uncertainty, weighing on risk sentiments in financial markets, and endangering future growth prospects.

The Indian economy is in the midst of significant times when the global growth is subdued and few sectors of the economy particularly the automobile sector are impacted. Few indicators suggest that export prospects and domestic demand conditions have been impacted by slowing global growth and continuing trade tensions. However, the government has been taking active reform measures to stimulate economic growth and boost business & consumer confidence.

Going forward, the global policy makers must collectively ensure that the policy-related certainty is reduced. This is possible by resolving trade disagreements, rather than raising harmful barriers further and destabilizing an already slowing global economy.



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