

GLOBAL ECONOMIC MONITOR

Monthly update of developments in the global economy

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Global growth remains subdued amid complex market conditions and policy uncertainty, resulting from US China trade tariffs, lower investments, dwindling consumer demand and sluggish global trade. Global GDP is forecasted to growth at 3.2% in 2019, picking up to 3.5% in 2020 as per World Economic Outlook by IMF.

The major economies have recorded a downward trend in their quarterly GDP growth. While the GDP growth of US, Eurozone and Japan recorded a decline in 2nd quarter of 2019, GDP contracted in economies like UK, Germany and Russia. The GDP growth in the US reflects downward revisions to state and local government spending, exports, private inventory investment, and residential investment. In the Euro area, household consumption and fixed investment supported the GDP expansion while net trade contributed negatively to growth and change in inventories was negligible.

Economic health of manufacturing sector, as implied by manufacturing PMI, showed a mixed trend in major economies in August 2019. Manufacturing PMI of Eurozone, France and Spain increased, while manufacturing PMI declined for United States, Japan and India, respectively in August 2019. US recorded the weakest pace of expansion in the manufacturing sector since September 2009, as new export orders fell at the quickest pace, linked to trade wars and tariffs. Further, business confidence in the US dropped to a new series low.

Core inflation in most of the major economies has eased in August 2019 as compared to the previous month. Inflation declined in US, Germany, Japan, Italy and South Africa, while increased in United Kingdom (UK) and India. Inflation rate China remained flat in July 2019 as compared to the previous month. Italy recorded the lowest inflation rate since November 2016, amid a slowdown in cost of transport. Inflation increased in UK as prices increased at a faster pace for recreation and culture and restaurants and hotels.

On the market front, most of the key international indices exhibited a declining trend- Japan's NIKKEI registered a maximum dip of 3.8% as on 30th August 2019 as compared to 31st July 2019, followed by Germany's DAX, with the decrease of 2.1%, China's SHSZ with the decline of 1.0% and India's SENSEX, which registered a decline of 0.4%. However, US DJIA recorded an increase of 1.7% August 2019 over July 2019, respectively.

Trade balance in major economies in the global ecosystem recorded a mixed trend. While trade deficit of the economies such as US and India, narrowed; China and Brazil recorded an increase in trade surplus, while Russia's trade surplus narrowed and trade deficit of Canada and UK widened. Further, economies including Italy and Russia recorded increase in their unemployment rate, while unemployment rate for economies such as UK and Japan recorded a decline in July 2019 as compared to previous month.

Going forward, fiscal policies of the advanced and emerging economies should balance multiple objectives including smoothing demand, protecting the vulnerable, bolstering growth potential with spending that supports structural reforms, and ensuring sustainable public finances over the medium term.



World Economy: Key Monetary and Fiscal Indicators

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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	Aug'19	Jul'19	Aug'18	Dec '18	Dec '18	
20,494	2.0%	105.4% ³	2.25%	1.7% ⁸	3.7%	(-)2.4%	(-)3.8%	
1,709	0.9%	90.6%	1.75% ⁷	2.0%	5.7%	(-)3% ³	(-)0.9% ³	
4,970	0.3%	253% ³	-0.10%	0.5%	2.2% ⁶	4.02% ³	(-)4.5% ³	
			Euro A	rea				
2,825	(-)0.2%	84.7%	0.75%	2.1%	3.8% ⁶	(-)3.9%	(-)2.0%	
3,996	(-)0.1%	60.9%	0.00% ⁷	1.4% ⁸	3.0% ⁶	7.3%	1.7%	
2,777	0.3%	98.4%	0.00% ⁷	1.0% ⁸	8.5% ⁵	(-)0.3%	(-)2.5%	
European PIIGS								
237	0.5%	121.5%	0.00% ⁷	(-)0.1% ⁸	6.3% ⁵	(-)0.6%	(-)0.5%	
375	2.4%®	64.8%	0.00% ⁷	0.7% ⁸	5.2%	9.1%	0.0%	
2,073	0.0%	132.2%	0.00% ⁷	0.5% ⁸	9.9% ⁶	2.5%	(-)2.1%	
218	0.8%	181.1%	0.00% ⁷	-0.2% ⁸	17.0% ⁵	(-)2.9%	1.10%	
1,426	0.5%	97.1%	0.00% ⁷	0.3% ⁸	14.0% ⁵	0.9%	(-)2.5%	
			BRICS Cou	intries				
1,868	0.4%	77.2%	6.0%	3.43% ⁸	11.8% ⁶	(-)0.77%	(-)7.8%	
1,657	(-)0.4%®	13.5% ³	7.0% ⁷	4.3% ⁸	4.5% ⁶	2.2% ³	(-)2.7%	
2,726	1.0%	68.7% ³	5.4%	3.21% ⁸	6.0%~	(-)2.3%	(-)3.4%	
13,608	1.6%	47.6% ³	4.25% ⁷	2.8% ⁸	3.61% ⁵	0.4%	(-)4.2%	
366	3.1%	53.1% ³	6.50%	4.0%	29.0%	(-)2.5% ³	(-)4.6%	
			ASEAN Eco	nomies				
1042	4.2%	29.8%	5.5%	3.49%	5.01%®	(-)3.0%	(-)1.76%	
504	0.6%	41.8% ³	1.5%	0.52%	1.1%	7.5%	(-)2.5%	
364	-3.3%	110.6% ³	1.74%	0.40%	2.2% ⁵	19.5% ³	0.40%	
354	1.0%	51.8%	3.0% ⁷	1.4%	3.3% ⁶	2.3%	(-)3.7%	
330	1.4%	41.9%	4.25%	1.7% ⁸	5.4% ⁷	(-)2.4%	(-)3.0%	
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Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from various sources. Note: * pertains to September 2018, ^a data pertains to February 2019, ^a Data pertains to December 2018; ^a data pertains to March 2019; ^a data pertains to January 2019; ¹ data pertains to April 2019; ² data pertains to 2018; ^a data pertains to December 2017; ⁴ data pertains to May 2019; ⁵ data pertains to June 2019; ⁶ data pertains to July 2019; ⁷ data pertains to September 2019; ⁸ data pertains to August 2019.

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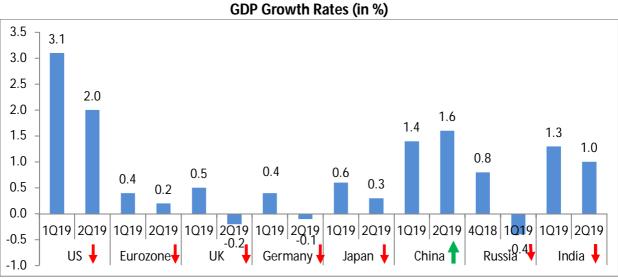
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1. Growth

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													
	Ratio to trend, amplitude adjusted			Mo	onth or	n Mont	h chan	ge	Year on Year change				
		(long ter	rm averag	ge =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	

Composite Leading Indicators

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 mixed trend in major economies in August 2019. Manufacturing PMI of Eurozone, France and Spain increased to 47.0, 51.1 and 48.8, respectively, while manufacturing PMI declined to 50.3, 49.3 and 51.4 for United States, Japan and India, respectively in August 2019.

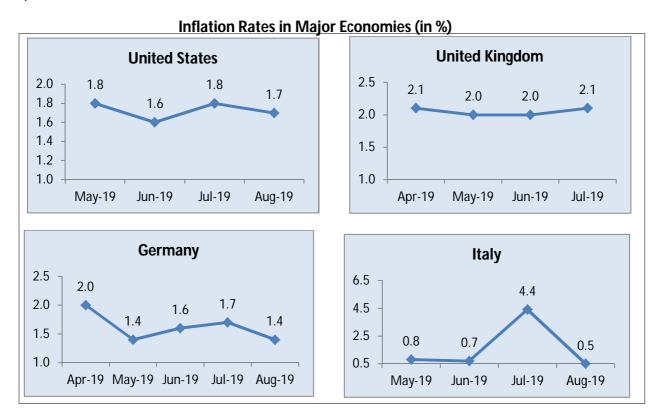
Country	March	April	May	June	July 2019	August	Change*
United States	2019 52.5	2019 52.4	2019 50.6	2019 50.1	50.4	2019 50.3	
Eurozone	47.6	47.8	47.7	47.8	46.5	47.0	↓ ↑
France	49.8	49.6	50.6	52.0	49.7	51.1	1
Spain	50.9	51.8	50.1	47.9	48.2	48.8	1
Japan	49.2	49.5	49.6	49.5	49.4	49.3	↓
India	52.6	51.8	52.7	52.1	52.5	51.4	↓

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of Select Countries

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

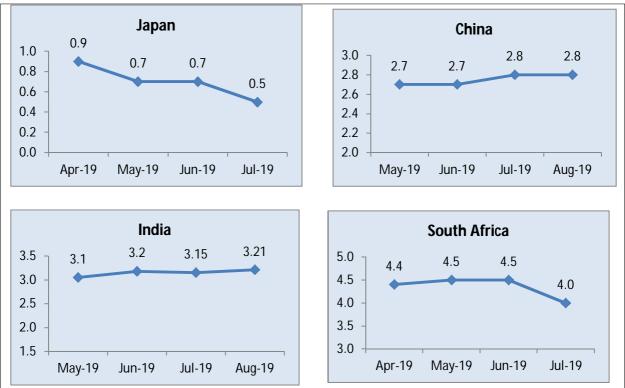
3. Inflation

Core inflation in most of the major economies has eased in August 2019 as compared to the previous month. Inflation declined in US, Germany, Japan, Italy and South Africa to 1.7%, 1.4%, 0.5% (July 2019), 0.5% and 4.0% (July 2019), while inflation rate increased in United Kingdom and India to 2.1% and 3.21%. Inflation rate China remained flat at 2.8% in July 2019 as compared to the previous month.



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Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

4. Markets

Most of the key international indices exhibited a declining trend- Japan's NIKKEI registered a maximum dip of 3.8% as on 30th August 2019 as compared to 31st July 2019, followed by Germany's DAX, with the decrease of 2.1%, China's SHSZ with the decline of 1.0% and India's SENSEX, which registered a decline of 0.4%. However, US DJIA recorded an increase of 1.7% August 2019 over July 2019, respectively.

Global Indices							
Index	Index	Index	Monthly Change				
	(as on 31 st July, 19)	(as on 30 th August, 19)	(in %)				
DAX ¹	12,189	11,939	-2.1 🗸				
DJIA ²	26,864	26,403	1.7 🛧				
NIKKEI ³	21,521	20,704	-3.8 🗸				
SENSEX ⁴	37,481	37,332	-0.4 🗸				
SHSZ ⁵	3,835	3,799	-0.9 🗸				

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI 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).



5. Commodities

International prices of the most of the key commodities showed decreasing trend- During the period July 2019 to August 2019, the prices of crude oil recorded the maximum decrease of 7.7% to around 58.7\$/bbl, followed by prices of copper, which decreased by 4.5% to 5,710\$/tonne and prices of sugar, which recorded a decrease of 3.7% to 310.2\$/tonne. However, the prices of gold recorded an increase of 5.1% to 1,499\$/ounce, followed by prices of silver, which exhibited the increase of 3.0% to the price of 17.0\$/ounce.

international commonly frices								
Commodity	Units	As on	As on	Monthly Change				
		(as on 25 th July, 2019)	(as on 19 th August, 2019)	(in %)				
Gold	\$/ounce	1,426.4	1,499.3	5.1 个				
Silver	\$/ounce	16.5	17.0	3.0 🕇				
Copper	\$/tonne	5,980.0	5,710.0	(-)4.5 🗸				
Crude Oil	\$/bbl	63.6	58.7	(-)7.7 🗸				
Sugar	\$/tonne	322.2	310.2	(-)3.7 🗸				

International Commodity Prices

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

6. Trade

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

The US trade deficit narrowed slightly to USD 54.0 billion in July 2019 from a revised USD 55.5 billion in the previous month	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.	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.
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.	Brazil's trade surplus widened to USD 3.28 billion in August 2019 from USD 2.77 billion in the corresponding month of the previous year.	India's trade deficit narrowed to USD 13.45 billion in August 2019 from USD 17.92 billion in the same month last year.
1. de	anada's trade deficit widened to CA 12 billion in July 2019 from ownwardly revised CAD 0.06 billion ne previous month .	a

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

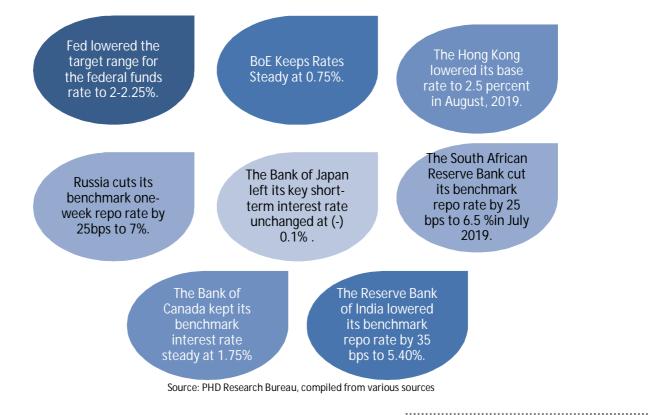
Unemployment rate in most of the major economies showed a mixed trend - Economies including Italy and Russia recorded increase in their unemployment rate as compared to the previous month, while unemployment rate for economies such as UK and Japan recorded a decline. India's unemployment rate increased to 6% in 2017-18, as compared to 5% in 2016-17. Unemployment rate in the US remained unchanged at 3.7% in August 2019 as compared to previous month.



Unemployment Rate of Select Countries

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

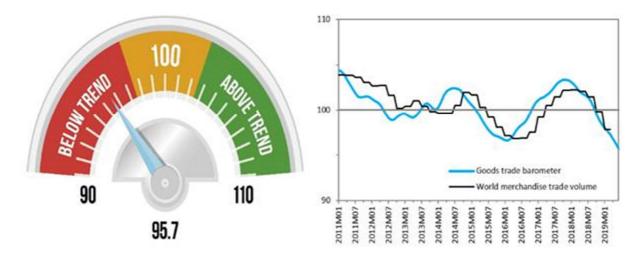
8. Policy Developments





Analysis of World Trade Organisation's Goods Trade Barometer

The growth of world merchandise trade volumes is likely to remain weak in the third quarter of 2019 according to the WTO's Goods Trade Barometer. The latest reading of 95.7 from the barometer, formerly the World Trade Outlook Indicator (WTOI), is lower than the previous release and signals that stronger trade growth is not yet in sight.



Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from WTO

The latest reading continues to fall well below the baseline value of 100 for the index of the renamed barometer. The loss of momentum in goods trade has already been confirmed in previous quarters where official data are available. The barometer suggests that below-trend expansion in merchandise trade will persist in the coming months.

Sustained weakness in the barometer index was driven by below trend values in all component indices. The international air freight (91.4) and electronic components (90.7) indices showed the strongest deviations from trend, with readings well below previous releases. Indices for export orders (97.5), automobile production and sales (93.5) and agricultural raw materials (97.1) all remained below trend although they show some signs of having bottomed out. Only the index for container shipping (99.0) was close to the baseline value of 100.

The Goods Trade Barometer provides, as the WTOI did, "real time" information on the trajectory of world trade relative to recent trends. It aims to identify turning points and gauge momentum in global trade growth. As such, it complements trade statistics and forecasts from the WTO and other organizations. Readings of 100 indicate growth in line with medium-term trends; readings greater than 100 suggest above-trend growth, while those below 100 indicate below-trend growth.

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Conclusions

Global growth forecasts by international institutions reflect the weaker-than-anticipated global activity. Investment and demand for consumer durables have been subdued as firms and households holds back long term spending. Accordingly, global trade remains sluggish. On the quarterly basis, the major economies have recorded a downward trend in their GDP growth.

At the times of global economic slowdown, few sectors of the Indian economy particularly the automobile sector have been impacted. The growth in the GDP for the first quarter of FY2019-20 was recorded at 5.0%. However, the recent economic reforms undertaken by the government and RBI will create a strong and resilient economic environment in the country and rejuvenate GDP growth rate in the coming quarters.

At this juncture, cooperative policy actions are required to place global growth on a stronger footing, as there is a need to reduce trade and technology tensions and there by resolve uncertainty around trade agreements.

Going ahead, if growth weakens further, macroeconomic policies will need to turn more accommodative, depending on country circumstances. Priorities across all economies should be to enhance inclusion, strengthen resilience, and address constraints on potential output growth.



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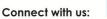
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