

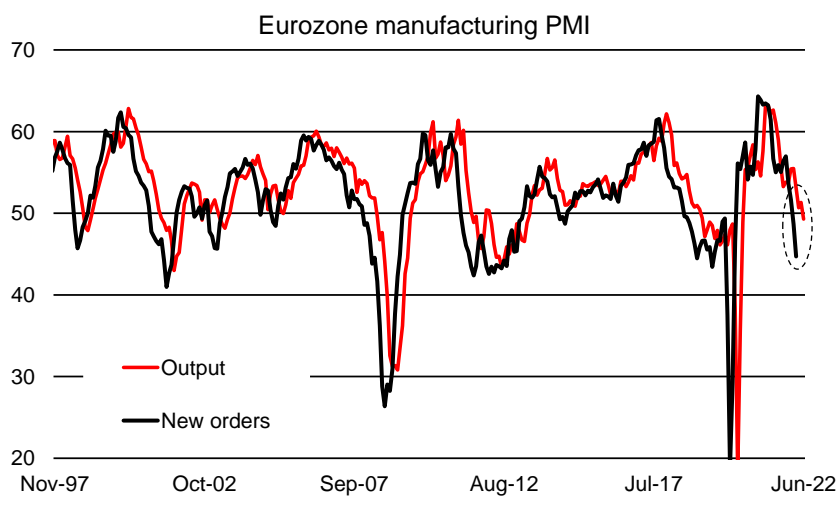
Eurozone PMIs sound an alarm bell

- The eurozone PMIs for June sound an alarm bell. The composite PMI declined more than expected, from 54.8 to 51.9 (UniCredit: 54.3; consensus: 54.0), the lowest level since February 2021. The deterioration was broad-based across sectors, suggesting that growth momentum might be weakening sooner and more quickly than expected.
- Manufacturing seems to be already in a downturn, with the output index falling below 50 for the first time in two years and new orders contracting at a faster pace. This has led to the largest buildup of inventories of unsold goods since June 2020. Services held up better, but the trend is one of a clear slowdown as firms report that the reopening boost is already fading, with high prices accelerating the exhaustion of pent-up demand. Tighter financial conditions appear to have contributed to the slowdown in demand.
- Output prices confirm recent signs of easing from peaks, validating the view of a turning point in underlying price pressures from extremely high levels. Perhaps unsurprisingly, this trend is more pronounced in the manufacturing sector, whereas it is more contained in services, where input prices hold around record-high levels. In the manufacturing sector, there is evidence that a gradual improvement in supply-chain bottlenecks keeps unfolding, although the situation remains far from pre-pandemic conditions. According to the survey, weaker demand for inputs amid rising inventories has played a role here.
- Employment growth eased both in the manufacturing and the services sectors but remains at healthy levels for now.

In greater detail:

In manufacturing, the output index declined from 51.3 to 49.3, whereas the new orders index fell from 48.7 to 44.7, signaling the sharpest pace of contraction since May 2020.

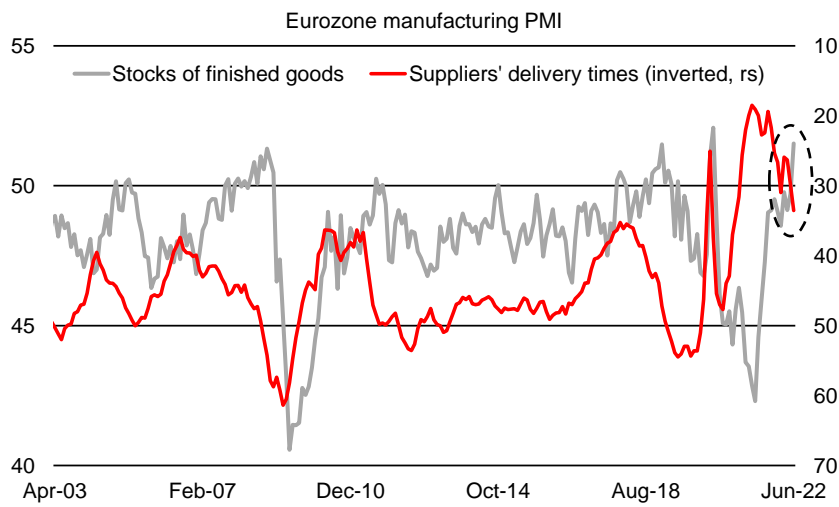
CHART 1: MANUFACTURING APPEARS TO BE ALREADY IN RECESSION



Source: Markit IHS, UniCredit Research

The stocks of finished goods index rose from 49.7 to 51.5. This appears to have reduced the demand for production inputs, which translated into an easing of supply delays. The index for suppliers' delivery times improved from 29.9 to 33.5.

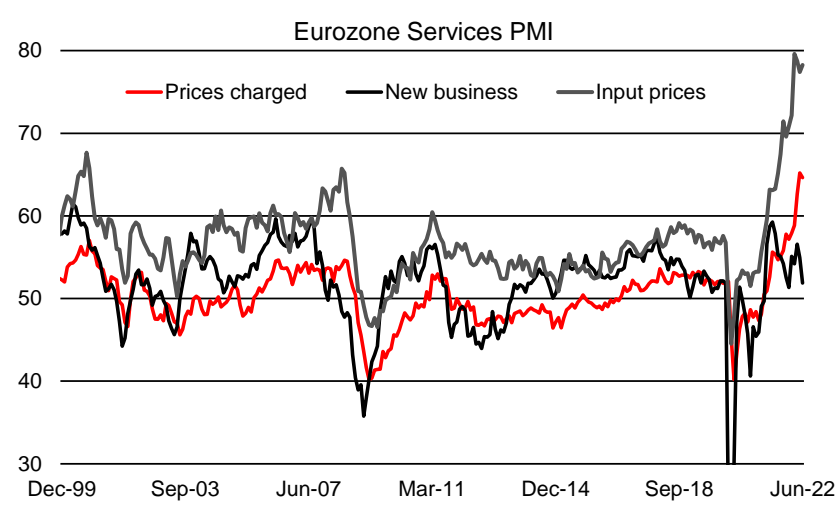
CHART 2: SUPPLIERS' DELIVERY TIMES KEEP IMPROVING BUT NOT FOR A GOOD REASON



Source: Markit IHS, UniCredit Research

In the services sectors, demand is weakening amid high prices. The new business index fell from 55.0 to 51.9.

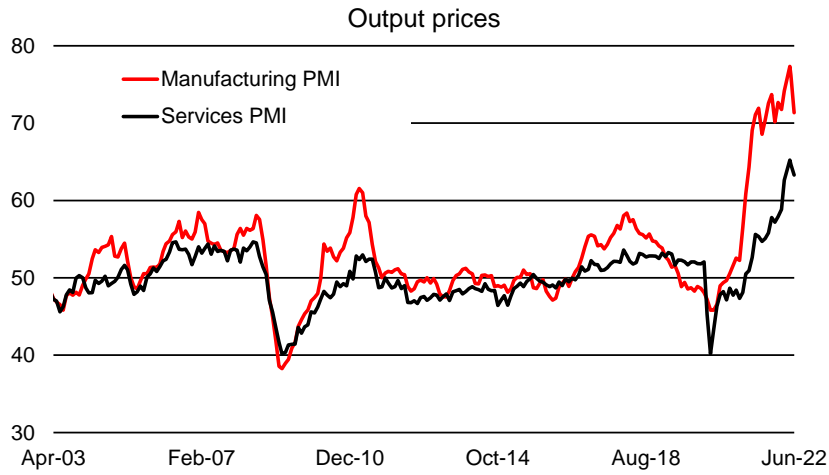
CHART 3: DEMAND IS COOLING AMID HIGH PRICES



Source: Markit IHS, UniCredit Research

The output price index declined from 76.2 to 71.4 in manufacturing, and from 64.6 to 63.3 in services.

CHART 4: PIPELINE PRICE PRESSURES CONFIRM SIGNS OF EASING



Source: Markit IHS, UniCredit Research

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