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ISM Non-Manufacturing Index Rises to Eight-Month High

The ISM non-manufacturing index showed that the economy continued to gain momentum in April. The index rose to 55.2 as businesses reported a pickup in current activity and new orders.

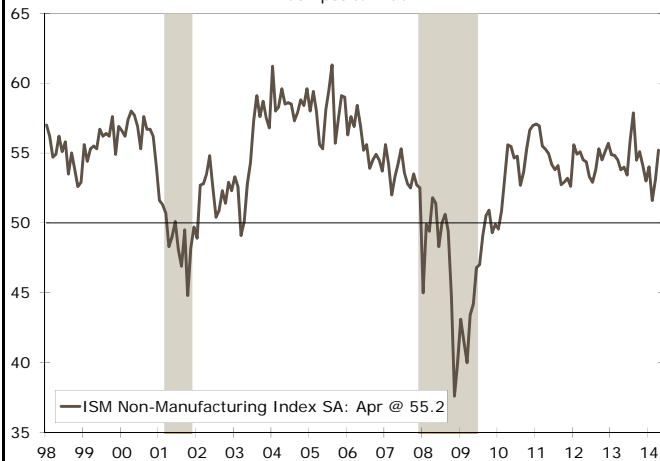
Forward Momentum in the Economy

- Businesses outside of the manufacturing sector signaled momentum in the economy remains upward. The ISM non-manufacturing index rose to 55.2 in April, the highest reading since last August.
- The business activity index rose to 60.9, while the more forward-looking new orders and export orders indices also posted solid gains.

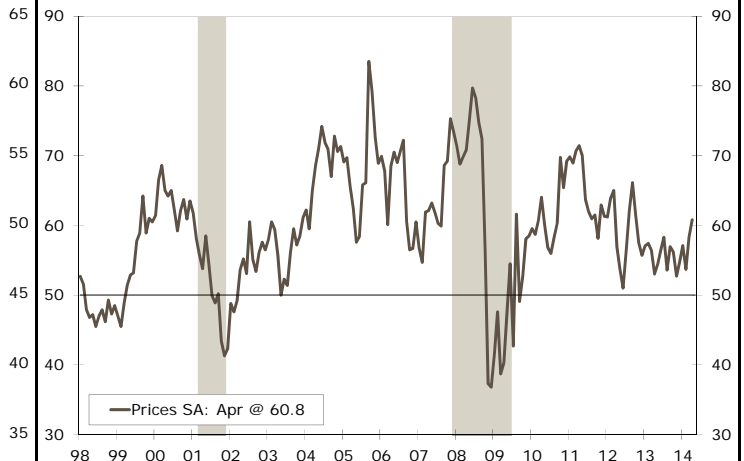
Input Prices Rising

- The survey offered another indication of price pressures beginning to heat up in the economy. The prices-paid component rose to an 18-month high of 60.8 in April. Of 18 industries, only two (real estate, rental & leasing and information) reported a decline.
- Hiring improved again in April, albeit at a slower pace, as the employment index dipped to 51.3.

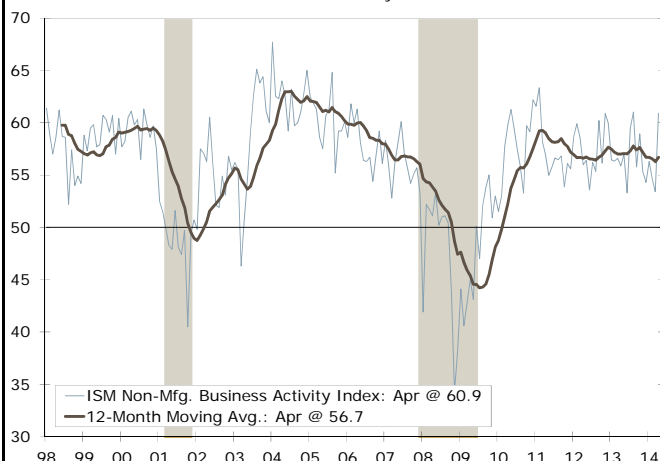
ISM Non-Manufacturing
Composite Index



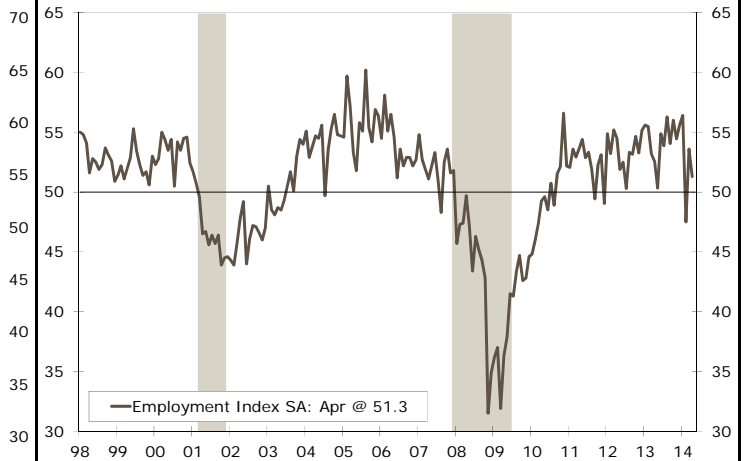
ISM Non-Manufacturing Prices
Price Index



ISM Non-Manufacturing Business Activity
Business Activity Index



ISM Non-Manufacturing Employment
Employment Index



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