

## **Business Outlook Survey**

May 2024 - 209



Bank Al-Maghrib's business survey for May<sup>1</sup> shows an improvement in activity compared with the previous month. Production was up in all sectors, and the Capacity Utilization Rate stabilized at around 78 percent.

Sales are reported to have risen on both local and foreign markets. By sector, sales are said to be up in all sectors except "textiles and leather", where they are said to have fallen.

Orders were up in all sectors, with the exception of "agri-food", where they were down. Order books, for their part, were at a normal level, reflecting above-normal levels in "chemicals and parachemicals" and "electrical and electronics" sectors, and below-normal levels in "mechanical engineering and metallurgy", "agri-food" and "textiles and leather" sectors.

For the next three months, manufacturers are anticipating an increase in production and sales in all sectors except "textiles and leather", where they are expecting a fall in production and a stagnation in sales.