



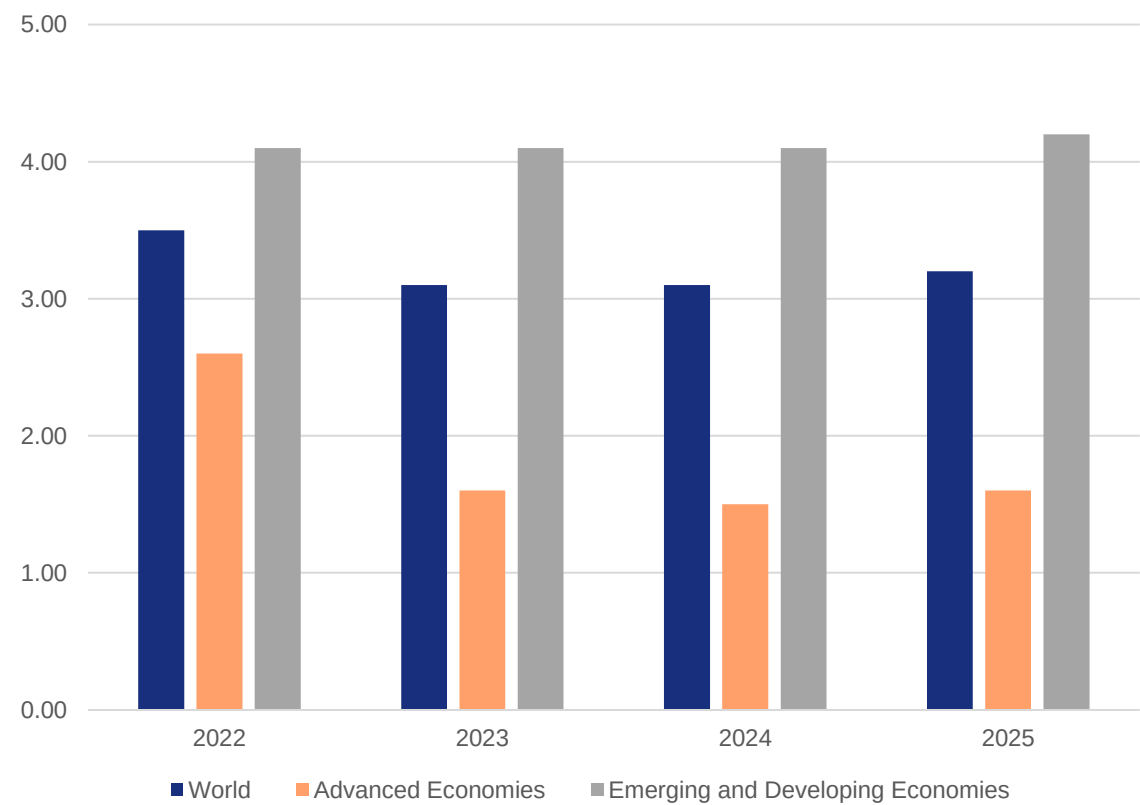
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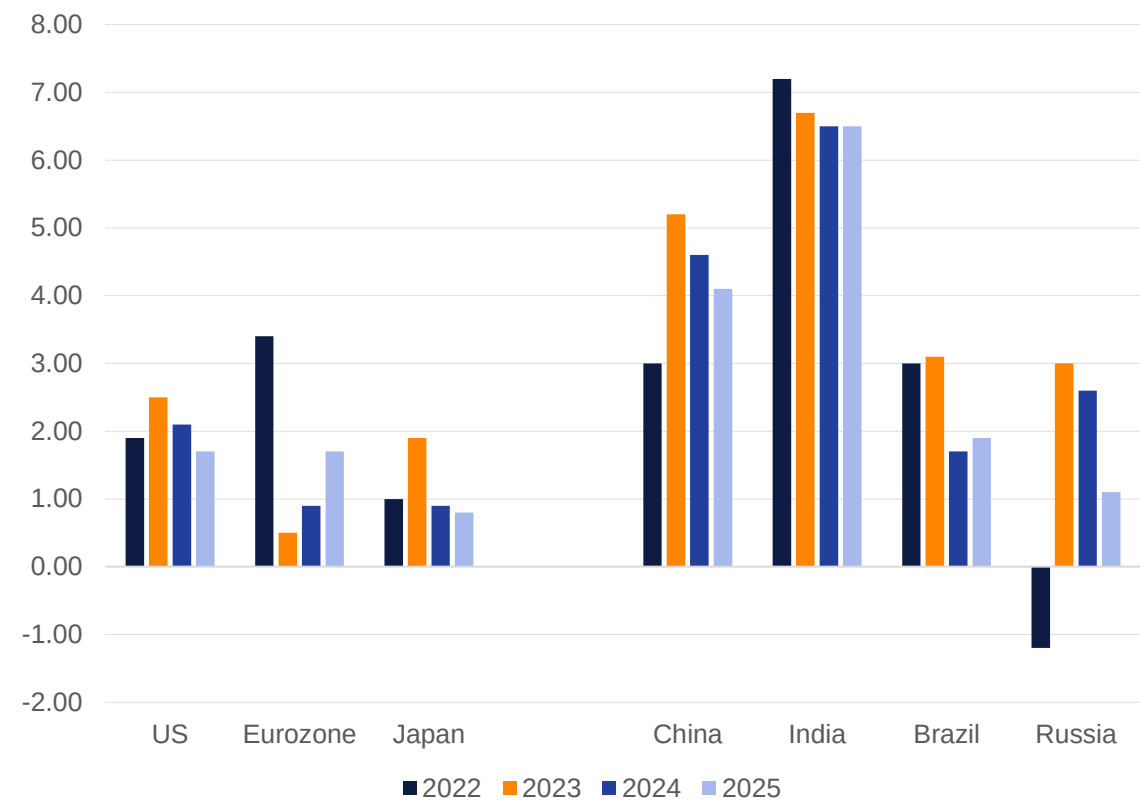
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February 2024

The soft landing goes global

IMF GDP projections (Jan 2024)



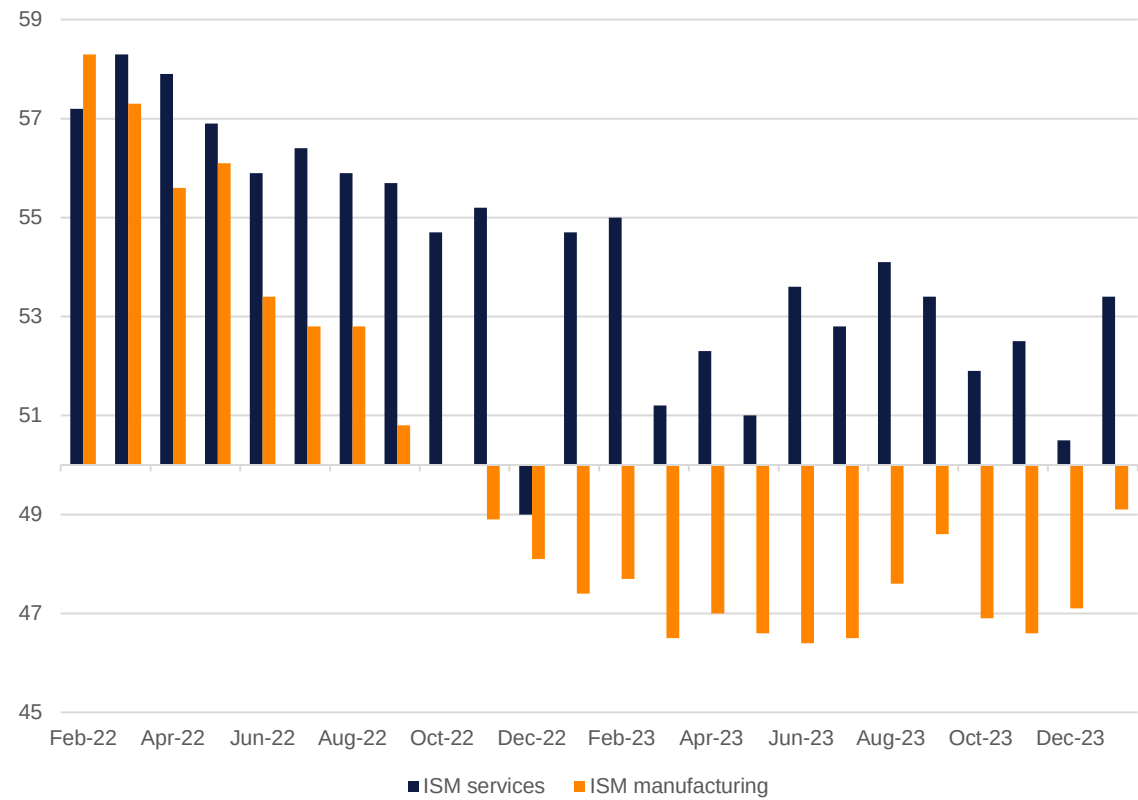
EM economies lead the way



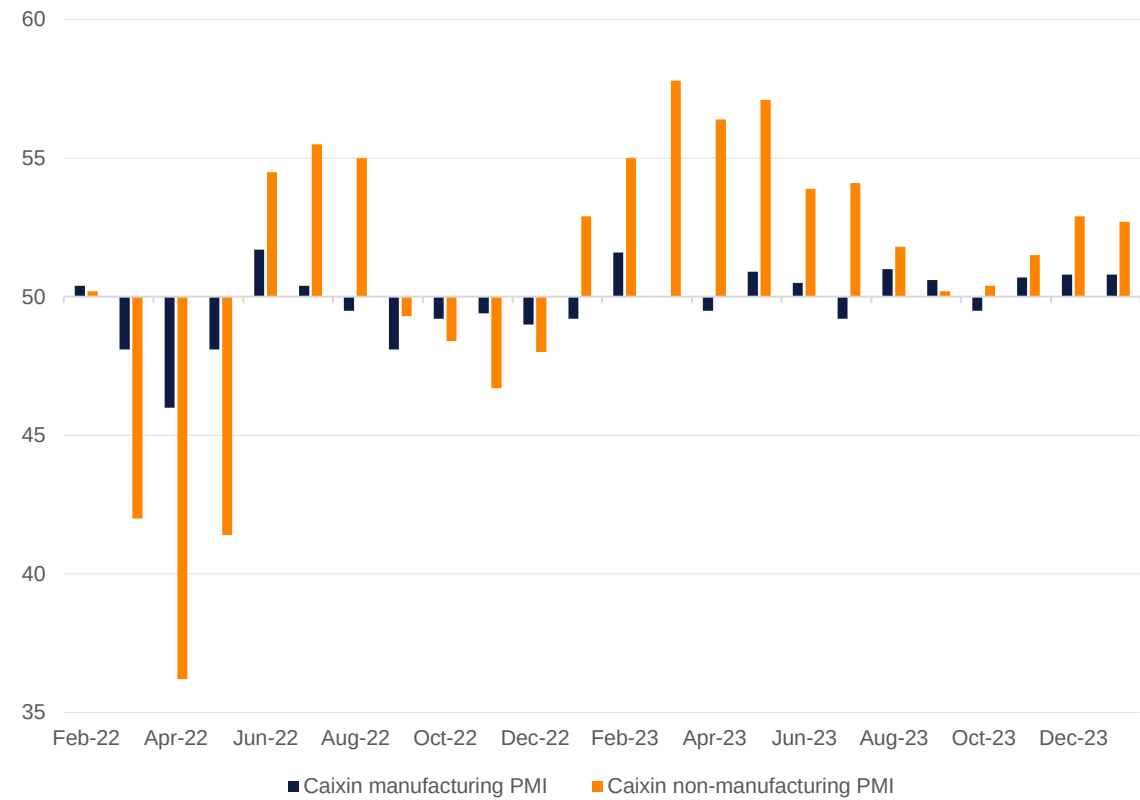
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Manufacturing tailing off

US economy powered by services



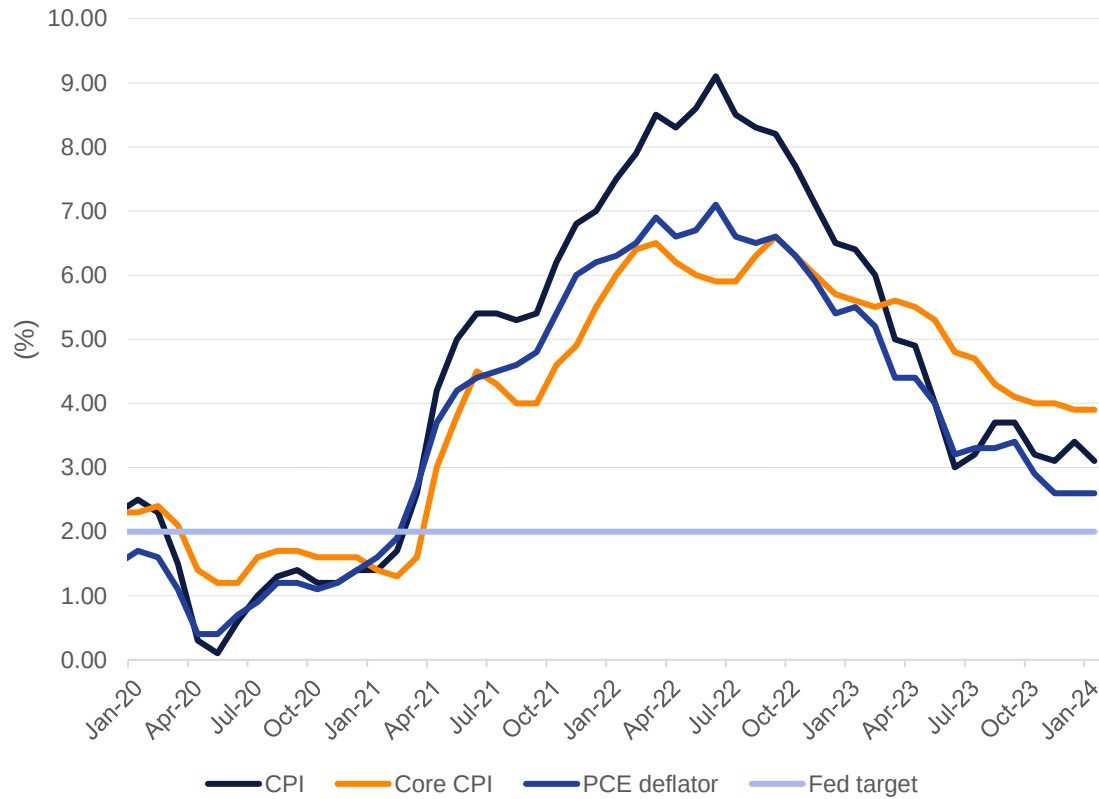
China didn't get the post-Covid bounce



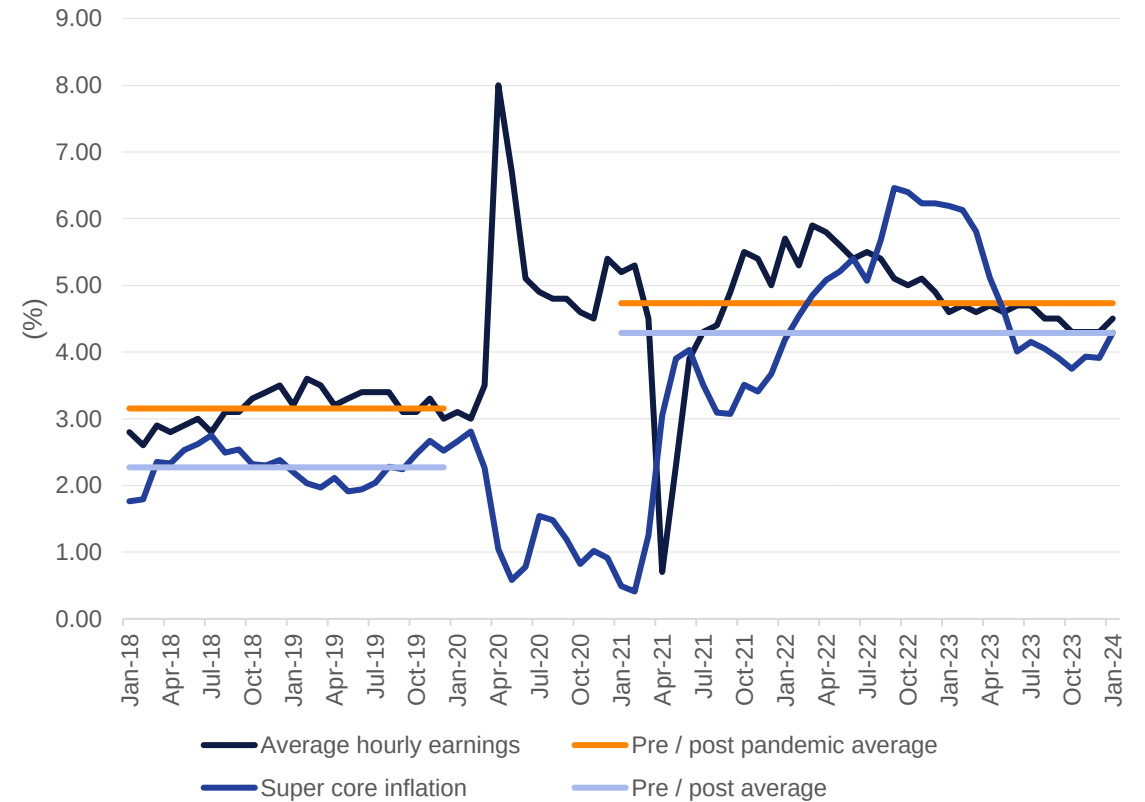
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Inflation – where to from here?

Headline inflation in the right direction

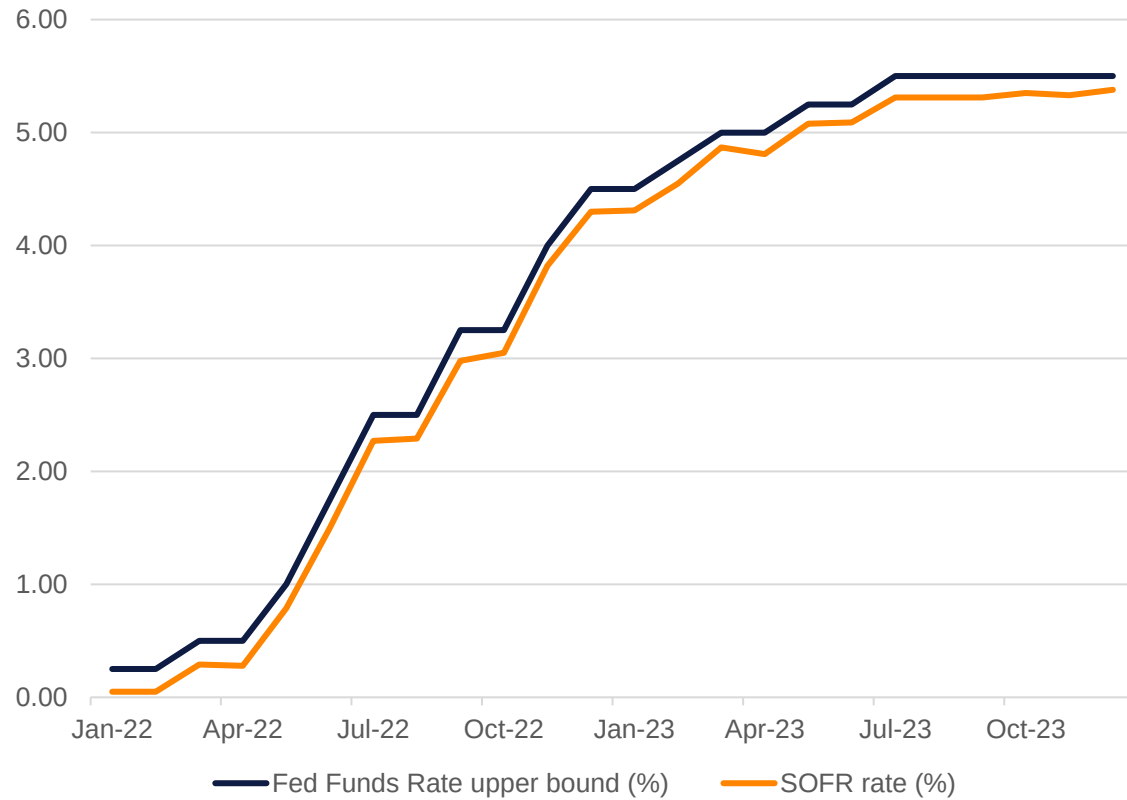


But toward a new inflation paradigm

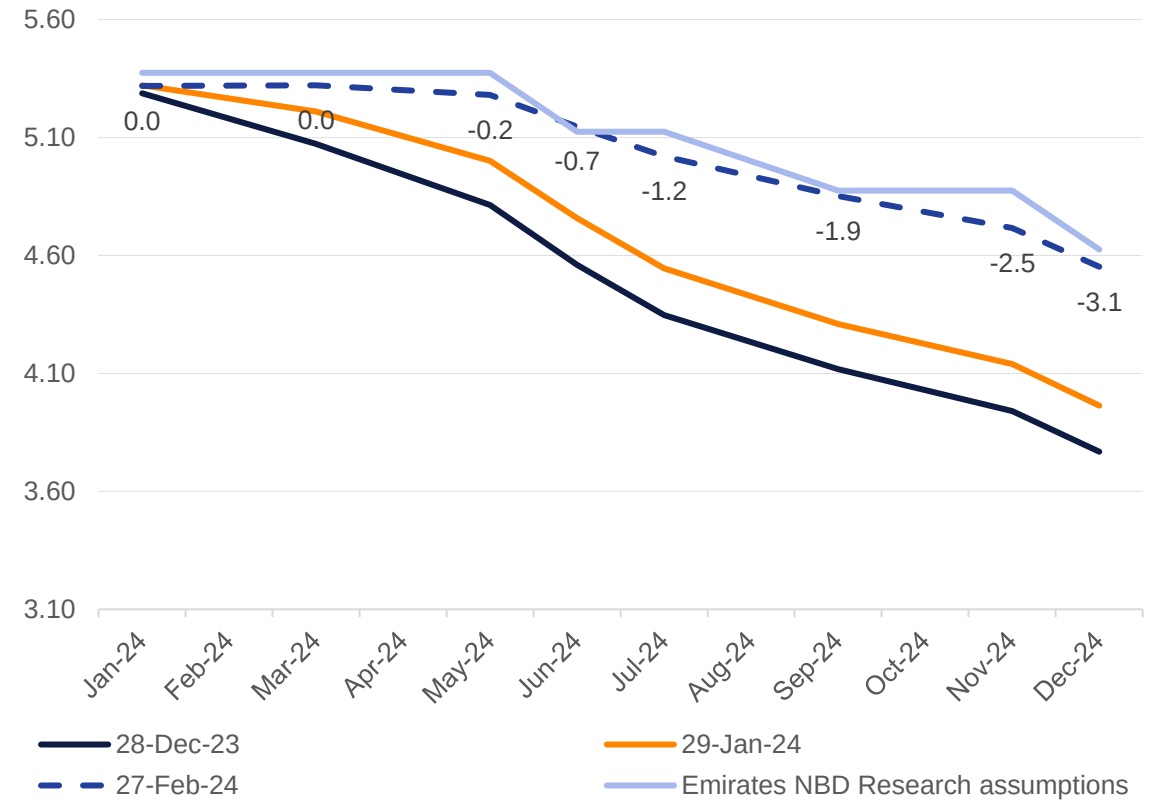


Pathway for central banks is lower

The Fed took the elevator up

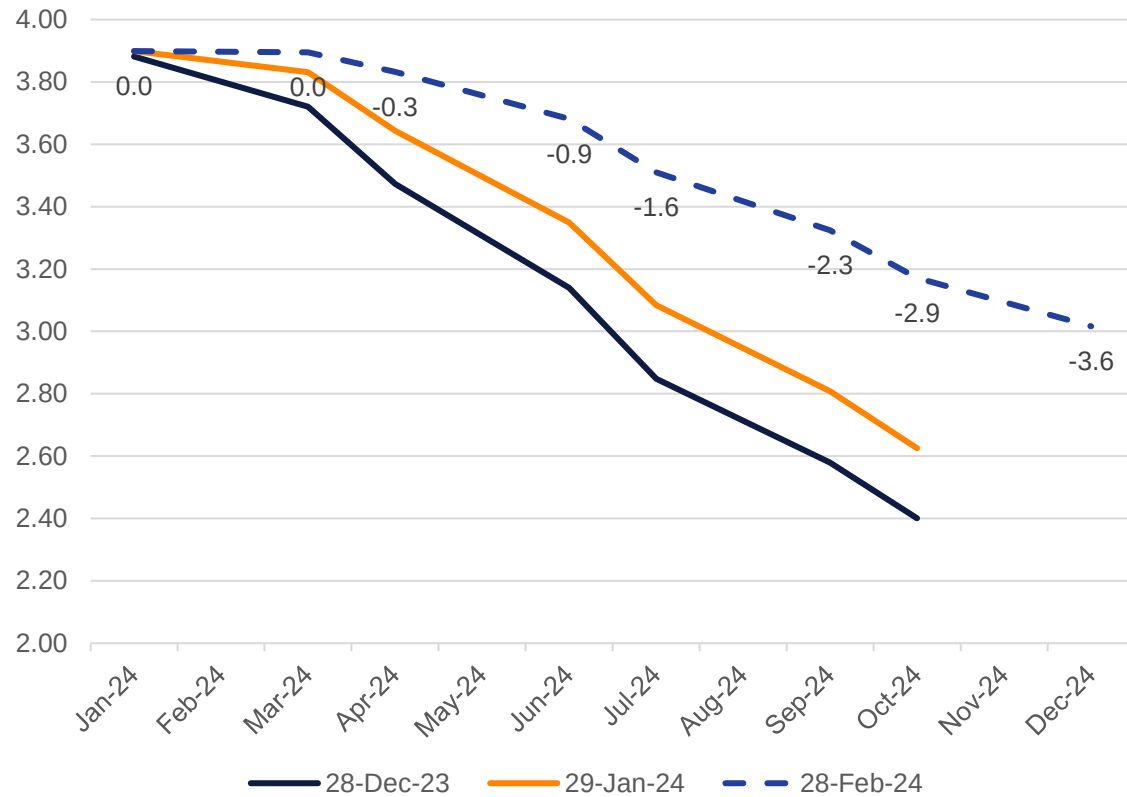


But we think it will take the stairs down

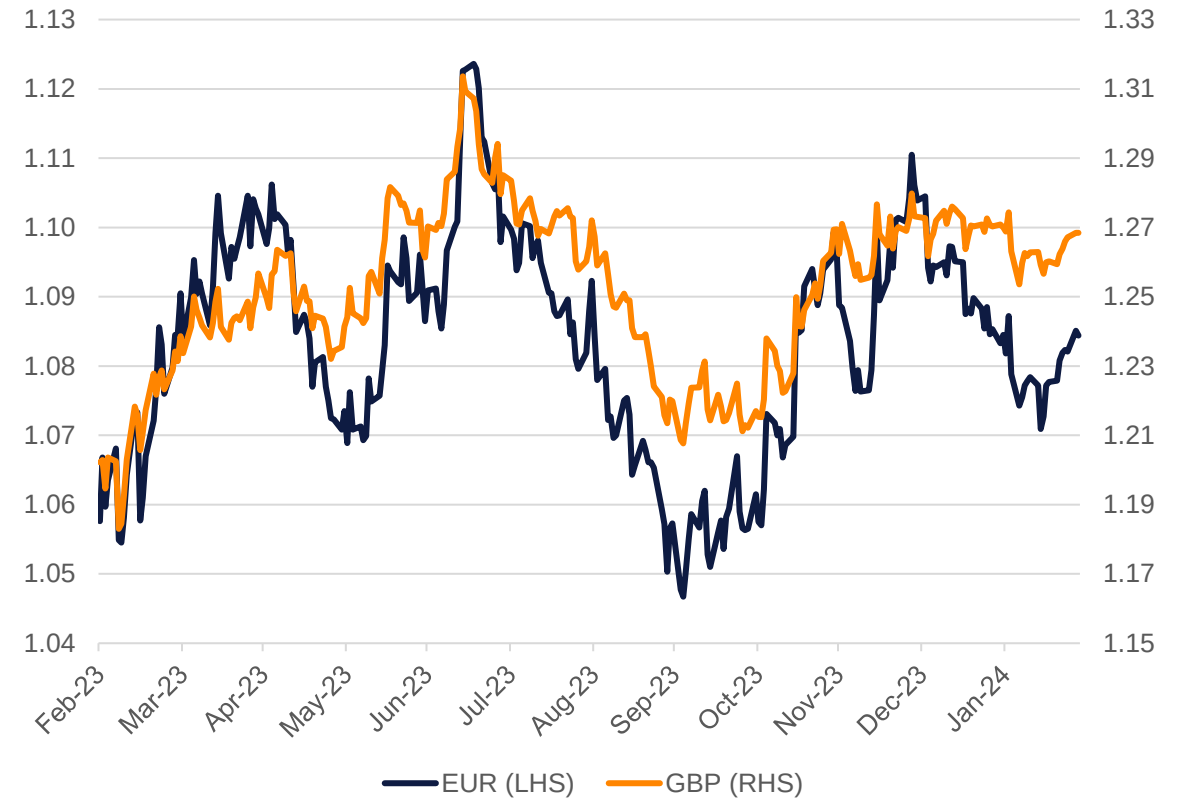


Timing of cuts will set the tone for currencies

ECB on a similar path

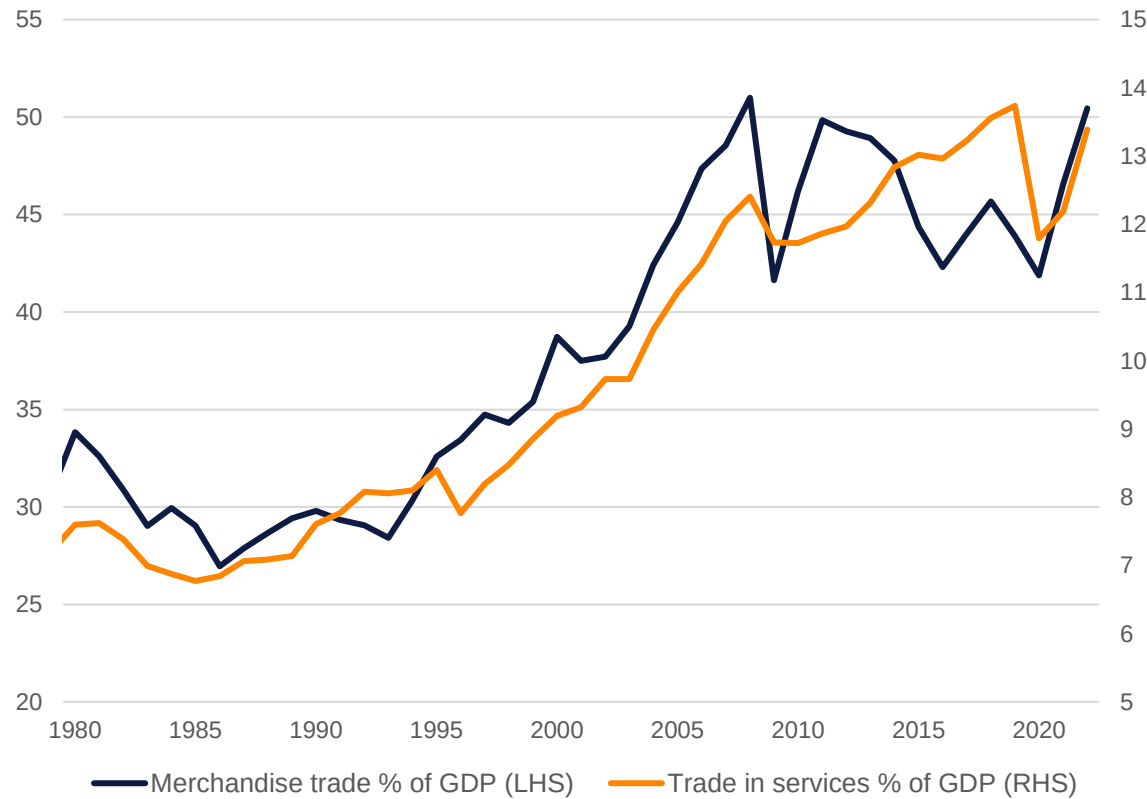


Dollar holding on to some residual strength

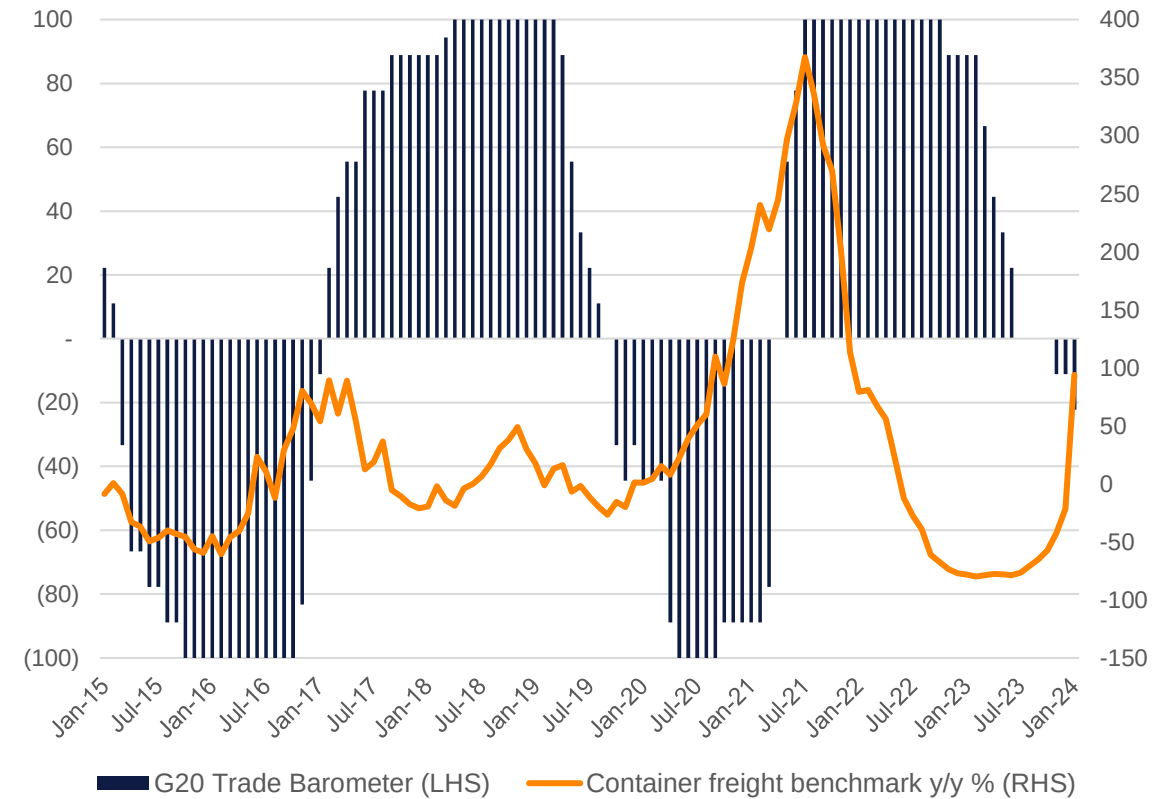


How does global trade fare in this environment

Trade as share of global GDP cooling

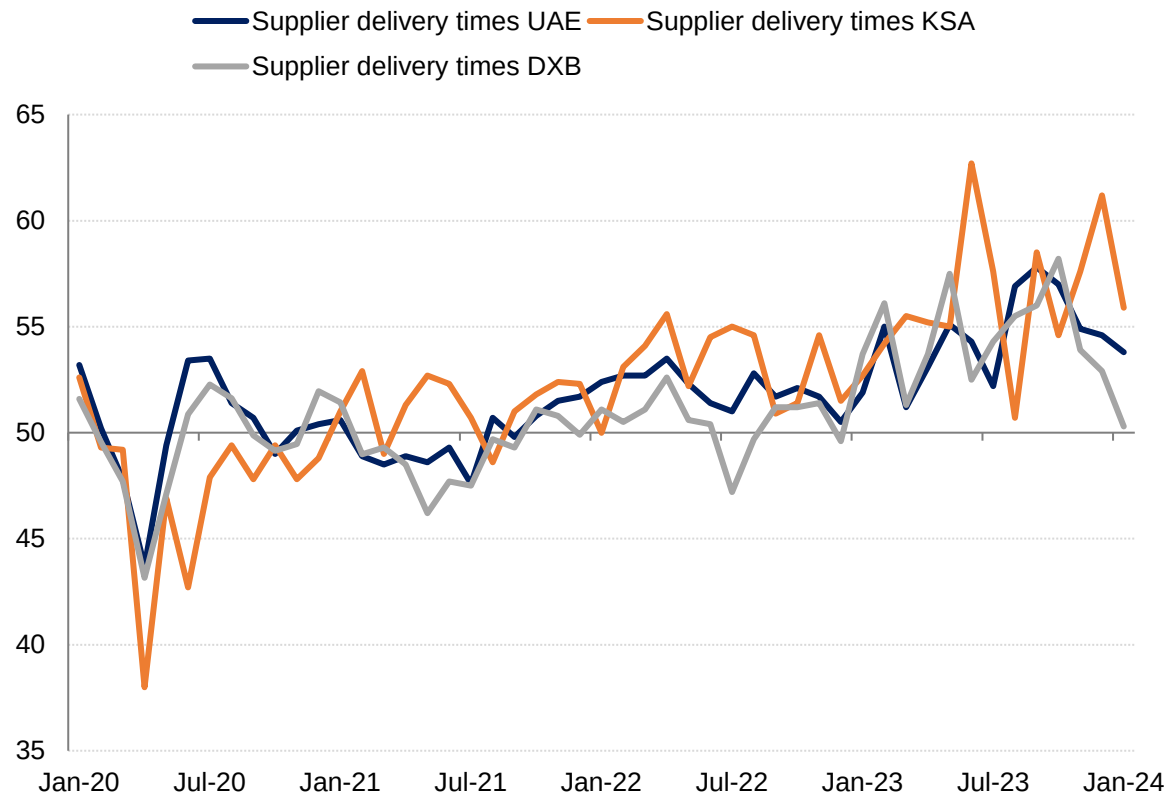


Major economies losing momentum

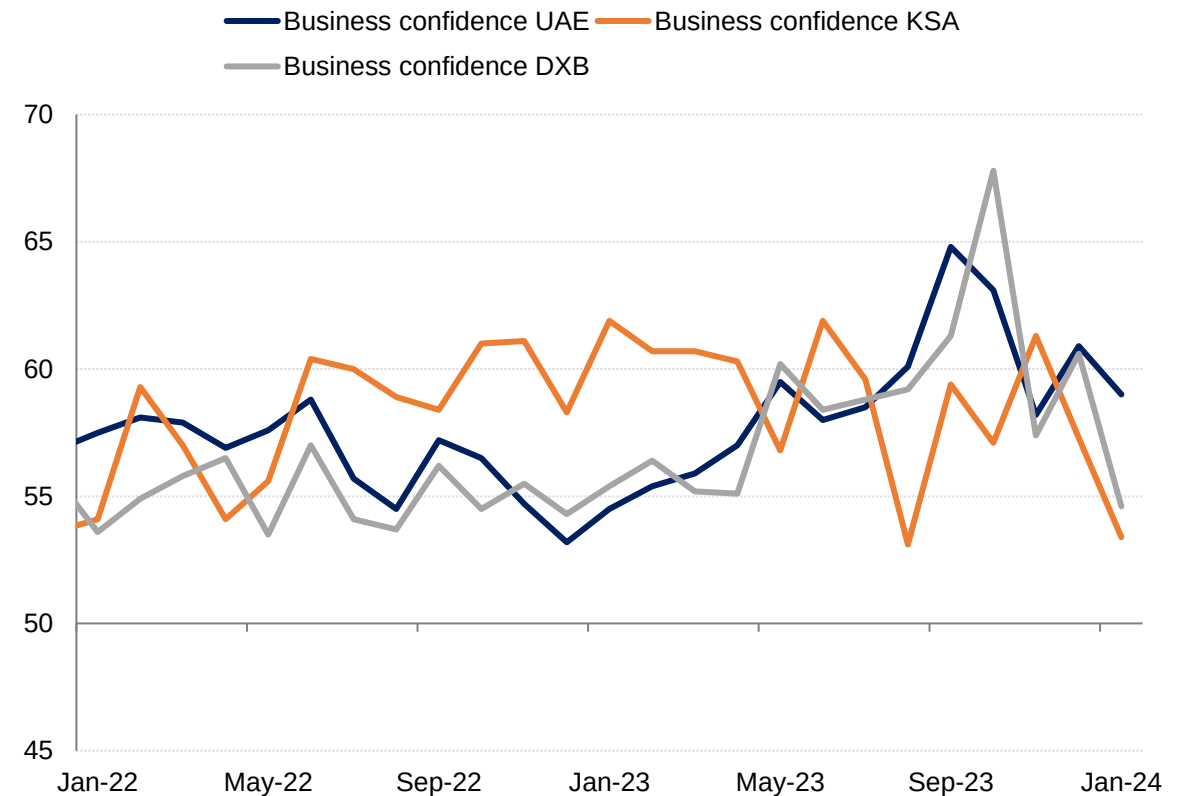


Red Sea disruptions starting to affect regional economies

Supplier delivery times lengthening for some firms

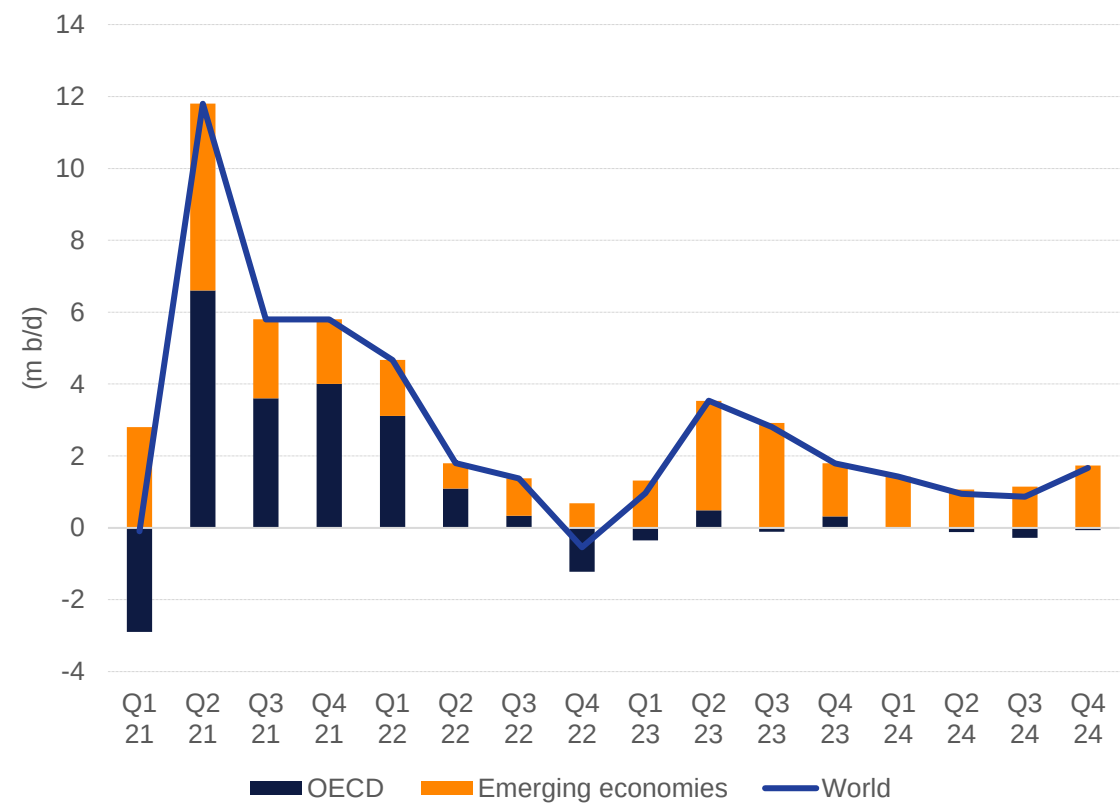


Business confidence dips

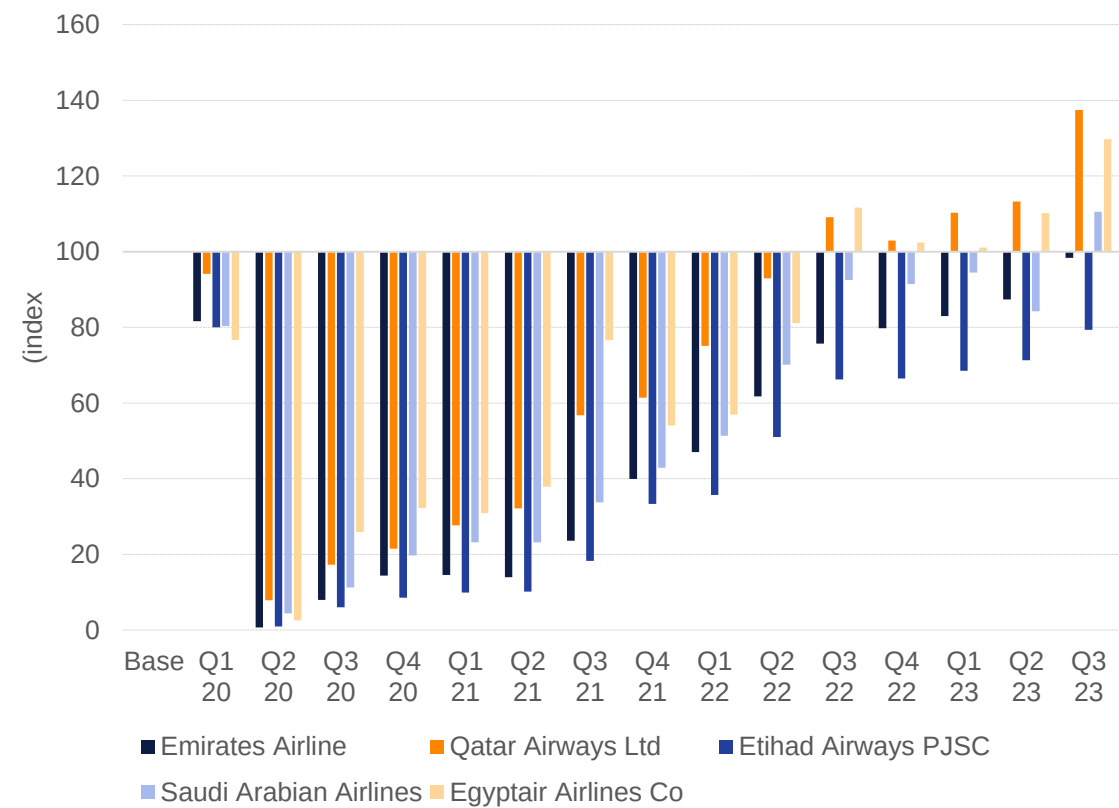


Oil to show a more balanced 2024

Consumption to slow but not collapse



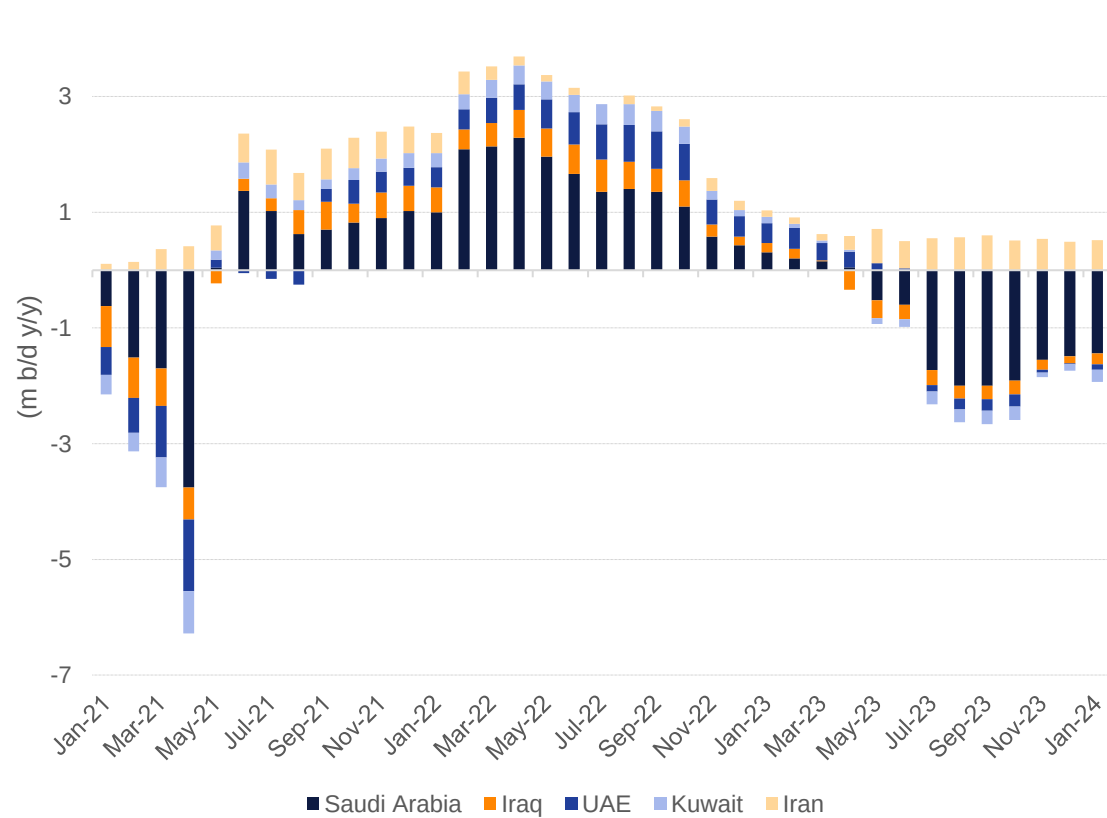
Incremental growth from jet demand now



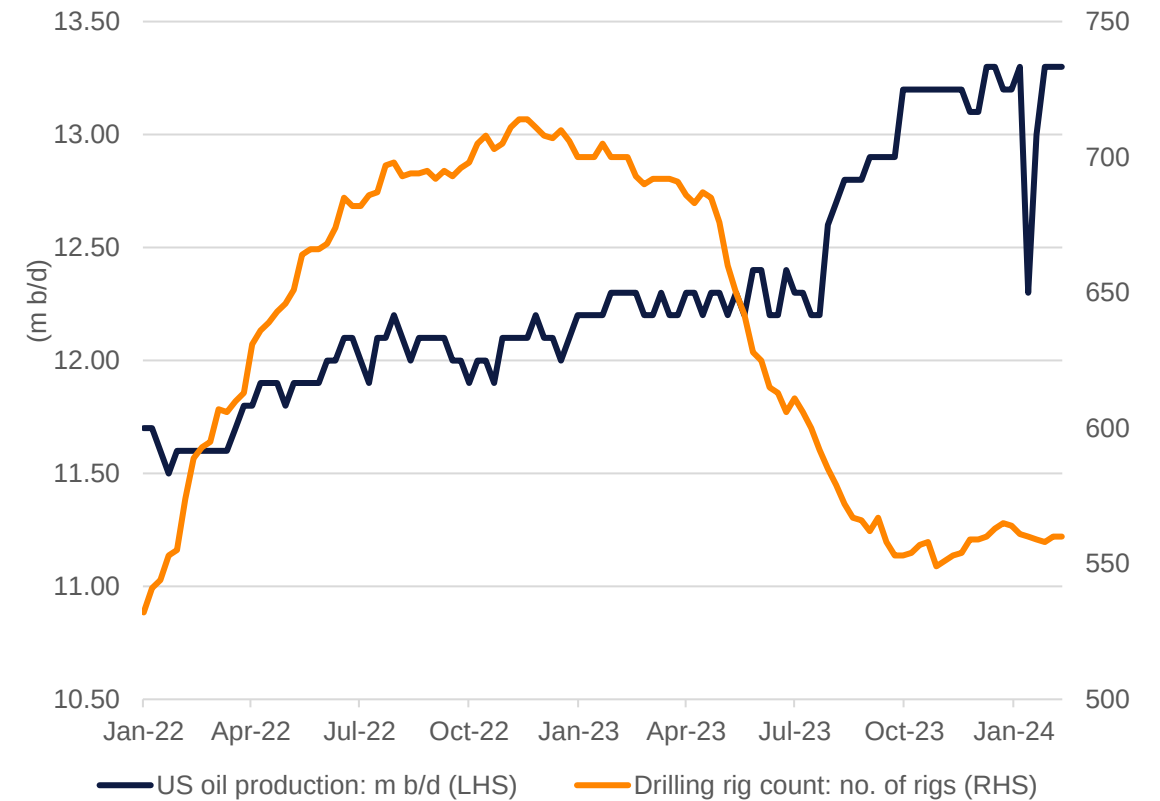
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OPEC+ keeps intervening in market

OPEC strategy is running out of road

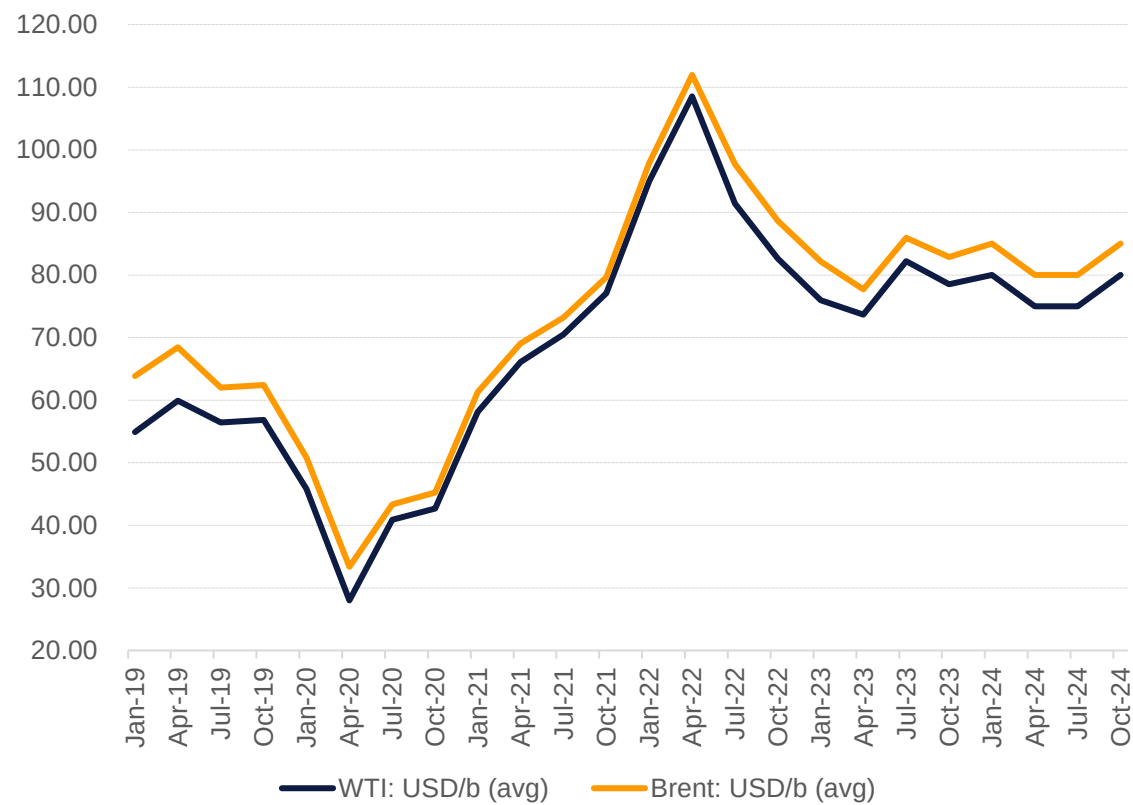


Surge in US production slowing down

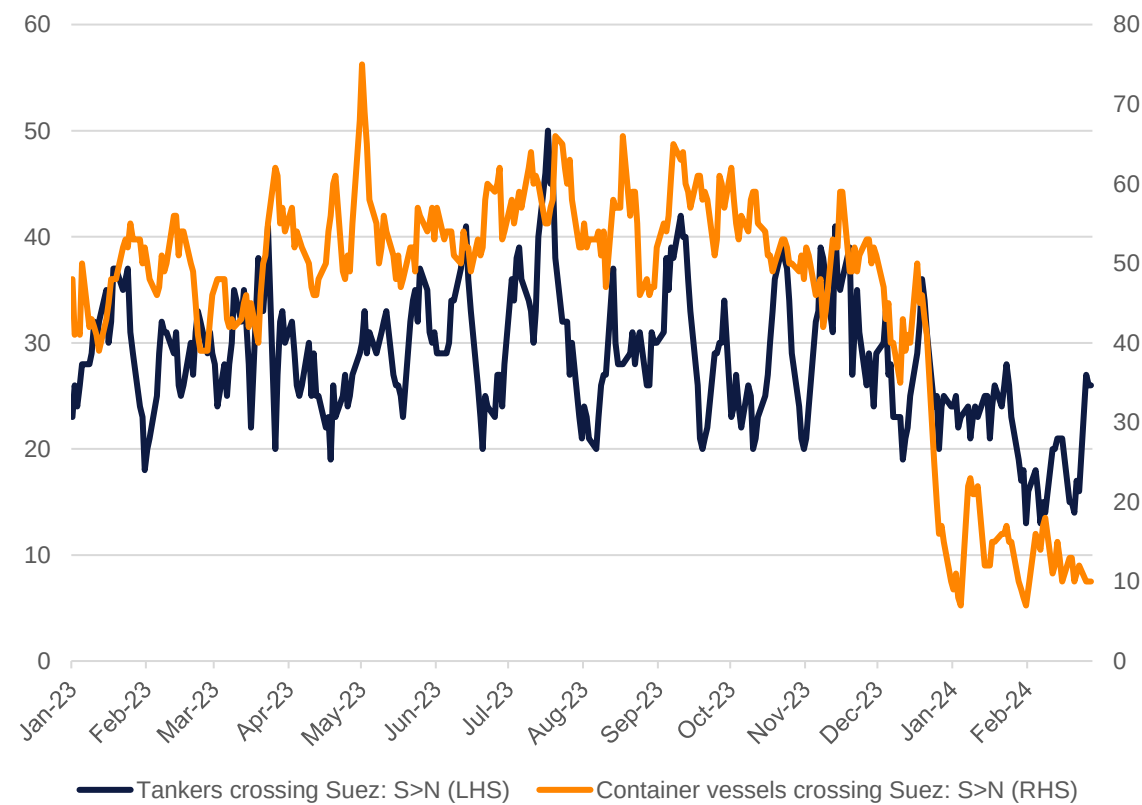


Oil markets search for direction amid risks

Flat trajectory for prices



Holding geopolitics at bay



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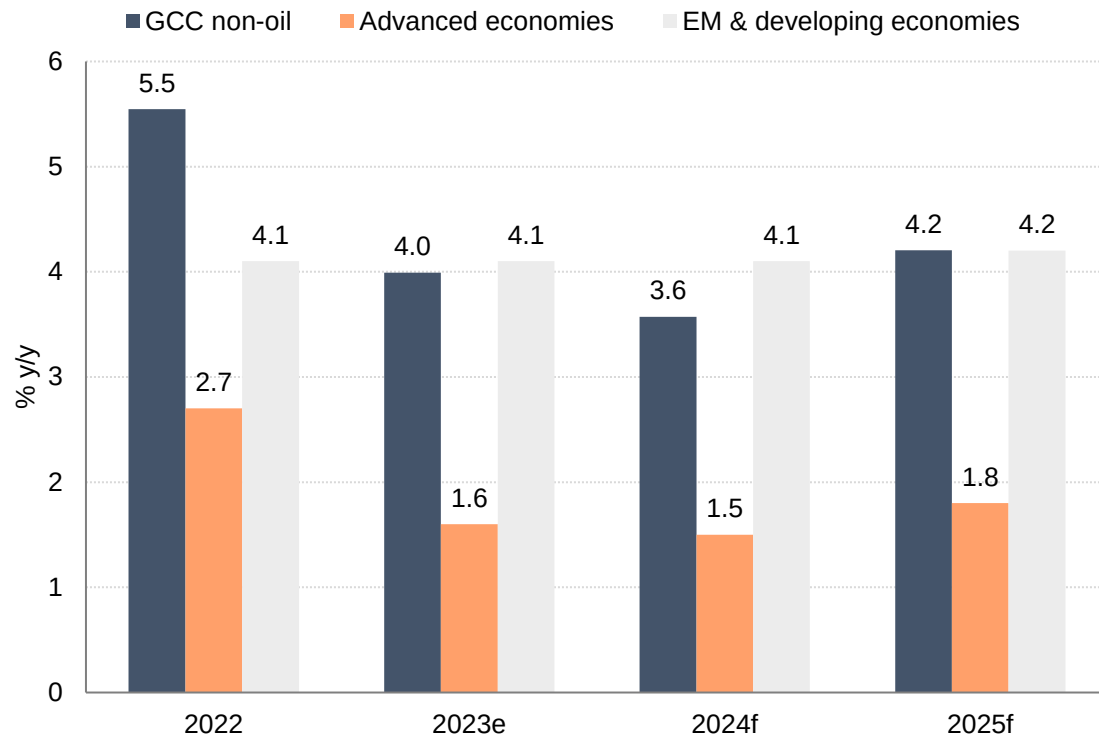


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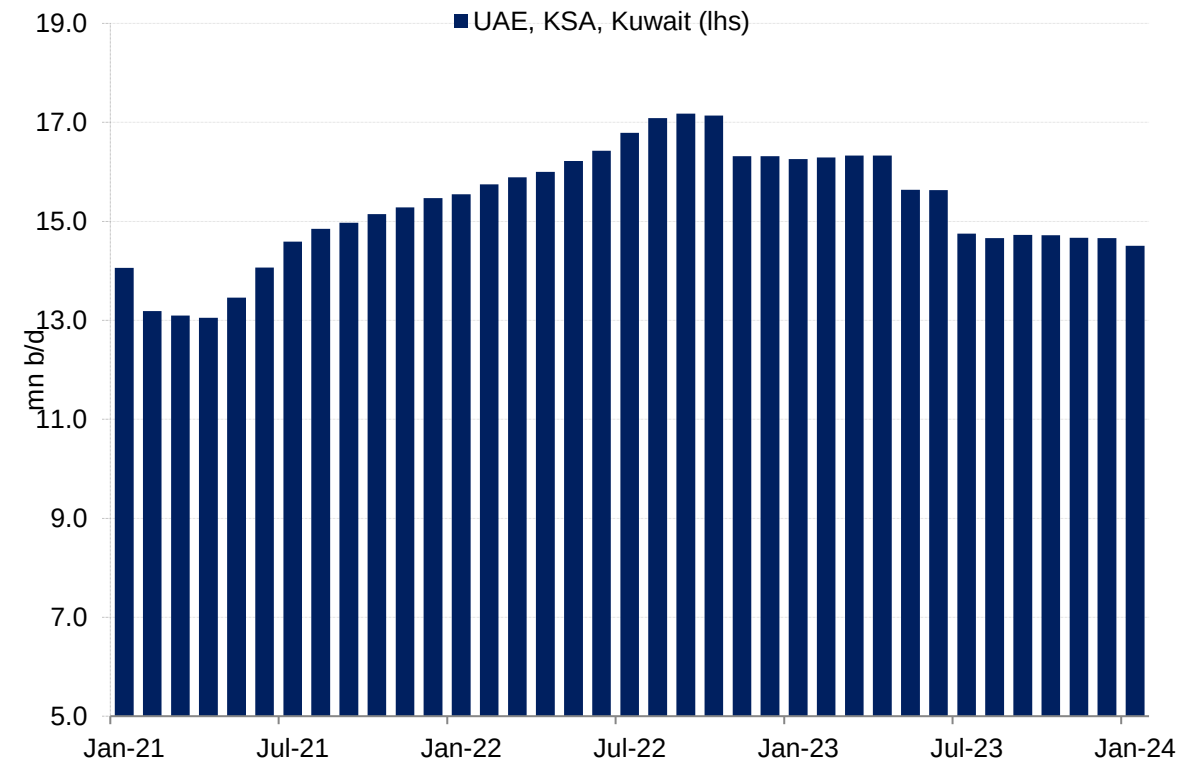
GCC Outlook

GCC: A relative outperformer

Non-oil sectors picking up the slack

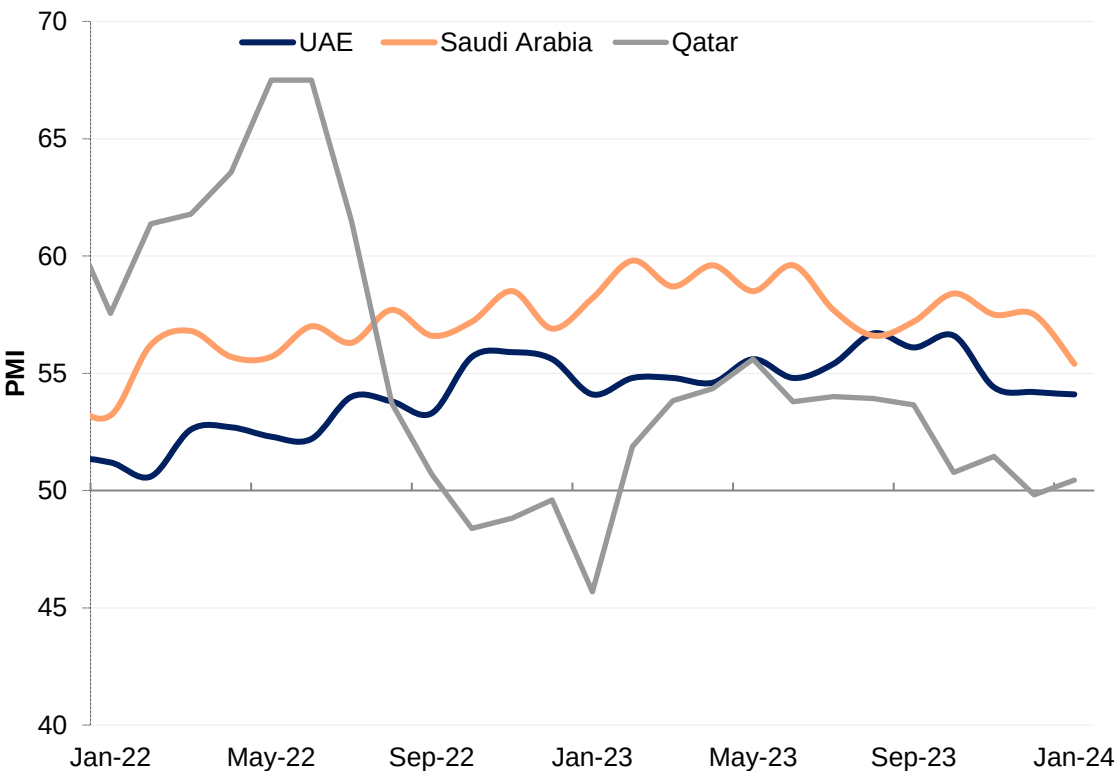


As oil and gas sector is a drag on growth

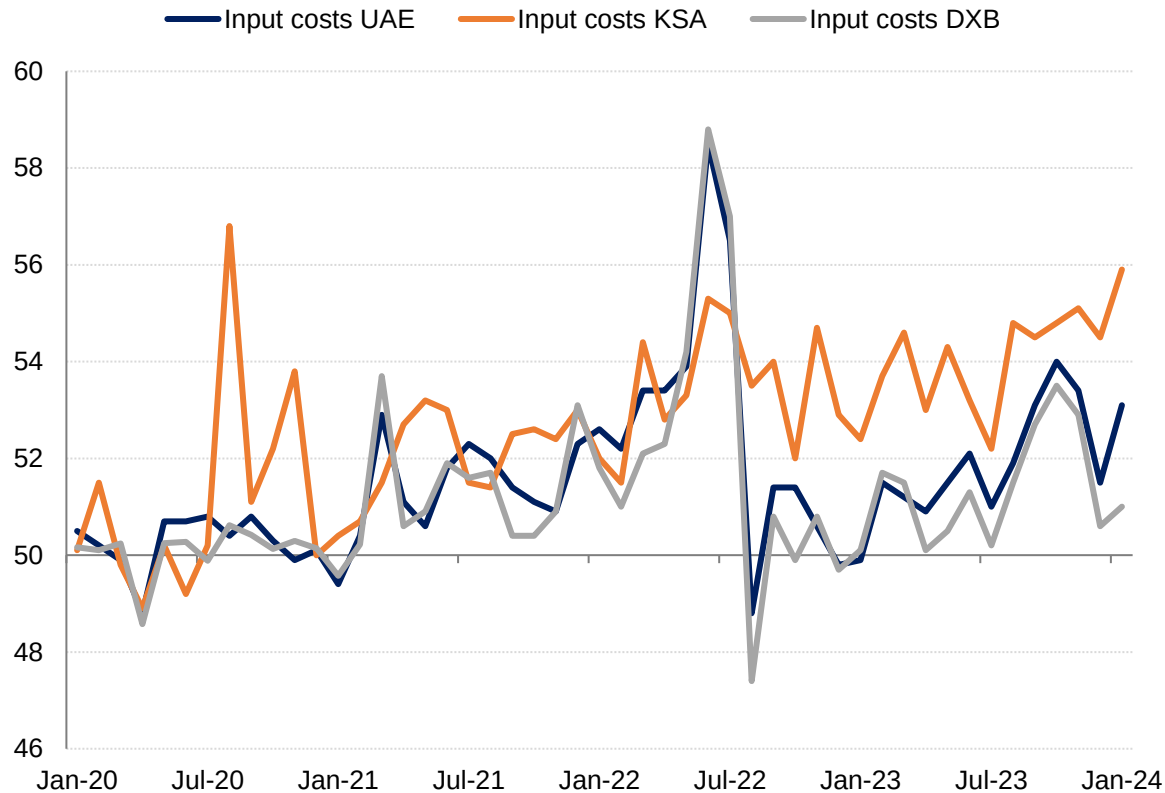


January PMI data shows softer activity growth

PMIs show improving business conditions



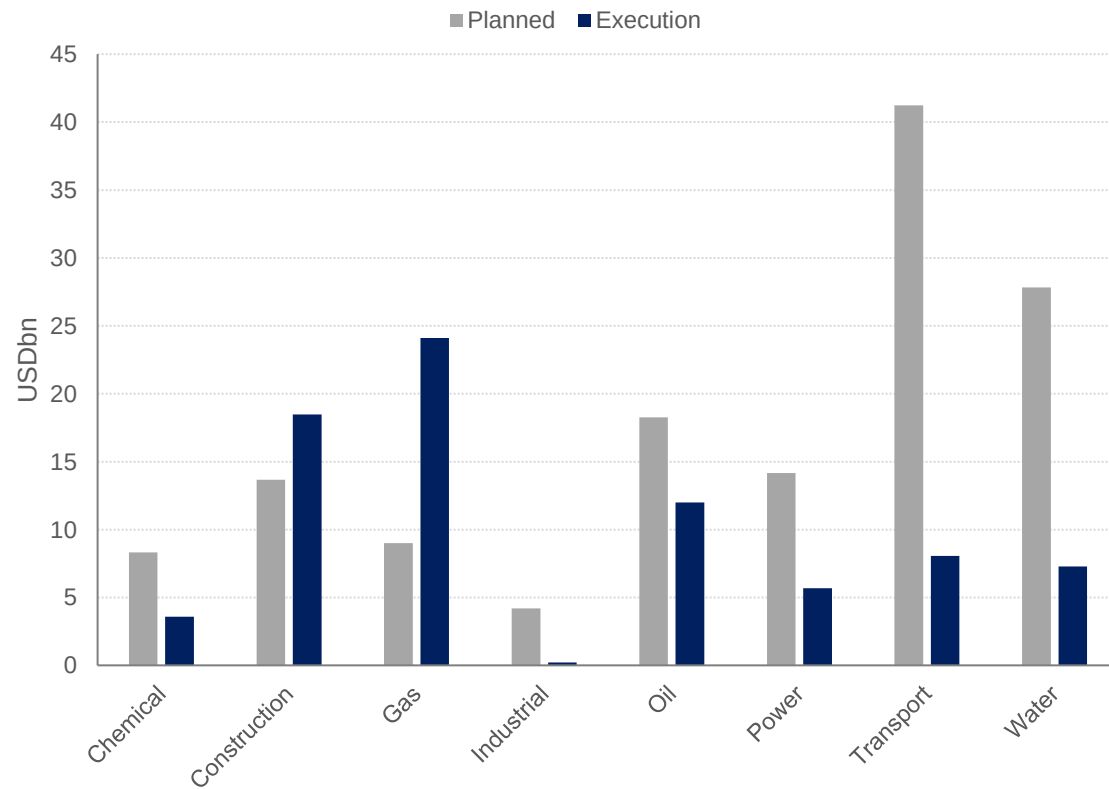
Input costs ticked up in January to varying degrees



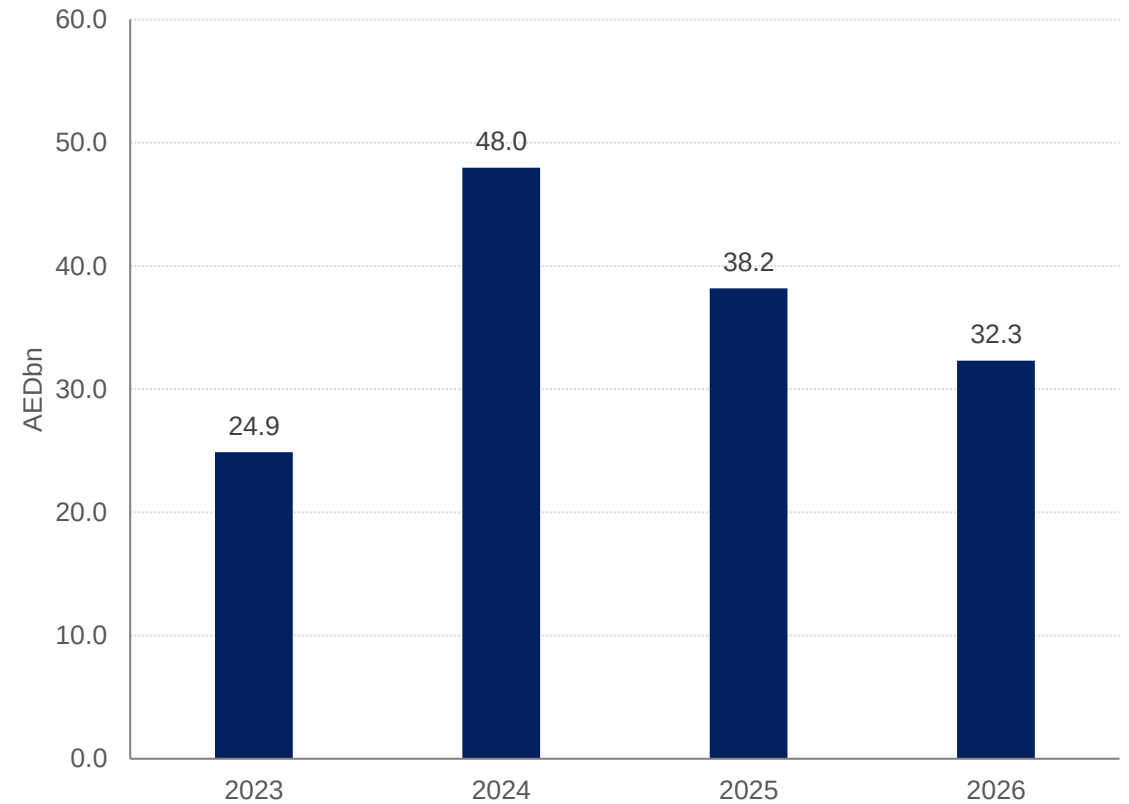
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UAE government spending a key growth driver

Public sector investment to exceed USD 200bn through 2030

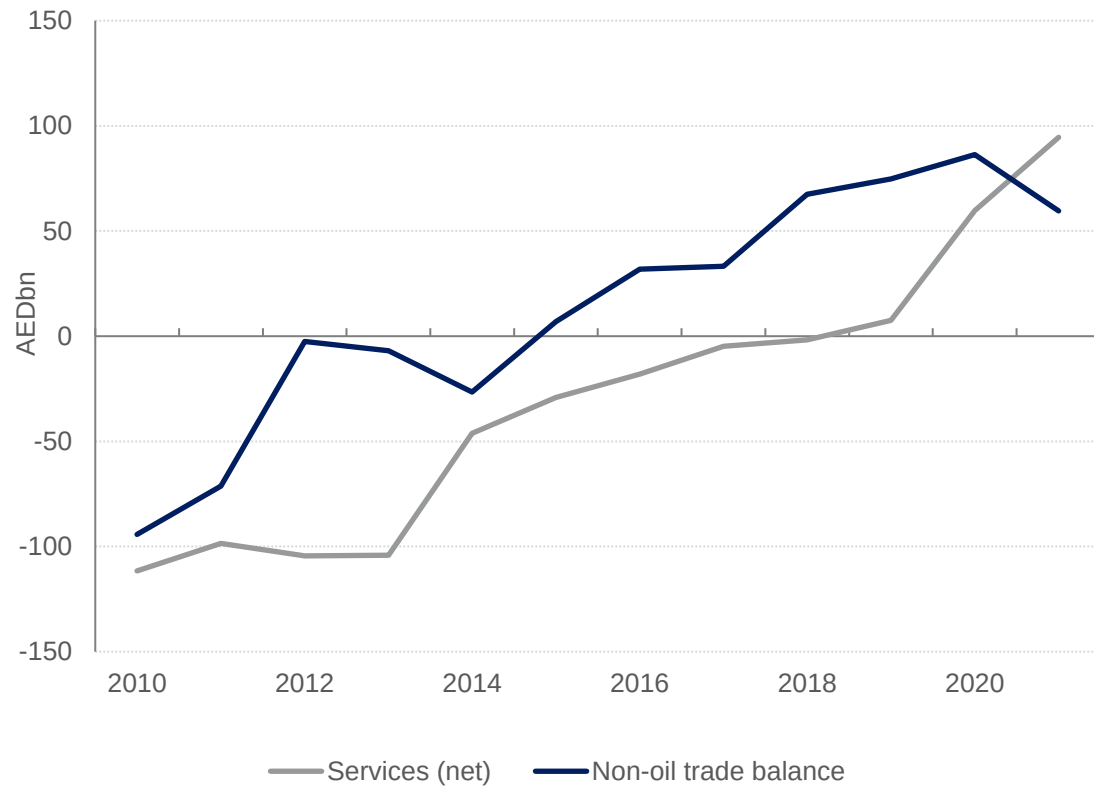


Estimated cash flow of government projects (at end 2023)



Shifting regional sands: UAE seeks to reposition itself as a global hub

Growth in services receipts reflects economic diversification

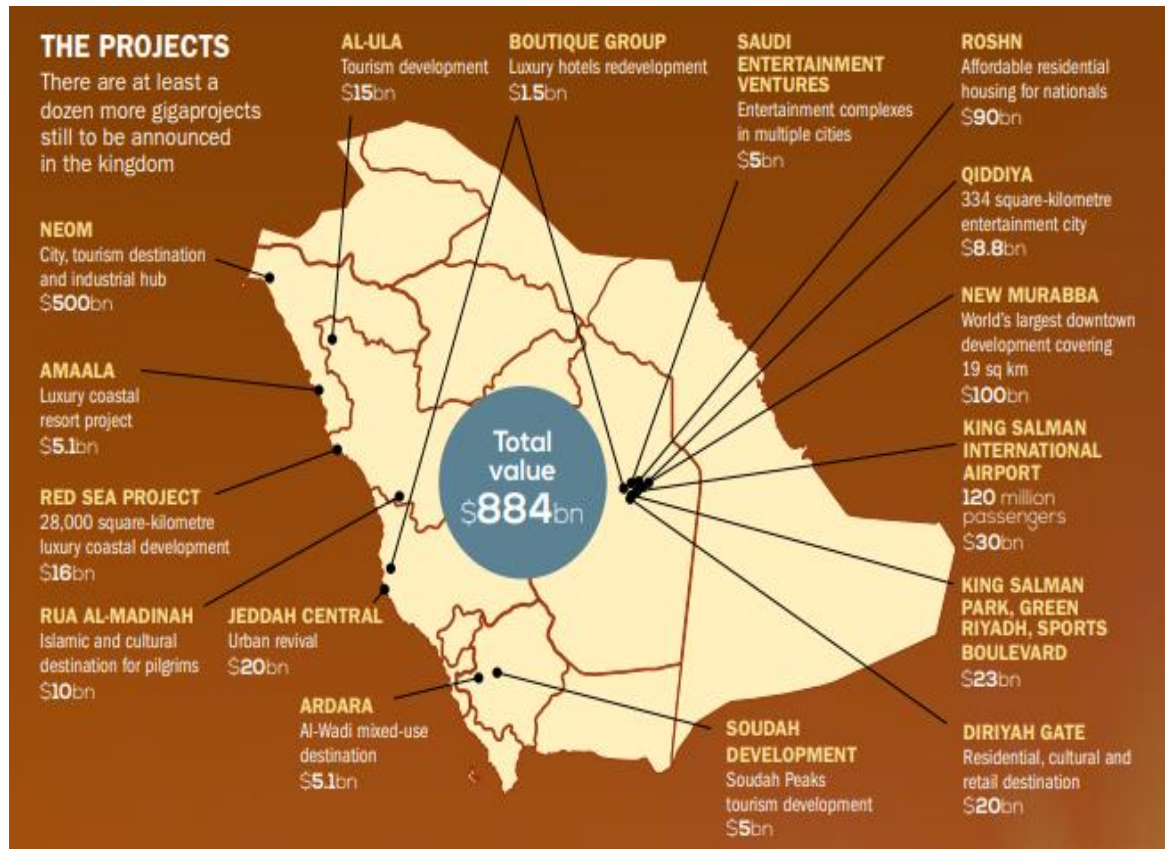


CEPAs build trade & market access outside GCC

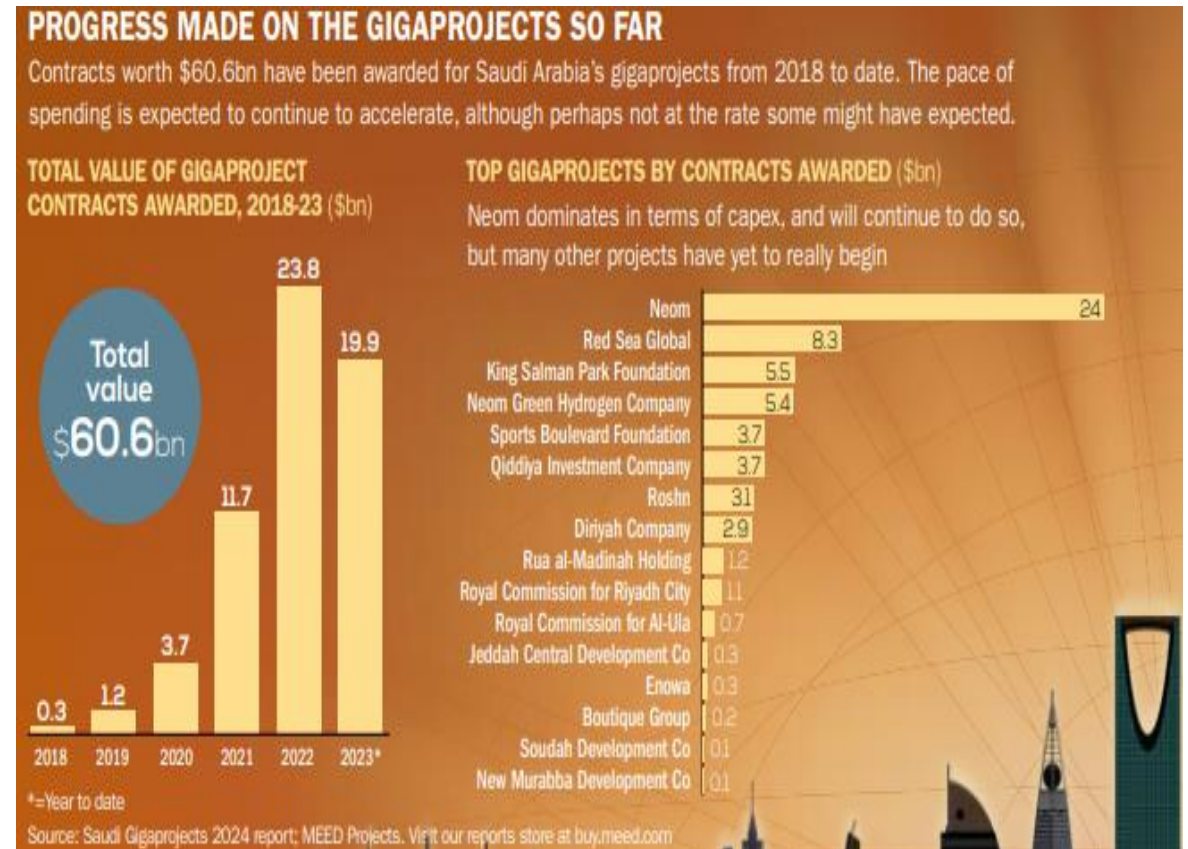
	CEPA in force	CEPA under negotiation or awaiting ratification	Share of UAE exports (2022)	Share of UAE imports (2022)
Australia		X	0.4%	0.8%
Cambodia		X	0.0%	0.1%
Chile		X	0.0%	0.1%
Colombia		X	0.0%	0.1%
Congo-Brazzaville		X	0.2%	0.6%
Costa Rica		X	0.0%	0.0%
Georgia		X	0.1%	0.0%
India	X		14.0%	8.7%
Indonesia	X		0.8%	0.8%
Israel	X		0.4%	0.2%
Kenya		X	0.5%	0.1%
South Korea		X	3.5%	1.3%
Malaysia		X	1.3%	1.1%
Pakistan		X	2.2%	0.5%
Philippines		X	0.4%	0.1%
Serbia		X	0.0%	0.0%
Thailand		X	3.9%	1.3%
Turkey	X		1.3%	2.8%
Ukraine		X	0.0%	0.2%
Uzbekistan		X	0.1%	0.0%
Vietnam		X	0.2%	2.3%
Total			29.5%	21.1%

Saudi Arabia: A long runway ahead

USD 884bn in planned spending



Only USD 61bn worth of contracts awarded



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