



# **GLOBAL MACRO**

ΗΠΑ: ΙΣΧΥΡΑ ΕΠΙΠΕΔΑ ΑΝΤΙΣΤΑΣΗΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΕΠΙΒΡΑΔΥΝΣΗ

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#### ΔΙΕΘΝΕΙΣ ΜΑΚΡΟ-ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΕΣ ΤΑΣΕΙΣ

- Ο ρυθμός ανάπτυξης παγκοσμίως το δ΄ τρίμηνο ήταν ισχυρότερος από ό,τι αρχικά προβλεπόταν, καθώς στις ΗΠΑ και την ΕΖ η εξέλιξη της οικονομικής δραστηριότητας αποδείχθηκε καλύτερη από ό,τι αναμενόταν, ενώ και στην Κίνα κινήθηκε περίπου σύμφωνα με τις προβλέψεις. Παράλληλα, η αποκλιμάκωση του πληθωρισμού γενικά συνεχίζεται. Ωστόσο, ενδεχόμενη ανακοπή της, έστω και πρόσκαιρα, θα αυξήσει την πίεση στις κεντρικές τράπεζες να διατηρήσουν τα βασικά επιτόκιά τους υψηλά για μεγαλύτερο χρονικό διάστημα. Οι γεωπολιτικοί κίνδυνοι και τα «αποτελέσματα βάσης» είναι πιθανό να δυσχεράνουν περαιτέρω τη μείωση των επιτοκίων. Παρόλο που στις τελευταίες συνεδριάσεις τους η Fed και η ΕΚΤ φάνηκαν να θεωρούν πρόωρη ακόμη τη συζήτηση για τη μείωση των παρεμβατικών επιτοκίων, οι αγορές προεξοφλούν ότι αυτή η στιγμή δεν θα αργήσει πολύ.
- Στις ΗΠΑ, ο ρυθμός ανάπτυξης κατά το δ΄ τρίμηνο διαμορφώθηκε στο 3,3% (σε τριμηνιαία-ετησιοποιημένη βάση, πρώτη μέτρηση). Η ιδιωτική κατανάλωση (+2,8%) αποτέλεσε τον σημαντικότερο παράγοντα της ανόδου. Κατά τα επόμενα δύο τρίμηνα, ο ρυθμός ανάπτυξης αναμένεται να επιβραδυνθεί (λόγω της χρονικής υστέρησης με την οποία επιδρούν τα υψηλά επιτόκια, της μείωσης/εξάντλησης των αποταμιεύσεων, της περιορισμένης εξωτερικής ζήτησης και της αύξησης των καθυστερήσεων). Παρά την ανθεκτικότητα που έχει επιδείξει η αγορά εργασίας παραμένοντας σε ιδιαίτερα καλή κατάσταση, τα πιο πρόσφατα οικονομικά στοιχεία και πρόδρομοι δείκτες ενισχύουν αυτήν την εκτίμηση. Τέλος, τα στοιχεία στην αγορά κατοικίας παραμένουν ικανοποιητικά καθώς η μείωση των επιτοκίων των στεγαστικών δανείων και η πτωτική πορεία του πληθωρισμού επιδρούν θετικά στις δυνατότητες και τις προσδοκίες τόσο των αγοραστών, όσο και των κατασκευαστών.
- ► Πέραν των πιέσεων που δέχεται αρκετούς μήνες τώρα ο τομέας της μεταποίησης, η ΕΖ έχει να αντιμετωπίσει και την αδύναμη καταναλωτική ζήτηση όπως απεικονίζεται στα πρόσφατα στοιχεία των λιανικών πωλήσεων. Η εικόνα αυτή δεν αναμένεται να βελτιωθεί σημαντικά το επόμενο διάστημα καθώς η εξέλιξη των πρόδρομων επιχειρηματικών δεικτών PMI τον Ιανουάριο, παρά την αξιοσημείωτη βελτίωση στη μεταποίηση, συνεχίζει να καταδεικνύει ήπια επιχειρηματική δραστηριότητα. Εν τω μεταξύ, η μελέτη τραπεζικών πιστώσεων της ΕΚΤ συνολικά για την ΕΖ έδειξε ότι κατά το δ΄ τρίμηνο οι τράπεζες συνέχισαν, αν και σε μικρότερη έκταση, να υιοθετούν πιο αυστηρά κριτήρια έγκρισης (credit standards) για τις χρηματοδοτήσεις προς τις επιχειρήσεις ενώ, ταυτόχρονα, ιδιαίτερα συγκρατημένη ήταν και η σχετική ζήτηση. Τέλος, ο πληθωρισμός διαμορφώθηκε τον Δεκέμβριο στο 2,9% (από 2,4% τον Νοέμβριο) και ο δομικός μειώθηκε στο 3,4% από 3,6% προηγουμένως.
- **Στην Κίνα**, τα οικονομικά στοιχεία τον Δεκέμβριο ήταν μεικτά. Βελτιώθηκαν οι πρόδρομοι δείκτες PMI και η βιομηχανική παραγωγή, αλλά οι λιανικές πωλήσεις εξέπληξαν αρνητικά εγείροντας αμφιβολία για τη δυνατότητα διατήρησης ενός υψηλού ρυθμού ανάπτυξης δεδομένων των προβλημάτων στον τομέα των ακινήτων.



#### **GLOBAL MACRO TRENDS**

- ▶ Q4 2023 global growth was higher than originally anticipated as in the US and the EA economic activity turned out to be better than expected, while in China it also grew roughly in line with forecasts. At the same time, global inflation has been trending down. However, potential stickiness, even temporary, will increase the pressure on central banks to keep their key interest rates "higher for a longer". Geopolitical risks and "base effects" are likely to further complicate interest rate cuts. Although the Fed and the ECB appeared in their last meetings to consider premature the talk of imminent cuts, markets are questioning the "higher for longer" paradigm.
- US real GDP grew 3.3% (SAAR, QoQ%) in Q4, with consumer spending growing 2.8% on an annualized basis (according to the advance estimate). The US consumer is still the main "growth driver", but growth is expected to decelerate in Q1 and in Q2 2024 (due to lagged effects of higher rates, depletion of excess savings & rise in delinquencies). Despite the resilience of the labor market, the latest economic data and various leading indicators reinforce the assessment for more subdued growth ahead. Finally, the data from the housing market remains satisfactory as the reduction in mortgage interest rates and the downward trend of inflation are having a positive effect on the expectations of both home buyers and home builders.
- In addition to the pressures that the manufacturing sector has been under for several months now, the Euro Area also has to deal with weak consumer demand as reflected in recent retail sales data. This picture is not expected to improve significantly in the coming period as the development of PMI business indicators in January, despite the marked improvement in manufacturing, continues to show soft business activity ahead. Meanwhile, the euro-area bank lending survey indicated that euro area banks credit standards for loans or credit lines to enterprises continued to tighten and firms' net demand for loans was particularly restrained. Finally, inflation, rose to 2.9% in December (from 2.4% in the previous month) and core inflation fell to 3.4% in December from 3.6% previously.
- In China, economic data in December was mixed. Leading PMI indicators and industrial production improved, but retail sales surprised negatively, raising doubts about the ability to sustain a high growth rate given the problems faced by the property market.



# MAIN MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS – MARKET CONSENSUS

US													
		Actual					Estimates				% Y/Y avg		
		2023	Q1 2023	Q2 2023 Q	3 2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2022	2023	2024	
Real GD Q/Q % SAA		2,2	2,1	4,9	3,3	1	0,5	1,0	1,5	1,9	2,5	1,5	
Headline PC % Y/Y	CE PI	5,0	3,9	3,3	2,7	2,3	2,2	2,1	2,1	6,5	3,8	2,2	
Core PCE % Y/Y		4,8	4,6	3,8	3,2	2,6	2,3	2,3	2,3	5,2	4,1	2,4	
Unemployment Rate		3,5	3,6	3,7	3,7	3,9	4,1	4,2	4,2	3,6	3,6	4,1	
Fed Policy Rate (Upper Bound)		5,00	) 5,2	5 5,50	5,50	5,45	5,15	4,75	4,35	4,50	5,50	4,35	
EA													
		Actual				Estimates				% Y/Y avg			
		2023 (	Q1 2023 (	Q2 2023 Q3	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4	2022	2023	2024	
Real GDP Q/Q % CPI		0,1	0,1	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,4	3,4	0,5	0,5	
% Y/Y		8,0	6,2	4,9	2,7	2,5	2,4	2,0	2,2	8,4	5,5	2,3	
Unemployment Rate ECB Policy Rate		6,6	6,5	6,5	6,5	6,7	6,7	6,8	6,8	6,7	6,5	6,8	
(Main Refin I		3,50	4,00	4,50	4,50	4,50	4,25	4,00	3,50	2,50	4,50	3,50	
	Emer		Markets	Brazil			China		India				
	Real C	GDP	Inflation	Real GDP	Inflation	Key Rate	Real GDF	Inflatio	on Real	GDP	Inflation	Key Rate	
2020	-0.	1	3.6	-3.3	3.2	2.0	2.2	2.5	-5	.8	5.1	4.0	
2021	6.0	)	3.6	5.2	8.3	9.25	8.4	0.9	9	.1	6.7	6.25	
2022	3.8	3	6.4	2.9	9.3	13.75	3.0	2.0	7	.2	6.6	6.50	

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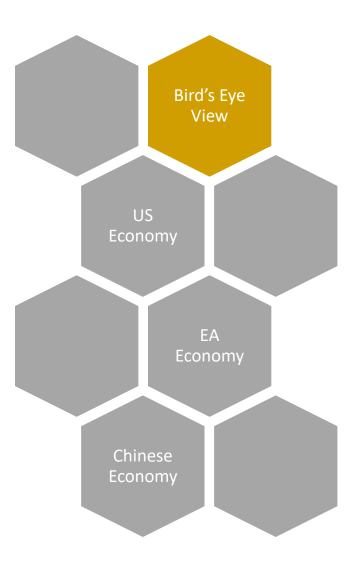
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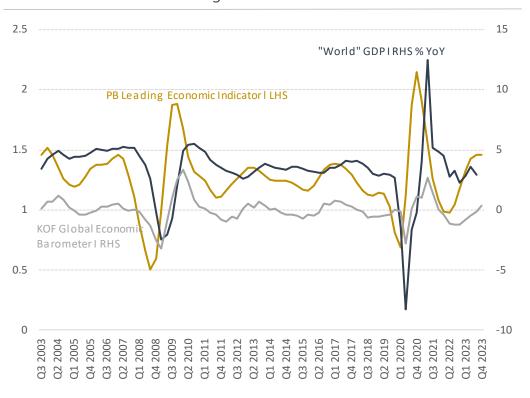




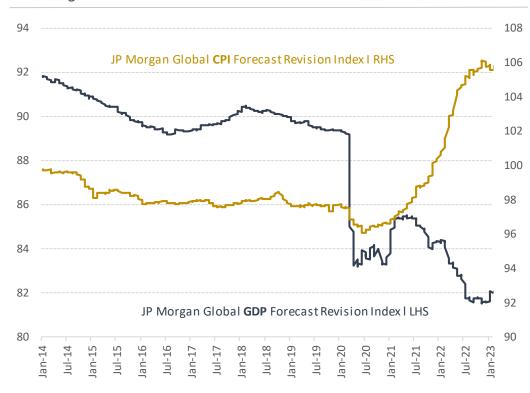


# THE GLOBAL BIRD'S-EYE VIEW I The global economy seems "trapped" in a "subpar growth and sticky inflation" regime

#### Piraeus Bank "World" Leading Economic Indicator & Economic Growth

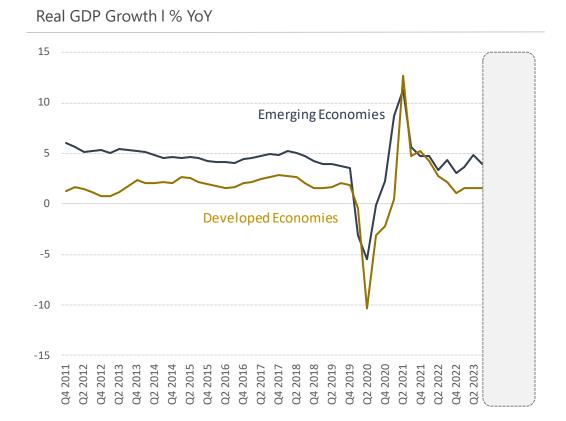


### JP Morgan Global Forecast Revision Index

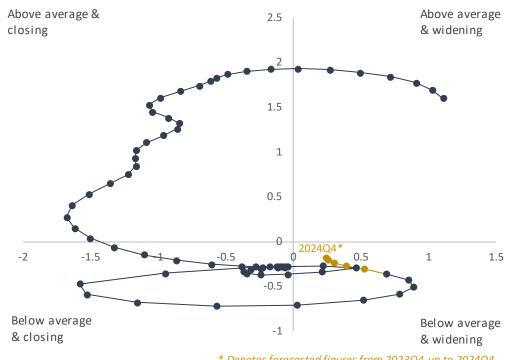




# Emerging markets' growth differential significantly picked up, trending towards expansion in 2024



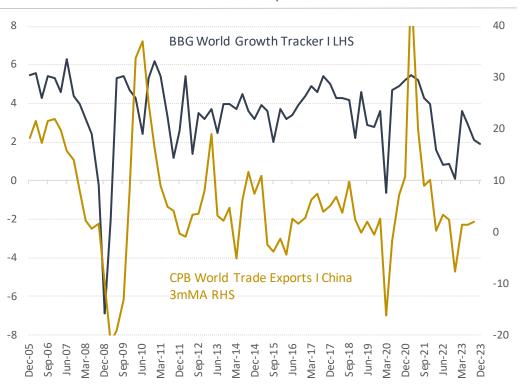
#### EM – DM Growth Differential



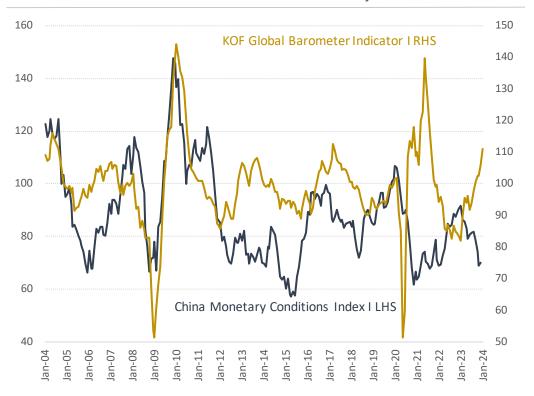


# GLOBAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY: China's slowdown is a global headwind

### BBG World Growth Tracker & China Exports



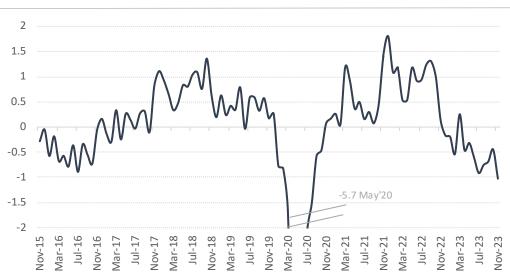
#### KOF Global Barometer Indicator & China Monetary Conditions



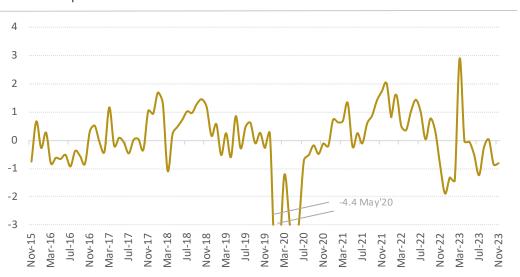


# World trade no longer a global economic driving force

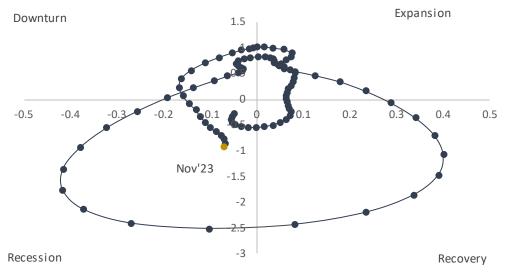




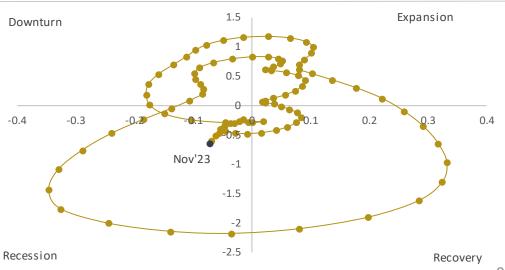
#### World Exports I EM



#### **World Trade Tracer**



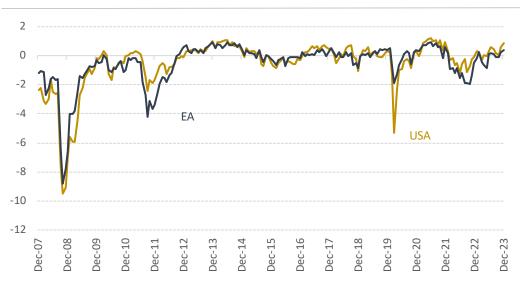
#### World Exports Tracer I EM



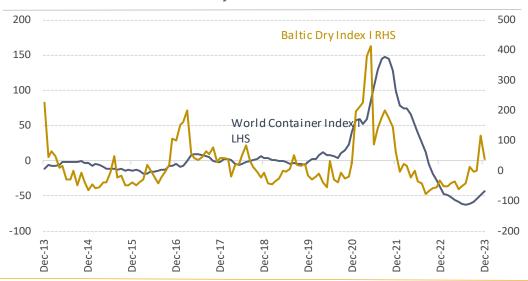


# GLOBAL TRENDS | Supply-side indices indicate no major cost-push inflationary pressures

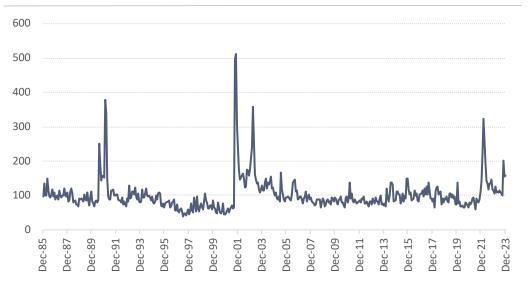




#### World Container and Baltic Dry Indices



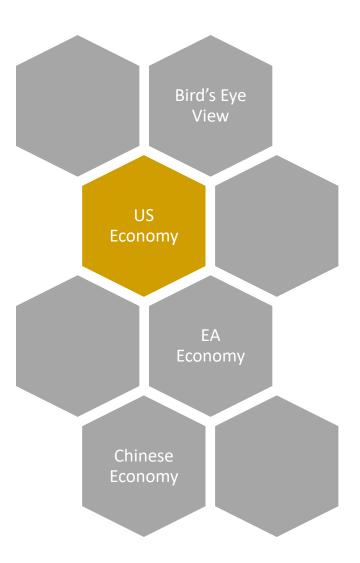
#### Global Geopolitical Risk Index (Caldara & Iacoviello)



#### NY Fed I Global Supply Chain Pressure



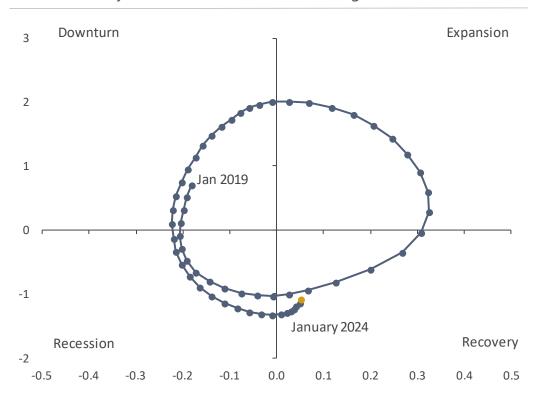




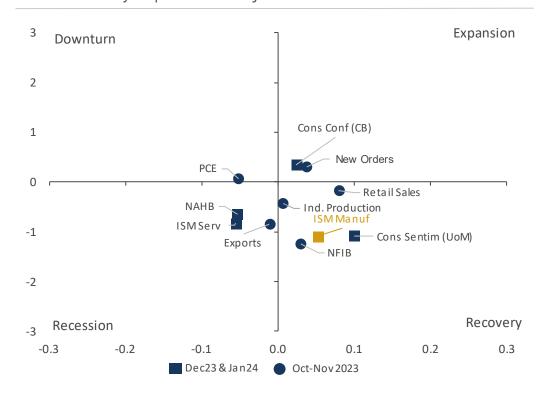


# US BUSINESS CYCLE I Some signs of stabilization at very low levels

#### US Business Cycle I Based on ISM Manufacturing Indicator



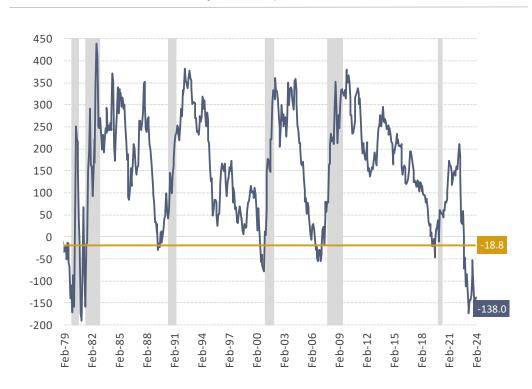
#### US Business Cycle | Based on Major US Economic Variables



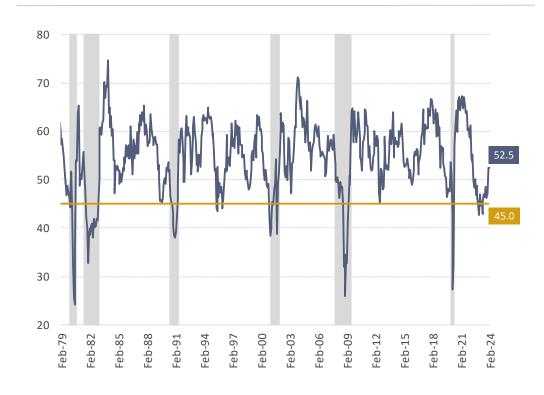


# US RECESSION INDICATORS I Mixed evidence for a recession episode in the next 3 to 12 months

### 10 Year and 3M US Treasury Yields Spread



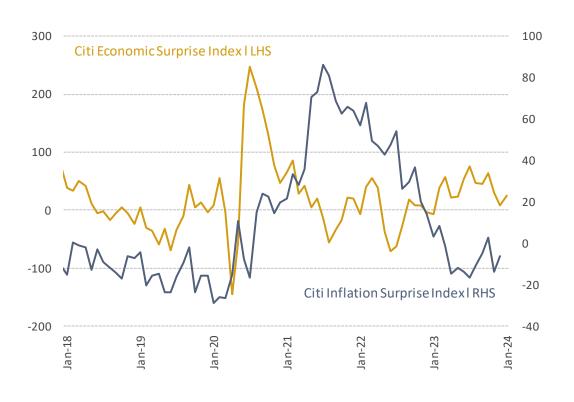
### ISM Manufacturing New Order Index

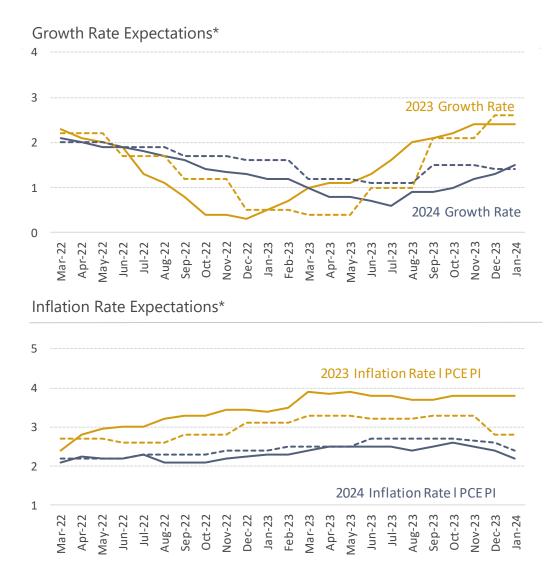




# US MACRO EXPECTATIONS I Consensus now expects a "soft-landing and inflation deceleration" scenario





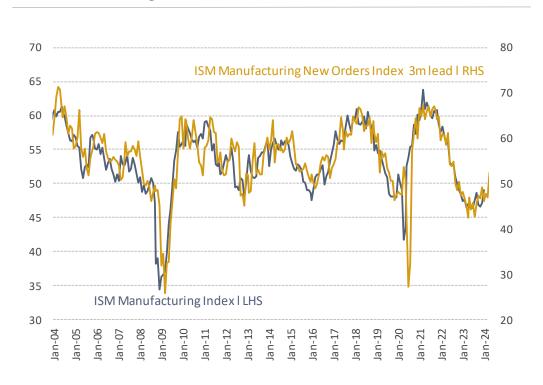


<sup>\*</sup>Solid line: Consensus; Dotted line: Fed projections



US LEADING INDICATORS I ISM Manufacturing has rebounded following the increase in New Orders - the gap between new orders and inventory has been improving

#### ISM Manufacturing I



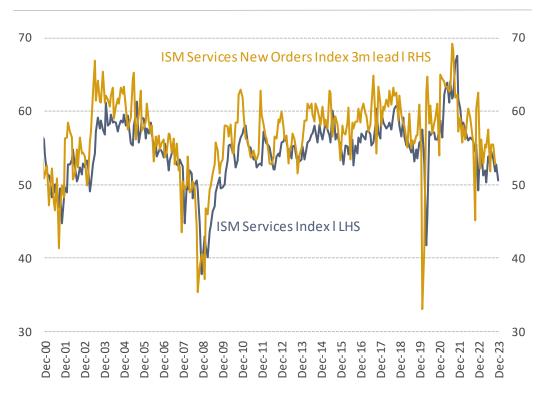
#### ISM Manufacturing II



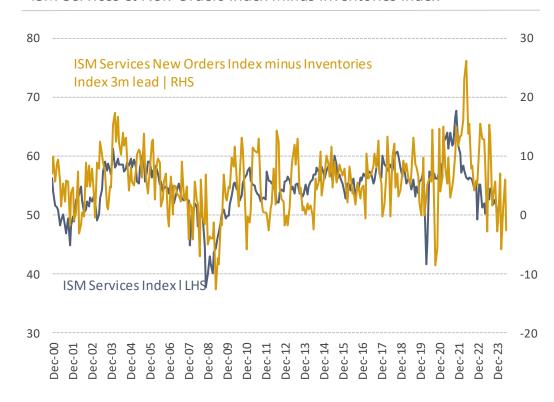


# US LEADING INDICATORS I ISM Services Index remains above 50 (expansion threshold)

#### ISM Services & New Orders Indices



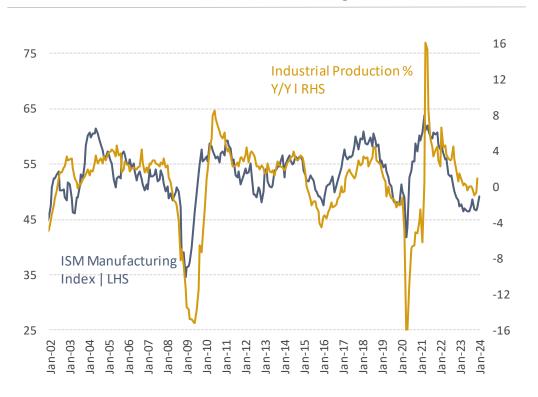
#### ISM Services & New Orders Index Minus Inventories Index



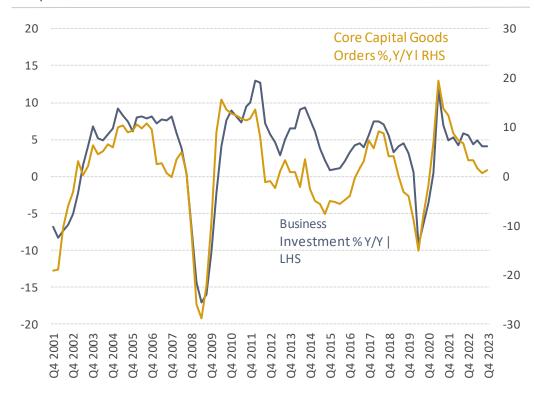


### US I Industrial Production is quite weak and Business Investment may slow down in the near future

#### Industrial Production YoY & ISM Manufacturing

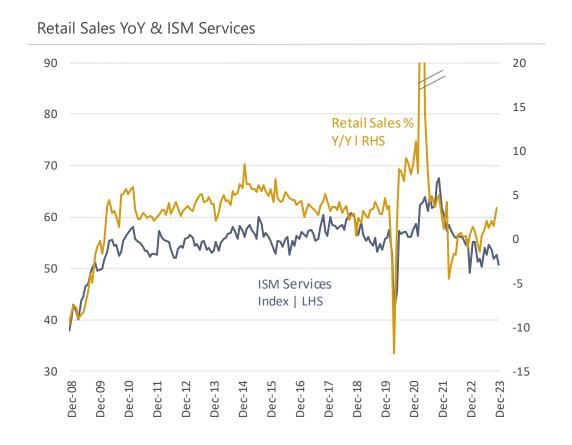


#### Capital Core Goods Orders & Business Investment

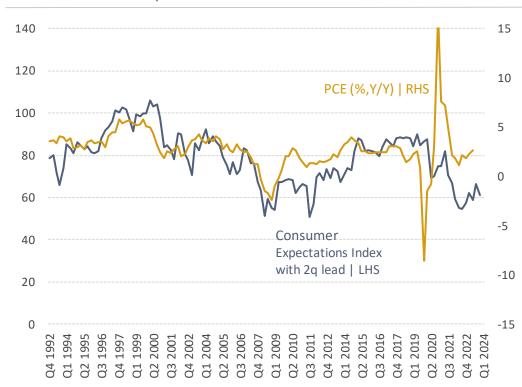




# US I The US consumer is the main "growth driver" so far



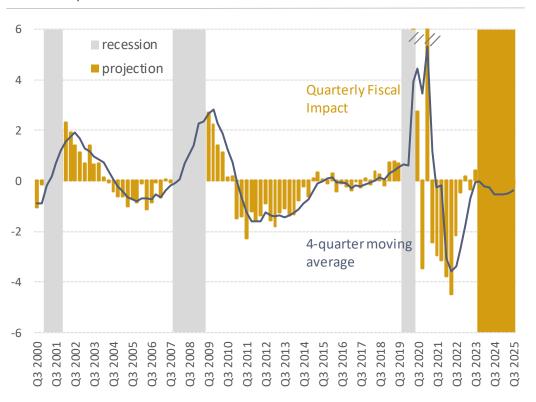
### PCE & Consumer Expectations Index



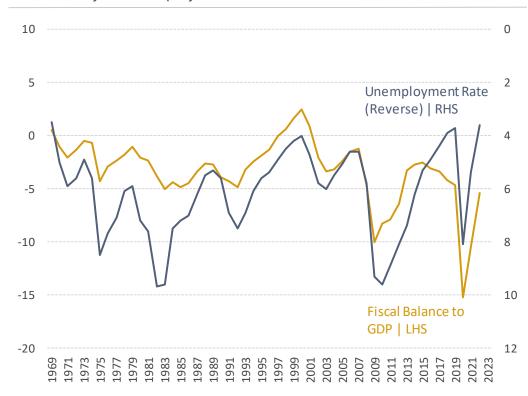


# FISCAL POLICY | On a tightening trajectory but still too loose vs unemployment

### Fiscal Impulse

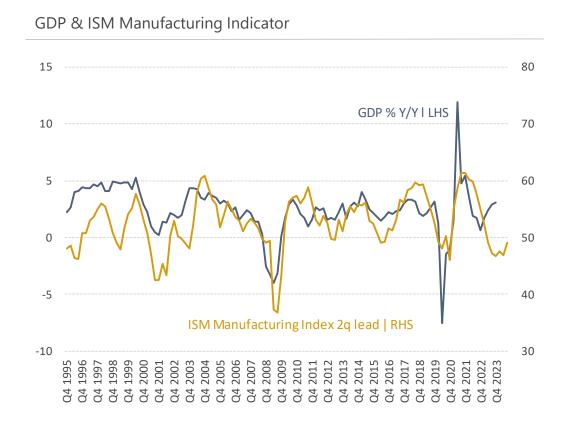


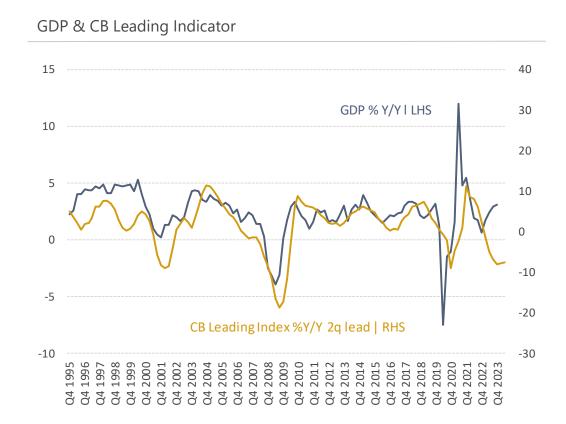
#### Fiscal Policy vs Unemployment





# US GDP OUTLOOK I Leading indicators point to a sharp deceleration in real GDP

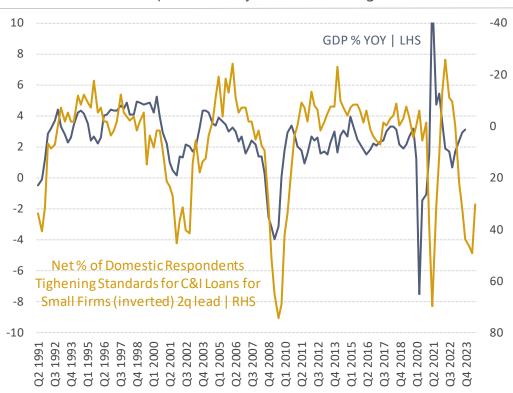


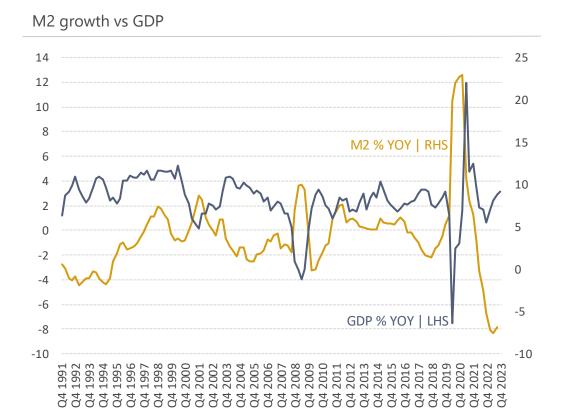




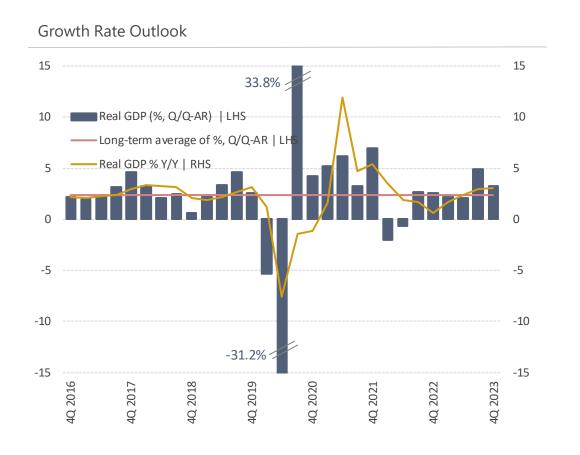
# US GDP OUTLOOK I Tightening of Lending Standards & reduction in M2 also point to lower GDP

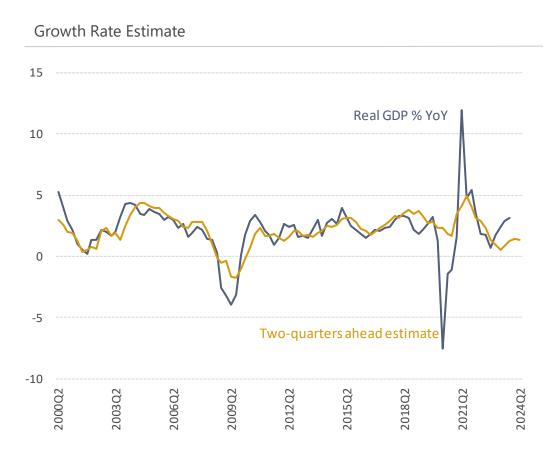
### Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices





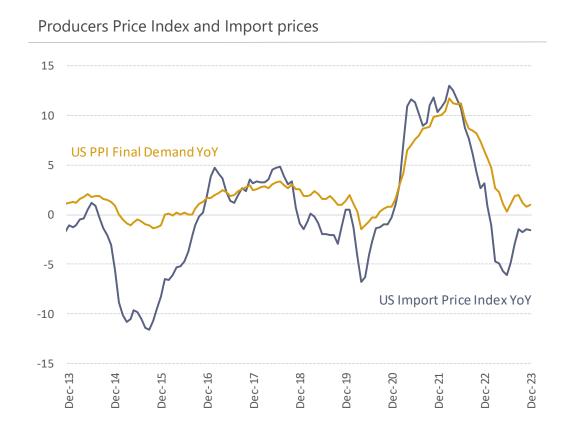
# US GDP Outlook I Growth rate was 2.5% in 2023 (from 0.5% expected at the beginning of the year)

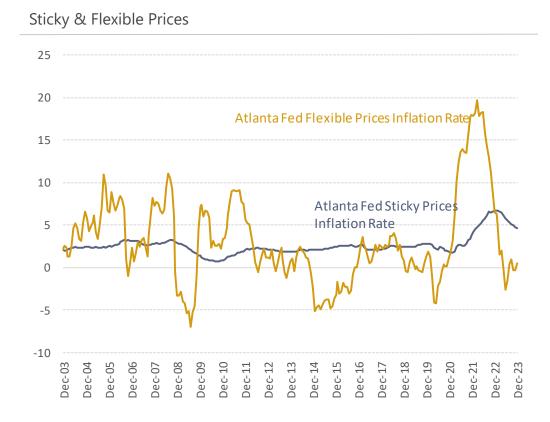






# US ALTERNATIVE INFLATION METRICS I Inflation pressures have been limited to the sticky prices segment

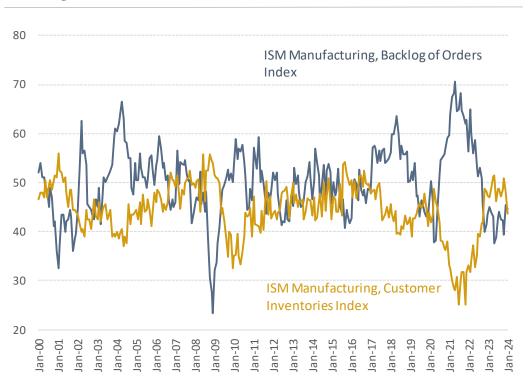




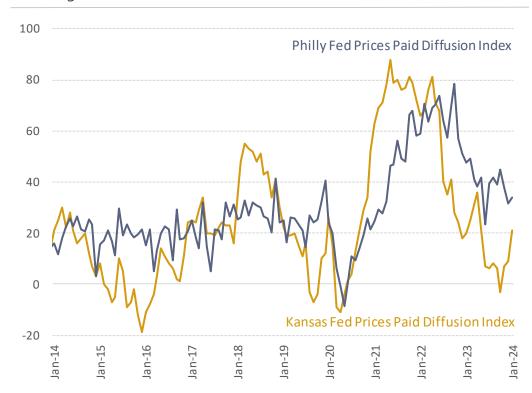


# US Supply & Demand Gap I Customer inventories just below backlog of orders, price pressures are receding



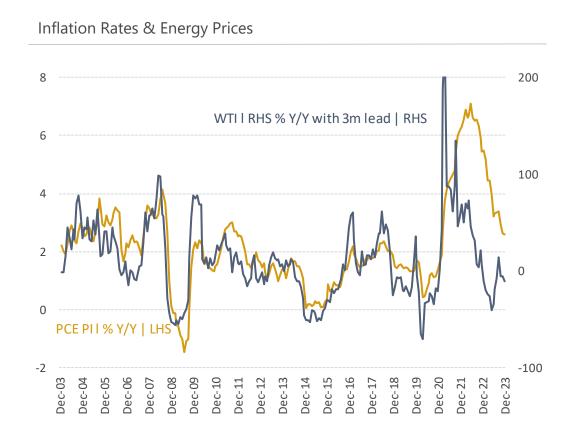


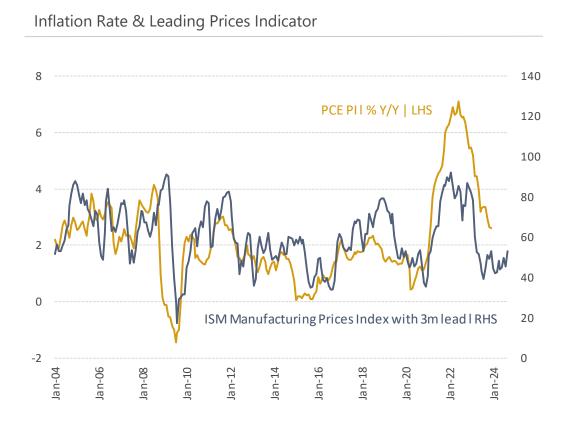
#### **Leading Prices Indicators**





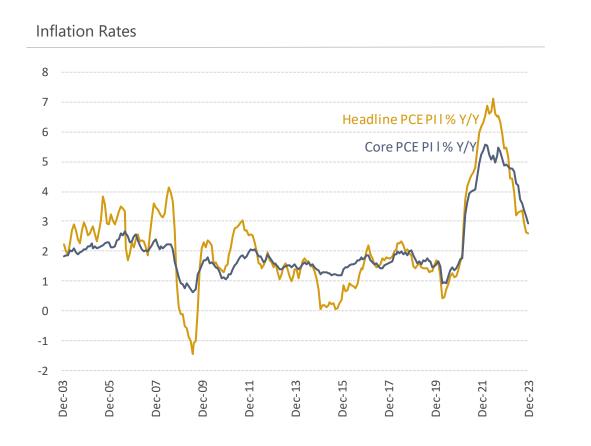
# US INFLATION & ENERGY PRICES I Leading price indicators signal lower inflation rate, but not a smooth ride

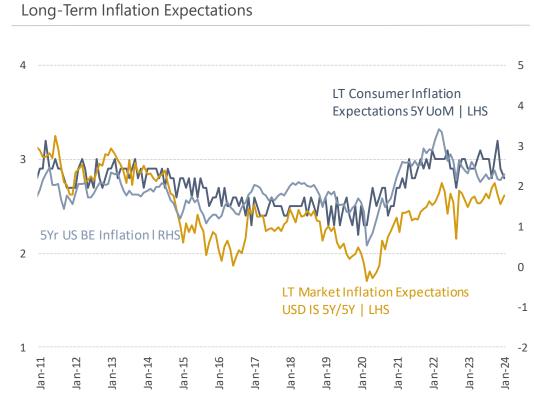






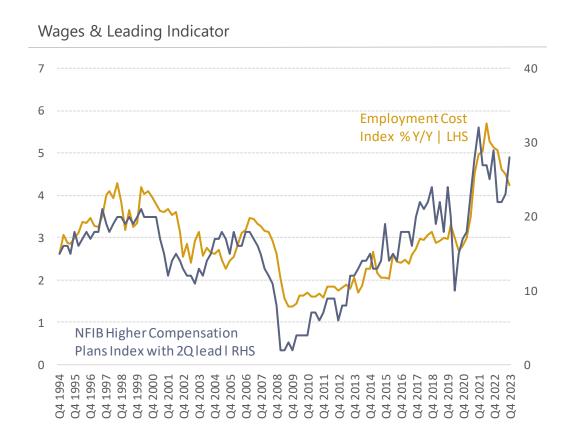
# US HEADLINE & CORE INFLATION I Inflation rate has peaked but remains elevated, long-term expectations below 3%

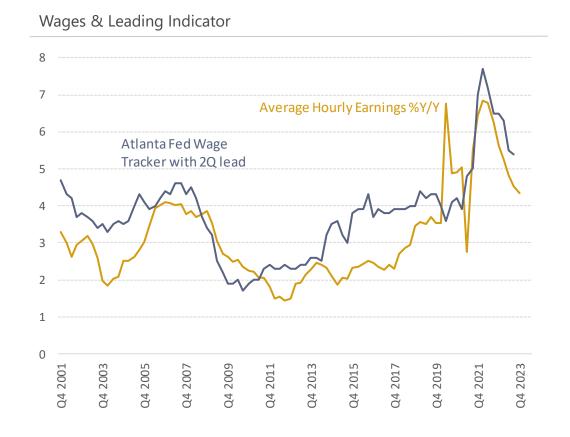






# US WAGE TRACKER I Wage growth rates show signs of gradual deceleration

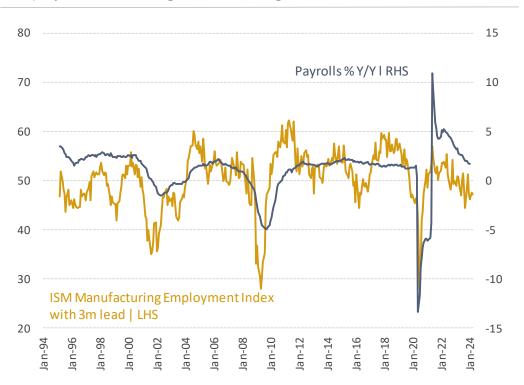




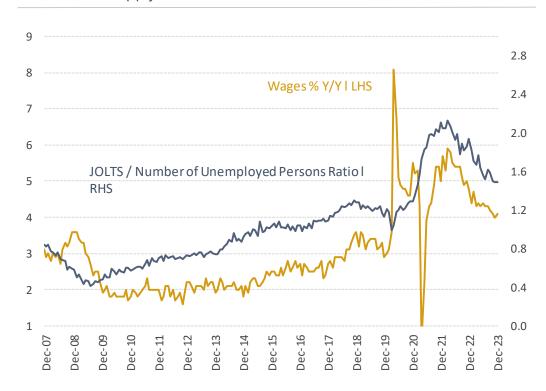


# US LABOUR MARKET I Labour market is softening, but remains tight

### Employment & Leading Manufacturing Indicator



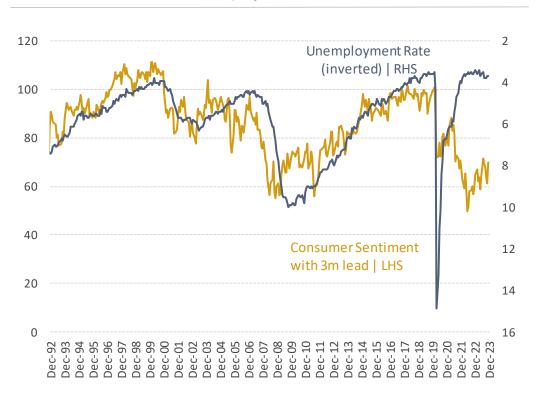
#### Demand & Supply in Labour Market



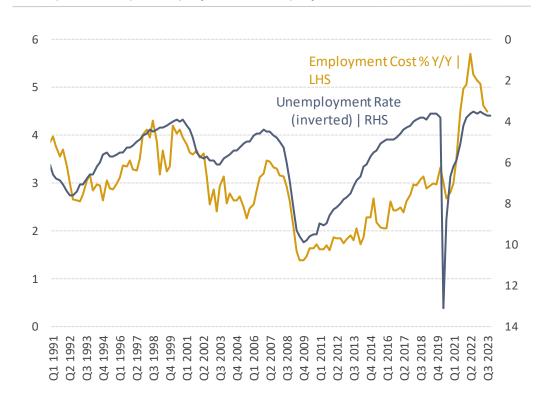


# US LABOUR MARKET I Unemployment remains low with employment costs coming down slowly

### Consumer Sentiment & Unemployment Rate



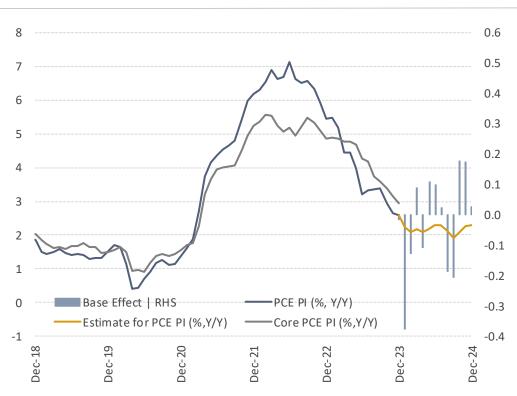
#### Compensation per Employee & Unemployment Rate



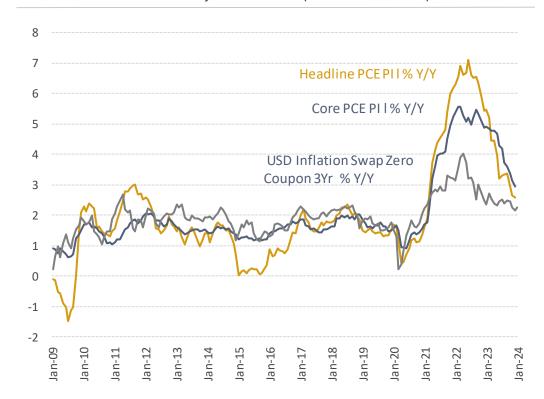


# US INFLATION OUTLOOK I Gradual deceleration in inflation rate is expected to continue





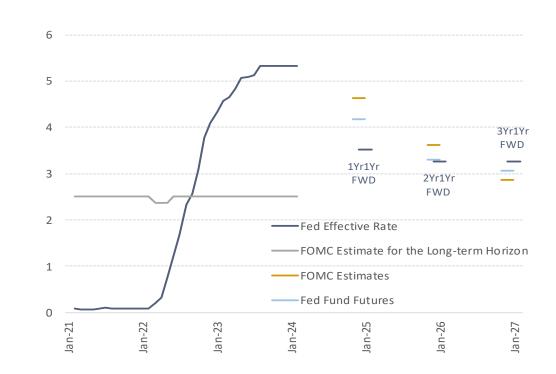
#### PCE Inflation Rate with 3-year Zero Coupon Inflation Swap



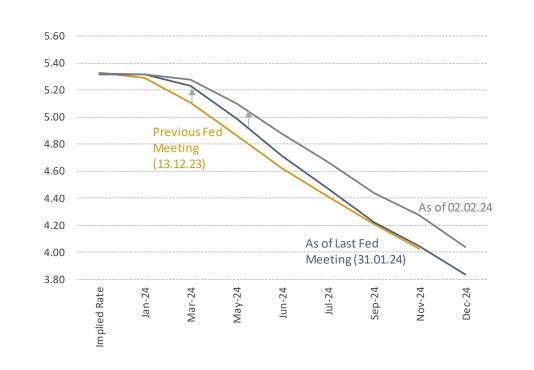


# US INTEREST RATES I Despite their recent decline, forward rates are still above FOMC's long-term target

#### Interest Rates | Fed Effective Rate



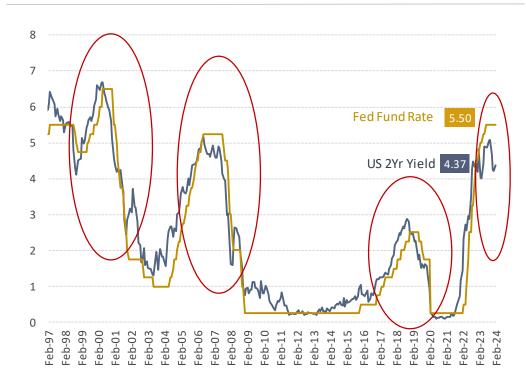
### Implied Overnight Rate based on Overnight Index Swaps





# US I According to history whenever the 2 year rate crosses below FFR, monetary policy is about to peak

### Fed Fund Rate & US Treasury Yield



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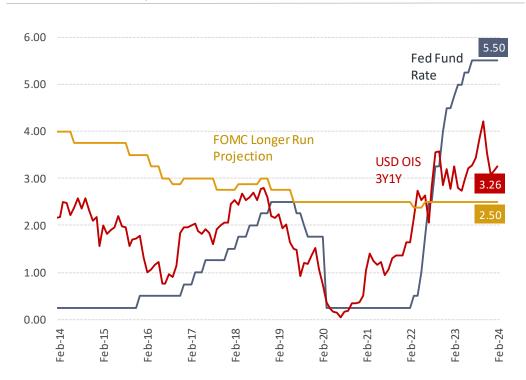
#### **US Yield Curve**





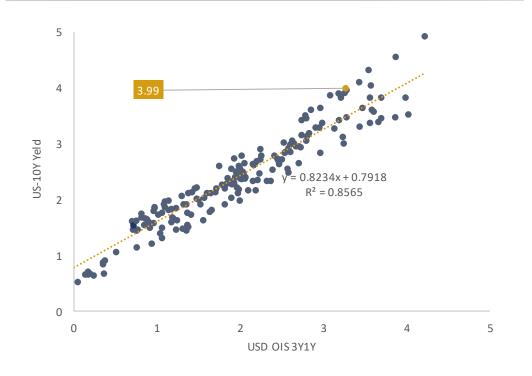
# US LONG-TERM RATES I Even if short-term rates 4 years in the future remain above target (2.5%), 10 year rates still look too high

### LT Interest Rate Expectations

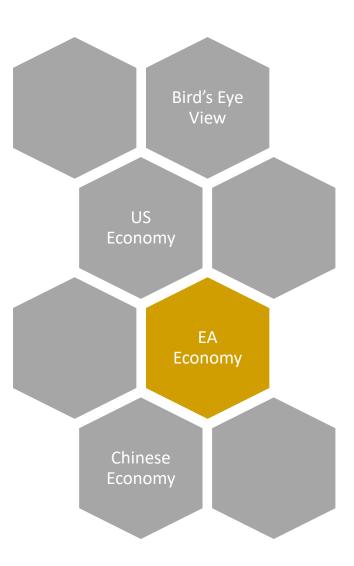


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### US Yield vs Medium-Term Interest Rate Expectations



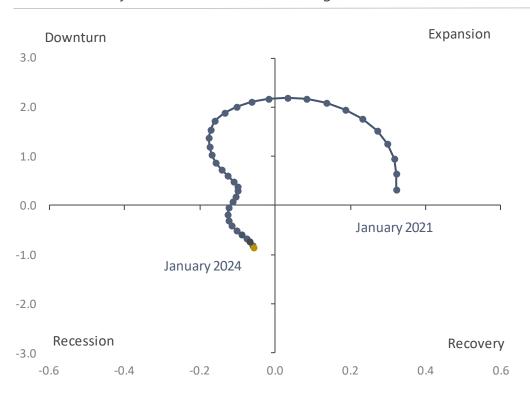




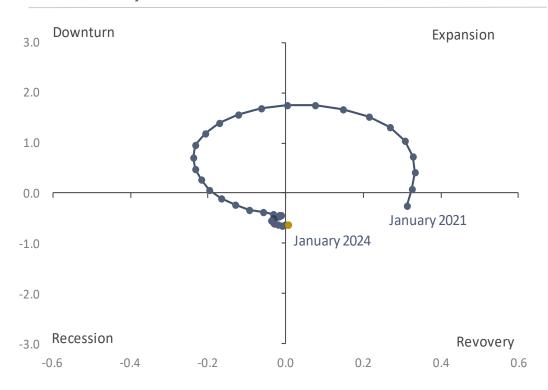


# EA BUSINESS CYCLE WATCH I Both indicators remain in recession territory

### EA Business Cycle I Based on Manufacturing Confidence Indicator



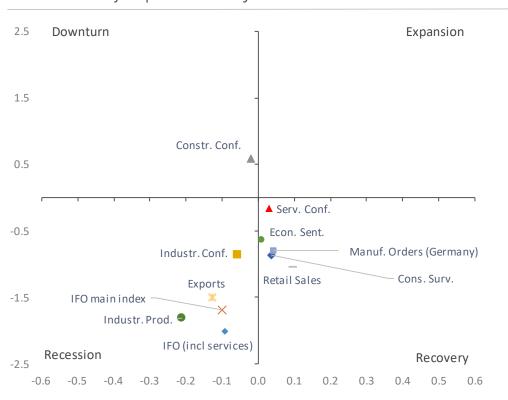
### EA Business Cycle I Based on Economic Sentiment Indicator



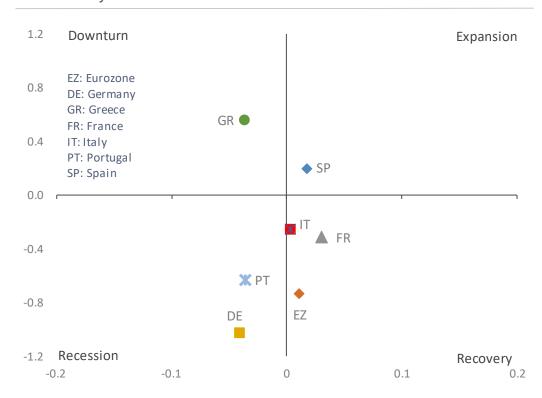


# EA BUSINESS CYCLE I The majority of EA economic variables stand between recession and expansion

### EA Business Cycle | Based on Major EA Economic Variables

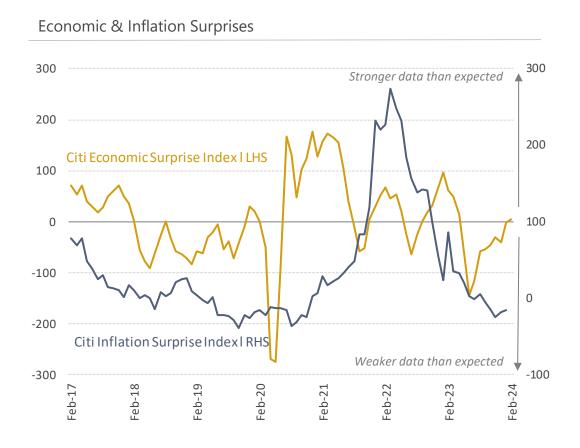


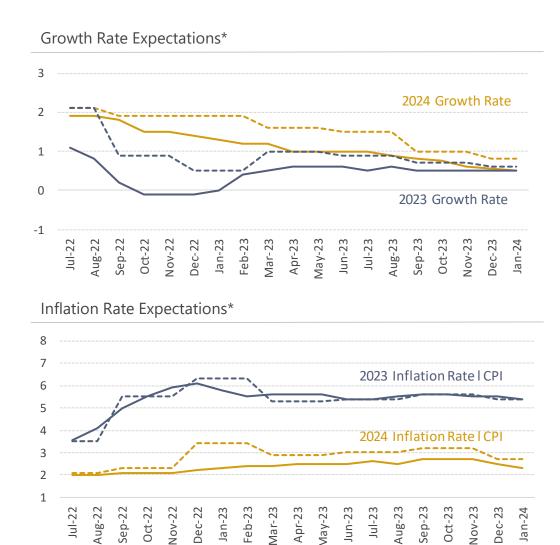
### Business Cycle of EA Members





# EA MACRO EXPECTATIONS | Economic surprises marginally positive. Worries about inflation eased





<sup>\*</sup>Solid line: Consensus; Dotted line: ECB projections

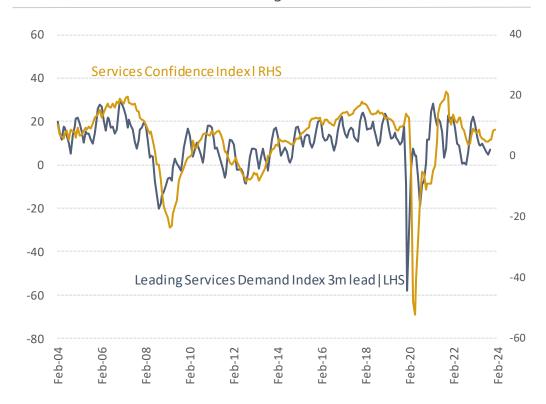


# EA LEADING INDICATORS I Both Manufacturing and Services indicators in downturn. Service Confidence ticks up

#### Manufacturing Confidence Index & Leading Manufacturing Orders

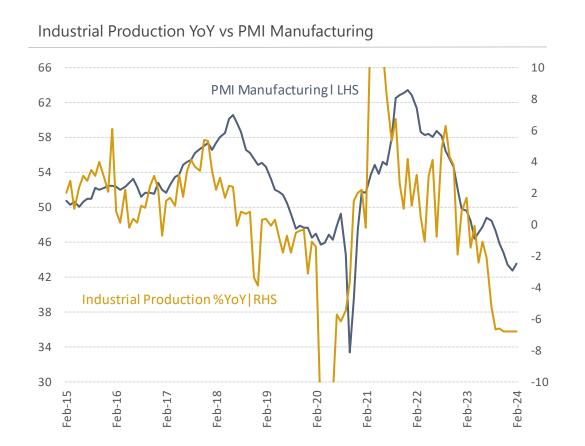


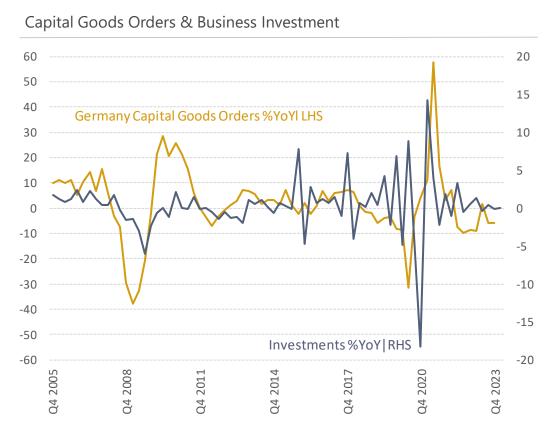
#### Services Confidence Index & Leading Services Demand Index





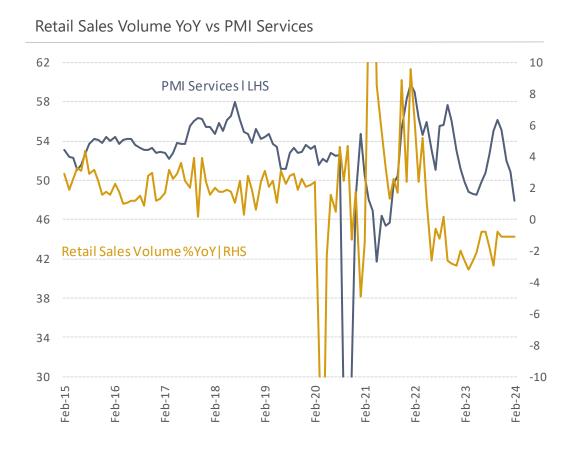
# EA BUSINESS CONDITIONS | Manufacturing still vulnerable. Business investment remains flat as goods orders fall



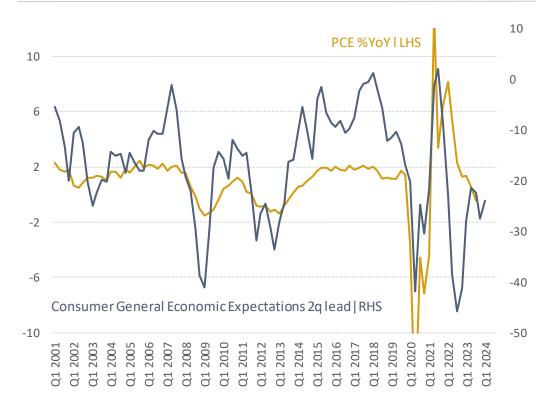




# EA BUSINESS CONDITIONS | Weak retail spending, an additional headwind for EA growth



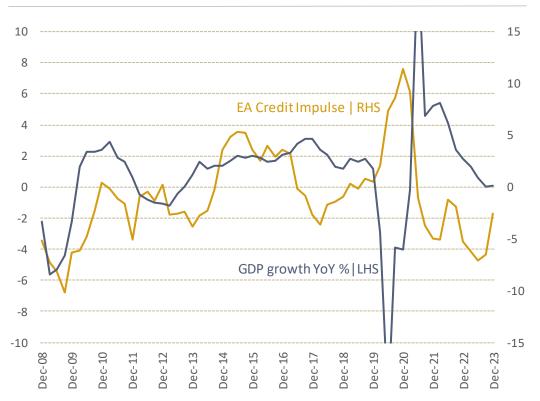
#### PCE & Consumer Expectations Index



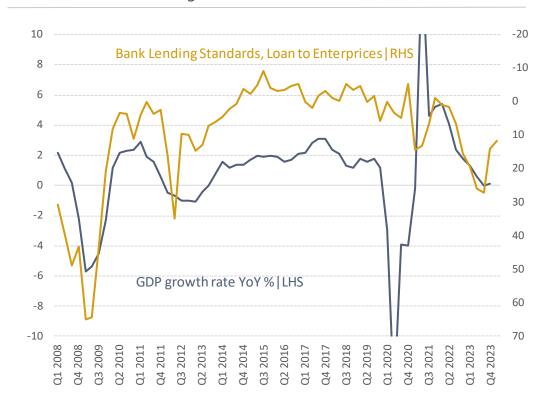


# EA GDP OUTLOOK I Credit impulse and bank lending standards provide a glimmer of hope for GDP growth in 2024

#### EA Credit Impulse & GDP growth rate



#### GDP YoY vs Bank Lending Standards

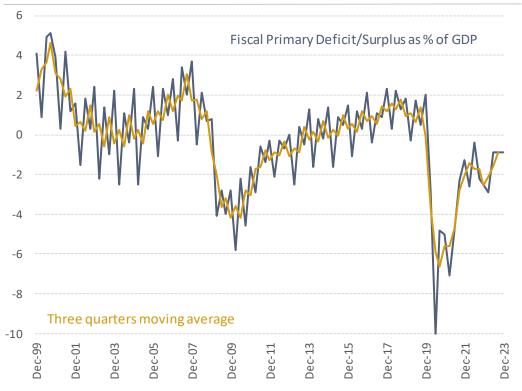




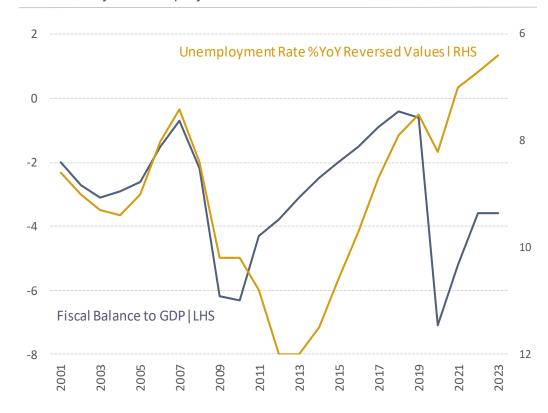


# EA FISCAL POLICY I Fiscal Policy still too loose after the pandemic



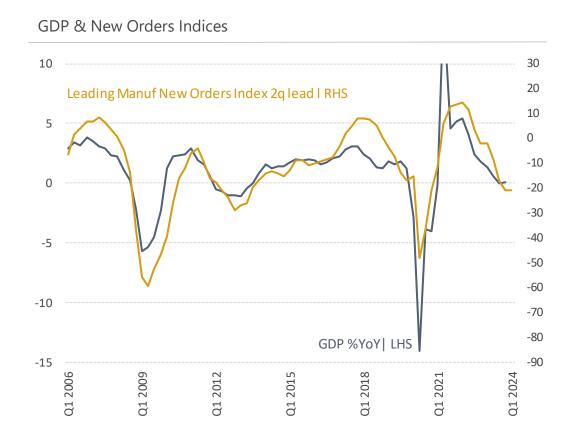


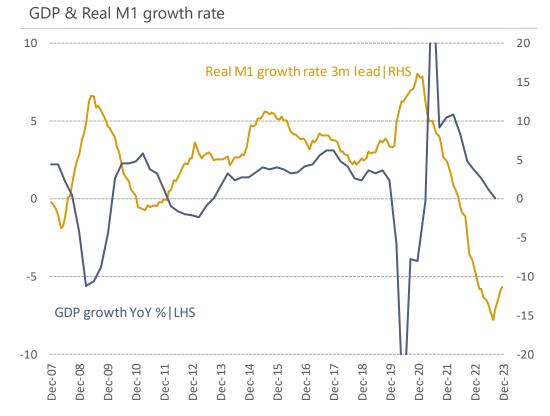
#### Fiscal Policy & Unemployment Rate





# EA I Leading indicators fuel fears on GDP growth. Similarly real M1 growth adds concerns about the economic outlook

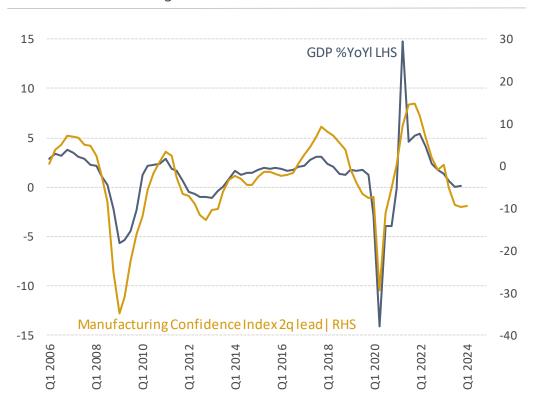




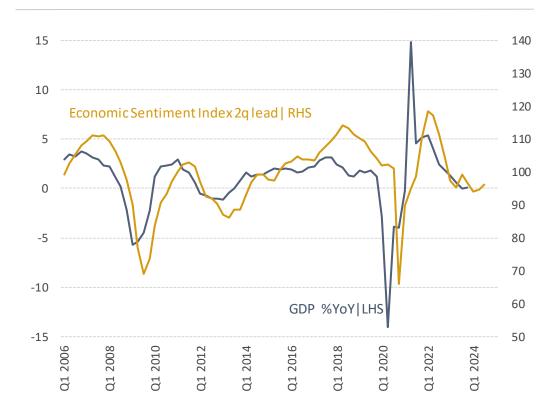


# EA GDP OUTLOOK I Leading indicators imply stabilisation at very low levels

GDP & Manufacturing Confidence Index

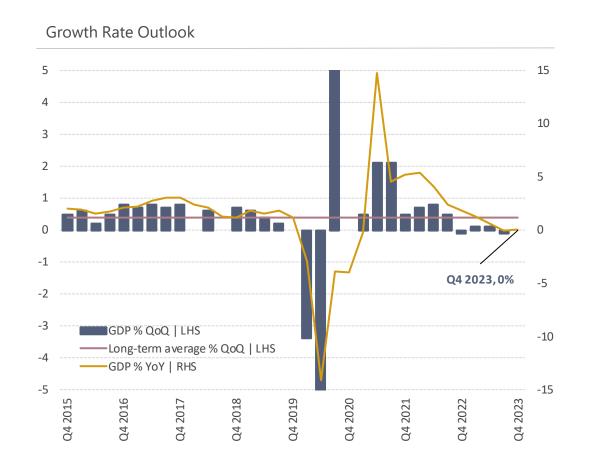


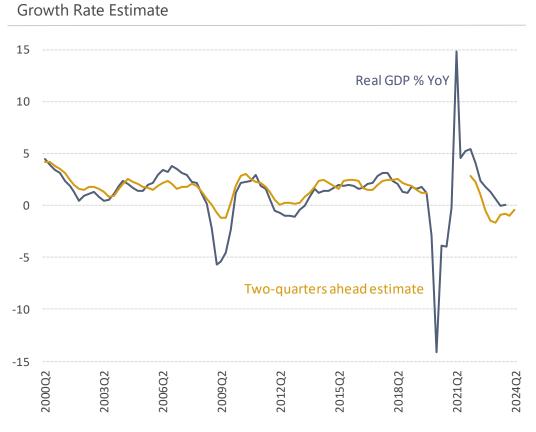
**GDP & Economic Sentiment Index** 





# EA GDP OUTLOOK I Our model estimates the EA economy to contract in the 1st half of 2024

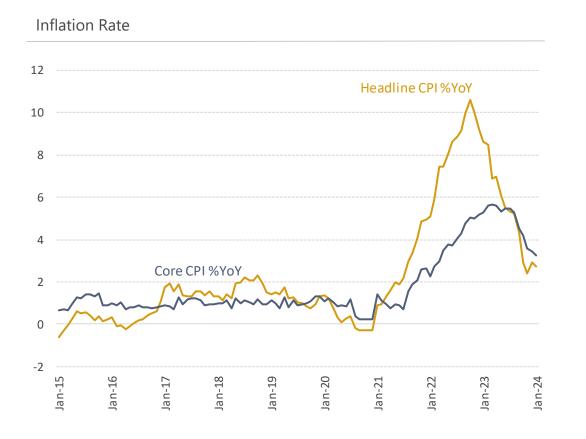


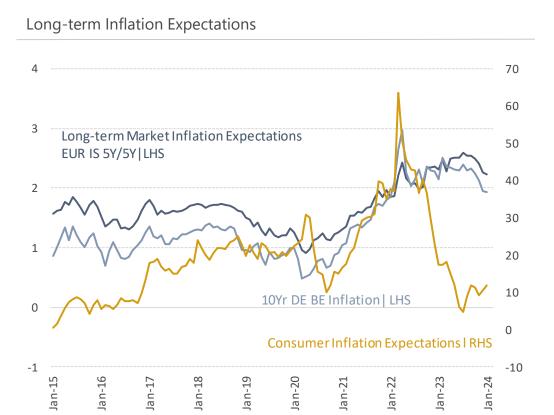


Note: Covid-19 period (Q4 2019 - Q2 2021) is excluded from the estimation



# EA INFLATION PRESSURES I Headline CPI dropped sharply, Core CPI is a laggard

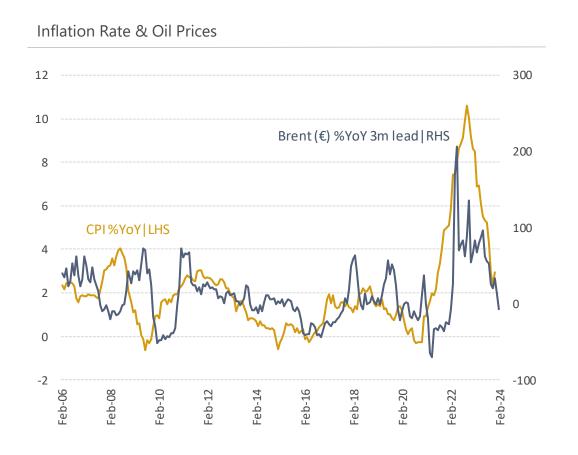




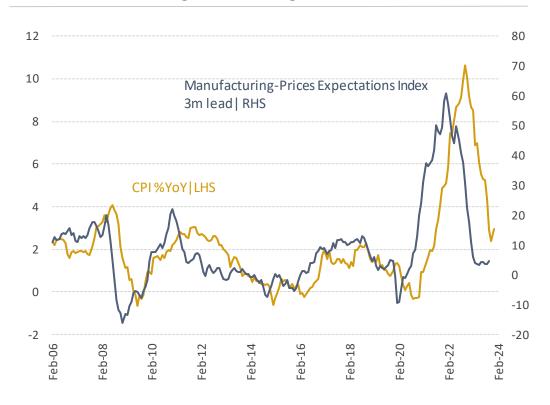




# EA INFLATION & ENERGY PRICES I Cost-push inflation drivers are decelerating



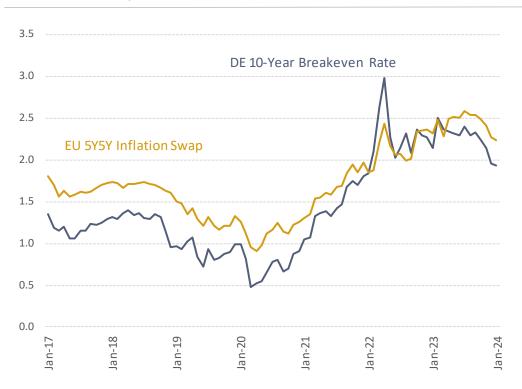
#### Inflation Rate & Leading Manufacturing Prices Index



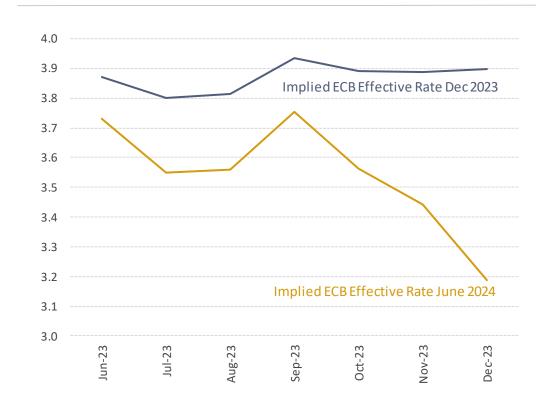


# EA ECB WATCH I Long-term inflation swaps pricing re-conversing to 2% inflation target

#### EU Inflation Swaps and German Break Even Rate



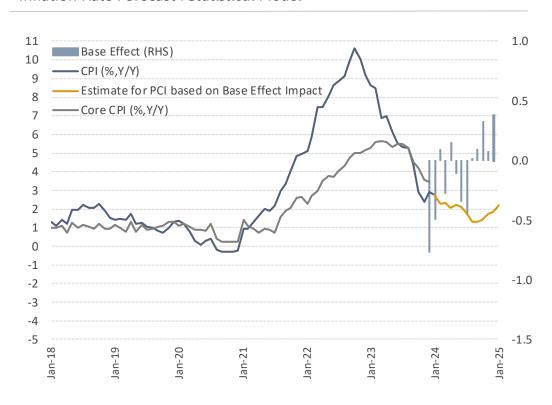
#### Interest Rates | Implied ECB Effective Rate



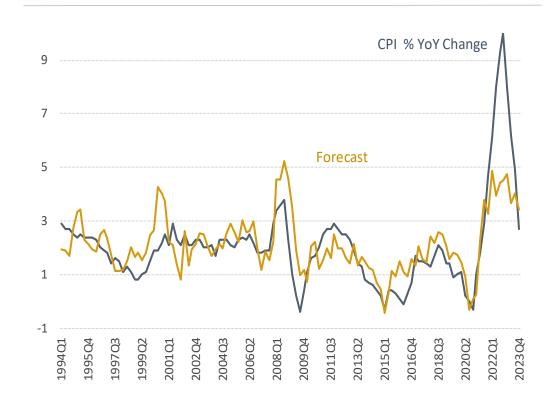


# EA INFLATION OUTLOOK I After a "long-separation" period, actual and model-implied inflation seem to reconnect

#### Inflation Rate Forecast I Statistical Model

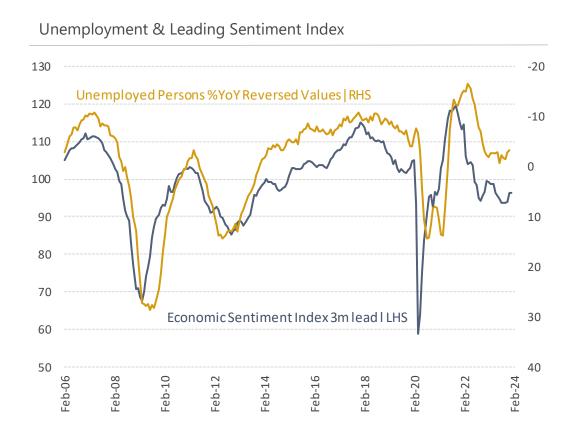


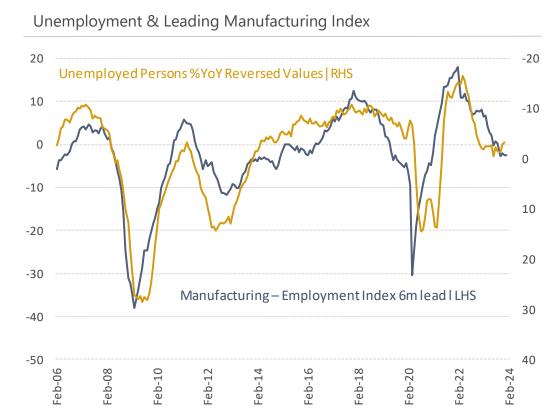
#### Inflation Rate Forecast I Macro Model





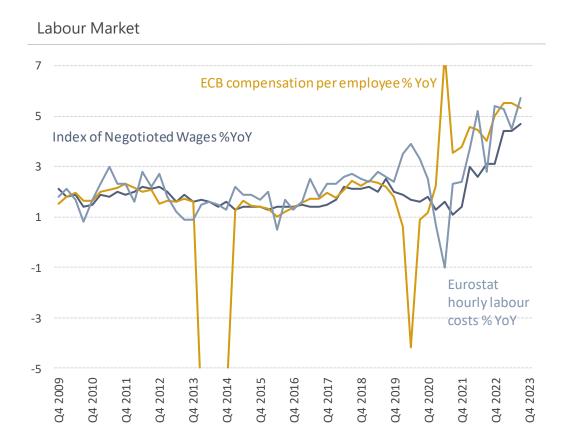
# EA LABOUR MARKET I Labour market is still in good shape. Leading indicators imply stabilization going forward

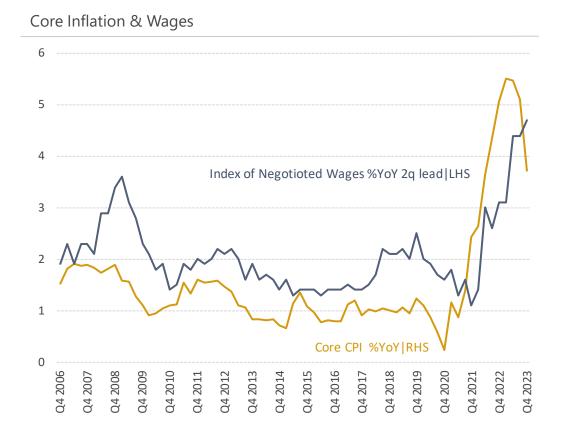






# EA WAGE TRACKER I Despite "headline grabbing" wage increases, real wage growth remains negative

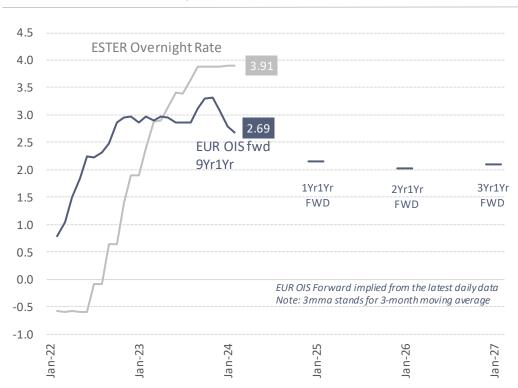




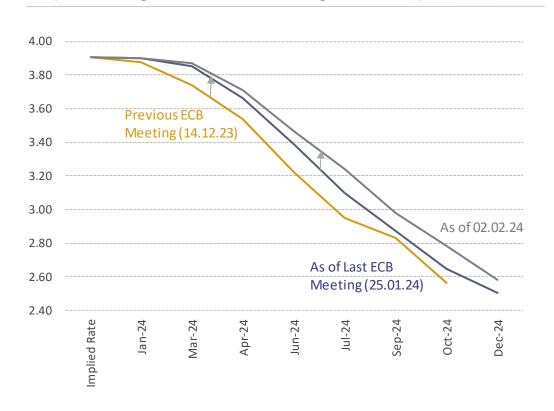


# EA Short-Term Rates I The "higher for longer" paradigm is being questioned

#### Interest rates | Market Expectations

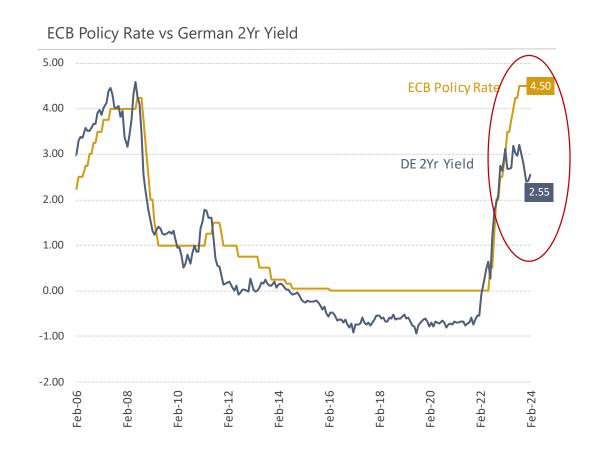


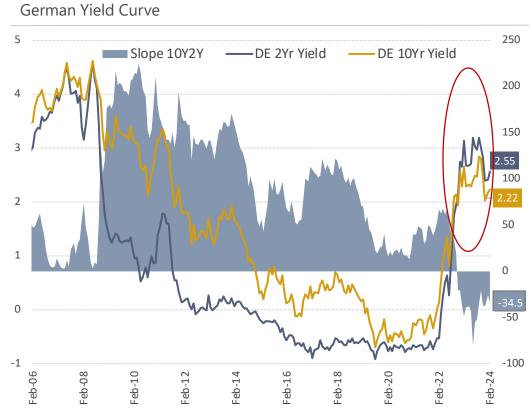
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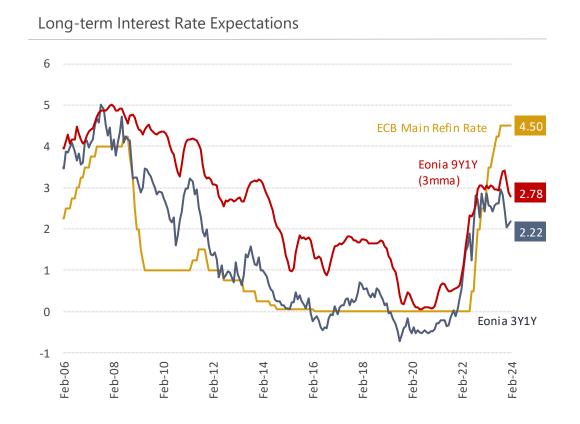
# EA RATES I German yield curve narrowed its inversion. Fears of recession remain.



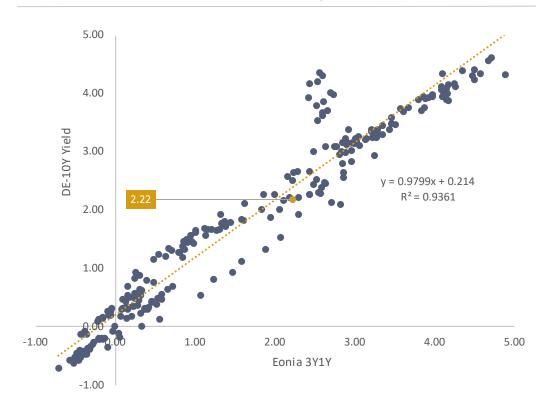




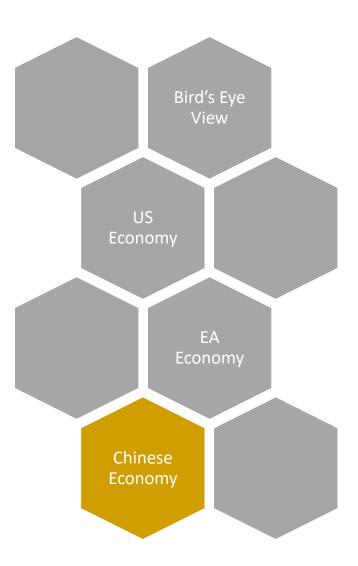
# EA LONG-TERM RATES I Given the current level of short-term rates, long-term bonds seem "fairly" priced



#### DE Yield vs Medium-term Interest Rate Expectations





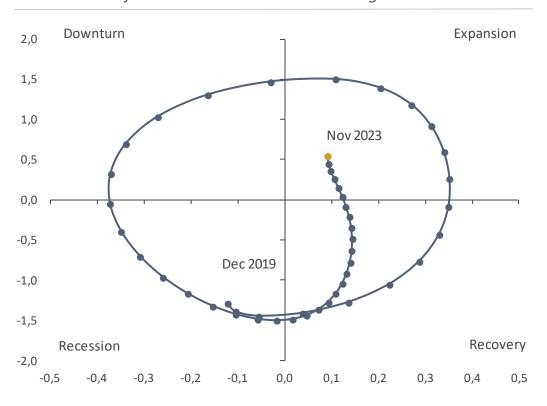




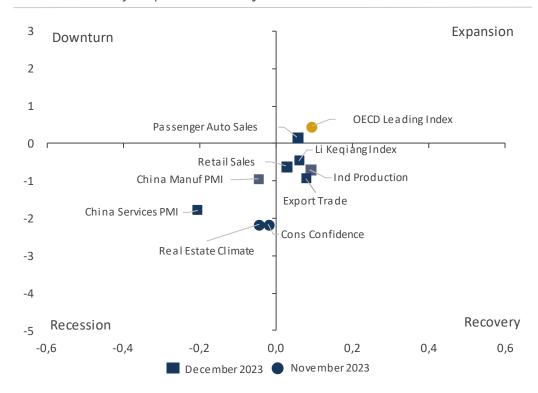


# CHINESE BUSINESS CYCLE I Some economic indicators still in recession phase, but some cyclical improvement is expected

#### CH Business Cycle I Based on China OECD Leading Indicator



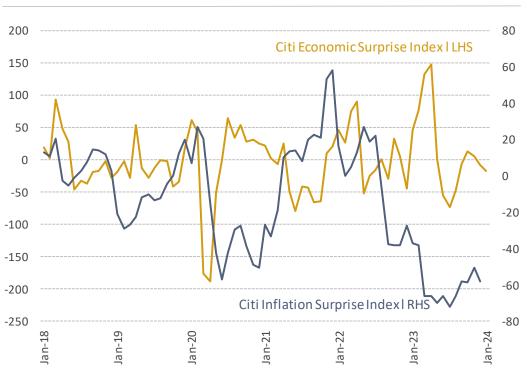
#### CH Business Cycle | Based on Major CH Economic Variables



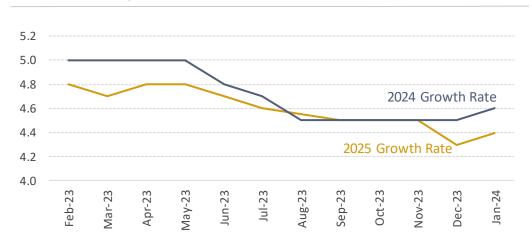


# CHINESE MACRO EXPECTATIONS I Sub 5% growth expectations for 2024





#### Growth Rate Expectations (Consensus)



#### Inflation Rate Expectations (Consensus)



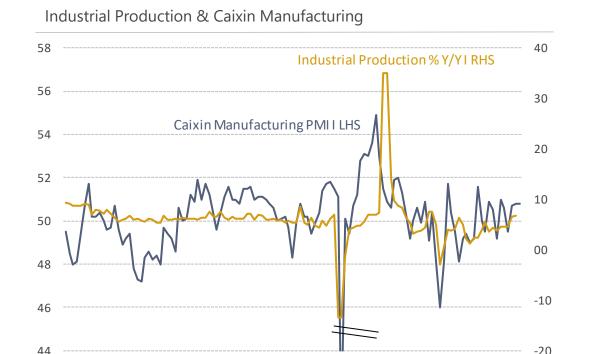




# CH I Caixin Manufacturing above 50, fixed asset investments trending down

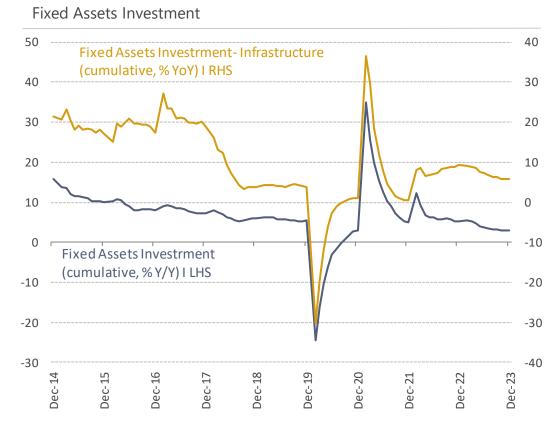
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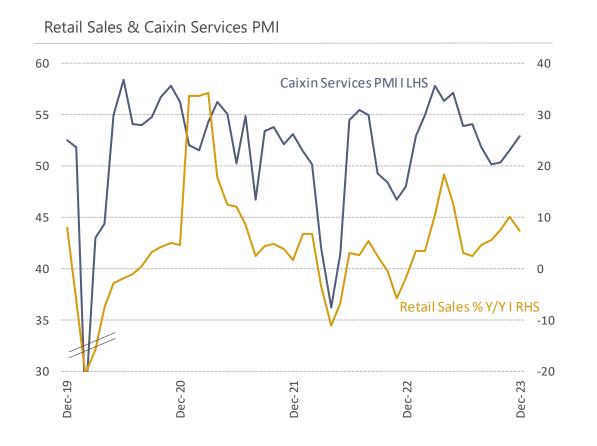
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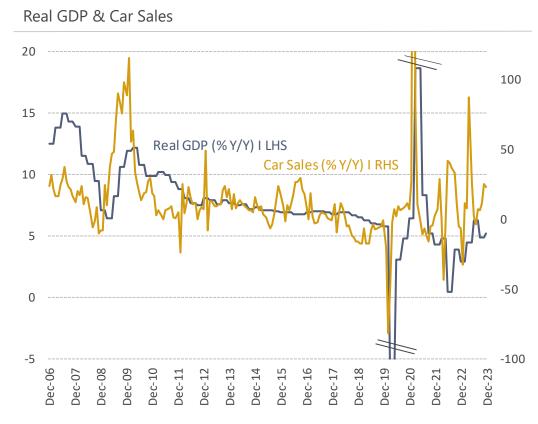
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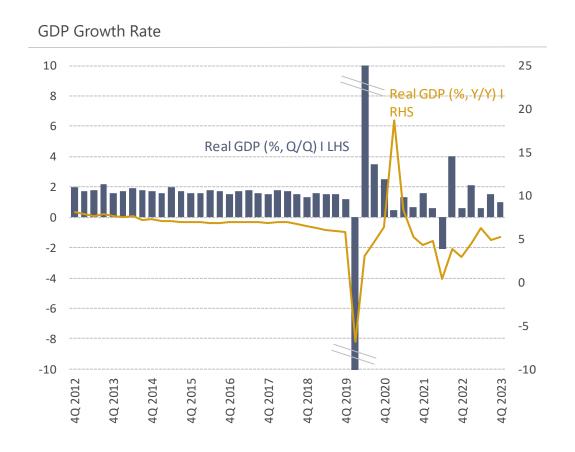
# CH I Retail Sales surprised to the downside in December. Positive movement from Caixin Services PMI in December







# CH GDP OUTLOOK I The official target of 5% for 2023 was achieved but lower growth is expected for 2024



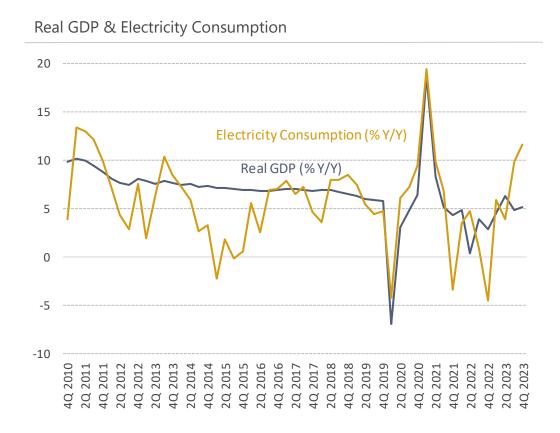
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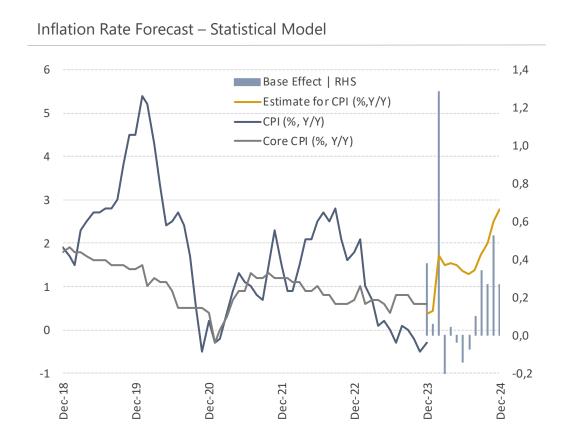
# CH GDP I OECD's Leading Indicator points to higher GDP growth, similarly Electricity Consumption Data

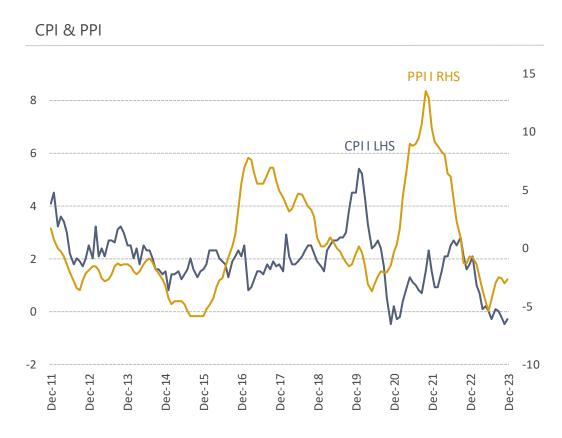






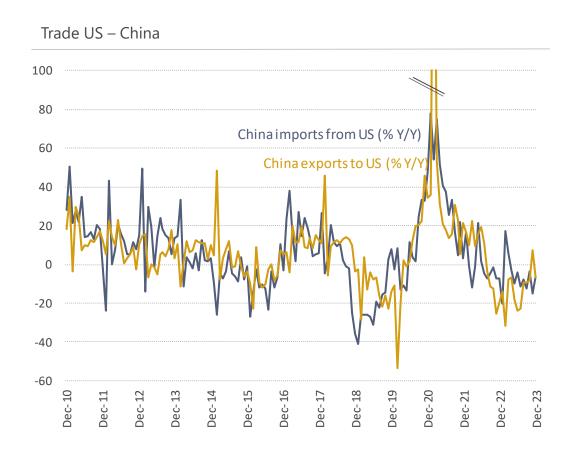
# CH INFLATION OUTLOOK I Starting from low levels, inflation is likely to pickup next year

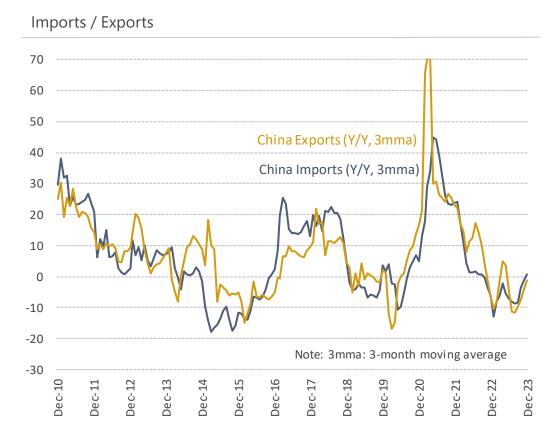






# CH TRADE I Improvement in total Imports and Exports, but trade with the US still negative YoY

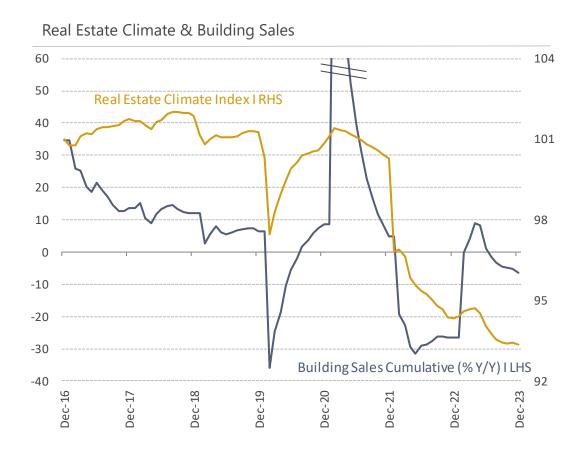


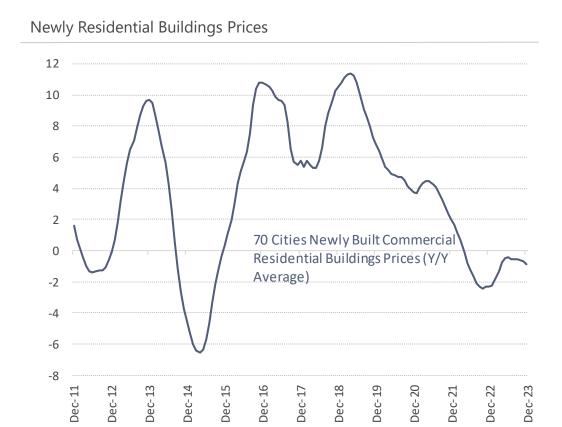






# CH REAL ESTATE I Building sales, Real Estate climate and Prices still falling

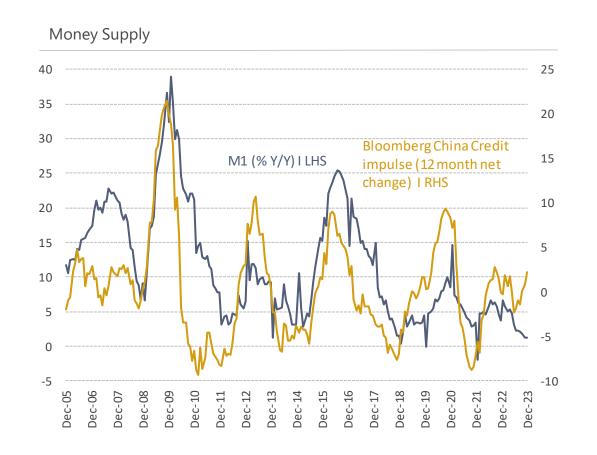


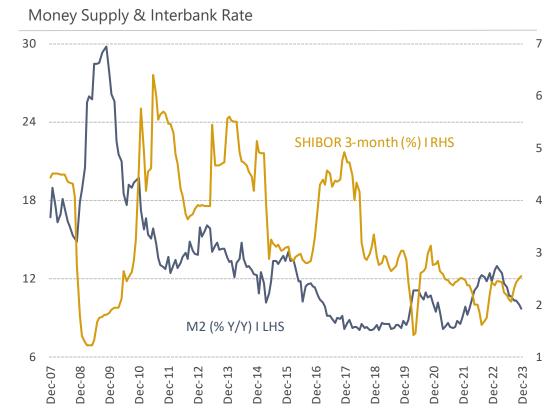






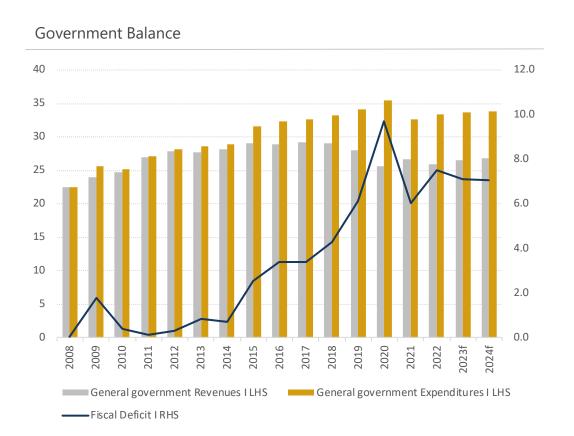
# CH MONEY SUPPLY | M1, M2 and short term rates are a drag to GDP ahead



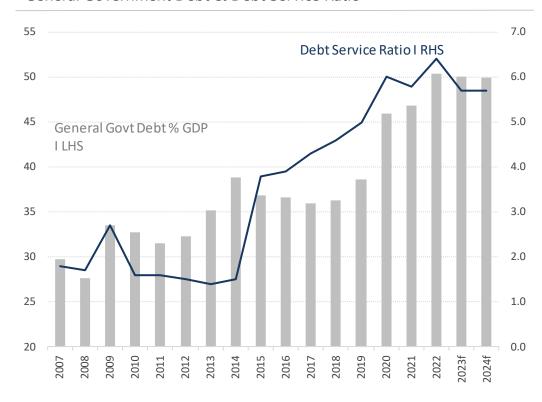




# CH FISCAL I A shift away from the conservative fiscal policy



#### General Government Debt & Debt Service Ratio



 Debt Service Ratio = (Interest + Current-year repayment of principal) / Current-account receipts



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