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UNITED STATES: GDP GROWTH, GOOD ON THE SURFACE BUT WITH NEGATIVE UNDERCURRENTS

On an annualised basis, US GDP increased 2.9% in the fourth quarter compared to the third. This healthy increase implies only a mild quarterly slowdown. The result was also better than the consensus expectation. However, a detailed analysis shows causes for concern. About half of the increase in GDP reflects inventory rebuilding, although this comes after a negative contribution in the previous two quarters. Personal consumption expenditures have also contributed approximately half of the GDP increase, but investments in structures had a negligible impact and residential investments continue to act as a drag, suffering from high mortgage rates. Moreover, in the final quarter of 2022, GDP only grew 1.0% versus the same quarter of 2021. Despite the apparent resilience in the fourth quarter, the undercurrents are clearly negative, and they should be reinforced by the delayed effects of past rate hikes and the upcoming policy rate increases. Were it not for the strength of the labour market, the talk about recession risk would be even more intense.

The latest US GDP data will have pleased those who like to see the glass as half full. After all, 2.9% quarterly growth (seasonally adjusted at an annual rate, column f in the table) is a healthy increase in GDP, which only implies a mild slowdown compared to the third quarter growth of 3.2%. Moreover, the result was also better than the Bloomberg consensus of +2.6%

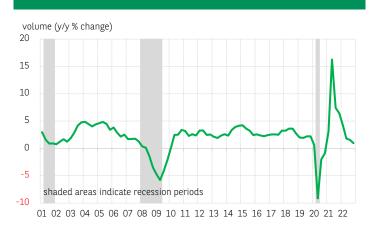
So far for the good news. The 'glass is half empty' camp has an easier task to underpin its cautious view. About half of the increase in GDP reflects inventory rebuilding, with a contribution of 1.46 percentage points to growth (column j of the table). Admittedly, this comes after a negative contribution in the previous two quarters, which makes it difficult to assess to what extent the latest data reflect an unexpected slowdown in demand leading to excess inventories.

Personal consumption expenditures have also contributed approximately half of the GDP increase. At 1.42 percentage points, the contribution is in line with that in the previous two quarters.

The bulk is coming from services. The contribution of durable goods spending has turned positive again -after two negative quarters-but remains very small (0.04 percentage points). The contribution of gross private domestic investment has also become positive again (0.27 percentage points), underpinned by investments in intellectual property products.

Investments in structures had a negligible impact on GDP -after a negative contribution in the first three quarters- and residential investments continue to suffer from high mortgage rates and the drop in housing affordability. The negative contribution of 1.29 percentage points implies that in each quarter of 2022, residential investments have acted as a drag on growth.

US: FINAL SALES TO PRIVATE DOMESTIC SECTOR



SOURCE: FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST-LOUIS, NBER, BNP PARIBAS

For the full year, they have shrunk 10.7% versus 2021 (column a of the table). The contraction is even more spectacular when comparing the fourth quarter of 2022 with the same quarter of 2021: -19.3% (column b).

The same exercise for GDP and some of its components sheds light on the slowdown in the course of 2022: GDP only grew 1.0% (Q4/Q4), gross private domestic investment was down 4.6%, whereas exports growth was resilient (\pm 5.3% versus \pm 7.2% for the year 2022 as a whole).



The fourth quarter US GDP showed resilient quarterly growth, but the undercurrents are negative. The delayed effects of past rate hikes and the upcoming policy rate increases should reinforce them. Were it not for the strength of the labour market, the talk about recession risk would be even more intense.



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Import growth however slowed to +1.7% (+8.1% for the year), which paints a gloomy picture about domestic demand. This is illustrated in real final sales to private domestic demand, with a year-over-year growth rate that has slowed significantly (chart 1).

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| US REA | AL GDP: GROWTH | AND ITS DECOMP | OSITIO | N | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|----------------------------|----|
| | % change from preceding year Q4 to Q4 | | | % change from preceding quarter | | | | | | ra | ate (G | at an DP) ar ibutior | nd |
| | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 | | | 2022 | | | | | | | |
| | | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | | |
| | a | b | С | d | е | f | g | h | i | j | | | |
| Gross domestic product (GDP) | 2,1 | 1 | -1,6 | -0,6 | 3,2 | 2,9 | -1,6 | -0,6 | 3,2 | 2,9 | | | |
| Personal consumption expenditures (PCE) | 2,8 | 1,9 | 1,3 | 2 | 2,3 | 2,1 | | | 1,54 | 1,42 | | | |
| Goods | -0,4 | -0,5 | -0,1 | -2,6 | -0,4 | 1,1 | -0,02 | | -0,08 | 0,26 | | | |
| Durable goods | -0,3 | 1,1 | 7,6 | -2,8 | -0,8 | 0,5 | 0,64 | | -0,07 | | | | |
| Nondurable goods | -0,4 | -1,4 | -4,4 | -2,5 | -0,1 | 1,5 | | | -0,01 | | | | |
| Services | 4,5 | 3,2 | 2,1 | 4,6 | 3,7 | 2,6 | | | 1,63 | 1,16 | | | |
| Gross private domestic investment | 3,8 | -4,6 | 5,4 | -14,1 | -9,6 | 1,4 | 0,98 | -2,8 | -1,8 | 0,27 | | | |
| Fixed investment | -0,3 | -2,7 | 4,8 | -5 | -3,5 | -6,7 | 0,83 | -0,9 | -0,62 | -1,2 | | | |
| Nonresidential | 3,6 | 3,7 | 7,9 | 0,1 | 6,2 | 0,7 | 0,98 | 0,01 | 0,8 | 0,09 | | | |
| Structures | -7,4 | -5,2 | -4,3 | -12,7 | -3,6 | 0,4 | -0,11 | -0,3 | -0,09 | 0,01 | | | |
| Equipment | 4,3 | 3,8 | 11,4 | -2 | 10,6 | -3,7 | 0,55 | -0,1 | 0,53 | -0,2 | | | |
| Intellectual property products | 8,7 | 7,9 | 10,8 | 8,9 | 6,8 | 5,3 | 0,54 | 0,46 | 0,36 | 0,28 | | | |
| Residential | -10,7 | -19,3 | -3,1 | -17,8 | -27,1 | -27 | -0,15 | -0,9 | -1,42 | -1,29 | | | |
| Change in private inventories | | | | | | | 0,15 | -1,9 | -1,19 | 1,46 | | | |
| Net exports of goods and services | | | | | | | -3,13 | 1,16 | 2,86 | 0,56 | | | |
| Exports | 7,2 | 5,3 | -4,6 | 13,8 | 14,6 | -1,3 | -0,53 | 1,51 | 1,65 | -0,15 | | | |
| Goods | 6,3 | 4,1 | -7,2 | 15,5 | 17,8 | -7 | -0,58 | 1,18 | 1,38 | -0,58 | | | |
| Services | 9,2 | 7,8 | 1,6 | 9,9 | 7,5 | 12,4 | 0,06 | 0,33 | 0,26 | 0,43 | | | |
| Imports | 8,1 | 1,7 | 18,4 | 2,2 | -7,3 | -4,6 | -2,6 | -0,4 | 1,21 | 0,71 | | | |
| Goods | 6,9 | 0,8 | 20,4 | -0,4 | -8,6 | -5,6 | -2,38 | 0,05 | 1,19 | 0,72 | | | |
| Services | 14,5 | 6,1 | 9,1 | 16,6 | -0,8 | 0,4 | -0,22 | -0,4 | 0,02 | -0,01 | | | |
| Government consumption expenditures and gross investment | -0,6 | 0,9 | -2,3 | -1,6 | 3,7 | 3,7 | -0,4 | -0,3 | 0,65 | 0,64 | | | |
| Federal | -2,5 | 0,2 | -5,3 | -3,4 | 3,7 | 6,2 | -0,36 | -0,2 | 0,24 | 0,39 | | | |
| National defense | -2,8 | -0,1 | -8,5 | 1,4 | 4,7 | 2,4 | -0,33 | 0,05 | 0,17 | 0,09 | | | |
| Nondefense | -2,2 | 0,6 | -1,1 | -9,2 | 2,5 | 11,2 | -0,03 | | | 0,3 | | | |
| State and local | 0,6 | 1,3 | -0,4 | -0,6 | 3,7 | 2,3 | -0,04 | | | 0,25 | | | |

SOURCE: US BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.



MARKETS OVERVIEW

| OV | ERVIEW | | | 1 | MONEY & BON | D MARKETS | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Week 20-1 23 to 2 | 27-1-23 | | terest Rates | highest 23 | lowest 23 | Yield (%) | | highest 23 | lowest 23 |
| 7 CAC 40 | 6 996 ▶ 7 097 | +14 % | ECB 2.50 | | 2.50 at 02/01 | € AVG 5-7y | 2.64 | 2.64 at 02/01 | 2.64 at 02/01 |
| = COD FOO | 2.072 1.4.071 | 0.5.00 | onia -0.51 | | -0.51 at 02/01 | Bund 2y | 2.58 | 2.69 at 02/01 | 2.46 at 17/01 |
| ⊅ S&P 500 | 3 973 ▶ 4 071 | +2.5 % E | Euribor 3M 2.49 | 2.50 at 24/01 | 2.16 at 02/01 | Bund 10y | 2.20 | 2.44 at 02/01 | 1.98 at 18/01 |
| Volatility (VIX) | 19.9 ▶ 18.5 | -1.3 pb E | Euribor 12M 3.36 | 3.37 at 11/01 | 3.30 at 19/01 | OAT 10y | 2.71 | 2.99 at 02/01 | 2.42 at 18/01 |
| ⊅ Euribor 3M (%) | 2.42 ▶ 2.49 | +7.5 bp \$F | ED 4.50 | 4.50 at 02/01 | 4.50 at 02/01 | Corp. BBB | 4.19 | 4.63 at 02/01 | 4.05 at 18/01 |
| () | | | .ibor 3M 4.83 | 4.83 at 12/01 | 4.77 at 02/01 | \$ Treas. 2y | 4.28 | 4.46 at 05/01 | 4.08 at 18/01 |
| 7 Libor \$ 3M (%) | 4.82 • 4.83 | +1.0 bp | ibor 12M 5.32 | 5.56 at 06/01 | 5.30 at 26/01 | Treas. 10y | 3.52 | 3.83 at 02/01 | 3.38 at 18/01 |
| 7 OAT 10y (%) | 2.61 > 2.71 | +9.9 bp £8 | 3.50 3.50 | 3.50 at 02/01 | 3.50 at 02/01 | High Yield | 8.19 | 9.01 at 02/01 | 8.15 at 18/01 |
| 7 Bund 10y (%) | 2.13 ▶ 2.20 | +7.0 bp L | ibor 3M 4.10 | 4.10 at 27/01 | 3.87 at 02/01 | £ gilt. 2y | 3.45 | 3.69 at 02/01 | 3.36 at 24/01 |
| 7 US Tr. 10y (%) | 3.49 ▶ 3.52 | | ibor 12M 0.81 | 0.81 at 02/01 | 0.81 at 02/01 | gilt. 10y | 3.33 | 3.67 at 02/01 | 3.25 at 25/01 |
| ₱ Euro vs dollar | 1.08 ▶ 1.08 | +0.1 % At | 27-1-23 | | | At 27-1-23 | | | |
| ■ Gold (ounce, \$) | 1929 ▶ 1928 | -0.0 % | | | | | | | |
| → Oil (Brent, \$) | 87.7 > 86.7 | -1.1 % | | | | | | | |

EXCHANGE RATES highest 23 lowest

| 1€= | | high | est 23 | low | est/ | 23 | 2023 |
|-------|--------|--------|----------|--------|------|-------|--------|
| USD | 1.08 | 1.09 | at 25/01 | 1.05 | at | 05/01 | +1.6% |
| GBP | 0.88 | 0.89 | at 12/01 | 0.87 | at | 19/01 | -1.1% |
| CHF | 1.00 | 1.00 | at 24/01 | 0.99 | at | 04/01 | +1.3% |
| JPY | 140.90 | 142.58 | at 11/01 | 138.02 | at | 03/01 | +0.1% |
| AUD | 1.53 | 1.57 | at 02/01 | 1.53 | at | 27/01 | -2.9% |
| CNY | 7.34 | 7.42 | at 02/01 | 7.23 | at | 05/01 | -1.0% |
| BRL | 5.52 | 5.79 | at 04/01 | 5.52 | at | 13/01 | -2.0% |
| RUB | 75.82 | 77.91 | at 02/01 | 73.32 | at | 12/01 | -2.7% |
| INR | 88.38 | 88.95 | at 25/01 | 86.85 | at | 05/01 | +0.1% |
| At 27 | 1-23 | | | | | | Change |

COMMODITIES

| Spot price, \$ | | high | est | 23 | lov | vest | 23 | 2023 | 2023(€) |
|----------------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|---------|
| Oil, Brent | 86.7 | 88.2 | at | 23/01 | 78.0 | at | 04/01 | +2.0% | +0.5% |
| Gold (ounce) | 1 928 | 1 935 | at | 24/01 | 1 824 | at | 02/01 | +6.2% | +4.5% |
| Metals, LMEX | 4 354 | 4 404 | at | 26/01 | 3 905 | at | 05/01 | +9.3% | +7.6% |
| Copper (ton) | 9 242 | 9 331 | at | 23/01 | 8 236 | at | 04/01 | +10.5% | +8.8% |
| wheat (ton) | 279 | 2.9 | at | 02/01 | 268 | at | 23/01 | -2.2% | -3.7% |
| Corn (ton) | 265 | 2.7 | at | 17/01 | 251 | at | 04/01 | +0.2% | +0.2% |
| At 27-1-23 | _ | | | | | | | | Change |

EQUITY INDICES

World MSCI World 2 786 2 786 at 27/01 2 595 at 05/01 +7.0% North America S&P500 4 071 4 071 at 27/01 3 808 at 05/01 +6.0% Europe EuroStoxx50 4 178 4 178 at 27/01 3 856 at 02/01 +10.1% 7 097 7 097 at 27/01 6 595 at 02/01 CAC 40 +1.0% DAX 30 15 150 15 187 at 17/01 14 069 at 02/01 +8.8% IBEX 35 9 060 9 060 at 27/01 8 370 at 02/01 +1.0% FTSE100 7 765 7 860 at 16/01 7 452 at 02/01 +0.4% Asla MSCI, loc. Nikkei 1 130 1 130 at 27/01 1 065 at 04/01 +0.6% 27 383 27 395 at 25/01 25 717 at 04/01 +4.9%

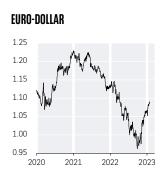
PERFORMANCE BY SECTOR (Eurostoxx50 & S&P500)



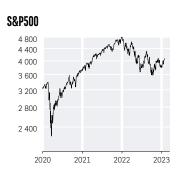
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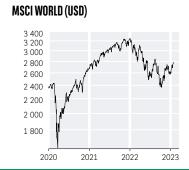
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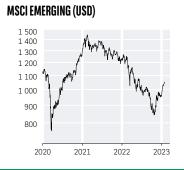


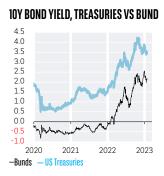


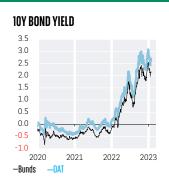


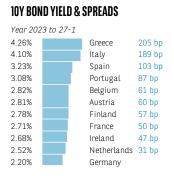
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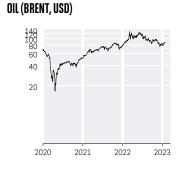


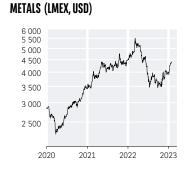


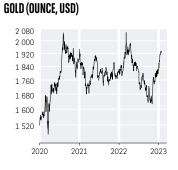












SOURCE: REFINITIV, BNP PARIBAS,



UNITED STATES

The U.S. economy continued to grow in Q4, although it slowed slightly compared to Q3. The determinants of growth, namely household consumption and private inventories, are fragile, suggesting that the economy should continue to slow. The labour market is showing very early signs of a slowdown, but job creation remains high, the unemployment rate is still low and wages are still buoyant. Inflation seems to have peaked in the middle of the year and should continue to fall while remaining significantly above the target of 2% by late 2023. Following the mid-term elections, the Democrats retained a narrow majority in the Senate and the Republicans won a very tiny majority in the House of Representatives. This should limit what President Joe Biden can do over the remainder of his term, but, at the same time, compromises could also be reached.

CHINA

The recovery in Chinese economic growth since its Q2 2022 contraction has been sluggish and unbalanced. Industrial production has been the main growth driver, but it has lost steam since last October, largely due to the weakening in external demand and slower export growth. Meanwhile, activity driven by the domestic market and the services sector remains constrained by powerful drags, including the crisis in the property sector, the deterioration in the labour market, weak household confidence, and the Covid policy. Since early December 2022, the very sudden and ill-prepared abandonment of the strict zero Covid policy has plunged the country into new turbulence. However, domestic demand should rebound when the epidemic wave starts to ease. The authorities are enhancing again fiscal and monetary support measures, which are notably aimed at stabilizing the property sector.

EUROZONE

Growth in the euro zone in the third quarter was weak, but at least it remained positive, while the survey data (business and consumer confidence) seemed to be clearly pointing to a decline. Although a contraction was avoided in the third quarter, the euro zone is unlikely to avoid recession. The combination of the inflationary shock, the energy crisis and the enforced monetary tightening and their increasingly negative effects are likely to overcome the resistance seen to date. However, the recession should remain shallow thanks to the fiscal policy cushion and the current tightness of the labour market. In annual average terms, real GDP growth in the euro zone is expected to reach 3.4% in 2022 and 0.2% in 2023. The subsequent recovery is likely to be weak. Inflation is likely to remain elevated, well above the 2% target at the end of this year and only falling back to it at the end of 2024, which will keep monetary policy in restrictive territory.

FRANCE

Real GDP growth has continued during the 3^{rd} quarter (0.2% q/q, after +0.5% during the 2^{nd} quarter), driven by a growth of manufacturing production partly explained by a recovery of sectors exposed to supply-side problems (particularly the car sector) and partly related to growing inventories in order to avoid potential stronger constraints on production during the winter. This element should weigh on Q4 GDP growth, which should also suffer from the ongoing inflation acceleration (from 5.9% y/y in December towards 6.5% in February, before a gradual disinflation). These shocks should weigh on GDP growth in 2023 (0% according to our forecasts, after 2.5% in 2022).

RATES AND EXCHANGE RATES

In the US, the Federal Reserve will continue its tightening policy, bringing the federal funds rate to its terminal rate for this cycle at 5.25% (upper end of the target range) in the first quarter of this year. Given the expected slow decline in inflation and despite the economy entering recession, this level should be maintained through 2023 and only be followed by rate cuts in 2024. US Treasuries are largely pricing in the upcoming rate hikes. In the near term there is still some upward potential, but subsequently yields should move lower as the inflation outlook improves and the market starts anticipating policy easing in 2024.

The ECB Governing Council will continue to raise its policy rates at its next meetings. We expect the terminal rate -i.e. the peak rate in this cycle- to be reached by the end of the first quarter of this year. We expect a peak for the deposit rate at 3.25%. We expect quantitative tightening to start in the second quarter of 2023. Early on in 2023, we expect higher government bond yields on the back of important supply but thereafter yields should move lower, driven by a gradual decline in inflation. Lower US yields should also play a role in the decline of eurozone yields.

The Bank of Japan has increased the upper end of its target range for the 10-year JGB yield to 0.5% and further adjustments to the yield curve control policy cannot be excluded. Nevertheless, we do not expect the BoJ to proceed with a rate hike.

We expect the dollar to weaken somewhat versus the euro. The dollar's valuation is expensive, positioning in the market is very long and the long-term interest rate differential should narrow.

The yen has already weakened significantly versus the dollar, reflecting the increased policy divergence between the Fed and the Bank of Japan. We expect the exchange rate to remain around current levels in the near term. In 2023, the yen should strengthen versus the dollar considering that the federal funds rate should have reached its terminal rate.

| GDP GROWTH AND INFLATION | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--|------|--------|--------|-----|
| | | GDP (| Growth | | | | Infla | ation | |
| % | 2021 | 2022 e | 2023 e | 2024 e | | 2021 | 2022 e | 2023 e | 20 |
| United-States | 5,7 | 2,1 | 0,7 | 0,2 | | 4,7 | 8,1 | 4,2 | |
| Japan | 1,7 | 1,2 | 0,9 | 0,3 | | -0,2 | 2,5 | 2,2 | |
| United-Kingdom | 7,4 | 4,4 | -0,9 | 0,8 | | 2,6 | 9,0 | 6,8 | : |
| Euro Area | 5,3 | 3,4 | 0,2 | 1,3 | | 2,6 | 8,4 | 5,0 | - : |
| Germany | 2,6 | 1,9 | -0,2 | 1,2 | | 3,2 | 8,6 | 4,6 | |
| France | 6,8 | 2,5 | 0,0 | 1,0 | | 2,1 | 5,9 | 5,8 | |
| Italy | 6,6 | 3,9 | 0,2 | 1,2 | | 1,9 | 8,7 | 6,7 | : |
| Spain | 5,1 | 5,3 | 0,6 | 1,4 | | 3,0 | 8,3 | 1,8 | |
| China | 8,1 | 3,0 | 5,1 | 5,3 | | 0,9 | 2,0 | 2,7 | 2 |
| India* | 9,3 | 8,3 | 6,2 | 6,5 | | 5,4 | 7,9 | 5,9 | |
| Brazil | 4,6 | 3,0 | 0,5 | 1,3 | | 8,3 | 9,4 | 5,4 | 4 |
| Russia | 4,5 | -7,0 | 0,8 | 0,3 | | 7,1 | 14,0 | 10,5 | - 7 |

SOURCE: BNP PARIBAS GROUP ECONOMIC RESEARCH (E: ESTIMATES & FORECASTS)

*FISCAL YEAR FROM 1ST APRIL OF YEAR N TO MARCH 31ST OF YEAR N+1

INTEREST & EXCHANGE RATES

| Interest rates, % | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| End of period | | Q1 2023 | Q2 2023 | Q3 2023 | Q4 2023 | Q4 2024 |
| US | Fed Funds (upper limit) | 5.00 | 5.25 | 5.25 | 5.25 | 3.25 |
| | T-Note 10y | 4.30 | 4.00 | 3.75 | 3.50 | 3.25 |
| Eurozone | deposit rate | 3.00 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 2.00 |
| | Bund 10y | 2.75 | 2.65 | 2.50 | 2.30 | 2.00 |
| | OAT 10y | 3.45 | 3.30 | 3.10 | 2.90 | 2.50 |
| | BTP 10y | 5.25 | 5.05 | 4.80 | 4.60 | 3.80 |
| | BONO 10y | 4.05 | 3.90 | 3.75 | 3.55 | 2.90 |
| UK | Base rate | 4.25 | 4.25 | 4.25 | 4.25 | 3.50 |
| | Gilts 10y | 4.00 | 3.75 | 3.60 | 3.35 | 3.15 |
| Japan | BoJ Rate | -0.10 | -0.10 | -0.10 | -0.10 | -0.10 |
| | JGB 10y | 0.90 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.90 | 0.90 |

| Exchange Rates | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| End of period | | Q1 2023 | Q2 2023 | Q3 2023 | Q4 2023 | Q4 2024 |
| USD | EUR / USD | 1.01 | 1.00 | 1.03 | 1.06 | 1.10 |
| | USD / JPY | 140 | 138 | 133 | 128 | 120 |
| | GBP / USD | 1.09 | 1.08 | 1.11 | 1.14 | 1.18 |
| EUR | EUR / GBP | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.95 |
| | EUR / JPY | 141 | 138 | 137 | 136 | 132 |

| Brent | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| End of period | | Q1 2023 | Q2 2023 | Q3 2023 | Q4 2023 | Q4 2024 |
| Brent | USD/bbl | 95 | 93 | 95 | 92 | 95 |

SOURCES: BNP PARIBAS (E: ESTIMATES & FORECASTS) (MARKET ECONOMICS, INTEREST RATE STRATEGY, FX STRATEGY, COMMODITIES DESK STRATEGY)



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UNCERTAINTY: DIVERGENT TRENDS

Our various uncertainty indicators are complementary in terms of both scope and methodology. Some discrepancies have become apparent in the most recent surveys.

As can be seen in the top left of the set of charts, uncertainty about US economic policy, based on media coverage, has continued on an upward trend since mid-April 2021, on the back of the tightening of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve. Continuing in a clockwise direction, in the United States uncertainty among companies about their turnover reduced (after a brief upturn), but it increased in relation to employment prospects, a slight increase in the context of a downward trend ongoing since October 2021.

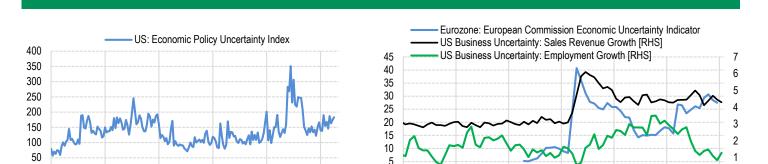
The European Commission's economic uncertainty index fell slightly, due to less uncertainty in the various sectors of activity, with the exception of households (which rose slightly).

The geopolitical risk index (bottom right), which is based on media coverage, is showing signs of stabilising since the start of 2023 after a decline over the final months of 2022. Finally, our uncertainty indicator based on stock markets (cross-sectional dispersion of individual share price changes) rose slightly as of late in the eurozone, while it remains on a downward trend in the United States.

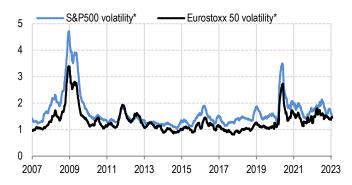
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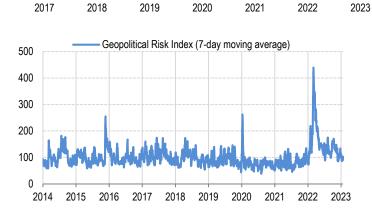
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*volatility = 60-day moving average of the cross-sectional standard deviation of daily returns of the index constituents

SOURCE: REFINITIV, ECONOMIC POLICY UNCERTAINTY, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, ATLANTA FED, GPR INDEX (MATTEOIACOVIELLO.COM), BNP PARIBAS



ECONOMIC PULSE

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COVID-19: A SIGNIFICANT SLOWDOWN IN THE PANDEMIC AROUND THE WORLD

The worldwide fall in Covid-19 cases has continued for the fifth consecutive week. 1.8 million new cases were reported between 20 and 26 January, down 27% from the previous week (figure 1). Overall, the situation has improved significantly in Asia (-34%), Europe (-29%) and South America (-24%), while it has stabilised in North America after falling for eight weeks. In Africa, new cases increased slightly (+3%), but the numbers remain very low. Meanwhile, vaccination campaigns are continuing to progress worldwide, but at a much slower pace. 69.4% of the global population have received at least one dose of a vaccine (figure 2).

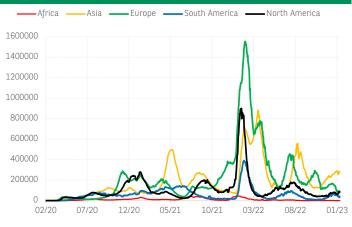
The weekly GDP proxy indicator has recovered significantly in Germany, France, Belgium and Italy, while it remains relatively stable in Spain. In the United States, the United Kingdom and Japan, an increase over the latest data points can be noted (figure 3, black curve). This tracker is produced by the OECD using Google Trends data from searches relating to consumption, the labour market, real estate, industrial activity and uncertainty. The tracker shown here is calculated on a year-on-year basis.

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* Google Mobility Reports show how visits and length of stay at different places change compared to a baseline. The baseline is the median value, for the corresponding day of the week, during the 5-week period Jan 3-Feb 6, 2020. A figure of negative 30% indicates that traffic was down 30% compared to a baseline. The reports show trends over several weeks with the most recent data representing approximately 2-3 days ago—this is how long it takes to produce the reports. In order to smooth the series, we use a seven-day moving average of the raw data in the Google Mobility Reports. Source: Google.

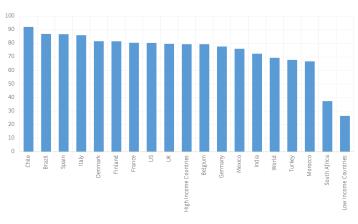
CHART 2

DAILY CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES (7-DAY MOVING AVERAGE) Africa — Asia — Europe — South America — North America



SOURCE: JOHNS-HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (01/26/2023), BNP PARIBAS

SHARE OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE DOSE OF VACCINE



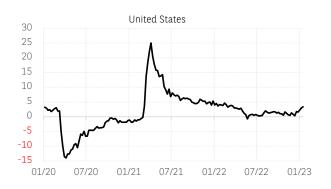
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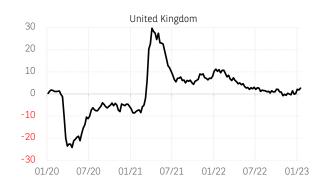


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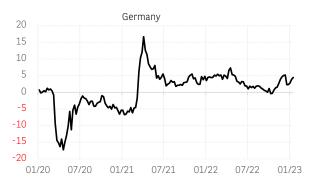
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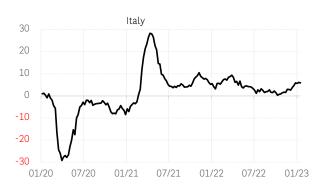
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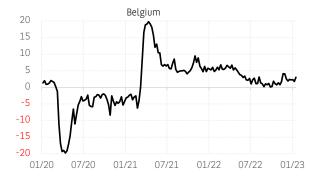












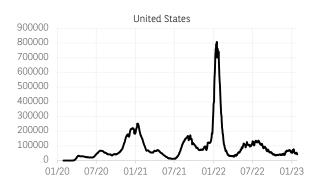


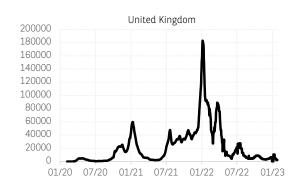
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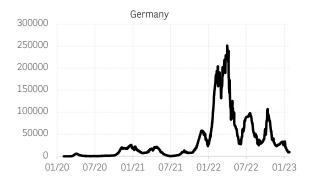
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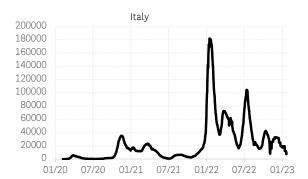
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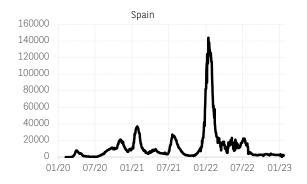


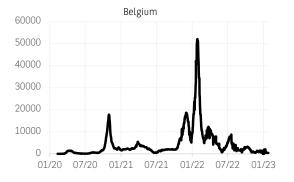


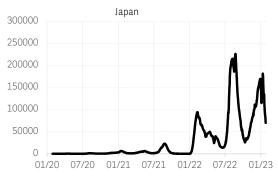












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CALENDAR

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LATEST INDICATORS

In the Eurozone, consumer confidence and the flash PMIs in manufacturing and services improved slightly in January. Business confidence was stable in France but the manufacturing PMI jumped, moving above 50. The services PMI hardly moved. The total number of jobseekers declined in the fourth quarter of 2022. In Germany, consumer confidence improved, the manufacturing PMI was stable but the services PMI recorded an improvement. The IFO business climate also improved on the back of the expectations component. In Japan, the manufacturing PMI was flat but services did better. In the UK, the manufacturing PMI improved but it dropped in services. CBI business optimism did a lot better in January than before. In the US, the services PMI jumped, thereby creating a positive surprise. Fourth quarter GDP growth was better than expected but below the third quarter number. Initial jobless claims were far lower than predicted by the consensus. Capital goods orders were down, as expected, but new home sales growth, although slowing down, did surprise positively. The index of leading indicators continued its downward trend and declined more than expected. According to the University of Michigan's final survey, short and long term inflation expectations improved, which increases consumer confidence in the current economic situation. PCE inflation continues to slow down to 5% y/y in December (versus 5.5% in November).

| DATE | COUNTRY | INDICATOR | PERIOD | SURVEY | ACTUAL | PREVIOUS |
|------------|----------------|--|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| 01/23/2023 | United States | Leading Index | Dec | -0.7% | -1.0% | -1.1% |
| 01/23/2023 | Eurozone | Consumer Confidence | Jan | -20.0 | -20.9 | -22.0 |
| 01/24/2023 | Japan | Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg | Jan | | 48.9 | 48.9 |
| 01/24/2023 | Japan | Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services | Jan | | 52.4 | 51.1 |
| 01/24/2023 | Germany | GfK Consumer Confidence | Feb | -33.3 | -33.9 | -37.6 |
| 01/24/2023 | France | Business Confidence | Jan | 102.0 | 102.0 | 103.0 |
| 01/24/2023 | France | S&P Global France Manufacturing PMI | Jan | 49.5 | 50.8 | 49.2 |
| 01/24/2023 | France | S&P Global France Services PMI | Jan | 49.8 | 49.2 | 49.5 |
| 01/24/2023 | Germany | S&P Global/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI | Jan | 48.0 | 47.0 | 47.1 |
| 01/24/2023 | Germany | S&P Global Germany Services PMI | Jan | 49.5 | 50.4 | 49.2 |
| 01/24/2023 | Eurozone | S&P Global Eurozone Manufacturing PMI | Jan | 48.5 | 48.8 | 47.8 |
| 01/24/2023 | Eurozone | S&P Global Eurozone Services PMI | Jan | 50.1 | 50.7 | 49.8 |
| 01/24/2023 | United Kingdom | S&P Global/CIPS UK Manufacturing PMI | Jan | 45.5 | 46.7 | 45.3 |
| 01/24/2023 | United Kingdom | S&P Global/CIPS UK Services PMI | Jan | 49.5 | 48.0 | 49.9 |
| 01/24/2023 | United Kingdom | CBI Business Optimism | Jan | | -5.0 | -48.0 |
| 01/24/2023 | United States | S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI | Jan | 46.0 | 46.8 | 46.2 |
| 01/24/2023 | United States | S&P Global US Services PMI | Jan | 45.0 | 46.6 | 44.7 |
| 01/25/2023 | Germany | IFO Business Climate | Jan | 90.3 | 90.2 | 88.6 |
| 01/25/2023 | Germany | IFO Current Assessment | Jan | 94.9 | 94.1 | 94.4 |
| 01/25/2023 | Germany | IFO Expectations | Jan | 85.3 | 86.4 | 83.2 |
| 01/25/2023 | France | Total Jobseekers | 4Q | | 2834.0k | 2946.1k |
| 01/26/2023 | United States | GDP Annualized QoQ | 4Q | 2.6% | 2.9% | 3.2% |
| 01/26/2023 | United States | Initial Jobless Claims | Jan | 205k | 186k | 192k |
| 01/26/2023 | United States | Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air | Dec | -0.2% | -0.2% | 0.0% |
| 01/26/2023 | United States | New Home Sales MoM | Dec | -4.4% | 2.3% | 0.7% |
| 01/27/2023 | France | Consumer Confidence | Jan | 83.0 | 80.0 | 81.0 |
| 01/27/2023 | United States | Personal Income | Dec | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| 01/27/2023 | United States | Personal Spending | Dec | -0.2% | -0.2% | -0.1% |
| 01/27/2023 | United States | PCE Core Deflator MoM | Dec | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| 01/27/2023 | United States | U. of Mich. Sentiment | Jan | 64.6 | 64.9 | 64.6 |
| 01/27/2023 | United States | U. of Mich. Current Conditions | Jan | 68.6 | 68.4 | 68.6 |
| 01/27/2023 | United States | U. of Mich. Expectations | Jan | 62.0 | 62.7 | 62.0 |
| 01/27/2023 | United States | U. of Mich. 1 Yr Inflation | Jan | 4.0% | 3.9% | 4.0% |
| 01/27/2023 | United States | U. of Mich. 5-10 Yr Inflation | Jan | 3.0% | 2.9% | 3.0% |
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COMING INDICATORS

An incredibly busy week with as highlights the monetary policy meetings of the Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the ECB, whereby the press conferences will be as important as the decisions. A heavy load of data will be published: first quarter GDP in the Eurozone, France and Germany, the US labour market report, Eurozone inflation, the European Commission's survey data, manufacturing and services PMIs in many countries. In the US we will also have the ISM surveys in manufacturing and services and the Conference Board consumer confidence data.

| DATE | COUNTRY | INDICATOR | PERIOD | SURVEY | PREVIOUS |
|------------|----------------|--|--------|--------|----------|
| 01/30/2023 | Eurozone | Consumer Confidence | Jan | | -20.9 |
| 01/30/2023 | Eurozone | Economic Confidence | Jan | | 95.8 |
| 01/30/2023 | Eurozone | Industrial Confidence | Jan | | -1.5 |
| 01/30/2023 | Eurozone | Services Confidence | Jan | | 6.3 |
| 01/31/2023 | China | Manufacturing PMI | Jan | 50.0 | 47.0 |
| 01/31/2023 | China | Non-manufacturing PMI | Jan | 51.0 | 41.6 |
| 01/31/2023 | Japan | Consumer Confidence Index | Jan | | 30.3 |
| 01/31/2023 | France | Consumer Spending MoM | Dec | | 0.5% |
| 01/31/2023 | France | GDP QoQ | 4Q | | 0.2% |
| 01/31/2023 | Germany | GDP SA QoQ | 4Q | | 0.4% |
| 01/31/2023 | Eurozone | GDP SA QoQ | 4Q | | 0.3% |
| 01/31/2023 | United States | Employment Cost Index | 4Q | 1.2% | 1.2% |
| 01/31/2023 | United States | Conf. Board Consumer Confidence | Jan | 109.4 | 108.3 |
| 01/31/2023 | United States | Conf. Board Present Situation | Jan | | 147.2 |
| 01/31/2023 | United States | Conf. Board Expectations | Jan | | 82.4 |
| 02/01/2023 | Japan | Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg | Jan | | 48.9 |
| 02/01/2023 | China | Caixin China PMI Mfg | Jan | 49.5 | 49.0 |
| 02/01/2023 | France | S&P Global France Manufacturing PMI | Jan | | 50.8 |
| 02/01/2023 | Germany | S&P Global/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI | Jan | | 47.0 |
| 02/01/2023 | Eurozone | S&P Global Eurozone Manufacturing PMI | Jan | | 48.8 |
| 02/01/2023 | United Kingdom | S&P Global/CIPS UK Manufacturing PMI | Jan | | 46.7 |
| 02/01/2023 | Eurozone | CPI Estimate YoY | Jan | | 9.2% |
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| DATE | COUNTRY | INDICATOR | PERIOD | SURVEY | PREVIOUS |
|------------|----------------|--|--------|--------|----------|
| 02/01/2023 | Eurozone | Unemployment Rate | Dec | | 6.5% |
| 02/01/2023 | Eurozone | СРІ МОМ | Jan | | -0.4% |
| 02/01/2023 | Eurozone | CPI Core YoY | Jan | | 5.2% |
| 02/01/2023 | United States | S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI | Jan | | |
| 02/01/2023 | United States | ISM Manufacturing | Jan | 48.1 | 48.4 |
| 02/01/2023 | United States | JOLTS Job Openings | Dec | | 10458k |
| 02/01/2023 | United States | FOMC Rate Decision (Upper Bound) | Feb | 4.75% | 4.50% |
| 02/02/2023 | United Kingdom | Bank of England rate | Feb | | 3.50% |
| 02/02/2023 | Eurozone | ECB Deposit Facility Rate | Feb | | 2.00% |
| 02/02/2023 | United States | Initial Jobless Claims | Jan | | |
| 02/03/2023 | Japan | Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services | Jan | | 52.4 |
| 02/03/2023 | China | Caixin China PMI Services | Jan | | 48.0 |
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| 02/03/2023 | Eurozone | S&P Global Eurozone Services PMI | Jan | | 50.7 |
| 02/03/2023 | Eurozone | ECB Survey of Professional Forecasters | | | |
| 02/03/2023 | United Kingdom | S&P Global/CIPS UK Services PMI | Jan | | 48.0 |
| 02/03/2023 | Eurozone | PPI MoM | Dec | | -0.9% |
| 02/03/2023 | United States | Change in Nonfarm Payrolls | Jan | 175k | 223k |
| 02/03/2023 | United States | Unemployment Rate | Jan | 3.6% | 3.5% |
| 02/03/2023 | United States | Average Hourly Earnings MoM | Jan | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| 02/03/2023 | United States | Average Weekly Hours All Employees | Jan | 34.4 | 34.3 |
| 02/03/2023 | United States | Labor Force Participation Rate | Jan | | 62.3% |
| 02/03/2023 | United States | S&P Global US Services PMI | Jan | | |
| 02/03/2023 | United States | ISM Services Index | Jan | 50.3 | 49.6 |

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