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EDITORIAL

MONETARY POLICY'S LONG AND VARIABLE LAGS: THE CASE OF THE US

The Federal Reserve's Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey sheds light on how changes in monetary policy influence banks' credit standards and expected loan demand. Based on the historical relationships, the latest survey points towards a high likelihood of average negative growth of the volume of company and household investments over the next several quarters. Moreover, recent research shows that since 2009, the maximum impact of monetary policy on inflation may be reached more quickly. Based on the relationship between credit standards, expected credit demand and investments by companies and households, as well as on the possibility that transmission lags have shortened, decisions by the Federal Reserve will more than ever be data-dependent.

Changes in official interest rates influence economic growth and inflation through a variety of channels whereby the effects tend to manifest themselves with long and variable lags. In a recent Ecoweek, using data from the ECB's quarterly bank lending survey, the relationship has been analysed between, on the one hand, credit standards applied by banks and expected loan demand, and on the other hand, growth in the subsequent quarters in the volume of company investments, household investments and household consumption1. Tighter credit standards tend to be followed by slower growth of company investments and households' housing investments but the relationship with household consumption is very weak. When banks expect credit demand to be weak (strong), subsequent growth of company investments and households' housing investments tends to be weak (strong). The relationship with household consumption is again very weak.

We have conducted a similar analysis for the United States, based on the Federal Reserve's Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey (SLOOS) and the results are shown in charts 1-6 as well as in table 1, which reports the regression coefficient and R2 for various time windows2. There is a clear negative relationship between the net number of banks reporting tighter credit standards for commercial and industrial loans and the average real growth of company investments over the next 6 quarters (chart 1). When banks expect weak (strong) credit demand from companies, the subsequent growth of company investments tends to be weak (strong) too (chart 2). The vertical lines show that in the latest survey (January 2023), compared to history, credit standards were already tight and expected loan demand weak.

Turning to household investments, which mainly consist of the purchase and renovation of dwellings, a negative relationship is also found between banks' credit standards and the average real growth of housing investments over the next 4 quarters (chart 3). Weak expected credit demand is associated with a contraction in household investments in the following quarters as well (chart 4). In the latest SLOOS, credit standards were, compared to the historical range, already rather tight, whereas expected loan demand was very weak and close to the historical lows³. Finally, with respect to household spending, like in the Eurozone, the relationships with credit standards and expected demand are very weak although they have the expected sign.

These results point towards a high likelihood of average negative growth of the volume of company and household investments over the next several quarters unless other factors would play a counterbalancing role⁴. One such factor could be an early end of the tightening cycle by the Federal Reserve, which could boost confidence by reducing

REGRES	SION COEFFICIENT	AND R ² FO	R VARIOUS TIME	WINDOWS
Time	Credit stan	dards	Credit demand	
	Commercial and indus	trial loans and	d company investmen	ts
	beta	R2	beta	R2
4Q	-0.0462	0.4815	0.0341	0.3236
6Q	-0.0416	0.5017	0.03	0.3153
8Q	-0.0349	0.4346	0.0261	0.2954
Sample	Q3 1991 - Q1 2023			
	Mortgage loan	s and househo	ld investments	
	beta	R2	beta	R2
4Q	0.0502	0.0926	0.0469	0.4134
6Q	0.0275	0.0484	0.0317	0.2846
8Q	0.0189	0.0461	0.0154	0.129
Sample	Q1 2015 - Q1 2023			
	Consumer credit le	oans and hous	ehold consumption	
	beta	R2	beta	R2
4Q	-0.0009	0.0004	-0.0004	0
6Q	0.0032	0.0113	-0.0017	0.0021
8Q	0.0064	0.0632	-0.0012	0.0017
Sample	Q1 2011 - Q1 2023			

fears of a further hit to growth from higher rates. However, based on recent data -labour market, inflation- as well as comments by Federal Reserve officials, additional rate hikes still are to be expected. The further cumulative tightening will be data-dependent but it will also be influenced by the expected transmission speed of monetary policy.

SOURCE: FEDERAL RESERVE, BNP PARIBAS

The latter point was addressed in a recent speech by Lael Brainard in which she mentions research of 2004 and 2015 showing that "it takes about 9 and 12 months ... for monetary policy actions to begin to affect inflation and additional time for that effect to peak". However, more recent research finds that "inflation effects from monetary policy occur much sooner and peak within the first 10 months."5 Recent research by the Federal Reserve of Kansas City also points towards an acceleration of the effect of monetary tightening on inflation -with a maximum effect coming after 12 months- due to the use since 2009 of the central bank's balance sheet (quantitative easing, quantitative tightening) as well as forward-guidance⁶.

TABLE



Monetary policy's long and variable lags: the case of the Eurozone, Ecoweek, 27 February 2023, BNP Paribas.
The table reports three time windows for the growth of investments and spending. The charts show the time windows with the highest R².
For credit standards and credit demand related to mortgage loans, Tthehe data in the charts start in 2015, which may bias the results1991
The R²s remind us that credit standards and expected demand only explain part of the fluctuations in the growth of investments. This is especially the case for household

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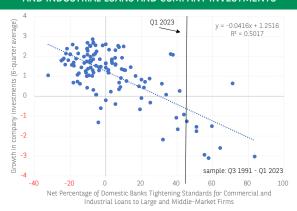
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According to the authors, the use of a broader range of instruments implies the risk of underestimating the effect of monetary tightening if one would only focus on the federal funds rate. Such underestimation would imply an overestimation of the lag between changes in monetary policy and its effect on inflation.

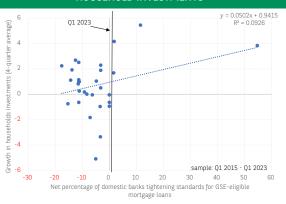
To conclude, based on the relationship between credit standards, expected credit demand and investments by companies and households, as well as on the possibility that transmission lags may have shortened, decisions by the central bank will more than ever be data-dependent.

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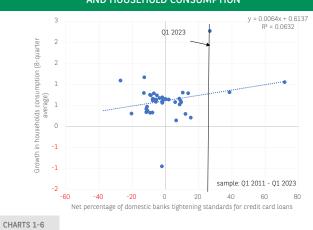
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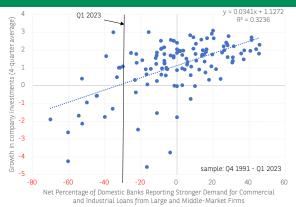
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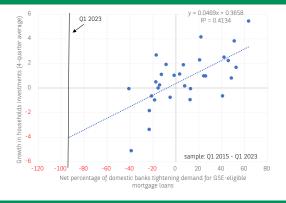
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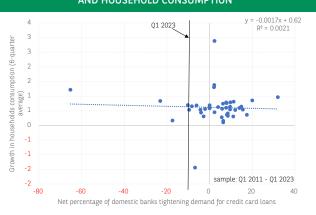
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SOURCE: FEDERAL RESERVE, REFINITIV, BNP PARIBAS



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MARKETS OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW

Week 3-3 23 to 10-3-23 **S** CAC 40 7 348 ▶ 7 221 -1.7 % ≥ S&P 500 4 046 🕨 3 862 -4.5 % **オ** Volatility (VIX) +6.3 pb 18.5 ▶ 24.8 **7** Euribor 3M (%) 2.85 ▶ 2.98 +12.9 bp **7** Libor \$ 3M (%) 4.98 ▶ 5.14 +15.4 bp 7 Libor \$ 3M (%) ■ OAT 10y (%) 3.23 ▶ 2.96 -26.5 bp 2.72 ▶ 2.50 -21.9 bp ■ Bund 10y (%) ≥ US Tr. 10y (%) 3.96 > 3.69 **7** Euro vs dollar 1.06 ▶ 1.07 +0.8 % **7** Gold (ounce, \$) 1846 ▶ 1859 +0.7 % **3** Oil (Brent, \$) 86.0 ▶ 82.8 -3.7 %

MONEY & BOND MARKETS

Interest Rates		hig	hest	23	lov	west	23
€ ECB	3.00	3.00	at	08/02	2.50	at	02/01
Eonia	-0.51	-0.51	at	02/01	-0.51	at	02/01
Euribor 3M	2.98	2.98	at	10/03	2.16	at	02/01
Euribor 12M	3.95	3.98	at	09/03	3.30	at	19/01
\$ FED	4.75	4.75	at	02/02	4.50	at	02/01
Libor 3M	5.14	5.15	at	09/03	4.77	at	02/01
Libor 12M	5.74	5.88	at	08/03	5.25	at	03/02
£ BoE	4.00	4.00	at	02/02	3.50	at	02/01
Libor 3M	4.34	4.36	at	08/03	3.87	at	02/01
Libor 12M	0.81	0.81	at	02/01	0.81	at	02/01
At 10-3-23	_						

Yield (%)		highest 23	lowest 23
€ AVG 5-7y	2.64	2.64 at 02/01	2.64 at 02/01
Bund 2y	3.12	3.36 at 08/03	2.46 at 17/01
Bund 10y	2.50	2.75 at 02/03	1.98 at 18/01
OAT 10y	2.96	3.23 at 03/03	2.42 at 18/01
Corp. BBB	4.57	4.75 at 03/03	3.95 at 02/02
\$ Treas. 2y	4.65	5.12 at 08/03	4.08 at 18/01
Treas. 10y	3.69	4.06 at 02/03	3.38 at 18/01
High Yield	8.88	9.01 at 02/01	7.94 at 02/02
£ gilt. 2y	3.92	4.10 at 09/03	3.15 at 02/02
gilt. 10y	3.53	3.78 at 02/03	3.00 at 02/02
At 10-3-23	_		

EXCHANGE RATES

1€ =		high	est 23	low	/est	23	2023
USD	1.07	1.09	at 02/02	1.05	at	05/01	+0.1%
GBP	0.88	0.90	at 03/02	0.87	at	19/01	-0.5%
CHF	0.98	1.00	at 24/01	0.98	at	10/03	-0.5%
JPY	143.57	145.27	at 01/03	138.02	at	03/01	+2.0%
AUD	1.61	1.61	at 10/03	1.53	at	27/01	+2.4%
CNY	7.44	7.44	at 10/03	7.23	at	05/01	+0.3%
BRL	5.52	5.79	at 04/01	5.40	at	08/03	-2.1%
RUB	81.41	81.41	at 10/03	73.32	at	12/01	+4.5%
INR	87.69	89.91	at 02/02	86.58	at	08/03	-0.7%
At 10-	3-23						Change

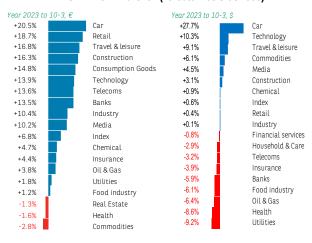
COMMODITIES

Spot price, \$		high	est	23	lov	vest	23	2023	2023(€)
Oil, Brent	82.8	88.2	at	23/01	78.0	at	04/01	-2.4%	-2.6%
Gold (ounce)	1 859	1 935	at	24/01	1 810	at	24/02	+2.4%	+2.3%
Metals, LMEX	3 933	4 404	at	26/01	3 905	at	05/01	-1.3%	-1.4%
Copper (ton)	8 847	9 331	at	23/01	8 236	at	04/01	+5.8%	+5.6%
wheat (ton)	246	2.9	at	13/02	241	at	09/03	-13.9%	-14.0%
Corn (ton)	241	2.7	at	13/02	239	at	09/03	-0.7%	-7.4%
At 10-3-23									Change

EQUITY INDICES

	Index	highest 23	lowest 23	2023
World				
MSCI World	2 657	2 848 at 02/02	2 595 at 05/01	+2.1%
North America				
S&P500	3 862	4 180 at 02/02	3 808 at 05/01	+0.6%
Europe				
EuroStoxx50	4 230	4 314 at 06/03	3 856 at 02/01	+11.5%
CAC 40	7 221	7 373 at 06/03	6 595 at 02/01	+1.2%
DAX 30	15 428	15 654 at 06/03	14 069 at 02/01	+10.8%
IBEX 35	9 285	9 511 at 06/03	8 370 at 02/01	+1.3%
FTSE100	7 748	8 014 at 20/02	7 452 at 02/01	+0.4%
Asla				
MSCI, loc.	1 119	1 143 at 09/03	1 065 at 04/01	+0.5%
Nikkei	28 144	28 623 at 09/03	25 717 at 04/01	+7.9%
Emerging				
MSCI Emerging (\$)	955	1 052 at 26/01	955 at 10/03	-0.0%
China	62	75 at 27/01	62 at 10/03	-2.0%
India	725	786 at 18/01	712 at 28/02	-6.8%
Brazil	1 406	1 574 at 25/01	1 357 at 04/01	-5.8%
At 10-3-23	_		_	Change

PERFORMANCE BY SECTOR (Eurostoxx50 & S&P500)

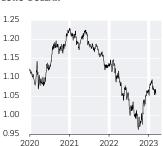


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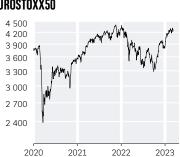


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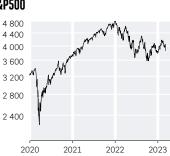




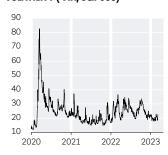
EUROSTOXX50



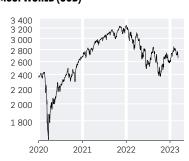
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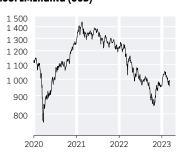
VOLATILITY (VIX, S&P500)



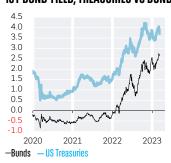
MSCI WORLD (USD)



MSCI EMERGING (USD)



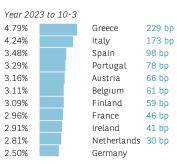
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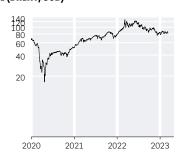
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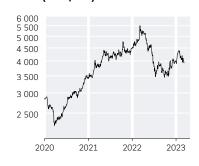
10Y BOND YIELD & SPREADS



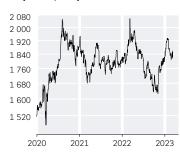
OIL (BRENT, USD)



METALS (LMEX, USD)



GOLD (OUNCE, USD)



SOURCE: REFINITIV, BNP PARIBAS,



ECONOMIC PULSE

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PMI: SHORTER DELIVERY TIMES WORLDWIDE

February S&P Global PMI data provided good news overall. One of the key results is the recovery in China's manufacturing PMI, which reached 51.6, its highest level in eight months (compared with 49.2 in January). This improvement is linked to the gradual recovery in factory production since the lifting of health restrictions. In the eurozone, the figures are mixed down in France, Germany and Austria, but up quite sharply in Spain, Italy and Ireland. In the United States and Japan, the index remained below the 50-point threshold, i.e. in a contracting zone for the fourth consecutive month (Table 1).

The new orders component continued its rebound in February, coming closer to the 50-point mark at the worldwide level, driven by an improvement in supply chains and the end of health restrictions in China. This manufacturing subindex increased sharply in the United Kingdom, China, Vietnam and, to a lesser extent, Spain, Italy, Greece and Ireland. In contrast, it fell sharply in France and, in a more limited way, in Japan (Table 2).

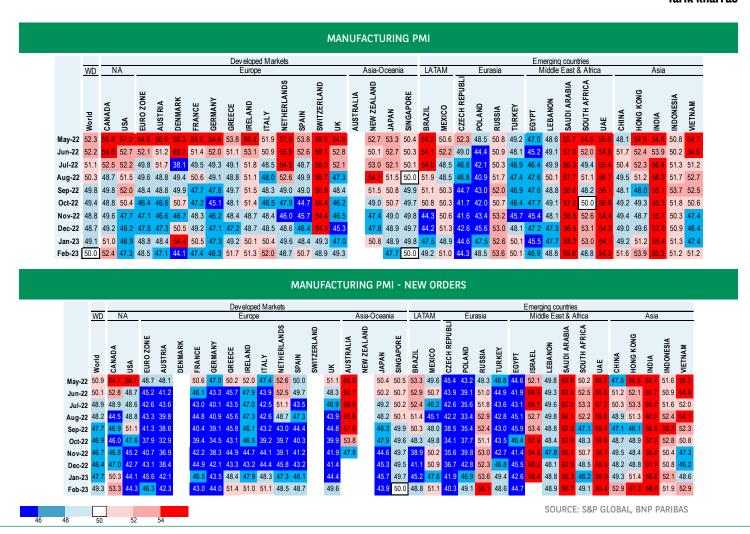
The manufacturing employment sub-index has also increased globally, driven by its sharp rise in China, the United States, the United Kingdom and more slightly in the euro area. On the other hand, it retreated in France and the Netherlands. Notably, this employment subindex remains above the 50-point threshold in 28 of the 34 countries for which February data are available (Table 3).

The input price sub-index fell sharply in February in all developed countries, with the exception of Spain, where it recovered somewhat. It also declined in China and Indonesia, but to a lesser extent (Table 4). The manufacturing output price sub-index remained stable at the global level, masking a fairly sharp rise in the United States, Spain and Japan and a sharp fall in France, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands and Italy (Table 5).

As a further sign of diminishing tensions on the supply side, delivery times in the manufacturing sector have improved above the 50-point threshold for the first time since July 2009, with a shortening in particular in the US, euro area and China (Table 6).

Finally, the services PMI rose in February compared to the previous month in almost all countries in our sample, except Brazil. It increased markedly in the United States, France, Spain, the United Kingdom and Ireland (Table 7).

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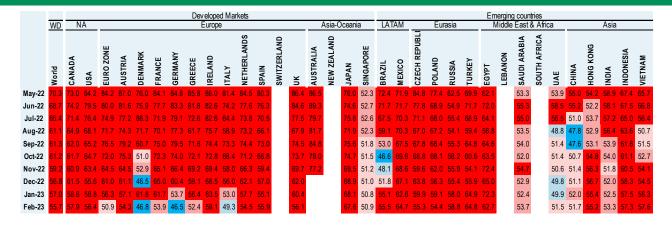


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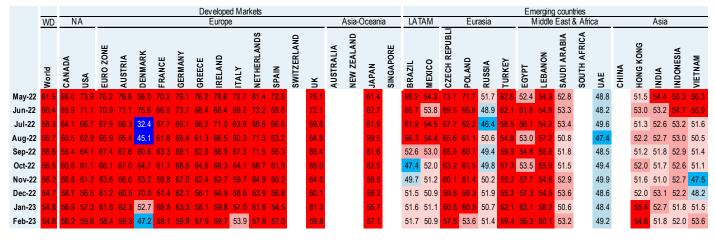
MANUFACTURING PMI - EMPLOYMENT

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	World	CANADA	USA	EURO ZONE	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	FRANCE	GERMANY	GREECE	IRELAND	ITALY	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN	SWITZERLAND	Α	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	JAPAN	BRAZIL	MEXICO	CZECH REPUBLI	POLAND	RUSSIA	TURKEY	EGYPT	SAUDI ARABIA	SOUTH AFRICA	UAE	CHINA	INDIA	INDONESIA	VIETNAM
May-22	51.6	55.3	53.1	56.1	57.7	68.6	54.0	58.0	53.4	59.3	52.7	59.9	50.3	62.1	55.4	51.9	52.9	51.9	53.3	51.7	52.5	51.2	47.1	51.7	48.2	50.9	50.4	50.7	48.6	51.0	50.3	53.0
Jun-22	51.3	52.9	52.9	54.5	56.4	69.3	52.5	55.4	53.0	55.7	53.0	58.9	51.0	61.6	53.0	52.5	51.4	51.8	53.4	51.2	48.7	47.6	51.2	51.0	48.5	50.7	51.3	51.2	48.8	50.8	48.9	54.0
Jul-22	50.4	51.9	51.5	53.3	55.7	39.4	50.6	55.2	50.4	52.9	52.0	56.0	48.6	58.7	55.9	53.4	52.8	51.6	55.5	49.6	46.3	47.8	48.4	50.2	50.1	51.3	48.4	51.0	47.8	50.6	52.3	52.3
Aug-22	50.3	48.8	51.1	52.8	53.9	60.0	52.2	54.5	49.1	52.4	50.5	55.2	48.6	58.5	50.4	54.1	53.4	50.8	53.1	49.8	47.7	45.6	49.2	51.2	50.7	51.2	48.4	51.5	48.3	50.1	51.4	53.4
Sep-22	50.8	49.5	53.8	52.4	55.7	46.3	51.0	53.4	49.3	53.8	51.0	52.3	49.8	58.8	51.0	53.5	51.5	52.8	52.2	51.6	50.6	45.2	52.2	49.2	50.4	50.5	46.7	51.4	47.7	50.7	51.9	53.3
Oct-22	50.3	49.0	51.4	52.6	56.2	45.8	51.7	54.5	49.7	52.9	50.8	53.3	45.5	59.3	48.3	53.1	48.9	51.3	52.3	50.3	47.0	43.7	47.0	47.7	49.6	50.2	41.5	52.0	48.7	53.6	50.5	52.3
Nov-22	49.9	51.1	51.1	52.0	54.4	43.2	51.7	53.8	49.6	49.7	51.2	52.0	47.0	61.6	47.8	52.0	47.1	51.1	48.6	51.6	46.5	44.7	51.5	50.2	50.8	50.6	45.7	51.5	47.6	53.4	50.6	46.8
Dec-22	49.8	50.8	50.6	51.9	55.4	46.4	49.0	53.4	50.3	50.2	51.0	53.6	50.0	61.1	45.5	51.6	49.5	50.9	47.3	52.3	45.7	47.3	54.3	52.1	49.4	52.0	54.3	50.6	47.7	51.8	50.3	45.1
Jan-23	50.0	51.5	50.3	52.1	54.9	58.7	51.7	52.3	49.7	52.6	51.7	52.6	50.1	59.0	46.7	53.2	51.0	50.9	49.5	49.8	45.7	45.9	53.6	52.0	48.7	51.2	48.4	51.3	48.4	50.1	50.0	47.7
Feb-23	51.2	51.9	52.5	52.3	52.3	51.8	50.7	52.6	51.3	53.9	53.2	50.3	51.3	53.9	48.9	53.3		50.8	49.8	50.2	44.2	47.1	52.4	51.9	48.3	51.9	47.1	51.0	50.6	50.3	50.1	51.2

MANUFACTURING PMI - INPUT PRICES



PMI MANUFACTURING - OUTPUT PRICES



SOURCE: S&P GLOBAL, BNP PARIBAS

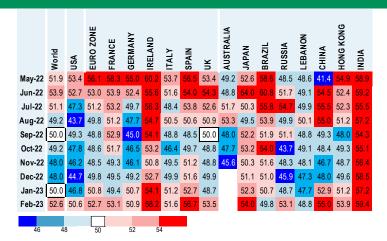


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	MANUFACTURING PMI -DELIVERY TIMES																																
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May-22	38.8	33.3	31.1	29.9	24.2	45.0	30.0	28.2	27.0	33.3	32.6	28.4	33.7	34.1	48.0	55.0	37.1	49.8	44.1	41.9	32.9	41.5	34.3	47.0	48.5	52.2		52.3	43.3	44.1	49.4	48.3	42.2
Jun-22	42.2	31.0	33.6	34.2	34.6	44.2	31.2	33.0	30.7	32.4	38.0	36.6	39.8	34.5	51.5	51.7	38.0	50.1	42.1	38.5	37.9	43.2	40.7	46.8	46.1			51.4	50.2	44.5	50.3	50.0	45.1
Jul-22	42.8	33.1	33.7	37.9	38.7	49.3	32.0	38.7	33.4	36.6	40.8	38.5	40.8	37.9	47.4	50.0	39.2	50.3	41.5	41.9	42.4	45.7	39.0	46.2	48.7			51.0	49.1	46.9	50.2	48.9	48.5
Aug-22	44.8	37.6	38.9	40.2	41.4	47.1	33.1	40.9	36.1	37.7	44.5	39.8	44.9	44.5	47.1	54.0	40.0	50.4	46.6	42.5	46.5	47.3	43.8	46.7	49.5			52.8	49.4	49.2	50.8	50.0	50.5
Sep-22	45.7	41.2	43.1	41.8	39.5	54.2	37.8	44.6	35.4	39.5	40.8	42.6	41.1	42.1	52.8	54.4	41.6	50.5	49.1	42.0	47.0	47.7	45.3	46.1	49.4	50.9		51.7	48.7	49.1	49.4	49.8	50.1
Oct-22	46.5	44.1	44.3	43.4	41.7	58.0	38.5	47.1	36.7	38.9	42.2	42.2	43.9	43.6	48.3	55.1	43.7	50.6	49.7	43.8	46.4	49.3	43.5	51.2	50.2	51.4		52.1	48.8	49.0	49.6	49.1	50.4
Nov-22	47.3	45.0	50.5	47.5	47.4	51.9	39.9	53.1	42.6	42.3	45.7	45.3	44.8	45.3	39.2	49.7	43.8	50.4	52.2	46.2	47.9	49.8	44.8	53.3	49.2	54.6		51.7	45.5	50.4	50.3	49.4	49.6
Dec-22	47.8	44.4	49.9	50.0	49.6	57.8	39.1	56.8	47.1	44.7	46.9	49.5	48.4	46.8		48.5	43.9	50.5	53.6	46.2	47.0	48.9	45.0	53.3	49.3	51.5		50.5	46.7	50.5	50.0	49.2	49.2
Jan-23	49.0	46.6	50.2	49.8	50.5	58.0	36.5	55.4	46.9	50.7	47.3	52.2	47.8	47.8		51.6	45.6	50.4	51.2	47.8	49.0	48.5	47.4	49.8	48.9	52.7		51.9	49.3	51.2	50.5	49.3	50.3
Feb-23	50.9	46.5	53.0	54.8	53.9	57.9	44.7	64.1	44.7	49.1	47.7	55.1	48.6	51.0			46.8	49.9	51.4	46.4	47.5	50.6	45.7	44.5	48.1	54.2		55.0	51.2	55.2	50.0	50.8	50.7
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ECONOMIC SCENARIO

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UNITED STATES

The U.S. economy continued to grow in Q4, although it slowed slightly compared to Q3. However, the main drivers of growth, namely household consumption and private inventories, are fragile, suggesting that the economy should continue to slow. The labour market is still very tight, with job creation remaining high, the unemployment rate low and wage growth buoyant. Inflation seems to have peaked in the middle of 2022, but disinflation remains gradual and the inflation rate should remain significantly above the target of 2% by the end of 2023. As a consequence, the Fed should continue to increase its policy rate towards 5.50-5.75% in Q3. It is likely to drive the US economy into recession and limit the recovery in 2024.

CHINA

Economic growth, which was sluggish and unbalanced in 2022, is projected to strengthen in 2023. The end of the zero Covid policy has led to a rebound in private demand and activity in the services sector since late January, and household consumption will continue to benefit from large catch-up effects in the short term. However, while export and industrial production prospects are darkened by the weakening in global demand, activity driven by the domestic market remains constrained by important drags. In fact, the recovery in the labour market remains uncertain, the improvement in the property and construction sectors is likely to be limited, and the worrying financial situation of local governments should constrain public investment. Fiscal and monetary support is expected to be prudent. Consumer price inflation, which averaged 2% in 2022, should accelerate only mildly in 2023.

EUROZONE

Economic growth in the eurozone was zero in the fourth quarter of 2022, but better than expected for 2022 as a whole, at 3.5%. The combination of the inflationary shock, the energy crisis and forced monetary tightening and the build-up of their negative effects will weaken activity in 2023. Nonetheless, the improvement in the survey data (business climate and consumer confidence) in the first two months of 2023 suggests that the monetary union will escape a recession this winter. Real GDP growth should be weak but positive in 2023 and 2024, at 0.8% and 0.7% respectively, with more homogeneous activity growth between countries. Although it is expected to decline throughout 2023, inflation will remain elevated and well above the 2% target at the end of the year and back on target only at the end of 2024, forcing monetary policy to remain in restrictive territory.

FRANCE

Real GDP growth has decreased in H2 2022 (0.2% q/q in Q3 and 0.1% in Q4, after +0.5% in Q2). Corporate investment and inventory rebuilding have remained the main growth drivers, whereas household demand has played on the downside: household consumption has decreased by 1.2% q/q in Q4 and their investment by 0.9%. As inflation has reached a new peak in February 2023 (7.2% y/y according to the harmonized measure) and because of rising interest rates, household demand should remain subdued in 2023, weighing on our GDP growth forecast (0.5% in 2023, compared to 2.6% 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 5.75% (upper end of the target range) in July 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 during the summer. We expect a peak for the deposit rate at 4%. We expect quantitative tightening to start in the second quarter of 2023. In the near term, we expect higher government

bond yields as the ECB continues to tighten 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.

We expect the yen to remain around current levels in the near term before strengthening versus the dollar considering that the federal funds rate should have reached its terminal rate.

	C	GDP GF	ROWTH	AND IN	FLAT	ΓΙΟΝ			
		GDP	Growth				Infl	ation	
%	2021	2022	2023 e	2024 e	_	2021	2022	2023 e	2024 e
United-States	5.7	2.1	1.5	0.0		4.7	8.0	4.4	2.6
Japan	1.7	1.1	1.2	0.8		-0.2	2.5	2.7	1.5
United-Kingdom	7.4	4.0	-0.4	1.0		2.6	9.1	6.0	2.0
Euro Area	5.3	3.5	0.7	0.8		2.6	8.4	5.2	2.6
Germany	2.6	1.9	0.1	0.8		3.2	8.6	5.4	2.1
France	6.8	2.6	0.5	0.9		2.1	5.9	5.7	3.0
Italy	6.6	3.8	0.9	0.9		1.9	8.7	6.7	2.3
Spain	5.1	5.5	1.4	1.1		3.0	8.3	3.5	2.1
China	8.1	3.0	5.6	5.3		0.9	2.0	2.7	2.5
India*	8.7	6.9	6.1	6.3		5.5	6.7	5.5	4.4
Brazil	4.6	3.0	0.5	1.3		8.3	9.4	5.4	4.9

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

INTEREST AND EXCHANGE RATES

Interest rates, %					
End of period		Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
US	Fed Funds (upper limit)	5.50	5.75	5.75	4.00
	T-Note 10y	4.30	4.10	3.90	3.65
Eurozone	deposit rate	3.75	4.00	4.00	2.75
	Bund 10y	3.10	2.90	2.50	2.00
	OAT 10y	3.65	3.45	3.02	2.50
	BTP 10y	5.10	5.15	4.75	3.80
	BONO 10y	4.10	4.00	3.60	2.90
UK	Base rate	4.25	4.25	4.25	3.50
	Gilts 10y	3.70	3.50	3.25	2.85
Japan	BoJ Rate	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	0.10
	JGB 10v	0.95	0.95	0.90	0.95

Exchange Rates					
End of period		Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
USD	EUR / USD	1.10	1.12	1.14	1.18
	USD / JPY	133	130	127	121
	GBP / USD	1.24	1.26	1.28	1.33
EUR	EUR / GBP	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89
	EUR / JPY	146	146	145	143

Brent					
End of period		Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Brent	USD/bbl	85	90	90	95
		-		* CDOT AT	02/02/202

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