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# MENA Economic Outlook: Navigating Through Uncertainty

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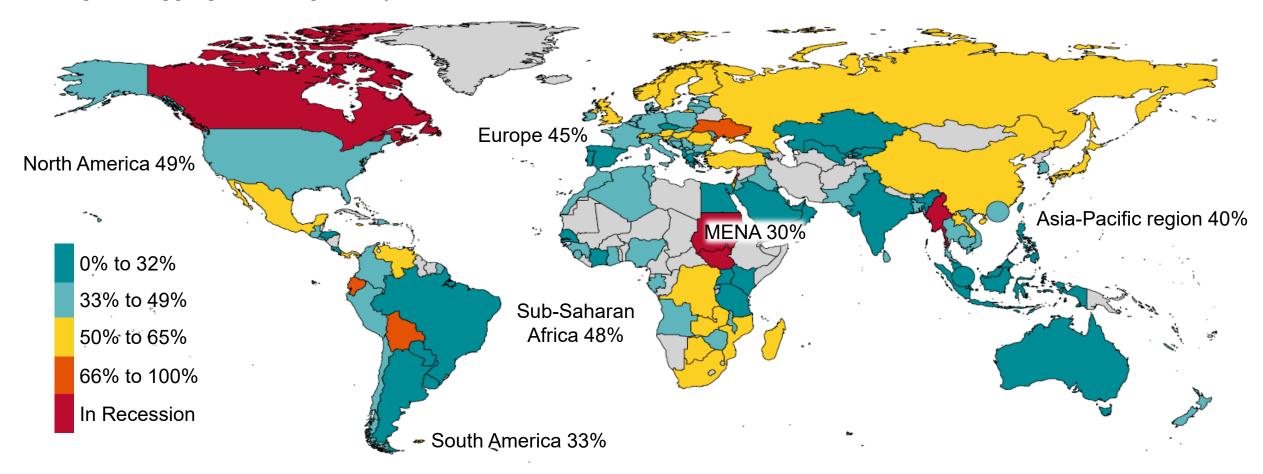
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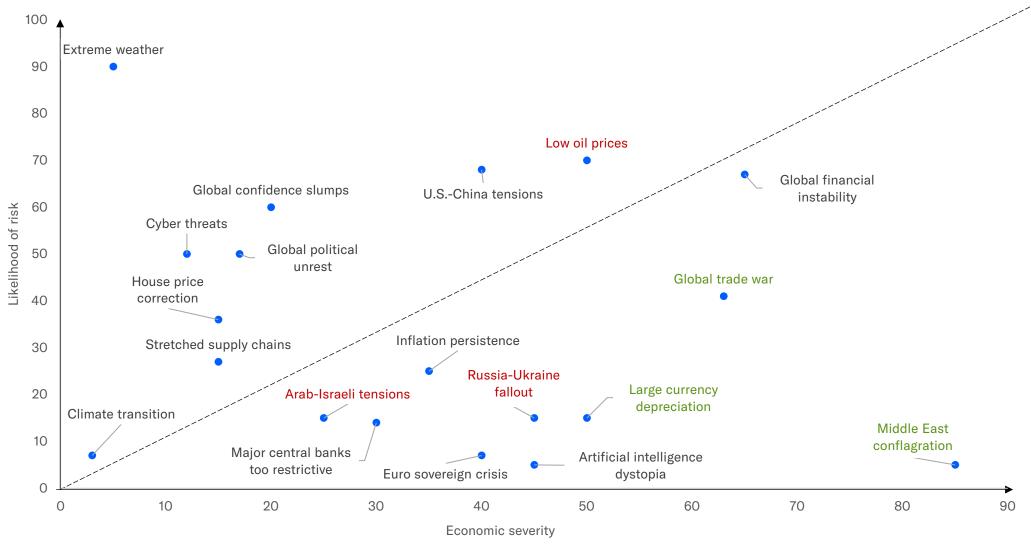
### Probability of a Recession Starting in the Next 12 Months

Regional aggregates, weighted by real GDP at PPP



Source: Moody's Analytics

### MENA Region Risks



Source: Moody's Analytics

#### Israel-Hamas Ceasefire

Oct brought the U.S.-brokered 20-point peace plan

#### First phase:

- Immediate ceasefire
- Hostage swaps
- Increased aid
- IDF withdrawal (agreed-upon lines)

#### **Second phase:**

- Hamas disarmament
- Demilitarization of Gaza

20-point peace plan

## Future governance of Gaza:

- Interim "International Stabilization Force"
- Reconstruction
- Palestinian Authority reforms

### Israel-Hamas Ceasefire – Challenges and Economic Impact

The next phases of the ceasefire remain challenging, while the developments in 2025 have had little macro impact.

# Plenty of challenges in the next two stages

Hamas voted against the U.S. plan at the U.N. Security Council. -> Disarmament and future governance will be hard to negotiate.

U.S.'s role is critical.
-> If negotiations stall,
will Trump stay
interested?

#### Ceasefire reduces regional economic risks

#### The ceasefire lowers regional risks

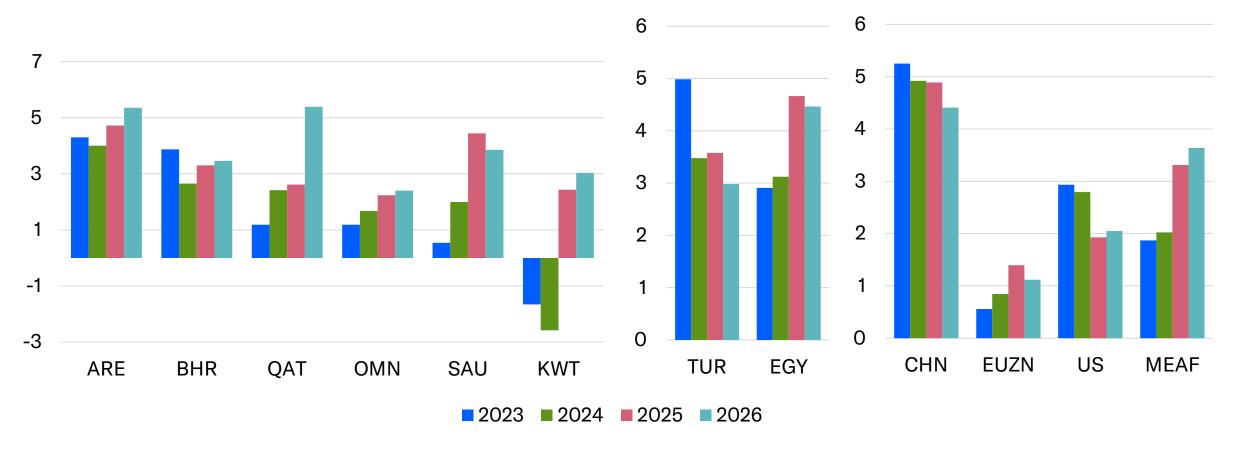
- Reduced likelihood of regional escalation.
- Opens the door to the normalization of Arab-Israeli relations through the expansion of the Abraham Accords.

#### **Escalations this year had little regional macro impact**

- Israel-Iran conflict (June) -> No closure of the Strait of Hormuz.
- Israel strike on Qatar (September) -> No tourism or investment impact on the region.
- Oil prices have been remarkably stable throughout.

#### Mixed Outlook for 2025 and 2026

Real GDP, %

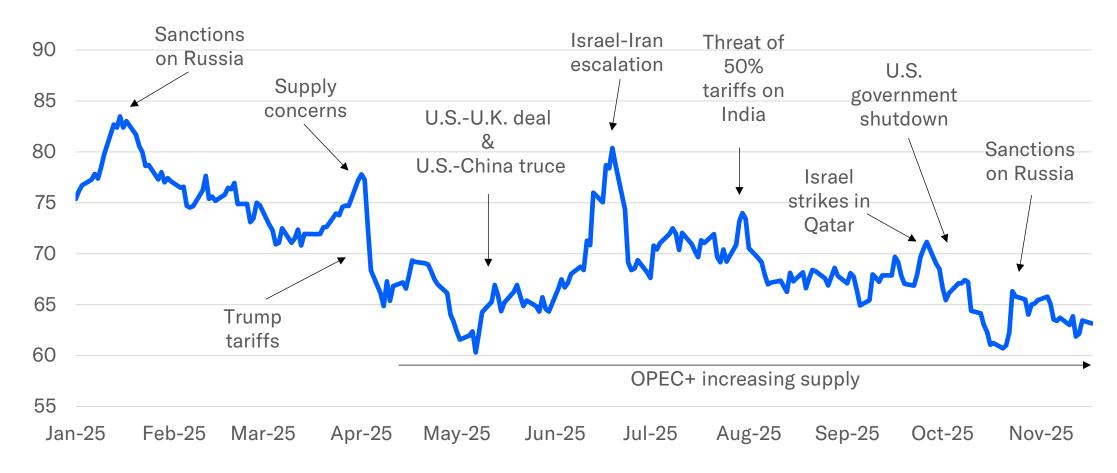


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#### Downside Risks in Oil Markets

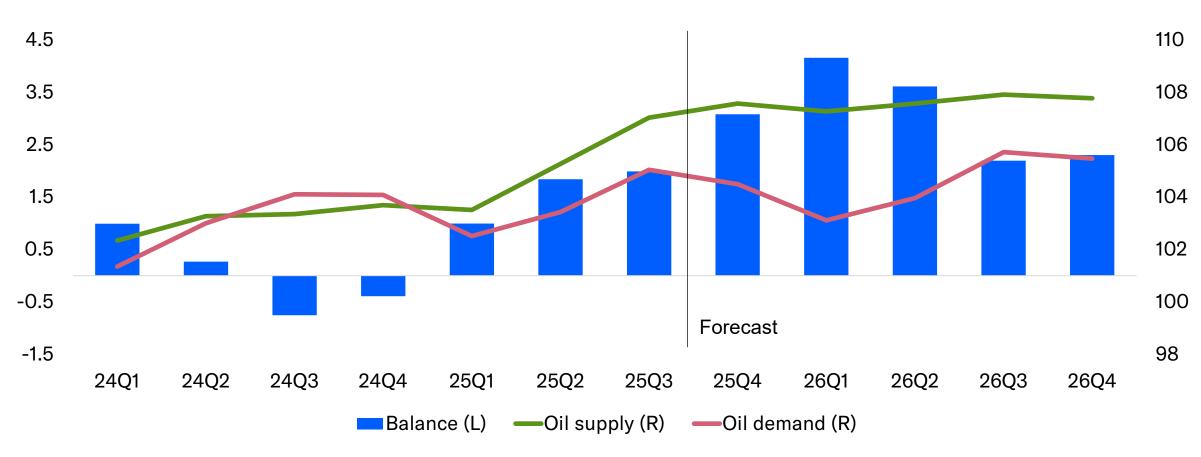
#### Brent, \$ per bbl



Sources: EIA, Moody's Analytics

### Supply Glut

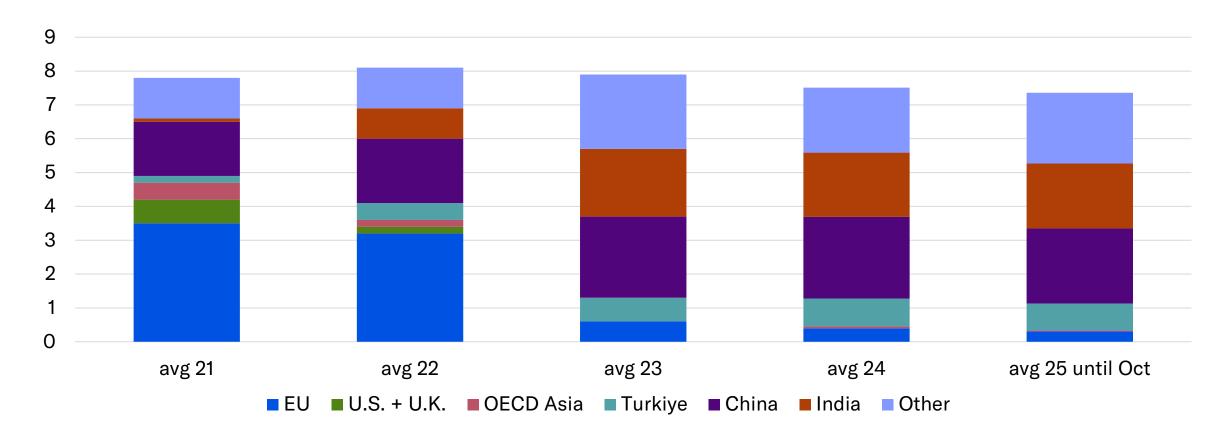




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### Will Russian Oil Exports Stay Untouched by Sanctions?

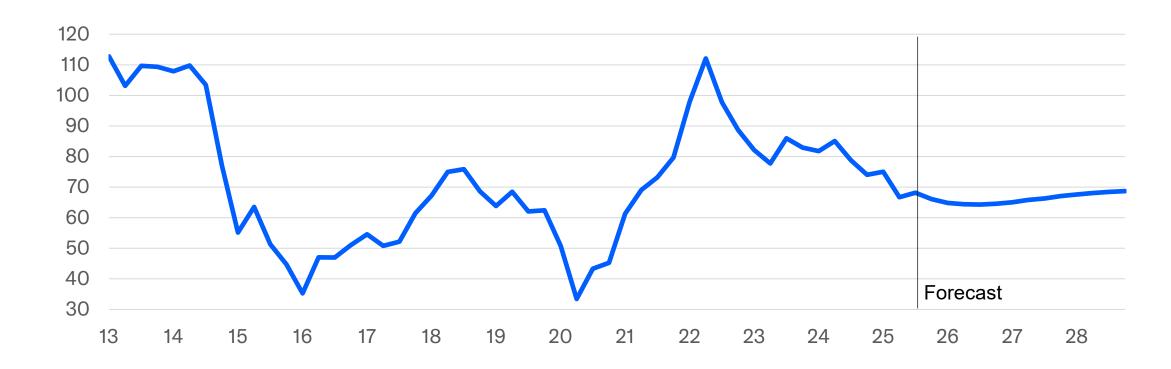
#### Mil bpd



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#### Will Downside Risks Prevail?

#### Brent, \$ per bbl

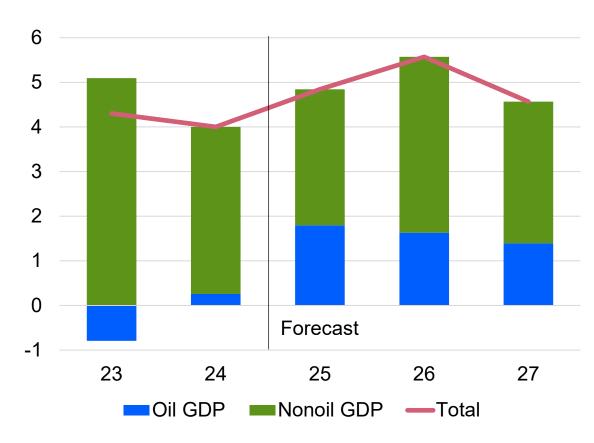


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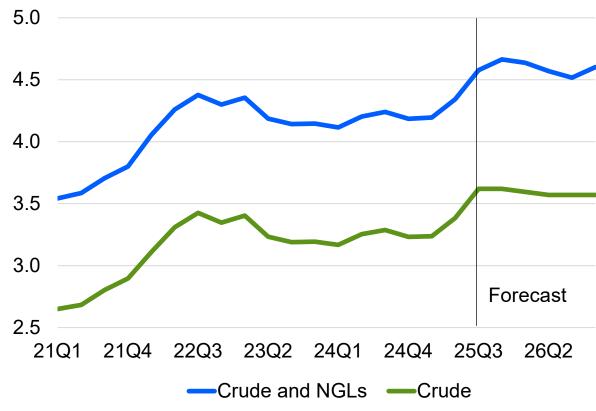


### Rising Oil Production Offsetting Nonoil Slowdown

GDP growth and contribution to GDP, ppts



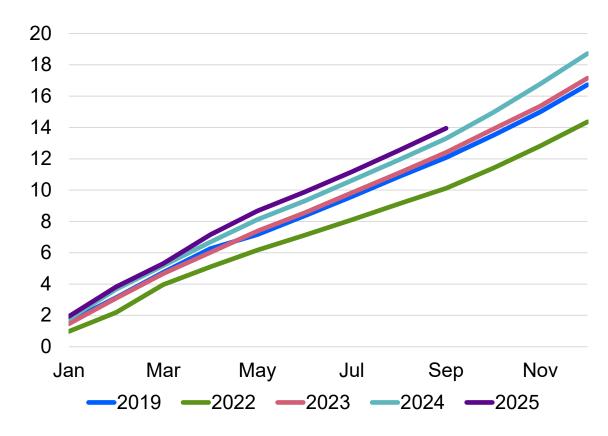
Oil production, mil bpd



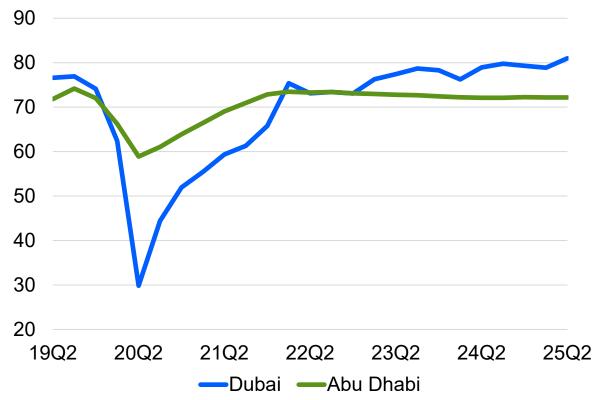
Sources: Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre, Moody's Analytics

### Tourism Breaking Records

Dubai international visitors, YTD, mil



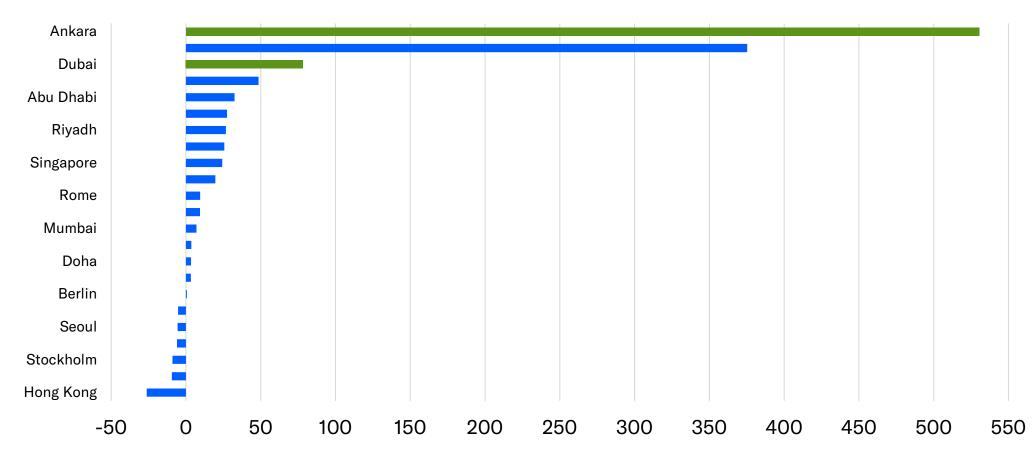
Hotel occupancy rate, %



Sources: Government of Dubai, Dubai Statistics Centre, Moody's Analytics

### UAE Housing Market Charging Ahead

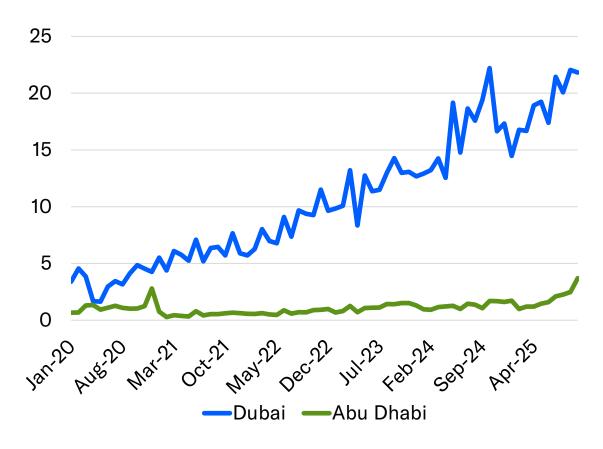
House price growth, %, 2022Q1=100



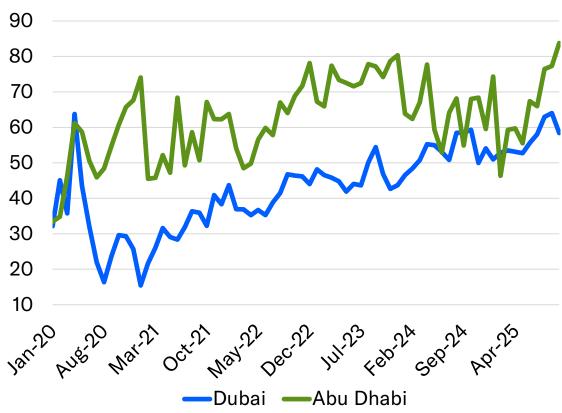
Sources: Statistical offices, Moody's Analytics

### Dubai's Strong Demand and Mostly Off-Plan

#### Residential property transactions, ths



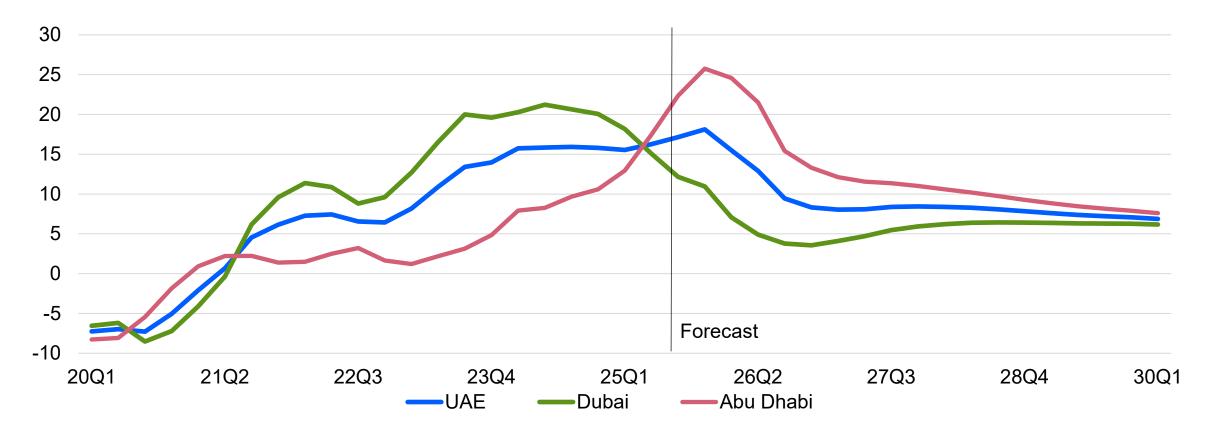
#### Off-plan transactions, % of total



Sources: Dubai Land Department, Abu Dhabi Real Estate Centre, Moody's Analytics

### Abu Dhabi Real Estate Overtaking Dubai

House price index, % change yr ago

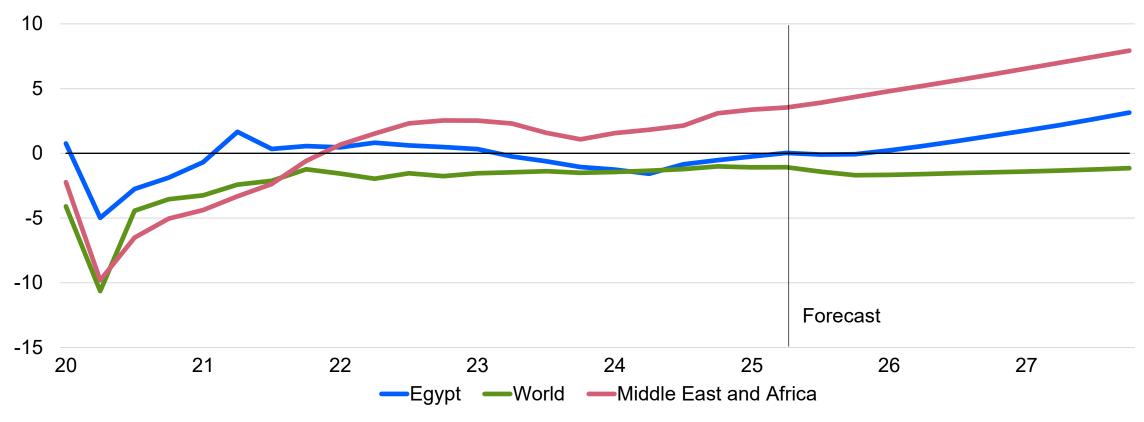


Sources: Bank for International Settlements, Moody's Analytics



### Egypt's Economy Is Back on Track

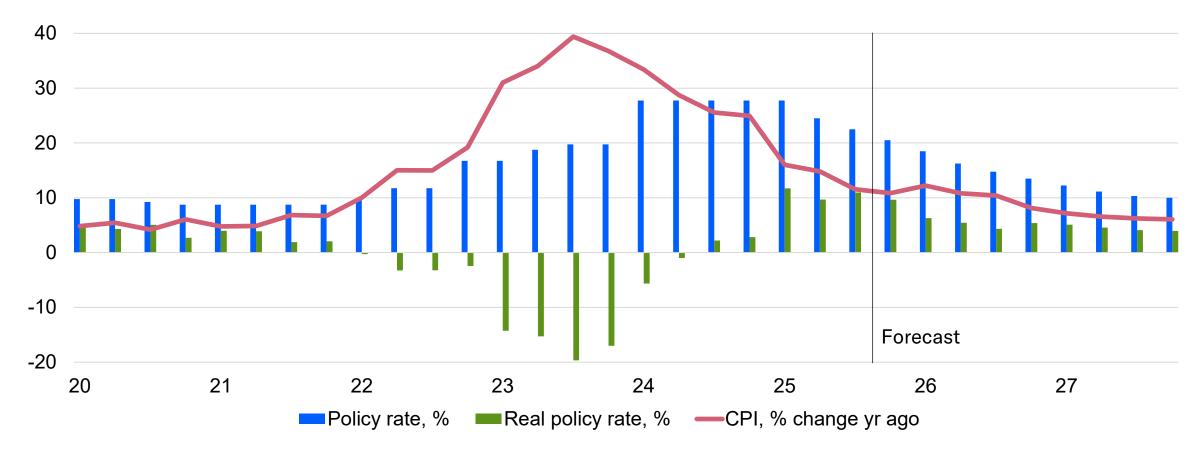
Real GDP, % deviation from pre-pandemic trend



Note: Pre-pandemic trend is based on 2015-2019 data. Sources: National statistics offices, Moody's Analytics

#### Lower Inflation Allows the Central Bank to Cut Policy Rates

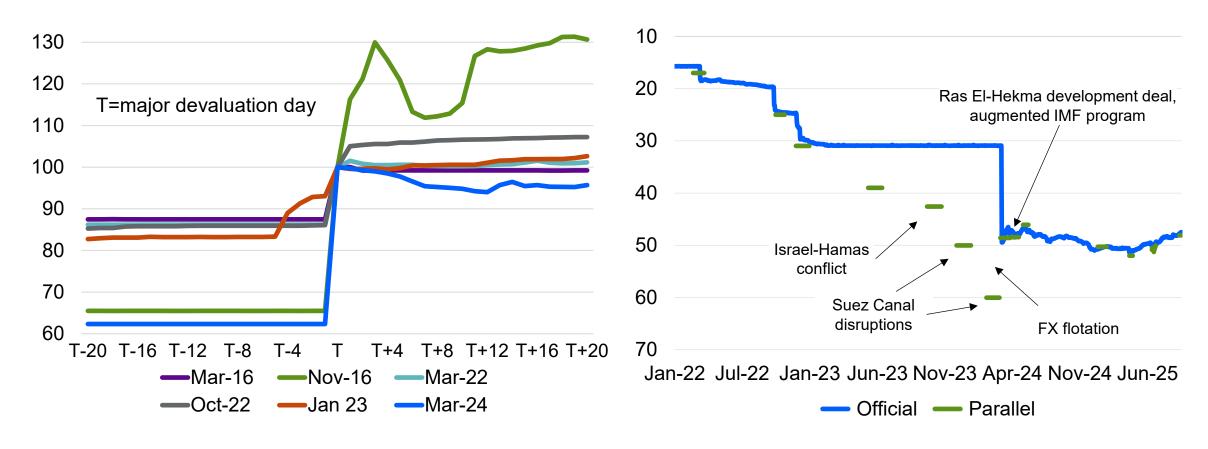
Egypt's inflation, nominal, and real policy rates



Sources: CAPMAS, Central Bank of Egypt, Moody's Analytics

#### More Flexible Exchange Rate

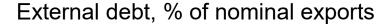
#### EGP per USD



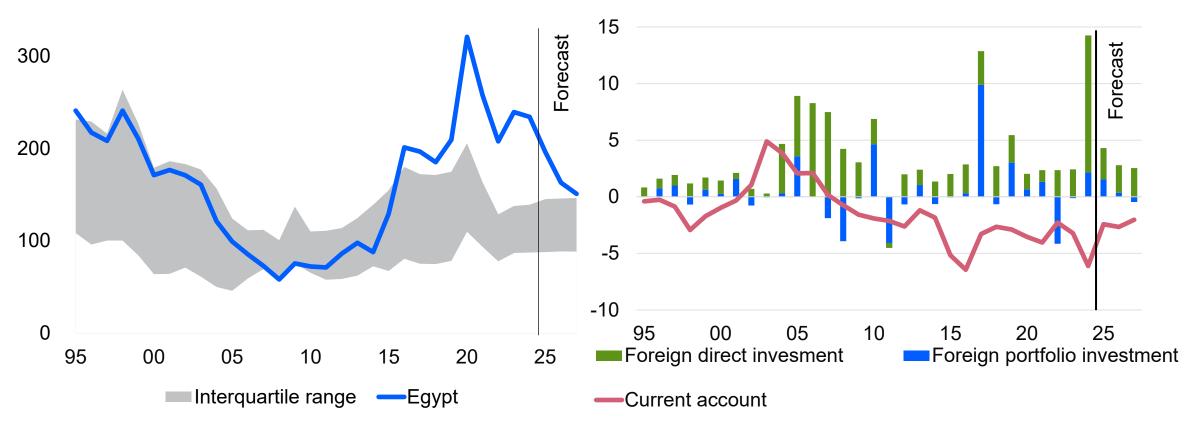
Sources: Central Bank of Egypt, Moody's Analytics

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### External Position Remains Fragile



#### % of nominal GDP



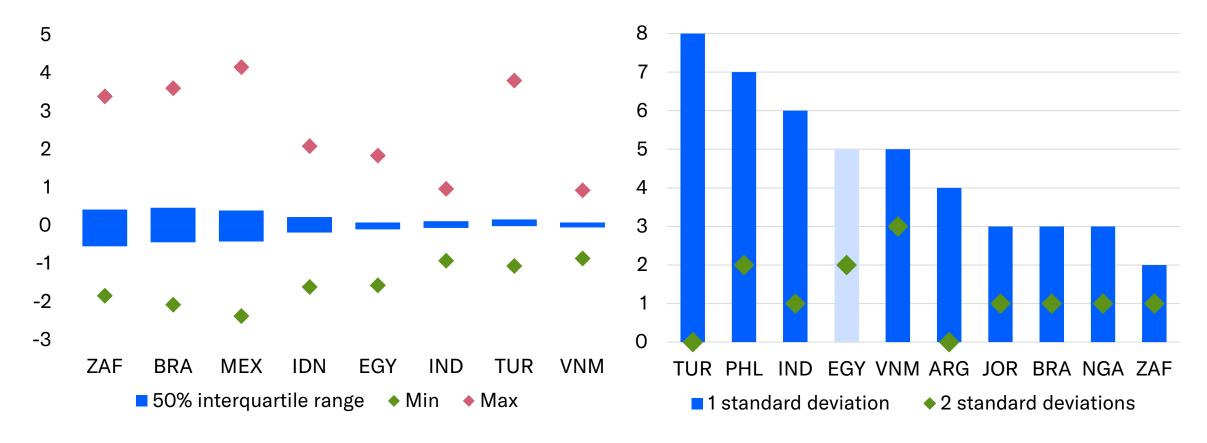
Note: Interquartile range is calculated for emerging markets included in Moody's Analytics Global Macroeconomic Model. Sources: Central Bank of Egypt, MPED, Moody's Analytics

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### External and Policy Backsliding Risks Persist

Local currency/\$, % daily change, since Egypt's FX unification

# of times net FPI outflows exceeded a threshold, 2005-2024

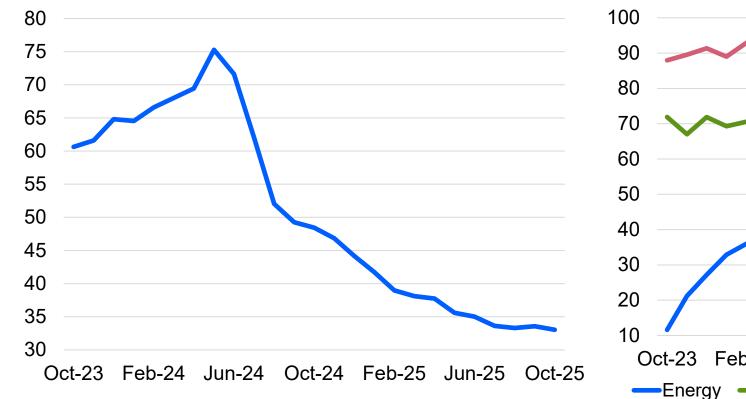


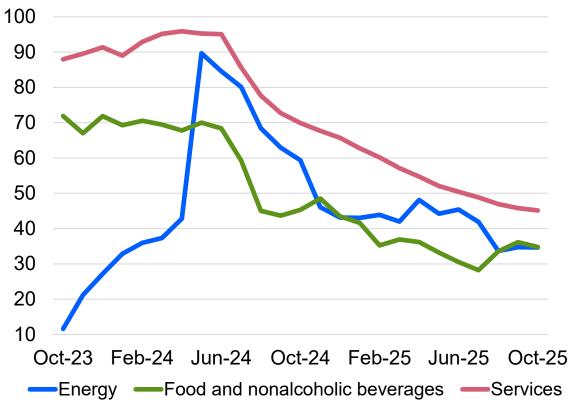
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### Türkiye's Disinflation Progress Has Stalled in the Second Half of 2025

Türkiye inflation, % change yr ago, SA

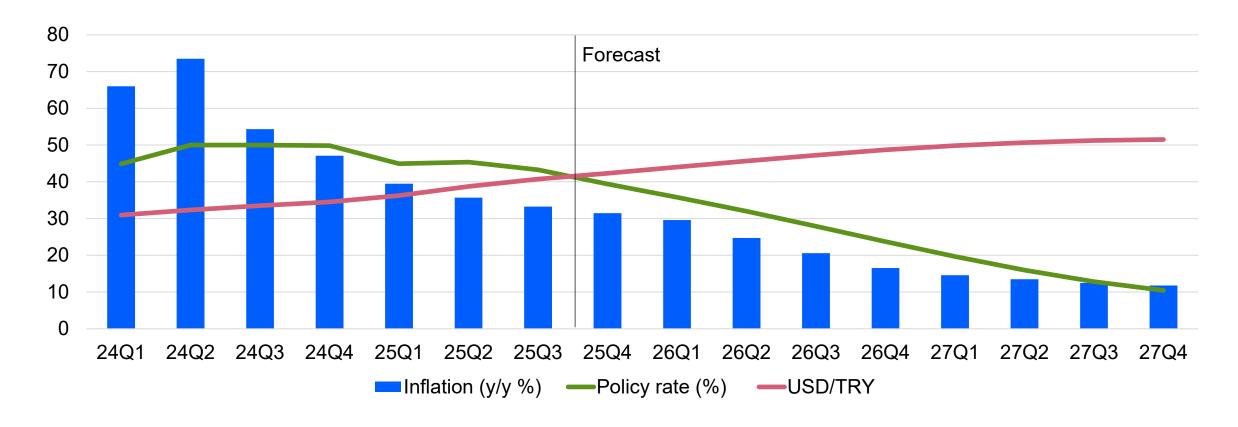




Sources: TurkStat, Moody's Analytics

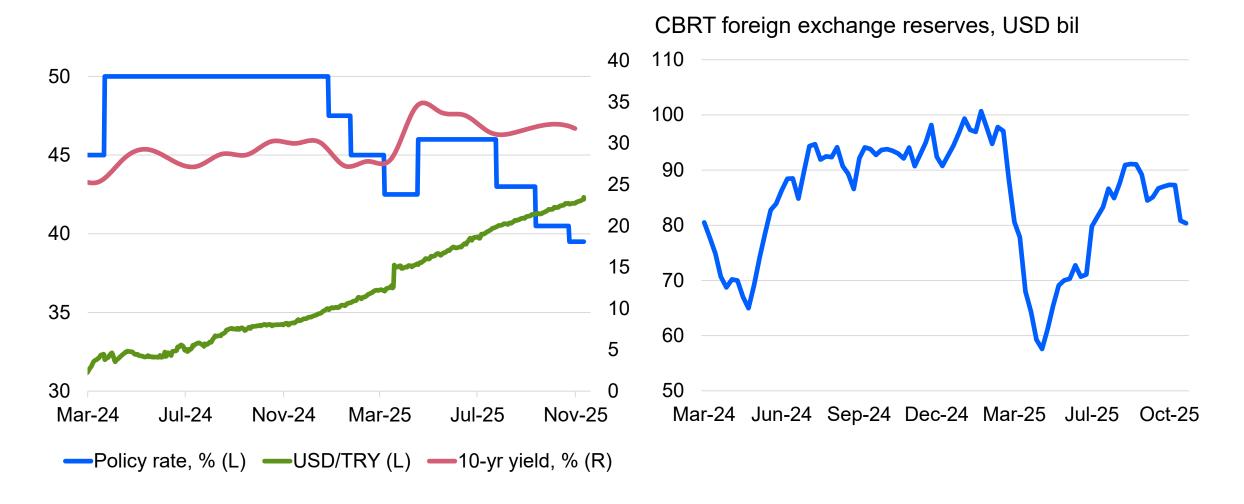
### Disinflation Should Regain Momentum in 2026

Türkiye inflation, monetary policy and FX rate



Sources: TurkStat, CBRT, Moody's Analytics

### The March Political Crisis Appears in the Data



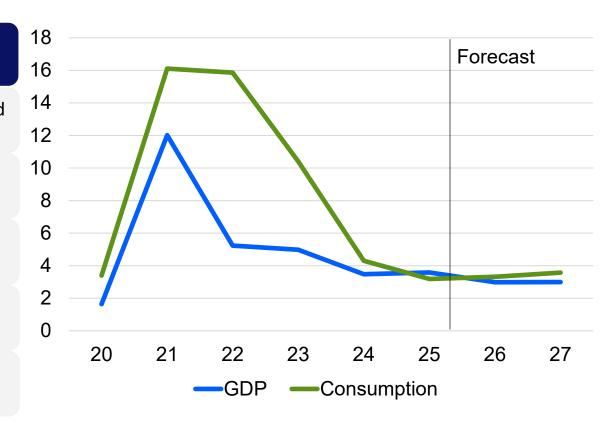
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### Türkiye's Outlook Has Plenty of Risks

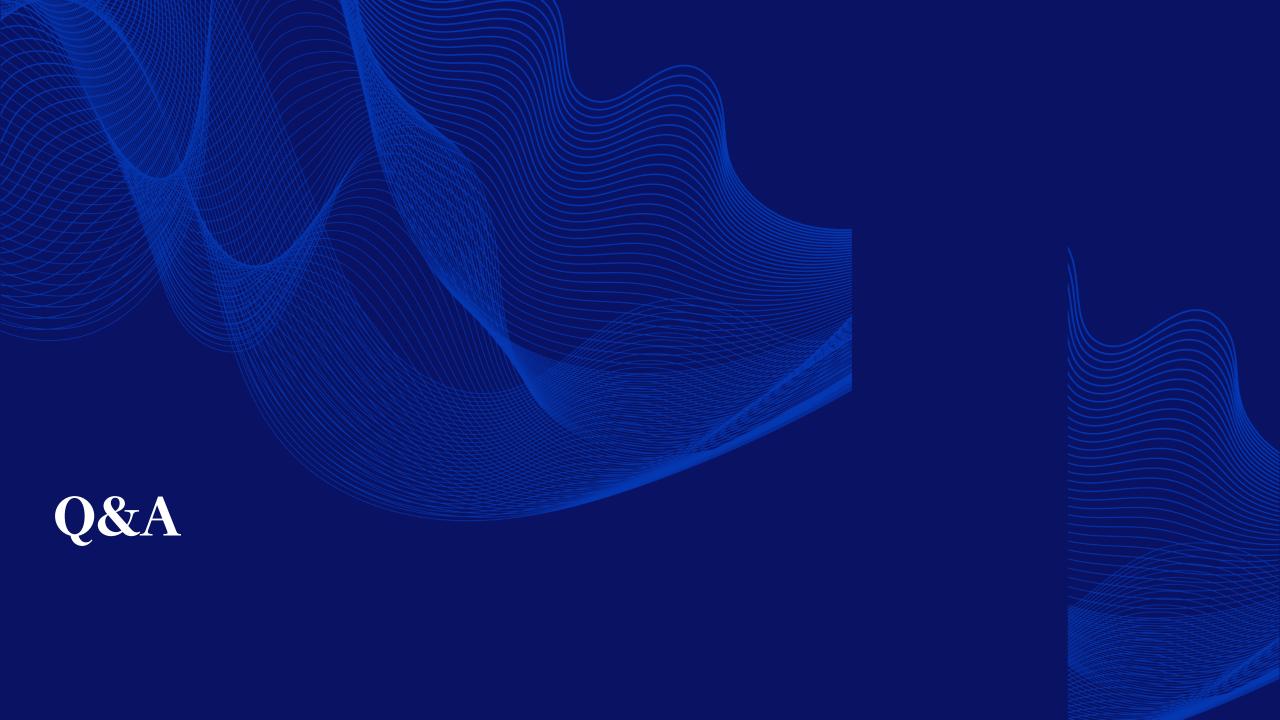
#### Risks facing Türkiye

- Elections are due in 2028 and could be called earlier. -> Reduced fiscal discipline and spotlight on Türkiye.
- Ekrem Imamoglu is still under arrest. -> Political uncertainty is likely to be elevated. How financial markets react is important for the monetary policy path.
- CBRT cuts rates too quickly. -> Inflation expectations are not fully re-anchored.
- Medium-Term Program (2026-2028) is not achieved.
- Global markets undermine Turkish attempts to reduce its dollarization.

#### Annual real GDP and consumption, % change



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