

# Lights Out! Energy Crisis, Policy Mistakes and Uncertainty

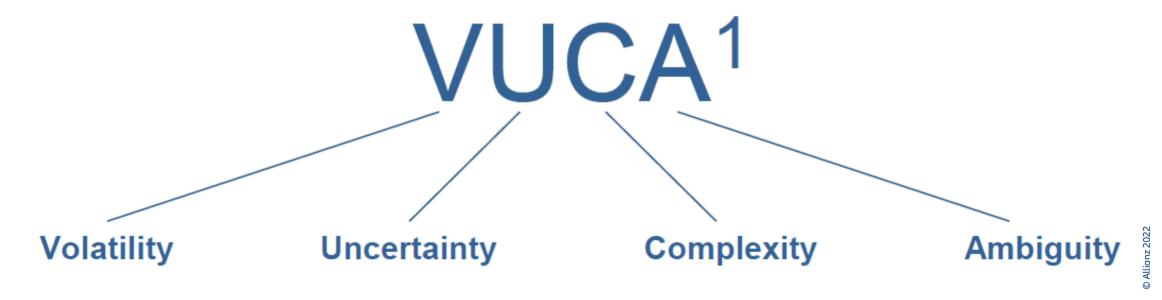
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Economic Outlook (Fall 2022)

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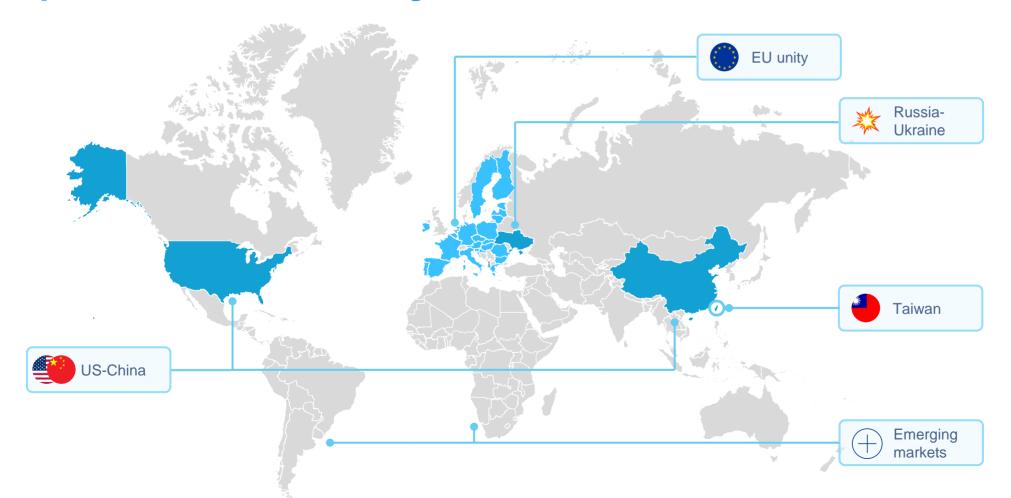
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## "Hoffentlich wird es nicht so schlimm wie es jetzt schon ist"

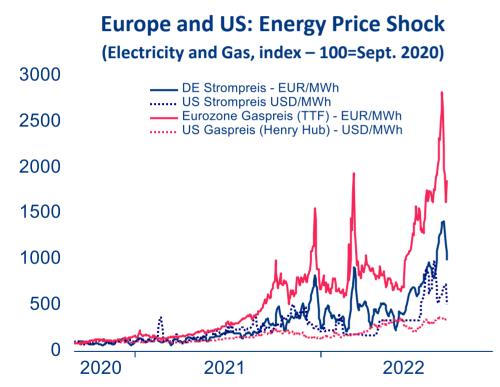
Karl Valentin, 1882-1948



## Rising global pressures (trade, energy), esp. for Germany

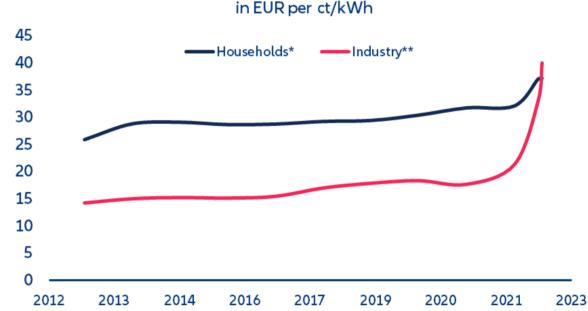


## Exploding energy prices



Source: Refinitiv Datastream; Allianz Research

### Germany: Electricity prices for Households vs Industry

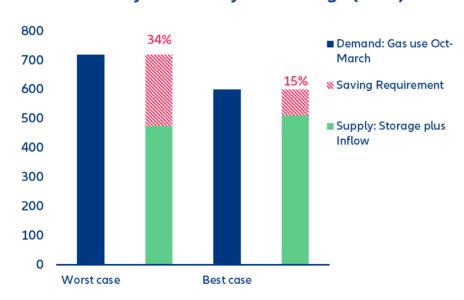


\* average for 3500 kWh annual consumption / \*\* average for new contracts 160k to 20mn kWh

Sources: BDEW, Allianz Research

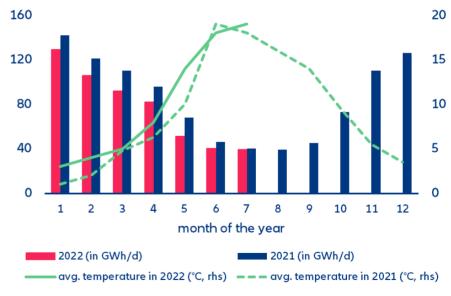
## Gas crunch: storing or (self-)rationing?

#### Germany: Necessary Gas savings (TWh)



Sources: Trading Hub, GIE, Allianz Research

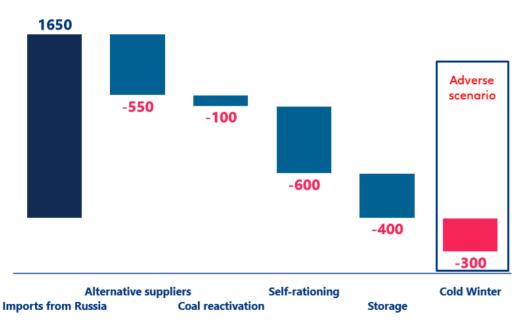
#### Germany: Total Gas Consumption (GWh/d)



Sources: Bundesnetzagentur, Allianz Research

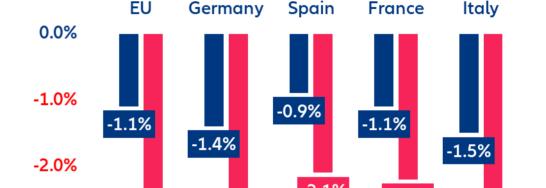
### Our "blackout" scenario now baseline

#### **Europe: Replacing Russian Gas (TWh)**



Sources: National authorities, Allianz Research

Without a cold winter, we expect a small (and manageable) energy gap based on lower demand (-10%), higher alternative supply (LNG/coal) (+10%), and lower stocks (from 80-90% to 40%).



**Europe: GDP Impact of Gas Crunch** 

Sources: National authorities, Allianz Research

-3.0%

-4.0%

The recession is expected to remain moderate in 2023, but can double in 2024 in the absence of Russian gas, higher than expected energy consumption and lower alternative supplies

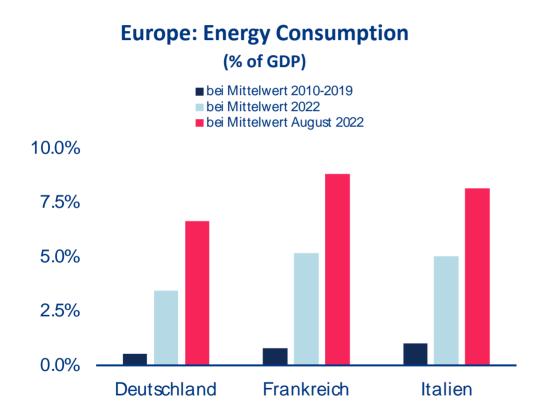
-3.0%

-2.9%

Baseline

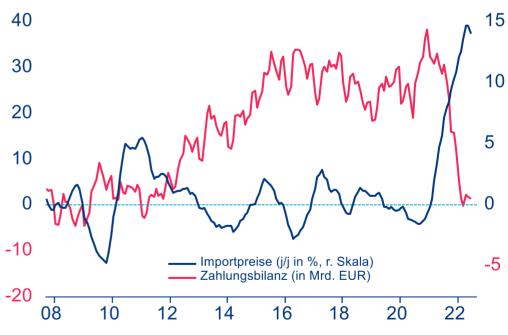
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## Potential longer-term implications?



Quellen: Eurostat, Allianz Research

### **Europe: Emerging Imbalance?**



Source: Refinitiv Datastream; Allianz Research

## Global growth slowing further

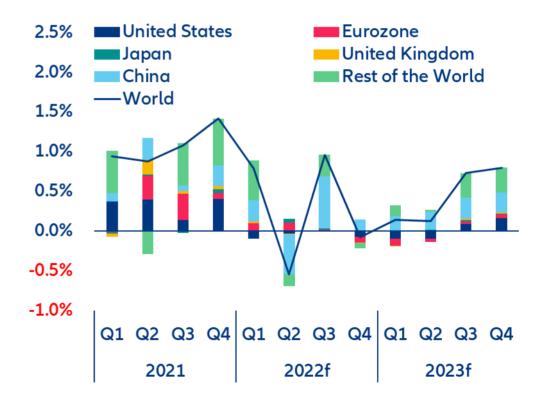
#### **GDP Growth Forecast**

(quarterly: q/q% and yearly: y/y%)

Growth	2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	2023
Global	5.6	0.8	-0.6	1.0	-0.1	2.7	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.1	1.5
USA	5.7	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	1.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.6	-0.7
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Latin America	6.3	1.0	0.7	-0.2	-0.4	3.0	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.5
Brazil	5.0	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	2.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.6	0.7
UK	7.4	0.8	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	3.4	-0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	-0.2
Eurozone	5.3	0.5	0.7	0.1	-0.5	3.1	-0.6	-0.3	0.2	0.3	-0.8
Germany	2.6	0.8	-0.0	0.1	-0.6	1.6	-0.8	-0.3	0.1	0.2	-1.3
France	6.8	-0.2	0.5	0.4	-0.3	2.5	-0.6	-0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.6
Italy	6.6	0.1	1.1	1.1	-0.4	3.4	-0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.5
Spain	5.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	-0.7	4.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.5	0.7	-0.3
Emerging Europe	6.2	0.9	-1.8	-1.5	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7	1.3	1.1	7.0	-1.0
Russia	4.7	-0.3	-6.0	-4.5	-1.5	-5.4	-1.0	1.5	1.5	0.3	-4.1
Turkey	11.0	0.7	2.1	2.0	-0.5	5.8	-1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.9
Poland	5.9	2.5	-2.1	0.0	-0.3	4.0	-0.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Asia-Pacific	6.1	0.7	-0.5	2.0	1.6	3.4	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.1	3.9
China	8.1	1.4	-2.6	3.4	0.8	2.9	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.3	4.5
Japan	1.7	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.1
Middle East	3.8	1.5	0.7	1.0	0.7	6.2	1.2	0.7	0.9	0.8	3.5
Saudi Arabia	2.9	2.6	0.4	0.6	1.0	9.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	4.2
Africa	3.3	0.3	-0.3	0.7	1.0	3.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	3.1
South Africa	4.9	1.9	-0.7	0.0	0.4	1.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.5

#### Global GDP Growth,

(% q/q, country contributions)



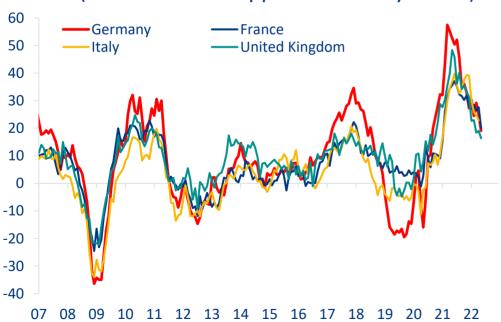
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## Shift from supply constraints to demand deficiency





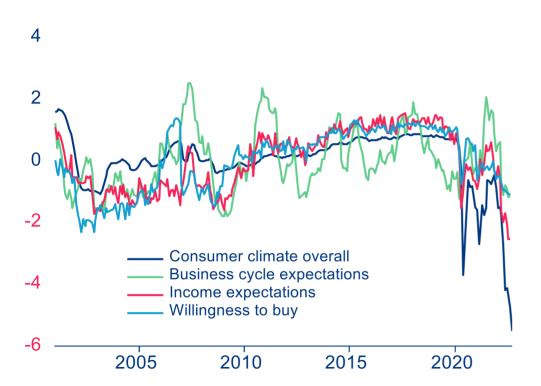


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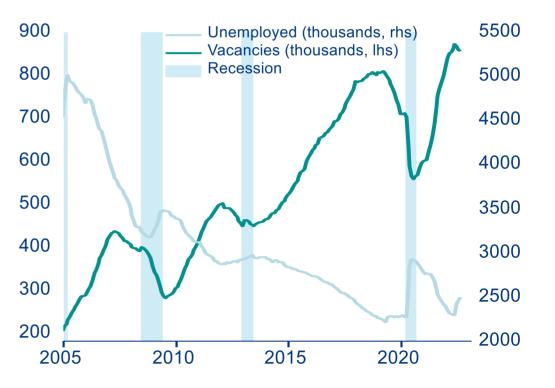
Sources: Markit, Allianz Research

## Consumer confidence hit by inflation despite still strong labor market

Germany: Gfk Consumer Confidence



Germany: Unemployment vs. Vacancies thousands



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## Rising insolvency risks

### **Ifo Business Climate Germany**

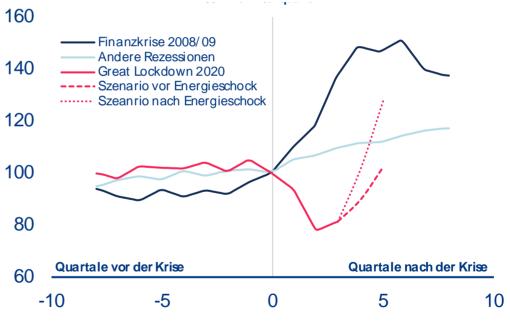
(Index: 2015=100, seasonally adjusted)



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### **Global Insolvency Rate**

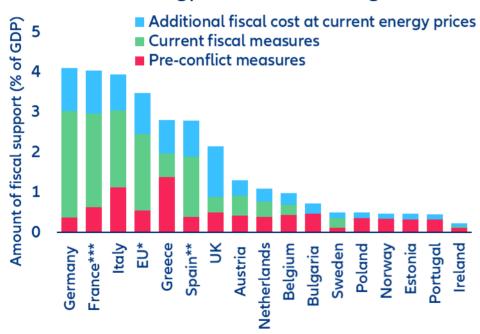
(index, 100=pre-crisis)



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### Scaled-up fiscal support ≈2.5% of GDP

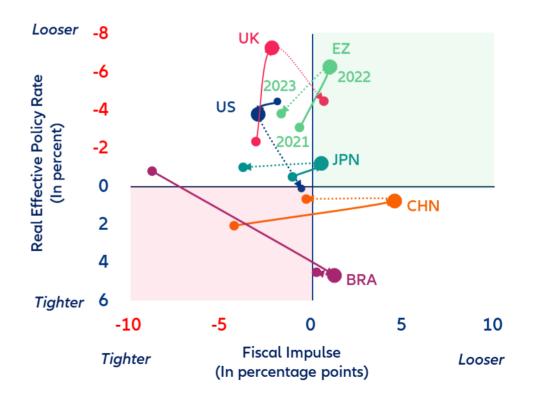
Europe: Fiscal Measures to Address the Impact of the Energy and Cost-of-Living Crisis



Sources: national authorities, Refinitiv Datastream, Allianz Research.

Note: "Additional fiscal cost" relates to planned support measures if electricity prices remain at current levels, with spillover effects into 2023; \*/ EU is approximated as the GDP-weighted average of the sample countries; /\*\* assumes an energy subsidy of €150 for 11.5mn (lower-income) households; \*\*\*/ includes the current €56 bn package but do not consider additional measures being proposed.

#### Largest Economies: Fiscal and Monetary Stance



Sources: national authorities, Refinitiv Datastream, IMF, Allianz Research

## High price pressures until Q1 2023

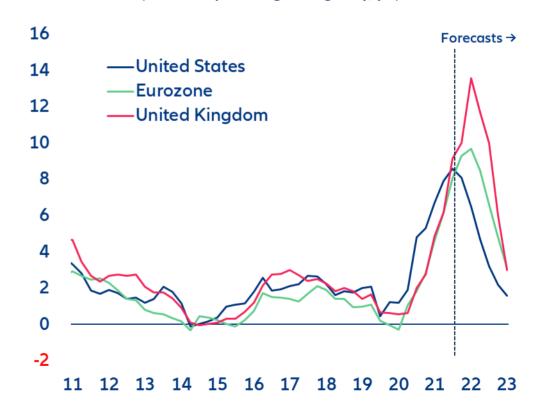
#### **Inflation Forecast**

(12-month percentage changes - y/y%)

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Russia	6.7	14.5	12.0
Turkey	19.6	71.2	30.8
Poland	5.2	14.0	10.9
Asia-Pacific	1.6	3.5	2.9
China	0.9	2.1	2.2
Japan	-0.2	2.3	1.6
India	5.1	7.0	5.7
Middle East	15.8	20.5	19.0
Saudi Arabia	3.1	2.4	2.5
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South Africa	4.6	6.8	5.0

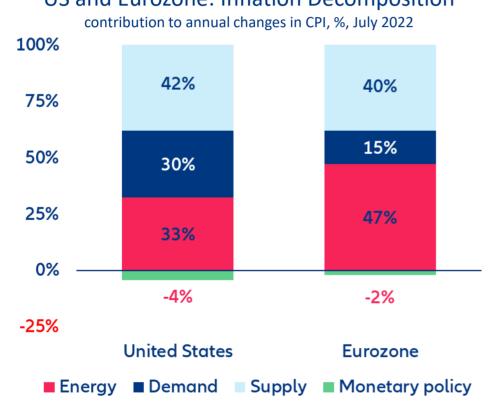
#### **Major Economies: Inflation Forecast**

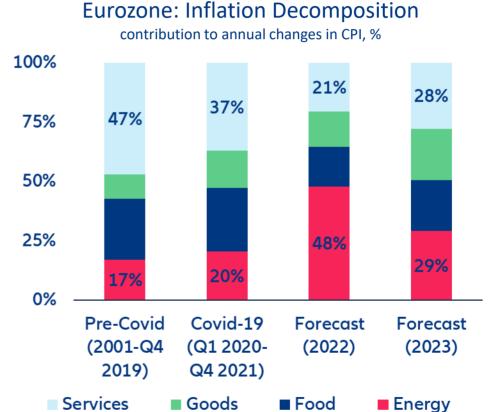
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## Energy prices driving inflation

## US and Eurozone: Inflation Decomposition

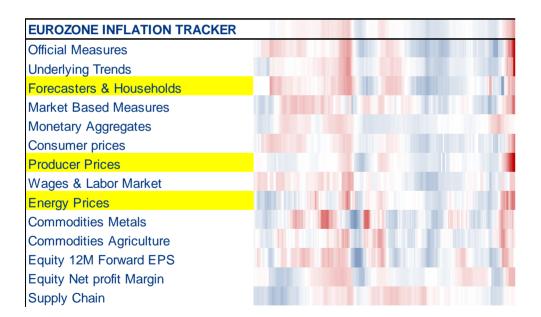




## Inflation is still hot but the peak is near ...

Eurozone: Inflation Heatmap (z-score)

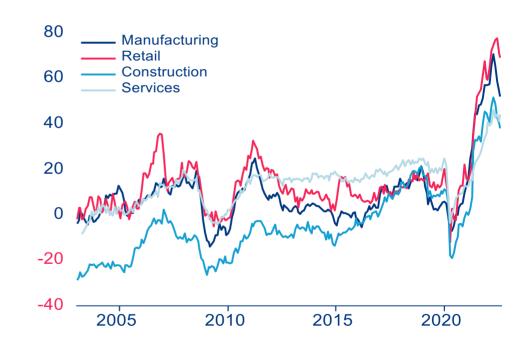
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Sources: Refinitiv, Allianz Research

Germany: Price Expectations

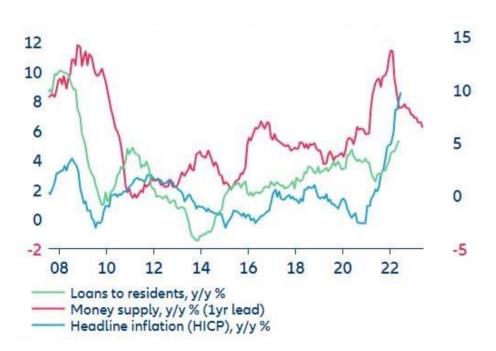
by sector, balance, SA



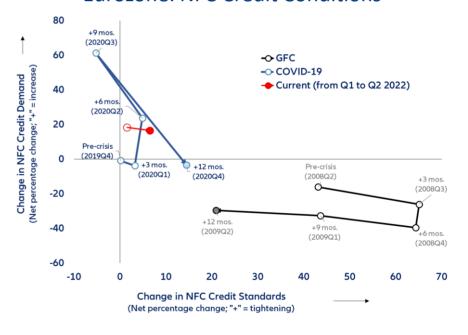
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## Tightening financing conditions & weakening credit impulse

**Eurozone: Credit and Inflation** 



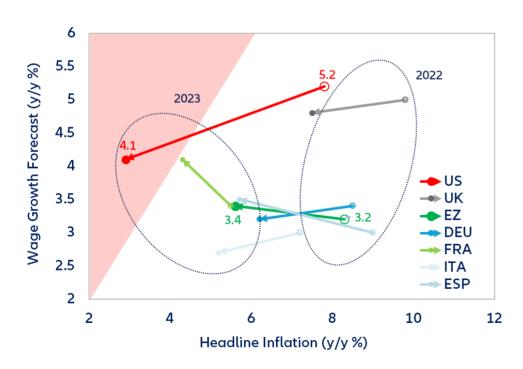
#### **Furozone: NFC Credit Conditions**



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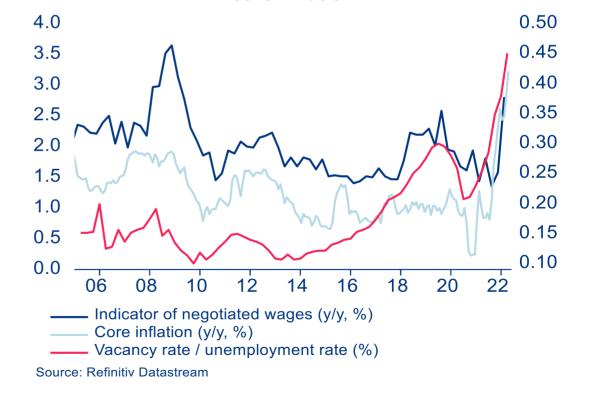
## No adverse wage-price loop (yet)

#### Forecasts for Inflation vs. Wage Growth (%)



Sources: Refinitiv, Allianz Research

Eurozone: Wages (lhs), Vacancies/Unemployment Rate vs.
Core inflation



## High inflation expectations challenge central bank credibility

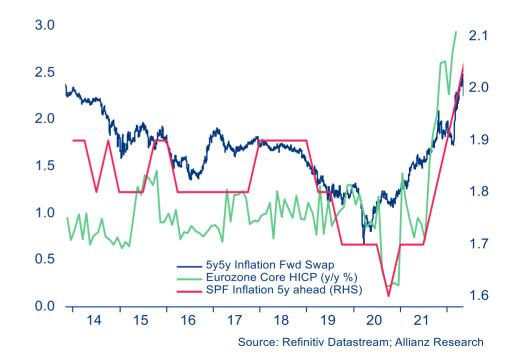
#### Germany - price expectations

by sector, balance, SA



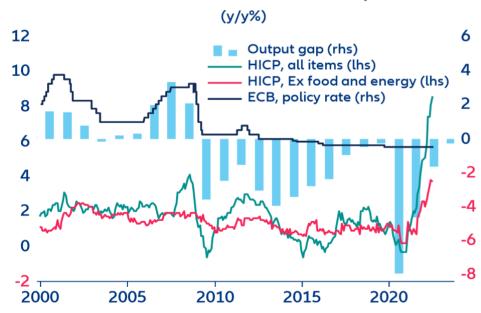
Source: Refinitiv Datastream; Allianz Research

ECB Survey Professional Forecasters (SPF) vs. Market-based Inflation Expectations & Core Inflation (%)



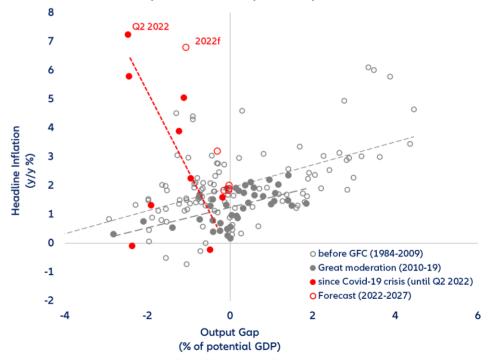
## Growth vs. inflation: policy dilemma for central banks?

### Eurozone inflation and inflation expectations



Source: Refinitiv Datastream; Allianz Research

#### Germany: Monetary Policy Trade-off



## What can the central banks really do?

#### US and Eurozone: Inflation Decomposition contribution to annual changes in CPI, %, July 2022 100% 42% 40% 75% 15% 50% 30% 25% 47% 33% 0% -4% -2% -25% **United States** Eurozone

Supply

Monetary policy



Neutral rate ranges vs policy rate pricing (in %)

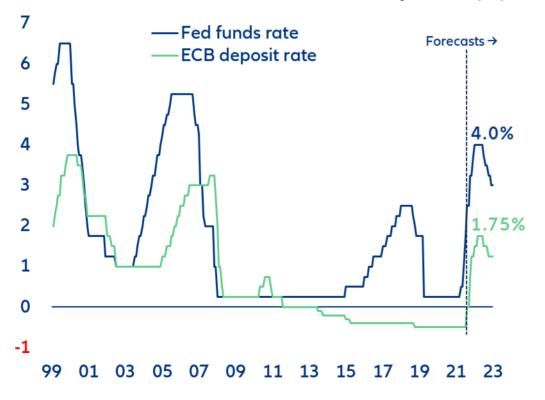


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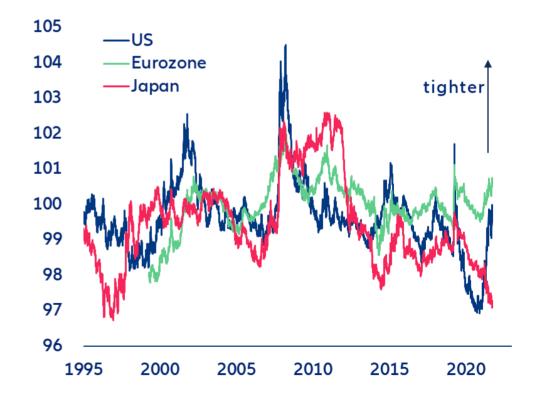
■ Energy ■ Demand ■

## Hiking cycles to turn in early 2023

### **Eurozone and US: Effective Policy Rates (%)**



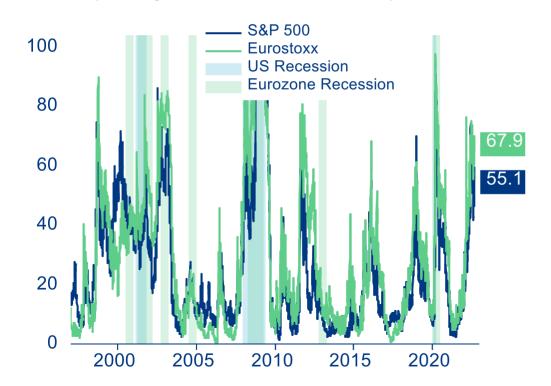
#### **Financial Conditions Index**



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## Markets not positioned for deep structural recession

EQ markets getting close to recession territory
percentage of stocks below -20% from 250day maximum



Markets have partially committed to a recession

US recession probability in %



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## Preparing for a different world

Globalization: Great Disentangling
Reconfiguration of global supply chains and geostrategic onshoring?
De-dollarization of reserves and financial markets?
West decoupling from China?

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**State Support: Great Intervention** 

More pressure on fiscal policy to secure external (energy, defense, technology) and internal security (inequality, pension crisis). Diminished market-based resource allocation leading to less innovation and competition?

Inequality: Great Widening
Global divide exacerbated b

Global divide exacerbated by Covid-19 and Ukraine war? New approaches to development (e.g., renewable energy, south-south cooperation)?

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**Central Bank: Great Complication** 

**European Union: Great Unification** 

Monetary policy complicated by supply rather than demand shocks pushing up inflation (Covid, Ukraine, climate)

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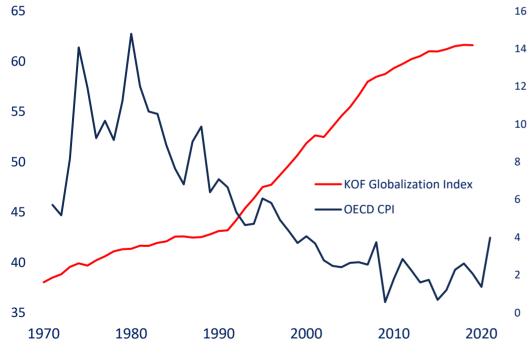
Climate Change: Great Transformation
Energy security vs. pace of de-carbonization?
Capital-intensive growth through climate
investment and carbon pricing will raise the natural
rate (again) and require a new monetary-fiscal
policy mix.

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Can shared focus on preserving peace and freedom help overcome entrenched national positions? Disintegration or more pooling of resources (political, fiscal, defense)?

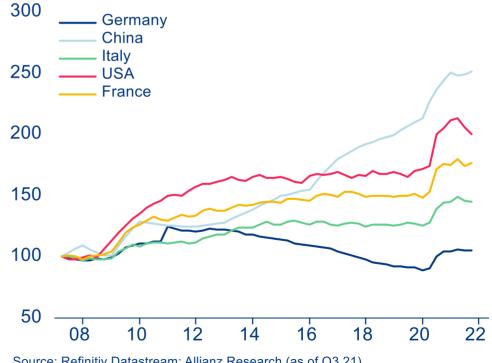
## Structurally higher inflation and debt?

#### De-globalization: OECD inflation vs. KOF Globalization



Sources: Refinitiv, Allianz Research

#### Sovereign Debt (Index: 100=Q1 2007)



Source: Refinitiv Datastream; Allianz Research (as of Q3 21)

Thank you!

