

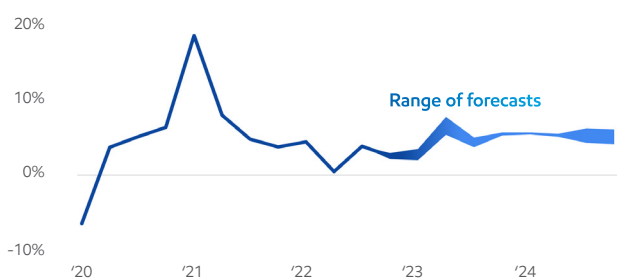
# 1Q2023 REVIEW OF THE WORLDWIDE POLYETHYLENE INDUSTRY

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## Signs of economic growth and easing energy costs support global PE market

The easing of COVID-19 policy in China and passing of Lunar New Year support economists' predictions for China's economy to grow in 2023 after a 2Q23 rebound.

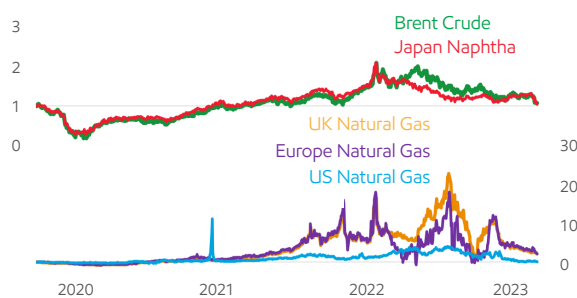
China GDP forecasts suggest mid-2023 rebound



Sources: Oxford Economics, IHS, Economist

Volatility in the global energy market is diminishing and prices have come down from the highs of 2022 with relatively warm US/Europe winter and improved energy inventories.

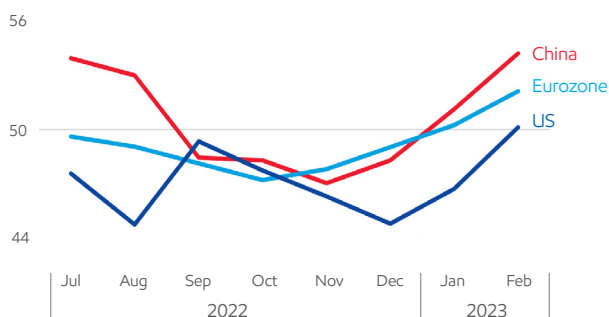
Key global energy prices recede from '22 highs



Source: Platts

Global economies have begun to grow after declines in late '22. Inflation has started to stabilize, creating improved conditions for demand.

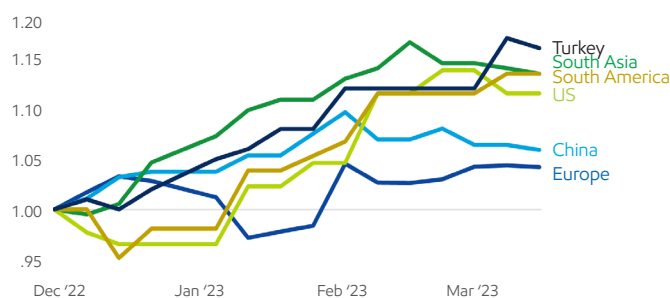
PMI shows global economies trending toward growth



Source: IHS

Global PE converters are restocking in anticipation of the '23 growth. This increased demand is causing prices to rise across the globe.

PE prices across the globe trending up since December

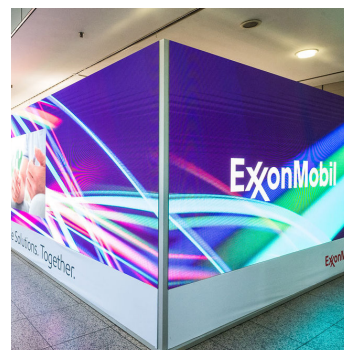


Source: ICIS, S&P Global Platts  
 Prices represent butene LLDPE, indexed to 2 Dec 22

## Collaborating across the globe

It's been a while since we've had the opportunity to meet many of you in person at exhibitions. KShow, PackExpo and PlastIndia were extremely busy; we look forward to seeing you at ChinaPlas or Interpack in the near future.

### K Fair 2022, Dusseldorf



### PlastIndia 2023, New Delhi



### Pack Expo 2022, Chicago



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