

International Economic Environment

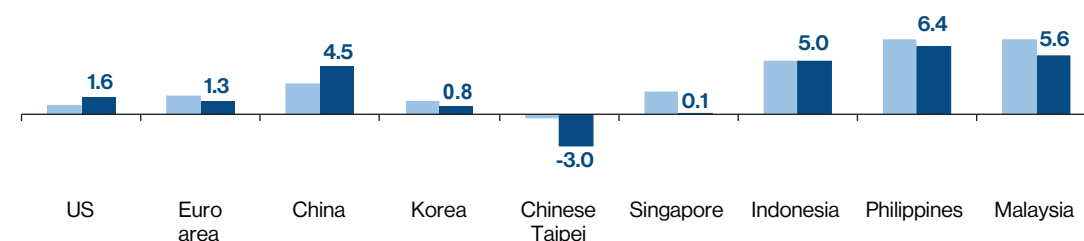
Global Economic Performance

Modest global growth in 1Q 2023

GDP of Selected Economies

Annual change, %

■ 4Q 2022 ■ 1Q 2023



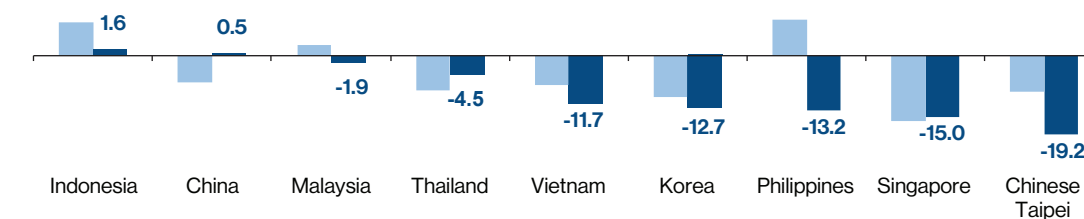
Source: National authorities

Contraction in most regional economies' exports

Exports of Selected Economies in USD terms

Annual change, %

■ 4Q 2022 ■ 1Q 2023



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What are the key developments in the global economy?

- **Modest global growth** driven partly by a rebound in economic activities in China. Resilient labour market in US and euro area also supported growth.
- **Contraction in regional exports** reflected slowing global demand, ongoing shift in consumption from goods to services and downcycle in E&E sector, particularly for consumer electronics.
- **Headline inflation continued to moderate** amid softening commodity prices and easing global supply chain conditions. Underlying inflation remained high, attributable to the continued labour market tightness, resilient demand and persistence in selected components such as rental.
- **Brent crude oil prices trended lower** at USD82 per barrel in 1Q 2023 (4Q 2022: USD90 per barrel) as global oil supplies gradually improved.