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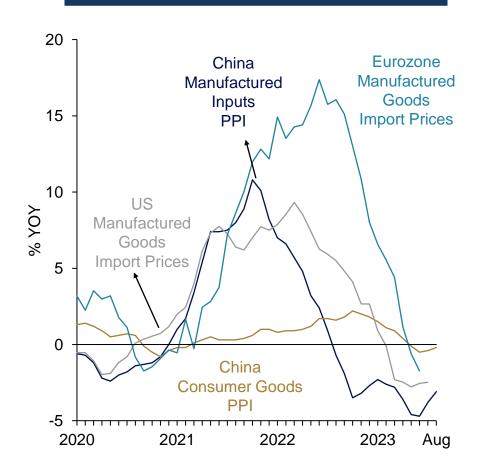
## International Economy

# Global economy is slowing unevenly, alongside a pullback in inflation

### **US** household spending

### 2.5 2.0 2021 MOM SA % Growth (3MMA) 0 51 2022 2023 0.5 2015-19 Avg 0.0 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

#### **Manufactured Goods Prices**



## Below trend growth is expected in most regions in the coming quarters, led primarily by the G3

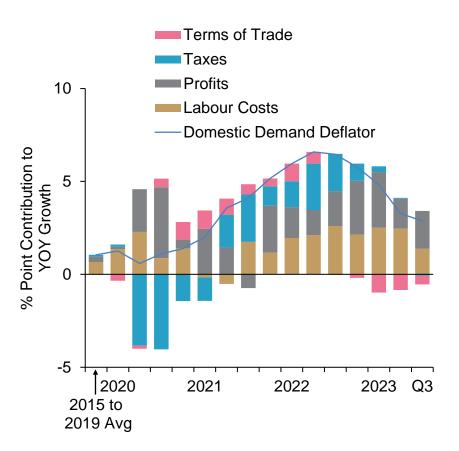
	QOQ SA (%)				Annual (%)		
	2023 Q2	2023 Q3*	2023 Q4*	2022	2023*	2024*	
G3	0.6	0.5	0.1	2.3	1.7	0.7	
Asia ex-Japan	0.9	1.1	0.9	4.1	4.5	4.5	
ASEAN-5	1.1	1.2	1.1	6.2	4.2	4.8	
Global	0.8	0.8	0.5	3.4	3.1	2.8	

Note: The G3 grouping refers to the Eurozone, Japan and the US, while the ASEAN-5 are Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Asia ex-Japan comprises China, Hong Kong SAR, India, South Korea, Taiwan and the ASEAN-5.

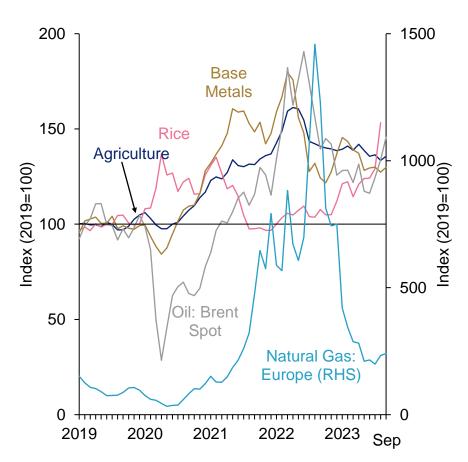
All aggregates are weighted based on Singapore's value added by destination of final demand (using TiVA data).

# Risks remain from stubborn inflation, tighter financial conditions, and a sharper China slowdown

#### **US Domestic Demand Deflator**



#### **Global Commodity Prices**





## Singapore Economy

# The Singapore economy picked up in Q3 2023, after stagnating in the preceding three quarters

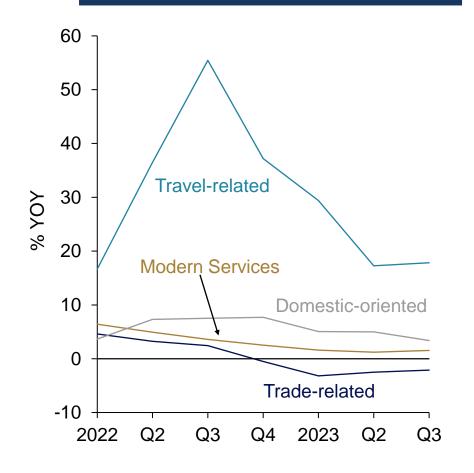
### **Singapore's GDP Growth**

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2022

Q3

### **GDP Growth by Cluster**



2021

QOQ SA

Q3

Q3\*

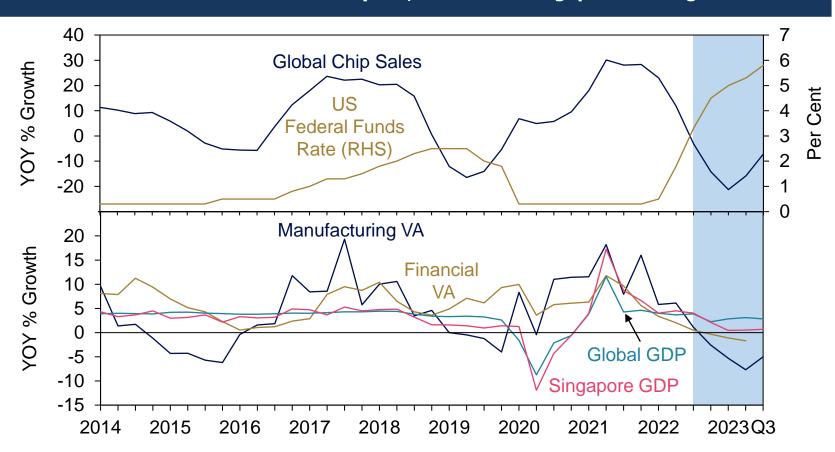
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<sup>\*</sup> Advance Estimates

# In the quarters ahead, growth in the Singapore economy is expected to be more even across sectors

### Global Tech and Interest Rate Cycles, Global and Singapore's GDP growth



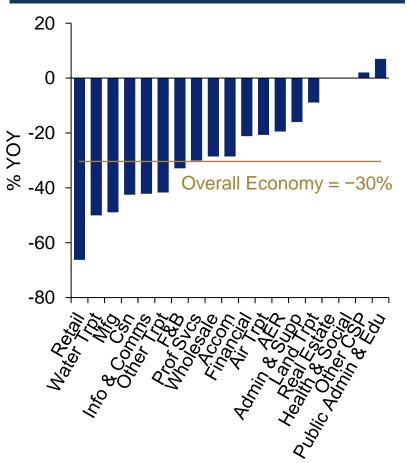
Note: The blue shaded area denote the manufacturing downcycle which began in H2 2022.



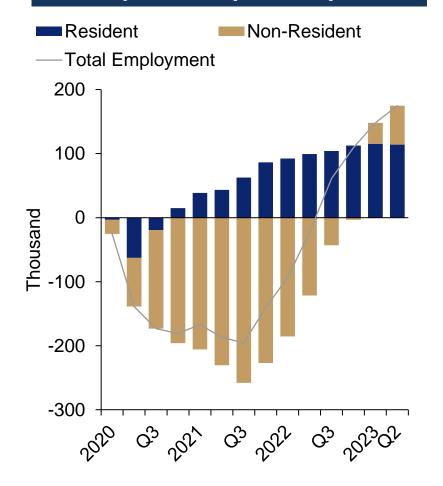
## Labour Market and Inflation

## Labour market tightness eased as labour demand slowed and non-resident labour supply expanded



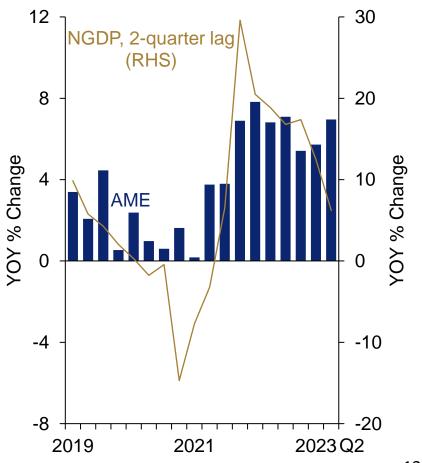


### **Employment by Residency Relative to pre-COVID (end-2019)**

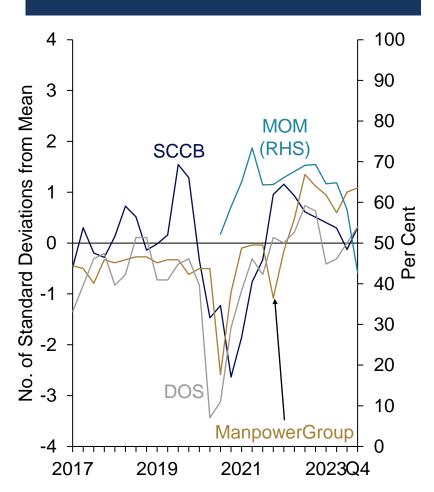


## Wage growth should ease next year as labour market conditions soften, but employment should remain supported

### Nominal AME of resident workers and nominal GDP growth

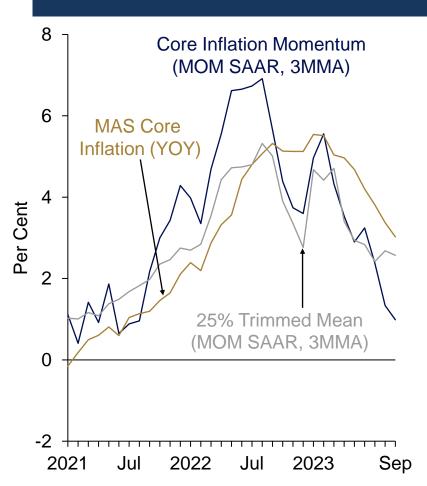


### **Net Employment Outlook**

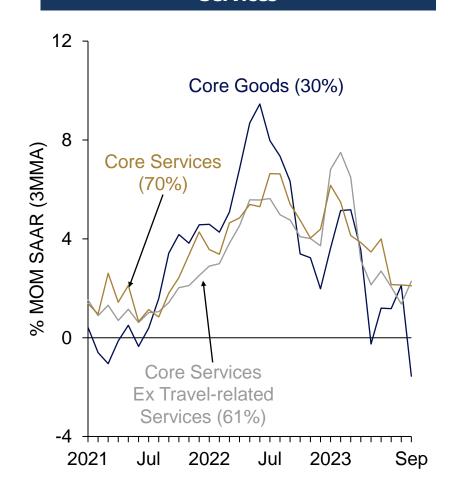


# Core inflation fell in Q3 2023 on account of easing import cost pressures and improving supply conditions

### **Measures of Underlying Inflation**

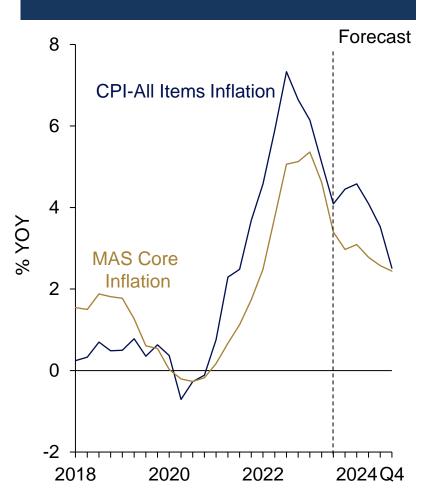


### Inflation Momentum of Core Goods & Services

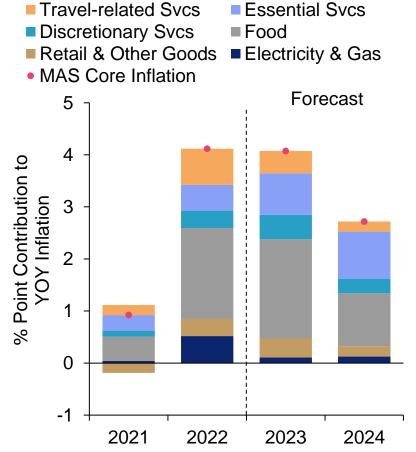


## Core inflation expected to remain on a broad moderating trend

#### **Core and Headline Inflation Forecasts**



#### **Contribution to MAS Core Inflation**

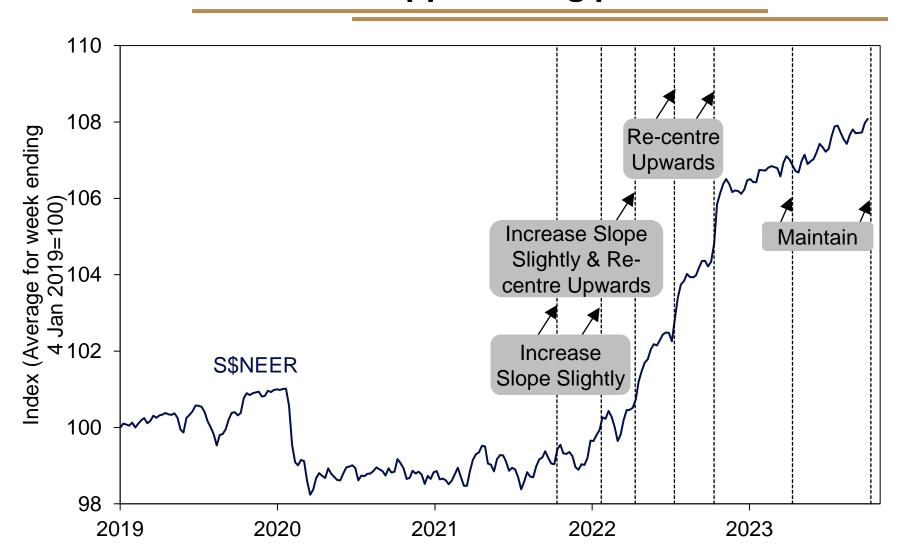




## Macroeconomic Policy

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# In October 2023, MAS kept the S\$NEER on its current appreciating path



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