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## Global Implications Of The Russia-Ukraine Crisis

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# Sanctions Might Have Unintended Consequences

| Date                                  | Imposed By         | Sector            | Details  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| 22-Feb                                | Germany            | Energy            | Nord Stream 2 halted.  |
| 24-Feb                                | Multiple           | Trade             | Export controls banning certain equipment and technology sales (electronics, energy).  |
| 24-Feb                                | Russia             | Logistics         | Sea of Azov closed to shipping.  |
| 25-Feb                                | US                 | Banking           | Assets of VTB Bank frozen; Sberbank cut off from US dollar transactions; Alfa-Bank, Russian Agricultural Bank, Credit Bank of Moscow and Gazprombank banned from debt and equity markets; full blocking sanctions on Bank Otkritie, Sovcombank, Novikombank; smaller banks also sanctioned (30-day transition period given to some banks). |
| 25-Feb                                | Multiple           | Financial Markets | Russian government bonds barred from secondary markets.  |
| 25-Feb                                | UK                 | Banking           | Asset freeze on VTB Bank, VEB, IS Bank, Genbank, and Black Sea Bank for Development and Reconstruction (30-day transition period given to some banks).   |
| 25-Feb                                | EU                 | Financial Markets | Russian state-owned firms banned from EU trading venues.   |
| 25-Feb                                | EU                 | Banking           | Asset freezes on Bank Rossiya and Promsvyazbank; Alfa-Bank and Bank Otkritie banned from issuing bonds.  |
| 25-Feb                                | EU, UK             | Banking           | Russian nationals are prohibited from having more than GBP50,000 (in UK) and EUR100,000 (in EU) in their bank accounts.  |
| 25-Feb                                | US, UK, EU         | Trade             | Blanket bans on any business in Donetsk and Luhansk.   |
| 25-Feb                                | US, UK, EU, others | Defence           | Blanket bans on doing business with a number of Russian defence sector companies (sanction lists differ between US, UK, EU and others).  |
| 28-Feb                                | US                 | Ru Central Bank   | Transactions with Russian Central Bank banned, except for 'certain energy-related transactions'.   |
| 28-Feb                                | EU                 | Ru Central Bank   | Transactions with Russian Central Bank banned, unless 'strictly necessary to ensure financial stability'.  |
| 28-Feb                                | Russia             | Capital controls  | Ban on foreign currency transfers out of Russia, except for existing loans or transfers to Russian subsidiaries of foreign banks.  |
| 28-Feb                                | Russia             | Capital controls  | Ban on selling Russian assets by foreigners.   |
| 28-Feb                                | Russia             | Expropriation     | Russian exporters required to sell 80% of proceeds since January 1 2022, est. at USD650bn for 2022 by VTB Capital.   |
| 28-Feb                                | Russia             | Logistics         | Airspace closed to aircrafts from 36 different markets.  |
| 28-Feb                                | EU                 | Logistics         | Airspace closed to Russian aircrafts.  |
| 28-Feb                                | Singapore          | Banking           | Certain Russian banks to be sanctioned, TBC.   |
| 1-Mar                                 | Global             | SWIFT cut-off     | Russian banks targeted: VTB, VEB, Otkritie, Novikombank, Promsvyazbank, Rossiya and Sovcombank. Not included: Gazprombank and Sberbank (to maintain energy payments).  |
| 1-Mar                                 | South Korea        | Banking           | Prohibiting financial transactions with Sberbank, VEB, Promsvyazbank, VTB, Otkritie, Sovcombank, Novikombank and their subsidiaries.   |
| Ongoing                               | UK                 | Financial Markets | Russian companies to be barred from issuing transferable securities and money market instruments (TBC).  |
| Source: Nowe reports: Eitch Solutions |                    |                   |  |

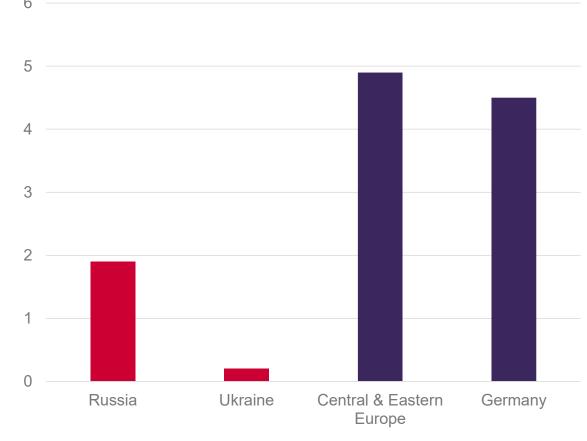
Source: News reports, Fitch Solutions



# Russian Crisis Poses Slight Downside Risks To Growth

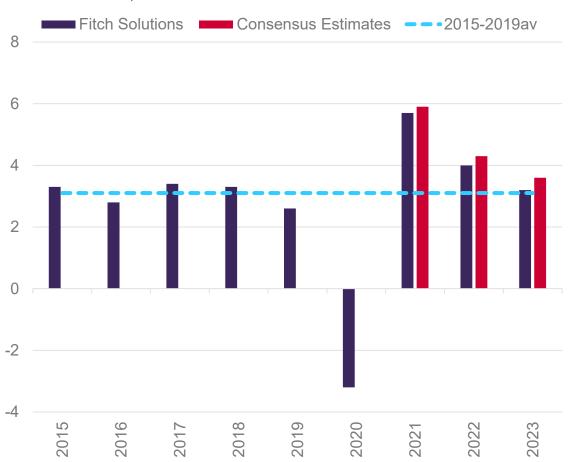
## Russia And Ukraine Only Account For 2% of Global GDP

Share Of Global GDP, %



### **Global Growth Has Momentum**

Real GDP Growth, %



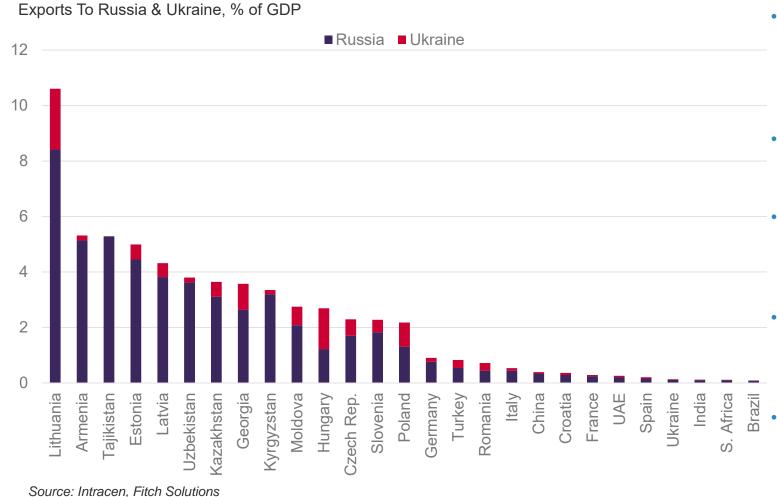
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## Growth Exposure Highest For Only A Small Handful of Economies

### Most Major EMs Have Low Exposure To Russia



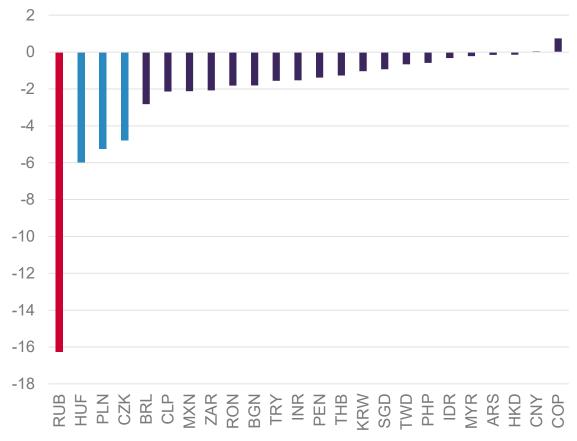
- The direct impact from an economic contraction in Russia and Ukraine will be felt most in Lithuania, as exports to the two economies account for just over 10% of GDP.
- Commonwealth of Independent States and former Soviet Union states are also exposed to a degree.
- However, major developed and emerging markets have very limited direct exposure to Russia and Ukraine.
- The increase in spending on military equipment by developed markets may provide additional fiscal support.
- That said, there are many indirect channels to watch, including financial market uncertainty, sanctions, inflation and potential central bank tightening.



# Contagion Limited Thus Far, But Some Markets Stand Out

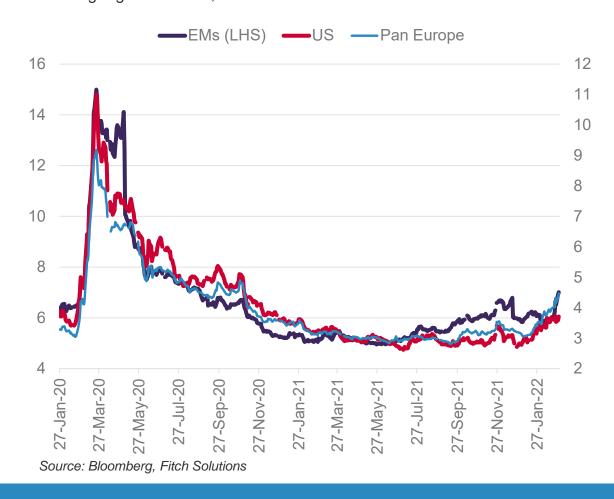
### **Currency Risks Seem Fairly Limited**

Performance Of Currencies vs US Dollar, % (as of February 23 2022)



Source: Bloomberg, Fitch Solutions

# High Yield Spreads Widening, But Not Too Much Yet Bloomberg High Yield OAS, %

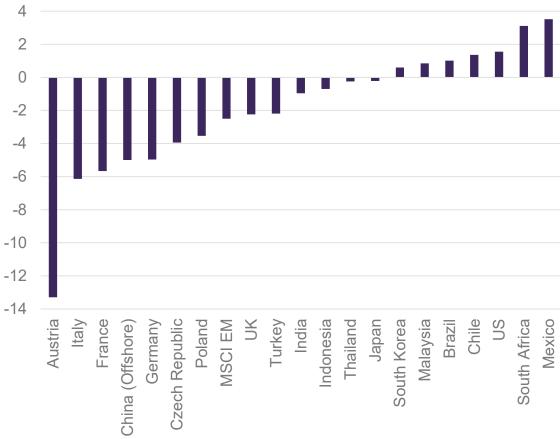




# Contagion To European Equities Via The Banks

## **Equities With Banking Exposure Seem To Be Hit Worse**

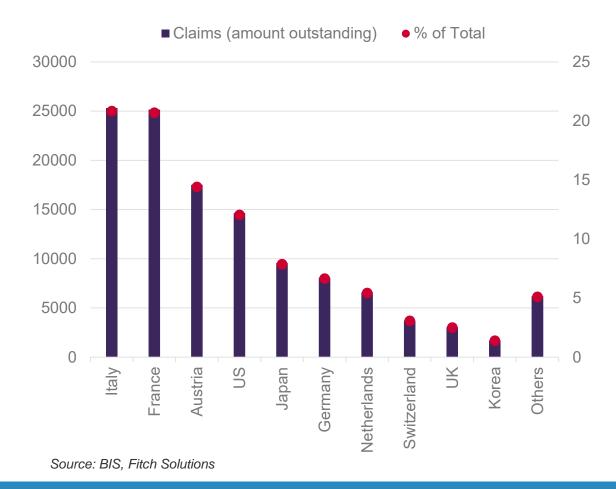
Performance Of Equity Markets, % (as of February 23 2022)



Source: Bloomberg, Fitch Solutions

## Italian, French And Austrian Banks Most Exposed To Russia

Claims On An Immediate Counterparty Basis, USDmn



# Rising Commodity Prices To Push Inflation Higher

## **Commodities To Add Upside Pressure To Inflation**

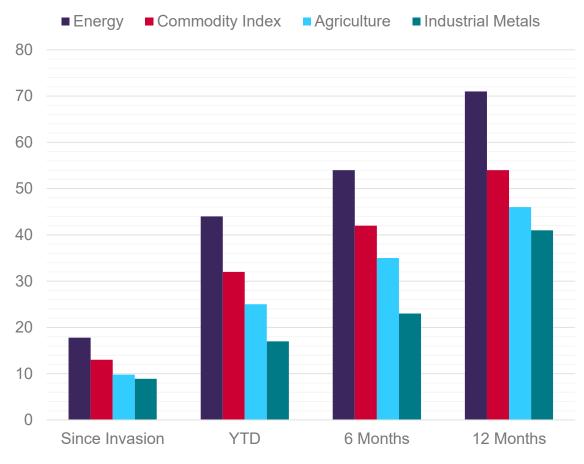
Bloomberg Commodity Index



#### Source: Bloomberg, Fitch Solutions

### **Energy Prices Rising Quickest**

Change In Commodity Index Price, %



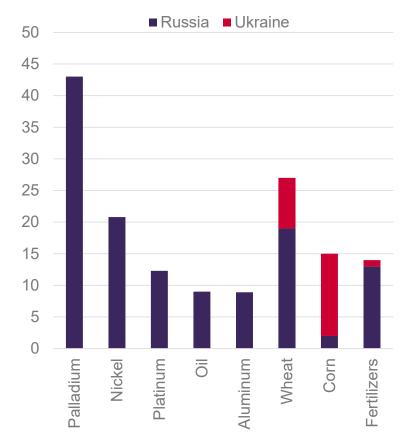
Source: Bloomberg, Goldman Sachs, Fitch Solutions



## Supply Risks Will Exacerbate Inflation

### **Russian Exports Are Important**

Exports As Share Of Global Total, %\*



\*Platinum/Palladium = % of Global Production. Source: Bloomberg, Fitch Solutions

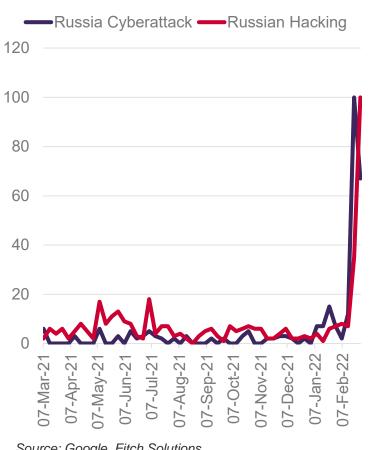
## **Sanctions Could Distort Exports**

Spread Of Brent Crude vs Russian Urals, USD/bbl



## **Could Cyberattacks Impact Supply?**

Google Search Trends For Certain Terms



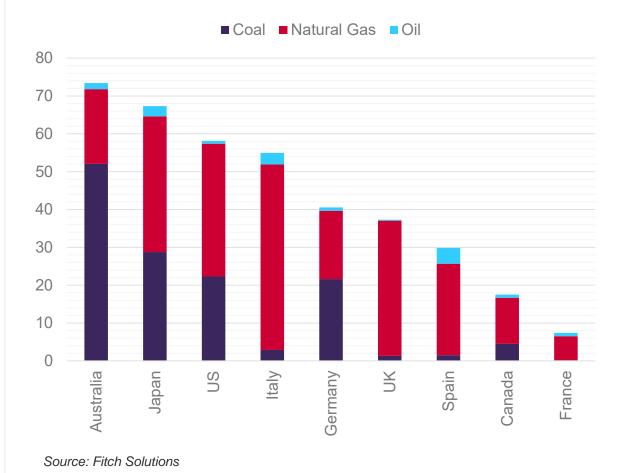




# Energy Costs Will Hit Markets With Higher Fossil Fuel Dependency

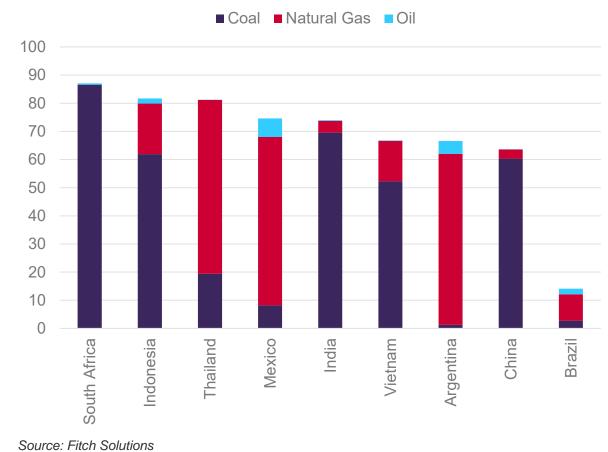
## Many Economies Still Dependent On Fossil Fuels

Power Generation By Source, %



### **EMs Have Low Dependency On Renewables**

Power Generation By Source, %

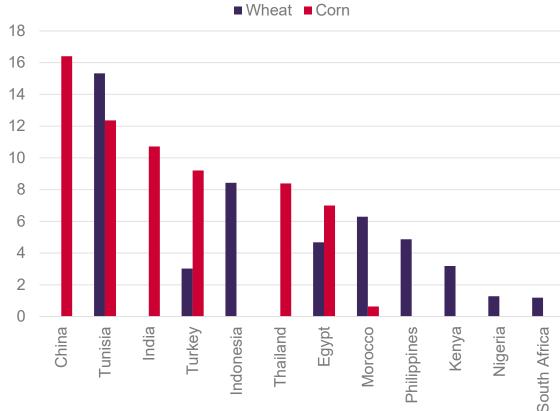




# Rising Grain Prices Could Also Cause Problems For Certain EMs

### **EMs Are Reliant On Ukrainian Grain**

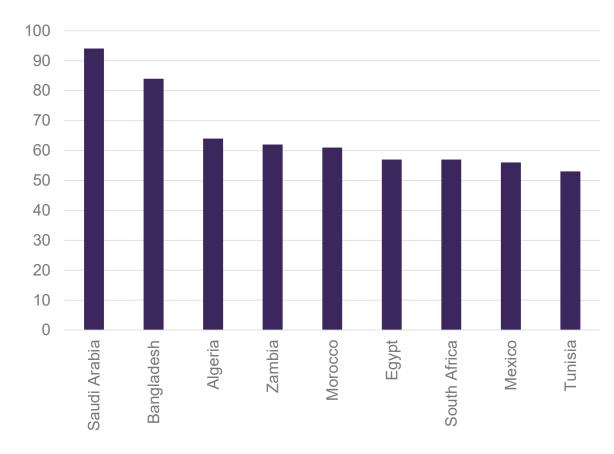
Imports From Ukraine, % of total imports



\*Figures cover 2019 or latest available data. Export figures only include direct shipments; other EMs may receive Ukrainian grain that is re-exported by the Netherlands. Source: Intracen, Fitch Solutions

### Some EMs Are Heavily Reliant On Wheat Imports

Wheat Imports, % of total consumption



Source: Fitch Solutions



## Hawkish Central Banks Could Result In A Policy Misstep

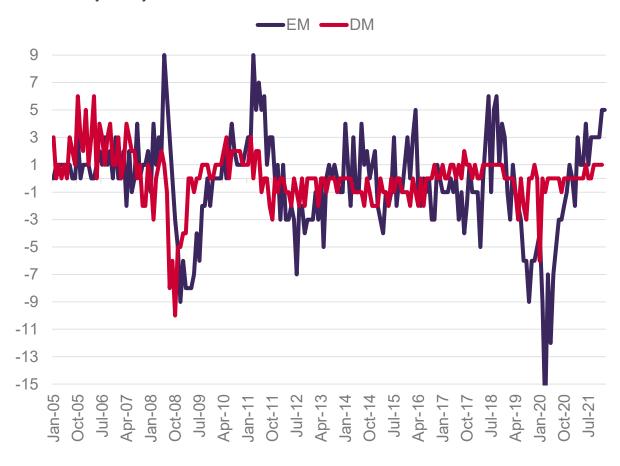
## Inflation Overshooting Across The Board...

Inflation vs Target, %



### ... Central Banks Are Still Going To Hike

Monetary Policy Diffusion Indices



Source: Bloomberg, Fitch Solutions



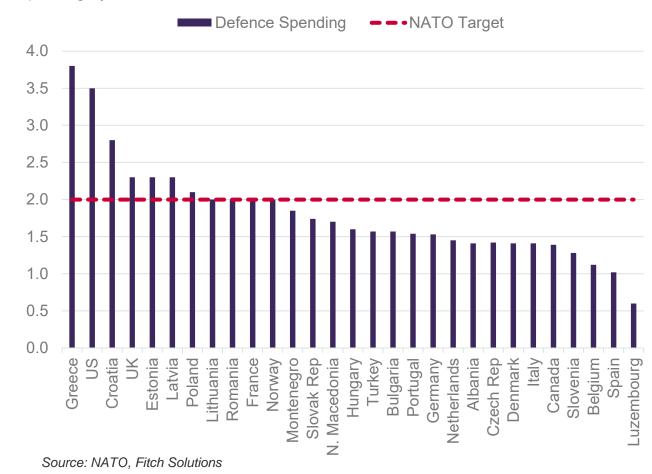


## Three Geostrategic Shifts To Watch



### **Room For NATO Members To Increase Spending**

Spending By Member On Defence, % of GDP







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