The World In Transition: Can Banks Help Build for the Future

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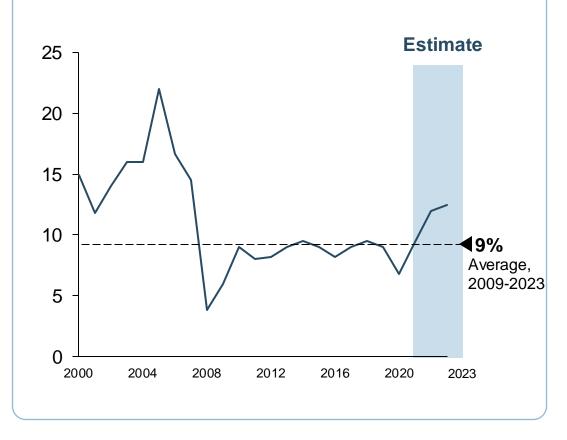


Today's agenda

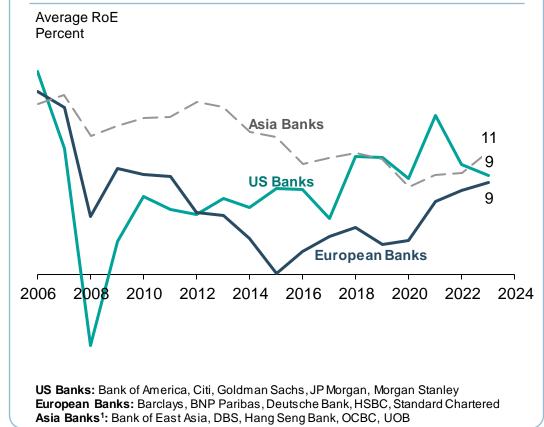
- Where banks are
- What lies ahead
- Strategic choices
- The way forward

Where banks are

Profitability improving Return on equity for global banking (%)

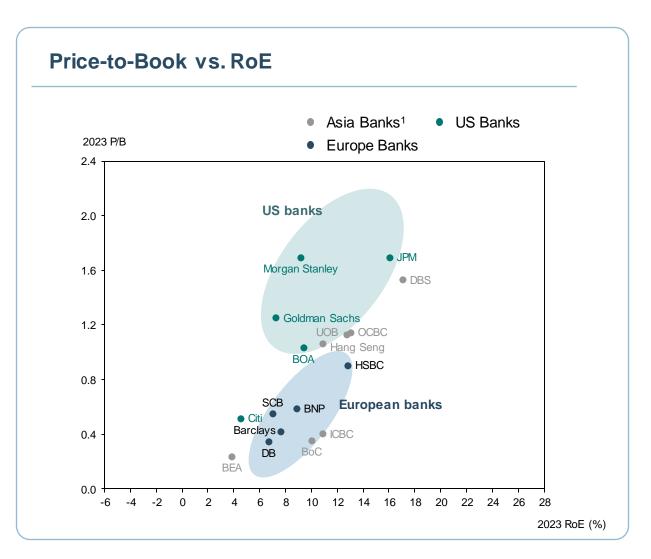


Regional convergence on profitability RoE by region (%)



Variance in valuations remain

Currently 18 out of 29 GSIBS are trading at a P/B below 1



RoE of Chinese banks was not available at the time of analysis. P/B against RoE for Chinese banks refer to 2022 data Sources: Capital IQ

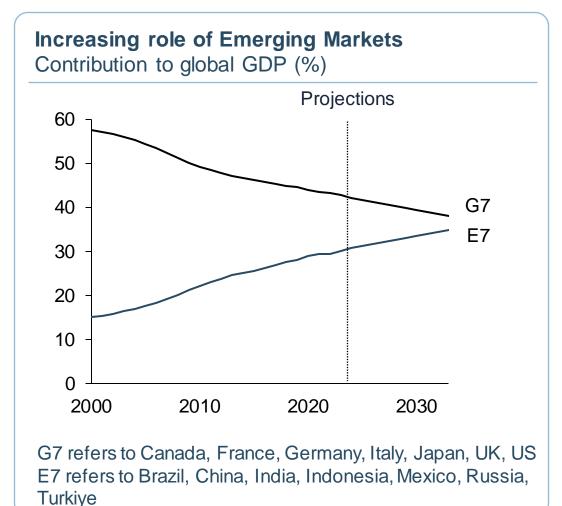
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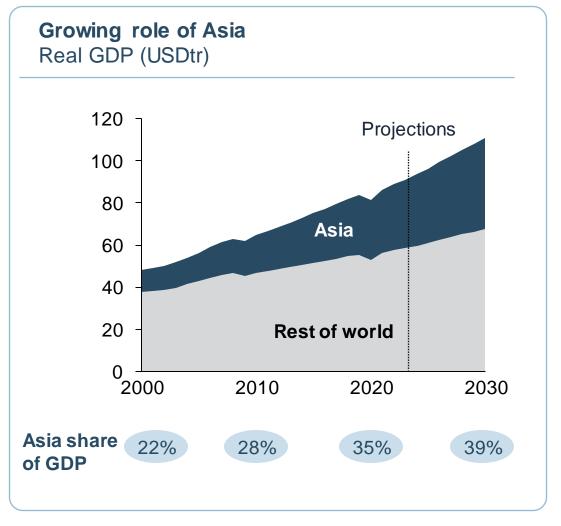
What lies ahead

- Highly complex, uncertain and fast changing environment
- Cyclical and structural factors
- Affecting
 - Customers, investors, employees
 - Role of banks within finance and society

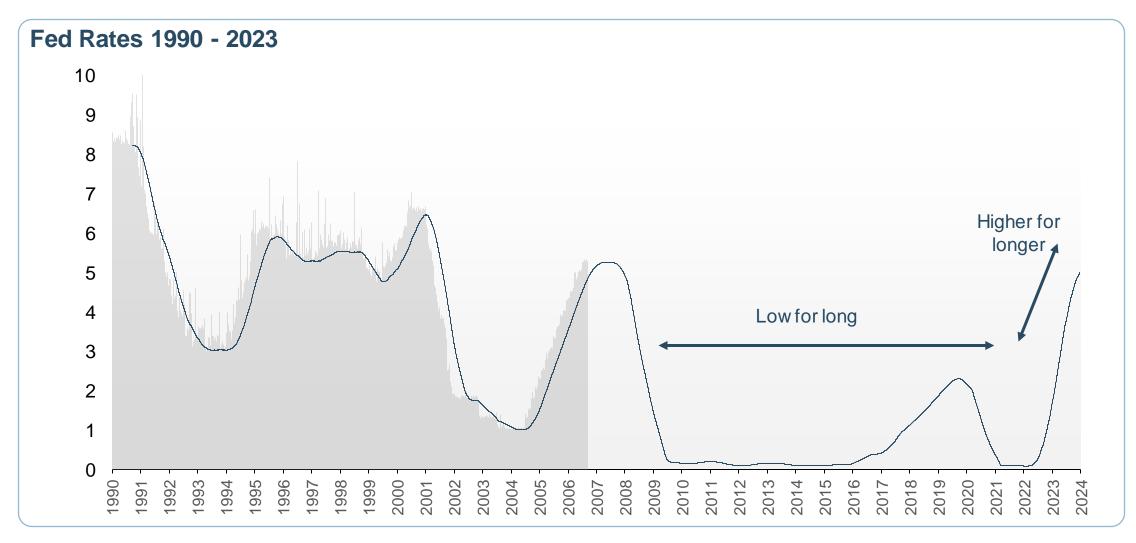
- Challenges
 - Macroeconomic shifts
 - Geopolitical tensions
 - Technology / digital
 - Nature of competition
 - Climate change
 - Regulatory fragmentation
- Address challenges and turn them into opportunities
- Need to reset banks' business models

Lower global growth 3.1% - 3.2% (2023-25) below 3.8% (2000-19)



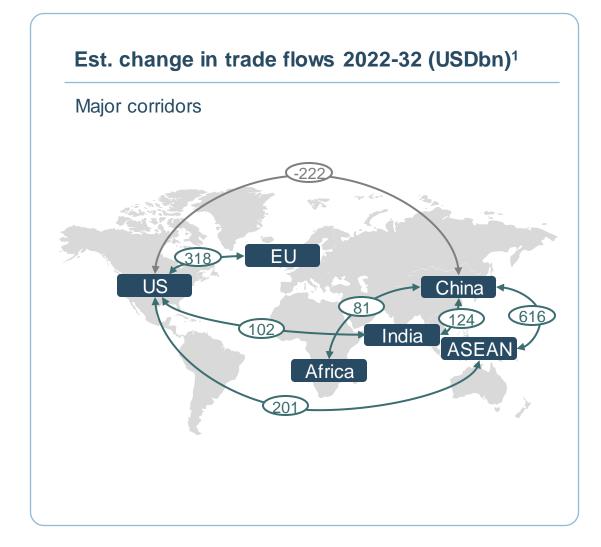


From "low for long" to "higher for longer", and now....



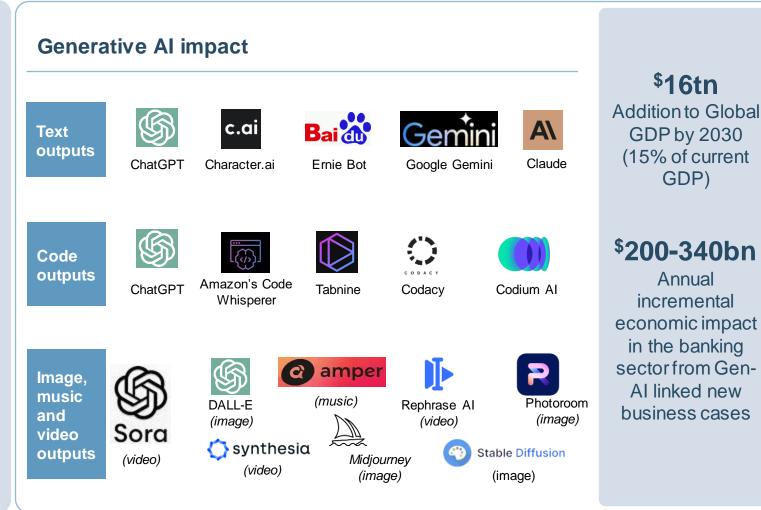
Geopolitics impacting on geoeconomics

- US/China tensions
- Conflicts in Ukraine and Middle
 East
- Risk "off and on" episodes: flight to safety
- Opportunities

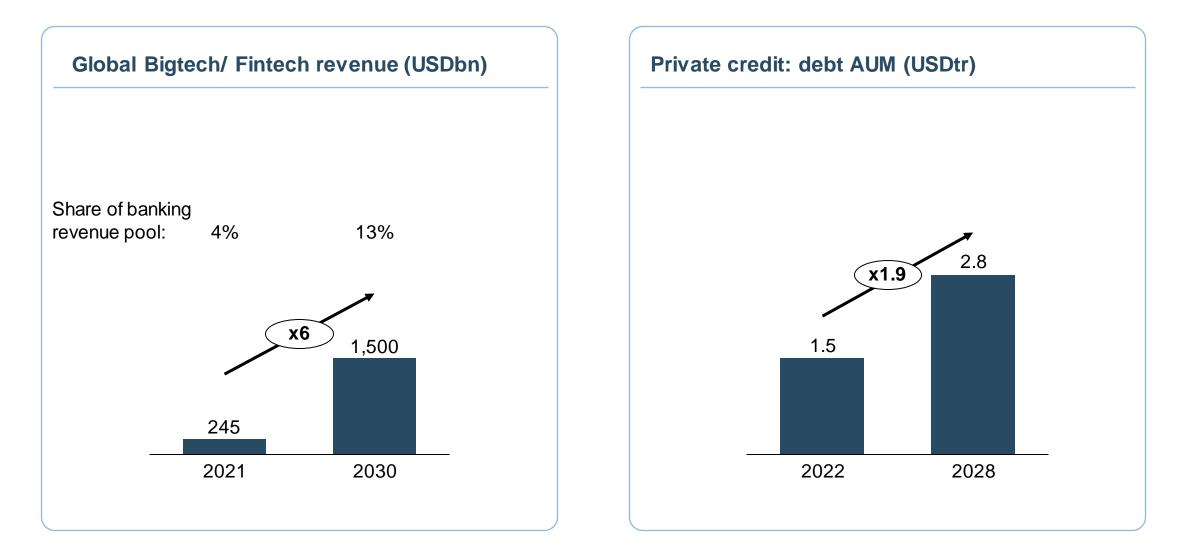


Technology / Digital

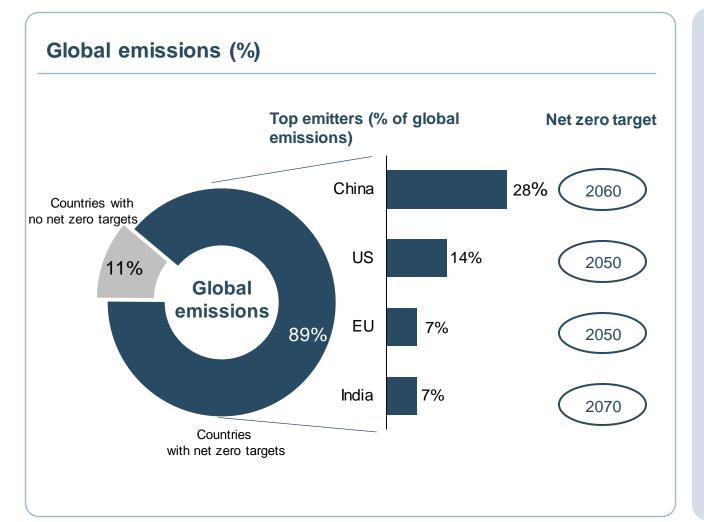
- Disruptive technologies
- Banks not sitting still
- But unfinished agenda:
 - Legacy tech
 platforms
 - Manual interventions
 - More to do on skills
 - Increasing threat surface



Increasing competition from non-traditional players



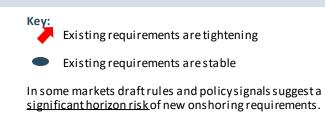
Climate Change will remain squarely in focus



- Challenges for banks
 - Reputational
 - Climate risk management
 - Multiple disclosures
 - Net Zero delivery influenced by public policies and clients
 - Greenwashing
- Opportunities

Regulatory Fragmentation

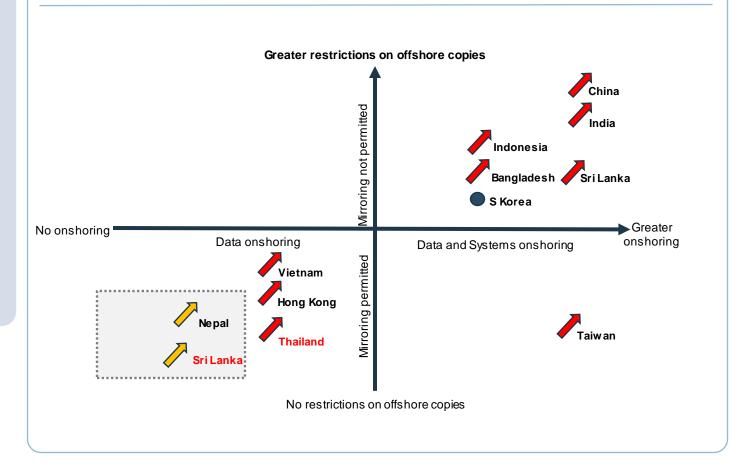
- Basel 3.1: uneven implementation
- Banks non-banks: uneven playing field
- Data
- Digital assets
- Al
- Climate



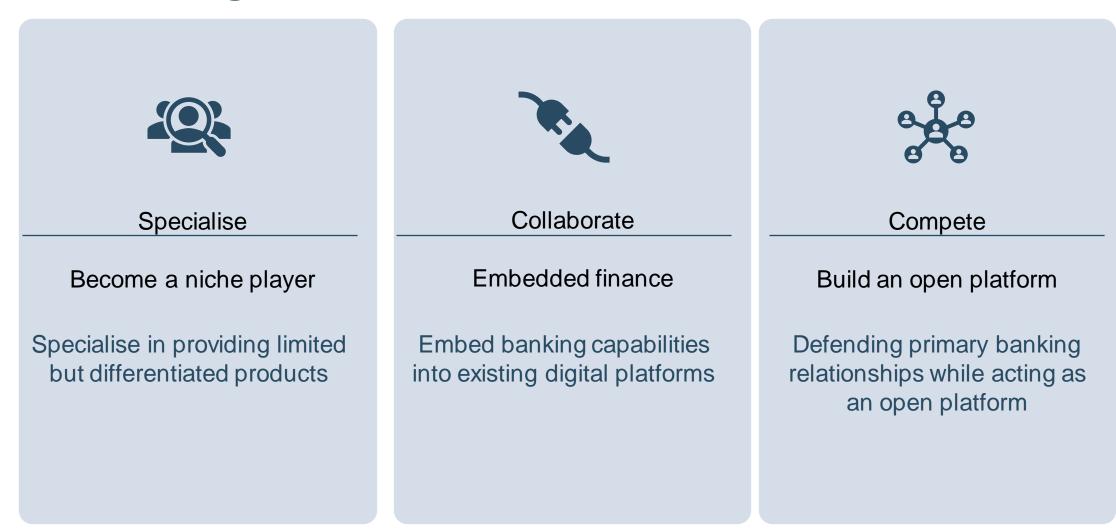


Future requirements are likely





Three strategic choices



The way forward: strategic choices based on comparative advantage of individual banks...but certain "musts" in all cases

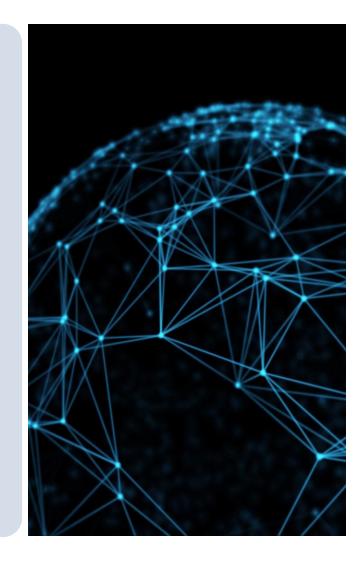


.....to deliver resilience and agility

- Profits aligned with purpose
- Culture and governance
- Simplification, standardisation and digitisation
- Client Centric
- Talent

Banks as a force for good

- Trusted intermediaries in a world in transition
- Banks must remain "banks" while transforming their business models
 - Value creation
 - Contribute to sustained growth and financial stability
- Help build a more prosperous and sustainable future



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