

### 2024 will continue to be a watershed year

Underscores the importance of planning and risk management

The certain uncertainties		and the uncertain uncertainties	
Macroeconomics	Supply chains	Elections	Global geopolitics
Growth vs. caution  Expensive basics	Countries competing for nearshoring investment through policy  Sustainability requirements	Biggest year in history	Flare-ups everywhere
Slow growth in 2024, set to rebound into 2025 Wages and input cost levels remain high	De-risking ramps up in 2024, but infrastructure and decarbonization out of step with emission requirements	Civil unrest a key concern Politics continues to pressurize supply chains	Global supply chain impacts contained <b>for now</b> US or China domestic crises could alter the trajectory

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#### **AGENDA**

- ElectionsMajor realignments
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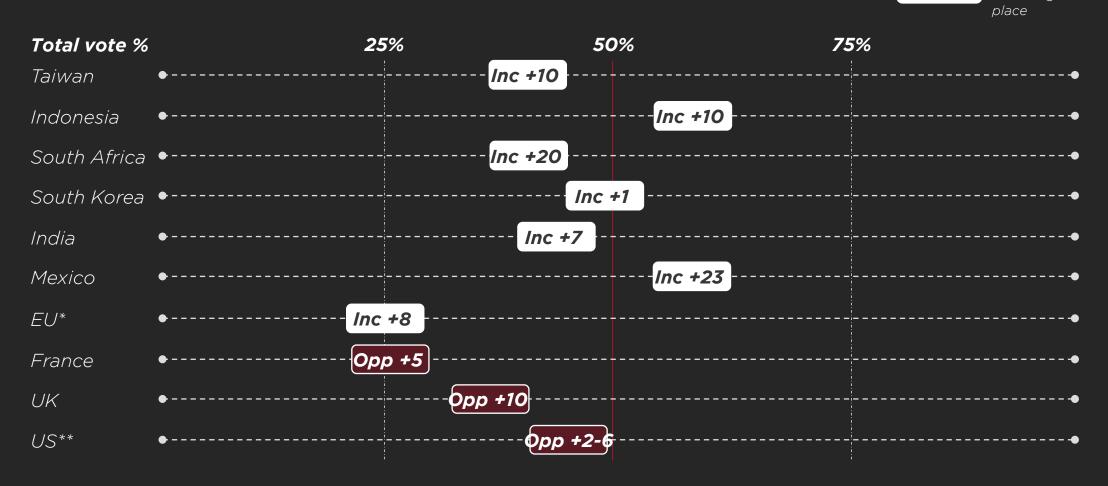
### An unprecedented wave of major elections in critical regions

Results will determine fundamental policy choices impacting geopolitics and supply chains



## Results indicate mostly weak incumbent wins or a flip to the opposition Winner (incumbent

With critical impacts on supply chains



<sup>\*</sup> Percentage of seats for largest party

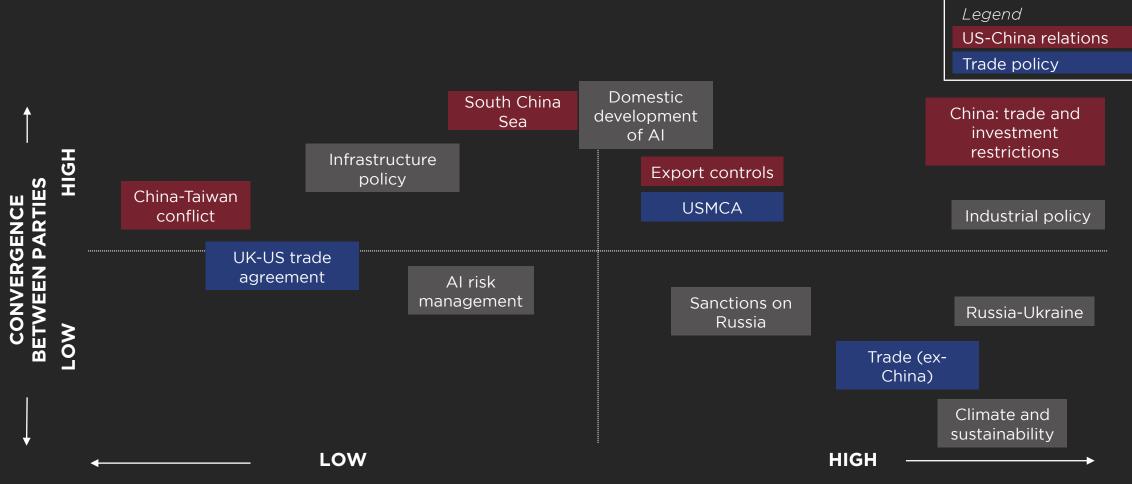
Source: Onyx

or opposition party) and margin over 2<sup>nd</sup>

<sup>\*\*</sup> Opinion polls

### **US election spotlight: what's at stake?**

US-China tensions are given, trade policy could experience wide swings



LIKELIHOOD OF POLICY ACTION IN THE NEXT US PRESIDENTIAL TERM

### China continues to be a major focus of US trade

But no clarity on what the end game should be



#### Key potential USMCA review themes

- Containing China: China-Mexico trade and investment
  - Chinese auto sector investments
  - Chinese exports to Mexico
- Regional value content and rules of origin
- Energy (Mexico)
- Labor standards (Mexico)
- Agricultural sector
- US trade deficit (Trump adm.)

### China-related initiatives expanding beyond traditional tech

Putting a premium on companies' contingency planning and expectations management

### **Key China-related initiatives under way**Non-exhaustive

- Tariff-specific:
  - 301 and 232 measures
  - Removal of PNTR status
- Mixed tariff/non-tariff:
  - De minimis reduction
  - Forced labor import bans
  - Sanctions and entity lists
  - Strengthen antidumping/countervailing
- Technology:
  - CFIUS: new Treasury Dept rules (Aug'24) on semis, quantum, Al
  - Congress-enacted legislation on permanent screening
  - Connected vehicles
  - Bulk data transfers and IP protections
  - Advanced chip access and trusted partner packs
- Supply chain resilience, investment:
  - IPEF/APEP
  - Concern about vulnerabilities in connected port infrastructure, shipbuilding
  - . White House Council on Supply Chain Resilience report (Dec'24)
- Reviews/future measures/areas of concern:
  - Commerce Dept list of strategic industries for future export control and tariff regimes

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Industries likely under inclusion (non-exhaus	
Aerospace and defense	Electrical equipment and appliances
Agriculture	Energy equipment (incl. oil & gas)
Autos and parts	EV parts and accessories
Batteries	Instruments manufacturing
Biotechnology	Machinery
Building materials	Metals and fabrication
Chemicals	Pharmaceuticals
Communications technology	Retail
Consumer products and services	Semiconductors
Critical minerals	Software

### Human rights trade law has growing impact on trade

Impact limited by enforcement capacity and complexity

### Forced labor and poor conditions Practical impacts go beyond human rights

#### **Religious freedom**

Poised for application in Trump admin

#### **Tool Sets:**

- USMCA improves enforcement of labor issues
- DHS task force on forced labor increases CBP responsiveness to claims
- UFLPA expands on existing trade law with presumption of forced labor in goods from XUAR
- New provision in the TPA of 2015 require consideration of religious freedom in trade negotiations
- USCIRF recommended sanctions by State Department on individuals and entities limiting religious freedom.

#### **Trade Impact:**

- Address wage competition concerns in the US
- Reduce forced labor inputs into imported goods even from third countries
- Potential for expanded use in negotiations to reduce imports related to XUAR
- Pressure to take action on the issue

#### What's Next:

- Expansion in enforcement capacity and industries
- Coordination with allies (G7 and EU) and broader incorporation into agreements
- Congressional demands for supply chain transparency

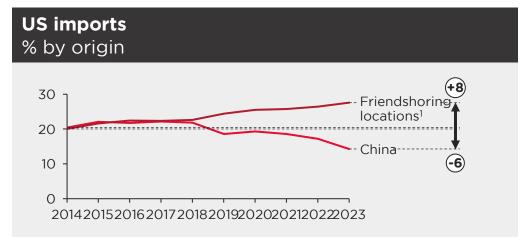
- Broader use of religious freedom concerns to drive desired outcomes in trade
- Mike Pompeo-led State Department likely to utilize sanctions tools
- Continued push from some in Congress

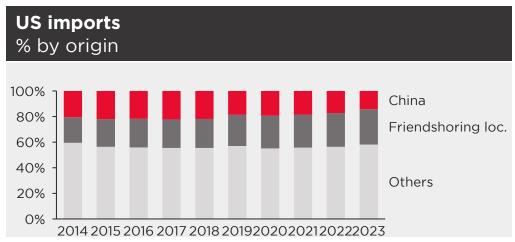
#### **Applications:**

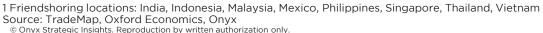
- Existing FTA renegoti ations and reviews such as USMCA
- Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)
- U.S.-Taiwan trade agreement
- Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) renewal
- Critical Minerals Agreements

# US imports already showing some impact of de-risking strategies

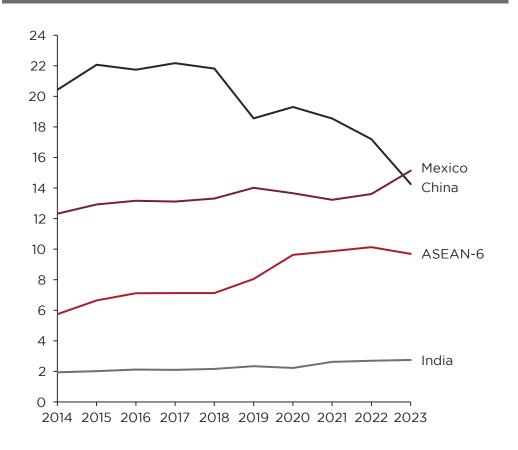
Across "friendshoring" locations







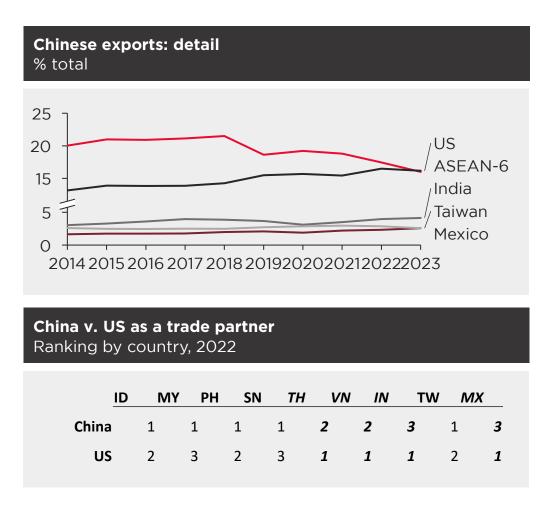
#### US imports: detail % total



### However, China itself is also de-risking

While growing its share of exports to friendshoring locations

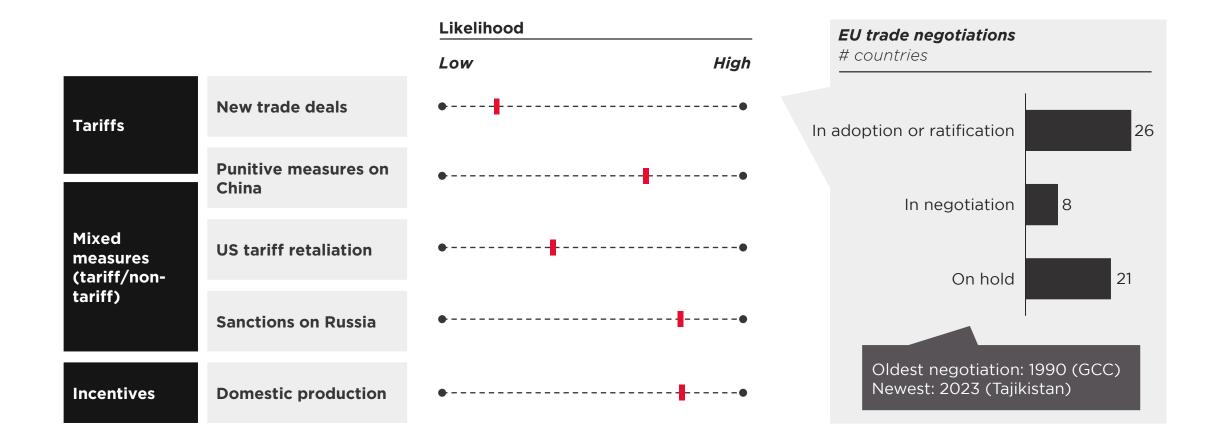




<sup>1</sup> Friendshoring locations: India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam Source: TradeMap, Oxford Economics, Onyx
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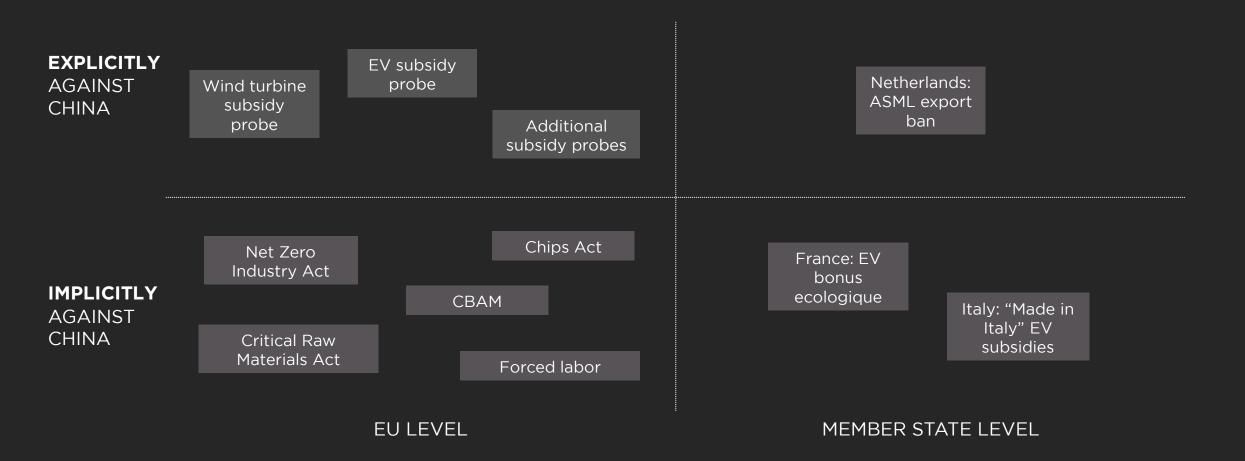
### **Trade policy leaning defensive**

Major trade deals not expected



### **Policy actions: Recent and emerging**

Many policies aimed at China will also affect other trading partners



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### The world is becoming...

#### Multipolar

Aka there are more than one or two leading countries, even if unequal

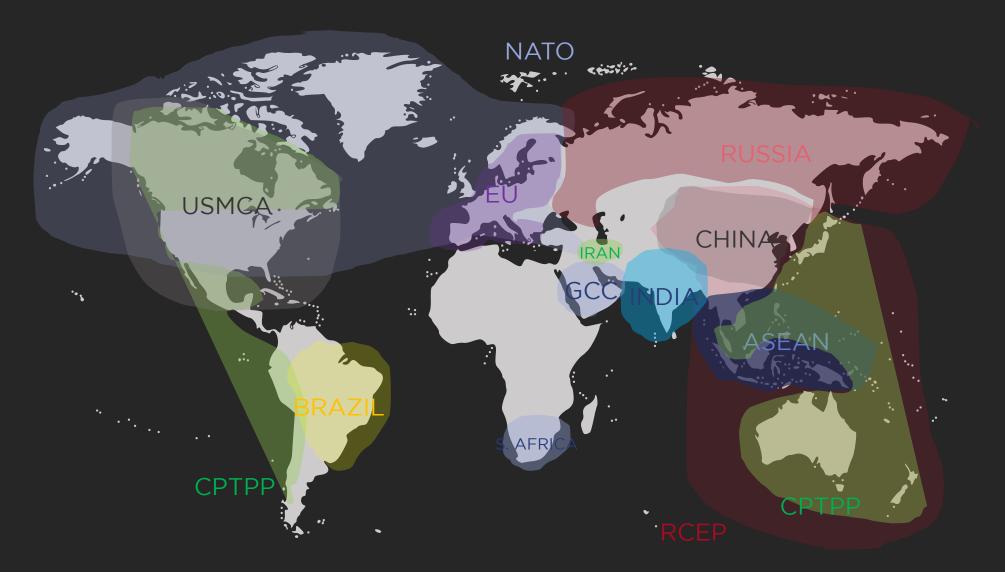
#### **Complex**

Overlapping and contradictory alliances

#### **Unstable**

Conflicts making a return

### A complex web of major alliances and lone wolves



### With growth comes instability

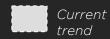
Geopolitical fault lines develop at the borders of major spheres of

influence Russia-• Russia-EU/NATO China • India-China ◆ North Korea South China Sea Taiwan Middle East

### **Geopolitical fault lines escalating from January**

Frozen conflicts seeing a rekindling of longstanding threats

#### **KEY SCENARIOS AND SIGNPOSTS**



GEOPOLITICAL FAULT LINE	DE-ESCALATION	STATUS QUO	ESCALATION
RUSSIA-EUROPE (UKRAINE)	<ul> <li>Both parties see room for an acceptable political compromise</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Military power and resources relatively balanced between both parties</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>One or both parties seeks complete victory</li> <li>Balance of military resources tilts</li> <li>US security umbrella faulters</li> </ul>
SOUTH CHINA SEA	ecor	<ul> <li>Claims remain unresolved, but economic cooperation takes precedence</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>US security umbrella faulters</li> <li>Accidents leading to military action</li> <li>One or more parties believes it can</li> </ul>
CHINA-TAIWAN	deceptable political compromise	<ul> <li>Independence not pressed publicly</li> </ul>	prevail with acceptable economic costs
MIDDLE EAST (ISRAEL- HAMAS- HEZBOLLAH)	<ul><li>Israeli aims include negotiated solution</li><li>External support for militants</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Israeli military aims confined to Gaza</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Israeli military aims include other countries in the region, esp. Lebanon, Syria</li> </ul>
MIDDLE EAST (RED SEA)	waivers  Global powers united in containing conflict	<ul> <li>External support for militant groups limited</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conflict spreads to Hormuz</li> <li>Military operations link up with Israel/Hamas</li> <li>Resolution explicitly involves Yemen</li> </ul>

### Global supply chain impacts remain contained for now

Prepare for hot spots to flare up, but with manageable market volatility

#### SUPPLY CHAIN RISK EXPOSURE TO GEOPOLITICAL FAULT LINES

GLOBAL EXPOSURE BEYOND LOCAL OPERATIONS; IMMEDIATE EFFECTS ONLY: EXCLUDES GLOBAL CONFLICT-TYPE ESCALATIONS



GEOPOLITICAL FAULT LINE	INPUTS	SOURCING AND PRODUCTION	DISTRIBUTION AND LOGISTICS	END MARKETS
RUSSIA- EUROPE (UKRAINE)	<ul> <li>Key minerals (titanium, nickel, cobalt, platinum, aluminum)</li> <li>Fertilizers and wheat</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Europe's energy costs</li> <li>Disruptions near the border with EU (escalation scenario)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fuel price volatility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inflationary pressure esp.         in Europe</li> <li>Disruptions near the         border (escalation         scenario)</li> </ul>
SOUTH CHINA SEA	<ul> <li>All regional exports</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All regional production affected (escalation scenario)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fuel prices/rate volatility and major lane disruption (escalation scenario)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Global crisis (escalation</li> </ul>
CHINA-TAIWAN	affected (escalation scenario)	<ul> <li>Major disruption of semiconductor supplies (escalation scenario)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rate volatility and major lane disruption (escalation scenario)</li> </ul>	scenario)
MIDDLE EAST			<ul> <li>Fuel price volatility</li> <li>Major lane disruption         (Suez, Bab el-Mandeb,         Hormuz) (escalation         scenario)</li> </ul>	

## Middle East: new normal scenario is expected in short- to medium-run

China and Saudi Arabia can play a role in de-escalating the tension

#### **DE-ESCALATION**

best case

#### **Potential paths**

- Israel and Hamas and/or broad Palestinian representation negotiate a peace agreement
- Houthis reach an agreement with Saudi Arabia and cease their attacks in the Red Sea
- Iran pauses its support for the Axis of Resistance, including potentially due to overtures from China

#### DRAGGING ON

short- to medium-run base case

#### **Potential paths**

- Israel-Hamas conflict drags on, even with occasional ceasefires
- Iran keeps supporting the Houthis to continue their attacks in the Red Sea
- Red Sea is still risky; re-routing to the Cape of Good hope becomes the new normal

#### **ESCALATION**

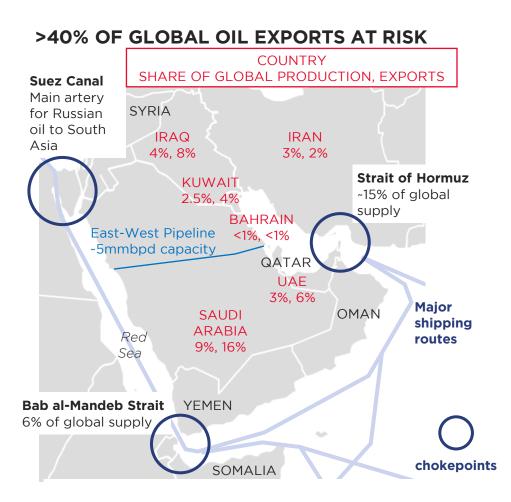
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#### **Potential paths**

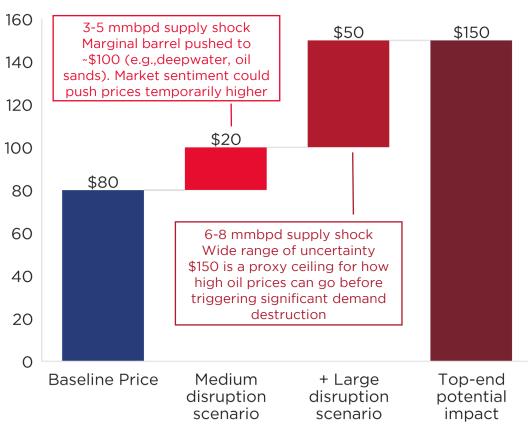
- A new front explicitly opens in Lebanon, involving sustained combat between Israel and Hezbollah
- Conflict spreads to the Gulf, leading to a stop to volumes crossing Hormuz and direct involvement from Iran and/or Saudi Arabia

### Middle East: escalation threatens three major chokepoints

Potential for oil prices to jump to \$100-\$150 per barrel



### POTENTIAL OIL PRICE IMPACTS OF ESCALATION BRENT CRUDE \$/BARREL



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## We've seen a flurry of trade agreements led by middle powers

**powers**But the best may be behind us

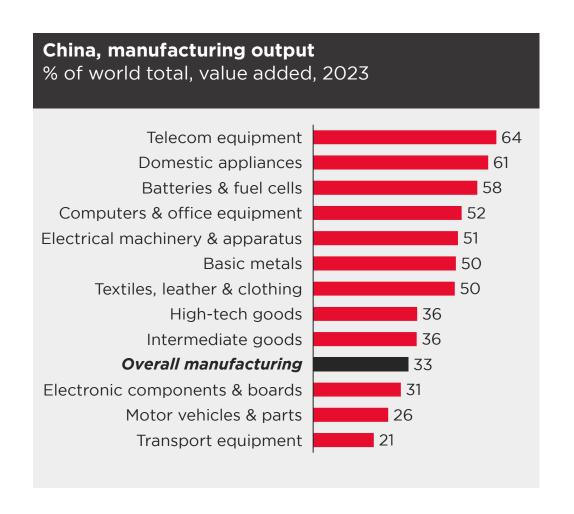


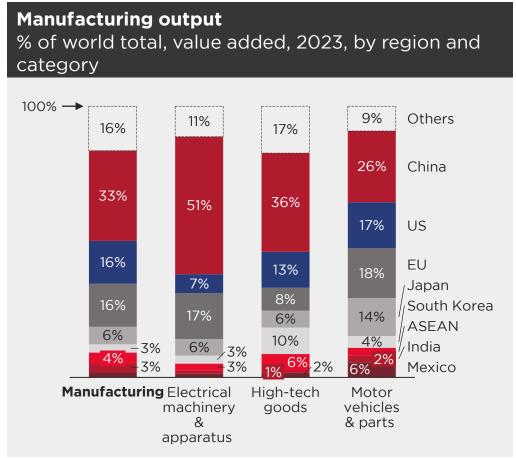
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Agreement	
Iceland Liechtenstein Norway UK	2021
Brazil Paraguay (consolidated)	2020
Chile Ecuador	2020
Morocco UK (consolidated)	2019
Liechtenstein UK (consolidated)	2019
Switzerland UK (consolidated)	2019
Tunisia UK (consolidated)	2019
Kosovo UK (consolidated)	2019
Bosnia and Herzegovina Turkey	2019
Colombia MERCOSUR Services	2018
EFTA Indonesia	2018
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<sup>\*</sup> Excludes UK, AfCFTA and EC EPAs Source: DESTA, Onyx

### But China won't be replaced easily...

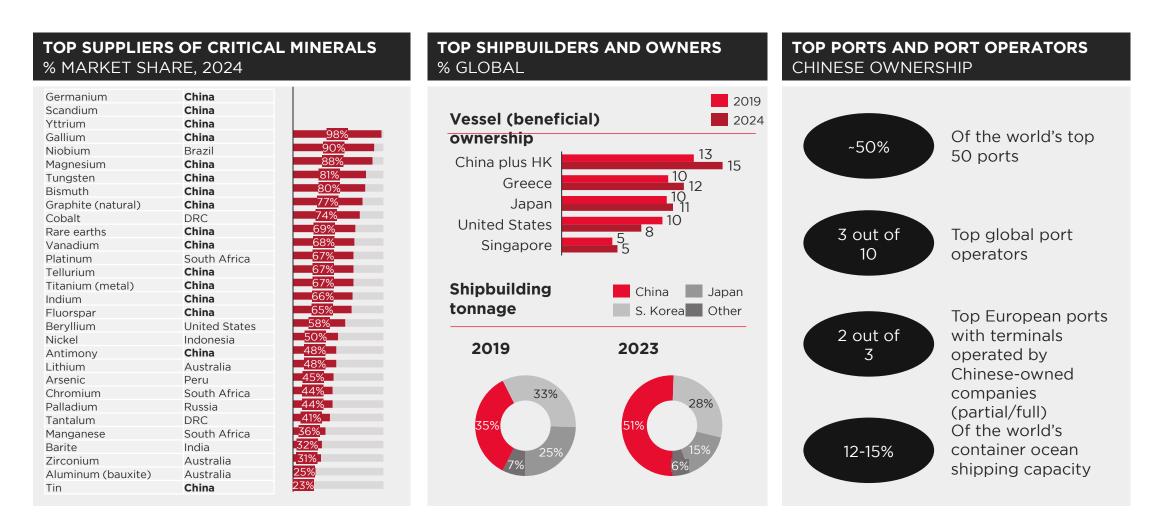
Deep positioning in global value chains means significant decoupling may take 5-10+ years





### ... also given its deep connections in global supply chains

Leaving companies facing US/EU pressure with little room for maneuver



### Wrapping up...

#### Our views in a timeline



- By early to mid-2025, we will likely have...
  - Concluded the world's largest election cycle
  - A new wave of investment and export restrictions on China from the US and the EU
  - China's top leadership continuing to double-down on high-tech competition
  - Lower interest rates in the US and Europe, low inflation, but largely flat growth
- In 2025, we will potentially have...
  - A strong hard-right momentum and pressure on immigration, global alliances, costs
  - Less reliance on the US from Europe and Asia
  - Stronger ties between China and the world ex-US, EU
  - A progressively more unstable world with no resolution to issues in Asia, ME and Russia
  - Either more sustainability requirements, or fewer (?)
  - Worsening capacity issues in ASEAN, Mexico, India re labor, water, utilities, logistics infrastructure
- And as 2026-27 unfold, we will possibly have...
  - India overtaking Germany as the world's third-largest economy
  - A more assertive China militarily with potential for action in Taiwan and South China Sea
  - New USMCA RVC requirements with significant hurdles for Chinese suppliers/OEMs
  - CBAM's definitive regime and an expanded list of industries/categories

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