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# Transforming our Region: Future Insights - Economy and OpenAI



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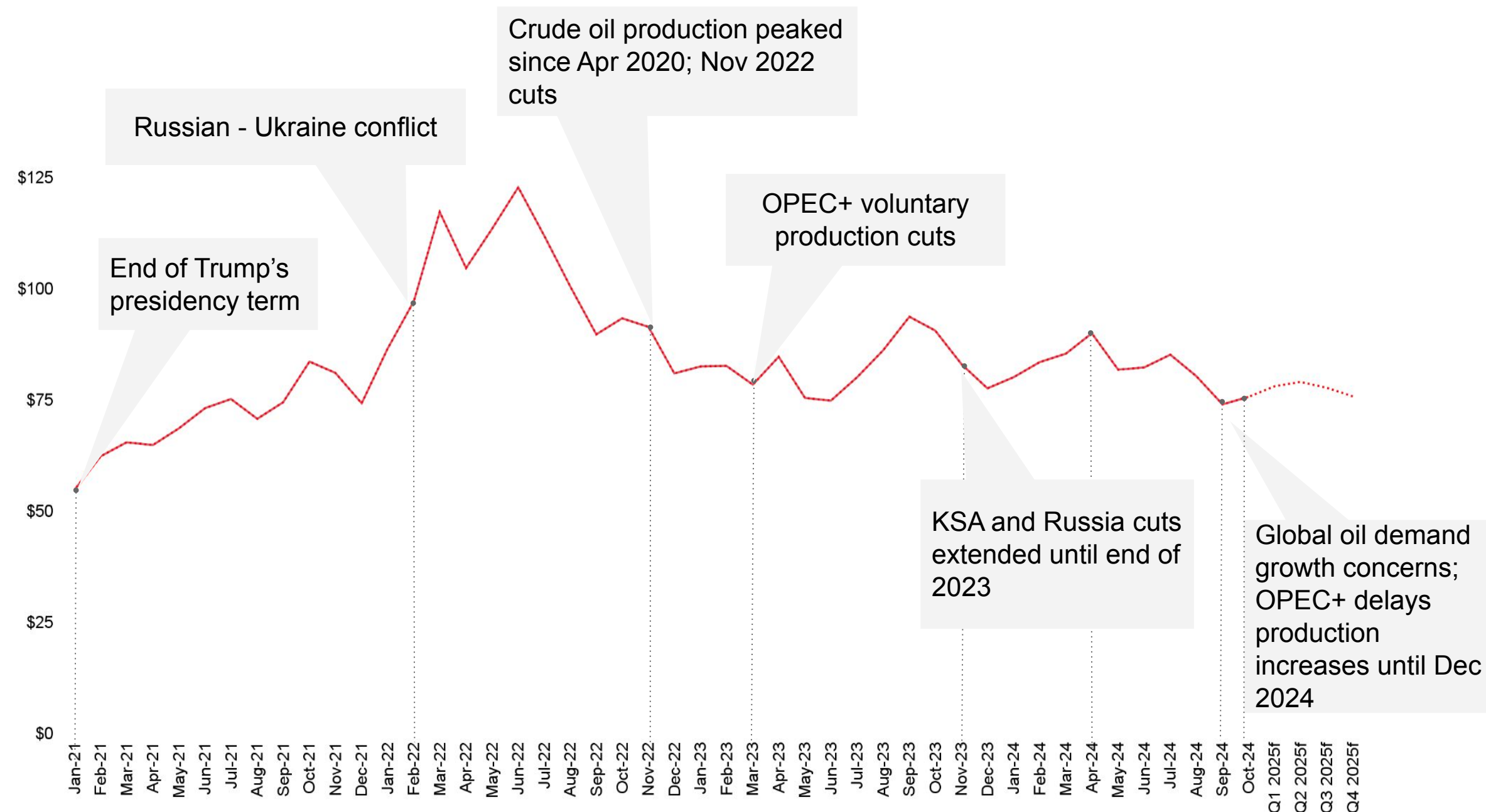




# Economic Updates

Trump's energy policy and impact on the oil market has key impact on MENA economies

## Brent crude prices US\$ per barrel



Sources: EIA, OPEC, IEA

## Outlook remains cautiously balanced

### Upside look for the GCC:

- A second Trump term could strengthen US-GCC energy ties and boost US investments in O&G
- Expanded US LNG export projects offers more clarity on future competition and potential Gulf investments in US energy infrastructure
- Reduced US regulatory barriers could encourage Gulf investments US O&G facilities

### Downside look for the GCC:

- Lower global prices due to increased US fossil fuel output
- More competition from US LNG exports
- Pressure on OPEC+ cohesion and Gulf economies from high US oil output

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## Markets have reacted positively but less favourable borrowing conditions loom

### US Dollar Index (DXY)

DXY:Exchange



- Since Trump's victory, the USD has surged on expectations of inflationary policies
- Policies such as tariffs, tax cuts, and stricter immigration and deportation could limit Fed rate cuts
- A slow down in Fed rates cuts and higher bond yields make for less favourable borrowing conditions in the region



#### Stronger USD

Pressures on currencies in Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt, slowing inflation decline and monetary easing in Egypt, impacting its economic growth



#### Less favourable borrowing conditions

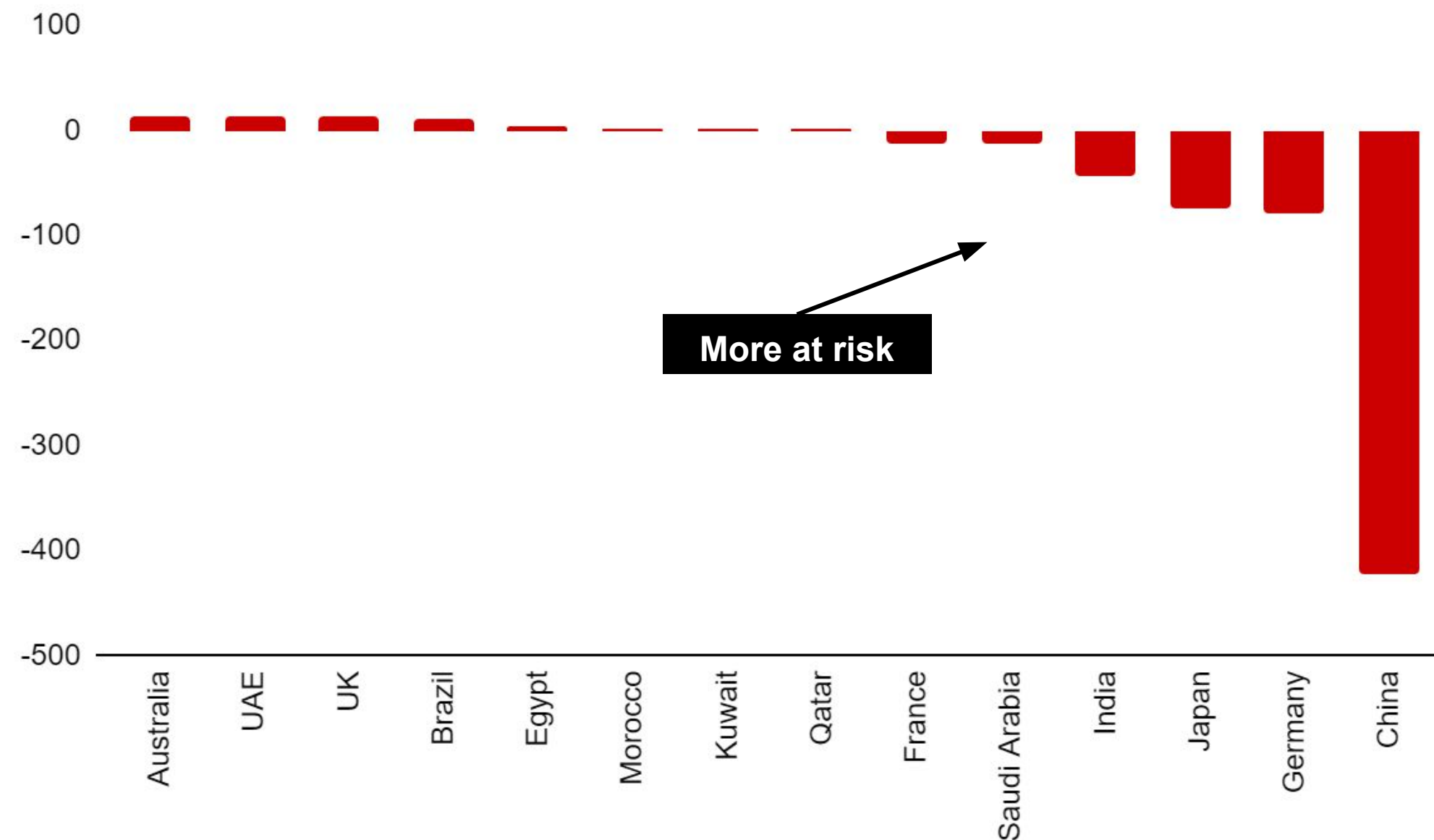
Challenge GCC policymakers and create headwinds for the GCC non-oil economy and Jordan's economy in general, and could drive outflows from Egypt's portfolio investments

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Economies with large trade surpluses with the US are at greater risk

## USA - Trade Balance

USDbn, 2022



### Economies with large trade exposure more vulnerable to broad tariffs

- Trump's proposal to impose a 60% tariff on Chinese goods and a “universal” 10-20% tariff on all other U.S. imports could bring trade challenges in MENA.
- MENA economies with strong U.S. export links face increased risks, as sweeping tariffs could dampen demand for their goods and impact growth.
- Reduced competition from foreign goods could lead MENA exporters to seek alternative markets in response to decreased U.S. competitiveness.



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**Q&A**





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