

Financial Markets Snapshot

Q3, 2024 Review



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Global Markets



- Global markets such as the USA, UK, EU, China and Canada set the tone of the global economy.
- The report begins by analyzing the changes in global markets in terms of economic policy directions and financial markets and tries to plot how those dynamics are interlinked.
- The report then tries to examine the ripple effect of changes in global markets on emerging market economies, and the choices available to such markets.

Emerging Markets



- Emerging markets such as Brazil, India, South Africa, Turkey, and others are widely affected by the tides in global markets.
- The report tries to understand the effects of changes in policies in global markets on the choices available for different emerging markets.
- The report then tries to analyze the progress of different emerging markets in light of global economic changes and the policy options available for emerging markets as a group.

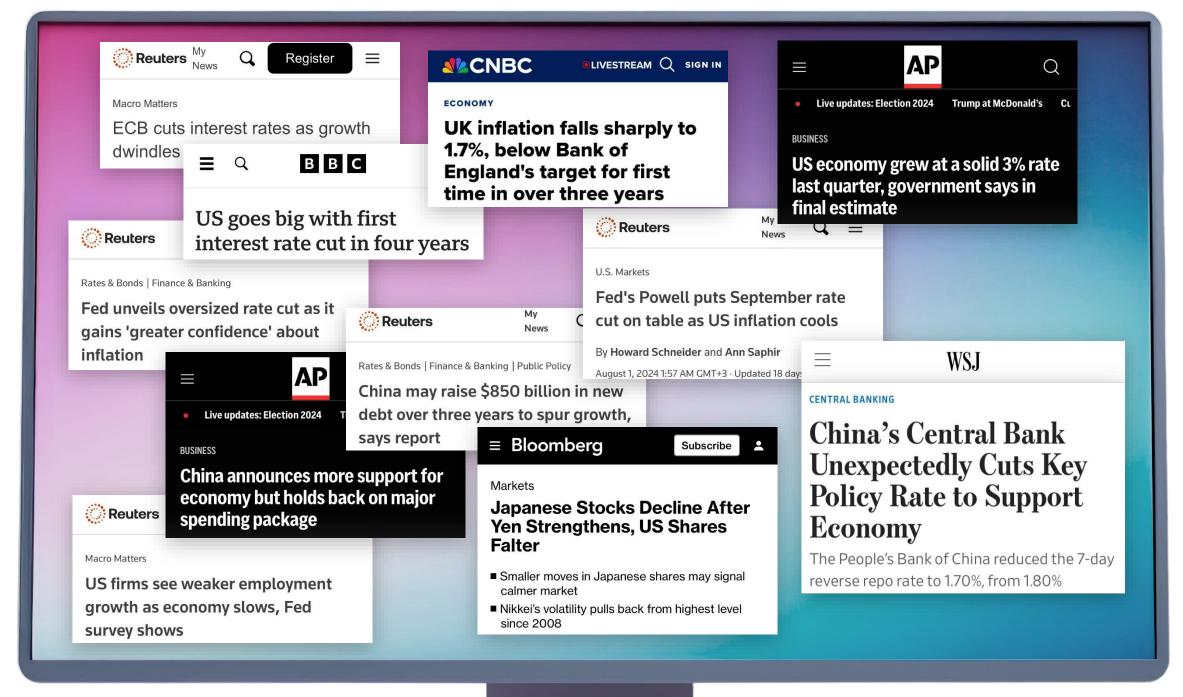
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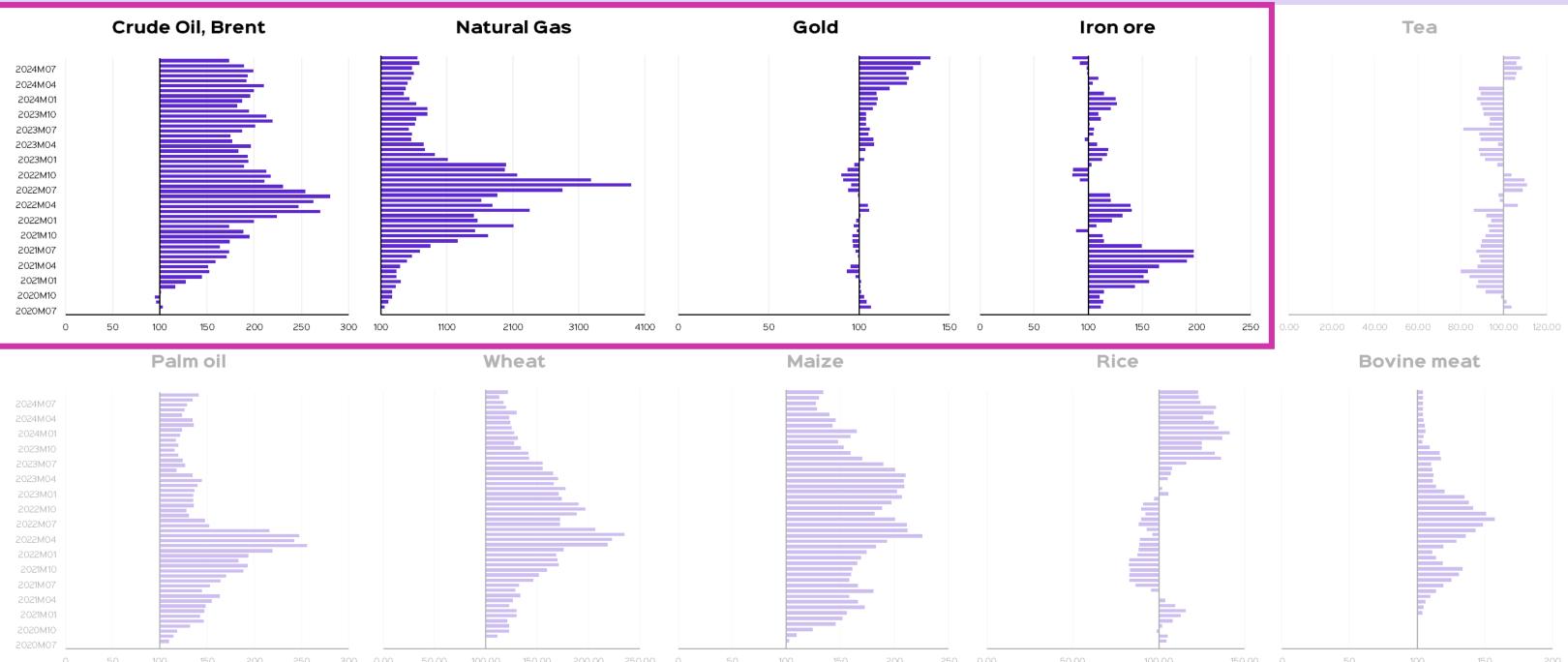
- Like any other emerging market, the local market in Egypt is affected by dynamics in the global markets as well as the policy choices adopted by other emerging markets.
- The report tries to understand the effects of changes in global markets as well as changes in emerging markets on the local market in Egypt.
- The report also tries to link between external factors as well as local policies such as fiscal
 and monetary policy, and how they interact resulting in the current economic situation.



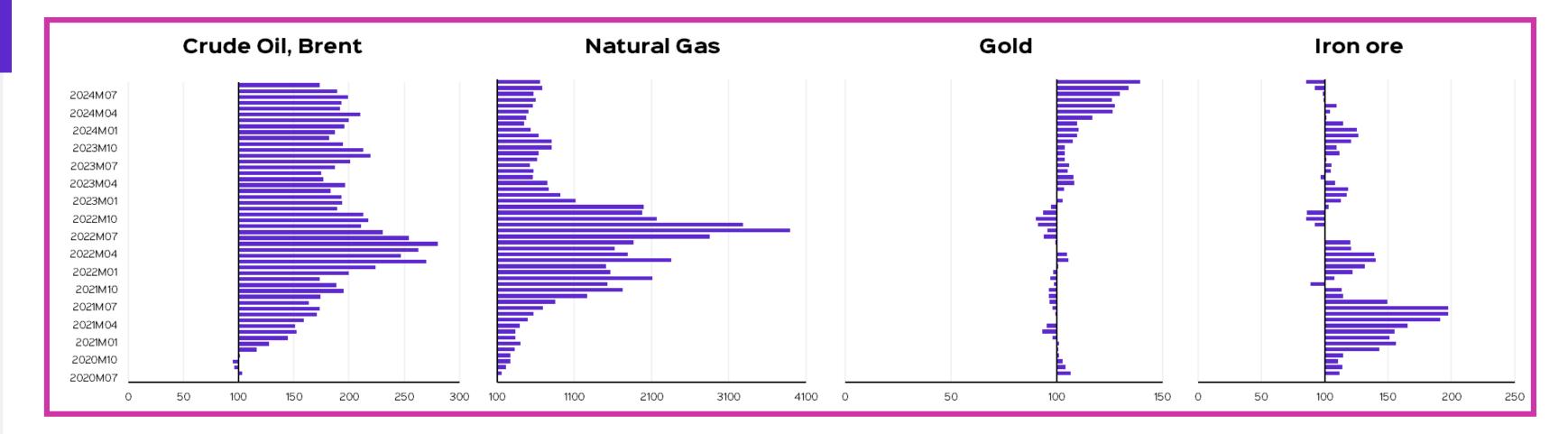
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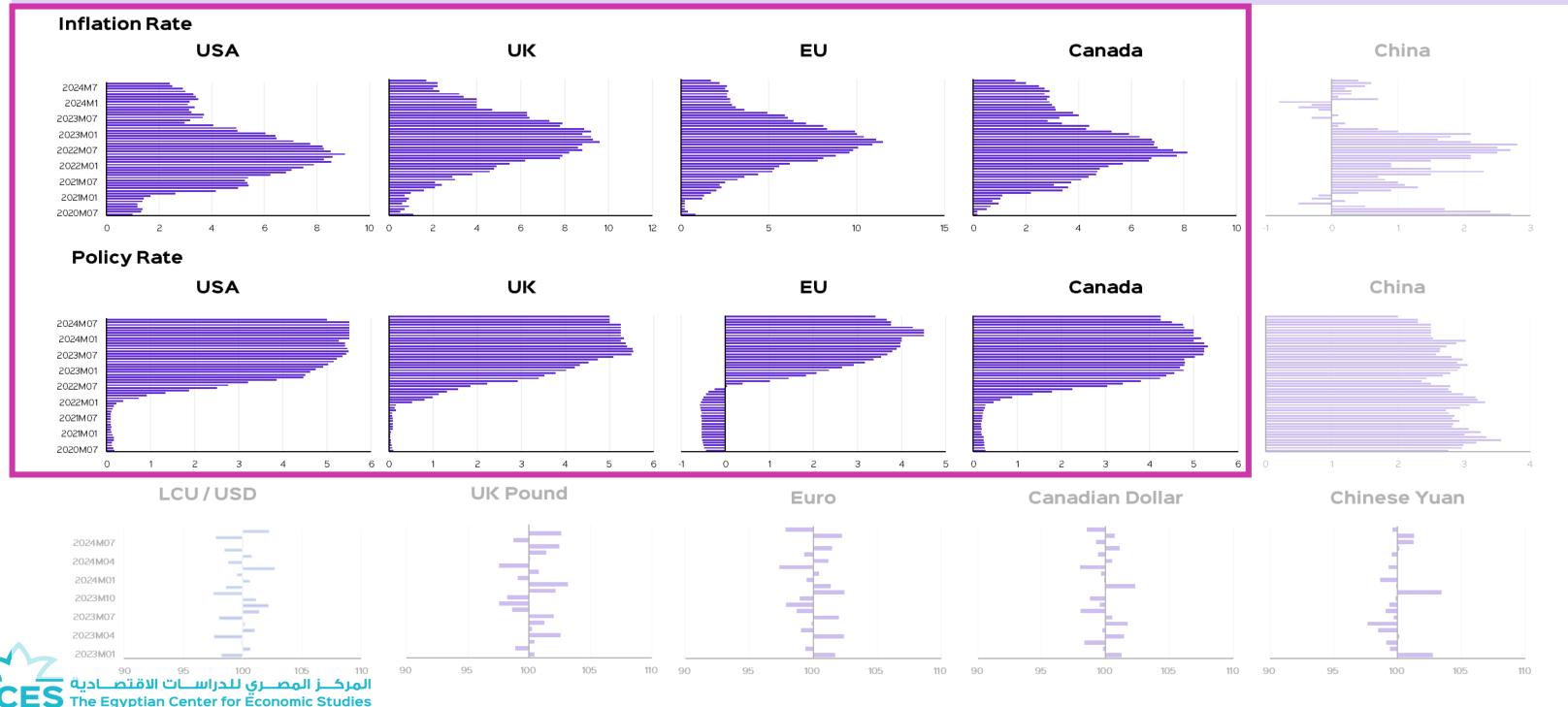
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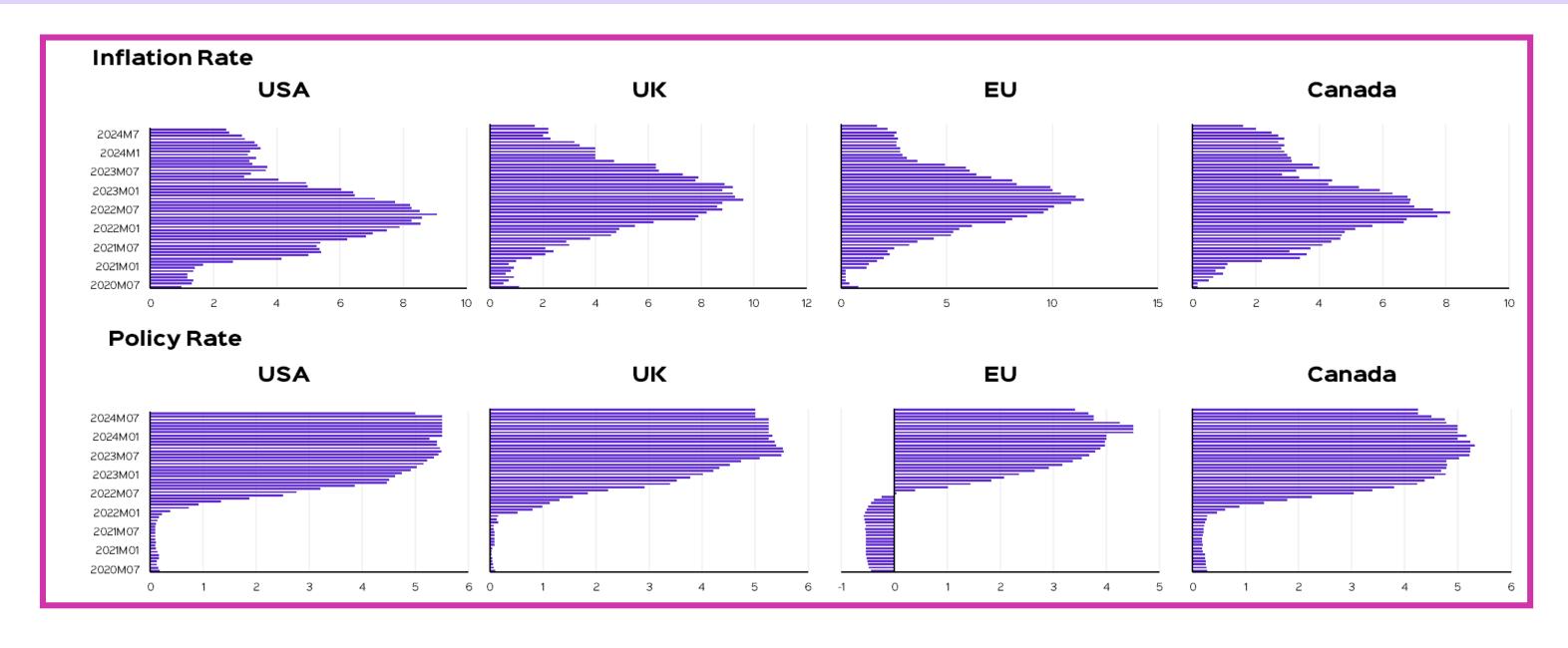


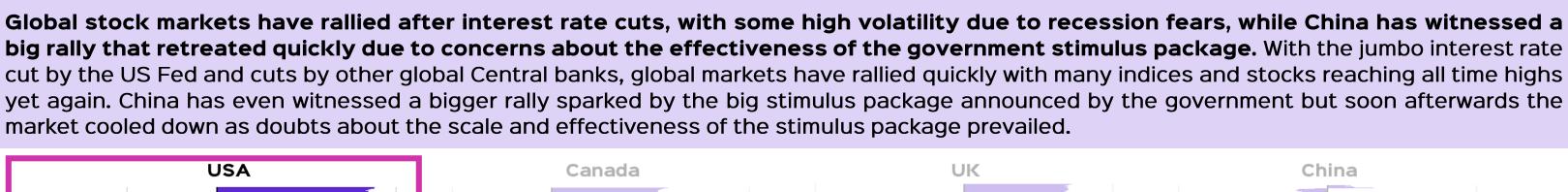
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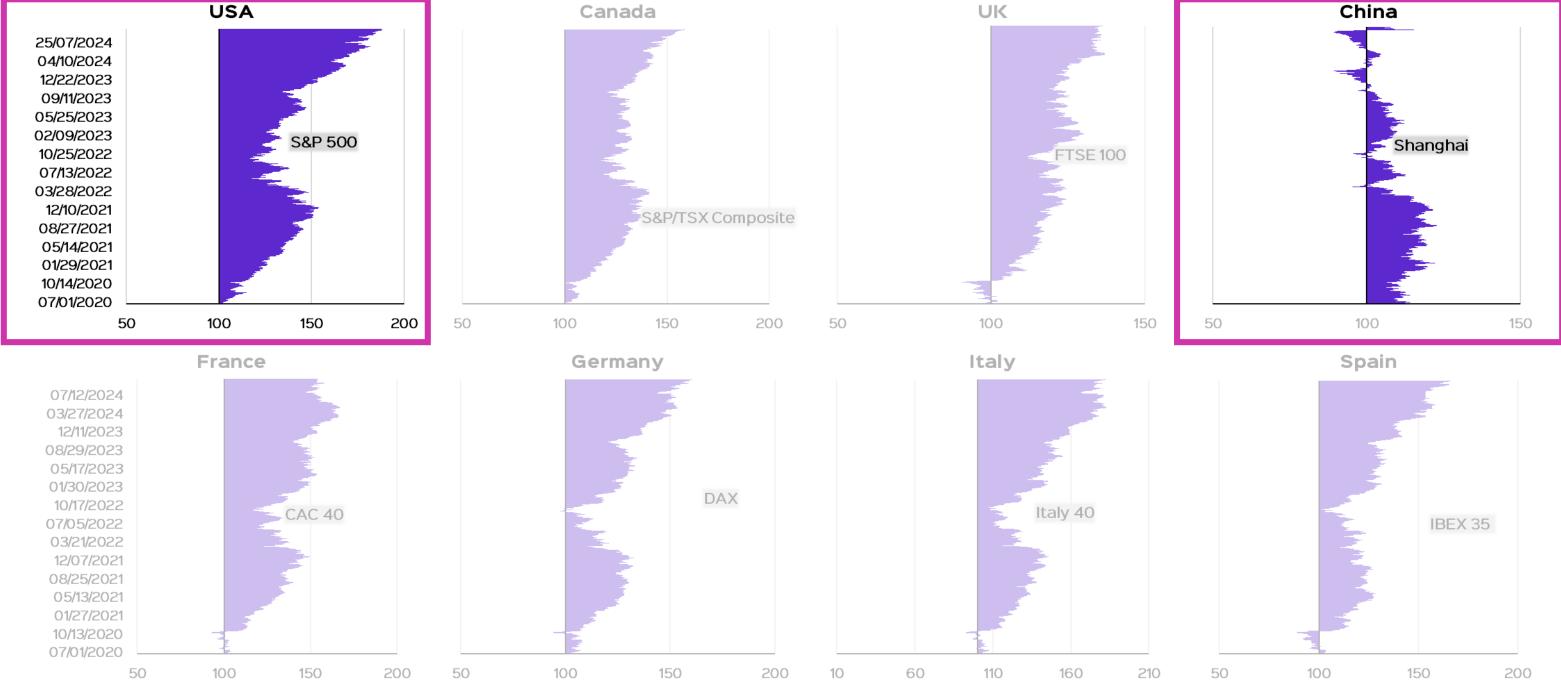




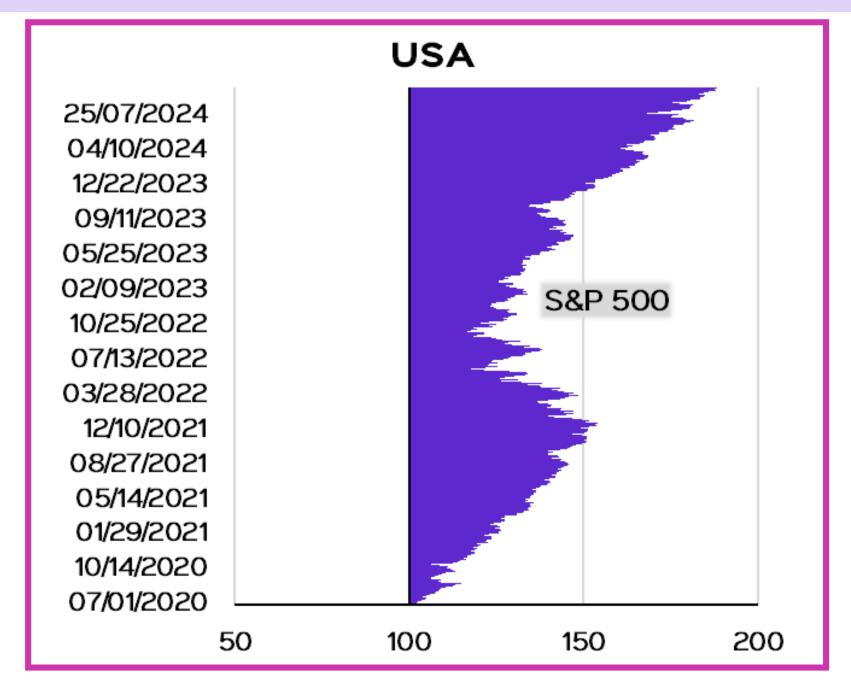
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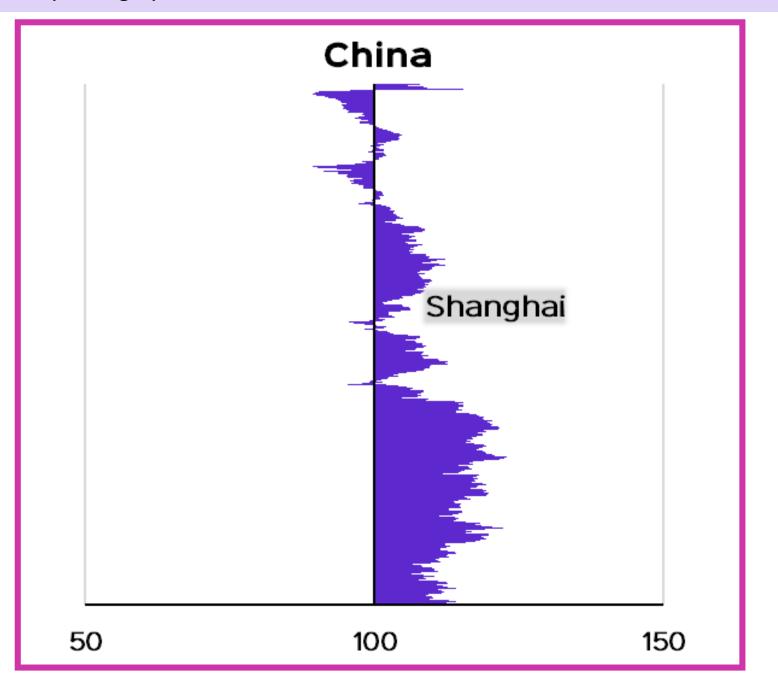


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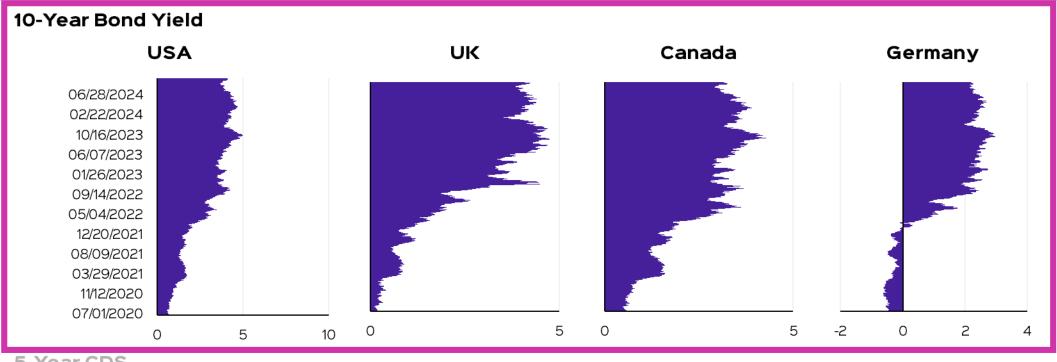
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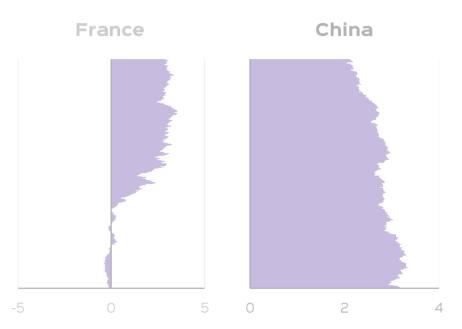






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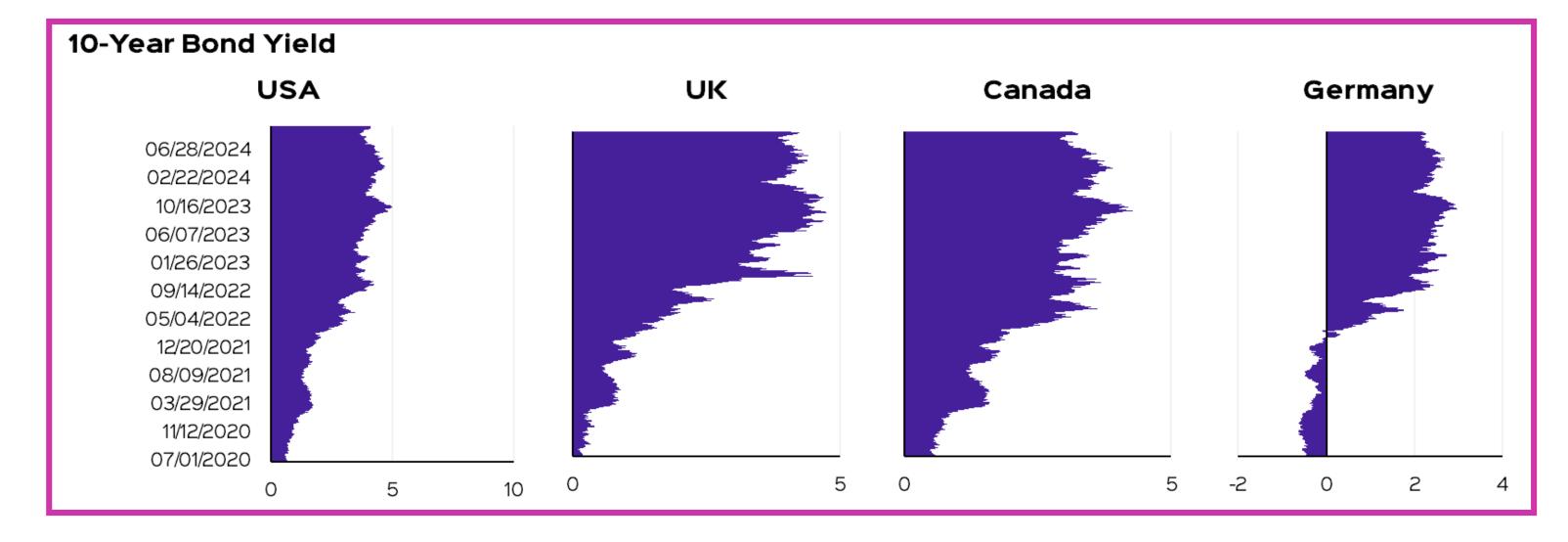




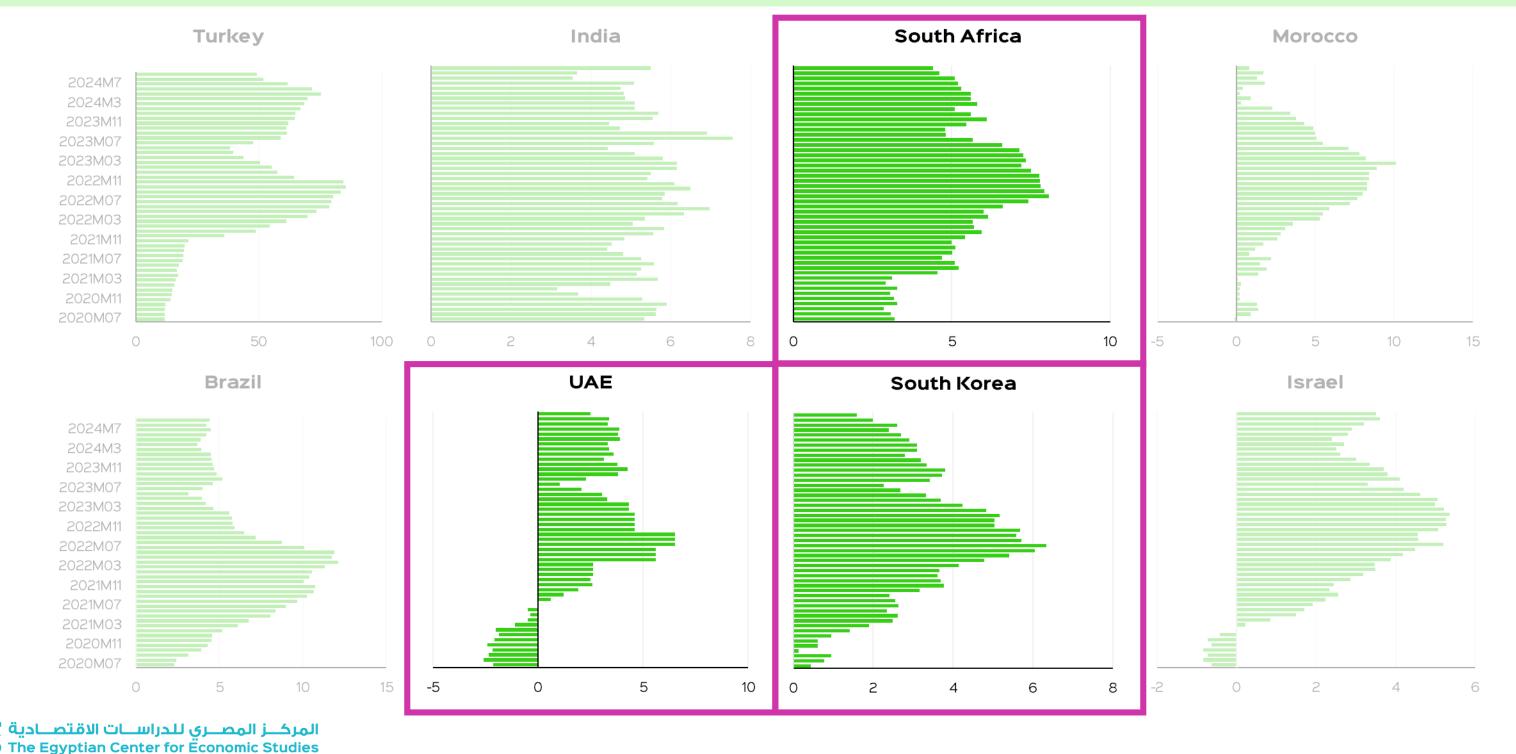
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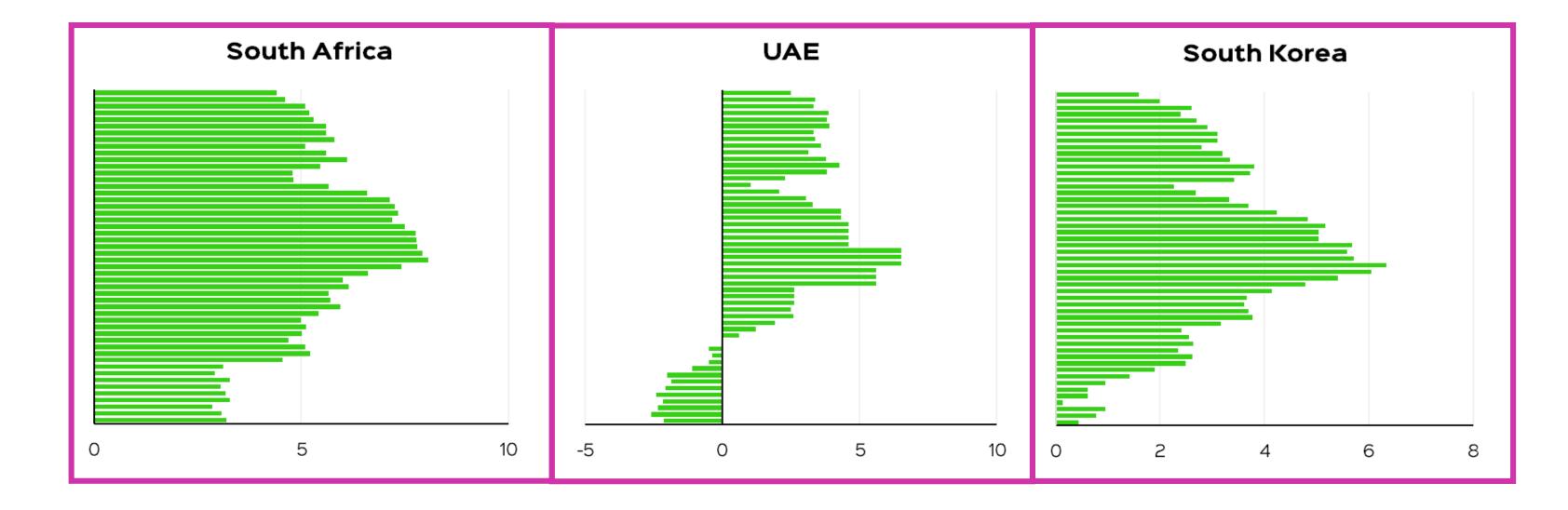
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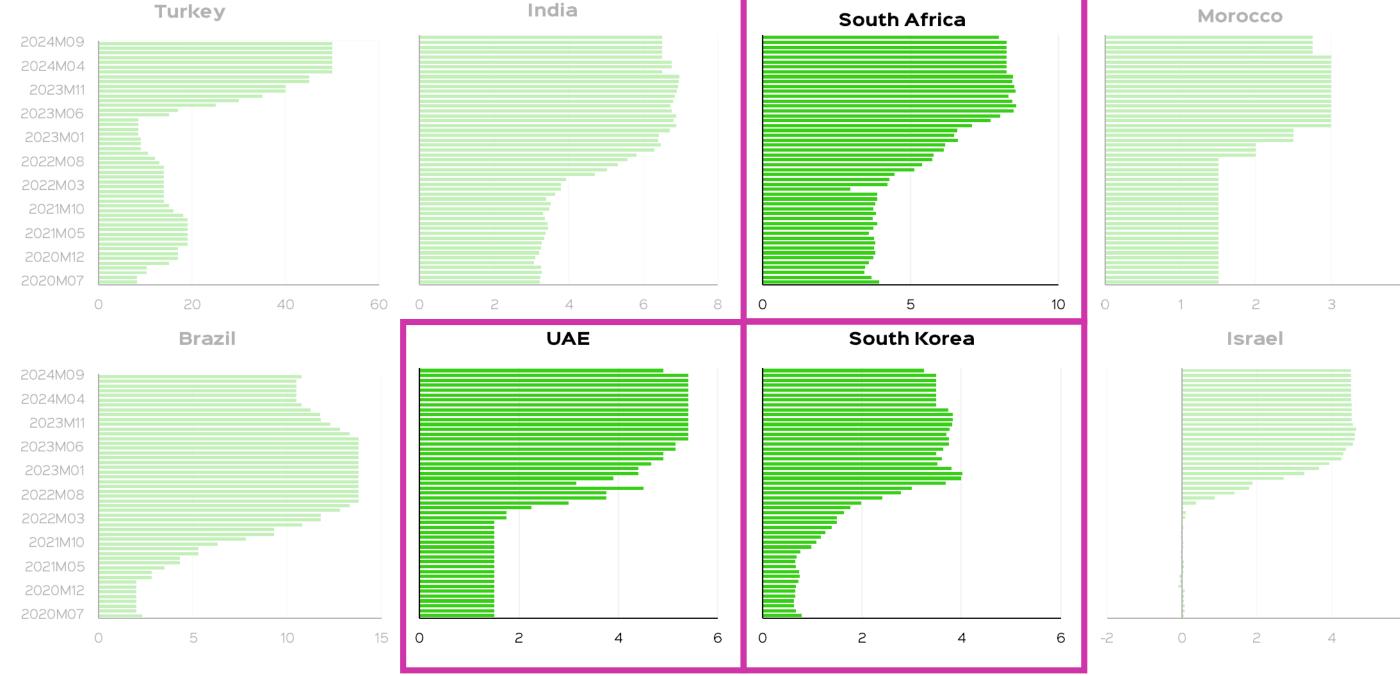
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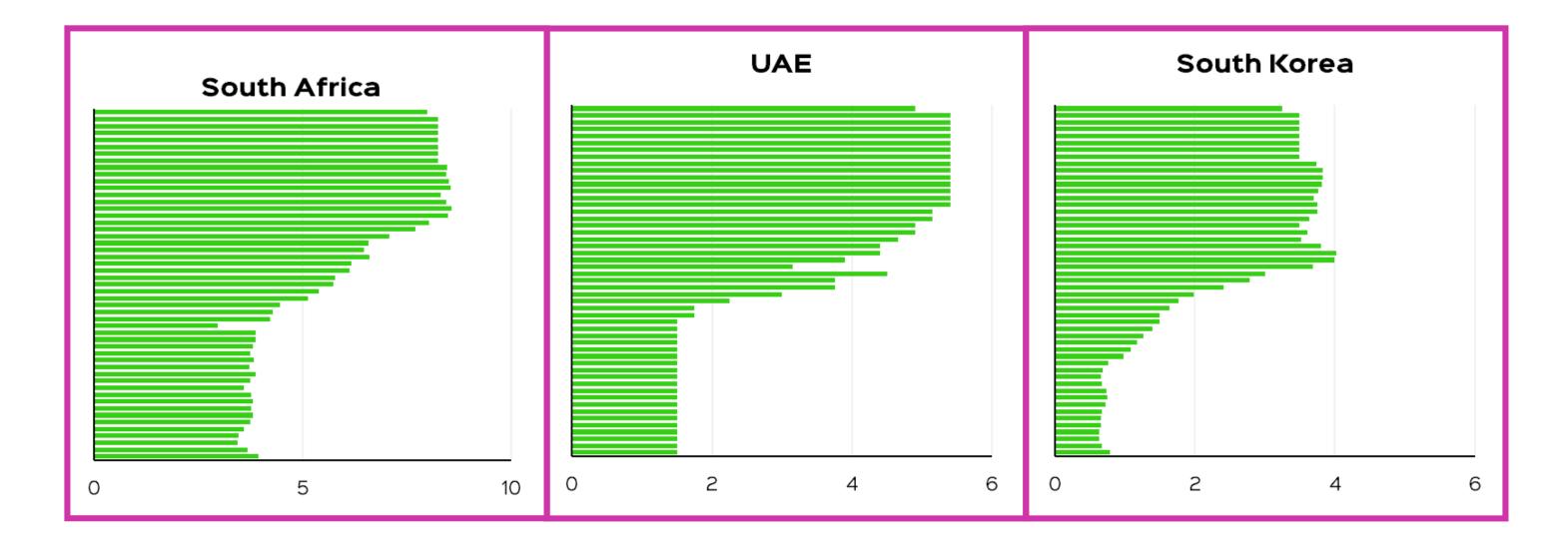
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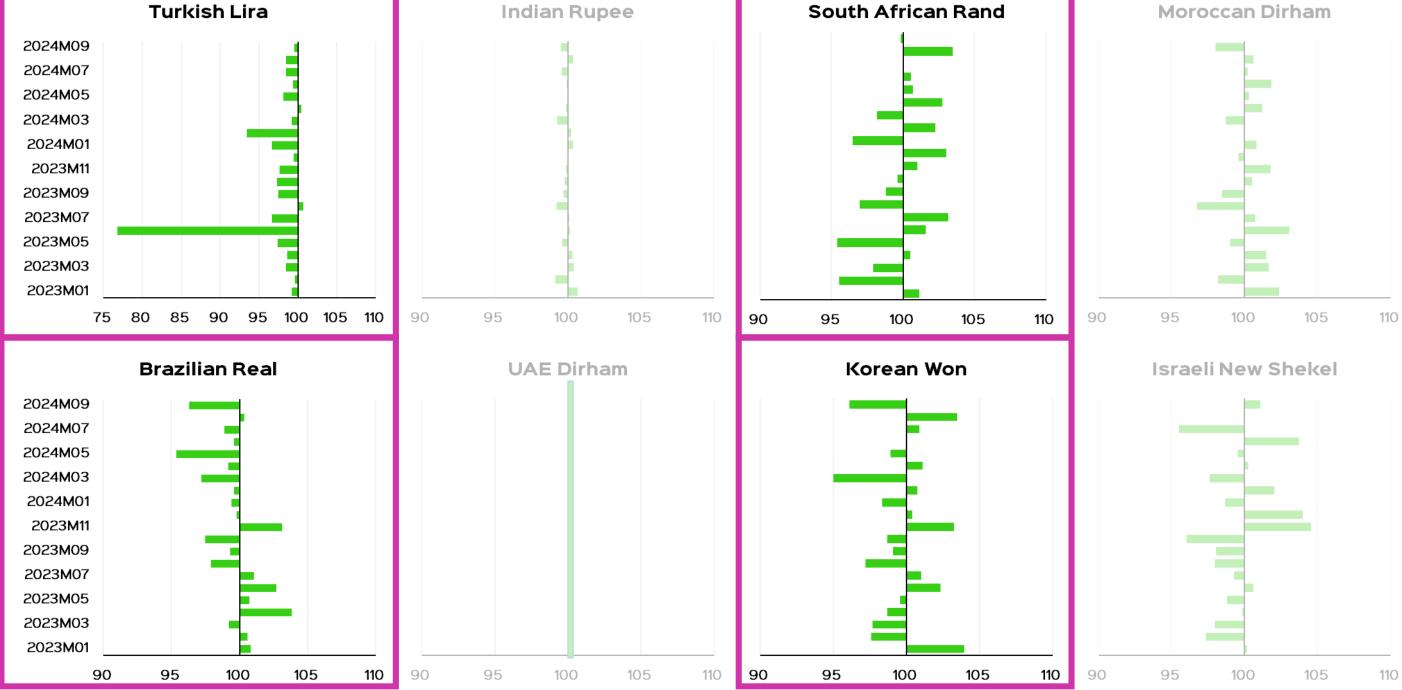
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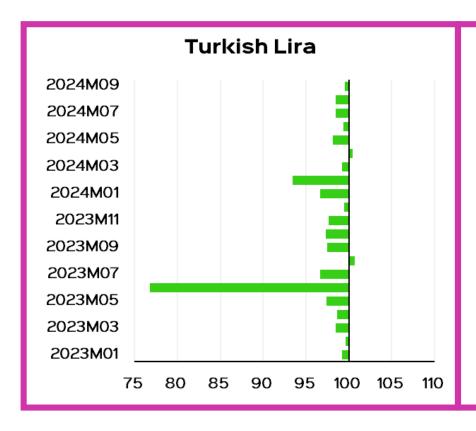
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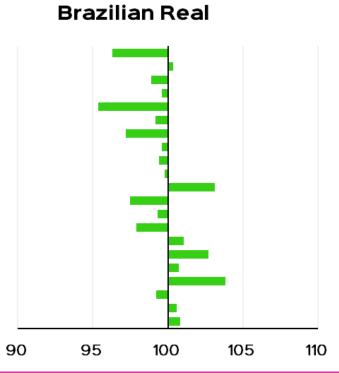


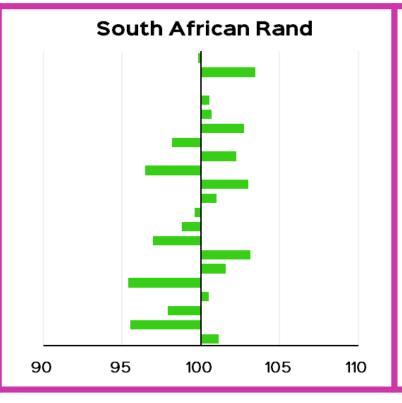
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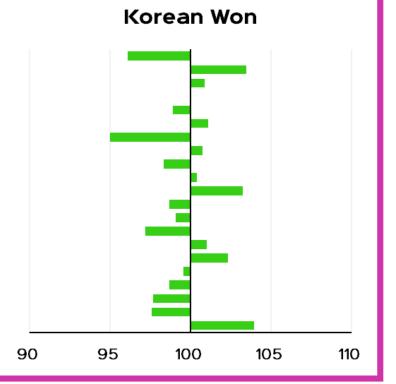


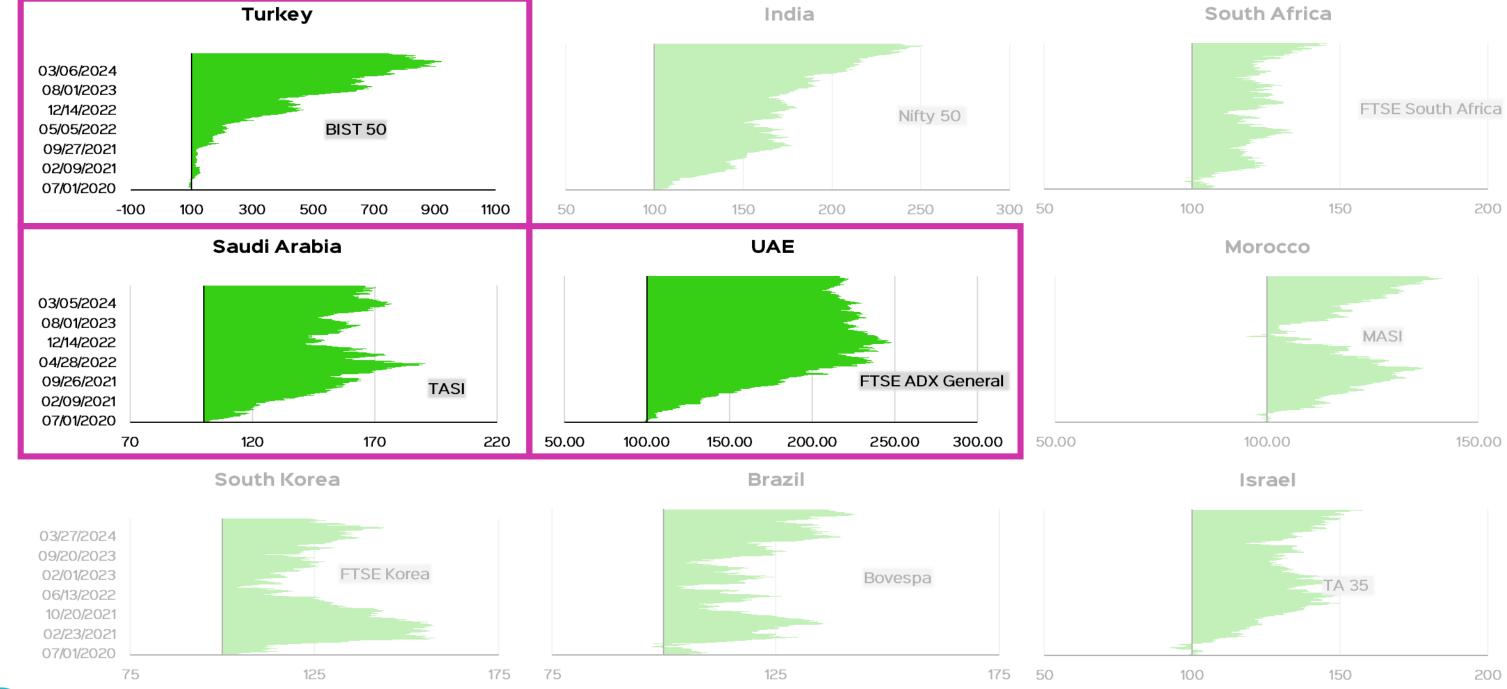
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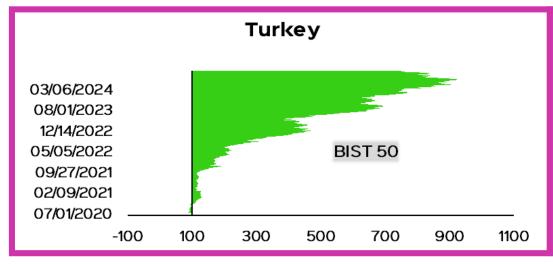


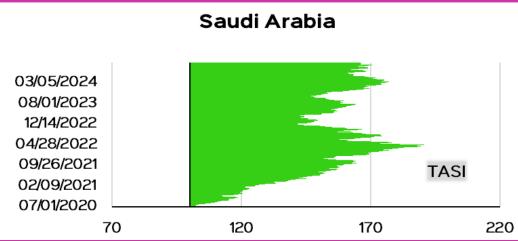


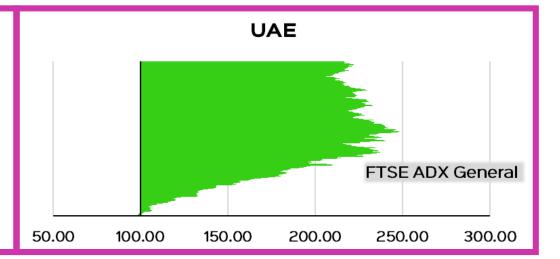




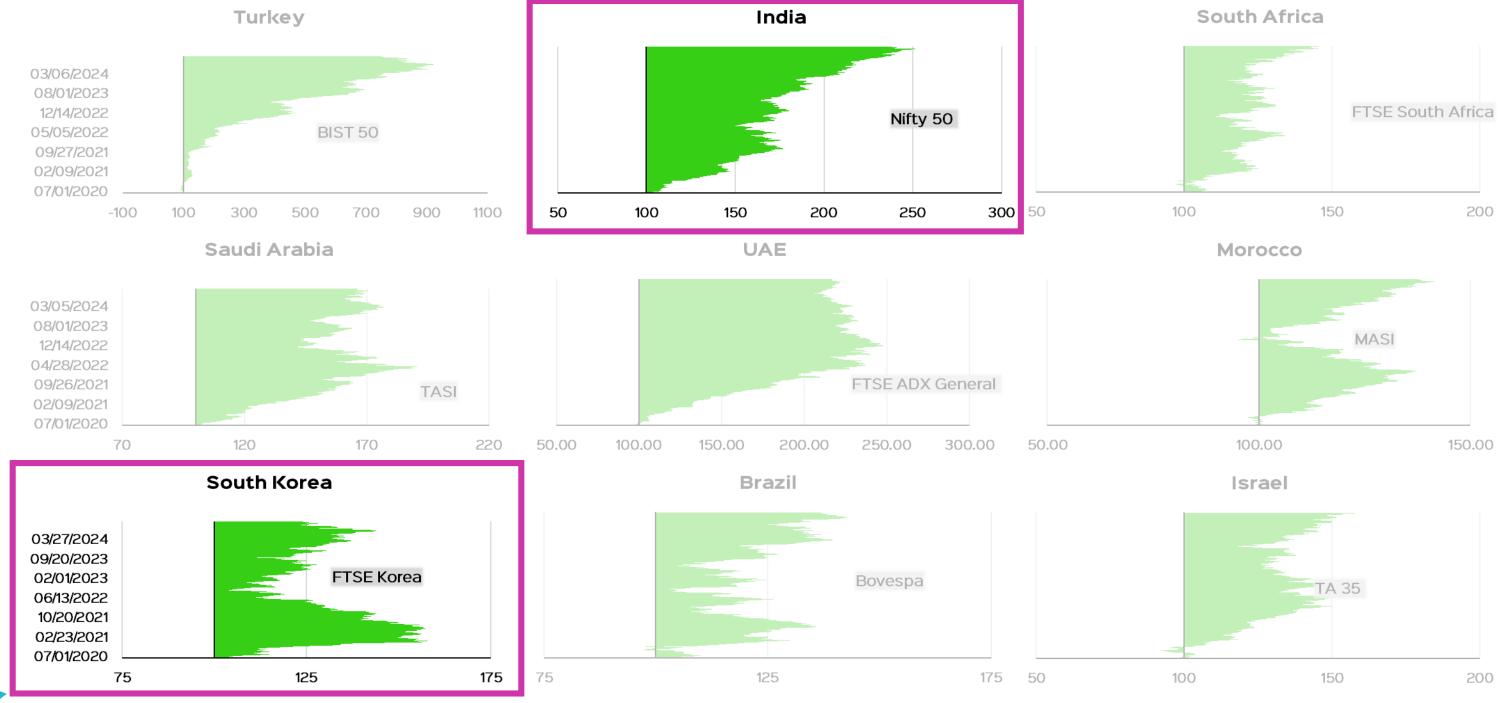


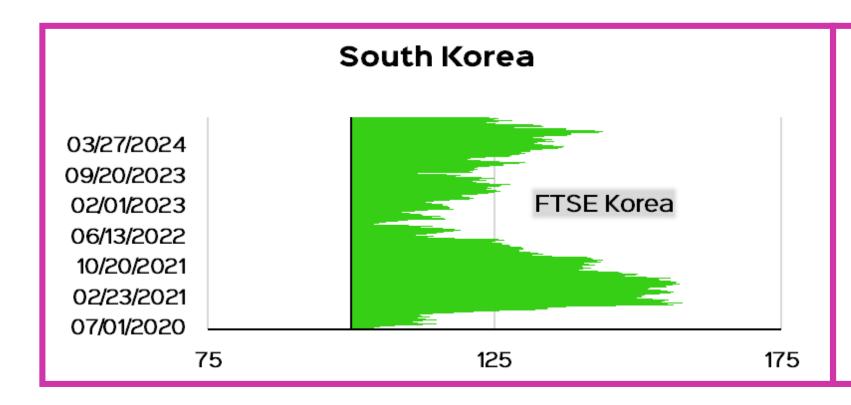


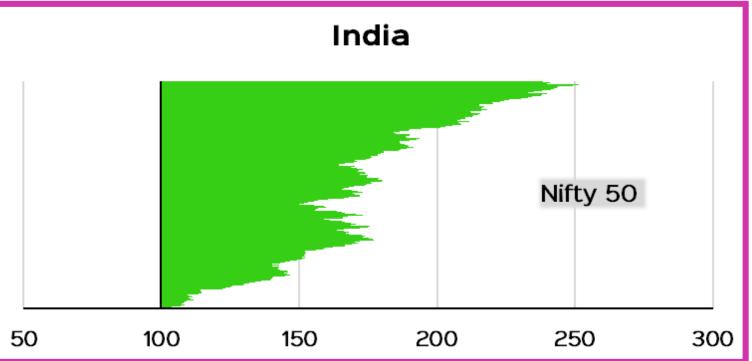




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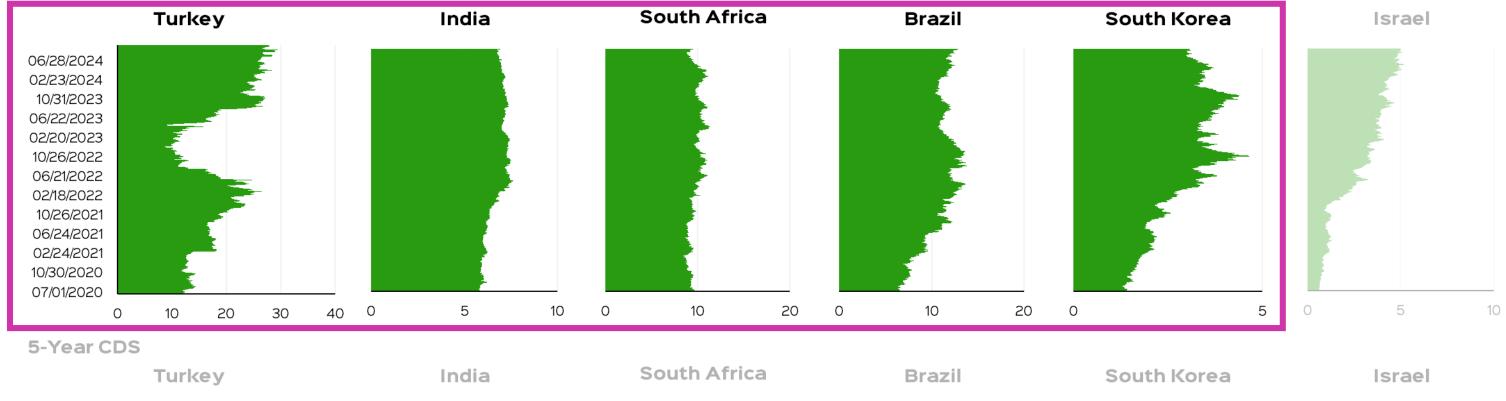


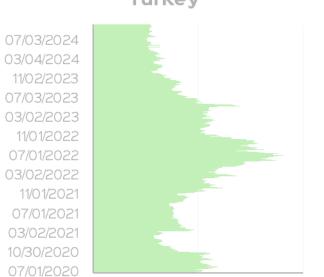




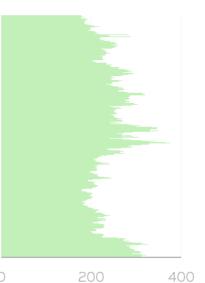
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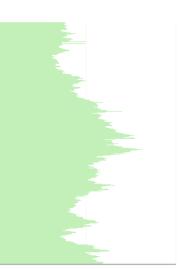




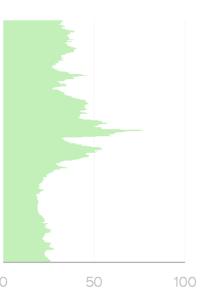


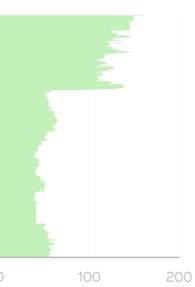






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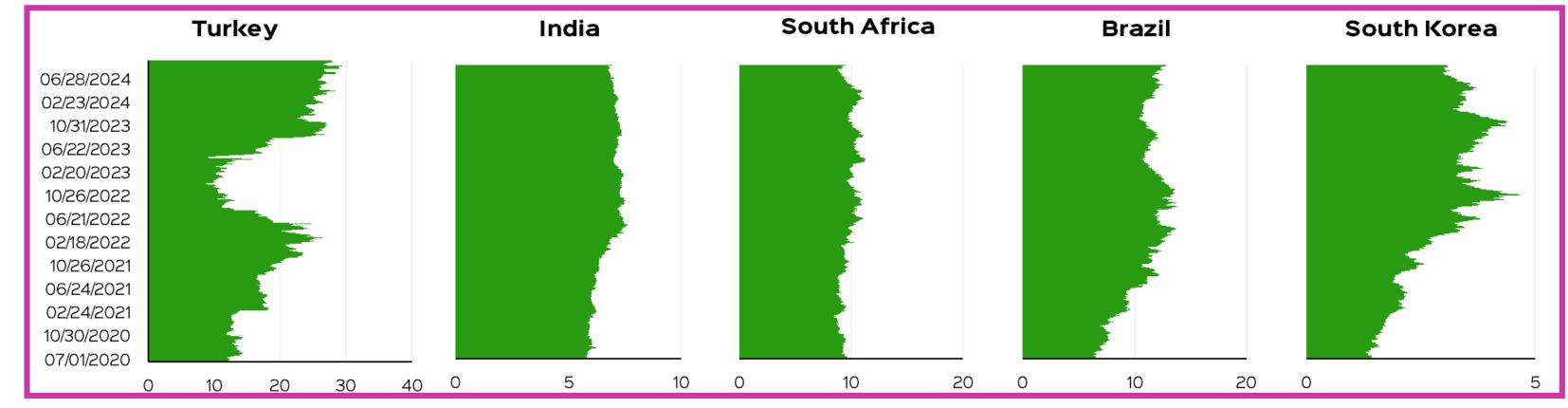




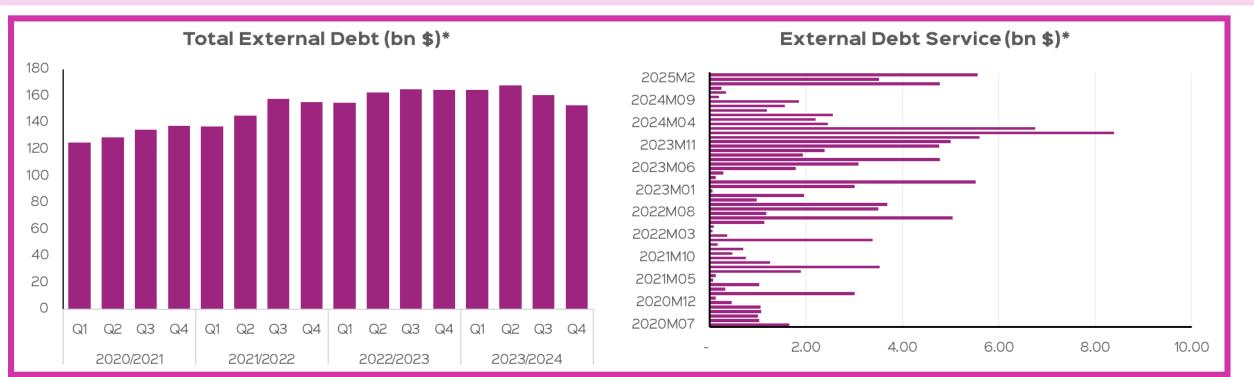
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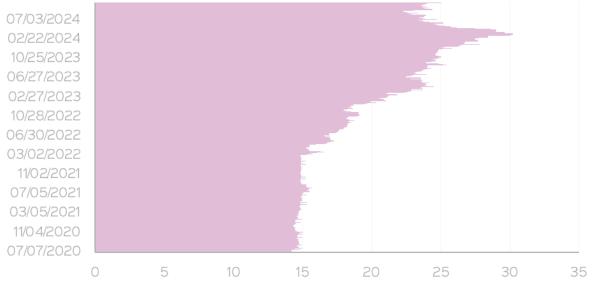
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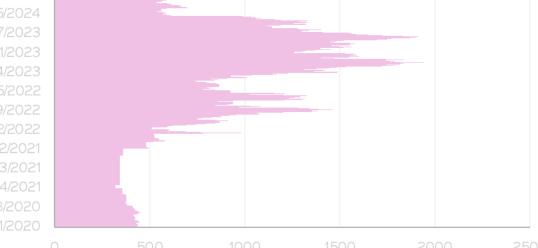
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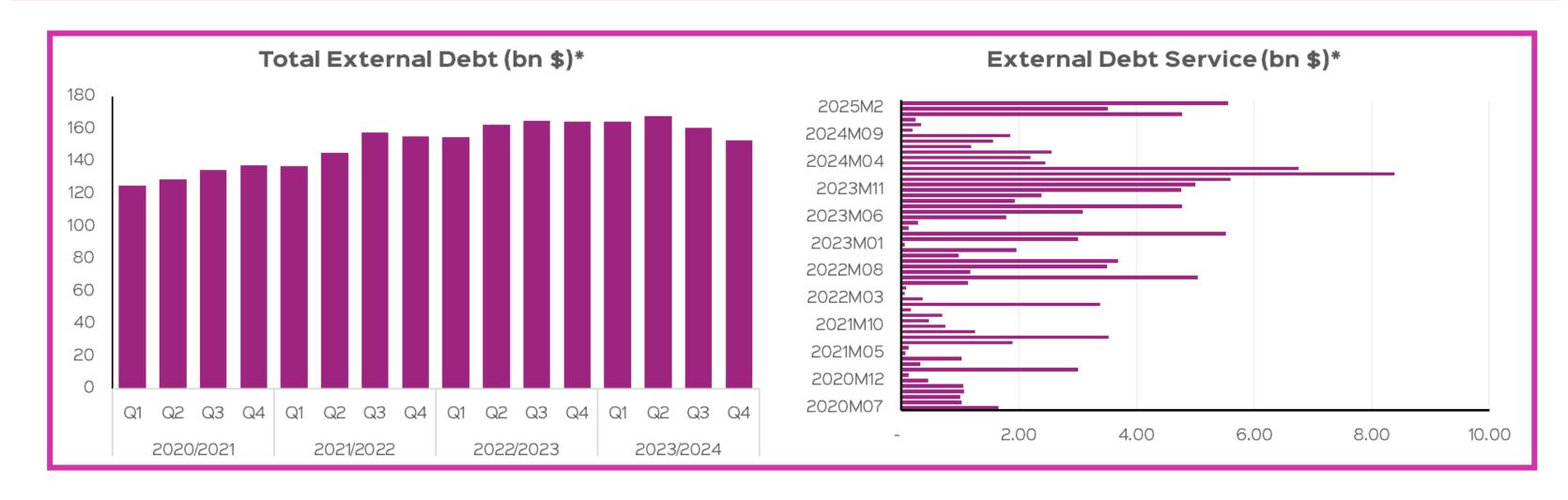
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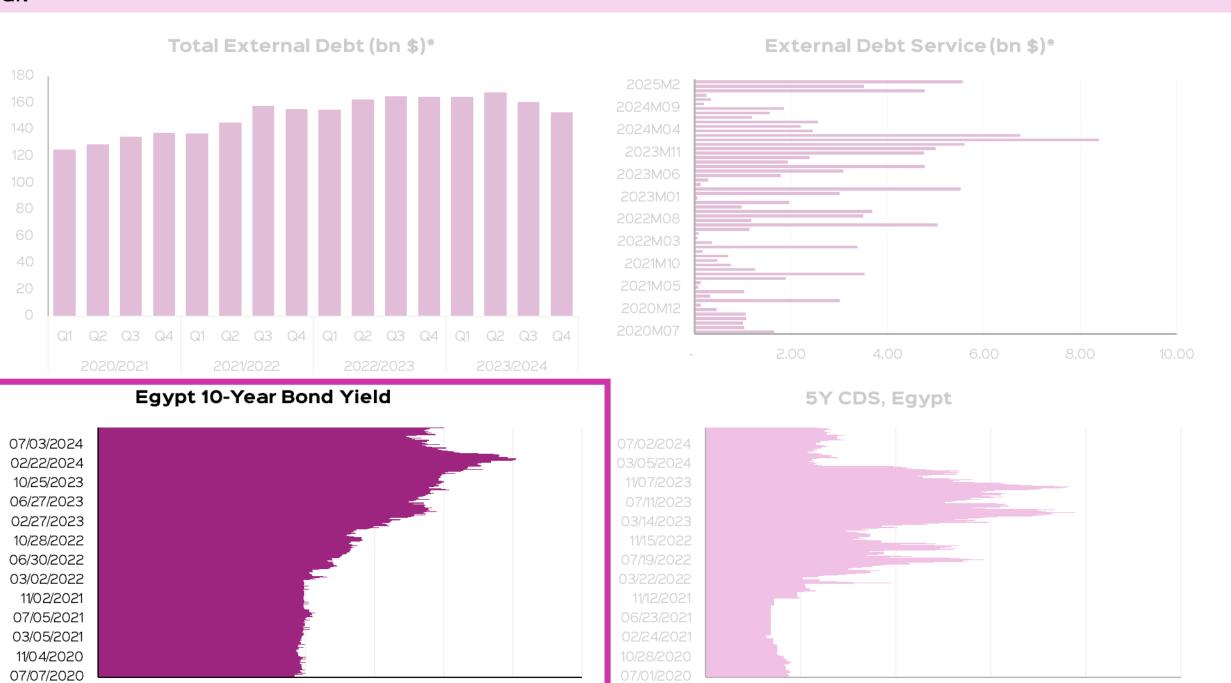


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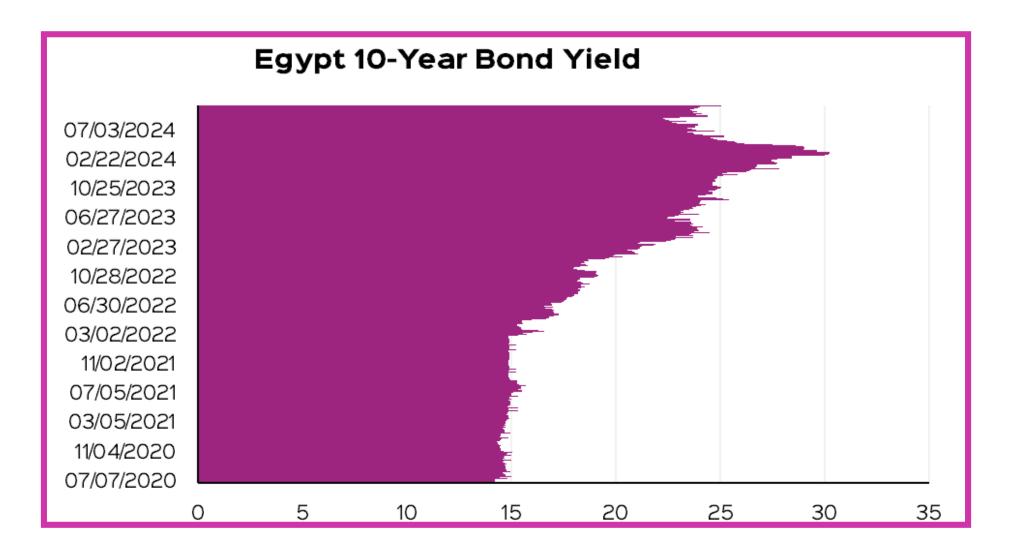
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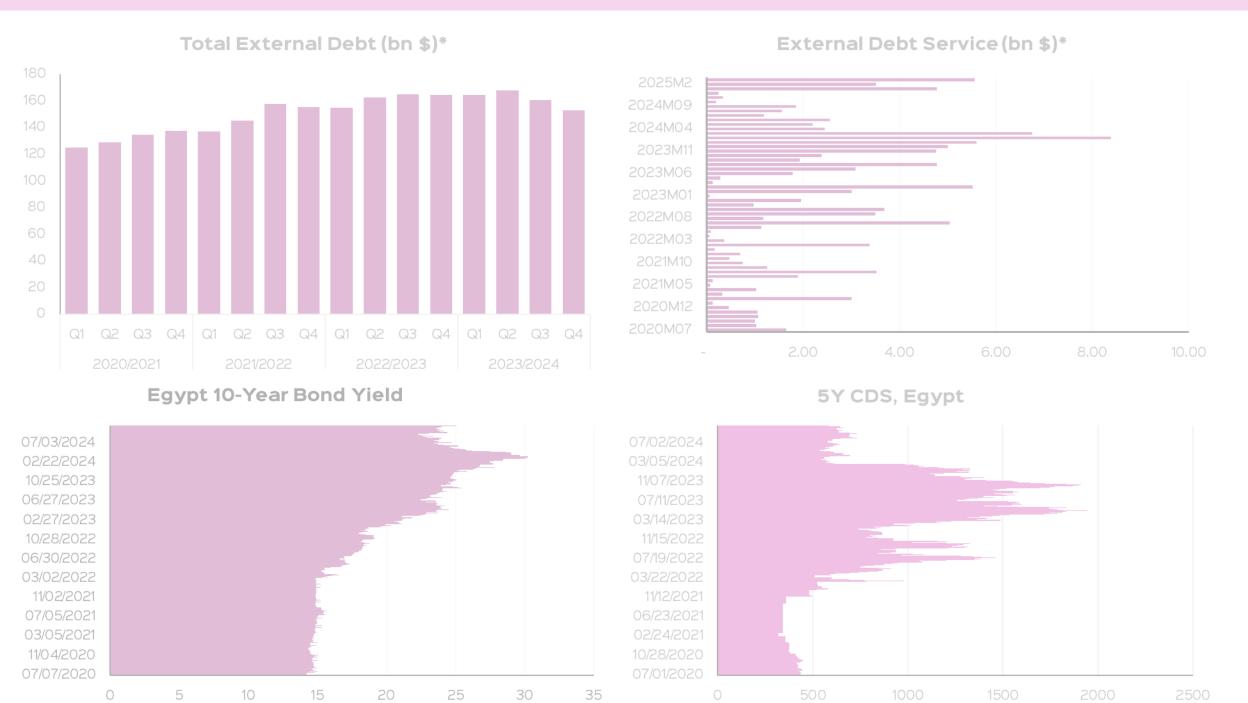




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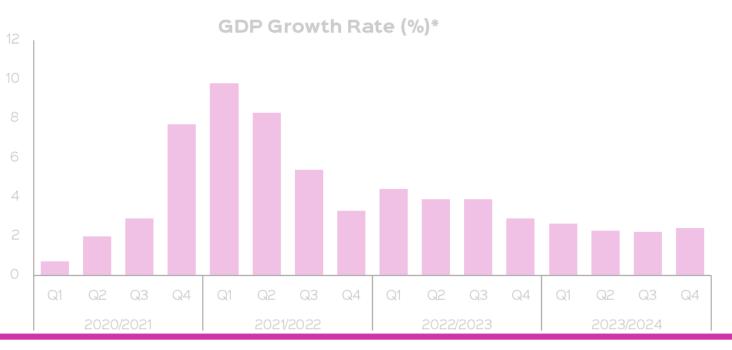
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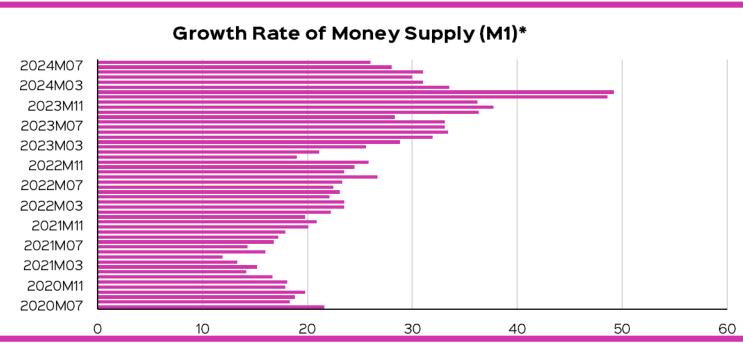
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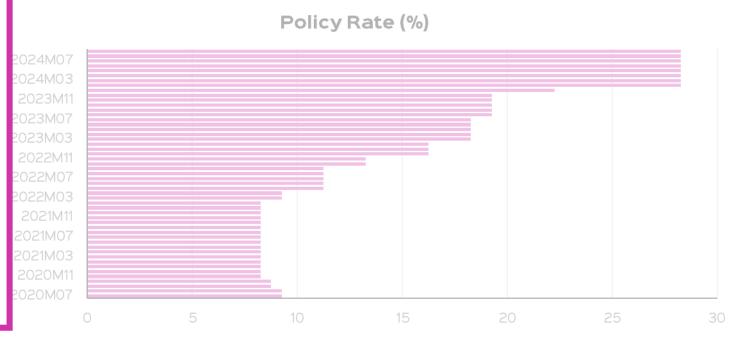
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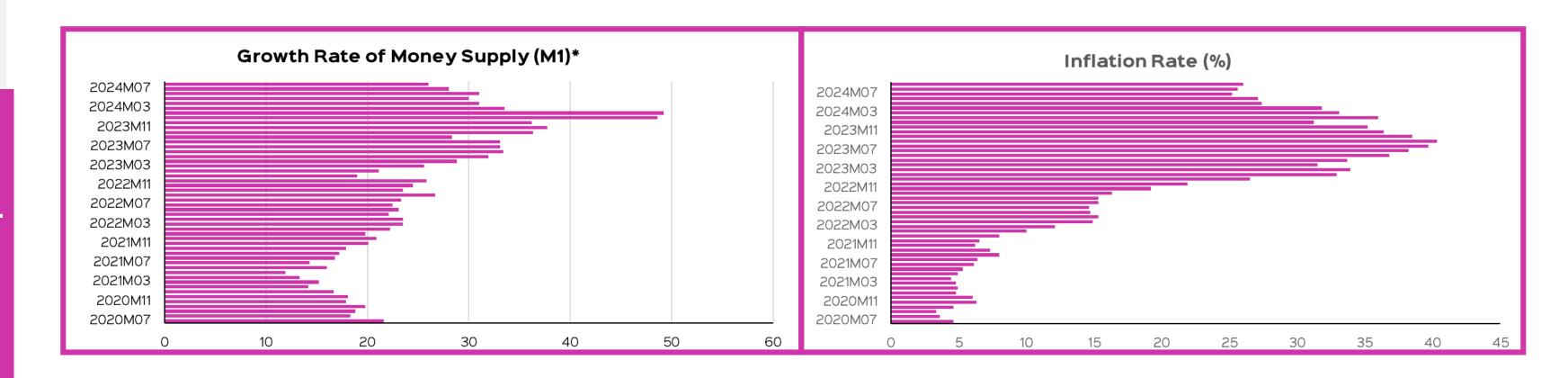






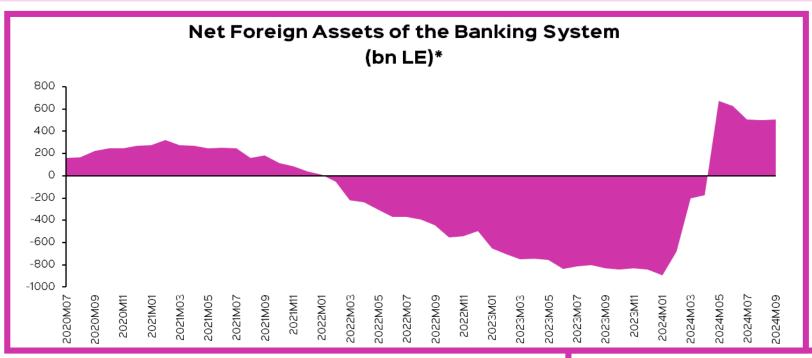
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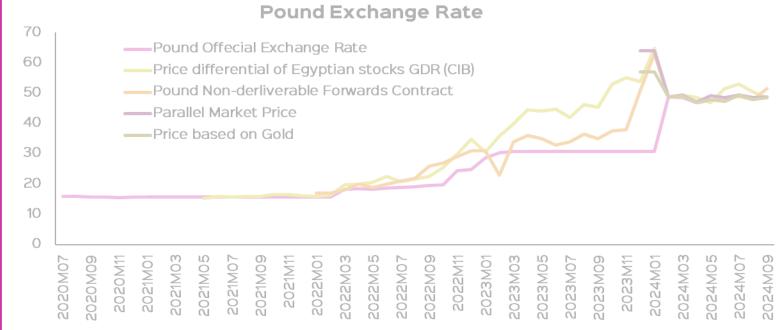
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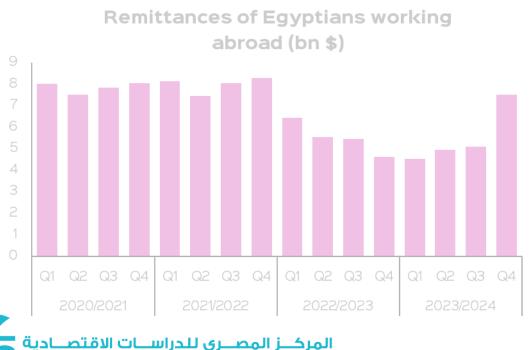




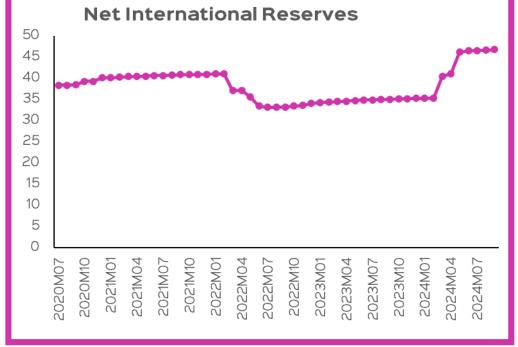
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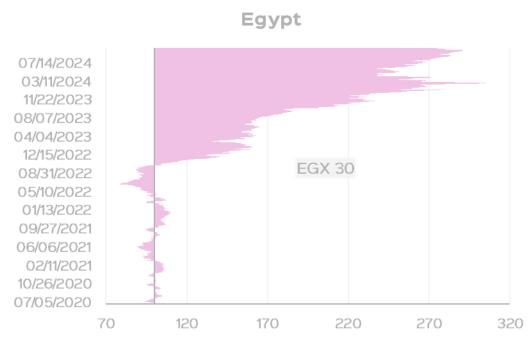




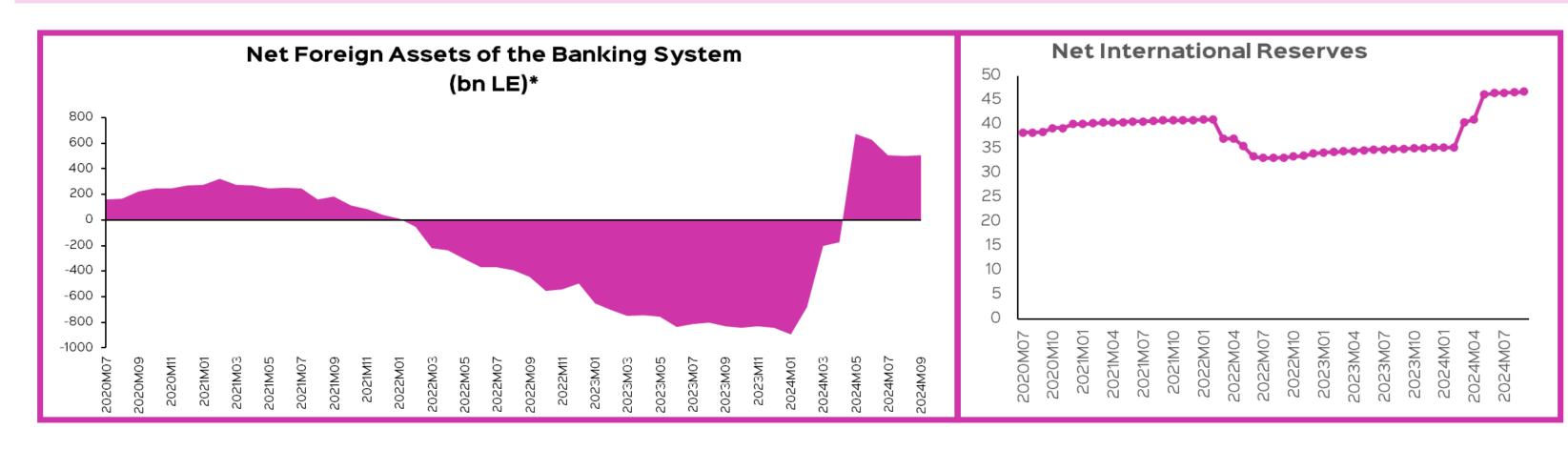


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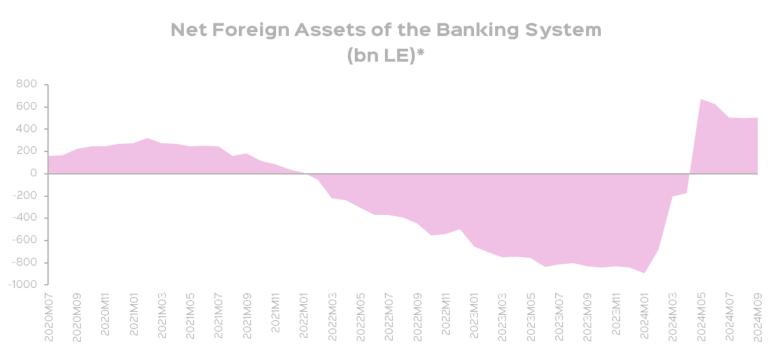


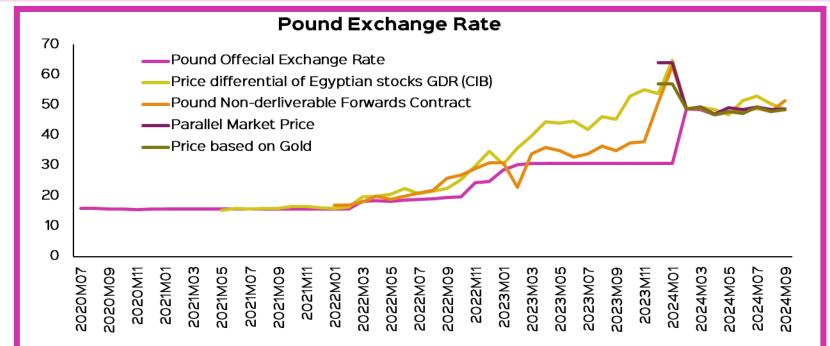
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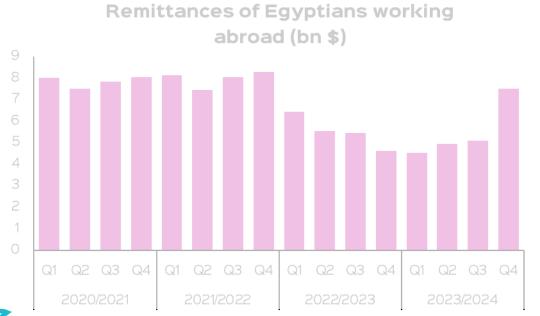


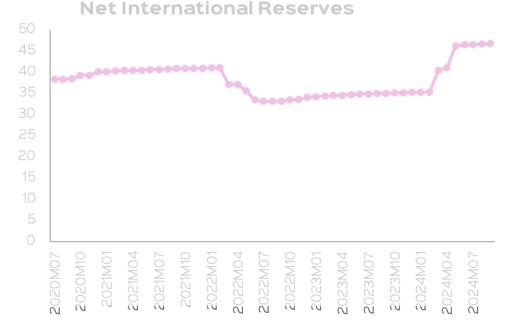


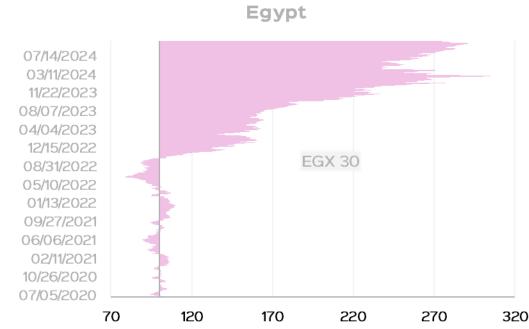
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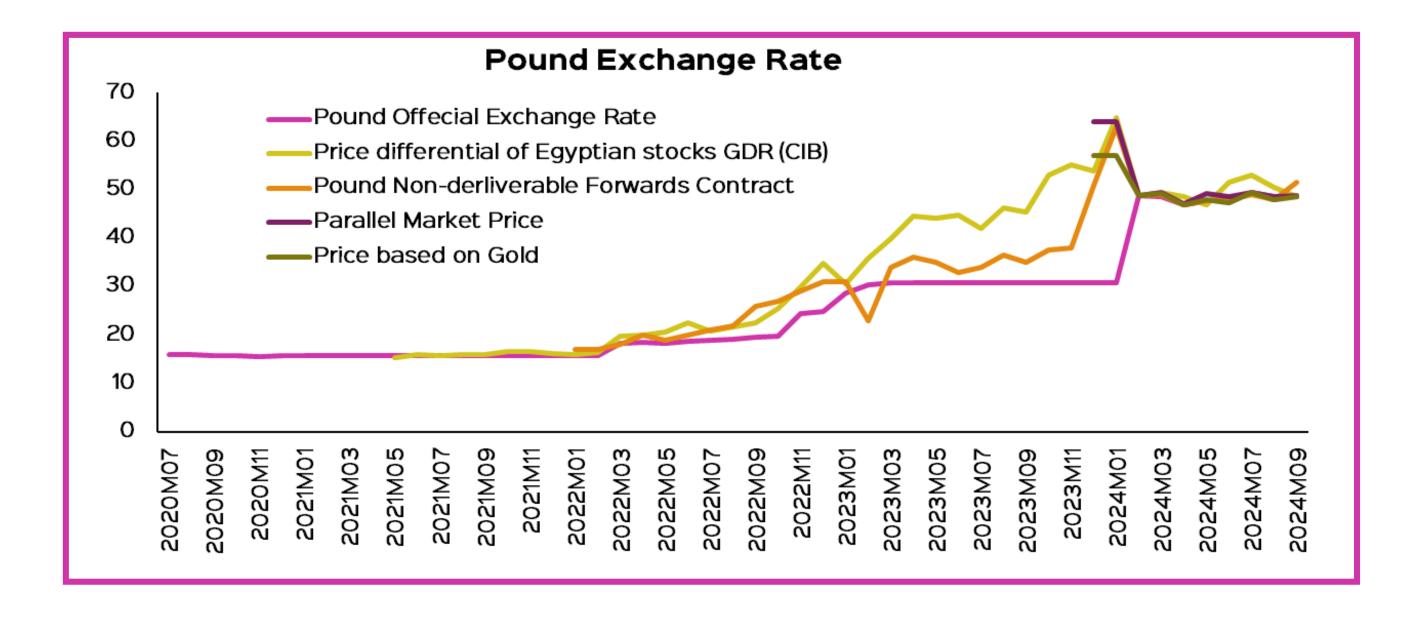




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