

# From Chaos to Opportunity: Navigating market disruption

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## Agenda













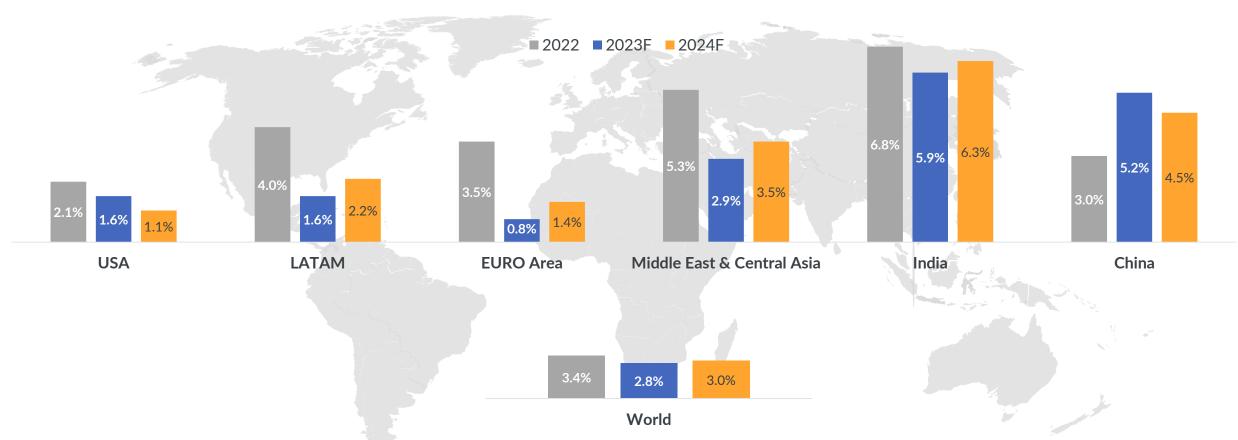


## The world economy is slowly recovering



Outlook is uncertain due to financial turmoil, high inflation, war in Ukraine & 3 years of COVID





Source: Real GDP growth annual % change IMF Data Mapper WEO Jan 2023 EU Area: AT, BE, CY, DE, EE, ES, FI, FR, GR, IR, IT, LT, LV, LUX, Malta, NL, PT, SK, SI Middle East & Central Asia: belt from Mauretania to Kazakhstan, incl. North Africa, Somalia, Georgia, Pakistan

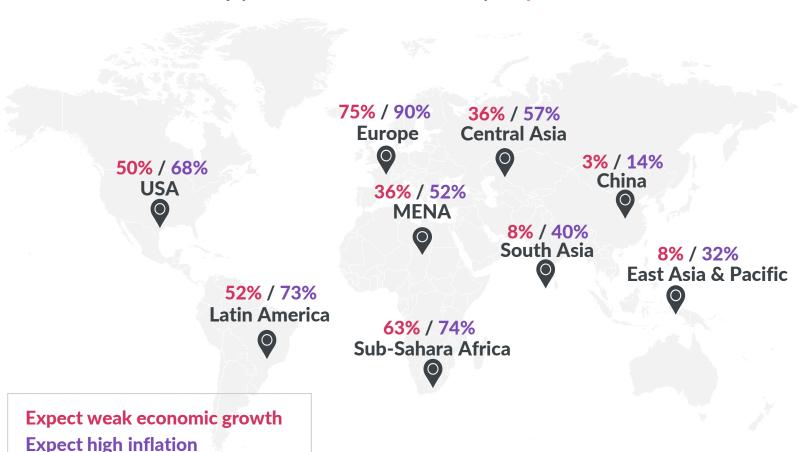
<sup>\*</sup> https://www.imf.org/en/Blogs/Articles/2022/10/23/europe-must-address-a-toxic-mix-of-high-inflation-and-flagging-growth, https://www.thenationalnews.com/business/economy/2022/10/26/jp-morgan-and-goldman-sachs-expect-recession-in-us-and-europe/

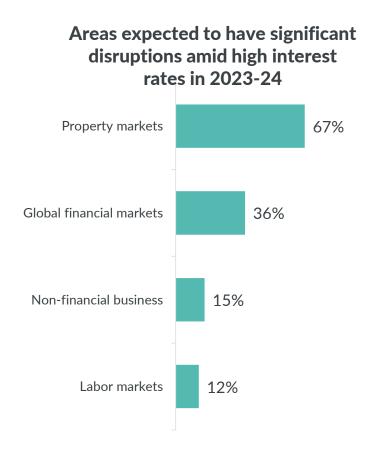
### Volatility drives risks of poly-crises: Expectations for stag-flation?



79% expect central banks to face a trade-off between managing inflation & maintaining banking sector stability

#### Chief Economist Survey | World Economic Forum | May 2023



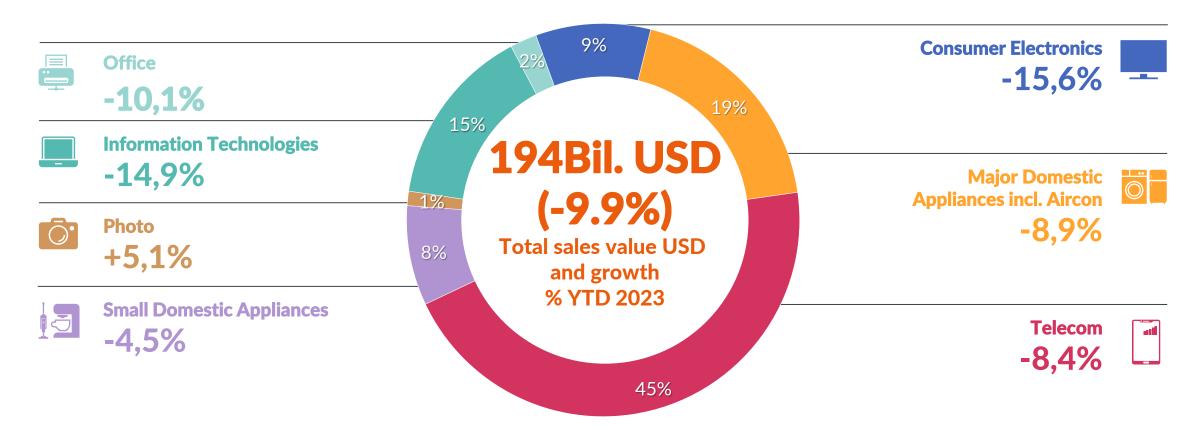


Expectations for significant disruption

## The market is in a transition from deceleration to stabilization and however market still operates on high revenue levels



Sales Value USD (NSP) in % / growth rate YoY in % | B2C Retailer Market | YTD: Jan-Mar 2023



## **Europe – Over 60% are in, or close to, a budget squeeze**

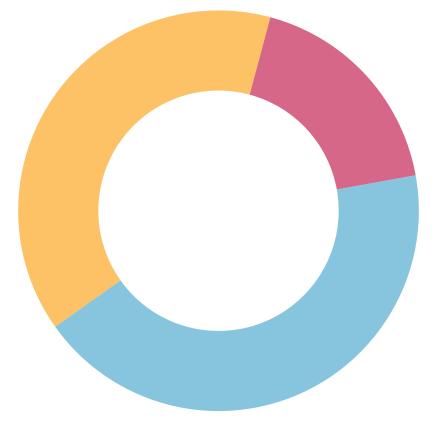




Concerned

Struggling financially

Slight worry about job or not working



Affected

18%

Afraid of losing job or currently unemployed

Resistant

38%

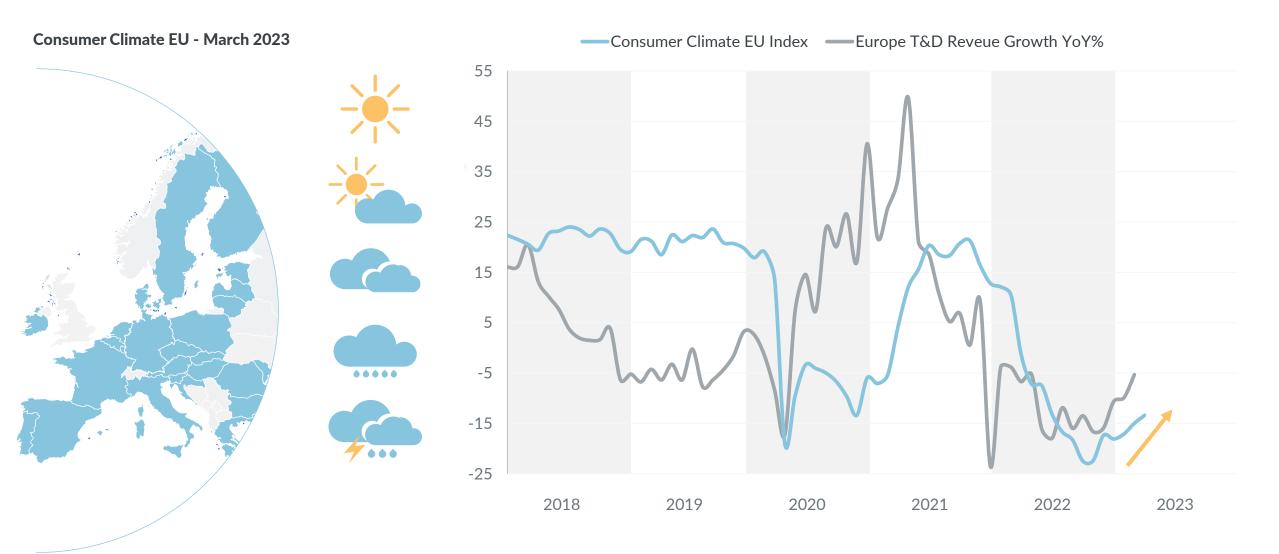
Financially comfortable

Not, or only marginally worried about job (or not working by choice)

## Indicators remains low, but consumer confidence recovers slightly







### What should I be conscious about the market...



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World is heading for a rocky recovery. Polycrises is resulting in stagflation and recession.

Market are slowly stabilizing on low levels in Q1 2023. Market saturation and postponed purchase are contributors

Consumer climate and sentiment have slightly improved in past months, but concerns persists

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## Consumer shopping behavior has changed, and it is certainly reflecting in their expectations from a product/brand



42%

47%

47%

I am prepared to pay more for products that make my life easier

I prefer to own fewer but higher quality items (clothes, technology products, etc.) I am always looking for ways to simplify my life

### What defines "innovation" and "value"?



It can mean different aspects in different categories; also based on the target group, its interpretation and relatability could be different

Specialization/Niches: e.g.,

**Content Creation** 

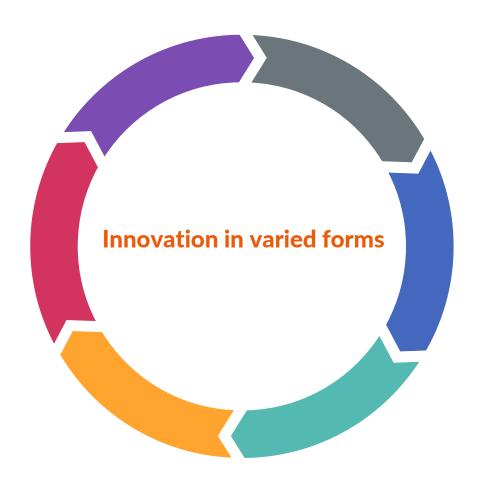
Vlogging, Small Printers

## Health, Hygiene & Wellness:

Steam functionality in VC, WM, Hot air fryers

#### **Aspirational Design:**

French Door Refrigerators, Frame/Rollable Televisions



#### **Smart & Connected:**

Robotics (Vacuum cleaner, lawnmowers, virtual assistants)

#### **Multi-functionality:**

Air frying Oven, Multi-functional Cooking Pot

#### **Sustainability:**

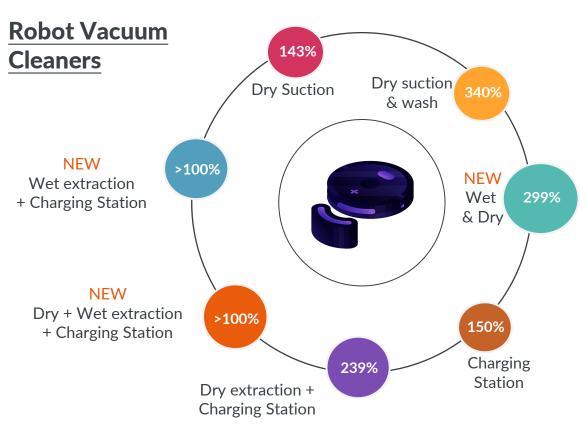
Energy efficiency A WM, Inktank Printers

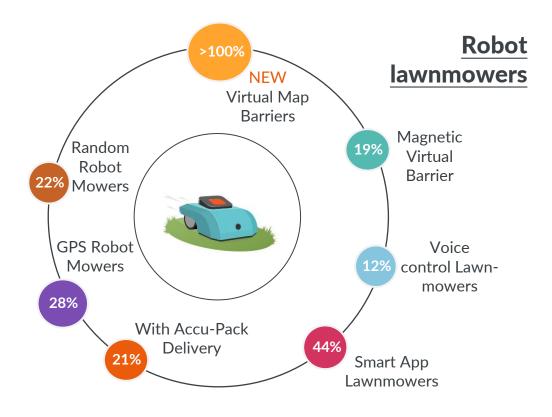
### Innovative, convenience driving products are a lever for premiumization



Feature sets driving premiumization in robot vacuum cleaner and robotic lawnmowers

Sales Value Mio US\$ Growth Rate: Jan-Mar 2023



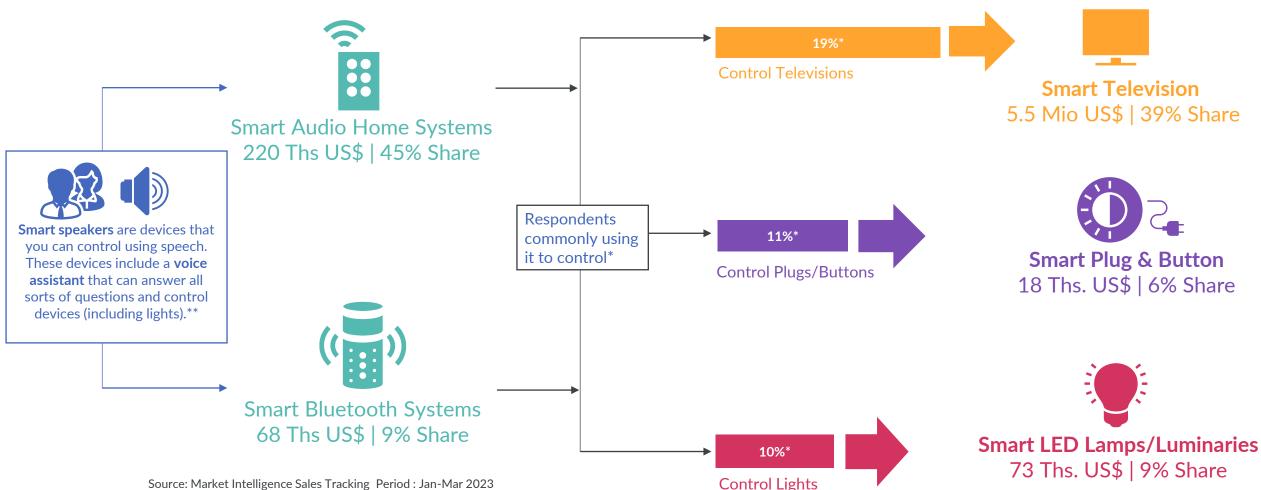


Value Share: 22% Value Share: 20%

## Convenience & control offered by smart products makes life easy & efficient



Our studies shows most common usage is to control Televisions, Lighting and power sources



Smart Television /Smart AHS, Smart Bluetooth Speaker is not just smart connect= App & Voice control. We have some type of Operating AI. Smart Bluetooth is RPG Bluetooth Speaker Smart Plug and button share is calculated on total smart communication devices

<sup>\*</sup>Smart Speaker owners most commonly use their device control their Smart TV and Smart Lighting and Smart Plugs Tech UK Connected Home Report.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Smart Home Monitor 2022 NL smart plug and button share is calculated on smart comm devices total

## What should I focus when planning assortment...



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Investment intoinnovation will becrucial to spur growth

Innovation can be in varied forms from being smart to sustainability or even based on pure design

**Incremental innovation** gives a rationale for premiumization.

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### Most consumers are scouting ways to save money

Frugality is the **fastest-growing** cultural value in a list of 57 values.



85%

57%

48%

Of global consumers have attempted some form of money-saving initiatives in the past year

Consumers spent less for everyday necessities because of rising prices

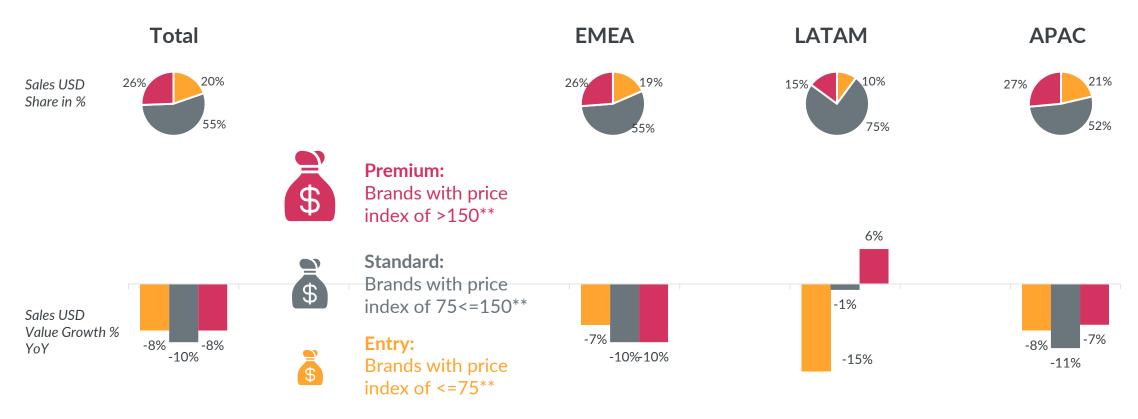
Of consumers postponed a purchase until the product was on sale/special offer

### Ongoing market disruptions slow the premium brands growth

LATAM is an exception due to lower baseline effect



#### Global, YTD Dec 2022 / Key Technical Consumer Goods product groups\*

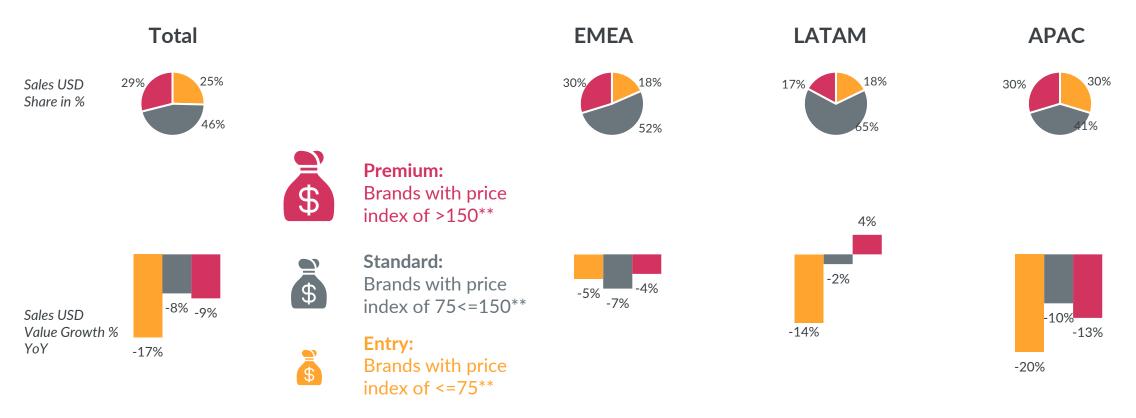


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## Ongoing market disruptions like inflation or cost of living crisis slow the premium brands growth



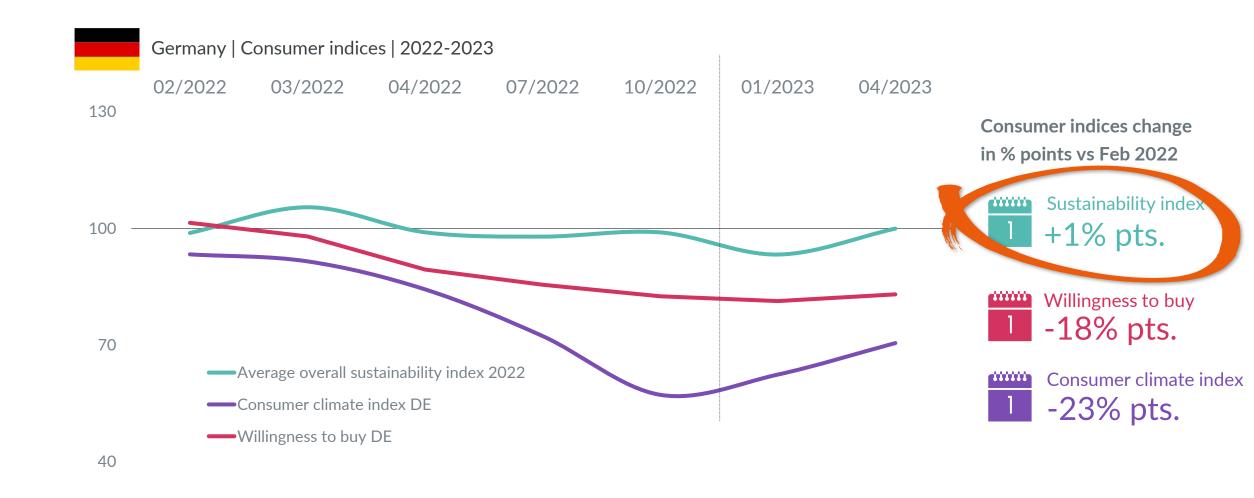
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## However, consumption related to sustainability remains significantly more resilient compared to general consumer mood in Germany

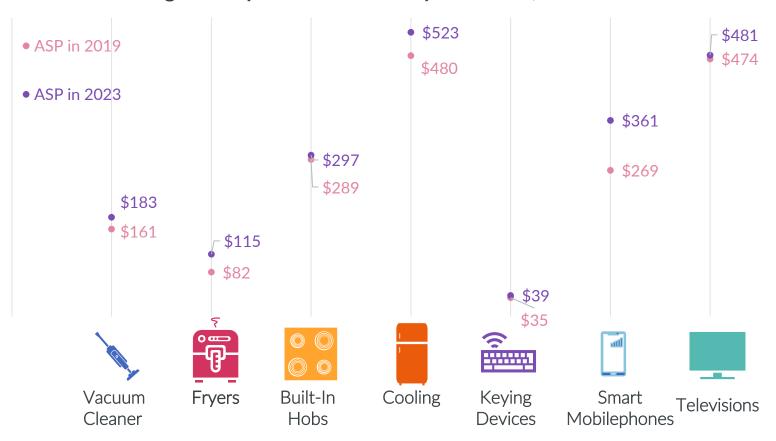




## Premiumization has been an ongoing trend, but current price increases have multiple factors and vary per sector/category



#### Average sales price increase in 5 years: US \$, Jan-Mar 2023



#### Core aspects driving price increases are:

**Inflationary/Price increases:** Price increases to secure profit margins

**Product mix effect:** Consumers drifting to premium segments or affordable premium range

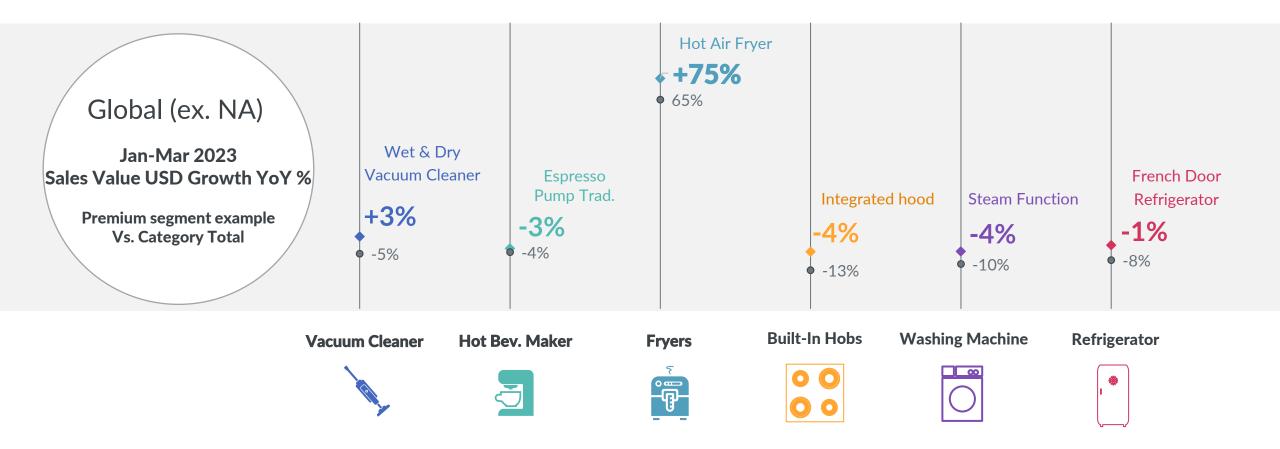
**High priced new items:** Owing to increased raw material and production cost. Innovation also triggers a price increase.

**Price erosion:** Certain older SKUs becoming technology-wise/design-wise obsolete and general price erosion

Market Saturation/Old products exiting the market: As older/more discounted items exit the market or face market saturation as most consumer have it.

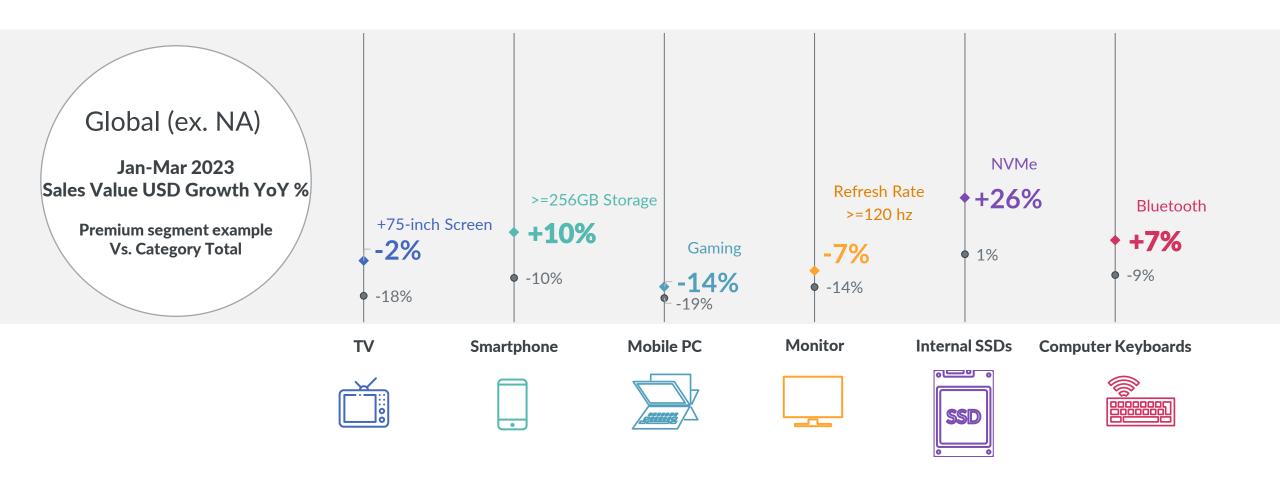
## Selective premium feature sales increased/declined slower than the category average for appliance categories





## Selective premium feature sales increased/declined slower than the category average for digital categories





## What aspects of pricing are crucial...



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Inflation has dented consumer wallets. Hence consumers seek products that align with their sense of "value for money"

Premiumization as a trend at large has taken a pause. But it continues in select segments, and it is an essential as a margin driver.

Certain long-term trends like sustainability, connected/smart appliances are enablers for premiumization

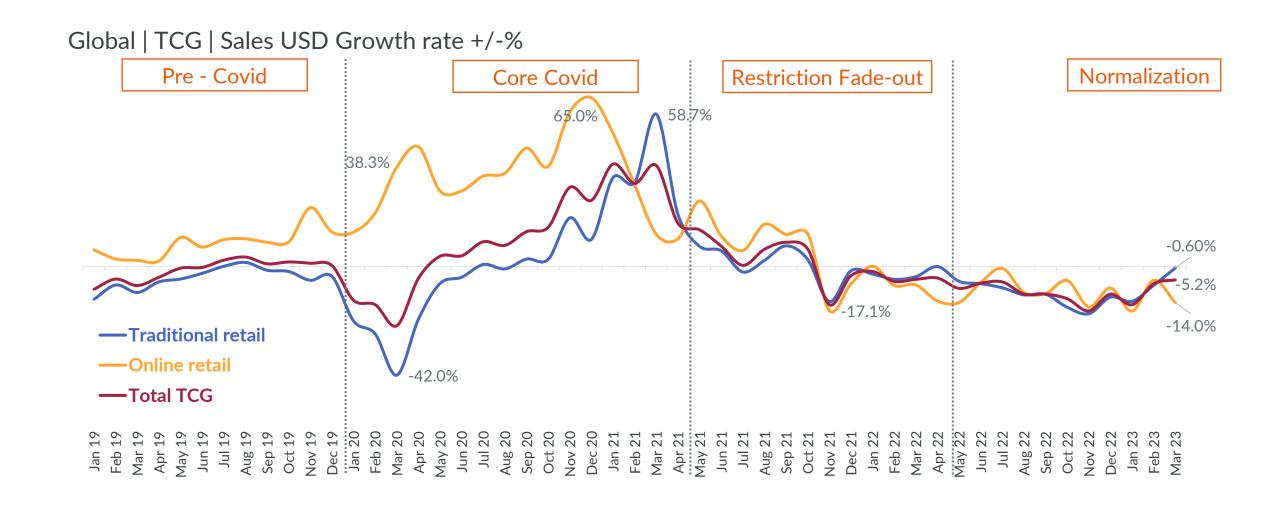
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## Traditional retail rebounds in 2022 against 2021 restrictions but still catching up with online retail





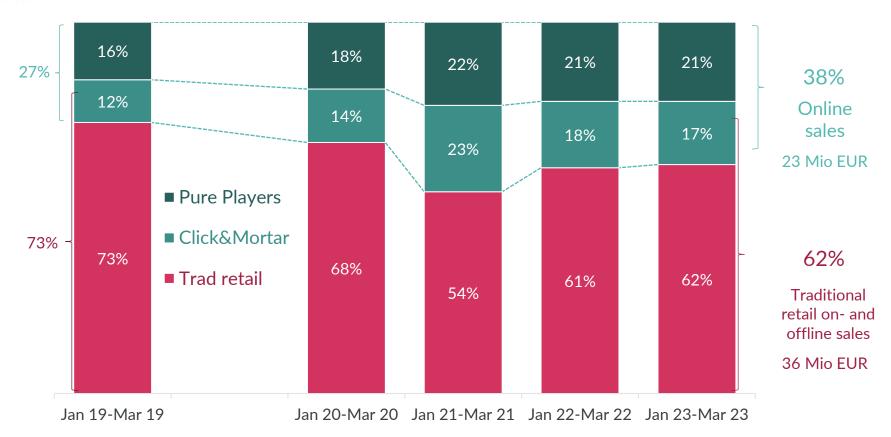
## Click & Mortar slows down within online channel compared to the high levels in previous years







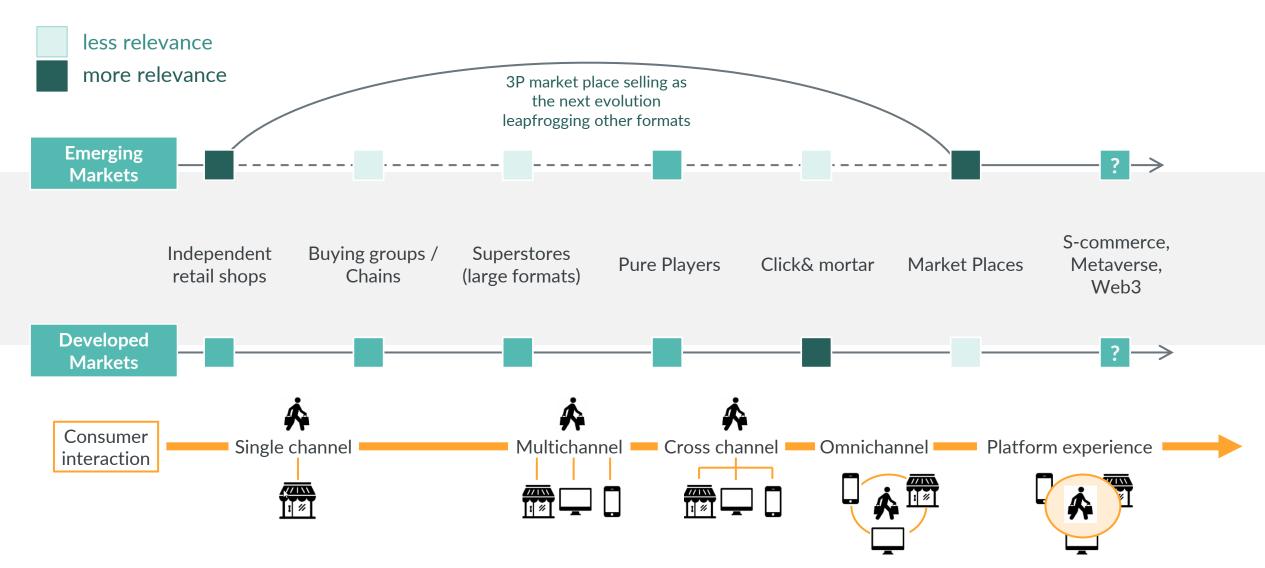
GfK B2C Retailer Market |Technical Consumer Goods | Sales Value USD (NSP) in Mio. | Share %



### Different countries are at different stages of retail evolution



Clear differences between developed and emerging markets, leapfrogging stages is also happening

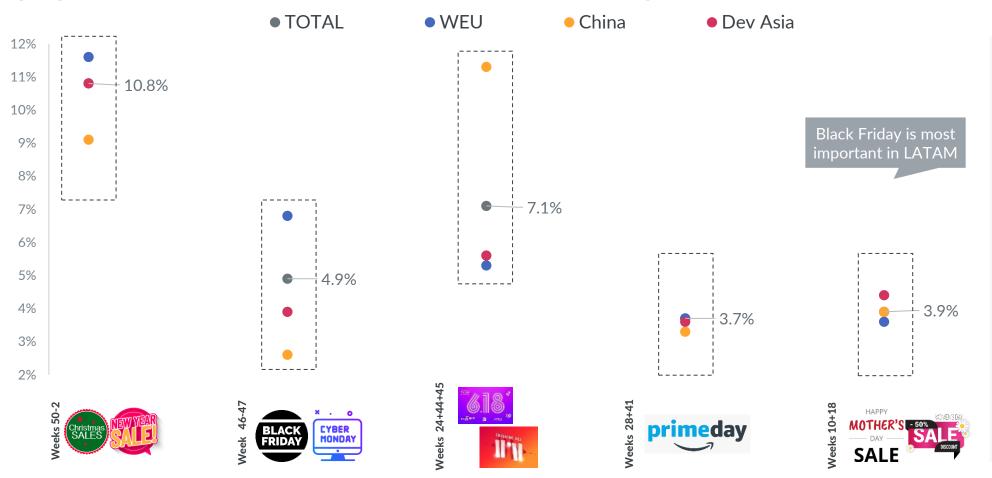


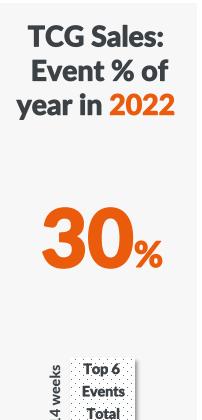
### Significance of promotional events is different region by region



Cumulatively more than a quarter of the global TCG sales is concentrated in 6 promotional events during 14 weeks of the year

#### Top 6 promotional events that matter: Sales Value % of total year sales





## What should I be aware about my channels and promotion...



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Traditional retail is rebounding. However, online will maintain the 5-10% point share gain from covid period.

There is a need for a focused, "omni-channel strategy". Click & Mortar will grow in absolute numbers

Impacted by inflation consumer will time their purchase more. Promotions will be crucial in 2023

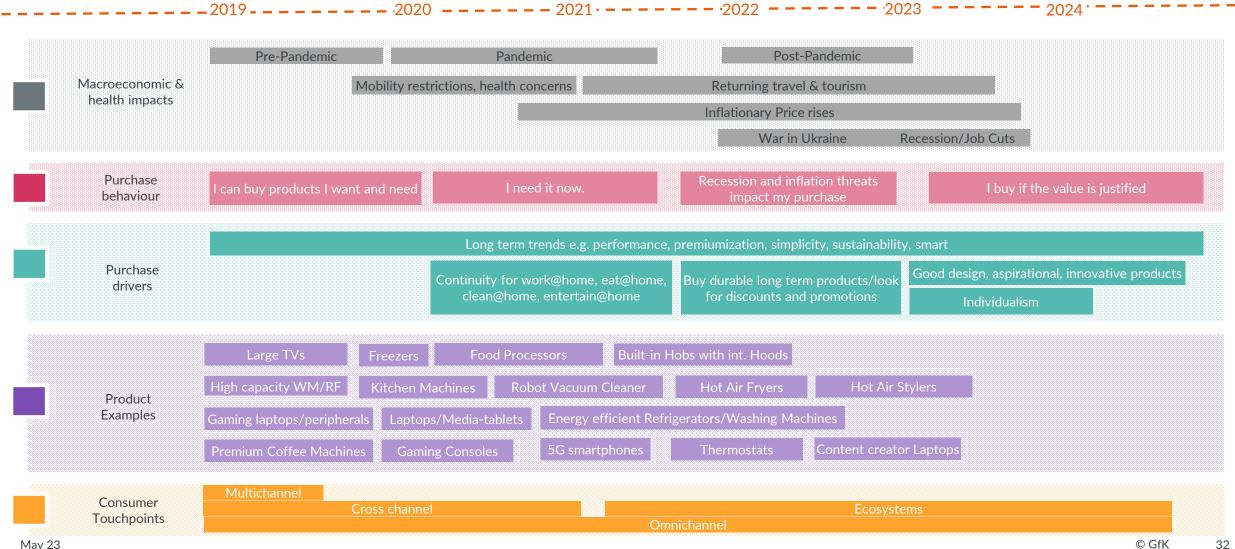
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#### Mid-term evolution for tech and durables market





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### **Summary**





Deceleration after the peak sales of 2020 & 2021. While impacted consumers exit due to volatile and uncertain market, confident consumers stay, contributing to premium sales



Value is manifested in varied forms. In some cases, it could be performance aspects like size/capacity, sustainability factors like energy efficiency or simplicity factors like smart, multifunctionality etc.





consumer wallets.

Premiumization as a trend is taking a pause at large. But premiumization still continues in select segments within categories and is a margin driver.

Higher Inflation has dented



Traditional retail is rebounding. Online will maintain the 5-10% point share gain from COVID period. Promotions will be crucial in 2023. Going forward a "one channel strategy" is important



**Rocky Recovery** 

Value for money





**Promotions** 





## Thank you

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