

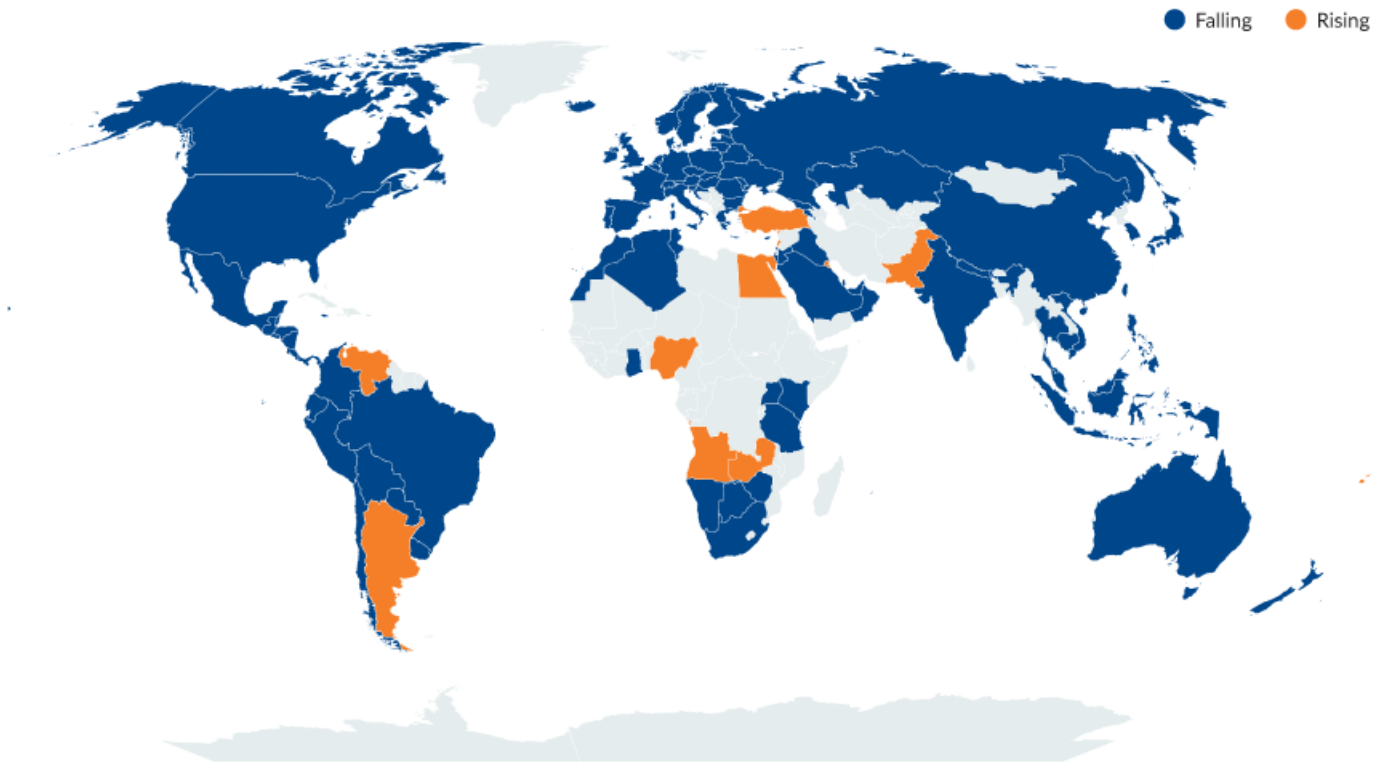
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Inflation – Declining while maintaining high levels

With high inflation spanning the globe over the past few years, consumers welcomed falling levels in 2023 as CPI levels dropped globally, with only a few emerging and frontier countries experiencing a higher inflation rate now vs. a year prior (Chart 1).

Chart 1: CPI YoY BY COUNTRY, JANUARY 2023 VS. JANUARY 2024



Source: Bloomberg, Mesirow. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. Actual results may materially differ.

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Inflation - Deciding while maintaining high levels
With high inflation opening the door for the Fed to raise rates, countries and central banks were in 2023 as US rates stayed steady, with only a few emerging and frontier countries experiencing higher inflation, see more in our own Chart 10.

Chart 10: CPI FOR 85 COUNTRIES, JANUARY 2023 VS. JANUARY 2024

“Rising inflation, although mostly, inflation has fallen with a degree of change ranging from 0.5 to 10%”

Since January 2023, the inflation rate has risen from 0.5% to 10% in 85 countries.

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