

The Atlas of Changes:

The Perfect Meltdown Paving The Path to Global Realignment

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The background is a collage of eight images: a volcanic eruption, a city skyline at dusk, a sunset, the aurora borealis, a desert landscape, a rocky coastline, a desert landscape with sand dunes, and a rocky coastline. The text is overlaid on a dark horizontal band across the center.

“Clouds over The Globe The Atlas of Instability”

The background of the slide is a dramatic volcanic eruption. A massive plume of white and grey ash and smoke billows upwards from a dark, jagged mountain peak. Below the plume, the mountain's slopes are illuminated by glowing orange and red lava flows that cascade down the sides. The sky is dark, and the overall scene is lit with a warm, fiery glow from the volcano.

“Volcanic Capacity” When Expansion Turns Explosive

THE FORCES BEHIND CAPACITY EXPANSION



China's Push for Self-Sufficiency

Governments to Promote Industrial Self-Reliance



High-Margin Leading Expansionary Phase

Waves of Overinvestment Following Periods of High Margin and Strong Demand



Rise of Alternative Production Routes

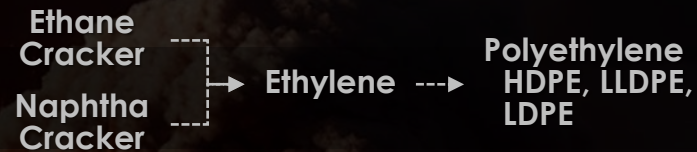
More Cost-Efficient Routes e.g., PDH and MTO



Surge in Low-Cost Feedstock Capacity

US and Middle East Low-Cost Gas Feedstock

GLOBAL ETHYLENE & PE SUPPLY



Over Half of Projected Capacity Additions from China, Followed by ME

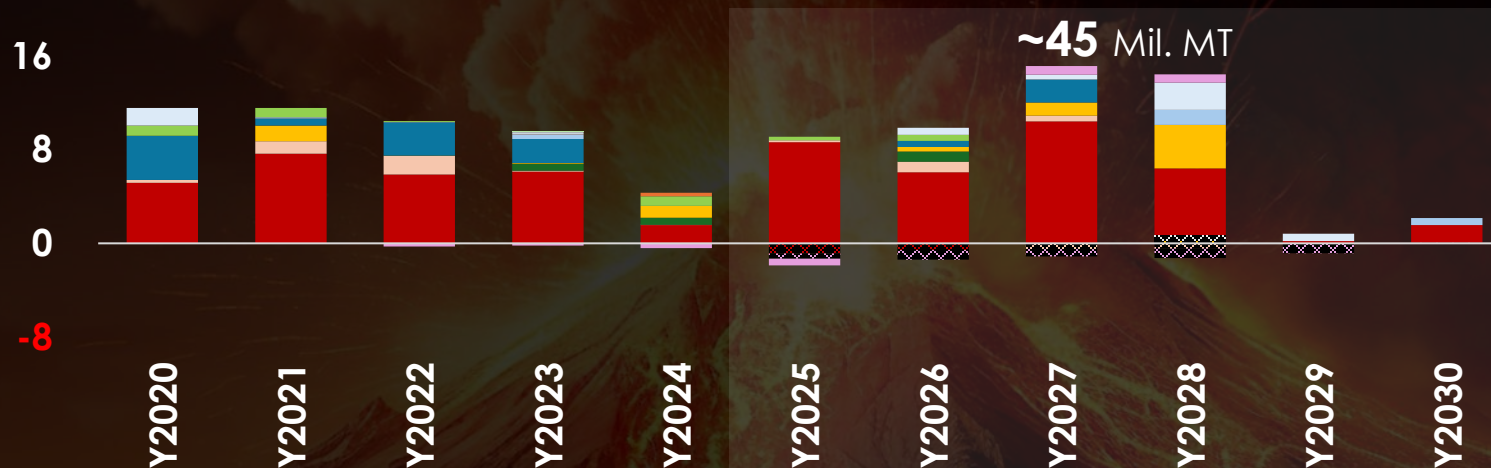
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- Nameplate Capacity
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Global Capacity Change

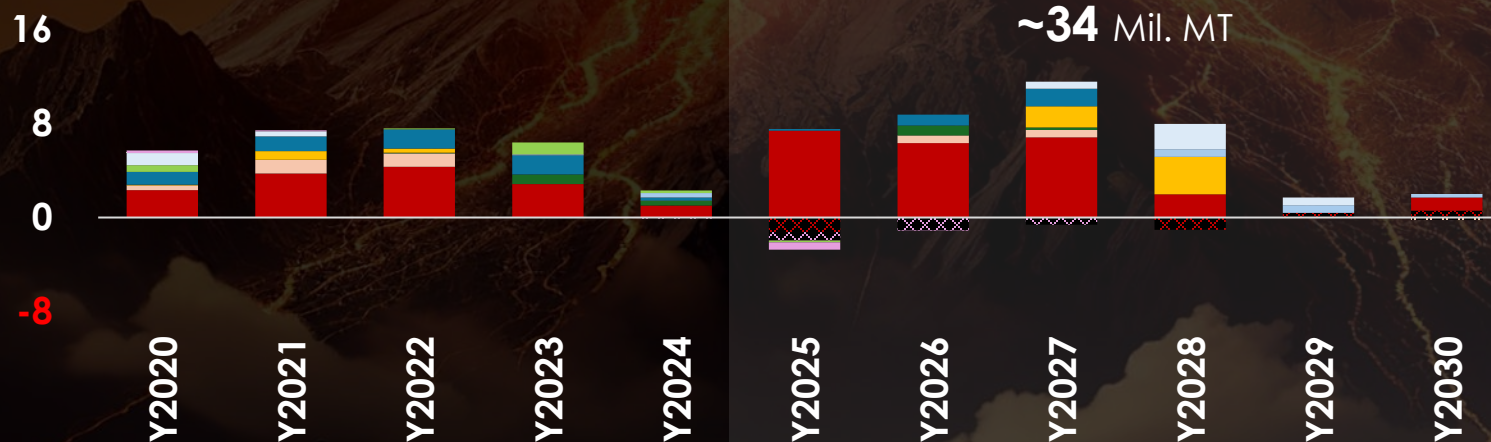
Top Capacity Growth

Ethylene

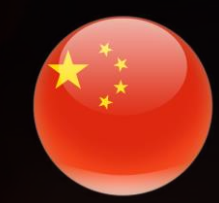


2020-2024 2025-2030
~56% **~65%**
 of Global Additional Capacity

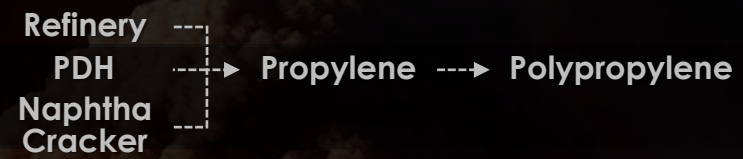
Poly-ethylene



2020-2024 2025-2030
~48% **~60%**
 of Global Additional Capacity



GLOBAL PROPYLENE & PP SUPPLY



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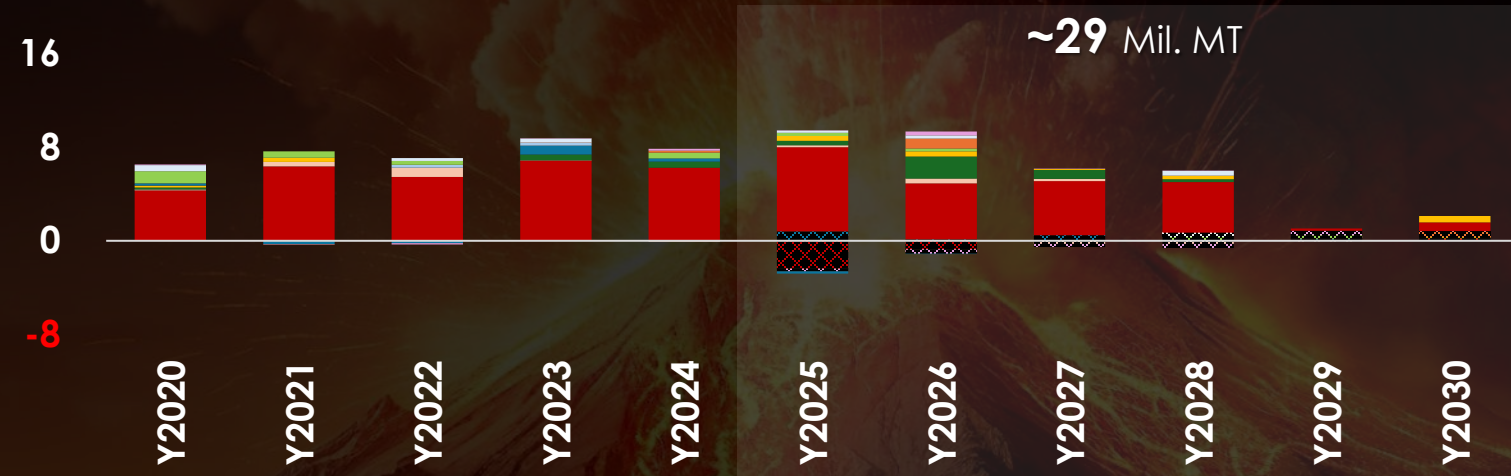
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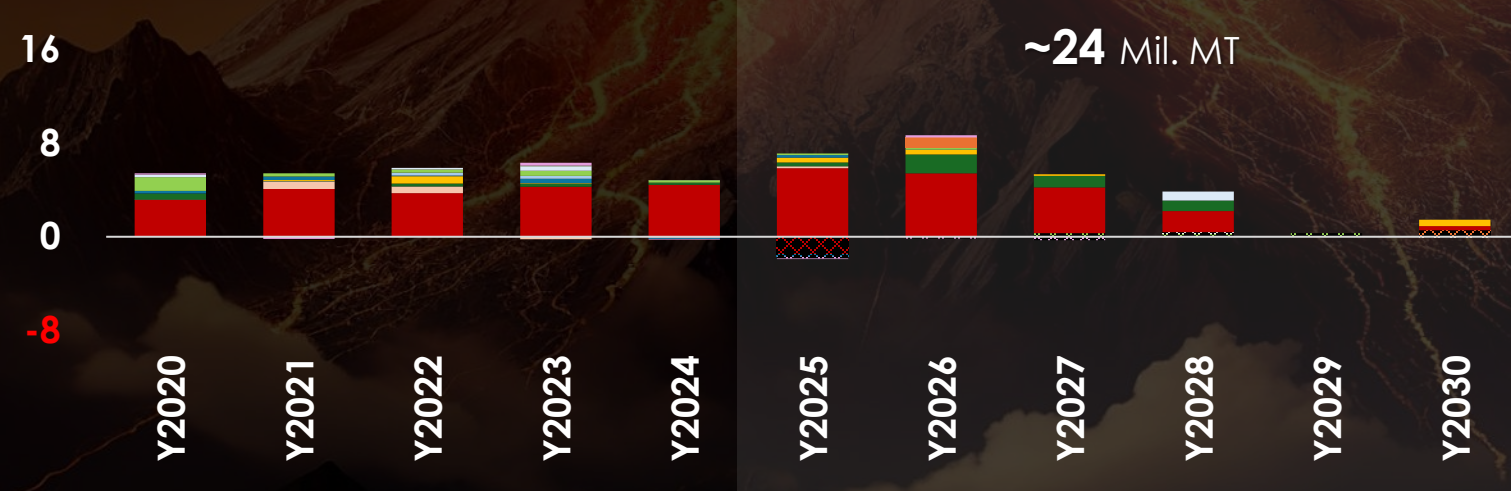
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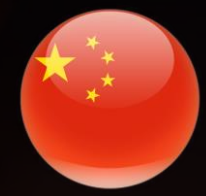
Propylene



Polypropylene



Top Capacity Growth



2020-2024 2025-2030
~77% **~64%**
of Global Additional Capacity



2020-2024 2025-2030
~71% **~64%**
of Global Additional Capacity

The background of the slide is a photograph of the Chicago skyline at dusk. The sky is a mix of dark blue and orange, with the city lights beginning to glow. In the foreground, there is a large expanse of broken ice floating in water, suggesting a cold winter scene. The text is overlaid on a dark horizontal band across the middle of the image.

“From Fire to Frost” The Cold Storm of Cooling Demand

REFLECTING ON PAST CHALLENGES



Pandemic-Driven Market Shake-Up

Initial Surge in Food and Delivery Packaging, and Pandemic-Related Medical Demand, yet Followed by Supply Chain Disruption and Overbuying



Global Economic Headwinds

High Inflation, Interest Rate Hikes, Recession, and Monetary Tightening



China's Weak Post-COVID Recovery

China's Post-Pandemic Recovery Underperformed, with Ongoing Issues in Real Estate Sector



ESG Toward More Sustainable Choices

Restrictions on Single-use Plastics Weaken Virgin Resin Demand Growth

DECLINING GLOBAL PLASTIC DEMAND



GLOBAL ETHYLENE & PE DEMAND

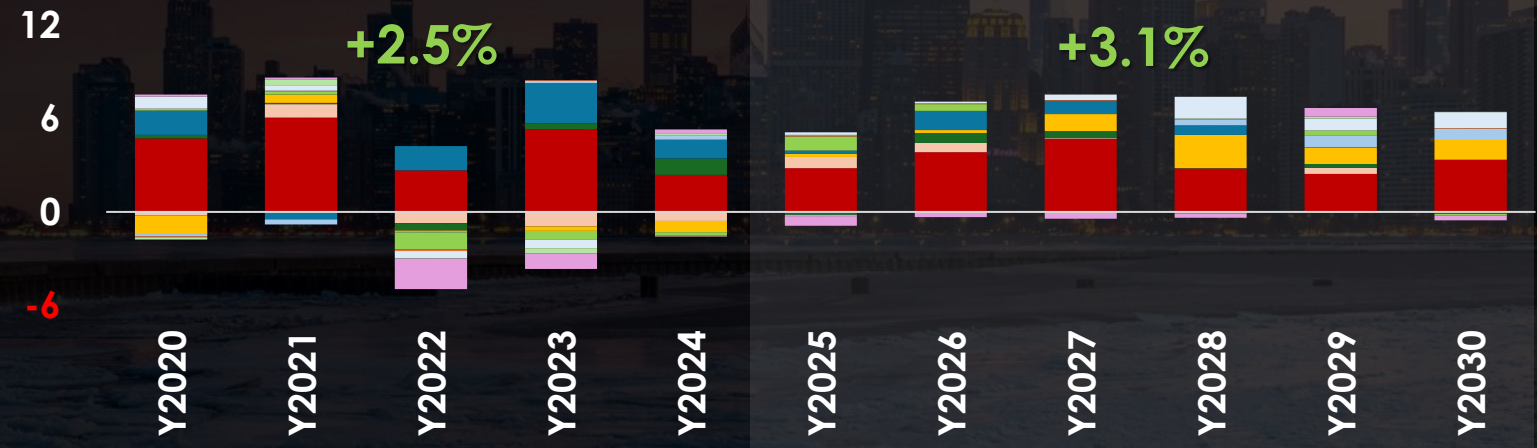
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Global Demand Change

Ethylene



% AAGR Demand Growth
Top Demand Growth
2025-30

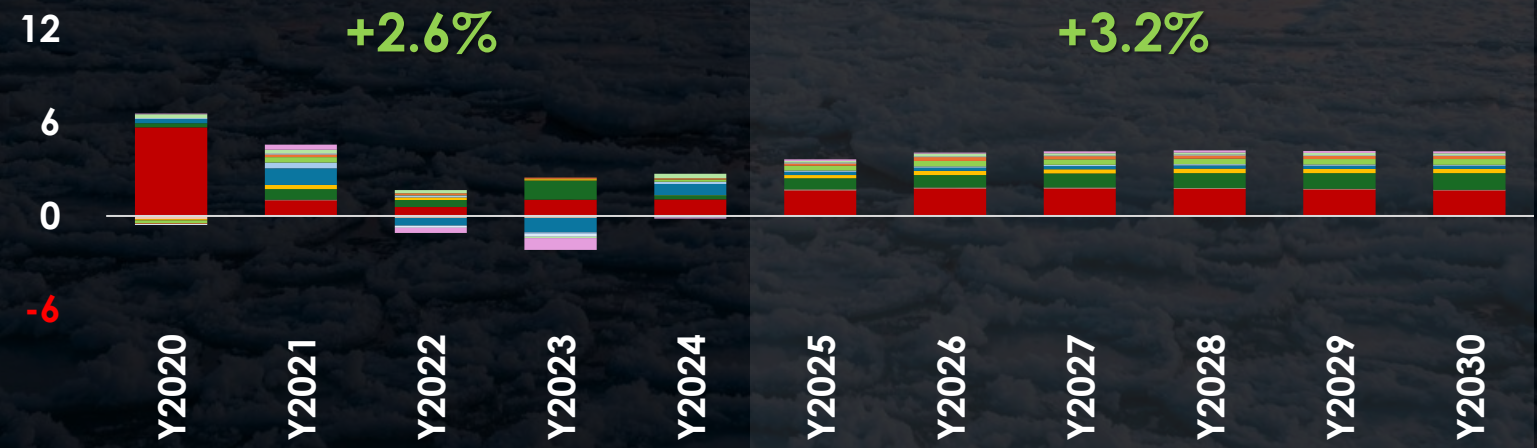


CIS & Baltics
+11.3%



China
+5.9%

Poly-ethylene



India
+8.2%



Africa
+4.1%

GLOBAL PROPYLENE & PP DEMAND

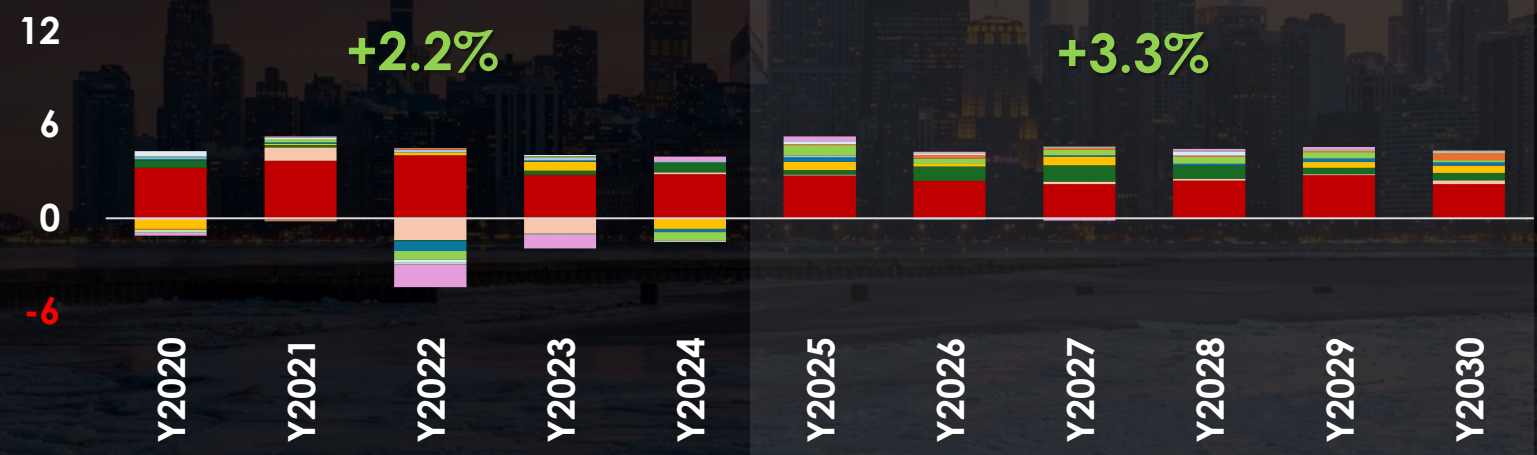
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Global Demand Change

Propylene



% AAGR Demand Growth
Top Demand Growth
2026-30



Africa
+11.0%



India
+8.1%

Poly-propylene



India
+8.5%



Africa
+4.4%

The Trigger of A Global “Perfect Storm”

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric photograph of a city skyline at night, likely New York City, with a storm brewing. Dark, heavy clouds are visible in the sky, and a bright, ethereal light source, possibly a lightning bolt or a break in the clouds, illuminates the scene from behind the buildings. The water in the foreground is dark and turbulent, with white foam from a wave visible on the left side.

Tariff Storm

DEMAND SUFFERS IN THE EYE OF THE TARIFF STORM



Unpredictable Tariff Regimes

The Root Cause of 2025 Global Turmoil



Supply Chain Fragility

Logistical Bottlenecks Leading to Delays, Increased Costs, Halted Production



Demand & Economic Slowdown

Impact on Export-Oriented Economies due to Limited Demand



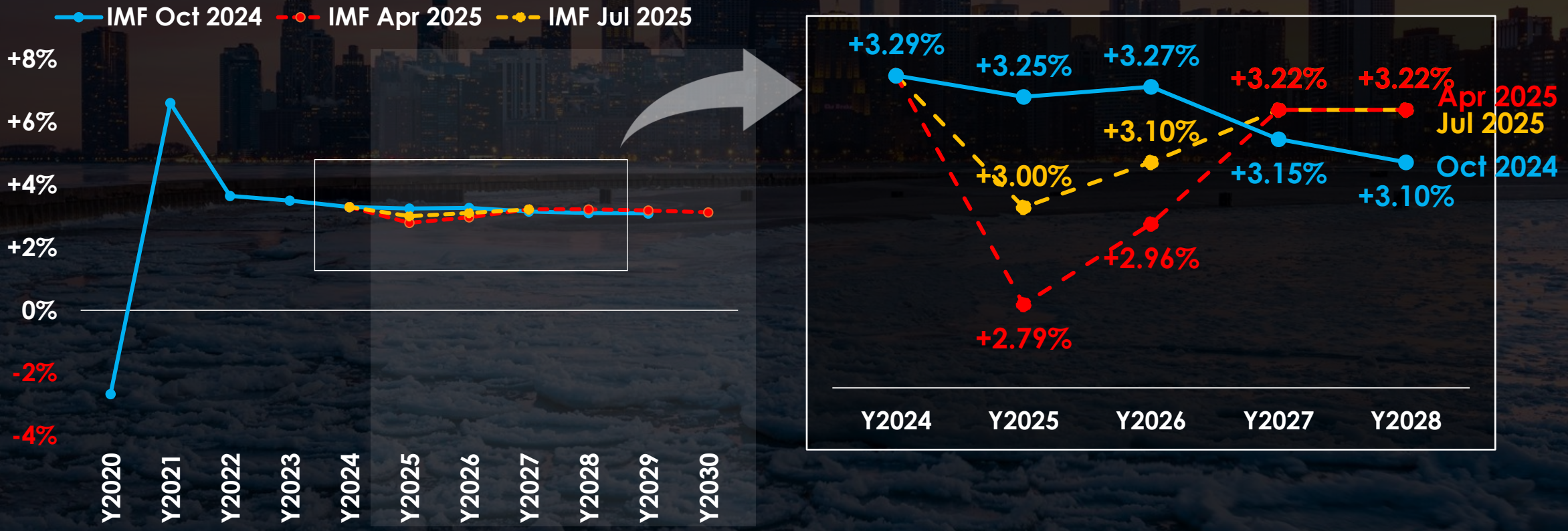
Geopolitical Fragmentation

Accumulating Shocks such as Russia-Ukraine Conflict and Israel-Iran-US War

THE ECONOMIC FALLOUT: GLOBAL GDP CONSEQUENCES

Downgrade of Global GDP Following US Tariff Announcements and International Countermeasures

Global GDP Growth Projections (%)



GLOBAL PE & PP DEMAND (WITH TARIFF)

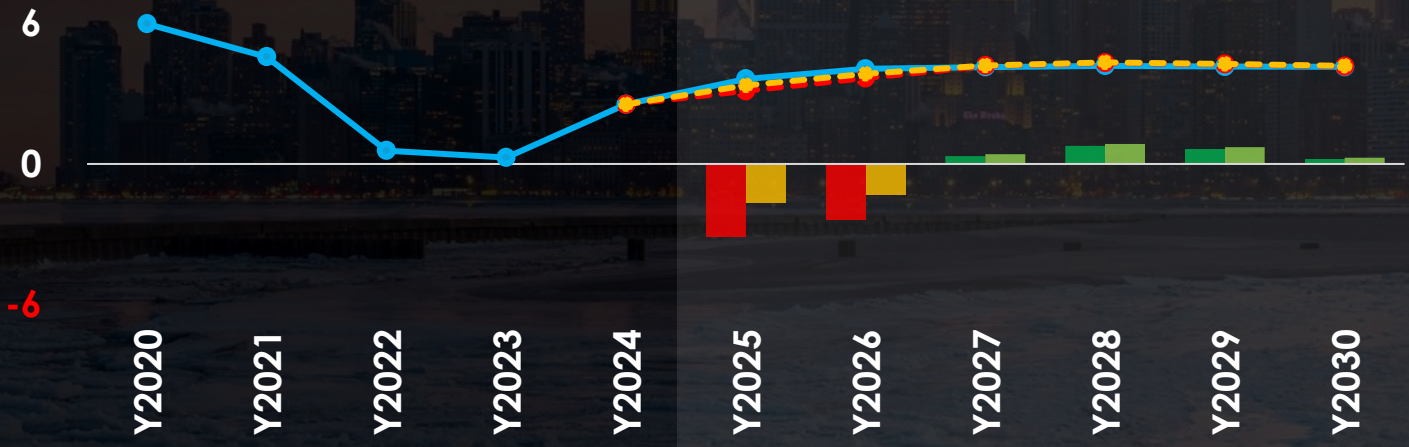
Downgrade of Demand Growth due to Weakening Economic Conditions

Unit: Mil. MT

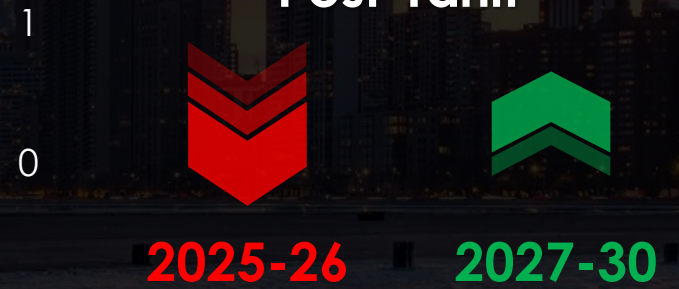
- Additional Demand before Tariff
- Additional Demand after Tariff
- Downgrade/Upgrade of Additional Demand after Tariff in accordance with IMF Apr 2025 (RHS)
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Global Additional Demand Projection Pre- VS Post-Tariff

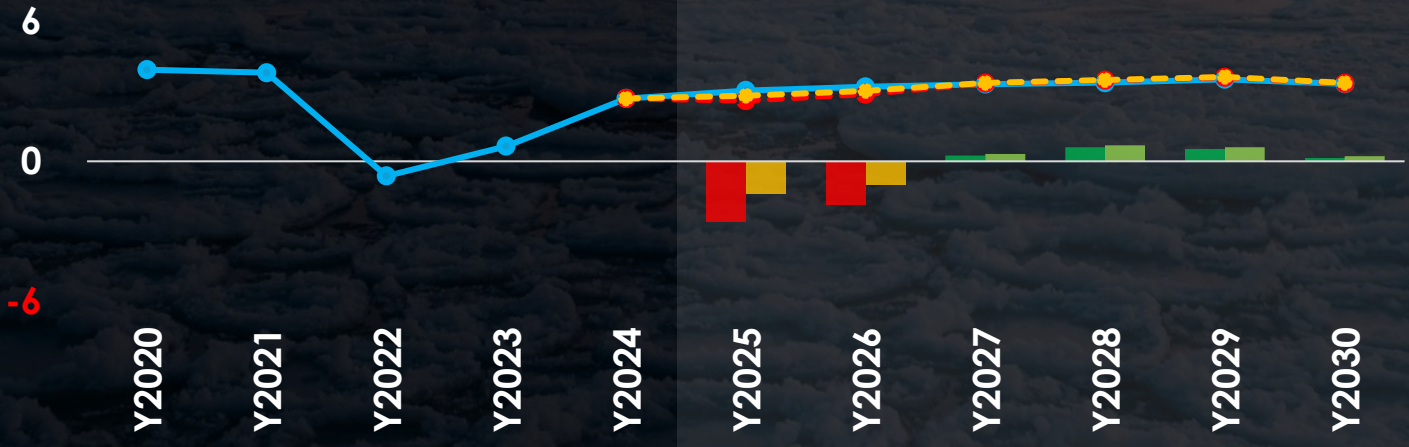
Poly-ethylene



Demand Growth Post-Tariff



Poly-propylene





When Heat Meets Cold Thus Becomes A Solid Rock

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“A Burst of Rock Bottom” Quenching Force of Oversupply

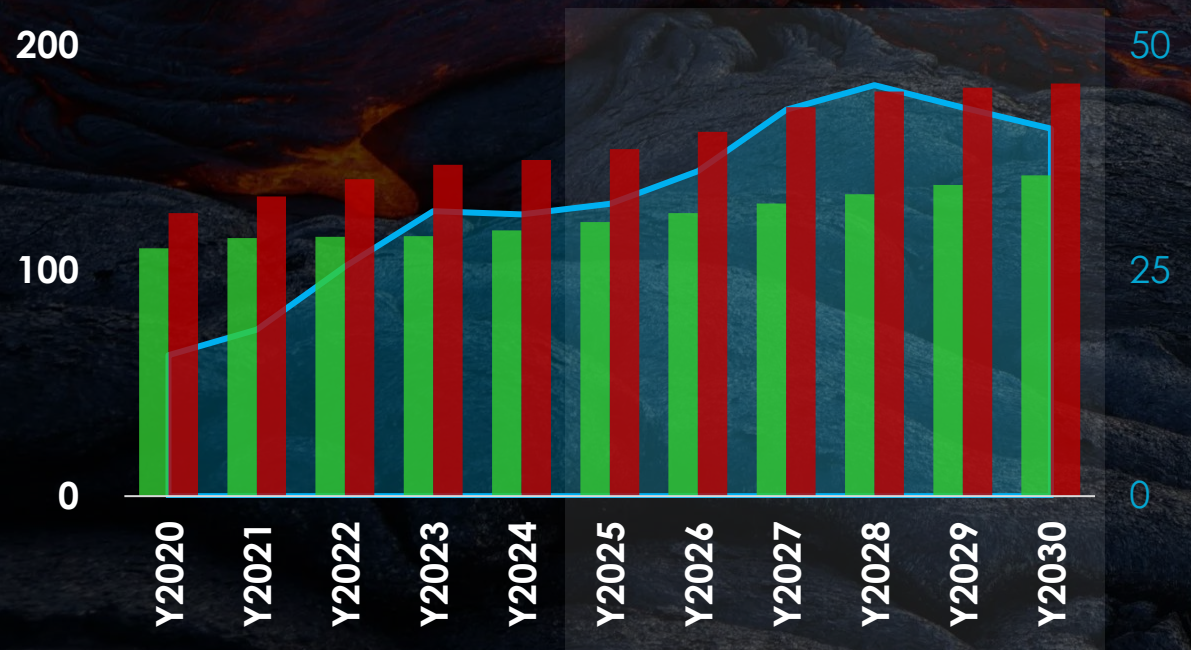
POLYETHYLENE MARKET

In the Midst of a Prolonged Cycle Downturn

Global PE Total Capacity & Demand

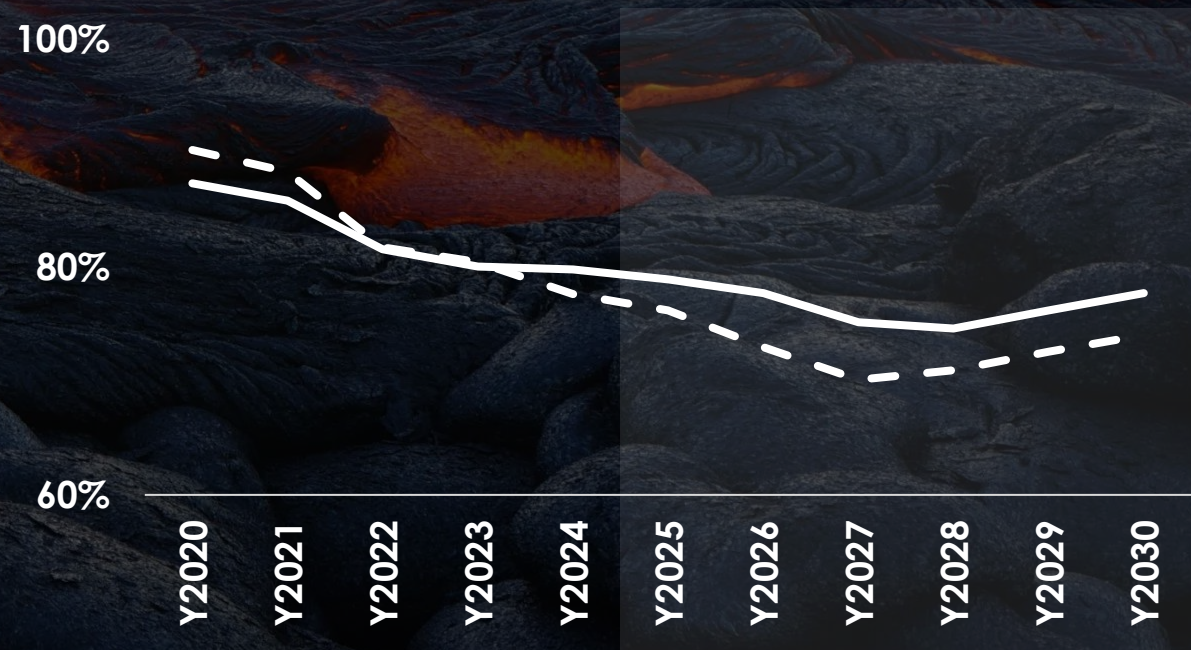
■ Capacity over Demand (RHS)
 ■ Total Demand
 ■ Total Capacity

Unit: Mil. MT



Global PE Operating Rates

— World Operating Rate
 - - Asia Operating Rate



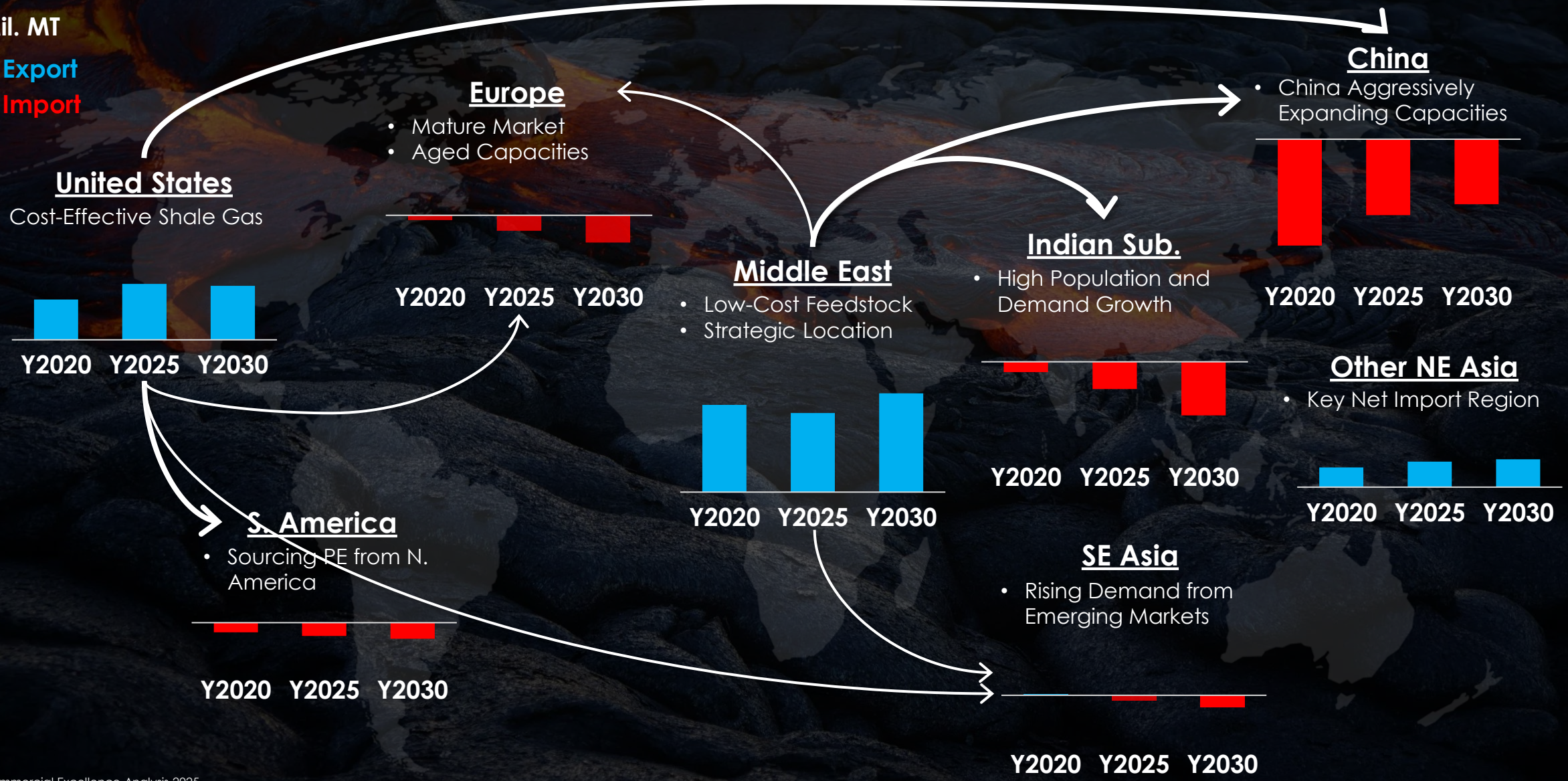
Global operating rate has reduced by almost 10% over the past 5 years. As China added massive amounts of new capacities. A significant recovery is not expected until the end 2020s.

POLYETHYLENE TRADE FLOW

Mounting Pressure on Trade Flows from China's Self Sufficiency and Low-Cost Expansion

Unit: Mil. MT

■ Net Export
■ Net Import

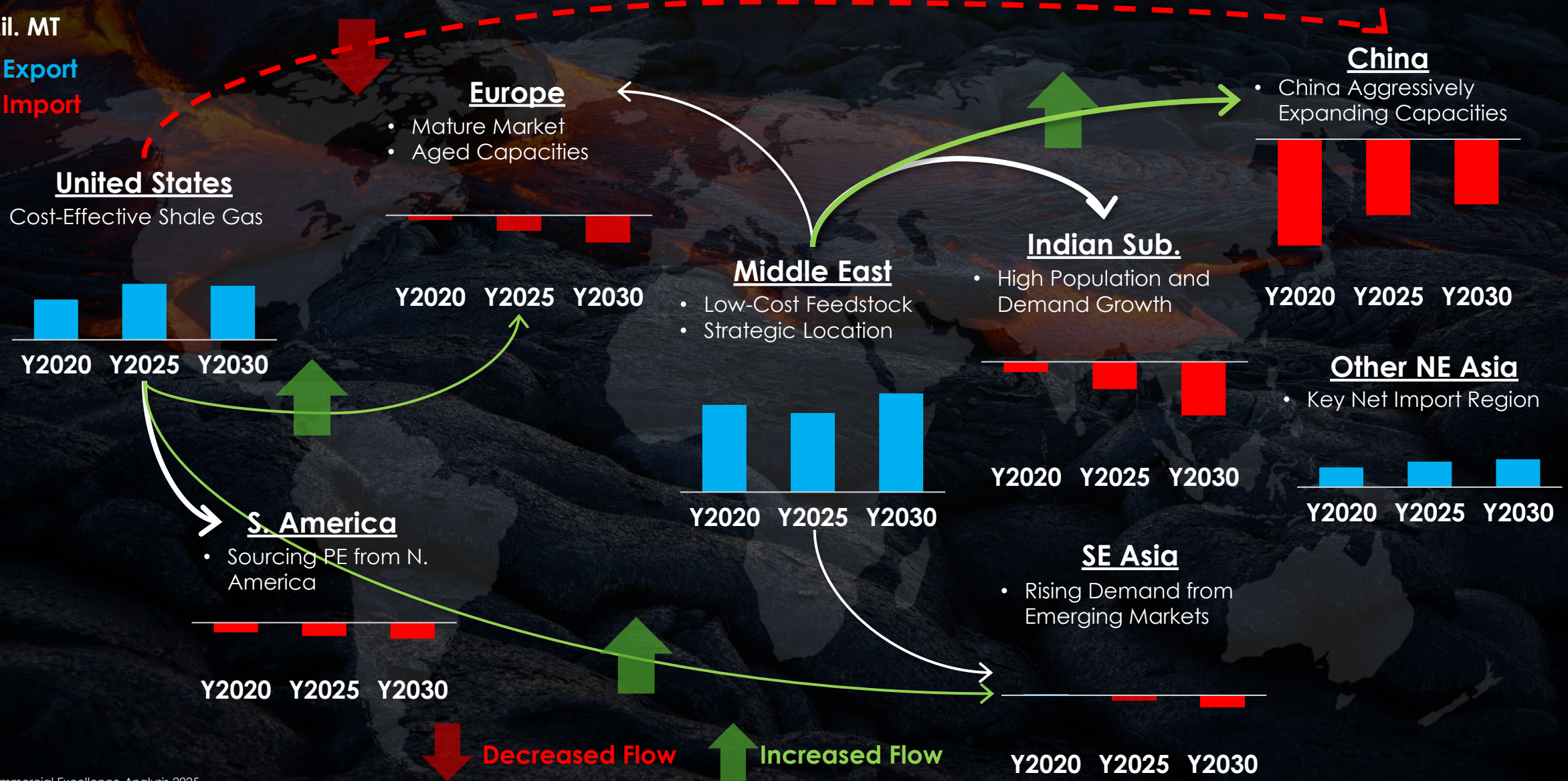


POLYETHYLENE TRADE FLOW CHANGE AFTER TARIFF

Trade Flows Realignment after Tariff Enforcement

Unit: Mil. MT

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■ Net Import



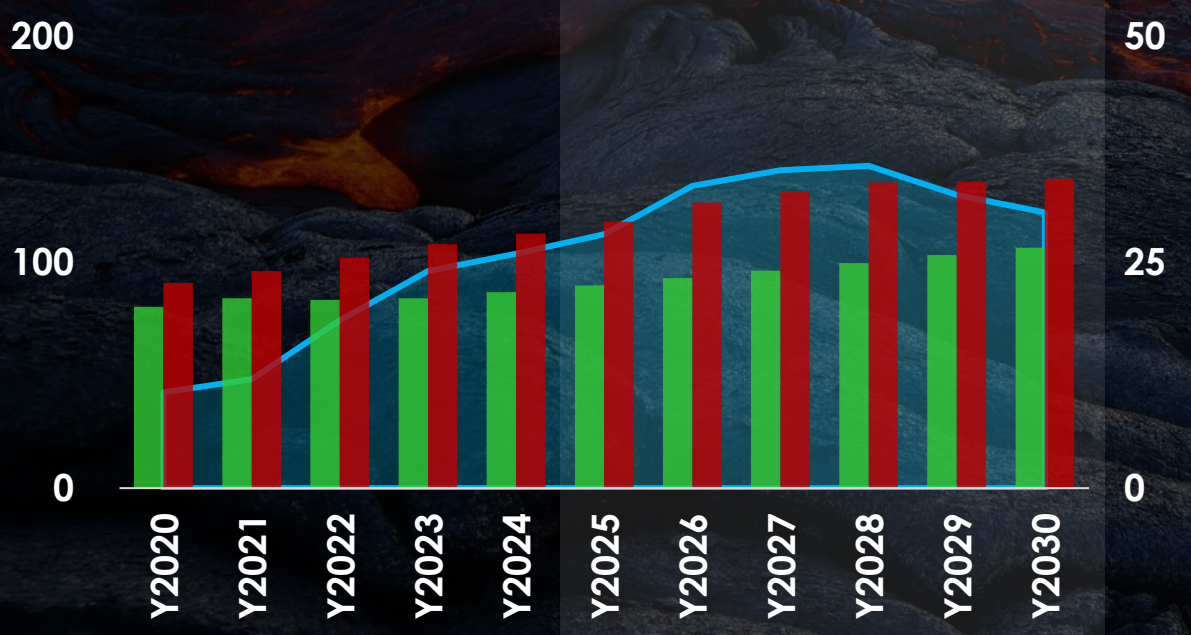
POLYPROPYLENE MARKET

Supply and Demand Imbalance to Cause Higher Excess Supply

Global PP Total Capacity & Demand

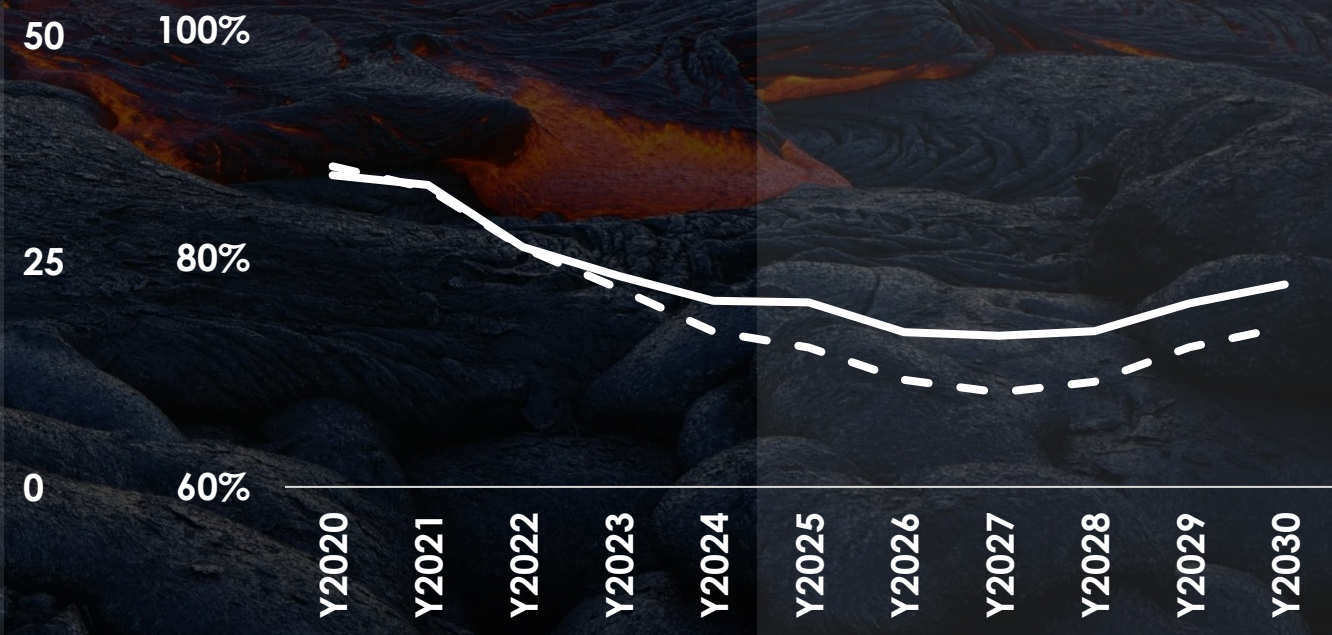
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A demand slowdown coincides with record-high PP capacity growth in China, widening the supply-demand gap. Global operating rate will bottom in 2027-28.

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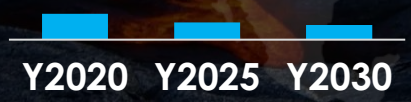
Shifting Trade Patterns from China's Self Sufficiency

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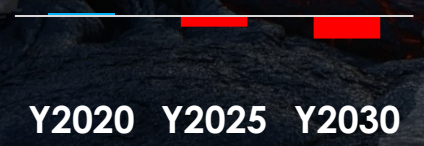
United States

- Sufficient Regional Capacity for Domestic Demand



Europe

- Less Cost Competitive
- 2025 Become Net Importer



Middle East

- High Export Orientation



Indian Sub.

- Buoyant Domestic Demand



China

- Wave of New Chinese During The 2022-2025



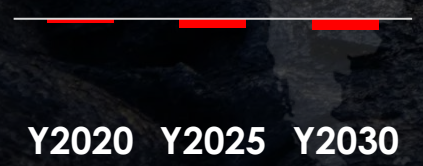
Other NE Asia

- Key Global Net Exporter



S. America

- Steady Regional Capacity
- Exports Primarily Intra-region



SE Asia

- Benefit From ASEAN Free Trade Area Agreement



POLYPROPYLENE TRADE FLOW CHANGE AFTER TARIFF

Balanced US PP Market, China as a Minor US PP Supplier; Limited Direct Impact from Tariff

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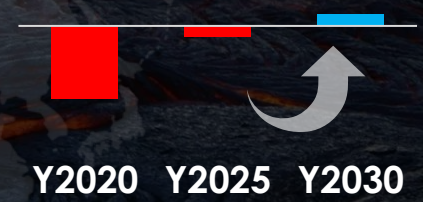
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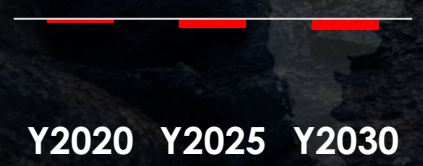
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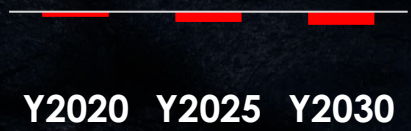
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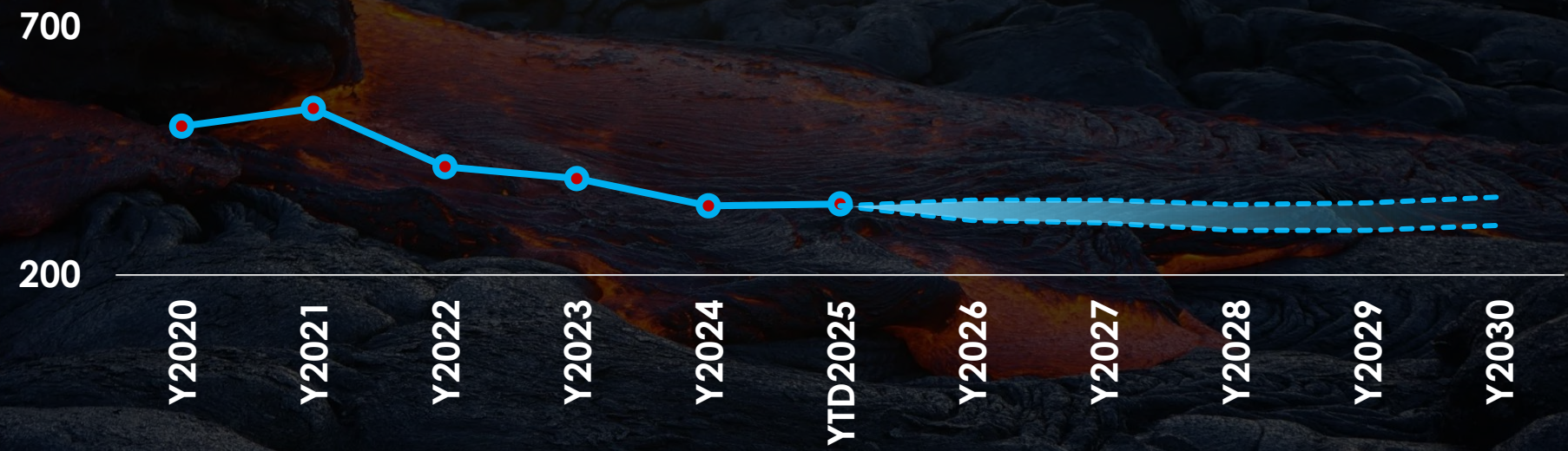
FUTURE PE & PP SPREAD PATTERNS

Prices and Spreads under the Irreversible Outcome of Oversupply Era

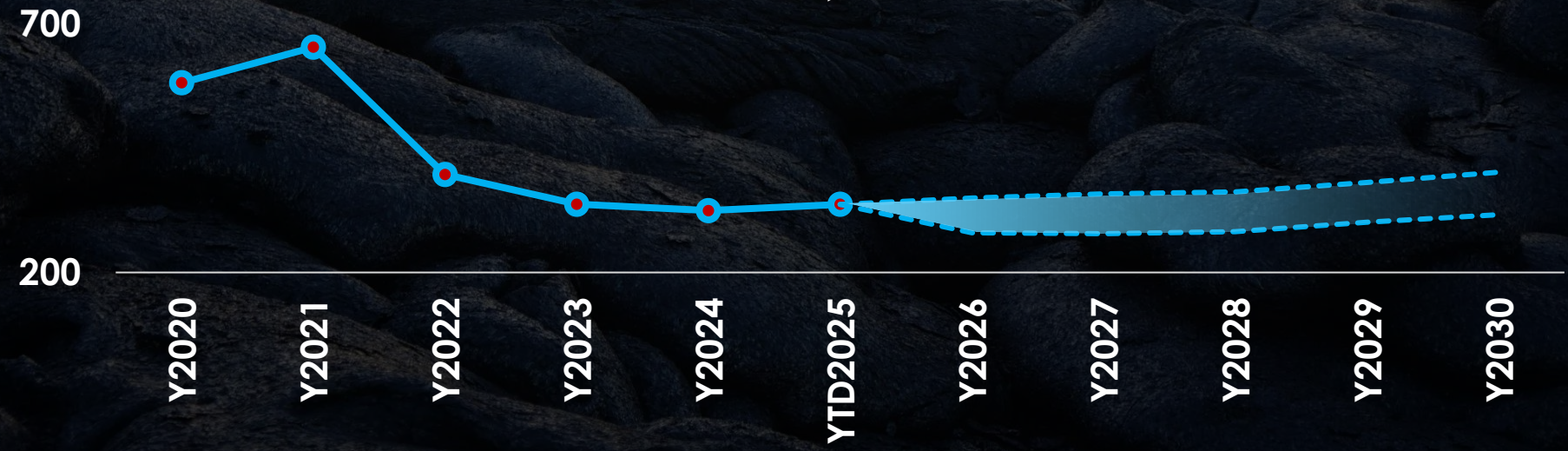
Unit: USD/MT

Spread Range of PE & PP Prices over Naphtha MOPJ

HDPE Film
CFR SEA



PP Yarn
CFR SEA



“Volcanic Capacity”

Chinese Capacity Expansion under Self-Reliance Scheme

Rise in Feedstock-Advantaged Capacity

“Cooling Demand”

Suppressed Demand Growth Post-Pandemic

Asia as the Frontrunner in Global Demand Growth

Tariff Uncertainties to Cloud Demand Recovery

“A Rock Bottom”

Record-Level Overcapacity

A Bottoming of Business Cycle

Recovering Spread in the Late 2020s

The background of the slide is a photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground shows rolling sand dunes in shades of brown and tan. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds, some of which are dark and dramatic, suggesting a storm or a sunset. The overall tone is warm and somewhat somber.

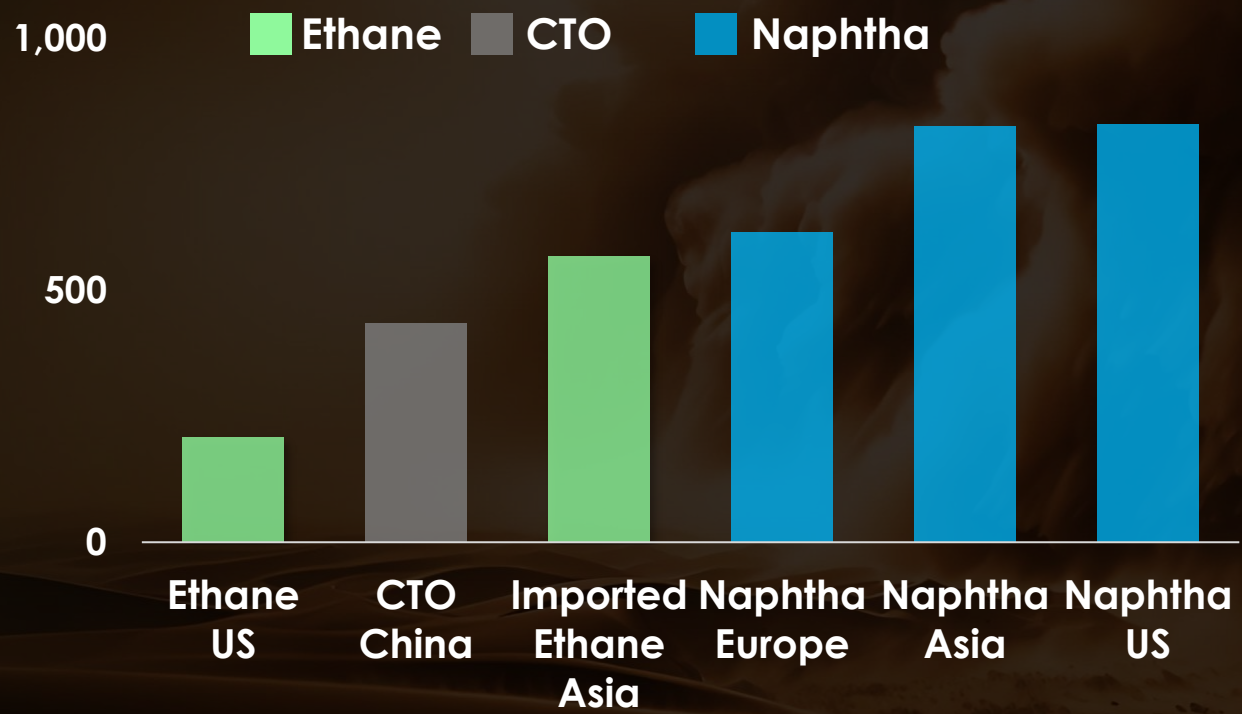
“Surviving the Desert” Thriving on Cost Competitiveness and Business Reformation

COST ADVANTAGE IS THE NEW LIFELINE

Feedstock Advantage and Versatility as Pillars of Cost Competitiveness

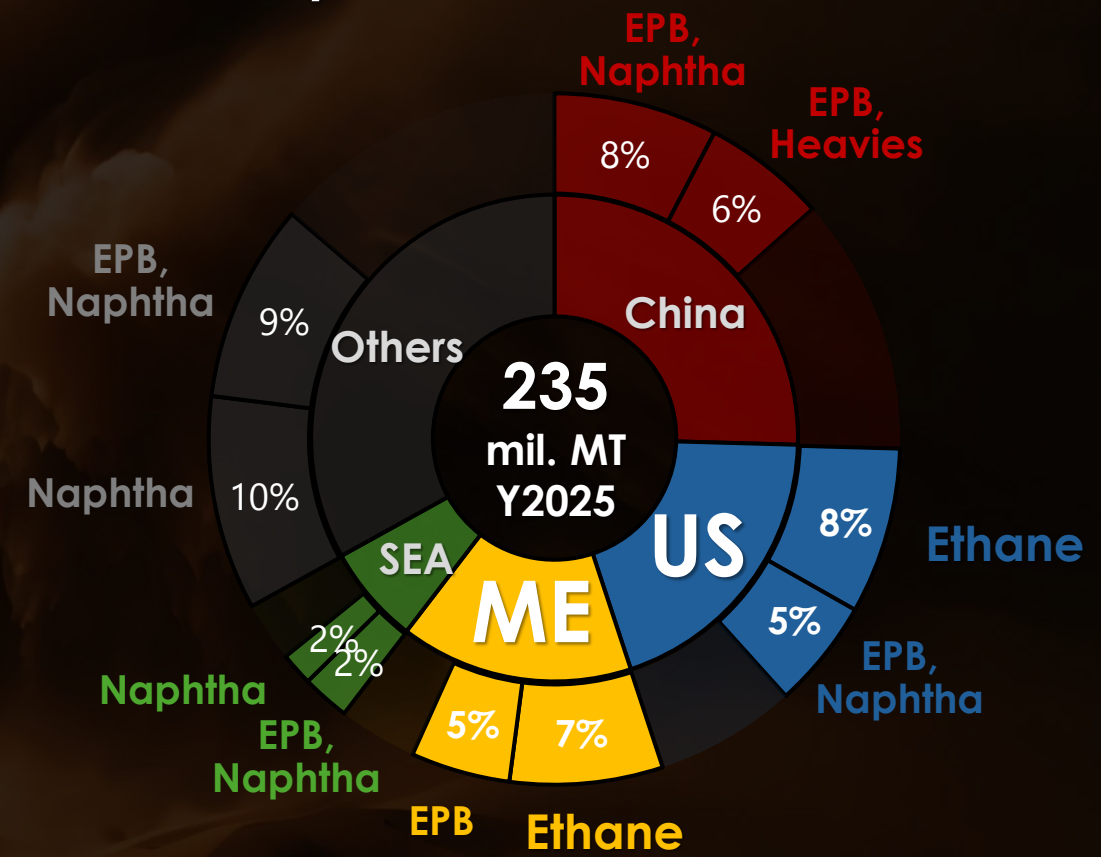
Global Polyethylene Cost Competitiveness

Unit: USD/MT



Significantly Lower Production Cost of Ethane than Naphtha Crackers

Global Ethylene Cracker Feed Slate



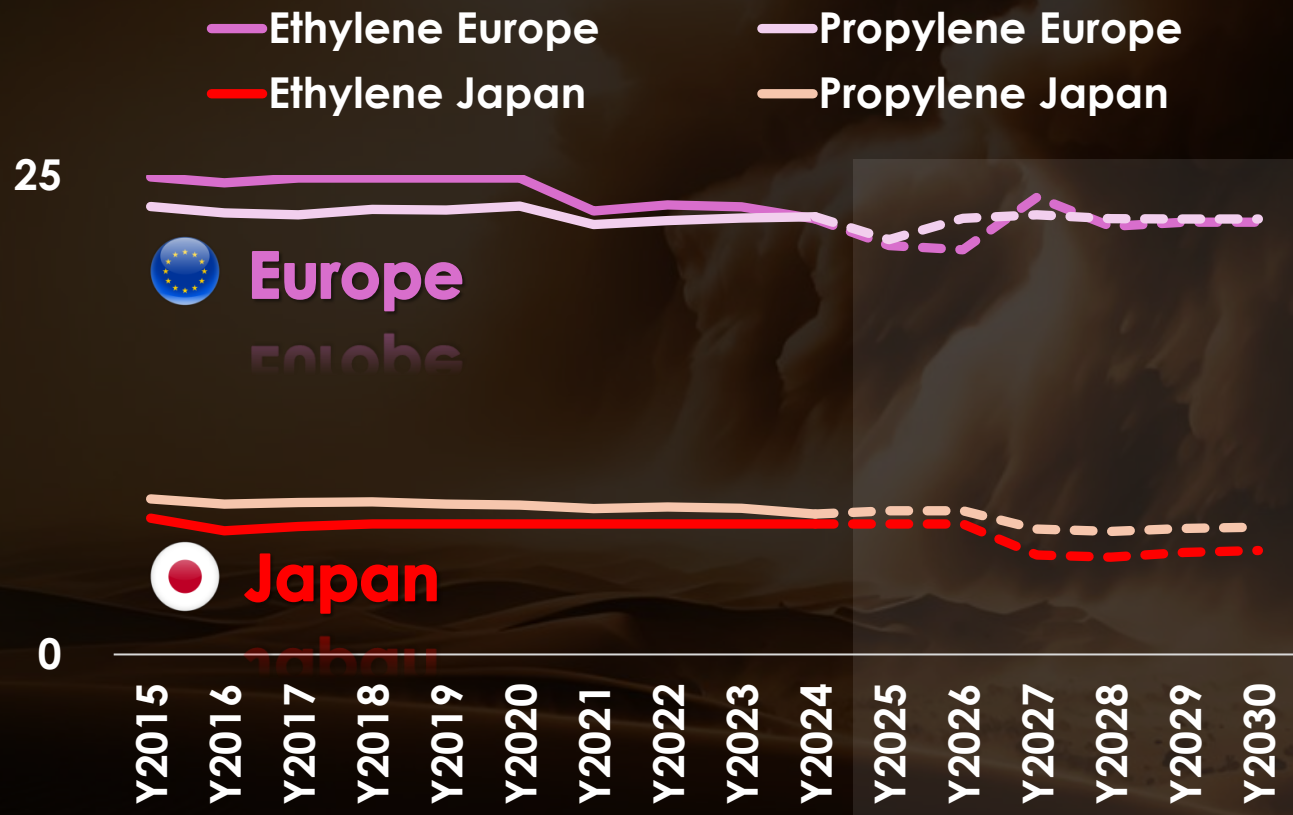
US and Middle East to Gain Competitiveness Due to Ethane Feedstock Cost Advantage

SELF-CORRECTION THROUGH RATIONALIZATION

Paving the Way to Survive through Rationalization

Ethylene and Propylene Capacities

Unit: USD/MT



High Cost

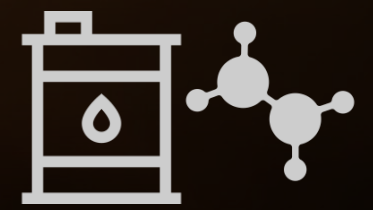
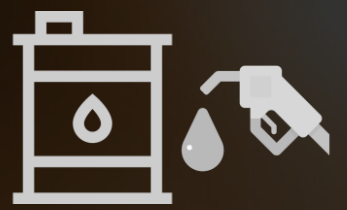


Aging Assets

Rationalization is underway in high-cost regions, where aging and small-scale assets are being phased out to improve overall efficiency and competitiveness.

A REVOLUTIONARY PARADIGM SHIFT IN TECHNOLOGY

Maximize High-Value Chemicals through Refinery-Petrochemical Integration



Refining



Refining Plus



Refining Integration



Thermal Crude to Chemicals

- Petrochemical Yield <15%

- Petrochemical Yield 15-20%

- Refining + BTX + Propylene

- Petrochemical Yield 25-40%

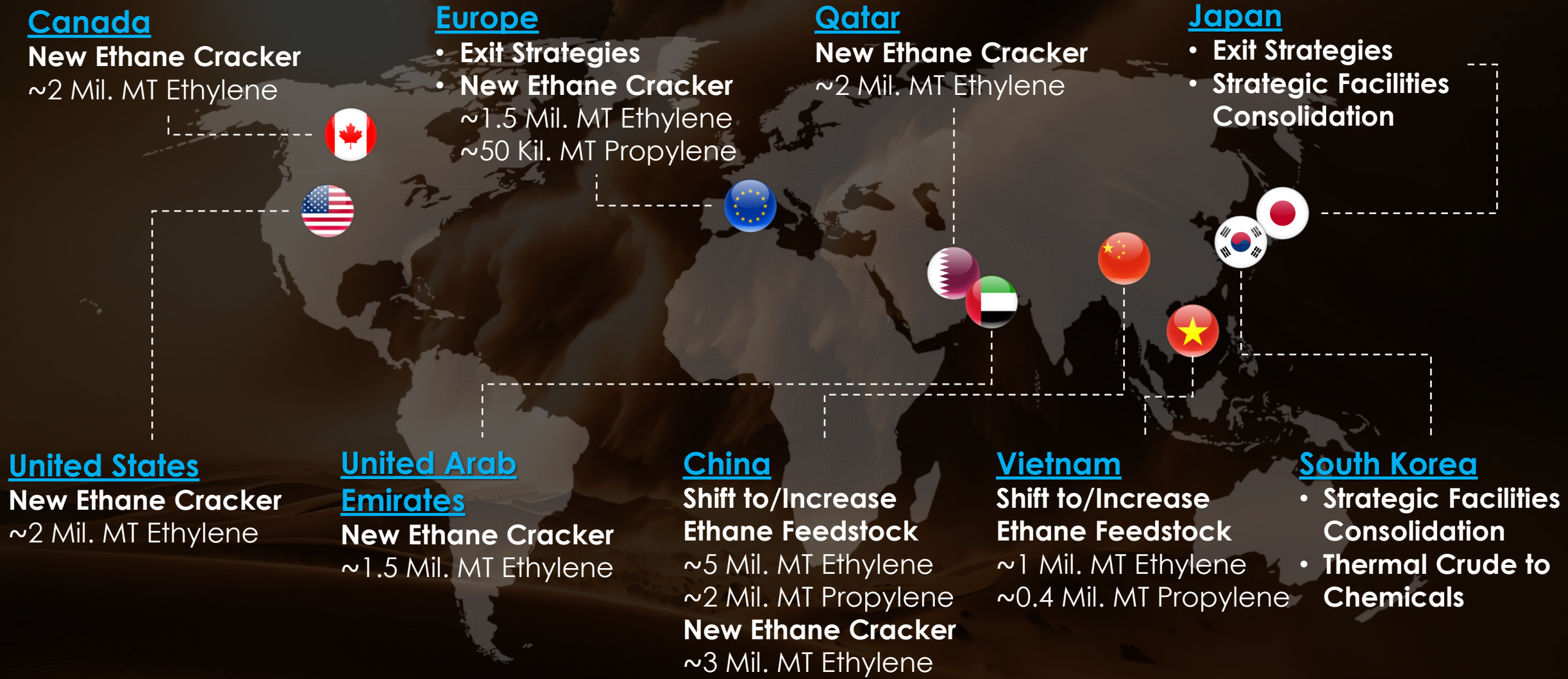
- Refining + Steam Cracking + PX Complex

- Petrochemical Yield 40-80%

- Ultimate Integrated Architecture

STRATEGIC MOVES OF PLAYERS IN NEAR-TERM

Strengthen Competitiveness with Ethane, Voluntary Restructuring and Technological Shift



Remark: Volumes are based on confirmed announcements and GC Commercial Excellence estimates, and remain subject to revision.

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Ethane Feedstock Enhancement Project at the **Long Son Petrochemicals Complex (LSP)** in Vietnam



Idemitsu Kosan and **Mitsui Chemicals** to Begin Mulling the Consolidation of Their Chiba Ethylene Complexes to Optimize Production



S-OIL Flying High With SHAHEEN Project for Expansion into Petrochemicals; The First-ever Commercialization of TC2C Technology

“GC on The Horizon of Change”



GC THRIVING ON THE ATLAS OF CHANGES

“Atlas of Changes – Where Challenges Become Our Strategic Edge.”



Cost Efficiency Leadership

Gas Feedstock Cost Advantage and Upcoming of US Ethane-Based Integration



Operational Synergy & Diversified Portfolio

Efficiency Through a Fully Integrated Infrastructure, Enabling Diversification into Downstream Products



High-Value & Sustainable Products

Expand the Portfolio into High Performance Polymers, Recycled, Bio-Based, and Biodegradable Products



Commercial Excellence

Market-Centric; Responsive, and Resilient Sales Strategy in a Changing Environment

Volcanic Capacity

Cooling Demand

Intense Competition

**Survival is now structural,
not situational.**

Long-term competitiveness is now about whether a company's role fit the new structure.

“Be Like A Flower, Survive The Rain But Use It To Grow”

Brian Ford