

# Update on the Ethylene Oxide Market

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### Agenda



Supply and demand outlook – World & NA

Examine current dynamics and price drivers

Viewpoints on industry and key derivatives

### Ethylene Global Supply & Demand - World

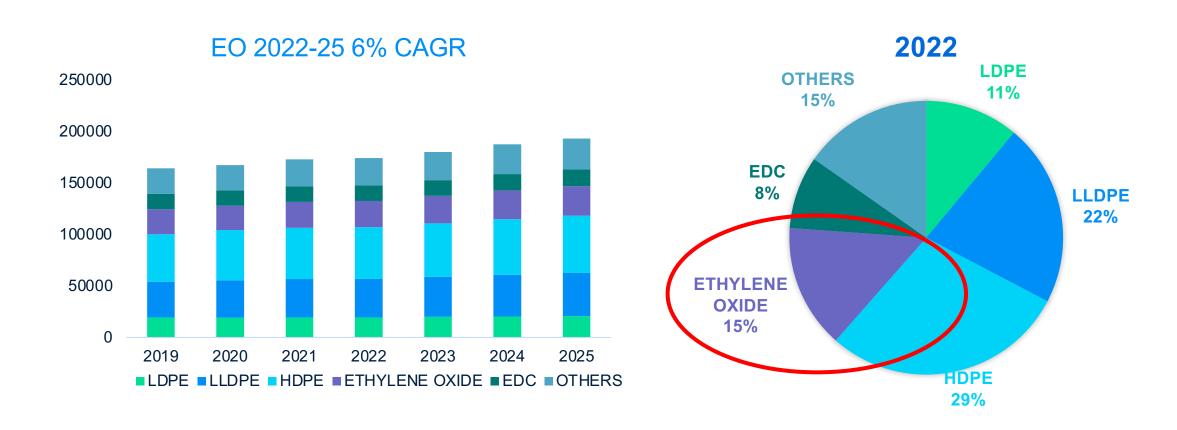




- Strong PE
  demand supported
  Ethylene
  consumption
  growth during
  COVID-19.
- Global capacity increases will keep operating rates below pre-COVID levels.

### Ethylene by End-Use - World





### Ethylene Oxide Supply & Demand - World



- Led by consumption for EG and Surfactants, global EO demand surpassed pre-COVID levels in 2021.
- Increased capacity and lower utilization means increased competition which correlates highly with lower margins.



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# North America & US Analysis

### Ethylene Oxide North America Capacity By Country

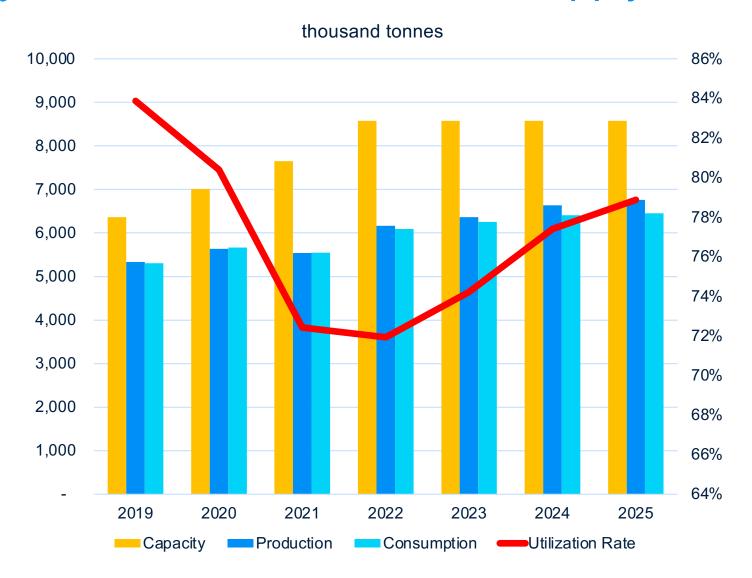


NORTH AMERICA	ETHYLENE OXIDE			
	(Thousand Tonnes)			
CAPACITIES	20	115 2	2020	202
CANADA	1	265	1355	135
MEXICO		<b>1</b> 60	540	54
UNITED STATES	3	515	5115	668
TOTAL CAPACITY	52	40	7010	857
TOTAL PRODUCTION	47	39 5	5635	659
TOTAL CONSUMPTION	47	'18	5660	658

NA: 2<sup>nd</sup> largest EO producer globally in 2025

NA: 3rd largest EO consumer globally in 2025

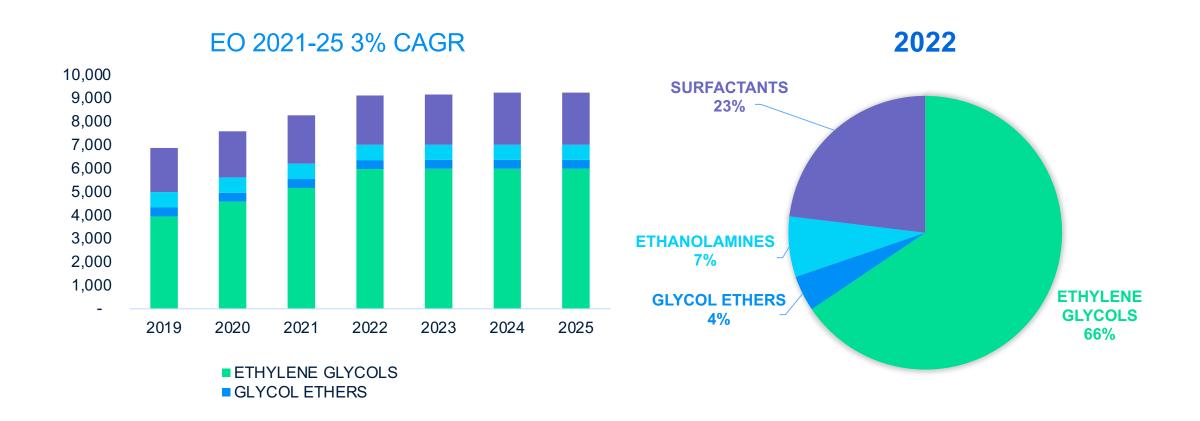
### Ethylene Oxide North America Supply & Demand



- United States
  utilization rates
  lower than pre COVID levels
  through 2025
- EG is the highvolume application and is expected to be the growing application 2-3% between 2022-2025.

### Ethylene Oxide Capacity by End-Use – North America







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### **Price Drivers**

#### **Market Prices**

### Cost

- Crude Oil
- Feedstock
- Labor
- Overhead
- Logistics
- Government

### Margin



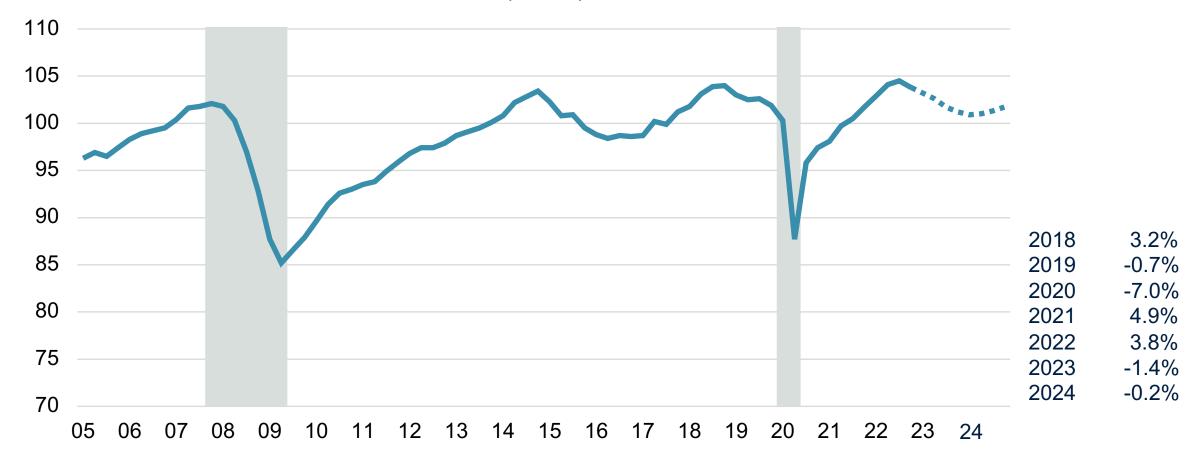
- Competition
- Supply & Demand
- Imports/Exports
- Number participants
- Sentiment
- Weather

### **Market Price**

- Cost
- Margin

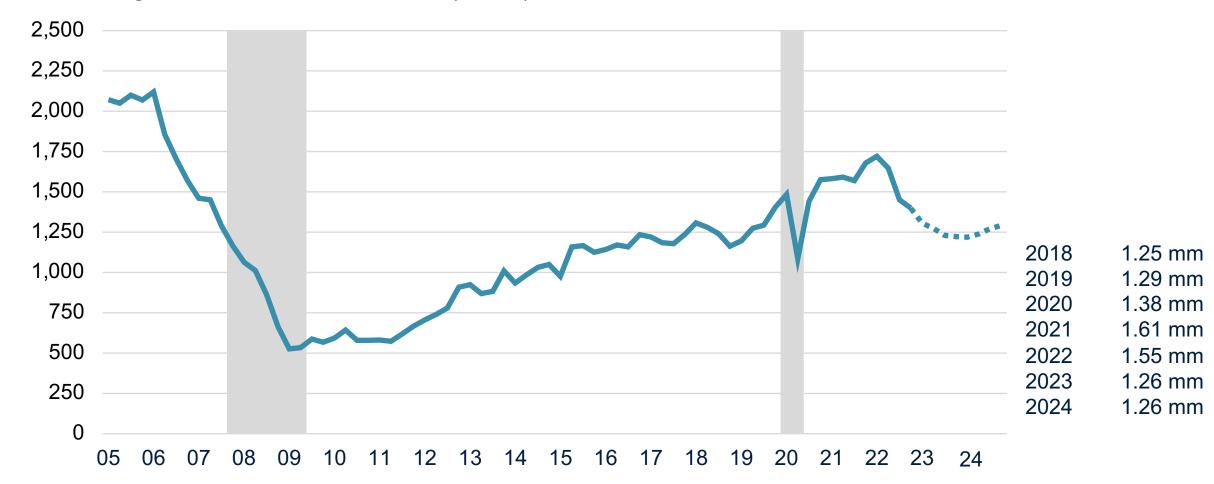
### Industrial production is waning amid softening end-use demand and inventory correction

Industrial Production – Index where 2017=100 (SAAR)



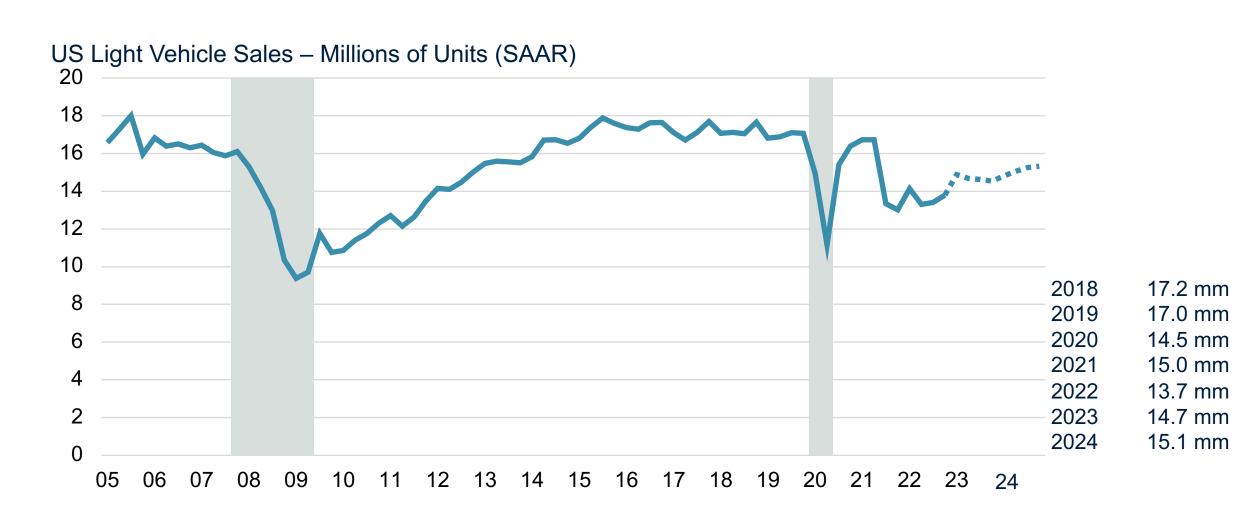
### Rising house prices and interest rates eroded affordability; activity has peaked for this cycle

US Housing Starts - Thousands of Units (SAAR)



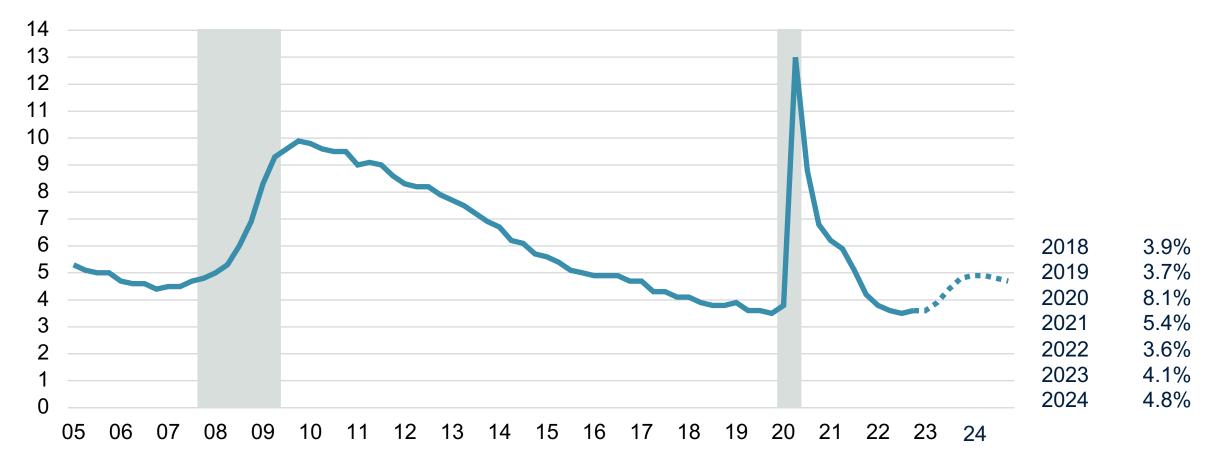
Sources: Census Bureau and ICIS analysis

### Pent-up demand will support light vehicle sales



### Demographics suggest tight labor markets and relatively low unemployment rate

Unemployment Rate (%)

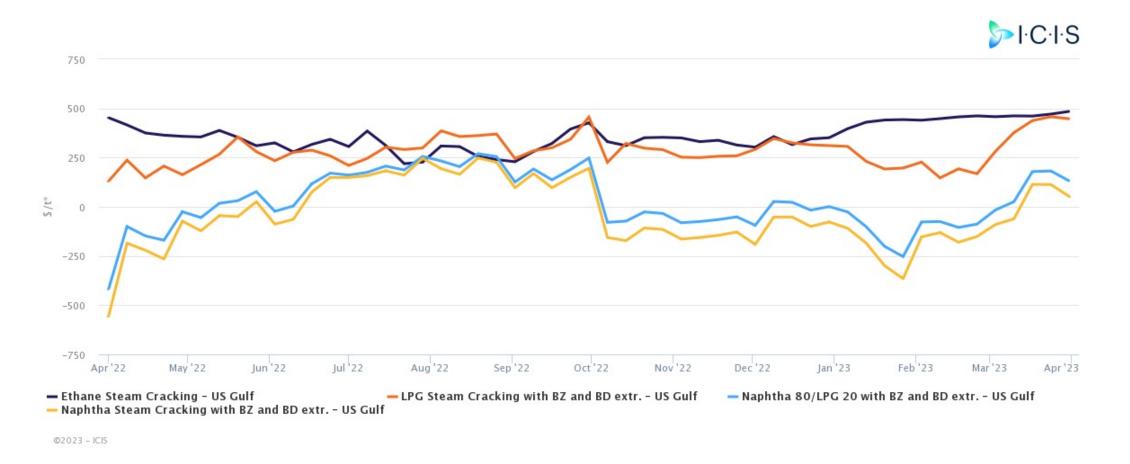


### With supply chain issues and too much monetary/fiscal stimulus, inflation surged but has peaked

% Y/Y Change in Consumer Prices



### Ethylene Cash Margins - USG



#### Ethane cracker still has advantage versus other feeds

**Source: ICIS Margin Analytics** 

### Ethylene Cash Margins – NE Asia

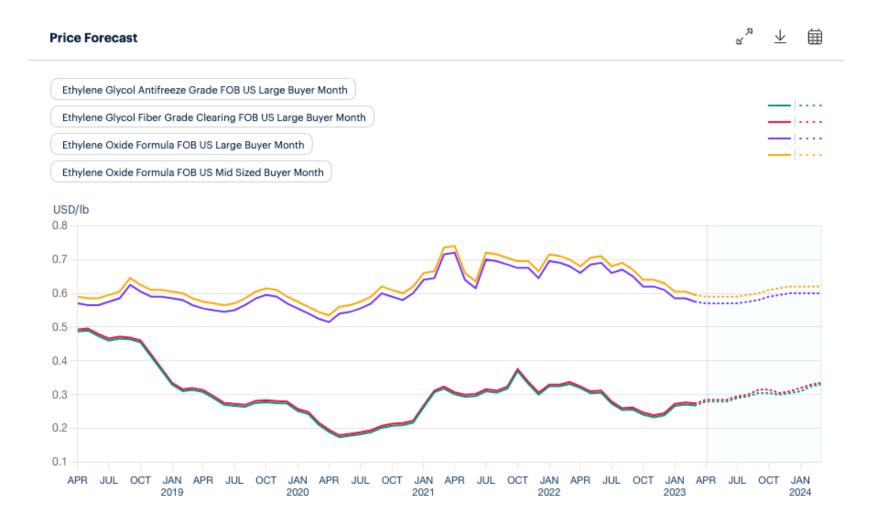


**Source: ICIS Margin Analytics** 



#### Most of ethylene is from naphtha

### EO & EG – Price History & Forecast



- EO expected to continue above pre-COVID levels and following C2
- EG price should increase through 2024 however still below pre-COVID levels.

Source: ICIS CDI



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# Industry & Derivatives Viewpoints



### **Ethylene Oxide**

NP capacity additions 2019-2022 were tied with EG production

- Low operating rates between 2021 and 2022 were due to EG low demand (China)
- EODs increased consumption
  - Indorama's IODs (Integration Huntsman & Oxiteno)
  - Dow Plaquemine (Sep '22)
  - Stepan 2024



### **Ethylene Oxide Developments**

 LyondellBasell looking for strategic options for their EOEG business (Bayport, TX 800 mm lbs. for EO, 700 for EG and 415 for e-series glycol ethers)

- Mitsui
  - Bio EOEG (including bio-PET)
  - FID 2023
  - \$550 million
  - 2025/26

### NA Estimated GAGR 2022-2025



E Glycols

• 2.0-2.5%

**Glycol Ethers** 

• 2.5-3.0%

Surfactants & EA

• 2.5-3.0%



### **Summary**

- NA integrated producers have advantaged costs
- Mitsui only new capacity in near future

- PEO, EODs more sustainable margins if compared to EG
- Additional supply will come from productivity gains

Thank you

