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What and who is BRICS?

- BRICS is a coalition of global economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- The BRICS abbreviation consists of the first letters of the country names.
- "BRIC", coined by economist Jim O'Neil in 2001, denotes rapidly growing economies set to collectively influence the global economy significantly by 2050.
- South Africa joined the original BRIC in 2010, creating BRICS.
- South Africa is hosting the 15th annual BRICS summit in Johannesburg in August 2023.
- 41% of the world's population lives in these 5 countries (3.27 billion people).
- The BRICS countries generate 26% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- In 2014, the BRICS Development Bank (aka New Development Bank) was founded as a counterbalance to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the G7 and the World Bank.



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BRICS Financial Developments



New Development Bank (NDB)

- NDB is a collaborative multilateral development institution operated by the five BRICS nations.
- Its primary lending focus is on infrastructure projects, with an approved annual lending capacity of up to \$34 billion.
- Currently, the bank is overseeing 53 ongoing projects valued at approximately \$15 billion.



BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA)

- The CRA serves as a framework designed to mitigate global liquidity challenges, or where member nations' national currencies are adversely affected by worldwide financial pressures.
- The CRA is often viewed as a competitor to the IMF and, with the NDB, exemplifies the strengthening of South-South Cooperation, which is a broad framework for collaboration among countries of the South.



Potential Common Currency

- During the 2023 summit held in South Africa, the feasibility of a new common currency will be discussed.
- Some reasons may include fair and easier international trade, a major reduction in transaction costs and less reliance on the US Dollar.



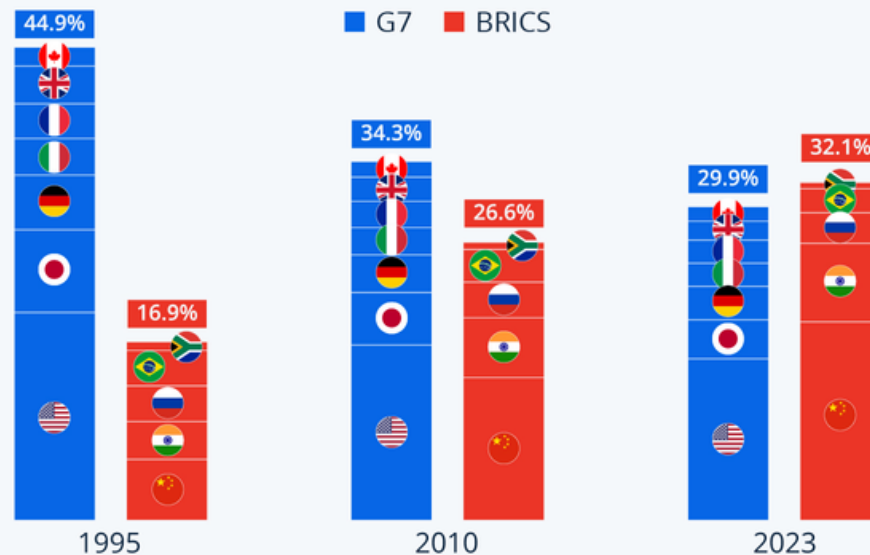
BRICS Economic Growth Compared to the G7



Shared GDP at purchasing power unity of G7 and BRICS nations

The Rise of the BRICS

G7 and BRICS countries' share of global GDP at purchasing power parity



2023 data based on IMF estimates as of April 2023
Source: IMF World Economic Outlook

During the last 20 years, a notable shift in the global economic and geopolitical landscape has taken place. The rise of BRICS nations has introduced a growing equilibrium to counter the longstanding dominance of the G7 (United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy and Japan).

Traditionally, the G7 maintained control over worldwide economic governance and decision-making, but with the BRICS nations undergoing swift economic expansion and advancement, the collective GDP of the five BRICS nations outperformed that of the G7 in 2020.



BRICS Commodity Power Houses

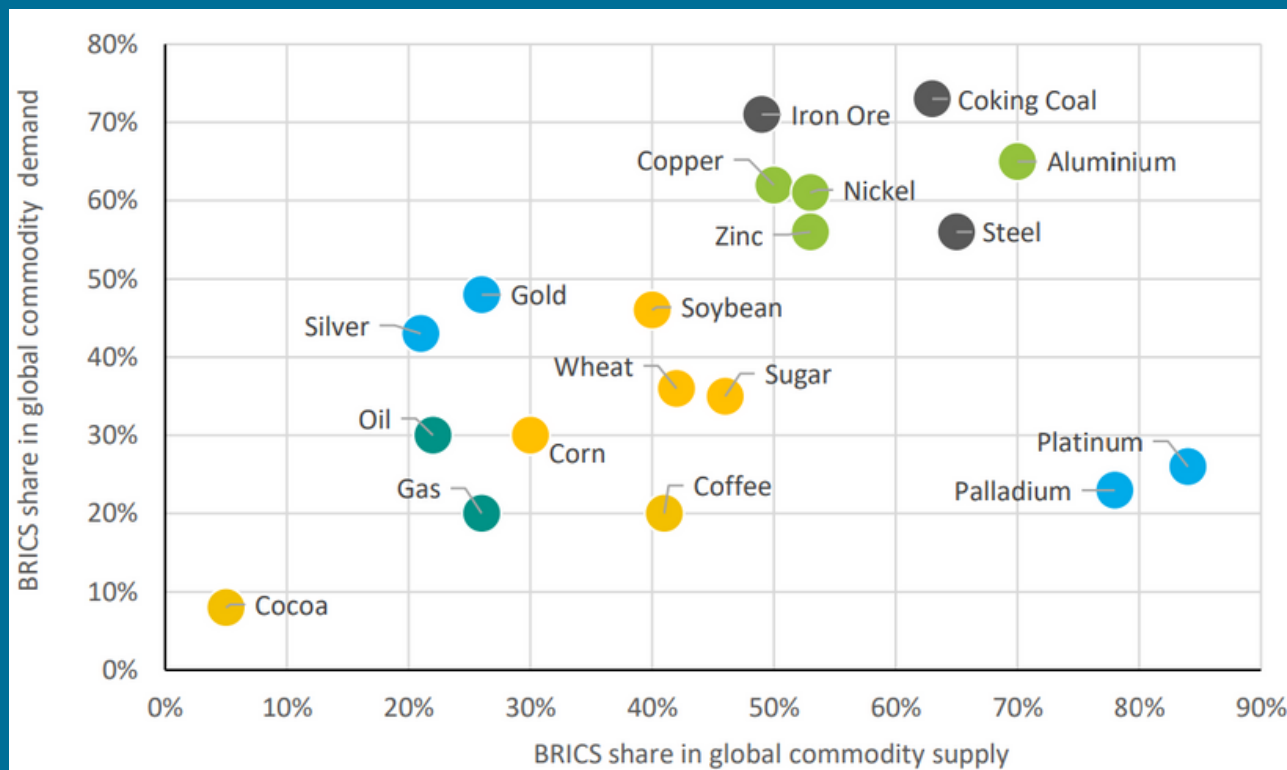


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BRICS share in commodity supply and demand as at 2019



Combined percentage major global commodity supply as at 2019

- 22% Oil & 26% Gas production
- 26% Gold production
- 84% Platinum production
- 78% Palladium production
- 70% Aluminium production
- 63% Coking Coal production
- 50% Copper production
- 49% Iron Ore production

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