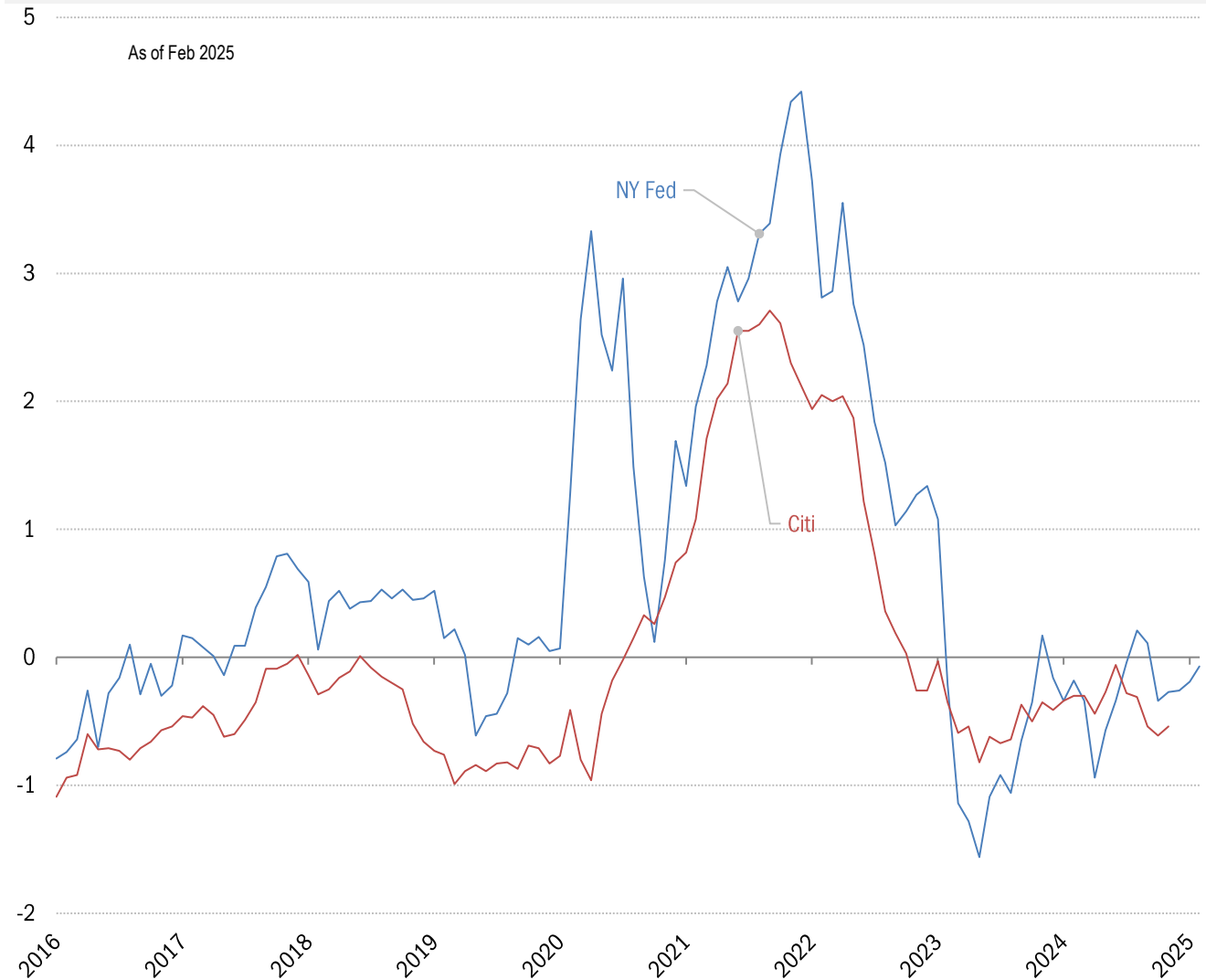


Data Insights: Retail Sales and Supply Chain Stress Monitor

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Supply chain pressure indices

Standard deviations from average



Source: [New York Fed](#), Citibank, TrendMacro calculations

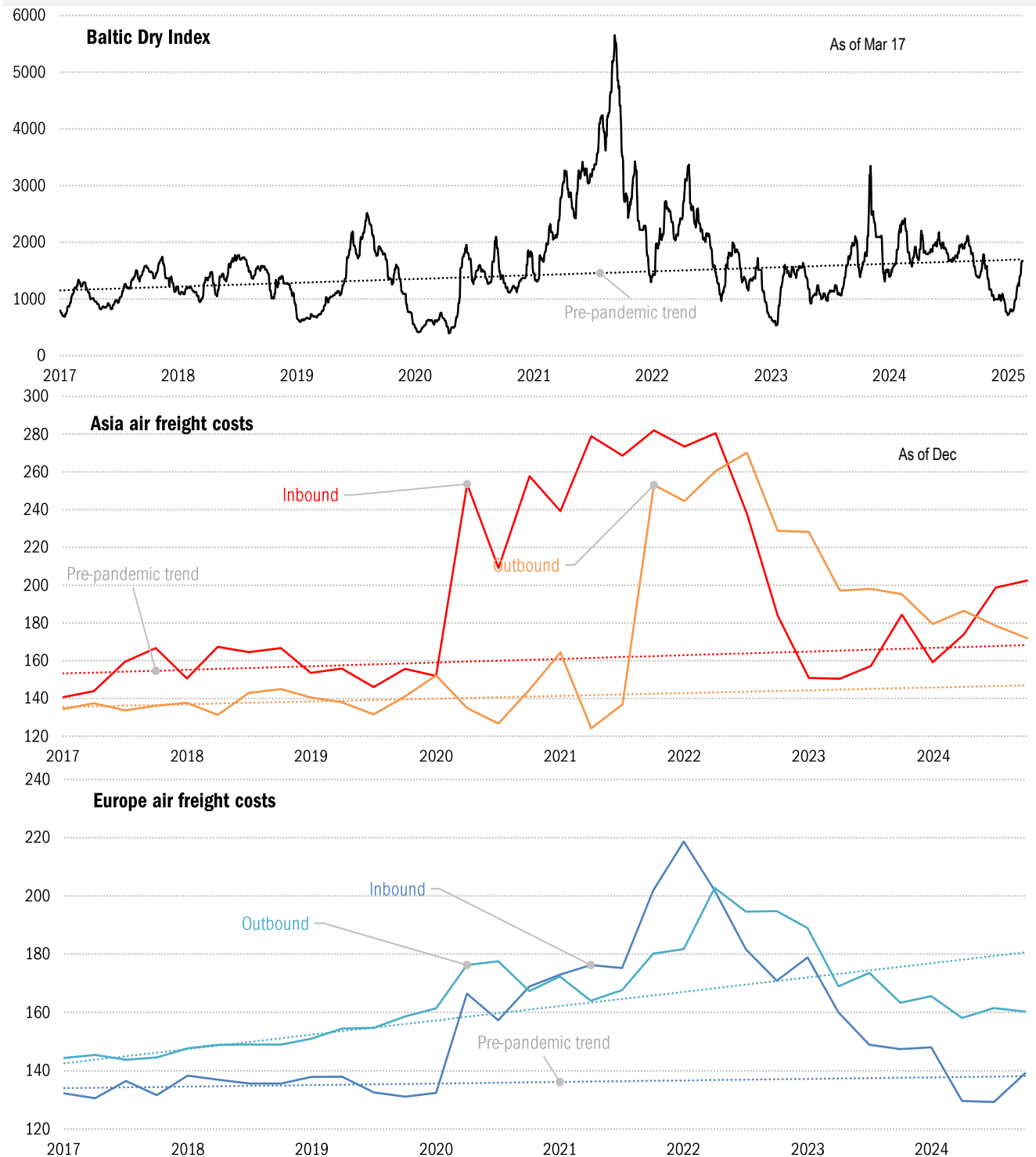
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Global transportation costs

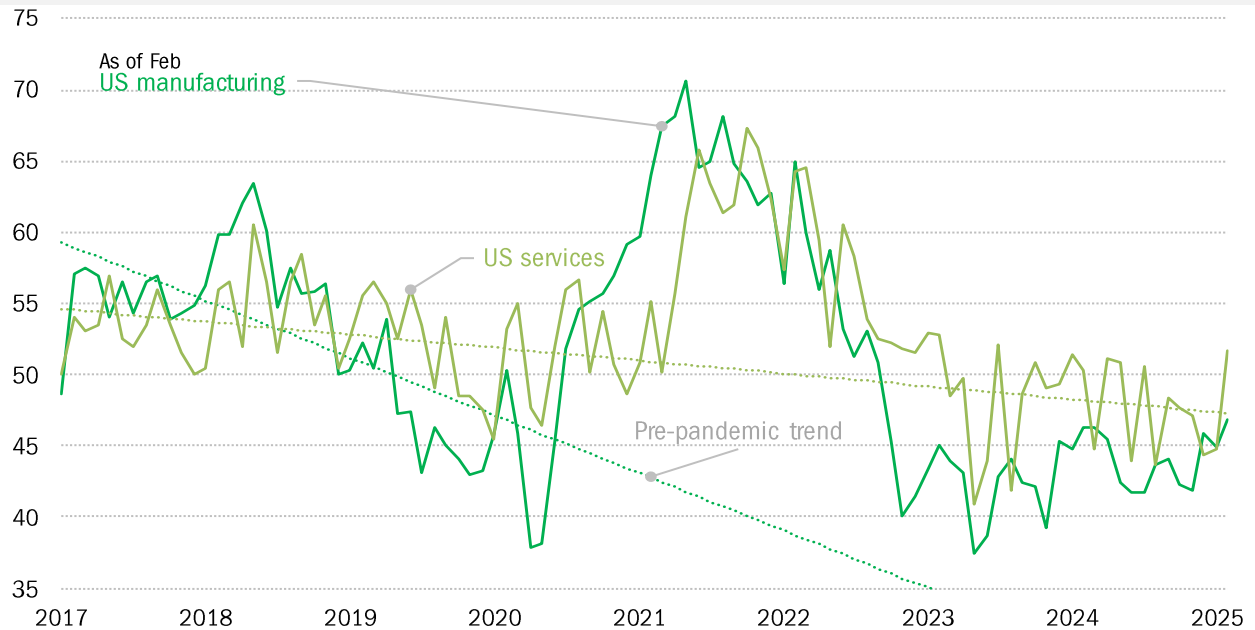
Index points



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US purchasing managers index: backlog of orders growing

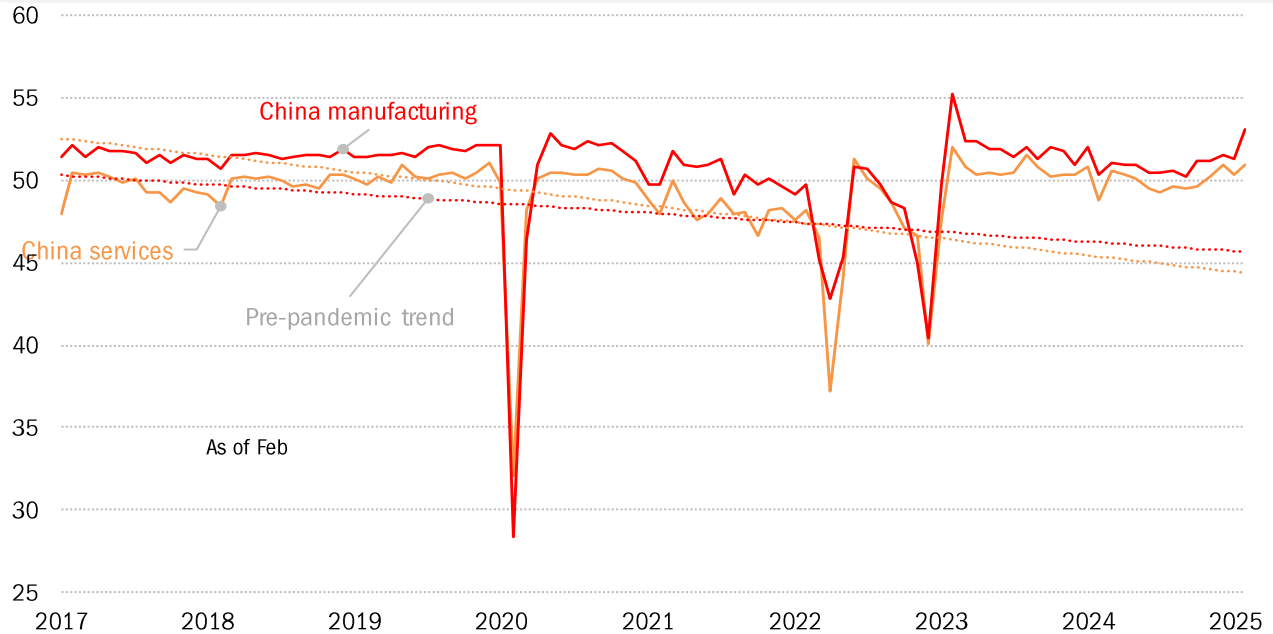
Diffusion index



Source: [ISM](#), TrendMacro calculations

China purchasing managers index: improving time-to-delivery from suppliers

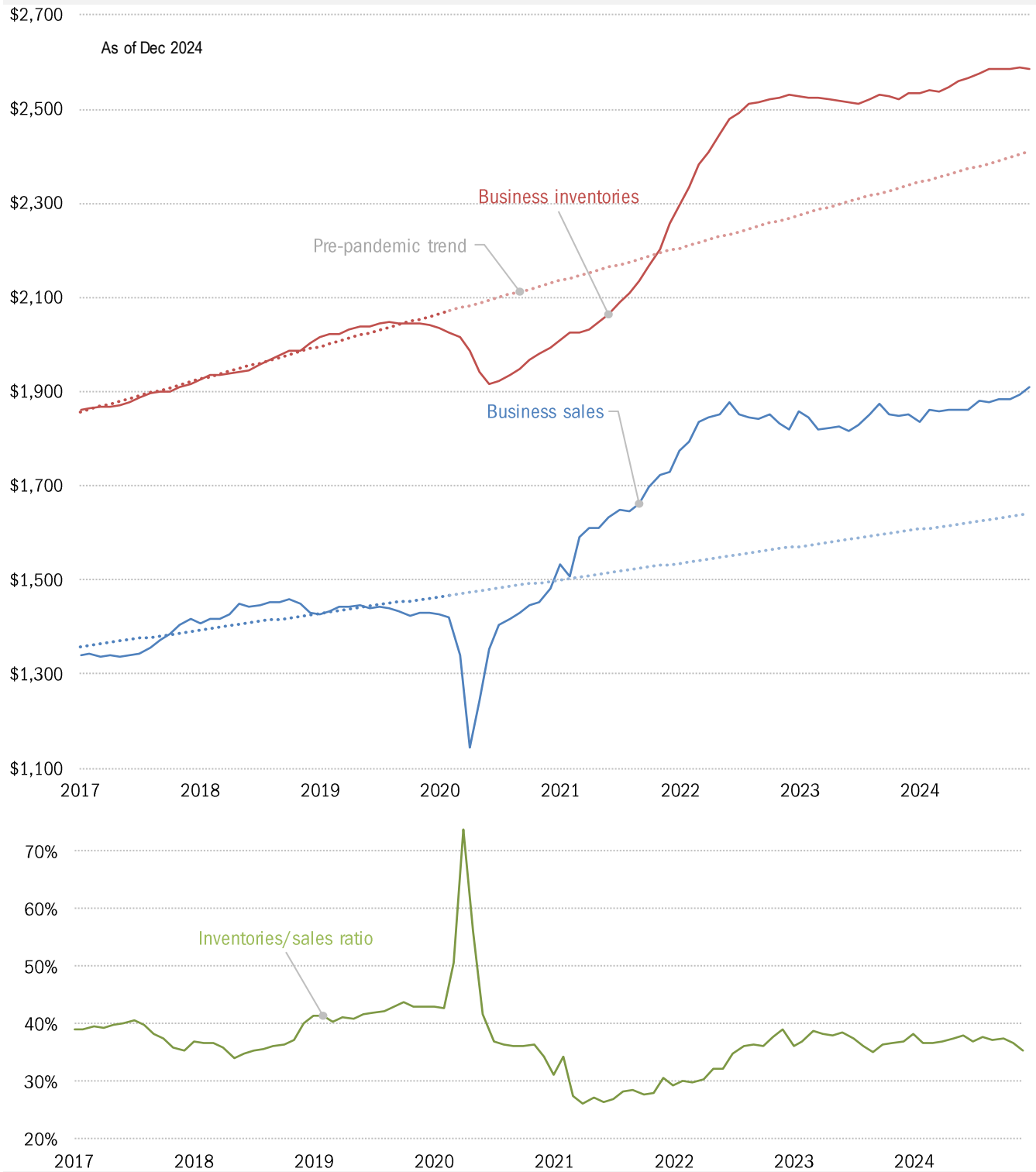
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The ecosystem: manufacturing and trade sales and inventories

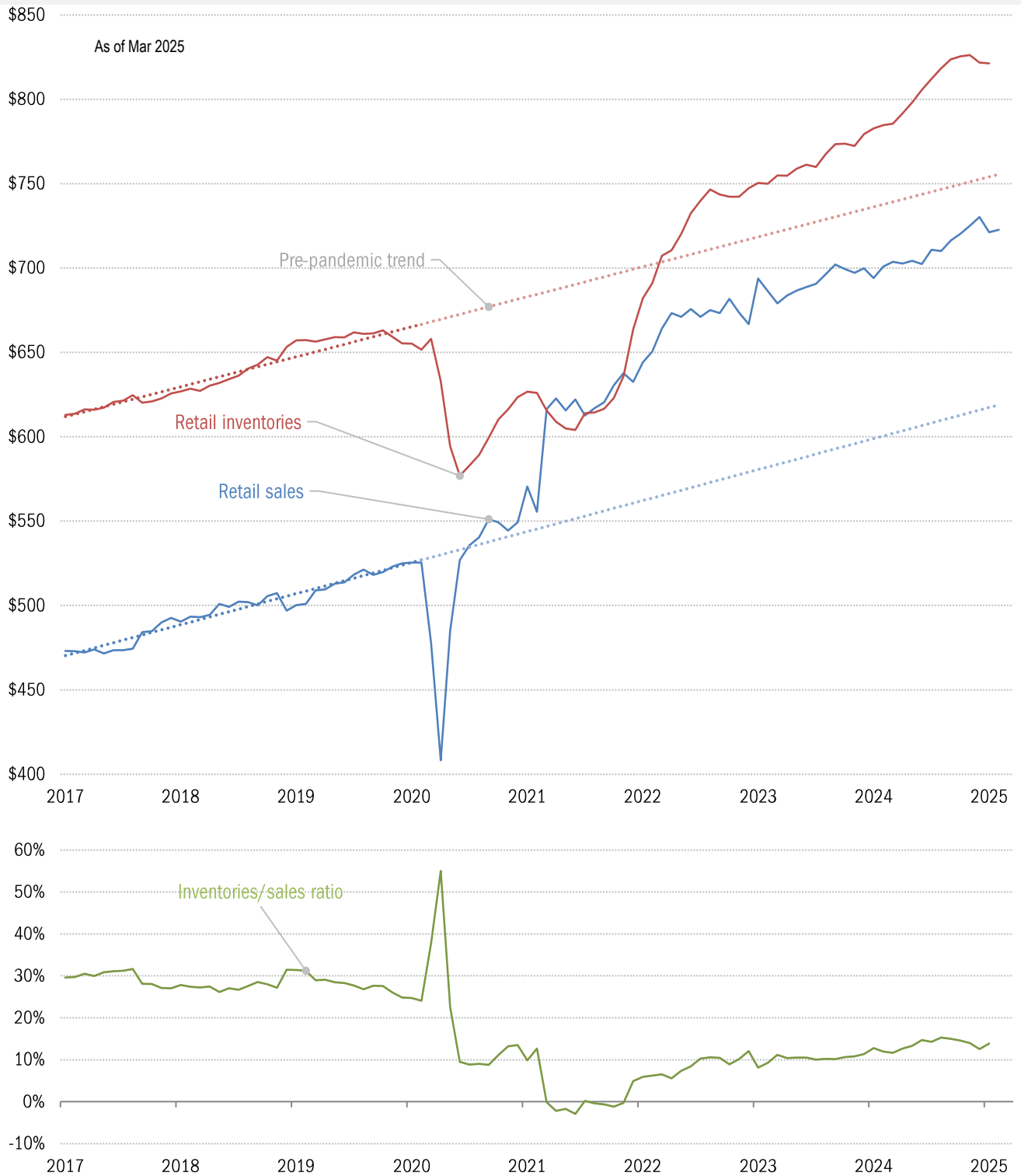
USD billions (DPI normalized to sale levels)



Source: [Census Bureau](#), [BEA](#), TrendMacro calculations

The Main Street sub-ecosystem: **retail** sales and inventories

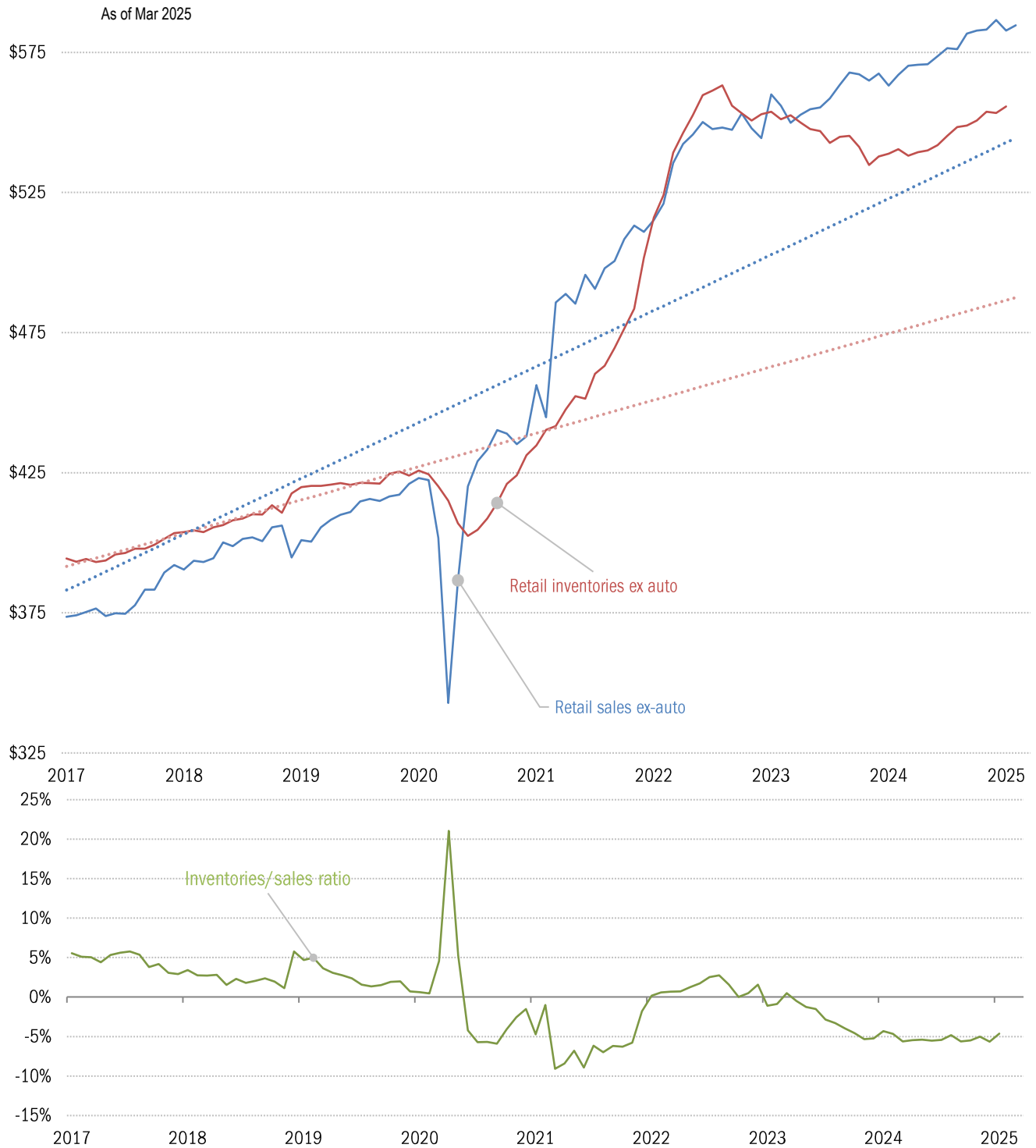
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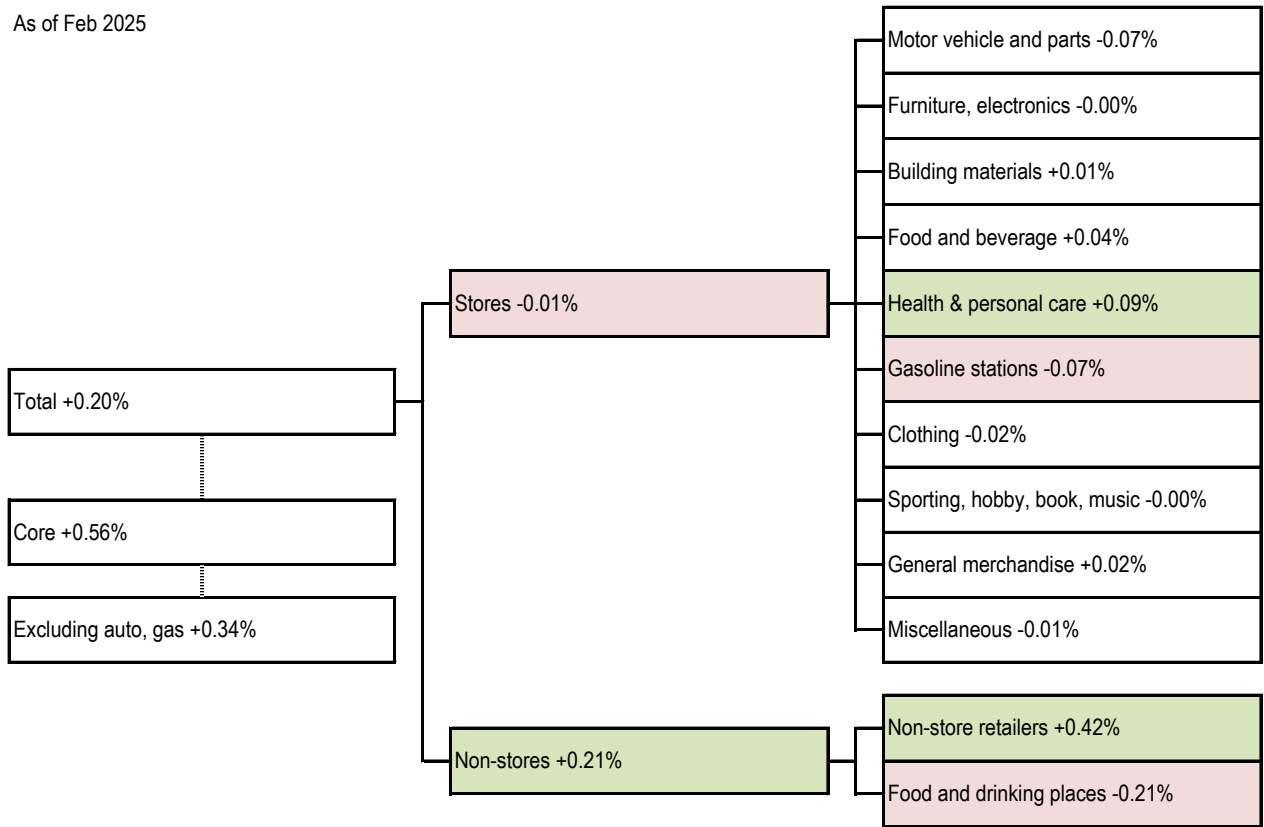
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Retail sales – where did the growth come from?

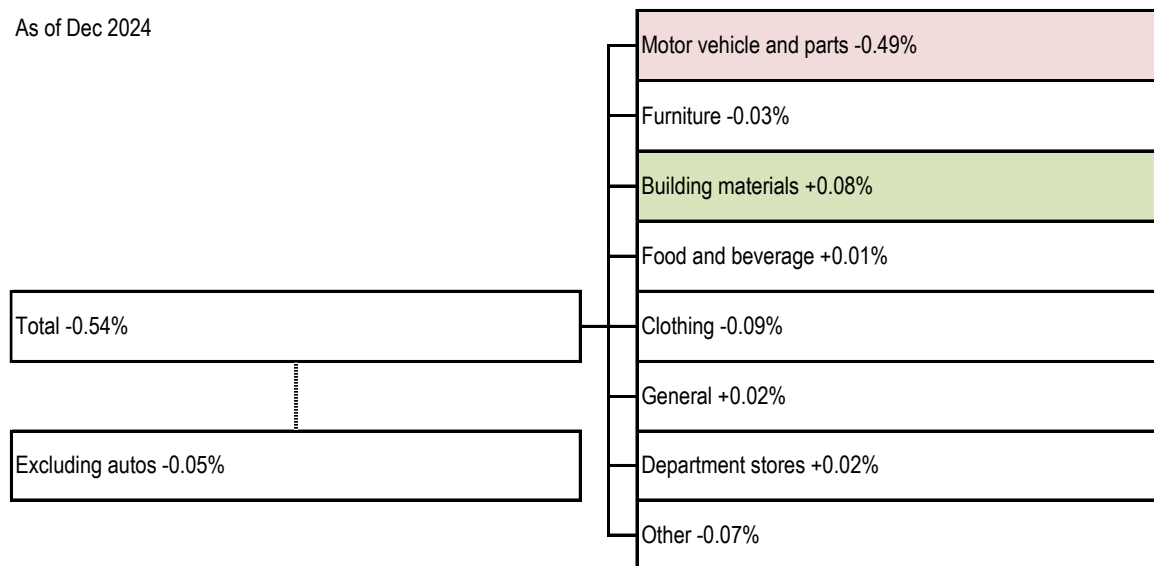
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Retail inventories – where did the growth come from?

Contributions to nominal, sequential month change, SA Biggest change per detail-level: ■ positive ■ negative

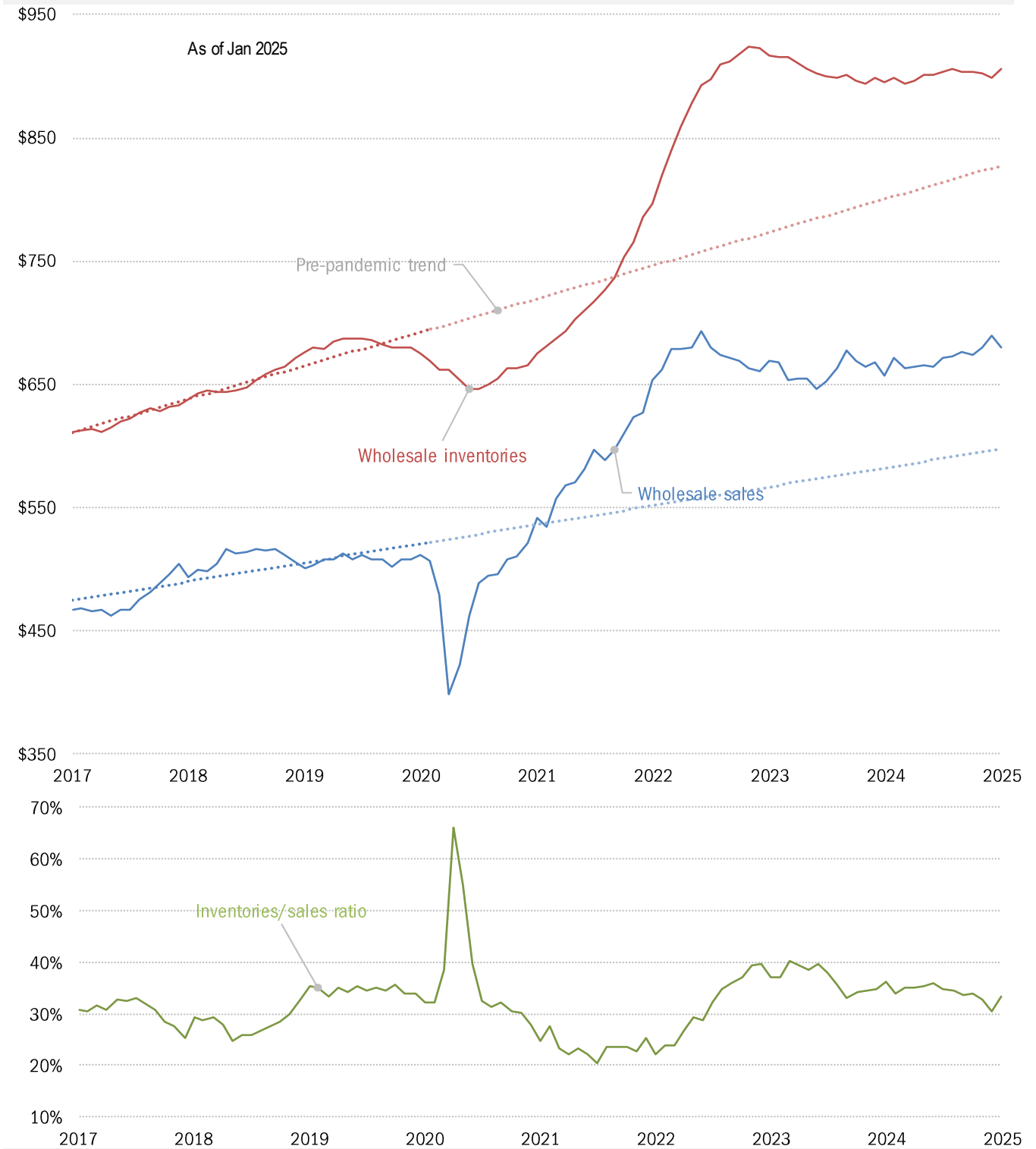
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The backstage sub-ecosystem: wholesale sales and inventories

USD billions

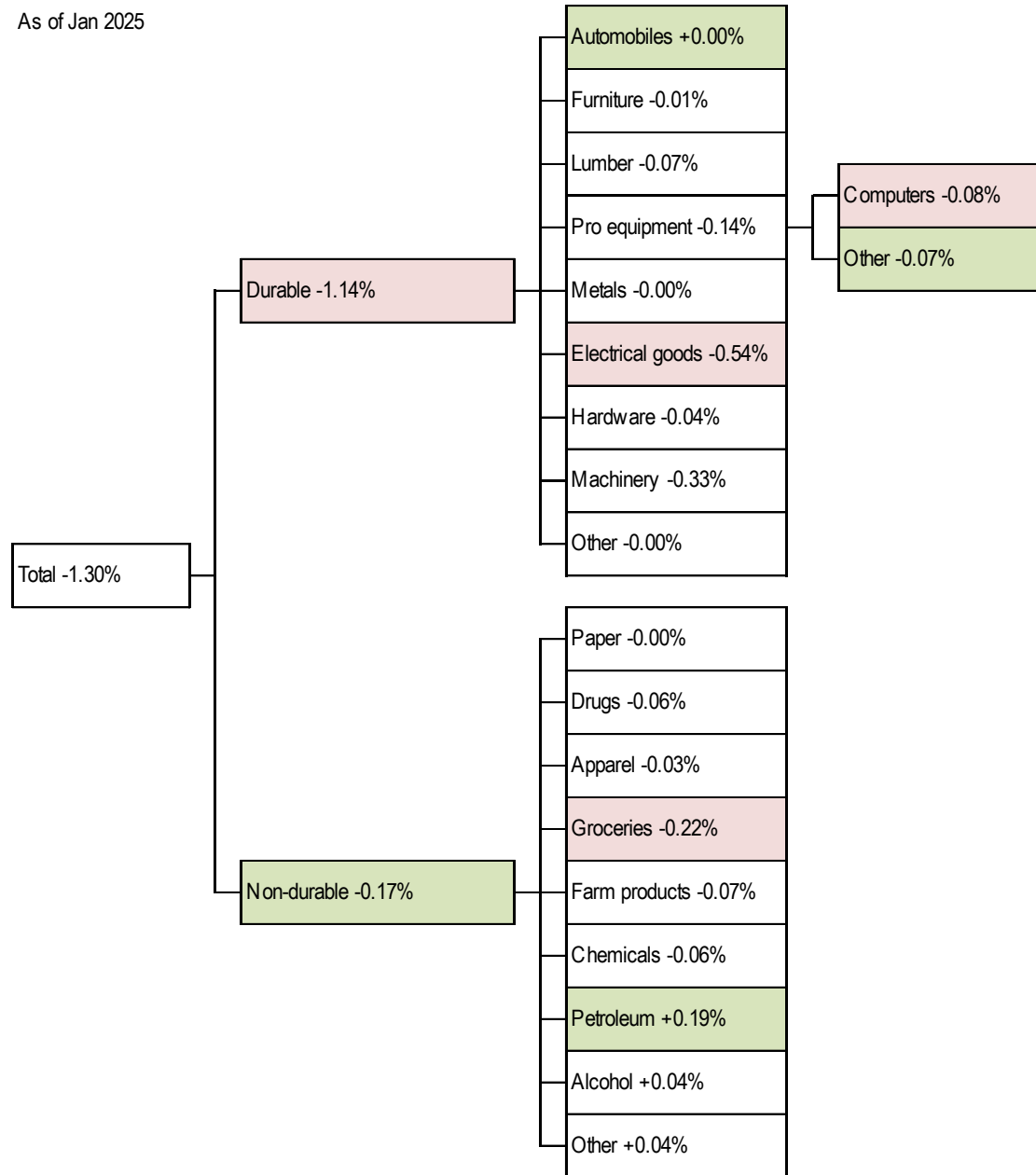


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Wholesale sales -- where did the growth come from?

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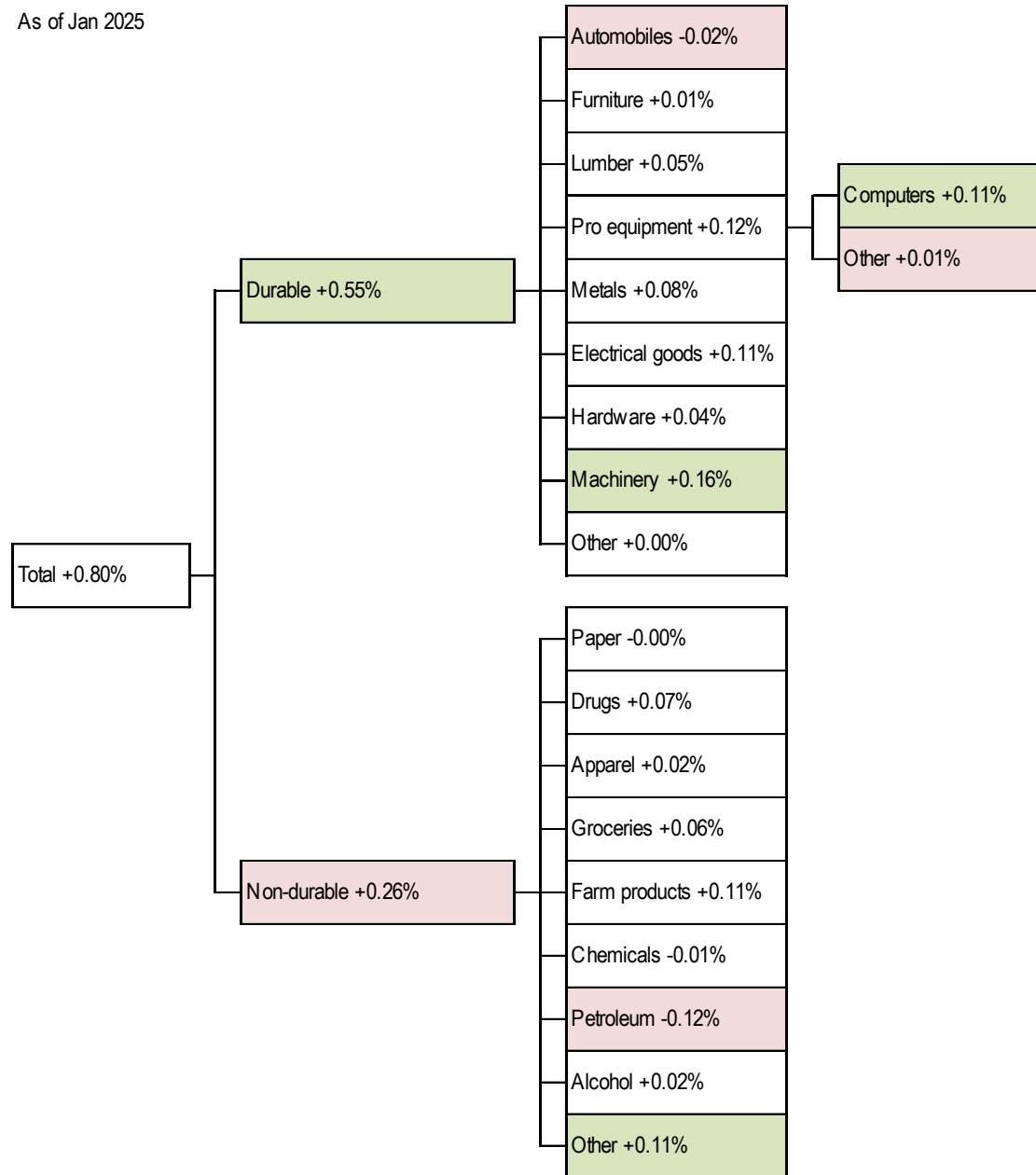


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