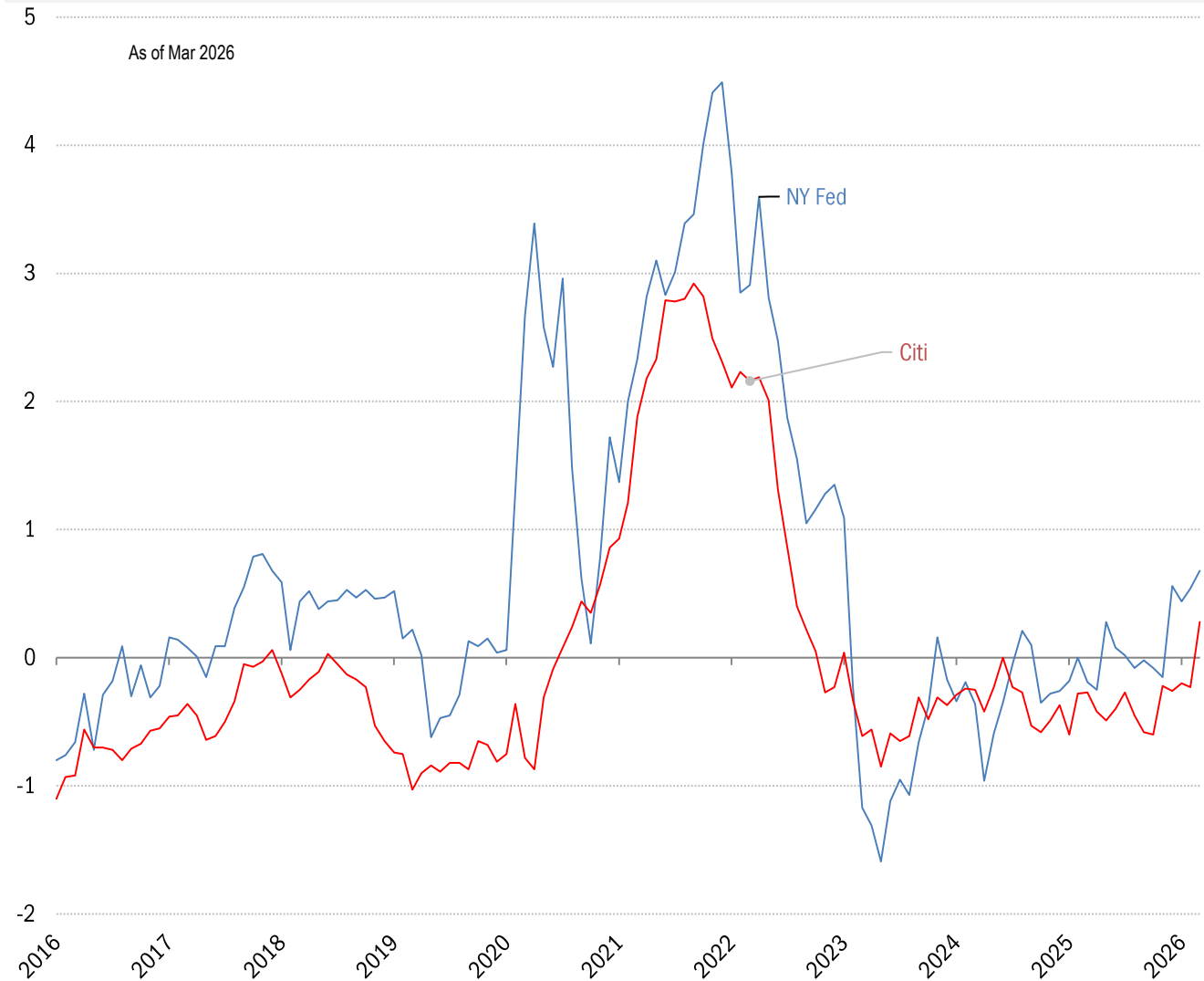


## Data Insights: Retail Sales and Supply Chain Stress Monitor

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### Global Supply Chain Pressure Indices

Standard deviations from average



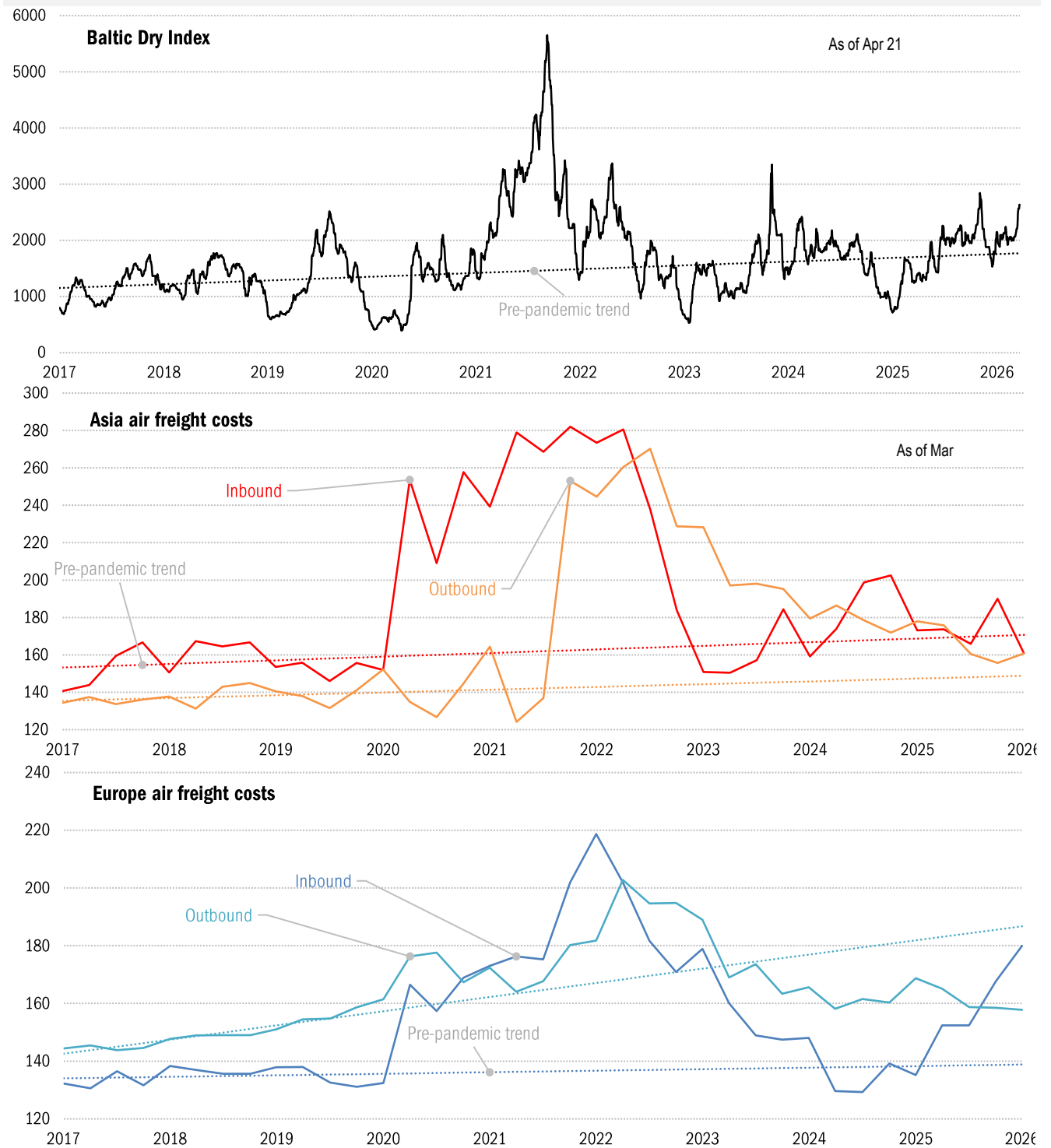
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# Global transportation costs

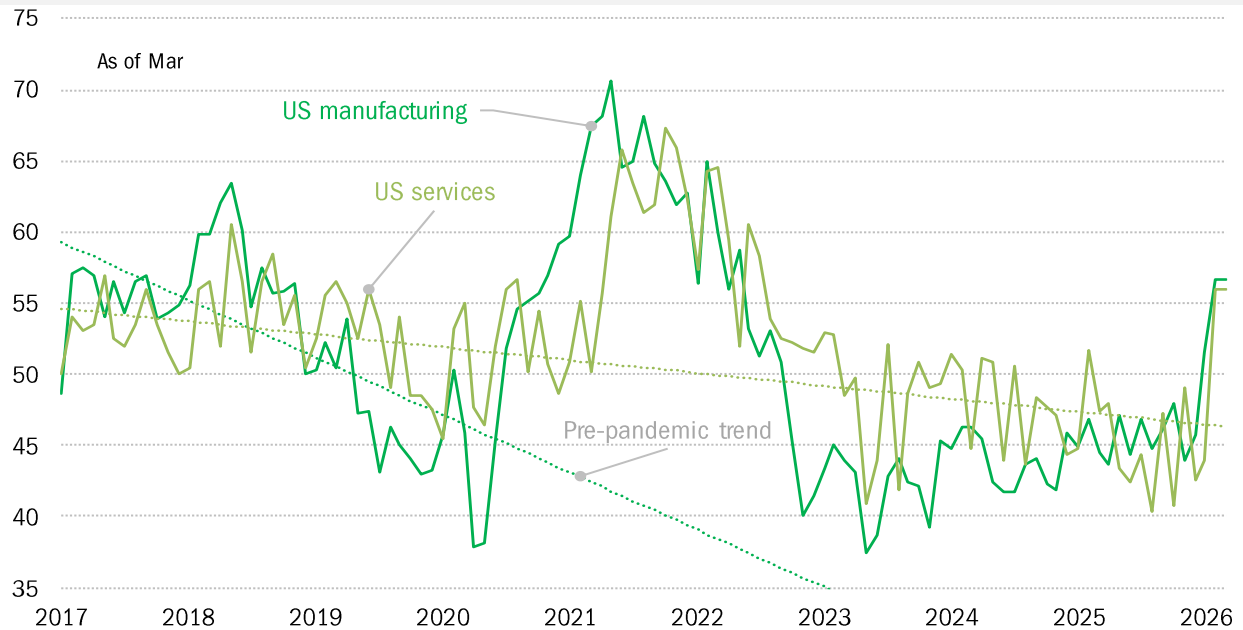
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## US purchasing managers index: backlog of orders growing

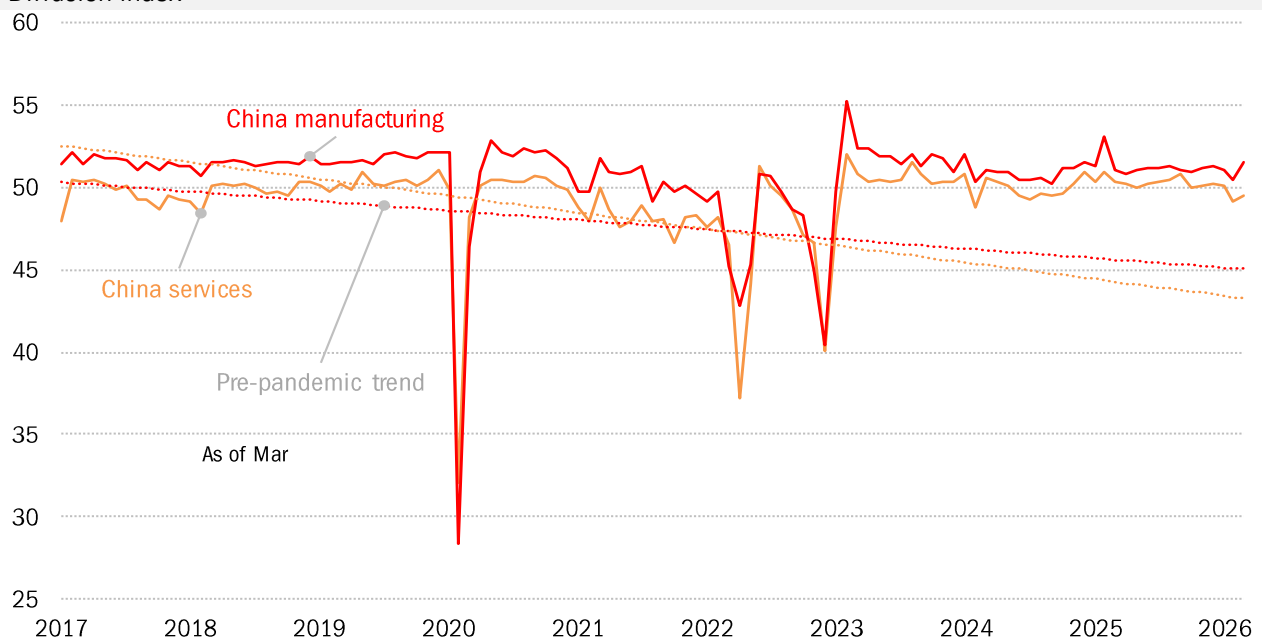
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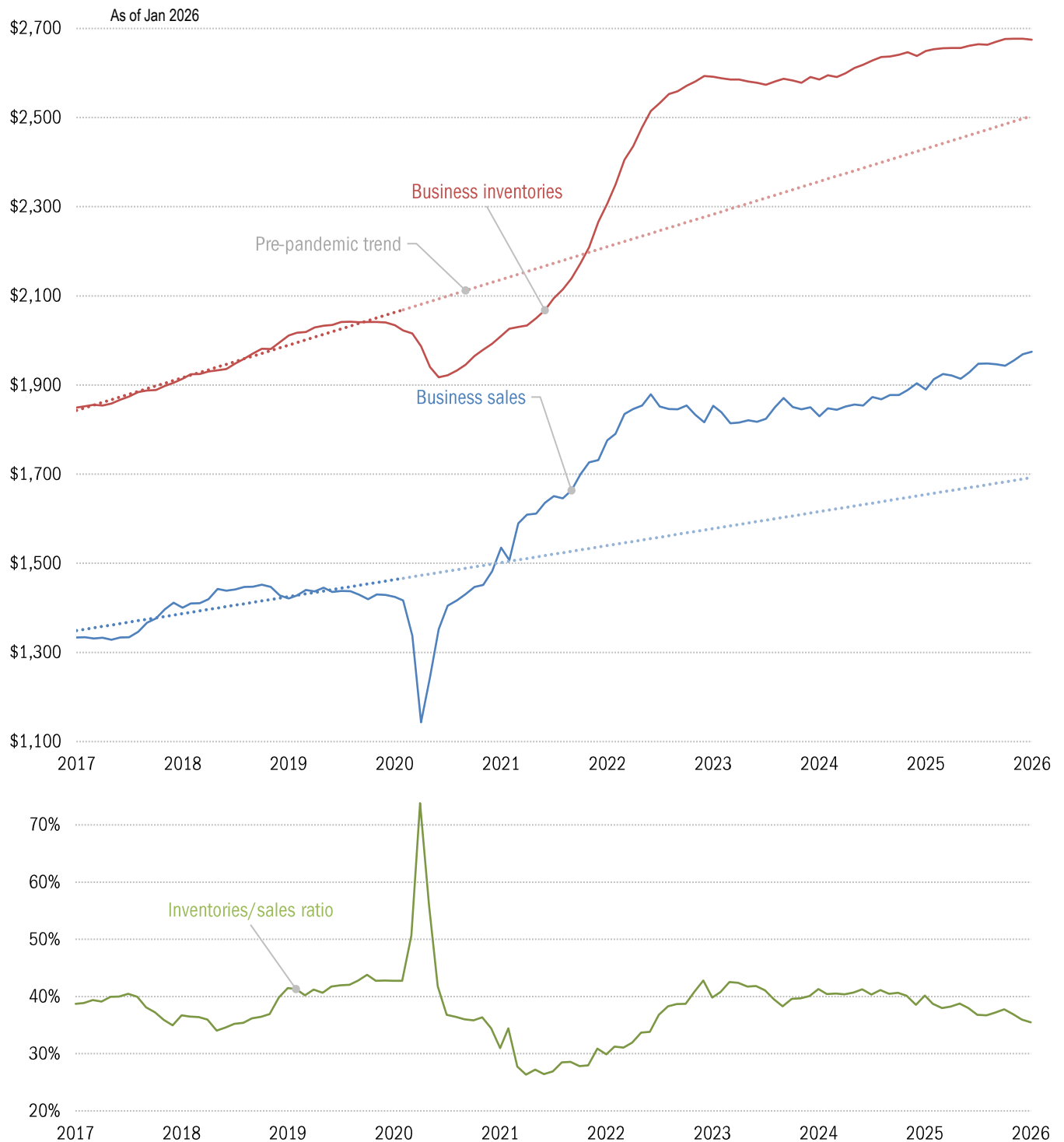
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# The ecosystem: **manufacturing and trade** sales and inventories

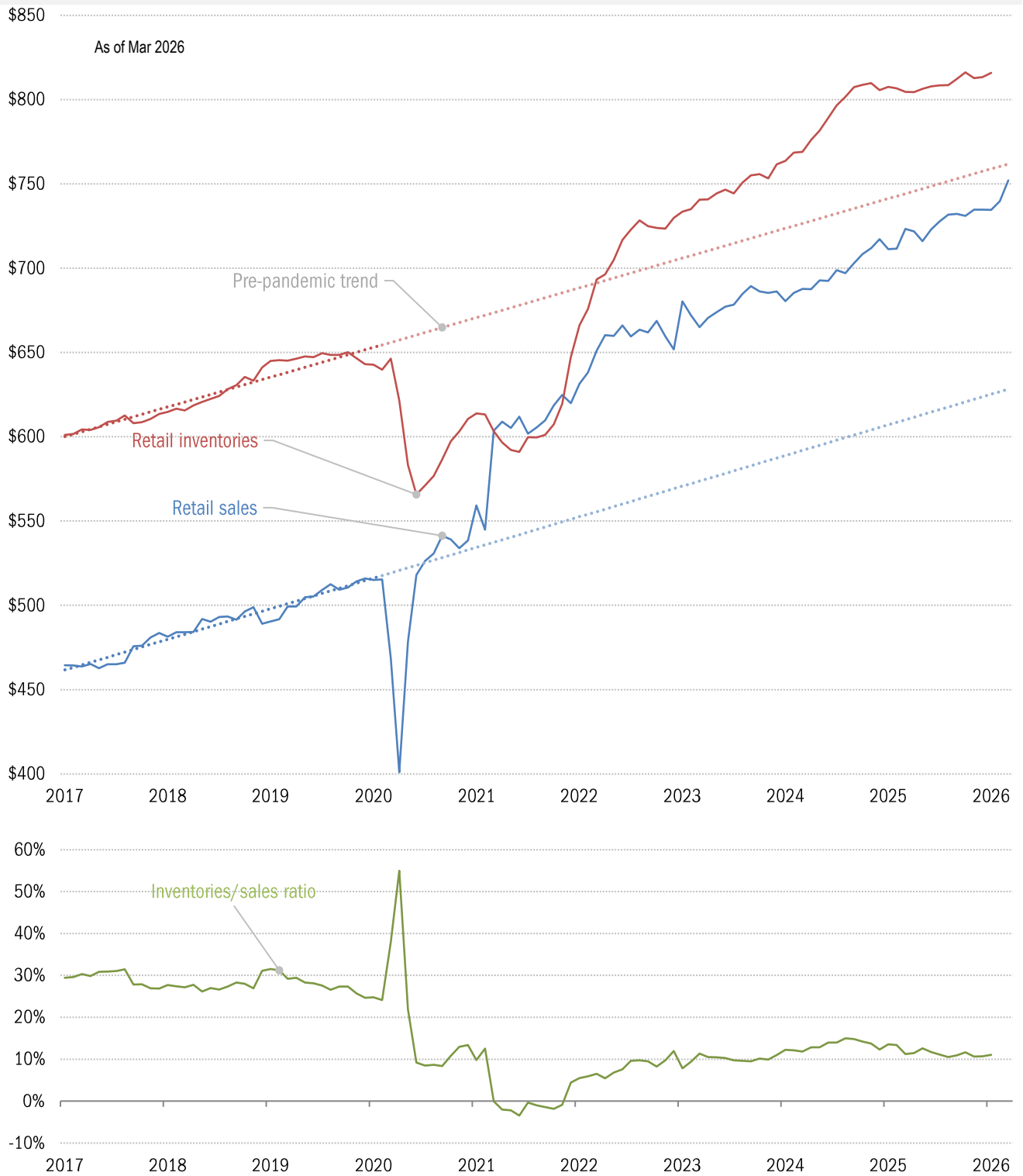
USD billions (DPI normalized to sale levels)



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

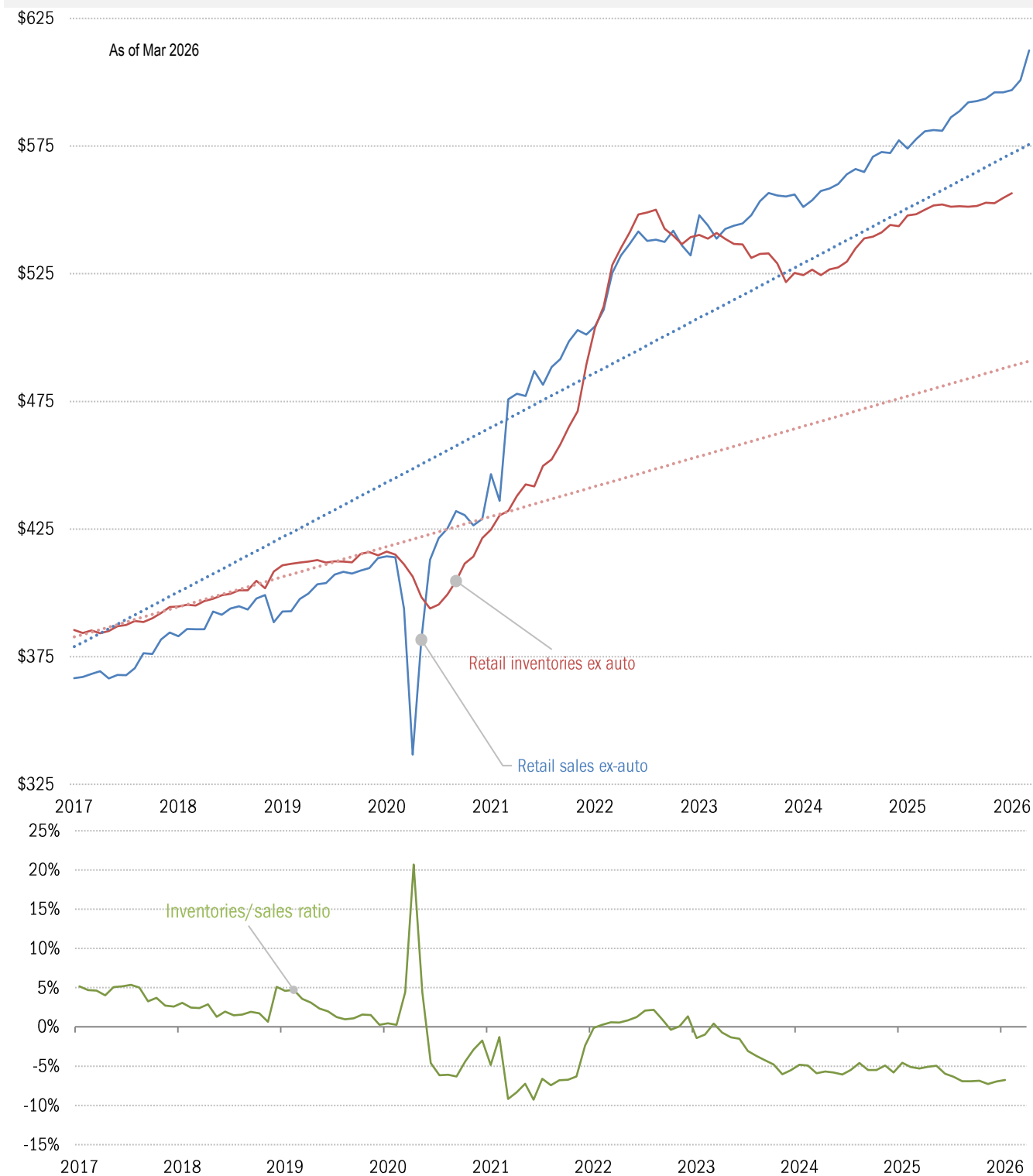
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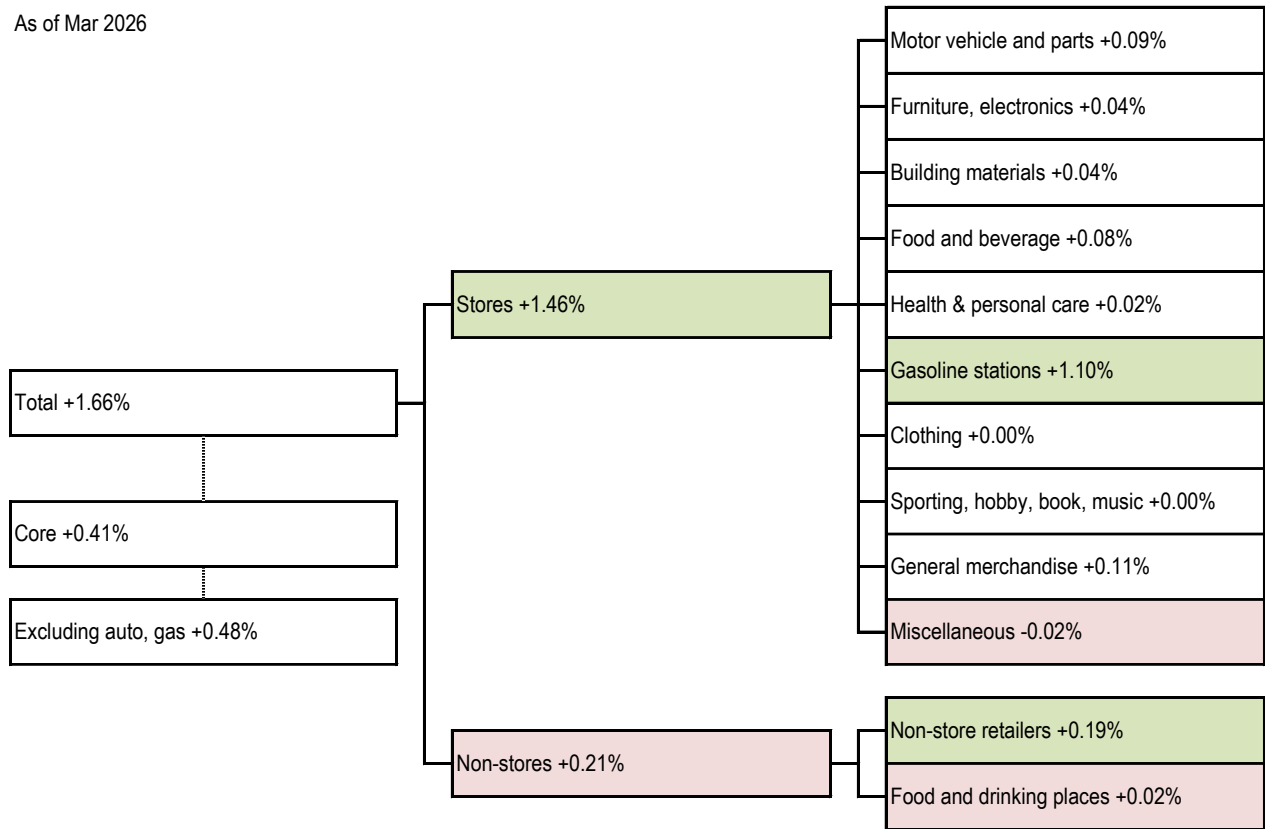
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## Retail sales – where did the growth come from?

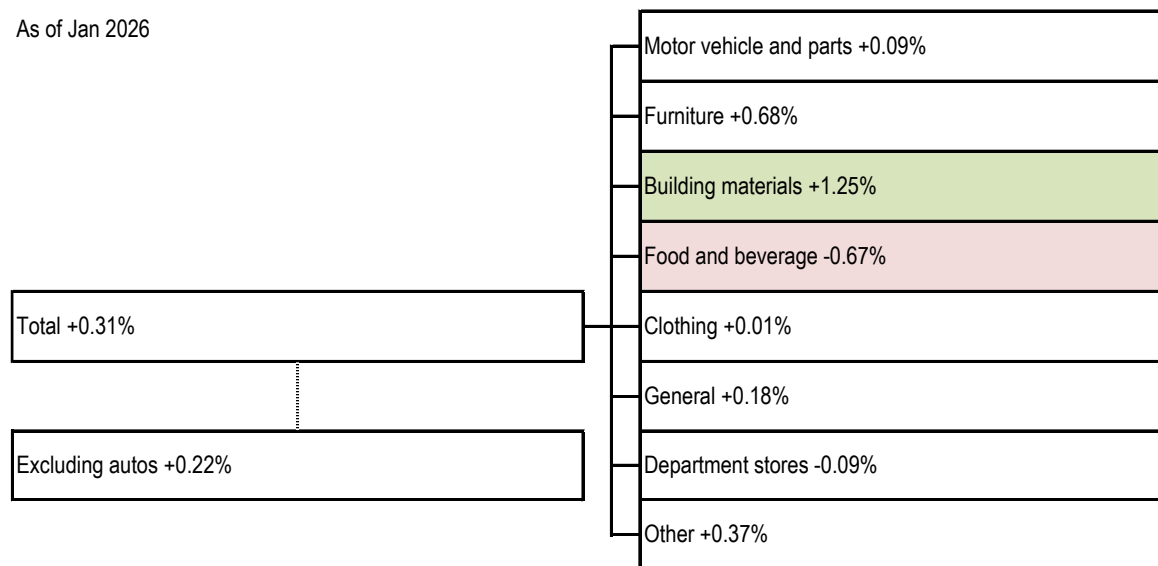
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## Retail inventories – where did the growth come from?

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

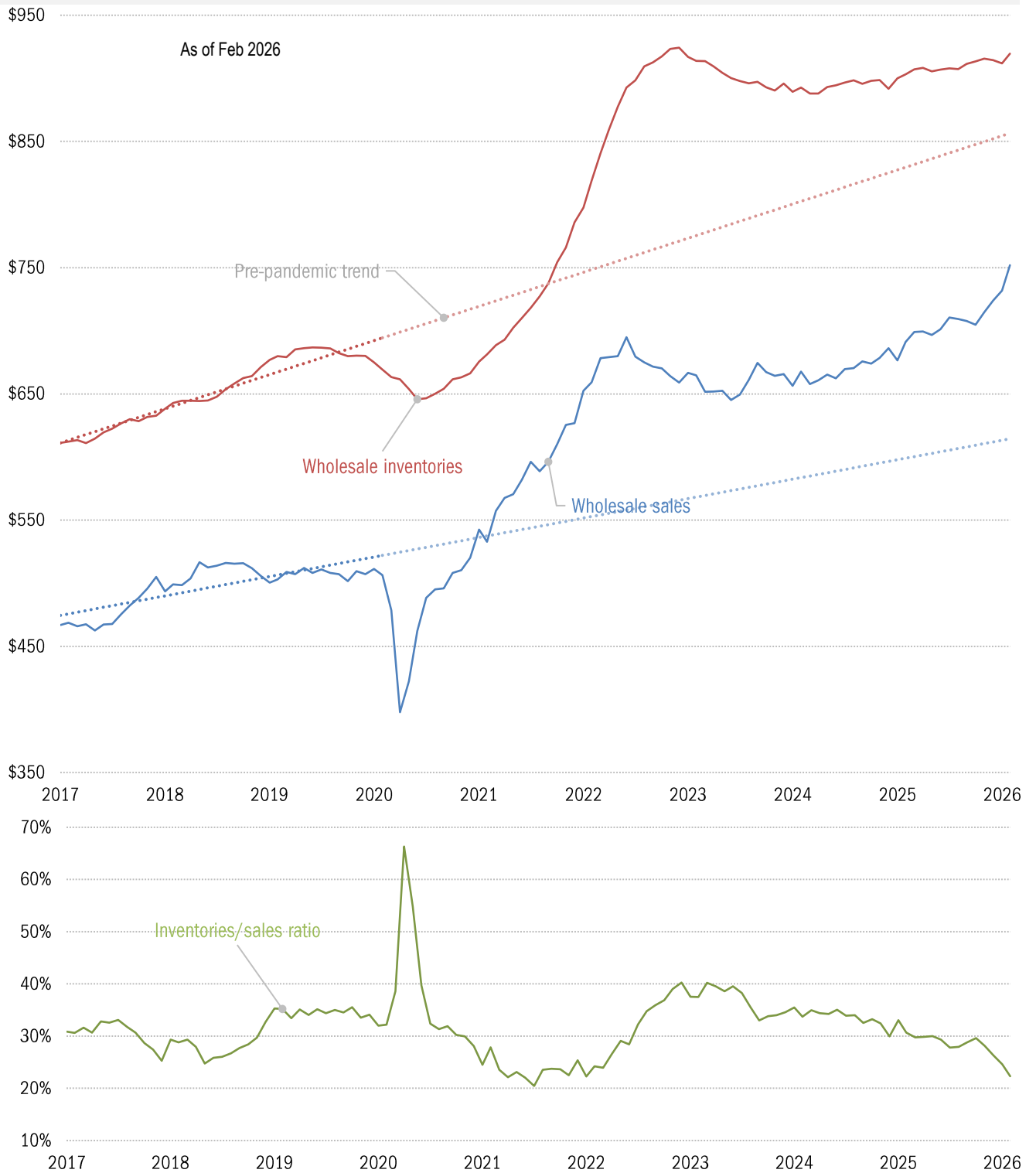
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# The backstage sub-ecosystem: wholesale sales and inventories

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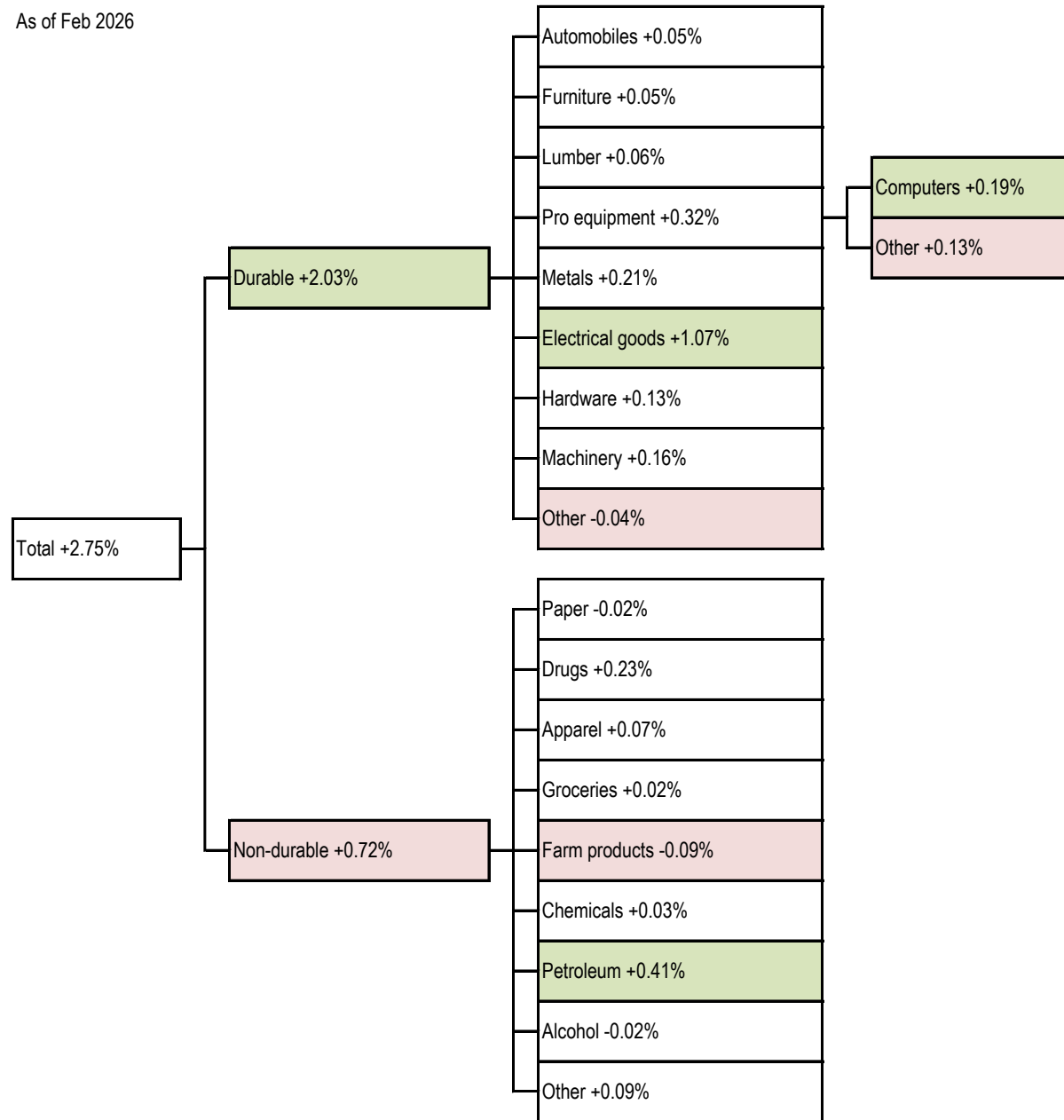


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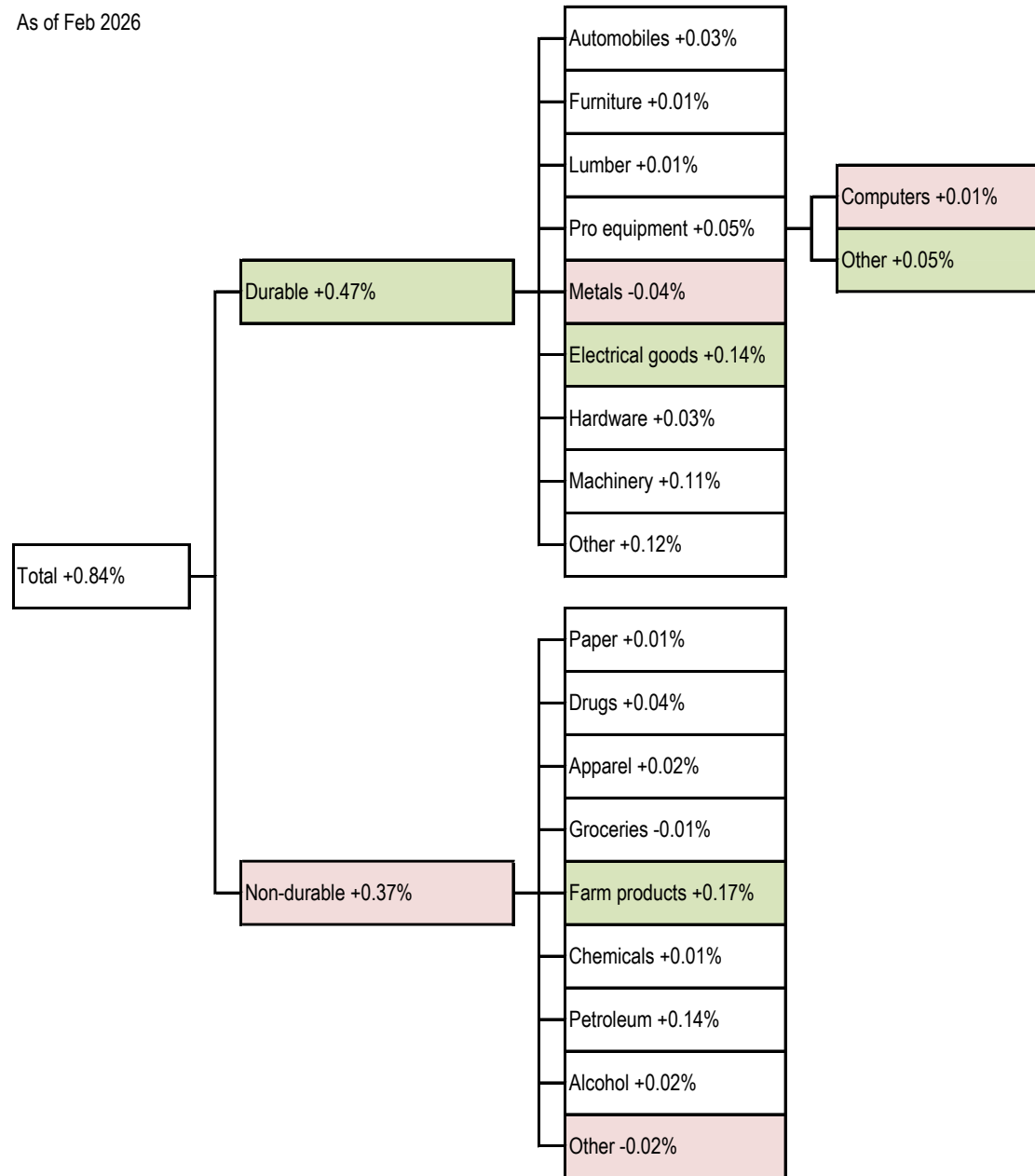


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