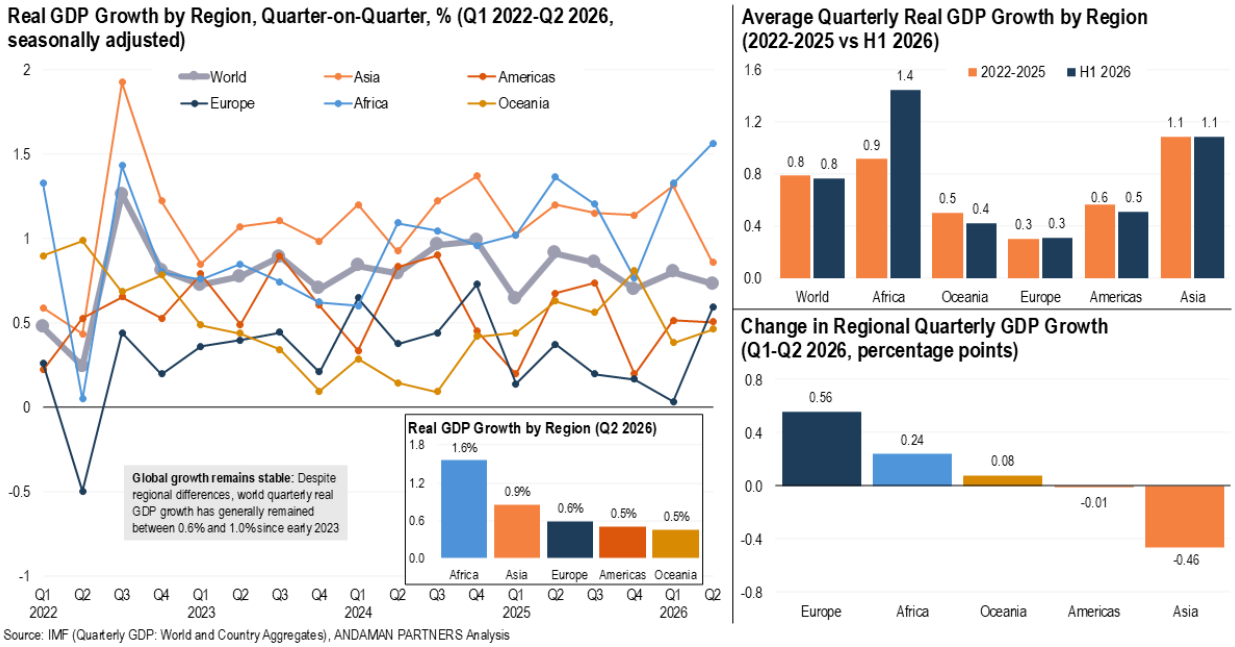
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Global Economic Growth Diverges in 2026 as Africa Accelerates and Asia Moderates

Africa leads regional growth in H1 2026, while Asia moderates, Europe shows signs of recovery and global expansion remains relatively stable



Source: IMF (Quarterly GDP: World and Country Aggregates), ANDAMAN PARTNERS Analysis

The global economy is moving at a relatively steady pace, but beneath the surface, regional growth patterns are diverging. Quarterly GDP data through Q2 2026 reveal a world in which Africa is gaining momentum, Asia is moderating, and Europe is showing signs of recovery.

Africa is the standout performer. Its economy expanded 1.6% quarter-on-quarter in Q2 2026, while average quarterly growth reached 1.4% in H1, up from 0.9% during 2022-2025. Asia remained the second-fastest-growing region in Q2 at 0.9%, although its growth rate moderated from the previous quarter.

Europe recorded the greatest improvement in quarterly momentum, with growth accelerating by 0.56 percentage points to 0.6% in Q2. The Americas and Oceania expanded by approximately 0.5%, while world GDP growth remained relatively stable at 0.7%.

The broader picture shows global resilience amid regional divergence. Africa is emerging as a stronger source of growth, Asia remains a major engine of global expansion, and Europe is regaining some momentum. For international businesses, the global economy is not moving in one direction, and understanding regional differences is increasingly important.

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