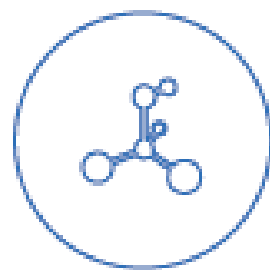


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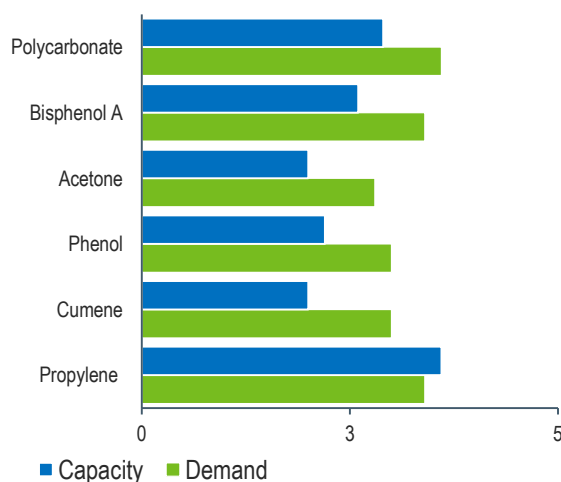
### Abstract:

Global propylene demand growth was relatively strong at 4.9 percent in 2016, down slightly from the 5.3 percent achieved in 2015, which was partly supported by restocking of some derivatives after the rush to deplete inventories which occurred in late 2014 as a result of the sudden slump in crude oil prices.

Demand growth into cumene/phenol has been particularly weak in recent years, but recovered in 2016 with growth of almost three percent globally.

Phenol was among the fastest growing of the major bulk chemicals for many years, but took a rapid downturn when its principal derivative polycarbonate suffered the collapse of demand into CD/DVD production. The other main phenol application is phenolic resins, which are mostly used as binders in wood products. The performance of the phenolic resins market closely follows the construction industry, which is enjoying a gradual recovery after a very steep downturn which led the economic global economic crisis ten years ago.

**Global Forecast, 2016-2025**  
(percent Volume Growth)



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