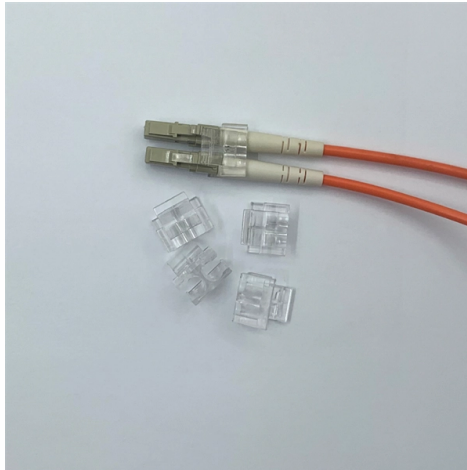


Why aren't optical module prices rising



AI Overview

Solar module prices remain relatively stable due to oversupply, cautious procurement, and technological cost mitigation, despite rising raw material costs like silver.

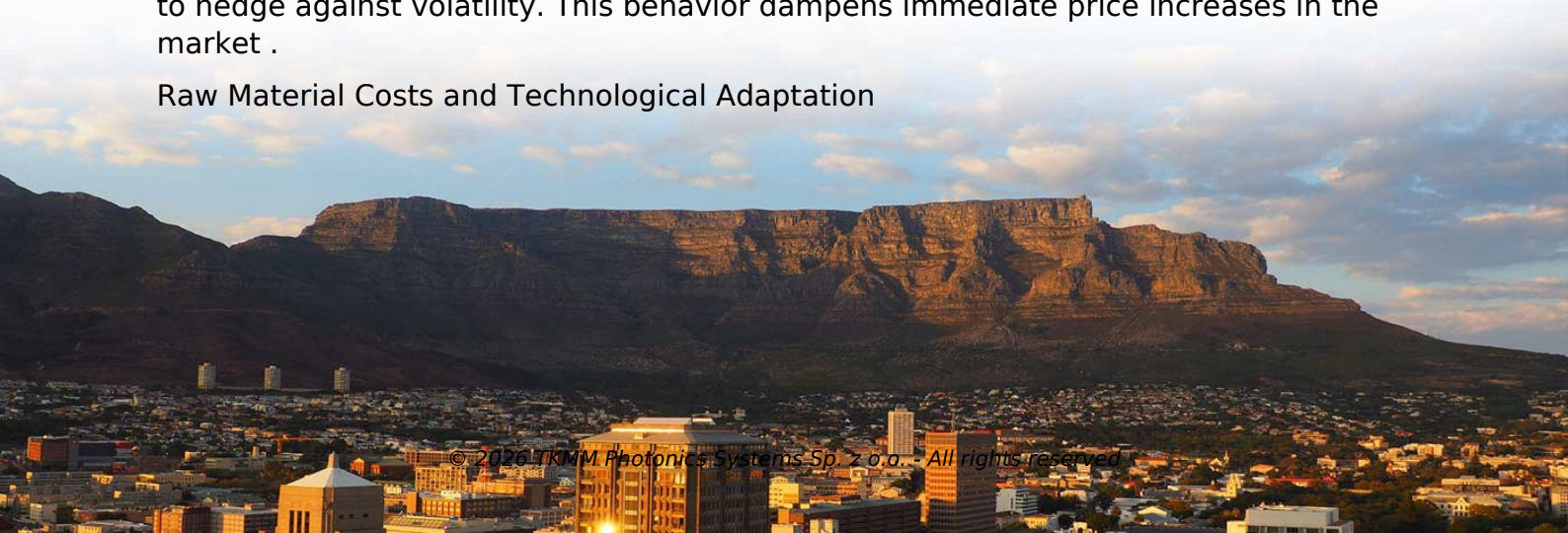
Supply-Demand Imbalance

One of the main reasons optical module prices are not rising sharply is a persistent oversupply in the market, particularly from Chinese manufacturers. Over the past few years, rapid expansion of production capacity has created a situation where supply exceeds demand, especially in Europe, which sources over 80% of its modules from Asia. Even with rising costs, this oversupply limits the ability of manufacturers to pass on price increases to buyers, keeping module prices broadly stable.

Cautious Procurement and Inventory Management

European distributors and project developers have adopted more cautious purchasing strategies. Many locked in large volumes of older module models at historically low prices, creating a buffer against cost increases. As demand shifts toward higher-efficiency or newer models, distributors are moving from bargain-stockpiling to stable-price replenishment, using shorter procurement cycles and price-adjustment clauses to hedge against volatility. This behavior dampens immediate price increases in the market.

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