

# Monthly Market Review

Asia Pacific | March 2019

## Global economy:

- Moderation in global growth momentum continued into February 2019. The Global Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell to 50.6, the lowest since June 2016. The eurozone's PMI fell below 50 for the first time since June 2013. Meanwhile, China's PMI stabilized in February, rebounding to 49.9 from January's 48.3. Given the weaker growth outlook, various central banks are adopting a more cautious stance on policy normalization. The Federal Reserve (Fed) could announce the end of balance sheet reduction later this year. (GTMA P. 14, 27)
- Trade tensions between the U.S. and China seem to be making some breakthroughs. U.S. President Donald Trump postponed a tariff increase on March 1 given the ongoing negotiations between the two countries' senior officials. This could help to ease economic and business uncertainties, even though it is widely acknowledged that structural differences between the two sides could be much more challenging to settle. (GTMA P. 16)

## Equities:

- Recovery in global equities continues with the MSCI World Index returning 10.9% year-to-date. Investors' risk appetite has been boosted by the Fed's more patient stance in raising policy rate and a possible trade agreement between the U.S. and China. Despite lackluster economic performance, European equities have posted comparable performance to the U.S. (Stoxx 600 up 10% year-to-date vs. the S&P 500 11.8%). (GTMA P. 31)
- Emerging market equities (MSCI EM) are up 8.4% year-to-date. China A-shares (SSE Composite up 20% year-to-date) and Hong Kong (Hang Seng up 12.5% year-to-date) have outperformed. Foreign investor inflow, de-escalation in U.S.-China trade tension and policy stimulus from Beijing are prompting investors to take advantage of attractive valuations. (GTMA P. 41)

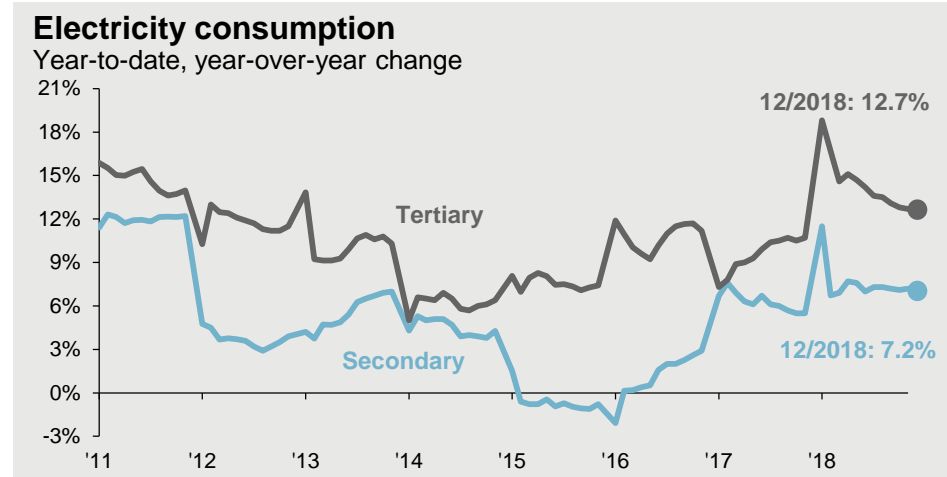
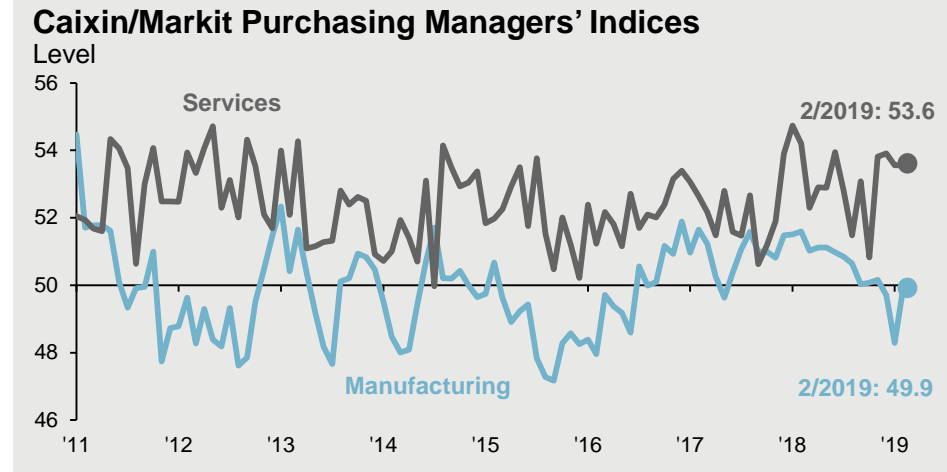
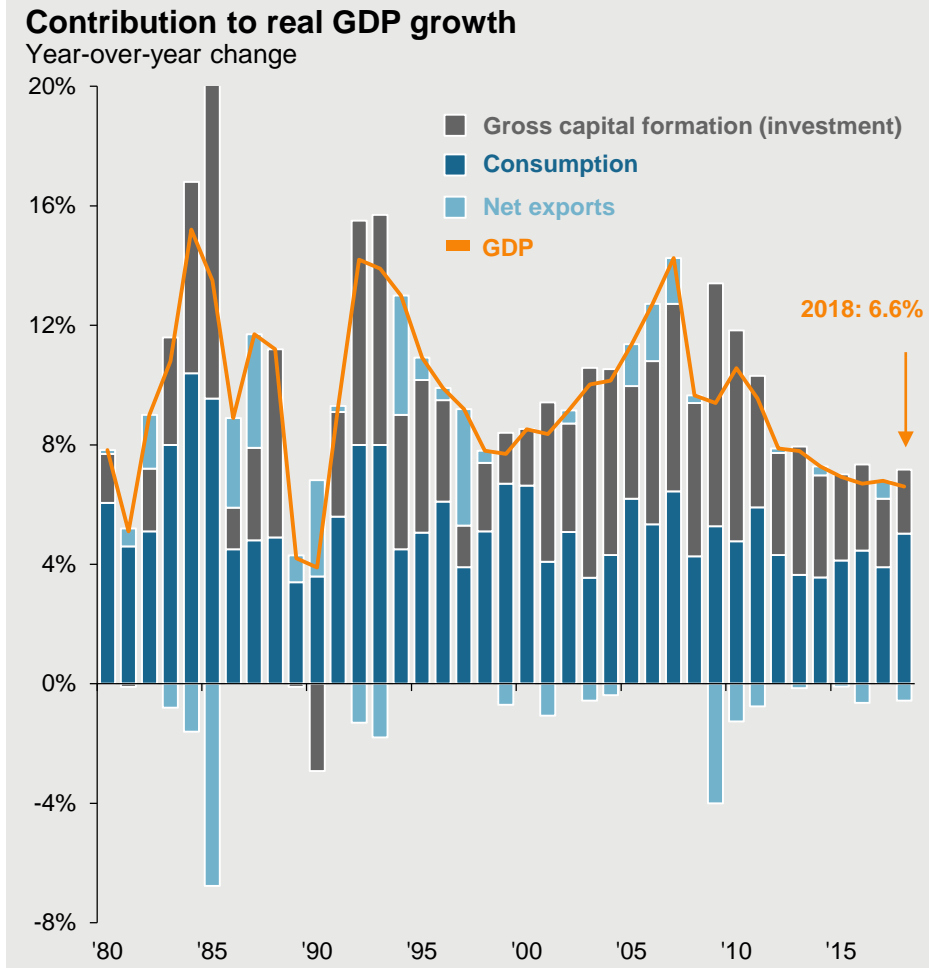
## Fixed income:

- Compared with the strong rebound in equities, 10-year U.S. Treasuries (UST) only rebounded modestly by around 10bps from the low in February, to 2.75%. Prospects of a slower rise in policy rates and the end of balance sheet reduction are keeping UST investors relatively bullish. A strong structural demand for UST from institutional investors also helps to keep yields from surging. (GTMA P. 47, 49)
- EM fixed income spreads continued to tighten due to a weaker U.S. dollar and capital inflows into EM, contributing to a positive around 1% in February across the hard currency EM debt. The U.S. high yield spread tightened by around 35bps, compared with 5bps for high grade. A more cautious central bank attitude toward tightening has benefited high carry assets, especially as the risk of the rise in defaults remains low. (GTMA P. 44, 51)

## Other assets:

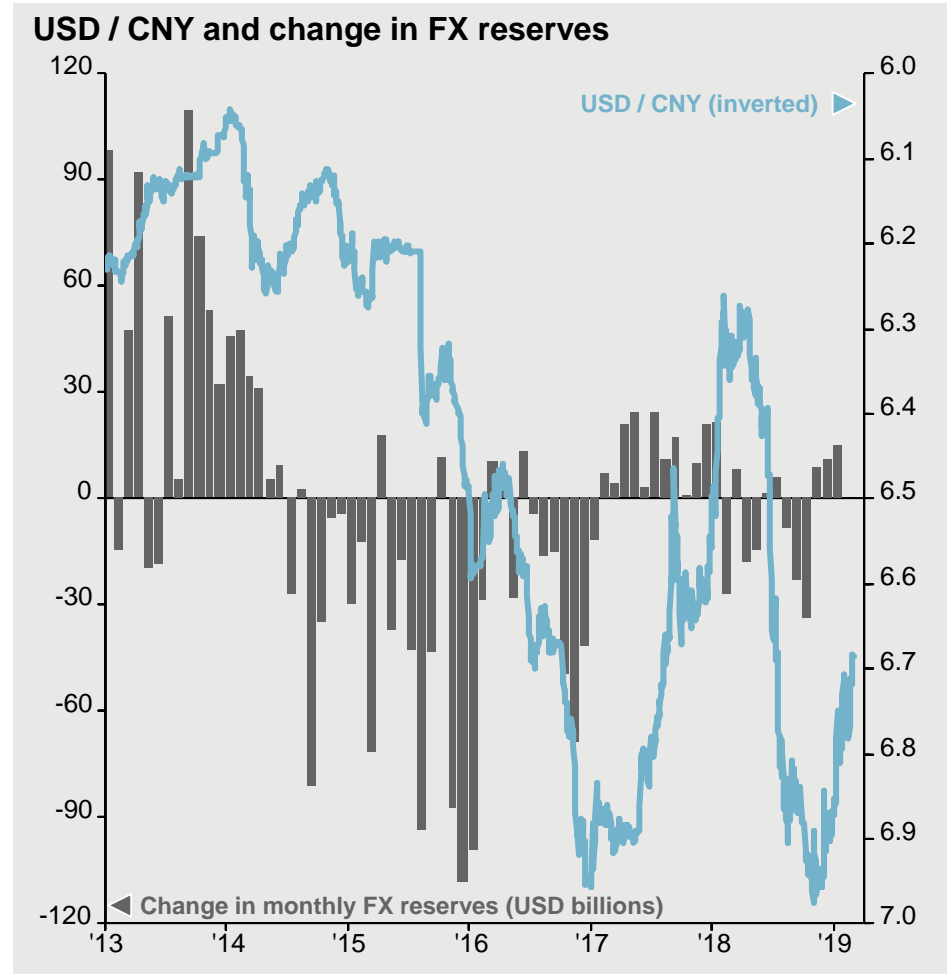
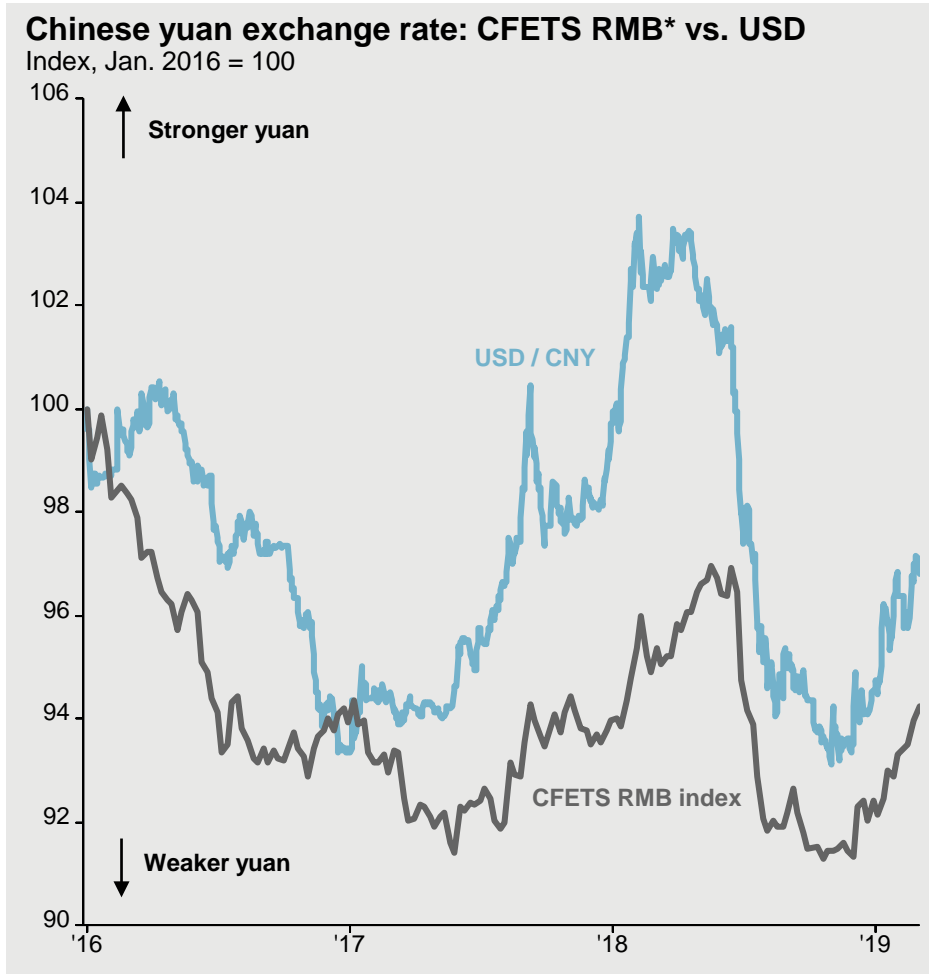
- The U.S. dollar strengthened in February. It gained against most major developed market currencies, with the exception of the British pound. The USD Index rose 1%. Against EM currencies, Asian currencies, especially the Philippine peso, Indian rupee and the Chinese yuan, strengthened against the U.S. dollar, but EM with large current account deficits (Argentina, Brazil, South Africa and Turkey) faced more selling pressure. The EM currency index lost 1.5% in the month, compared to the Asian currency index loss of -0.4%. (GTMA P. 57, 58)
- Recovery in the price of crude oil continued in February with U.S. West Texas Intermediate up 6.4% in the month, to USD 57pb, partly driven by tension in Venezuela. A modest rise in yields has pushed gold lower by 0.6% in the month. (GTMA P. 60, 61)

Regional and local economy

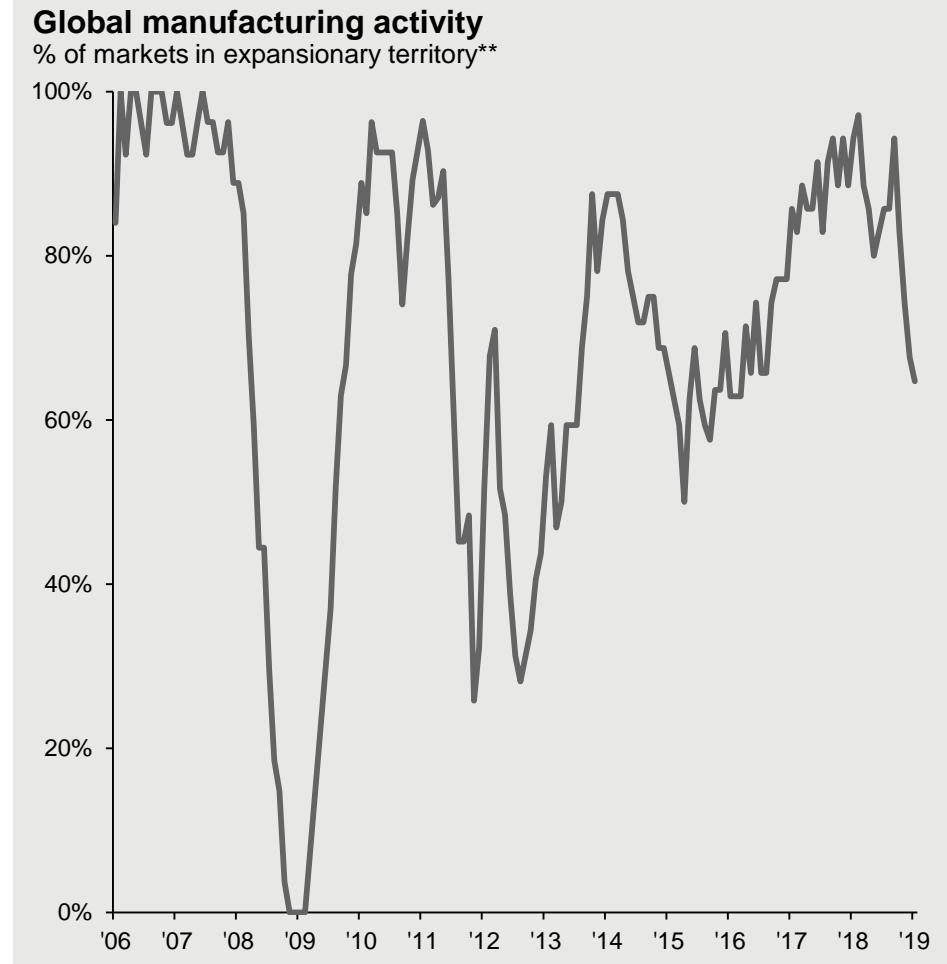


Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) CEIC, National Bureau of Statistics of China; (Top right) Caixin/Markit, J.P. Morgan Economic Research; (Bottom right) CEIC, China Electricity Council.  
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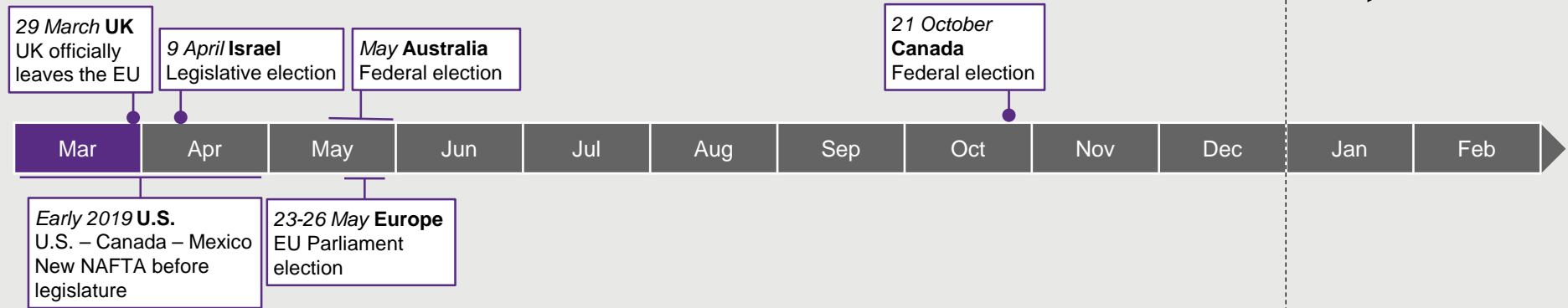


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 \*CFETS RMB index is the China Foreign Exchange Trade System basket of 24 currencies traded against the Chinese renminbi. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.  
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Source: Australian Industry Group, J.P. Morgan Economic Research, Markit, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. PMIs are relative to 50, which indicates contraction (below 50) or expansion (above 50) of the sector. \*Developed market includes Australia, Canada, Denmark, Euro area, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and U.S. Emerging market includes Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hong Kong SAR, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam. \*\*% of countries available with a manufacturing PMI above 50. *Guide to the Markets – Asia*. Data reflect most recently available as of 28/2/19.

Developed markets political timeline



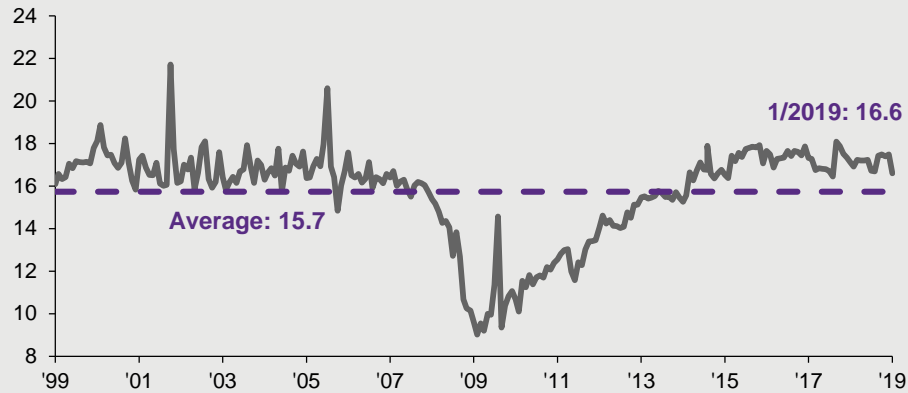
Emerging markets political timeline



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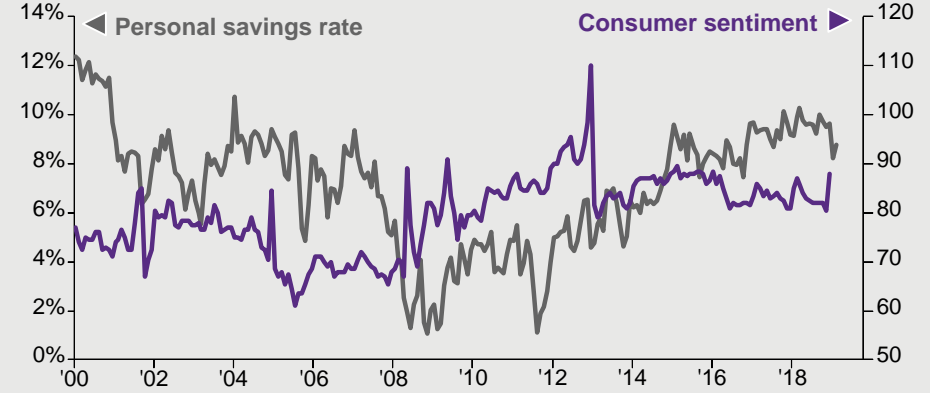
## Light vehicle sales

Millions, seasonally adjusted annualized rate



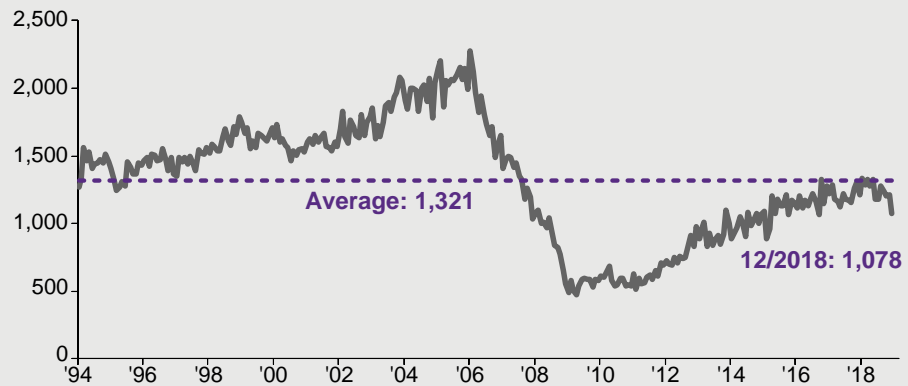
## Savings and sentiment

Savings rate



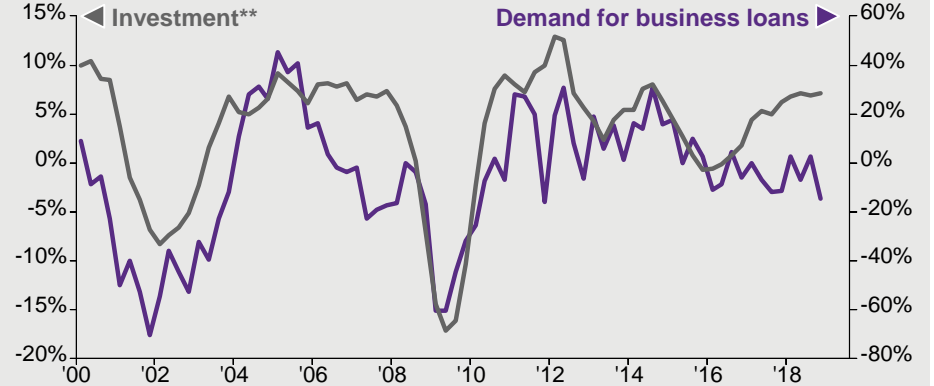
## Housing starts

Thousands, seasonally adjusted annualized rate



## Investment and demand for credit

Year-over-year change



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top left) U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; (Top right, bottom left and right) FactSet; (Bottom left and right) U.S. Census Bureau. \*Net percent of participants in the Senior Loan Officer Survey. \*\*Private investment in non-residential fixed assets in real terms. *Guide to the Markets - Asia*. Data reflect most recently available as of 28/2/19.

## U.S. business cycle indicators

	<i>Recent recessions</i>																
	1990	2001	2007	2017	2018											2019	
	Jul	Apr	Dec	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Real consumer spending SAAR (y/y)	2.6%	2.7%	1.2%	2.7%	2.5%	2.4%	2.2%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	3.0%	3.1%	2.7%	2.9%	2.9%	2.2%	
Light vehicle sales SAAR (mil.)	13.8	16.5	15.7	17.3	17.1	16.9	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	16.7	16.7	17.4	17.6	17.4	17.5	16.6
Housing starts SAAR (mil.)	1.17	1.65	1.04	1.21	1.33	1.29	1.33	1.28	1.33	1.18	1.18	1.28	1.24	1.21	1.21	1.08	
ISM Mfg.	46.6	42.7	49.0	59.3	59.1	60.7	59.3	57.9	58.7	60.0	58.4	60.8	59.5	57.5	58.8	54.3	56.6
ISM Non-mfg.		48.2	53.2	56.0	59.9	59.1	58.7	57.2	58.9	58.7	56.7	58.8	60.8	60.0	60.4	58.0	56.7
Durable goods orders (y/y)		-11.9%	5.8%	10.5%	5.6%	11.3%	11.2%	8.5%	9.5%	3.1%	10.0%	12.1%	7.1%	6.8%	5.4%	3.4%	
Change in nonfarm payrolls (000s)	-33	-286	110	174	171	330	182	196	270	262	178	282	108	277	196	222	304
Avg. hourly earnings (y/y)	4.0%	4.0%	3.8%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%
S&P 500 net margin (%)		8.5%	9.7%	9.7%	9.7%	9.8%	9.8%	9.8%	10.0%	10.1%	10.1%	10.3%	10.4%	10.4%	10.8%	10.8%	10.8%
Monetary policy gauge (%)*	1.5%	0.3%	0.5%	-1.1%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.3%	-1.0%	-1.1%	-1.0%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-0.8%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.3%
Yield curve spread (bps)**	45	105	99	51	58	62	47	46	43	33	29	24	24	28	21	21	18
High yield credit spread (bps)***	718	779	597	404	372	389	410	387	403	406	383	387	365	418	464	567	473

Source: BEA, BLS, Department of Labor, FactSet, Institute for Supply Management, Standard & Poor's, U.S. Census Bureau, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. SAAR stands for seasonally adjusted annualized rate. \*Monetary policy gauge is the spread between the effective federal funds rate deflated by core Personal Consumption Expenditure price index and the Laubach Williams 2-sided estimate of the natural rate of interest. \*\*Yield curve spread is the spread between the 2-year and 10-year U.S. Treasury yields. \*\*\*High yield credit spread is the J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield index spread-to-worst. Heatmap colors are based on each indicator's deviation from its average value during the start of the last 3 recessions (6/90 – 8/90, 3/01 – 5/01 and 11/07 – 1/08) using data where available. The exception to this is the yield curve spread, which is scored around 0. Colors closer to green denote early or mid-cycle behavior while colors closer to red denote late cycle or recessionary behavior.

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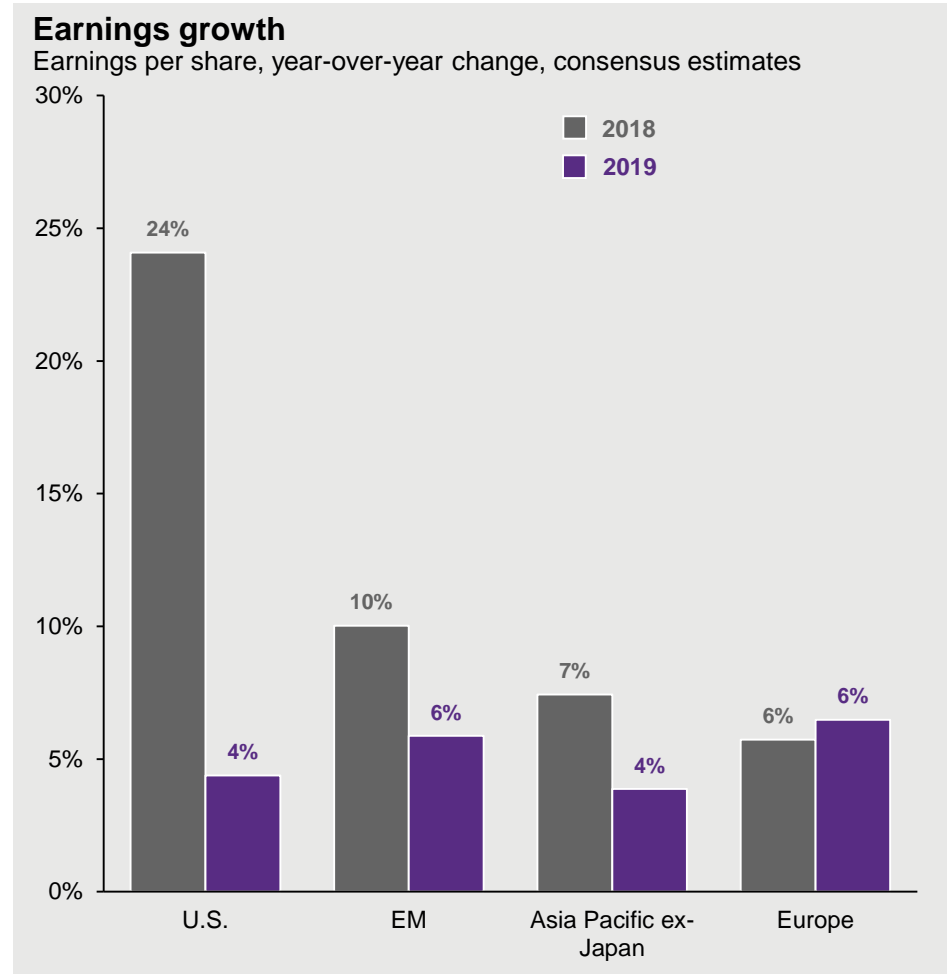
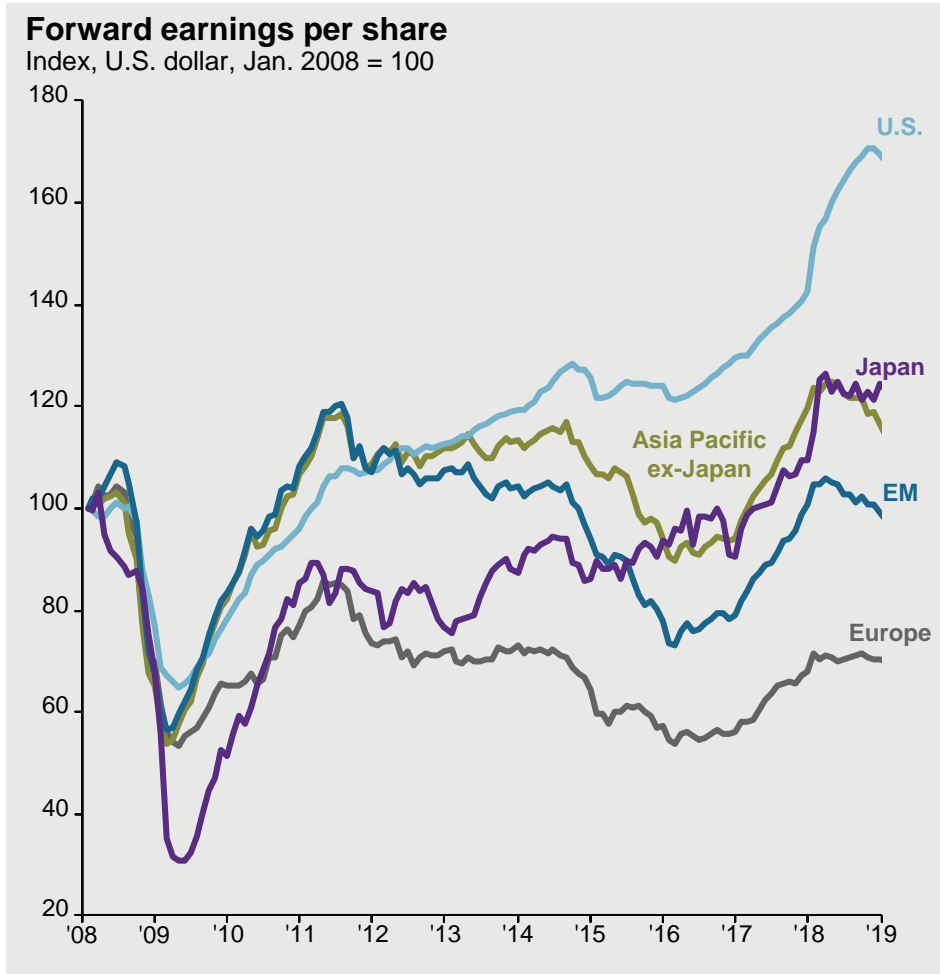
# Global and Asia equity market returns

Equities

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	4Q '18	YTD '19	10-yrs ('09 - '19)	
													Ann. Ret.	Ann. Vol.
India	102.8%	ASEAN	U.S.	India	U.S.	China A	Japan	Taiwan	China	U.S.	India	China A	U.S.	China A
		32.4%	2.1%	26.0%	32.4%	52.1%	9.9%	19.6%	54.3%	-4.4%	2.5%	25.2%	16.7%	26.8%
China A	98.5%	Korea	ASEAN	China	Japan	India	China A	U.S.	Korea	India	ASEAN	China	Korea	India
		27.2%	-6.1%	23.1%	27.3%	23.9%	2.4%	12.0%	47.8%	-7.3%	-3.4%	14.9%	13.6%	25.7%
Taiwan	80.2%	Taiwan	Europe	ASEAN	Europe	U.S.	U.S.	Korea	India	Taiwan	APAC ex-JP	U.S.	Taiwan	Korea
		22.7%	-10.5%	22.8%	26.0%	13.7%	1.4%	9.2%	38.8%	-8.2%	-8.8%	11.5%	13.6%	23.8%
ASEAN	75.0%	India	Korea	APAC ex-JP	Taiwan	Taiwan	Europe	APAC ex-JP	APAC ex-JP	ASEAN	China	Europe	ASEAN	China
		20.9%	-11.8%	22.6%	9.8%	10.1%	-2.3%	7.1%	37.3%	-8.4%	-10.7%	10.2%	12.8%	21.4%
APAC ex-JP	73.7%	APAC ex-JP	Japan	Korea	Korea	China	India	ASEAN	China A	Japan	China A	APAC ex-JP	APAC ex-JP	Taiwan
		18.4%	-14.2%	21.5%	4.2%	8.3%	-6.1%	6.2%	32.6%	-12.6%	-12.2%	9.8%	12.7%	19.0%
Korea	72.1%	Japan	APAC ex-JP	Europe	China	ASEAN	Korea	Japan	ASEAN	APAC ex-JP	Europe	Korea	India	APAC ex-JP
		15.6%	-15.4%	19.9%	4.0%	6.4%	-6.3%	2.7%	30.1%	-13.7%	-12.7%	8.3%	11.9%	18.4%
China	62.6%	U.S.	China	Taiwan	APAC ex-JP	APAC ex-JP	China	China	Taiwan	Europe	Korea	Taiwan	China	Europe
		15.1%	-18.2%	17.7%	3.7%	3.1%	-7.6%	1.1%	28.5%	-14.3%	-12.8%	6.6%	11.3%	17.8%
Europe	36.8%	China	Taiwan	U.S.	China A	Japan	APAC ex-JP	Europe	Europe	China	U.S.	Japan	Europe	ASEAN
		4.8%	-20.2%	16.0%	-2.6%	-3.7%	-9.1%	0.2%	26.2%	-18.7%	-13.5%	6.1%	10.3%	17.3%
U.S.	26.5%	Europe	China A	China A	India	Europe	Taiwan	India	Japan	Korea	Taiwan	ASEAN	Japan	Japan
		4.5%	-20.5%	10.9%	-3.8%	-5.7%	-11.0%	-1.4%	24.4%	-20.5%	-13.7%	5.5%	8.4%	14.1%
Japan	6.4%	China A	India	Japan	ASEAN	Korea	ASEAN	China A	U.S.	China A	Japan	India	China A	U.S.
		-8.4%	-37.2%	8.4%	-4.5%	-10.7%	-18.4%	-15.2%	21.8%	-27.6%	-14.2%	-1.9%	7.8%	13.4%

Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.  
 Returns are total returns based on MSCI indices, except the U.S., which is the S&P 500 and China A, which are based on the CSI 300 index in U.S. dollar terms.  
 China return is based on the MSCI China index. 10-yr total (gross) return data is used to calculate annualized returns (Ann. Ret.) and annualized volatility (Ann. Vol.)  
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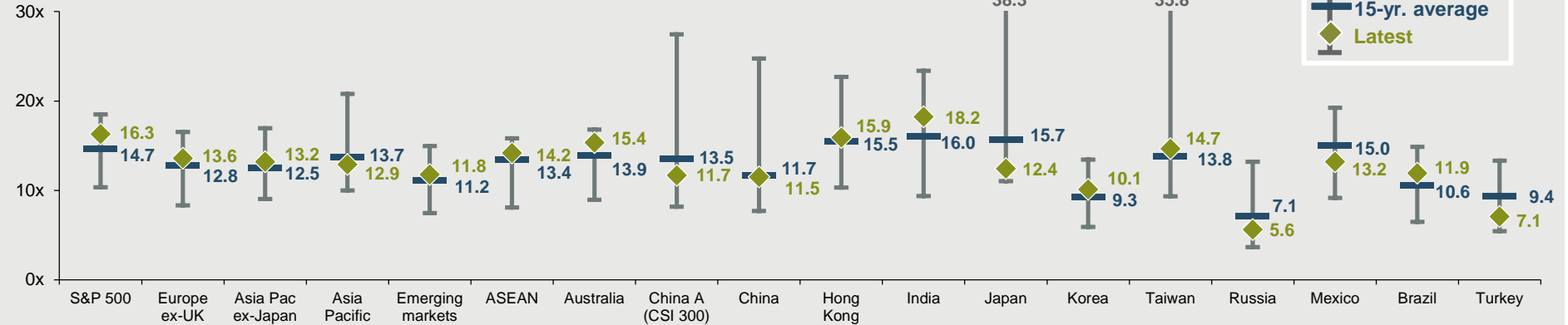




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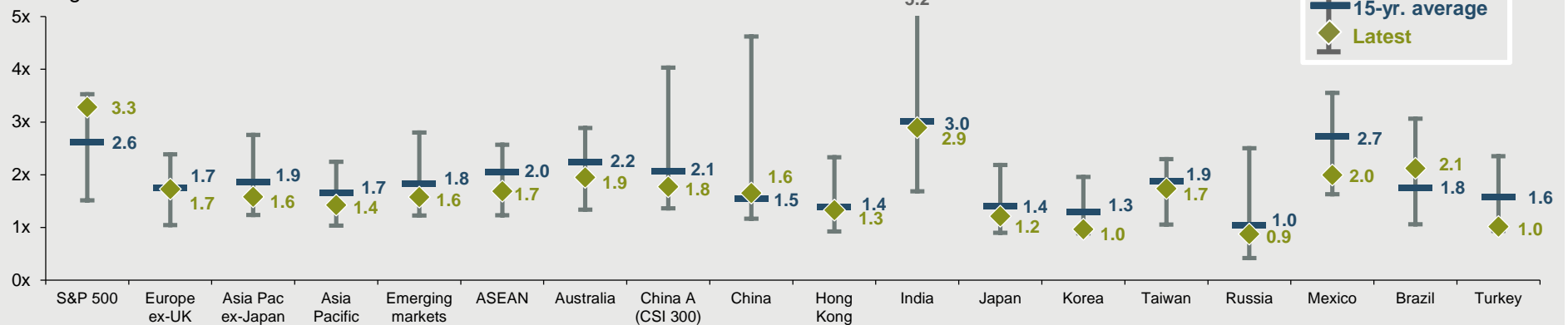
## Equity market valuations – Price to earnings

Forward P/E ratios



## Equity market valuations – Price to book

Trailing P/B ratios



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## Corporate earnings

Next 12-month consensus earnings per share, USD, Jan. 2013 = 100



## Foreign investors' holdings of onshore Chinese equities

RMB trillions



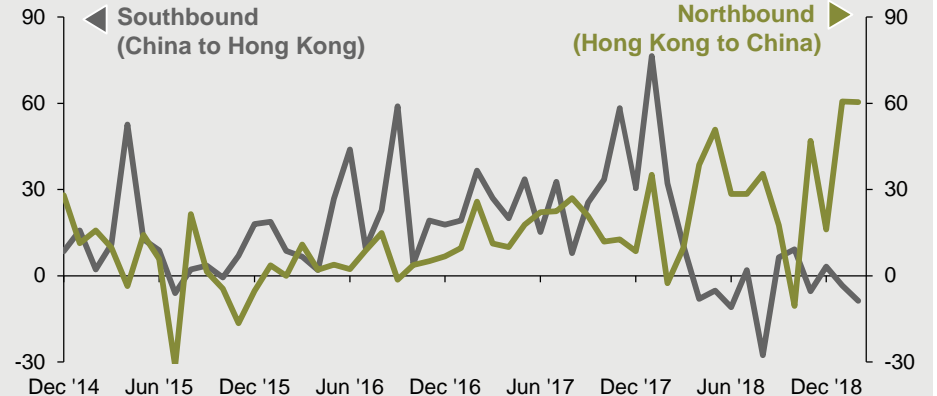
## Valuation of major indices

12-month forward P/E ratio



## Stock Connect monthly net flows

HKD billions



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## Global bond opportunities

Sector	YTM	Duration* (years)	Correl. to MSCI AC World**	Correl. to 10-year UST
Asia HY	8.1%	4.5	0.73	-0.20
Local EMD	7.0%	4.5	0.68	-0.02
U.S. HY	6.8%	3.5	0.80	-0.25
USD EMD	6.4%	6.9	0.62	0.19
USD Asian	5.2%	5.2	0.61	0.21
Europe HY	4.4%	3.4	0.79	-0.30
U.S. IG	3.9%	7.3	0.33	0.47
U.S. Treasury	2.6%	6.1	-0.36	0.99
Cash	2.4%	0.2	-0.03	-0.03
DM Gov't	1.6%	8.0	0.22	0.55

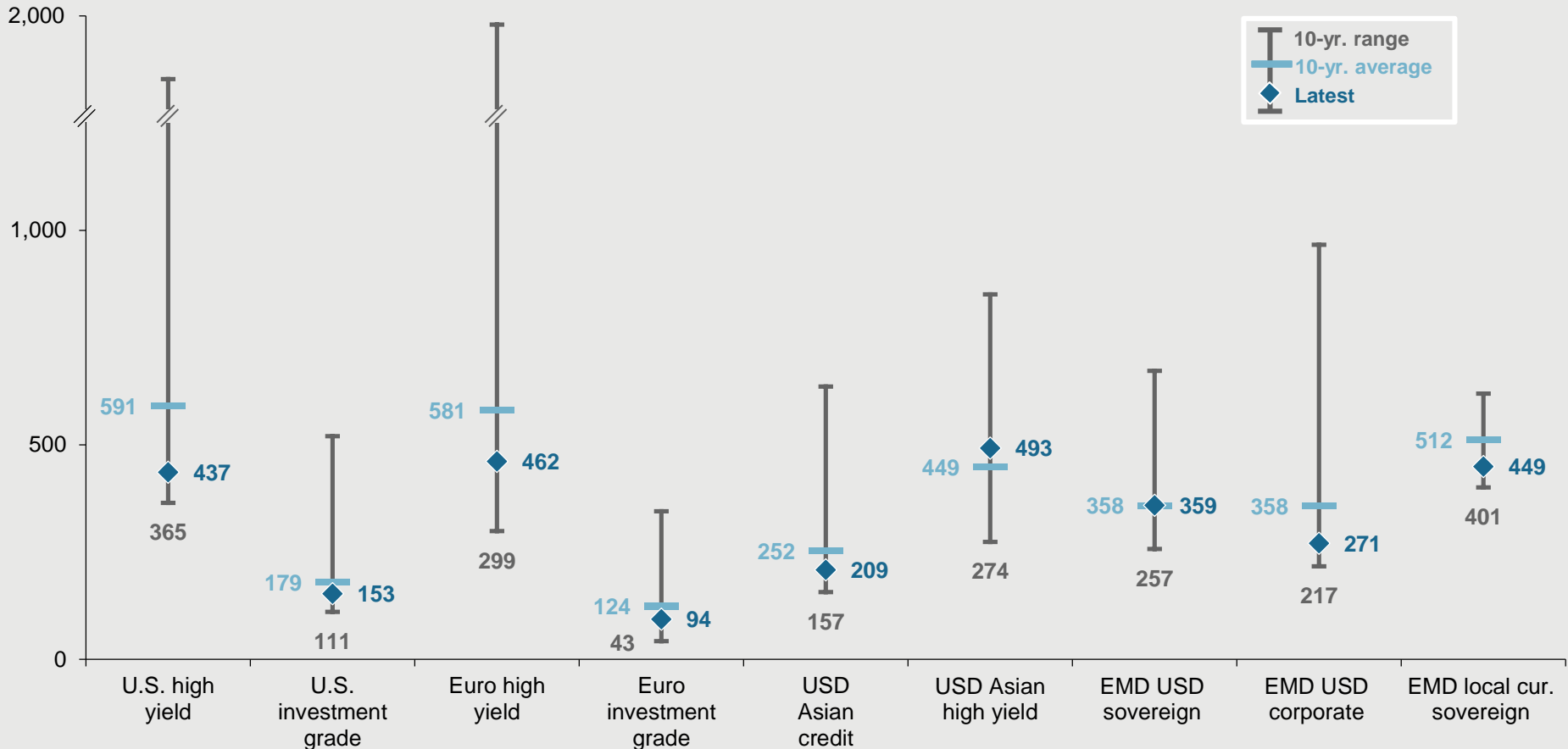
## Fixed income sector returns

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	4Q '18	YTD '19	5-yrs Ann. Ret.
Europe HY 14.9%	USD Asian 8.3%	Asia HY 5.8%	U.S. HY 17.1%	Europe HY 21.0%	Cash 1.8%	Local EMD 2.8%	U.S. HY 6.3%	Asia HY 5.9%
U.S. HY 7.4%	U.S. IG 7.5%	USD Asian 2.8%	Local EMD 11.4%	Local EMD 15.4%	U.S. Treas 0.9%	U.S. Treas 2.6%	USD EMD 5.1%	USD EMD 4.8%
Asia HY 4.3%	Asia HY 5.5%	USD EMD 1.2%	Asia HY 11.4%	USD EMD 9.3%	DM Gov't -0.7%	DM Gov't 2.0%	Asia HY 4.9%	U.S. HY 4.5%
Cash 0.0%	USD EMD 5.5%	U.S. Treas 0.8%	USD EMD 10.2%	U.S. HY 7.5%	USD Asian -0.8%	USD Asian 0.7%	Europe HY 4.2%	USD Asian 4.5%
USD Asian -1.4%	U.S. Treas 5.1%	Cash 0.0%	U.S. IG 6.1%	DM Gov't 6.8%	U.S. HY -2.1%	Cash 0.6%	Local EMD 4.2%	U.S. IG 3.2%
U.S. IG -1.5%	U.S. HY 2.5%	U.S. IG -0.7%	USD Asian 5.8%	U.S. IG 6.4%	U.S. IG -2.5%	U.S. IG -0.2%	USD Asian 2.8%	U.S. Treas 1.7%
U.S. Treas -2.7%	DM Gov't 0.7%	DM Gov't -2.6%	Europe HY 3.4%	Asia HY 6.2%	Asia HY -3.2%	Asia HY -1.0%	U.S. IG 2.6%	Cash 0.7%
DM Gov't -4.5%	Cash 0.0%	U.S. HY -4.5%	DM Gov't 1.6%	USD Asian 5.8%	USD EMD -4.6%	USD EMD -1.2%	DM Gov't 0.4%	DM Gov't 0.6%
Local EMD -5.5%	Europe HY -6.0%	Europe HY -7.6%	U.S. Treas 1.0%	U.S. Treas 2.3%	Local EMD -6.7%	U.S. HY -4.5%	Cash 0.4%	Europe HY 0.2%
USD EMD -6.6%	Local EMD -6.1%	Local EMD -18.0%	Cash 0.3%	Cash 0.8%	Europe HY -8.2%	Europe HY -5.2%	U.S. Treas 0.2%	Local EMD -0.6%

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., FactSet, J.P. Morgan Economic Research, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Based on Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Credit – Corporate High Yield Index (U.S. Corporate HY), Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Credit – Corporate Investment Grade Index (U.S. Corporate IG), J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index – EM Global (GBI-EM) (Local EMD), J.P. Morgan Emerging Market Bond Index Global (EMBIG) (USD EMD), J.P. Morgan Asia Credit Index (JACI) (USD Asian Bond), Bloomberg Barclays Pan European High Yield (Europe HY), J.P. Morgan Government Bond Index – Global Traded (DM Government Bond), J.P. Morgan Asia Credit Non-investment Grade Corporate Index (Asia Corporate HY), Bloomberg Barclays Global U.S. Treasury – Bills (3-5 years) (U.S. Treasury) and Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury – Bills (1-3 months) (Cash). 5-year data is used to calculate annualized returns (Ann. Ret.). Returns are in U.S. dollar and reflect the period from 28/2/14 – 28/2/19. \*Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of the price (the value of the principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates and is expressed as number of years. Rising interest rates mean falling bond prices, while declining interest rates mean rising bond prices. \*\*Correlation to the MSCI AC World Index is a measure over 10 years of data. Positive yield does not imply positive return. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Guide to the Markets – Asia. Data reflect most recently available as of 28/2/19.

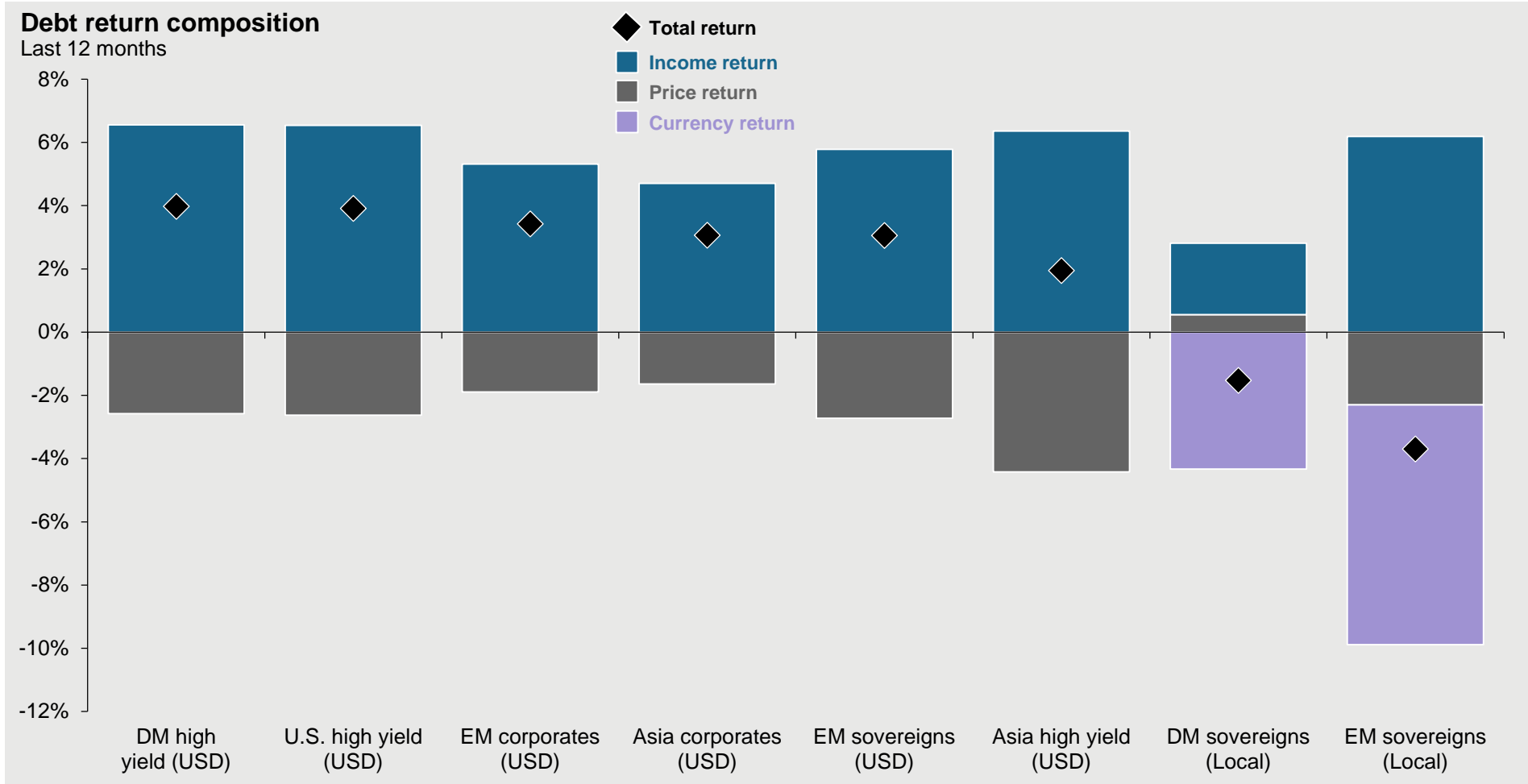
**Spread to worst across fixed income sub-sectors**

Basis points



Source: BofA/Merrill Lynch, iBoxx, J.P. Morgan Economic Research, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Based on J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index (*U.S. High Yield*), J.P. Morgan U.S. Liquid Index (JULI) (*U.S. Investment Grade*), BofA/Merrill Lynch Euro Non-Financial High Yield Constrained Index (*Euro High Yield*), iBoxx EUR corporates (*Euro Investment Grade*), J.P. Morgan Asia Credit Index (JACI) (*USD Asian Credit*), J.P. Morgan Asia Credit High Yield Index (*USD Asian High Yield*), J.P. Morgan EMBI Global (*EMD USD Sovereign*), J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index – CEMBI (*EMD USD Corporate*), J.P. Morgan GBI-EM (*EMD Local Cur. Sovereign*). Positive yield does not imply positive return. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.

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												10-yrs ('09 - '19)	
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	4Q '18	YTD '19	Ann. Ret.	Ann. Vol.
EM ex-Asia 91.3%	U.S. REITs 28.5%	U.S. REITs 8.7%	APAC ex-JP 22.6%	DM Equities 27.4%	U.S. REITs 30.4%	Asian Bonds 2.8%	EM ex-Asia 27.1%	APAC ex-JP 37.3%	Cash 1.8%	Global Bonds 1.2%	U.S. REITs 12.5%	U.S. REITs 18.5%	EM ex-Asia 23.3%
APAC ex-JP 73.7%	APAC ex-JP 18.4%	EMD 8.5%	Global Corp HY 18.9%	Global Corp HY 8.4%	Asian Bonds 8.3%	U.S. REITs 2.5%	Global Corp HY 14.0%	DM Equities 23.1%	Asian Bonds -0.8%	Asian Bonds 0.7%	DM Equities 11.1%	DM Equities 13.7%	U.S. REITs 19.1%
Global Corp HY 63.9%	EM ex-Asia 16.6%	Global Bonds 5.6%	EMD 18.5%	Diversified 5.6%	EMD 5.5%	EMD 1.2%	EMD 10.2%	EM ex-Asia 20.3%	Global Bonds -1.2%	Cash 0.6%	APAC ex-JP 9.8%	APAC ex-JP 12.7%	APAC ex-JP 18.3%
Diversified 41.0%	Global Corp HY 13.8%	Asian Bonds 4.1%	U.S. REITs 17.8%	APAC ex-JP 3.7%	DM Equities 5.5%	Cash 0.0%	U.S. REITs 8.6%	Diversified 17.0%	Global Corp HY -3.5%	EMD -1.2%	EM ex-Asia 9.1%	Global Corp HY 11.4%	DM Equities 13.8%
DM Equities 30.8%	Diversified 13.1%	Global Corp HY 2.6%	EM ex-Asia 17.0%	U.S. REITs 2.5%	Diversified 4.1%	DM Equities -0.3%	Diversified 8.3%	Global Corp HY 10.3%	U.S. REITs -4.6%	EM ex-Asia -1.8%	Diversified 6.9%	Diversified 10.7%	Diversified 9.9%
U.S. REITs 28.6%	DM Equities 12.3%	Cash 0.1%	DM Equities 16.5%	Cash 0.0%	APAC ex-JP 3.1%	Global Bonds -3.2%	DM Equities 8.2%	EMD 9.3%	EMD -4.6%	Global Corp HY -4.2%	Global Corp HY 5.7%	EMD 8.4%	Global Corp HY 8.6%
Asian Bonds 28.3%	EMD 12.0%	Diversified -2.4%	Diversified 15.9%	Asian Bonds -1.4%	Global Bonds 0.6%	Diversified -3.2%	APAC ex-JP 7.1%	Global Bonds 7.4%	Diversified -5.9%	Diversified -5.2%	EMD 5.1%	Asian Bonds 7.6%	EMD 6.9%
EMD 28.2%	Asian Bonds 10.6%	DM Equities -5.0%	Asian Bonds 14.3%	Global Bonds -2.6%	Global Corp HY 0.2%	Global Corp HY -4.9%	Asian Bonds 5.8%	Asian Bonds 5.8%	EM ex-Asia -6.8%	U.S. REITs -6.7%	Asian Bonds 2.8%	EM ex-Asia 7.0%	Global Bonds 5.0%
Global Bonds 6.9%	Global Bonds 5.5%	APAC ex-JP -15.4%	Global Bonds 4.3%	EMD -6.6%	Cash 0.0%	APAC ex-JP -9.1%	Global Bonds 2.1%	U.S. REITs 5.1%	DM Equities -8.2%	APAC ex-JP -8.8%	Global Bonds 0.9%	Global Bonds 3.2%	Asian Bonds 4.7%
Cash 0.1%	Cash 0.1%	EM ex-Asia -21.2%	Cash 0.1%	EM ex-Asia -8.5%	EM ex-Asia -20.2%	EM ex-Asia -22.7%	Cash 0.3%	Cash 0.8%	APAC ex-JP -13.7%	DM Equities -13.3%	Cash 0.4%	Cash 0.4%	Cash 0.2%

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., Dow Jones, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Economic Research, MSCI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

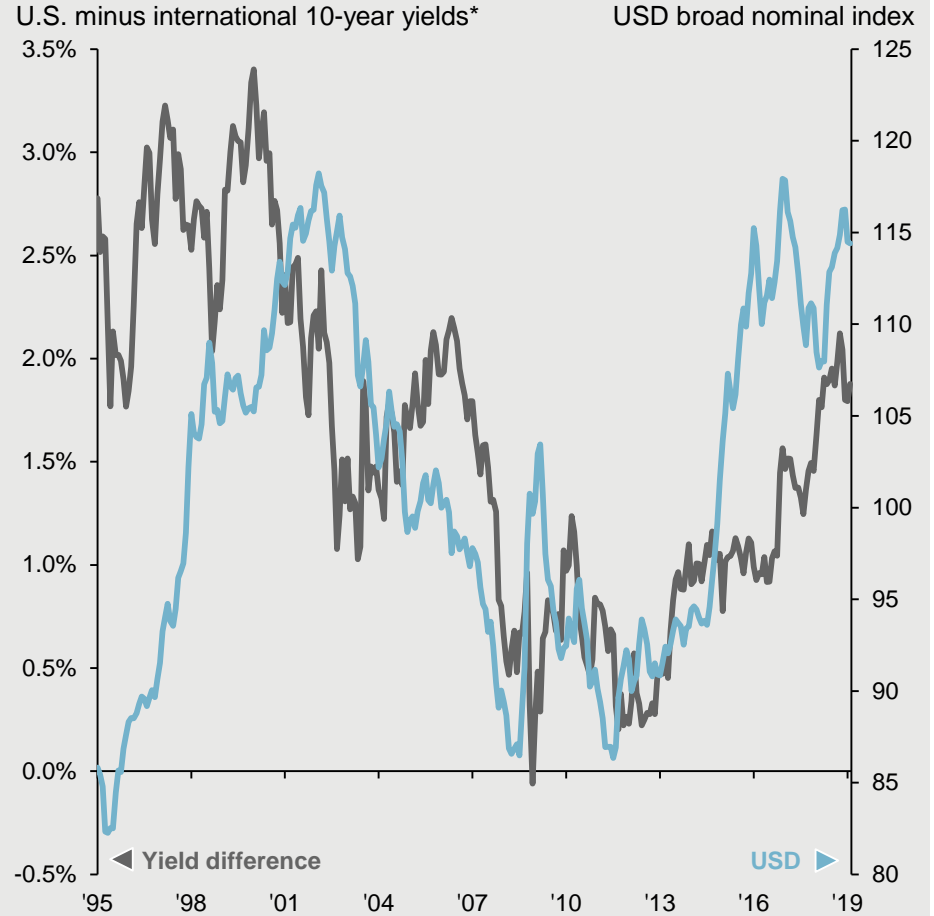
The "Diversified" portfolio assumes the following weights: 20% in the MSCI The World Index (*DM Equities*), 20% in the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan (*APAC ex-JP*), 5% in the average of the MSCI EM Latin America and MSCI EM EMEA Indices (*EM ex-Asia*), 10% in the J.P. Morgan EMBIG Index (*EMD*), 10% in the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate (*Global Bonds*), 10% in the Bloomberg Barclays Global Corporate High Yield Index (*Global Corporate High Yield*), 15% in J.P. Morgan Asia Credit Index (*Asian Bonds*), 5% in MSCI U.S. REITs Index (*U.S. REITs*) and 5% in Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury – Bills (1-3 months) (*Cash*). Diversified portfolio assumes annual rebalancing. All data represent total return in U.S. dollar terms for the stated period. 10-year total return data is used to calculate annualized returns (Ann. Ret.) and 10-year price return data is used to calculate annualized volatility (Ann. Vol.) and reflects the period 28/2/09 – 28/2/19. Please see disclosure page at end for index definitions. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.

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**Dollar supply**

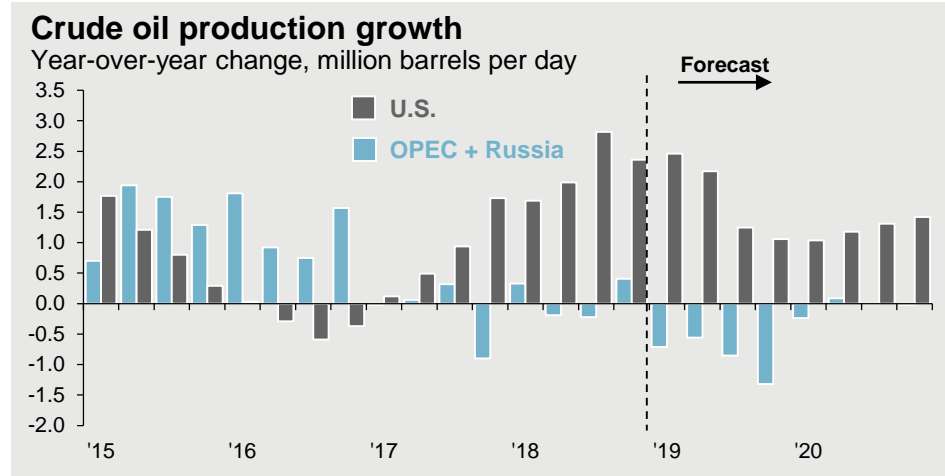
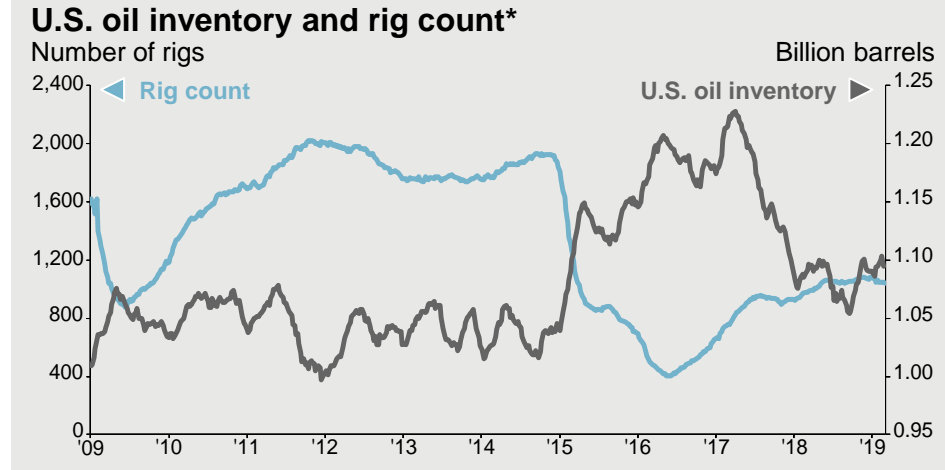
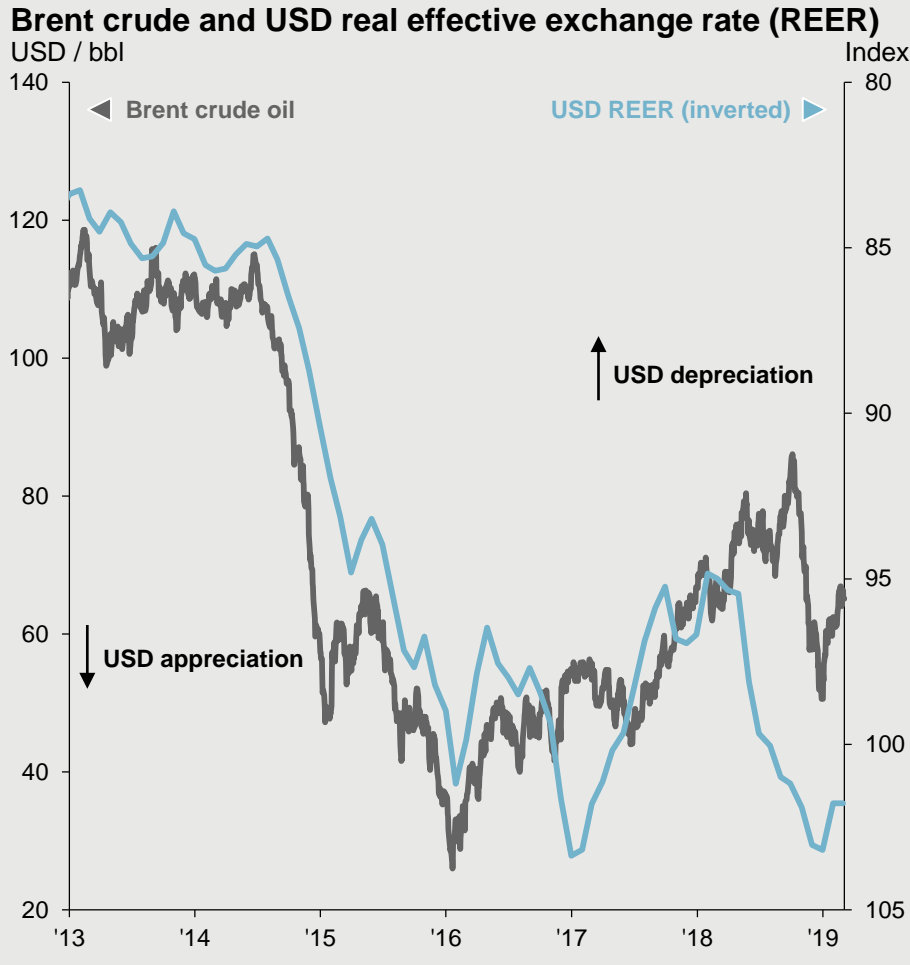


**Dollar demand**



Source: FactSet, Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; (Right) BIS, Federal Reserve, Tullett Prebon.  
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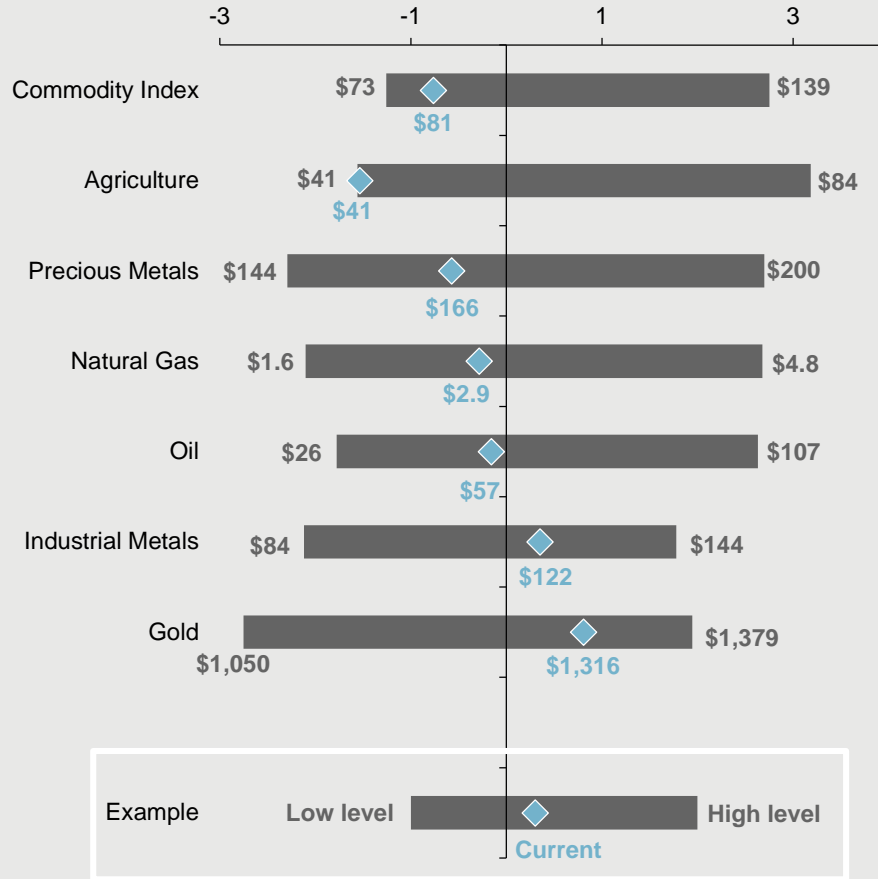


Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top right) Baker Hughes, U.S. Department of Energy; (Bottom right) U.S. Energy Information Administration.  
 \*Weekly U.S. crude oil and petroleum ending inventory includes strategic petroleum reserve, and active rig count represents both natural gas and oil rigs. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.  
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Other asset classes

## Commodity prices

Commodity price z-scores, USD per unit



## Returns

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	YTD '19	2014 - 2018	
						Ann. Ret.	Ann. Vol.
Euro M&M (FI) 8.6%	Energy (FI) -7.3%	Gold (E) 62.9%	M&M (E) 37.5%	Euro M&M (FI) -0.9%	M&M (E) 13.6%	EM M&M (FI) 6.0%	Gold (E) 36.4%
Energy (FI) 2.1%	EM M&M (FI) -10.9%	M&M (E) 57.8%	Agri. (E) 20.3%	US M&M (FI) -3.5%	Energy (E) 11.9%	Euro M&M (FI) 2.7%	M&M (E) 23.4%
Agri. (E) -0.2%	Agri. (E) -13.7%	US M&M (FI) 45.5%	EM M&M (FI) 14.7%	Energy (FI) -3.7%	Agri. (E) 8.2%	US M&M (FI) 2.4%	Energy (E) 19.5%
EM M&M (FI) -0.8%	Euro M&M (FI) -16.1%	EM M&M (FI) 32.4%	US M&M (FI) 9.9%	EM M&M (FI) -4.1%	Gold (E) 7.9%	Energy (FI) 2.0%	Comdty. 14.1%
US M&M (FI) -4.4%	Energy (E) -20.6%	Energy (E) 29.2%	Gold (E) 9.4%	Agri. (E) -8.9%	US M&M (FI) 6.6%	Agri. (E) 1.8%	US M&M (FI) 13.3%
Energy (E) -15.1%	US M&M (FI) -23.7%	Euro M&M (FI) 21.9%	Energy (E) 9.1%	Comdty. -11.2%	Comdty. 6.5%	Gold (E) -0.9%	Agri. (E) 11.8%
Gold (E) -16.4%	Comdty. -24.7%	Agri. (E) 15.7%	Energy (FI) 9.0%	Energy (E) -11.4%	EM M&M (FI) 4.2%	M&M (E) -2.8%	EM M&M (FI) 10.9%
Comdty. -17.0%	Gold (E) -26.3%	Comdty. 11.8%	Euro M&M (FI) 3.9%	Gold (E) -13.0%	Energy (FI) 3.7%	Energy (E) -3.4%	Euro M&M (FI) 8.4%
M&M (E) -19.0%	M&M (E) -40.1%	Energy (FI) 11.1%	Comdty. 1.7%	M&M (E) -17.8%	Euro M&M (FI) 1.7%	Comdty. -8.8%	Energy (FI) 5.4%

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) CME; (Right) Barclays, J.P. Morgan Economic Research, MSCI. Commodities are represented by the appropriate Bloomberg Commodity sub-index priced in U.S. dollars. Crude oil shown is West Texas Instrument (WTI) crude. Other commodity prices are represented by futures contracts. Z-scores are calculated using daily prices over the past five years. Based on Bloomberg Commodity Index (Comdty.); MSCI ACWI Select – Energy Producers IMI, Metals & Mining Producers ex Gold & Silver IMI, Gold Miners IMI, Agriculture Producers IMI (Energy (E), M&M (E), Gold (E), Agri. (E)); Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Credit – Corporate Energy Index (Energy (FI)); Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Credit – Corporate High Yield Metals & Mining Index (U.S. M&M (FI)); Bloomberg Barclays Euro Aggregate Credit – Corporate Metals & Mining Index (Euro M&M (FI)); J.P. Morgan Emerging Market Corporate Credit – Corporate Metals & Mining Index (EM M&M (FI)). Five-year total return data is used to calculate annualized returns (Ann. Ret.) and 5-year price return data is used to calculate annualized volatility (Ann. Vol.) and reflects the period 31/12/13 – 31/12/18. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Guide to the Markets – Asia. Data reflect most recently available as of 28/2/19.

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