



Emerging markets on the edge: opportunity or dead money?

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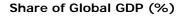
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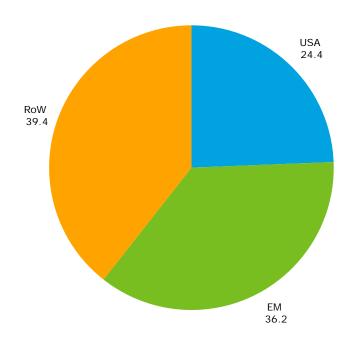


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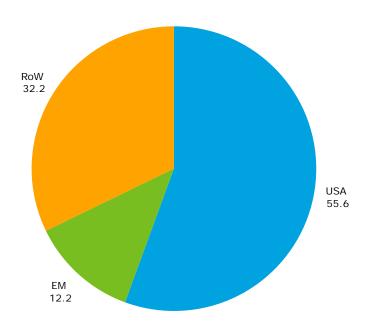
Current Share of Global GDP and Global Market Cap

The Emerging Markets Remain Under-Represented in the Global Capital Markets





% of MSCI All Country World



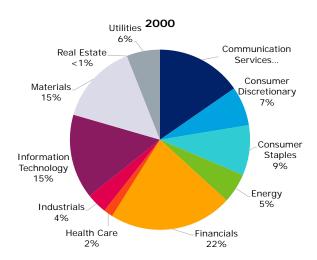
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in current US\$ EM is defined using MSCI EM Universe; GDP EM excludes Taiwan as data was not provided. Sources: World Bank, MSCI and FactSet. Data as of December 31, 2019.

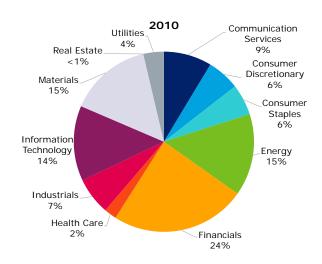


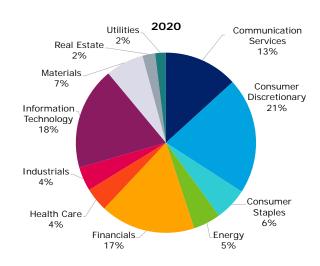


Sector Changes in the Emerging Economies

Consumer and Tech Leading the Way







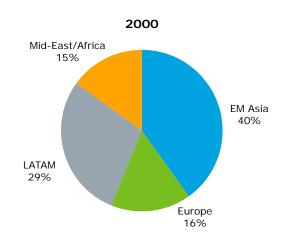
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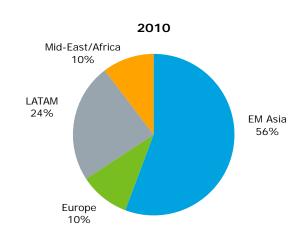


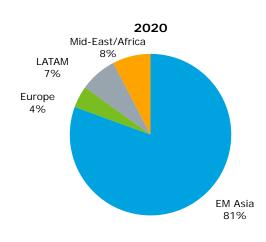
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MSCI Region Country Weighting

The China Effect - These Aren't Your Parents' Emerging Markets







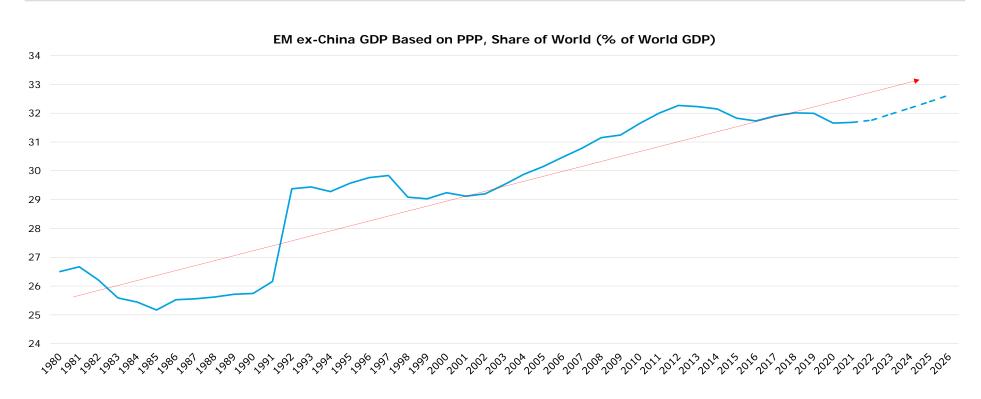
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Non-Chinese Global EM Economic Output

It's Not Just About China

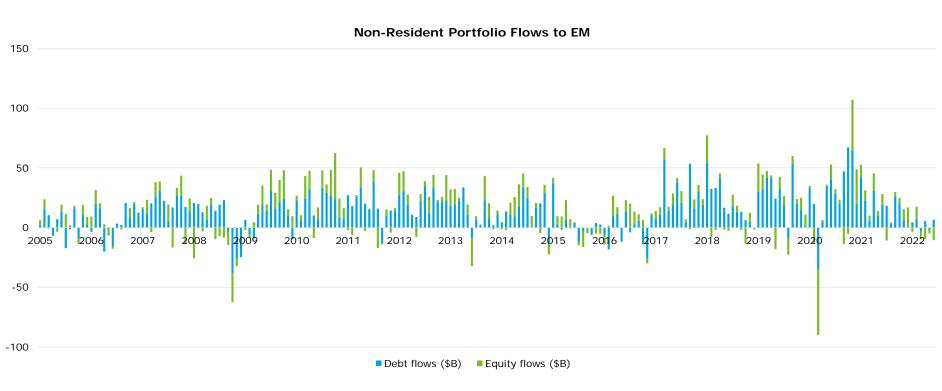


Source: IMF. Data as of April 2021.





EM Flows

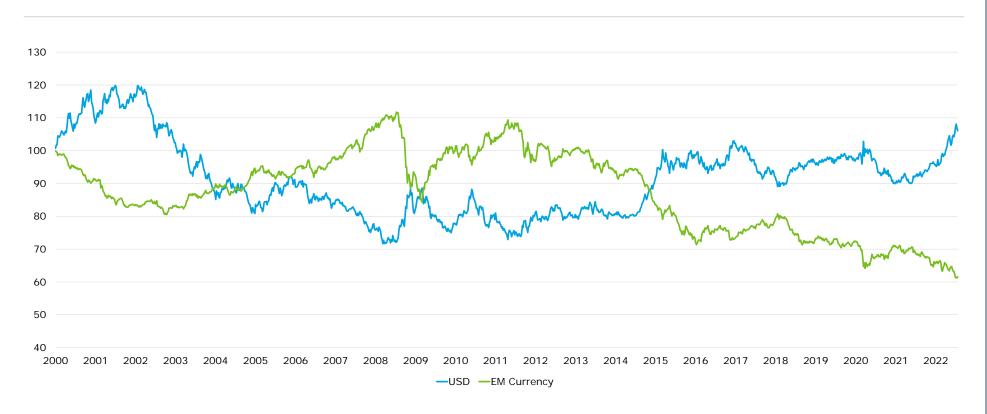


Source: Bloomberg, Institute of International Finance. Data as of June 2022.





The U.S. Dollar vs. EM Currency

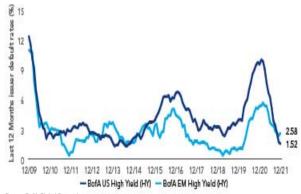


Source: Bloomberg. U.S. Dollar Index vs. DB EM FX Equally Weighted Spot Index. Data as of 7/29/22.



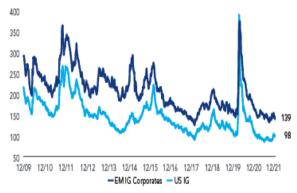
EM Corporate Assets Offer Value

EM default rates are comparable with those in the U.S.



Source: BofA Global Research Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Faster-expanding EM countries have used debt to help fund their GDP growth, which has long surpassed developed markets, and EMD now makes up more than 25% of the global bond universe. The superior growth trajectory of EM translates into the increasing depth of local capital markets and an attractive total return potential for the asset class, specifically sovereigns and corporates, at times denominated in local currency

Emerging markets IG corporates offer competitive spreads



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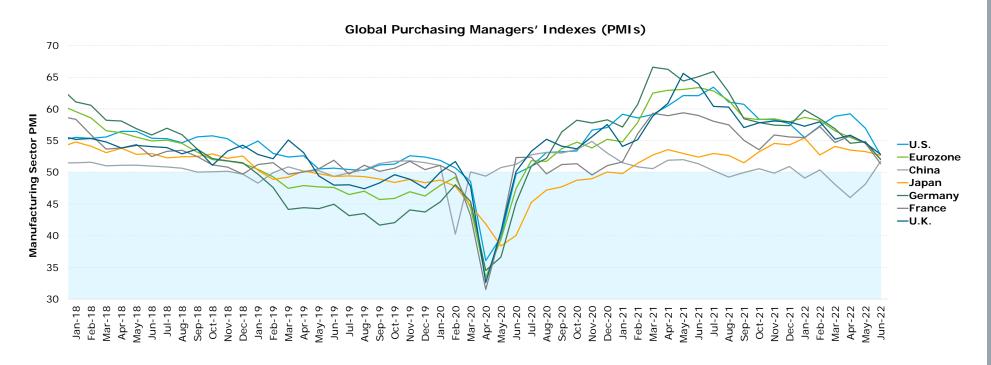
We note that investing in local currency corporates is challenged because of smaller (though numerous) offerings and high local demand. We generally find more opportunity in sovereign local currency offerings, which are also mostly confined to smaller issuers, but offer better liquidity than local corporates. In general, strategies with lower AUM are better able to allocate to the local currency space.



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Global Downturn?

Central Banks Withdraw Liquidity



Data as of 6/30/22.

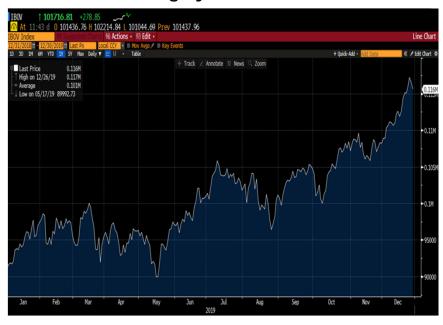
Sources: FactSet; Markit Purchasing Managers' Indexes (PMI) for the Manufacturing Sector, seasonally adjusted (SA), for the following countries: United States, Eurozone, Germany, France and the United Kingdom; the Caixin PMI Manufacturing Sector PMI Index, SA for China; the Nikkei PMI Manufacturing Sector PMI Index PMI Manufacturing Sector PMI Index PMI Manufacturing Sector PMI Manufacturing Sector PMI Index PMI Manufacturing Sector PMI





Assets Can Outperform Global GDP Growth

BOVESPA Outpaced Brazil GDP Growth of Roughly 1% in 2019



S&P Vastly Exceeding U.S. Nominal Growth Rate (3.9%) from 2000-2020 Years



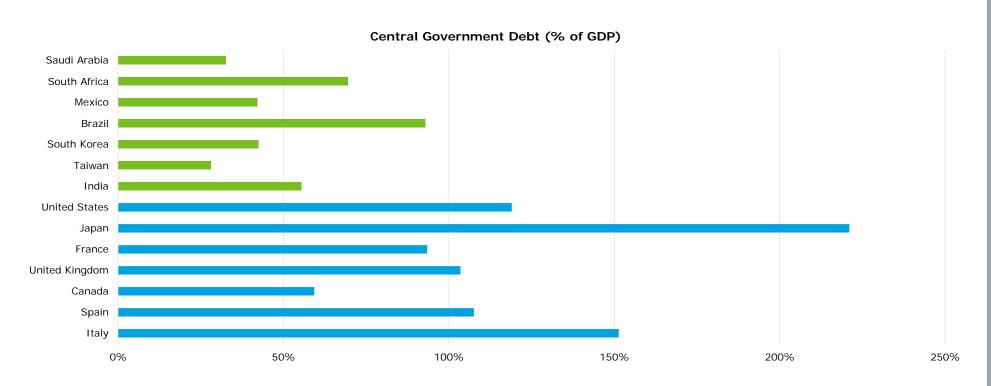
Source: Bloomberg.





Post-Covid Public Debt Has Increased Globally

Most Emerging Markets Are in Much Better Shape Than Their Developed Market Counterparts

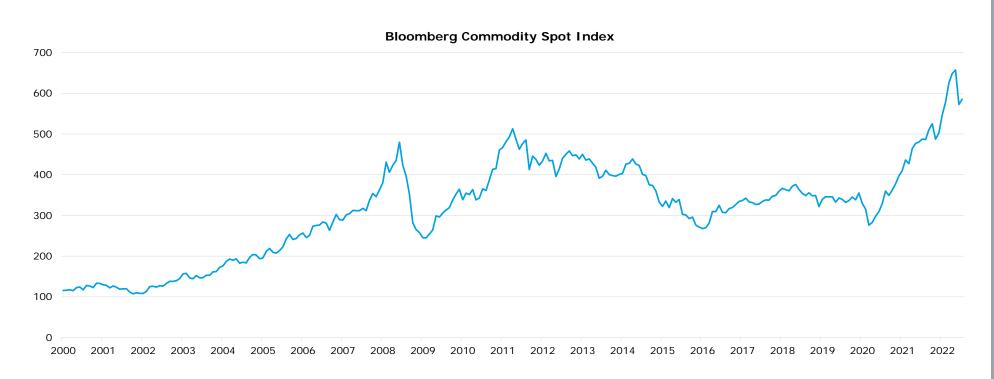


Total stock of debt liabilities issued by the central government as a share of GDP. Source: IMF Global Debt (Dec 2021).



Commodity Prices

Differentiation within the EM – Producers vs. Buyers



Source: Bloomberg. Data as of 7/29/22





EM Countries and Inflation

Inflation Not All Bad

- Commodity players benefit from higher price deck
- Worries of inflation may shock voters to orthodox candidates

No Strangers to Inflation

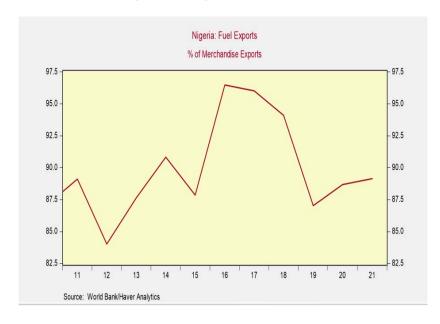


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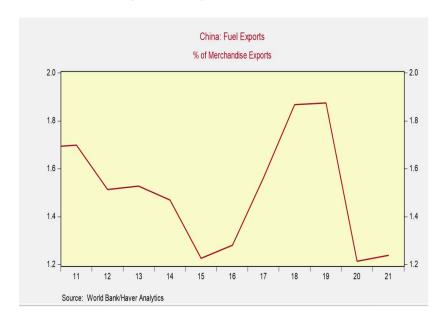


Some Sovereigns Benefit While Some Suffer

Benefiting from High Petro Product Prices



Suffering from High Petro Product Prices



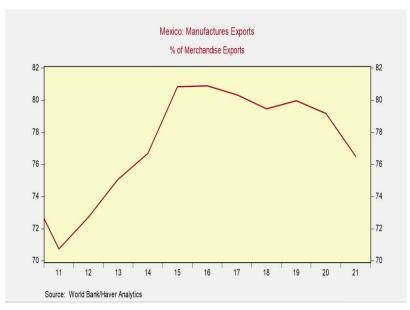




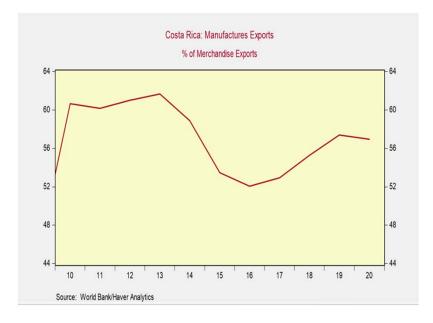
Deglobalization

- Less correlation
- Latin America may win as U.S. backfills supply chain in western hemisphere

Mexico



Costa Rica

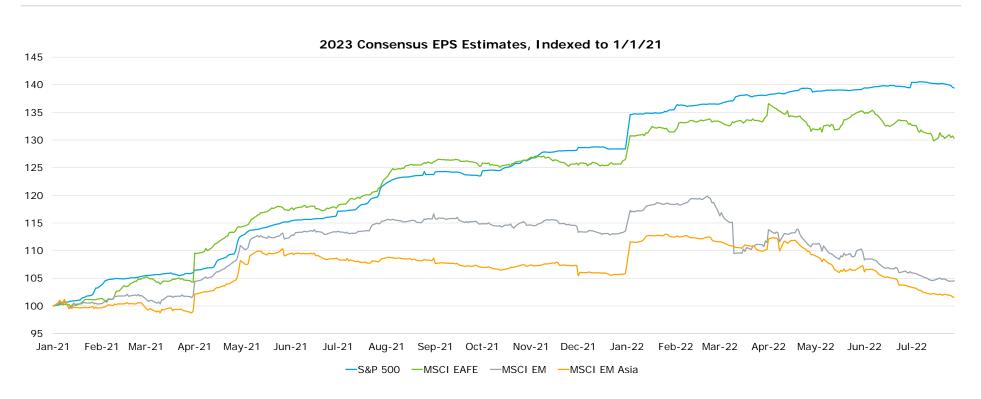






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2023 Consensus EPS Estimates



Source: Bloomberg. Data as of 7/28/22





MSCI EM Index



Source: Bloomberg. Data as of 7/29/22





China Highlights

The Good and the Bad

- + Economy is recovering albeit slowly
- + More pragmatic Covid strategy going forward?
- + Inflation is not a mid term concern
- + Policy flexibility Fiscal, monetary, and regulatory
- Declining consumer confidence/sluggish domestic demand
- Increasing unemployment in young adults
- Weak external demand is not supportive
- Housing is a major risk







Final Thoughts

We Are Edging Closer to an Inflection Point

- Long term demographic, economic, and policy support
- Transformation and innovation: Booming technology and booming commodities
- Armed conflict/Ukraine is inherently inflationary with global supply chain challenges exacerbated, but is inflation peaking?
- Tailwinds include strong commodity prices, global economic resilience, capital flows, compelling valuations, earnings, and a potentially weakening US Dollar
- Tightening of financial conditions and de-globalization are headwinds
- USD peaking?
- Everything is not equal: Selectivity remains a key differentiator in the EM





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