

#### The new virus stand-off

Monday, September 21

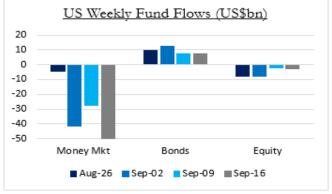
S&P 500 at six-week low on underlying healthy rotation from tech to cyclicals. See spike in US political uncertainty and financials headwinds today. Fundamentally view markets well-supported. HOT TOPICS focus on week ahead interplay between high new virus cases, stalled lockdown easing, and our still-resilient activity composite. G-4 PMI's to show easing recovery pace but consistent with modest GDP growth. Powell and Mnuchin testify to US Congress, with concerns on Fed further stimulus and fiscal stand-off. Tesla battery day much hyped but with potential cross-sector impacts.

Markets stabilised last week amid rotation from tech to cyclicals, as small caps, industrials, materials outperformed. S&P 500 -7% from Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> high, a six-week low. Sudden US Supreme Court vacancy a new 'wild card' in presidential race, where Biden has solid if narrowed lead. See markets well-supported, with **healthy underlying rotation to cyclicals**, little contagion to other assets, investors cautious (below), and with IPO/M&A validation. We are

**Key Markets Performance Table** 

| Index      | Level  | 1D    | 1W    | YTD    |
|------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| S&P500     | 3357.0 | -1.1% | -0.6% | 2.7%   |
| ACWI xUS   | 47.2   | -0.8% | 0.6%  | -4.7%  |
| DXY USD    | 92.9   | 0.0%  | -0.4% | -3.6%  |
| US 10Y YLD | 0.69   | 1.8%  | 4.0%  | -63.7% |
| Brent Spot | 42.0   | 0.1%  | 7.8%  | -39.1% |
| Gold Spot  | 1949.7 | 0.4%  | 0.4%  | 28.5%  |

focused on a sector barbell of quality growth (tech, healthcare) and increased allocation to cyclicals (small cap, industrials, durables). Asia flat, but **Europe and US futures down sharply** on stepped up US political uncertainty and global banks money laundering reports.



Source: Lipper, THR. US domiciled fund flows. ETF+Mutual Fund.

#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM REST OF DOC

- Hot Topics on Week Ahead. G-4 PMI's to show easing recovery pace but consistent with return to modest GDP growth. Powell and Mnuchin testify to US Congress, Tesla battery day.
- What to watch: US Supreme Ct opening polarization. Global bank illicit fund report fallout
- Country and Sector 'Eye': We favor US and select EM's, and US cyclical and IT sector barbell.
- <u>Data pages</u>: Performance, valuation, earnings, macro forecasts. See <u>Library</u> for prior dailies

<sup>\*</sup>Sources if not stated are Refinitiv, THR

**US & Sector Performance** 

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| S&P500        | 3357.0  | -1.1% | -0.6% | 2.7%   |
| NASDAQ        | 10937.0 | -1.1% | -0.6% | 20.3%  |
| Russell 2000  | 1536.8  | -0.4% | 2.6%  | -7.9%  |
| US IT         | 417.0   | -1.5% | -1.6% | 22.2%  |
| US Healthcare | 375.4   | 0.0%  | 1.8%  | 5.9%   |
| US Financials | 160.3   | -0.8% | -0.2% | -20.6% |

Europe virus surge. European cities announced new restrictions as cases +8% last week vs 3% global decline according to WHO. UK considering new national lockdown, as health minister said infections at 'tipping point'. Europe looking to avoid Israel example, which entered second nationwide lockdown Friday. Is biggest threat to recovering EU economy, where GDP forecast -8% yoy this year, most of all global regions. We are neutral European equities, focused on domestic recovery cyclicals, such as out-of-favor financials.

**US-China tech.** Progress as President Trump supports Tik-Tok deal and judiciary halts WeChat ban, for now. Trump gave approval to Oracle bid for US operations of Bytedance' TikTok, and Commerce Department said was delaying order banning from US app stores. Meanwhile, US judge blocked Government banning Tencent owned messaging app WeChat from US app stores. **See modest two-sided US and China exposed stock risk and** are overweight US and China equities. See August 4<sup>th</sup>, *Tik Tok risks in perspective*.

Contrarian positive sentiment. Weekly Lipper fund flows (mutual fund and ETF) show strong

FX, Fixed Income, Commodities

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|----------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| DXY USD Index  | 92.9   | 0.0%  | -0.4% | -3.6%  |
| EUR/USD        | 1.18   | -0.1% | -0.1% | 5.6%   |
| US 10Y YLD     | 0.69   | 1.8%  | 4.0%  | -63.7% |
| US 10-2 BOND   | 0.56   | -2.8% | -3.7% | 27.4%  |
| CBOE VIX Index | 25.8   | -2.4% | -4%   | 87%    |
| CRB Index      | 2692.3 | -0.5% | 1.0%  | -12.7% |

#### **Events to Watch**

| Indicator                   | Period | Forecast | Last |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|------|
| National Activity Index, US | Aug    | NA       | 1.18 |
|                             |        |          |      |

outflows from safer-haven money mkt funds, but also outflows from equity funds, which **only seen inflows two weeks in last twenty**. Retail investor sentiment, according to <u>AAII</u> survey, improved to 40% 'bearish' but remains well below average 30%. Is consistent with our composite sentiment index near contrarian buy levels. See August 20, *Investor caution a bullish sign*.

#### Sector View.

S&P500 led by real estate (-1.9%) and utilities (-1.8%), while health care (-0.0%) and financials (-0.8%) outperformed. Game developer Unity raised US\$1.3bn in IPO, using modified **Dutch auction**, first since Google 16-years ago, in latest IPO trend. See Sept 1, *Re-equitizing the US*. **Financials under pressure** from publication of FinCEN docs reportedly showing banks moved illicit funds. Canada, China, UK among markets with heavy sector weights. We are underweight.

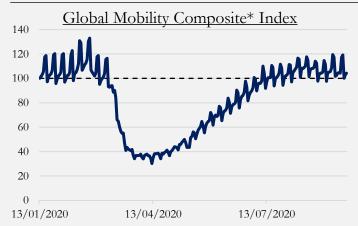
#### What to Watch

China kept benchmark loan prime rate steady for 5th month, at 3.85% for 1Yr, high by global standards, and supporting RMB, as economy recovers. South Korea 20-day exports +3.6% yoy, first in 6 months, on chip and car sales with robust growth from China, US, and EU, in sign of global recovery. Thailand protests challenging monarchy and demanding PM passed peacefully, boosting baht. US rig counts rose for second week in three, up one to 255, but still -71% yoy, as energy sector activity bottoms.

#### HOT TOPICS

#### THE NEW VIRUS STAND-OFF

Renewed focus on interplay between stubbornly high new virus cases, with strong Europe rebound, stalled lockdown easing, and our still-resilient activity composite. G-4 PMI's set to show an easing recovery pace but remain consistent with return to modest GDP growth. Powell and Mnuchin testify to US Congress, with market concerns on Fed further stimulus and fiscal stand-off. Tesla battery day much hyped but with potential cross-sector impacts.



Source: Apple, THR.  $^{\star}$  Top-15 economies. Driving, Walking, Mass Transit

#### Global activity proxy decline

Our global activity 'proxy' decline stabilized last week, -0.1% vs -0.6% the prior week. US activity fell by 0.6% but slowed vs a decrease of 2.7% the prior week. The index combines Apple mobility data on driving, walking, mass transit across top 15 economies globally. The driving sub-component shows that 10 of 15

| <u>Driving Inde</u> | <u>ex</u>   |           |           |         |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Countries           | vs 13th Jan | at trough | vs trough | vs 2Wks |
| Australia           | -6.8%       | -73.1%    | 245.8%    | 7.2%    |
| Brazil              | 2.7%        | -72.4%    | 272.3%    | 3.2%    |
| Canada              | 35.6%       | -64.8%    | 285.5%    | -11.0%  |
| France              | 37.0%       | -84.7%    | 793.5%    | -6.2%   |
| Germany             | 44.8%       | -62.1%    | 282.2%    | 4.4%    |
| India               | -10.2%      | -83.7%    | 451.0%    | 4.6%    |
| Indonesia           | -23.9%      | -63.5%    | 108.7%    | -13.1%  |
| Italy               | 43.9%       | -87.3%    | 1036.5%   | 0.9%    |
| Japan               | 23.9%       | -35.3%    | 91.5%     | 11.6%   |
| Mexico              | -1.0%       | -67.8%    | 207.5%    | 10.4%   |
| Korea               | -37.1%      | -48.9%    | 23.0%     | 5.1%    |
| Russia              | 51.4%       | -54.0%    | 229.4%    | -12.0%  |
| Spain               | 20.2%       | -89.1%    | 999.5%    | -4.7%   |
| UK                  | 23.0%       | -75.5%    | 402.8%    | -2.8%   |
| US                  | 27.0%       | -62.6%    | 239.3%    | -2.0%   |

-68.3%

377.9%

Global Lockdown Stringency\* Index

90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
01/01/2020
01/04/2020
01/07/2020

Source: Oxford Gov. Response Tracker, THR. \*Top-15 economies economies are higher than January. Only 8 of 15 countries have seen higher driving levels compared with 2 weeks prior.

#### Global restrictions index stable

The global index of lockdown restrictions across the top 15 economies tightened 1.8% last week, vs a 0.9% fall the previous week.

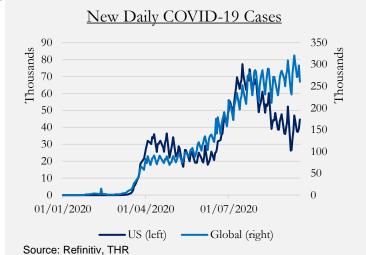
| Countries | Current level | Peak | vs peak | vs 2Wks |
|-----------|---------------|------|---------|---------|
| Australia | 76            | 79   | -5%     | 0%      |
| Brazil    | 73            | 81   | -10%    | 0%      |
| Canada    | 61            | 75   | -19%    | -6%     |
| France    | 49            | 88   | -45%    | 13%     |
| Germany   | 50            | 77   | -36%    | -17%    |
| India     | 81            | 100  | -19%    | 0%      |
| Indonesia | 69            | 80   | -14%    | 16%     |
| Italy     | 55            | 94   | -42%    | 0%      |
| Japan     | 37            | 47   | -22%    | 21%     |
| Mexico    | 75            | 82   | -10%    | 0%      |
| Korea     | 54            | 82   | -34%    | 0%      |
| Russia    | 39            | 87   | -55%    | 0%      |
| Spain     | 63            | 85   | -27%    | 0%      |
| UK        | 63            | 80   | -21%    | 0%      |
| US        | 67            | 73   | -8%     | 0%      |
| Average   | 61            | 79   | -23%    | 1%      |

-0.3%

Average

15.4%

Source: Apple Mobility Trends, THR



#### US and global virus cases rise

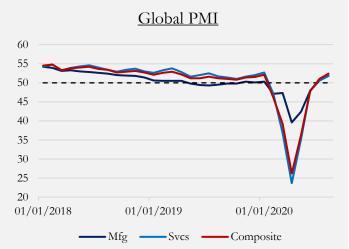
US daily cases rose slightly last week, after consistent falls from 80k peak in July – with 7-day rolling avg. reaching 2 week high 42k. Global new cases also saw worrying increases, with 7-day average peaking at 290k. India saw strongest new case growth, (approaching 100k), as Brazil saw reduction to 35k. Spain leads Europe second wave fears, as cases rose to new peak of 12k.

#### G-4 economies September PMI slowdown

G-4 September PMI's to show a growth moderation, and gap between easing services and manufacturing growth. August levels consistent with annualized GDP growth. Eurozone composite PMI forecast at 51.2, down vs August 51.9. US led in August with composite at 54.6, whilst Japan lagged, at contractionary 47.2.

## PBOC to keep rates unchanged

China central bank kept 1-yr and 5-year prime



Source: Refinitiv, THR

loan rates at 3.8% and 4.6% respectively., as economy continues to recover. High rates vs global peers remains a key RMB support.

#### Powell and Mnuchin speak to Congress

With focus on Fed AIT and willingness to 'do more', and fiscal stimulus and Sept. 30 budget.

#### Tesla Battery Day wide impacts

Musk promises tech and cost developments to 'blow your mind' with consequences across auto, materials, and chemicals sectors.

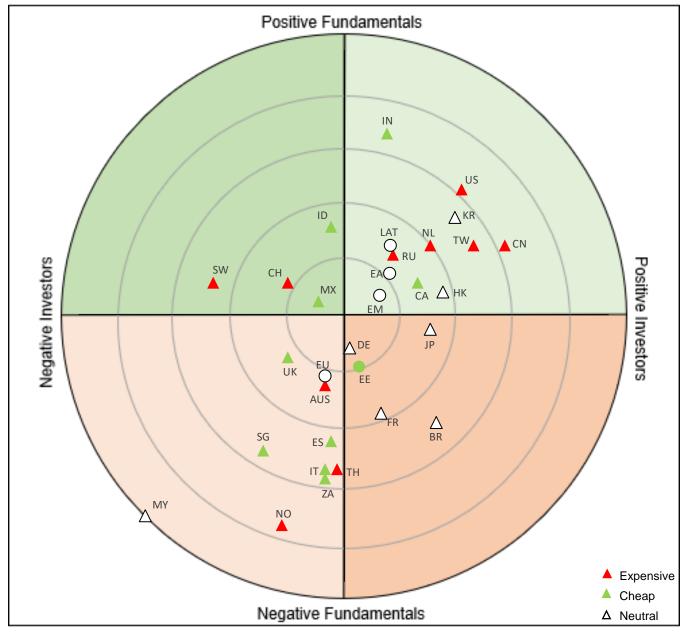


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|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------|--------|----------|
| Date                   | Country        | Indicator                | Period     | Last   | Forecast |
| 22 September 2020      | Euro Zone      | Consumer Confid. Flash   | Sep        | -14.70 | -14.91   |
| 23 September 2020      | Euro Zone      | Markit Comp Flash PMI    | Sep        | 51.90  | 51.23    |
| 23 September 2020      | Germany        | Markit Mfg Flash PMI     | Sep        | 52.20  | 53.06    |
| 23 September 2020      | United Kingdom | Flash Services PMI       | Sep        | 58.80  | 56.29    |
| 24 September 2020      | Germany        | Ifo Business Climate New | Sep        | 92.60  | 93.91    |
| 24 September 2020      | Germany        | Ifo Expectations New     | Sep        | 97.50  | 98.05    |
| 24 September 2020      | United States  | New Home Sales-Units     | Aug        | 901 k  | 897 k    |
| 25 September 2020      | Euro Zone      | Money-M3 Annual Grwth    | Aug        | 10.2   | 10.28    |
| 25 September 2020      | United Kingdom | PSNB Ex Banks GBP        | Aug        | 26.7 B | 39.1 B   |
| 25 September 2020      | United States  | Durable Goods            | Aug        | 11.40  | 1.16     |
| Source: Refinitiv, THF | ₹              |                          |            |        |          |

### **COUNTRY 'EYE' & ALLOCATIONS**

#### **Country Allocation Views**

| Market   | Main Index | THR View    | Market      | Main Index | THR View    |
|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| US       | S&P 500    | Overweight  | UK          | FTSE 100   | Underweight |
| EM       | MSCI EM    | Neutral     | Canada      | S&P/TSX    | Overweight  |
| Eurozone | EUROSTOXX  | Neutral     | Switzerland | SMI        | Overweight  |
| Japan    | TOPIX      | Underweight | Australia   | S&P/ASX    | Neutral     |



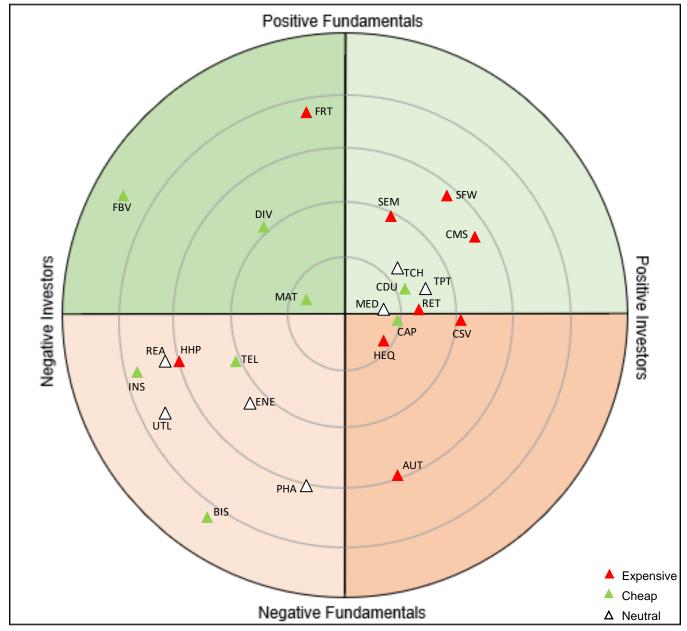
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AUS=Australia, BR=Brazil, CA=Canada, CN=China, FR=France, DE=Germany, HK=Hong Kong, IN=India, ID=Indonesia, IT=Italy, JP=Japan, KR=Korea, MY=Malaysia, MX=Mexico, NL=Netherlands, NO=Norway, RU=Russia, SG=Singapore, ZA=South Africa, ES=Spain, SE=Sweden, CH=Switzerland, TW=Taiwan, TH=Thailand, UK=United Kingdom, US=United States, EU=Europe, LAT=Latin America, EM=Emerging Markets, EE=Emerging Europe, EA=Emerging Asia.

### US SECTOR 'EYE' & ALLOCATION

#### **US Sector Allocation Views**

| Market         | Main ETFs | THR View    | Market      | Main ETFs | THR View    |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| IT             | XLK/VGT   | Overweight  | Staples     | XLP/VDC   | Overweight  |
| Healthcare     | XLV/VHT   | Overweight  | Energy      | XLE/VDE   | Neutral     |
| Financials     | XLF/VFH   | Underweight | Utilties    | XLU/VPU   | Underweight |
| Communications | XLC/VOX   | Overweight  | Real Estate | XLRE/VNQ  | Overweight  |
| Discretionary  | XLY/VCR   | Neutral     | Materials   | XLB/VAW   | Underweight |
| Industrials    | XLI/VIS   | Overweight  |             |           |             |



Source: Refinitiv, THR. SEE PAGE 13 FOR FULL METHODOLOGY

AUT=Auto & Auto parts, BIS=Banking & Investment, CAP=Capital Goods, CMS=Commercial & Prof Svcs, CDU=Consumer Durables & Apparel, CSV=Consumer Svcs, DIV=Diversified Financials, ENE=Energy, FRT=Food Staples & Retail, FBV=Food, Bev. & Tobacco, HEQ=Healthcare Equipt. & Svcs, HHP=Household & Personal Products, INS=Insurance, MAT=Materials, MED=Media & Entertainment, PHA=Pharma, Bio & Life Svcs, REA=Real Estate, RET=Retailing, SEM=Semiconductors & Equipt, SFW=Software and Svcs, TCH=Technology Hardware & Equipt, TEL=Telecoms TPT=Transport, UTL=Utilities

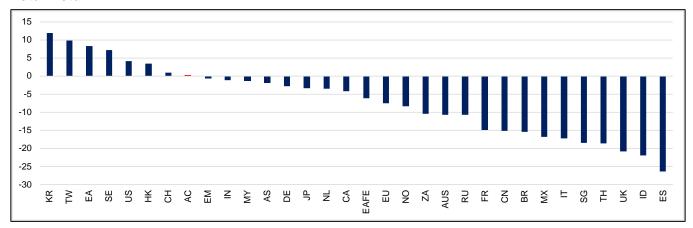
# 'EYE' ALLOCATION BREAKDOWN

| Country/                                | Rationale   | P/E   |       | EPS G |         |
|---|---|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Region                                  | H-16-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-  | 2020e | 2021e | 2020e | 2021e   |
|   | United States (Overweight): Remains global equity 'safer haven' despite centre COVID outbreak and upcoming election. Has relatively closed economy and stock market, trend GDP growth into crisis, unprecedented policy response with unlimited QE and initial 14%/GDP fiscal stimulus. Valuations fundamentally supported by tech, tax, and UST. Earnings expectations very quickly adjusted. Is in 'momentum' Eye quadrant, with some of world's strongest relative fundamentals, but also some of most optimistic investors.   | 26.7  | 21.6  | -16.2 | 24.1    |
| *:                                      | Emerging Markets (Neutral): Economic growth vulnerable even before COVID outbreak. USD strength and low oil prices headwinds part reversed. Some of valuation discount structural (governance and cost-of-capital) but rising China and tech weights have boosted structural growth and fair-value. LatAm/CEEMEA now focus of virus, after north Asia (65% EM) control, and have cyclical upside to commodities, PMI, weaker USD. Favor China, EM's largest market, on policy flexibility, resilient GDP/EPS, FIFO on virus, 14x 2021e P/E.   | 17.9  | 13.6  | -9.3  | 31.7    |
| * | <b>Eurozone (Neutral):</b> Led global GDP and EPS decline, whilst much of valuation discount vs US is just sector composition. Recession triggered a broader fiscal policy response, whilst ECB help extended. COVID easing and countries reopening, will see large cyclical economic and market upturn. Focus on cheap domestic cyclicals, such as Financials. Risk is impact of stronger EUR on region's globalised and low margin companies.   | 22.0  | 15.8  | -33.1 | 39.5    |
|   | <b>Japan (Underweight):</b> Been moving out of the value-trap 'Eye' quadrant, but has significant fundamental headwinds on growth, trade, policy flexibility, and longer-term structural issues (demographics, debt). Valuation is attractive vs history, but EPS outlook overstated and vulnerable to stronger JPY. Domestic stocks underperformed global-exposed peers.   | 21.7  | 15.2  | -8.3  | 42.9    |
|   | <b>UK (Underweight):</b> In value-trap framework quadrant. Exposed to twin-headwinds of above-average COVID impact (with high infections and relatively low fiscal response) and rising Brexit hard-exit risks (into Dec. 31 cliff edge), and market valuations at long-term average. Risk that lags our preferred recovery cyclicals (Canada, EU Financials, US small caps) despite 50%+ cyclical equity index composition and 60% overseas revenue exposure.  | 18.2  | 13.3  | -39.4 | 37.2    |
| US Sector                               | Rationale   | P/E   | (x)   | EPS G | ir. (%) |
|   |   | 2020e | 2021e | 2020e | 2021e   |
|   | Information Technology (Overweight): Software in attractive top-right 'momentum' quadrant of the Eye. Are quality growth and attractive at this stage of cycle, reflected in defensiveness vs previous corrections. Valuations average but supported by net-cash and high RoE, giving buyback and M&A flexibility. Tech Hardware (Neutral) less well positioned, with weaker fundamentals, but beneficiary of easing growth concerns.   | 30.8  | 26.9  | 3.7   | 14.8    |
|   | Healthcare (Overweight): Both Healthcare Equipment and Pharma have been slipping on   |       |       |       |         |
|   | our framework. Remain liked by the market (with multiple rerating and sell-side conviction), and we see quality growth attractive at this stage, with defensive cash flows, less EPS cyclicality and a domestic revenue focus. Seeing Federal support to combat COVID. Similar to Tech, set to come out of crisis more dominant.  | 18.6  | 16.1  | 5.1   | 15.5    |
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Source: Refinitiv, THR

# REGION/COUNTRY PERFORMANCE & VALUATION

#### **Total Return YTD**

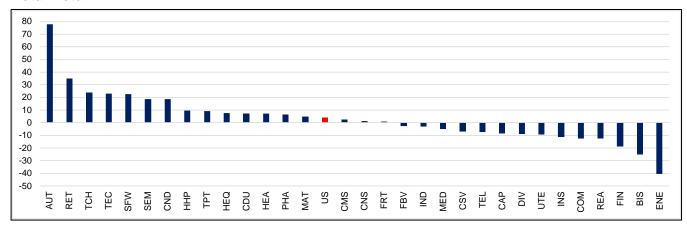


|                                |              |        | Price Per | formance | )       |       | PE    |       | EPS G  | rowth  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|-----------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Index                          | Abbreviation | 1D (%) | 1W (%)    | 3M(%)    | YTD (%) | 2019A | 2020E | 2021E | 2020E  | 2021E  |
| World                          | AC           | -0.7   | -1.5      | 9.0      | 0.3     | 19.1  | 23.7  | 18.3  | -19.3% | 29.7%  |
| EAFE                           | EAFE         | 0.0    | -0.2      | 4.4      | -6.1    | 15.9  | 21.8  | 15.8  | -27.3% | 38.3%  |
| Europe                         | EU           | -0.2   | -1.0      | 8.0      | -7.6    | 14.7  | 22.0  | 15.8  | -33.1% | 39.5%  |
| Asia                           | AS           | 0.5    | -0.5      | 6.9      | -1.8    | 18.4  | 19.4  | 14.7  | -5.3%  | 31.6%  |
| <b>Emerging Global Markets</b> | EM           | 0.2    | -0.8      | 9.7      | -0.5    | 16.3  | 17.9  | 13.6  | -9.3%  | 31.7%  |
| Emerging Asia                  | EA           | 0.5    | -0.1      | 11.8     | 8.3     | 18.1  | 18.0  | 14.4  | 0.7%   | 24.8%  |
| Australia                      | AUS          | -0.3   | -1.2      | -0.5     | -10.7   | 19.6  | 19.9  | 17.3  | -1.2%  | 14.9%  |
| Brazil                         | BR           | -1.8   | -0.1      | 1.4      | -15.4   | 13.3  | 27.8  | 12.0  | -52.2% | 131.3% |
| Canada                         | CA           | -0.4   | -0.1      | 5.4      | -4.2    | 14.7  | 20.9  | 15.8  | -29.6% | 32.3%  |
| China                          | CN           | 0.9    | -0.4      | -1.2     | -15.1   | 16.8  | 16.7  | 14.0  | 0.3%   | 19.4%  |
| France                         | FR           | -1.2   | -2.8      | 0.7      | -14.9   | 14.4  | 26.2  | 15.9  | -45.1% | 64.4%  |
| Germany                        | DE           | -0.7   | -1.9      | 5.0      | -2.8    | 16.4  | 23.0  | 15.2  | -29.0% | 51.3%  |
| Hong Kong                      | HK           | 0.6    | -1.3      | 6.8      | 3.4     | 15.3  | 20.8  | 15.5  | -26.4% | 34.1%  |
| India                          | IN           | -0.1   | 0.3       | 13.4     | -1.1    | 24.3  | 27.1  | 19.0  | -10.2% | 42.7%  |
| Indonesia                      | ID           | 0.3    | -4.2      | 2.0      | -21.9   | 15.0  | 20.4  | 15.5  | -26.5% | 31.7%  |
| Italy                          | ΙΤ           | -1.1   | -2.4      | -0.6     | -17.3   | 10.5  | 20.6  | 13.1  | -49.0% | 58.0%  |
| Japan                          | JP           | 0.4    | -0.3      | 4.4      | -3.4    | 19.9  | 21.7  | 15.2  | -8.3%  | 42.9%  |
| Korea                          | KR           | 0.3    | -1.6      | 12.3     | 11.9    | 19.5  | 16.7  | 11.7  | 17.0%  | 42.4%  |
| Malaysia                       | MY           | -0.1   | -0.3      | 3.3      | -1.2    | 17.6  | 22.3  | 16.3  | -21.2% | 37.1%  |
| Mexico                         | MX           | -0.4   | -0.8      | -4.6     | -16.8   | 14.1  | 21.2  | 12.7  | -33.3% | 67.3%  |
| Netherlands                    | NL           | -0.1   | -1.2      | 0.7      | -3.6    | 20.4  | 22.8  | 19.0  | -10.4% | 19.8%  |
| Norway                         | NO           | 0.1    | 0.0       | 6.4      | -8.4    | 13.9  | 19.7  | 14.6  | -29.5% | 34.7%  |
| Russia                         | RU           | -0.8   | 0.2       | 2.4      | -10.8   | 5.9   | 11.5  | 7.4   | -49.0% | 56.5%  |
| Singapore                      | SG           | -0.2   | 0.5       | -3.2     | -18.4   | 11.2  | 16.9  | 12.8  | -33.8% | 32.1%  |
| South Africa                   | ZA           | -1.0   | -4.1      | 0.1      | -10.4   | 14.7  | 15.2  | 10.1  | -3.3%  | 50.9%  |
| Spain                          | ES           | -2.0   | -1.6      | -6.0     | -26.4   | 10.3  | 28.0  | 13.0  | -63.1% | 115.9% |
| Sweden                         | SE           | 0.3    | 0.8       | 12.0     | 7.2     | 16.7  | 21.0  | 17.5  | -20.3% | 19.9%  |
| Switzerland                    | CH           | 0.3    | 0.3       | 3.3      | 1.0     | 19.6  | 21.6  | 18.5  | -9.6%  | 17.0%  |
| Taiwan                         | TW           | 0.0    | 0.0       | 13.3     | 9.8     | 20.7  | 18.7  | 16.4  | 10.5%  | 14.0%  |
| Thailand                       | TH           | 0.4    | 1.2       | -4.9     | -18.7   | 14.1  | 22.2  | 16.9  | -36.8% | 31.9%  |
| United Kingdom                 | UK           | -0.8   | -2.3      | -4.6     | -20.8   | 11.1  | 18.2  | 13.3  | -39.4% | 37.2%  |
| United States                  | US           | -1.0   | -1.7      | 7.3      | 4.2     | 22.4  | 26.7  | 21.6  | -16.2% | 24.1%  |

Source: MSCI, Refinitiv, THR

### US SECTOR PERFORMANCE & VALUATION

#### **Total Return YTD**

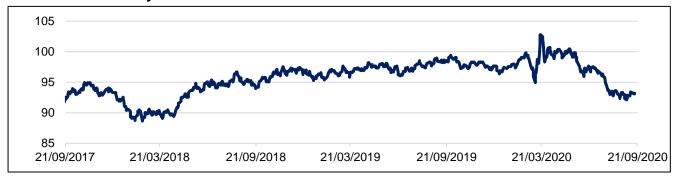


|                               |              | Price Performance |        |       | PE      |       |       | EPS Growth |         |         |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------|-------|---------|-------|-------|------------|---------|---------|
| Index                         | Abbreviation | 1D (%)            | 1W (%) | 3M(%) | YTD (%) | 2019A | 2020E | 2021E      | 2020E   | 2021E   |
| United States                 | US           | -1.0              | -1.7   | 7.3   | 4.2     | 22.4  | 26.7  | 21.6       | -16.2%  | 24.1%   |
| Communications                | СОМ          | -1.2              | -0.3   | -7.3  | -12.6   | 24.1  | 27.4  | 22.6       | -12.2%  | 20.9%   |
| Media & Entertainment         | MED          | -0.9              | 0.4    | 12.0  | -5.0    | 31.0  | 36.7  | 27.8       | -15.5%  | 32.2%   |
| Telecommunication Svcs        | TEL          | -0.5              | -0.4   | 3.9   | -7.6    | 11.4  | 12.1  | 11.8       | -6.1%   | 2.5%    |
| <b>Consumer Discretionary</b> | CND          | -1.0              | -2.0   | 15.5  | 18.5    | 36.8  | 57.3  | 34.3       | -35.9%  | 67.3%   |
| Autos & Components            | AUT          | 2.5               | 10.5   | 60.9  | 78.0    | 26.9  | 137.3 | 28.4       | -80.4%  | 384.3%  |
| Consumer Durables & App       | CDU          | -1.5              | -0.7   | 17.7  | 7.4     | 27.2  | 28.5  | 22.2       | -4.6%   | 28.0%   |
| Consumer Svcs                 | CSV          | -1.4              | -0.1   | 12.6  | -7.1    | 23.1  | NA    | 43.2       | -108.7% | 712.0%  |
| Retailing                     | RET          | -1.3              | -2.6   | 12.2  | 35.1    | 47.2  | 48.3  | 36.8       | -2.4%   | 31.3%   |
| Consumer Staples              | CNS          | -0.9              | -2.0   | 7.6   | 1.3     | 22.2  | 22.2  | 20.7       | -0.1%   | 7.2%    |
| Food & Staples Retailing      | FRT          | -0.6              | 0.5    | 8.3   | 1.1     | 23.5  | 24.1  | 23.1       | -2.3%   | 4.0%    |
| Food, Bev & Tobacco           | FBV          | -1.3              | -2.2   | 5.2   | -2.7    | 19.0  | 19.6  | 18.0       | -2.7%   | 8.9%    |
| Household Products            | HHP          | -0.5              | -1.0   | 10.9  | 9.5     | 29.4  | 26.3  | 25.0       | 12.1%   | 5.0%    |
| Energy                        | ENE          | -1.0              | 2.1    | -11.3 | -40.6   | 12.3  | NA    | 25.9       | -100.5% | 8872.4% |
| Financials                    | FIN          | -0.8              | -1.8   | 3.0   | -18.9   | 11.3  | 16.8  | 12.8       | -33.2%  | 31.4%   |
| Banks                         | BIS          | -0.5              | -0.3   | -0.6  | -25.0   | 8.2   | 16.8  | 11.3       | -51.0%  | 48.3%   |
| Diversified Financials        | DIV          | 0.2               | 1.1    | -1.5  | -9.0    | 15.2  | 19.6  | 15.6       | -22.2%  | 25.6%   |
| Insurance                     | INS          | -0.2              | -0.2   | 10.4  | -11.3   | 11.7  | 13.0  | 11.0       | -9.5%   | 18.0%   |
| Health Care                   | HEA          | 0.0               | -0.1   | 6.0   | 7.1     | 19.5  | 18.6  | 16.1       | 5.1%    | 15.5%   |
| Health Care Equipment         | HEQ          | -0.3              | 0.7    | 8.9   | 7.7     | 32.8  | 36.4  | 27.4       | -10.0%  | 32.8%   |
| Pharmaceuticals               | PHA          | 0.3               | 3.1    | 2.8   | 6.4     | 16.1  | 15.4  | 13.5       | 4.5%    | 14.2%   |
| Industrials                   | IND          | -1.0              | 0.3    | 11.7  | -3.2    | 20.8  | 29.2  | 21.2       | -28.6%  | 37.4%   |
| Capital Goods                 | CAP          | -1.2              | 1.0    | 9.6   | -8.6    | 17.6  | 26.5  | 19.6       | -33.5%  | 35.4%   |
| Commercial & Prof Svcs        | CMS          | -0.6              | 2.2    | 6.8   | 2.5     | 32.4  | 33.7  | 29.9       | -3.9%   | 12.7%   |
| Transportation                | TPT          | -0.9              | 1.3    | 26.8  | 9.1     | 30.5  | 37.2  | 23.2       | -18.1%  | 60.3%   |
| Information Technology        | TEC          | -1.5              | -3.1   | 6.6   | 23.0    | 32.0  | 30.8  | 26.9       | 3.7%    | 14.8%   |
| Semiconductors                | SEM          | -1.7              | 0.7    | 10.0  | 18.6    | 21.6  | 21.8  | 18.7       | -0.7%   | 16.5%   |
| Software & Svcs               | SFW          | -1.0              | -1.4   | 6.0   | 22.6    | 40.2  | 37.4  | 32.9       | 7.4%    | 13.9%   |
| Technology Hardware           | TCH          | -2.3              | -1.9   | 13.1  | 23.7    | 29.0  | 28.4  | 24.8       | 2.2%    | 14.6%   |
| Materials                     | MAT          | -1.7              | -0.6   | 16.7  | 4.9     | 21.6  | 26.1  | 20.3       | -17.3%  | 28.6%   |
| Real Estate                   | REA          | -2.1              | 0.3    | 1.7   | -12.6   | 34.7  | 49.1  | 46.2       | -29.3%  | 6.2%    |
| Utilities                     | UTE          | -1.7              | -0.7   | 2.0   | -9.5    | 17.4  | 18.1  | 17.4       | -4.1%   | 4.0%    |

Source: MSCI, Refinitiv, THR

# GLOBAL FX, BONDS AND COMMODITIES

#### **DXY USD Index - 3 years**



#### **CRB Major Commodity Index\* - 3 Years**

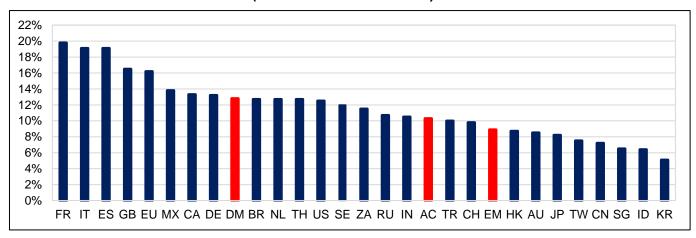


| Name                   | Currency | Close Price | 1 Day | 1 Week | 1 Month | 3 Months | 1 Year  | MTD    | QTD    | YTD     |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|-------|--------|---------|----------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| Commodoties            | -        |             |       |        |         |          |         |        |        |         |
| CRB Commodity Index    | USD      | 2692.26     | -0.5% | 1.0%   | -1.1%   | 8.2%     | -9.2%   | 0.0%   | 9.5%   | -12.7%  |
| Gold Spot              | USD      | 1949.69     | 0.4%  | 0.4%   | -2.6%   | 13.2%    | 30.5%   | -1.0%  | 9.5%   | 28.5%   |
| Copper Spot            | USD      | 3.11        | 1.5%  | 2.6%   | 4.8%    | 20.2%    | 20.0%   | 2.4%   | 14.7%  | 11.4%   |
| Brent Crude Spot       | USD      | 41.98       | 0.1%  | 7.8%   | -8.6%   | -0.6%    | -35.6%  | -8.7%  | -1.2%  | -39.1%  |
| CRB Agricultural Index | USD      | 5396.33     | -0.4% | 1.2%   | 0.9%    | 13.5%    | -3.5%   | 1.8%   | 15.8%  | -5.9%   |
| Currencies             | -        |             |       |        |         |          |         |        |        |         |
| DXY USD Index          | USD      | 92.93       | 0.0%  | -0.4%  | 0.7%    | -4.6%    | -5.7%   | 0.8%   | -4.6%  | -3.6%   |
| EUR/USD                | USD      | 1.18        | -0.1% | -0.1%  | -0.8%   | 5.7%     | 7.3%    | -0.8%  | 5.4%   | 5.6%    |
| USD/JPY                | JPY      | 104.55      | -0.2% | -1.5%  | -0.8%   | -2.3%    | -3.6%   | -1.3%  | -3.1%  | -3.7%   |
| GBP/USD                | USD      | 1.29        | -0.4% | 1.0%   | -2.4%   | 4.0%     | 3.6%    | -3.4%  | 4.2%   | -2.6%   |
| USD/CNY                | CNY      | 6.77        | 0.1%  | -1.0%  | -2.2%   | -4.5%    | -4.5%   | -1.2%  | -4.2%  | -2.8%   |
| Bond Yields            | -        |             |       |        |         |          |         |        |        |         |
| DE 10Y BUND            | EUR      | -0.48       | -1.4% | 0.0%   | 5.7%    | 9.0%     | -5.5%   | 22.0%  | 5.0%   | 158.3%  |
| GB 10Y GILT            | GBP      | 0.19        | -1.6% | 0.5%   | -15.9%  | -18.1%   | -71.2%  | -40.9% | 7.6%   | -77.6%  |
| JP 10Y JGB             | JPY      | 0.01        | 0.0%  | -48.0% | -62.9%  | 18.2%    | -107.3% | -72.3% | -51.9% | -159.1% |
| US 10Y BILL            | USD      | 0.69        | 1.8%  | 4.0%   | 3.7%    | 0.0%     | -61.1%  | 0.1%   | 6.3%   | -63.7%  |
| US 30Y BOND            | USD      | 1.45        | 1.8%  | 2.5%   | 3.8%    | -0.6%    | -35.1%  | 0.0%   | 2.9%   | -38.9%  |
| US 10-2 BOND           | -        | 0.56        | -2.8% | -3.7%  | 7.9%    | 28.7%    | 30.9%   | -6.0%  | 16.0%  | 27.4%   |
| Volatility             | -        |             |       |        |         |          |         |        |        |         |
| CBOE VIX Index         | USD      | 25.83       | -0.02 | -0.04  | 0.20    | -0.22    | 0.85    | -0.02  | -0.15  | 0.87    |

Source: Refinitiv, THR

### MACRO INDICATORS: HISTORIC AND FORECASTS

#### Forecast Real GDP Growth 'Delta' (2021E % Growth – 2020E)



|                   |       |                             |      | Real GDP (%) |       |      | Inflation (%) |       |      | Fiscal Balance (% GDP) |       |      | Gov Debt (% GDP) |  |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------|------|--------------|-------|------|---------------|-------|------|------------------------|-------|------|------------------|--|
|                   | Codes | Nominal GDP<br>2019 US\$trn | 2019 | 2020E        | 2021E | 2019 | 2020E         | 2021E | 2019 | 2020E                  | 2021E | 2019 | 2020E            |  |
| Americas          |       |                             |      |              |       |      |               |       |      |                        |       |      |                  |  |
| US                | US    | 21.4                        | 2.3  | -8.0         | 4.5   | 1.8  | 0.6           | 2.2   | -6.3 | -23.8                  | -12.4 | 106  | 110              |  |
| Canada            | CA    | 1.7                         | 1.7  | -8.4         | 4.9   | 1.9  | 0.6           | 1.3   | -0.3 | -12.6                  | -5.8  | 88   | 83               |  |
| Brazil            | BR    | 1.9                         | 1.1  | -9.1         | 3.6   | 3.7  | 3.6           | 3.3   | -6.0 | -16.0                  | -5.9  | 92   | 95               |  |
| Mexico            | MX    | 1.3                         | -0.3 | -10.5        | 3.3   | 3.6  | 2.7           | 2.8   | -2.3 | -6.0                   | -4.0  | 54   | 55               |  |
| Europe            |       |                             |      |              |       | 2.0  | 1.1           | 1.6   |      |                        |       |      |                  |  |
| Eurozone          | EU    | 18.3                        | 1.3  | -10.2        | 6.0   | 1.4  | 0.6           | 1.2   | -0.6 | -11.7                  | -5.3  | 80   | 78               |  |
| Germany           | DE    | 3.9                         | 0.6  | -7.8         | 5.4   | 1.3  | 0.3           | 1.2   | 1.5  | -10.7                  | -3.1  | 59   | 53               |  |
| UK                | GB    | 2.7                         | 1.4  | -10.2        | 6.3   | 1.8  | 1.2           | 1.5   | -2.1 | -12.7                  | -6.7  | 86   | 85               |  |
| France            | FR    | 2.7                         | 1.5  | -12.5        | 7.3   | 1.3  | 0.3           | 0.7   | -3.0 | -13.6                  | -7.1  | 99   | 99               |  |
| Italy             | IT    | 2.0                         | 0.3  | -12.8        | 6.3   | 0.6  | 0.2           | 0.7   | -1.6 | -12.7                  | -7.0  | 133  | 134              |  |
| Spain             | ES    | 1.4                         | 2.0  | -12.8        | 6.3   | 0.7  | -0.3          | 0.7   | -2.8 | -13.9                  | -8.3  | 96   | 94               |  |
| Netherlands       | NL    | 0.9                         | 1.8  | -7.7         | 5.0   | 2.7  | 0.5           | 1.2   | 1.6  | -6.2                   | -2.1  | 49   | 46               |  |
| Switzerland       | CH    | 0.7                         | 0.9  | -6.0         | 3.8   | 0.4  | -0.4          | 0.6   | 0.9  | -5.1                   | -1.9  | 39   | 36               |  |
| Sweden            | SE    | 0.5                         | 1.2  | -6.8         | 5.2   | 1.7  | 0.5           | 1.5   | 0.4  | -5.3                   | -1.6  | 37   | 34               |  |
| Russia            | RU    | 1.6                         | 1.3  | -6.6         | 4.1   | 4.5  | 3.1           | 3.0   | 1.9  | -5.5                   | -3.9  | 17   | 18               |  |
| Turkey            | TR    | 0.7                         | 0.9  | -5.0         | 5.0   | 15.2 | 12.0          | 12.0  | -5.3 | -8.4                   | -7.5  | 30   | 32               |  |
| Asia              |       |                             |      |              |       |      |               |       |      |                        |       |      |                  |  |
| China             | CN    | 14.1                        | 6.1  | 1.0          | 8.2   | 2.9  | 3.0           | 2.6   | -6.3 | -12.1                  | -10.7 | 56   | 65               |  |
| Hong Kong         | HK    | 0.4                         | -1.2 | -4.8         | 3.9   | 2.9  | 2.0           | 2.5   | -1.4 | -7.0                   | 0.0   | 0    | 0                |  |
| Japan             | JP    | 5.2                         | 0.7  | -5.8         | 2.4   | 0.5  | 0.2           | 0.4   | -2.8 | -7.1                   | -2.1  | 238  | 238              |  |
| India             | IN    | 2.9                         | 4.2  | -4.5         | 6.0   | 4.5  | 3.3           | 3.6   | -7.9 | -12.1                  | -9.4  | 69   | 68               |  |
| Korea             | KR    | 1.6                         | 2.0  | -2.1         | 3.0   | 0.4  | 0.3           | 0.4   | 0.4  | -3.6                   | -2.4  | 40   | 46               |  |
| Australia         | AU    | 1.4                         | 1.8  | -4.5         | 4.0   | 1.6  | 1.4           | 1.8   | -3.9 | -8.6                   | -8.4  | 42   | 41               |  |
| Indonesia         | ID    | 1.1                         | 5.0  | -0.3         | 6.1   | 2.8  | 2.9           | 2.9   | -2.2 | -6.3                   | -5.0  | 30   | 30               |  |
| Taiwan            | TW    | 0.6                         | 2.7  | -4.0         | 3.5   | 0.5  | 0.5           | 1.5   | NA   | NA                     | NA    | 34   | 31               |  |
| Thailand          | TH    | 0.5                         | 2.4  | -7.7         | 5.0   | 0.7  | -1.1          | 0.6   | -0.8 | -3.5                   | -1.7  | 42   | 44               |  |
| Singapore         | SG    | 0.4                         | 0.7  | -3.5         | 3.0   | 0.6  | -0.2          | 0.5   | 3.8  | -3.5                   | 1.8   | 114  | 115              |  |
| Other             |       |                             |      |              |       |      |               |       |      |                        |       |      |                  |  |
| South Africa      | ZA    | 0.4                         | 0.2  | -8.0         | 3.5   | 4.1  | 2.4           | 3.2   | -6.3 | -14.8                  | -11.0 | 60   | 68               |  |
| World             |       |                             |      |              |       |      |               |       |      |                        |       |      |                  |  |
| Developed Markets | DM    | 51.7                        | 1.7  | -8.0         | 4.8   | 1.4  | 0.5           | 1.5   | -3.3 | -16.6                  | -8.3  | 103  | 104              |  |
| Emerging Markets  | EM    | 34.9                        | 3.7  | -3.0         | 5.9   | 3.2  | 3.0           | 2.9   | -4.9 | -10.6                  | -8.5  | 53   | 58               |  |
| World             | AC    | 86.6                        | 2.9  | -4.9         | 5.4   | 3.6  | 3.0           | 3.3   |      |                        |       |      |                  |  |

Source: IMF, THR

#### **GLOBAL MACRO & FORECAST TABLES**

Provides historic data, and consensus forecasts, for key macro-economic indicators in the major economies of US, Germany, and China. Forecasts highlighted in green and red indicate whether the latest change in the consensus forecast was an increase or decrease.

|                               | Historic |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       | Forecasts |  |
|-------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----------|--|
| United States                 | 2010     | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020E | 2021E     |  |
| Production                    |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |           |  |
| Real GDP, Growth              | 2.6      | 1.6  | 2.2  | 1.8  | 2.5  | 2.9  | 1.6  | 2.4  | 2.9  | 2.3  | -5.7  | 4.0       |  |
| Industrial Production, Growth | 5.5      | 3.1  | 3.0  | 2.0  | 3.1  | -1.0 | -1.9 | 2.3  | 3.9  | 8.0  | -9.1  | 2.6       |  |
| Labour Markets and Income     |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |           |  |
| Unemployment Rate             | 9.6      | 8.9  | 8.1  | 7.4  | 6.2  | 5.3  | 4.9  | 4.3  | 3.9  | 3.7  | 10.5  | 8.0       |  |
| Average Earnings, Growth      | 1.9      | 2.0  | 1.9  | 2.1  | 2.1  | 2.2  | 2.6  | 2.6  | 3.0  | 3.3  | 2.8   | 2.4       |  |
| Prices                        |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |           |  |
| CPI                           | 1.6      | 3.2  | 2.1  | 1.5  | 1.6  | 0.1  | 1.3  | 2.1  | 2.4  | 1.8  | 1.6   | 1.6       |  |
| PCE, excluding energy         | 1.4      | 1.6  | 1.9  | 1.5  | 1.6  | 1.2  | 1.6  | 1.6  | 1.9  | 1.6  | 1.3   | 1.4       |  |
| Government                    |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |           |  |
| Budget Balance, Growth        | -0.2     | -0.2 | 0.0  | -0.9 | -0.2 | 0.0  | 0.2  | 0.1  | 0.2  | 0.1  | 0.6   | -0.4      |  |
| Current Account, % of GDP     | -2.9     | -2.9 | -2.6 | -2.1 | -2.1 | -2.2 | -2.3 | -2.3 | -2.4 | -2.5 | -2.2  | -2.4      |  |

|                               | _    | Historic |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Germany                       | 2010 | 2011     | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020E | 2021E |
| Production                    |      |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Real GDP, Growth              | 4.2  | 3.9      | 0.4  | 0.4  | 2.2  | 1.7  | 2.2  | 2.5  | 1.5  | 0.6  | -5.3  | 4.4   |
| Industrial Production, Growth | 11.6 | 8.8      | -0.6 | 0.3  | 1.9  | 0.4  | 1.4  | 3.6  | 1.2  | -4.5 | -7.0  | 5.9   |
| Labour Markets and Income     |      |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Unemployment Rate             | 7.6  | 7.1      | 6.8  | 6.9  | 6.7  | 6.4  | 6.1  | 5.7  | 5.2  | 5.0  | 5.4   | 5.2   |
| Prices                        |      |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| CPI                           | 1.1  | 2.1      | 2.0  | 1.5  | 1.0  | 0.2  | 0.4  | 1.7  | 2.0  | 1.4  | 0.8   | 1.4   |
| Government                    |      |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Current Account, % of GDP     | 5.7  | 6.2      | 7.1  | 6.6  | 7.2  | 8.6  | 8.5  | 8.1  | 7.3  | 7.0  | 6.5   | 6.4   |

|                           | Historic |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       | Forecasts |  |
|---------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----------|--|
| China                     | 2010     | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020E | 2021E     |  |
| Production                |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |           |  |
| Real GDP, Growth          | 9.9      | 8.8  | 8.1  | 7.7  | 7.3  | 6.9  | 6.9  | 6.8  | 6.5  | 6.0  | 1.8   | 8.2       |  |
| Prices                    |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |           |  |
| CPI                       | 3.5      | 5.5  | 2.6  | 2.7  | 2.0  | 1.4  | 2.0  | 1.5  | 2.1  | 2.8  | 3.3   | 2.3       |  |
| Government                |          |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |           |  |
| Current Account, % of GDP | 3.9      | 1.8  | 2.5  | 1.5  | 2.2  | 2.7  | 1.8  | 1.6  | 0.4  | 1.0  | 0.5   | 8.0       |  |

Source: Refinitiv, THR

#### TOWER HUDSON 'EYE': HOW IT WORKS

The 'eye' methodology helps identify relative buy and sell signals for countries, regions and US sectors, by comparing market sentiment vs fundamentals, with a valuation overlay. The more out-of-favor, with better relative fundamentals the better.

We compare: 1) **sentiment:** to understand whether markets are optimistic or pessimistic, and 2) **fundamentals:** focusing on earnings and business cycle fundamentals and price momentum. The output is also color-coded with a valuation overlay. This combines to give a relative allocation view

#### How to read the quadrants

**Top left – Pessimistic sentiment/Positive fundamentals:** The best place to be. Market expectations are low, but fundamentals are relatively good. As sentiment catches up to the better fundamentals, assets may outperform.

Top right – Optimistic sentiment/Positive fundamentals: The 2<sup>nd</sup> best place to be. The fundamentals are good, but so is market sentiment. This is a momentum quadrant that may deliver outperformance, but investors must be sensitive to relative fundamentals easing.

**Bottom right – Optimistic sentiment/Negative fundamentals:** Worst place to be. Fundamentals are poor but sentiment still positive. As sentiment catches up, assets may underperform.

Bottom left – Negative sentiment/Negative fundamentals: The second worst place to be. Can be a 'value trap'. Fundamentals are weak but sentiment is equally subdued. Investors need to be sensitive to any improvement in relative fundamentals, that can lead to a move up and rerating.

| Sentiment           | Indicator   |
|---------------------|---|
| Buy-side            | Net ETF and Mutual Fund Flows vs average                            |
| Sell-side           | Sell-side recommendation consensus score (RCS)                      |
| Re-rating/De-rating | Trailling P/E ratio vs average                                      |
|                     |   |
| Fundamentals        |   |
| Earnings revisions  | Rolling earnings revisions ratio                                    |
| Price momentum      | Change in trailing P/E ratio  |
| Business cycle      | Correlation to this business cycle stage (rising, neutral, falling) |
|                     |   |
| Overlay             |   |
| Valuation           | Average of P/E, P/BV, and P/CF vs history                           |

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