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CROSS-ASSET STRATEGY

Cross-Asset Playbook – December 2016

Top Trades for 2017

Macro Outlook – Reflation and Fatter Tails

We think the odds of both 'boom' and 'bust' have gone up. Reflation has strong tailwinds into 1Q17, but we are sceptical beyond: headwinds from tighter financial conditions and moderating China growth loom large.

Market Playbook – Equities > Credit and Japan > US

Overall, we lower credit to raise equities and cash. Contrary to consensus, we think 'reflation' trades of higher stocks, yields and inflation work better in Japan and Europe than the US.

Strategy Changes and Key Trades

Our top trades to position for reflation are long Japan equities and European value, JGB inflation breakevens, EUR rates payers and long USDJPY. Our preferred hedges lie in credit and FX and we like buying credit volatility and shorting CMBX as cycle turn hedges; and USDKRW and EURUSD puts as protectionist/political risk hedges. We like select EM credit (Argentina, Brazil and Indonesia) and front-end EM local rates (Brazil, Russia, Korea) offering value. We also discuss several relative value trades.

Current Cross-Asset Strategy Allocation

MS Asset Allocation Views	Top-Down Allocation	Relative Allocation	O/W vs. Benchmark
Equities			
US	+4% +4%	-1%	+3% +4%
Europe	+1% +1%	-1% -2%	0% -1%
Japan	+1% +1%	0% +1%	+1% +2%
EM	+1% +1%	+2% +3%	+3% +4%
		-2% -2%	-1% -1%
Govt. Bonds			
Treasuries	-4%	-1% -1%	-5% -1%
Bunds	-1%	+1% -1%	0% -1%
JGBs	-1%	-2%	-3%
EM Local	-1%	-1% +1%	-2% +1%
		+1% -1%	0% -1%
Credit			
US Corp.	0% -4%	-1% -1%	-1% -5%
EU Corp.	0% -1%	-2% -1%	-2% -2%
EM Sov.	0% -1%	0%	0% -1%
Securitized	0% -1%	0% +1%	0%
		+1% -1%	+1% -2%
Other			
Cash			+3% +2%
			+3% +2%
Current			
Previous			

Source: Morgan Stanley Research; Note: Latest allocation changes made in 2017 Global Strategy Outlook: [Sparkle and Fade](#), November 27, 2016.

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Executive Summary | Morgan Stanley Asset Allocation



Current
Previous



Executive Summary | **Top Trades**

Top Trades	Alpha	Beta	Hedge/ Div	Value	Mom.	Corr. To ACWI	E(r)	Vol.	ER/Vol	Size* (\$MM/ \$K dv01)
Trade #1 Long Japanese Equities (FX Hedged)		✓		▲	●	41%	28%	24%	1.2x	35MM
Trade #2 Long European Value		✓		◆	●	84%	12%	23%	0.5x	35MM
Trade #3 Buy S&P 500 6m Calls (103 Strike)		✓		●	▲	86%	5.6%	8%	0.7x	40MM
Trade #4 Long China A Shares, Short EM	✓			▲	●	-37%	33%	30%	1.1x	25MM
Trade #5 Buy EUR 6m10y ATM Payers		✓		●	◆	36%	44	35	1.3x	110K DV01
Trade #6 Buy Japan 10y Breakevens (JGBei)		✓		◆	●	3%	40	40	1.0x	50K DV01
Trade #7 Long Gilts vs Bunds	✓			●	◆	-3%	84	53	1.6x	150K DV01
Trade #8 Long USDJPY		✓		◆	●	36%	12%	11%	1.1x	75MM
Trade #9 Long USDKRW			✓	●	●	-37%	11%	13%	0.9x	60MM
Trade #10 Short NOKRUB	✓			◆	●	-7%	17%	16%	1.0x	50MM
Trade #11 Buy EURUSD 6m ATM Puts (1.06 Strike)			✓	▲	◆	-38%	8%	5%	1.5x	80MM
Trade #12 Receive Brazil DI Jan '19s		✓		▲	●	7%	40	177	0.2x	50K DV01
Trade #13 Long Credit in Argentina, Brazil, Indo (1:1:1)		✓		●	◆	45%	90	141	0.6x	110K DV01
Trade #14 Buy CDX HY Mar-17 Risk Reversal (105/102)			✓	◆	▲	-73%	1.8%	2%	0.8x	95MM
Trade #15 Short CMBX.BBB-			✓	▲	▲	-64%	4.1%	10%	0.4x	40MM
Trade #16 Long SnrFin vs Main	✓			▲	◆	23%	0.8%	2%	0.4x	75MM

Key Event Driven Trades

December FOMC | Long USDJPY, Long TOPIX in anticipation of rate hike

Trump administration takes shape | Buy S&P Calls for first half reflation, Long USDKRW as a medium-term hedge against protectionism

Europe political risk/Italian Referendum | Buy EURUSD puts as a strategic 6m hedge but Long Senior Fin. Vs. iTraxx Main

Shenzhen/Hong Kong Stock Connect | Long China A shares vs. EM

Note: "Corr. to ACWI" is 10yr correlation to MSCI ACWI. Sizes are scaled to achieve similar volatility contribution (equivalent of 10% vol for a 100MM portfolio) unless liquidity is constrained.

Executive Summary | Our Trade Portfolio Characteristics

A Reflationary Portfolio

- **Modestly long stocks:** Portfolio has net long exposure to stocks, with S&P calls, European value, EM credit and TOPIX longs providing the primary equity beta exposure. CDX HY shorts, EUR puts and USDKRW provide some of the hedging offset
- **Short rates:** Portfolio is positioned for rising rates, with EUR payers, USDJPY longs and SPX calls providing this exposure even as EM credit positions provide some offset.
- **Very long DXY:** Portfolio has fairly high exposure to DXY, with EURUSD puts followed by USDJPY and NOKRUB short providing the primary USD exposure.
- **Marginally long oil:** Portfolio has only marginally positive exposure to oil prices, primarily provided by European value, S&P calls and EM credit positions.

Top Trades – Exposure to Stocks, Rates, DXY and Oil

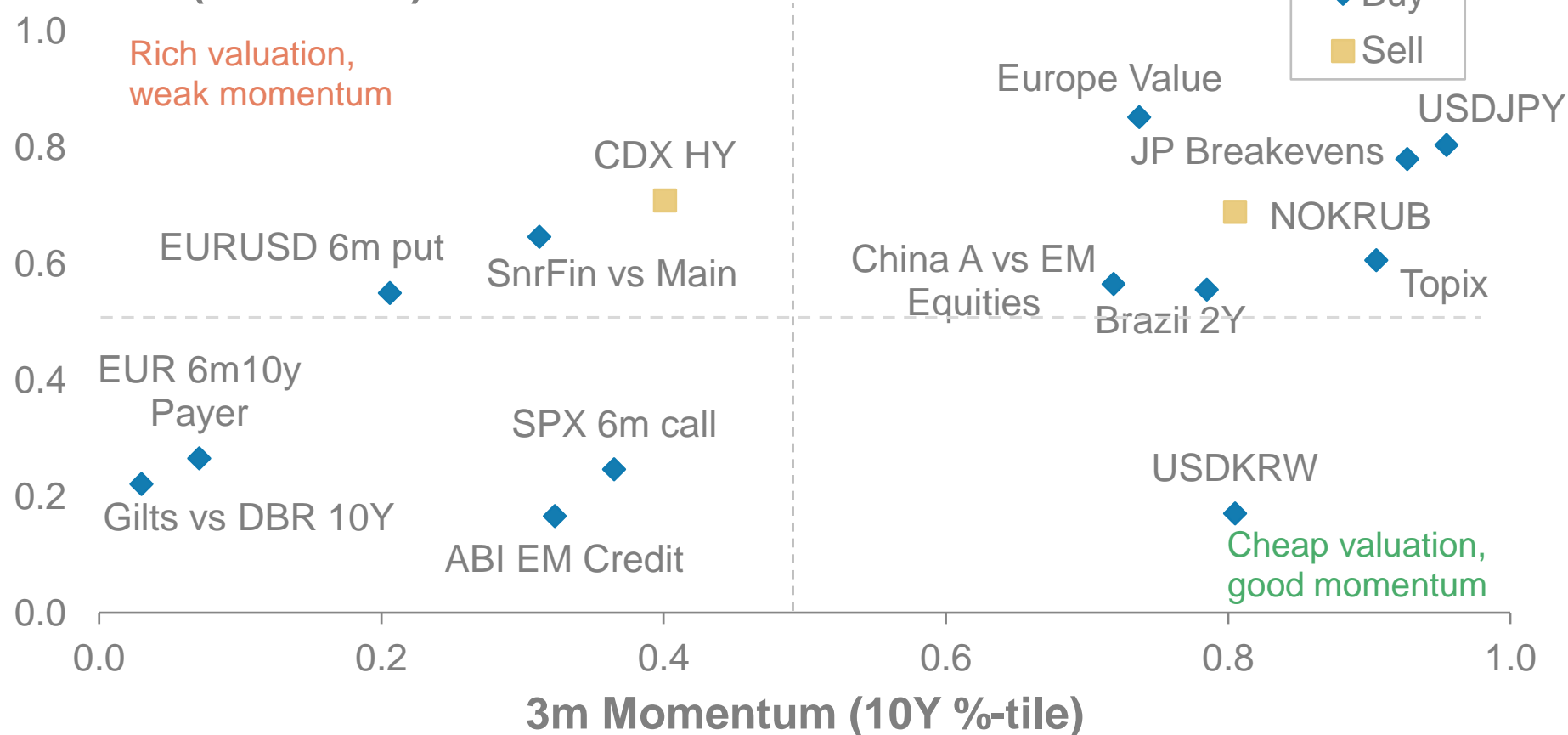
Asset	Beta to ACWI
Overall	73%
1 Buy SPX Calls	40%
2 L Europe Value	38%
3 Long Brazil Credit	21%
4 L TOPIX	19%
5 Long Indonesia Credit	17%
6 L USDJPY	17%
7 Buy EUR 6m10y payers	15%
8 Receive BRL Rates	3%
9 L SenFin vs Main	2%
10 L JGB Breakevens	1%
11 L Gilts vs. Bunds	-2%
12 S NOKRUB	-3%
13 Short CMBX BBB	-14%
14 L China A vs EM	-16%
15 L USDKRW	-16%
16 Buy EURUSD Puts	-18%
17 S CDX HY	-34%

Asset	Beta to UST10yr
Overall	-49%
1 Long Indonesia Credit	61%
2 Long Brazil Credit	56%
3 S CDX HY	45%
4 L China A vs EM	15%
5 Short CMBX BBB	15%
6 L USDKRW	9%
7 Buy EURUSD Puts	4%
8 L JGB Breakevens	1%
9 S NOKRUB	-3%
10 L SenFin vs Main	-4%
11 L Gilts vs. Bunds	-7%
12 L TOPIX	-10%
13 Receive BRL Rates	-14%
14 L Europe Value	-38%
15 Buy SPX Calls	-51%
16 L USDJPY	-57%
17 Buy EUR 6m10y payers	-70%

Asset	Beta to DXY
Overall	150%
1 Buy EURUSD Puts	90%
2 L USDJPY	32%
3 S NOKRUB	31%
4 S CDX HY	26%
5 L China A vs EM	15%
6 L USDKRW	15%
7 Buy EUR 6m10y payers	15%
8 L JGB Breakevens	0%
9 Receive BRL Rates	0%
10 Short CMBX BBB	0%
11 L SenFin vs Main	-3%
12 Long Indonesia Credit	-3%
13 L TOPIX	-5%
14 L Gilts vs. Bunds	-8%
15 Long Brazil Credit	-12%
16 Buy SPX Calls	-21%
17 L Europe Value	-23%

Asset	Beta to Oil
Overall	9%
1 L Europe Value	9%
2 Buy SPX Calls	8%
3 Long Brazil Credit	7%
4 Long Indonesia Credit	5%
5 L USDJPY	3%
6 L TOPIX	3%
7 Receive BRL Rates	2%
8 S NOKRUB	1%
9 L SenFin vs Main	0%
10 L JGB Breakevens	-1%
11 L Gilts vs. Bunds	-1%
12 L USDKRW	-3%
13 L China A vs EM	-4%
14 Short CMBX BBB	-4%
15 Buy EUR 6m10y payers	-5%
16 Buy EURUSD Puts	-6%
17 S CDX HY	-8%

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Executive Summary | **Top Trades Valuation and Momentum****Valuation (10Y %-tile)**

Executive Summary | **Our Advice**

What We Expect		What's Priced in		Our Advice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faster reflation, fatter tails: Fiscal stimulus boosts growth in our base case but risks of fatter tails, both boom <i>and</i> bust, rise. 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less in the price in non-US stocks: US-led reflation is less in the price for Japan and Europe equities compared to the US. 	→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stocks over credit: Stocks have more to gain from reflation than credit, but prefer Japan stocks and European value over US.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DM policy easing at the end of the road: Fed hikes six times by end of 2018, risk of ECB tapering and BoJ inching target yield up. 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less in the price in EUR and JPY rates: US rates reflect some rate hikes but EUR and JPY inflation and term premiums don't. 	→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final leg of a USD rally: USD appreciates another 6%, stay long USDJPY. Long JGBei breakevens and buy EUR payers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EM eases policy, growth improves: EM growth should rise. Further EM rate cuts likely despite USD headwinds. 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High EM real yields: Despite rise in US rates, real rates differentials remain high relative to DM, allowing room to cut rates. 	→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long select EM FI: Receive front-end rates in key EM local rates – Brazil, Russia, India and Korea. Long select EM \$ credit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political risks elevated: Escalation of protectionist rhetoric or political risks in Europe remain tail risks. 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTPs spreads wide: BTPs de-risked but EUR hasn't to the same extent. AXJ FX vulnerable to escalation of protectionist rhetoric. 	→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position for EUR and KRW weakness: Buy EURUSD puts and equity hedges contingent on weaker EUR. Long USDKRW.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wide range of tail scenarios: Our bull-bear forecasts are wider than before, reflecting a range of fiscal stimulus and tail risks. 	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implied volatility low: Volatility in a number of asset classes remains low vs. history. US equity skew still very steep. 	→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buy vol in equity, rates and credit: Buy S&P 500 calls, EUR 6m10y payers, EUR puts and credit risk reversals.

Executive Summary | **What's Changed?****OLD****VIEWS**

- **Policy remains easy:** Lower for longer, measured Fed hikes.
- **Cycle in 'expansion':** Protracted cycle with slow growth, slow reflation, easy monetary policy.
- **China weakens through 2H16:** Benefits of policy stimulus start flagging into 2H16.

TRADES

- **US > ROW equities:** We prefer higher-quality, more defensive US market.
- **Weaker GBP:** Brexit uncertainty and fundamental challenges weaken GBP.
- **Credit favoured:** Credit offers attractive carry in a low growth, easy policy world.

**REVISED****VIEWS**

- **The end of (DM) easing:** Fiscal stimulus late in the cycle boosts inflation and provokes policy response.
- **'Late-cycle' increases risk of 'boom' and 'bust':** Accelerated cycle brings growth and policy response forward, raises risk of boom and bust.
- **China stimulus supportive but short-lived:** The stimulus impact has been stronger than we expected but will lead to reduced stimulus later.

TRADES

- **Japan > EU > US equities:** EPS inflection, cheap valuations and JPY and EUR weakness make US market look less attractive.
- **More neutral on GBP, bearish on JPY:** The scale of valuation adjustment in GBP has been large enough for us to turn neutral for now.
- **Equities favoured over credit:** Credit lacks the upside to reflation that equities has but is exposed to a turn in an already advanced cycle.

Executive Summary | **Where We Differ**

ECONS

3.4%

vs. 3.5% cons.

Real Global GDP 2017

ECONS

6 hikes

vs. 4*

From Fed by YE18

ECONS

-3.75%

vs. -2.9%*.

Chg in Brazil policy rate in 2017

ECONS

2H17

vs. -.

ECB considers tapering

RATES

0.9%

vs. 0.6% fwd.

DBR 10yr at YE17

RATES

1.25%

vs. 1.8% fwd.

UKT 10yr at YE17

FX

0.97

vs. 1.08 fwd.

EUR by YE17

FX

125

vs. 112 fwd.

JPY by YE17

FX

1300

vs. 1168 fwd.

KRW at YE17

EQUITIES

+28%

vs. +19% cons.

TOPIX EPS Growth 2017

EQUITIES

+12%

vs. +14% cons.

MSCI Europe EPS Growth 2017

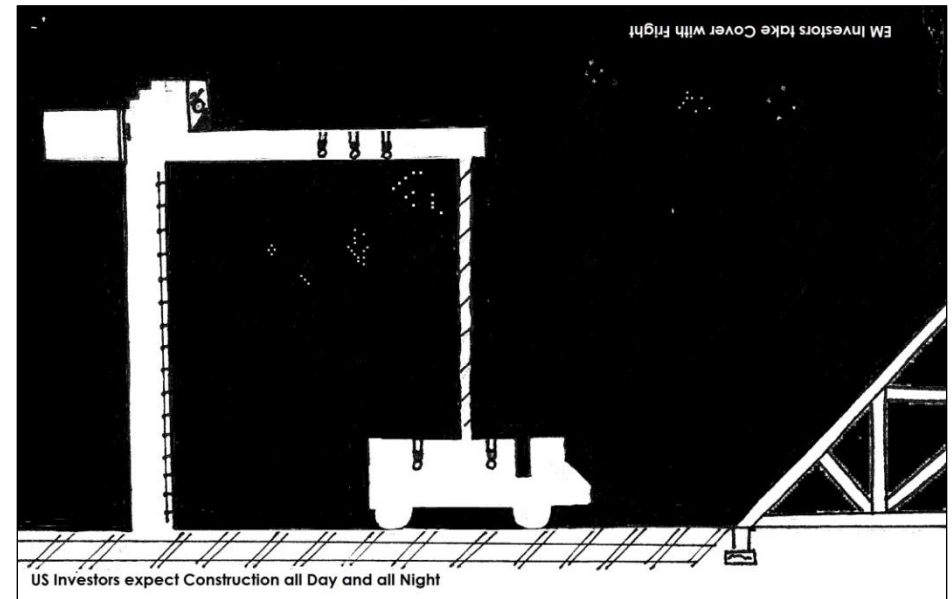
EQUITIES

+7%

vs. +12% cons.

S&P 500 EPS Growth 2017

The Outlook



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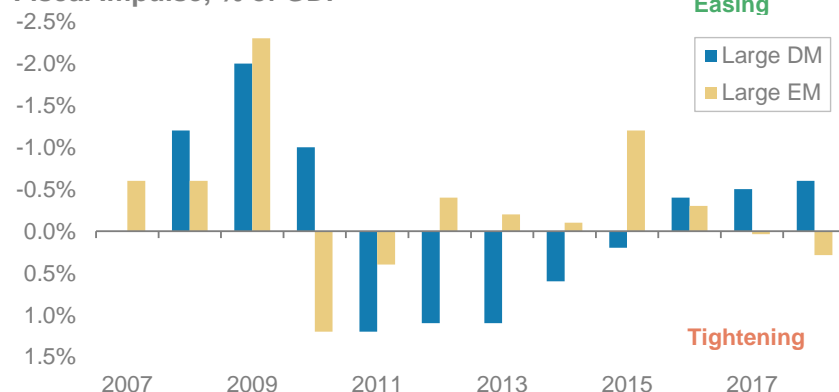
Outlook | Faster Reflation, Fatter Tails

Faster growth = higher odds of boom and bust

- **DM growth:** We see it stable in 2017, with higher growth in the US and Japan offsetting slower growth in Europe. DM growth supported by more expansionary fiscal policy.
- **China growth:** Expect some moderation in growth in 2017 and 2018, with weaker auto sales and cooling housing sector the main drags. However, fiscal support could offset these.
- **EM ex-China:** Growth continue to rise for EM, with our conviction strongest for Brazil and Russia. But robustness of the EM recovery could be tested by a stronger USD and risk of protectionism.

Fiscal Impulse Likely to Stay Positive in 2017

Fiscal Impulse, % of GDP



Source: IMF, Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

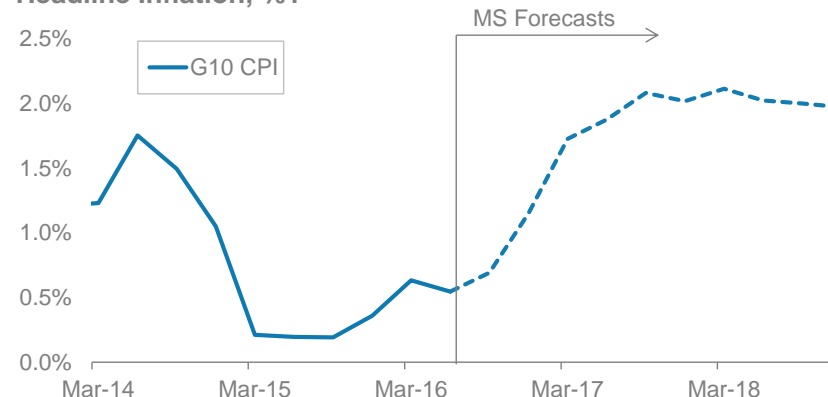
EM Growth Likely to Accelerate, Disappoint by Less than DM

% YoY SA	2016	2017		2018	
	Actual	MS	Cons.	MS	Cons.
Global	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6
G10	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
US	1.6	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.2
EA	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.5
JPN	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.9	0.7
UK	2.0	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.4
EM	4.1	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.9
China	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.0
India	7.4	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.7
Brazil	-3.3	1.1	1.0	2.8	2.0
Russia	-0.5	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.5

Source: IMF, Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

Inflation to Inflect Higher in DM

Headline Inflation, %Y



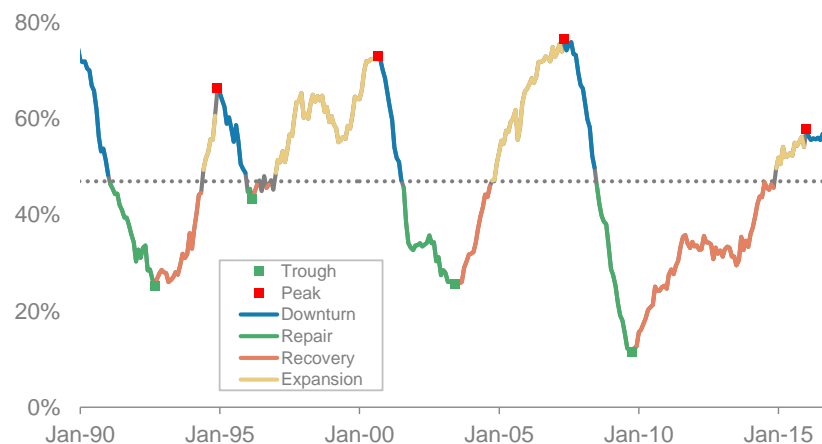
Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts, Haver Analytics, IMF, National sources

Outlook | A More 'Late-Cycle' Market – What We're Watching

Several Cycle Indicators Have Moved Lower

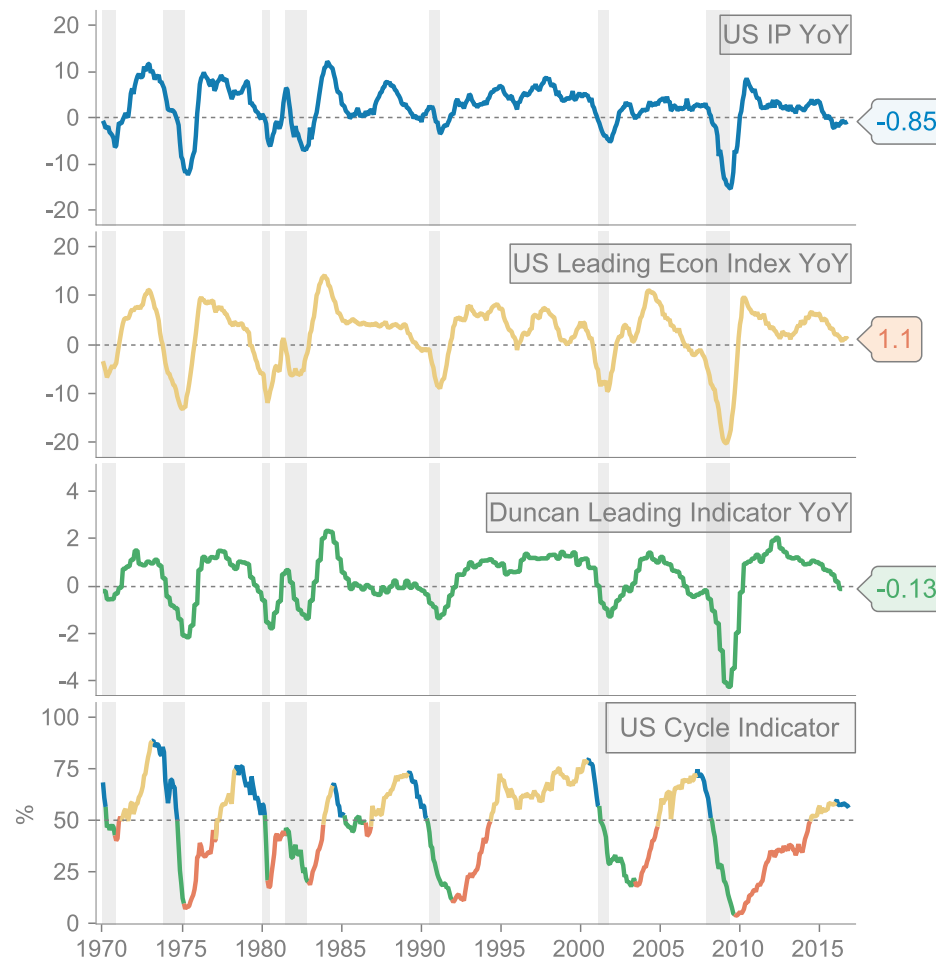
- **Our cycle model has potentially peaked**, led by steeper yield curves and weaker corporate aggressiveness. But EPS trend and credit growth seem to suggest the cycle is fine.
- **What could this mean for the outlook?** Late-cycle as projected by our economists can risk inflation overshoots, and more aggressive policy response.
- **What could this mean for returns?** Risk assets underperform significantly in true 'downturns'. For 'false' cycle turns, on the other hand, risk assets tend to see strong returns after the cycle peak.

Developed Markets Cycle Indicator



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg; Note: Weighted average of US, EU and Japan cycles, with weights of 50%, 35%, 15%.

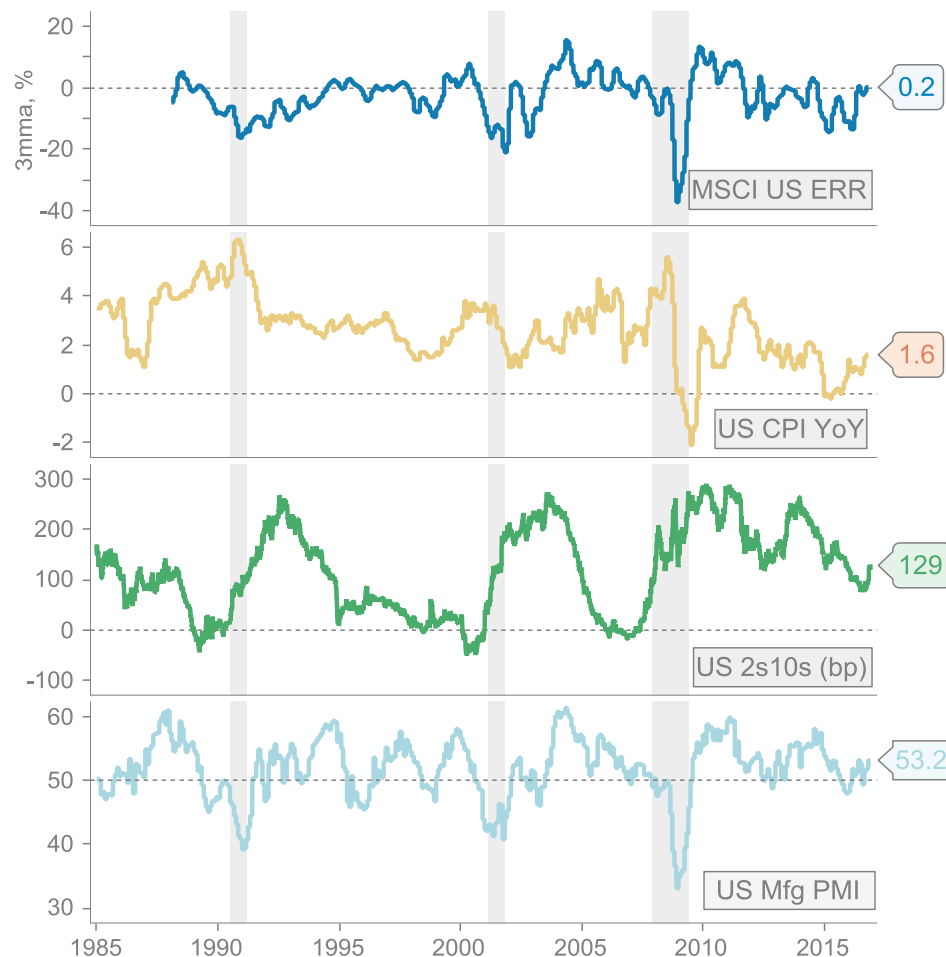
Other Indicators Suggest the US Is 'Late Cycle'



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

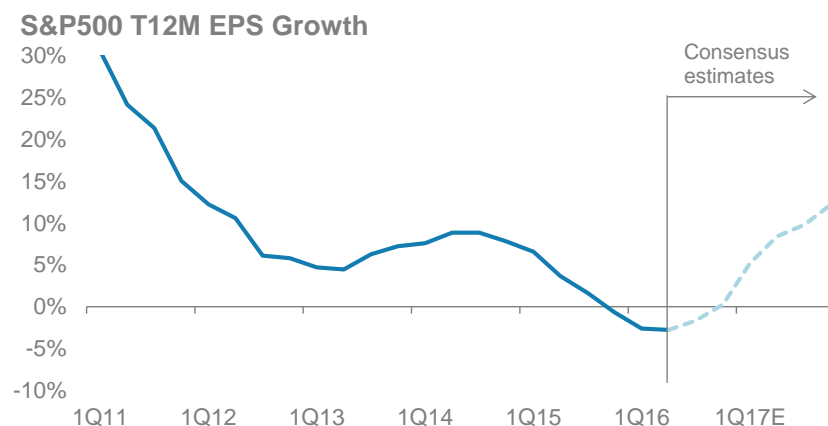
Outlook | 'Sparkle' (Part 1): Reflation Has Tailwinds into Early Next Year

US Econ and Market Indicators Have Turned Up



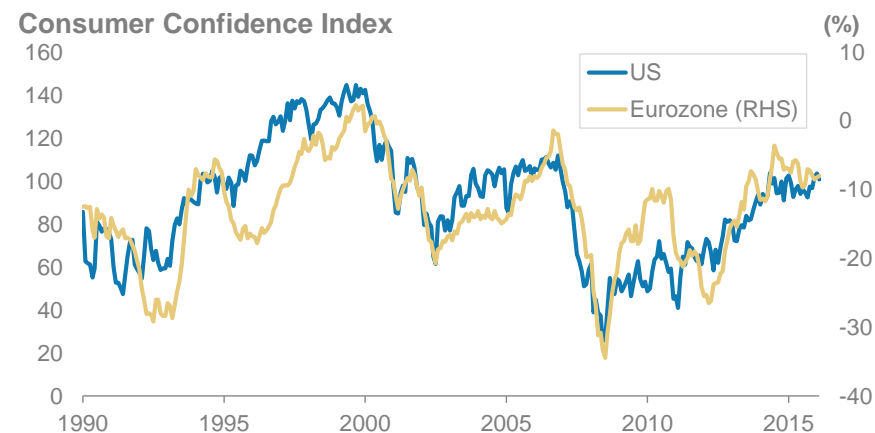
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, Conference Board, IBES

S&P Earnings Growth Inflecting Higher



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Thomson Financial, S&P

Consumer Confidence Remains High



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Outlook | 'Sparkle' (Part 2): The Risk of Real 'Greed'

Bull Markets Often End with Euphoria

- **'Caution' has ruled the post-crisis world**, with less risk-taking from financial institutions, investor flows from equities into bonds, and implied volatility elevated vs. realised.
- **A cocktail for 'greed'**: Hope for US fiscal spending and tax cuts. Hope for less financial and corporate regulation. Hope for a large reallocation from bonds to stocks. More aggressive corporate risk-taking.
- **Fundamental support for higher volatility**: Our bull/bear range is wider across most asset classes. Calls in S&P 500 more attractive than being long the index outright.

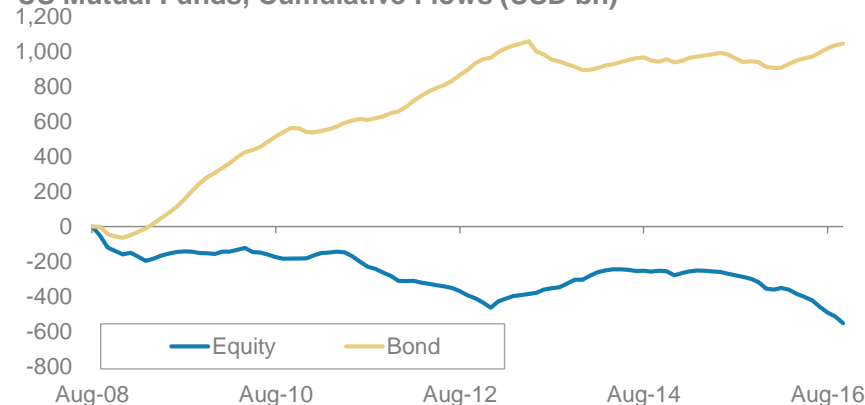
Post-Crisis, a Steep Skew: Put Buying in Vogue in Recent Years

90-110 Strike Vol Differential



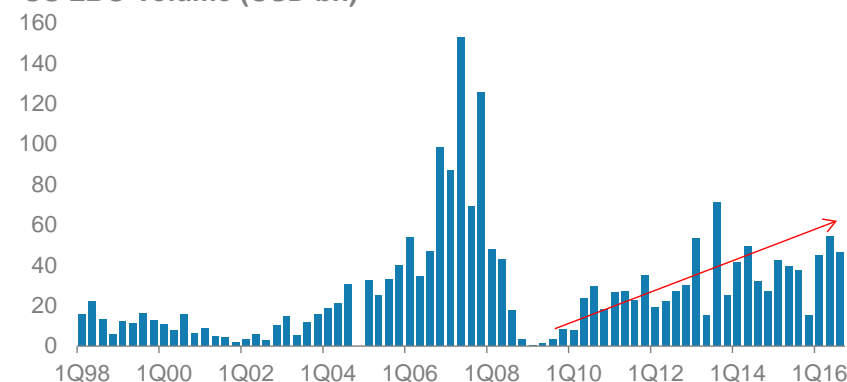
Retail Money Hasn't Flowed into US Equities Since 2008

US Mutual Funds, Cumulative Flows (USD bn)



Will Corporates Get More Aggressive?

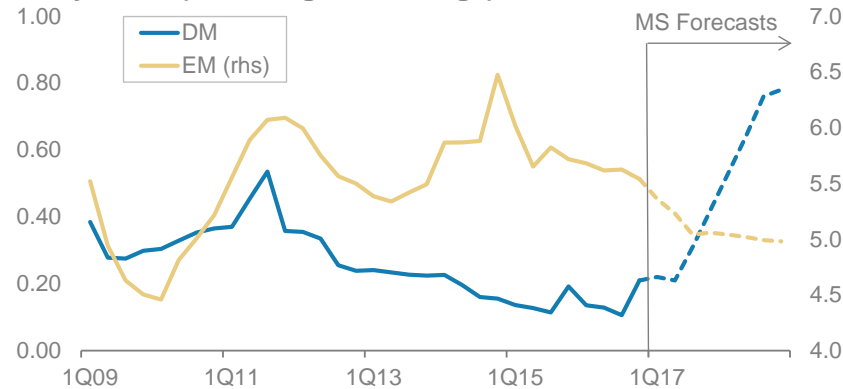
US LBO Volume (USD bn)



Outlook | ...and 'Fade': Conditions Look More Challenging Post 1Q

Monetary Policy: Tighter in DM, Easier in EM

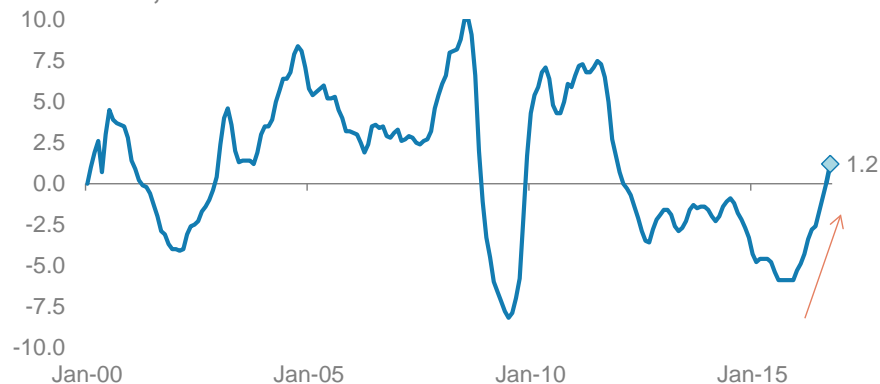
Policy Rates (GDP weighted average)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts, Haver Analytics, IMF, National sources

Improvement in China PPI Not Sustainable

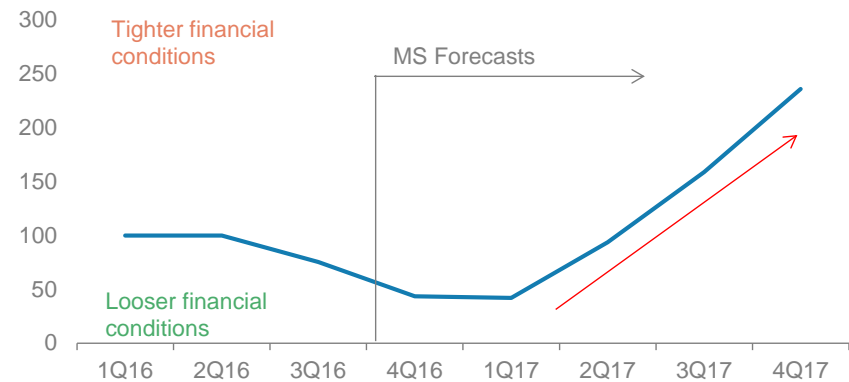
China PPI, %YoY



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Financial Conditions to Tighten from 2Q17

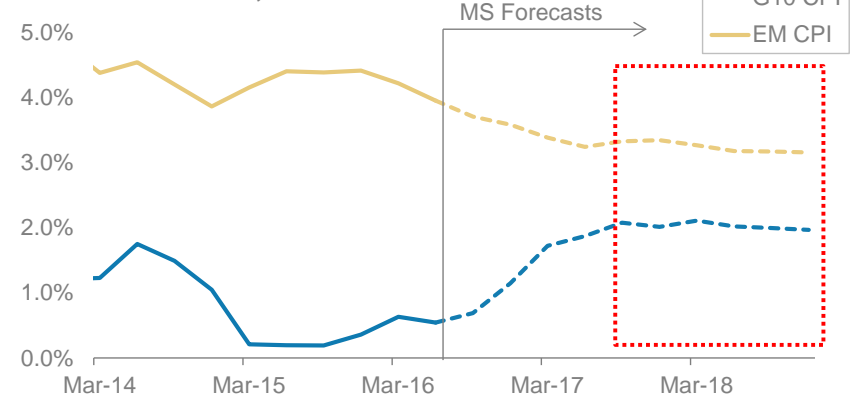
bp of Restraint/Accommodation from Financial Conditions



Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts; Note: We forecast this financial conditions index using our strategists' 12m forecasts for S&P500, USD, UST yields (5Y, 10Y, 30Y).

We See Inflation Flattening Out in 2H17

Headline Inflation, %Y

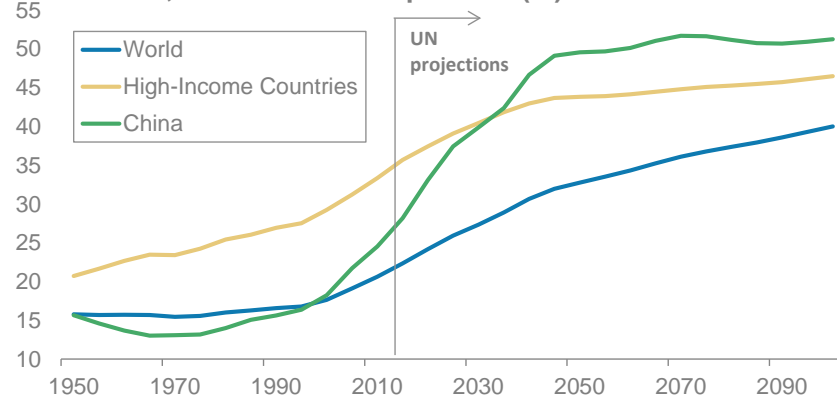


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Outlook | Long-Term Challenges of 'Stagnation' Have Not Gone Away

Aging Populations in DM and China Need 'Yield'

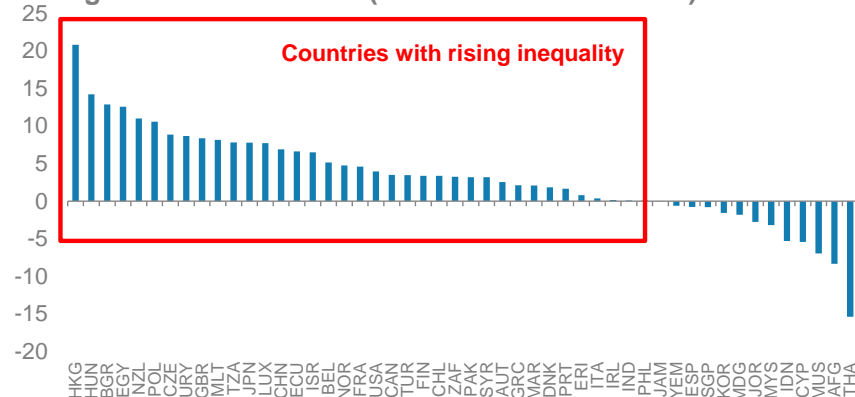
50+ Yr Olds, Share of Total Population (%)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, UN Population Division; Note: Data from 2015 onwards based on medium projections.

Inequality Has Increased, Driving Up Savings

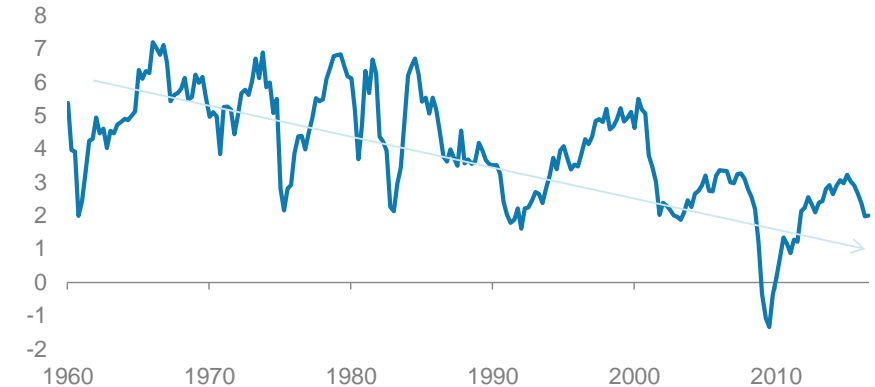
Change in Gini Coefficient (2006-2008 vs 1976-1978)



Source: University of Texas, <http://utip.lbj.utexas.edu/data.html>

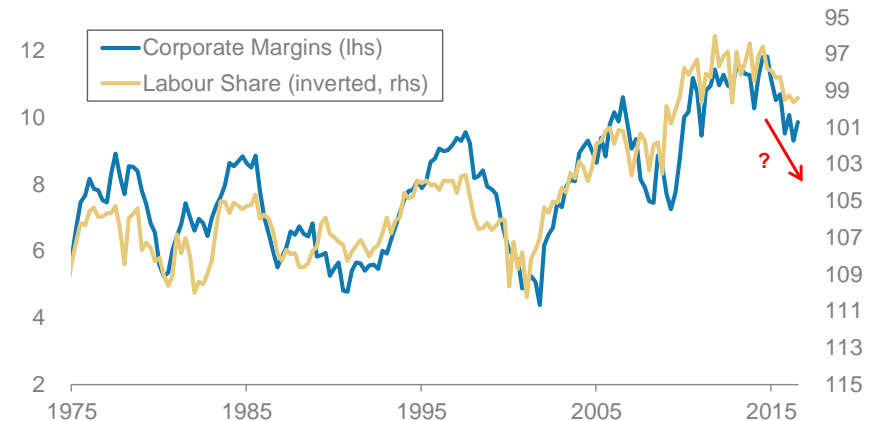
Can Productivity Rebound, Given Low Investment?

Net Investment as % of GDP



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, BEA

Rise in Labour Compensation Is a Risk to Margins



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, BEA, BLS; Note: 'Corporate Margins' refer to US NonFin profits after tax (with IVA and CCAAdj)/Gross Value-Added of NonFins. 'Labour Share' is index of the portion of current-dollar output remitted to labour in compensation.

Outlook | Our Framework – Equities Favoured in Late-Cycle Expansion

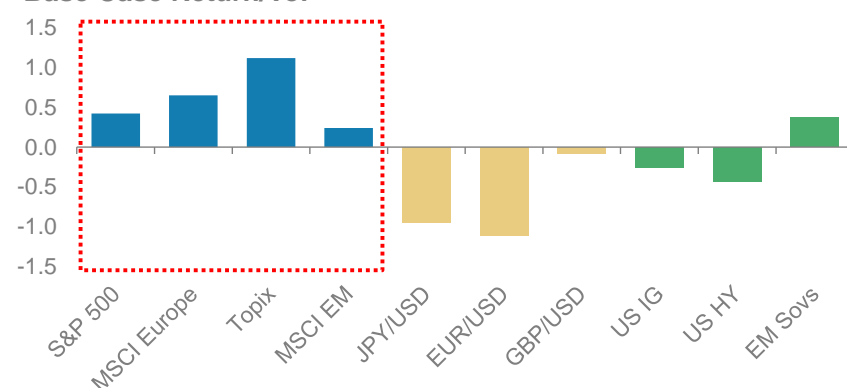
Pillar 1: Long-Run Risk Premiums Compressed for Bonds

Risk Premium



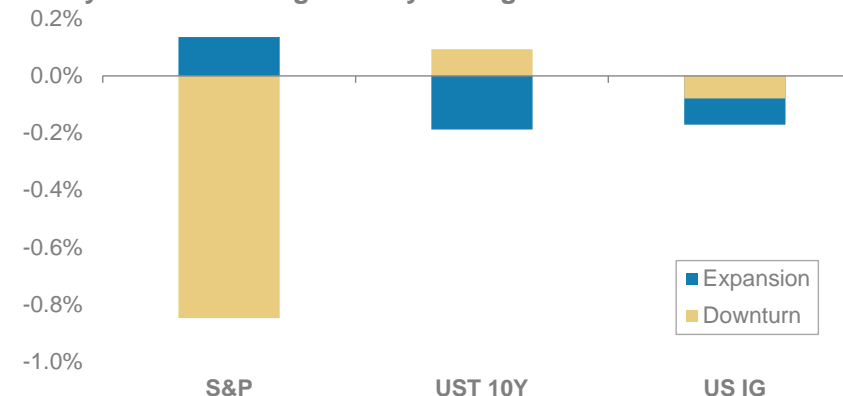
Pillar 3: Our 12M Forecasts Highest for Equities

Base Case Return/Vol



Pillar 2: Credit Fares Badly in Either Expansion or Downturn

Mthly Rtns vs Through-the-Cycle Avg

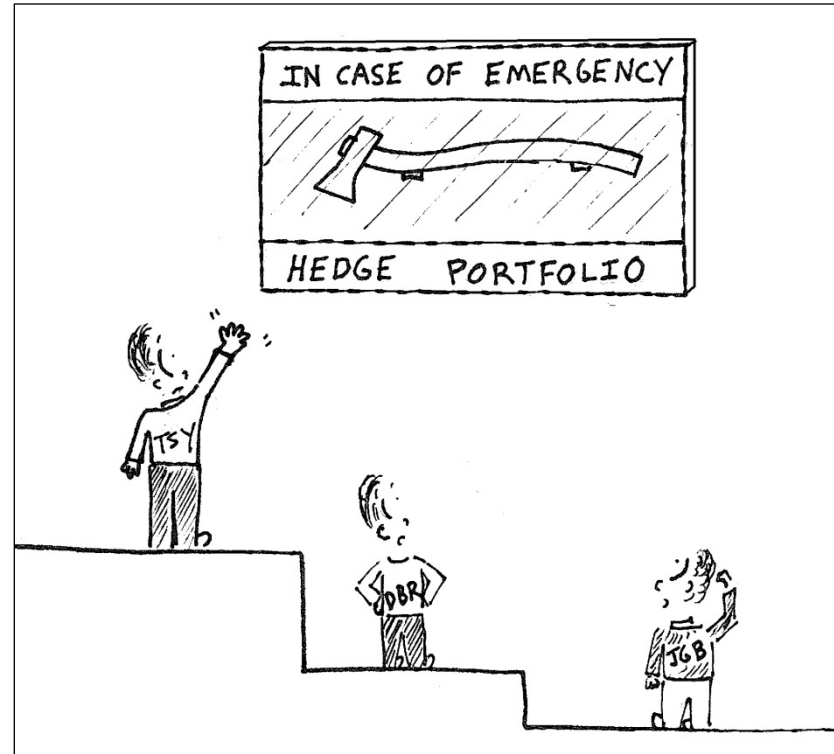


Our Cross-Asset Framework in One Place

		#1: LR Valuations		#2: Cycle			#3: 12M Forecasts	
		Risk Premium		Cycle Score and Returns*			Base Case Returns	
Equities	US	1.6%	▲	●	/	◆	6%	■
	Europe	5.1%	●	●	/	▲	12%	■
	Japan	8.3%	●	●	/	▲	27%	■
	EM	7.2%	●	●	/	◆	5%	■
Bonds	Treasuries	1.0%	◆	▲	/	●	1.6%	■
	Bunds	-0.2%	◆	◆	/	●	-4.3%	■
	JGBs	-0.5%	◆	▲	/	●	-1.1%	■
Credit	US IG	1.7%	▲	◆	/	▲	-0.7%	■
	US HY	1.4%	▲	▲	/	◆	-2.5%	■
	EUR IG	1.2%	●	◆	/	▲	0.1%	■
	EUR HY	1.3%	▲	◆	/	▲	1.0%	■

Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts; Note: Risk premium for equities represent ERP, bonds real yields and credit show spreads. *'Cycle score' shows returns in phases relative to average, For base case returns, total returns for equities and bonds, excess returns for credit.

Asset Class Views



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Global Equities | Buy Japan and European Value; Reducing US and EM

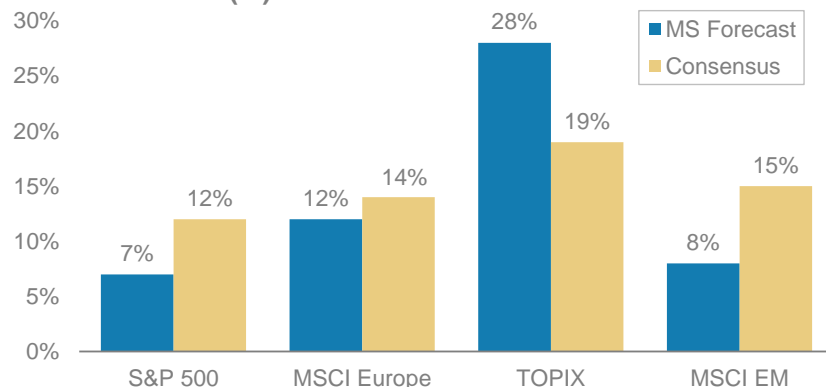
Morgan Stanley 12m Equity Forecasts

Index	Current Price	New Target Price		
		Bull	Base	Bear
S&P 500	2191	3050	2300	1625
		39%	5%	(26%)
MSCI Europe	1381	1770	1500	1100
		28%	9%	(20%)
TOPIX	1483	2110	1800	960
		42%	21%	(35%)
MSCI EM	858	1115	880	590
		30%	3%	(31%)

Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

Below-Consensus 2017 EPS Growth Forecasts Except Japan

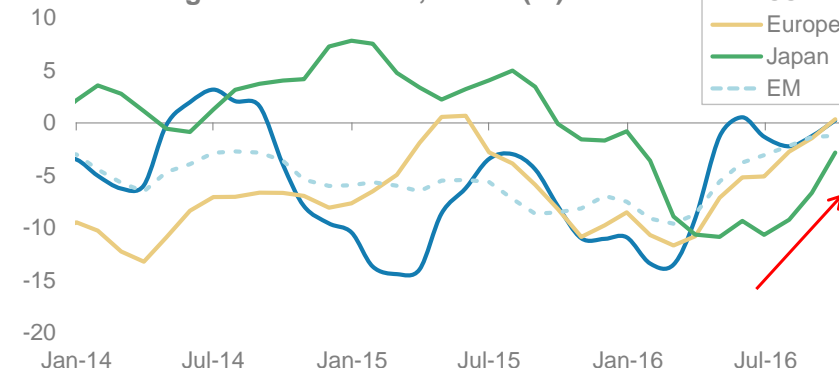
2017 EPS Growth (%)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts, MSCI, IBES, Thomson Financial, S&P

Earnings Revision Ratios Rising in Most Equity Markets

N12M Earnings Revision Ratio, 3mma (%)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, IBES

Morgan Stanley Sector/Style Preferences Across Regions

	S&P 500	MSCI Europe	TOPIX	MSCI EM
Overweight	Industrials, Biotechnology, Utilities	Banks, Insurance, Energy, Healthcare	Cons. Discretionary, IT, Insurance, Div Financials	Technology, Industrials, Staples
Underweight	Cons. Discretionary, Software, Staples	Cons. Discretionary, Staples, Industrials, Utilities	Staples, Telecoms, Utilities	Energy, EEME Telecom, Latam Utilities
Style Preference	Small-caps	Large caps, value	Corporate Governance and Shareholder Rewards	Best Business Models (Quality)

Source: Morgan Stanley Research

Global Equities | Global Equities Sectors/Style: Four Observations

US Large Caps Valuations Are Average vs. Small Caps



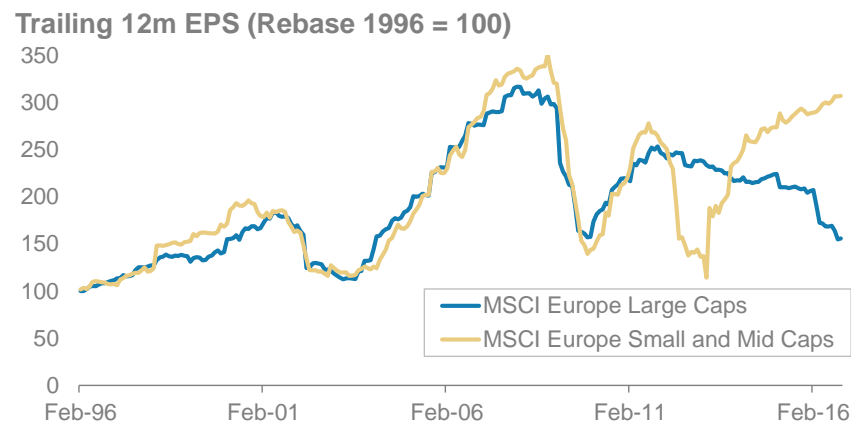
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, MSCI, RIMES

European Value Remains Cheap on P/BV



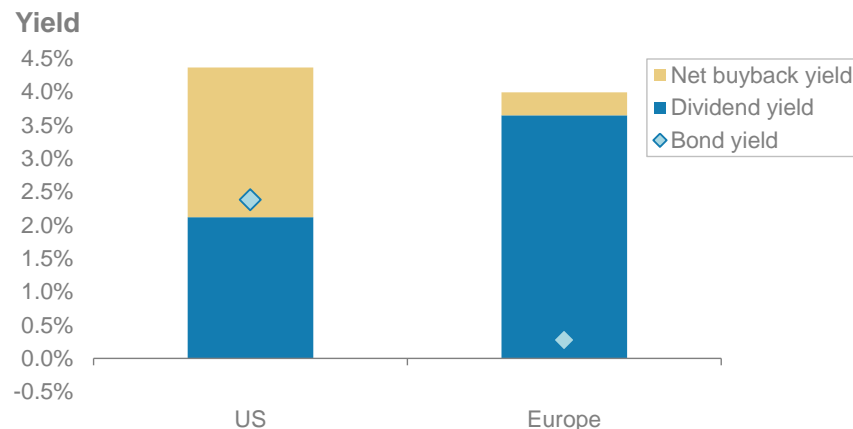
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We See Better EPS Trends for European Large-Caps in 2017



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, MSCI, RIMES

Equity Carry More Attractive than Bonds

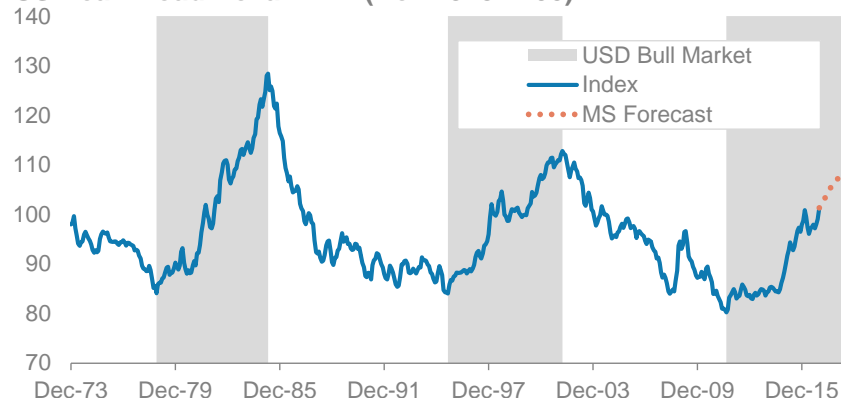


Source: Morgan Stanley Research, MSCI, FactSet Fundamentals, Bloomberg

Global FX | Last Leg of USD Rally; Expect Significant Downside in JPY

We Think This Is a Pause, Not a Peak, for USD

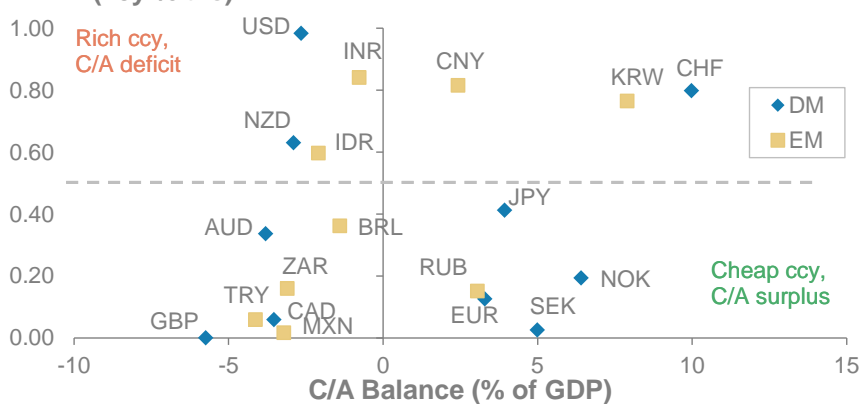
US Real Broad Dollar TWI (Nov 1973 =100)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts, Bloomberg; Note: Real TWI forecasts is derived from Morgan Stanley's nominal TWI forecasts.

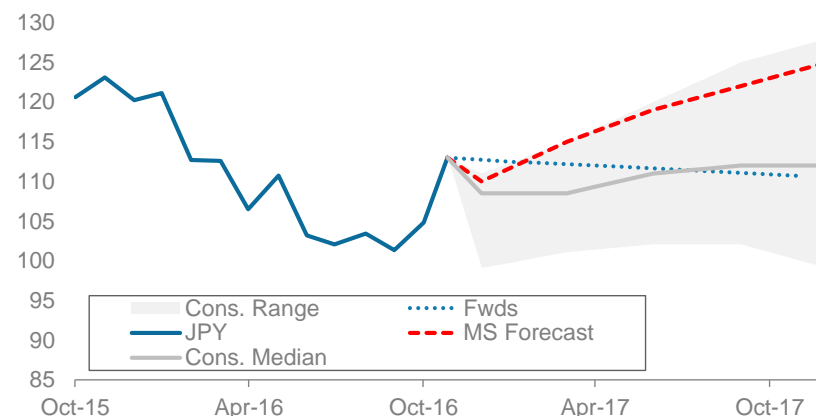
REER versus Current Account Balance

REER (10y %-tile)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

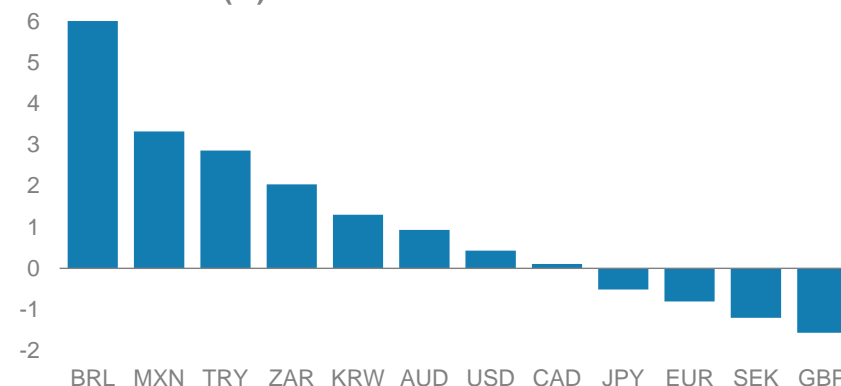
JPY to Weaken Significantly vs. Forwards and Consensus



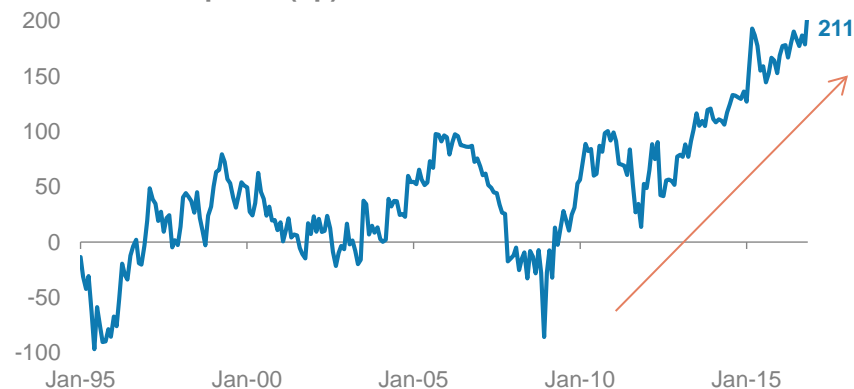
Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts, Bloomberg

High Real Yields Differentials Mean BRL Can Still Outperform

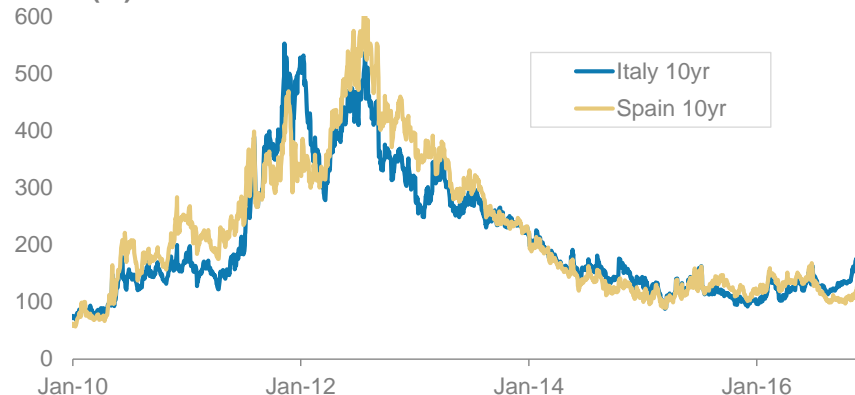
10Y Real Yields (%)



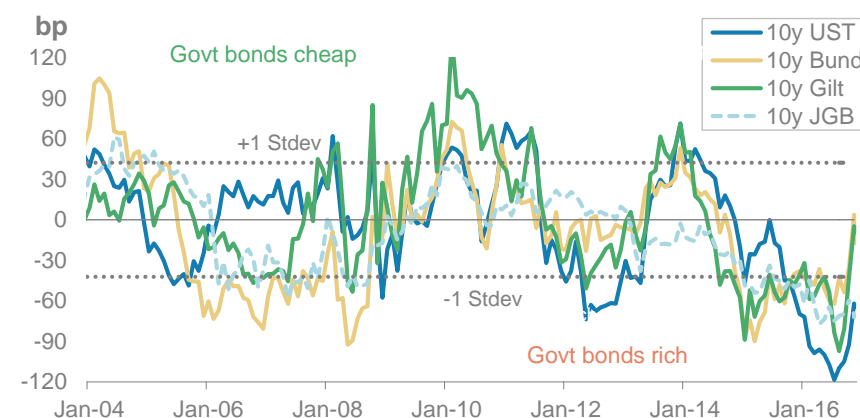
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg; Note: Real yield is calculated as difference between 10y yields and core inflation.

Global Rates | **US vs. Europe****UST-Bund Spread at Historical Highs****UST-DBR 30Y Spread (bp)**

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Peripheral Spreads Are Still Tight After Recent Moves**Yield (%)**

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Bond Valuations Are Not Cheap Yet

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg; Note: Chart shows the residual from a 4-factor regression model for rates valuation.

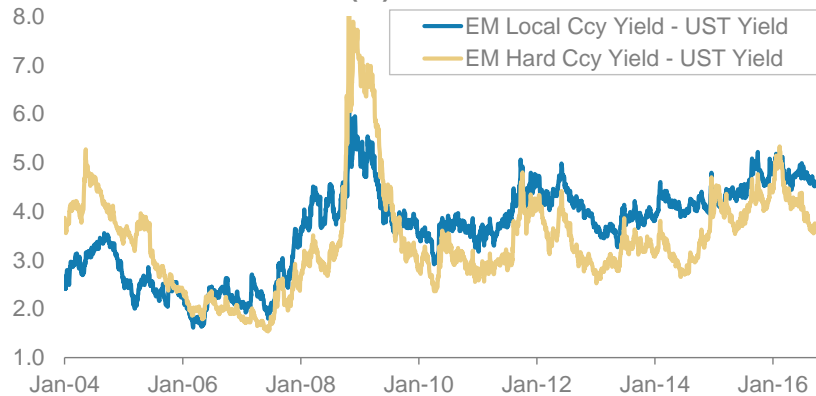
Steeper UST Curves in 1H17 an Opportunity to Enter Flatteners**US 5s30s Curve (bp)**

Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

Global EM Fixed Income | Alpha Trumps Beta

EM Yield Differentials Still Attractive vs. DM

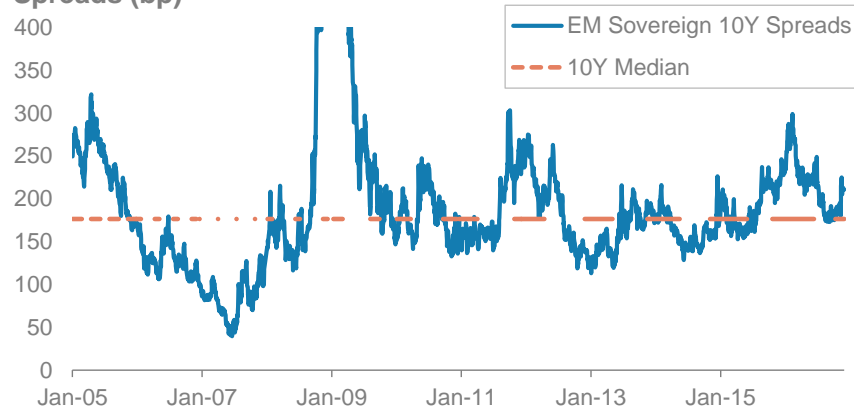
EM Yield Differential vs DM (%)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Datastream

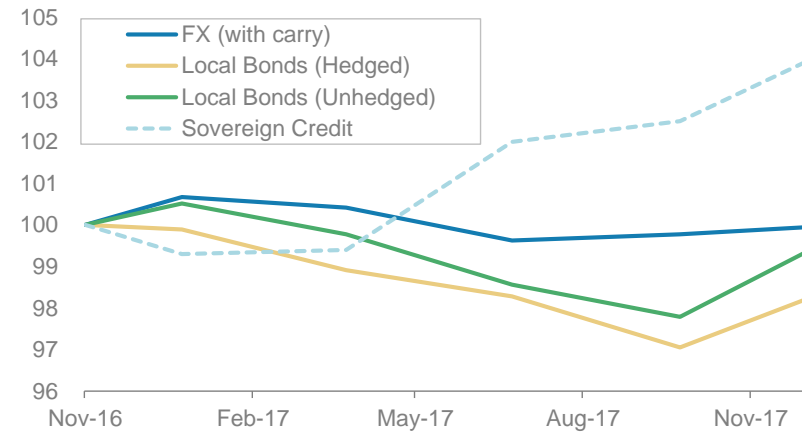
EM Credit Spreads Are Cheap vs. History

Spreads (bp)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg; Note: Index shown is a 10-year constant-maturity series for all major non-distressed sovereigns, providing a better historical comparison.

Our EM Total Returns Projection

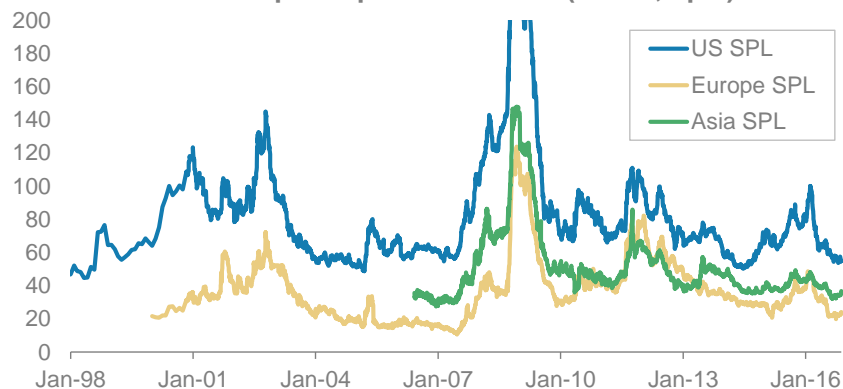


Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

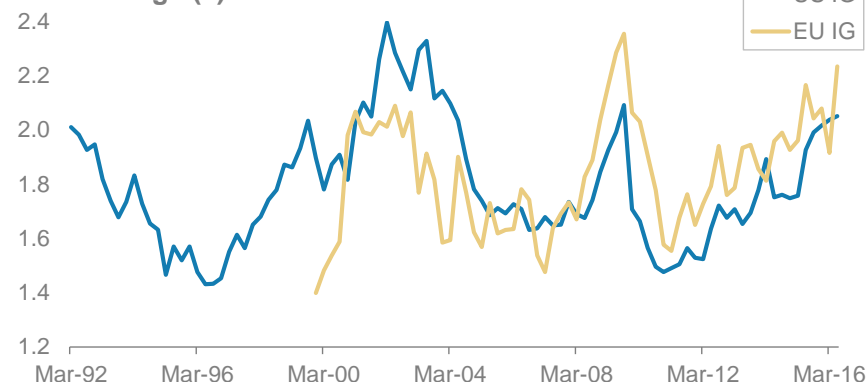
Our Top Picks in EM Fixed Income

	Rates	Credit
Likes	Argentina	Argentina
	Brazil	Brazil
	India	Indonesia
	Korea	Serbia
	Peru	Ukraine
	Russia	
Dislikes	Hungary	Colombia
	Malaysia	Mexico
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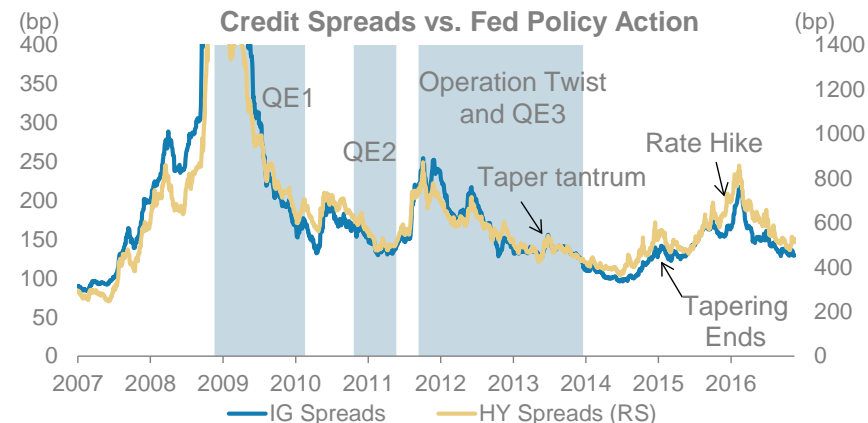
Source: Morgan Stanley Research; For valuation methodology and risks, see slide 61.

Global Credit | **Late-Cycle Blues****Valuations Rich Across Credit Markets Globally****Global IG Non-Fin Spread per Unit of Lev. (Gross, bp/x)**

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, Markit, Citigroup Index LLC

Net Leverage Is High...**Net Leverage (x)**

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg Finance LP, Citigroup Index LLC, Thomson Financial, company data

Fed Tightening Coincides with Credit Spreads Widening

Source: the Yield Book, Morgan Stanley Research

...but Interest Coverage Is Still Relatively High**Interest Coverage (x)**

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg Finance LP, Citigroup Index LLC, Thomson Financial, company data

Global Securitized | Increase Exposure to Resi and Senior CLOs and CMBS

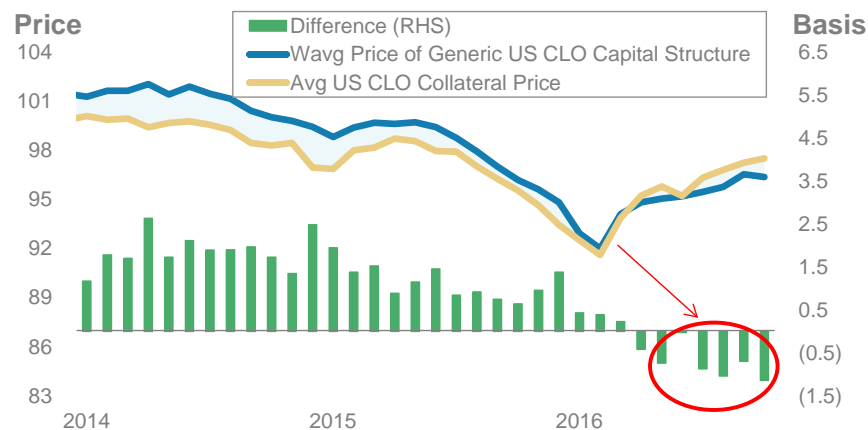
Securitized Products Offer Reasonable Carry

	Current Level (bp)	Base Case	
		Spreads (bp)	XS Rtns (%)
US Non-Agency Legacy (Alt-A)	265	275	2.00
CRT M1	125	150	0.75
CRT M2/M3	360	435	(0.90)
US CMBS AAA	100	100	1.00
US CMBS BBB-	490	550	(1.10)
Agency CMBS (10yr)	65	65	0.50
US CLO AAA	145	145	1.45
US CLO BBB	425	500	(1.13)
EU CLO 2.0 Seniors	96	105	0.79

Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts; Current level as of November 23, 2016.

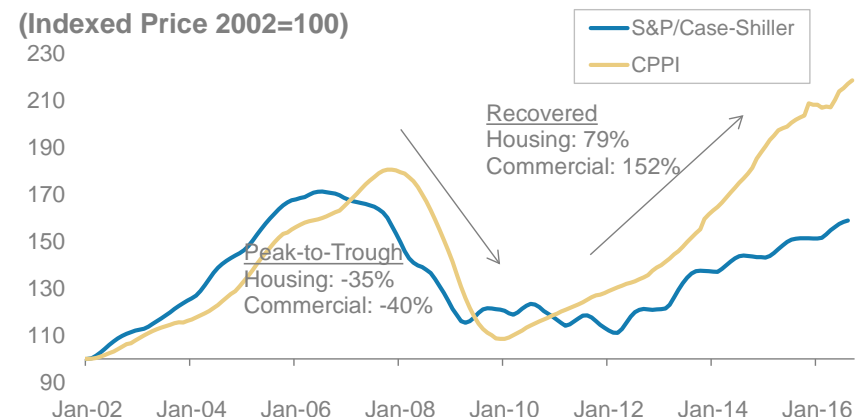
Note: US non-Agency MBS spread refers to generic Legacy Alt-A senior paper; US CMBS and Agency CMBS spreads expressed as spreads to swap rate and the rest as spreads to Libor/Euribor. EU CLO 2.0 senior DMs reflect market-implied forward EURIBOR curve floored at 0%.

CLOs Are Better Value Relative to Loans



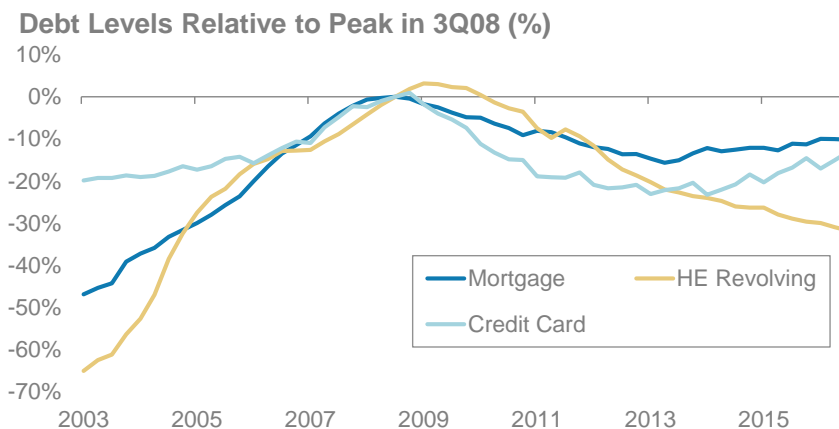
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Intex, Markit

End of CRE Bull Cycle; Resi Home Prices Have Room to Rise



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Moody's/RCA, Case-Shiller

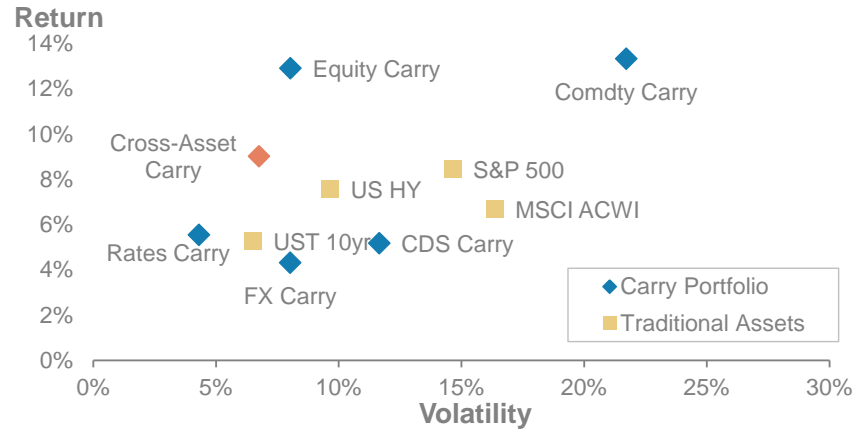
Consumer Re-Leveraging Still in Early Stages



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, NY Fed

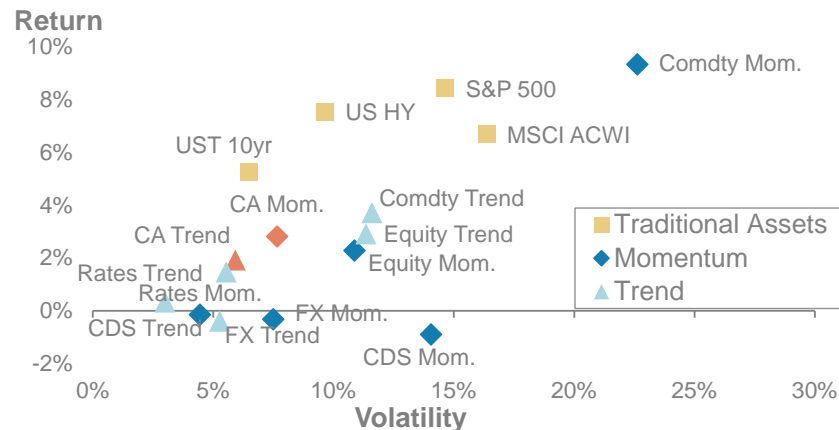
Cross-Asset Quant | Turn to Momentum Late in the Cycle

Cross-Asset Carry: Higher Returns with Lower Vol



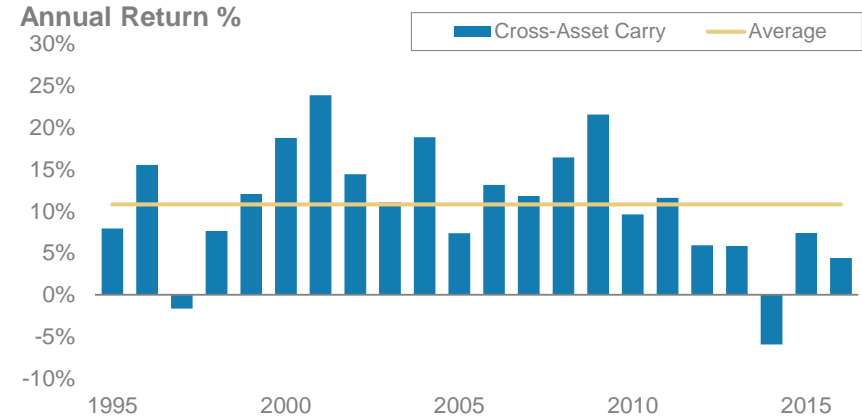
Note: Carry for an asset class defined as long the best quartile and short the worst quartile securities for that asset class. Cross-asset carry is the equally weighted average of the individual asset class. Time period covered from 2006-2016 where available. Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg. (see [Cross-Asset Quant: Why We Like Carry](#))

Cross-Asset Momentum and Trend for Diversification

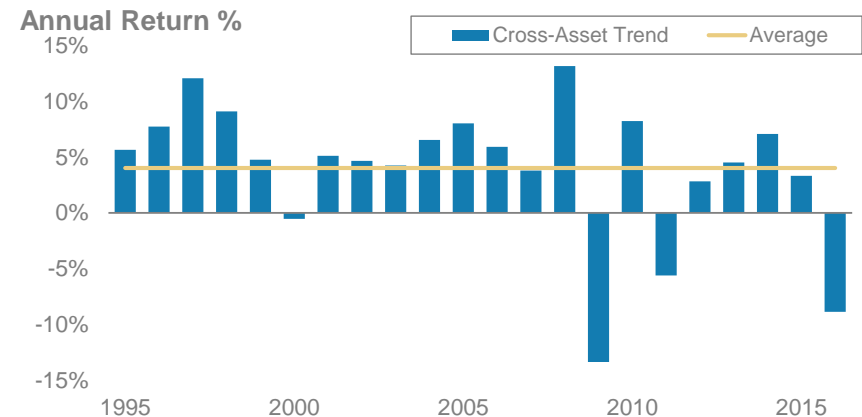


Note: Trend portfolio for an asset class defined as being long all assets in the asset class with positive 12m returns and short all assets in the asset class with negative 12m returns. Cross-asset trend is the equal-weighted average of the individual asset class trend portfolios. Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg. (see [Cross-Asset Quant: Momentum for Diversification](#))

Carry Performance Is Not Overextended Recently

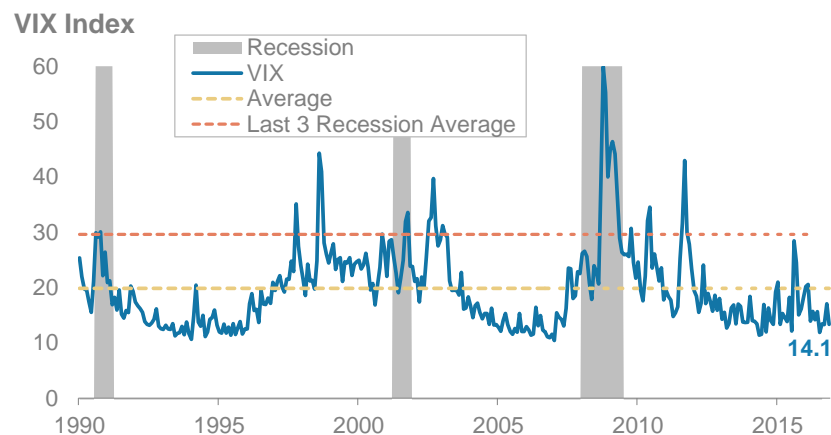


Trend Can Work In a Cycle Turn



Cross-Asset Quant | Less of Slower for Longer; Buy the Tails

Equity Volatility Has Fully Normalised Post-Election



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, NBER

Our Bull-Bear Forecasts Wider than Option Breakevens

	Strangle (25-Delta) Breakeven Range	MS Bull-Bear Range	
S&P 500	31%	65%	
Eurostoxx	39%	49%	
Topix	41%	81%	
EM Equities	44%	63%	
HY Credit*	10%	13%	
EURUSD~	9%	18%	
AUDUSD~	11%	16%	
USDBRL	37%	30%	
USDMXN	34%	25%	
USD 10yr	171	220	
EUR 10yr	121	190	

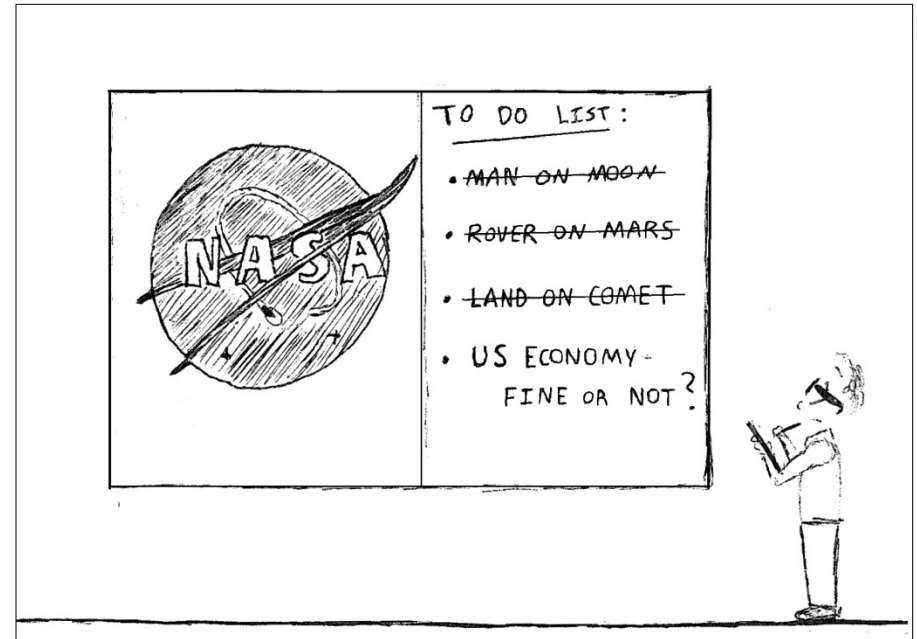
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Volatility Particularly Low in Equity and Credit

Index	Implied Vol 3m		Vol Skew 3m	
	Now	Δ1y on 10y Range	Now	Δ1y on 10y Range
Equities				
S&P 500	12.1%		6.2%	
Russell 2000	17.9%		4.6%	
Eurostoxx 50	18.8%		4.3%	
Nikkei	19.5%		2.7%	
MSCI EM	19.1%		3.6%	
FX				
JPY	12.4%		-0.5%	
GBP	10.0%		1.1%	
EUR	9.2%		1.5%	
AUD	10.9%		1.7%	
BRL	16.4%		2.9%	
KRW	11.5%		2.1%	
Rates				
US10y	85		0	
EU10y	57		14	
Credit				
CDX IG	29		17.5%	
CDX HY	5.7%		4.1%	
Commodities				
BrentCrude	43.3%		3.5%	
Gold	14.5%		1.9%	
Copper	26.5%		-1.3%	

Source: Morgan Stanley Research

Key Debates



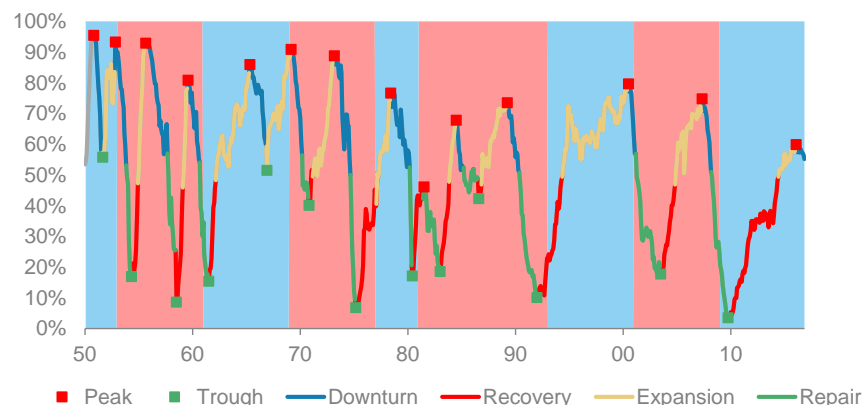
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US Elections | Other Fundamentals Matter More than the Party in Power

Conventional Wisdom May Not Hold

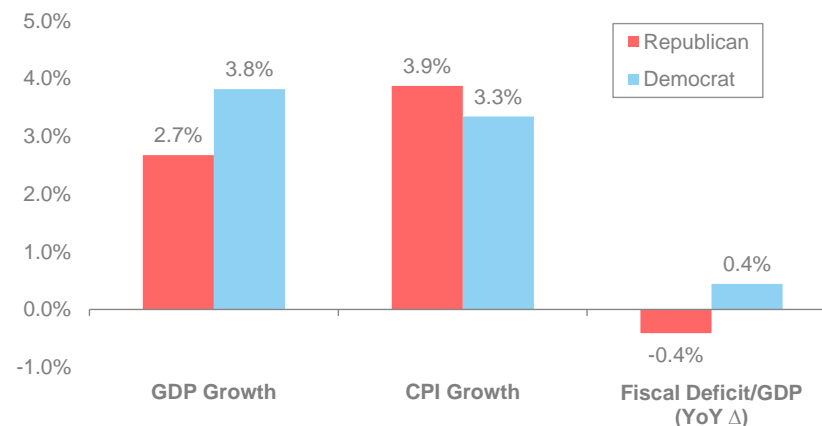
- **Growth and inflation are non-partisan:** Since 1947, GDP growth has been marginally higher under Democratic administrations (3.8%) than under Republican ones (2.7%), but well within what we'd consider a margin of error.
- **Republican presidents aren't 'better for the stock market':** There is little statistical evidence that the 'business-friendly' GOP is correlated with better equity returns.
- **Is that bad timing?** More Republican presidents have been elected during 'late-stage' readings of our US Cycle Model. This may also apply to President-elect Trump.

Business Cycle Stage by President's Party



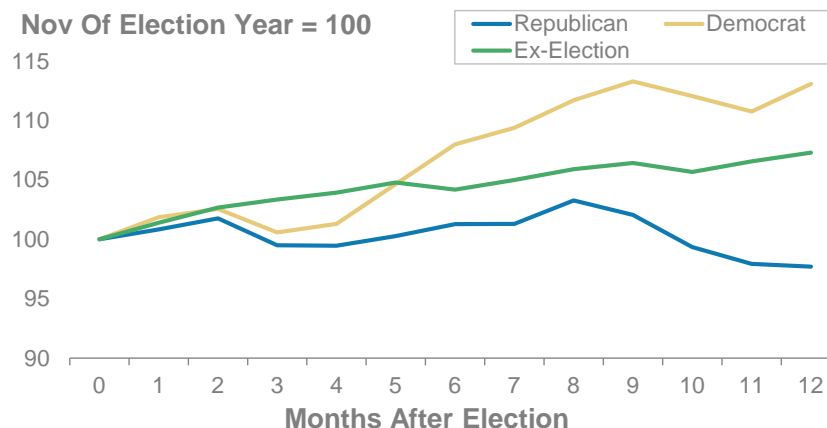
Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts, US government (house.gov, senate.gov);
Note: Red shading indicates Republican president and blue shading indicates Democratic president.

Macro Performance by Presidency



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, BEA, Bloomberg, senate.gov, house.gov; Note: Calculated since June 1947 for GDP and CPI and since 1968 for the fiscal deficit.

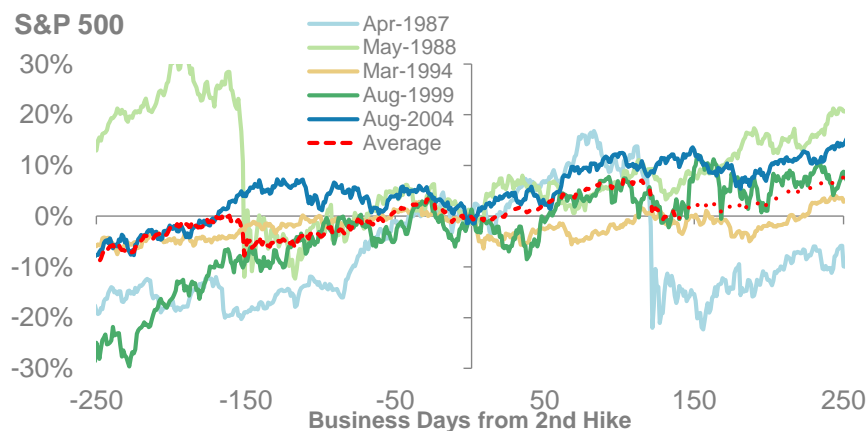
S&P 500 Performance in Republican vs. Democrat Presidencies



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, senate.gov, house.gov; Note: We observe 22 presidencies since 1928, 10 of which elected Republicans, and 12 of which elected Democrats. The ex-election line observes returns starting in Nov of non-election years.

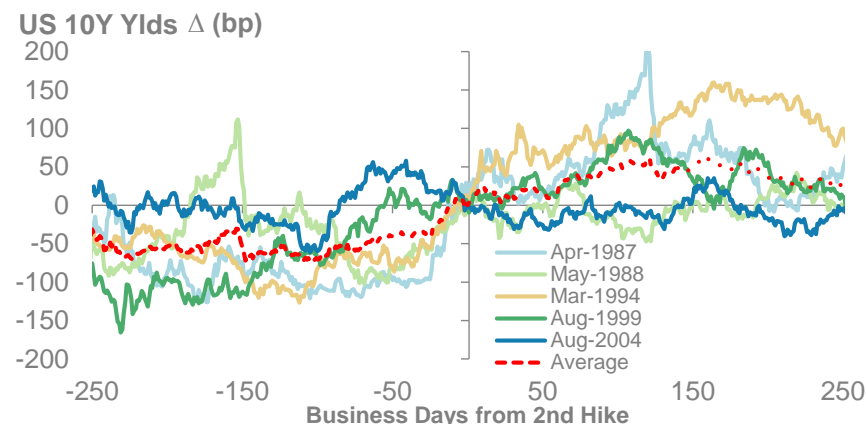
Fed Hike | Performance After the Second Hike: Equities, Rates, Dollar, Credit

S&P 500 Generally Rises Going Into and Out of Second Hike



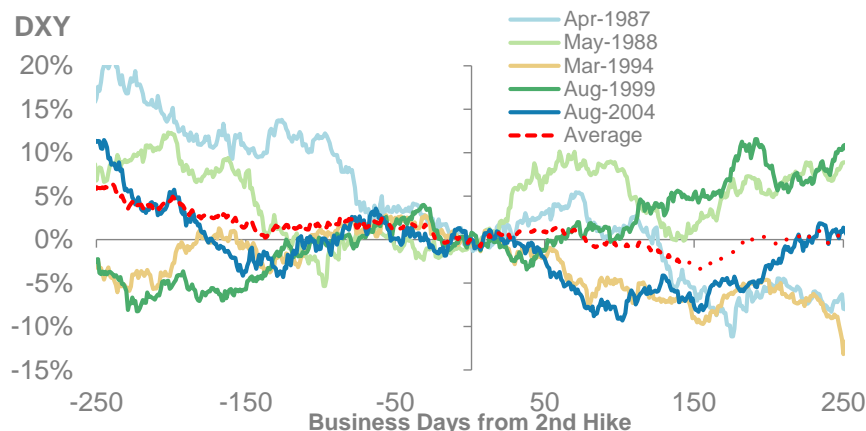
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

UST 10Y Ylds: A Clear Rising Trend Going Into and Out of Hike



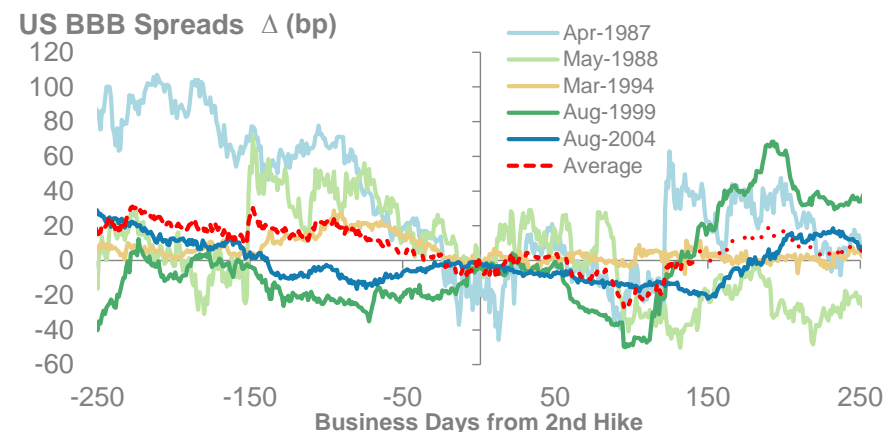
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

DXY: Mixed Performance Going Into and Out of Second Hike



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, IBES, Datastream

US BBB Spreads Generally Tighten Right After Second Hike



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, the Yield Book, Moody's

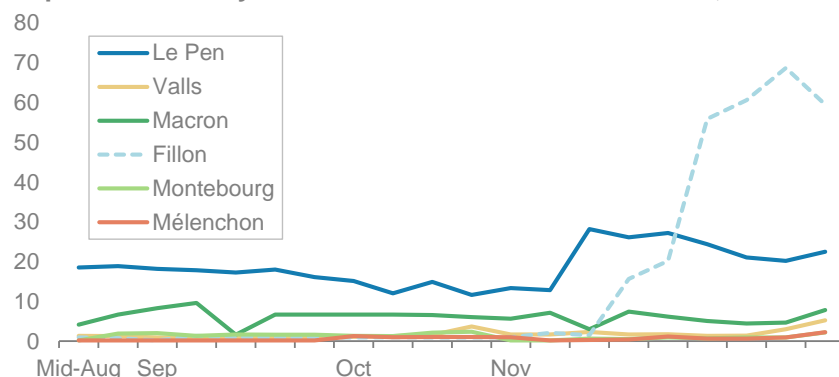
European Politics | Our Views on the UK, France and Germany

A Risk, but Manageable in Our Base Case

- **UK parliament unlikely to block Brexit, but it could be 'softer' (Dec 5-8):** MPs lean towards Remain, and their involvement could push the UK away from a 'hard' exit.
- **French elections (Spring 2017):** Fillon's win in the first round reduces the odds of a victory for Marie Le Pen. Prediction markets put her odds of winning at ~23%.
- **German elections (September 2017):** We believe that the race is Merkel's to lose, even as immigration remains a controversial issue.

Implied Betting Market Odds of Fillon Victory Have Increased

Implied Probability from Bets on Next French President, %



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Betfair Exchange

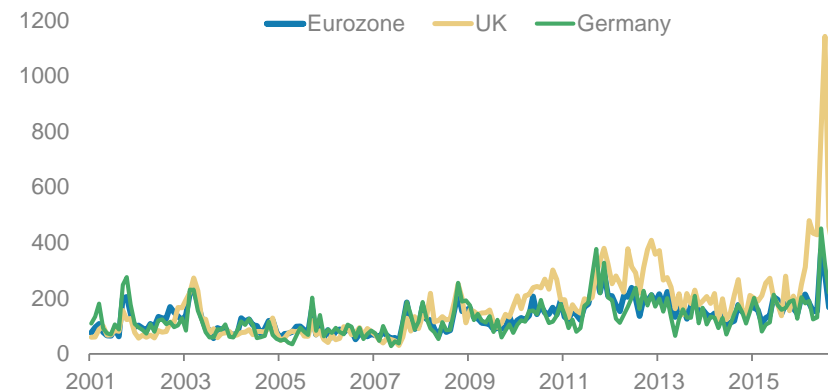
GBP Could Trade Back to Aug Levels, Pricing in 'Soft' Brexit



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Economic Policy Uncertainty Is Elevated

Economic Policy Uncertainty (Mean = 100)



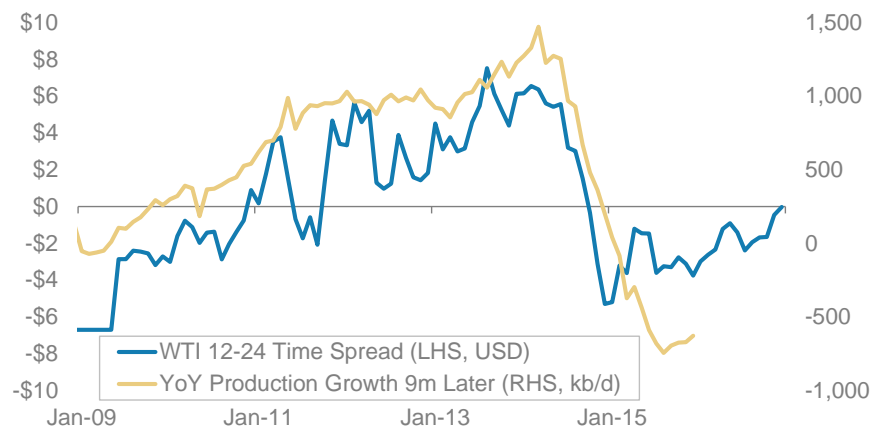
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Baker, Bloom, Bundesbank

Oil | OPEC Agreement Is Headline Positive, but Oversupply Could Persist

In Best Case, Inventory Draws Could Begin in 1H17

- **Market balance in scenario of full compliance:** The 1.2 mmb/d OPEC cut plus a 600 kb/d cut non-OPEC cut could lead to inventory draws and push prices to a US\$45-65 range.
- **Investor scepticism could limit upside:** For now, a US\$40-55 range remains most likely. OPEC has consistently over-produced vs. its quota. Compliance from non-OPEC (Russia in particular) is also suspect.
- **Higher prices could lead to more investment:** If there is follow-through, our oil strategists expect to see US production respond and there is evidence of a potential response ex-US as well. This could lead to higher supplies and lower prices.

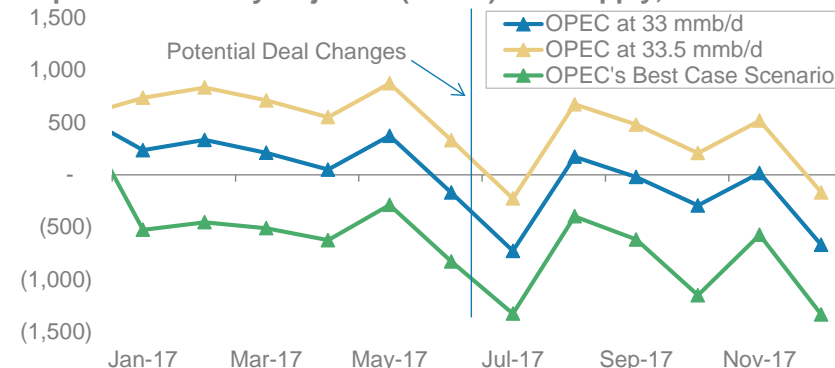
Higher Prices Could Result in Higher US Production in ~9Mo



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, EIA, Bloomberg

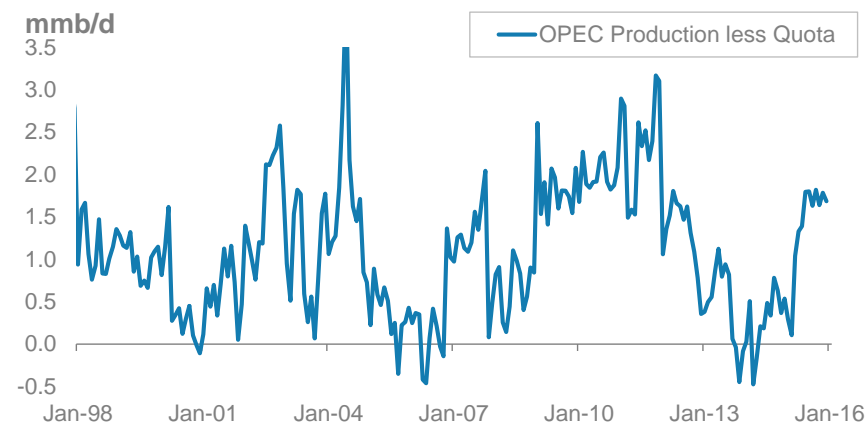
Most Realistic Case Is Oversupply Until 2H17

Implied Seasonally Adjusted (Under)/Oversupply, kb/d



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, OPEC, IEA, EIA, JODI, HPDI, Rystad, Wood Mackenzie;
 Note: Assumes no US response, no seasonality, full year cut, and best case includes non-OPEC 600 kb/d cut.

OPEC Production Has Exceeded Quotas Historically



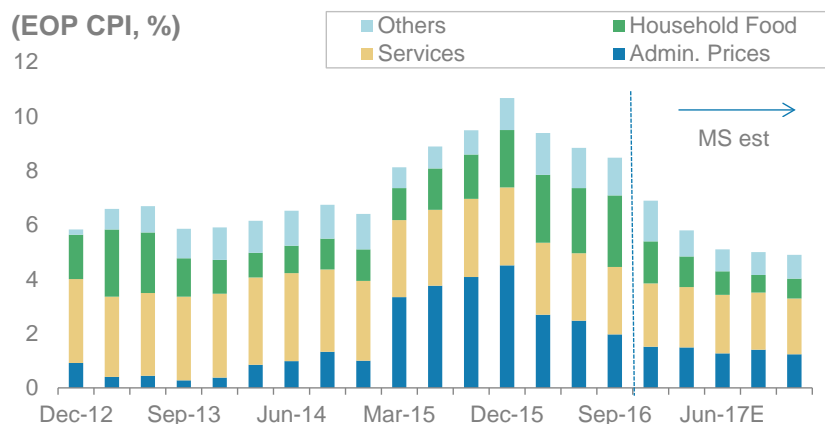
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, OPEC; Note: The OPEC allocation reflect some changes in OPEC membership/requirements.

EM Policy | Our Most Out-of-Consensus Rate Calls: Brazil and Korea

Significantly More Easing than Markets Price

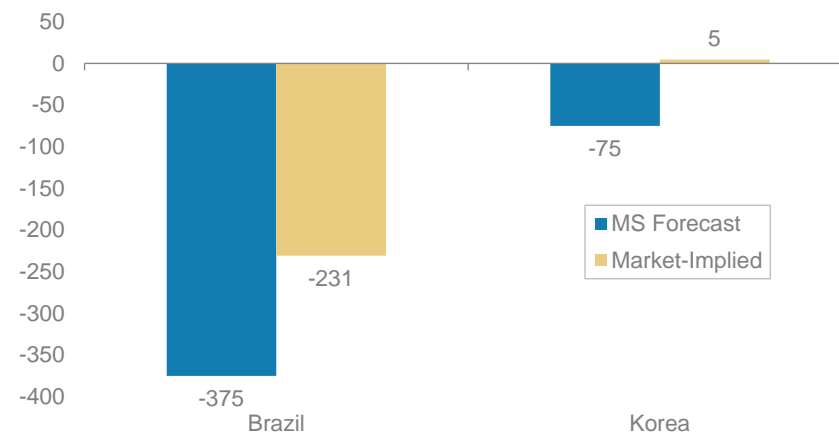
- **375bp of rate cuts in Brazil through end-2017:** Brazil is likely to come out of recession, but with still-muted growth. As a result, and in addition to base effects, economists expect inflation to decline to below 5%Y, allowing the BCB to cut rates aggressively.
- **BoK to cut rates and move towards QE:** Weak structural fundamentals (e.g., high leverage, an ageing population, inefficient resource allocation) and external demand shocks have led to a slow grind down for growth, with real rates > real GDP growth. We expect 75bp of cuts through 2017 and QE in 2H18.

Brazilian Inflation Is Likely to Decline



Source: IBGE, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

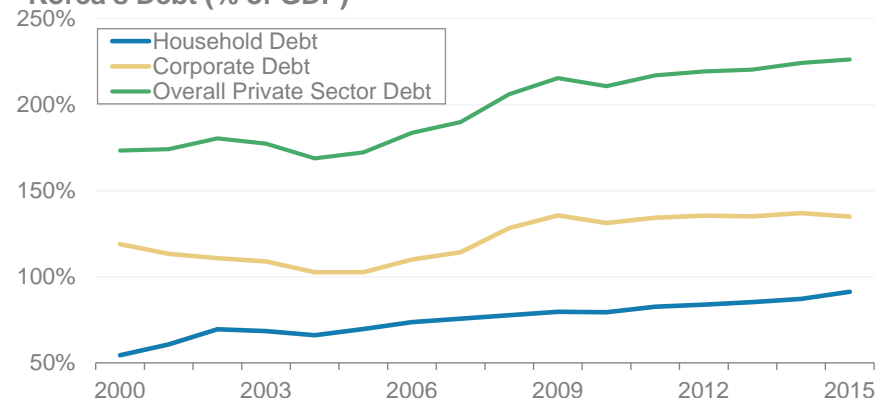
Rate Cuts Are Not Yet in the Price for Brazil and Korea



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

Korean Debt Has Not Stabilised

Korea's Debt (% of GDP)



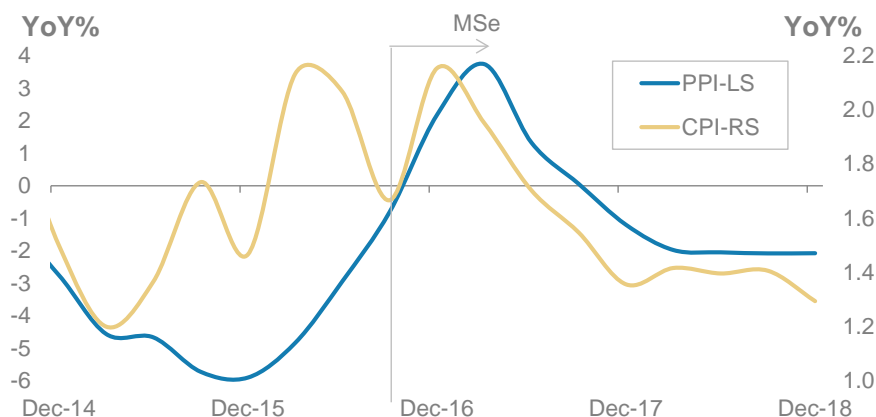
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, CEIC; Note: Refers to flow of funds data. Corporate debt excludes external debt.

China | Short-Lived Reflation and Mixed Bag of Policies

Fiscal Support Stems Growth Moderation

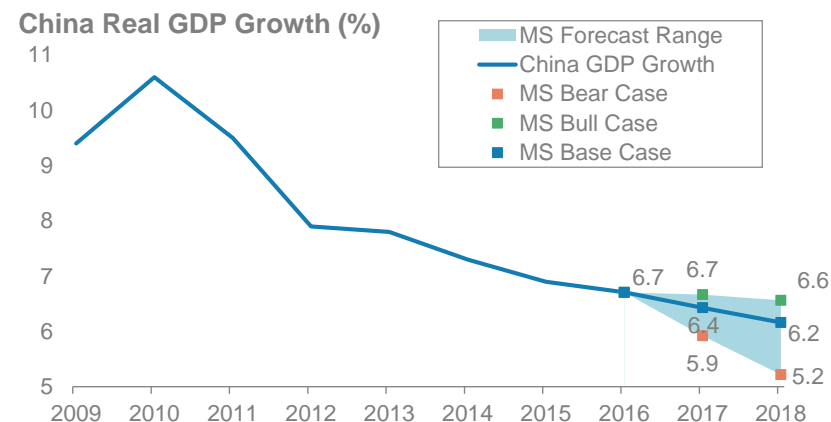
- **Short-lived cyclical bounce in reflation:** Higher inflation in recent months was a result of weather that pushed commodity prices higher as well as a low base. We expect non-food prices to remain subdued as economic growth weakens.
- **More expansionary fiscal policy, but less dovish monetary policy:** Fiscal spend amid a political reshuffle could support growth, but rising concerns over asset bubbles mean tightening housing policies and interbank liquidity and delayed rate cuts.
- **Risks to growth are skewed lower,** with 0.5pp of downside to GDP in the bear case in 2017 and 1pp in 2018, with potential US trade protectionism and tightening of housing market.

PPI and CPI to Peak in Early 2017 and Decline Thereafter



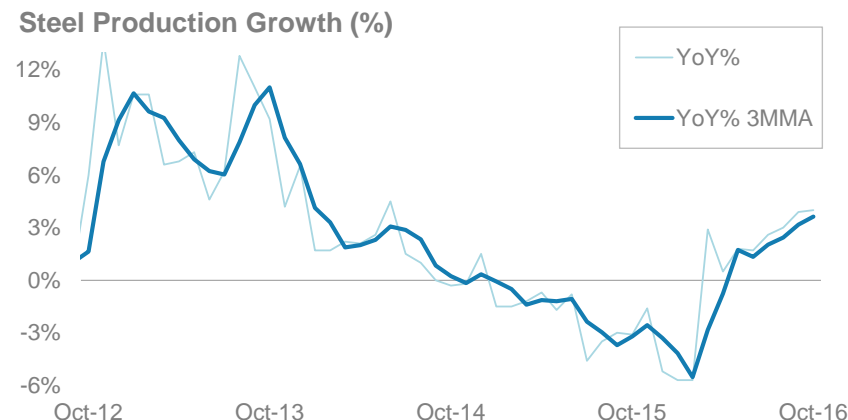
Source: CEIC, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

More Downside Potential to Growth Forecasts



Source: CEIC, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Steel Production Indicates Fiscal Spending on Infrastructure



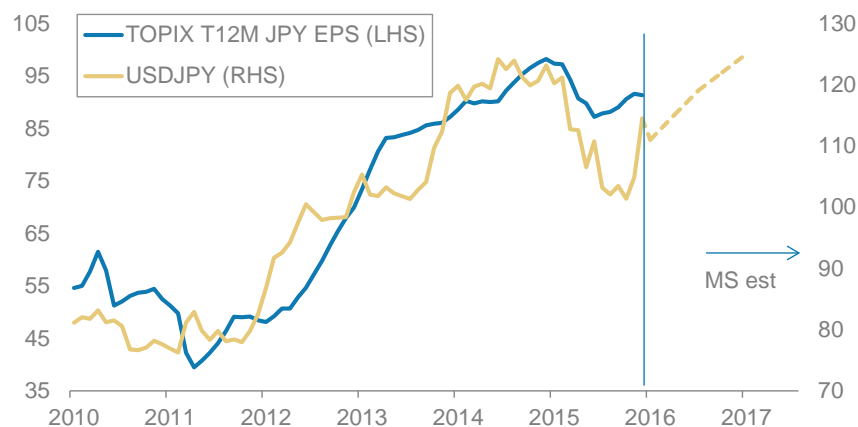
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Earnings | Global Earnings Recession Is Ending

An Inflection in Earnings (Finally)

- **Europe:** European earnings have fallen in total by 30% since 2011, but modest global growth and support from commodity prices mean that 2017 EPS growth can reach 12%, with UK earnings growth even higher at close to 20%.
- **Japan:** A *much* weaker JPY (at 130 by mid-2018), accelerating local growth and stronger global outlook drive our above-consensus view on Japanese 2017 EPS growth of 28%.
- **US and EM:** We still expect positive growth in 2017 although slower than in other regions (7%Y and 8%Y, respectively).

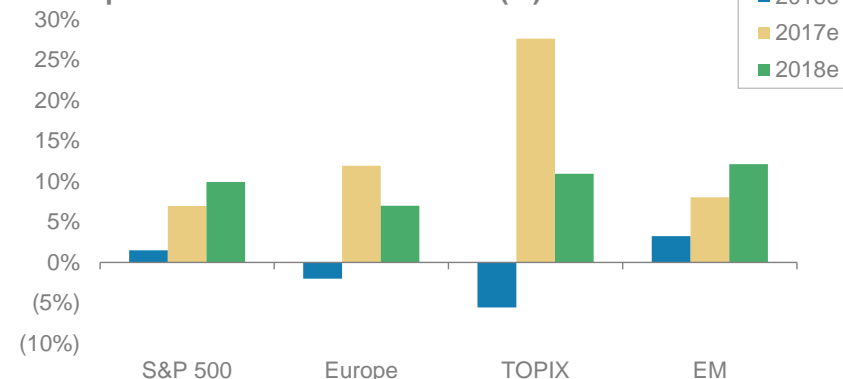
A Weaker JPY Bodes Well for Japanese EPS



Source: Datastream, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Earnings Growth Likely to Rise Globally

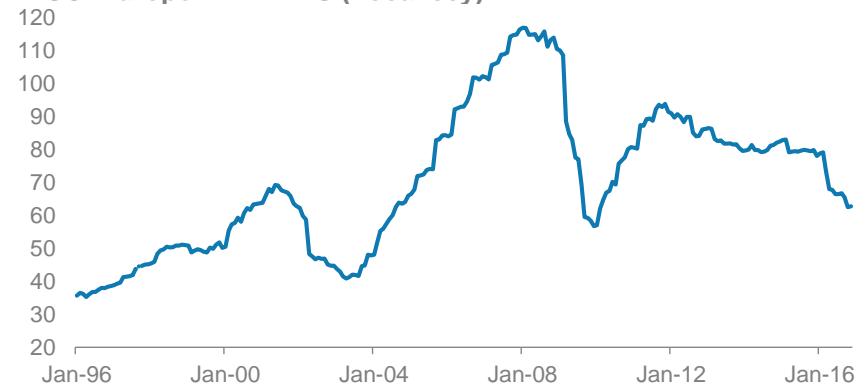
MS Top-down EPS Growth Forecast (%)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

We Expect the Declining Trend in European EPS to Reverse

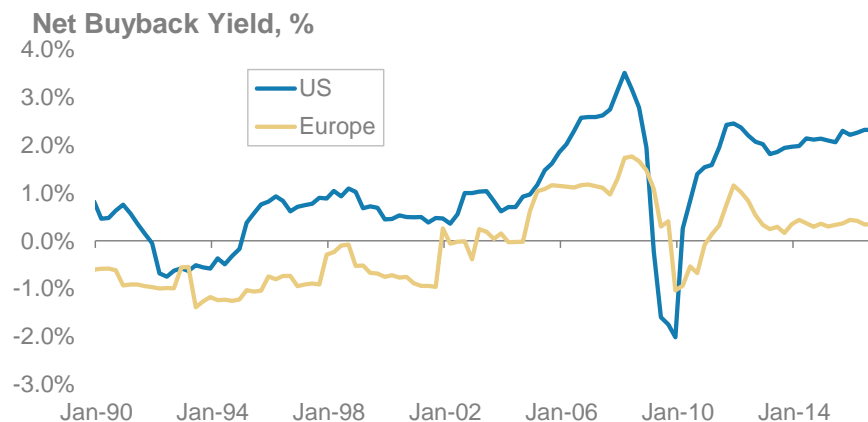
MSCI Europe T12M EPS (Local ccy)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, RIMES

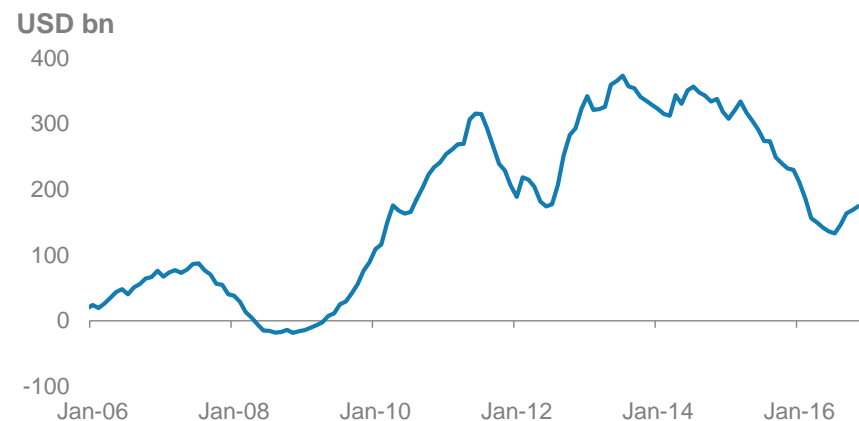
Technicals & Flows | Supply and Demand Remain Supportive...for Now

Global Equities – Net Buyback Yield Still Elevated



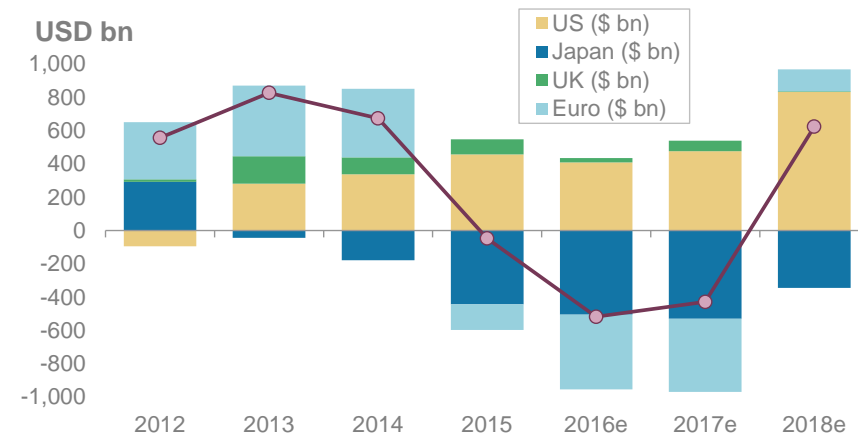
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, ClarifFi, MSCI, FactSet Fundamentals

High Yield – Net Issuance Still Low



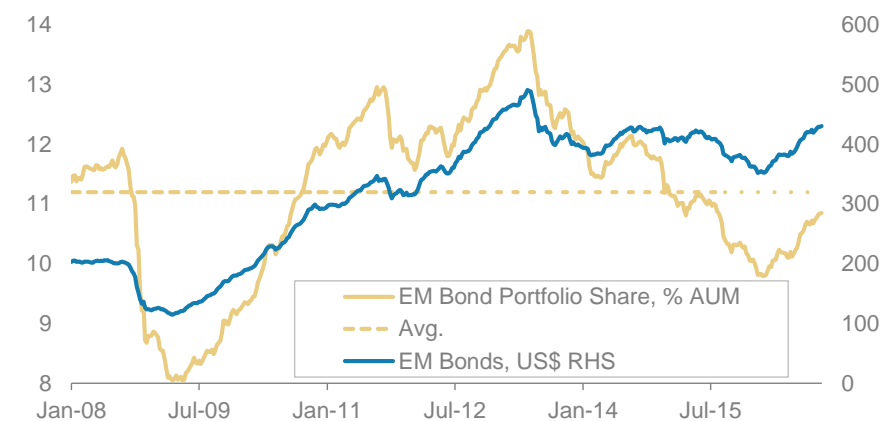
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Dealogic

Global Rates – Net Issuance After Central Bank Buying



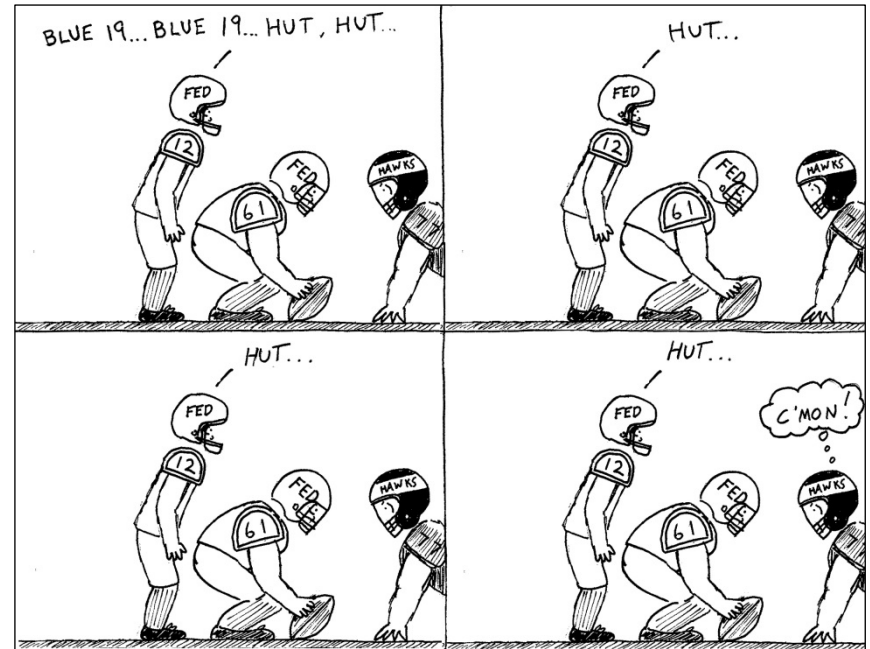
Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts, National Treasuries, National central banks

EM Debt Holdings Are Still Below 2012 Peaks



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, IIF

Recommended Trades



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Trade #1 | Long Japanese Equities (FX-Hedged)

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

1460

Current TOPIX level

↻ Reassess/Target

1800

MS base case target

Rationale

- A number of factors are supportive of Japan EPS growth (est +28% YoY), including a weaker yen and stronger growth both within Japan and globally.
- Japan's growth is stimulated by fiscal spending, easy monetary policy and structural reforms.
- We also expect a higher multiple amid BoJ support via ETF purchases and foreign flows into equities.
- Valuations are near 5Y average, but Japan equity risk premium is the highest across all regions.

Risk(s)

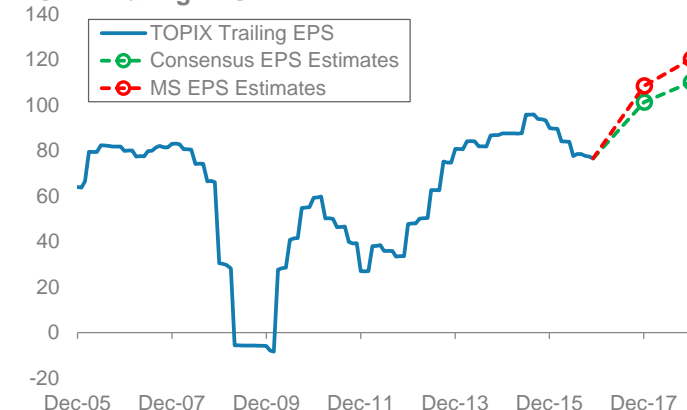
- Trade protectionism and potential yen strength

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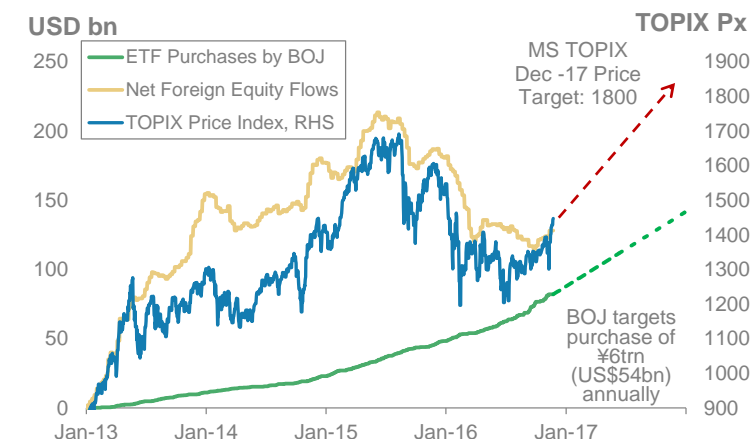
Japanese Earnings Set to Pick Up Dramatically

TOPIX Trailing EPS



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, IBES, Datastream

P/E Re-Rating Helped by Central Bank Purchases



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bank of Japan, Bloomberg, FactSet
Note: Data as of November 23, 2016.

➤ Potential Upside

12M Rtn: 28%

Base case 12m return implied by MS Forecasts

⚡ Volatility

Ann. Vol: 24%

Assumes vol equals average experience of last 10 years.

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 1.2x

Base case MS forecast return as % of 10yr vol

↕ Valuation

Fair

Based on long-run trend in Fwd P/E.

↕ Correlation to ACWI

Medium

Based on 10Y correlation

Trade #2 | Long European Value

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

12%

We expect value to outperform Europe equities

↻ Reassess/Target

Brent @ 45

Vulnerable to commodity prices and political risk

Rationale

- Value tends to outperform growth in reflationary environments as yields and breakevens are rising.
- European value earnings have deteriorated sharply vs. growth, leaving easier comps, and its recent outperformance is muted relative to historical levels.
- On P/E metrics, value looks slightly expensive vs. growth, but its premium to growth is below its LT median on dividend yield and book value metrics, which could be more relevant in an environment of low earnings.

Risk(s)

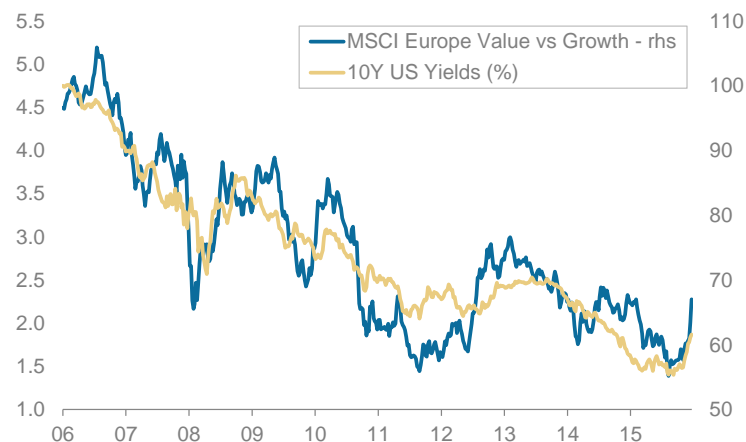
- European political risks overshadow reflation and growth. OPEC fails to keep oil prices floored.

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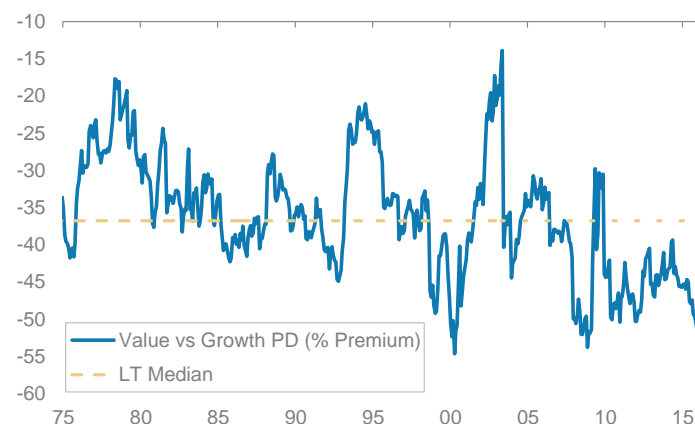
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Value Stocks Tend to Track 10Y Bond Yields



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Datastream, MSCI

Value Dividend Yield Looks Depressed vs. Growth



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, MSCI; Note: PD = price to dividends.

↗ Potential Upside

12M Rtn: 12%

Base case return for MSCI Europe on MS Forecasts

⚡ Volatility

Ann. Vol: 23%

Assumes vol equals average experience of last 10 years.

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 0.5x

Base case MS forecast return as % of 10yr vol

↕ Valuation

Rich

Based on long-run trend in Fwd P/E.

↗ Correlation to ACWI

High

Based on 10Y correlation

Trade #3 | **Buy S&P 500 Calls (103 Strike)**

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Cost

2.2%

6m 103 strike calls

↻ Reassess/Target

5.6%

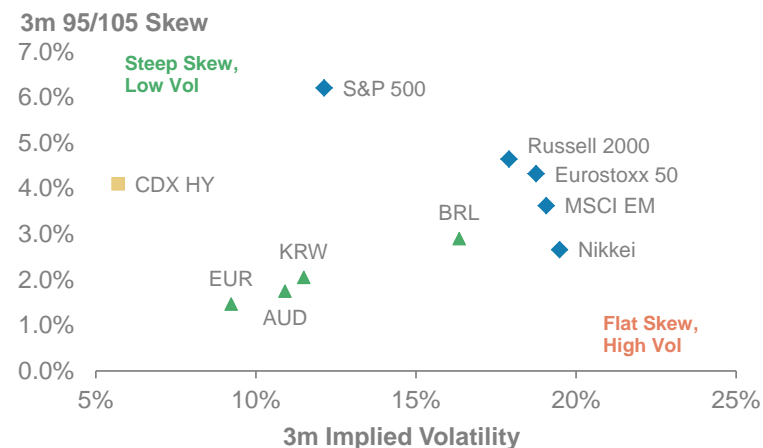
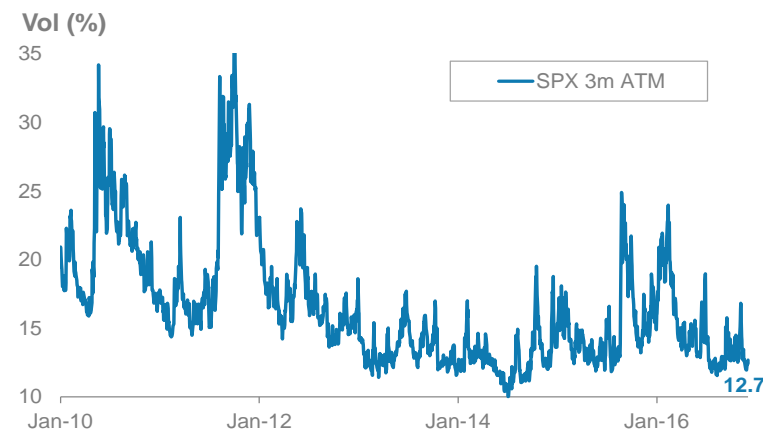
Probability-weighted net payout

Rationale

- Although our base case returns for US equities are modest and we prefer Japan/Europe for reflation plays, we like owning S&P calls to position for the bull case scenario.
- A large fiscal support package and lower corporate taxes, with an accommodative Fed but without an escalation of protectionist rhetoric, translates into 40% upside in our bull case forecast.
- S&P 500 implied vol is back at the lows and skew, while off the highs, is still steep (i.e., calls are cheap on a relative basis).

Risk(s)

- Heightened uncertainty and fears of Fed hikes reduce upside.

Related Reports[2017 Global Strategy Outlook: Sparkle and Fade](#), Nov 27, 2016[2017 US Equity Outlook](#), Nov 28, 2016**S&P 500 Outlier in Terms of Skew/Vol****S&P 500 Vol Close to Multi-year Lows****Potential Upside****12M Rtn: 5.6%**

Probability weighted net payout on our B/B/B scenarios.

Volatility**Ann. Vol: 7.5%**

Based on the option delta x 10yr realized vol for S&P 500

Risk-Adjusted Rtns**Rtn/Vol: 0.7x**

Base case MS forecast return as % of 10yr vol

Valuation**Cheap**

Based on vol percentile vs. history

Correlation to ACWI**Medium**

High upside correlation but muted downside correlation

Trade #4 | Long China A Shares vs. EM

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Potential upside

33%

Based on MS equity base case returns

↻ Reassess/Target

Feb 2017

Gauge China and US monetary and fiscal path

Rationale

- Our equity strategists expect the onshore A share market to enter into a new bull market driven by asset class rotation away from property in the context of relatively easy monetary and fiscal policy in 1H17.
- This, as before, will help to re-rate the offshore equity universe, particularly as the Shanghai/HK connect is already up and running and the Shenzhen/HK connect is likely to be launched imminently.
- China's growth is self-funded and hence it is one of the markets in EM least exposed to the issue of rising US rates/higher EMBI yields

Risk(s)

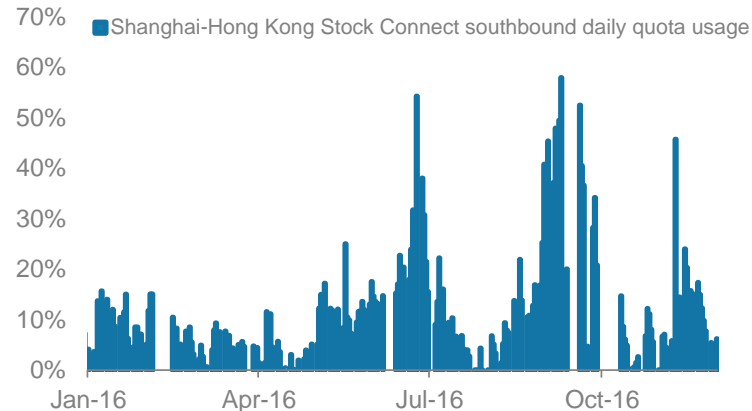
- China tightens policy further or protectionist rhetoric escalates.

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Accelerating Net Purchases in Recent Months

% of Daily Quota Used

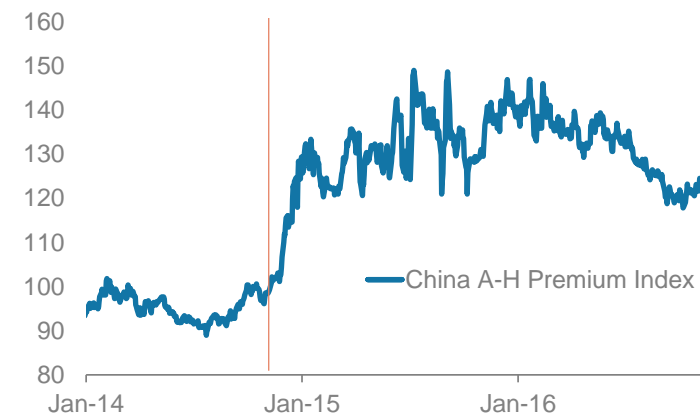


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Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

China A Shares Trade at 20%+ Premium to H Shares

China A-H Premium Index



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

➤ Potential Upside

12M Rtn: 33%

Based on MS Equity Base case returns

⚡ Volatility

Ann. Vol: 30%

Assumes vol equals average experience of last 10 yrs.

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 1.1x

Assumes returns realized with vol typical of last 10yrs.

↕ Valuation

Fair

Based on Fwd PE percentile vs. history

↗ Correlation to ACWI

Low

Based on 10Y correlation

Trade #5 | Buy EUR 6m10y ATM Payers

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Running Cost

16bp

Running spread for 6m10y ATM payer

↻ Reassess/Target

44bp

Probability-weighted net payout

Rationale

- We think US-led reflation will push global bond yields higher but believe EUR rates are more vulnerable to reflation than US rates now.
- Base effects weighing on inflation should diminish soon and wage dynamics start to recover gradually as rebalancing progresses.
- We expect an extension of the QE programme in December, but an improving inflation outlook should mean the ECB starts to guide the market towards its intention to taper purchases.

Risk(s)

- ECB turns more aggressive on QE due to political risks.

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EUR Rates Volatility Is Below Long-Term Average

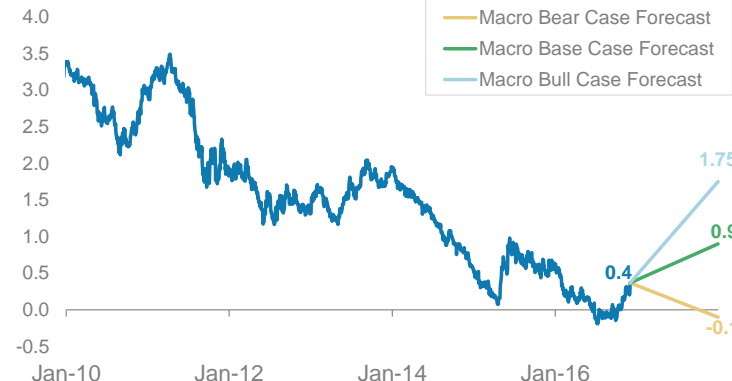
Normalized Volatility (bp)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

MS Forecast for Bund 10yr

Yield (bp)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts, Bloomberg

➤ Potential Upside

Payout: 44bp

Probability-weighted net payout on MS B/B/B scenarios.

⚡ Volatility

Ann. Vol: 35bp

Based on the option delta x 10yr realized vol for EUR 10y

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 1.3x

Probability-weighted net payout vs Ann. volatility.

↕ Valuation

Cheap

Based on 10Y yield percentile of EUR 10yr.

↕ Correlation to ACWI

Medium

High upside correlation but muted downside correlation

Trade #6 | **Buy Japan 10y Breakevens (JGBei)**

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

56bp

Current spread

↻ Reassess/Target

95bp

MS base case target

Rationale

- Japan core CPI picks up dramatically in 2017 as the negative contribution from energy price and JPY appreciation dissipates. Fiscal policy impact and structural reform are further supportive factors.
- OPEC agreement only reinforces the prospects for base effects to reverse and realised inflation to rise.
- Yield curve targeting means US rate hikes feed differentials and weaken JPY. We forecast sharp depreciation in JPY to 125 by YE 17 and 130 by 2Q18. Imported inflation rises on the yen weakness that we expect.

Risk(s)

- Weaker USD and CNY relative to JPY dampens the inflation pick-up.

Related Reports[2017 Global Strategy Outlook: Sparkle and Fade](#), Nov 27, 2016[2017 Japan Economic Outlook: Keep Trusting, but Keep Verifying](#), Nov 27, 2016**JGBei Breakevens Still Below 1yr Highs**

Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research

MS Forecast for a Sharp Recovery in CPI

Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

➤ Potential Upside**12M Rtn: 40bp**

MS Base case target

⚡ Volatility**Ann. Vol: 40bp**

Assumes average 1yr vol.

!! Risk-Adjusted Rtns**Rtn/Vol: 1.0x**

MS Base case target vs Ann. volatility.

↕ Valuation**Rich**

Based on Breakeven percentile over 5yrs.

↗ Correlation to ACWI**Low**

Based on 1Y correlation

Trade #7 | Long Gilts vs. Bunds

→ Entry Level/Current

119bpYield diff. between UKT
10yr and DBR 10yr

↻ Reassess/Target

35bpBasis based on MS 1yr
base case forecast

Rationale

- Brexit uncertainty will likely weigh on the economy and keep the MPC accommodative despite rising inflation – our economists expect the MPC to cut rates one final time to 0.10%, likely in May, with further stimulus in 2018 possible. Triggering Article 50 could also lead to weaker growth and further rate cuts.
- Our rates strategy team see valuations for gilts as more attractive than Bunds, with the spread between the 10y gilt term premium and the 10y Bund term premium having compressed through the recent sell-off in recent months.

Risk(s)

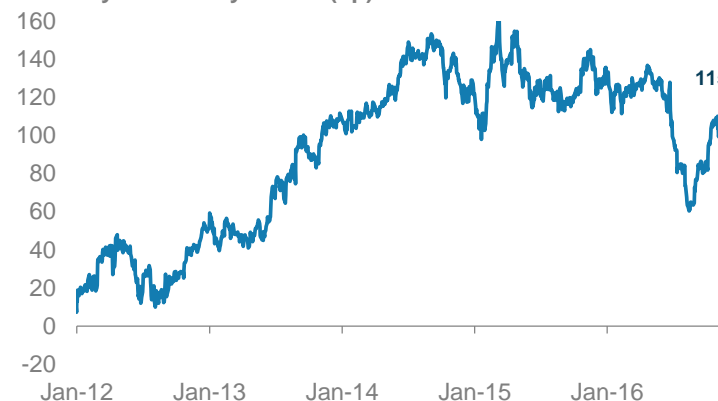
- GBP weakens further, pushing up inflation more than we expect.

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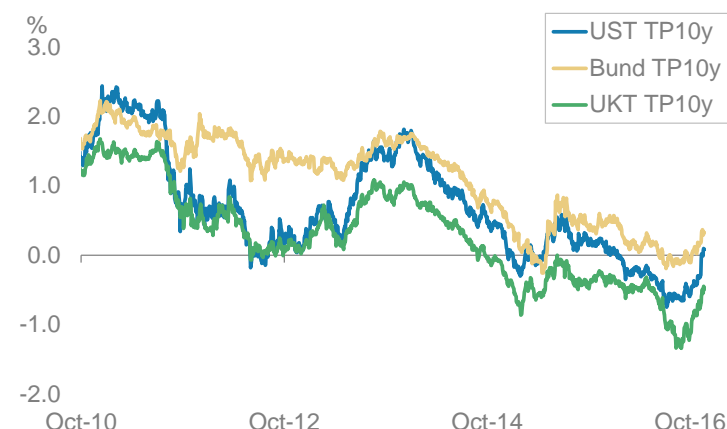
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Gilts/Bunds Basis Elevated

UKT 10yr - DBR 10yr Basis (bp)



UK Term Premium Has Increased Significantly



Strategy Type

Alpha

Beta

Hedge

➤ Potential Upside

12M Chg: 84bpBase case 12m MS forecast
change in the basis

⚡ Volatility

Ann. Vol: 53bp

Assumes average 10yr vol.

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 1.6xMS Base case forecast change
vs long-term volatility.

↕ Valuation

CheapBased on LT yield
differential percentile

↗ Correlation to ACWI

Low

10Y correlation to ACWI

Trade #8 | **Long USDJPY**

Strategy Type

Alpha **Beta** Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

113

Current USDJPY level

↻ Reassess/Target

125

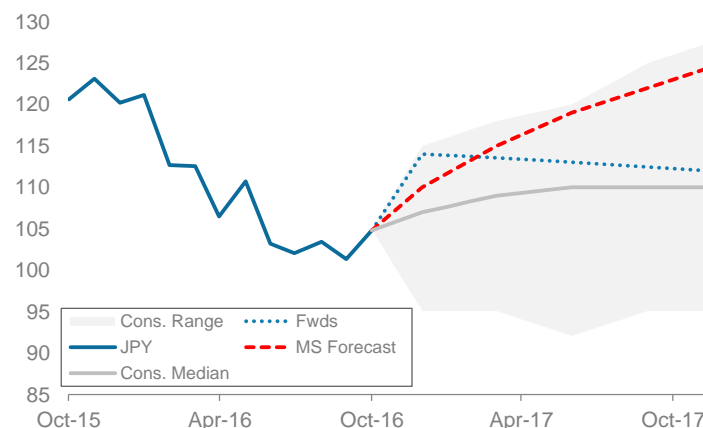
MS FX 1yr base case forecast

Rationale

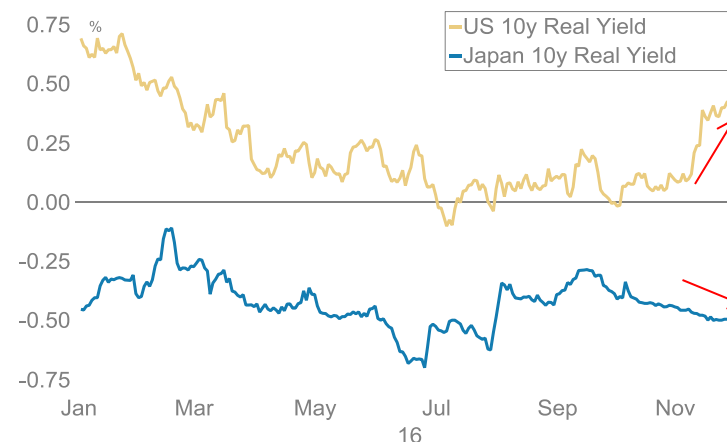
- We expect rates in the US to continue to rise (our economists expect five hikes over 2017-18), while yield curves in Japan should remain well-anchored, widening yield differentials.
- Japan will likely expand fiscal spending in 2017, lifting inflation expectations and lowering real yields through the managed curve – weakening JPY.
- More predictable yield curve incentivises Japanese banks to take on more risk; lending abroad weakens JPY while lending inside Japan raises inflation expectations.

Risk(s)

- Weaker US growth delays Fed hikes.

Related Reports[2017 Global FX Outlook: Top 10 FX Trades](#), Nov 27, 2016[2017 Japan Economic Outlook: Keep Trusting, but Keep Verifying](#), Nov 27, 2016**JPY: Weaker than Consensus and Forwards**

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Falling JPY Real Rates Support USD/JPY

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, Macrobond

➤ Potential Upside

12M Chg: 12%

Base case 12m MS forecast return

⚡ Volatility

Norm. Vol: 11%

Assumes average 10yr vol.

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 1.1x

MS Base case forecast return vs long-term volatility.

↕ Valuation

Rich

Based on REER

⬆ Correlation to ACWI

Medium

Based on 10Y correlation

Trade #9 | **Long USDKRW**

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

1180

Current USDKRW level

↻ Reassess/Target

1300

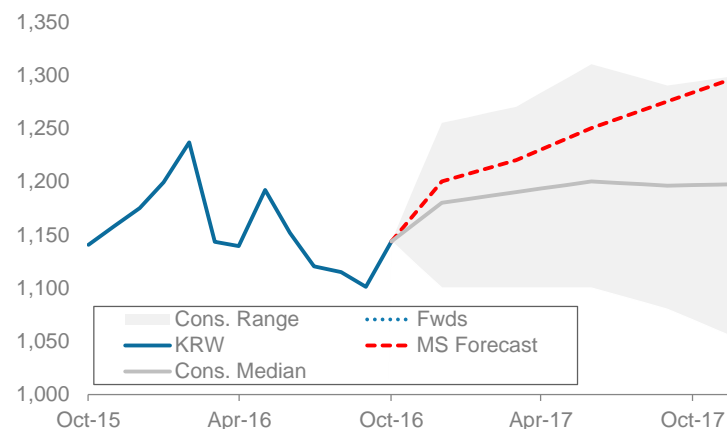
MS FX 1yr base case forecast

Rationale

- We hold an out-of-consensus call for looser policy from BoK – three cuts in 2017, followed by QE in 2H18, given the weak growth outlook from debt overhang and declining productivity; widening yield differentials versus the US will likely weaken KRW.
- The possibility of greater trade protectionism will likely disadvantage the trade-exposed KRW.
- Our more bearish outlook for RMB and JPY also implies that KRW will face competitiveness and disinflationary pressures from its major regional trade partners.

Risk(s)

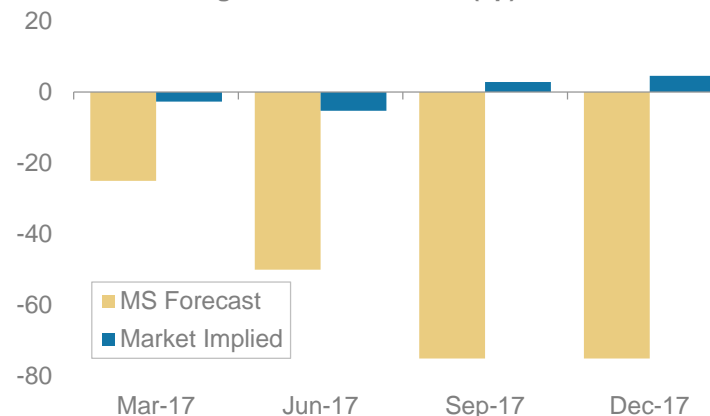
- Weaker US growth delays Fed hikes.
- Significant rebound in Korea's growth.

Related Reports[2017 Global FX Outlook: Top 10 FX Trades](#), Nov 27, 2016[Why Korea May Be Next in Line for QE](#), Oct 27, 2016**KRW: MS Forecasts vs. Consensus and Forwards**

Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts, Bloomberg

We Expect Larger BoK Rate Cuts vs. Market Implied

Cumulative Change in BOK Base Rate (bp)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research forecasts, Bloomberg

➤ Potential Upside

Price Chg: 11%

Base case 12m MS forecast return

⚡ Volatility

Ann. Vol: 13%

Assumes average 10yr vol.

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 0.9x

MS Base case forecast return vs long-term volatility.

↕ Valuation

Cheap

Based on 10yr REER Percentile

↗ Correlation to ACWI

Low

Based on 10Y correlation

Trade #10 | **Short NOKRUB**

Strategy Type

Alpha

Beta

Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

75

Current NOKRUB level

↻ Reassess/Target

70

MS FX 1yr base case forecast

Rationale

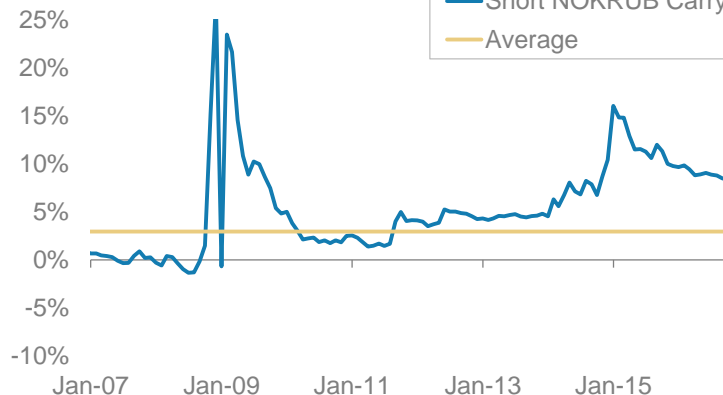
- NOK lacks carry support relative to RUB, which has one of the highest carry across EM currencies.
- We believe that the market is too long NOK and needs to adjust as growth expectations weaken with our expectation of slower fiscal stimulus.
- RUB also has better fundamental support, as we believe the region's in a well-advanced adjustment process. Moreover, our economists expect less easing in Russia than consensus, given inflation likely being above the CBR's target by year-end.

Risk(s)

- Large drop in oil prices or rise in geopolitical tensions.

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12m Implied Yield (%)



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Both Currencies Are Equally Cheap

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Potential Upside**12m Rtn.: 18%**

Base case 12m MS forecast return

Volatility**Ann. Vol: 16%**

Assumes average 10yr vol.

Risk-Adjusted Rtns**Rtn/Vol: 1.1X**

MS Base case forecast return vs long-term volatility.

Valuation**Fair**

Based on net REER valuation vs. 10y history.

Correlation to ACWI**Low**

Based on 10Y correlation

Trade #11 | **Buy EURUSD 6m ATM Puts (1.06 Strike)**

Strategy Type

Alpha

Beta

Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

3.0%

Option cost

↻ Reassess/Target

7.6%

Probability-weighted net payout

Rationale

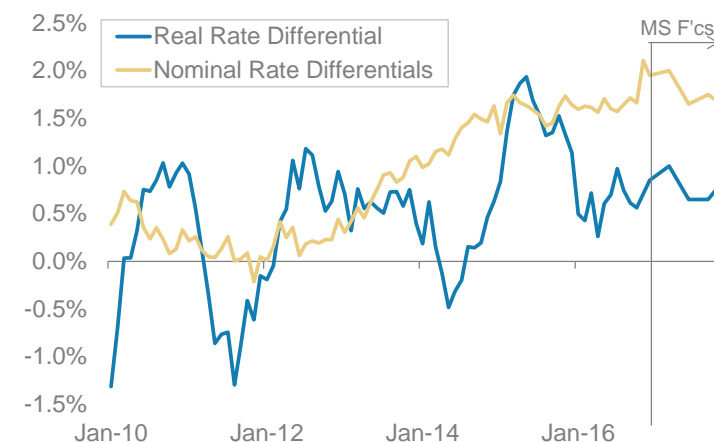
- A host of factors on both sides should keep EURUSD weak. On the USD side, we think that the broader reflation theme and associated USD strength should be reflected vs. EUR as well.
- On the EUR side, the ECB remains accommodative in the short term and political uncertainty remains a key overhang.
- The results of the French elections in particular will be critical to the performance of EUR.

Risk(s)

- Fear of ECB tapering can prop up EUR.

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Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, BIS

Rate Differentials Should Disadvantage EUR

Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

➤ Potential Upside

Payout: 7.6%

Probability weighted net payout on MS B/B/B scenarios.

⚡ Volatility

Ann. Vol: 5.1%

Based on the option delta x 10yr realized vol for EURUSD

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 1.5x

Payout vs. volatility.

↕ Valuation

Fair

Based on net REER valuation vs. 10y history.

↕ Correlation to ACWI

Low

Based on 10Y correlation

Trade #12 | **Receive Brazil DI Jan'19s**

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

11.65%

Current level

↺ Reassess/Target

11.25%

Stop loss at 12.4%

Rationale

- External headwinds have been in full swing since the US election, but we think that Brazil is now in a better position to handle such external shocks than in 2013. The government's willingness to address longer-term sustainability and a constructive reform outlook make local rates more resilient.
- The curve is not pricing in enough rate cuts despite very tight monetary policy, high nominal and real rates, low growth, falling inflation and continuous progress towards fiscal reforms. We expect the BCB to deliver more rate cuts than the market is pricing in (375bp vs. 300bp).

Risk(s)

- The central bank could be more cautious than we expect, given a less supportive external environment.

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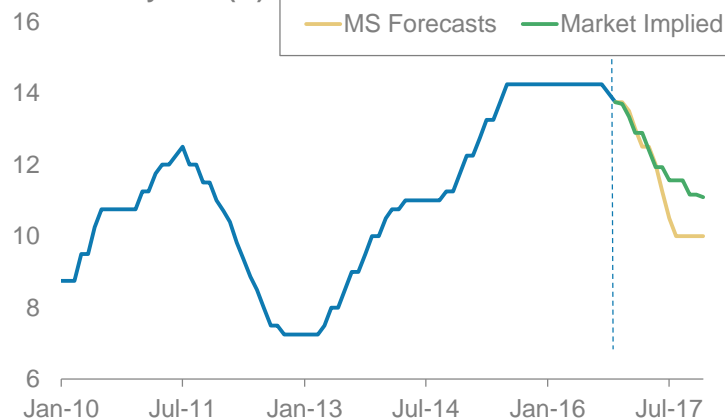
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Spread to Core Rates Still Wide

Brazil 10yr Spread to UST (bp)

**We Expect More Rate Cuts in Brazil than the Market**

Brazil Policy Rate (%)



↗ Potential Upside

12M Rtn: 40bp

Assumes MS Base case 12m Forecast

⚡ Volatility

Ann. Vol: 177bp

Assumes vol equals average experience of last 10 years.

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 0.2x

MS Base case forecast change vs long-term volatility.

↕ Valuation

Fair

Based on LT percentile

↗ Correlation to ACWI

Low

10Y correlation

Trade #13 | Long Credit in Argentina, Brazil, Indonesia (1:1:1)

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

340bp

Current

↻ Reassess/Target

300bp

12M target based on MS base forecast

Rationale

We will combine our likes in EM credit in a single trade:

- Argentina: A constructive outlook with re-rating potential, high growth expectations in 2017 and still high yield keeps us overweight.
- Brazil: As the positive domestic adjustment continues through fiscal adjustment, we expect the government to continue making good progress.
- Indonesia: C/A deficit reduction and structural reforms should enable the country to develop its manufacturing base.

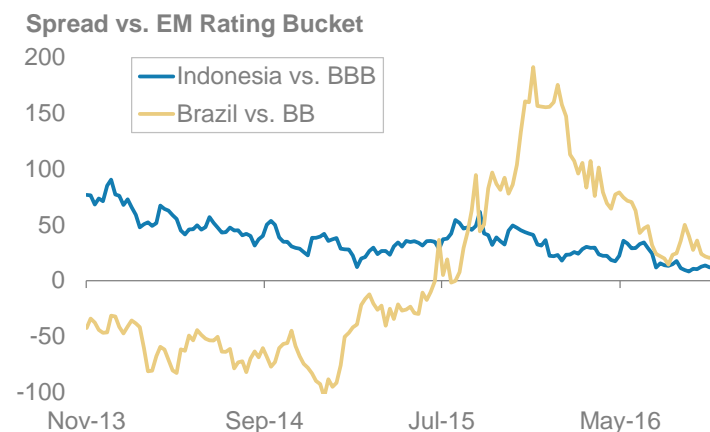
Risk(s)

- Fed hikes much faster than we expect.
- Vulnerable to sell-offs in OW EM-dedicated funds.

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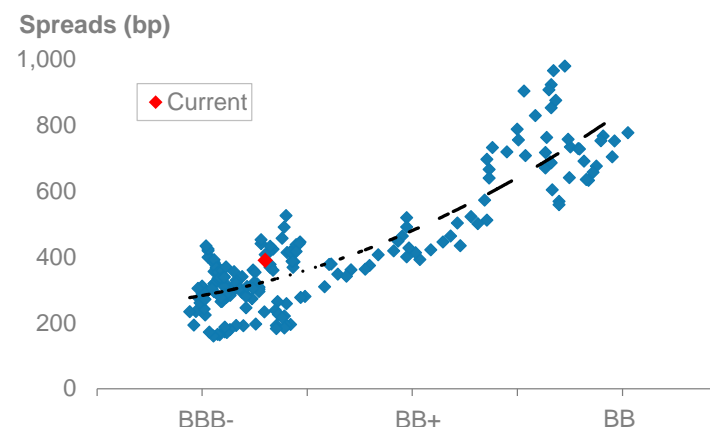
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Slightly Cheap vs. Average Ratings



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

EM Credit Spreads vs. EM Sovereign Ratings



Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg

Potential Upside

12M Rtn: 90

Assumes MS Base case 12m Forecast + Carry

Volatility

Ann. Vol: 141

Assumes vol equals average experience of last 3 years.

Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 0.6x

MS Base case forecast return vs long-term volatility.

Valuation

Cheap

Based on implied carry of trade vs. LT average

Correlation to ACWI

High

10Y correlation to ACWI

Trade #14 | **Buy CDX HY Mar-17 Risk Reversal (105/102)**

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Cost

0.7%

Current yield

↺ Wtd. Payout

1.8%Probability-wtd. payout
across B/B/B scenarios**Rationale**

- Similar to our cautious view on credit, CDX HY has little upside in a late-cycle boom and faces asymmetric downside as the cycle speeds up and potentially ends faster.
- CDX HY spreads at 410bp are pricing in cumulative defaults below our expectations for this cycle, suggesting a very low risk premium above expected losses.
- 105/102 Mar-17 HY risk reversal provide payout of 1.8%, which is higher than our base case 12M return forecast for US HY.

Risk(s)

- Credit rallies materially, with earnings boost coming from fiscal reforms.

Related Reports[US Credit Outlook: From Cubs to Bears](#), Nov 28, 2016**Implied Credit Volatility Close to Post-Crisis Lows**

CDX HY 3m Implied Price Vol

25%

**Risk Reversal Offers Good Downside Protection**

Yield (bp)

115

110

105

100

95

90

85

Jan-10

Jan-13

Jan-16

— CDX HY Price
— Mar-17 Risk Reversal

Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research

➤ Potential Upside

Wtd. Payout: 1.8%Probability-wtd. payout across
B/B/B scenarios

⚡ Volatility

Ann. Vol: 2.0%Assumes vol equals average
experience of last 10 years.

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 0.8xMS Base case forecast return
vs long-term volatility.

⬇ Valuation

CheapBased on 10Y history of
Vol.

⬇ Correlation to ACWI

Low

Based on 10Y correlation

Trade #15 | **Short CMBX.BBB-**

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

490bp

Current level

↻ Reassess/Target

550bp

12M MS base forecast

Rationale

- We expect 2017 to mark the end of bull cycle for US CRE, with a fifth straight quarter of net tightening in CRE lending standards and reflationary forces pushing valuations higher over the year.
- We recommend short CMBX.BBB-.8 as a hedge for a CRE cycle turn for its low credit quality and little upside with appreciation in CRE valuations.
- With one of the most negatively skewed returns within our coverage, CMBX.BBB- bear case involves large downside, with -26.1% of excess returns.

Risk(s)

- Improving growth acts as a counter-weight and Fed hikes slower than we expect.

Related Reports

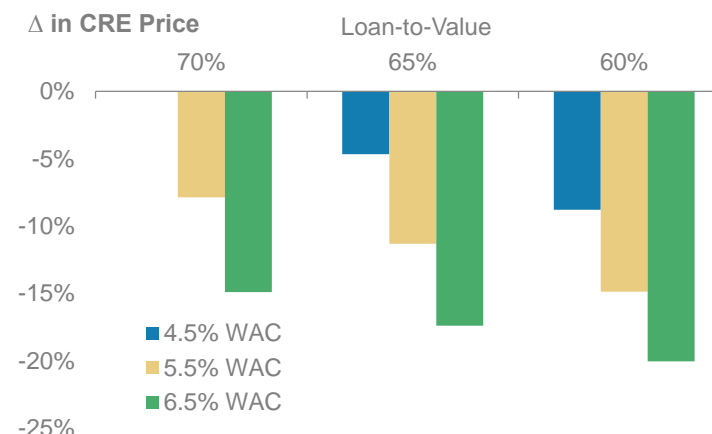
[Global Securitized Products Outlook: Policy Crossroads](#), Nov 29, 2016

[2017 CRE Debt Outlook: The Best Offense Is a Good Defense](#), Nov 30, 2016

Cap Rates Tend to Fall When Yields Rise

Period		Change in		Change in	
Start	End	Cap Rate (%)		UST 10y (%)	
3Q83	2Q84	-1.30		2.45	
2Q86	3Q87	0.09		2.27	
2Q88	1Q89	-1.97		0.40	
4Q93	4Q94	-1.11		2.44	
3Q98	4Q99	0.70		2.02	
2Q05	2Q06	-0.21		1.22	
4Q12	4Q13	-0.31		1.27	
Average		-0.59		1.72	

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, NCREIF, Bloomberg

If NOI Does Not Rise, CRE Prices Likely to Fall

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, NCREIF, Bloomberg

Potential Upside**12M Rtn: 4.1%**

Probability weighted return on MS B/B/B scenarios.

Volatility**Ann. Vol: 10%**

Assumes vol equals average experience of last 10 years.

Risk-Adjusted Rtns**Rtn/Vol: 0.4x**

Probability Wtd forecast return vs long-term volatility.

Valuation**Fair**

Based on 2yr history of spreads.

Correlation to ACWI**Low**

Based on 10Y correlation

Trade #16 | Long SenFin vs. Main (1:1)

Strategy Type

Alpha Beta Hedge

→ Entry Level/Current

28bp

Current level

↻ Reassess/Target

10bp

Target level

Rationale

- Consistent with our base case of political risks to remain contained, we will go long SenFin over Main (on a 1:1 ratio). Italian banks CDS have already widened by 40-60bp ahead of the Italian referendum and the basis is only 9bp off the Brexit wides.
- SenFin today trades with a fair amount of risk premium relative to Main. The trade has a positive carry of 27bp with relative low volatility.
- We expect bank credit to outperform non-financials because valuations are less distorted, technicals remain supportive and regulatory pressures on the sector are easing.

Risk(s)

- Escalation of political risks could trigger more extreme price action in bank credit.

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[European Credit Outlook: As Good as It Gets](#), Nov 28, 2016

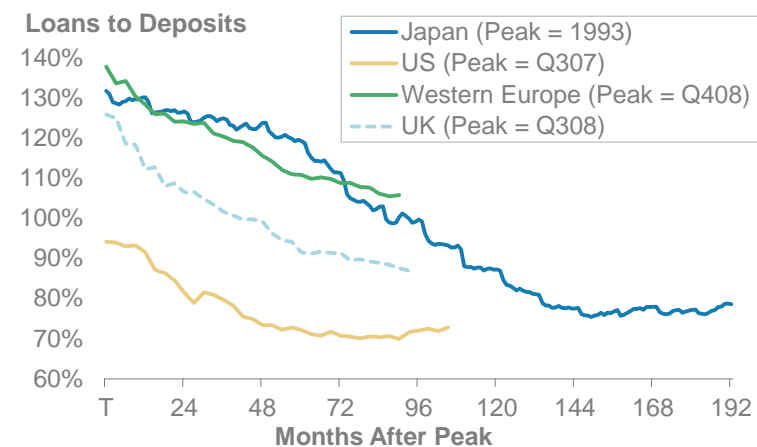
iTraxx SenFin-Main Basis Is Elevated

iTraxx Senior Fin vs. Main (bp)



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research

Structural Deleveraging Story in Europe Continues



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

➤ Potential Upside

12M Rtn: 0.8%

Assumes MS Target Return + Carry

⚡ Volatility

Ann. Vol: 2%

Assumes vol equals average experience of last 10 years.

⚡ Risk-Adjusted Rtns

Rtn/Vol: 0.4x

Forecast return vs long-term volatility.

↕ Valuation

Fair

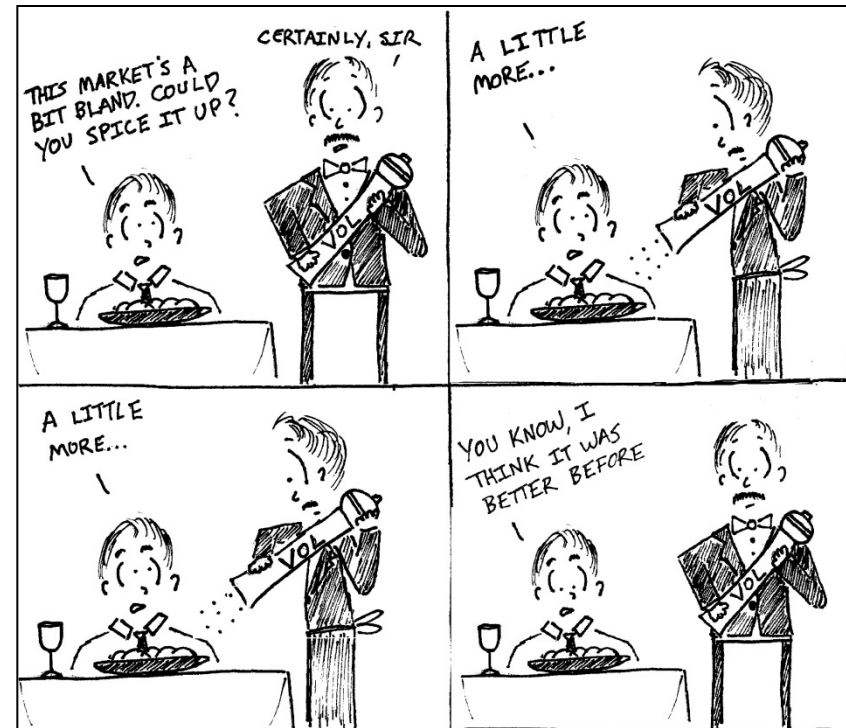
Based on 10Y history of spreads.

↗ Correlation to ACWI

Medium

Based on 10Y correlation

Risk/Reward Snapshot



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Forecasts | Morgan Stanley 10-Year Expected Returns Forecasts, Across Major Assets

	(A) Rtn from Income	(B) Rtn from Earnings	(C) Rtn from Repricing	MS Modelled Long-Run rtns = (A) + (B) + (C)					
				Nominal	%-ile	Real	%-ile	Risk Premium	%-ile
EQUITIES									
S&P 500	2.3	5.2	-2.8	4.7	28%	2.6	27%	1.6	47%
MSCI Europe	2.3	8.2	-4.3	6.2	47%	4.4	67%	5.0	79%
MSCI UK	1.9	12.2	-6.2	7.7	52%	4.6	49%	6.3	75%
MSCI Japan	3.4	2.5	2.1	8.1	75%	7.5	65%	8.1	82%
MSCI EM	3.3	7.1	-0.6	10.2	72%	8.1	74%	7.1	82%

	(A) Starting Yld	(B) Rtn from Avg Roll	(C) Credit Loss	MS Modelled Long-Run rtns = (A) + (B) - (C)					
				Nominal	%-ile	Real	%-ile	Risk Premium	%-ile
AGGREGATES									
USD Agg	2.6	0.9	0.1	3.4	28%	1.4	26%	0.6	20%
EUR Agg	0.5	1.0	0.1	1.4	5%	0.6	1%	0.7	72%

GOV'T BONDS									
UST10Y	2.4	0.6	0.0	3.0	20%	1.0	18%	n/a	n/a
DBR10Y	0.3	0.7	0.0	1.0	4%	-0.1	3%	n/a	n/a
UKT10Y	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.4	3%	-1.7	2%	n/a	n/a
JGB10Y	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4%	-0.5	10%	n/a	n/a

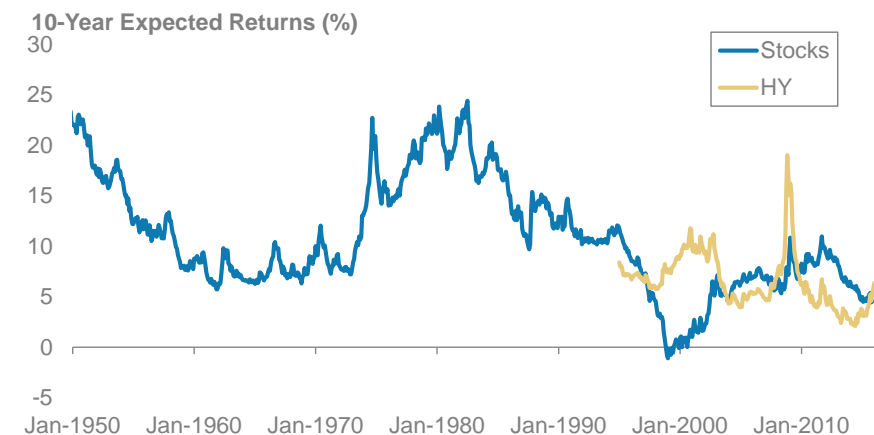
CORPORATE CREDIT									
USD IG Corp	3.4	1.6	0.3	4.7	21%	2.7	21%	1.7	52%
USD HY Corp	6.6	0.0	2.8	3.8	14%	1.8	17%	1.3	40%
BBB	3.7	1.5	0.3	5.0	18%	3.0	17%	2.0	44%
BB	4.9	0.0	1.0	3.8	13%	1.9	12%	1.3	32%
EUR IG Corp	1.0	0.9	0.2	1.7	4%	0.6	3%	1.2	63%
EUR HY Corp	4.5	0.0	2.8	1.7	7%	0.6	7%	1.3	35%
BBB	1.3	1.0	0.2	2.0	4%	0.9	3%	1.5	52%
BB	3.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	6%	0.9	7%	1.6	44%

EM \$ CREDIT									
EM \$ Credit	6.2	0.8	1.0	6.0	29%	4.0	32%	3.7	44%
EM \$ Asia	4.1	0.8	1.0	4.0	9%	1.9	9%	1.6	13%
EM \$ Europe	5.4	1.3	1.0	5.7	30%	3.7	34%	3.4	41%
EM \$ Latam	7.6	0.9	1.0	7.5	45%	5.4	47%	5.1	61%

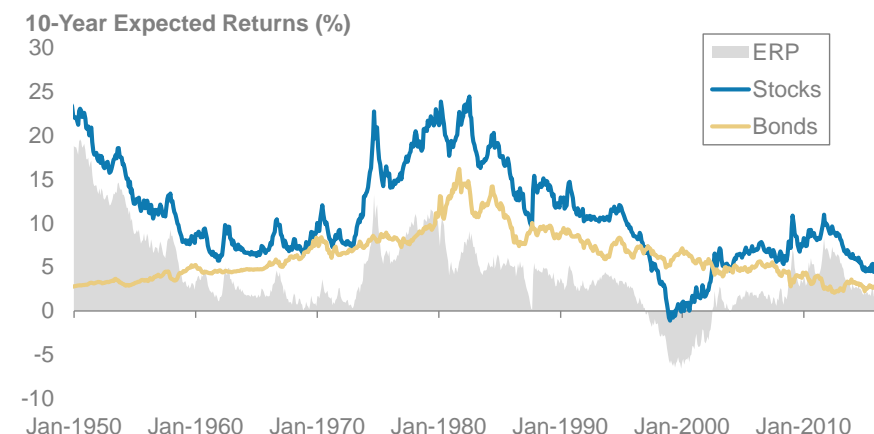
Note: See [What Will Markets Return?](#) October 23, 2015, for methodology.

Source: Morgan Stanley Research estimates, Bloomberg

US – Stocks vs HY



US Equity Risk Premium



Asset Allocation | Portfolio Allocation – Overweight in Credit, Equal-weight in Equities

Translating Our Cross-Asset Views into Portfolio Allocations over a 6- to 12-Month Investment Horizon

A two-step process:

1) A strategic view (**Red dot**) allocating across different asset classes without regard to region; and

2) An asset-specific view (**Blue dot**), making additional adjustments based on our relative preferences within the asset class.

Our view

We are positioned for reflation into 1Q17, with a modest overweight in equities and cash, equal-weight in credit and a modest underweight in government bonds.

We prefer Japan over the rest of the world in equities.

In rates, we are most bearish on EU and Japan rates relative to US rates.

In credit, we are long securitized credit over DM corporate and EM credit, with a preference for EU over US credit.

Current Cross-Asset Strategy Allocations

MS Asset Allocation Views		Top-Down Allocation		Relative Allocation		O/W vs. Benchmark	
	-		+				
Equities		+4%	+4%	+	-1%	=	+3% +4%
US		+1%	+1%		-1% -2%		0% -1%
Europe		+1%	+1%		0% +1%		+1% +2%
Japan		+1%	+1%		+2% +3%		+3% +4%
EM		+1%	+1%		-2% -2%		-1% -1%
Govt. Bonds		-4%		+	-1% -1%	=	-5% -1%
Treasuries		-1%			+1% -1%		0% -1%
Bunds		-1%			-2%		-3%
JGBs		-1%			-1% +1%		-2% +1%
EM Local		-1%			+1% -1%		0% -1%
Credit		0%	-4%	+	-1% -1%	=	-1% -5%
US Corp.		0%	-1%		-2% -1%		-2% -2%
EU Corp.		0%	-1%		0%		0% -1%
EM Sov.		0%	-1%		0% +1%		0%
Securitized		0%	-1%		+1% -1%		+1% -2%
Other							+3% +2%
Cash							+3% +2%

Current

Previous

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg . Note: For a 6-12m view

Forecasts | Morgan Stanley One-Year Forecasts, Across Assets

Morgan Stanley Key Market Forecasts

	As of Dec 01, 2016	Q4 2017 Forecast		
		Bear	Base	Bull
Equities				
S&P 500	2,191	1,625	2,300	3,050
MSCI Europe	1,381	1,100	1,500	1,770
Topix	1,483	960	1,800	2,110
MSCI EM	858	590	880	1,115
FX				
USD/JPY	114.1	106.3	125.0	132.0
EUR/USD	1.07	0.87	0.97	1.02
GBP/USD	1.26	1.20	1.26	1.45
AUD/USD	0.74	0.62	0.65	0.75
USD/INR	68.3	69.0	72.0	75.0
USD/ZAR	14.1	13.8	15.7	17.0
USD/BRL	3.48	3.00	3.60	4.00
Rates (% percent)				
UST 10yr	2.45	3.85	2.50	1.50
DBR 10yr	0.37	1.75	0.90	-0.10
UKT 10yr	1.50	2.10	1.25	0.50
JGB 10yr	0.03	0.30	0.20	-0.10
Credit (bps)				
US IG	128	206	162	119
US HY	477	843	643	450
EUR IG	67	102	86	61
EUR HY	381	566	410	331
Italy 10yr	168	175	155	135
EM Sovs	389	520	410	340
US CMBS	100	155	100	85
Agency MBS	5	25	10	0

Source: Markit iBoxx, MSCI, Bloomberg, The Yield Book, Morgan Stanley Research forecasts
 Note: Brent returns are vs. the forward.

Morgan Stanley 1yr Return/Risk Forecasts

Asset	12m Return			Volatility		Return/Risk
	Bear Case	Base Case	Bull Case	Option Implied	LT Average	Base case Return/Vol
Equities						
S&P 500	-24%	7.1%	41%	16%	18%	0.42
MSCI Europe	-17%	12.4%	32%	21%	18%	0.65
Topix	-33%	23.3%	44%	21%	21%	1.12
MSCI EM	-29%	5.1%	32%	23%	20%	0.24
FX						
JPY/USD	-15%	-10.6%	5%	12.3%	10.1%	-0.95
EUR/USD	-20%	-10.9%	-6%	10.5%	9.3%	-1.10
GBP/USD	-6%	-0.8%	14%	11.2%	9.0%	-0.08
AUD/USD	-16%	-11.6%	2%	11.9%	12.9%	-0.93
INR/USD	-5%	-1.0%	3%	7.7%	7.3%	-0.14
ZAR/USD	-10%	-2.9%	9%	19.8%	16.4%	-0.16
BRL/USD	-4%	6.0%	25%	16.9%	15.3%	0.37
Rates						
UST 10yr	-7.6%	2.5%	11.5%	8.0%	6.6%	0.34
DBR 10yr	-9.6%	-3.3%	5.1%	6.2%	5.0%	-0.58
UKT 10yr	-2.0%	5.0%	10.7%	7.5%	5.3%	0.78
JGB 10yr	-2.0%	1.1%	1.5%	2.5%	3.1%	-0.39
Credit (Excess Return)						
US IG	-3.9%	-1.0%	1.8%	4.1%	3.5%	-0.25
US HY	-9.8%	-2.8%	3.2%	6.5%	6.3%	-0.44
EUR IG	-0.6%	0.1%	1.1%	1.5%	1.6%	0.04
EUR HY	-4.1%	1.5%	4.3%	6.8%	5.0%	0.25
Italy 10yr	1.1%	2.8%	4.4%	5.9%	5.8%	0.47
EM Sovs	-4.4%	2.5%	7.3%	5.3%	8.2%	0.37
US CMBS	-3.8%	1.0%	2.4%	4.8%	8.1%	0.16
Agency MBS	-1.2%	-0.3%	0.4%	1.0%	1.3%	-0.22

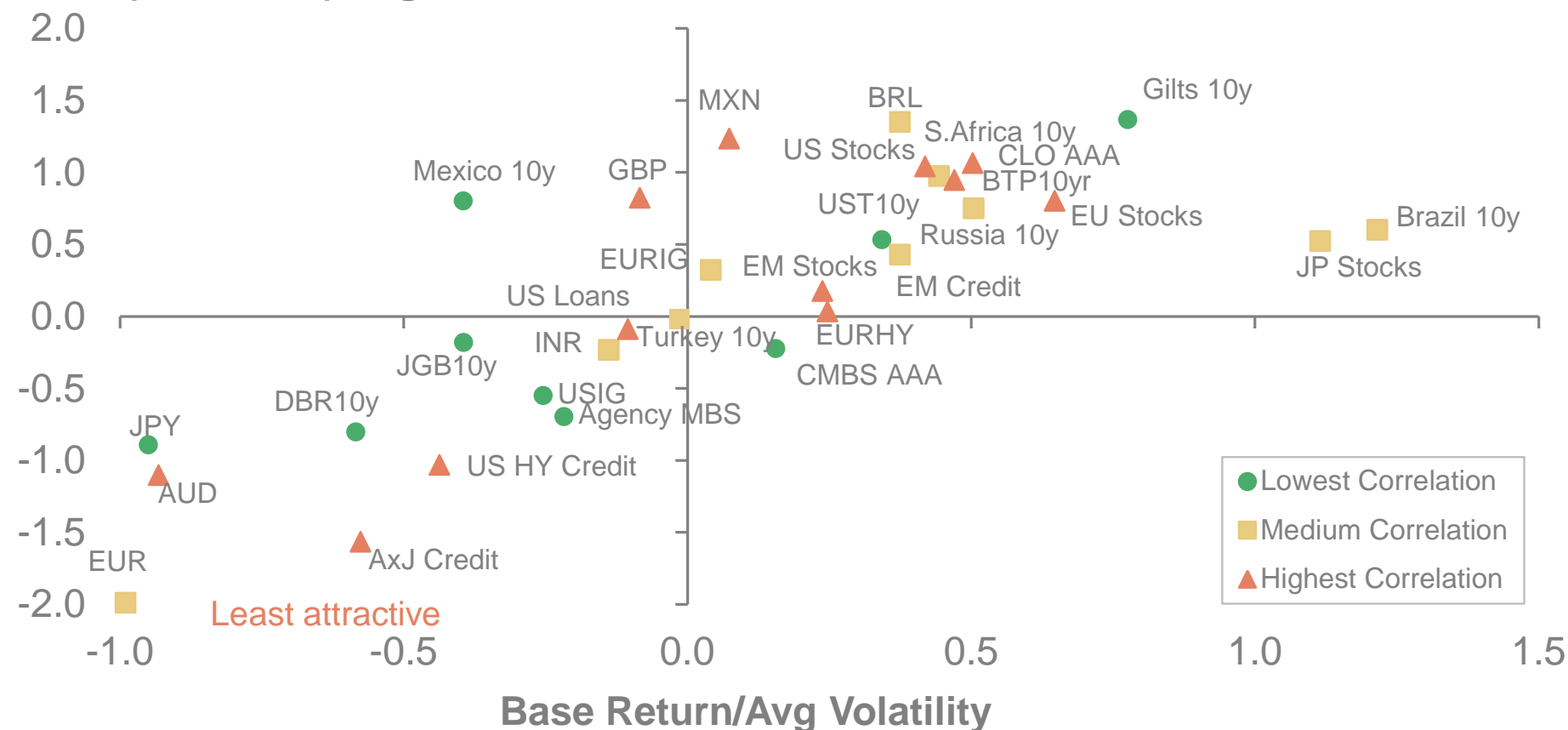
Source: Markit iBoxx, MSCI, Bloomberg, The Yield Book, Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

Asset Allocation | Broad Asset Classes – Framing Risk and Reward

Global Asset Classes – Expected Returns versus Risk

Move 'up and right' – assets to the top and right have higher expected returns and lower forecasted risk over the next 6-12 months

Skew (Bull+Bear)/Avg Vol



Forecasts | Morgan Stanley Economic Forecasts

	Quarterly								Annual		
	2017				2017				2016	2017e	2108e
	1Q	2QE	3QE	4QE	1QE	2QE	3QE	4QE			
Real GDP (%Q, SAAR)											
Global*	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.6
G10	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7
US	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.0
Euro Area	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.6
Japan	1.6	1.1	1.9	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.9
UK	0.4	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.6	0.8	0.0	2.0	1.0	1.1
EM (%Y)	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.1	4.7	5.0
China	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.7	6.4	6.2
India	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.4	7.6	7.8
Brazil	-0.7	0.5	1.7	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.1	-3.3	1.1	2.8
Russia	0.4	1.0	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.2	-0.5	1.2	1.6
Consumer price inflation (%Y)											
Global*	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.7
G10	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.8	1.9	2.1
US	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.3	2.4	2.4
Euro Area	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.2	1.5	1.5
Japan	0.3	0.7	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.9	-0.3	0.9	1.7
UK	1.7	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.3	1.9	0.6	2.3	2.4
EM*	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.9	3.3	3.2
China	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	2.0	1.6	1.4
India	4.2	3.7	4.6	5.3	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.9	5.1	4.5	4.7
Brazil	6.0	5.4	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.5	8.8	5.3	4.7
Russia	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.5	7.1	5.1	4.7
Monetary policy rate (% p.a.)											
Global	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2
G10	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.8
US	0.625	0.625	0.875	1.125	1.375	1.625	1.875	1.875	0.625	1.125	1.875
Euro Area	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40
Japan	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	0.10	-0.10	-0.10	0.10
UK	0.25	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.25	0.10	0.10
EM	5.39	5.25	5.05	5.07	5.06	5.03	5.01	5.00	5.56	5.07	5.00
China	4.35	4.35	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.35	4.10	4.10
India	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Brazil	12.50	11.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	13.75	10.00	10.00
Russia	9.50	9.00	8.75	8.50	8.50	8.25	8.00	8.00	10.00	8.50	8.00

Source: IMF, Morgan Stanley Research forecasts

Note: Global and regional aggregates for GDP growth are GDP-weighted averages, using PPPs; Japan CPI includes VAT; Japan policy rate is the interest rate on excess reserves; CPI numbers are period averages. Global* and EM* Consumer Price Inflation Aggregates exclude Venezuela and Argentina. ** expected revision *** tracking estimate ^tracking estimate ^tracking estimate

Global 2017 Outlooks

Economics

[2017 Global Macro Outlook: Faster Reflation, Fatter Tails](#)

The global recovery is likely to gain more momentum in 2017 on the back of faster US growth, stable DM growth and rebounding EM momentum. While growth becomes more balanced, material risks emanate from late-cycle fiscal stimulus, faster Fed rate hikes and a broad globalisation backlash.

[2017 US Economics Outlook: A Shot in the Arm](#)

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[2017 Global FX Outlook: Top 10 FX Trades](#)

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Global Cross-Asset

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Higher odds of both 'boom' and 'bust' lead us to reduce credit and add to equities. Headwinds to reflation trades grow after 1Q, and the most upside to equities, yields and inflation lies outside the US.

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10 Oct	US Election 2016: Fiscal Action, Market Reaction

Valuation Methodology and Risks

Trade	Entry Date	Rationale	Risks
Like Brazil Local Bonds	14-Jul-16	We expect the central bank to cut rates by an additional 400bp on the back of low growth and receding inflation expectations. This is not fully priced in by the market.	Delays in fiscal consolidation and stickier inflation than we expect. Political uncertainty including further developments in the Car Wash investigations.
Like Russia Local Bonds	14-Jul-16	A hawkish CBR will anchor the long end of OFZs while a gradual easing policy will confirm investors' expectation of rate cuts. Stabilisation in oil prices also supports the bond market.	Decline in oil prices or persistent upside surprise in Russia CPI.
Dislike South Africa Local Government Bond	31-Aug-16	A stronger USD could weigh on commodities, which South Africa's exports rely on. A weaker ZAR could prevent the SARB from turning dovish any time soon. In addition, ZAR rates remains one of the most sensitive rates to higher UST yield. Foreign positioning in SAGBs is heavy, in our view. We stay bearish on SAGBs now but see opportunity in 2H17 should valuation become cheaper.	The risk to our view is a further decrease in core rates, which pushes EM investors into high yielders such as South Africa.
Like Peru Local Bonds	12-Sep-16	The local yield curve is one of the steepest globally while Peru's macro and political backdrop remain supportive.	Inflation expectations become less anchored and push the BCRP towards delivering additional hikes. FX depreciation is greater than we anticipate.
Like Argentina Local Bonds	20-Oct-16	We are bullish on Argentina local rates on high carry, falling inflation and further currency support. The development of a nominal yield curve in a very short period of time is also positive.	Inflation falls at a slower pace, potentially due to less progress on fiscal consolidation.
Dislike Mexico local bonds	27-Nov-16	Despite cheaper valuations, a combination of higher US rates, a stronger USD and an uncertain bilateral relationship with the US in a Trump presidency put Mexico at risk.	External pressures are less than we expect, thus providing Banxico greater flexibility in terms of monetary policy. MXN enjoys a sustainable rebound.
Dislike Malaysia local bonds	27-Nov-16	We see Malaysia as particularly exposed to higher US rates within AXJ, due to high short-term FX liabilities, as well as high foreign bond ownership.	Rebound in negative EM sentiment, lower US rates or materially higher oil prices.
Dislike Hungary local bonds	27-Nov-16	Inflation in Hungary should increase significantly in 1Q17 thanks to a base effect and tight labour conditions while the NBH is likely to stay on the dovish side. This should further steepen the curve, in addition to the pressure from higher core yields.	CPI surprises on the downside or core rates stabilise.
Like Korea Local Bonds	20-Oct-16	We are bullish on Korea rates, given our economists' expectations for three rate cuts by mid-2017, weak global trade, spillovers from China, and a weak domestic outlook amid ongoing corporate restructuring. Domestic savings are likely to continue rising, supporting demand for bonds.	Stronger growth momentum in the region, boosting China's growth outlook, trade and domestic demand.
Like India Local Bonds	20-Oct-16	The RBI surprised markets with its rate cut on October 4 and a reduction in the real rate target. Our economists now expect two more rate cuts by March 2017. Moderating food inflation following a good monsoon and continued RBI OMOs support our bullish view on IGBs.	Inflation falls at a slower pace, leading the RBI to be more cautious on monetary policy.
Like Argentina Hard Currency Bonds	14-Jul-16	Positive macro adjustment that Argentina is undergoing is leading to reduced credit risks, growth much stronger in 2017 at 3.1%, with continued improvement in fiscal balances, high carry and re-rating potential	Fiscal consolidation efforts falter or confidence in economy does not pick up as expected, leading to another growth slump
Like Indonesia Hard Currency Bonds	14-Jul-16	Growth favourably vs. rest of EM, C/A deficit is reducing and structural reforms, albeit slow, are developing its manufacturing base. Heavy positioning do make it vulnerable at the initial stages of sell-offs but stronger macro overall prevails. Valuations are still favourable at 15bp wide to an average of BBB credits.	Disappointing fiscal results and slowdown in reforms
Like Ukraine Hard Currency Bonds	14-Jul-16	Near term external risks remain but Ukraine sold off in line with other B credits - we think geo-political risks remain contained. High carry, attractive valuations, good progress on fundamentals (FX reserves now up to US\$15.6 billion) are also supportive. Banking system clean-up is proceeding and Naftogaz deficit has nearly been eliminated. Next IMF tranche is likely delayed to 1Q17, yet this should not derail the bonds, given the above buffers. Curve should bull-steepen.	Further delays in IMF programme and/or increased political instability due to US/Russia.
Like Brazil Hard Currency Bonds	27-Nov-16	Good progress expected on fiscal adjustment. Government debt still rising but willingness to address longer-term sustainability is a positive. Pick-up in growth mitigates broader credit risks. Brazil should at least trade in line with BB credits, of which it is currently 30bp wide.	Slow progress on fiscal adjustment and deterioration in political developments.
Like Serbia Hard Currency Bonds	27-Nov-16	Significant fiscal improvement over the last 12 months has reduced vulnerability. Consolidation expected to continue in 2017 with public debt stabilising or falling. Lower exposure to commodity prices, US trade and positioning has reduced significantly to stand at near market-weight.	Fiscal consolidation and structural reform progresses slower than expected.
Dislike South Africa Hard Currency Bonds	14-Jul-16	South Africa still has ratings reviews left this year but our economist assigns a 33% chance of a downgrade. This is priced in, given the rally since July and with spreads now 30bp tighter than an average of BB credits. Some tentative signs of improvement on the domestic front, including growth troughing and increasing savings but much still depends on the outlook for longer-term reforms.	Serious structural reforms are undertaken and political uncertainty subsides materially.
Dislike Colombia Hard Currency Bonds	12-Sep-16	Failure of the peace accord challenges macro and fiscal outlook and we expect higher debt issuance, an increasing debt burden and downward pressure on sovereign ratings. External vulnerability is also high given C/A deficit. Spreads are likely to underperform as fiscal pressures intensify.	Fiscal reform is more ambitious than expected.
Dislike Mexico Hard Currency Bonds	27-Nov-16	Mexico faces very strong headwinds post US election results. Funds are still slightly OW and spreads are already in line with average BBB credits. Supply is again expected to be high in 2017; adding risk in the primary market where new issue premiums are likely to be higher is our recommended strategy.	Strong language from the new US administration that no negative measures will be taken against trade with Mexico.

History of Recommendations

History of recommendations for iTraxx Senior Financials

Instrument	Maturity	Trade	Entry Date	Entry Level	Exit Date	Exit Level	Target/ Objective	Stop/Re- assess	Size of Trade or Unit/Notional	CUSIP/ISIN/ BLOOMBERG	Gross P&L BP	Gross P&L US\$K
CDS Index	5 year	Long US bank credit vs iTraxx Senior Financials	14-Jul-16	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	ITRXXSE		

Source: Morgan Stanley Research

History of recommendations for Hungary local bonds

Trade	Entry Date	Exit Date
Like Hungary Local Bonds	13-Jul-16	21-Sep-16

Source: Morgan Stanley Research

Strategy Risk Factors

Buying calls or call spreads: Investors who buy call options risk loss of the entire premium paid if the underlying security finishes below the strike price at expiration. Investors who buy call spreads (buy a call and sell a further OTM call) also have a maximum loss of the entire up-front premium paid. The maximum gain from buying call spreads is the difference between the strike prices, less the upfront premium paid.

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Total	3,321		653			1579	

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