



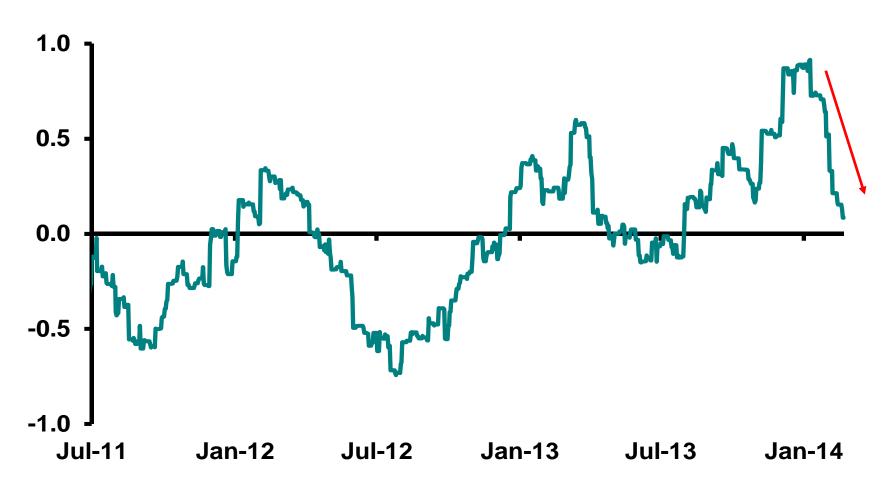
# The Outlook for the Global Economy and World Trade

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## A string of disappointing US data recently

ABN AMRO US Economic Surprise Index



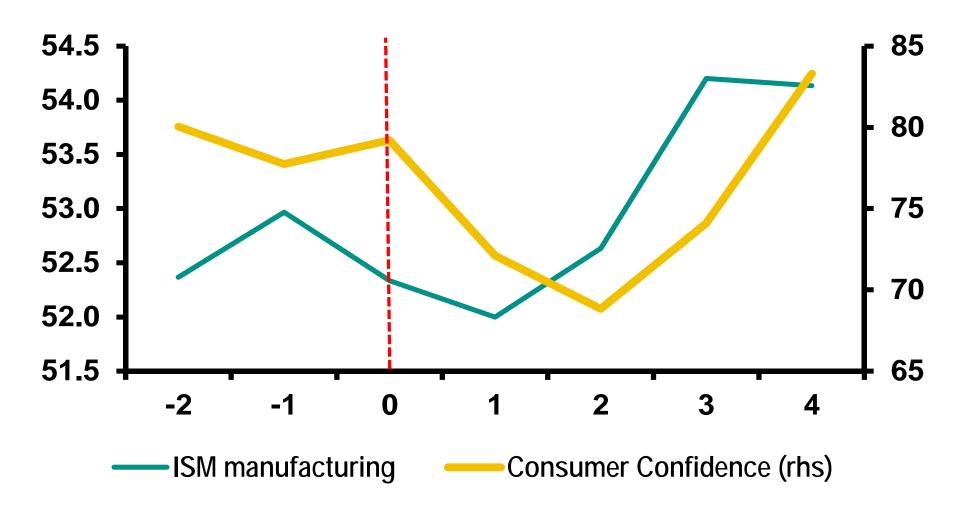
#### Extreme weather most likely to blame





## Impact of weather usually temporary

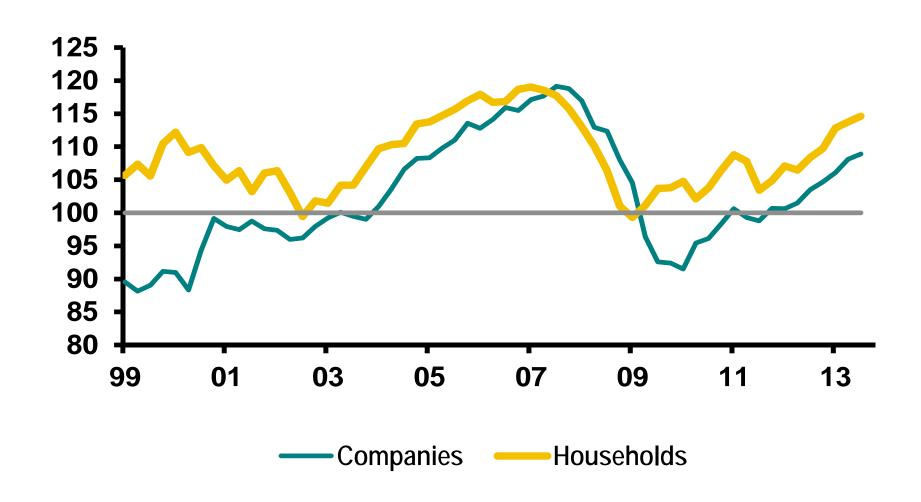
Average during hurricanes (Andrew, Katrina & Sandy), 0 = month of impact





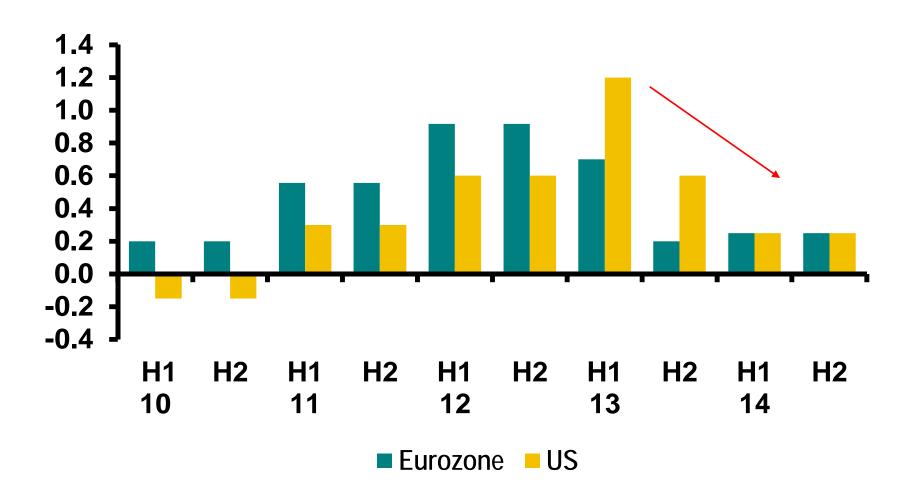
## DM private sector balance sheets back in health

US assets minus liabilities % GDP, 100 = long-term average



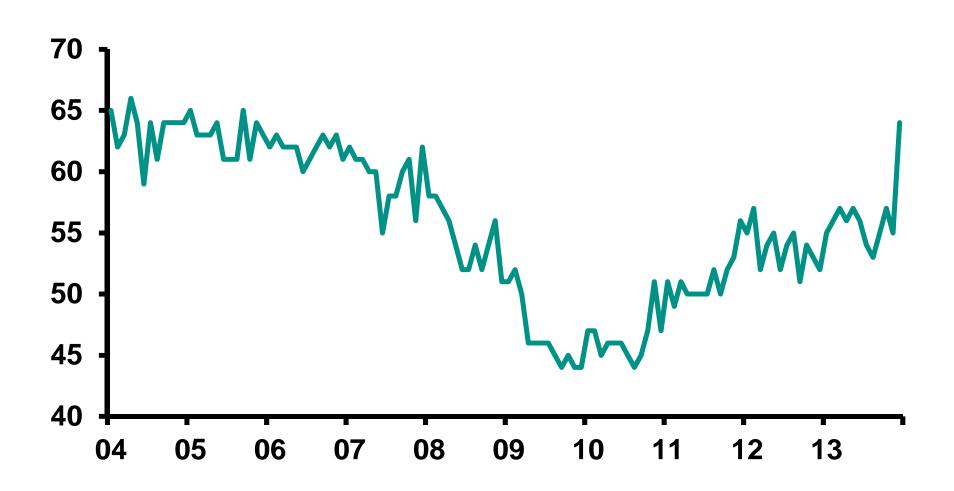
## DM fiscal consolidation is fading fast

Budget cuts, % GDP



## Advanced economy capex lift - US

NFIB small business actual capital expenditures, %



## Eurozone bank deleveraging

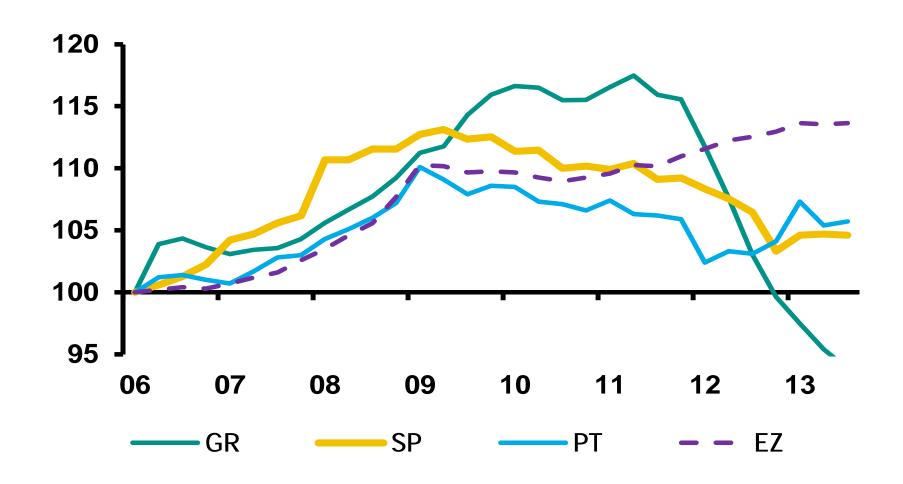
Financial institution assets, % yoy





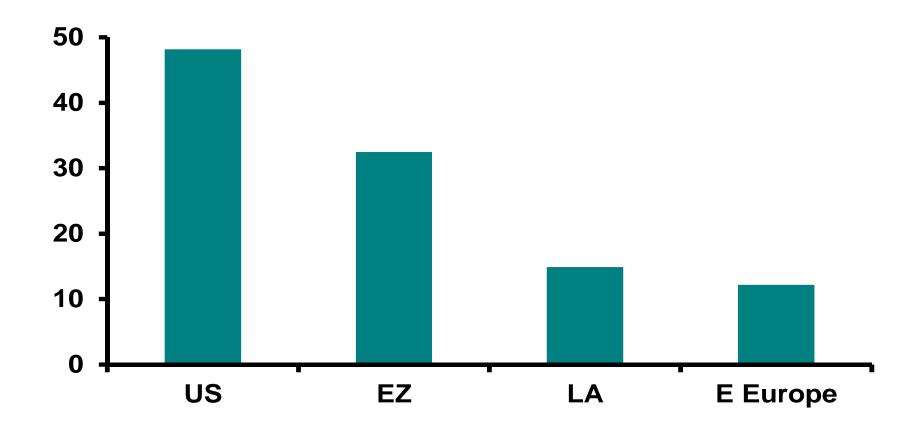
## Competitiveness adjustment in the eurozone

Unit labour cost index, 2006 = 100

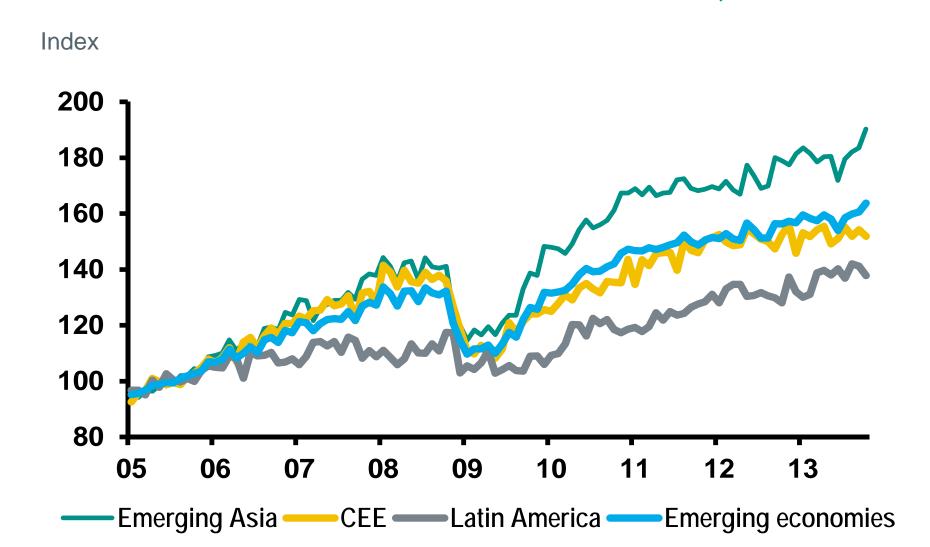


## Advanced economy demand will boost EM

% Asian exports to major destinations



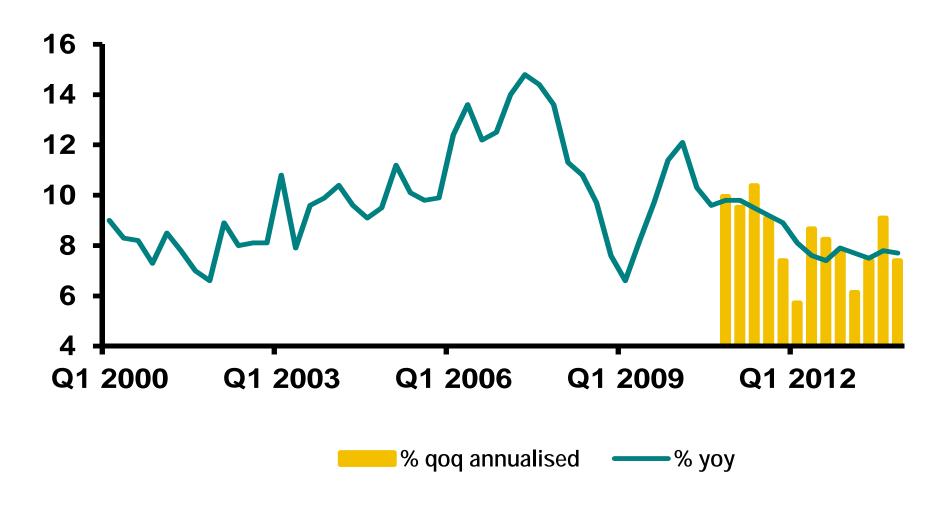
## EM exports starting to move higher





## China's economy settling at a new growth trend

GDP, %





## China's great transformation from this...



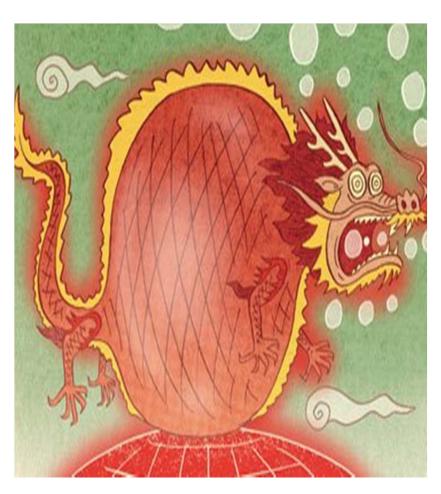


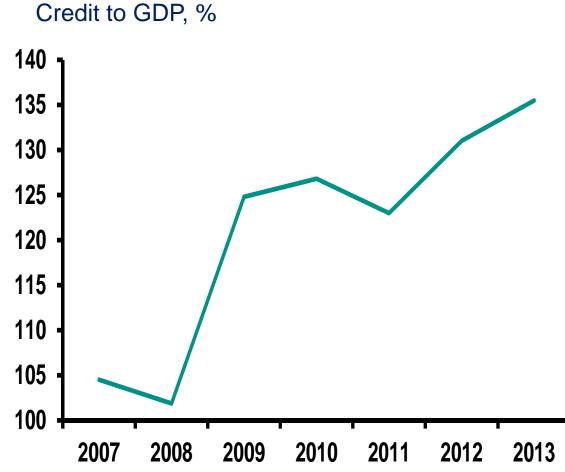
## ...to this





#### Risks from excessive leverage in China

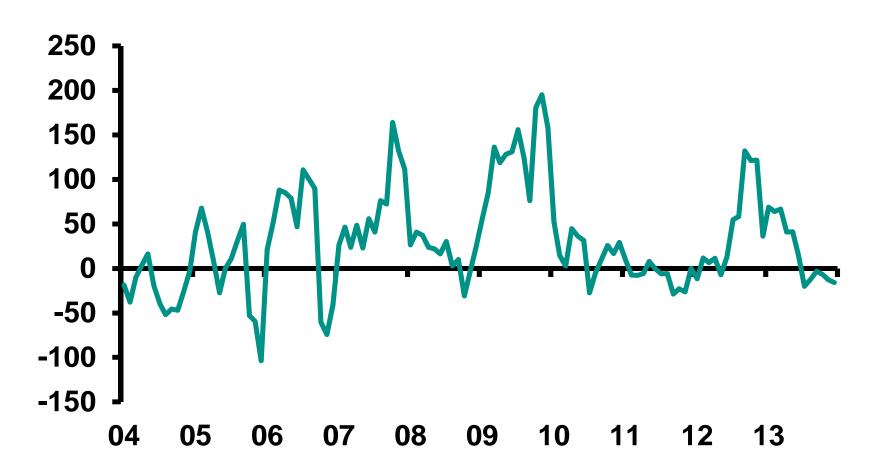






#### China attempting to manage 'orderly deleveraging'

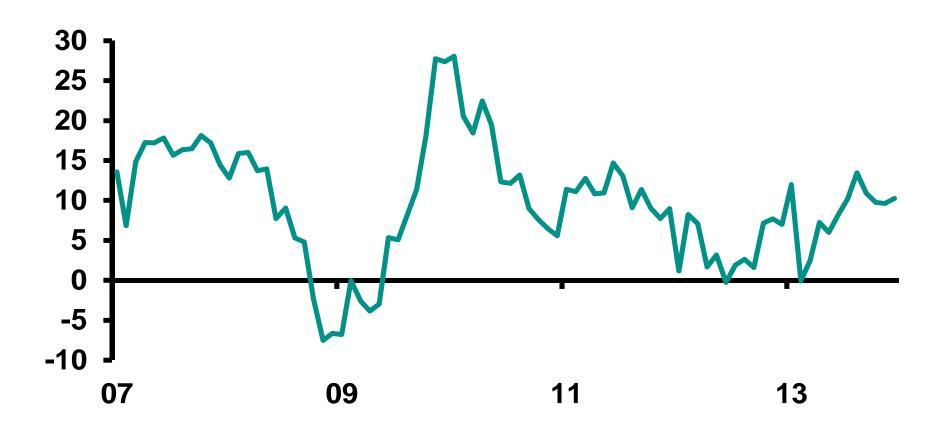
Total aggregate financing, 3M mav. % yoy





#### China: key indicators point to resilience

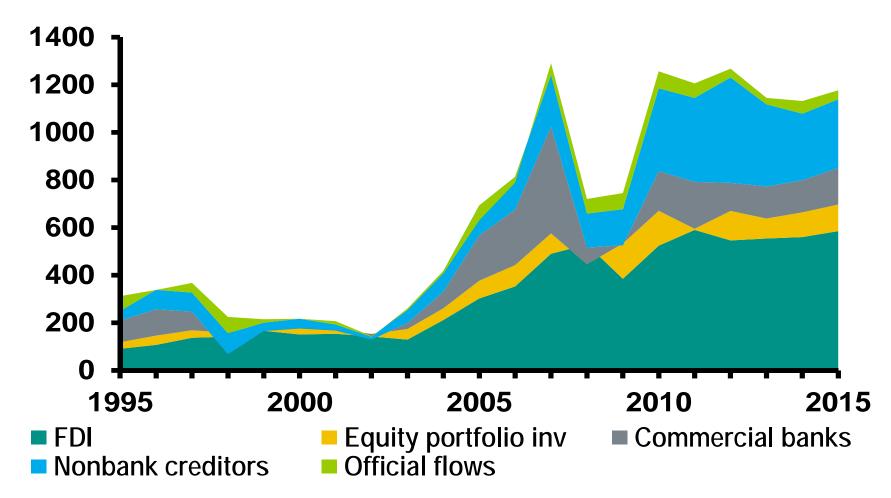
Electricity production, % yoy





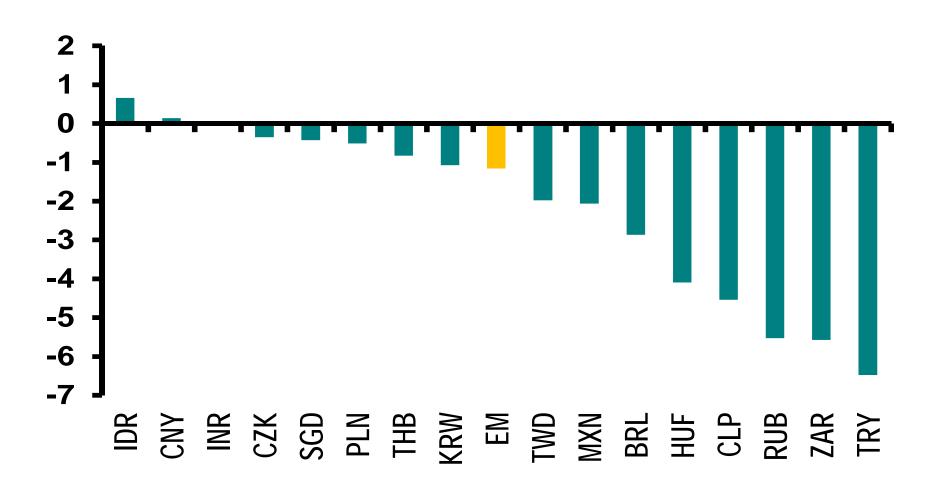
## Risk: large capital inflows to EM last few years



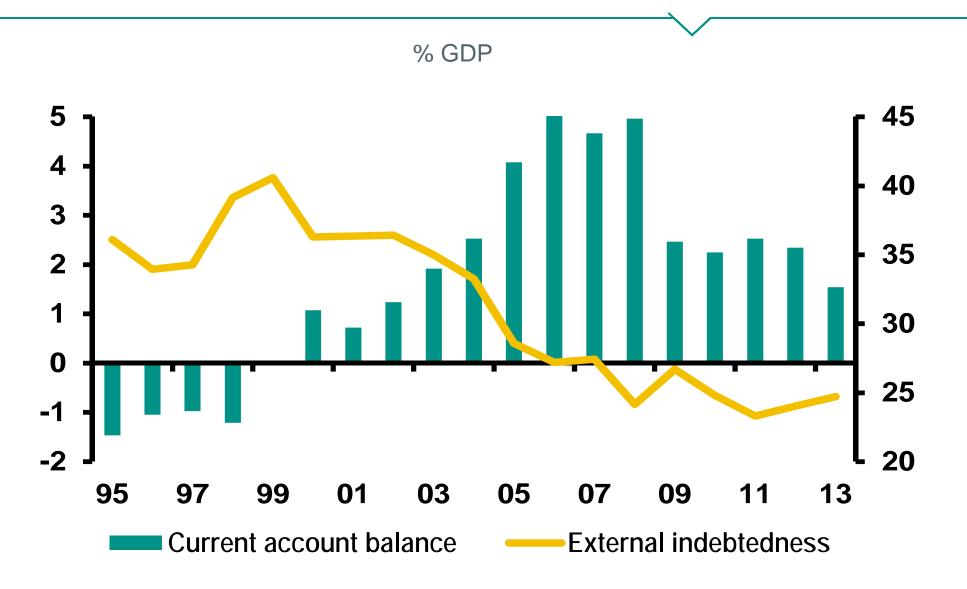


## EM currency weakness concentrated

Spot performance since December FOMC, %

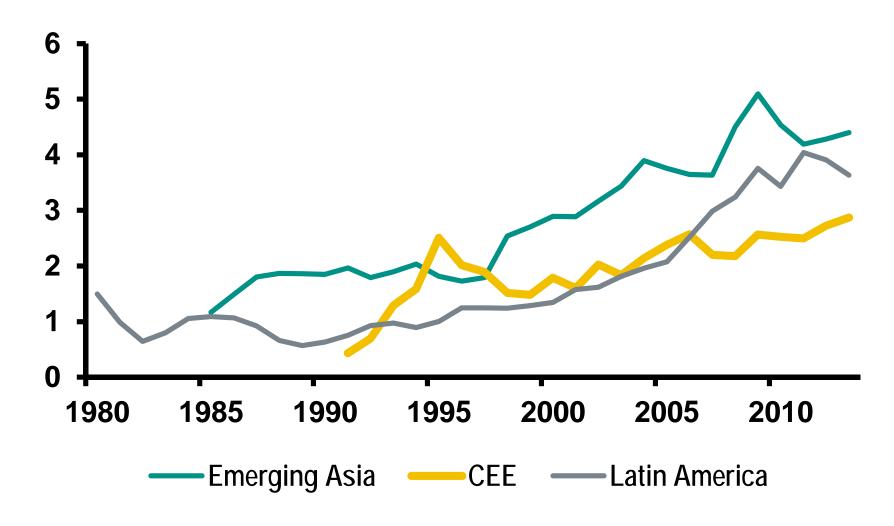


#### Positive EM fundamentals: external balance



#### Positive EM fundamentals: FX reserves

FX reserves to short-term external debt



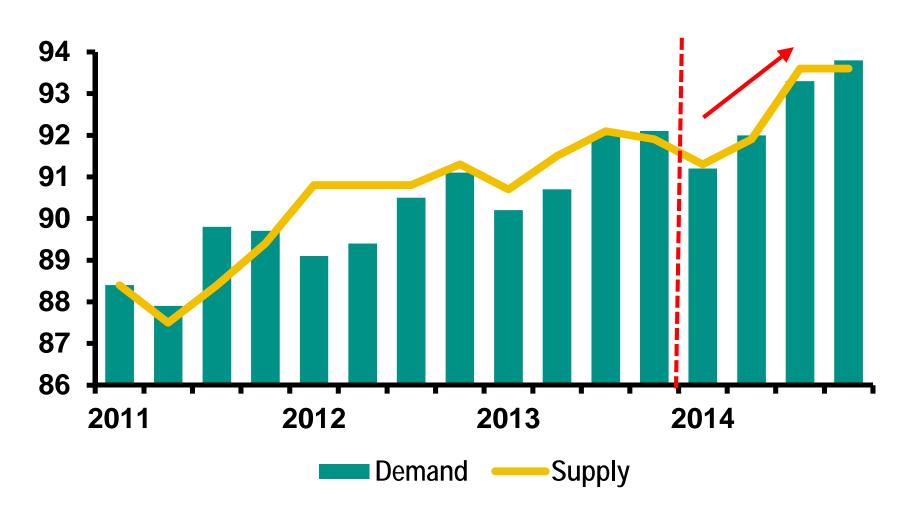
## Our views in numbers – economy and markets

Economic outlook	2013	2014	2015
Global GDP	2.8	3.7	3.8
US	1.9	3.5	3.8
Eurozone	-0.4	1.3	1.8
China	7.7	7.5	7.0
World trade	2.5	6.0	6.0
Rates and FX	Spot	2014	2015
USD 3-M Libor rate	0.24	0.30	1.70
US 10-Y Treasury yield	2.75	3.50	4.10
EUR/USD	1.37	1.20	1.15



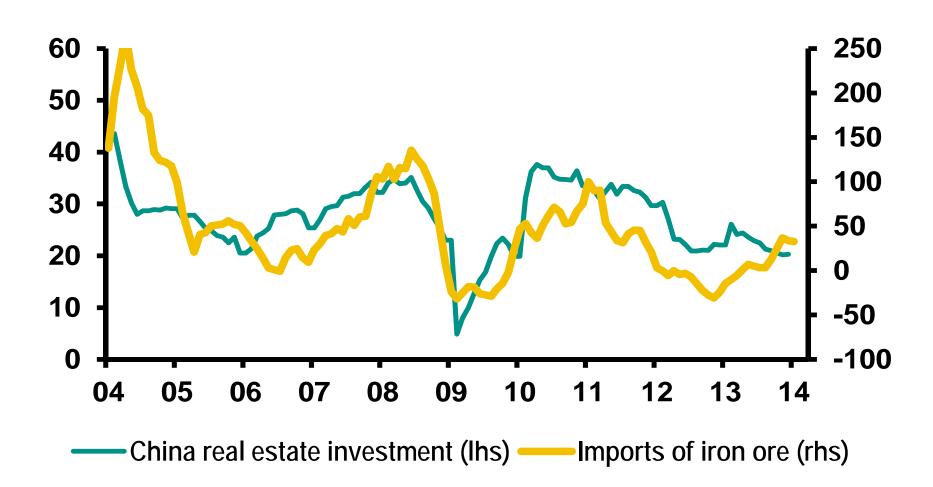
## Oil: rise in demand this year, but also supply

Million barrels of oil per day



## Iron ore: structurally slower demand growth

% yoy





#### Our views in numbers - commodities

Metals (USD/tonne)	Spot	3M	2014	2015
Steel (HRC)	579	570	560	540
Iron Ore	125	130	128	115
Coking Coal	126	133	135	130
Energy (\$)	Spot	3M	2014	2015
Energy (\$)  Brent oil	Spot 110	<b>3M</b> 105	<b>2014</b> 100	<b>2015</b> 95



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