

## The Conference Board Economy Watch

The Global Economy in 2021 - Divergences, Uncertainty & Risks January 11, 2021



## This month we'll be exploring the following questions:

#### Key Questions:

- What is The Conference Board's forecast for the US economy in 2021, and what are the key assumptions?
- How does The Conference Board expect the global economy to recover, and what are the primary risks?
- What lies ahead for global markets in 2021, according to Citi?
- What are the risks to financial stability in 2021, according to the International Monetary Fund?



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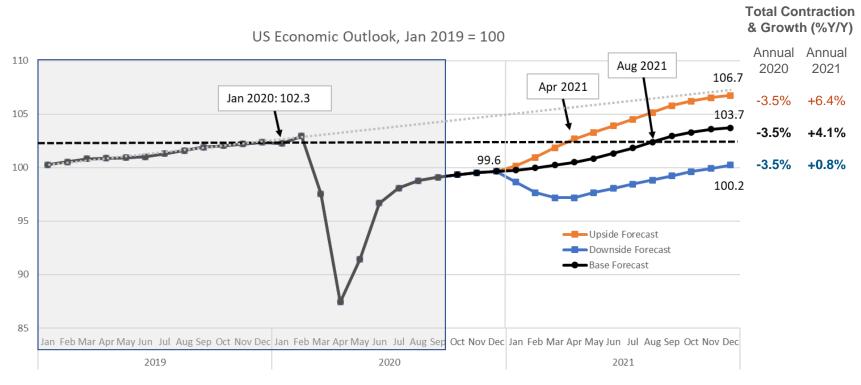
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## **US Economic Outlook**

## US economic outlook: Three scenarios possible, but our base case (black) points to a sustained recovery in 1H21



Source: The Conference Board



## US economic outlook: key assumptions for each scenario

#### 1. Base Case Scenario

- ✓ New cases of COVID-19 peak in early 1Q21, but no widespread lockdowns are implemented
- ✓ COVID-19 vaccine deployed gradually in 1Q21, and volume of inoculations rises into 2Q21.
- ✓ Labor markets and consumption weaken slightly in 1Q21, but rebound in 2Q21 and 3Q21
- ✓ Dec 2020 stimulus package deployed in 1Q21 and another stimulus package deployed in 2Q21
- ✓ US political transition does not result in a hit to consumer or business confidence

#### 2. Upside Scenario

- ✓ New cases of COVID-19 fall dramatically in late 1Q21, social distancing policies loosened
- ✓ COVID-19 vaccine deployed rapidly in 1Q21, and universally available in early 2Q21
- ✓ Meaningful improvements in unemployment are made and consumption rebounds in 1Q21
- ✓ Dec 2020 stimulus package deployed in 1Q21, and additional package deployed in 1Q21
- ✓ US political transition results in boost to consumer or business confidence

#### 3. Downside Scenario

- ✓ New cases of COVID-19 rise dramatically in 1Q21, widespread lockdowns are implemented
- ✓ Lengthy distribution of COVID-19 vaccine / ineffective against new strains of virus
- ✓ Unemployment deteriorates and consumption contracts in 1H21
- ✓ Dec 2020 stimulus package deployed in 1Q21, but no additional stimulus implemented this year
- ✓ US political transition highly disruptive and hurts consumer and business confidence



# Following a lull in the recovery over the winter (4Q20 & 1Q21) we expect the economy to reaccelerate in 2Q21

			20	20					20	21					
	IQ*	II Q*	1st half	III Q*	IV Q	2nd half	ΙQ	ΙΙQ	1st half	III Q	IV Q	2nd half	2019	2020	2021
Real GDP	-5.0	-31.4	-18.2	33.4	3.5	18.5	2.0	3.6	2.8	6.1	4.6	5.3	2.2	-3.5	4.1
Real consumer spending	-6.9	-33.2	-20.0	41.0	3.4	22.2	3.6	4.0	3.8	7.1	4.9	6.0	2.4	-3.8	5.2
Residential investment	19.0	-35.5	-8.3	63.0	20.0	41.5	7.0	6.0	6.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	-1.7	5.2	10.9
Nonresidential investment	-6.7	-27.2	-16.9	22.9	6.6	14.8	2.4	3.7	3.1	4.5	4.8	4.6	2.9	-4.4	3.9
Inventory change (bln '09\$)	-80.9	-287.0	-184.0	-3.7	20.0	8.2	0.0	5.0	2.5	16.0	16.0	16.0	48.5	-87.9	100.0
Total gov't spending	1.3	2.5	1.9	-4.8	0.0	-2.4	0.0	1.0	0.5	1.7	2.7	2.2	2.3	1.2	0.1
Exports	-9.5	-64.4	-36.9	59.6	15.2	37.4	3.0	5.1	4.0	7.1	5.1	6.1	-0.1	-13.3	4.6
Imports	-15.0	-54.1	-34.5	93.0	16.2	54.6	6.1	5.1	5.6	6.1	4.5	5.3	1.1	-9.9	9.7
Unemployment rate	3.8	13.0	8.4	8.8	6.7	7.8	6.5	6.1	6.3	5.4	4.9	5.2	3.7	8.1	5.8
CPI inflation	1.2	-3.5	-1.2	5.2	2.1	3.6	2.3	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.2	2.1

Source: The Conference Board





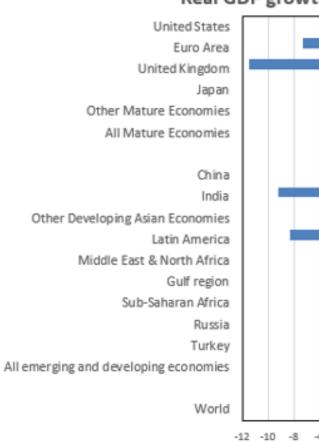
# Global Economic Outlook and Recovery Risks

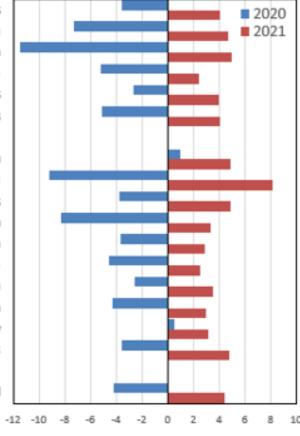
#### The Conference Board – Global Economic Outlook: Jan 2021

#### The Conference Board Global Economic Outlook, 2011-2030

Real GDP Growth Rates (Avera	age Annual P	ercent Cha	nge)
	2011-2019	2020	2021
United States	2.3	-3.6	4.1
Europe	1.6	-7.2	4.4
Euro Area	1.2	-7.3	4.7
United Kingdom	1.9	-11.4	5.0
Japan	1.0	-5.2	2.5
Other Mature Economies	2.7	-2.7	4.0
All Mature Economies	1.9	-5.1	4.1
China	4.4	1.0	4.9
India	6.8	-9.2	8.1
Other Developing Asian Econ	o 5.0	-3.7	4.9
Latin America	1.1	-8.3	3.3
Brazil	0.7	-4.9	2.5
Mexico	2.4	-9.3	3.1
Middle East & North Africa	2.8	-3.7	2.9
Gulf region	3.3	-4.5	2.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	3.6	-2.5	3.5
Russia, Central Asia and SE E	u 2.8	-2.7	3.2
Russia	1.7	-4.2	3.0
Turkey	5.5	0.6	3.1
All emerging and developing	€ 3.9	-3.5	4.8
World	2.9	-4.2	4.4
Addenda			
China (Official)	7.4	1.6	8.2
United States (adjusted)*	2.4	-3.4	4.3

#### Real GDP growth (%)





Source: The Conference Board, Inc.



#### Risks to the Global Economic Outlook

#### **Downside Risks**

- Geopolitics (downsides)
- Sovereign debt build-up
- Deglobalization: reduced trade
- Economic inequality
- Climate change
- Financial stability concerns

#### **Upside Risks**

- Geopolitics (upsides)
- Rapid vaccine deployment
- Faster productivity growth
- Digital transformation
- High impact investments



Source: The Conference Board, Inc.: StraightTalk® - Divergencies, Uncertainty, and Risks



## Markets in 2021



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## Global Macro Strategy and Asset Allocation

#### Cross Asset Outlook 2021

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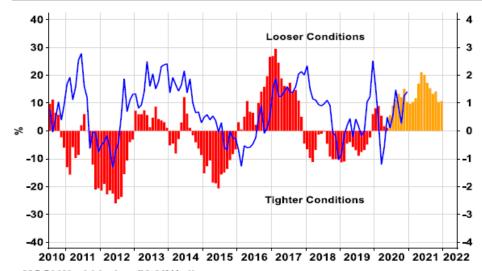
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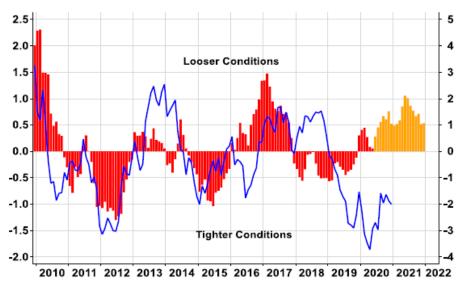
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## Easy Money + Lower USD = Lower Vol + Reflation



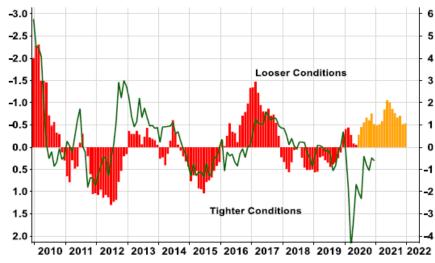
-MSCI World Index (YoY%), Ihs

Global Monetary Condition Proxy, rhs



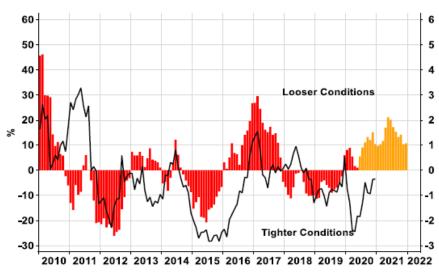
-US Generic Govt 10 Yr, Ihs

Global Monetary Condition Proxy, rhs



-Citi Global Risk Aversion Macro Index (GRAMI, YoY Change, Inverse), I...

Global Monetary Condition Proxy, rhs



-Bloomberg Commodity Index, Ihs

Global Monetary Condition Proxy, rhs

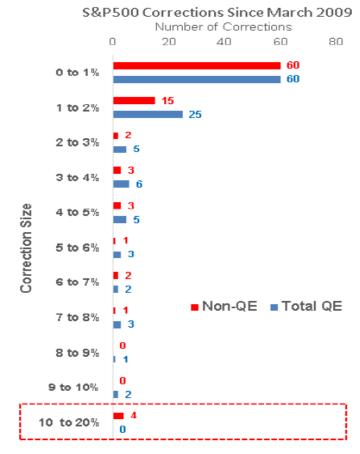


## Shallow Dips During QE



-Fed Balance Sheet Total Assets, Ihs

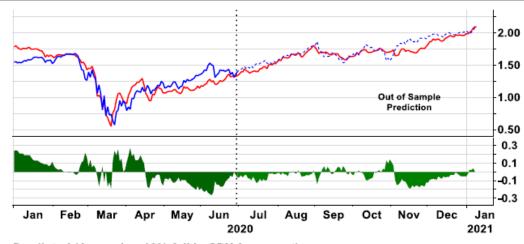
-S&P 500, rhs



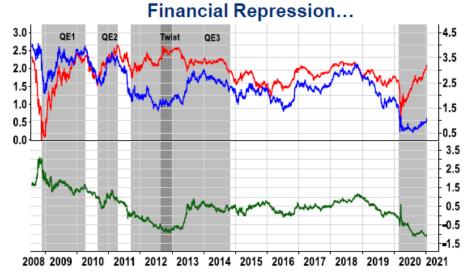
Total QE Periods = QE 1,2, Twist, QE 3, 2019 Repo



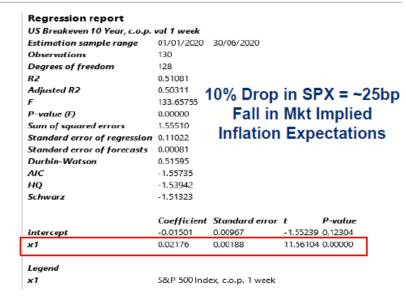
## Fed: Easy For Longer (For Now...)

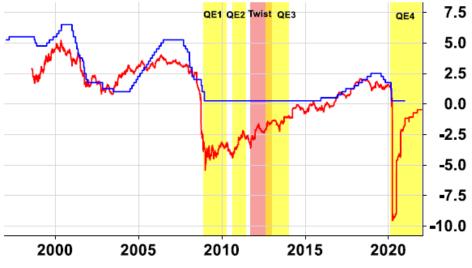


- -Predicted (Assuming 10% fall in SPX from spot)
- -US Breakeven 10 Year
- Residuals



- -US Nominal 10y, rhs
- -US Breakeven 10y, Ihs
- -US Real Yields 10y

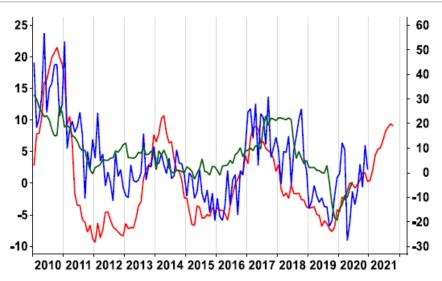




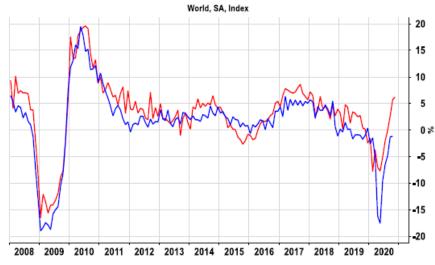
- -Federal Funds Target Rate Upper Bound
- -(Laubach Williams R\*)+2+1.5\*((10y BE Inf-0.7)-2)+(4.1-UR)



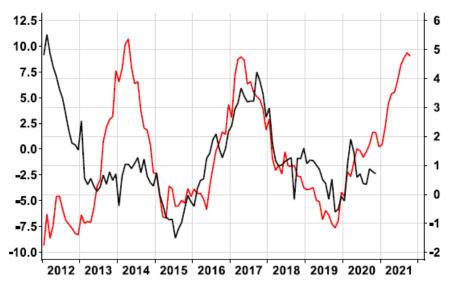
### Macro Cycle Turning



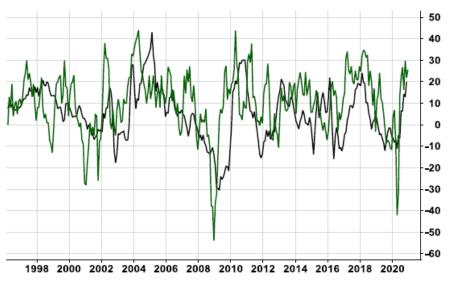
- -S&P, 500 12 Months Forward EPS (YoY%), rhs
- -South Korea Exports (YoY%, Preliminary), rhs
- -China Credit Impulse (YoY, 12m lead), Ihs



- -Foreign Trade, CPB World Trade Monitor, Total, Volume
- -RWI/ISL Container Throughput Index, Total



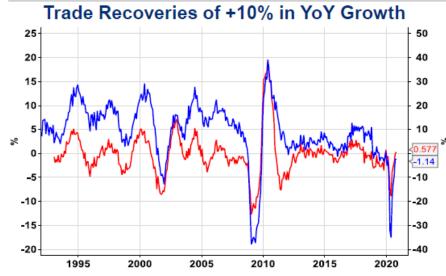
- -South Korea Industrial Production (YoY%), rhs
- -China Credit Impulse (YoY, 12m lead), lhs



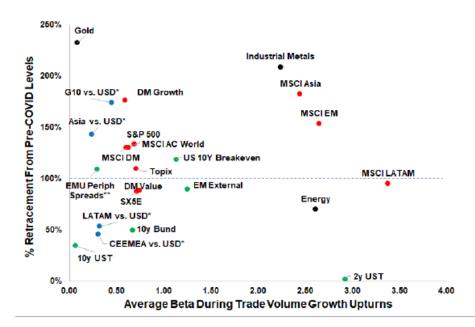
-ISM New Orders-Port of Long Beach Total Containers



## Highest Beta To Growth Recovery



- -CPB World Trade Volume YoY% Growth, Ihs
- -CPB World Trade Volume 1y Net Change in YoY% Growth, rhs



Asset	Average Beta During Trade Volume Growth Upturns***	Implied %Chg if Trade Volume Growth Increased by 10% Using Upturn Beta	Volume Growth	% Chg From May 2020 (bottom in global trade volume growth)
MSCI LATAM	3.38	33.8%	67.6%	36.0%
2y UST	2.93	29.3	58.5	-7.7
MSCI EM	2.65	26.5%	53.0%	35.0%
Energy	2.61	26.1%	52.3%	22.1%
MSCI Asia	2.45	24.5%	49.0%	35.3%
ndustrial Metals	2.24	22%	45%	44%
всом	1.76	18%	35%	30%
EM External	1.26	13%	25%	19%
US 10Y Breakeven	1.14	11.4	22.8	94.2
NKY	0.86	8.6%	17.2%	38.9%
DM Value	0.75	7.5%	15.0%	24.8%
SX5E	0.72	7.2%	14.4%	21.7%
TOPIX	0.71	7.1%	14.2%	25.4%
MSCI AC World	0.70	7.0%	13.9%	30.0%
10y Bund	0.67	6.73	13.46	-1.80
5&P 500	0.63	6.3%	12.6%	30.7%
MSCI DM	0.60	6.0%	12.1%	29.3%
DM Growth	0.59	5.9%	11.9%	41.3%
FTSE 100	0.58	5.8%	11.6%	14.0%
G10 vs. USD*	0.45	4.5%	9.0%	13.3%
EM vs. USD*	0.33	3.3%	6.7%	7.4%
ATAM vs. USD*	0.32	3.2%	6.5%	10.4%
CEEMEA vs. USD*	0.31	3.1%	6.1%	5.4%
EMU Periph Spreads**	0.29	2.9	5.9	-88.9
Asia vs. USD*	0.24	2.4%	4.8%	6.4%
Gold	0.08	0.8%	1.6%	14.3%
EUR/USD	0.08	0.8%	1.6%	11.5%
10y UST	0.07	0.70	1.40	30.14
G10 vs. EM FX*	0.00	0.0%	0.0%	5.5%
DXY	-0.19	-1.9%	-3.7%	-9.3%
MSCI CEEMEA	-0.21	-2.1%	-4.2%	17.0%
DM/EM Equities	-1.86	-18.6%	-37.2%	-4.3%
10y JGB	-2.63	-26.3	-52,6	4.0
25105	-2,86	-28,6	-57.2	37.6

<sup>\*</sup>Dollar weakness is a positive value \*\*\*Equally Weighted

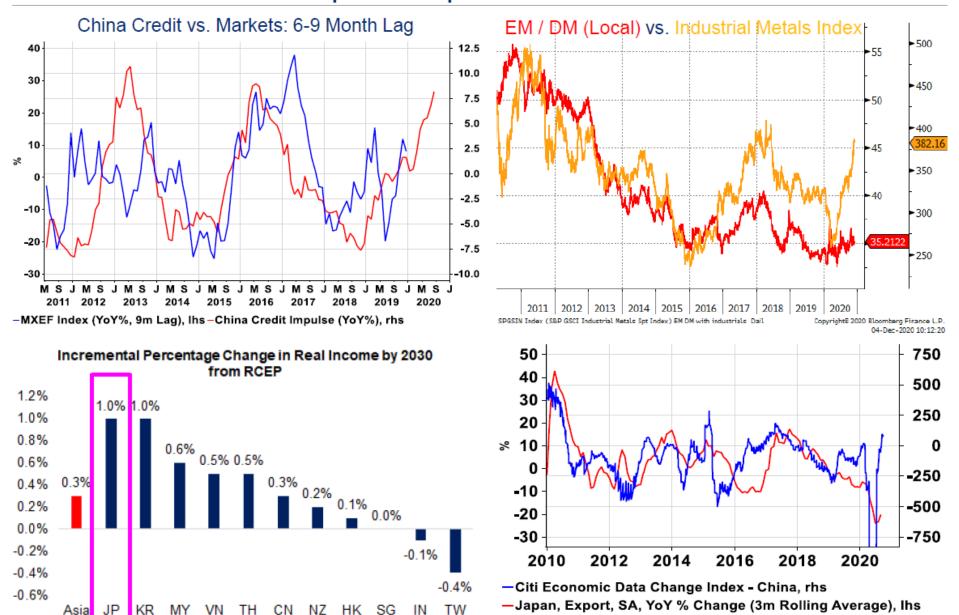


<sup>\*\*</sup> EMU Periphery spreads are equally weighted vs Bunds, starting in 1997. The spread beta is inverted to reflect equity-like directionality

Government bond values in yields; Equities and bonds are in local terms

BTPs Start in 1999, MSCI CEEMEA in 2001, Reals & Breakevens in 1998, EM External in 1996

#### Tailwinds For EM & Japan Outperformance

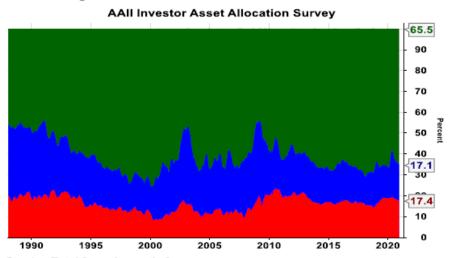




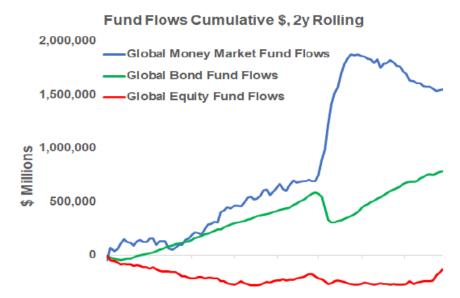
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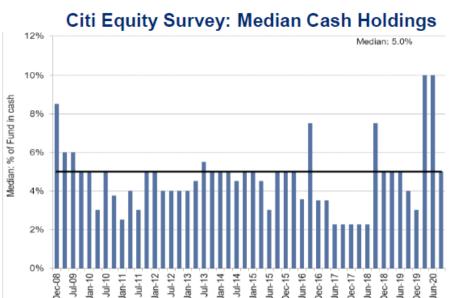
- -Total US Money Market Fund NAV
- -MoM Change



- ■Stocks, Total [m.a. 3 months]
- Cash [m.a. 3 months]
- Bonds, Total [m.a. 3 months]



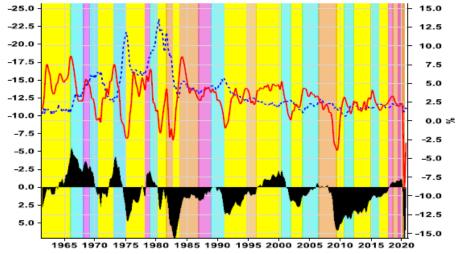
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## (4) Phases of the Macro Cycle

#### **Goldilocks Reflation Stagflation Stagnation**



- -US Real GDP Growth YoY % Chg., rhs [a.r. 12 months]
- --US Core CPI YoY % Chg., rhs [a.r. 12 months]

#### ■ CBO Output Gap % of GDP, Ihs

#### Citi Economic Forecasts

	G	DP Grow	th	CPI Inflation				
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022		
Global	-3.9	5.0	3.6	2.0	2.2	2.4		
United States	-3.4	5.1	1.6	1.2	1.9	2.0		
Japan	-5.1	2.0	2.3	0.1	-0.3	0.6		
Euro Area	-7.3	3.6	4.3	0.2	0.7	1.3		
Emerging Markets	-2.0	6.2	4.5	3.7	3.3	3.4		
Asia	-0.4	7.5	5.1	2.7	1.7	2.5		
Latin America	-7.2	4.1	2.5	6.6	8.6	7.1		
Europe	-3.4	3.4	3.6	4.8	5.3	4.5		
Mid East/Africa	-4.4	3.3	3.6	4.4	5.9	4.5		

■ CBO Output Gar	o % of GDP, lhs							
				Annua	lised % Return	1		
		SPX Index	MSCI EM	CRB CMDT Index	SPGSCIIndex	Dollar Index	US Gov	US IG Credit
	Average Return During Periods	17.4%	39.1%	4.4%	6.6%	4.8%	6.0%	9.1%
Goldilocks: Growth +	Standard Deviation of Returns Within Periods	12.4%	15.2%	11.1%	14.8%	6.9%	4.5%	5.0%
& Inflation -	Standard Deviation of Annualised Returns Between Periods	12.1%	49.8%	11.9%	16.9%	10.9%	6.3%	9.5%
	Average Return during Period / Risk	1.41	2.57	0.40	0.44	0.68	1.35	1.81
	Average Return During Periods	25.0%	38.5%	20.6%	33.5%	-7.4%	1.6%	8.9%
Reflation: Growth + &	Standard Deviation of Returns Within Periods	15.1%	12.6%	6.8%	13.0%	7.2%	4.0%	4.7%
Inflation +	Standard Deviation of Annualised Returns Between Periods	24.9%	37.7%	36.7%	10.2%	8.5%	4.6%	8.6%
	Average Return during Period / Risk	1.66	3.06	3.04	2.58	-1.03	0.41	1.87
	Average Return During Periods	-1.6%	44.2%*	-2.4%	15.6%	-1.3%	7.9%	7.5%
Stagflation: Growth -	Standard Deviation of Returns Within Periods	15.5%	20.3%	14.1%	22.9%	8.2%	5.1%	8.1%
& Inflation +	Standard Deviation of Annualised Returns Between Periods	16.4%	106.9%	5.0%	24.6%	5.0%	8.3%	9.7%
	Average Return during Period / Risk	-0.11	2.17	-0.17	0.68	-0.15	1.55	0.92
	Average Return During Periods	5.3%	-0.6%	-5.4%	-1.3%	2.1%	14.6%	17.2%
Stagnation: Growth -	Standard Deviation of Returns Within Periods	18.6%	19.2%	9.7%	25.5%	8.1%	6.2%	10.2%
& Inflation -	Standard Deviation of Annualised Returns Between Periods	8.7%	0.6%	6.7%	7.2%	10.1%	19.4%	24.6%
	Average Return during Period / Risk	0.29	-0.03	-0.55	-0.05	0.26	2.36	1.68

SPX TR index starts 1987, price index from 1961; CRB CMDT TR index starts 1994, price index from 1981; data begins for MSCI EM: 1987, DXY: 1967, SPGSCI: 1970, US Gov: 1972 & US IG Credit: 1980
\*MSCI EM total returns on average in stagflation are extremely skewed by the period 1988-1991, where annualised returns were 235%. Without this period returns in stagflation are -3.5%





#### **FX Forecasts**

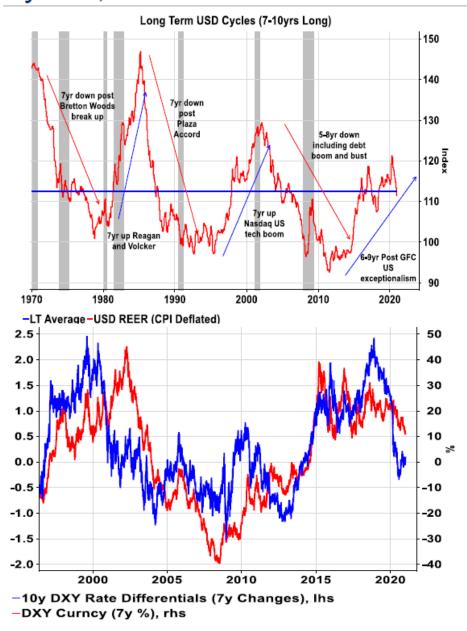
**Market Data and** Forecasts as of 06 January 2021

			Market data			Forecasts		Retu	rns***	WERM
		spot	3m Fwd	12m Fwd	0-3 mos	6-12 mos	long-term	3 mos rtn	12 mos rtn	2020 Q4
G10							, i			
Euro	EURUSD	1.23	1.23	1.24	1.24	1.27	1.27	0.5%	2.4%	1.35
Japanese yen	USDJPY	103	103	103	102	99	95	-1.1%	-3.7%	86
British Pound	GBPUSD	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.38	1.40	1.45	1.4%	2.7%	1.57
Swiss Franc	USDCHF	0.88	0.88	0.87	0.88	0.89	0.91	0.2%	2.1%	0.93
Australian Dollar	AUDUSD	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.81	0.80	0.6%	3.9%	0.75
New Zealand Dollar	NZDUSD	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.75	0.74	0.2%	2.9%	0.65
Canadian Dollar	USDCAD	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.25	1.22	1.20	-1.4%	-3.8%	1.14
Dollar Index**	DXY	89.55	89.38	88.94	88.66	86.51	85.56	-0.8%	-2.7%	80.0
G10 Crosses										
Japanese yen	EURJPY	127	127	128	126	126	121	-0.7%	-1.3%	116
Swiss Franc	EURCHF	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.13	1.16	0.7%	4.6%	1.26
British Pound	EURGBP	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.90	0.91	0.88	-0.9%	-0.2%	0.86
Swedish Krona	EURSEK	10.07	10.09	10.13	9.90	9.70	9.50	-1.9%	-4.2%	8.88
Norwegian Krone	EURNOK	10.37	10.39	10.47	10.10	10.00	9.50	-2.8%	-4.5%	9.25
Norwegian Krone	NOKSEK	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.98	0.97	1.00	1.0%	0.3%	0.96
Australian Dollar	AUDNZD	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.08	1.08	0.4%	1.0%	1.15
Australian Dollar	AUDJPY	80	80	80	80	80	76	-0.5%	0.1%	64
Asia										
Chinese Renminbi	USDCNY	6.46	6.49	6.59	6.35	6.15	5.60	-2.1%	-6.7%	6.8
Hong Kong Dollar	USDHKD	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.76	0.0%	0.0%	6.3
Indonesian Rupiah	USDIDR	13895	14012	14437	13200	14000	13700	-5.8%	-3.0%	14284
Indian Rupee	USDINR	73.1	73.9	76.3	73.0	72.5	74.5	-1.2%	-4.9%	68.9
Korean Won	USDKRW	1086	1086	1086	1070	1050	1120	-1.5%	-3.3%	1035
Malaysian Ringgit	USDMYR	4.01	4.02	4.06	3.98	3.90	3.85	-1.1%	-3.9%	3.4
Philippine Peso	USDPHP	48.0	48.3	48.9	47.9	47.5	48.5	-0.9%	-2.9%	57.8
Singapore Dollar	USDSGD	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.31	1.28	1.26	-0.6%	-2.8%	1.2
Thai Baht	USDTHB	29.9	30.0	30.1	29.6	29.3	30.5	-1.2%	-2.5%	34.0
Taiwan Dollar	USDTWD	28.0	27.5	26.4	27.8	27.2	26.5	1.1%	3.2%	n/a
EMEA										
Czech Koruna	EURCZK	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.3	25.6	25.4	0.3%	-2.9%	29.4
Hungarian Forint	EURHUF	359	360	363	360	357	370	0.1%	-1.6%	342
Polish Zloty	EURPLN	4.52	4.53	4.56	4.51	4.41	4.35	-0.4%	-3.2%	4.55
Israeli Shekel	USDILS	3.18	3.18	3.17	3.17	3.25	3.20	-0.3%	2.6%	3.72
Russian Ruble	USDRUB	73.9	74.6	76.9	75.0	70.0	72.0	0.5%	-9.0%	69.92
Russian Ruble Bask		81.6	82.5	85.3	83.1	78.6	80.8	0.8%	-7.9%	80.94
Turkish Lira	USDTRY	7.28	7.56	8.41	7.50	8.25	8.50	-0.8%	-1.9%	4.73
South African Rand	USDZAR	15.05	15.25	15.73	15.00	15.25	15.50	-1.6%	-3.1%	9.49
LATAM										
Brazilian Real	USDBRL	5.33	5.35	5.46	5.25	5.20	5.15	-1.9%	-4.7%	4.29
Chilean Peso	USDCLP	696	696	696	690.00	675.00	670	-0.9%	-3.0%	690.47
Mexican Peso	USDMXN	19.7	19.9	20.6	19.59	19.72	19.98	-1.7%	-4.2%	16.49
* market data includ	USDCOP	3429	3445	3505	3371	3296	3450	-2.1%	-6.0%	2410.51



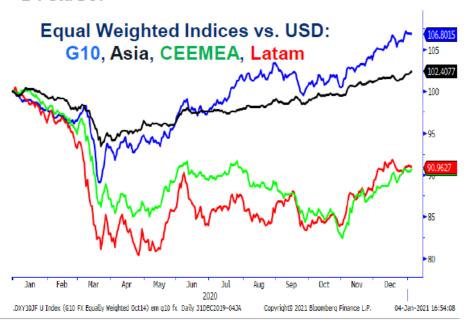
<sup>\*</sup> market data including spot as of 3:19 PM London time on 06-Jan-2021
\*\* The DXY forecasts are implied from the forecasts of the constituent crosses. \*\*\* Returns are relative to forwards

#### Cycles, Valuation & Rate Differentials





- United States Real Effective Exchange Rate Broad [mean]
- -BIS USD REER
- -3y Rolling Average
- ± 1 Std Dev





#### Citi's Medium-Term Asset Allocation\*

Equities <sup>2</sup>	Spot	Citi Forecast End-2021	Implied Total Return to End-2021	Implied Total Return to End-2021 (USD)	Implied Total Return to End- 2021 (USD Hedged)
MSCI AC World	726	750	5.3%	5.8%	5.3%
S&P 500	3692	3800	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%
DJ Stoxx 600	393	410	7.2%	9.2%	8.2%
Topix	1759	1800	4.5%	1.7%	5.1%
MSCI EM	1253	1300	4.0%	5.9%	2.7%
Rates <sup>3</sup>					
US	0.94	1.25	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%
EMU	-0.13	0.16	- <b>2.9</b> %	-1.0%	-2.0%
DE	-0.59	-0.25	-5.2%	-3.2%	-4.2%
JP	0.02	0.05	0.1%	-2.7%	0.7%
UK	0.29	0.25	1.2%	4.8%	1.4%
EM Local	n/a	n/a	5.1%	5.0%	2.5%
Credit <sup>4</sup>					
Citi US BIG Corp	106	100	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%
Citi US HY*	415	400	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
iBoxx EUR Corp	71	50	0.3%	2.2%	1.2%
iBoxx EUR HY	325	240	2.1%	4.0%	3.0%
Citi ESBI EM \$	340	310	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Commodities <sup>5</sup>					
ICE Brent	48	56	15.7%	15.7%	15.7%
LME Copper	7695	7900	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Gold	1864	1808	<b>-4.1</b> %	-4.1%	-4.1%
BCOM Index	74	79	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
oreign Exchange <sup>6</sup>					
Global USD	n/a	n/a	-1.8%	-1.8%	-1.8%
USD vs. DM	n/a	n/a	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%
USD vs. EM	n/a	n/a	-3.8%	-3.8%	-3.8%
Cash <sup>7</sup>					
3m USD Libor	0.23	0.25	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%

<sup>\*</sup> For US HY default rates, we typically use Moody's default rate forecast. From now, we will be using our strategists forecast.

#### As of 08 December 2020

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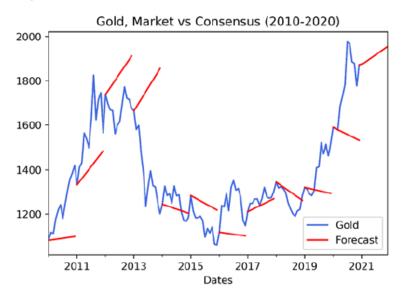


<sup>\*</sup>Allocation measured in units of under/overweight: -4 = Max Underweight; -3 = Very Underweight; -2 = Underweight; -1 = Slightly Underweight; 0 = Neutral; +1 = Slightly Overweight; +2 = Overweight; +3 = Very Overweight; +4 = Max Overweight

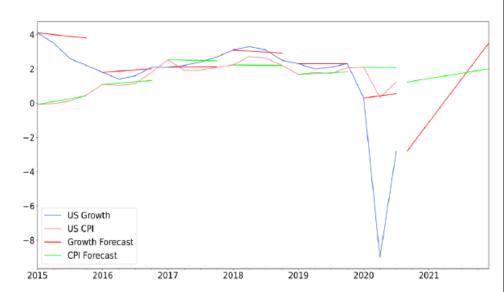
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## Can The Consensus Be Wrong? Risks To the View...

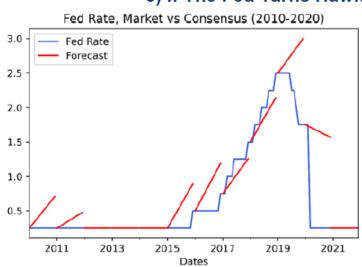
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#### 2) <u>Stagflation</u> Would Be Negative For Risk Assets



#### 3) If The Fed Turns Hawkish...The USD Will Turn...and EM etc.

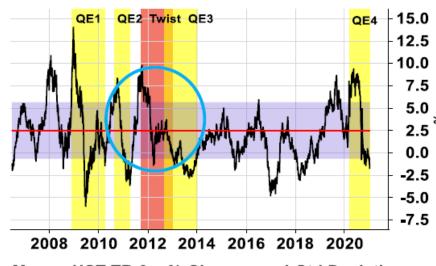




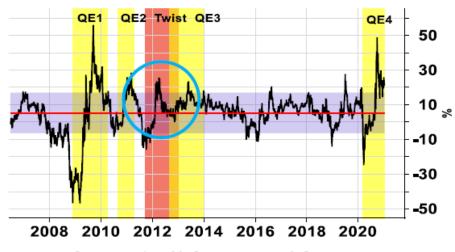


#### What If The Fed Twists?

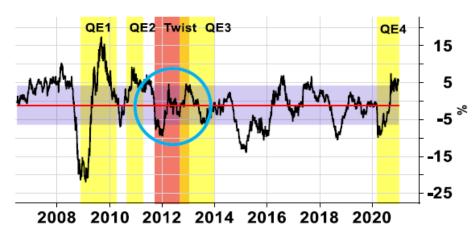
#### We've Been There Before – X Market Implications







-Mean -SPX TR 6m % Change ■+- 1 Std Deviation



- -Mean
- -Equally Weighted World FX vs. USD 6m % Change
- +- 1 Std Deviation





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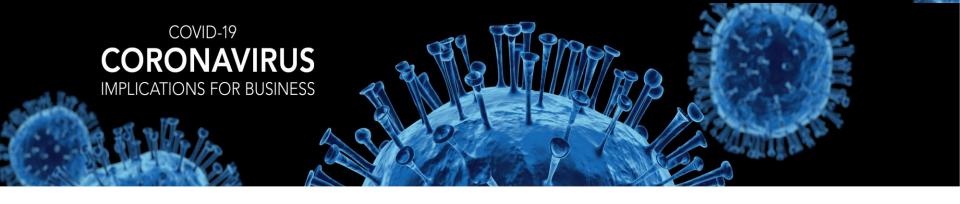


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