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PIMCO's Economic Outlook

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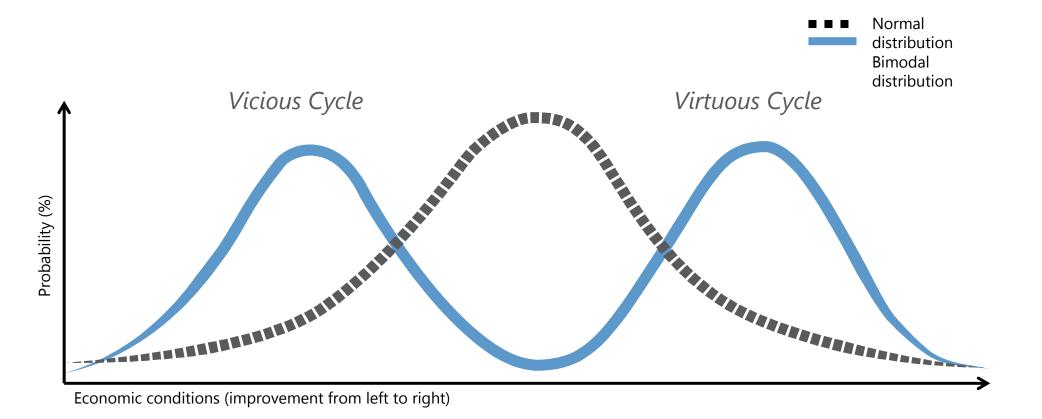
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1. PIMCO's global outlook

The New Normal: Moving from a normal to a bimodal distribution





MUDDLE THROUGH

As of 31 March 2012

DISORDERLY

DE-LEVERAGING

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EUROZONE RESOLUTION

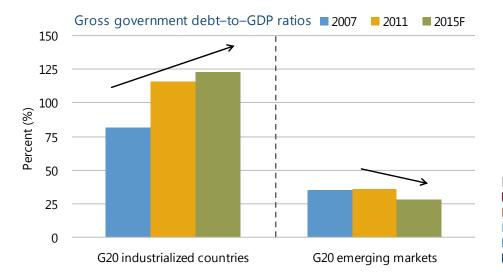
AND GLOBAL GROWTH

Structure of global economy and debt dynamics are changing rapidly

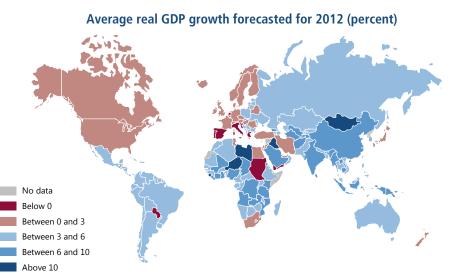


- Advanced Economy indebtedness is increasing sharply and has reached unprecedented levels
- At the same time Emerging Markets (EM) share of global activity is increasing with high savings and lower leverage supportive of positive debt dynamics

Traditional patterns of global indebtedness are being turned around



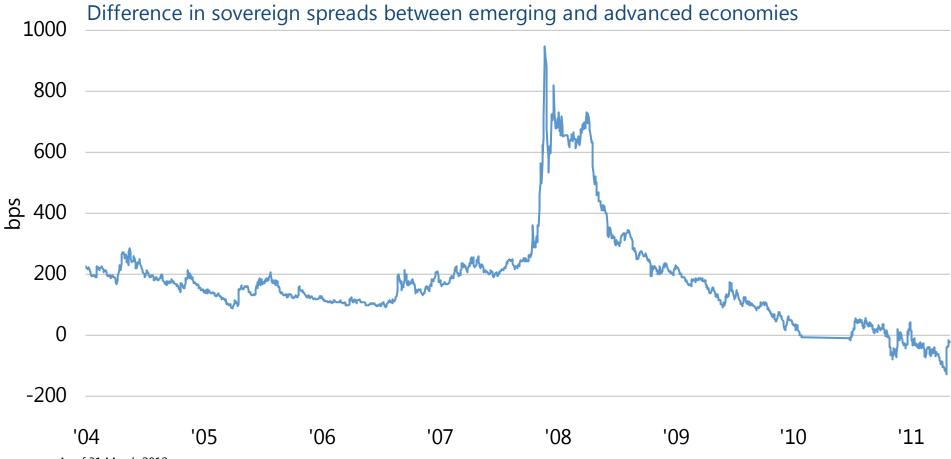
Emerging markets now the main drivers of global growth



SOURCE: International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Economic Outlook (WEO) April 2012 Refer to Appendix for additional outlook information.

Markets are now acknowledging this shift in sovereign credit risk





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SOURCE: Bloomberg, PIMCO

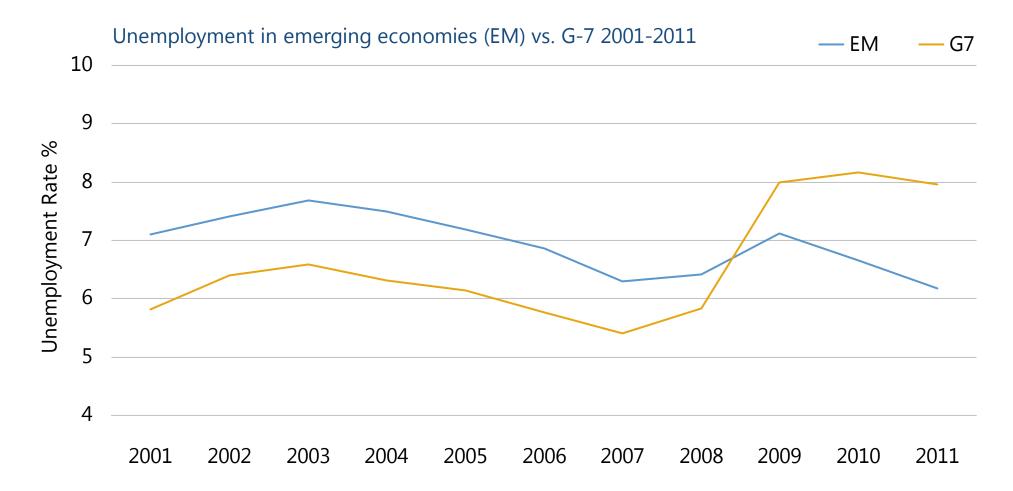
Note: Chart shows CDS spreads for Markit iTraxx SOVX Western European Index and Markit CDX Emerging Markets Index

A positive number implies that EM spreads are greater than DM spreads. A negative number implies that EM spreads are less than DM spreads, therefore implying that market is pricing lower credit risk for specified baskets of EM countries than for DM countries.

Refer to the Appendix for additional index information.

Grand bargain #1: Can EM re-orient towards domestic growth allowing the developed markets (DM) to de-leverage?



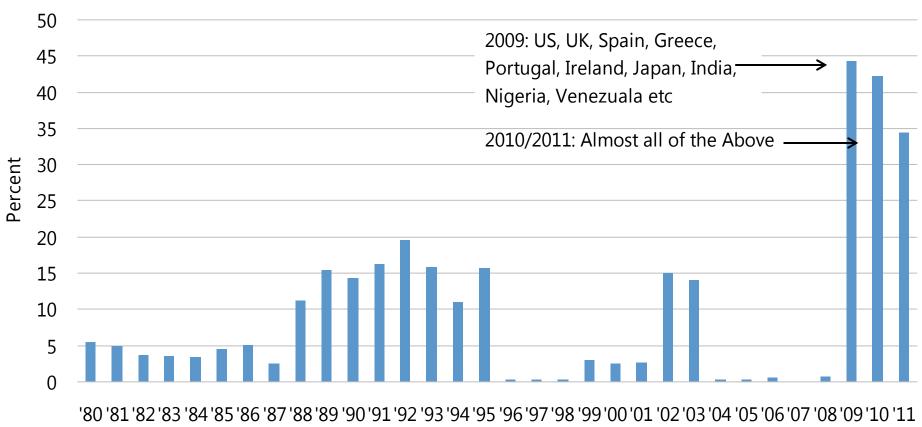


As of 31 December 2011 SOURCE: Haver Analytics

DM public sector de-leveraging is a multi-year headwind to global growth



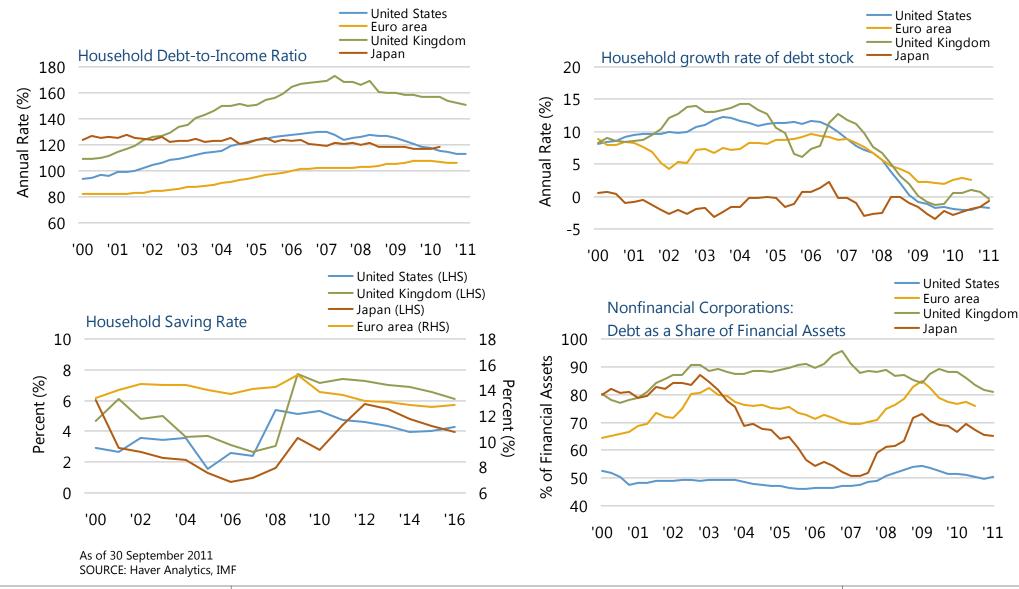




As of 30 September 2011 SOURCE: PIMCO, Citi, IMF, Bloomberg Financial Markets

Unfortunately, DM private sector deleveraging is also a significant headwind



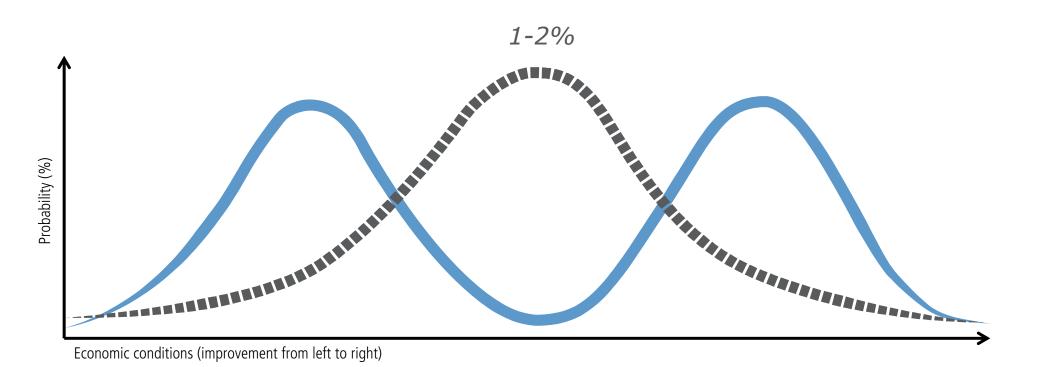




2. PIMCO's U.S. outlook

Baseline: US real growth of 1-2% There are fat tails to this forecast





As of 31 March 2012 SOURCE: PIMCO

Refer to Appendix for additional outlook and risk information.



Support for U.S. economic growth



- Top factors that we believe are likely to contribute positively to U.S. economic growth in 2012:
 - 1. A reduction in negativity from Washington relative to 2011
 - 2. Fracking and factories
 - Credit and cars
 - 4. Multi-family housing
 - 5. Hiring

As of 31 December 2011 SOURCE: PIMCO Refer to Appendix for additional outlook information.

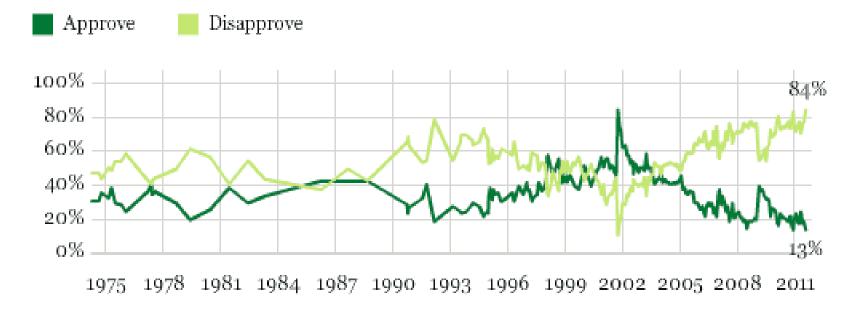
Good riddance, Washington



 Elections bring empowerment: Washington's abrogation of the electorate's right to steer the direction of the nation will give way yet again to hope for "change"

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

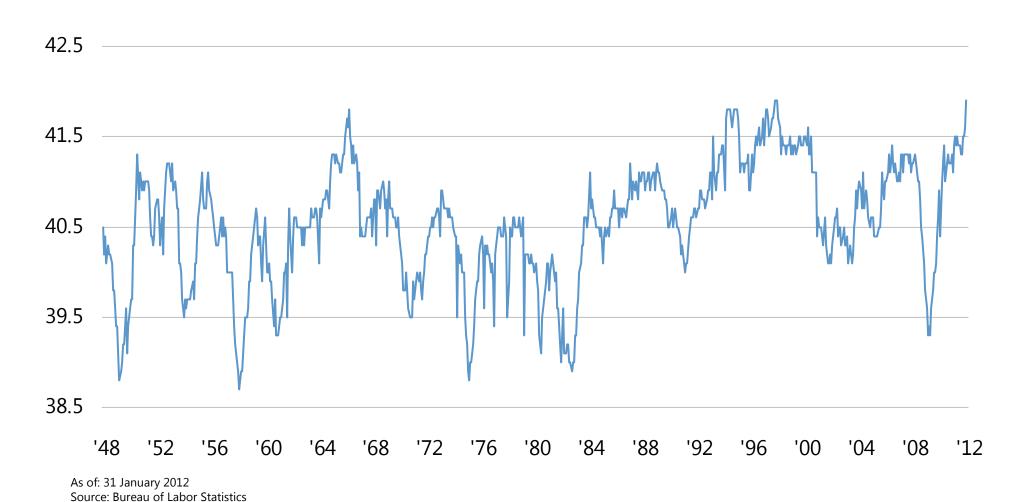
Full trend







■ The U.S. factory workweek is at its longest since 1945 (1945!)





Factory jobs are growing at their fastest pace in 15 years



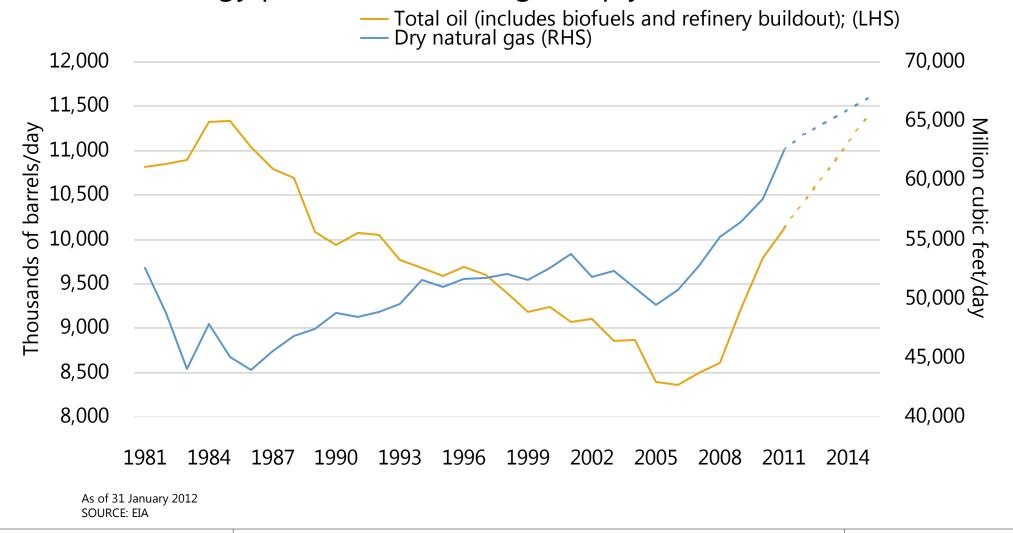


- Five top factors fueling the factory sector's revival:
 - 1. Persistent strength in the Japanese yen
 - 2. Supply-chain diversification
 - 3. Increased labor costs in China
 - 4. Increased U.S. competitiveness
 - 5. Decline in the price of natural gas

SOURCE: PIMCO Refer to Appendix for additional outlook information.

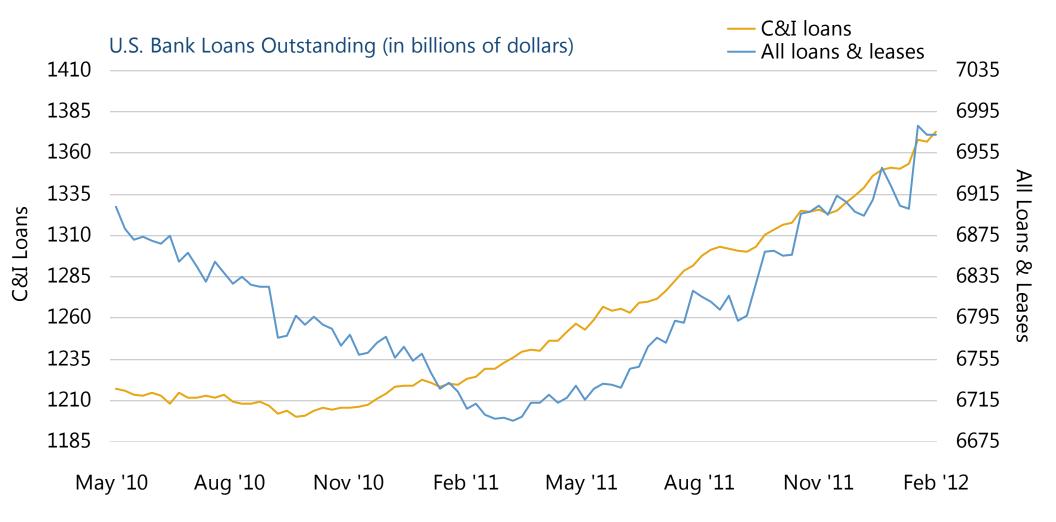


U.S. energy production is rising sharply



Credit and cars Myth: Banks aren't lending



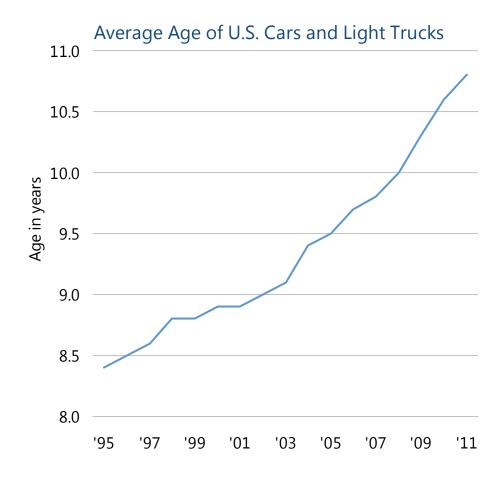


As of 15 February 2012 SOURCE: Federal Reserve

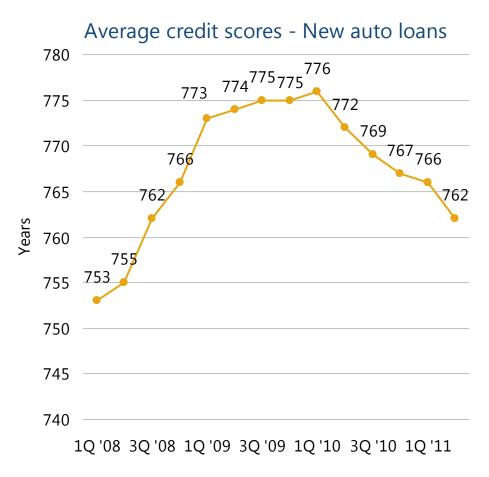
Time for a new car?



Cars are older

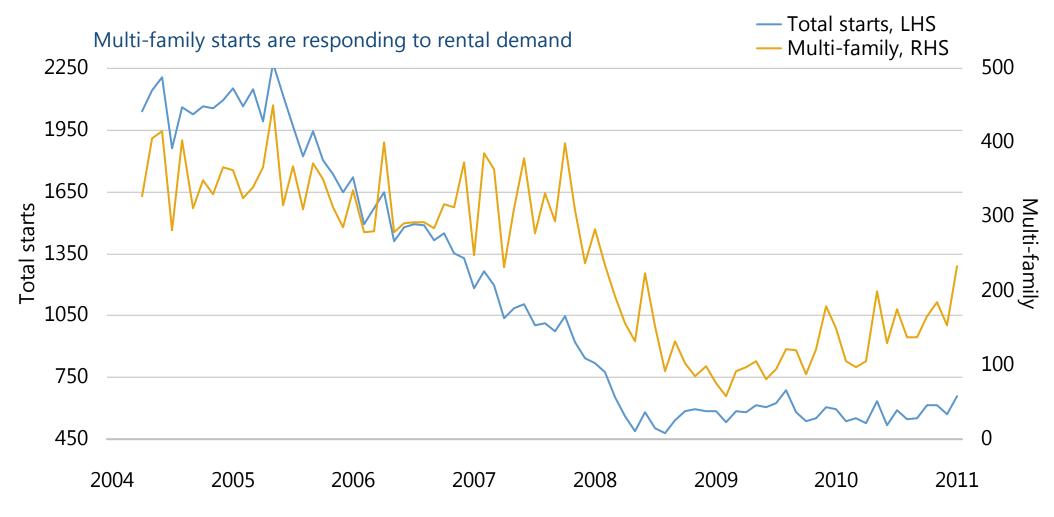


Credit conditions have improved



Housing won't likely add much to growth; but it won't take away much either

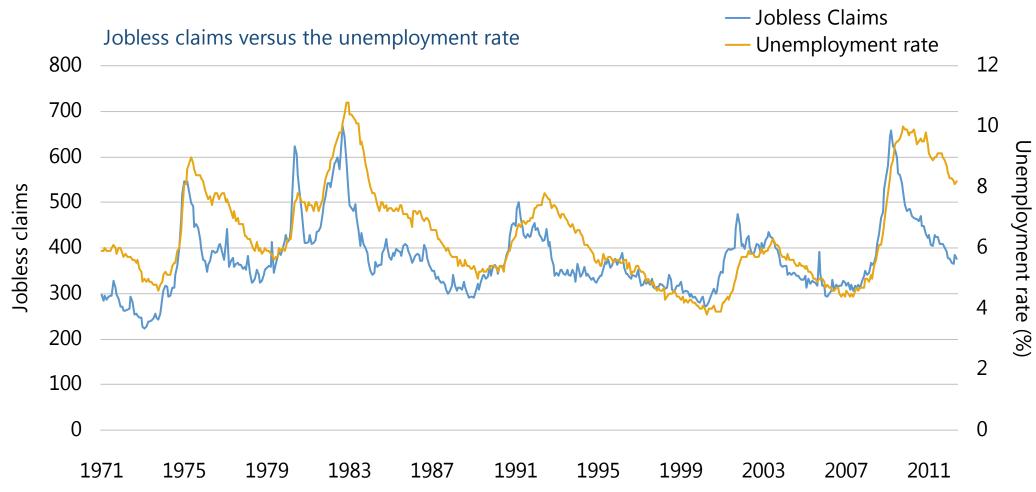




As of 30 September 2011 SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau. Shown in thousands of units Refer to Appendix for additional outlook information.

Support for U.S. economic growth





As of 31 May 2012 SOURCE: Haver



3. Headwinds to growth

Headwinds to growth



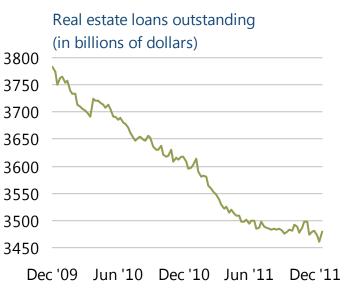


Household Net Worth (in billions of dollars) 60000 40000 '99 '01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11

Income Growth



Mortgage credit availability



As of 31 December 2011, 29 February 2012, and 31 December 2011 from left to right. SOURCE: Haver

Headwinds to growth



A Massive Fiscal Cliff is Ahead for 2013

- \$525 billion of tax increases and spending cuts are slated for January 1st
- Businesses and consumers could adjust their behavior beforehand
- Markets may also pull the date forward

2013 fiscal contraction could be extreme

	2013 Contraction (\$B)
	Current law
Expiration of Bush-era tax cuts	(210)
AMT and Doc fix	(145)
Sequestration from super committee failure	(109)
Affordable Care Act	(25)
Payroll tax cut expiration	(110)
Unemployment insurance extension expiration	(35)
Total	\$634 billion
Percent of GDP	4.1%

As of 30 June 2012

SOURCE: Nick Bloom, Stanford University, Bloomberg, Bank of America, CBO, Goldman Sachs, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Congressional Research Services, PIMCO Refer to Appendix for additional outlook information.



4. PIMCO's European outlook

Grand bargain #.2: Can the core countries of Europe save its peripheral countries?



				Sovereign assuming banking sector obligations	Competitiveness	
		Deficit	Stock			
Solvent and	Italy		X		X	
Investable	Spain	X	~	X		
Potentially Insolvent	Portugal	X	X		X	
	Ireland	х	X	x		
	Greece	X	X		X	

- Greece, Ireland and Portugal are problematic, but likely not large enough to have global systemic implications
- Greece, Ireland and Portugal become systemically important when their spreads widening affects Spain and Italy access to the debt markets.

SOURCE: PIMCO

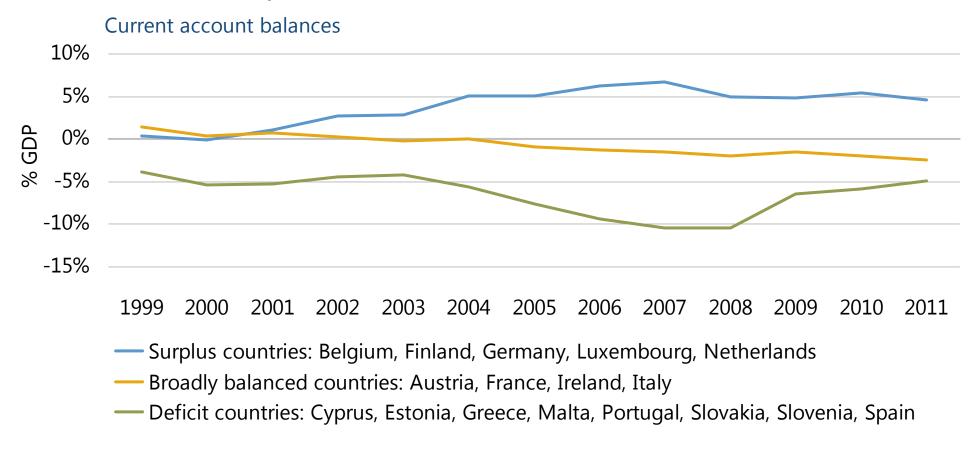
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The main issue in Europe is a balance of payments problem



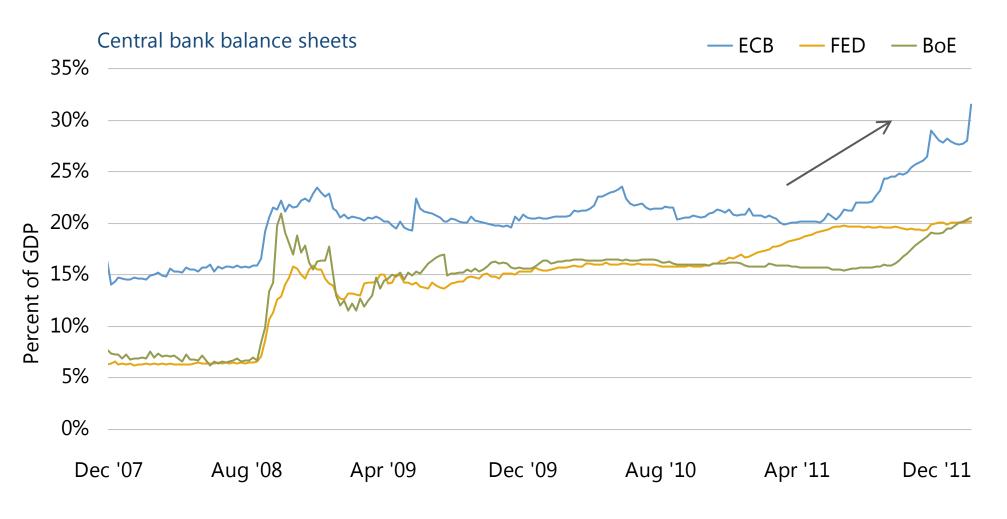
 Too much debt and large productivity differences combined with currency account imbalances



As of 31 December 2011. SOURCE: Eurostat

The ECB has bought time via the powerful LTROs, but this monetary policy is only a bridge ...





As of 2 March 2012 SOURCE: Bloomberg Financial Markets LTRO - Long Term Refinancing Operation

The Eurozone: A coordination problem with no easy answer



Eurozone sovereigns now have credit as well as interest-rate risk

- National Solvency Concerns:
 - High debt ratios with limited flexibility for fiscal adjustment
 - Fixed exchange rate constrains the use of fx depreciation to spur growth
 - Eurozone sovereigns do not have unilateral recourse to printing press
 - Contagion effects leading to a loss of confidence and reinforcing solvency concerns



- Absence of fiscal federalism drives moral hazard concerns
- Limited agreement on form of policy solution to address underlying issues

Refer to Appendix for additional outlook information.



Incremental policy changes: Not enough to sustainably secure the Eurozone over the secular horizon



	Eurozone Fiscal Integration	Italy/Spain Debt Sustainability	Fragmentation of EMU financial markets	Financial Stability	Score
Immediate	Agree on plan for deeper fiscal union	ECB or Fiscal Lender of Last Resort for EMU Govts	Policy differentiation: Decide who is in and who is Not	Address bank capital shortfalls/deposit runs	1/4
Progress	Just starting	Partial	NO	Partial	
Intermediate	Lay groundwork for institutional/ constitutional changes	Have credible medium term fiscal austerity plans, but don't destroy growth	Prevent further inward shift in EMU Govt demand curve by lowering BTP/SPGB yield volatility	Contagion risks: Deal with Greece on sustainable basis with firebreak in place; get ready for Portugal?	1/2 / 4
Progress	Just starting	Partial	NO	NO	
Long-term	Introduce Common Bond	Implement structural reforms to raise growth	Adjust Current account imbalances	Common EMU bank regulator & FDIC	1/ 4
Progress	No	Starts 2012	Progressing	Just starting	

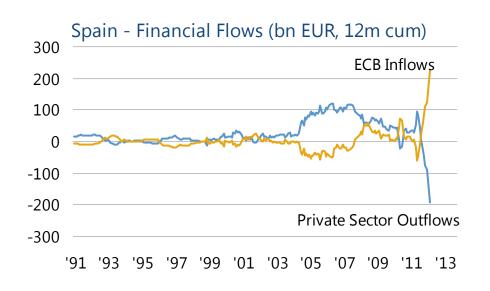
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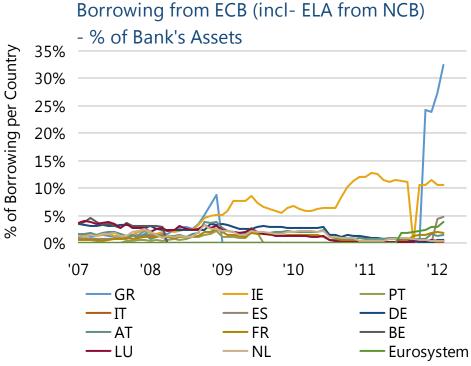
No credible policy response means private capital flight and increased dependence on ECB



- The Greek, Irish and Portuguese banking systems entirely reliant on ECB for over a year
- Usage by Spanish, Italian and French banks has picked up sharply since the summer
- ECB 3yr LTROs prevented disorderly de-leveraging but no sustainable policy for stabilizing sovereign market
- Expect continued private capital flight to result in greater financial tensions



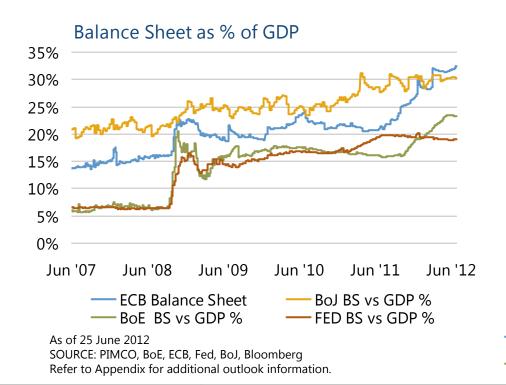
Left chart: As of 31 October 2011, SOURCE: PIMCO, ECB, National Central Banks Right Chart: As of May 2012, SOURCE: PIMCO, ECB, National central banks Refer to Appendix for additional outlook information.

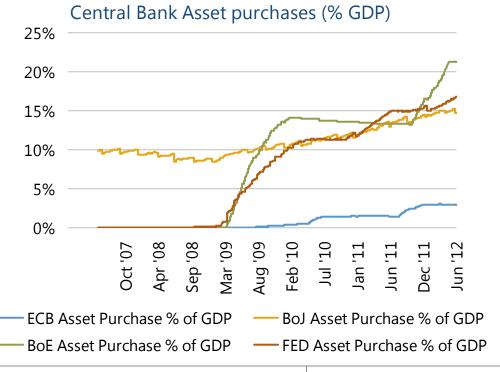


The ECB's evolving mission



- ECB has provided ample liquidity support but purchased relatively few assets
- What next: expect slow mission creep not U-turn. ECB's institutional survival depends on Euro financial stabilization
- Success depends on ECB willingness to provide deep-pocket policy pre-commitments that create financial repression in Spain & Italy similar to what Fed & BoE have achieved.
- Fiscal & banking union, together with more growth focused agenda remain necessary to secure Eurozone over the longer-term.

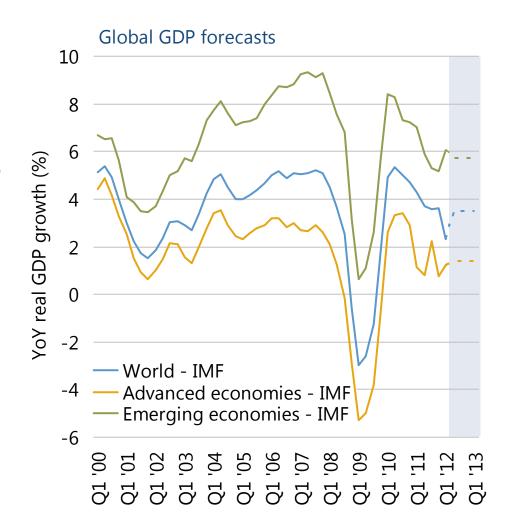




The world needs growth and is currently undergoing a stall speed 'recovery' ...



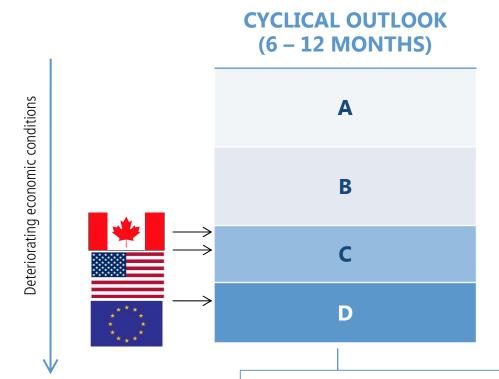
- Global economy on slowing, twin track recovery from recession
- Fiscal stimulus was necessary, but consolidation is on the way
- Sovereign default risk slamming confidence
- Deleveraging Continues
- No easy choices for the Central Banks or fiscal authorities
- Institutional Integrity on the Line



As of 30 September 2011 SOURCE: Haver Analytics, IMF World Economic Outlook, PIMCO Refer to Appendix for additional forecast and outlook information.

PIMCO's cyclical framework for the global economic outlook





DESCRIPTION

- 4–6% nominal GDP growth rate
- Old Normal, V-shaped recovery
- 4–6% nominal GDP growth rate
- Old Normal, U-shaped recovery
- 1–3% nominal GDP growth rate
- Economy re-enters recession or worse

Overall, PIMCO sees below consensus global growth in 2012 of 2-3%

- Deleveraging continues in Europe but pauses in U.S.
- Inflationary pressures continue to build
- Policy deadlocks delay structural reforms

As of 31 March 2012 SOURCE: PIMCO

Refer to Appendix for additional forecast and outlook information.



PIMCO cyclical forum economic forecasts



REAL GDP HEADLINE INFLATION

	CURRENT ¹	PIMCO FORECAST Q1 '12 – Q1 '13	CURRENT ¹	PIMCO FORECAST Q1 '12 – Q1 '13
Canada	1.8%	1.5% to 2.0%	2.1%³	1.75% to 2.25%
U.S.	1.8%	1.0% to 2.0%	3.3%	2.5% to 3.0%
Europe	0.7%	-1.5% to -0.5%	2.8%	1.5% to 2.0%
U.K.	0.7%	-0.5% to 0.0%	4.2%	2.5% to 3.0%
Japan	-1.0%	0.5% to 1.5%	-0.3%	-0.5% to 0.0%
China	8.7%	7.0% to 8.0%	4.1%	4.5% to 5.0%
BRIM ²	3.8%	3.5% to 4.5%	6.0%	5.5% to 6.0%
World ³	2.3%	1.0% to 2.0%	2.9%	2.5% to 3.0%

As of 31 March 2012

SOURCE: PIMCO, Bloomberg

¹ Current data for real GDP growth and inflation is actual and represents four quarters ending Q1 2012

² Brazil/Russia/India/Mexico

World is weighted average sum of PIMCO forecast countries Refer to Appendix for additional forecast and outlook information.



5. Investment implications

Investment implications



Strategic considerations:

- Rethink traditional frameworks: EM-DM overlap means we can no longer classify sovereigns as distinctly as before
- Know what risk you are taking: Pay attention to sovereign credit as well as interest rate risk
- Re-examine your benchmark: Look for bespoke benchmarks with a higher weight of less-leveraged sovereign credits e.g. Investment-Grade Emerging Markets or GDP-weighted indices (e.g. PIMCO GLADI)
- Avoid passive investing: Emphasize bottom-up credit assessment for sovereigns as well as corporate credits.

Refer to Appendix for additional investment strategy, index and risk information.

Investment implications



Portfolio implications to consider:

- Focus on Developed country interest rate risk in 5-7yr sector which could benefit from expected carry and roll down as rates kept on hold.
- Under-weight Eurozone peripheries as crisis needs to get worse to elicit policy response, and left tail risk of policy failure can't be dismissed
- Under-weight Bunds: Own higher yielding German agencies instead
- Diversify into local currency duration in high quality EM countries where real interest rates are high and there is flexibility to withstand global and domestic shocks.
- Focus on "safe spread*" investments across assets taking into account lossand volatility-adjusted total returns. Take liquidity rather than credit risk premiums.
- Look to incorporate tail-risk hedges to help manage high sovereign credit risk and the spillover effects.

Refer to Appendix for additional investment strategy and risk information.

[&]quot;Safe Spread" is defined as sectors that we believe are most likely to withstand the vicissitudes of a wide range of possible economic scenarios. All investments contain risk and may lose value.



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