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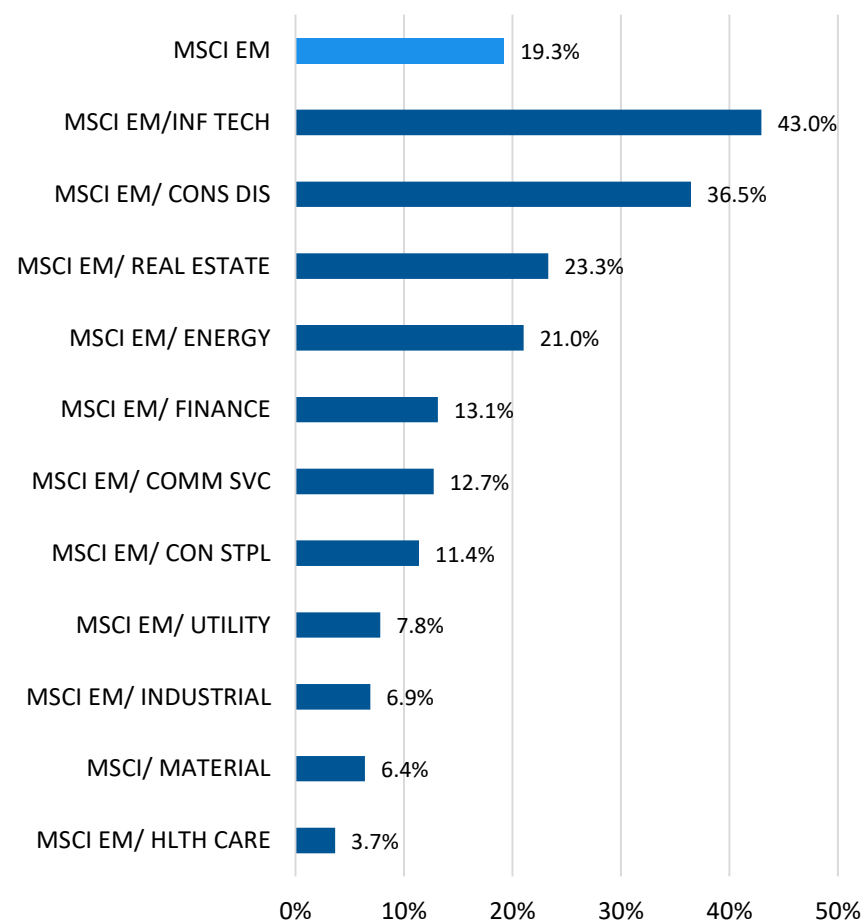
# 2019 EM Performance

## Sector Divergence

### EM Equities 2019 Performance Reflects Domestic Demand Resilience

- ▶ MSCI EM Index's approximately 19% 2019 return was strong.
- ▶ The trade war weighed on overall sentiment.
- ▶ The domestic-focused sectors performed better in 2019 than other sectors.

### Performance by MSCI EM Sector (%)

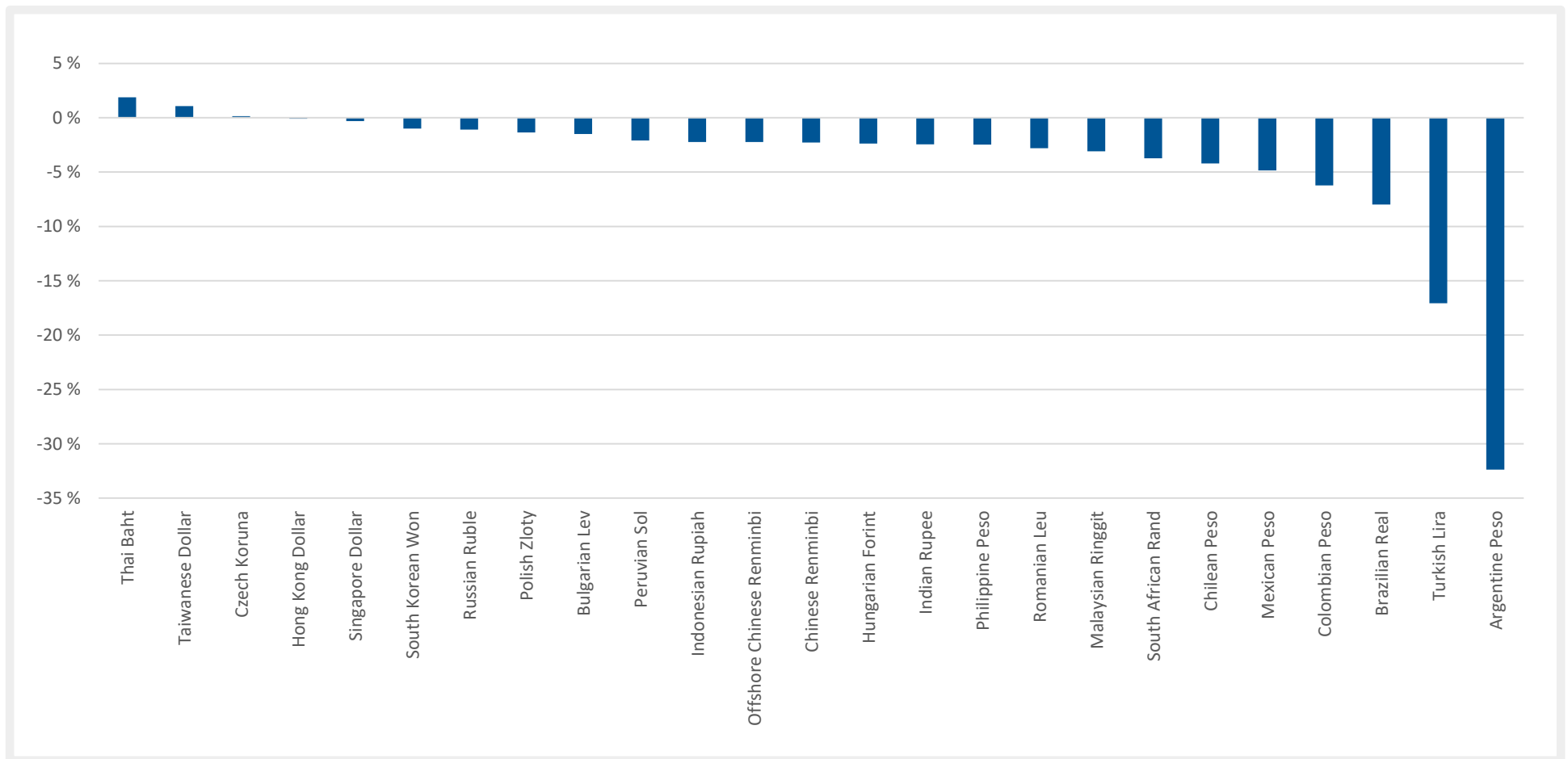


Source: Bloomberg as of 12/31/2019

# Currency Comparison

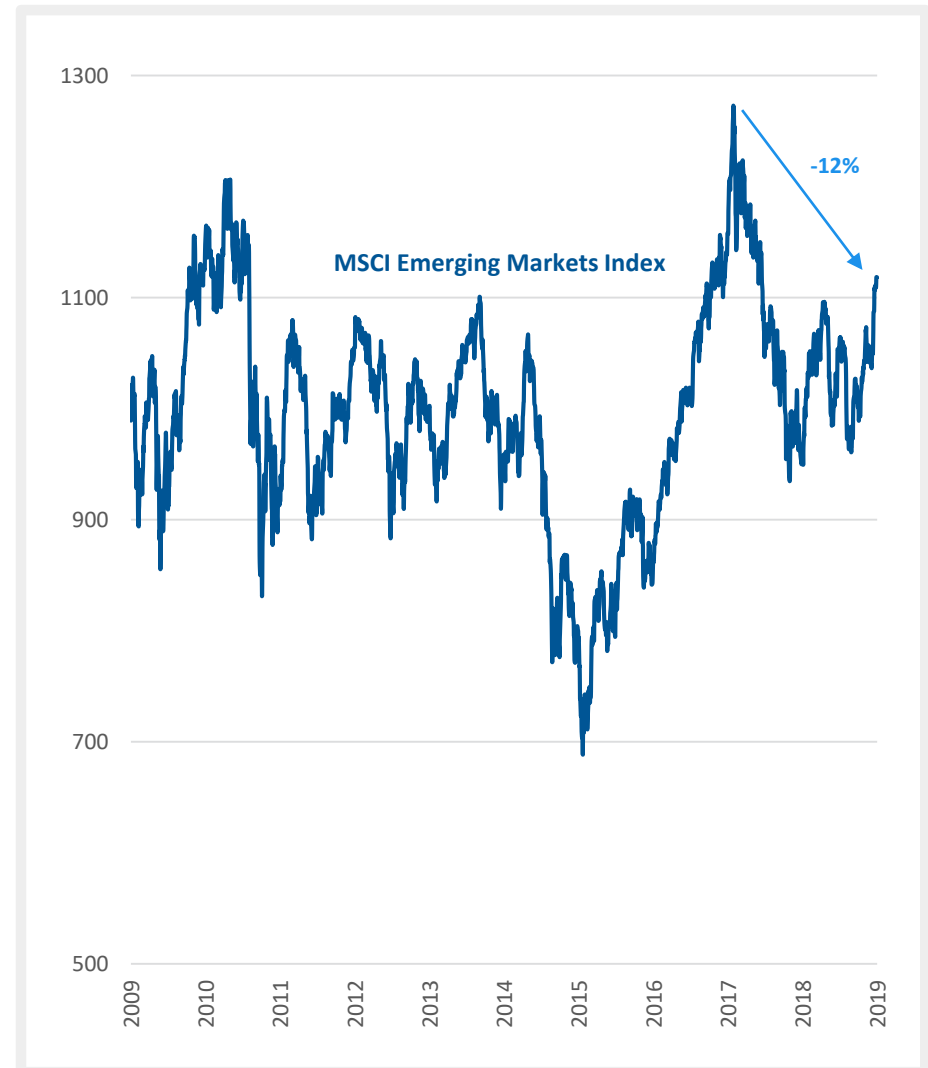
Over the past five years, currencies have depreciated against the dollar, but in vastly different amounts.

## Foreign Exchange Change Against USD Over Past 5 Years (% Annualized)



- ▶ EM equities have recovered since the third quarter of 2018.
- ▶ The US and the other Developed Markets (both S&P 500 and MSCI World Indices) are at all-time high levels.
- ▶ In comparison, the MSCI EM index is still 12% below the recent January 2018 peak, and still below the post-global financial crisis recovery peak of May 2011.

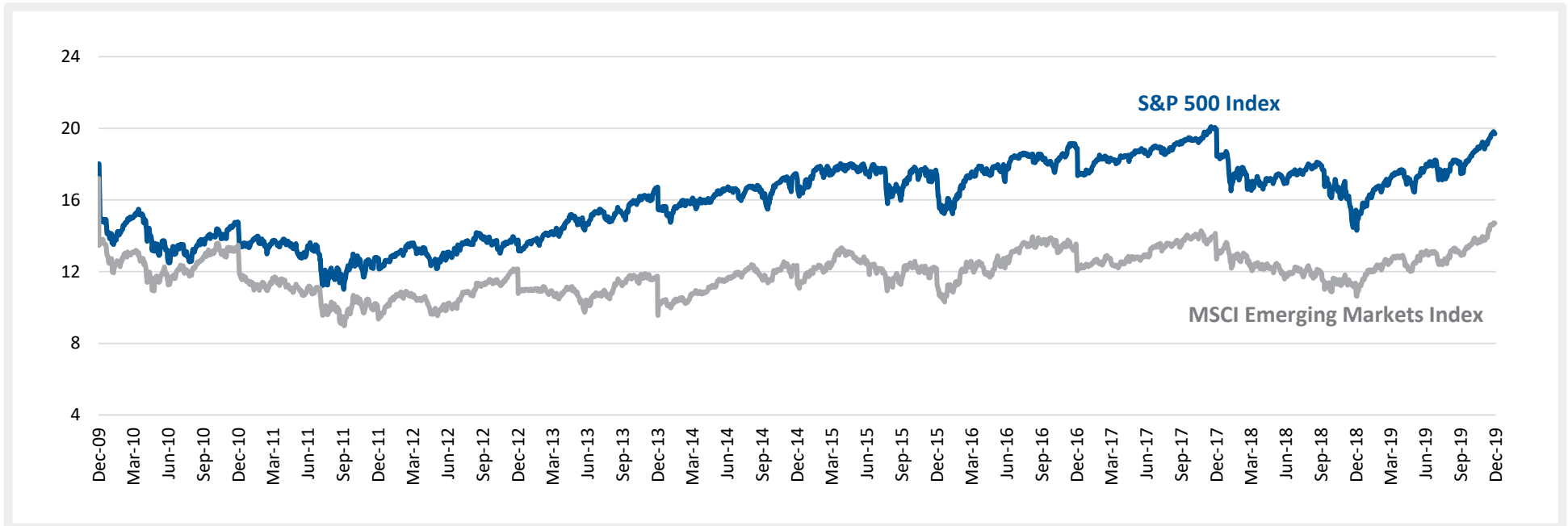
## Emerging Market Equities Over the Past Decade



Source: Bloomberg as of 12/31/2019

# Emerging Equities De-rated Through the Decade!

## Price to Earnings Multiples



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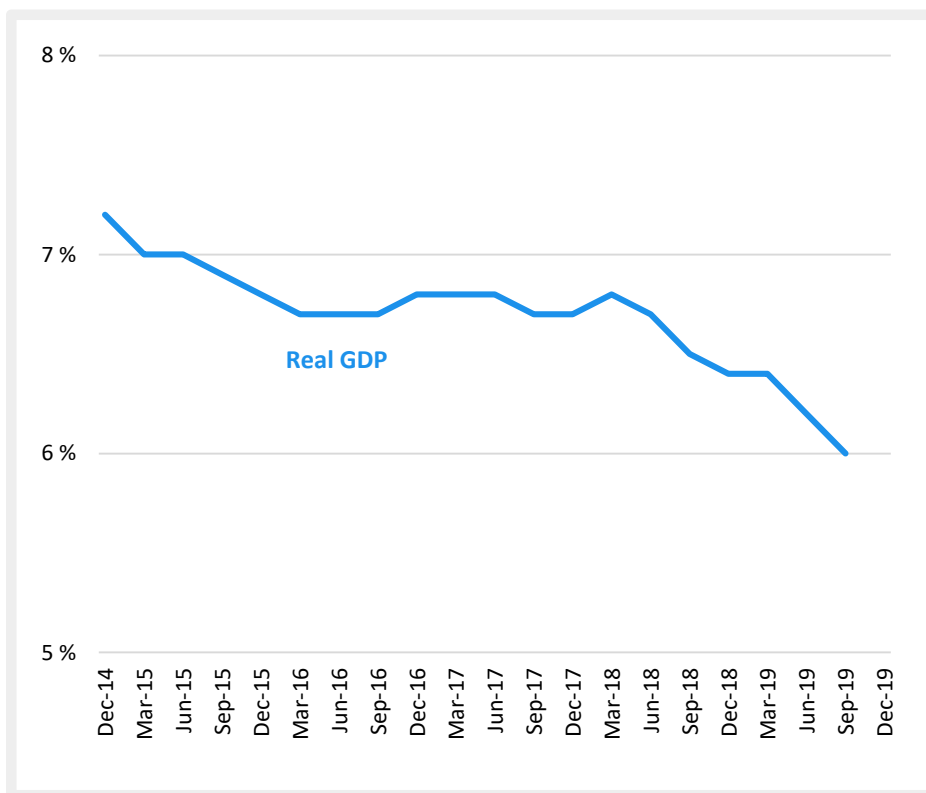
- ▶ We do not see any long-term structural change or damage in EM to warrant a permanent valuation discount in EM equities over US equities.
- ▶ Overall valuation premium of US Equities over EM Equities widened over the past decade and remains stubbornly high.
- ▶ Growth, demographic dividends, and continued reforms amid the ever-present multi-faceted uncertainties remain the hallmark of EM attraction and characteristics.
- ▶ The normalization of the US-EM equity premium seems overdue.

# Key EM Economies

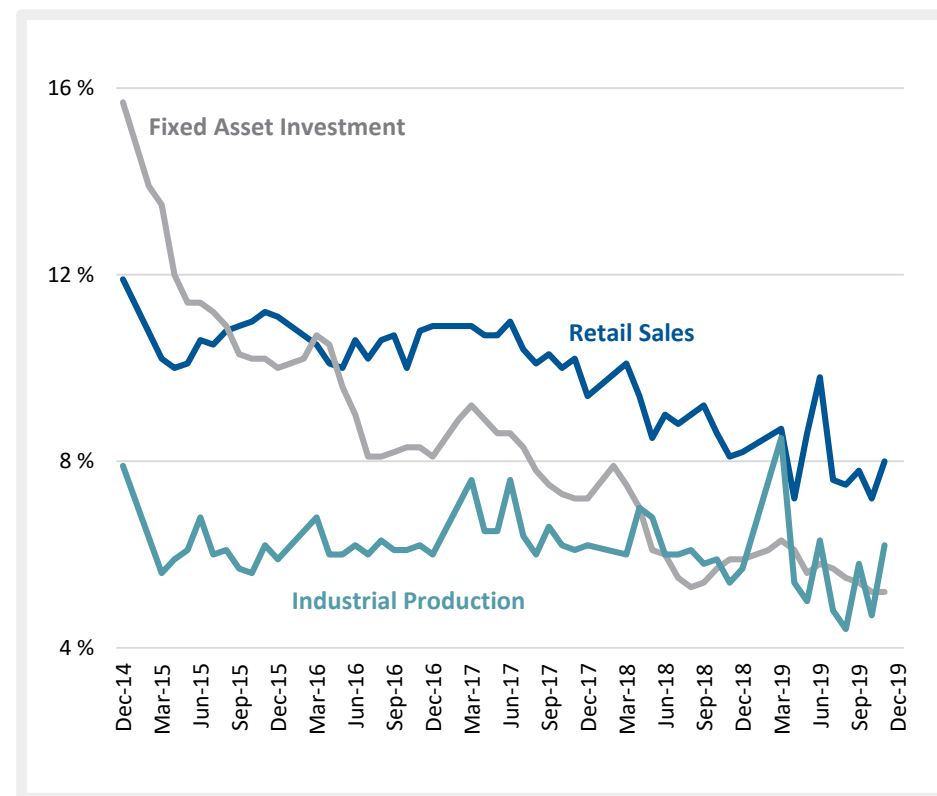
## China's Managed Slowdown

- ▶ China's slowdown has been significant throughout the last decade, but the deceleration in growth gathered pace throughout 2018 and 2019.
- ▶ More recently, several indicators hint at the possibility of a bottoming out of China's economy.

### Real GDP Growth Rate (China)



### Chinese Economic Indicators, Growth Rates

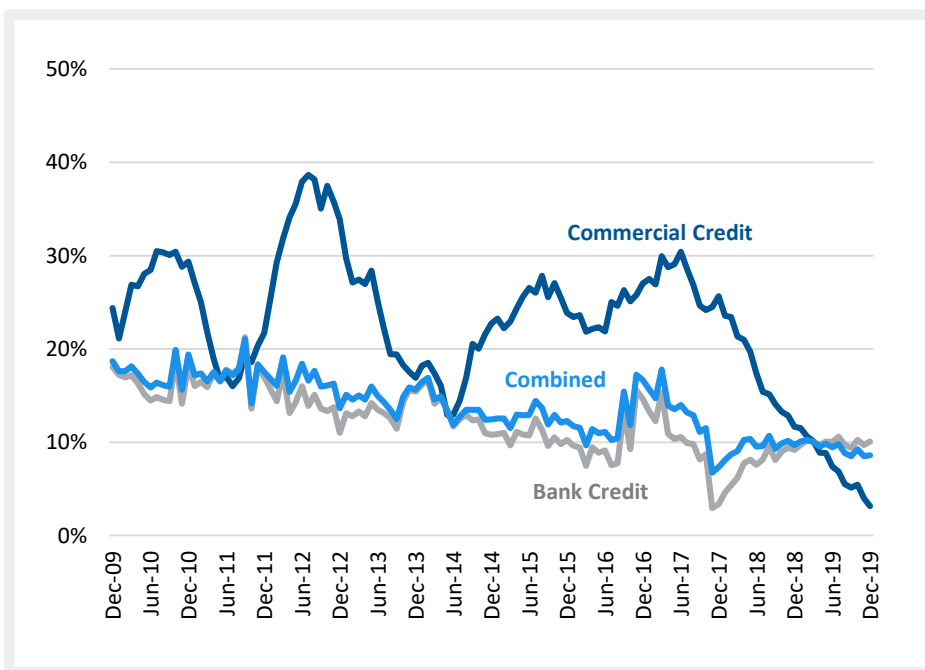


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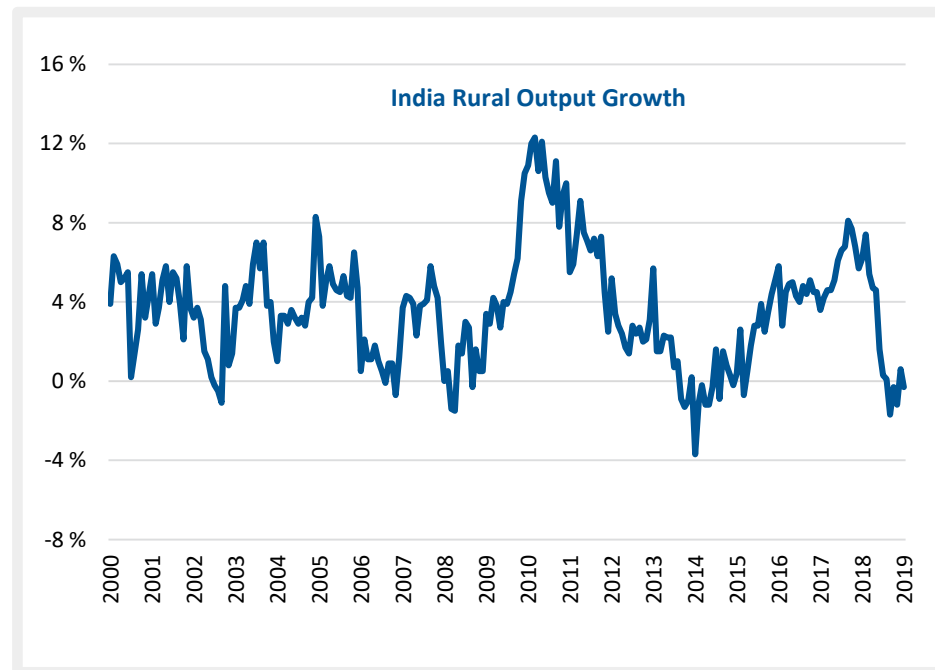
## India- Bottoming Out?

- ▶ The slowdown in the Indian economy's year-over-year growth rate from 2018 (8%) to the current growth rate (4.5%) is even more dramatic.
- ▶ The Indian economy is in the grip of a credit squeeze, with a meltdown in the asset quality of lenders. It may take a few more quarters before bottoming out.
- ▶ However, the significant corporate tax cuts kick in this year, the continued GST Reforms and its adaptation by the broader economy, and the government's renewed infrastructure push should be positive for Indian equities ahead.

## India's Big Credit Squeeze



## Turnaround Ahead?





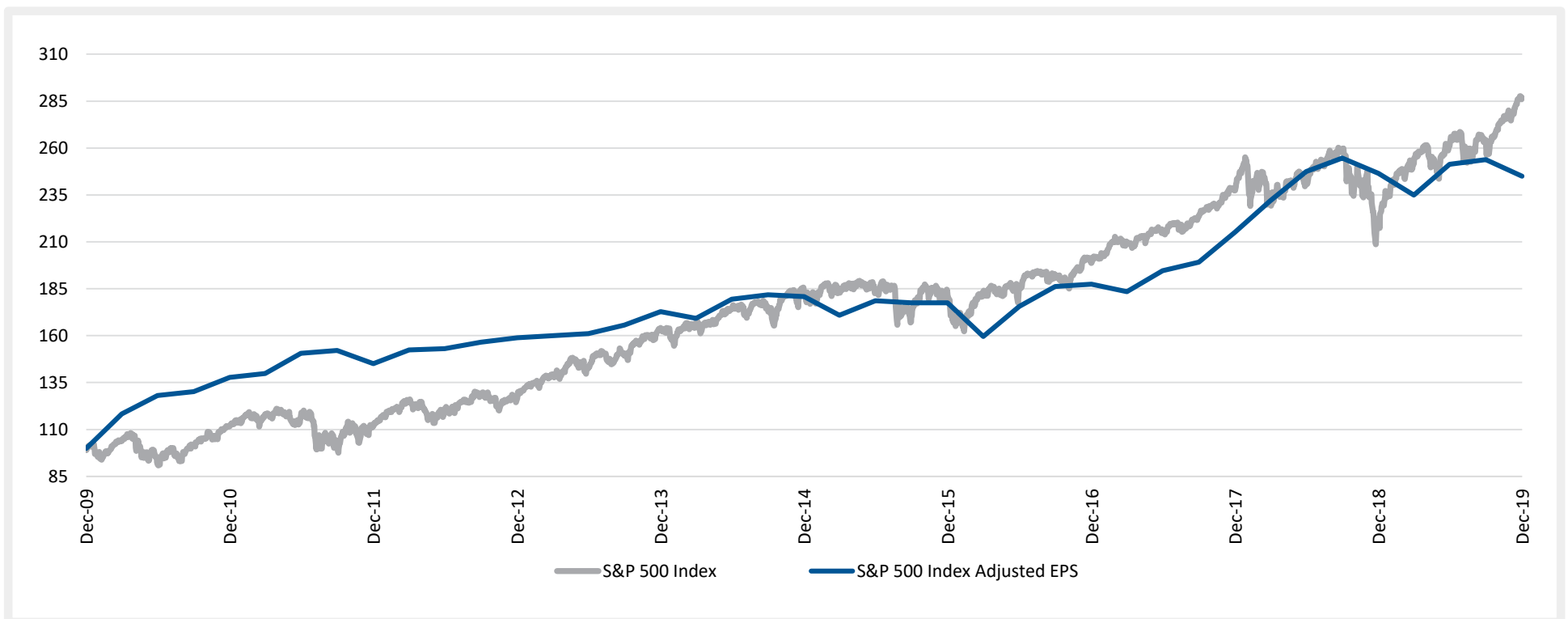
# US Equity Outlook

## Consensus Convergence



- ▶ *The convergence in the views of market experts on US Equities outlook should make one nervous.*
- ▶ Historic data supports the call for a healthy upside for the S&P 500 Index following a strong year finishing with a strong quarter.
- ▶ This would be a constructive environment for EM Equities.

### S&P 500 EPS Kept Pace with the Index (Until Recently)



## US Slowdown

- ▶ The recession scares, predicted by a yield curve inversion in the summer of 2019, have died off with subsequent yield curve steepening. However, the US economy is clearly slowing. The US is still expected to post a healthy 2% growth in 2020. Earnings slowdown is perceptible, with the corporate tax cuts in the rearview mirror. The market is likely to see some renewed volatility in 2020 with fresh US recession scares.

## Trade War

- ▶ Disappointment in the pace of progress in US-China trade deal negotiations through and beyond Phase I, may impact business and consumer sentiment.

## US Politics

- ▶ Increasingly important would be the developments on the Presidential impeachment front and the US Election outcome polls.

## Global Geopolitical Concerns

- ▶ Geopolitical risks remain active with defiant Iran and North Korea, and tensions in Hong Kong persist.

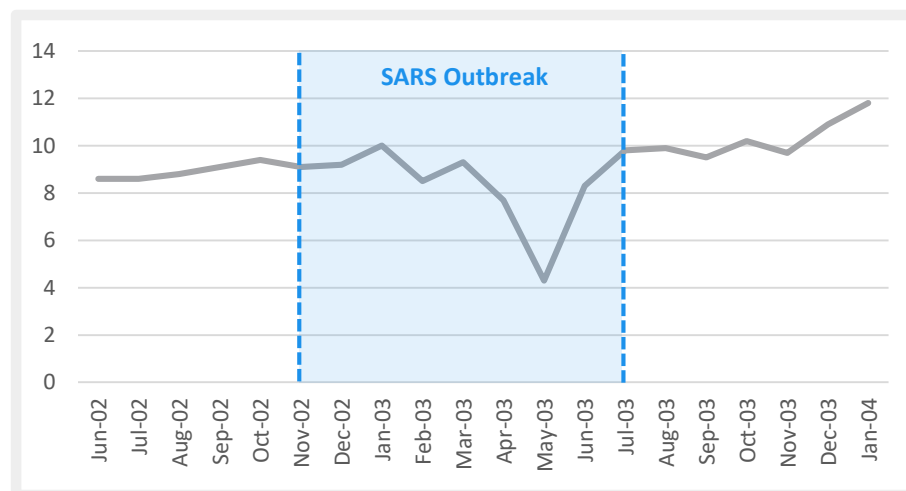
## Oil

- ▶ The last quarter of 2019 also saw a firming up of crude oil prices. That is particularly a concern for crude-importing EM Asia. Nonetheless, amid a global slowdown, EM Asia would stand out with its bottoming out of growth slowdown and with its still relatively attractive absolute levels of growth.

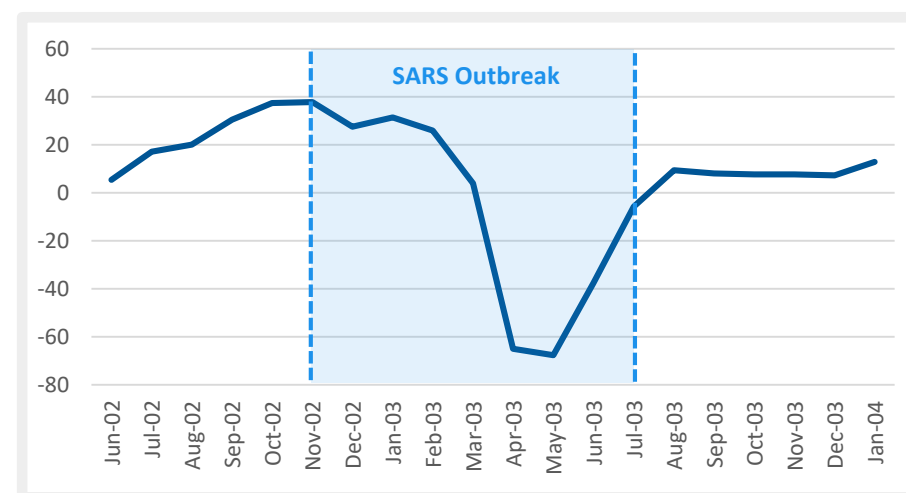
# Putting the Recent Outbreak in Context

- ▶ The first case of the Wuhan Coronavirus was diagnosed on December 30, 2019. As of January 28th, 2020, more than 5900 cases of the infection have been confirmed and more than 132 people have died, and the situation is officially acknowledged as “grave” by China, with the number of incidences and fatalities rising. Travel restrictions have been imposed on more than 50 million people within China, besides quarantining the Wuhan area population, and several countries have issued travel warnings to China. Parallels are being drawn with the 2003 SARS epidemic. The WHO and scientists have noted that the 2019-nCov is “clinically milder” virus than the SARS virus.
- ▶ The SARS outbreak infected over 8,000 and killed nearly 800 people globally. SARS briefly, but severely impacted the Chinese economy. China’s 2Q03 GDP growth at -4% QoQ /+9% YoY was a sharp slowdown from 1Q03’s GDP growth of +12% QoQ /+11% YoY. During that period China travel volumes decreased by 50% YoY. However, it is important to note that six months following the first news of the SARS outbreak, economic activity recovered sharply as the number of new SARS incidences subsided.
- ▶ We are monitoring the current situation closely as it evolves. It is too early to evaluate impact on growth, earnings, etc. While we can learn from the 2003 SARS outbreak experience, we note that better monitoring and surveillance technology, increased general awareness through social media, and more advanced medical science should help contain outbreaks better than what we had nearly 20yrs ago. Looking beyond a few quarters, we would expect normalcy to resume with an initial sharp recovery on the back of pent up demand. The Chinese government has been more proactive in addressing the issue than in 2003, in our view. While this might ultimately better contain the spread of the disease, it may also severely impact the economy in the near term.

## China Retail Sales (% Change YoY)



## Hong Kong Visitor Arrivals (% Change YoY)



## In Search of Growth Resilience

- ▶ The US economy is slowing, and we hope as investors seek resilient growth, the domestic demand-focused sectors, particularly in EM Asia will stand out.
- ▶ China, Philippines, and Indonesia are markets where we see pockets of value.
- ▶ Among the sectors that underperformed last year – Healthcare, Financials, and Utilities offer value.
- ▶ On the other hand, the Technology and Consumer discretionary sectors appear rich in valuation, but there would still be ample bottom-up stock-picking opportunities.
- ▶ Overall, we are betting on an outperformance of EM Equities over US Equities, and a cautious fundamental research-driven bottom-up approach remains key for investment in EM equities, in our view.

## Despite some slowing, EM Asia continues to grow faster.

| Real GDP Growth (Annual percent change)  | 2012-2016 Average | 2017 | 2018 | 2019F | 2020F | 2021F |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Advanced economies                       | 1.7               | 2.5  | 2.3  | 1.7   | 1.7   | 1.6   |
| Emerging market and developing economies | 4.8               | 4.8  | 4.5  | 3.9   | 4.6   | 4.8   |
| World                                    | 3.5               | 3.8  | 3.6  | 3.0   | 3.4   | 3.6   |

### ADVANCED ECONOMIES

|                |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| United States  | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| European Union | 1.3 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 |

### EMERGING/FRONTIER AMERICAS

|           |      |     |      |      |      |     |
|-----------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|
| Argentina | -0.1 | 2.7 | -2.5 | -3.1 | -1.3 | 1.4 |
| Brazil    | -0.3 | 1.1 | 1.1  | 0.9  | 2.0  | 2.4 |
| Mexico    | 2.8  | 2.1 | 2.0  | 0.4  | 1.3  | 1.9 |

### EMERGING ASIA

|             |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| China       | 7.3 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| India       | 7.1 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 7.4 |
| Indonesia   | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| Korea       | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.7 |
| Malaysia    | 5.1 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.9 |
| Philippines | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 6.4 |
| Thailand    | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.5 |

### EMERGING/FRONTIER AFRICA

|              |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nigeria      | 3.4 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| South Africa | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.4 |

### EMERGING EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

|              |     |      |     |     |     |     |
|--------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Russia       | 0.8 | 1.6  | 2.3 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 2.0 |
| Saudi Arabia | 3.5 | -0.7 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Turkey       | 5.5 | 7.5  | 2.8 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 3.0 |



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