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The Outlook of China's Financial System

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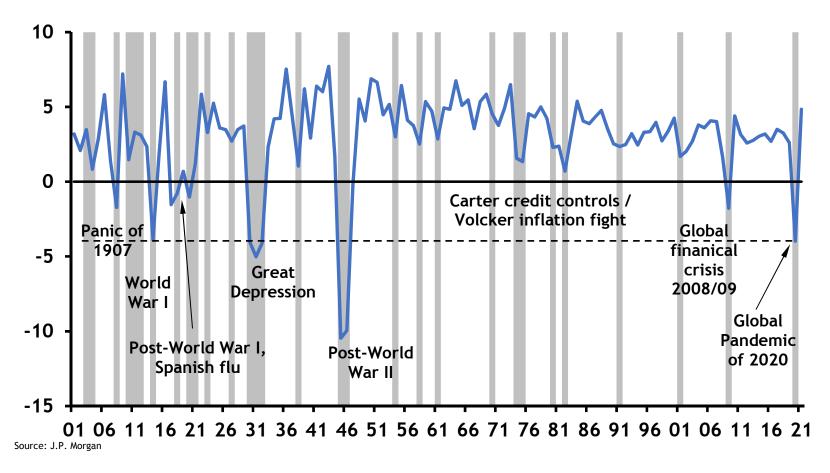
- China's role in global economy
- China's role in global financial market

COVID-19: an unprecedented economic shutdown

Deepest, and also shortest economic contraction since WWII

Global real GDP: The eight global recessions over the past century

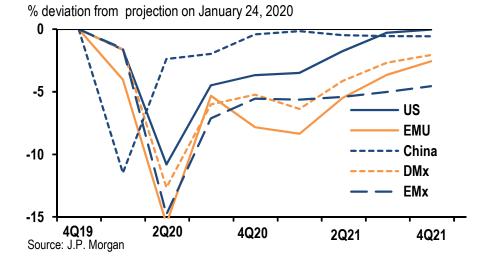
%yoy; US recession bars shown in grey (2020-21 forecast)



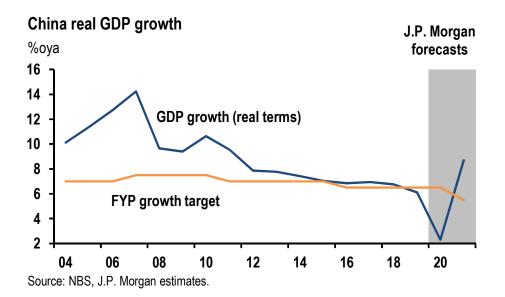
Recovery path: China vs. Global

China's V-shape recovery

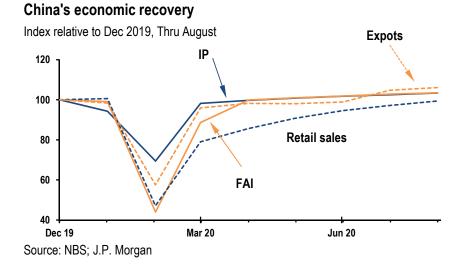
Real GDP, COVID-19 impact



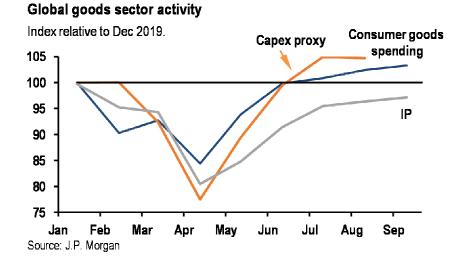
Positive outlook on China's growth in 2021



China: Production ahead of consumption

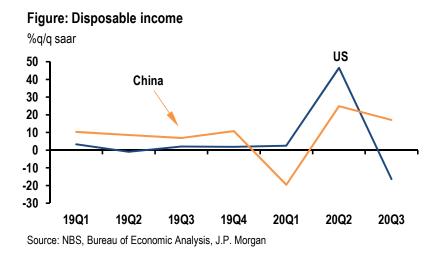


Global: IP lagged behind consumption

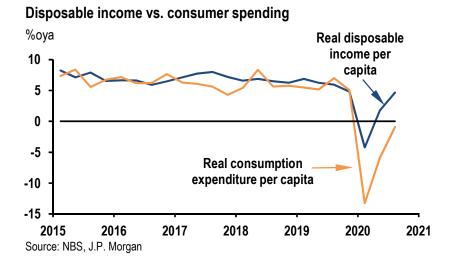


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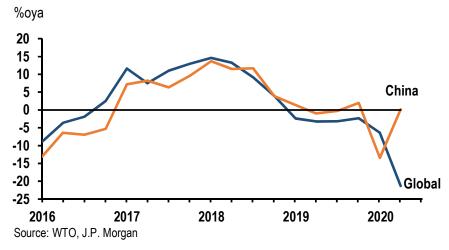
Policy stimulus has different focus



Higher savings during pandemic shock

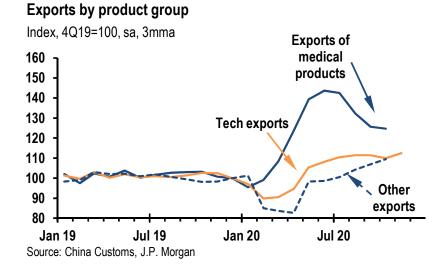


Unexpected resilience in China's exports



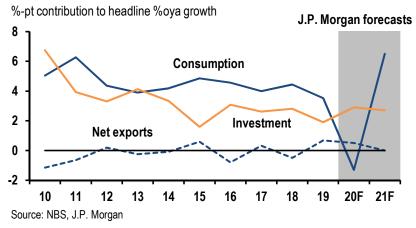
Merchandise goods exports growth

Exports led by medical supplies and electronics



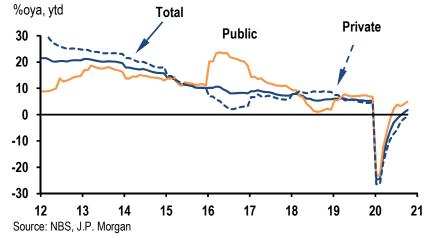
2021 Outlook

Rotation from investment to consumption



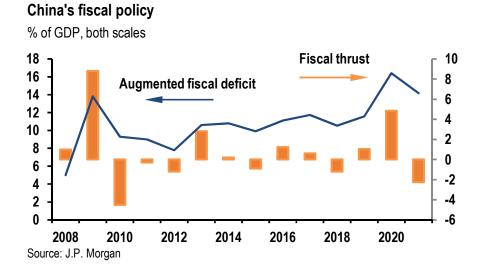
Contribution to headline GDP growth

Rotation from public to private investment

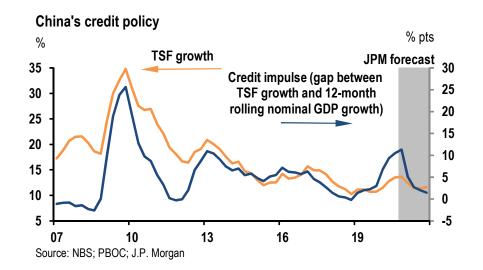


FAI growth: Public vs private sectors

Fiscal consolidation: fiscal drag 2.7% of GDP



TSF growth will slow down by ~2%pts

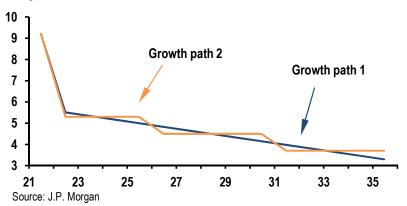


China's Five Year Plan and long-term development

Double GDP by 2035

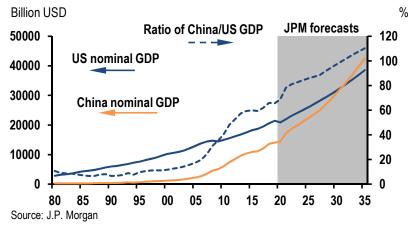
How can China double GDP by 2035?

%, growth rate



When can China catch up with the US?

China's catch-up with the US



Dual-circulation theory and implementation

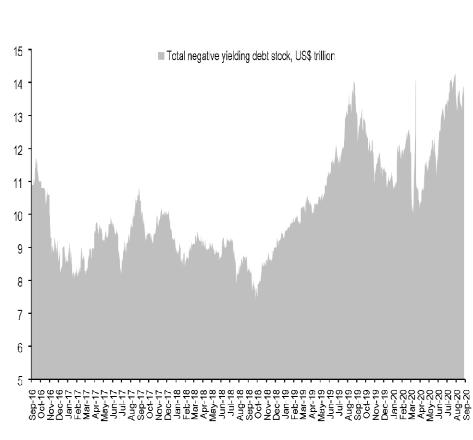
- Boost consumption / consumption upgrade: new urbanization; reduce income inequality; social safety net; common prosperity
- Digitalization of the economy
- Technology innovations and upgrade
- Green development

China's path to catch up with the US

- China: Double real GDP by 2035; GDP deflator 3%
- US: Nominal GDP growth 4%
- USD/CNY 7.10 in long run
- China will match the US around 2030

Global financial market

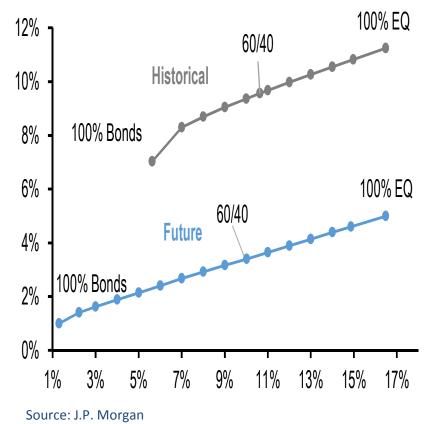
Total negative yielding debt stock



Source: J.P. Morgan (as of 9th September 2020)

Classic 60/40 asset allocation will only earn 3.0-3.5% annually; shift to 80/20

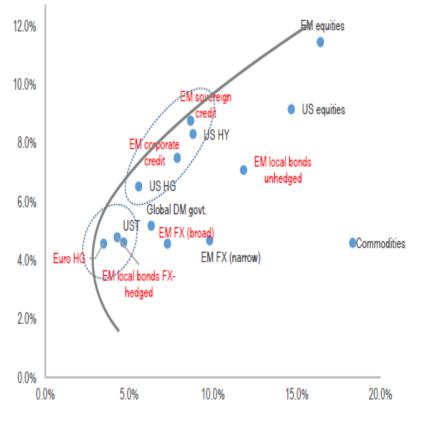
%, annual, 1983-2019, except for end-points, intermediate points have 10% allocation to any asset class



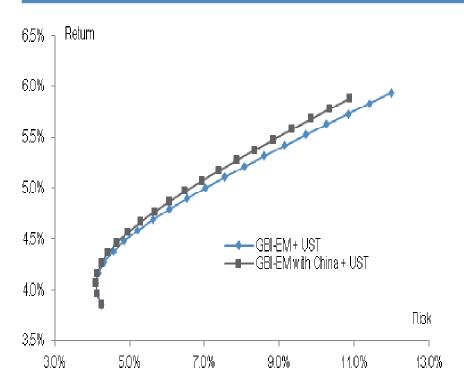
Global financial market

EM bonds have high Sharpe ratios, EM local bonds FX-hedged and EM credit comparing well within same asset classes

x-axis: Average annual volatility (%), y-axis: Average annual return (%), both since 2003



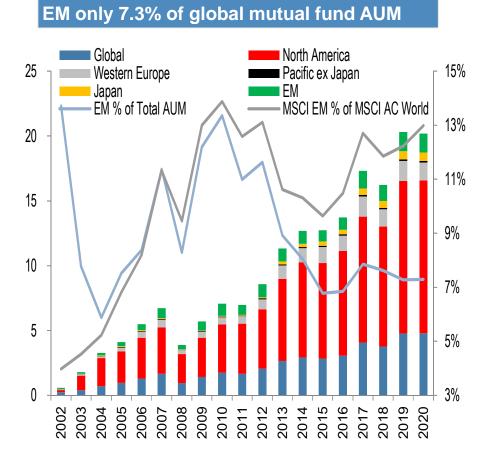
Adding China bonds to GBI-EM would have improved efficiency frontier of a UST+EM bond portfolio over the past decade



Source: A Guide to China's Local Market

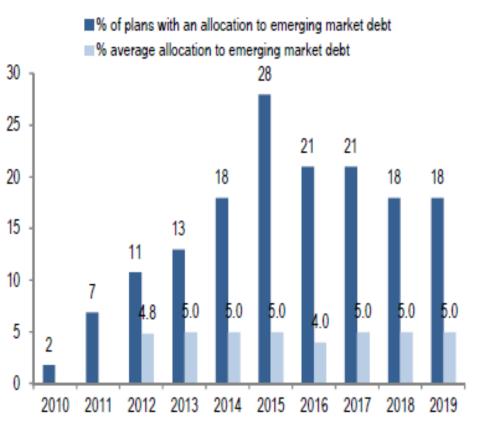
Source: J.P. Morgan

EM assets under-owned in global asset allocations



Source: EPFR Global, MSCI, Datastream, J.P. Morgan. Note: Left axis: AUM in \$trn; Right axis: EM share of total AUM/MSCI AC World. Data as of end October 2020.

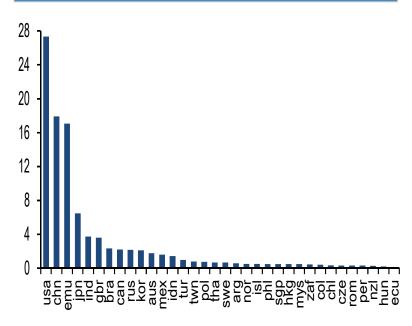
Allocations to EM debt stable around 5%



Source: J.P. Morgan, Mercer European Asset Allocation surveys

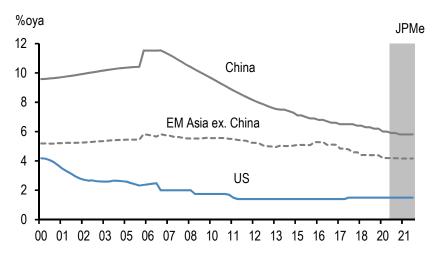
China's role in global financial market

China has surpassed EU to become second largest economy in the world



Source: J.P. Morgan.

Potential growth



Source: J.P. Morgan estimates

Contribution to global GDP growth: China vs. US

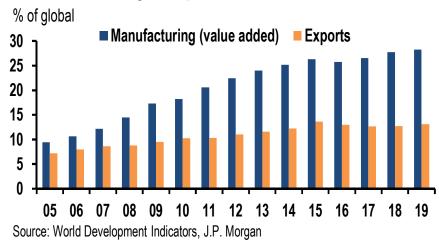


EM growth now more dependent on China



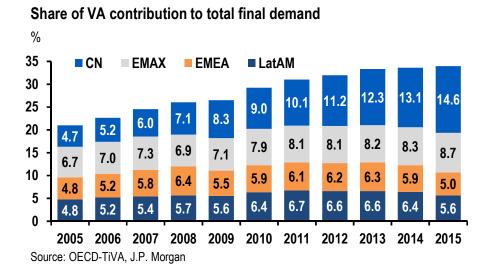
China's role in global economy

World manufacturer and exporter



China manufacturing vs. exports

A global hub in value-added chain



Market capitalization of China's capital market



Bond market



Attractiveness of China assets

China equity performed well in 2020

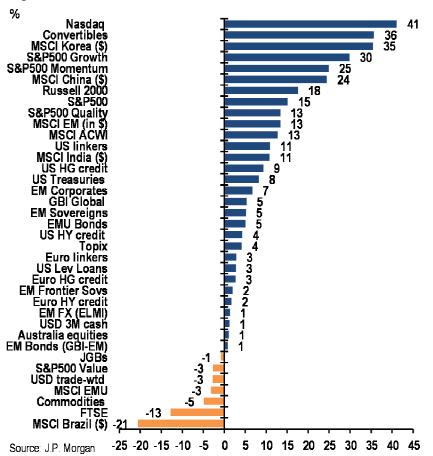
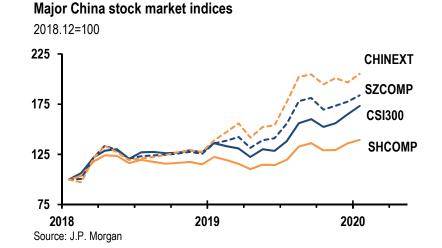
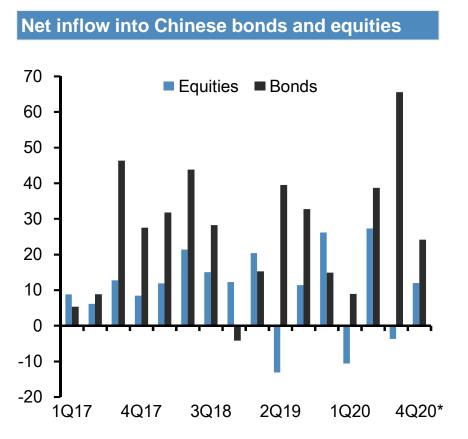


Figure 1: Year-to-date returns

Bull market in past two years

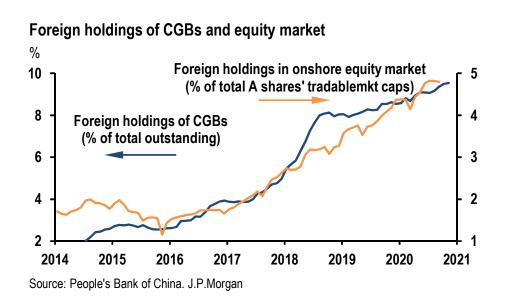


Inclusion of China in global indices will generate \$150-200bn of rebalancing flows



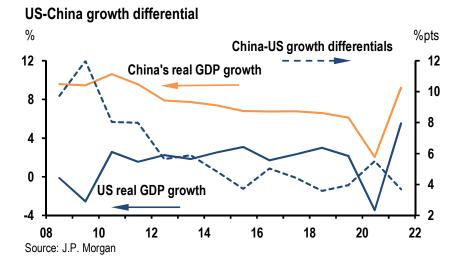
* 3Q and 4Q proxied by Stock and Bond Connect flows, with 4Q data projected for the full quarter based on available data. Source: PBOC, HKEX, CCDC, SHCH, J.P. Morgan

Foreign holding in onshore equity / bond markets

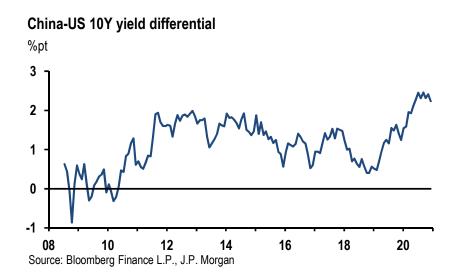


Attractiveness of China assets

US-China growth differentials

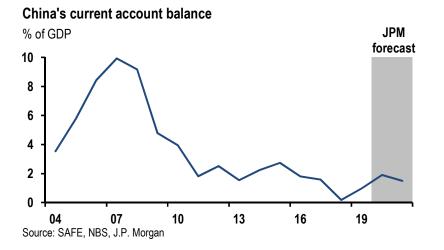


US-China interest rate differentials

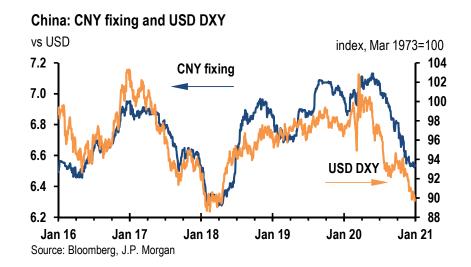


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China's current account surplus

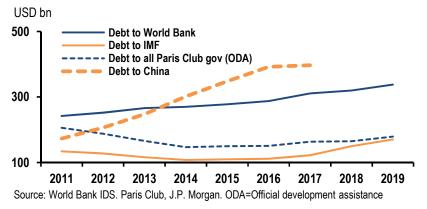


CNY appreciation

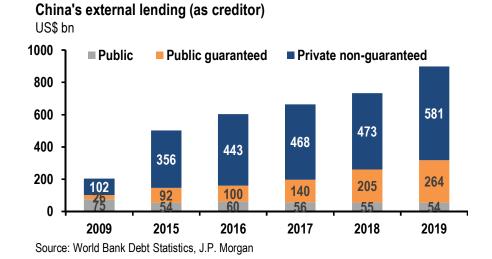


China as the largest creditor to EM

External public debt owed to different official creditors to developing countries



China's external lending



Conclusion

- China has surpassed EU to become the second largest economy in the world; China will catch up with the US around 2030 to become the largest economy in the world; China has also become an independent growth engine for the global economy
- Financial reform and financial openness are policy priorities, as a key element in China's structural reform
- China and EM provide a valuable asset class in a zero-yield world
- China's inclusion in global equity and bond indices givens an efficient alternative for global investors
- The notable bond inflow into China 2020 is just a beginning, not an end.
- China has also become a global creditor and an active participant in international financial architecture

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