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QUARTERLY MARKET UPDATE

- Borrowing from the future!



PROCESS

- Part 1: Macro Environment: Central Banks (monetary) and Government (fiscal)
- Part 2: Underlying Economic Environment and outlook
- Part 3: Market (asset class) Valuation and outlook

CB AND GOVT ACTIVITY: STIMULUS, AS GOOD AS IT GETS?

- After Unprecedented easing (fiscal and monetary) - will this year see a tightening of conditions? (which could just be *less* easing). China has already started. This will be the main driver of markets over the short to medium term (1-3 years).
- Because of the above; the world is awash with cash – which has been the real driver of financial markets (more and more money created chasing assets) – what will change this and when?
- Rates at the short end are anchored at near or below zero – long end has recently risen (curve steepening, indicating confidence in the recovery and potentially inflation coming).
- Helicopter money: Ending here soon: another huge US stimulus programme expected soon. Again, will all this money overheat the economy and eventually lead to inflation? And if so when? - there are many examples of speculative bubbles forming now (dodgecoin!)

KEY QUESTION FOR INVESTORS: Should I chase markets here, with elevated valuations, when QE is about to fade?

GLOBAL ECONOMY: V SHAPED RECOVERY

1/ Short Term: we are seeing another bout of covid related weakness (further lockdowns in Northern Hemisphere: US, Europe and now China but for the time being markets are happy to look through it: the Consensus view is that at some point this year (via vaccination or herd immunity.. outside Oz) the world will return to some form of normality and the economic recovery will continue.

2/ Global Economies saw a V Shaped recovery in the second half of 2020

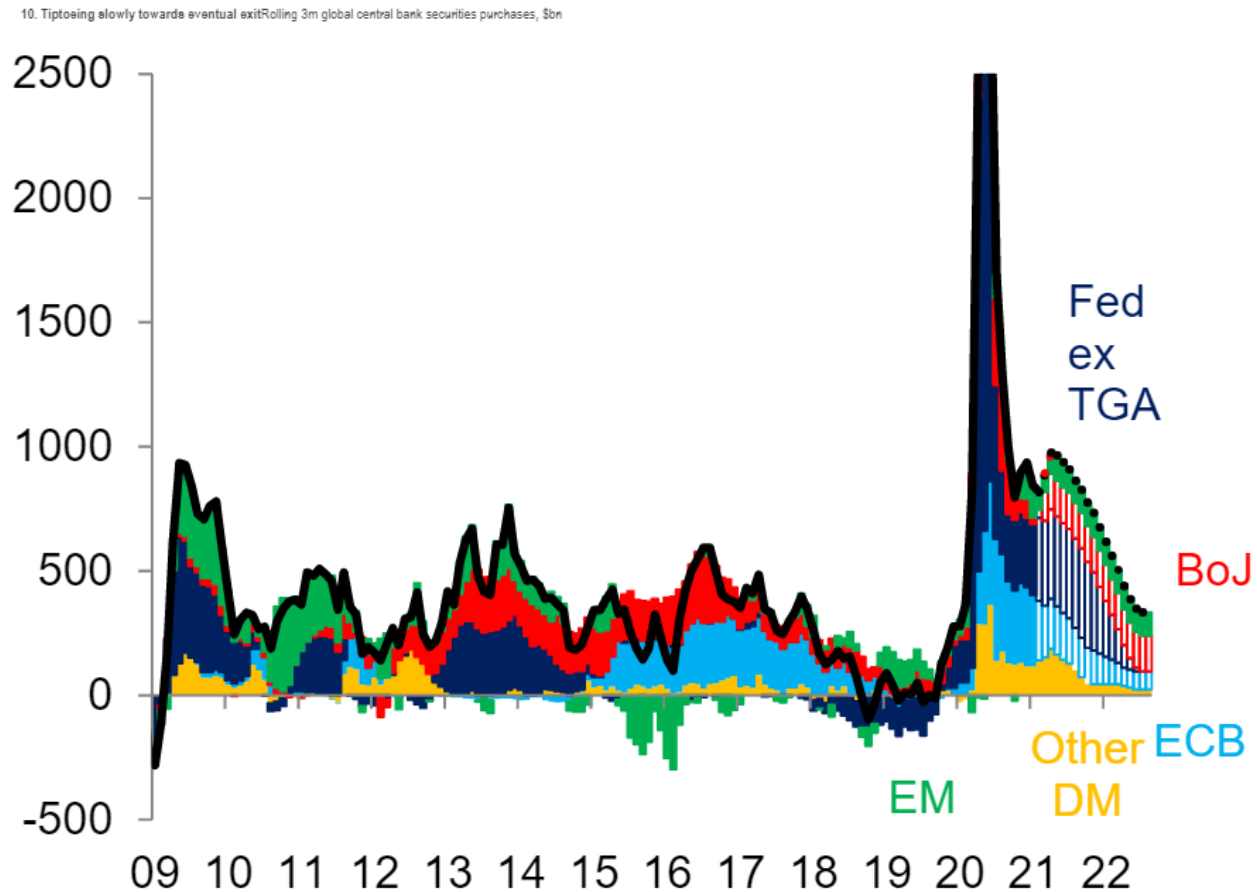
Consumer Spending (thanks to stimulus) has been strong

Property markets have taken off again (prices and building/starts).

3/ Savings rates (both business and personal) are extremely elevated, indicating pent up demand which should see growth continue to rebound as emergency stimulus fades.

CENTRAL BANK ACTIVITY: AS GOOD AS IT GETS?

Rolling 3 month global central bank security purchases - \$bn

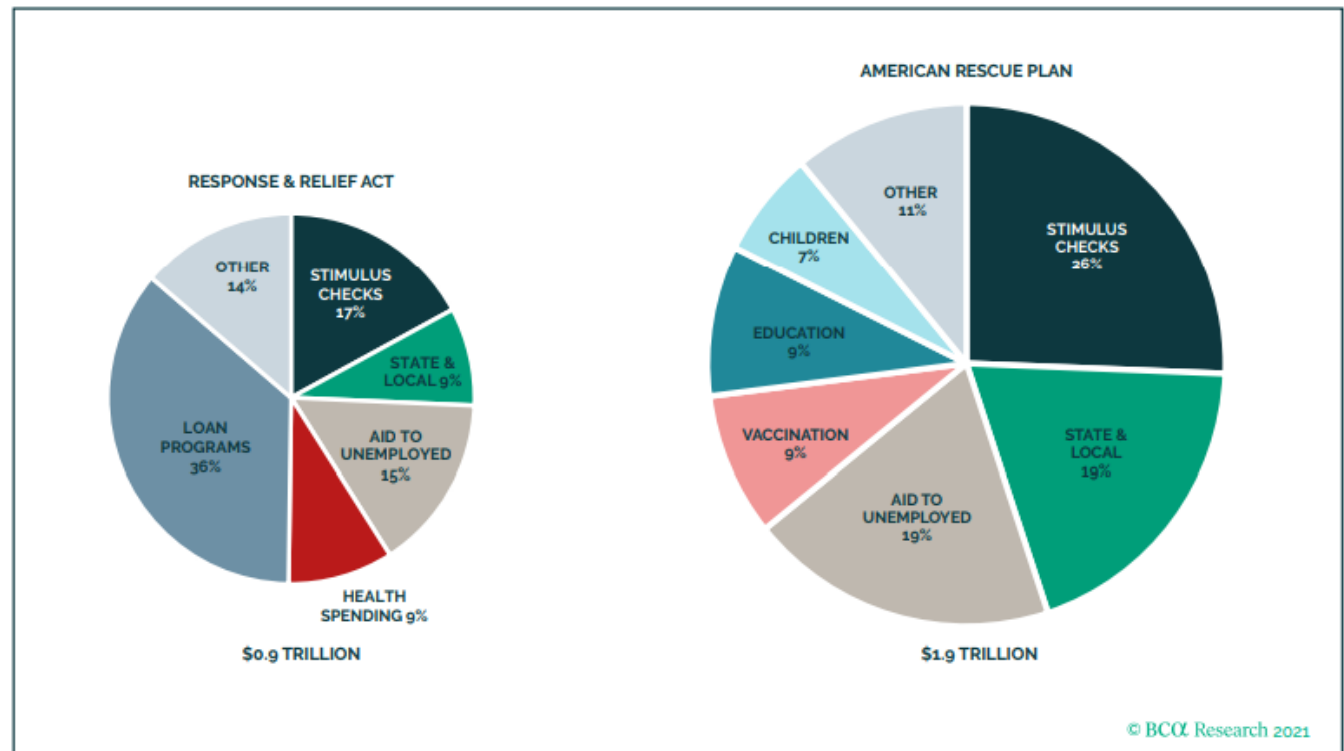


Source: Citi Research, national central banks.

GOVERNMENT (FISCAL)ACTIVITY: WHO WANTS SOME MONEY?

There is enough stimulus in the pipeline to close the US output gap the question is how long this will take (how long until the economy overheats = inflation, and how long will the fed and or markets tolerate higher inflation?)

Stimulus Package Breakdowns

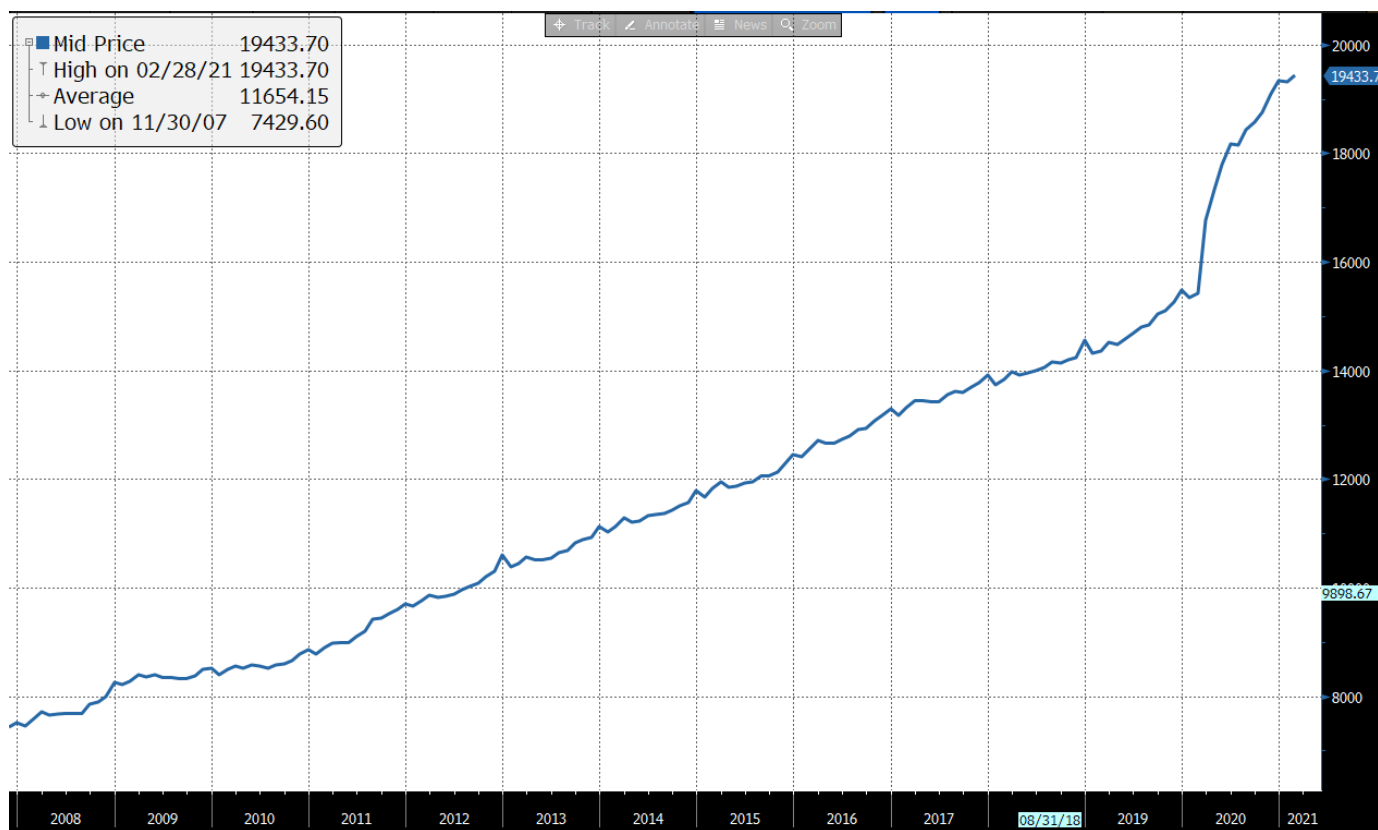


These 2 would equate to **13%** of GDP on top of the lagged stimulus effect from last year.

NOTE: THE RESPONSE AND RELIEF ACT WAS ADOPTED BY CONGRESS ON DECEMBER 21ST AND SIGNED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP ON DECEMBER 27TH, 2020. THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN WAS UNVEILED BY PRESIDENT BIDEN ON JANUARY 14TH, 2021, BEFORE HE WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE.
SOURCE: COMMITTEE FOR A RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL BUDGET.

MONEY SUPPLY (M2 US) : WHAT CONSEQUENCES?

US money supply has increased some 25% since the start of Covid, which is essentially 25% more than nominal GDP, so we've had a 25% increase in liquidity! (vs 7% during the GFC). **Could inflation hit 4%-5% in 2 years?**



MONEY SUPPLY (M2 CHINA) :

Chinese yoy growth in Money supply shows a much smaller, more targeted response that is now being reigned in again.



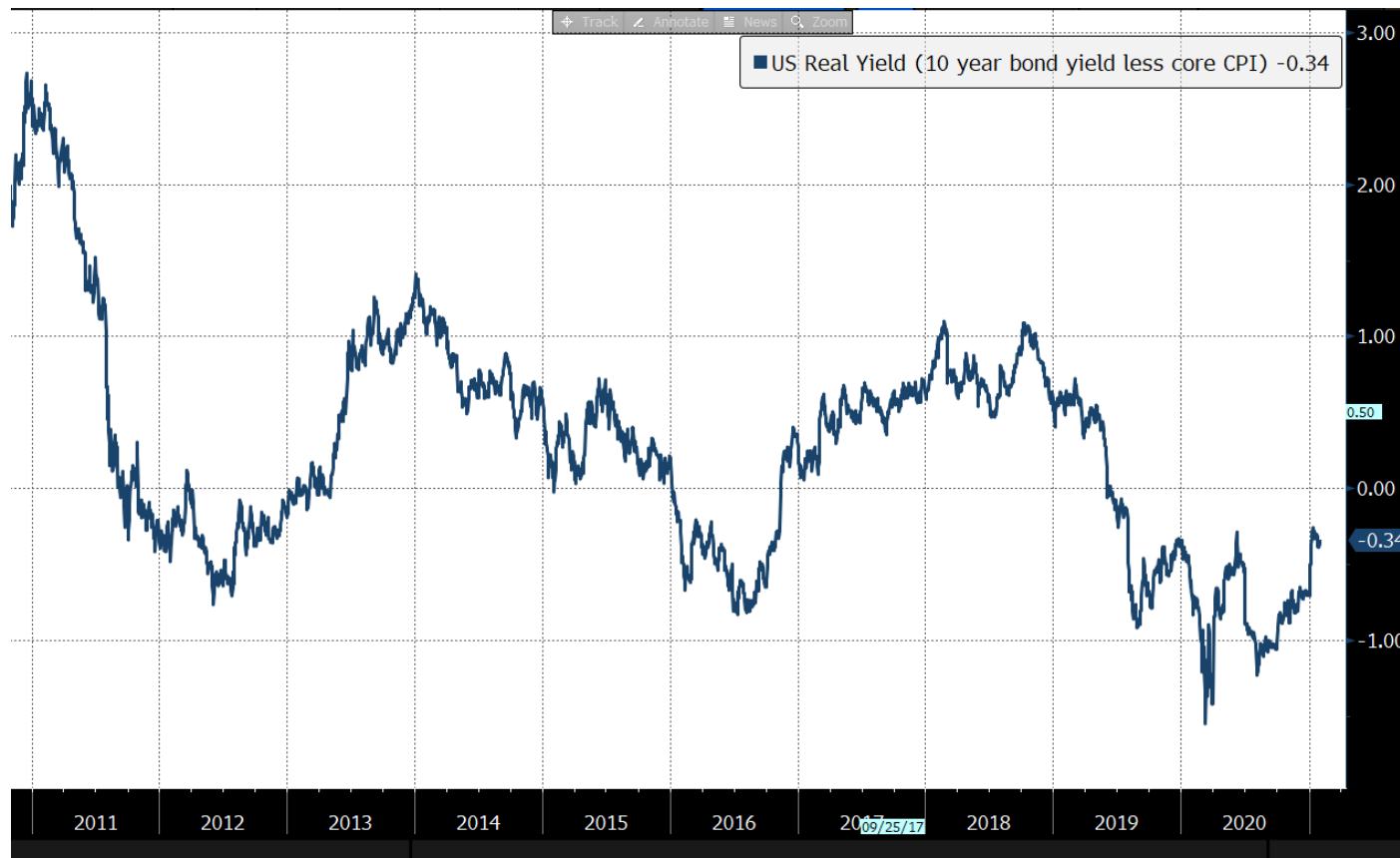
AT WHAT RISK FREE RATE DO WE SEE MONEY WITHDRAWN FROM GROWTH ASSETS?

Fed Funds rate and US 10 year Bond Yield: Short end anchored at zero (out to 3 years) but long is end pushing up.



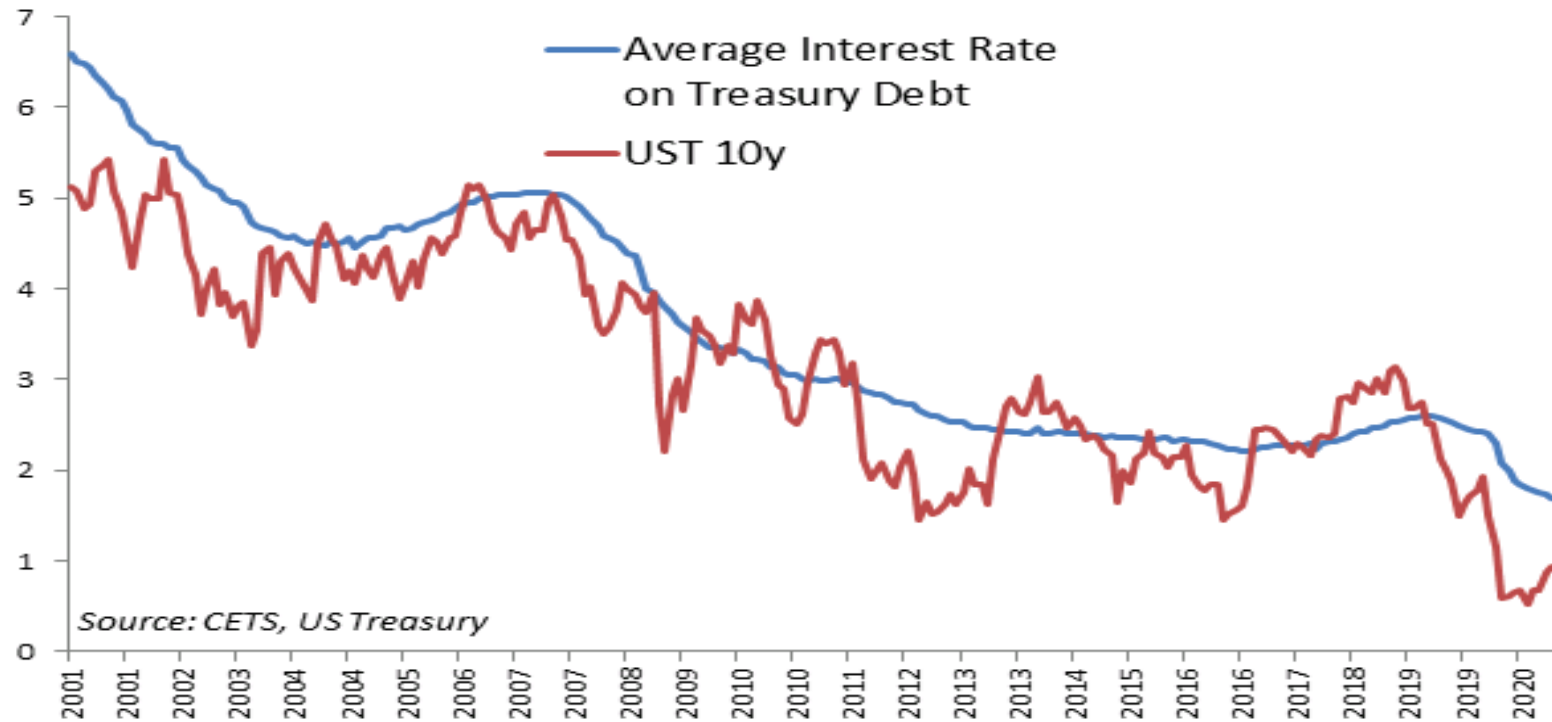
2011: BREAKDOWN OF MARKET FUNDAMENTALS (REAL YIELDS ARE BEST INDICATION OF MONEY FLOW – IS 1% THE BREAKING POINT? 2013 & 2018)

Real yields are a good indicator of money flows: since 2013, when real yields have been very low, (like now at -1.5%, then money flows into bond and equity markets). But, it is taking increasingly lower yields to keep money invested. If yields turned positive we would likely see large outflows – what would happen with say a 50 bps move?



AT WHAT RISK FREE RATE DO WE SEE MONEY WITHDRAWN FROM GROWTH ASSETS? 1.75%

The last 2 times the 10 year bond yield pushed above the average cost on Treasury Debt – we saw a sharp market sell off



IS THIS A PROBLEM FOR 2021 OR CAN WE FORGET ABOUT IT UNTIL 2022?

Inflation will be the key :

As long as bond yields move higher in conjunction with improving growth expectations, stocks should remain supported.

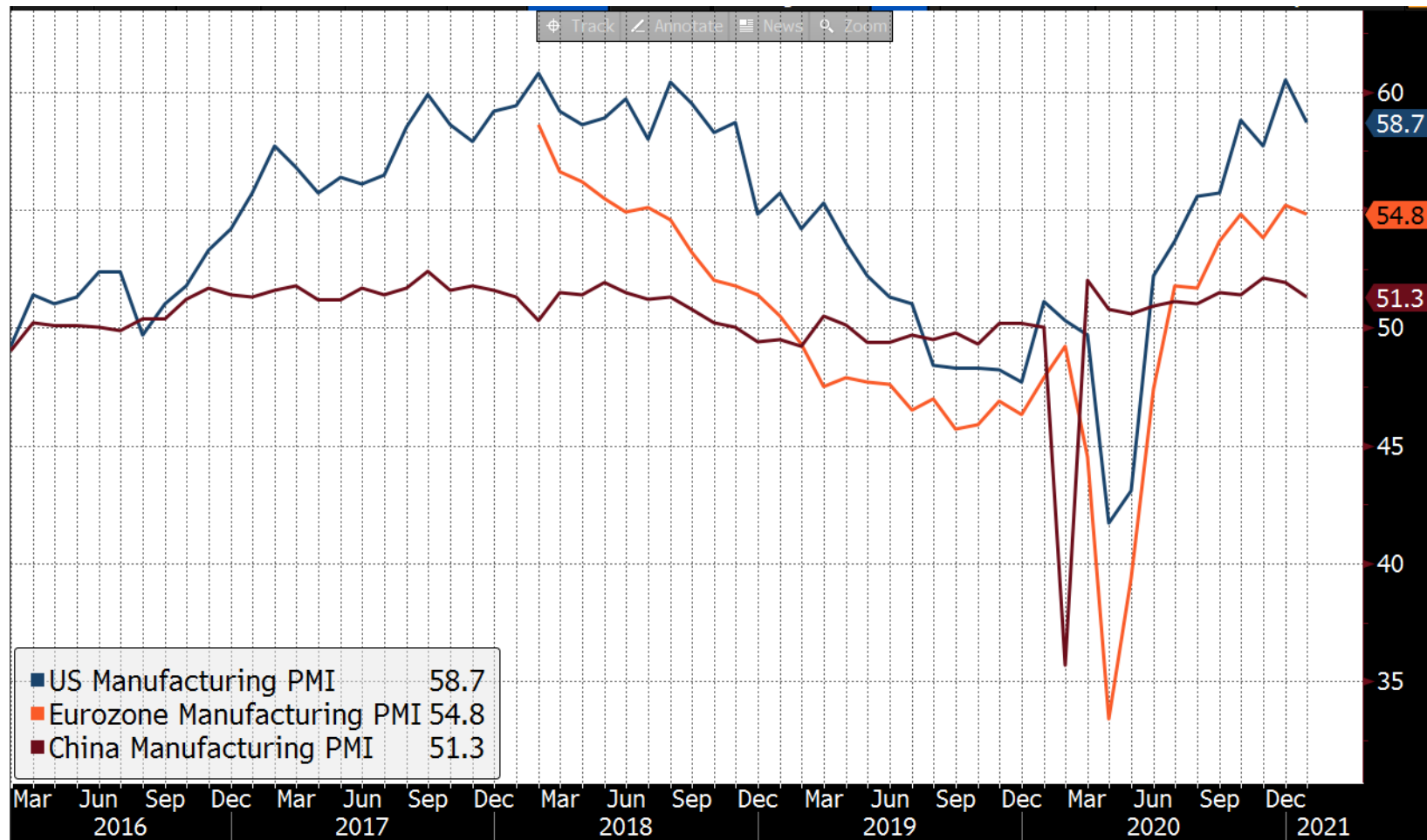
The bull market in equities will only end when the Fed starts to sound more hawkish and this would be as a result of inflation breaking out.

Markets (as they are now) will price this well ahead of any Fed moves.

And given current pricing, markets will be very sensitive to an increase in the discount rate/risk free rate (particularly growth sectors).

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT: V PLUS

Doesn't matter what data we look at, there was a clear V Shaped recovery in H2 2020.

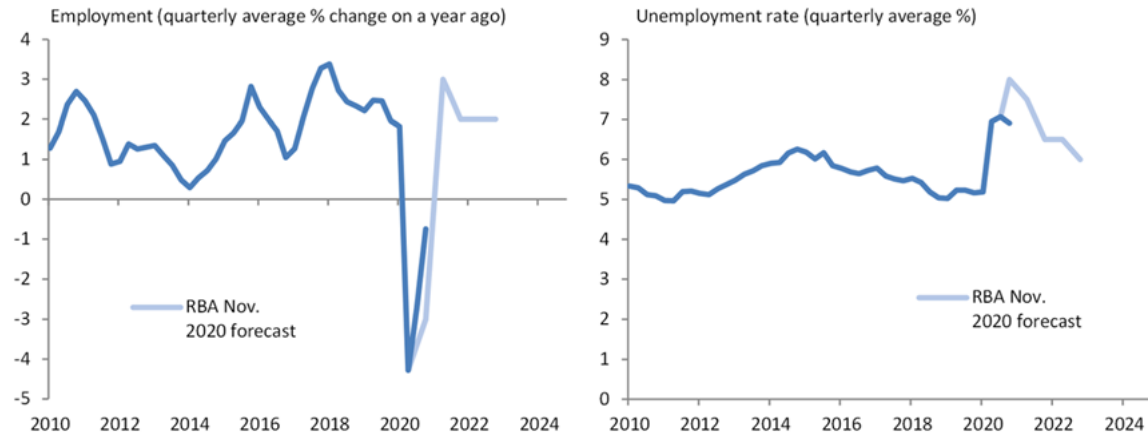


AUS ECONOMY HAS REBOUNDED STRONGLY:

- GDP looks like coming in around -2.7% in 2020 with a rebound of probably close to 4% this year – activity looks like reaching the pre-covid level in Q3 this year

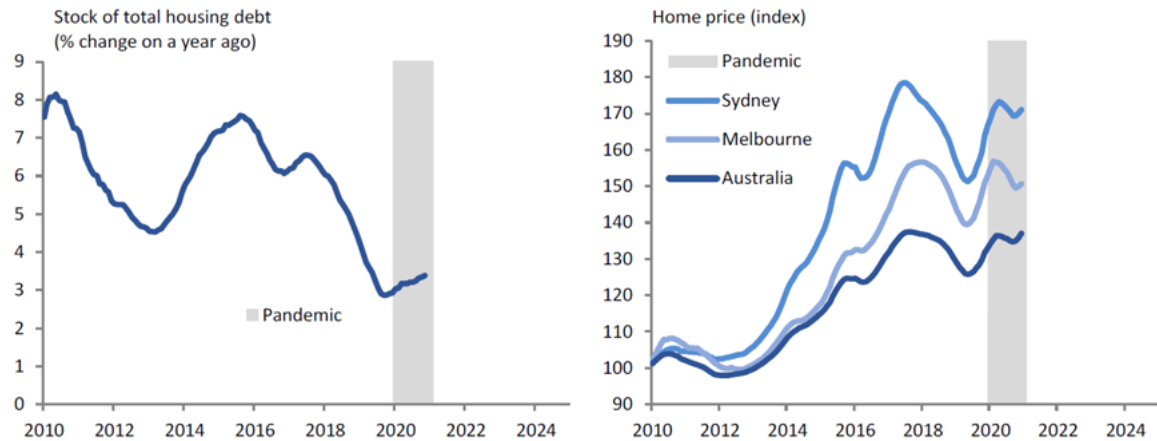


Figure 1: The labour market has recovered more quickly and more strongly than expected by the RBA in November



Note: The RBA forecasts are for Q4 2020, Q2 and Q4 2021, and Q2 and Q4 2022. Forecasts were interpolated for Q1 and Q3 in 2021 and 2022.

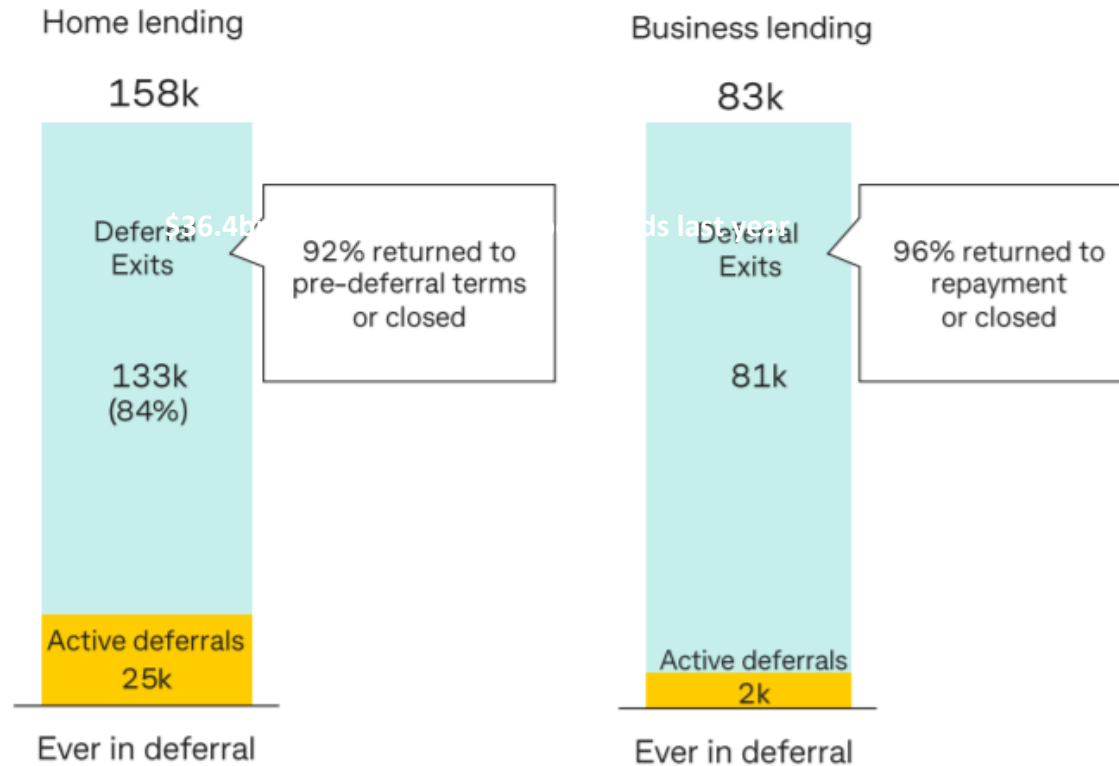
Figure 3: Financial stability is a non-issue at present



AUS ECONOMY HAS REBOUNDED STRONGLY:

- CBA deferred loans down from \$51bn in June to \$9bn now. Low interest rate is giving consumers a cash boost – plus Jobkeeper and Business grants plus \$36.4bn withdrawn from Super last year

Repayment deferrals¹



MARKETS: BORROWING FROM THE FUTURE

- Markets are now pricing: 1/ Strong Economic and Earnings Recovery
2/ More Fiscal Stimulus
3/ Rates at zero *forever*
- This feels a lot like 2018 (US Market) and also the start of last year (but hopefully we have a lot less excitement in 2021!).
- ***We now worry that investors have become complacent again and worry more about market rallies than pull backs.***
- Global Central Bank activity is creating shorter sharper cycles – will this be the shortest and sharpest ever?
- **Where alpha generation in 2020 was largely about buying the dislocation, the environment ahead will again require discipline to fade the rallies. You can't buy the dislocations without cash.** Having said that, the huge cash pool should see sell-offs bought aggressively in the short term.

MARKETS: SIGNS OF SPECULATION HAVE POPPED UP IN MULTIPLE PLACES

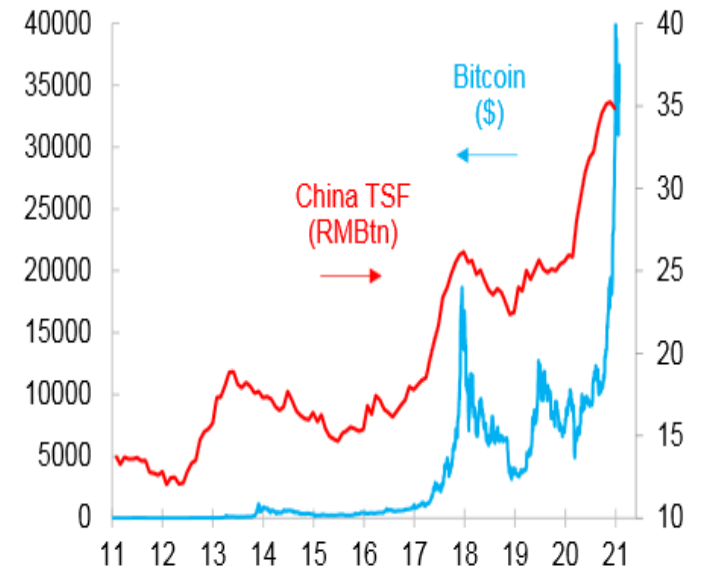
1/ Gamestop (Reddit/Robinhood), Bitcoin/Dogecoin, some Tech (Tesla?)

Figure 2. The less the earnings, the higher the price?
GS non-profitable tech index



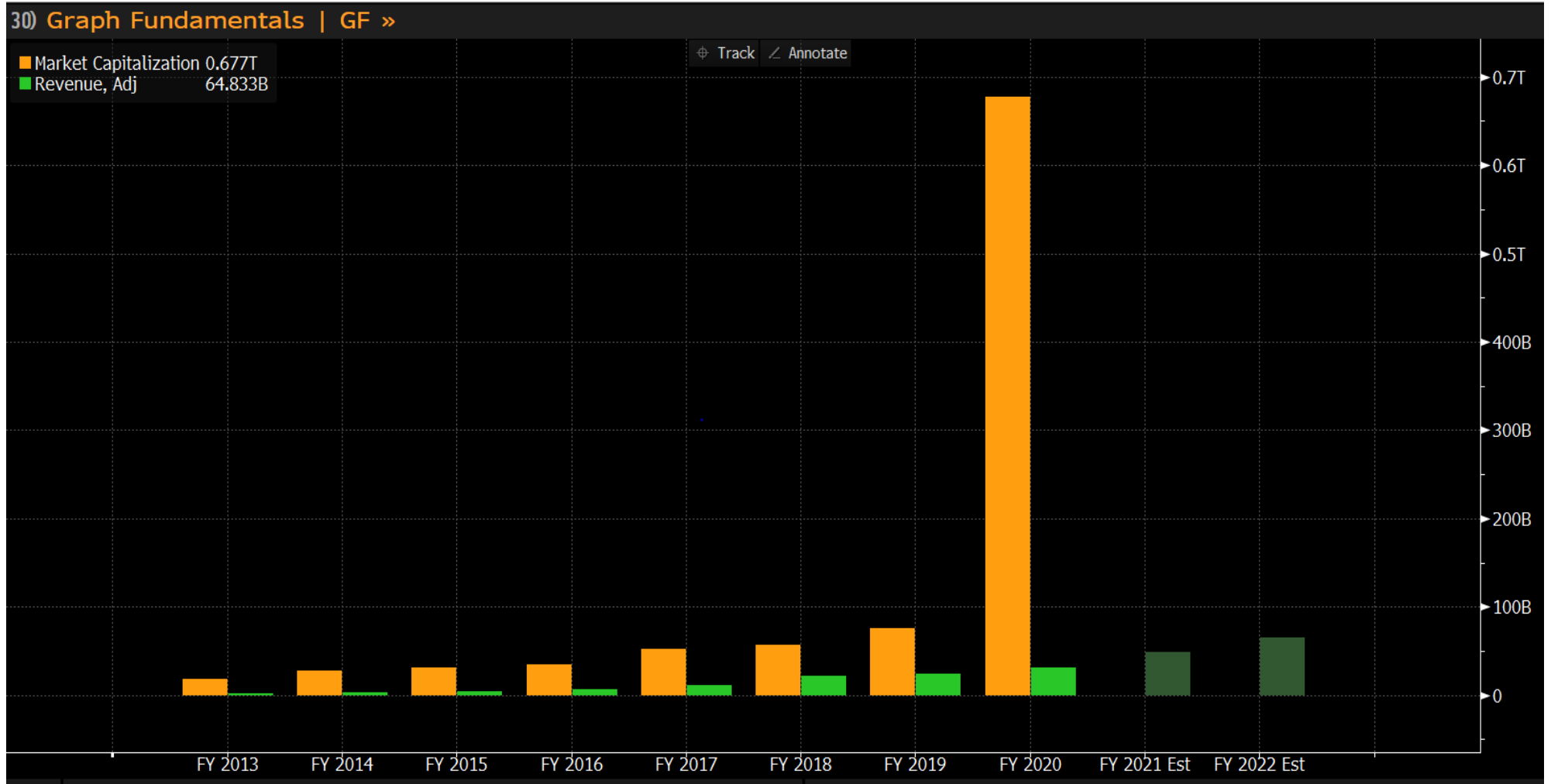
Source: Bloomberg, Goldman Sachs.

Figure 3. Who's really driving bitcoin?
China Total Social Financing (12m flow) vs bitcoin (\$)



Source: Bloomberg, PBOC.

MARKETS: SIGNS OF SPECULATION: TESLA



MARKETS: BACK TO THE FUTURE

- US and China vs Eurozone and Aus.



MARKETS: BACK TO THE FUTURE

- Credit Spreads are now back to pre-covid levels.



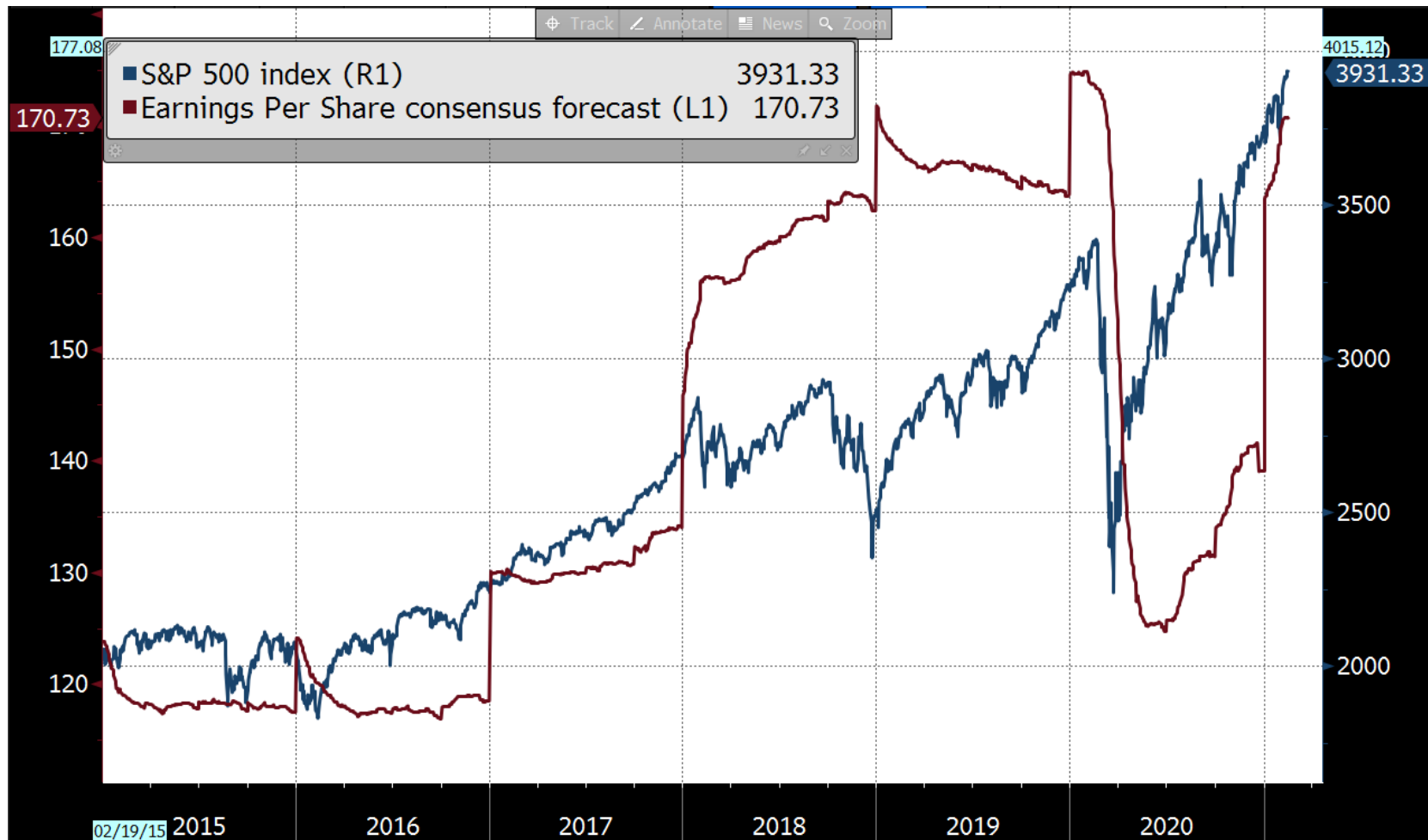
MARKETS: BORROWING FROM THE FUTURE

- ASX 200 is now trading on 24.8x earnings and 19 times 2022 earnings (i.e. consensus is now forecasting 36% earnings growth over the next 2 years. What need to happen in the short term, for markets to trade higher?)



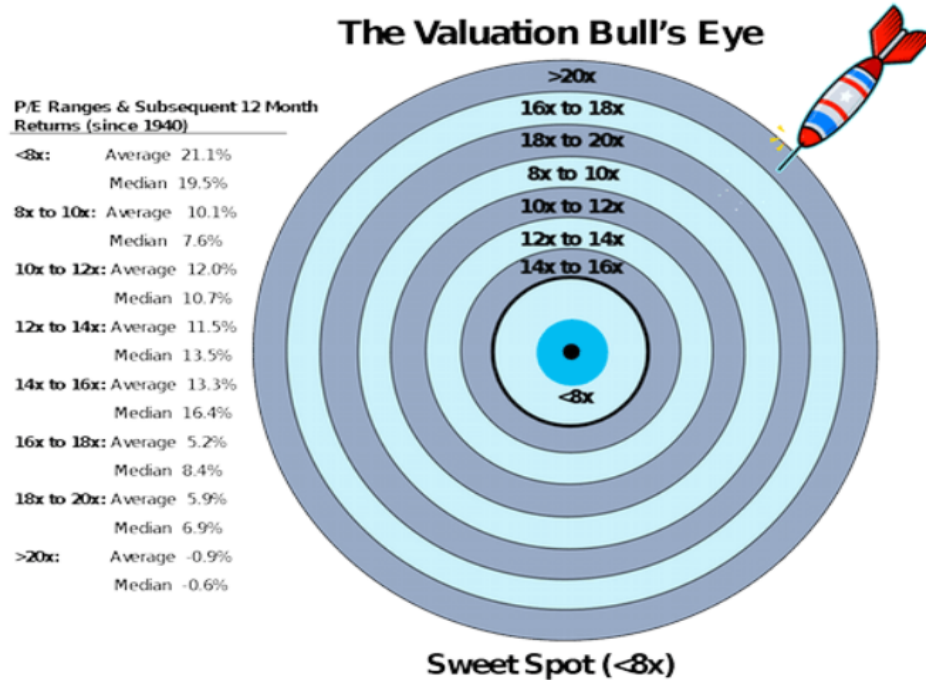
MARKETS: BORROWING FROM THE FUTURE

- S&P 500 earnings look like returning to pre covid levels this year. It is currently trading on 24.7 times forecast earnings and 18x two years out (with 26% earnings growth forecast)



BORROWING FROM THE FUTURE: HAVE WE ALREADY BANKED THIS YEARS RETURN?

P/E “Bull’s Eye”



Source: FactSet, Haver Analytics and Citi Research – U.S. Equity Strategy

The dart reflects the 28.26x P/E multiple of the S&P 500 based on trailing four-quarter S&P 500 Operating EPS.

Current Valuation Metrics

S&P 500 Characteristics

P/E (Trailing 4Q EPS): 28.26x

P/E (2021E EPS): 23.18x

Price to Sales: 2.93x vs. avg Price to Sales of 1.31x since 1985

Price to Book: 4.33x vs. avg Price to Book of 2.70x since 1985

Price to EBITDA: 18.37x

Market Value: \$36.26 trillion

Dividend Yield: 1.49%

The dart is here.

Citi Economic and Market Analysis

S&P 500 Operating EPS forecast:

2015A = \$118.20

2016A = \$119.08

2017A = \$132.95

2018A = \$162.91

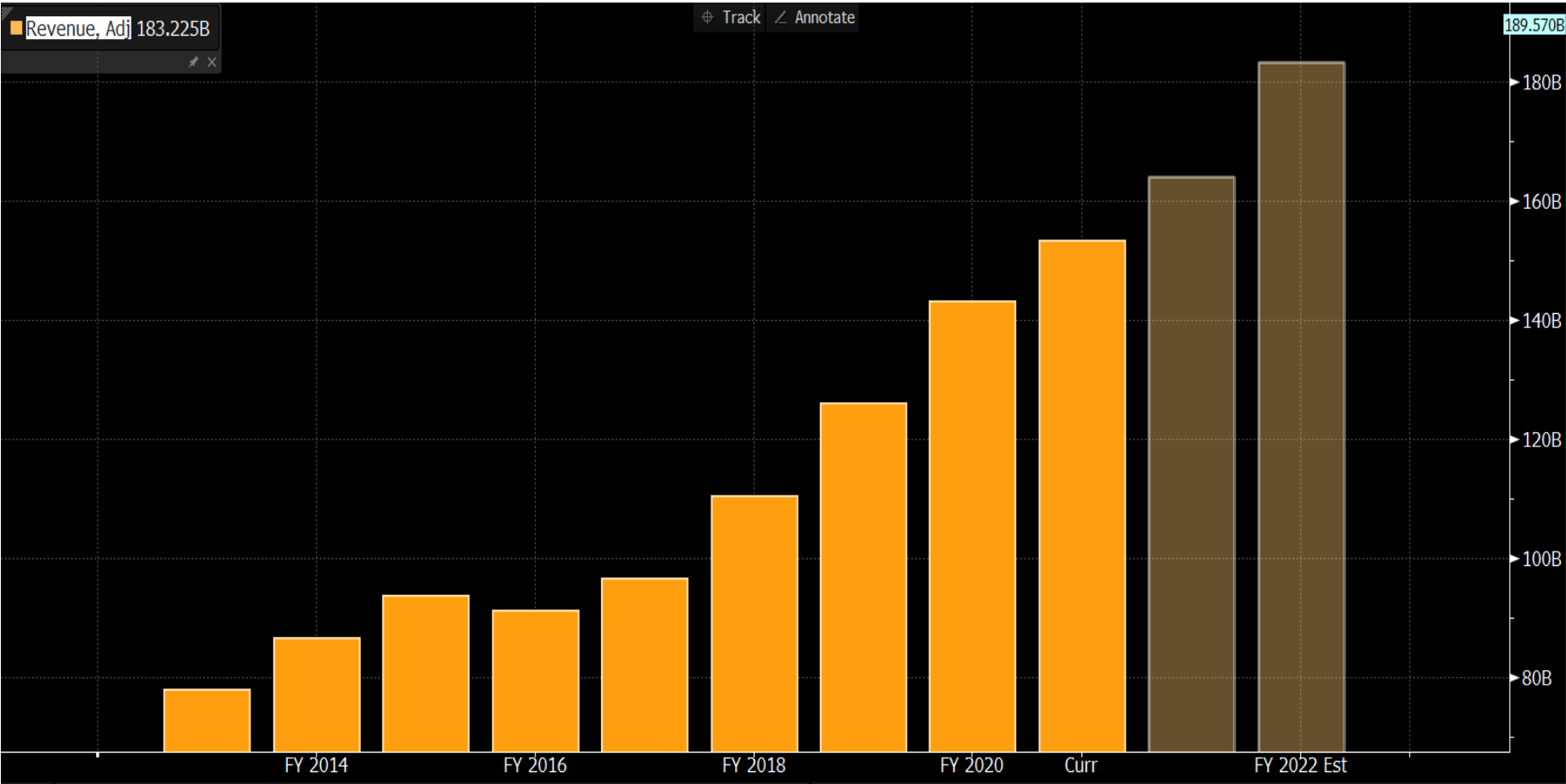
2019A = \$164.58

2020E = \$137.00

2021E = \$167.00

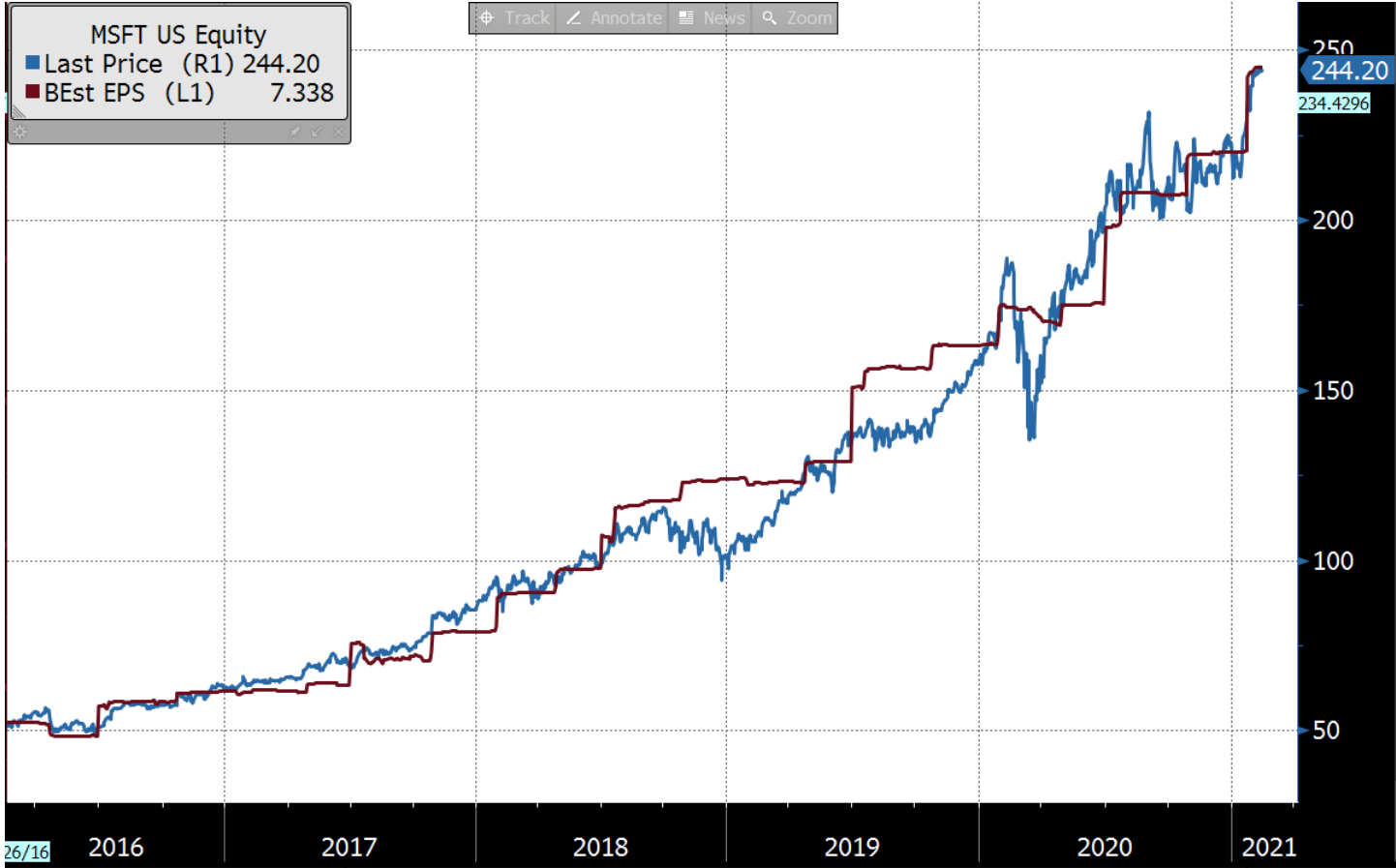
MICROSOFT: LARGEST STOCK WEIGHT

Microsoft Revenue (actual 2013-2020 and forecast) Trading on 36x trailing earnings and 32 times forecast earnings 1 year forward. MSFT has doubled EPS over the past 4 years.



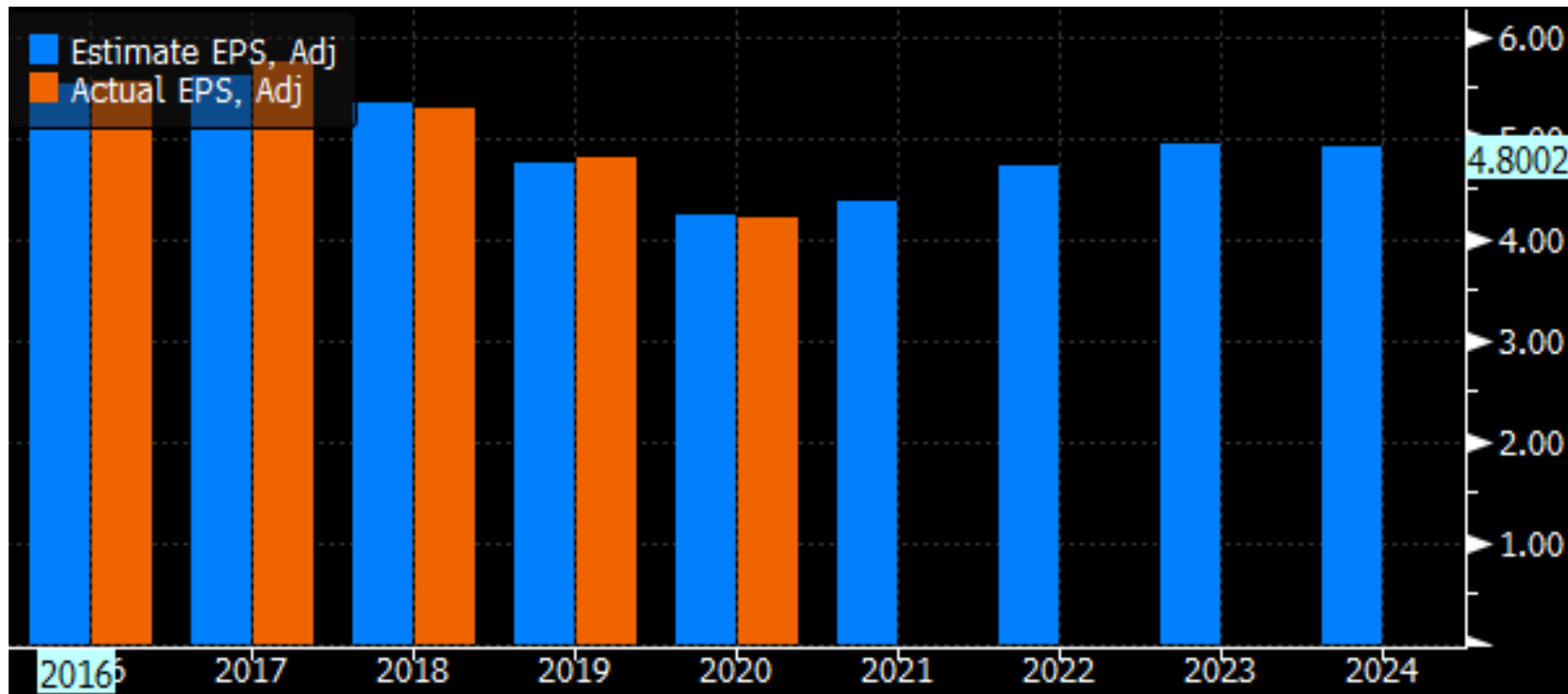
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Microsoft share price has been driven by earnings growth



CBA: HOW HAS THE BEST AUSSIE BANK PERFORMED?

- No earnings growth for the 4 years leading up to Covid. While earnings are likely to recover to pre-covid levels over the next few years, we will have no earnings growth over the best part of a decade. (but the dividend yield of 4.26% in a zero rate environment remains attractive)



CBA: HOW HAS THE BEST AUSSIE BANK PERFORMED?

- Zero rates has driven multiple expansion well beyond historical norms. Current PE of 18.4 is 14% above the long term average – i.e. borrowing from the future



PORTFOLIO POSITIONING: NAVIGATING MARKETS

- After buying the dip aggressively in March last year we were overweight Equities vs Fixed Income. With valuations now full we have started to slightly increase cash levels in equity mandates:
 Aus Share cash weight now 12.6%, Emerging Leaders 12%, International Share (US) 6%, International Share (ROW) 14%. We also hold a Nasdaq short (2% weight).
- Within equities we increased EM, Japan, Euro Exposure last year (cyclical recovery trade)- but recently started to take some profits
- This has seen the Equity Exposure of our Multi-Asset Models move from overweight to now slightly underweight (58% vs 60% benchmark for Balanced- from 69%).
- Within Fixed Income we hold no developed market duration – Preference for Global Credit, Domestic Floating Rate Corporate (Hybrids) and Emerging Market Bonds.
- Looking at introducing (increasing) alternative exposure again
- Happy to have US Dollar Exposure Unhedged (natural risk hedge)

PORTFOLIO POSITIONING:

Risk Profile - Watershed Balanced	Minimum %	Neutral %	Maximum %	Look Through Tactical %
CASH	0%	5%	40%	8%
FIXED INTEREST / INCOME SECURITIES	20%	35%	60%	29%
LISTED PROPERTY	0%	5%	10%	0%
AUSTRALIAN SHARES	10%	30%	70%	36%
INTERNATIONAL SHARES	10%	25%	60%	22%
ALTERNATIVES	0%	0%	15%	3%

Recommended Asset Allocation		
Assets	\$	%
CASH	\$81,873	8.19%
FIXED INTEREST / INCOME SECURITIES	\$294,570	29.46%
LISTED PROPERTY	\$0	0.00%
AUSTRALIAN SHARES	\$358,585	35.86%
INTERNATIONAL SHARES	\$215,959	21.60%
ALTERNATIVES	\$27,653	2.77%
Leverage (short)	\$21,360	2.14%
Total	\$1,000,000	100.00%

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE:

Gross Performance %	1 m	3 m	6 m	1 yr	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	Inception	Inception Date
WFM Conservative	0.14%	5.39%	8.05%	6.21%	8.30%	6.29%	7.16%	7.97%	01-06-16
FE UT PG Multi Asset Moderate Index	-0.15%	3.25%	3.99%	0.96%	4.95%	3.67%	4.10%	3.92%	
Relative Performance	0.29%	2.14%	4.05%	5.25%	3.34%	2.62%	3.06%	4.05%	
WFM Balanced	0.33%	6.76%	9.28%	7.19%	10.01%	7.12%	8.48%	8.42%	01-05-16
FE UT PG Multi Asset Balanced Index	0.02%	6.00%	6.97%	0.89%	6.69%	4.66%	5.63%	5.50%	
Relative Performance	0.31%	0.75%	2.31%	6.31%	3.32%	2.46%	2.85%	2.92%	
WFM Growth	0.47%	7.89%	10.18%	8.18%	11.70%	8.09%	9.63%	10.20%	01-05-16
FE UT PG Multi Asset Growth Index	0.02%	7.71%	8.98%	0.47%	7.85%	5.21%	6.63%	6.87%	
Relative Performance	0.45%	0.18%	1.20%	7.71%	3.85%	2.88%	3.00%	3.33%	

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE:

Gross Performance %	1 m	3 m	6 m	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	7 yrs	9 yrs	Inception	Date
WFM Australian Share	-0.31%	9.50%	9.34%	2.46%	5.65%	9.61%	7.74%	9.30%	7.30%	05-08-10
S&P/ASX 200 Accum	0.31%	11.89%	12.98%	-3.11%	7.00%	10.03%	7.90%	9.54%	8.28%	
Relative Performance	-0.62%	-2.38%	-3.64%	5.57%	-1.35%	-0.42%	-0.16%	-0.25%	-0.98%	
WFM Income Portfolio	-0.26%	2.41%	5.66%	2.92%	3.57%	5.85%	4.42%	4.93%	5.51%	30-08-10
WFM Including Franking	-	-	-	3.91%	4.82%	7.21%	5.77%	6.28%	6.86%	
UBS Bank Bill Index	0.01%	0.03%	0.06%	0.32%	1.21%	1.48%	1.77%	2.12%	2.54%	
Relative Performance	-0.27%	2.38%	5.60%	3.59%	3.61%	5.73%	4.00%	4.17%	4.32%	
WFM Emerging Leaders	1.89%	13.64%	23.92%	26.11%	13.30%	12.71%	14.73%		14.65%	06-08-13
S&P/ASX Small Ords Accum	-0.25%	13.03%	18.34%	5.38%	6.66%	11.55%	8.64%		8.27%	
Relative Performance	2.14%	0.61%	5.58%	20.73%	6.64%	1.16%	6.09%		6.38%	
WFM International Share	1.04%	5.86%	6.51%	3.95%	13.24%	14.00%	15.49%	18.68%	16.11%	31-01-10
MSCI World Index Ex Aus (AUD)	-0.45%	6.41%	8.52%	0.86%	10.35%	11.57%	11.76%	15.27%	11.67%	
Relative Performance	1.49%	-0.55%	-2.01%	3.08%	2.89%	2.43%	3.74%	3.41%	4.44%	
WFM International ETF	1.11%	7.94%	10.17%	11.42%	3.14%	8.14%			7.43%	04-05-15
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Relative Performance	1.56%	1.53%	2.47%	12.26%	-5.16%	-1.48%			-0.22%	



Questions

Open Discussion

AUD: HAPPY TO REMAIN UNHEDGED

- AUD has rallied strongly over the past year



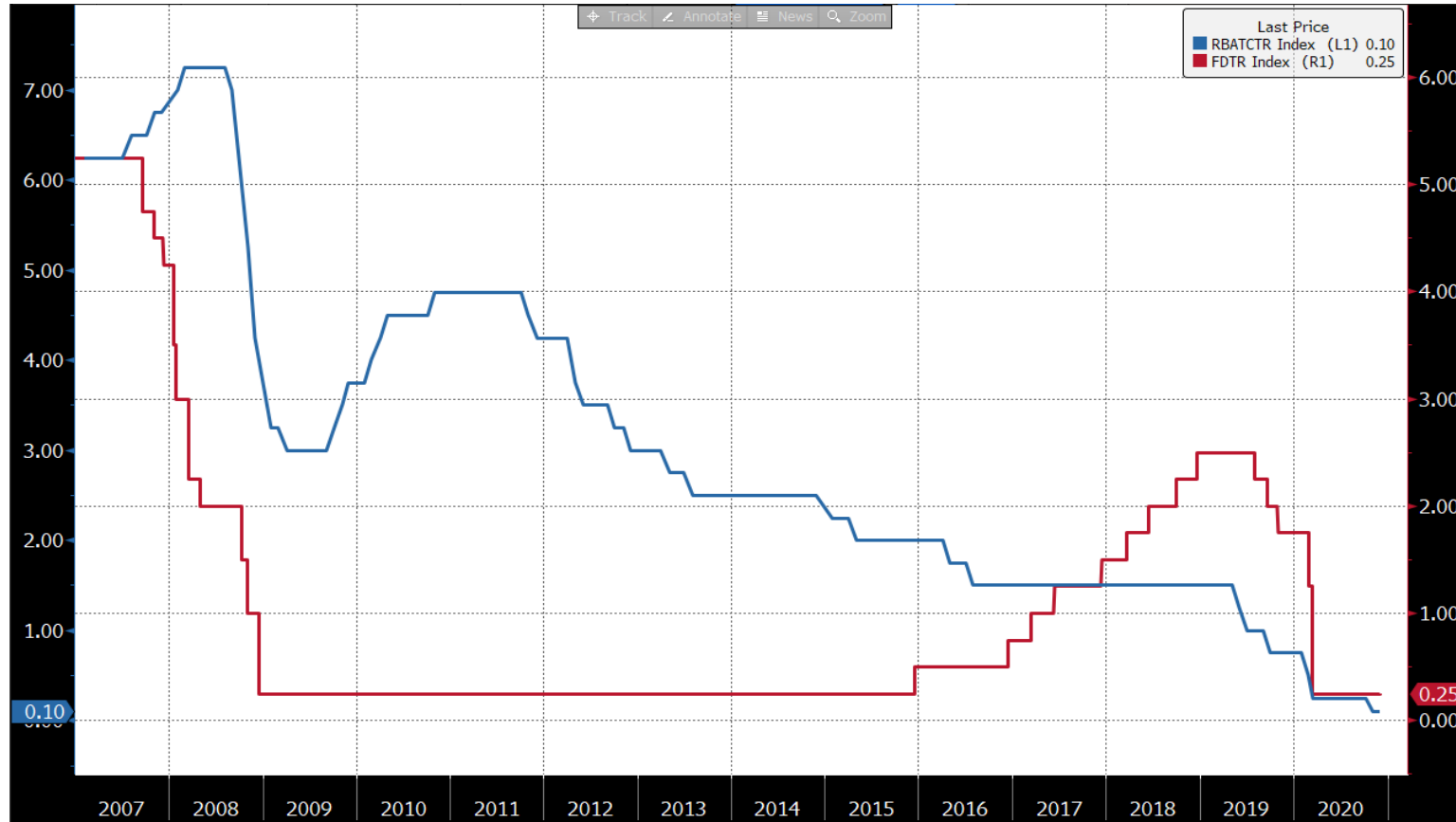
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- Upper end of range since 2015



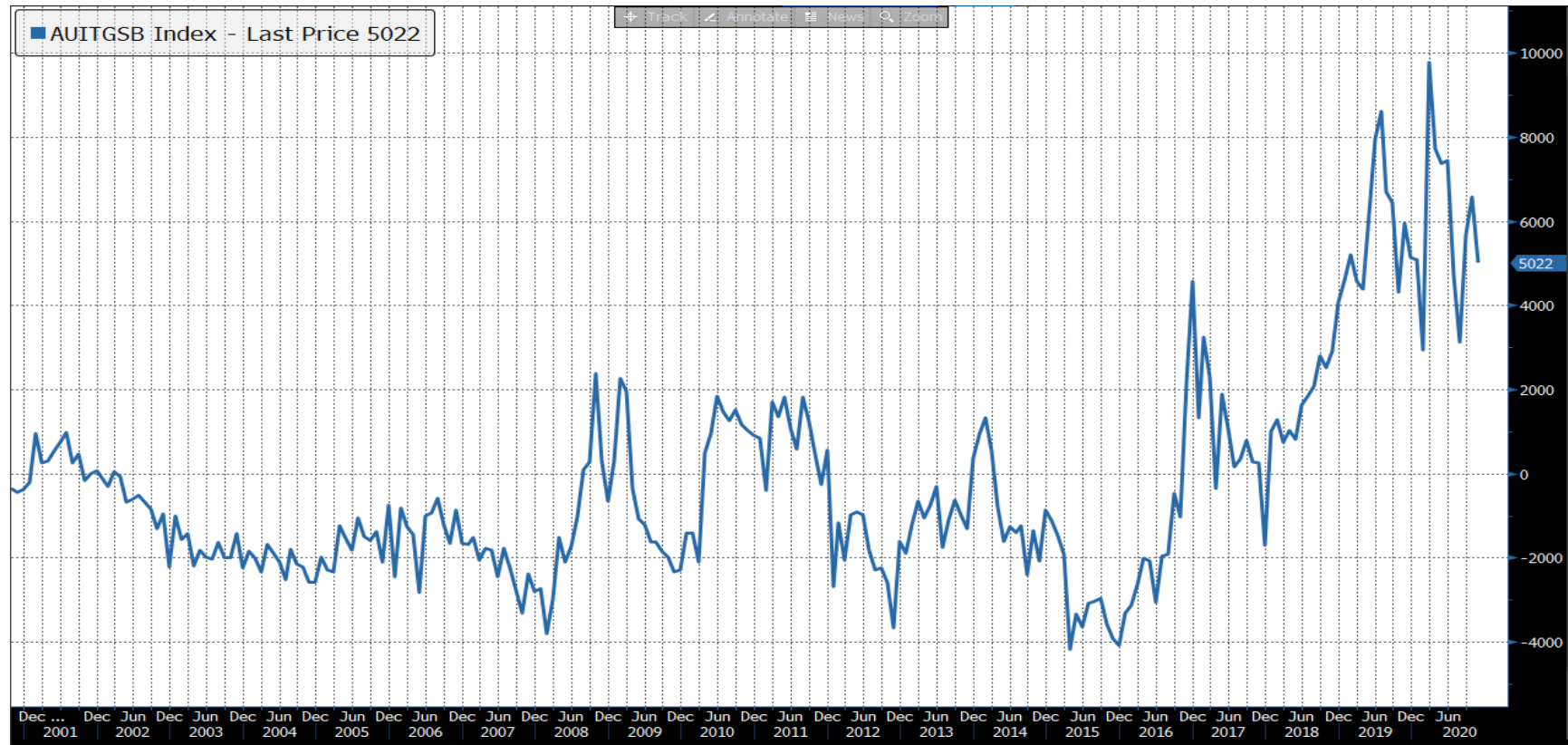
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- There is now, no interest rate advantage



AUD: HAPPY TO REMAIN UNHEDGED

- So why has the dollar rallied? Trade Balance (which is Iron ore and LNG)
 - So, will remain strong as long as cyclical recovery is intact and Fe Price remains strong





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