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### GLOBAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK OCTOBER 2014

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## Despite some Setbacks, Global Recovery Continues...

- Legacies from the crisis
  - Recovery pace has been uneven; public and/or private debt affecting outlook
- Clouds and Uncertainties—downside risks have increased
  - Uneven fragile growth
  - Risks from protracted low inflation
  - Slowing emerging markets
  - Simmering geopolitical tensions
- Ways to stimulate growth and jobs

World Economic and Financial Surveys

### World Economic Outlook

Legacies, Clouds, Uncertainties

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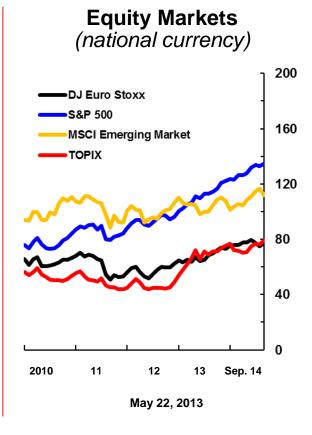
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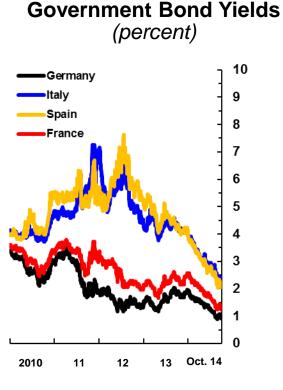
# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS



# In advanced economies, financial conditions have eased since April 2014

**Key Interest Rates** (percent) 12 Japan 10 Year Government Bond Yield 10 United States 10 Year Government Bond Yield 8 United States 30 Year Fixed Mortgage 6 4 2 0 2010 11 12 13 Oct. 14 May 22, 2013

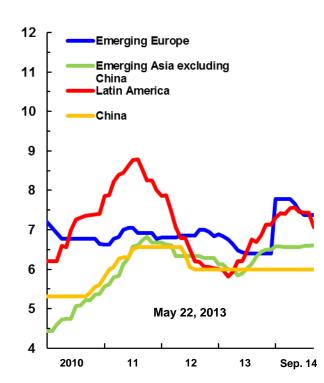


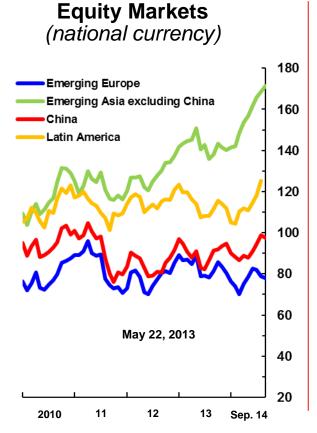


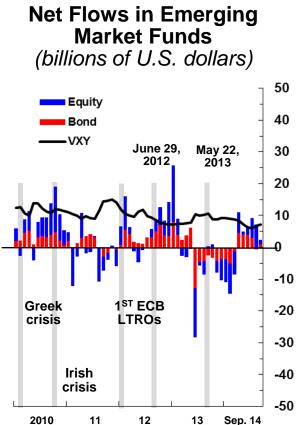
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# EMs have also seen financial conditions ease since April

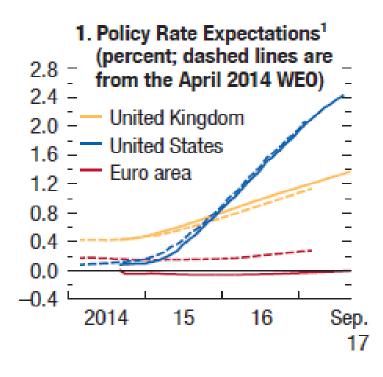
Policy Rates (percent)

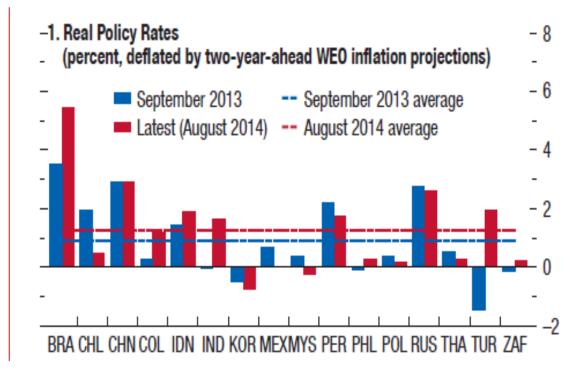




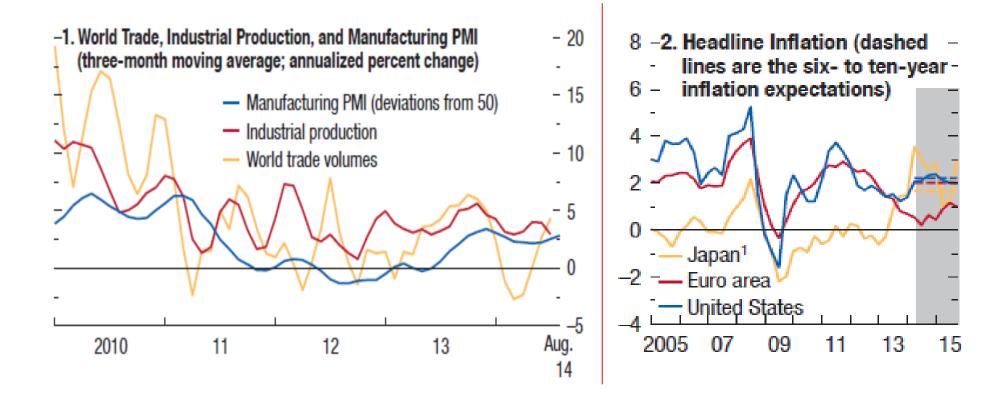


# Monetary Conditions Remains Accommodative in Advanced Economies





# Leading indicators point to a pickup of global activity but a weak and uneven pace.



### Section 2 GLOBAL OUTLOOK



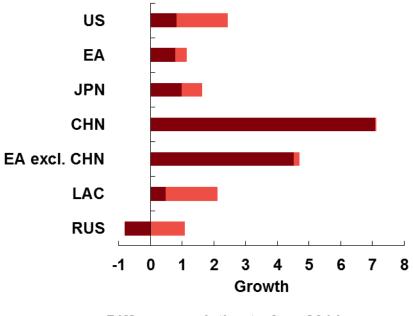
## Setbacks to global growth in the first half of 2014

#### Growth fell short of expectations:

- U.S.: Sharp correction ("payback") after an earlier inventory buildup; and bad weather in Q1
- Growth stalled in the euro area in Q2. No easy core-periphery explanation (growth surprised on the upside in Spain but downside in Germany).
- Greater hit to Q2 GDP from sales tax increase in Japan. Private investment recovery still tentative.
- Weaker Q1 in China on tighter policies to cool credit and housing market; policy stimulus in Q2
- Effects of geopolitical tensions in Russia and economic crisis in Ukraine
- Slower growth in LAC, particularly in Brazil

#### GDP Growth, 2014:H1—October vs. April 2014

(annualized semiannual percent change)



Difference relative to Apr. 2014
 Oct. 2014 proj.

# The outlook is thus for a continued recovery, but the pace is weak and uneven...

#### **WEO Real GDP Growth Projections**

(percent change from a year earlier)

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	World	U.S.	Euro Area	Japan	Brazil	Russia	India	China	LIDCs
2014 ctober 2014)	3.3	2.2	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.2	5.6	7.4	6.1
2014 ril 2014)	3.6	2.8	0.8	1.4	1.8	1.3	5.4	7.5	6.3
2015 ctober)	3.8	3.1	1.3	0.8	1.4	0.5	6.4	7.1	6.5
2015 ril 2014)	4.0	3.0	1.3	1.0	2.7	2.3	6.4	7.3	6.5

Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook.

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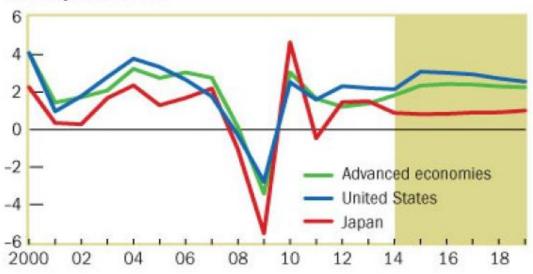
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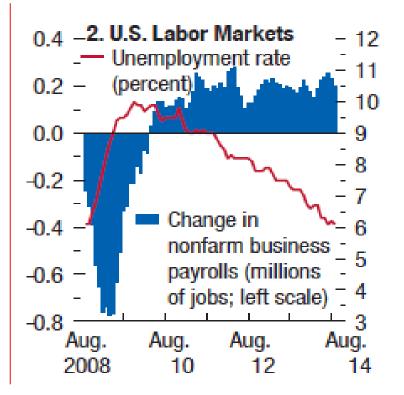
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# Stronger Pickup of Output and Employment in the United States; Tax Hike Effects in Japan

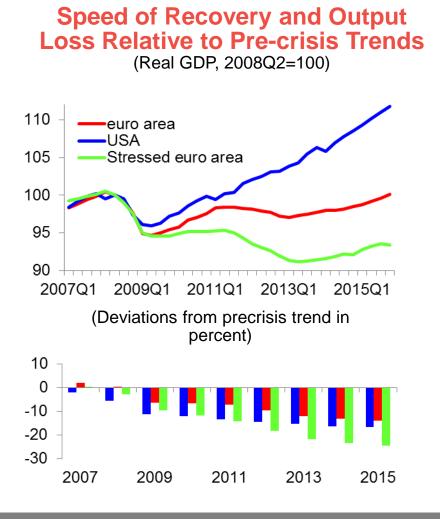
#### United States and Japan

Growth in the U.S. has rebounded with jobs picking up; Japan's recovery has slowed



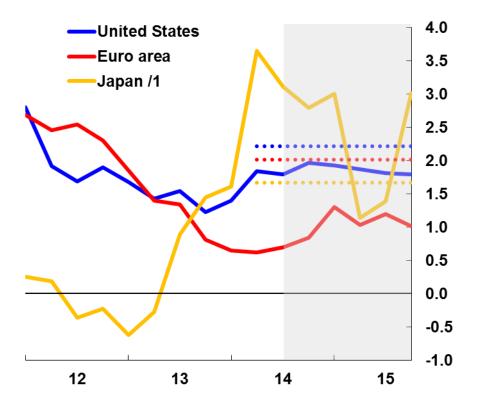


## Legacy effects expected to weigh on aggregate demand in the euro area

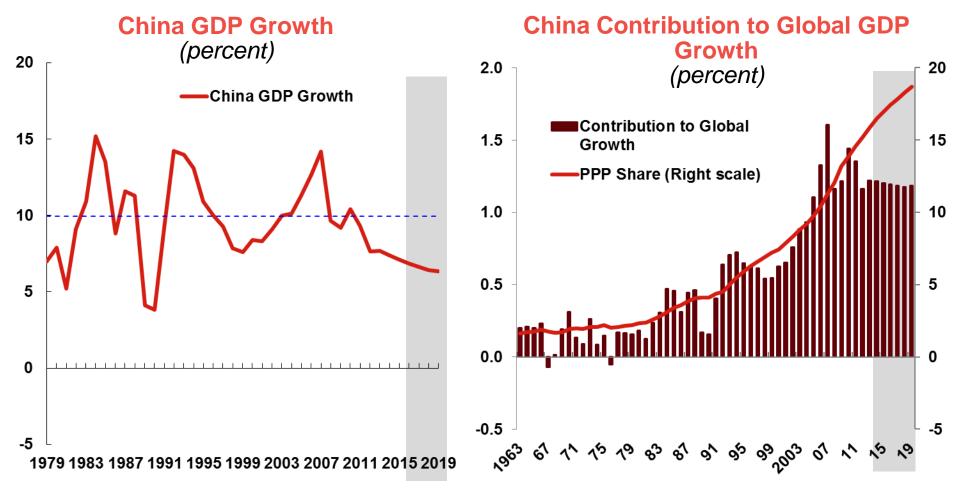


#### **Headline Inflation**

(year-over-year percent change; dashed lines are the six- to ten-year inflation expectation)



Growth in China expected to moderate, but contribution to global growth remains broadly unchanged.

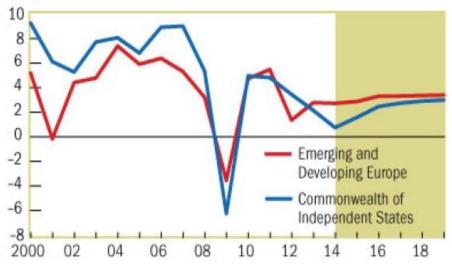


Source: IMF staff estimates

### Rising Geopolitical Tensions in Russia and Weaker Outlook on Latin America

#### CIS<sup>1</sup> and Emerging and Developing Europe

In Russia and the CIS weaknesses reflect the impact of geopolitical tensions



#### Latin America and the Caribbean

Growth will slow sharply this year, particularly in Brazil, with a rebound expected in 2015

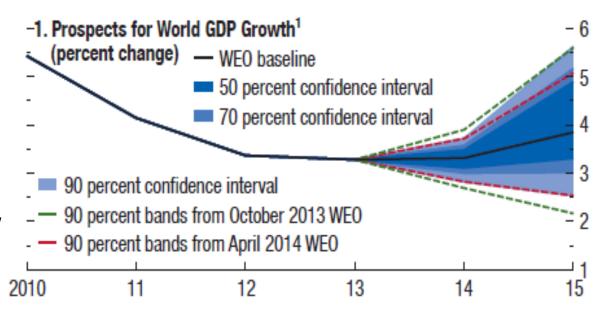


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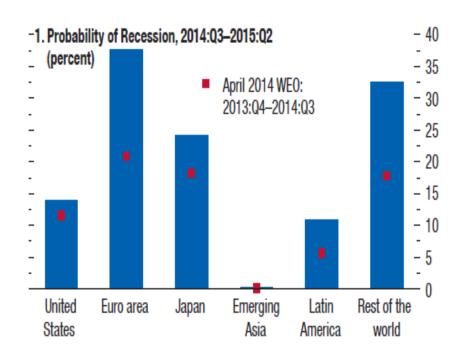


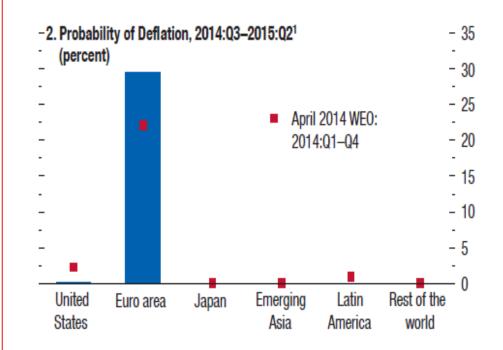
## Risks to the Outlook

- Downside risks have increased
- Immediate and short-term risks
  - Simmering geopolitical tensions
  - Risks from protracted low inflation (Euro-area)
  - Faster than expected interest rate hikes
- Medium term risks
  - Secular stagnation in advanced economies
  - Slowing emerging markets
  - Hard landing in China



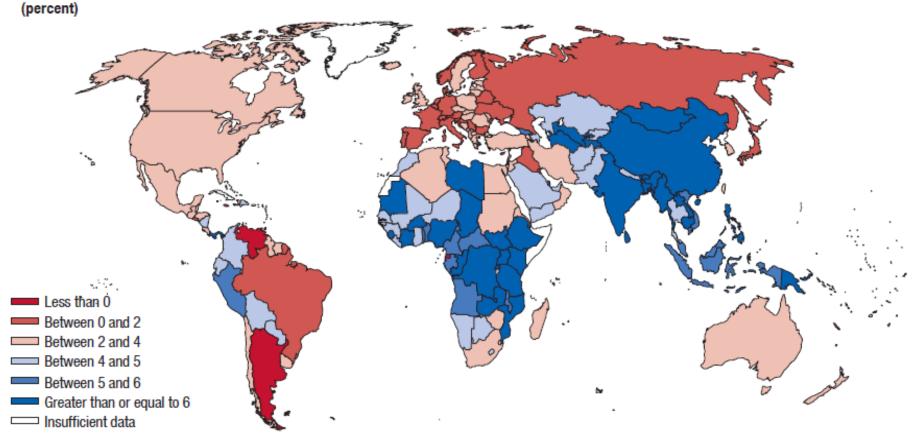
## **Risks of Recession and Deflation Appear Higher**





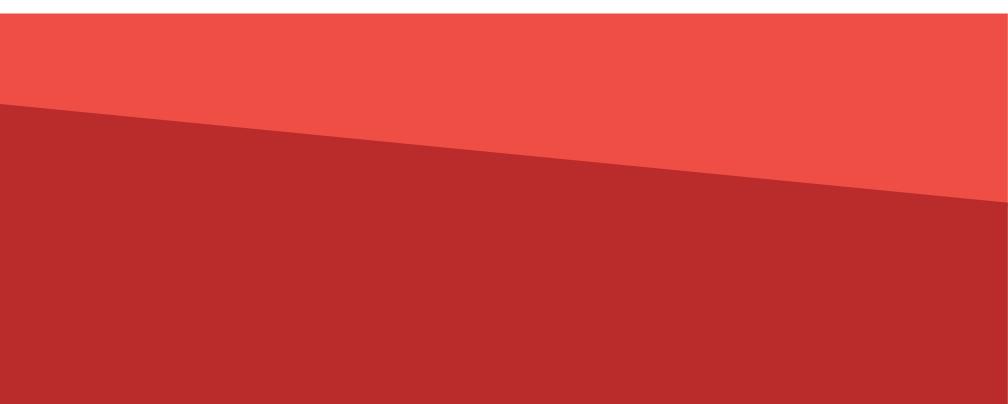
### Effects of a Plausible Downside Scenarios on Growth Forecast

1. 2015 GDP Growth Forecasts<sup>1</sup>



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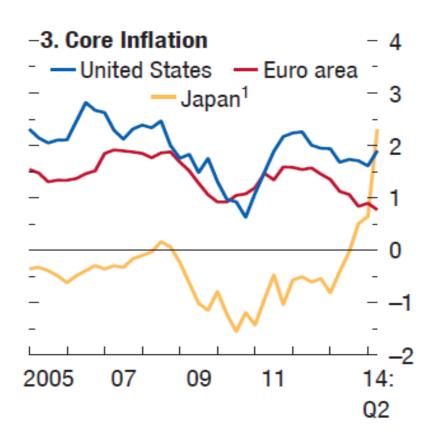
# POLICIES TO SUPPORT GROWTH AND JOBS

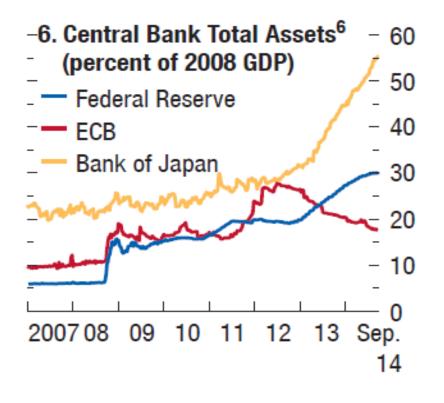


### Projected growth pick-up may fall short of expectations... Raising actual and potential growth remains a priority

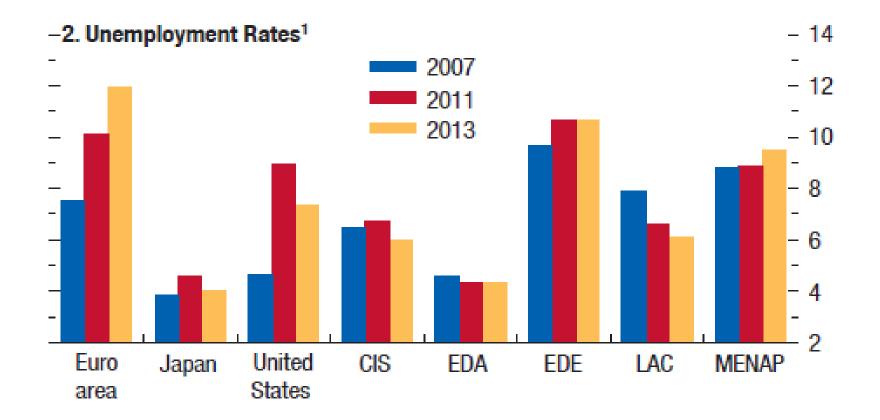
Advanced economies	<ul> <li>Avoid premature monetary policy tightening</li> <li>Fiscal adjustment attuned in pace and composition to supporting both the recovery and long-term growth</li> <li>Complete financial regulatory reforms</li> <li>Develop and strengthen macroprudential measures</li> </ul>
Emerging and developing economies	<ul> <li>Manage financial volatility and contain external vulnerability</li> <li>Allow exchange rate to adjust to external shocks</li> <li>Scope for macroeconomic policies to support growth is limited in economies with external vulnerabilities</li> </ul>
All	<ul> <li>Structural reforms to raise productivity and potential output, make growth more sustainable</li> <li>Public investment if conditions are right: boost demand in the short term, help to raise potential growth in the long term</li> </ul>

# Central Banks Play a Role in Guarding against Deflation



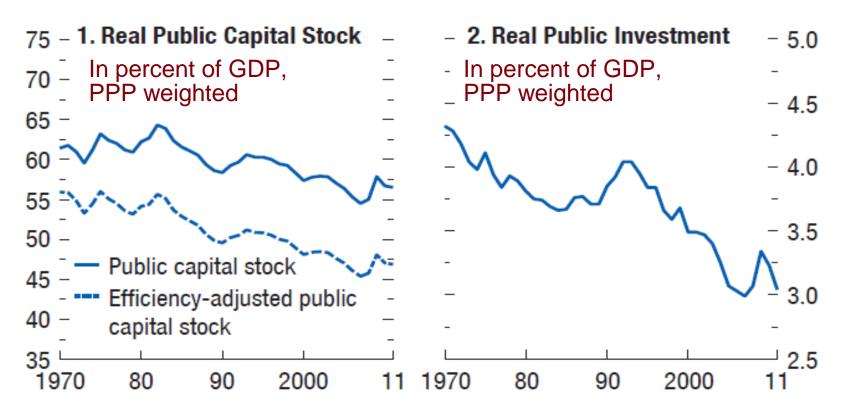


## Boosting Growth Potentials would Bring Jobs



### A Strong Case to Expand Public Infrastructure in Advanced Economies

#### **Advanced Economies**



## Key Takeaways

- Global Economy still struggling to get on track: uneven and disappointing recovery
- Downward revision to global growth
- Downside risks have increased
  - Uneven fragile growth
  - Risks from protracted low inflation
  - Slowing emerging markets
  - Simmering geopolitical tensions
- Ways to stimulate growth and jobs

