

ANGELO, GORDON & CO.

CAPITAL MARKETS PERSPECTIVES

FIRST QUARTER 2014

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS' CORNER

BRUCE MARTIN
Portfolio Manager
Non-Investment Grade
Corporate Credit

Performance in the credit markets in first quarter of 2014 was unexpectedly solid. Despite near-consensus fears of rising rates, rates actually fell. And despite contagion fears from emerging markets and more recently, geopolitical instability, corporate credit spreads remained intact. It was probably the frigid weather's damper on the U.S. economy that helped 10-year Treasury rates drop from 3% to 2.7%, driving high yield bond returns of just under 2.5% through mid-March. Annualizing that return would imply a very strong performance for high yield in 2014. For this to happen, the 10-year Treasury rate would need to continue to decline to a year-end level approaching 1.5% without high yield experiencing any spread widening, an occurrence which we believe is extremely remote. Leveraged loans returned roughly 1% through March, much more in line with their historical levels and on track to earn 4-5% for the year. We see one potential cloud on the horizon that could affect market technicals and lead to some trading volatility as net inflows into high yield mutual funds and ETFs have recently turned negative and inflows into retail loan funds have slowed.

THOMAS FULLER Portfolio Manager Distressed Debt

The high yield capital markets are following last year's trends with both the bond and loan markets starting the year with record levels of new issuance. Money continues to flow freely into both markets. Based on strong underlying market fundamentals and stable economic conditions in the U.S., corporate defaults remain low at approximately 2%. Despite the fact that that rate is set to nearly double due to the singular event of TXU's impending default, the main opportunity in the U.S. is limited to creative solutions to the maturity walls of the remaining '07-vintage mega-deals. In Europe, however, the market is ripe for investment. A combination of an end to the runway of 'band-aid' restructurings combined with the ECB's new regulatory guidance is causing banks across the continent to actively sell down their corporate loans. As a result, we believe European banks afford an especially promising source of investment opportunities.

ARTHUR PEPONIS

Portfolio Manager

Private Equity

The first quarter of 2014 continued many of the trends seen throughout 2013 for private equity. Although Federal regulators expressed concern late last year about the poor quality of leveraged loans on the balance sheets of the large banks and demanded that banks improve their loan book, high yield and leveraged loan issuance remained strong in the first quarter. Further, leverage levels approached, and sometimes exceeded, those seen during the 2006 and 2007 buyout "boom." Although it is still early in the year, LBO M&A deal volume is strong and multiples continue to be equal to or higher than last year. The market is starting to see more situations where sponsors are "pre-empting" formalized sell-side processes in order to secure assets. Finally, we anticipate that given the relatively favorable equity, credit, and M&A markets, private equity firms will continue to pursue public offerings, dividend recaps, and M&A dispositions of portfolio companies.

DAVID KAMIN
Portfolio Manager
Merger Arbitrage

Merger arbitrage spreads remain tight in the first quarter with the average annualized net spread at approximately 5%. The first quarter saw North American deal value increase 18% year-over-year. However, deal volumes have run below 2010-13 levels in four of the last five weeks. Cross-border deals and a few 'mega deals', including Time Warner, Forest Labs, and Beam Inc., highlighted what was otherwise a quiet quarter. Activist investors continue to play a bigger role in the boardroom pushing for the short-term actions they favor – share repurchases, increased dividends, and the leverage spin-off. Boards and management teams have generally acquiesced to these activist investors as they too seem to prefer the path of least resistance.

GARY WOLF

Portfolio Manager

Convertible Arbitrage

The convertible securities market has continued to perform well in the first quarter supported by declining rates, low credit spreads, and a strong technical backdrop as money continues to flow into the market. Additionally, some large issues have been placed even though total issuance has not kept pace with expectations. The Bank America Merrill Lynch all US Convertibles Index was up by 3.27% through March 28th. The All US Hedge Index was up by 2.00% over the same period versus a 1.00% return for the S&P 500. Large new issues included a dual tranche \$2 billion deal from Tesla and a \$1.15 billion deal from Herbalife. Volatility has remained muted except for a brief spike in January.



PORTFOLIO MANAGERS' CORNER (continued)

TODD DITTMANN Portfolio Manager Energy Direct Lending

Repeated drillbit success, continued production gains, and healthy commodity prices combined to produce another year of solid operating margins for oil and gas companies. At \$35 per equivalent barrel and about twice the annual depletion of investment costs, operating margins were again more than sufficient to sustain the long-term expansion of capital budgets across the energy value chain, including oil and gas exploration, oil service, midstream, infrastructure, transportation and other energy-related companies. These compelling economics have remained or improved year-to-date 2014, with continued operational successes, the achievement of drilling efficiencies and oil and gas prices that have averaged in excess of \$98 for oil and \$4.50 for natural gas. Despite robust industry-wide results, it remains the case that only the larger energy companies enjoy access to ample capital, with oil and gas high yield issues averaging in excess of \$500 million per new offering and currently trading at sub 7% yields. In contrast, the more numerous smaller energy companies do not enjoy the same access and their capital needs are underserved. As a result, we continue to see opportunity in smaller borrowing transactions which typically offer better credit coverage than do larger borrowers with access to the regular capital markets.

JONATHAN LIEBERMAN Portfolio Manager Residential and Consumer Debt (RMBS/ABS)

The RMBS and ABS markets delivered solid and stable returns throughout first quarter of 2014. Credit RMBS and ABS continue to materially outperform traditional fixed income sectors and the Barclay's Aggregate Fixed Income Index. Mortgage and consumer credit markets shrugged off greater interest rate volatility and the selloffs in equities and emerging markets. Geopolitical issues had no discernible effect on liquidity, demand for yield or credit spreads. Improving household fundamentals and strong technical demand for yield are driving sector outperformance. Outstanding consumer debt continues to shrink with households still deleveraging and repairing their balance sheets. Negative net issuance remains a powerful positive technical and investor sponsorship continues to broaden with the re-engagement of pension funds. Liquidity and the depth of the market remains superior to other fixed income credit sectors with the exception of U.S. Treasuries. At this time, we do not see any imminent risks to supportive fundamentals and the strong technical demand for RMBS and ABS. Disciplined sourcing and underwriting of better collateral stories and strong bond structures remain the keys for superior risk adjusted returns. We continue to see pockets of opportunity in mortgage put back litigation securities, legacy whole loans, European RMBS, and new issue short duration RMBS. As for the housing market, housing starts and building permits are showing signs of recovery after a sluggish fourth quarter. Due to decreasing supplies of cheaper existing homes, buyers are turning toward the new home market, driving an improvement in new home sales.

ANDREW SOLOMON Portfolio Manager Real Estate Debt (CMBS)

The often-talked about "January effect", where an influx of cash at the calendar flip results in a January market rally, was bifurcated in CMBS this year. Dealers and end accounts both began to add risk as early as November of last year and as a result of this early positioning the year started off on a relatively quiet note. It was not until later in the first quarter that the market gained steam and legacy junior AAA bonds rallied several points. Of note, the CMBS market largely shrugged off many of the macro concerns that caused other markets to sell off. Market technicals remain quite strong, as the legacy market continues to shrink while demand for legacy securities remains robust. A better than expected outcome from a large public auction of over \$3.4 billion in unpaid principal balance of real estate and delinquent commercial mortgage loans has also positively affected the market. We expect servicers to continue to liquidate larger loans going forward and thus anticipate the ultimate performance of legacy CMBS deals to vary widely. With respect to supply, 2014 is expected to potentially be the first year of positive net issuance in CMBS since the onset of the financial crisis. The new issue market is enjoying healthy investor sponsorship across the capital structure, thus contributing to what we believe to be 'priced to perfection' underwriting.



PORTFOLIO MANAGERS' CORNER (continued)

GORDON J. WHITING Portfolio Manager Net Lease Real Estate Supply and demand dynamics in the net lease market remain favorable. The number of attractive deals continues to be robust in the first quarter after a strong fourth quarter. We have seen an increase in potential build-to-suit transactions this year which could be a sign of the improving health of the economy, of deferred capital expenditures, or an indicator of management optimism regarding their own future growth and profitability. A survey of 25 net lease brokers published by Morgan Stanley & Co. indicates that brokers expect deal pipelines to remain strong in 2014 despite the potential for rising interest rates. Cap rates are expected to remain flat or to slightly compress further especially for deals with long-term lease structures. Currently, CMBS lenders remain the most aggressive lenders and we are still seeing typical loan quotes with 60%-65% LTVs, 30-year amortization periods and 3-5 years of interest-only periods.

ADAM SCHWARTZ

Portfolio Manager

Head of U.S. and Europe
Real Estate

During the first quarter, the U.S. real estate market continued it's exit from the major deleveraging cycle of the last three years. Values accelerated as investors deployed capital into real estate. We anticipate further market appreciation will be driven by a recovery in fundamentals, rather than by capital flows. We expect 2014 to continue to be an attractive time to invest selectively in commercial real estate provided that investors take advantage of under-managed assets while avoiding certain overheated markets. The greater yield available in non-major markets should draw investors away from the initial "flight to safety" strategy which the major markets offered earlier in the recovery.

In Europe, we are continuing to see a theme of distress as unintentional / reluctant owners including banks, funds, and syndicates sell legacy assets. These sales are accelerating, mostly driven by older vintage debt reaching maturity or default. Recent deal flow reflects these trends and our current investment pace is averaging twice that of 2013. We are finding opportunities in high quality, unstabilized assets in core markets which can be bought from special situations. The typical seller purchased at the top of the market, but has taken until now to make disposition decisions. With 85% of all commercial real estate loans in Europe having been originated before 2008, and the maturity balloon unfolding in the next few years, we expect to see continued opportunities.

WILSON LEUNG Portfolio Manager Asia Real Estate The real estate markets in Asia continue to be attractive as China remains on its emerging market growth track, Japan reaches the bottom of its real estate cycle, and Korea offers appealing distressed investment opportunities. China's economy was on track in 2013, and despite a recent decline in a few economic indicators, most economists expect China to continue achieve 7.0%+ GDP growth in 2014. Demand in China's housing sector continued to keep pace with the supply completed in 2013 and pricing increased by a steady 7.7% over the past year. Meanwhile, urban disposable income grew at 9.7% year-over-year, driving the creation of an emerging middle class. Although land prices in the major cities have increased significantly in the past year, there continues to be selective opportunities to invest in residential development deals in the large second and third tier Chinese cities where middle-income end users are the large majority of buyers.

Five years after the global financial crisis where Japanese real estate values fell 40%, real estate fundamentals appear to be in the early stages of a recovery. With the economy supported by 'Abenomics' and the Bank of Japan's loose monetary policy, Tokyo Grade-A office vacancy levels have declined to below 7.0% and asking rents for the higher quality buildings are on the rise. Japanese REITs have been exceptionally active in buying core, stabilized real estate at increasingly lower cap rates. The spread between cap rates and borrowing costs continue to be wide, offering high cash-on-cash returns and a buffer against the potential for rising interest rates. We believe that this is a particularly attractive time to be investing in Japan as this is one of the few major markets worldwide where we have yet to see a significant rise in asset values and where market fundamentals are improving.

In Korea, the office vacancy rate in Seoul has continued to climb despite 1.5 million square feet of absorption in the fourth quarter of 2013. New office supply outpaced demand and the overall vacancy rate rose to 12.4% as of year-end. Transaction volumes in Seoul are robust, supported by strong interest from domestic institutions acquiring core, stabilized properties. We see attractive distressed opportunities in the office sector, as well as selective residential development deals which have high profit margins in strong, in-fill locations.

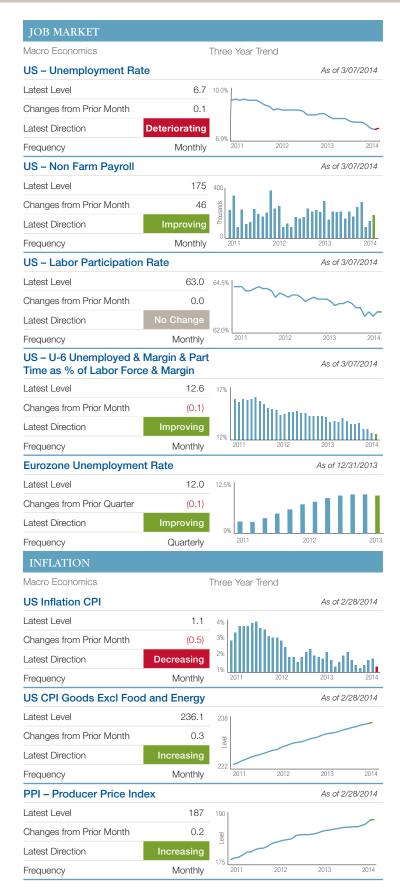




ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

MARKET INDICES

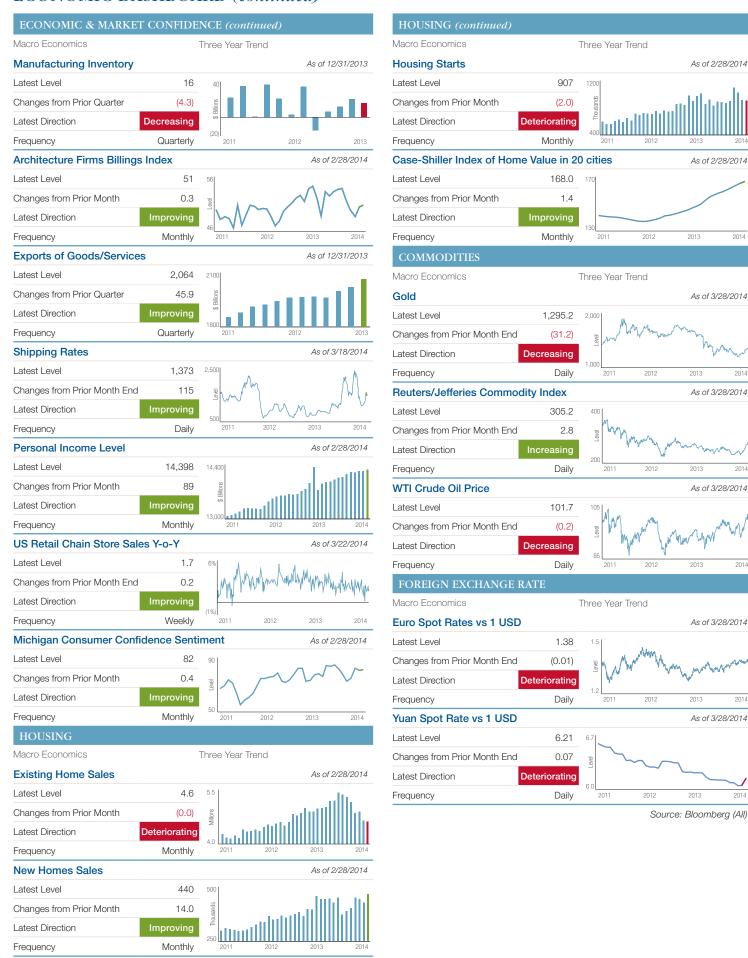
First Quarter 2014





Source: Bloomberg (All)

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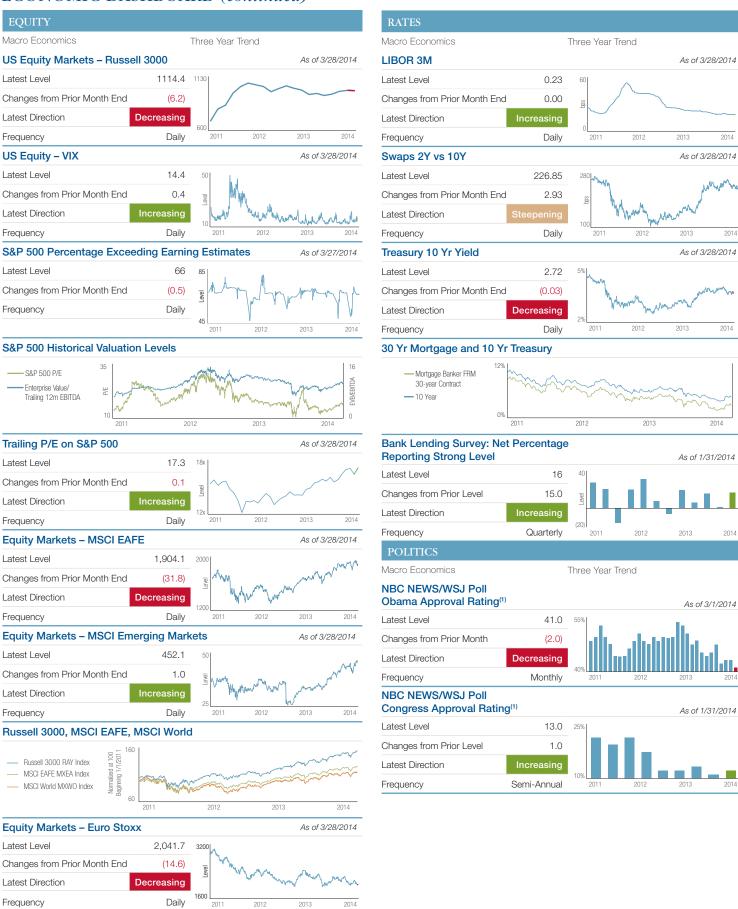
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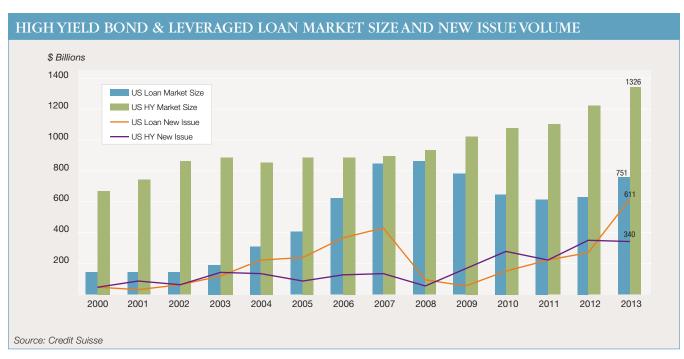
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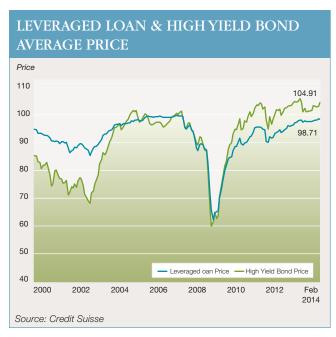


INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

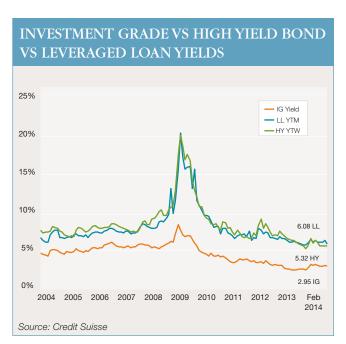
NON-INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE CREDIT



High Yield Bond and Leveraged Loan markets continue to expand to keep up with investor demand for yield

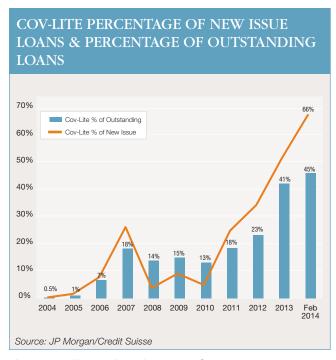


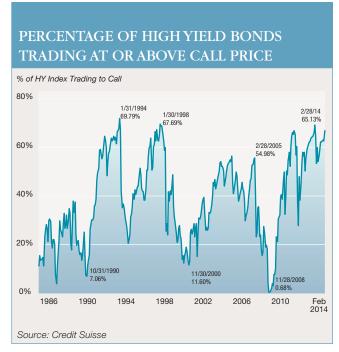
Little room left for further price appreciation in High Yield Bonds



Corporate securities yielding near their all-time lows. Leveraged Loan yield attractive compared to lower in the capital structure High Yield Bond yield

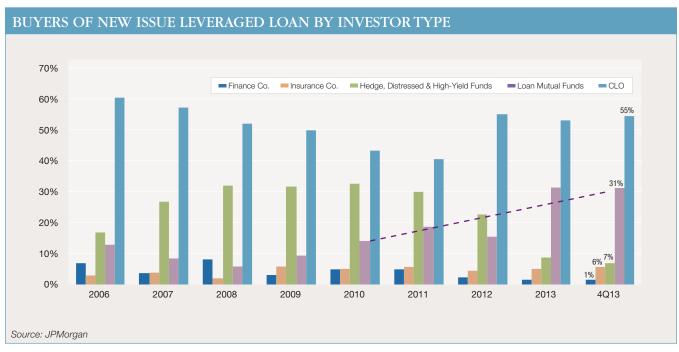






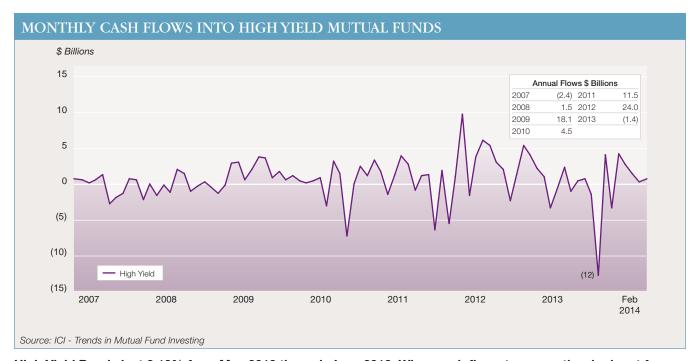
A new reality for loan investors?

Current level near all-time high

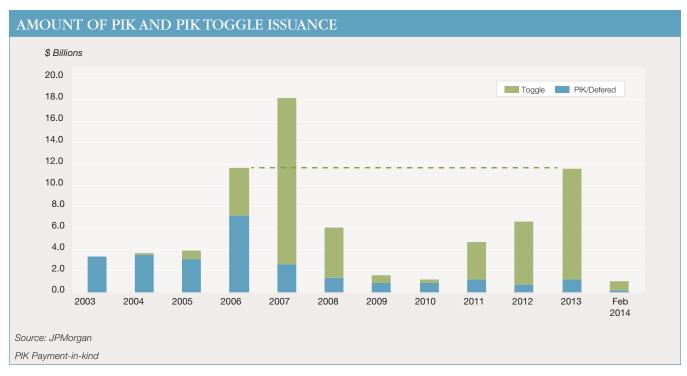


Mutual Funds have become far more important. Watch out if weekly inflows into Mutual Funds turn into weekly outflows



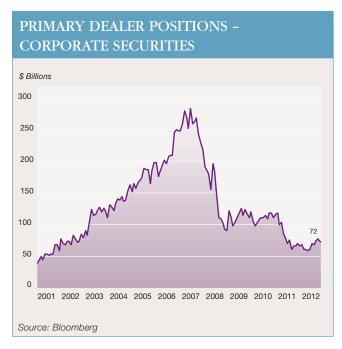


High Yield Bonds lost 3.10% from May 2013 through June 2013. When cash flows turn negative, look out for volatile returns (JPMorgan Domestic High Yield)



Credit standards getting looser which is a sign of a "toppy market"

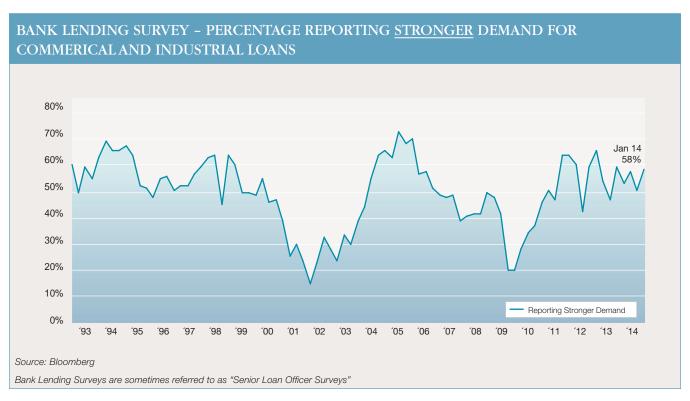






Reduced bank balance sheets have contributed to increased volatility since 2008

Corporate balance sheets continue to strengthen



Credit demands expanding as economy grows



DISTRESSED DEBT - US



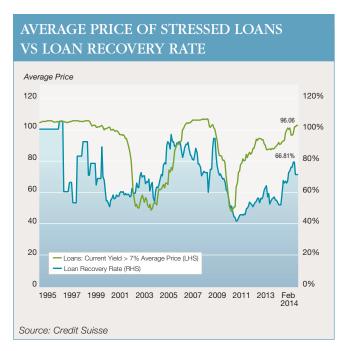
Approximately \$50 billion of distressed US Leveraged Loans and High Yield Bonds at the end of 2013



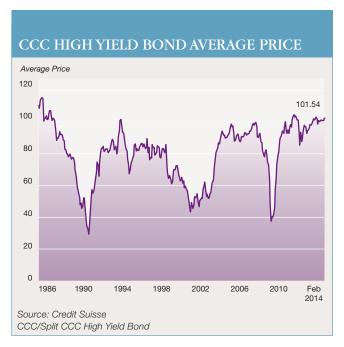
HIGH YIELD BOND VS. LEVERAGED LOAN: RECOVERY RATES		
Date	Leveraged Loan	High Yield Bond
1995	94.00%	42.44%
1996	56.92%	46.64%
1997	78.00%	53.71%
1998	73.58%	37.69%
1999	51.17%	31.27%
2000	56.75%	26.47%
2001	57.09%	27.99%
2002	62.59%	29.96%
2003	66.97%	44.30%
2004	83.41%	52.94%
2005	86.09%	50.54%
2006	66.08%	66.20%
2007	88.63%	59.64%
2008	53.65%	34.83%
2009	43.18%	27.36%
2010	50.54%	58.37%
2011	55.44%	54.07%
2012	56.78%	55.41%
2013	66.81%	58.37%
Average	65.67%	45.17%

Recent loose lending standards and refinancings have resulted in current low default rates

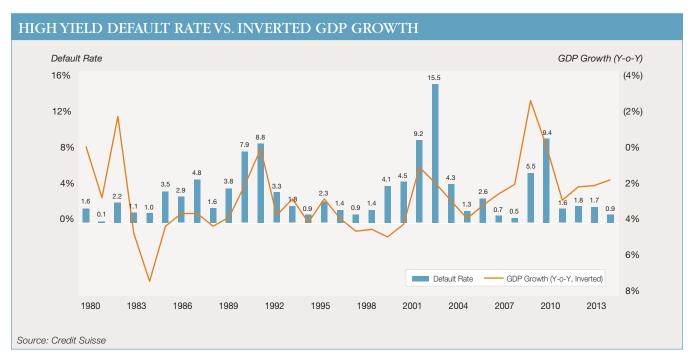




Higher prices of "stressed loans" have historically resulted in higher recovery rates for defaulted loans



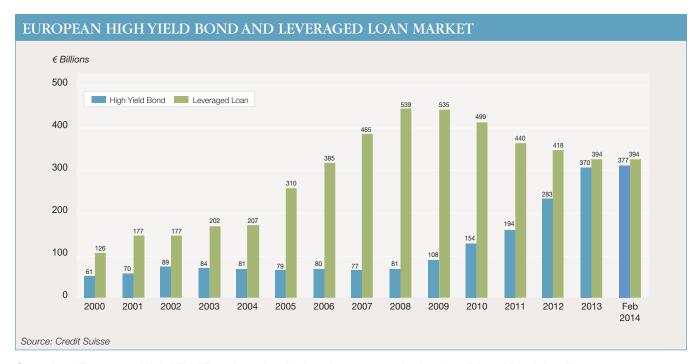
Continued search for yield regardless of credit quality



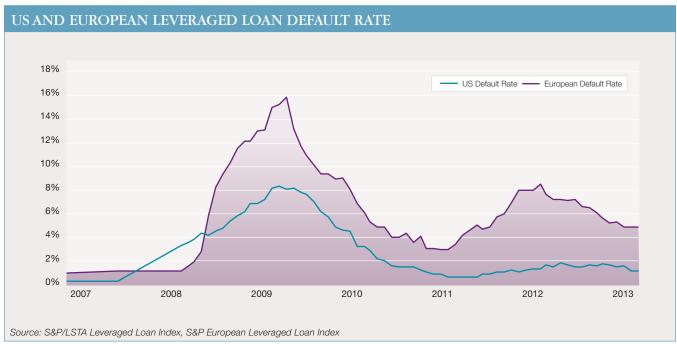
Falling GDP growth has historically correlated with increasing default rates



DISTRESSED DEBT-EUROPE

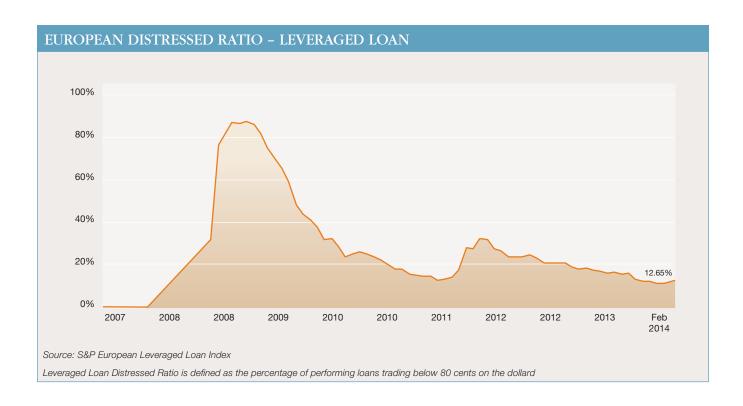


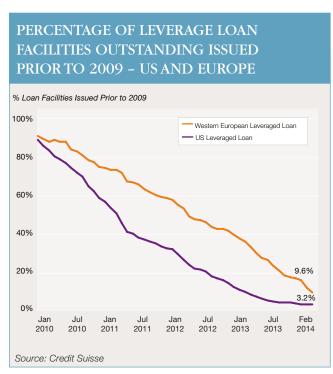
Growth of European High Yield Bond market is due, in part, to a lack of traditional bank lending



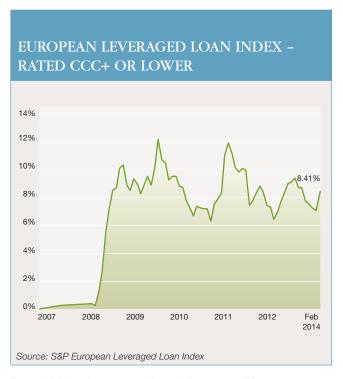
European default rates outpace those in the US creating more distressed investment opportunities







Approximately 10% of European Leveraged Loan Facilities outstanding were issued prior to 2009 and have not refinanced upcoming maturities



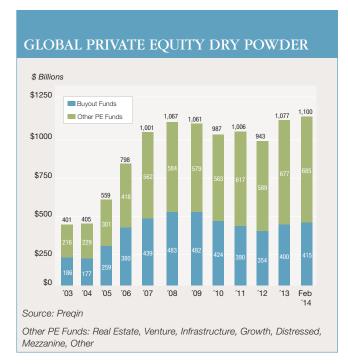
Post 2008, a larger portion of leveraged loans are lower rated and will need to be restructured



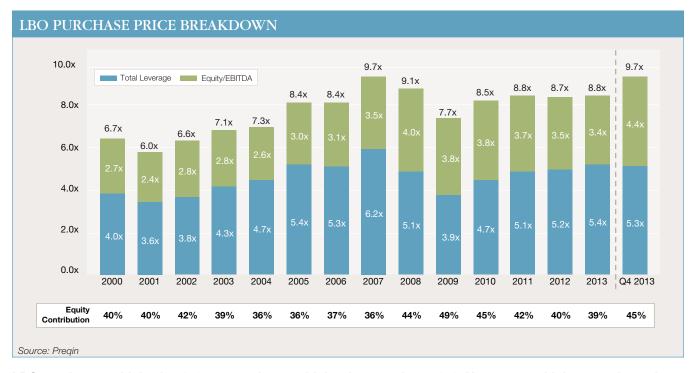
PRIVATE EQUITY



Global LBO Volume in 2013, excluding the Dell and Heinz buyout (\$49 billion), was roughly comparable to the prior 3 years

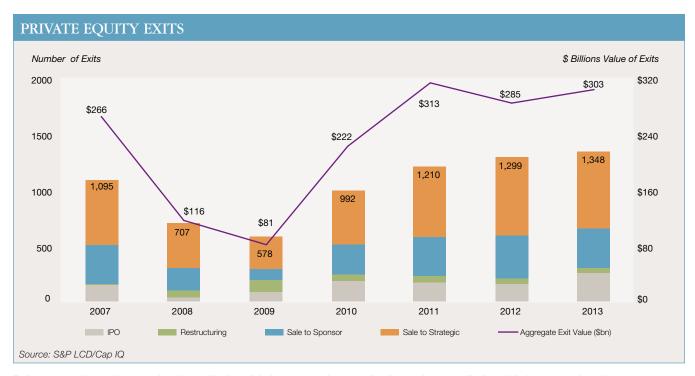


Buyout dry powder increased to \$400 billion in 2013 but remains below peak levels



LBO purchase multiples in 2013 are consistent with levels seen since 2010. However, multiples experienced a significant increase in Q4 2013 driven by robust equity markets and PE firms' desire to deploy capital before commitment periods ended





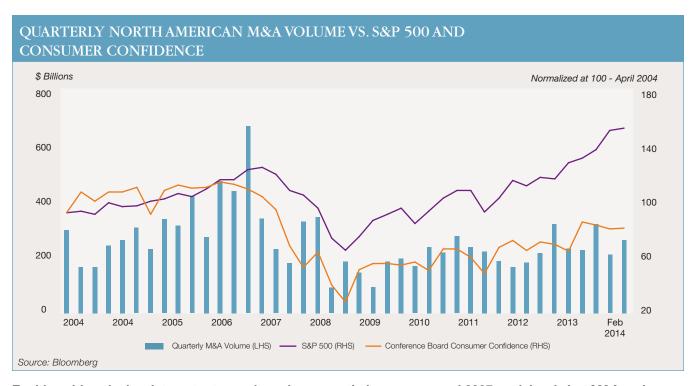
Private equity exits reached an all-time high for number of deals and near all-time highs for exit values



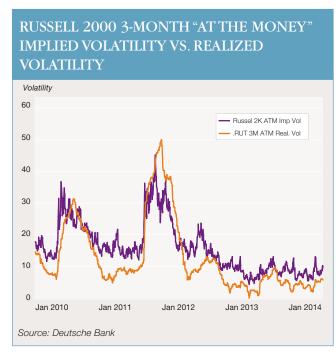
Driven by a robust equity market in 2013, sponsors executed more IPO's as a means to monetize their portfolios. Sponsor-backed companies also represented a significant percentage of IPO's in the marketplace



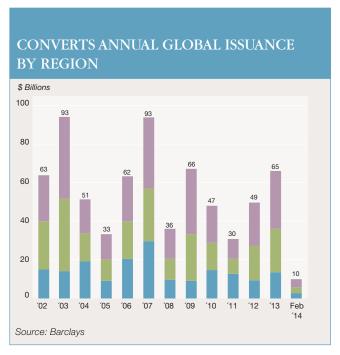
MERGER & CONVERTIBLE ARBITRAGE



Equities, driven by low interest rates and earnings growth, have surpassed 2007 peak levels but M&A and Consumer Confidence have not



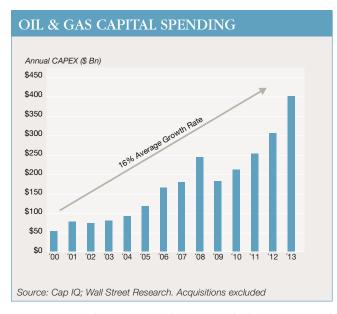
Volatility has remained at absolute low levels since the beginning of 2012

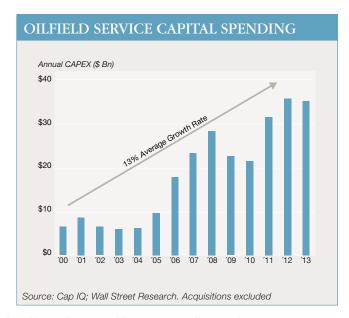


Global issuance of convertible securities has increased considerably since 2011. In particular EMEA ("Europe, the Middle East and Africa") has had increased issuance

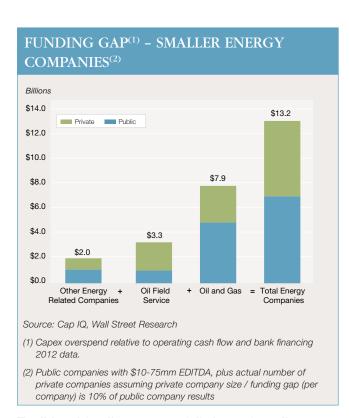


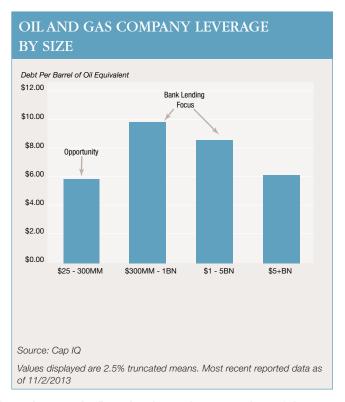
ENERGY DIRECT LENDING





Across its major sectors, the energy industry has maintained its robust multi-year spending trajectory

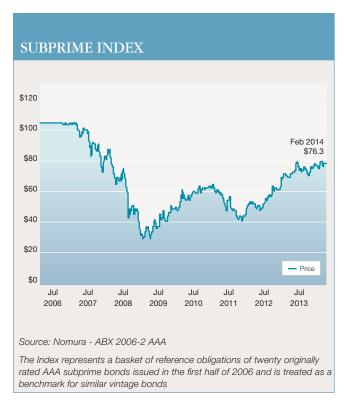




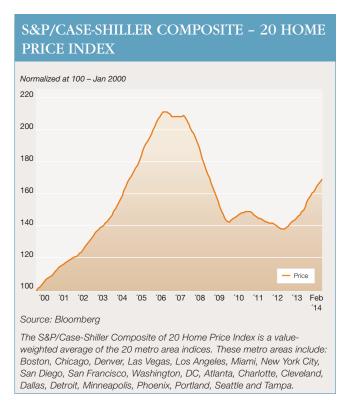
Traditional funding sources fall short of small company financing needs. Despite that, a large number of those companies offer superior credit risk profiles



RESIDENTIAL AND CONSUMER DEBT (RMBS/ABS)



The index continues to rally but trading volumes remain light



After a brief pause in the 4th quarter of last year, home prices continue to appreciate

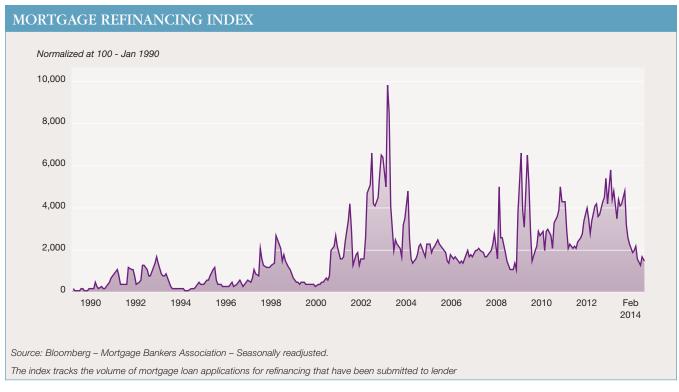


Despite increasing from below 4%, 30-year mortgage rates are still near all-time lows





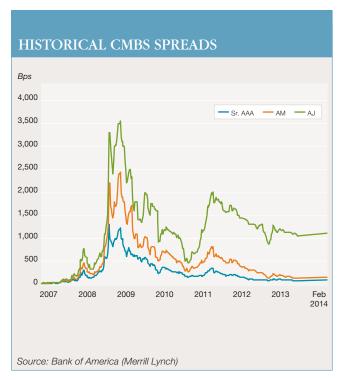
New mortgage applications continue to lag due to stringent underwriting guidelines that only allow pristine credit borrowers to qualify



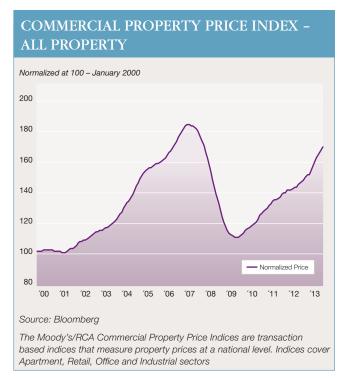
As mortgage rates rose from their historic lows, refinancing activity dropped off commensurately



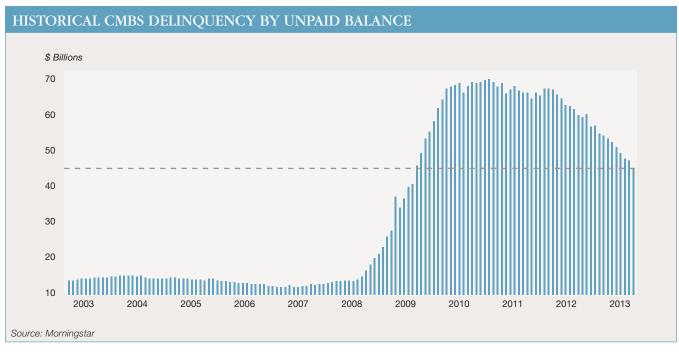
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEBT (CMBS)



Spreads on senior AAA bonds have returned to pre-crisis levels while AJ spreads have remained elevated



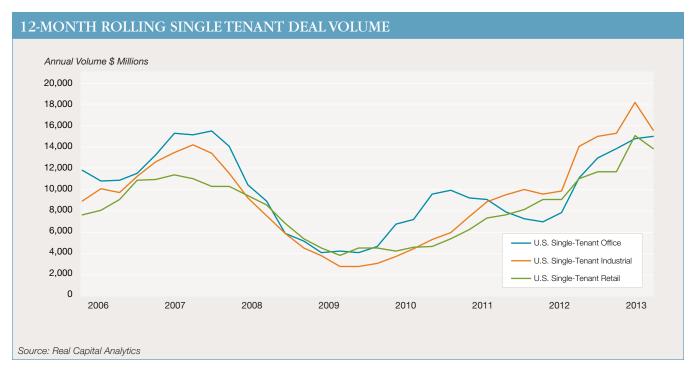
Commercial property values are rapidly approaching peak levels



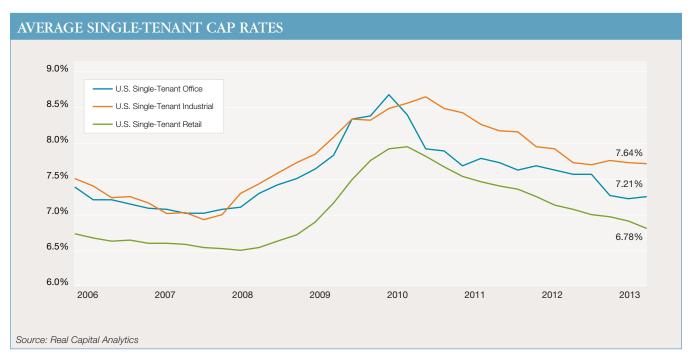
Delinquency rates are declining as problem loans are being resolved



NET LEASE REAL ESTATE



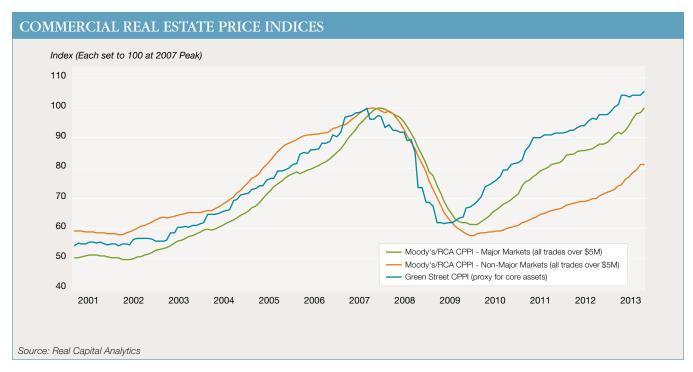
Activity has increased



Pricing has strengthened



UNITED STATES REAL ESTATE



Prices have significantly recovered but bifurcation by market and by type of asset persist...

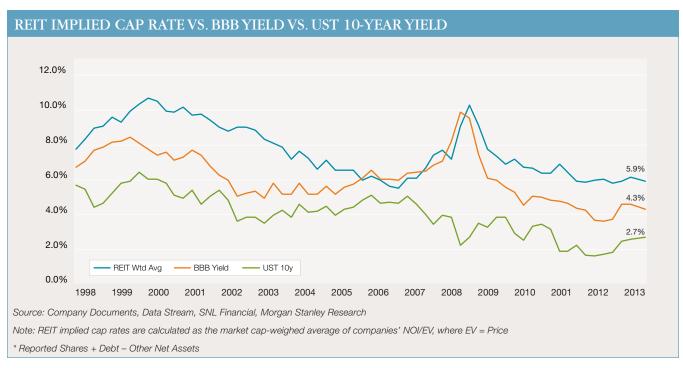


...Driven by divergent capital flows



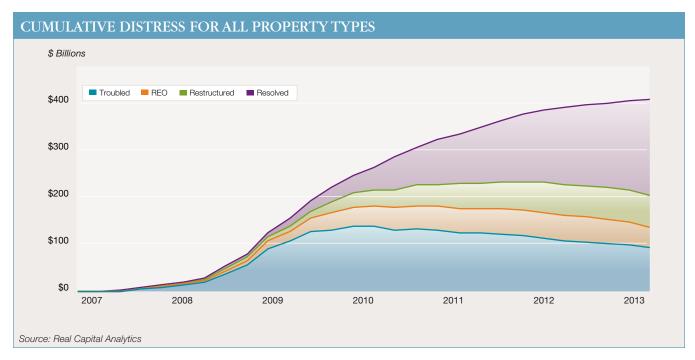


Cap rates trending to historically low levels...

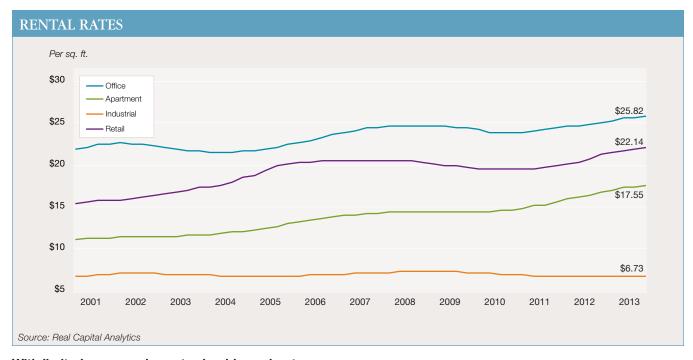


...But provide attractive spread to alternative assets





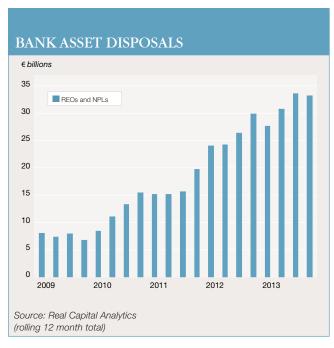
Approximately 65% of distressed assets have been resolved or restructured

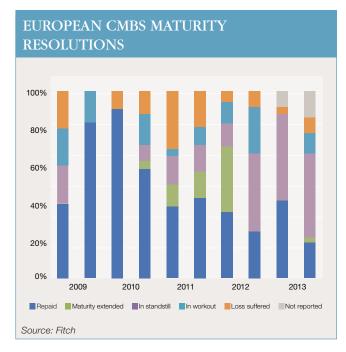


With limited new supply, rents should accelerate



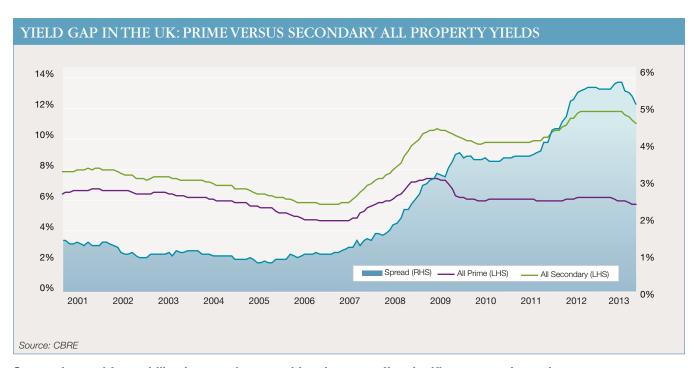
EUROPE REAL ESTATE





Bank sales accelerating

Loan impairment increasing

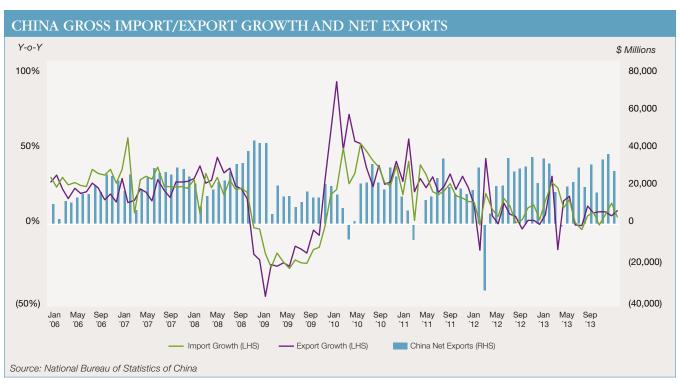


Strong demand for stabilized properties; transitional assets offer significant spread premium

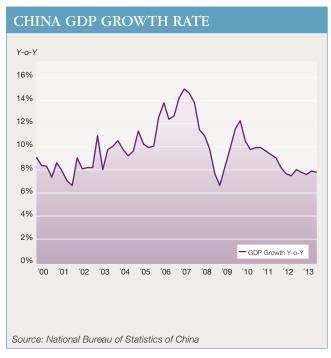


ASIA REAL ESTATE

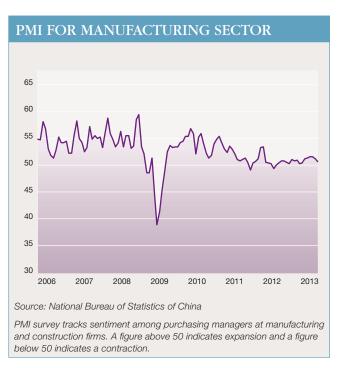
CHINA



Import and export growth continued to be in positive territory

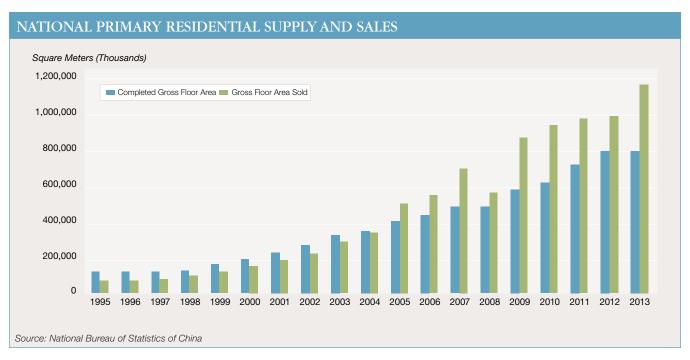


GDP growing at a steady pace

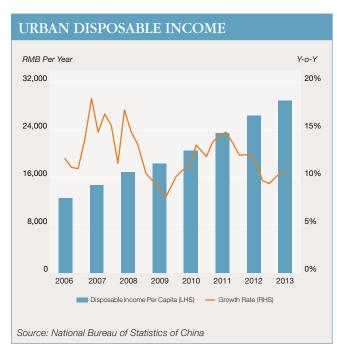


PMI stayed above 50 throughout 2013





Residential demand is keeping pace with supply



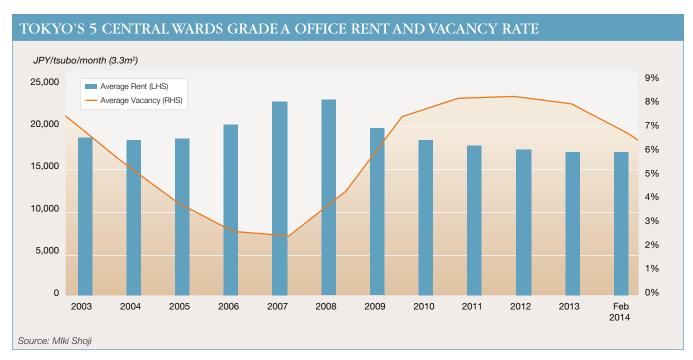
Urban disposable income growth is creating an emerging, wealthy middle class seeking to become homeowners



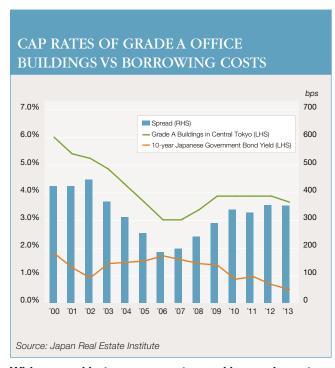
Housing prices grew 7.7% in 2013



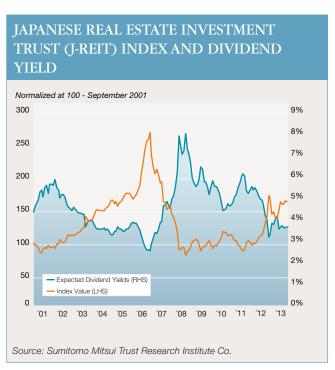
JAPAN



Tokyo's office market is in the early stages of a recovery



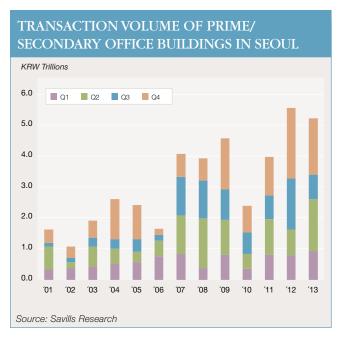
Wide spread between cap rates and borrowing rates of nearly 340bps offer attractive cash on cash returns



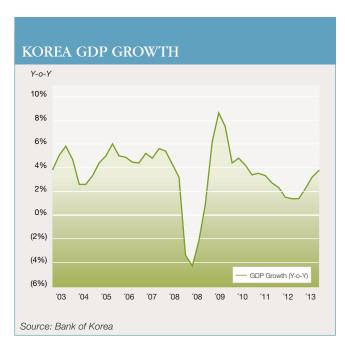
J-REIT Index up ~35% over last 12 months driving down dividend yields (and thereby implied cap rates) by ~150bps



KOREA



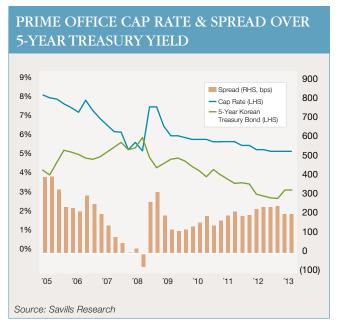
Strong office sales volume driven by aggressive domestic core investors



GDP growth continues to improve



Seoul office vacancy continues to increase driven by supply overhang



Spreads beginning to tighten as domestic core property investors get more aggressive





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