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The Next Recession

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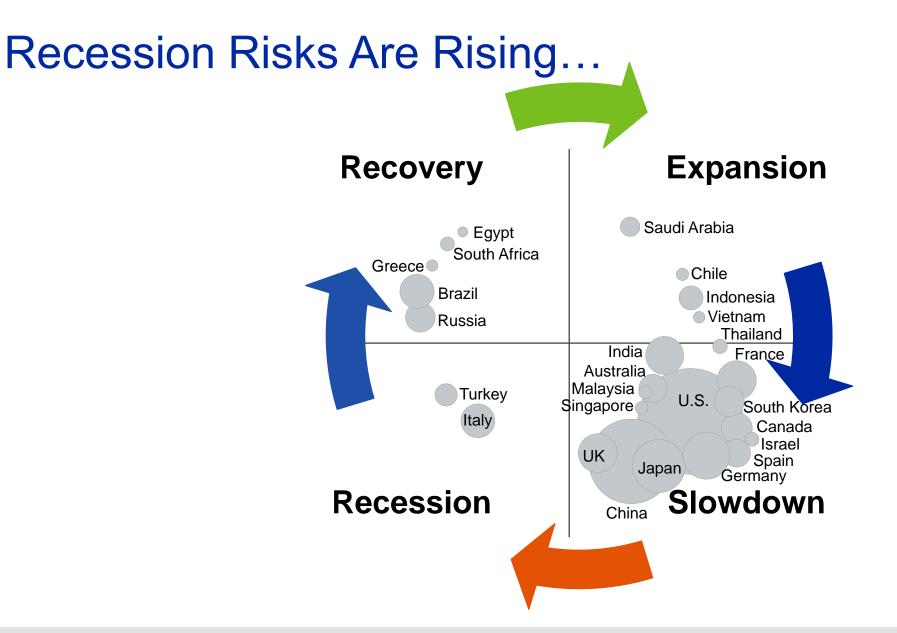
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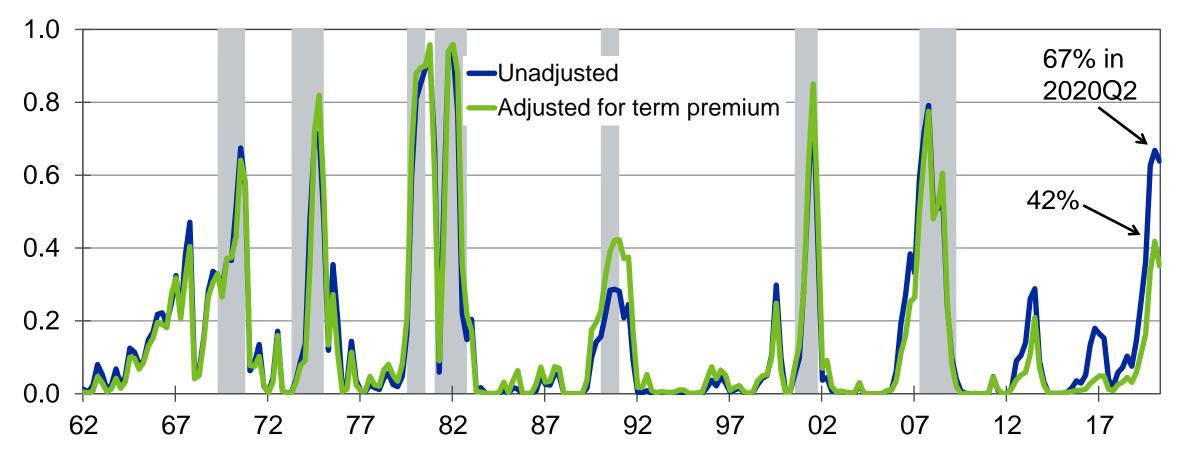


Sizing Up the Recession Threat



...and Uncomfortably High

Probability of U.S. recession based on financial indicators 12-mo prior

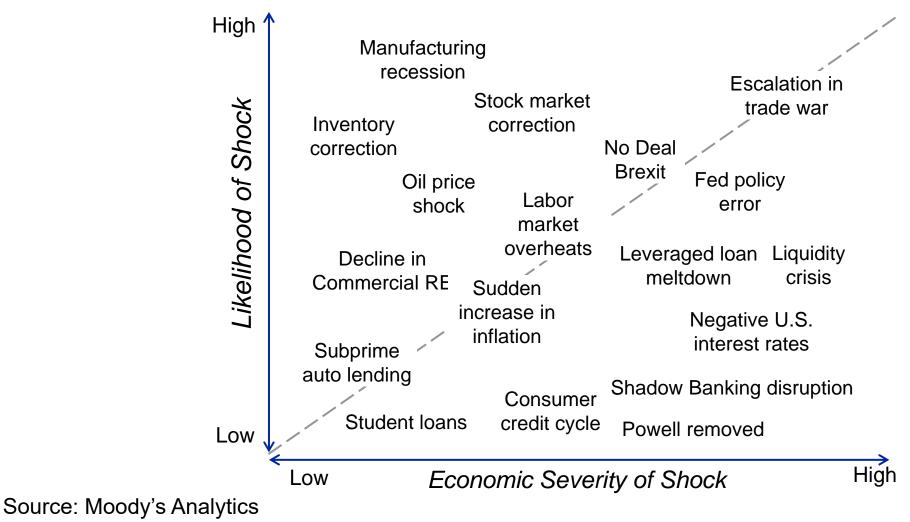


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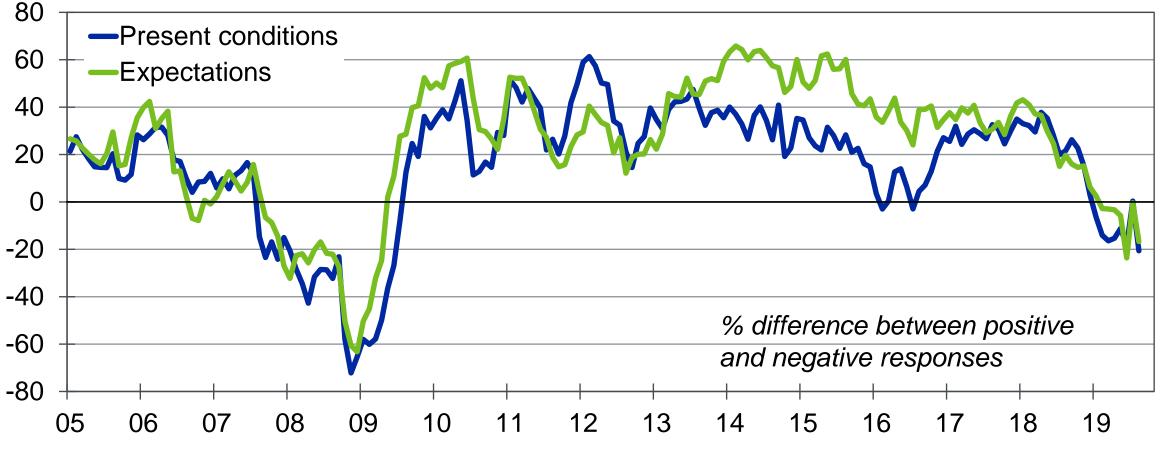
Recession Triggers

What Could Go Wrong?



Trump Trade War Undermines Business Sentiment

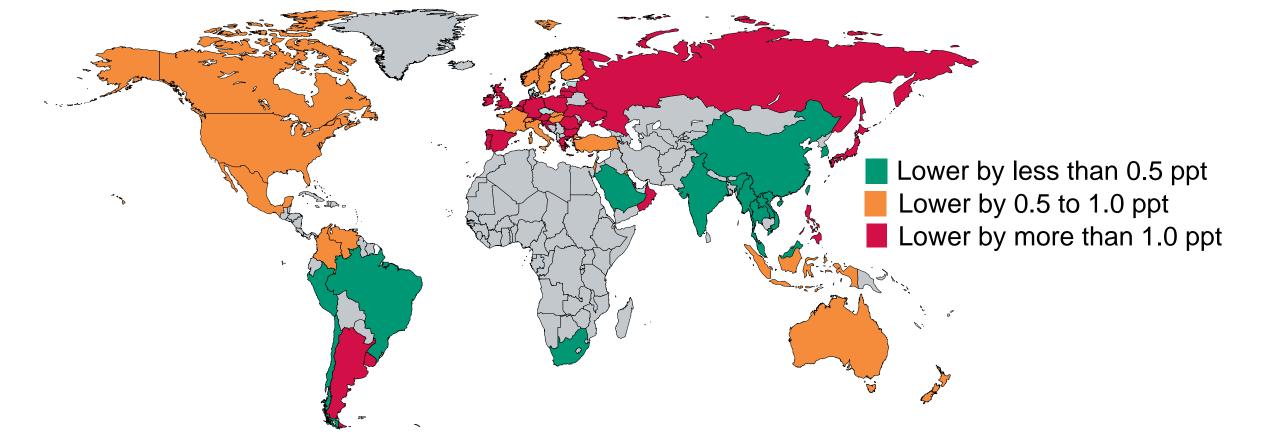
Moody's Analytics business sentiment survey



Source: Moody's Analytics

No-Deal Brexit Would Be a Global Body Blow

Difference in Real GDP in 2020Q4, No deal vs No Brexit



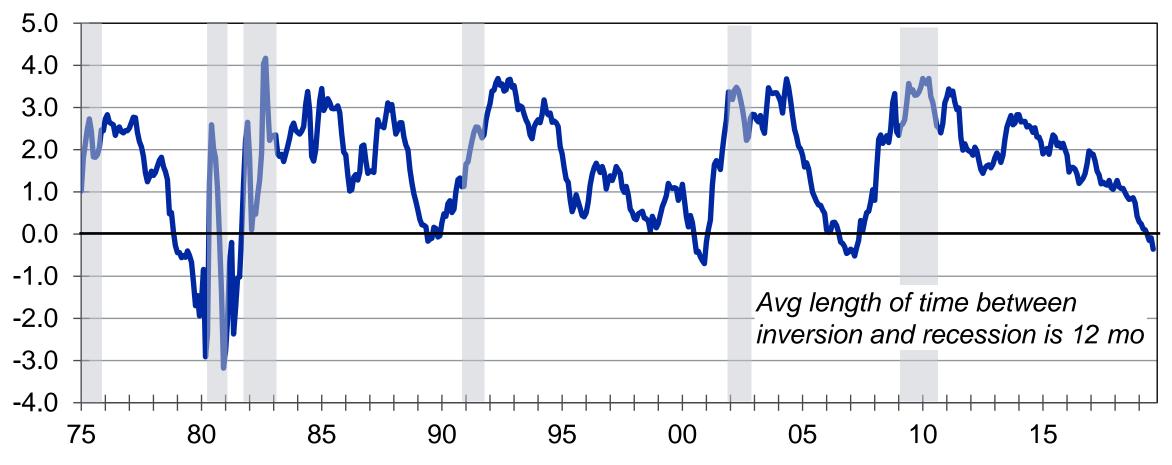
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Road to Recession

Treasury Yield Curve Sends a Warning

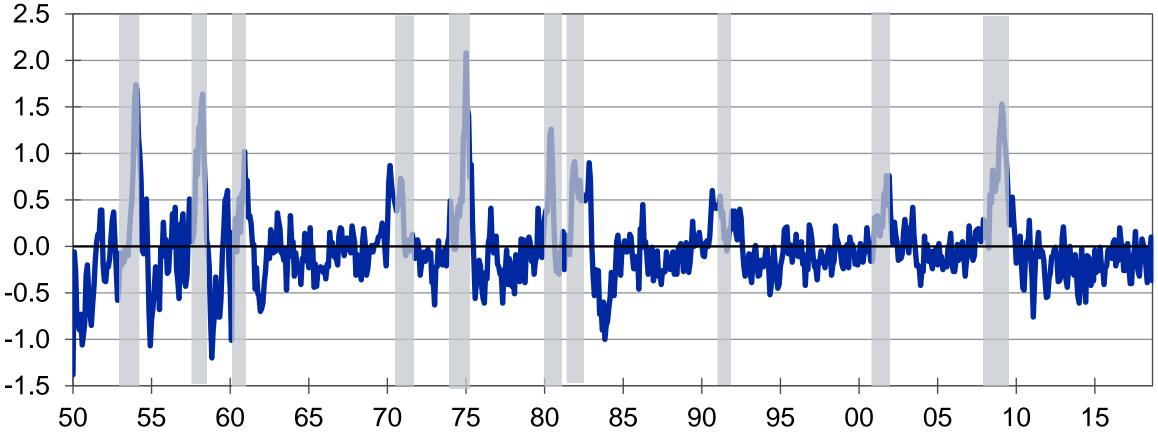
Difference between 10-yr Treasury yield and 3-mo EBY, ppts



Sources: Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

How a Vicious Cycle Takes Hold

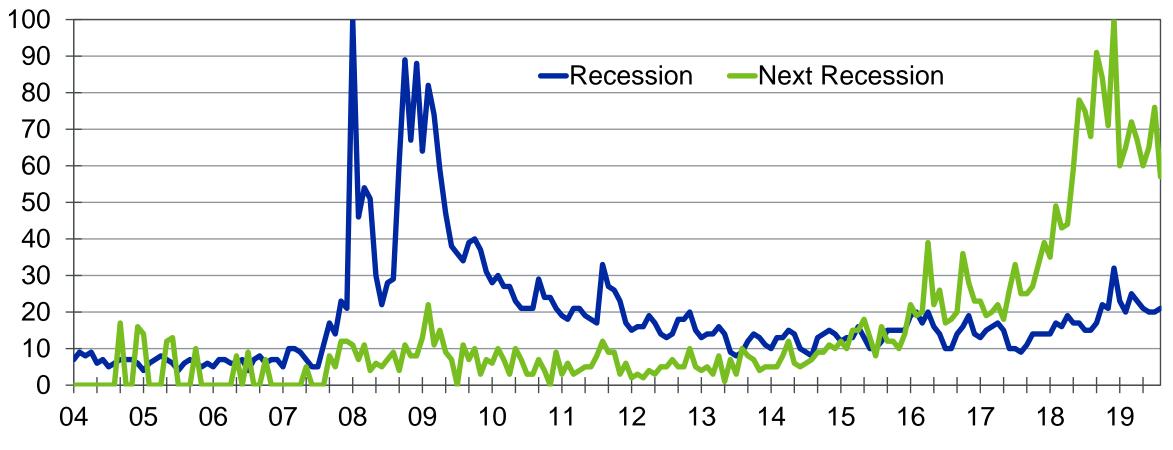
3-mo change in the unemployment rate, ppts



Sources: BLS, Moody's Analytics

Recession Worries Mount

U.S. Google search term, 100=peak popularity



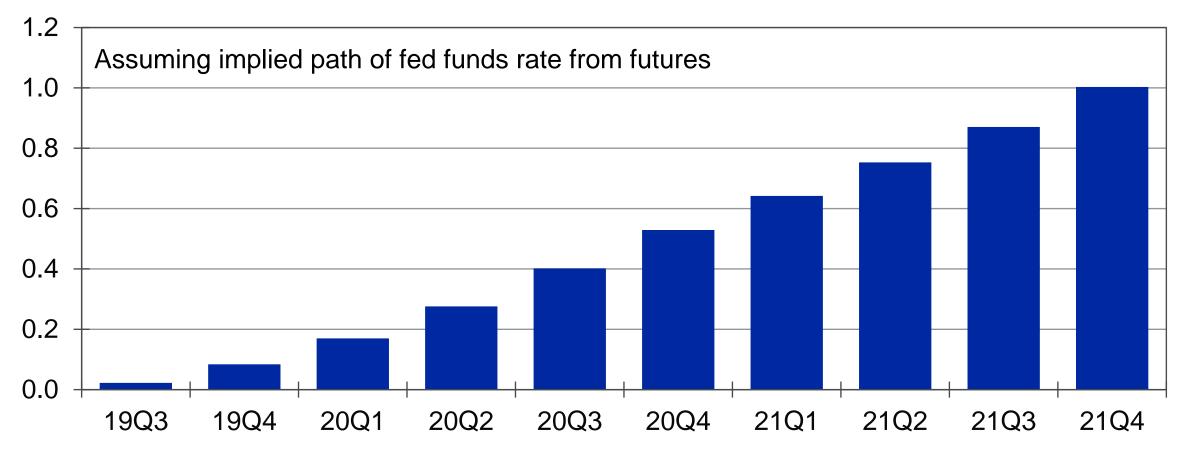
Sources: Google Trends, Moody's Analytics



Policy Response

Monetary Easing Is Critical...

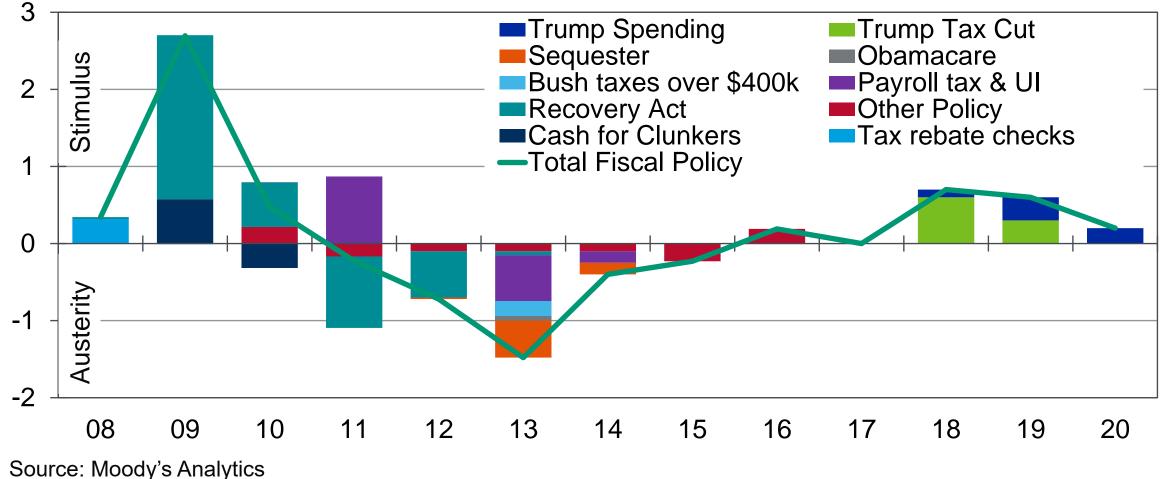
Deviation in real GDP under Fed cut scenario and baseline, %



Source: Moody's Analytics

... As More Fiscal Stimulus Is Not Likely

U.S. federal discretionary fiscal policy as a % of GDP

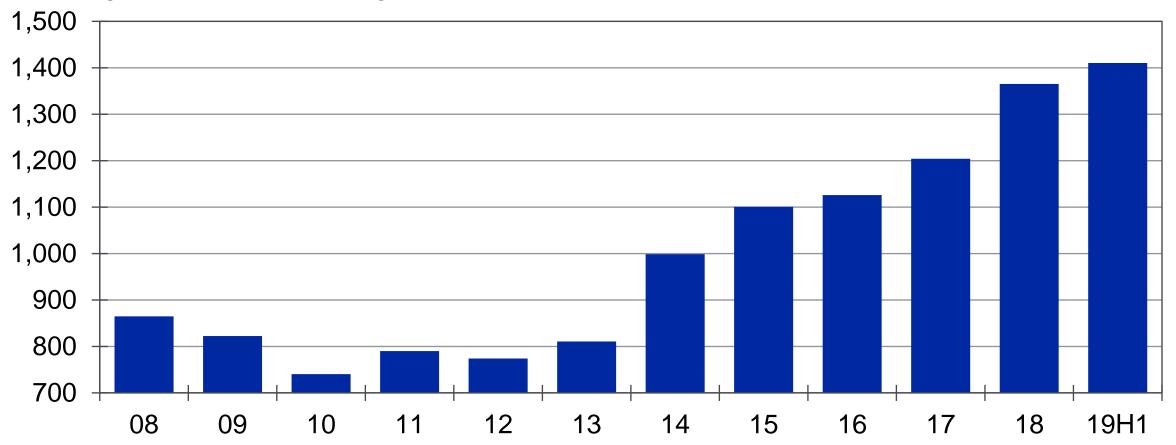




How Severe a Downturn

Leveraged Firms Leverage Up

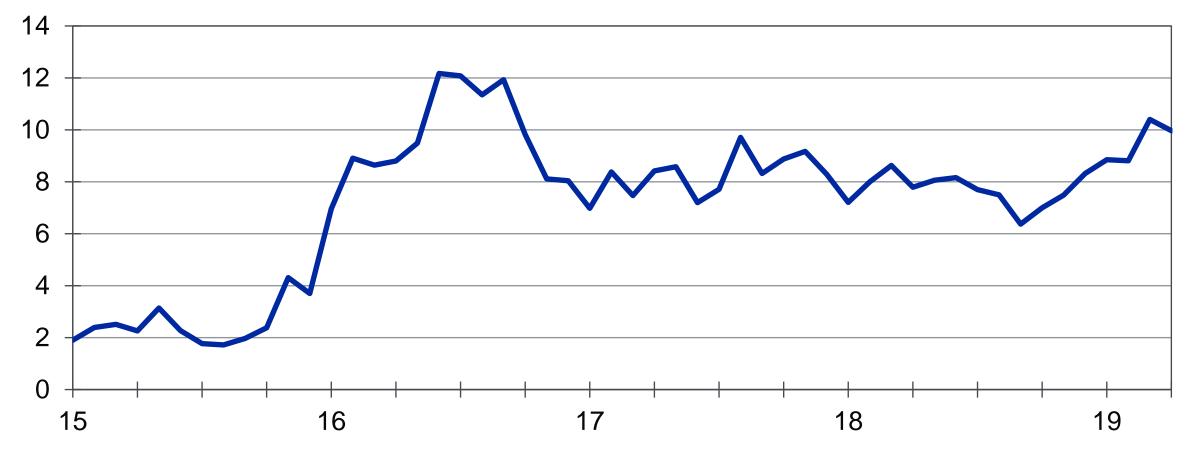
Leveraged loans outstanding, \$ bil



Sources: IMF, Moody's Analytics

Europe Faces Another Existential Moment

European debt with negative interest rates, \$ tril



Sources: Bloomberg, Barclays, Moody's Analytics



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