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Kick-off Report: A Look Toward Opportunities and Risks for 2010

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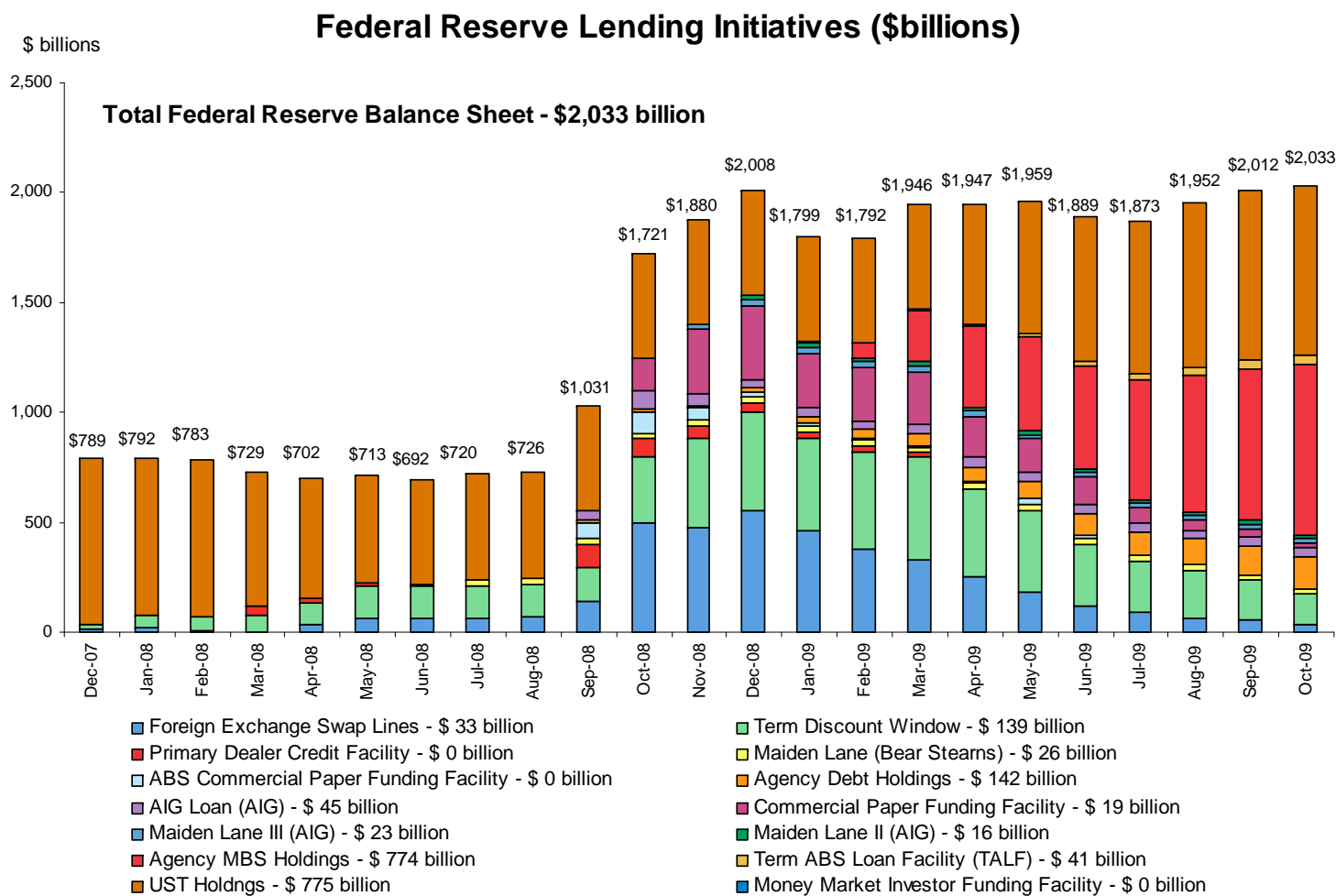
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2009 Economic Review

- Global central bank coordination resolved the liquidity and deflation crises; aggressive fiscal and monetary intervention stimulated growth
- Markets improved:
 - S&P 500 Index +26.5%
 - MSCI World Index +30.0%
 - MSCI Emerging Markets Index +78.5%
- Economic activity picked up worldwide, particularly in emerging markets
- Dispersion of returns became increasingly meaningful

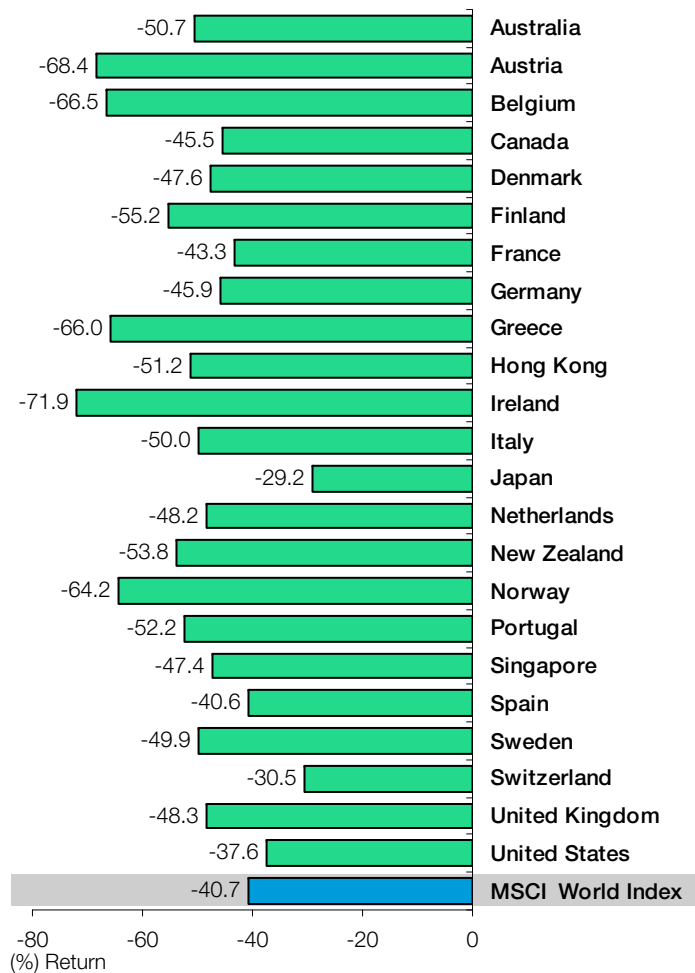
Federal Reserve Lending Initiatives



As of October 30, 2009
Source: Federal Reserve

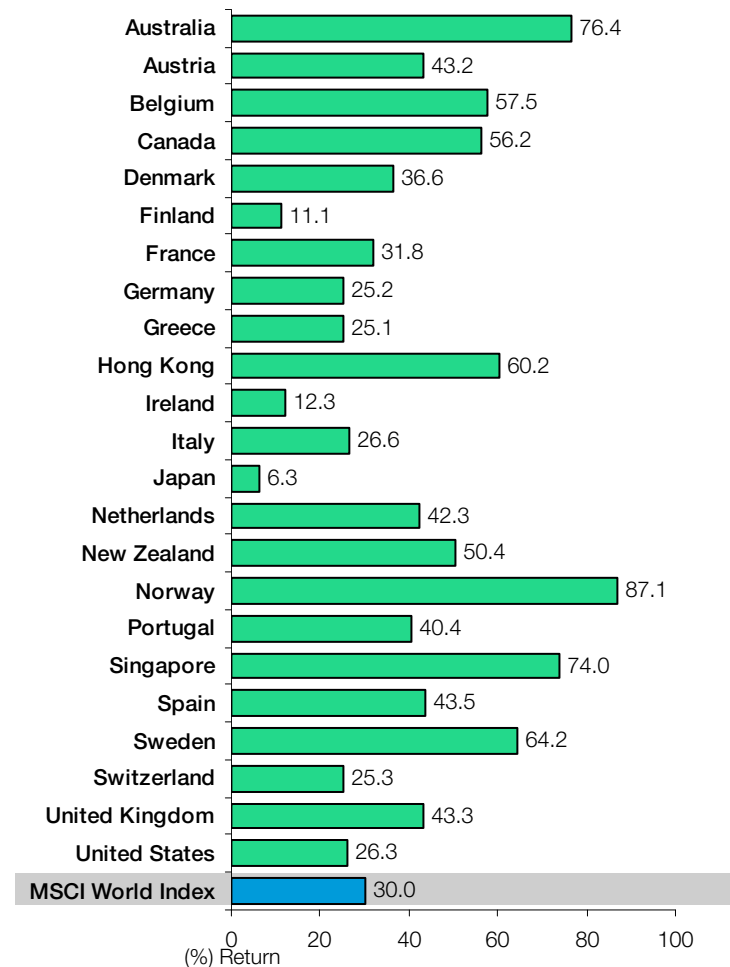
Dispersion Country Comparison

2008:



As of 31 December 2009
Source: Lazard Asset Management, MSCI

2009:

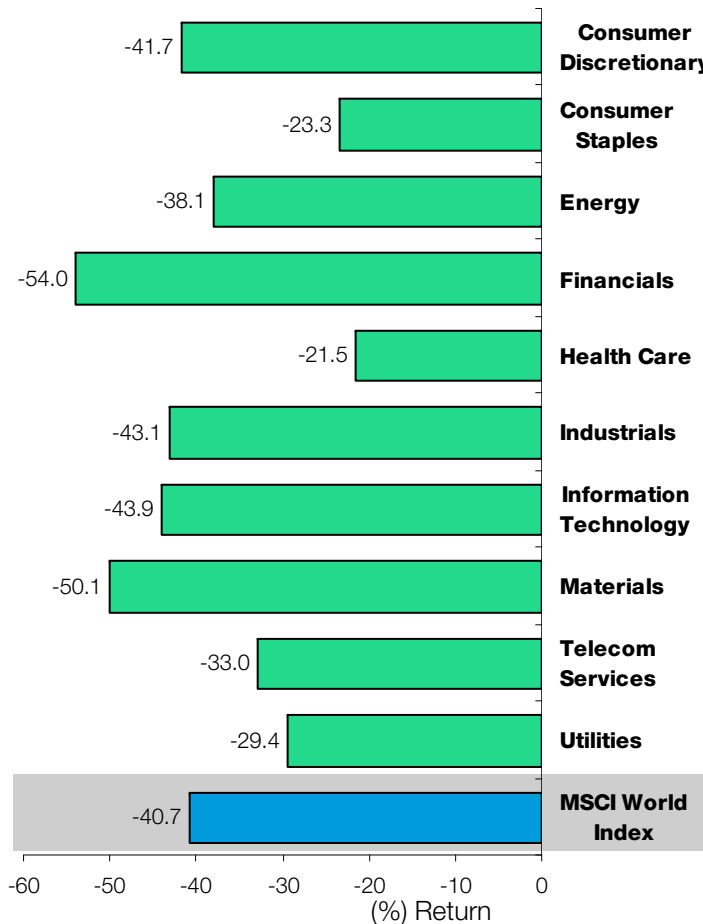


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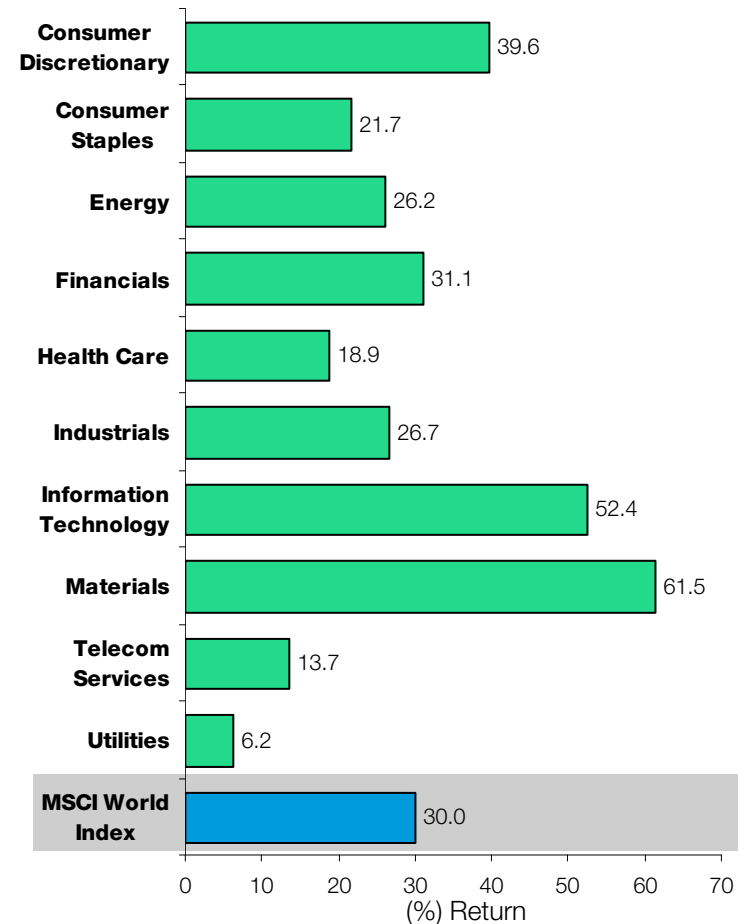
Global Sector Comparison

2008:



As of 31 December 2009
Source: Lazard, MSCI Barra

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Sector performance now has wide dispersion; which creates opportunity for active viewpoints

The Big Picture

- Reflationary policies have thus far succeeded but global recovery is not evenly balanced
- Investors continue to become more global in their viewpoint
- Long term, some of the best growth opportunities reside in emerging markets
- Capital flows to emerging markets are secular and backed by strong fundamentals
- Expect continuing volatility

Global Outlook for 2010

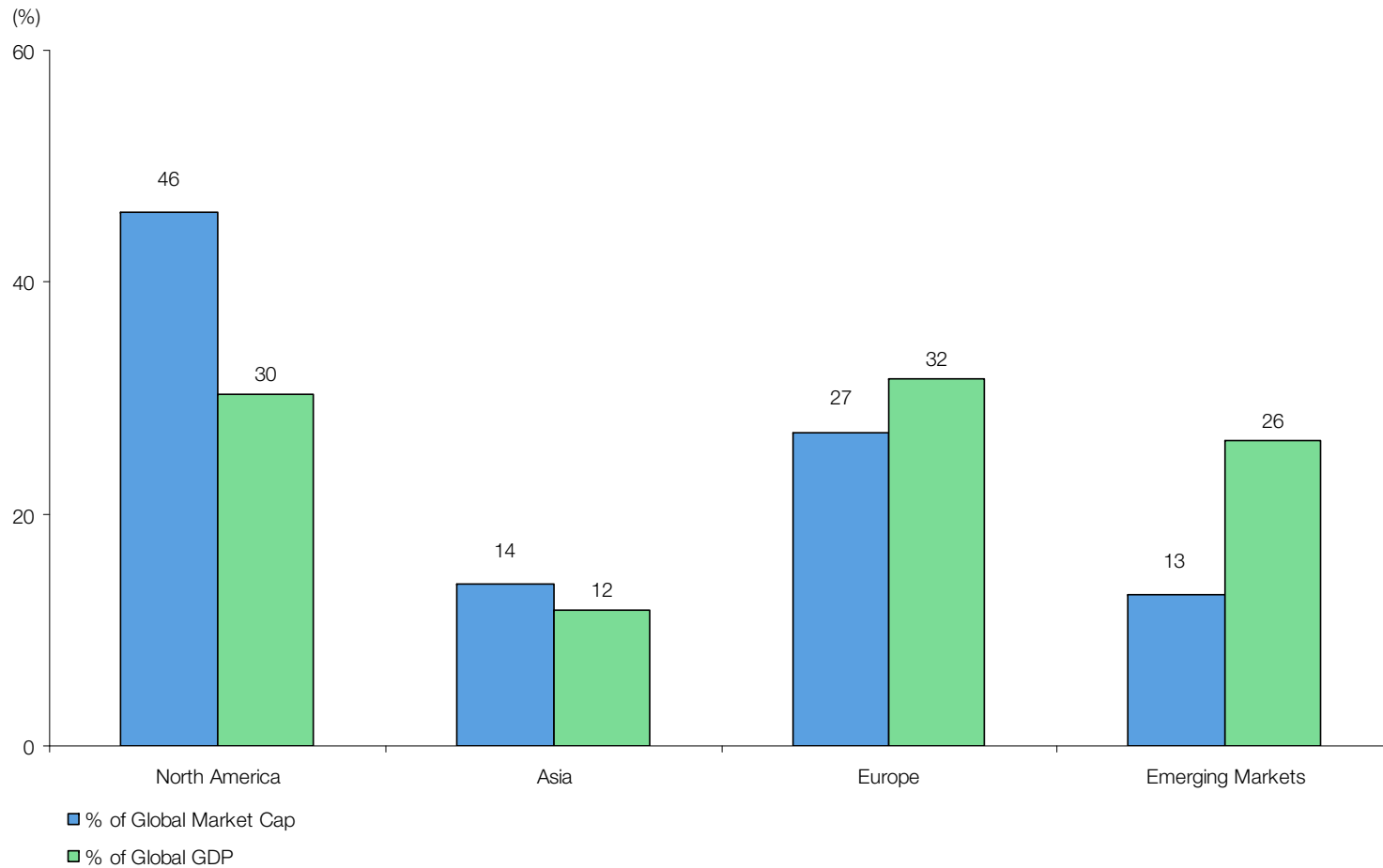
- Increasing dispersion between growth rates in developed versus emerging economies
- Global central banks remain accommodative but may be less so in 2010
- Sustainability of the recovery in developed markets is dependant on employment and housing sector recovery
- Looming 2011 U.S. income tax increases have implications in 2010
- Investors continue to add to risk exposure in all asset classes

Range of Expectations

- GDP growth
 - Developed – low to moderate growth
 - Emerging – moderate to high growth
- Inflation
 - CPI inflation or “true inflation” – little sign of this
 - Commodity inflation – driven by emerging markets demand
 - U.S. dollar-denominated inflation versus non-U.S. currency

Finding Equilibrium

Market Cap to GDP needs to move toward equilibrium



As of December 31, 2008

Source: MSCI, International Monetary Fund

Regions are based on the MSCI classifications. GDP figures are 3-year averages.

Key Investment Issues in 2010

What are we worried about?

- Policy risk
 - Government intervention
 - Taxes
 - Regulation
- Central bank risk
 - Inflation
 - Exit strategy
- Economic sustainability
 - Employment
 - Housing
- Geopolitical risk

Investment Strategy

First Half 2010

Primary Investment Themes

- Continued engagement of risk but with a strong focus on maintaining liquidity and flexibility
- Favor equity over fixed income
- Granular focus within investment categories to better take advantage of dispersion in equity and fixed income markets

Secondary Investment Themes

- Overweight emerging markets and Asia ex-Japan, as we believe the secular growth story remains intact
- Emphasize sustainable businesses in essential industries

Asset Class Viewpoints

	Attractive	Fair Valued	Unattractive
EQUITY			
Cap	Large Cap	Mid Cap Small Cap	
Region	Emerging Markets Asia-Pacific ex-Japan	U.S.	U.K. Continental Europe Japan
Style		Growth	Value
FIXED INCOME		Credit Cash	U.S. Treasurys

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Breaking Down the Broader Indices

Granular viewpoints on investment themes.

Thematic	Contrarian	Diversifying Assets
Brazil	Technology	Gold
Asia-Pacific ex-Japan	Global Utilities	Emerging Markets Fixed Income
Agribusiness	Health Care	S&P 500 Index VIX
Materials		
Global Water Infrastructure		
Nuclear Energy		
Natural Gas		
Listed Private Equity		

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Conclusions

- Global economy to experience growth; sustainability will be questioned
- Emerging markets in key economic role
- Potential inflection point for inflation
- Dispersion increasing
- Expect volatile markets
- True risk management will be required

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