

Navigating a changing weather



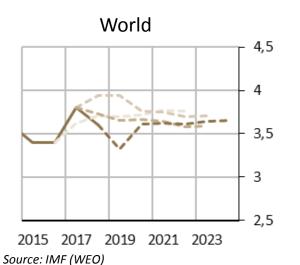
Meeting with Observatory Group New York City

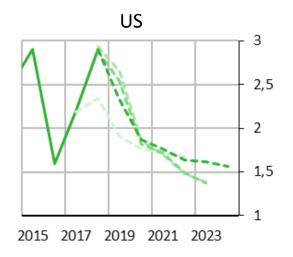
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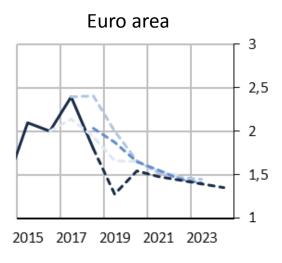
Uncertain prospects

- IMF revising down growth over the past year...
- ... against the backdrop of unabated (economic, political & geopolitical) uncertainties...
- ... leading central banks to adopt a (relatively) more accommodative stance over monetary policy

Growth forecast (annual GDP growth, %)

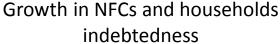


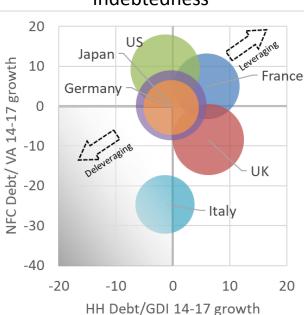


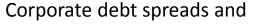


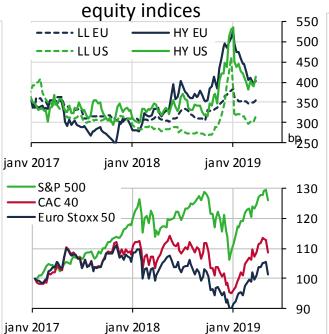
Side effects of low for longer

Non-financial actors leveraging up and financial actors prone to more risk taking

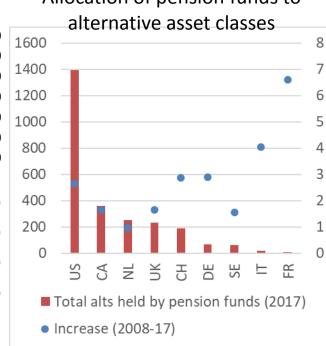








Allocation of pension funds to



Source: OECD Source: Bloomberg

Note: 2014-2017 growth in NFC and households debt; the size of the circle is proportional to total non-financial agents's debt in % of GDP

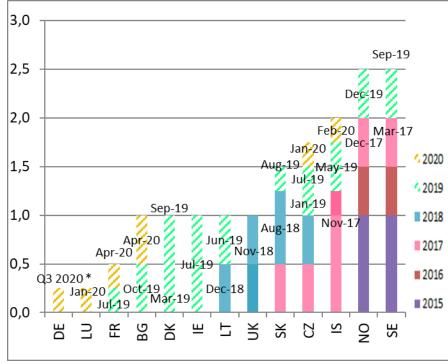
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Source: Ivashina & Lerner (2018) based on Perquin Note: Total allocation to alternative asset classes by pension funds; increase expressed as 2017 amount divided by 2008 amount

Deploying a macroprudential response

- Macroprudential policy could seek to help preventing excesses...
 - soft intervention (communication)
 - hard intervention (e.g. in France: art. 458 / corporate debt)
- ... but action mostly geared toward building up resilience and room for manœuvre ahead of the next crisis
 - CCyB to be raised in good times and to be relaxed when facing risks of credit crunch
 - a complement to monetary policy now and in the future

CCyB implemented in EU and EEA jurisdictions



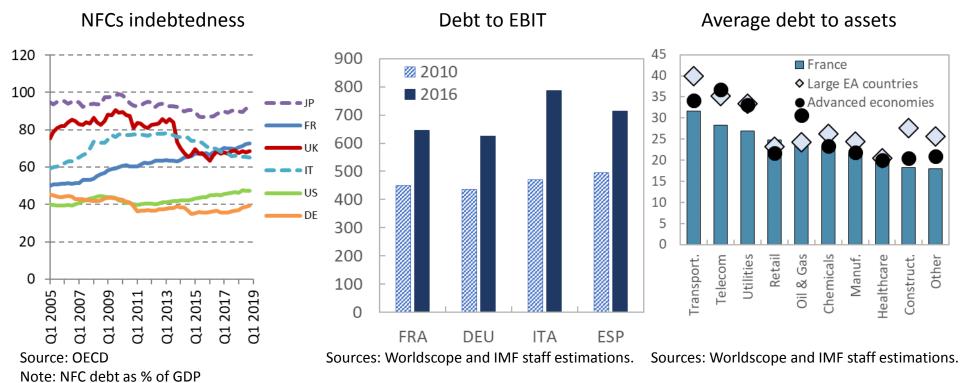






NFCs taking on debt – low interest rate curse and roll over risk

- French NFCs have more debt but this is partly a composition effect
- Leveraging up in the corporate sector should be approached and addressed as a global development







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Households mortgaging up – at what cost?

- Households' debt at average level and credit risk well under control thanks to structural features...
- ... but debt-to-income ratio keeps growing on the back of a gradual shift toward laxer credit conditions, raising medium term sustainability concerns

