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# **China/Emerging Markets: Cyclical And Structural Opportunities And Risks**

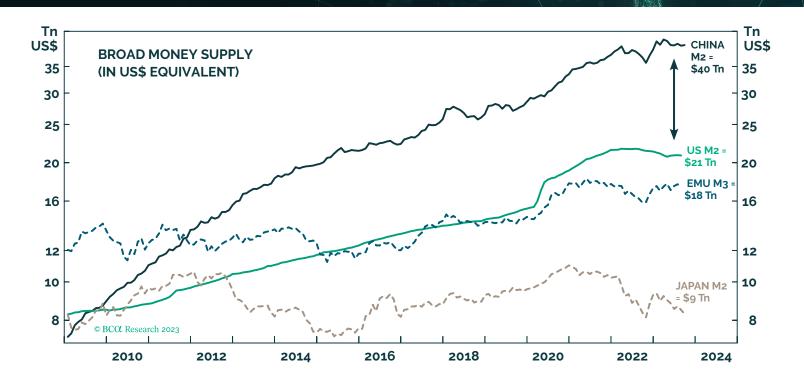


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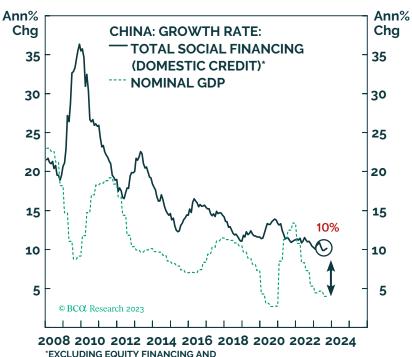
#### **Key Points**

- Beijing is not paralyzed. Policymakers have made a conscious decision to hold out on providing "irrigation-style" stimulus for as long as possible.
- China is experiencing full-fledged debt deflation and some sort of balance sheet recession. The outcome is a liquidity trap.
- The multi-year outlook for EM equities is neutral at best. Near-term risks are tilted to the downside.
- Select EM domestic bonds present a good risk-reward profile, especially after the current phase of US dollar strength runs its course.
- Mexico, Chile, India, and Vietnam offer the best investment opportunities.

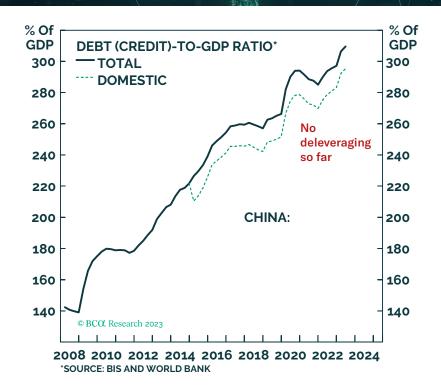
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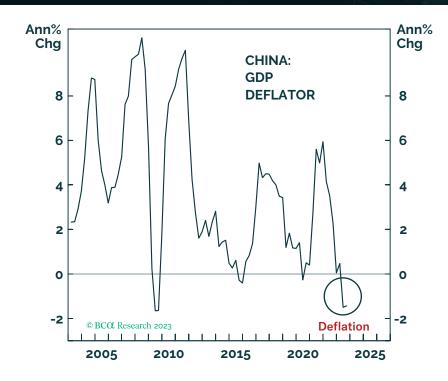
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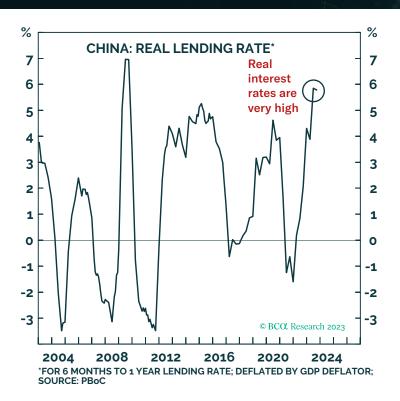


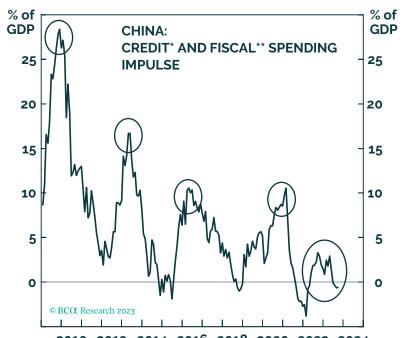
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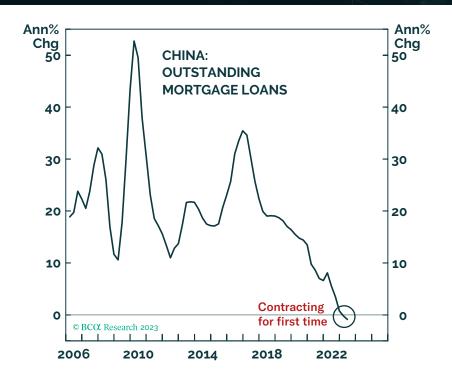




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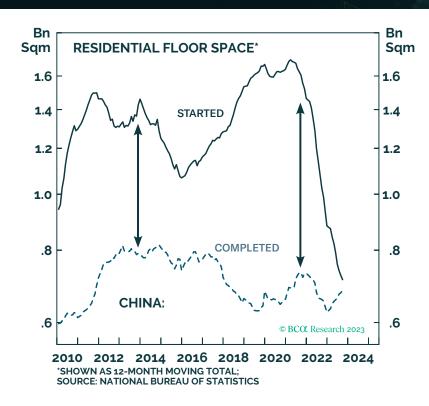
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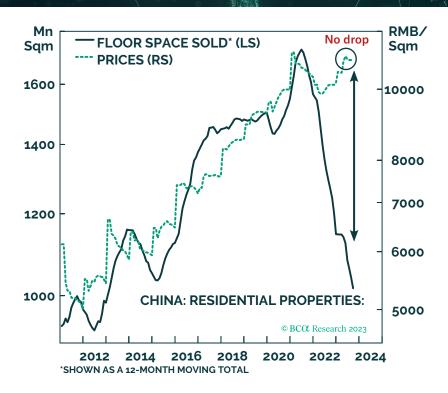
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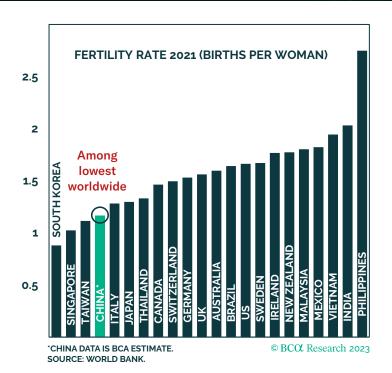


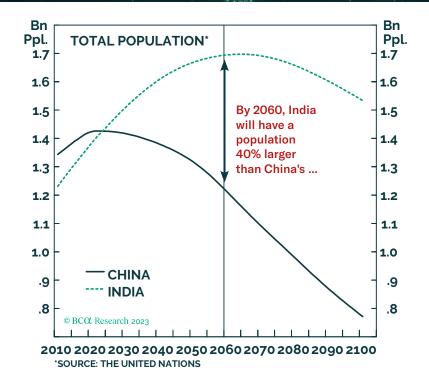
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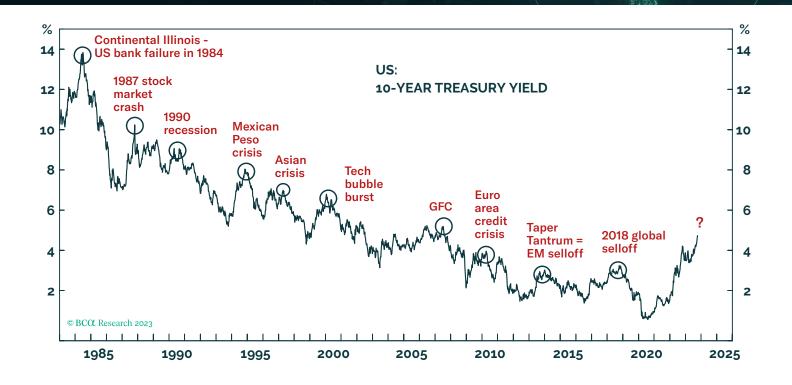


## **Demographic Crisis In China**





## A Rise In US Bond Yields Ends With A Financial Accident

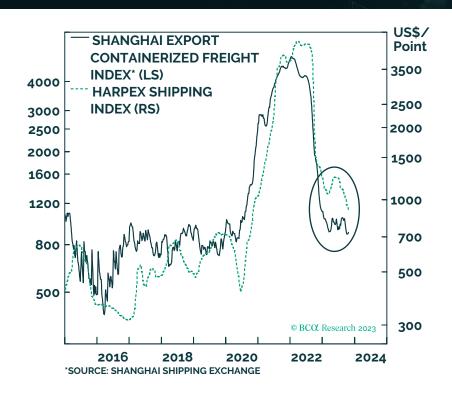


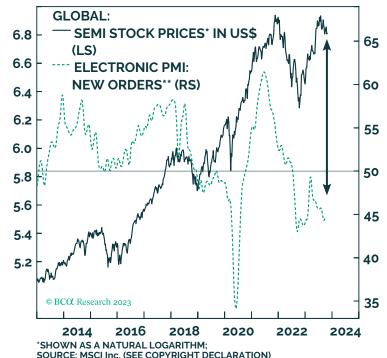
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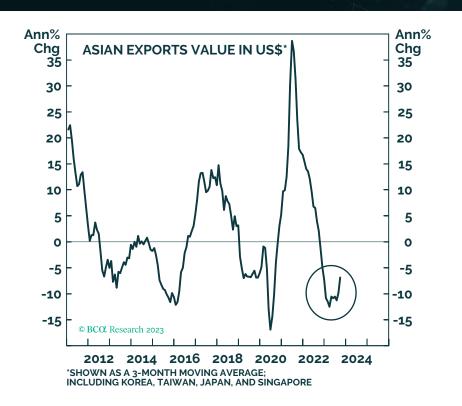
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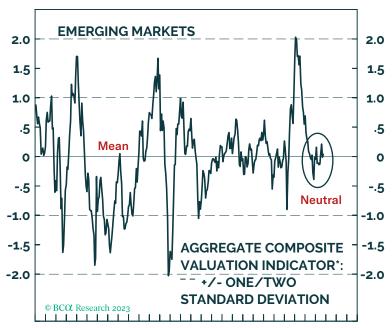




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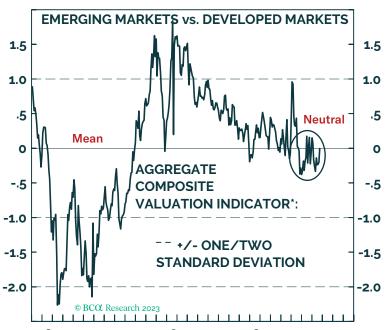
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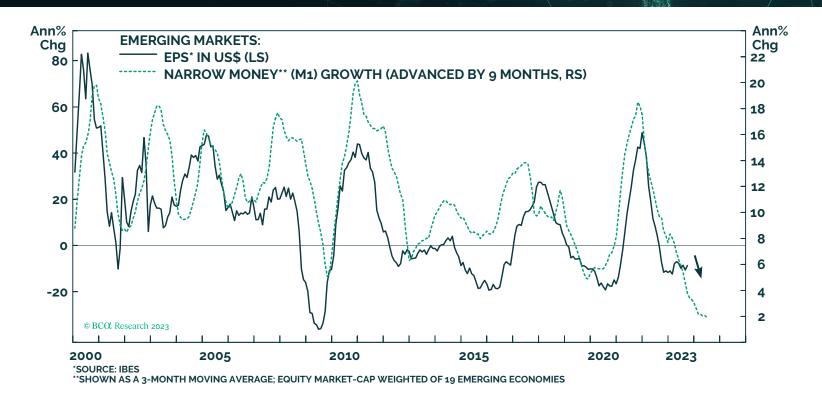


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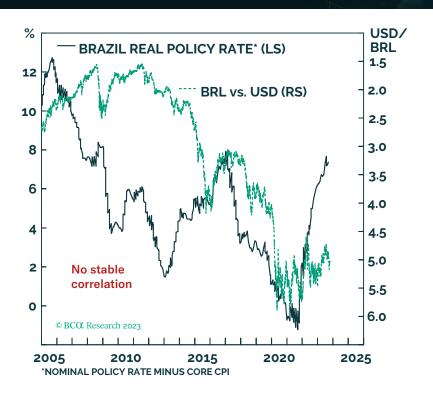
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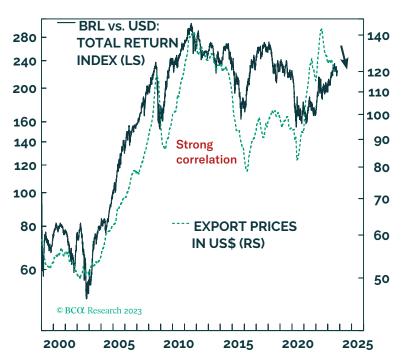
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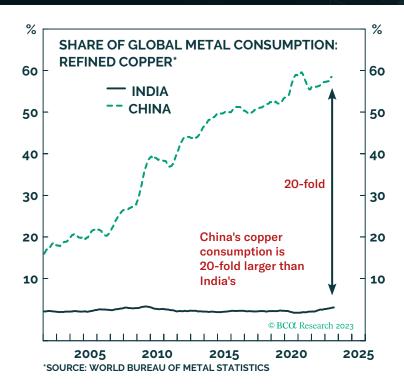


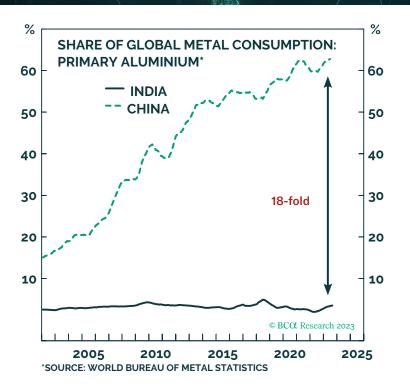
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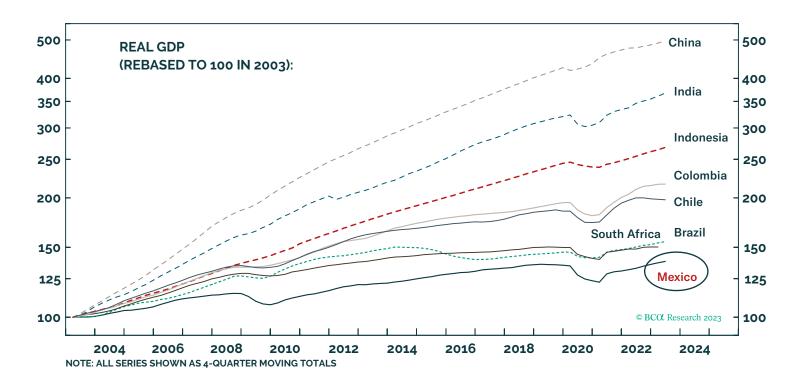


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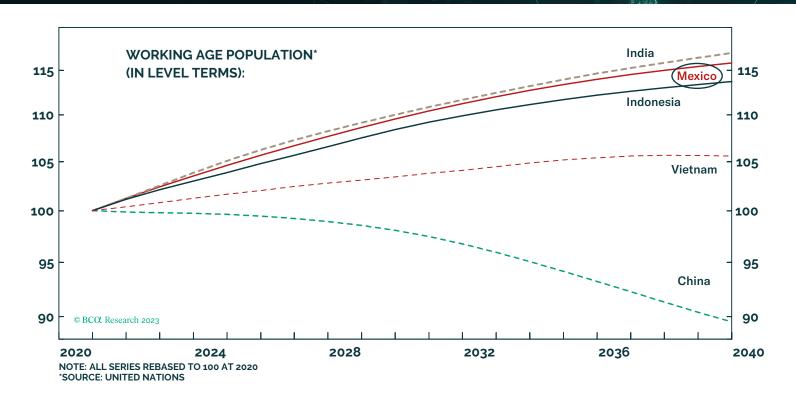




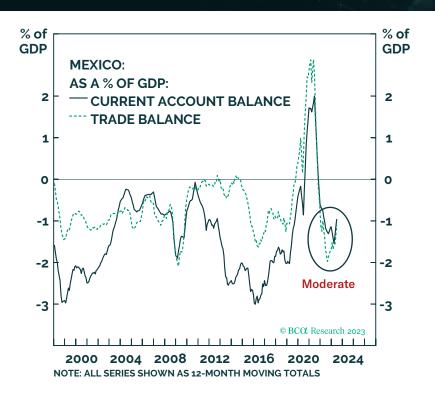
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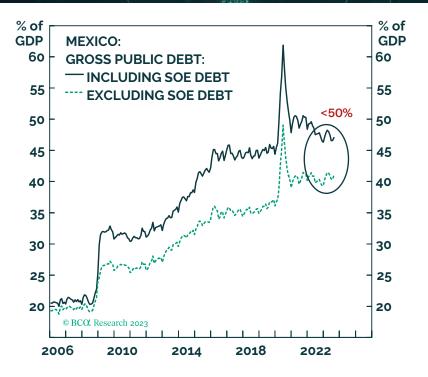


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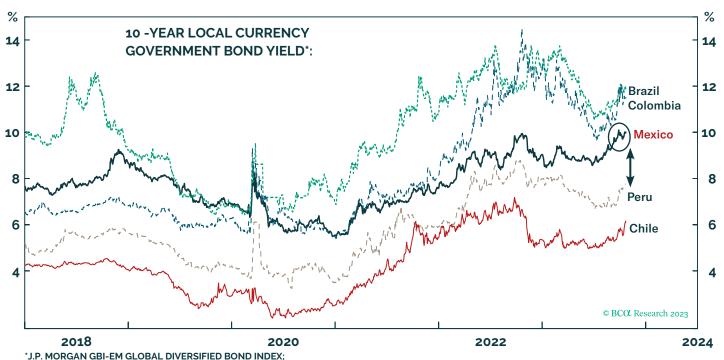


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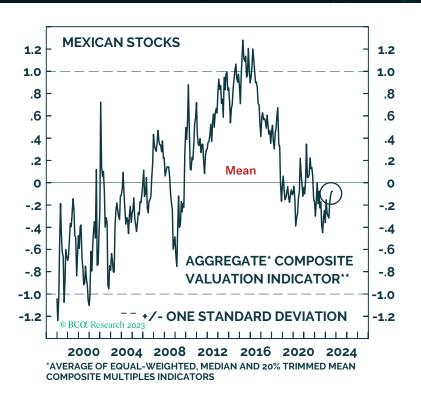


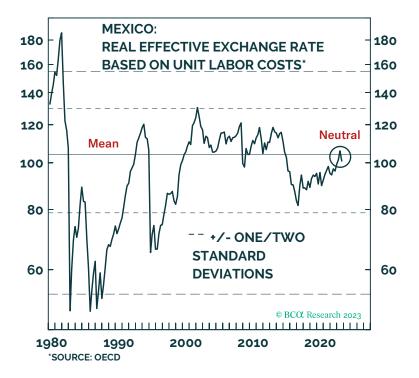
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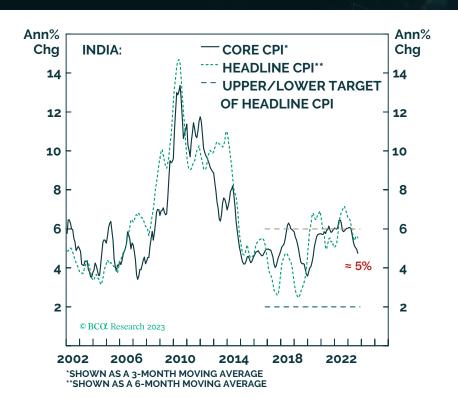
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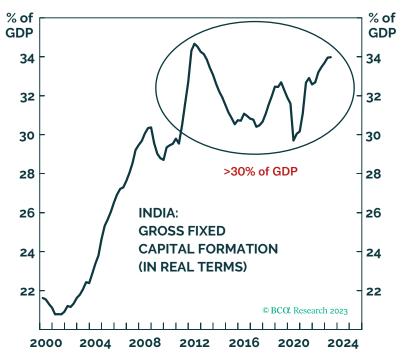
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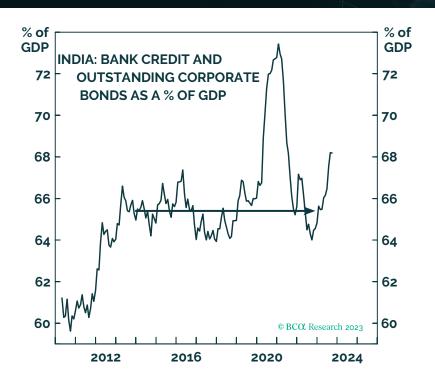


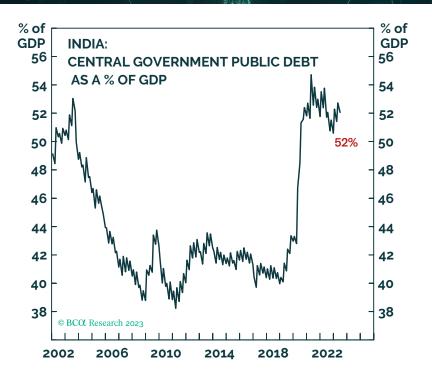
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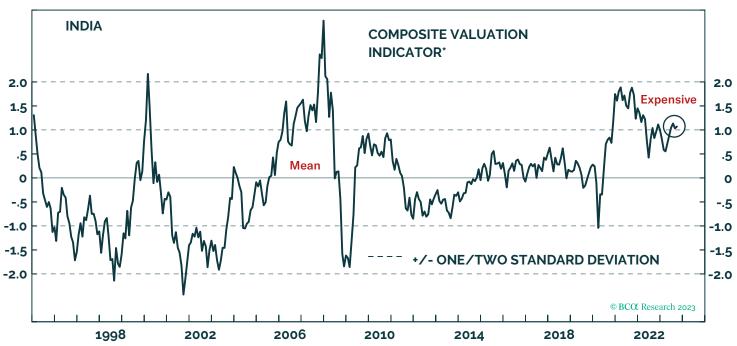


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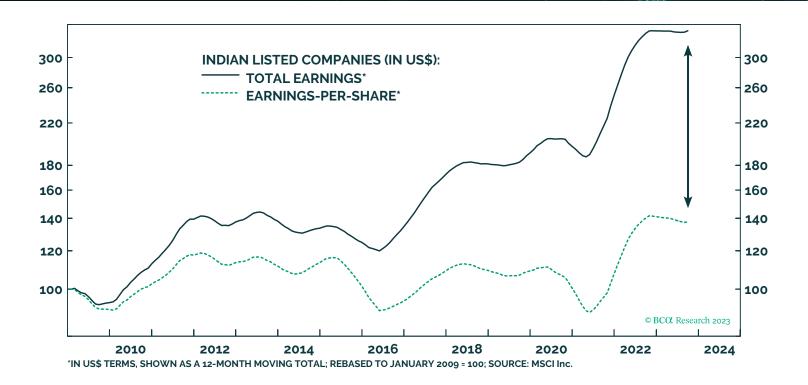


#### **Indian Stocks Are Expensive**



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#### **India: Beware Of EPS Dilution**



#### **Investment Conclusions**

- Global manufacturing will continue contracting. This is bearish for EM and bullish for the US dollar.
- Chinese stocks and China-related plays remain at risk as Chinese growth continues to underwhelm.
- Remain *underweight EM stocks* in a global portfolio and stay short the EM equity index.
- In the medium to long term, *Mexican*, *Chilean*, *Indian*, and *Vietnamese stocks* and *select EM local currency bonds* offer the best investment opportunities.
- Investors should buy Mexican 10-year domestic bonds on weakness.