# The Value of Global Macro Investing



# Crescat's Current Global Macro Themes



**Our Three Highest-Conviction Macro Ideas Today** 

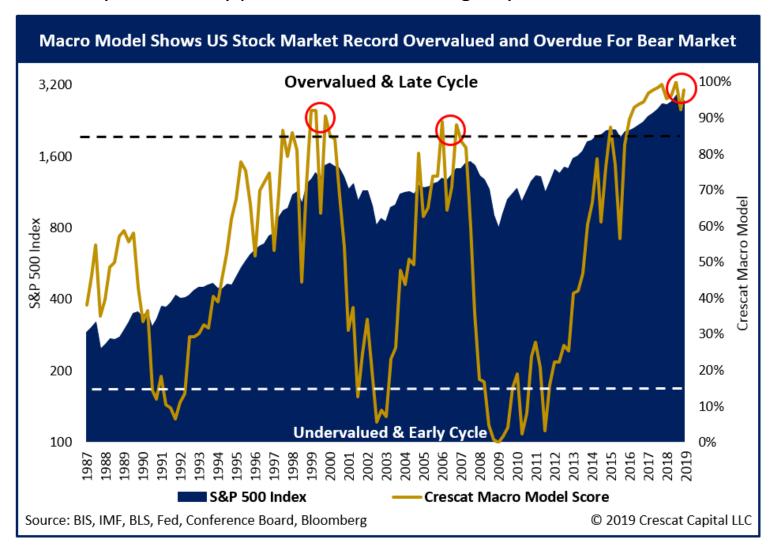
**US Equities:** The market is damaged and finally breaking down from truly record valuations while US profit growth has peaked. Crescat's hedge funds remain tactically net short US stocks identified by our model.

**China:** China is in a historic credit bubble that is now bursting. We believe it will be globally contagious. We expect China's currency to soon enter a full-blown crisis. Crescat Global Macro Fund is positioned to capitalize on a yuan devaluation.

**Precious Metals:** Gold is an extremely undervalued haven currency today. Precious metals mining stocks offer deep value. All Crescat strategies are positioned to benefit from the early stages of a new secular bull market in precious metals.

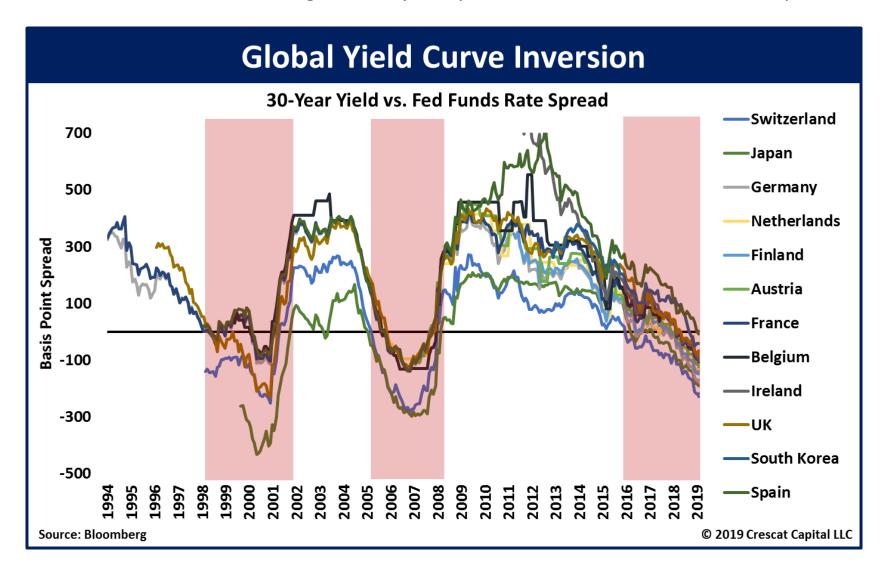


Crescat macro model only 2 percentage points from record overvalued levels. The US business cycle has likely peaked and we are long ways from a market bottom.



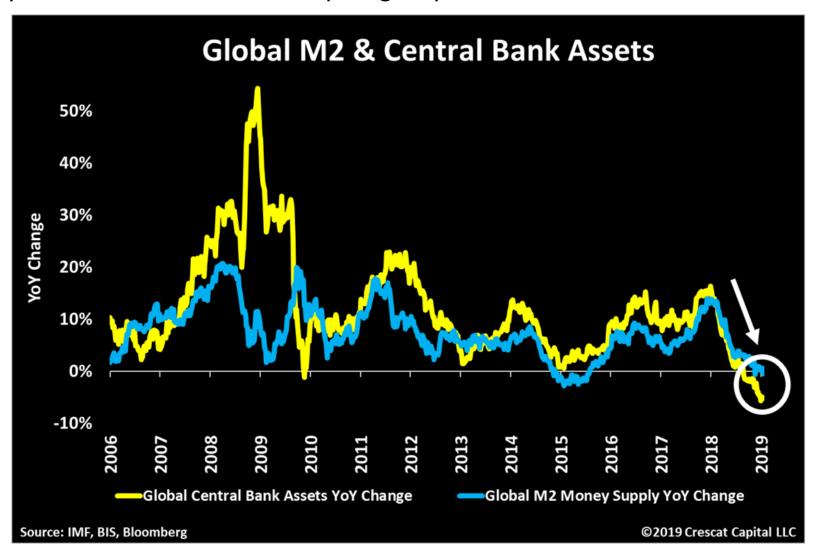


The number of economies with negative 30-year spreads relative to Fed Funds is unprecedented.



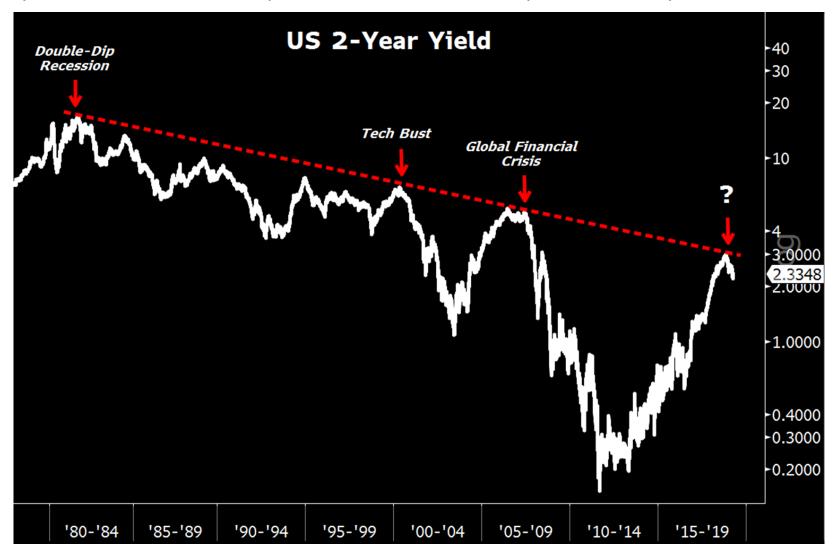


# Global M2 and central bank assets are both contracting! Liquidity is not the driver of this everything rally.





# 2-year yield falling after re-testing multi-decade resistance line! Be wary when credit markets price in rate-cuts at the peak of the cycle.



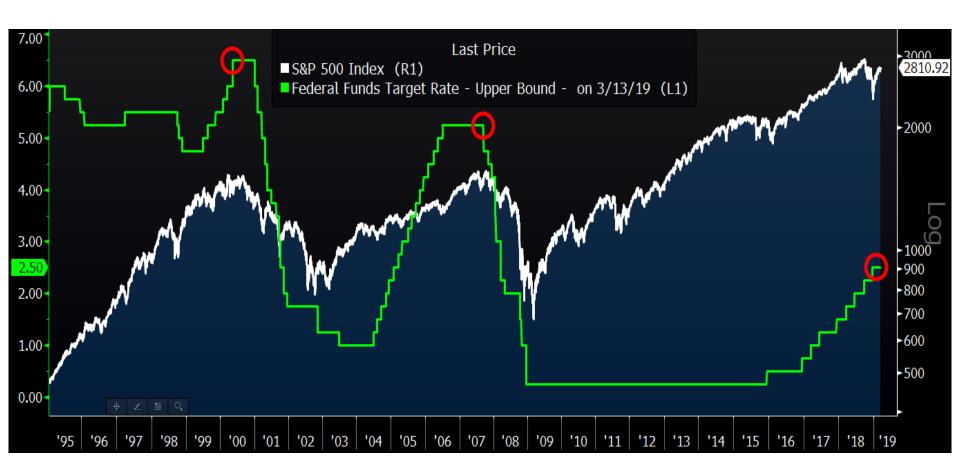


Policy divergence between the Fed and the ECB is at its widest level in history and probably near its peak.





After Fed rate-hikes late in a business cycle, especially at full valuations, bear markets and recessions come next. Reversal of Fed policy only confirms the bear market and coming recession:





This is now the widest drop in Consumer Confidence Expectations vs. Present Situation since the Tech Bust. Every other cyclical decline in the past 50 years led to a recession.





3 and 5-year yields just dipped below Fed funds rate for the first time since the Global Financial Crisis and the Tech Bust. As history has shown, this is bullish for Gold-to-S&P 500 ratio.



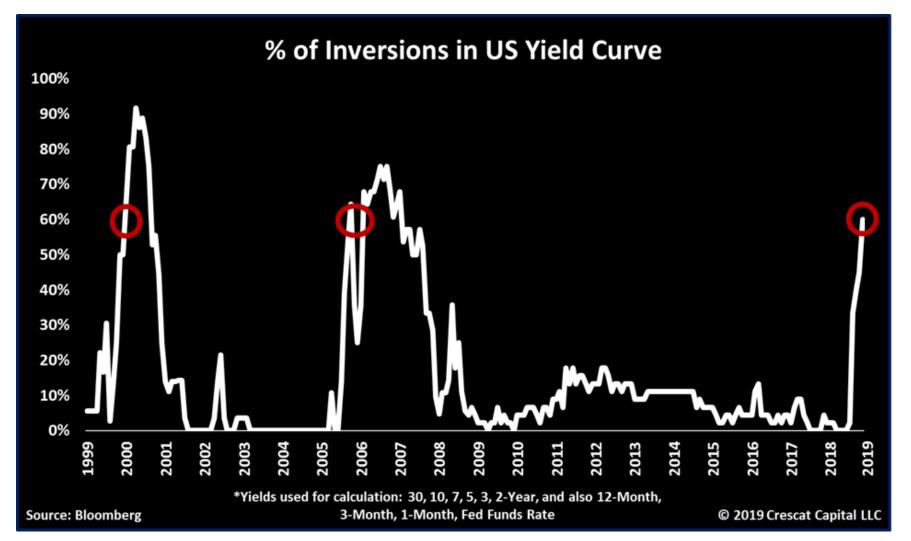


Gold-to-S&P 500 ratio re-testing a multi-year resistance line after forming a golden cross. Similar to 2007, we probably just entered a period of higher lows for the VIX.



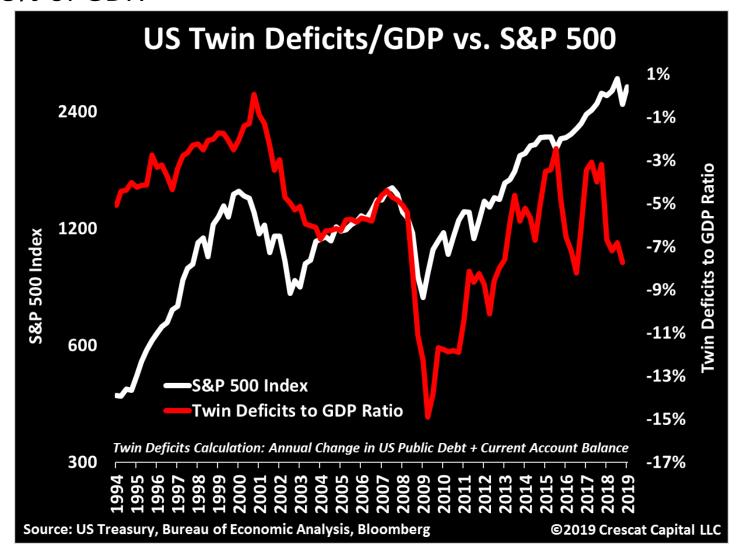


60% of the US yield curve is now inverted across 30-year to overnight rates! It is just as high as it was at the start of the tech and housing busts.



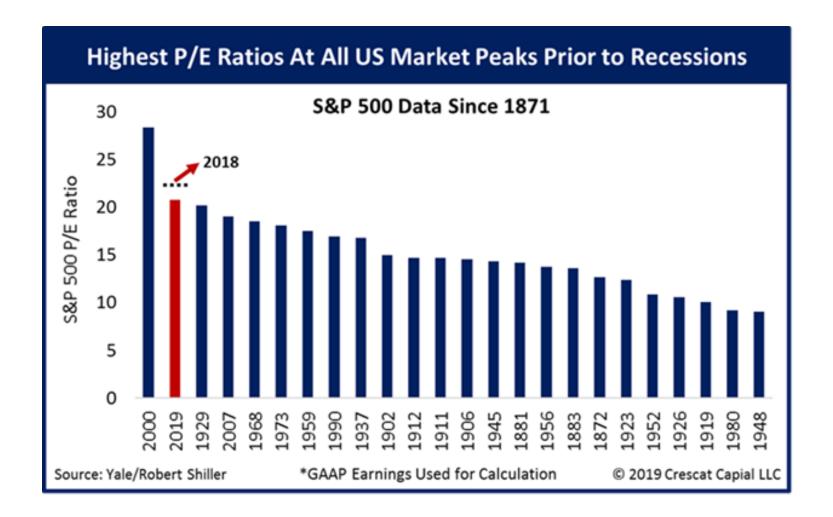


The government budget and current account imbalance is now close to 8% of GDP.





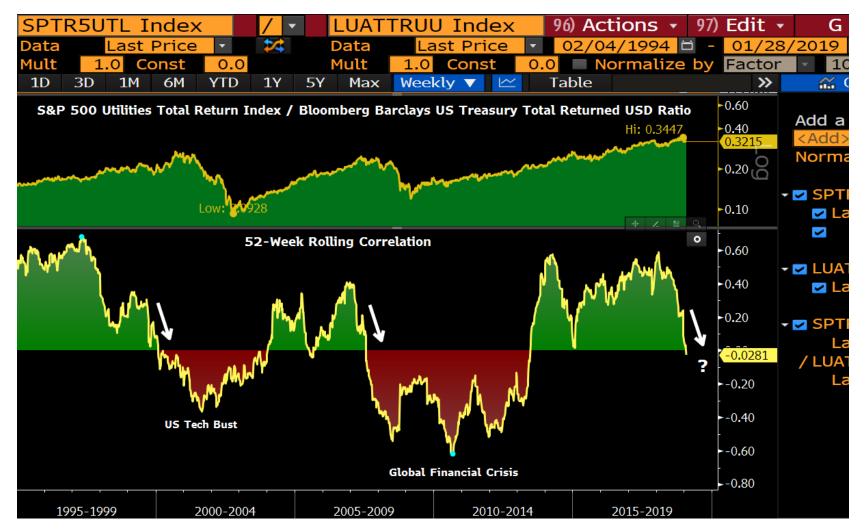
S&P 500 has now the second highest P/E ratio at a market peak prior to a recession going back to 1871!





### **Utilities vs. US Treasuries:**

It's a battle of safe-havens that sounds an alarm when the correlation turns from positive to negative.

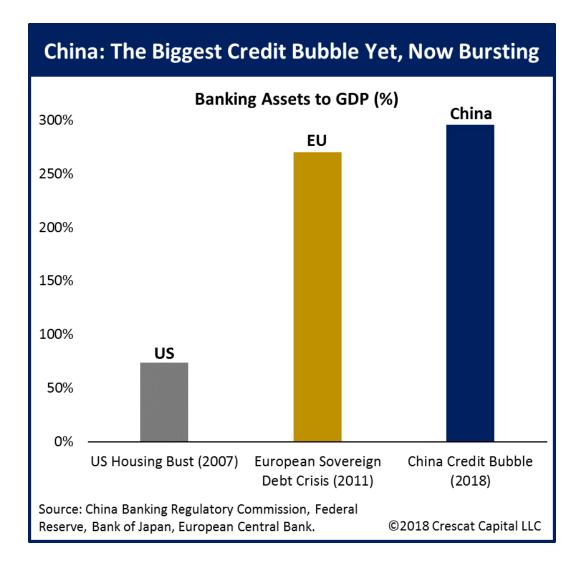




#### Global Debt Imbalance Now Worse Than the Average of All Major Bubbles in the Last 30 Years 2018 Past Credit Bubbles Total Debt to GDP Ratio 400% 400% 350% 350% 300% 300% 250% 250% 200% 200% 150% 150% 100% 100% 50% 50% Hong Kong Portugal Malaysia China Average Average Belgium Canada Greece France Singapore Norway Italy Portugal (2010) Spain (2010) Belgium (2010) Hong Kong (1996) Sweden Spain Finland Australia Korea Austria South Africa New Zealand Japan (2007) Ineland (2010) Ireland (2007) Netherlands (2007) Denmark (2007) Belgium (2007) Portugal (2007) Norway (2007) United Kingdom (2007) Thailand (1996) (1990) (applied to 1990) Singapore (1996) United Kingdom (2010) Malaysia (1996) Switzerland Netherlands Denmark United States United Kingdom Sweden (2007) Spain (2007) United States (2007) Canada (2007) Source: BIS, IMF, Bloomberg © 2018 Crescat Capital LLC

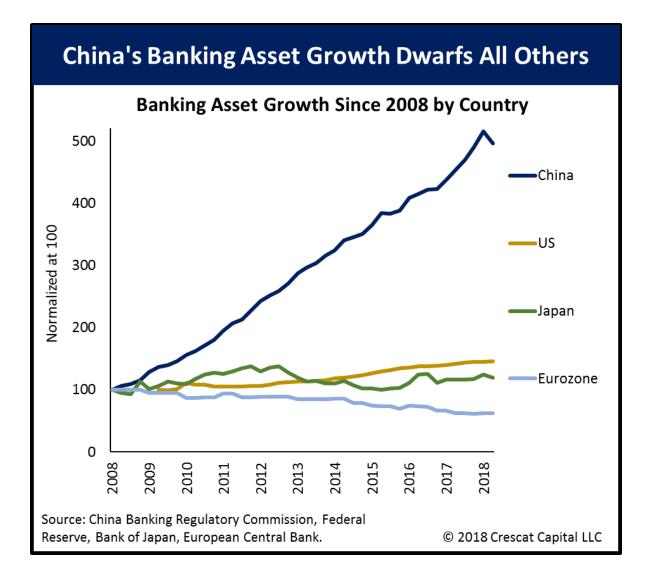


China's banking bubble is bigger than it was in the US and Europe ahead of the Global Financial and European Sovereign Debt Crises



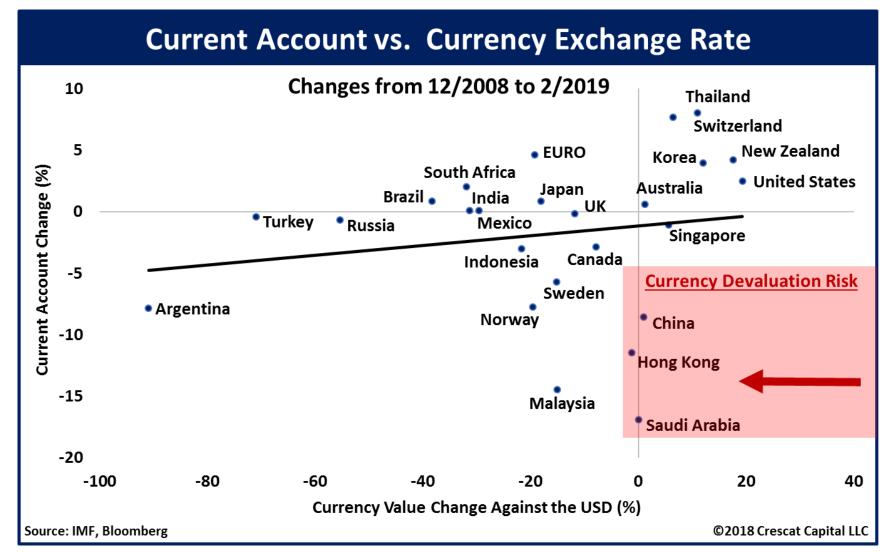


### China is likely the largest credit bubble in history.





Currency pegs can be stubborn, but they ultimately fail. Chinese Renminbi devaluation is likely to be the next development to unfold.

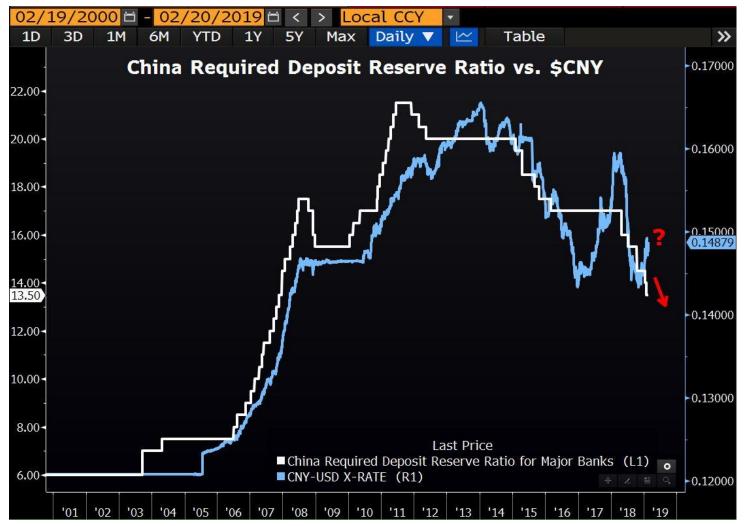




Chinese major banks required reserved ratio has tracked \$CNY remarkably close.

As China's economy stumbles into contraction, further domestic stimulus should only hurt its

currency.





The correlation between Chinese stocks and RMB is at its highest level in history! New PBOC stimulus is unlikely to be positive for both stocks and currency.





Gold in CNY terms may be the macro trade of the year and it is setting up right now.





# Macro trade of the century:





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