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# **Inflation Returns!**



"Current" Inflation (U.S. consumer indices)

Inflation Expectations (survey-based)



### Inflation Expectations (market-based)



Source: Bloomberg

### **Across Sectors, Commodity Prices Have Climbed**



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# **Grains & Food Prices: Significantly Higher**

Draughts in 2006 in grain producing countries and increases in oil prices, led to price spikes in wheat

### **Wheat Prices**



U.N. Global Food Price Index<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> International prices of a food commodities (Average of 5 commodity groups Cereal, Vegetable Oil, Dairy, Meat, Sugar)

# **Building Food Crisis...**

### **Ukraine: Wheat Harvest Areas**



**Ukraine War Map (Mar. 20, 2022)** 

- Major exporters of wheat to Africa (2020 \$B): Russia (~\$3.6B), France (~2.2B), Ukraine (~\$1.5B), Canada (~\$1.3B), U.S. (~\$0.7B)
- Potential war impact: lower harvests in Ukraine & Russia; lower future harvests globally (Russia is a major exporter of potash & nat. gas (fertilizer)) and higher diesel prices
- N. African countries could be most negatively affected: Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Algeria, ...

# **Commodity Prices: U.S. Dollars**



### **Trade-Weighted U.S. Dollar**

### **Commodities negatively correlated w/US \$**



Daily price correlation (2000 onward); Source: Bloomberg

- Most commodities are priced in U.S. Dollars both here in the U.S. as well as around the world
- When the U.S. Dollar weakens against other global currencies, this is typically bullish for commodity prices
  - This could add further pressure to commodity price increases

### **Commodity Prices: Long-term cycles**

- Many commodity prices go through periods of extended boom and busts ("super cycles");
- Prices move well above or below their long-term trends;
- Economist believe there have been ~4 super cycles since 1900;
  - It can take ~5 to ~15 years to reach a peak; and
  - It can take another 15 to ~25 years to reach a trough (or low point)

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#### Select Commodity Prices (in real terms, indexed to 1900)

Shaded Grey Periods = Commodity Boom Periods; Source: Bloomberg data

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# **Global Population: Projections**

- Currently, there are **7.8** billion people living on earth
  - The United Nations projects the global total to grow to ~9.6 billion by 2050 (or by nearly 25%)
  - Over 60% will be between the ages of 15 to 64 years old
- Currently, there are nearly 340 million people living in the U.S.
  - This is expected to grow to over 400 million by 2050 (19%)
- Currently, ~1.39 and ~1.35 billion people live in China and India, respectively

### **Projected Global Population**



### Projected U.S. Population



### **Global Population: Urbanization in 2000**



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### **Global Population: Urbanization in 2030E**



Saad Rahim, Chief Economist, Trafigura; 2021 JPMCC Commodity Research Symposium

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### **Global Population: Largest global cities (current)**

Tokyo, Japan (~37.4M)



#### Dehli, India (~30.3M)



Shanghai, China (~27.1M)



San Paolo, Brazil (~22.0M)



#### Mexico City, Mexico (~21.8M)







Cairo, Egypt (~20.9M)



Beijing, China (~20.5M)





Largest U.S. cities: New York: ~18.4M, Los Angeles: ~12.2M; Chicago: ~8.6M; Miami: 5.5M

# Global Population: Largest global cities (in 2050) – Primarily Africa & Asia



Mumbai, India (~42.4M)

<u>Dehli, India (~36.2M)</u>



Dhaka, Bangladesh (~21.0M)



Kinshasa, DRC (~35.0M)



Kolkata, India (~33.0M)



<u>Lagos, Nigeria (~36.2M)</u>







Karachi, Pakistan (~31.7M)



# Source: Business Insider, 2016

Largest U.S. cities (2050): New York: ~24.7M, Los Angeles: ~16.4M; Chicago: ~11.9M; Miami: 7.96M

### Global Population: Largest global cities (in 2100) -Primarily Africa & Asia

#### Lagos, Nigeria (~88M)



#### Kinshasa, DRC (~83.0M)



#### Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (~74.0M)



#### <u>Mumbai, India (~67M)</u>



Dehli, India (~57M)



#### Khartoum, Sudan (~57M)



#### Niamey, Niger (~33.0M)



Dhaka, Bangladesh (~54.0M)



Source: Trafigura; The B1M, 2021



### **Commodity Demand: Urbanization & Wealth**

- Current urbanization in China ~60%
  - Expected to climb toward OECD average of ~80% by mid-century
- Urbanization in India currently ~30%, to climb over 50% next 30 years
- Per capita wealth trending up in India and China and Globally
  - Per capita income in the U.S. =  $\sim$ \$60K; China =  $\sim$ \$17K, India =  $\sim$ \$7K



#### Urbanization expected to progress



#### Per capita wealth also trending upward

Source: U.N. Projections

# **Commodities: China**

- China is a very important demand center for many commodities
  - Increasing urbanization (buildings, electricity grids, railroads, roads, ...)
  - Personal wealth trends [meat, gold, cars (copper, aluminum, rubber, rare earths, lithium, ...)]



### **Commodity Demand: Electricity & Copper**



Per Capita Electricity Demand

Access to Electricity



Source: U of Oxford

World

- Each American citizen uses an average of ~12MW of electricity per year; Chinese: ~5MW; Indians: ~0.9; Nigerians: ~0.06.
- Primarily in Africa, there are ~750M people without access to electricity (~1.2B in 2010)
- ~39% of global copper demand is in electrical & electrical components; >30% of copper is in the building & construction;

### **Commodity Demand: Intensity of Use - Copper**



#### Per Capita Copper Demand and GDP per Person

- Urbanization is a key driver of commodity demand
- Urbanization rates 2020
  - OECD (>80%)
  - China (~60%)
  - India (35%)
  - Nigeria (~50%)
  - Tanzania (35%)



Source: Bloomberg and Macrobond (2014)

### Metals & Minerals: What is in a Tesla?

#### **Frame**

- Bauxite (aluminum): Mined in Australia, China, Brazil, India, Guinea, Jamaica, Russia, Venezuela, Suriname, Kazakhstan, Guyana and Greece
- Coal (by-product coke): is used to make steel): Coal used to make steel and mined world-wide
- Iron ore (steel): Mined in China, Brazil, Australia, India, Russia, Ukraine, United States, South Africa, Iran, Canada, Sweden, Kazakhstan, Venezuela and Mexico.
- Manganese (steel alloy): Mined in South Africa, Australia, China, Gabon, Brazil, India, Ukraine
- Vanadium (alloy): Mined in China, South Africa and Russia.
- Molybdenum (steel alloy): Mined in China, United States, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Canada, Armenia, Iran, Russia and Mongolia.

#### **Wiring and Circuitry**

- **Copper:** Mined in Chile, United States, Peru, China, Australia, Russia, Indonesia, Canada, Zambia
- **Gold:** Mined in China, United States, Australia, South Africa, Peru, Canada, Uzbekistan, Ghana, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico and Chile.
- **Platinum:** Mined in South Africa, Russia, Canada, Zimbabwe, United States and Columbia.
- **Tungsten:** Mined in China, Russia, Canada, Austria, Bolivia and Portugal



An electric car uses ~3X more copper than an internal combustion vehicle

#### **Batteries**

- **Cadmium (batteries)**: Mined in China, Republic of Korea, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Canada, Russia, United States, India, Netherlands, Poland, Germany and Australia.
- Cobalt (alloy; batteries): Mined in Congo- Kinshasa, Canada, Zambia, Russia, Australia, China, Cuba, Morocco, New Caledonia and Brazil.
- Lead (batteries): Mined in China, Australia, United States, Peru, Mexico, Canada, India, Bolivia, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Ireland and South Africa.
- Lithium (batteries): Mined in Chile, Australia, China, Argentina, Portugal, Zimbabwe and Brazil.
- Rare Earth Oxides (Lanthanum): Mined in China, India and Brazil
- Nickel: Mined in Russia, Canada, Australia, Indonesia, New Caledonia, Philippines, Columbia, China, Cuba, Brazil, Botswana, South Africa, Dominican Republic, Greece, Venezuela and Spain

#### <u>Other</u>

- Rare Earth Oxides (Niobium): Used in motors. Mined in Brazil and Canada.
- **Zinc:** Used in galvanizing. Mined in China, Peru, Australia, United States, Canada, India, Kazakhstan, Ireland and Mexico.
- Silica: Used in paint , autoglass, airbags, etc.. Mined in many places

### What is in a Tesla? – Lithium Supply Chain



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Current Lithium Battery

### Outlook

- Commodity prices to remain elevated driven by global demographic trends (and geopolitics)
- Declining ore grades with key infrastructure and "new energy" minerals and metals
  - Copper grades are 30 to 40% lower compared to 2000
- Ukraine War is adding to a building food crisis (particularly in Africa)
  - Natural gas represents 75-90% of fertilizer production costs
- Unrealistic expectations for the "Energy Transition"
  - Example:
  - Global automobile sales expected to more than double by 2030 to nearly 125M
    - "Base Scenarios" include nearly 35% to be electric by 2030
    - "Net Zero by 2050 Scenarios" have nearly 60%
  - This will require global Lithium mine supplies to increase 3X and 5X in ~8 years...Not Likely!

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# **Commodity Prices Indices: Bloomberg**

- Rather than invest in specific commodities, some investors want exposure to the overall commodity sector and will by commodity indices
  - Bloomberg Commodity Index (BCOM)
  - S&P Goldman Sachs Commodity Index (GSCI)
  - Sub-indices (precious metals, energy, …)
- Weightings are generally determined annually by trading volumes in futures contracts and by production volumes

Energy is currently heavily weighted in the BCOM Index

#### **Bloomberg Commodity Index weightings**

Group	Commodity	Ticker	2020	2019
Energy	WTI Crude Oil	CL	7.9906450%	7.6578610%
	Natural Gas	NG	7.9601350%	8.2601380%
	Brent Crude Oil	со	7.0093550%	7.3421390%
	Low Sulphur Gas Oil	QS	2.5990850%	2.6247780%
	<b>RBOB</b> Gasoline	XB	2.2583580%	2.2941050%
	ULS Diesel	но	2.1137150%	2.1596670%
			29.93%	30.34%
Grains	Corn	5	5.8331390%	5.8921720%
	Soybeans	S	5.6367600%	6.0250010%
	Soybean Meal	SM	3.2950770%	3.4430260%
	Wheat	W	3.0422510%	3.1403970%
	Soybean Oil	BO	2.8985800%	3.1037850%
	HRW Wheat	KW	1.4859640%	1.2937850%
			22.19%	22.90%
Industrial	Copper	HG	6.9605820%	7.3185670%
Metals	Aluminum	LA	4.3266510%	4.4126180%
	Zinc	LX	3.4262380%	3.2068700%
	Nickel	LN	2.7507970%	2.7093210%
			17.46%	17.65%
Precious	Gold	GC	13.6224130%	12.2425030%
Metals	Silver	SI	3.7785780%	3.8878360%
			17.40%	16.13%
Softs	Sugar	SB	3.0098940%	3.1480610%
	Coffee	КС	2.7121520%	2.4780560%
	Cotton	СТ	1.4915570%	1.4194190%
			7.21%	7.05%
Livestock	Live Cattle	LC	4.0201190%	4.0907470%
	Lean Hogs	LH	1.7779520%	1.8491490%
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# **Commodities: Infrastructure demand**

- Copper demand in power infrastructure mainly consists of copper usage in power generation and the power grid.
- Within power, 67% of copper is consumed as wire & cable in the power grid,
- 20% is used in power equipment and;
- The remaining 13% is consumed in power generation

#### People without access to electricity...



### ...centered in Africa and India...



### **Copper in Electricity Grids**





### Global Oil Demand: 2050 = ~2020 levels

### Global Oil Demand to Peak ~108Mbpd in ~2035



- Global demand has grown at >1% annually over last 3 years
- Global demand will climb 0.7%/year over coming decade
- Increased adoption of EVs (demand for transportation to peak in 2025)
- 2050 demand expected to be ~100Mbpd (pre-Covid estimates)

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Source: IEA, EIA/DOE, PJK, IE, PAJ, Platts, Kpler, BP Statistical Review, IHS, Rystad Energy, Morgan Stanley Research analysis

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#### Source: Bloomberg, BofA Global Research

Exhibit 12: US, breakdown of CPI inflation

# Global Oil Demand: 2020s

### **Global Oil Demand by Product (Mbpd)**



- While global oil demand is projected to increase 10Mbpd over 2021-2030
- Gasoline will likely be the only product where global demand ends this decade lower than the last

Source: J.P. Morgan, Global Commodities Energy, Mar. 23, 2022

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