## Macroeconomic Outlook

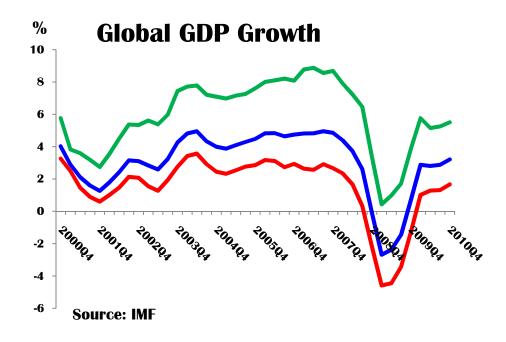
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- Global economy expanding again pulled up by strong performance in Asian economies
- Recovery evident in financial markets, although conditions still difficult for borrowers
- Pace of recovery slow, mostly led by turn in inventory cycle
- Commodity demand increasing, boosting trade
- Lay-offs likely to continue in advanced economies
   low demand, excess capacity, and tight credit



Emerging economies
World
Advanced economies

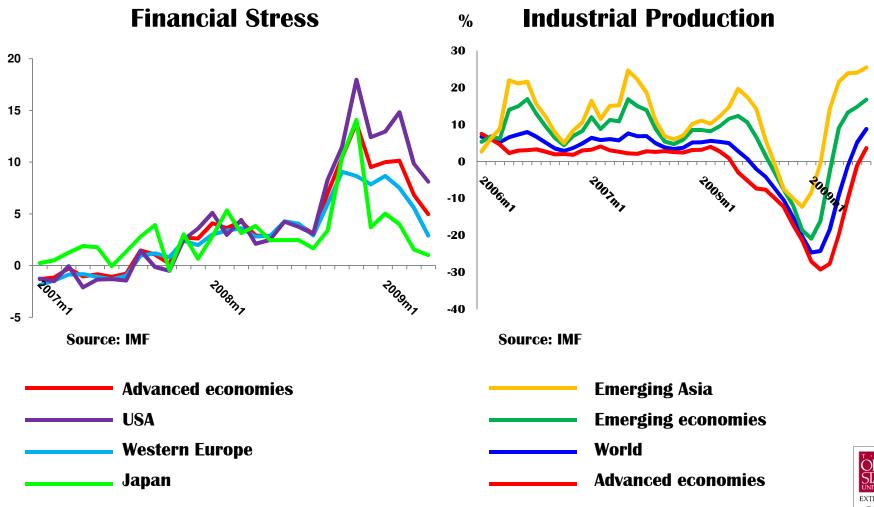
#### **GDP Growth**

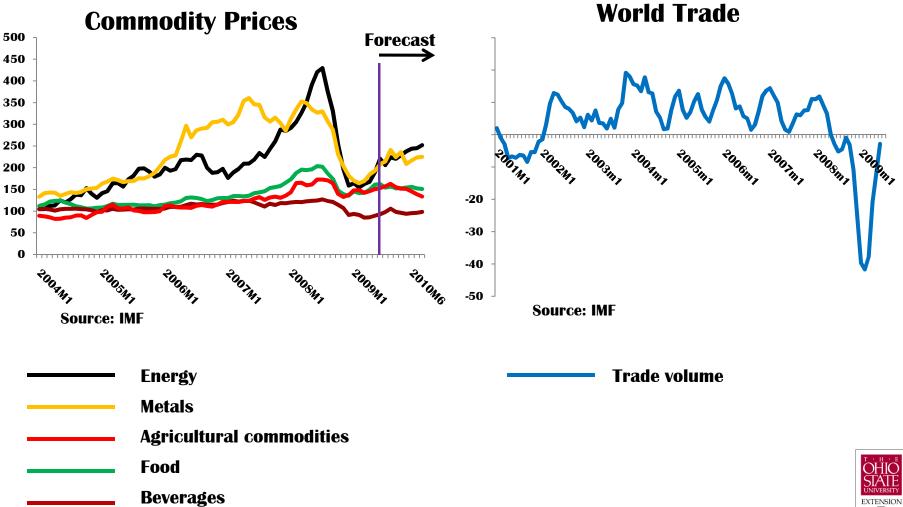
- 1. Global:
  - -1.1% (2009)
  - 3.1% (2010)
- 2. Advanced economies
  - -3.4% (2009)
    - 1.3% (2010)

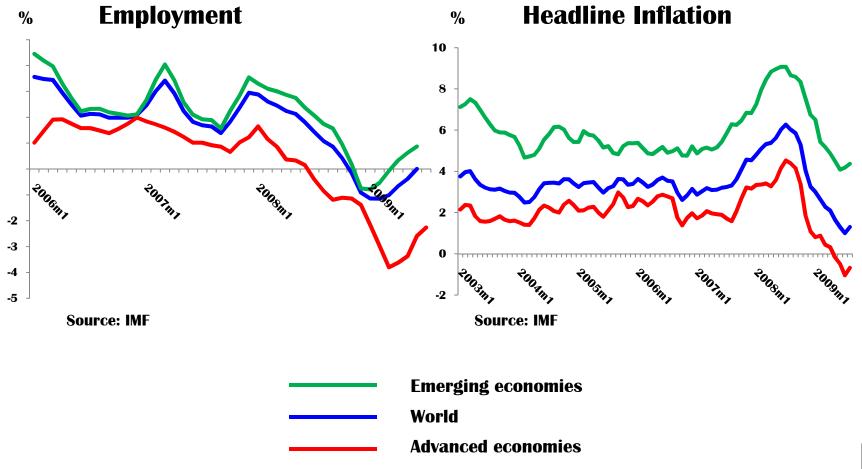
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- -2.7% (2009)
  - 1.5% (2010)
- 3. Emerging economies
  - 1.7% (2009)
  - 5.1% (2010)











## **Public policy**

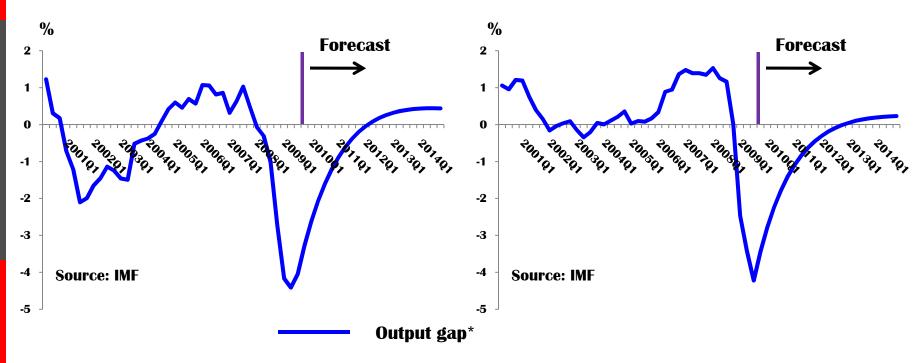
- Policy critical in cutting adverse feedback loop between financial and real sectors
- Monetary policy:
  - rise in output gap has reduced inflation
  - interest rates at zero bound, and central banks committed to keeping rates low
  - various measures used to ease financial conditions – "quantitative easing"
  - hard to unwind if markets remain illiquid



#### **Output gaps**



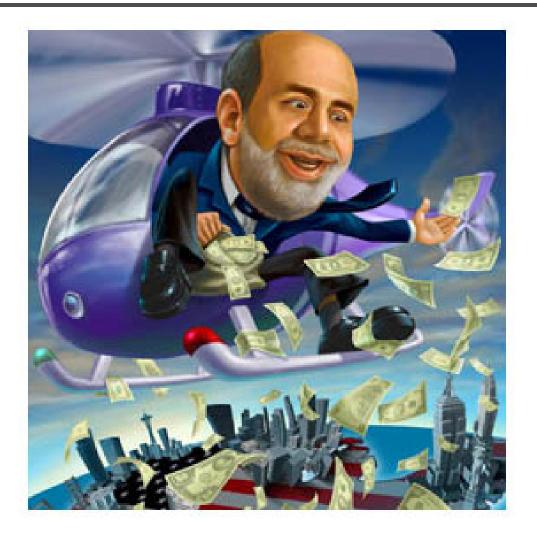
#### Euro area - Output Gap



\*Actual GDP growth - potential GDP growth

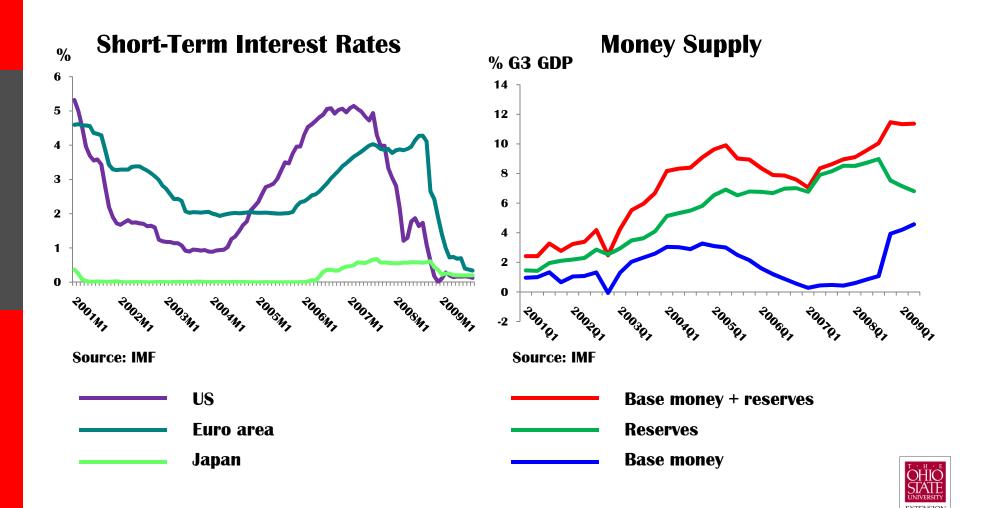


# "Helicopter Ben!"





## **Monetary policy**

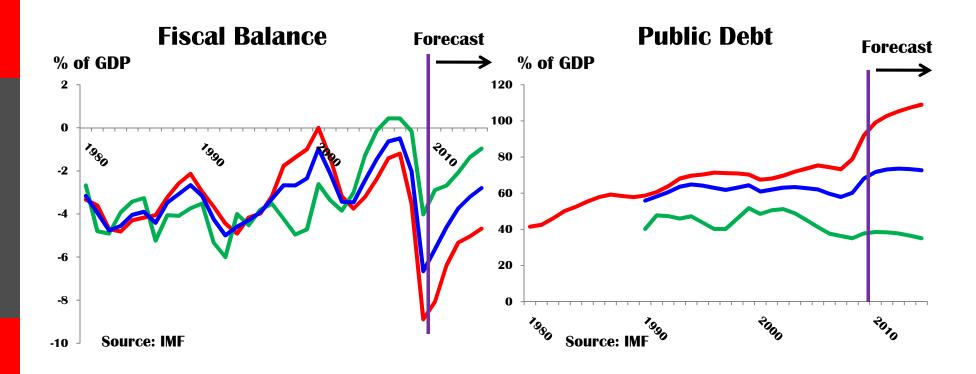


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## **Public policy**

- Fiscal policy:
  - provided major stimulus in both advanced and emerging economies
  - expansion largest in advanced economies, estimated to boost G20 GDP by 1% in 2009
  - public debt rising fast, especially in advanced economies (110% of GDP by 2014)
  - fiscal deficits will contract as recovery improves cyclical components of budget

## **Fiscal policy**



Emerging economiesWorldAdvanced economies



## **Public policy**

- Financial policy:
  - most governments provided deposit and debt guarantees – low cost and easy to implement
  - programs to recapitalize financial institutions have typically met with public skepticism
  - G20 economies have put in less than 6% of GDP
  - capital remains short of that necessary to forestall further bank deleveraging – potential drag on recovery



#### Rebalancing world economy

- Sustained medium-term growth will require addressing supply-side disruptions due to crisis, i.e., growing output gaps – 3-5% of potential GDP
- Adjustments also required in global demand:
  - economies with export-led growth and current account surpluses (Asia) will need to increase domestic consumption
  - required to offset lower demand and higher savings rates in economies that have run current account deficits (US,UK, parts of Euro area)

#### Risks to sustained recovery

- ♦ Key risk is that recovery stalls, and deflation becomes entrenched – could be triggered by too early exit from accommodative monetary policy
- **Other risks include:** 
  - central banks have to tighten monetary policy by more than expected to deal with inflation
  - large increases in public debt could unsettle global bond markets
  - pressures for trade protection may build with increased unemployment



## Short vs. medium-term objectives

- Need to map course between unwinding support policies too soon/leaving them in place too long
- Monetary Policy:
  - in advanced economies, central banks can afford to maintain liberal monetary policy for a while
  - once output gap narrows, and inflation becomes a concern, policy will need to be tightened
  - inflation-targeting perhaps too narrow more emphasis on macro-prudential tools needed



## Short vs. medium-term objectives

#### Fiscal Policy:

- stimulus needs to be sustained until economic recovery on firm footing
- but need to address long-term fiscal balances at some point by committing to deficit reductions
- long-term increase in debt will place pressure on interest rates as recovery occurs, possibly crowding-out private investment
- may also eventually cause flight from bonds



## Short vs. medium-term objectives

- Financial Policy:
  - restructuring financial firms is key for normal lending to resume, i.e., toxic asset cleanup
  - exit strategies need to be clearly articulated
  - three key financial reforms necessary:
  - (a) perimeter of regulation needs broadening
  - (b) counter-cyclical frameworks required
  - (c) international regulatory convergence





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