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In Focus | Global Views

Global Views – Downside Growth Risks. We project 2027 global GDP to mirror 2026 as assumed lower energy prices offset fading fiscal and AI tailwinds, though we see the balance of risks skewing firmly to the downside. Escalating Middle East tensions have pushed energy prices near spring highs, while a 100bp increase in longer-term interest rates since early 2026 threatens to subtract a cumulative 0.6% from GDP via weakness in housing and investment. We raise our China 2026 GDP forecast to 4.6% on slightly faster Q3 growth, but our strongest global view remains that central banks will deliver fewer total hikes than markets price, despite likely final 25bp December hikes from the Fed and ECB. Consequently, we expect the S&P 500 to climb post-midterms, favor the Japanese yen to hedge AI jitters, and recommend targeted oil and European gas exposures. *Jan Hatzius*

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US Macro & Strategy: Midterm Preview | 830am HK | Access Webinar | with Alec Phillips, Ben Snider, Monique Cheung

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Themes in Play | Cross Asset Strategy, Global Metals & Mining, China OTAs/Travel

Global Cross Asset Strategy – Below zero as Tech dominates cross-asset moves. We remain modestly pro-risk in our asset allocation, maintaining an Overweight on Equities for 3m/12m balanced by Underweight Credit, even as our Risk Appetite Indicator falls to -0.5, its lowest level since April 2025. We note that tech has become an increasingly important driver of risk appetite, with sensitivity to semiconductor stocks explaining recent cross-asset performance better than oil prices. Options markets are pricing elevated uncertainty over the next two weeks due to a busy catalyst calendar, including mega-cap tech earnings, central bank decisions, and US mid-term elections. Despite near-term volatility from AI concerns and geopolitical tensions, we think earnings support, lighter positioning, and lower valuations should help equities into year-end. *Andrea Ferrario*

Global Metal & Mining Conference – Scarce copper supply, harder growth and changing metal markets. We hosted leading mining executives at our conference,

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where discussions centered on the increasing challenge of delivering the next wave of copper supply amid declining grades, rising capital intensity, and growing geopolitical fragmentation. With mine under-delivery and US tariff-related stockbuilding driving near-term market tightness, management teams noted that extracting value from existing resources via partnerships is increasingly preferred over greenfield builds to syndicate execution risk. Resource security and capital discipline remain dominant themes shaping the sector, prompting major miners to pursue programmatic portfolio rationalization and infrastructure monetization to fund higher-return growth, while structural supply deficits continue to underpin constructive outlooks for zinc and heavy rare earths. *Matt Greene*

China Hotel/OTA – 3Q26 Results Preview. Ahead of 3Q26 results, we expect slower revenue and earnings growth across our travel coverage due to lower OTA take rates and choppy overseas hotel performance, though domestic RevPAR and hotel additions remain largely on track. We expect H World and Atour to slightly beat consensus, forecasting 3Q revenue growth of +8% and +32% year-over-year respectively, driven by resilient domestic RevPAR, improved hotel network expansion, and strong retail and supply-chain revenues. Meanwhile, we anticipate inline results for Trip.com and Tongcheng, as a favorable accommodation revenue mix helps offset domestic transportation slowdowns and monetization adjustments. We continue to prefer H World and Atour over peers given their clear visibility on hotel unit growth and profitability, and favor Trip.com for its long-term overseas expansion potential. *Simon Cheung*

Results | Wuxi AppTec, Kotak Bank, Li Ning, Newmont, Sieyuan Electric, BlueScope Steel, Yuhong, Yankershop, MakeMyTrip

WuXi AppTec – Accelerating backlog and FY26 guidance upgrade – Buy. We expect a positive market reaction to 3Q26 results, driven by accelerating backlog growth (+36.4% yoy) and management's broad-based FY26 guidance upgrades for revenue (+40%-42% yoy), capex (Rmb8.0-8.5bn), and adjusted FCF (Rmb14.5-15.5bn). Third-quarter revenue of Rmb16.64bn (+38.0% yoy) was broadly in line with our estimates, while non-IFRS net profit of Rmb6.81bn (+61.3% yoy) came in 4.2% above our expectations due to resilient underlying profitability and robust small-molecule D&M momentum (+55% yoy). We view the stronger backlog, advancing commercial-stage projects, and continued TIDES pipeline expansion as highly constructive for FY27 growth visibility, moving investor focus past softer quarterly shipment phasing. We have 12ms TP of HK$242.6/Rmb205.9. *Ziyi Chen*

Kotak Mahindra Bank – F2Q27 Beat and Strong Earnings Setup – Buy (on CL). We maintain our 12m TP of Rs540 following an 8% F2Q27 PAT beat driven by strong net interest income, robust fee growth, and lower credit costs. We raise our FY27-FY29 EPS estimates by 3-4% to reflect better-than-expected core trends, including a 21% YoY broad-based acceleration in loan growth and resilient asset quality. Management targets 1.5-2x nominal GDP growth and expects progressive margin expansion as remaining liquidity is deployed, reinforcing our view that the bank offers strongest earnings growth setups in our coverage. *Sumeet Kariwala*

Li Ning – 3Q26 in-line and proposed special dividend – Buy. We view the special dividend as a positive surprise and near-term share price catalyst complementing 3Q26 overall retail sales that were flat year-over-year a



with expectations. Management maintained FY26 guidance of +LSD% revenue growth and MSD-HSD% net profit margins, supported by disciplined cost controls and a strong net cash position. While absolute discount levels remain deep, management expects year-over-year pressure to ease in the fourth quarter and targets healthy channel inventory of 4 to 4.5 months by year-end. We maintain our 12m TP of HK$19.5. *Michelle Cheng*

Newmont – 3Q26 EBITDA beats on cost discipline – Buy. We raise our 12m TPs to US$119.70/A$170.30 after 3Q26 adjusted EBITDA of US$3.95bn beat expectations, driven by stronger by-product pricing and lower underlying operating expenses. We increase our CY26E EBITDA by 3% to reflect the strong quarterly margin performance and improved CY26 AISC guidance of US$1,520/oz. We believe Newmont's operational excellence and counter-cyclical cost discipline highlight the strength of its diversified Tier 1 portfolio, delivering consistent free cash flow to support ongoing share buybacks and robust capital returns. *Hugo Nicolaci*

Sieyuan Electric – First Take: 3Q26 OP in line, NP misses on one-offs, US orders resilient - Buy. Sieyuan reported 3Q26 operating profit growth of 30% yoy, in line with our estimates, while net profit missed our expectations by 18% due to impairment provisions, FX impacts, and lower government subsidies. Gross margin contracted 2pp yoy to 31% given product mix changes, RMB appreciation, and higher freight costs, though core margins remain resilient. Management expects 26-27% full-year revenue growth and remains moderately optimistic on North America, noting that customer engagement for core transformers and switchgear persists despite recent regulatory uncertainties. 12m TP of Rmb204.5. *Zhou Li*

BlueScope Steel – Upgrades 1H FY27 guidance on US steel strength and higher Australian margins – Buy. We raise our 12m TP to A$39.30 from A$37.70 following management's 1H FY27 EBIT guidance upgrade to approximately A$1.1bn, driven by stronger-than-expected performance in both the US and Australian businesses. Consequently, we upgrade our FY27–FY29 EBITDA estimates by 4–11%, raising our 1H FY27 EBIT forecast to A$1,090mn on the back of improved US mini-mill spreads, higher volumes from the North Star ramp-up, and resilient domestic demand for value-add products. We remain constructive given the company's attractive valuation discount relative to global peers, a strong balance sheet supporting robust free cash flow generation, and a compelling long-term growth strategy across high-margin painted and coated steel markets. *Paul Young*

Yankershop Food – 3Q26 misses on softer sales and margin pressures – Buy. Yankershop reported 3Q26 net profit of Rmb154mn, missing our estimates by 34% driven by softer top-line results and margin contraction. Revenue declined 1.7% year-over-year to Rmb1,461mn, trailing expectations by 5.5% amid ongoing restructuring in traditional distributor and e-commerce channels, alongside weakness in the konjac and dried fruit categories. Gross margin fell to 29.4%, missing our forecast by 2.6 percentage points primarily due to raw material cost hikes, while selling expenses rose to fund channel development and brand investments. We maintain our 12m TP of Rmb56. *Valerie Zhou*

Oriental Yuhong – 3Q miss on impairments and margin pressure but topline remains robust – Buy. We lower our 12m TP to Rmb13.7 following the company's 3Q26 net profit miss, which fell 82% yoy dragged by steeper-than-expected impairment losses and gross margin deterioration from surging bitumen prices. Consequently, we cut our 2026

net profit estimates by 62% to factor in more prudent impairment provisions, and lower our 2027-28 estimates by an average of 22% to reflect elevated raw material costs that recent price hikes have not fully offset. Despite these near-term margin headwinds, we remain constructive on the stock as topline growth outperformed expectations at 12% yoy, supported by robust lower-tier domestic retail penetration, steady mortar demand, and an over 180% yoy ramp-up in overseas revenue. *Yi Wang*

MakeMyTrip – Robust underlying demand despite air weakness – Buy. We maintain our Buy rating and lower our 12m TP to US$80 following a robust 2QFY27 review where constant-currency revenue growth of 20% year-over-year comfortably beat our expectations. Despite a 6% decline in air segment volumes, market share gains alongside sustained strength in the hotels and bus segments drove a 21% acceleration in gross bookings, prompting us to raise our FY27–FY29 revenue estimates by up to 2%. However, elevated discretionary marketing spend to support demand led to a 10-basis-point sequential margin decline and a 3% EBITDA miss, leading us to reduce our FY27 cash EBITDA forecast by 4% and EPS estimates by up to 2%. We believe medium-term travel demand drivers remain largely intact and view recent market concerns regarding artificial intelligence disruption and domestic listing timelines as overdone. *Manish Adukia*

Connections | China Spirits, China Solar

China Spirits Tracker – High-end wholesale prices slightly pull back post peak season. We expect bifurcated 3Q26 results for the sector with average sales declining approximately 6% yoy, as companies prioritize channel health over near-term shipments amid subdued end-demand and persistent macro and policy headwinds. High-end wholesale prices remain muted following a softer-than-expected Mid-Autumn and National Day selling period, with unpacked Feitian Moutai holding at Rmb1,700 per bottle while Common Wuliangye and Guojiao 1573 pulled back further to Rmb770-820 and Rmb810, respectively. Although we expect a sequential improvement versus 2Q26 trends, we still see broad top-line pressure with estimated sales down 4% to 33% yoy, aside from Moutai and King's Luck at 2% growth. *Leaf Liu*

China Solar – Tracking profitability inflection: Oct-26. We note that October month-to-date spot price implied cash profitability deteriorated in the wafer (-8pp) and glass (-5pp) segments, driven by higher polysilicon (+24% MoM) and LNG (+17%) costs alongside muted transactions. Polysilicon inventory rose 8% despite a 23% month-over-month production cut, as sluggish downstream procurement outweighed supply reductions, while September global module demand grew just 3% yoy to 44GW, tracking well below seasonal averages and our full-year forecasts. Across our coverage, we prefer Maxwell, Hangzhou First, Xinyi Solar, and Longi for their resilient margins and specific upside catalysts, while remaining cautious with Sell ratings on rod polysilicon producers Daqo and Tongwei. *Mengwen Wang*

Around the world | Meta, Apple, Siemens Energy

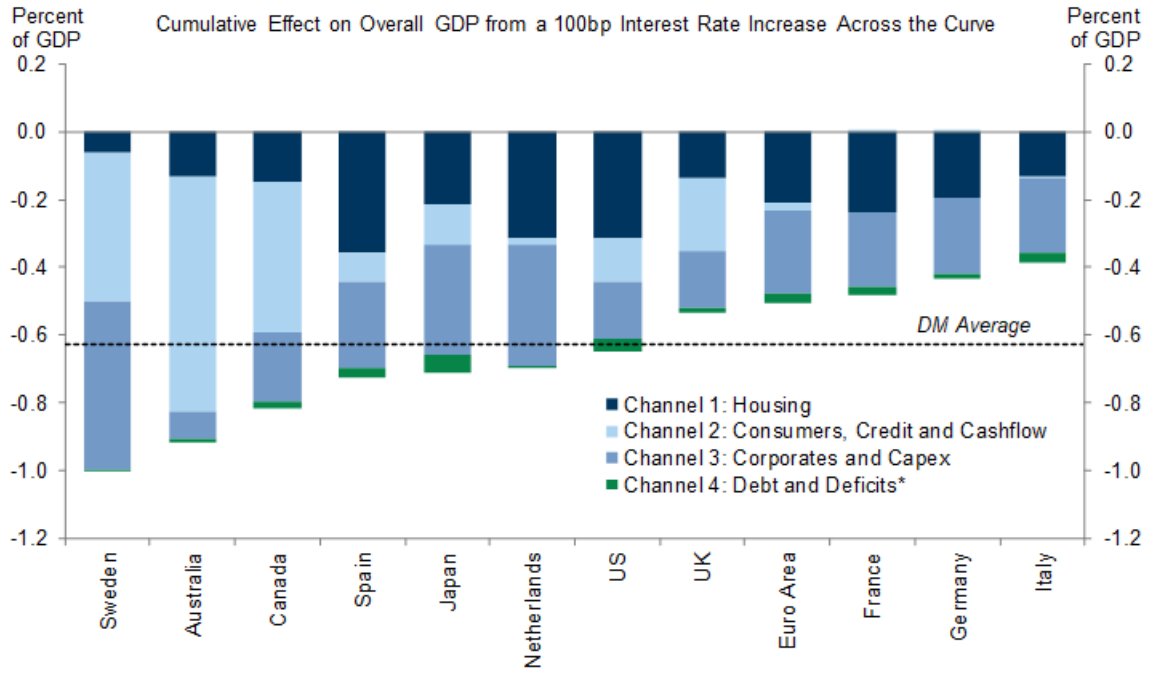
Meta Platforms Inc. – Announcing ~$95bn Equity Offering and Scaling AI Investments – Buy. We reiterate our Buy rating and $885 12m TP on Meta following its announcement of a ~$95bn equity financing plan, consisting of ~$35bn in immediate offerings and a ~$60bn at-the-market program expected to begin in 2027. This capital raise addresses investor debates regarding the funding of long-term AI initiatives, with Nvidia, AMD, and

Broadcom indicating interest in purchasing up to ~$5bn of the offered common stock. Building on a strong Q3 earnings beat that highlighted core business momentum and early Muse successes, we project FY27 and FY28 total capex of ~$230bn and ~$250bn to support expanding AI revenue opportunities. We maintain our positive view as management focuses squarely on the core building blocks of growth at the intersection of AI and spatial computing across the Family of Apps and Reality Labs. *Eric Sheridan*

Apple – iPhone 18 and Duo to Catalyze F2027 Replacement Cycle – Buy. We raise our 12m TP to $390 from $360 ahead of F4Q26 results, slightly revising our EPS forecast to $2.01 from $2.03 and projecting revenue of $113.6bn driven by resilient premium demand. While component cost inflation and supply constraints present near-term margin headwinds, we expect price increases on the iPhone 18 Pro series and the launch of the foldable iPhone Duo to drive a strong replacement cycle and support revenue into F2027. We also anticipate continued double-digit Services growth fueled by iCloud+, AppleCare+, and TAC payments, further reinforcing the long-term durability of the broader hardware and software ecosystem. *Michael Ng*

Siemens Energy – Capital Market Day to outline higher growth and returns – Buy (on CL). We expect the November 11 Capital Markets Day to act as the next re-rating catalyst for the company, driven by updated mid-term guidance extending to FY 2030. We raise our FY 2026-28 EPS forecasts by 2.4% on average and project group EBITA to increase roughly six-fold between FY 2025 and FY 2030, placing our 2030 EBITA estimates 11% ahead of consensus. This robust outlook is supported by stronger new equipment pricing and data center demand in Gas Services, long-duration revenue growth in Grid Technologies, and Siemens Gamesa reaching free cash flow breakeven by 2030. Furthermore, with accelerating cash generation, we see scope for €30bn in cumulative returns of value via dividends and buybacks through the end of the decade. 12m TP of €212. *Ajay Patel*

Graphic language | Global Views – Higher Bond Yields Are Likely to Weigh on Global Growth



*We apply our estimate of the 2027 rise in interest expenses and assume that governments on average consolidate fiscal balances by 0.2pp for every 1pp increase in interest expenses, in line with Debrun and Kinda (2016).

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