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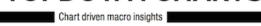
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Top 5 Charts of the Week

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TOPDOWN CHARTS

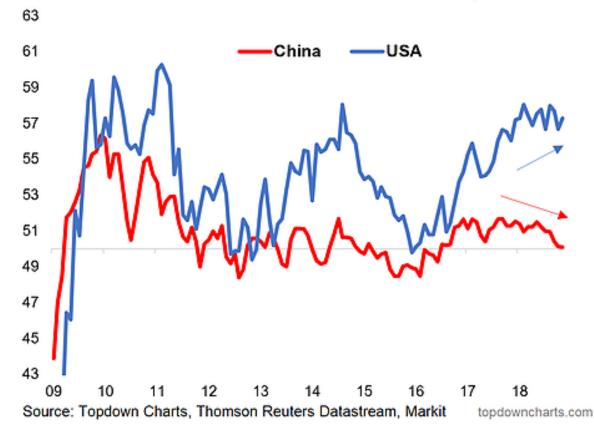


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Here are some of the standout <u>economic and markets charts</u> on my radar. I aim to pick a good mix of charts covering key global macro trends, and ones which highlight risks and opportunities across asset classes.

1. **Manufacturing PMI** – China vs USA: The November PMI data showed the U.S. economy chugging along at a solid pace, and China's economy continuing to lose momentum. Perhaps a salient chart given the weekend's "news" of the trade war ceasefire (my take = constructive skepticism... i.e. we will see).

Combined Markit & Official Manufacturing PMIs





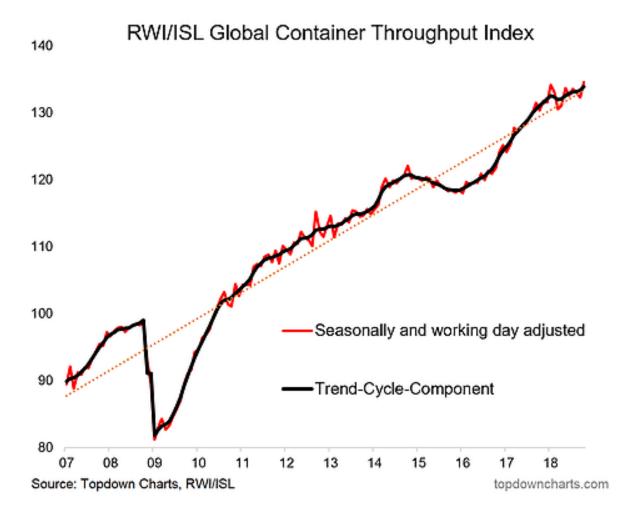
2. **China Economic Policy Uncertainty**: Another November monthly stat – the economic policy uncertainty index for China. It moved up to its second highest level, which reflects the cyclical headwinds, political cross currents, and structural challenges. But there is a silver lining in this one, because part of the uncertainty gravitates around what/when/how much an eventual (my view, inevitable) stimulus program will be...



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3. **RWI/ISL Global Shipping Container Throughput Index**: Some more good news on the global trade front, on a seasonally and working day adjusted basis, the global container throughput index in October made its first new high since January – will markets likewise take their lead from this data?



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4. **Asian Currency Index** (equal-weighted 10 currency index vs USD): This chart comes from my latest weekly "Global Cross Asset Market Monitor", and it's one I've been paying close attention to recently. I think this one is really interesting because we see the Asian currency index rebounding off a key support level. If this rebound can stick it could well be the sign investors are looking for with regards to Asian and Emerging Market Equities.



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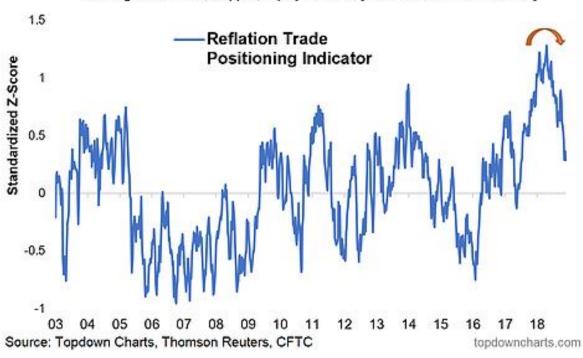
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5. **Reflation Trade Capitulation**: What a difference a year makes... across a number of macro/sentiment indicators we have seen a 180 degree flip where complacency and euphoria have given way to pessimism and softening global growth momentum. A key indicator where we have seen this play out is the <u>reflation trade</u> positioning indicator, which simply shows capitulation.

Speculative Futures Positioning

Average: Crude Oil, Copper, Equity Indexes, [+Treasuries & DXY inverted]



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