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Why Interest Rates Are Not Likely To Rise Much In The Near Future

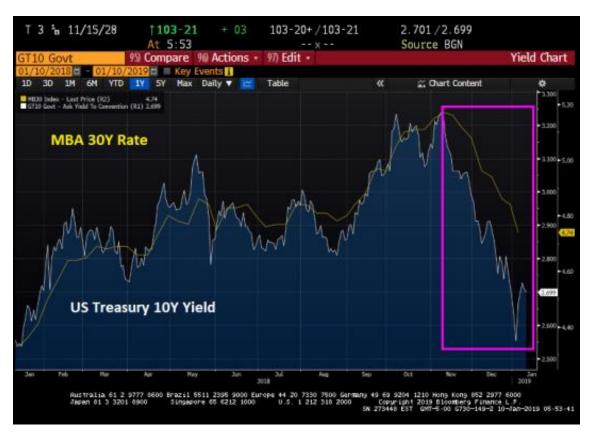
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Ford Cutting Thousands Of European Jobs, China Car Sales Plunge 13% YoY, Etc.

Since early November 2018 when the 10-year Treasury note yield hit 3.24%, both the Treasury yield and 30-year mortgage rate (MBA) have plunged.



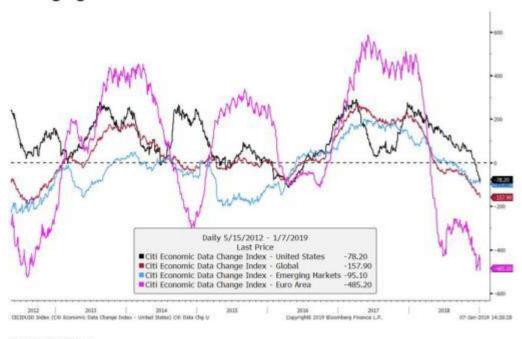


Partly to blame is the slowing economies around the globe, particularly in Europe (check out Ford's announcement of job cuts in Europe: Ford Motor Co. will shed thousands of jobs at its European operations as part of a bid to return the business to profitability with a broad restructuring that could include shuttering factories).

And then there is that 13% YoY decline in China Passenger Car Sales.

So, despite global zero-interest policies (except for the US), global economies are slowing.

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It is difficult to push U.S. interest rates higher when the global economy is slowing down.

To be sure, there are a whole host of wild cards that could send interest rates rising again:

- 1) US-China trade agreement,
- 2) ending the US government shutdown,
- 3) resolution of the never-ending BREXIT issue,
- 4) France and Germany's struggles to raise energy prices (Paris Accord?), etc.

The implied probability of a Fed rate hike in this global environment is pretty low.

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