

China Market Monitor

Unabated weakening of the CNY

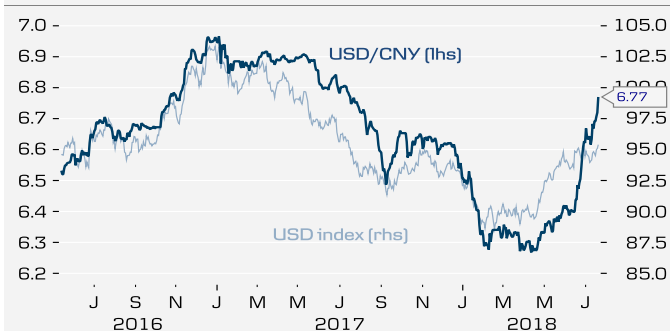
- **The CNY continues to weaken against the USD.** We see a clear risk of further depreciation and continue to recommend a hedging of receivables.
- **USD/CNY fixing by PBoC also creeping higher.** However, this is mostly a reflection of market moves rather than a deliberate attempt to weaken the currency. Indeed, the USD/CNY is fixed stronger than yesterday's closing level, which suggests the People's Bank of China (PBoC) aims to dampen the depreciation as part of the 'countercyclical factor' of the fixing. **CNH money market rates have been stable**, however, which indicates the PBoC is not making any strong attempt to stop the CNY weakening, as it is increasingly allowing the markets to determine the currency as long as it does not risk causing instability. CNY weakness is a natural response to monetary policy easing.
- **Chinese stocks, bond yields and metal prices continue to decline.**

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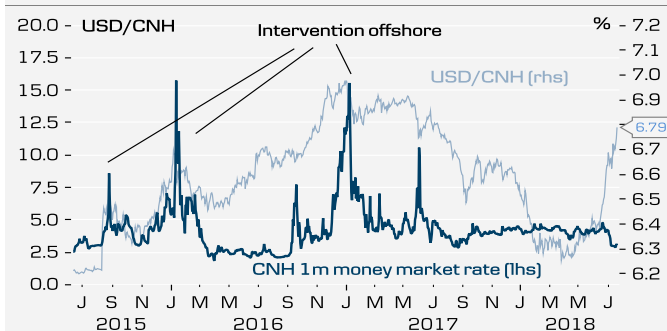
Market overview

Upward pressure on USD/CNY continues



Source: Bloomberg, Macrobond Financial, Danske Bank

Still little sign of intervention via higher rates in CNH market



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Chinese stocks have stabilised - still significant decoupling to US stock market



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Money market rates keep pushing lower - a de facto easing of monetary policy



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USD/CNY higher on diverging monetary policy...



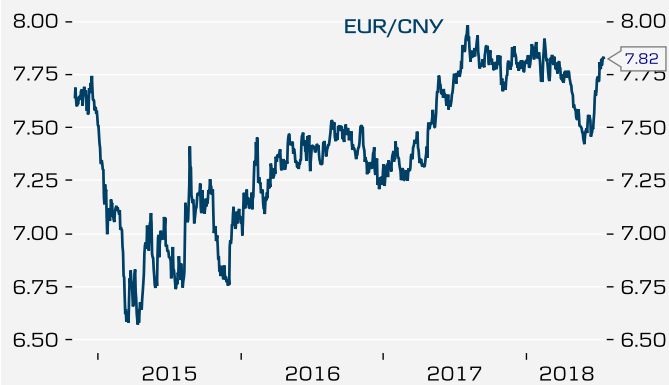
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... as Chinese rates move lower and US rates trend higher



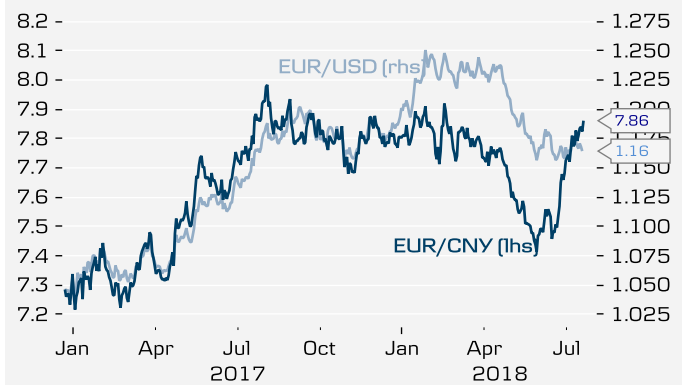
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CNY also weakening against EUR



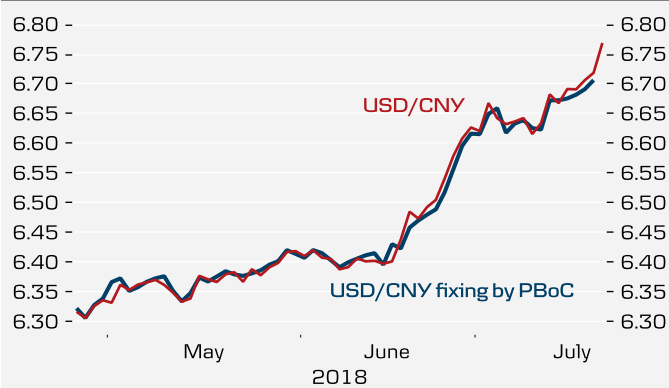
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EUR/CNY Correlation with EUR/USD has broken down



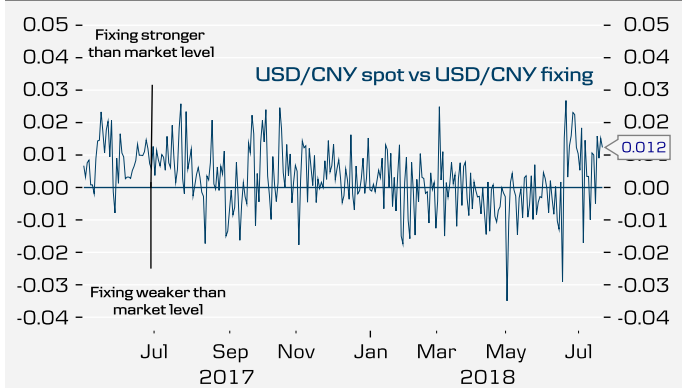
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PBoC market fixing is kept stronger than the spot rate. The weaker fixing is a response to the market move rather than a deliberate depreciation by PBoC



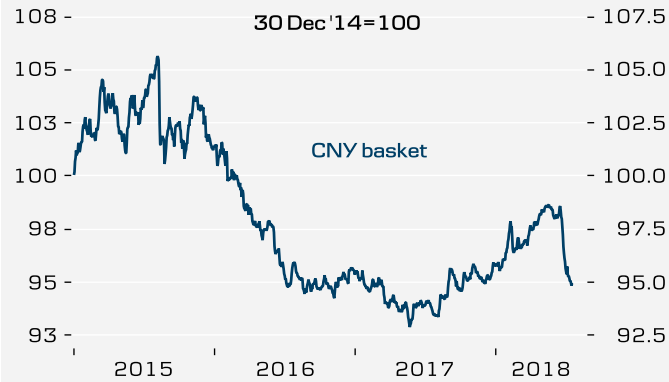
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Spread between fixing and spot rate on the high side (fixing stronger than spot rate from yesterday's close)



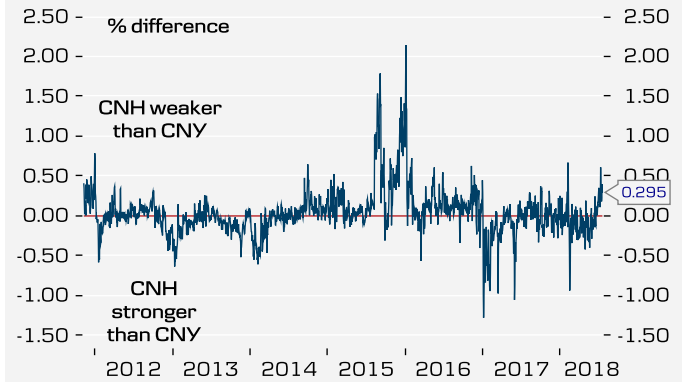
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Trade-weighted CNY continues lower



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CNH trading weaker than CNY - a clear sign of depreciation pressure



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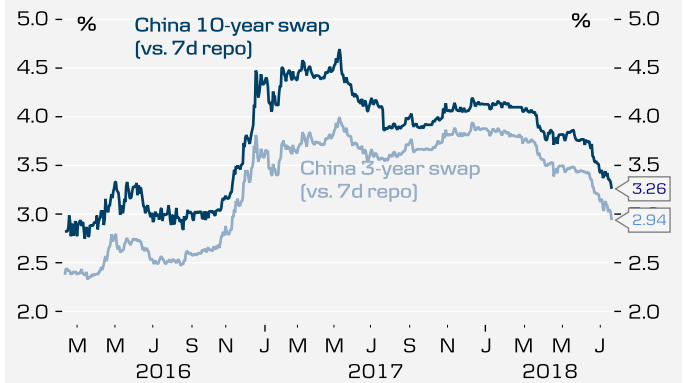
Fixed income and money markets

Downward pressure on bond yields continues



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Swap rates also declining - lowest level in two years



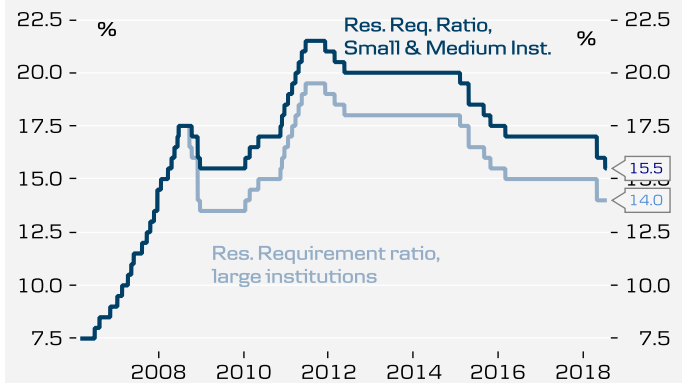
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Chinese money market rates keeps falling - will give support to housing, which has picked up again recently



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Reserve requirement ratio has been cut twice, freeing up liquidity - plenty of room for further easing



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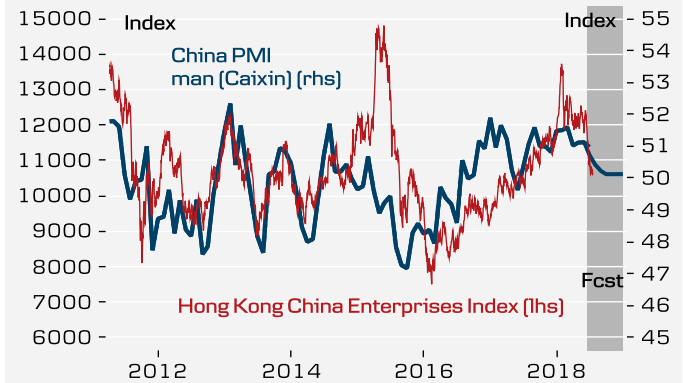
Equities

Some stabilisation in equities following the sharp sell-off



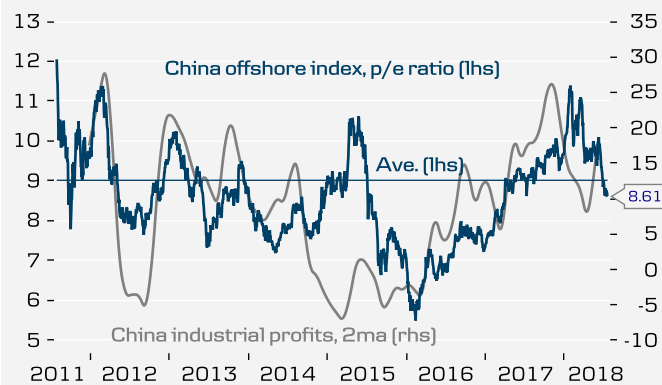
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Stocks also face headwinds from weaker business cycle on top of trade war uncertainty



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P/E ratio in offshore stocks now below average since 2011--profit growth underpinning equities (in contrast to 2015)



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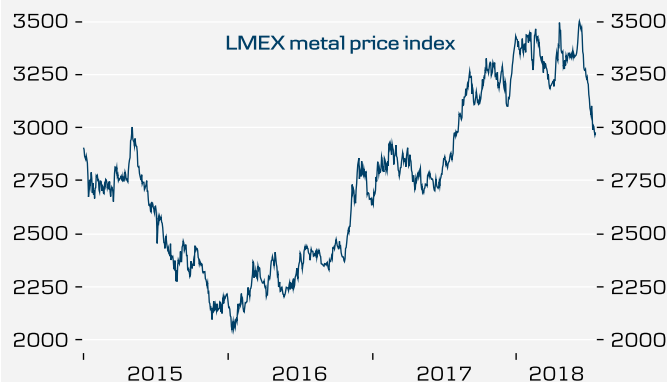
Offshore P/E ratio subdued in a historical perspective



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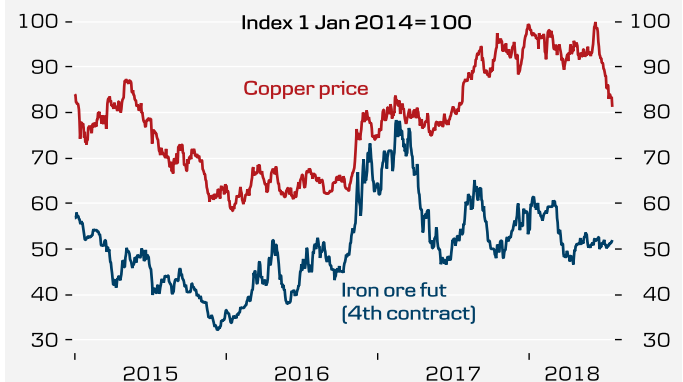
Commodities

Industrial metals sharply lower (China consumes around 50% of global metals)



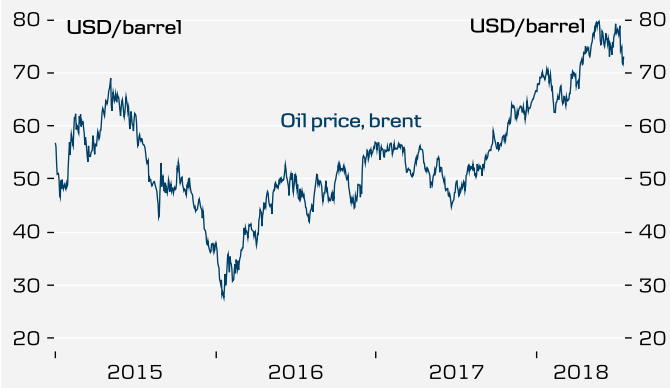
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Copper taking a hit - iron ore prices stable



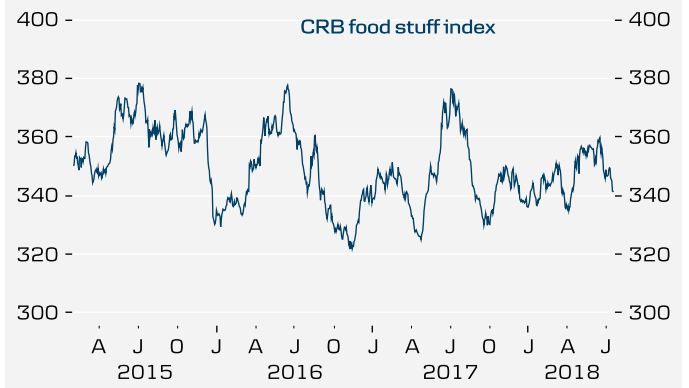
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Limited impact on oil prices (China consumes only 13% of global oil)



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Food prices staying in a broad range



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