The global economy November 2018

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## **Global:** Taking a leaf from the Trump playbook

Are governments following the US lead and turning to fiscal policy, such as tax cuts? Fiscal giveaways will UK increase the annual **borrowing** level as a Italy share of GDP next year Announced a **growth** orientated fiscal policy despite EU Commission rules China October tax cuts had Japan a RMB500-600 billion (0.5% GDP) benefit to Will discuss how to offset households the impact of higher consumption tax in 2019



### **Eurozone: Keep calm and carry on**

Purchasing managers index (PMIs\*) fell from 54.2 to 52.7 in October

Led by a **decline in car production** 



Which was prompted by the introduction of



**Germany's car industry has been most affected** compared to the rest of Europe

the new worldwide emission standards:



Overall industrial production is lowest in Germany declining by 1.2% in Q3



The big picture for the eurozone remains healthy. GDP growth is still above trend:



unemployment



Above average wage growth

#### Good news



European Central Bank (ECB) President Mario Draghi refers to **slump in car production** as an isolated factor at his latest press conference

**Spain and France** had their best quarter of industrial production since 2017



IFO survey: production data for Germany shows car sector is weak

Standardised balances (3-month moving average)



# **Emerging markets: Brazil backs Bolsonaro**



### Jair Bolsonaro becomes president-elect

Election win bolsters investor sentiment and asset prices

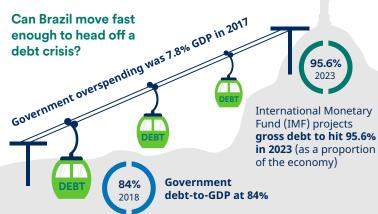
Confidence in Brazil's prospects is resurgent but:

**Fiscal reform and in particular pensions reform** is desperately needed

We need to keep an eye out for any wavering in policy intent

A good economic news story for now, but the real test is yet to come







Source: Schroders as at November 2018

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