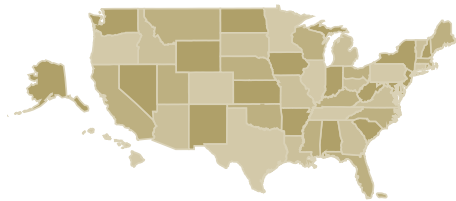


# Global Market Overview and Investment Themes



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## Global Investment Landscape



### United States

- Favorable conditions: low inflation, low interest rates, relatively full employment, moderate growth.
- Current valuations and margins favor investing selectively.
- Opportunities include both wide-moat businesses with room for margin expansion and earnings growth and select out-of-favor businesses with strong prospects.



### Europe

- Continues towards recovery from the financial crisis.
- Opportunities include premier multinational leaders with strong, long-term global growth prospects.
- Avoid companies with tepid growth tied solely to the European region.



### Emerging Markets

- Attractively valued, but opportunities and risks vary widely by country.
- Opportunities include companies increasing market share in enormous and fast growing economies such as China and India and industry-dominating businesses in Brazil and Mexico.

## Investment Themes



### Rise of the Online Consumer Worldwide

- The number of internet users has doubled since 2010 to 3.5 billion and is growing at 10% per year.
- A vast opportunity exists in the years ahead: Global online purchases are growing at 17% per year, yet account for only 7% of total retail sales worldwide.
- Many of the best opportunities for investing in this theme are international, as 75% of online purchases occur outside the U.S.
- Beneficiaries include Amazon, Vipshop, Naspers and Alibaba.



### Expansion of Global Transportation

- The movement of people and products worldwide is accelerating because of the expansion of world trade, the emerging global middle class, and the proliferation of the Internet worldwide.
- The world's transportation infrastructure has not kept pace with rising demand. For example in India, there are currently only 400 commercial passenger aircraft for 1.2 billion people.
- Beneficiaries include InterGlobe Aviation, ZTO Express and Safran.



### Boom in College-Prep Education in Asia

- College admissions in Asia is hyper-competitive, with large numbers of students competing at early ages for a finite number of spots.
- In China, 200 million students in grades K-12 will compete for admission to top universities, with only a 3% acceptance rate versus 28% in the U.S.
- Beneficiaries include: New Oriental & Education Technology, TAL Education and Tarena International.

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