

Here is an update on the advanced battery metals and materials industry as well as overall commodity and emerging markets given the recent market volatility.

## WHY THE PULL-BACK IN COMMODITIES AND EMERGING MARKETS?

We believe the recent pull-back in commodities and emerging markets are due to the following factors:

- Summer equity volumes are weaker, particularly in August. This has exacerbated the pullback as the only real incentivized market participants are sellers.
- High level of cross-asset correlation, especially correlation across equities. This indicates the selling is really just liquidation instead of strategic sales due to changes in fundamentals. This is a macro issue, not a commodity issue.
- Global growth was starting to weaken heading into the summer. Trade tensions and selectively-stressed emerging market economies (e.g. Turkey) have added to the risk-off mentality and have damaged investor confidence.

## LOOKING AHEAD, THERE ARE A FEW CRITICAL FACTORS TO CONSIDER...

- China is easing. After People's Bank of China (PBoC) has been gradually tightening liquidity with medium-term lending facilities since early 2017, the trend has recently started to loosen to counter a stronger USD and weaker trade data.
- Tariffs are not necessarily negative for commodity prices and we also believe that most of the trade war-related headlines are positioning for negotiations. Trump has done this time and time again - clearly, he sees it as a reliable strategy that has served him well in other negotiations.
- Fundamentals have not weakened for battery metals or the companies that mine them. While the market has been weak, there have been several positive announcements for BATT holdings - companies shifting from developer to producer, agreements signed with strategic investors, and other positives that the market has ignored for now.
- We believe the biggest catalysts for rising commodity prices are not impacted by this market weakness. Governments are just as committed to electric vehicle (EV) promotions, automakers continue their enormous EV roll-out, and valuations have come back in various commodity producers.
- Inflation is still grinding higher across a number of metrics - and upside price risk for crude oil with potential supply issues in Venezuela and Middle East tensions near oil transportation chokepoints.

## CONCLUSION

The current macro environment has not been positive for most commodity producers as well as non-U.S. dollar denominated stocks. A strong U.S. dollar combined with a looming trade war being negotiated very publicly has led to market turmoil in many market segments including battery metals and materials stocks.

The good news is there are some positive developments in this market segment including strong EV sales growth in the largest market in the world (China). While this growth is encouraging, the recent selloff has created some attractive valuations on this segment. While no one knows when the current macro dominated fears will subside, we believe the battery metals and materials market segment appears to be attractively valued and in a good position that is based on the fundamental growth of battery metals and materials demand.

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