HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE -

In this issue, we briefly update our existing themes. It was prepared in the Olympic (payback) spirit.

- Throughout this summer, market participants have been tempted to dismiss and attempted to downplay policy initiatives across both sides of the Atlantic. We deem it a dangerous investment rationale and caution for positive surprises ahead despite and possibly because of this persistent disbelief.
- In our **Yen for Yen** theme, we examine recent policy initiatives from the Japanese side, which are promising but still not sufficient for a sustained depreciation.
- In our Gem of Gems theme, we move on to recent policy initiative by the Chinese; they are not that novel, however, they are likely increasingly significant and market impacting.
- In our Going Loco theme, we tie lacklustre EM local currency performance to aggressive monetary policy behaviour. You would think it helped, but it didn't.

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