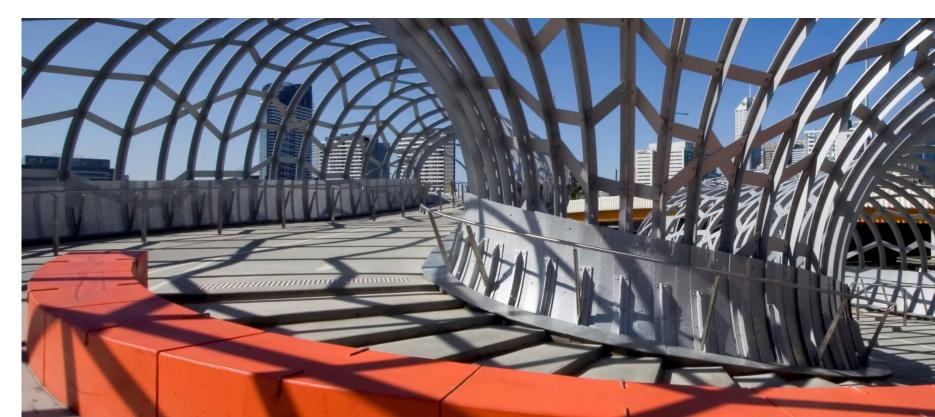


## World Steel Outlook 2015-2016

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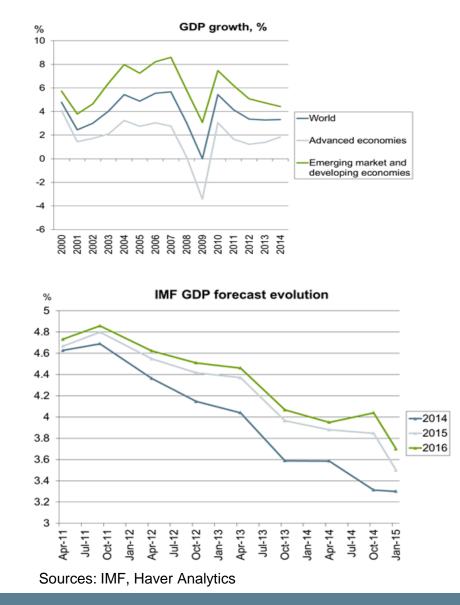


## **Global Steel Industry in the post-Crisis Period**



# **Global macro environment remains difficult**

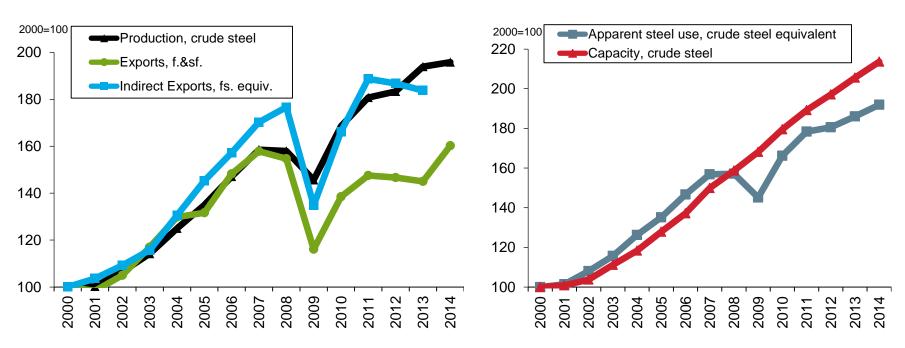
- Global GDP growth has slowed down
- Global economic recovery continues to disappoint despite drop in oil prices
  - Structural problems in many advanced and emerging economies
  - Ongoing geopolitical conflicts
- Overall divergence in growth rates among countries and regions
- Low oil price to generate overall positive net impact on growth





## **Overcapacity to stay**

- Production slowing down with strong increase of exports in 2014
- Excessive steel capacity expansion during the boom period
- World capacity utilisation in 70-80% range

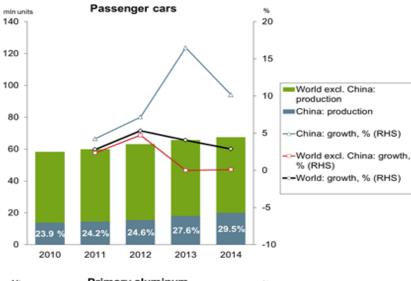


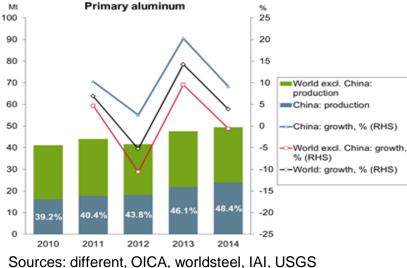
Production, Exports, Indirect Exports (2000=100)

Global Capacity vs Demand (2000=100)



## How are other industries doing?



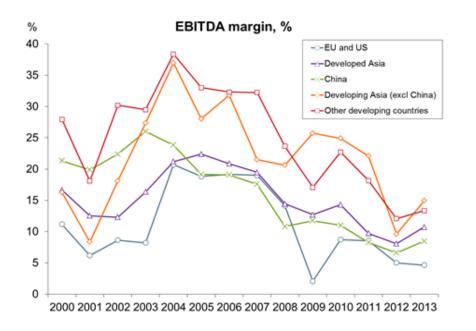


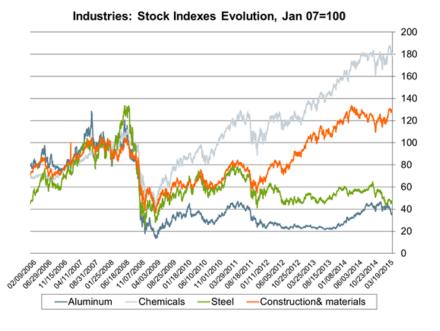
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## **Steel industry stuck in low performance**

Steel companies' profitability converges at a low level due to overcapacity and high raw material prices





Sources: different, companies' reports, Thomson Reuters



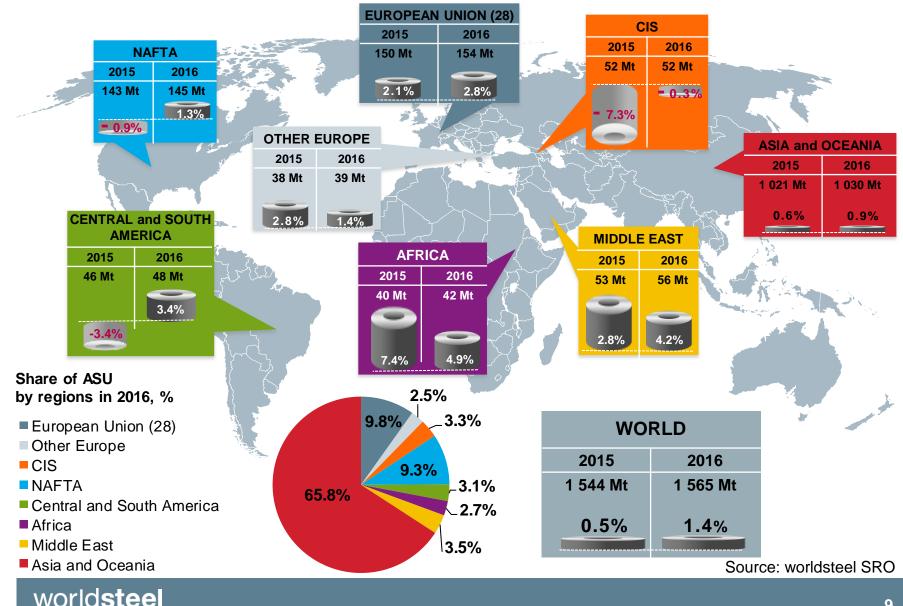


## **Steel Market Prospects**



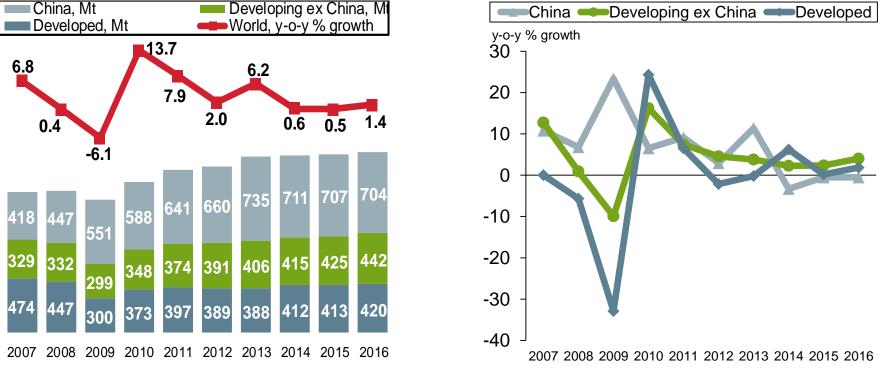
## Short Range Outlook (SRO) 2015-16: Regional Overview

Apparent Steel Use, finished steel (SRO April 2015)



## Steel demand shifts to low gear with China deceleration

- Lack of growth engine after China
- Post-crisis recovery led by the emerging economies



#### Apparent Steel Use, finished steel (SRO April 2015)

Source: worldsteel SRO



## **Developed Economies in Focus**

Apparent Steel Use, finished steel (SRO April 2015)

- Strong growth seen in 2014 in the developed world on the back of strength in the US, 'but moderate growth in 2015-2016
- US steel demand to stagnate in 2015 due to high base and strong dollar, material competition in the auto sector
- Spain showing signs of recovery after a long crisis
- Japan and Korea continued to show moderate growth

|                     | Mt      |         |         | %     |       |       |                      |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|
|                     | 2014    | 2015    | 2016    | 14/13 | 15/14 | 16/15 | 2016 as<br>% of 2007 |
| World               | 1 537.3 | 1 544.4 | 1 565.5 | 0.6   | 0.5   | 1.4   | 128.2                |
| United States       | 106.9   | 106.5   | 107.2   | 11.7  | -0.4  | 0.7   | 99.0                 |
| European Union (28) | 146.8   | 149.9   | 154.1   | 4.5   | 2.1   | 2.8   | 76.9                 |
| Japan               | 67.5    | 65.9    | 66.6    | 3.5   | -2.4  | 1.1   | 82.0                 |
| South Korea         | 55.4    | 56.9    | 58.0    | 7.0   | 2.7   | 2.0   | 105.1                |
| Developed Economies | 411.9   | 412.6   | 420.3   | 6.2   | 0.2   | 1.8   | 88.7                 |

#### Source: worldsteel SRO



## **Emerging Economies in Focus**

Apparent Steel Use, finished steel (SRO April 2015)

- Subdued outlook in major emerging economies, e.g. Russia and Brazil
- India's outlook brightens with new reform initiatives
- High growth expected in ASEAN with strong fundamentals

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| China  | 710.8   | 707.2   | 703.7   | -3.3  | -0.5  | -0.5  | 168.2                |  |
| India  | 75.3    | 80.0    | 85.8    | 2.2   | 6.2   | 7.3   | 166.7                |  |
| Brazil   | 24.6    | 22.7    | 23.4    | -6.8  | -7.8  | 3.1   | 106.2                |  |
| Mexico   | 22.5    | 23.1    | 24.0    | 11.7  | 2.6   | 3.9   | 140.1                |  |
| Russia   | 43.1    | 40.2    | 39.6    | -1.4  | -6.7  | -1.6  | 98.1                 |  |
| Turkey   | 30.7    | 31.7    | 32.0    | -1.8  | 3.0   | 1.1   | 134.6                |  |
| MENA   | 70.1    | 72.9    | 76.3    | 5.0   | 4.1   | 4.7   | 139.9                |  |
| ASEAN (5)                                      | 61.4    | 65.3    | 68.5    | 4.2   | 6.4   | 4.9   | 169.6                |  |
| Emerging & Developing<br>Economies excl. China | 414.7   | 424.5   | 441.5   | 2.3   | 2.4   | 4.0   | 134.1                |  |

Source: worldsteel SRO



## Weak performance of CIS countries

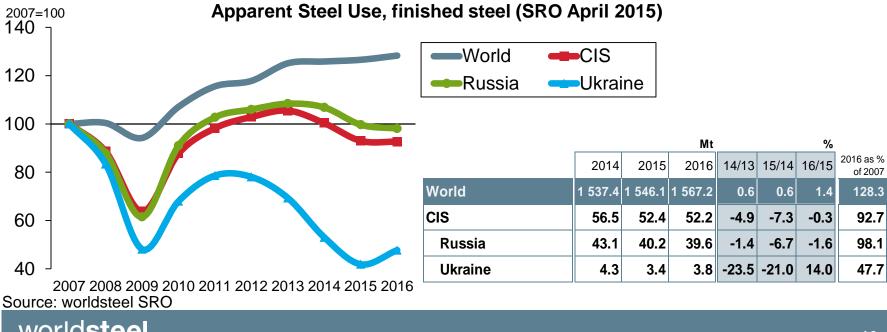
Apparent Steel Use, finished steel (SRO April 2015)

#### **Russia:**

- Structural slowdown aggravated by geopolitical tensions and weaker oil prices.
- Investment activity undermined by curtailed access to capital markets, both domestic (tight monetary policy) and international (sanctions).
- Private consumption to decline, fiscal stimulus will be capped by tight budget.
- Decline in steel-using sectors on the back of investment activity downturn and shrinking real income.

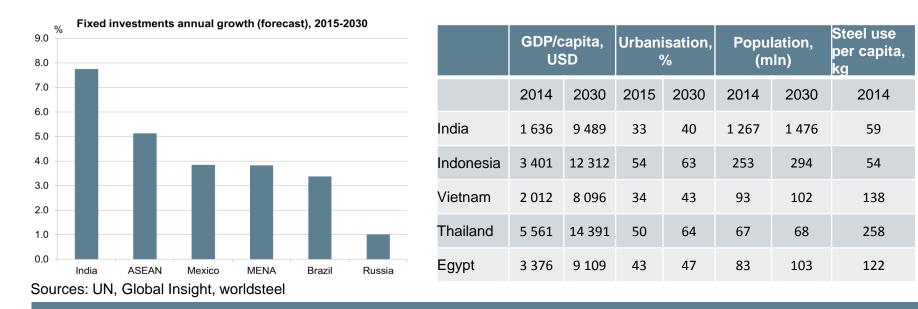
#### **Ukraine:**

Weak performance of economy in 2015.



## Diverging growth prospects of the developing economies

- Structural reform will define growth potential
  - Brazil and Russia trapped in structural problems
  - Mexico has brighter prospects thanks to the strong reform agenda
  - MENA outlook clouded by low oil prices and geopolitical instability
  - ASEAN countries with reform agenda will outperform others
  - India getting ready for a take off with renewed reform initiatives
- Unleashing potential of emerging markets



## Conclusion

- The steel industry faces new normal of low growth with peaking of Chinese steel demand and structural changes in the world economy
  - With Chinese deceleration the world lacks a strong growth engine
  - Unleashing the potential of other emerging economies takes time
- Capacity build ups in newly emerging economies cause concern
- Focus on value creation rather than expansion



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