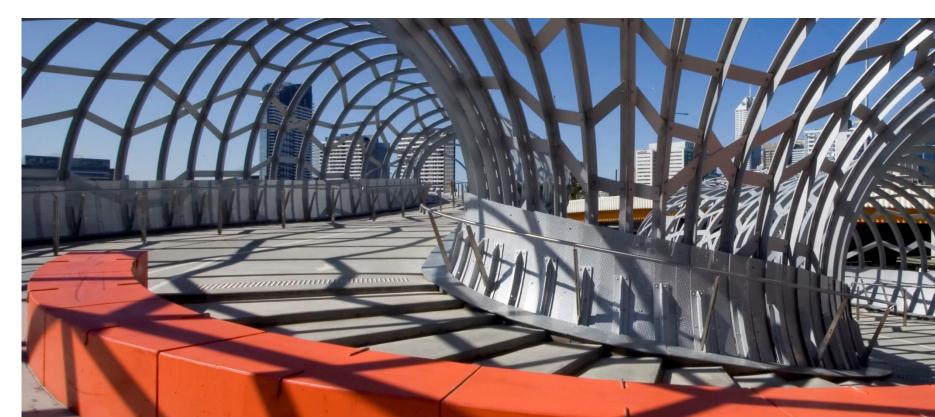


World Steel Outlook 2015-2016

Adam Szewczyk / Manager, Economics and Statistics

X Metal Expert's Conference, April 20-21, 2015, Kiev, Ukraine



Disclaimer text

This document is protected by copyright. Distribution to third parties or reproduction in any format is not permitted without written permission from worldsteel. worldsteel operates under the strictest antitrust guidelines. Visit worldsteel.org\About us for detailed antitrust guidelines.



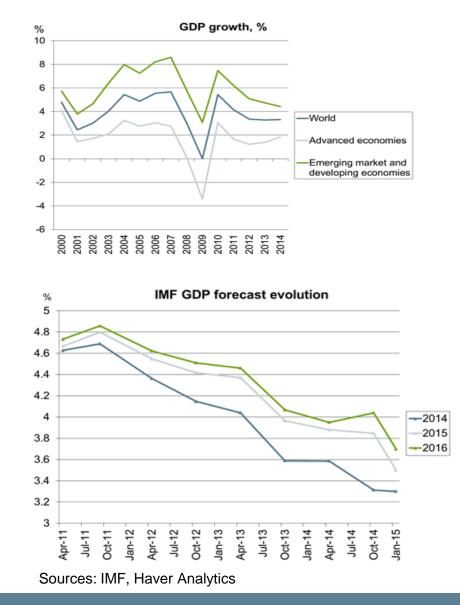


Global Steel Industry in the post-Crisis Period



Global macro environment remains difficult

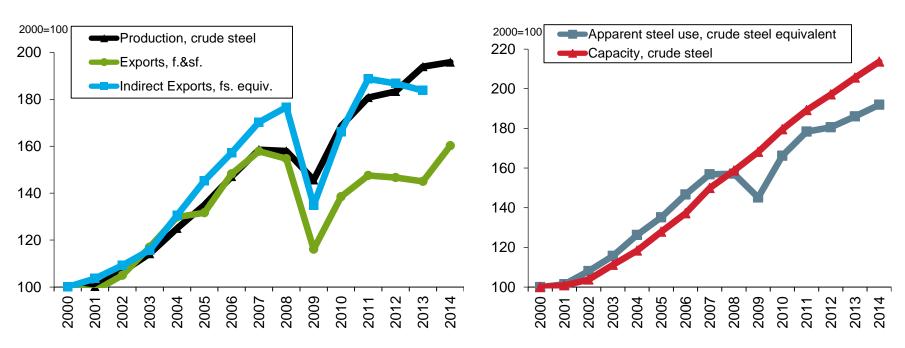
- Global GDP growth has slowed down
- Global economic recovery continues to disappoint despite drop in oil prices
 - Structural problems in many advanced and emerging economies
 - Ongoing geopolitical conflicts
- Overall divergence in growth rates among countries and regions
- Low oil price to generate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

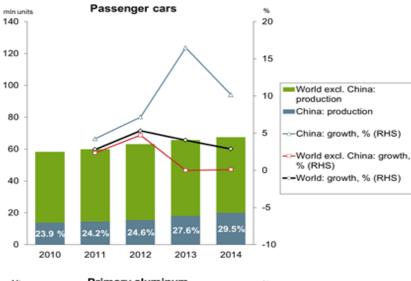


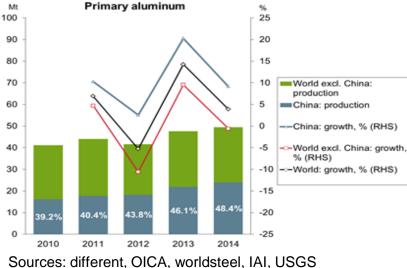
Production, Exports, Indirect Exports (2000=100)

Global Capacity vs Demand (2000=100)



How are other industries doing?



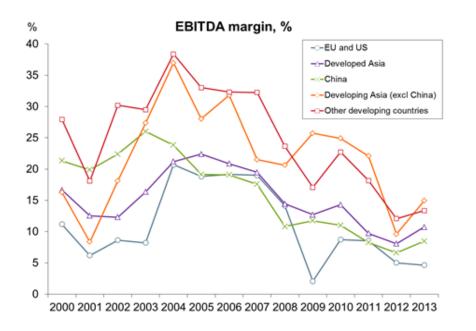


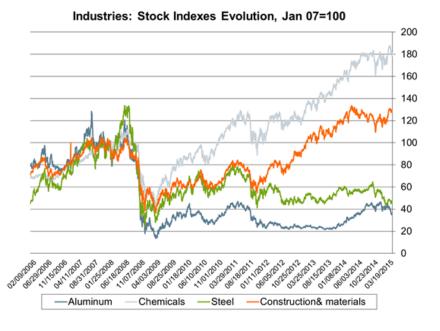
Crude steel Mt % 2500 14 12 2000 10 8 World excl. China: production 1500 6 China: production 4 --China: growth, % (RHS) -World excl. China: growth, % 1000 2 (RHS) -World: growth, % (RHS) 0 500 -2 49.8% 49.4% 46.9% 45.7% 44.6% -4 0 -6 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 Mt Cement 96 10.0 14 9.0 12 8.0 10 7.0 World excl. China: production 8 6.0 China: production 5.0 6 ----China: growth, % (RHS) -World excl. China: growth, % 4.0 4 (RHS) ---World: growth, % (RHS) 3.0 2 2.0 59.8% 59.3% 0 58.3% 58.1% 1.0 56.89 0.0 -2 2014 2010 2011 2012 2013

worldsteel

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



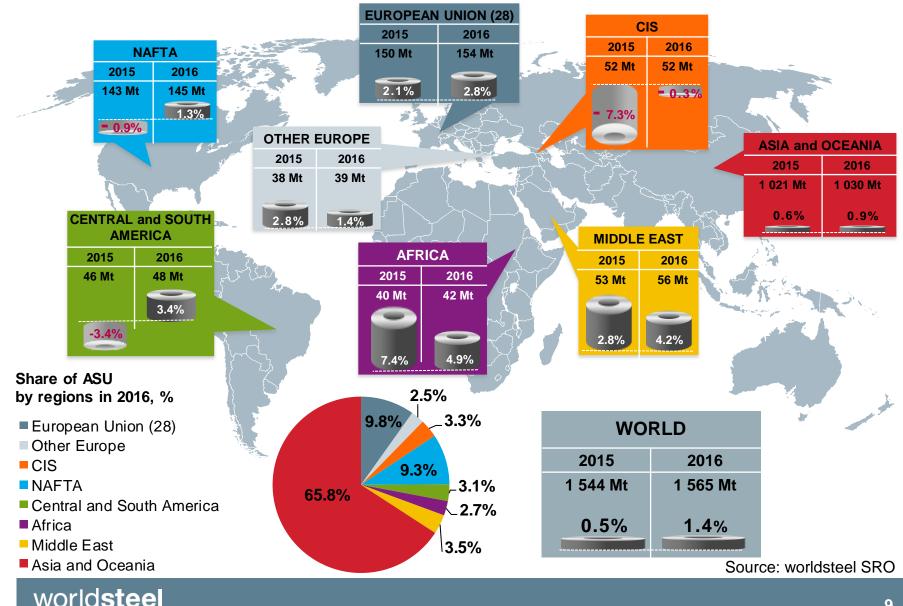


Steel Market Prospects



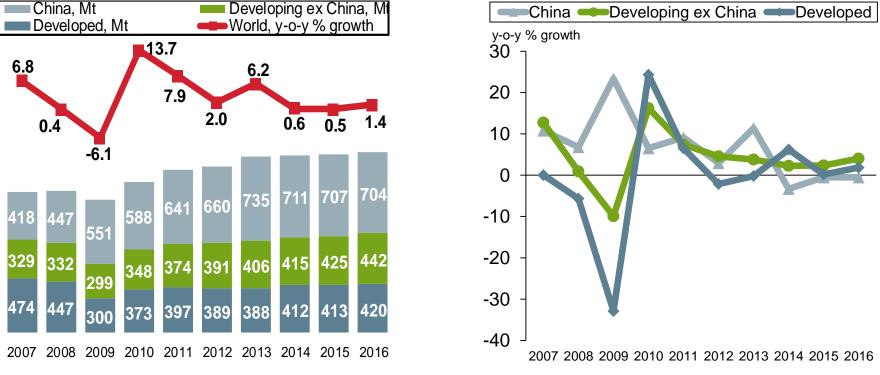
Short Range Outlook (SRO) 2015-16: Regional Overview

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 % 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

	Mt				%			
	2014	2015	2016	14/13	15/14	16/15	2016 as % of 2007	
World	1 537.3	1 544.4	1 565.5	0.6	0.5	1.4	128.2	
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 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

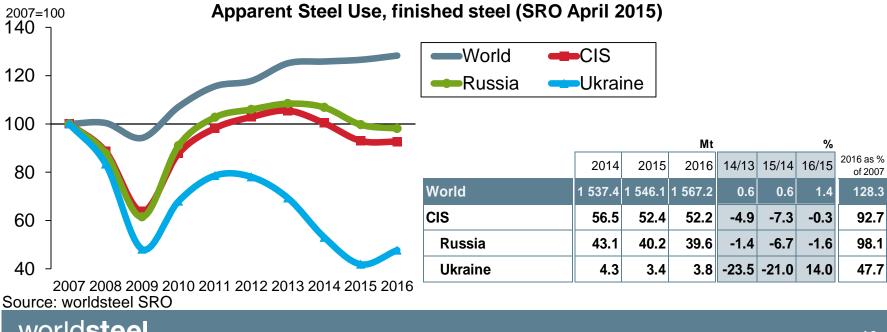
Apparent Steel Use, finished steel (SRO April 2015)

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.

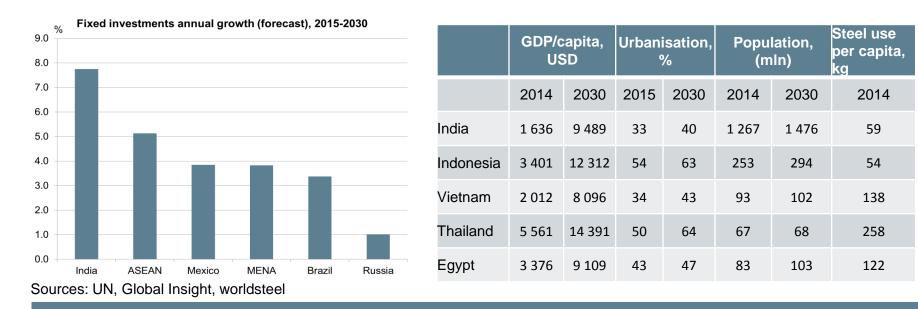
Ukraine:

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



Thank you for your attention.

For further information contact:

Adam Szewczyk | Manager, Economics and Statistics World Steel Association szewczyk@worldsteel.org | T: +32 (0)2 701 96 68 | worldsteel.org



A S S O C I A T I O N

worldsteel.org