

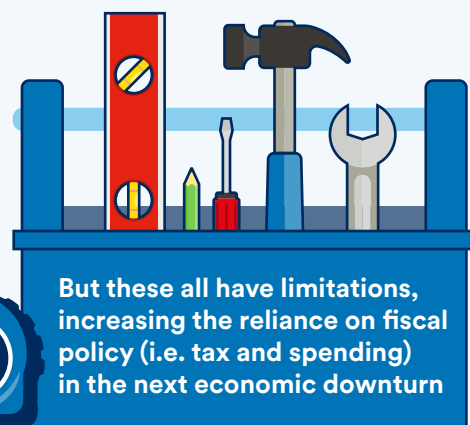
What is left in the toolkit for central banks in developed markets?

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Interest rates remain low with little room to make cuts but there are other tools that can be used if needed

- Forward guidance**  
Signalling policy intent helps lower interest rate expectations
- Quantitative Easing (QE)**  
Buying government bonds drives yields down
- Expanding scope of QE**  
Buying credit and equities creates a wealth effect

- Tiered interest rates and "yield curve control"**  
Makes negative rates and QE more sustainable
- Helicopter money**  
Central banks print money and distribute it directly



But these all have limitations, increasing the reliance on fiscal policy (i.e. tax and spending) in the next economic downturn

\*i.e. control of both short-term and long-term interest rates

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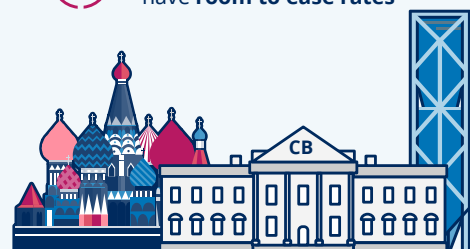
- Interest rates look to be too high in many cases
- Even after adjusting for inflation interest rates are positive, a result of a tight stance on monetary policy
- This means EM central banks can cut without worrying about inflation

Because...

- When the US Federal Reserve (Fed) hiked interest rates in 2018, and then looked set to continue in 2019...
- ...policy was kept tight in EM, with precautionary hikes in some cases
- So, EM are left with maximum monetary munitions

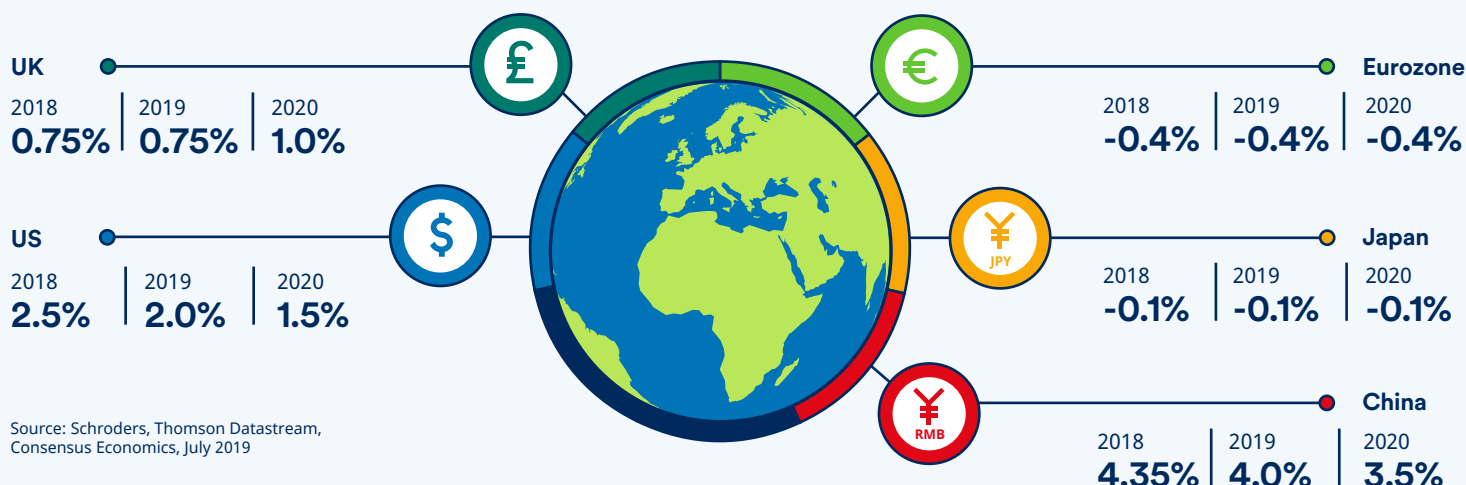
Now...

- The Fed has indicated interest rate cuts ahead and global inflation remains low
- So, the region's central banks have room to ease rates



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