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## **CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS**

- I. July inflation prints
- 2. Economic Slowdown
- 3. Delta variant
- 4. Where to find value



# 1. JULY INFLATION PRINTS



#### **INFLATION – US CPI INDEED TRANSITORY?**

#### +0.9% June 2021 CPI Print

#### Biggest drivers:

- +10.5% used cars (3.16% weight), 45% yoy
- +2% new vehicles (3.7% weight)
- +5.2% car and truck rental (0.19% weight)
- $\rightarrow$  +12.1% May, +16.2% April
- +7.0% lodging away (0.98% weight)
- +7.9% hotels, motels (0.86% weight)
- +0.5% rent of shelter (32.7% weight)
- +1.5% transportation services (5.3% wgt)
- +0.7% apparel (2.7% weight)
- +1.5% energy (7.07% weight)

#### Biggest laggards:

Medical care commodities -0.4% (1.5% wgt), medical care services 0% (7.1% wgt)

#### +0.5% July 2021 CPI Print

#### Biggest drivers:

- +0.2% used cars (3.47% weight)
- +1.7% new vehicles (3.74% weight)
- -4.6% car and truck rental (0.21% weight)
- +6.0% lodging away (1.04% weight)
- +6.8% hotels, motels (0.93% weight)
- +0.4% rent of shelter (32.7% weight)
- -1.1% transportation services (5.29% wgt)
- +0% apparel (2.69% weight)
- +1.6% energy (7.17% weight)
- +0.2% Medical care commodity (1.5% wgt)
- +0.3% Medical care services (7.07% wgt)



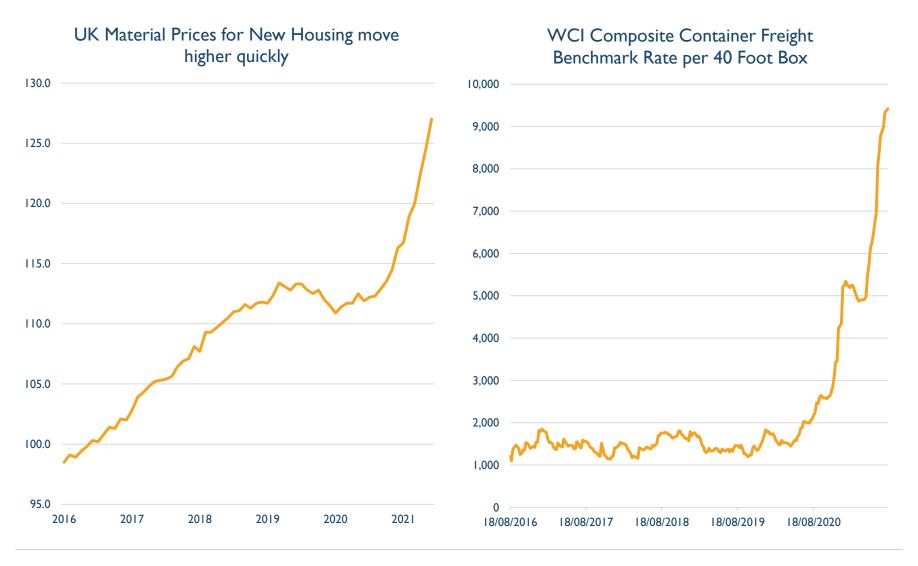
## **BIDEN'S CALL ON OPEC - INFLATION WORRY?**

Weekly U.S. Gasoline Demand back at pre-pandemic levels (Thousand b/d)

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# **INFLATION – SOME INFLATION HASN'T BEEN PASSED ON**



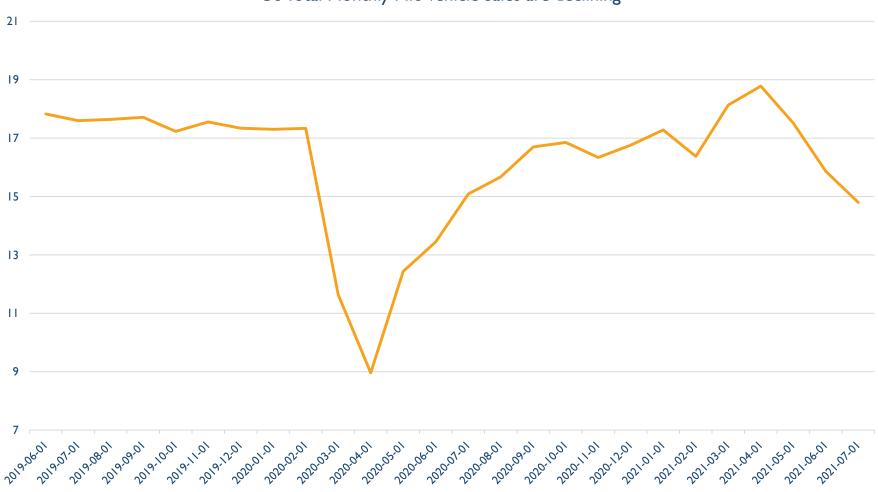


# 2. ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN



## **US VEHICLE SALES – FADING PENT-UP DEMAND?**

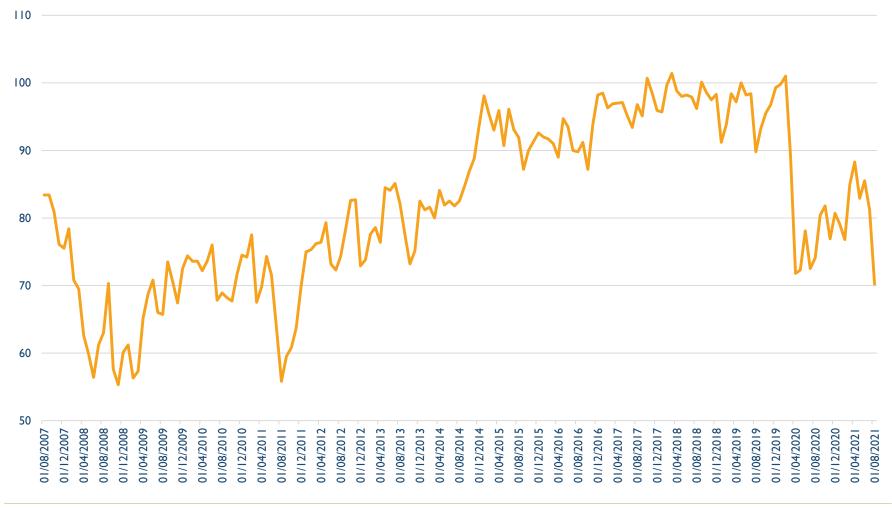
US Total Monthly Mio Vehicle Sales are declining





# **US CONSUMER SENTIMENT – A RAPID DECLINE**

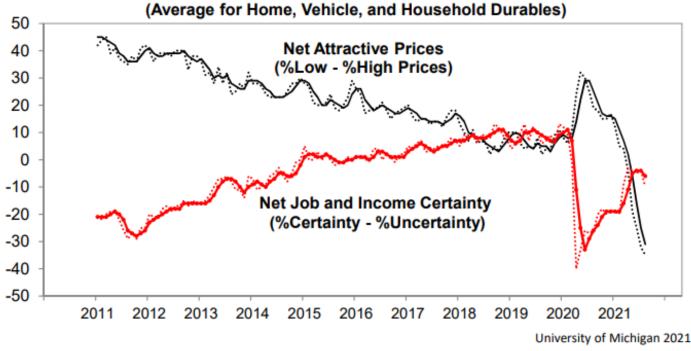






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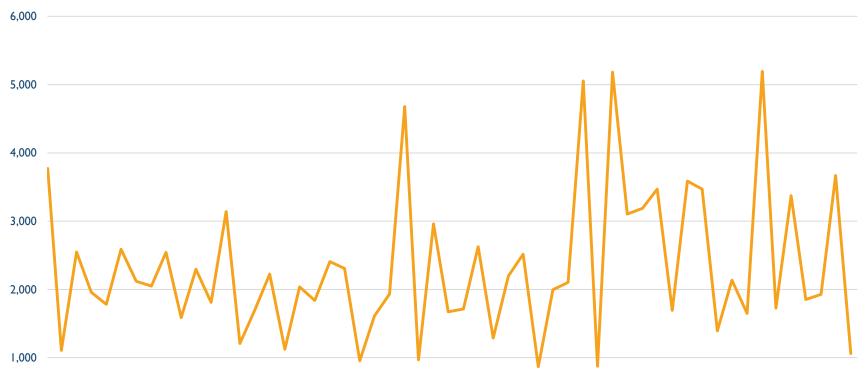
# References to Job and Income Prospects Act to Partially Offset Complaints about Raising Prices





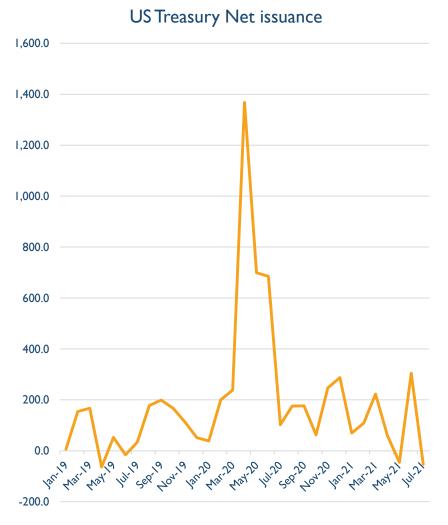
## **CHINA WORRIES – LENDING COLLAPSES**

China bn Yuan aggregate financing drops to post-Covid low

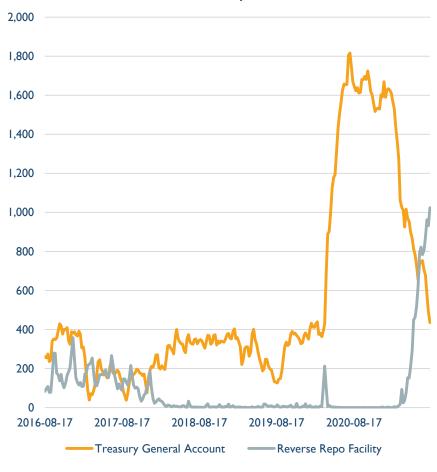




## **US YIELD CURVE – CONTINUED FLATTENING**



#### \$1.1trn moves from TGA to Reverse Repo Facility

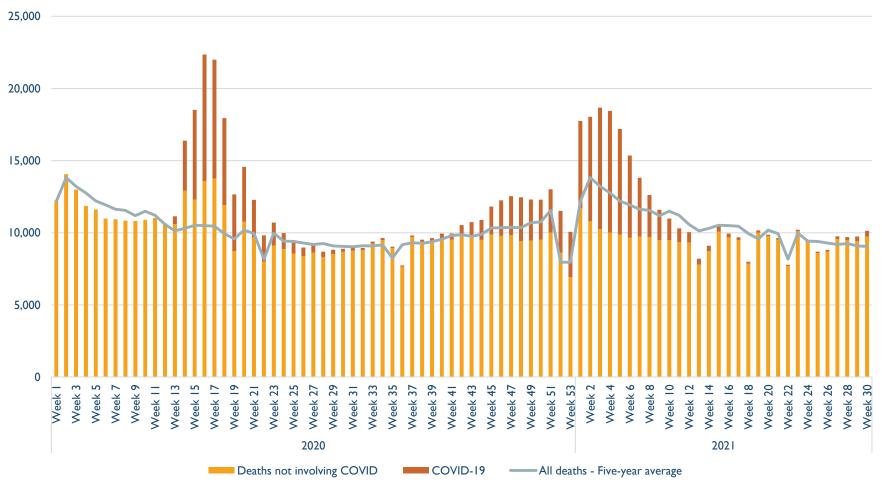


# 3. DELTA VARIANT



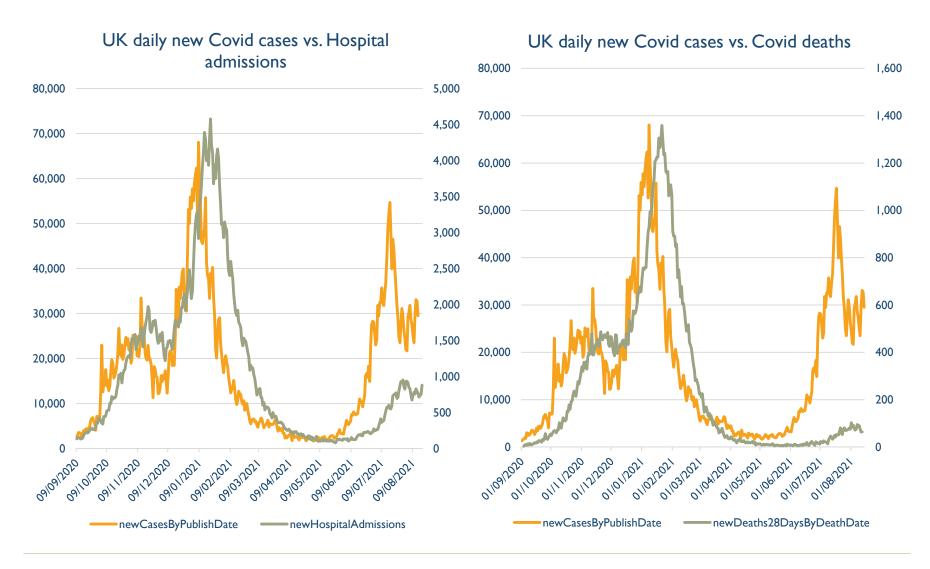
## **DELTA VARIANT – UK REOPENING DANGER TO UK?**

#### England and Wales Deaths by Covid are in decline





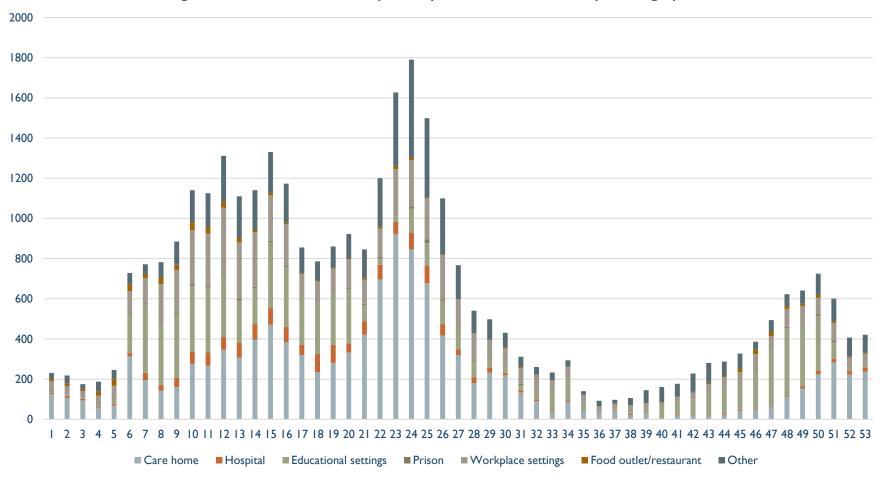
## **DELTA VARIANT – UK REOPENING NO DANGER TO UK**





## **DELTA VARIANT – EDUCATIONAL & WORK-SETTINGS**

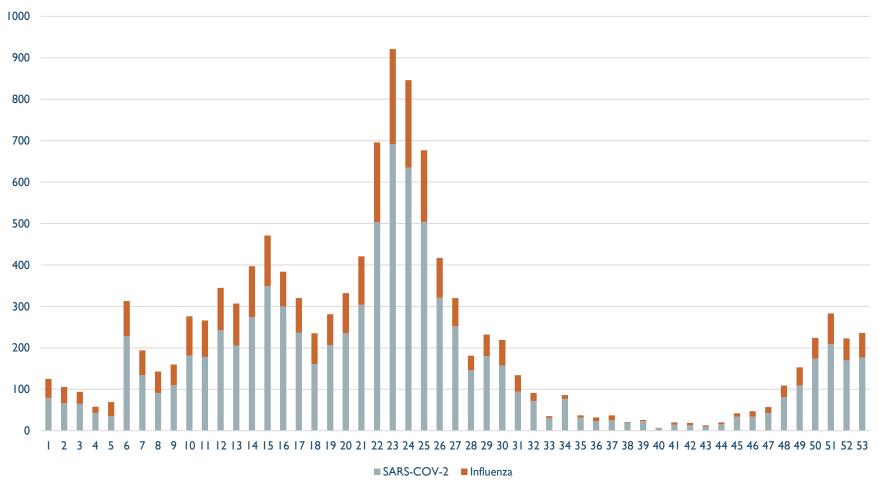
#### England number of acute respiratory infection incidents by setting by week





## **DELTA VARIANT – CASES SET TO INCREASE**

England number of acute respiratory infection incidents in care homes by type by week





# 4. WHERE TO FIND VALUE



## **HIDDEN GEMS – OIL DRILLING & LENDING**

#### Hunting

- Oil Drilling Equipment Manufacturer
- Active in US Shale, Hunting Titan
- \$480mio market cap
- Debt-free, \$100mio cash, \$260mio inventory
- Cash flow positive, paying dividend, EBITDA positive
- 55% of shale drillers hedged production @\$47 barrel, coming off Q4 21
- Small drillers active, large drillers returning capital to shareholders

#### Morses Club

- Small Home Collect Credit ("doorstep loans") & Digital Lending
- £108mio market cap
- Turn Morses Club into U Money, online lending
- Debt-free, likely take on new debt to facilitate lending
- Without UK government support measures, more borrowing demand expected

