# Trade Update for Vistage

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## Change and Continuity in U.S. Trade

# OUT: Policymaking by tweet IN: "Regular order" and consultation



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- OUT: Threats to withdraw from trade agreements
- IN: Internal reviews and deliberation



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### OUT: Trump's tariffs

### IN: Biden's tariffs (they're still there)



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## A "Worker-Centric" Trade Policy

- Workers who are unionized
- Workers who are Black or Latino
- Workers without a college degree



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## A "Worker-Centric" Trade Policy

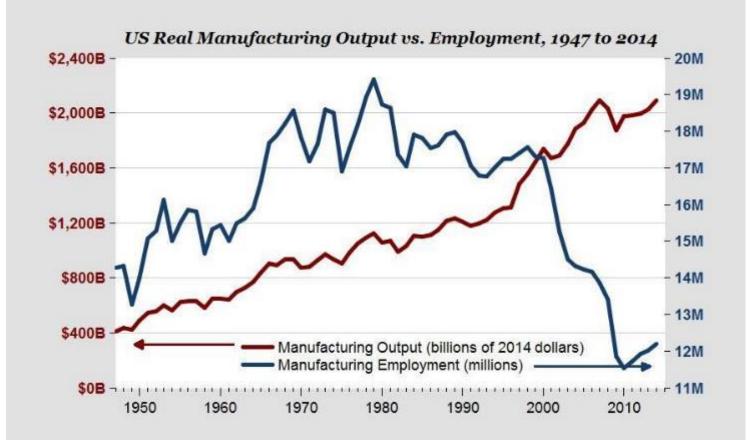
- Right to organize in Mexico
- Forced labor in China
- Forced labor on fishing vessels



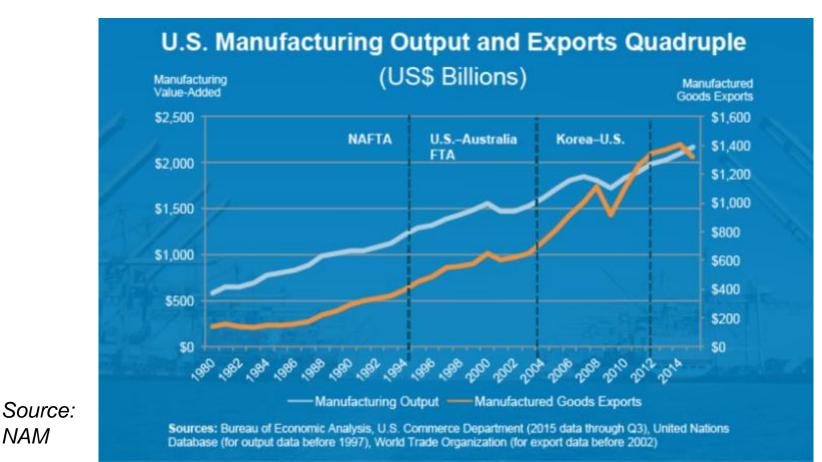
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### **Trump and Biden: Manufacturing Concerns**

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### ... but Manufacturing Opportunity



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## Tariffs on Steel, Aluminum, Lumber

### **Tariffs on Steel and Aluminum**

- 25% on steel, 10% on aluminum
  - ✓ Canada and Mexico dropped in April 2019
- Steel prices up ~40%, then down again
- Aluminum prices volatile
- Foreign retaliation



### Retaliation Against \$40B in U.S. Exports

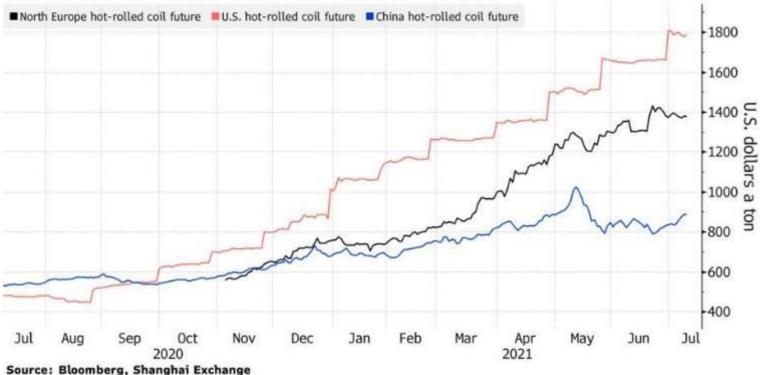


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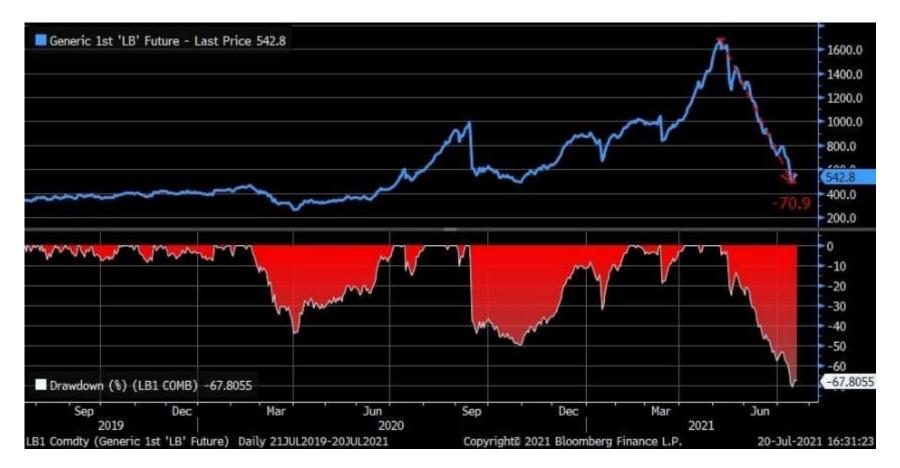


### **Steel Prices**

#### Global Rally Steel prices have surged throughout the world this year



### **Lumber Prices**





### **USMCA's First Anniversary**

### **Preserve U.S. Trade Ties to Canada and Mexico**

- Supports 12 million American jobs
- Tops the next 11 largest markets for manufactures
- Accounts for one-third of all U.S. agricultural exports
- Services exports have tripled in 25 years

### **Strengthen North American Trade**

New rules on digital trade, intellectual property, etc.



### **USMCA: All About Enforcement**

- Mexican energy sector, IP, ag/biotech access
- Labor cases
- Auto sector scuffles continue
- Canadian diary market access



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U.S.-China Trade Tensions

### **U.S.-China Trade Tensions**

- Broad agreement on diagnosis: Concerns about unfair trade, subsidies, IP theft, market access
- Broad opposition to tariffs as a remedy
  - $\checkmark$  Tariff on \$350 billion of imports (7/18-now)



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### Cost of the U.S.-China Trade War

 ✓ IIF: \$40 billion in U.S. exports lost due to retaliation (900 product categories collapse)
 ✓ Hit to heartland: Soybean sales collapse; farm bankruptcies reach new high
 ✓ Fed: "100% of tariff" impact on Americans



### Phase 1 Deal

- Halt to further tariff escalation; modest rollback
- Financial services, intellectual property, currency
- China's purchase of U.S. goods (met ~60%)
- But questions remain:
  - ✓ Will more tariffs be rolled back?
  - ✓ Huawei? Uyghurs? South China Sea?





### U.S.-EU Trade: Big Benefits, Big Irritants

16 million jobs, \$5.5 trillion in sales

- ✓ Boeing and Airbus trade disputes resolved
- ✓ Digital Services Taxes on hold
- Privacy Shield (digital trade) talks stalled,
   "tech sovereignty" as EU goal



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## UK Kenya

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