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US : Trump's victory cemented rate hike in December. It is curious how aggressive the dot plots will be moving forward. There is some concern globally on Trump's anti immigration, anti environment and anti trade rhetoric. That said, despite the optimism that is building up in the US, **there could be 2 (0.25%) hikes in 2017 following the imminent rate hike in December.** Remember 12 months ago after the first rate hike in 9½ years, the dot plot suggested 4 rate hikes in 2016

Europe and Japan : The **ECB** and **BOJ** will likely continue their **easy monetary policy**. However, populism politics in the Euro area may bring about uncertainties and a change in monetary stance with elections in France, Netherlands and Germany in 2017 and a referendum in Italy.

China : It is a '**wait-and-see**' position on Govt policies at the moment as Trump ratchets up the nose between the two superpowers before him officially taking office. Notwithstanding geopolitics risk, internal issues will dominate focus of monetary policies. Hence, it can be envisaged that there may be **some competitive devaluations** and an **easing leaning monetary policy**.

Malaysia : A similar 'wait-and-see' stance is adopted here as we observe global adjustment to potentially a new phase evolving. Similarly tendency is towards **easy monetary policy** to prevail as Malaysia struggle to find grip on growth.