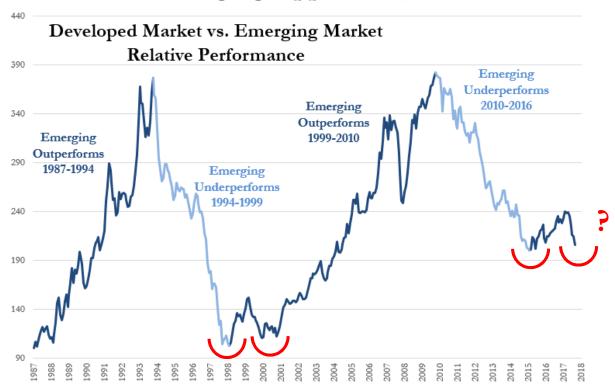
## **Emerging Opportunity?**



Source: Bloomberg, MSCI and Todd Asset Management Data as of 8/31/2018

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- Emerging market stress has dominated the headlines over the past few months as ongoing trade disputes and monetary tightening in the US have caused the US dollar to strengthen (and emerging market currencies to weaken).
- The current environment reminds us of the 1998-2000 period where emerging market currencies weakened, valuations were cheap and the stage was set for a prolonged recovery.
- What could start a recovery from here? Perhaps the Fed slows their tightening. Maybe trade deals are struck
  and reduce uncertainty. Fundamentals could remain intact as China aggressively stimulates their economy.
  We think some combination of the three could put downward pressure on the US Dollar and put a bottom
  in place for emerging markets.

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