MINT emerging market countries include Mexico, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Turkey. The general profile of MINT is in the following table.

Country	Population	GDP (nominal) (2014)	GDP per capita (nominal) (2014)
Mexico	125,385,833 \$1,282.7 billion		\$10,230.20
Indonesia	254,454,778	\$888.5 billion	\$3,491.90
Nigeria	177,475,986	\$568.5 billion	\$3,203.30
Turkey	75,932,348	\$799.5 billion	\$10,529.60

## Mexico

As the 7th biggest car producer in the world, Mexico has increased its production capacity annually. It seems Mexico will be a good market for fastener producers.

Mexico	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Qty. of Car Production	2,681,050	3,001,814	3,054,849	3,365,306	3,565,469
Growth		12.0%	1.8%	10.2%	5.9%

### The Values of Imported Fasteners to Mexico

Exporters	Import value in 2011	Import value in 2012	Import value in 2013	Importe value in 2014	Import value in 2015
World	1,955,810	2,169,565	2,293,352	2,499,736	2,708,584
Growth		10.9%	5.7%	9.0%	8.4%
					Unit: 1,000 USD

#### The Values of Emported Fasteners to the World

Importers	Export value in 2011	Export value in 2012	Export value in 2013	Export value in 2014	Export value in 2015
World	94,383	138,113	142,581	171,166	187,014
Growth		46.3%	3.2%	20.0%	9.3%
				`	Unit: 1,000 USD

90 (Mexico) Car Production 80 Imported fastener 70 Exported fastener (%) Cumulative Growth 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 2012 2013 2014 2015

# Indonesia

Indonesia is the 17th biggest car producer in the world. Although Indonesian car manufacturers increased their production capacity from 2010 through 2014, 2015 was a different year for them. They lost 15.4% of their capacity. The main external challenges that affected the automotive industry in Indonesia were China's economic slowdown and low commodity prices.

Indonesia	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Qty. of Car production	702,508	838,388	1,052,895	1,206,368	1,298,523	1,098,780
Growth		19.3%	25.6%	14.6%	7.6%	-15.4%

However, the question is whether Mexico is a good market for fastener producers or equipment suppliers? The left table shows that the value of imported fasteners to Mexico.

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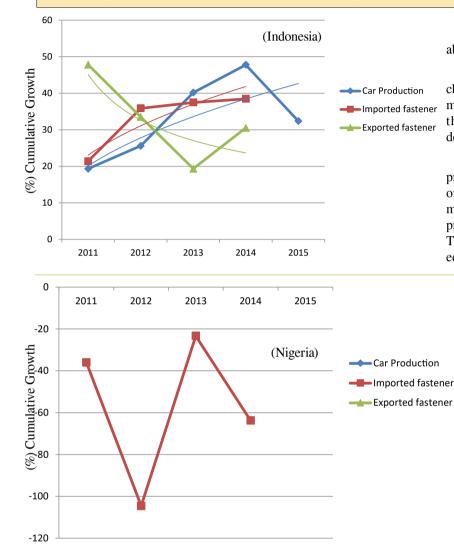
It shows positive trend that follows the car manufacturing graph above. It means Mexico needs to import fasteners and it can be a perfect market for fastener suppliers. On the other hand, the size of Mexico market is considerable (more than 2.7 billion USD in 2015)!

In the exported fastener section of the left table, Mexico shows that it is not a big fastener supplier, and exported 187 million USD worth of fasteners in 2015, about 7% of its imported fasteners. But in this case, the graph shows a sharp positive growth that should be considered by equipment suppliers.



The Value	he Values of Imported Fasteners to Indonesia & Exported Fasteners to the World							
Exporters	Import value in 2010	Import value in 2011	Import value in 2012	Import value in 2013	Import value in 2014			
World	475,418	576,947	660,389	670,639	677,424			
Growth		21.4%	14.5%	1.6%	1.0%			
Importers	Export value in 2010	Export value in 2011	Export value in 2012	Export value in 2013	Export value in 2014			
World	72,538	107,203	91,883	78,869	87,739			
Growth		47.8%	-14.3%	-14.2%	11.2%			
					Unit: 1.000 USD			





Does this issue also affect the fastener field? The above tables shows that:

The statistics of 2015 in the fastener field is not clear yet. In the imported fastener sector, the growth margin reduced year after year and it is predicted that the growth of fasteners in 2015 would also decrease.

The statistics show that, based on the car production capacity and comparing it with the values of exported and imported fasteners, it is clear that most of the fasteners consumed by Indonesia were produced through Indonesian fastener manufacturers, Therefore, Indonesia can be a good market for equipment suppliers.

# Nigeria

Nigeria was a small car producer before 2005 and it seems it has stopped its car production line since 2005 (there are no clear statistics in this case). Therefore, its fastener market is predicted to be not big, either. The following statistics prove this claim.

The value of Nigeria's exported fasteners is not considerable in 2014 (totaling 88,000 USD)! However, the value of its imported fasteners reached about 260,000 USD in 2010. The import value decreased to 56,000 USD in 2014 due to economic problems. It is suggested that fastener producers and suppliers should forget Nigeria as an attractive market in the MINT countries.

## The Values of Imported Fasteners to Nigeria & Exported Fasteners to the World

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Exporters	Import value in 2010	Import value in 2011	Import value in 2012	Import value in 2013	Import value in 2014
World	260,463	166,715	52,298	94,799	56,539
Growth		-36%	-68.6%	81.3%	-40.4%
Importers	Export value in 2010	Export value in 2011	Export value in 2012	Export value in 2013	Export value in 2014
World	19	745	33	342	88
	·				Unit:1,000 USD

### **Turkey**

Turkey is the 14th biggest car manufacturer in the world. Its production capacity has become better since 2011 and its fastener market is predicted to be affected by this growth.

In the imported fastener section, the Turkish market became bigger and bigger every year and the same condition happened in the exported fastener sector.

2015 was a critical year for Turkey. The war in Syria and its conflict with Russia affected its exported products, but it could manage its domestic car production and importers; therefore the statistics show growth in both sectors.

Turkey	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Qty. of Car production	1,189,131	1,072,445	1,125,534	1,170,445	1,385,796
Growth		-9.8%	5.0%	4.0%	18.4%

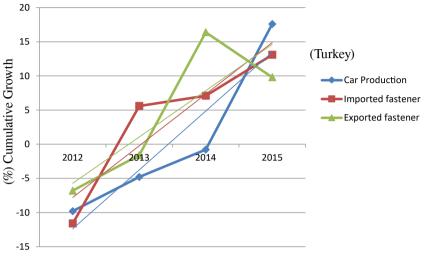
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#### The Values of Imported Fasteners to Turkey & Exported Fasteners to the World

Exporters	Import value in 2011	Import value in 2012	Import value in 2013	Import value in 2014	Import value in 2015
World	595,568	526,671	617,139	626,208	663,749
Growth		-11.6%	17.2%	1.5%	6%
Importers	Export value in 2011	Export value in 2012	Export value in 2013	Export value in 2014	Export value in 2015
World	266,299	248,124	260,935	307,874	287,522
Growth		-6.8%	5.2%	18.0%	-6.6%

# Conclusion

Emerging and frontier markets have opportunities for growth that often aren't available in more developed economies. These come from three main sources: new, pervasive technologies; the improved spending power of a growing middle class; and gains from greater trading activity with other countries. When you look at investments, you want to look at how these changes create growth opportunities, but it seems MINT emerging markets have disappointed investors in recent years. Growth is slowing and has underperformed high expectations, whereas developed market growth is gradually picking up and has outperformed relatively low expectations. Inflationary pressures in MINT emerging markets have caused some central banks in these regions to tighten monetary policies, while low



inflation in developed markets has allowed their central banks to maintain highly accommodative policies to promote growth. Political problems and war are other issues that have affected the decisions of investors. Furthermore, governments in MINT emerging markets (EM) have caused a significant rise in geopolitical concerns, as in the case of Turkey with the Syria crisis, or they have adopted more state-run and less market-friendly policies that many would argue are constraining long-term investment and economic growth.