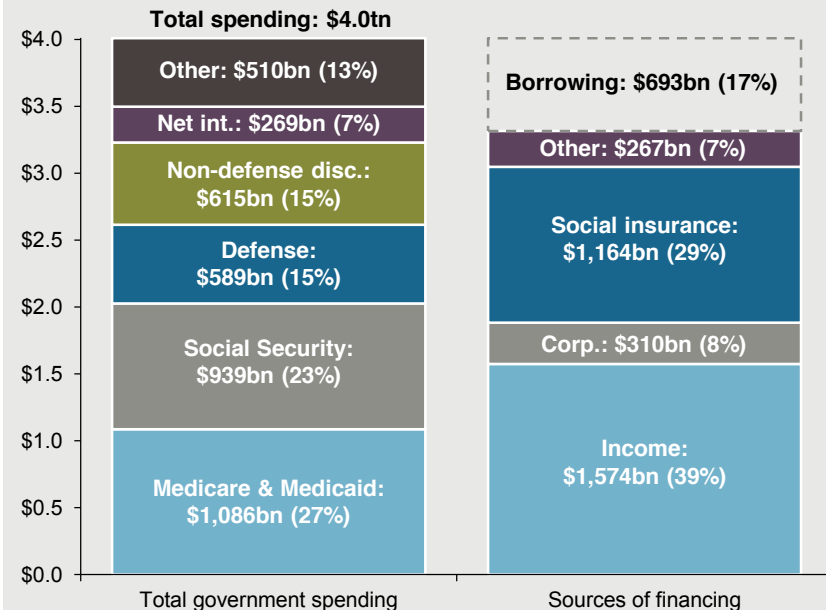


## The 2017 federal budget

CBO Baseline forecast, USD trillions

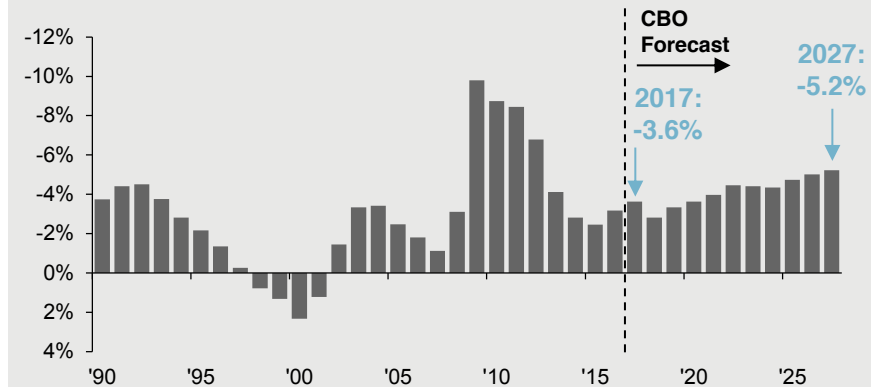


## CBO's Baseline assumptions

	2017	'18-'19	'20-'21	'22-'27
Real GDP growth	2.1%	2.0%	1.5%	1.9%
10-year Treasury	2.3%	2.9%	3.5%	3.7%
Headline inflation (CPI)	2.2%	2.2%	2.4%	2.4%
Unemployment	4.5%	4.2%	4.8%	4.9%

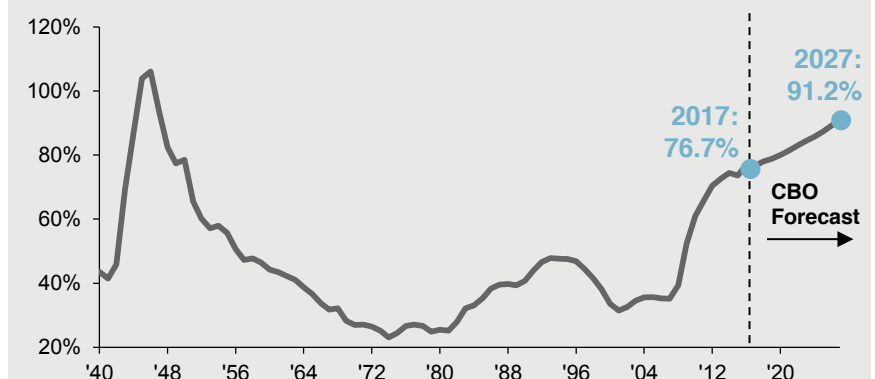
## Federal budget surplus/deficit

% of GDP, 1990 – 2027, 2017 CBO Baseline



## Federal net debt (accumulated deficits)

% of GDP, 1940 – 2027, 2017 CBO Baseline, end of fiscal year



Source: CBO, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top and bottom right) BEA, Treasury Department.

2017 Federal Budget is based on the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) June 2017 Baseline Budget Forecast. Other spending includes, but is not limited to, health insurance subsidies, income security and federal civilian and military retirement.

Note: Years shown are fiscal years (Oct. 1 through Sep. 30).

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## S&P 500 Price Index



Source: Compustat, FactSet, Thomson Reuters, Federal Reserve, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Dividend yield is calculated as consensus estimates of dividends for the next 12 months, divided by most recent price, as provided by Compustat. Forward price to earnings ratio is a bottom-up calculation based on the most recent S&P 500 Index price, divided by consensus estimates for earnings in the next 12 months (NTM), and is provided by FactSet Market Aggregates. Returns are cumulative and based on S&P 500 Index price movement only, and do not include the reinvestment of dividends. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of August 31, 2017.

## S&amp;P 500 Index: Forward P/E ratio



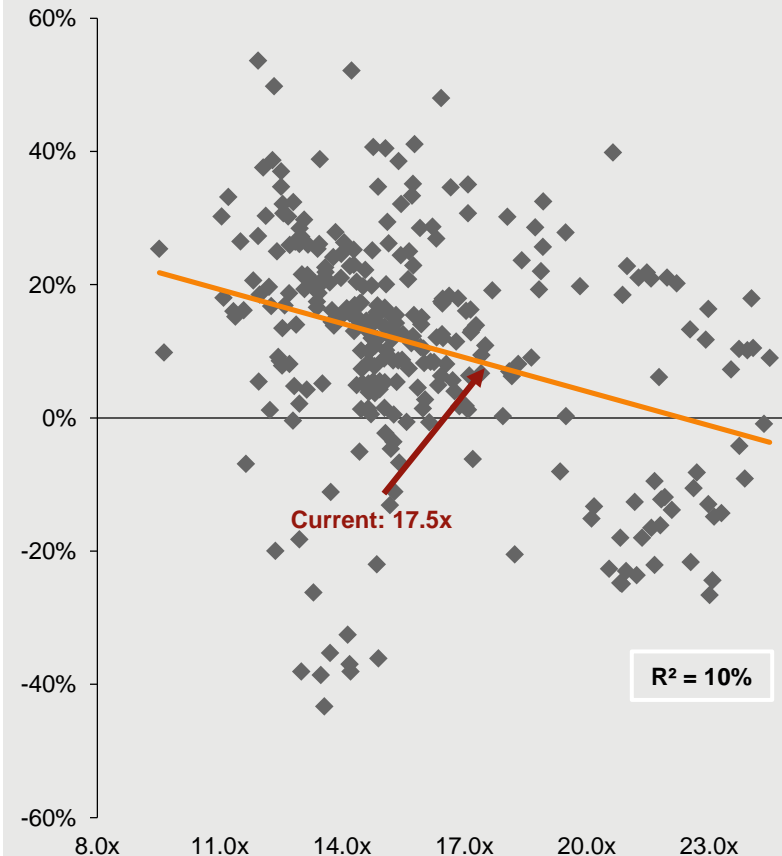
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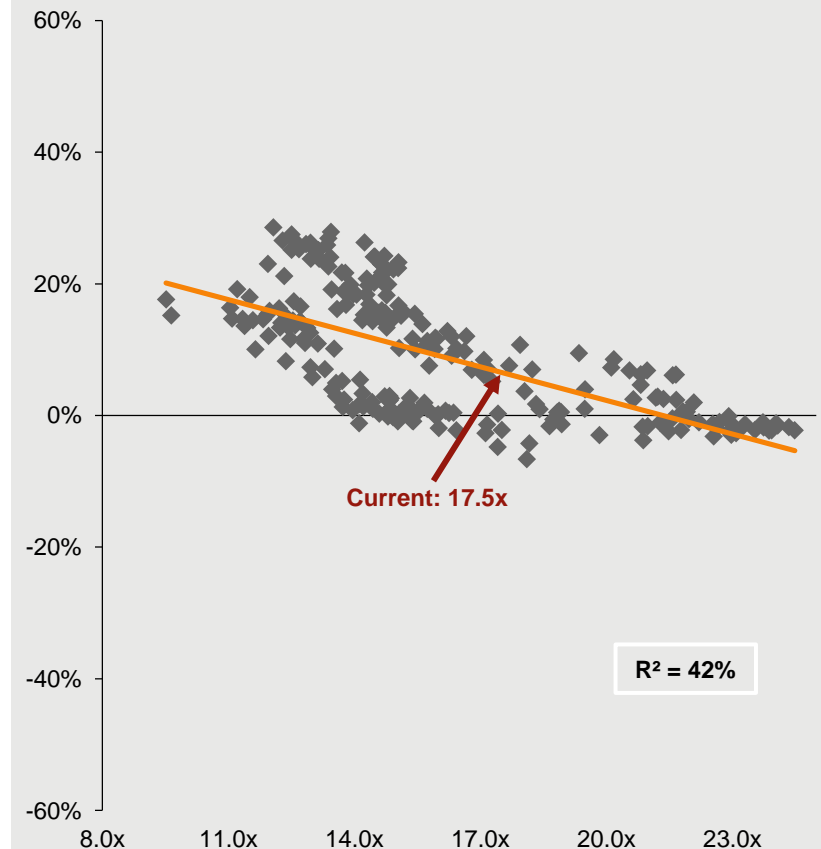
## Forward P/E and subsequent 1-yr. returns

S&P 500 Total Return Index



## Forward P/E and subsequent 5-yr. annualized returns

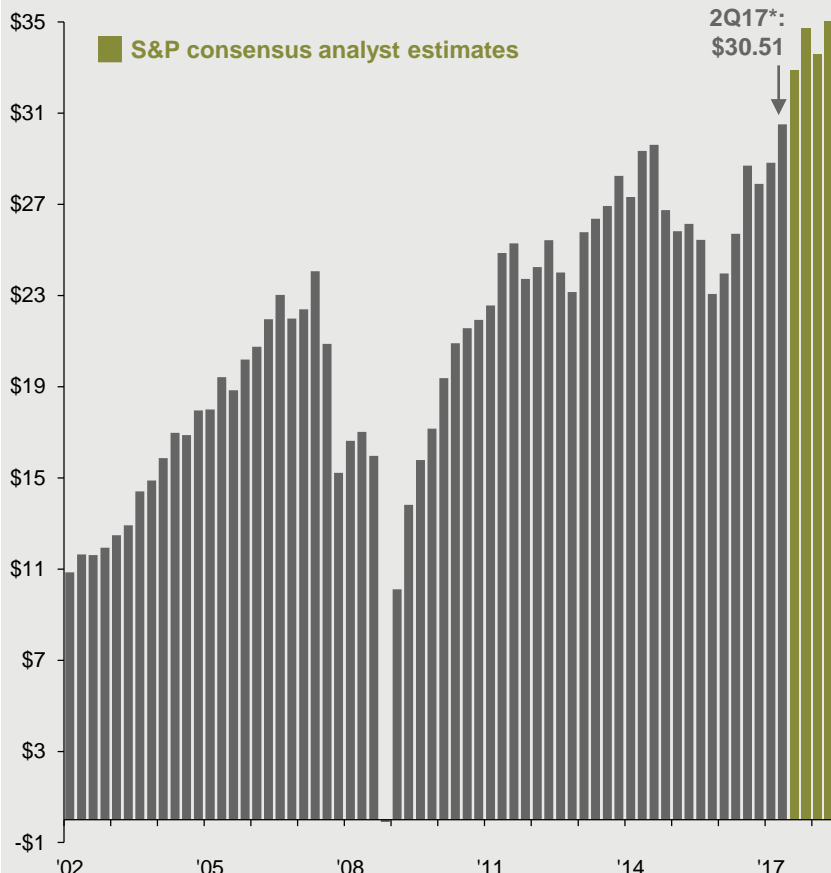
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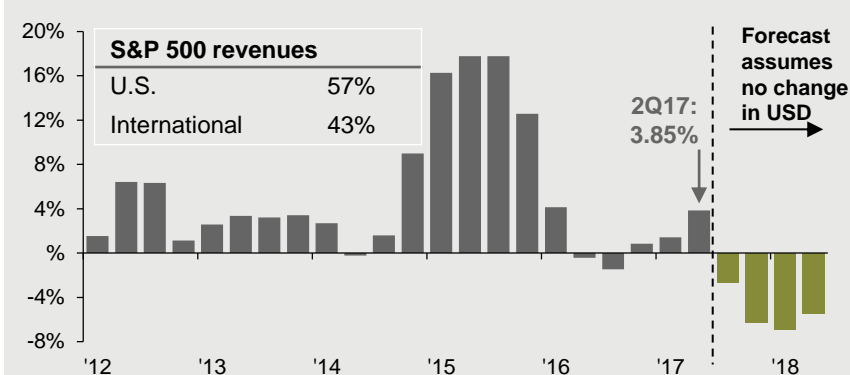
## S&P 500 earnings per share

Index quarterly operating earnings



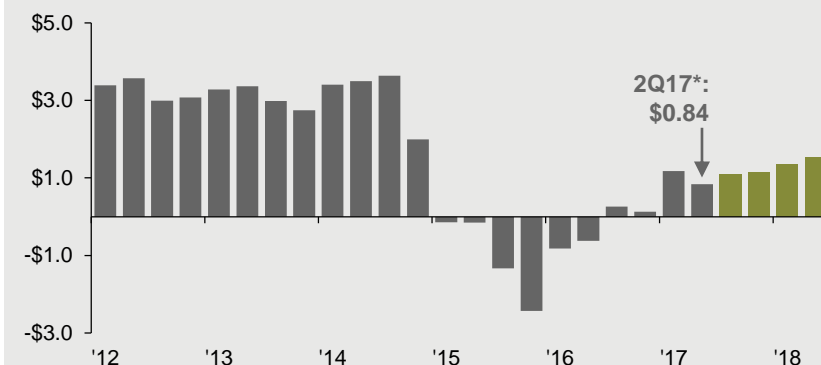
## U.S. dollar

Year-over-year % change\*\*, quarterly, USD major currencies index



## Energy sector earnings

Energy sector contribution to S&P 500 EPS, quarterly



Source: Compustat, FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top right) Federal Reserve, S&P 500 individual company 10k filings, S&P Index Alert.

EPS levels are based on operating earnings per share. Earnings estimates are Standard & Poor's consensus analyst expectations. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. Currencies in the Trade Weighted U.S. Dollar Major Currencies Index are: British pound, euro, Swedish krona, Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, Japanese yen and Swiss franc. \*2Q17 earnings are calculated using actual earnings for 98.3% of S&P 500 market cap and earnings estimates for the remaining companies. \*\*Year-over-year change is calculated using the quarterly average for each period. USD forecast assumes no change in the U.S. dollar from its August 31, 2017 level.

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## QTD

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	0.1%	2.4%	4.5%
Mid	-0.6%	0.7%	2.4%
Small	-1.8%	-0.5%	0.7%

## YTD

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	4.8%	11.9%	19.2%
Mid	4.6%	8.7%	14.1%
Small	-1.3%	4.4%	10.8%

## Since market peak (October 2007)

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	68.1%	95.7%	129.3%
Mid	101.3%	105.2%	107.2%
Small	78.2%	90.8%	102.7%

## Since market low (March 2009)

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	319.2%	337.3%	367.7%
Mid	414.0%	395.3%	378.9%
Small	340.6%	360.0%	378.3%

## Current P/E vs. 15-year avg. P/E\*

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	15.5 / 13.1	17.5 / 14.4	20.7 / 16.6
Mid	16.0 / 14.1	17.8 / 15.7	20.7 / 18.0
Small	18.3 / 16.8	24.0 / 20.1	33.6 / 25.2

## Current P/E as % of 15-year avg. P/E\*

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	118.2%	121.4%	124.4%
Mid	113.8%	113.5%	115.3%
Small	109.3%	119.3%	133.3%

Source: FactSet, Russell Investment Group, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

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# Returns and valuations by sector

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	Financials	Real Estate	Materials	Industrials	Cons. Discr.	Technology	Energy	Health Care	Telecom	Cons. Staples	Utilities	S&P 500 Index	Weight
<b>S&amp;P weight</b>	14.2%	3.0%	2.9%	10.1%	12.1%	23.5%	5.7%	14.7%	2.1%	8.5%	3.3%	100.0%	
Russell Growth weight	3.3%	2.7%	3.7%	12.1%	17.8%	37.9%	0.8%	13.8%	1.0%	6.9%	0.0%	100.0%	
Russell Value weight	25.5%	5.0%	2.8%	8.5%	6.9%	8.2%	10.2%	14.2%	3.2%	9.0%	6.5%	100.0%	
<b>QTD</b>	0.1	2.3	2.4	0.2	0.0	8.0	-2.8	2.6	3.1	-0.5	5.8	2.4	Return (%)
<b>YTD</b>	7.0	8.9	11.9	9.7	11.0	26.6	-15.1	19.1	-7.9	7.5	15.0	11.9	
<b>Since market peak</b> (October 2007)	4.0	64.5	59.6	93.8	179.6	172.6	-0.2	171.0	44.0	156.3	96.0	95.7	
<b>Since market low</b> (March 2009)	467.5	509.8	280.3	432.5	547.3	471.1	82.7	336.9	175.0	259.4	243.0	337.3	
<b>Beta to S&amp;P 500</b>	1.43	1.31	1.28	1.20	1.11	1.10	0.99	0.73	0.60	0.57	0.46	1.00	β
<b>Correl. to Treas. yields</b>	0.81	-0.22	0.41	0.46	0.36	0.15	0.38	0.20	-0.20	-0.41	-0.65	0.37	ρ
<b>Foreign % of sales</b>	30.8	-	53.0	44.9	35.1	57.2	58.9	37.4	17.4	33.7	46.3	43.2	%
Forward P/E ratio	13.7x	18.1x	17.9x	17.4x	19.4x	18.6x	27.8x	16.6x	12.8x	19.5x	18.3x	17.5x	P/E
<b>20-yr avg.</b>	12.9x	15.2x	13.8x	16.3x	17.9x	20.9x	17.4x	17.6x	16.6x	17.1x	14.0x	16.0x	
Trailing P/E ratio	15.4x	36.1x	26.0x	22.0x	23.0x	23.5x	34.3x	23.4x	15.2x	21.1x	22.4x	21.7x	P/E
<b>20-yr avg.</b>	15.5x	35.5x	19.3x	19.9x	19.3x	25.6x	17.5x	24.2x	20.2x	21.0x	15.9x	19.6x	
Dividend yield	2.0%	3.5%	2.1%	2.2%	1.6%	1.4%	3.2%	1.7%	5.1%	2.9%	3.5%	2.1%	Div
<b>20-yr avg.</b>	2.3%	4.4%	2.6%	2.1%	1.4%	0.9%	2.3%	1.8%	4.0%	2.6%	4.0%	2.0%	

Source: FactSet, Russell Investment Group, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

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# Factor performance and sector weights

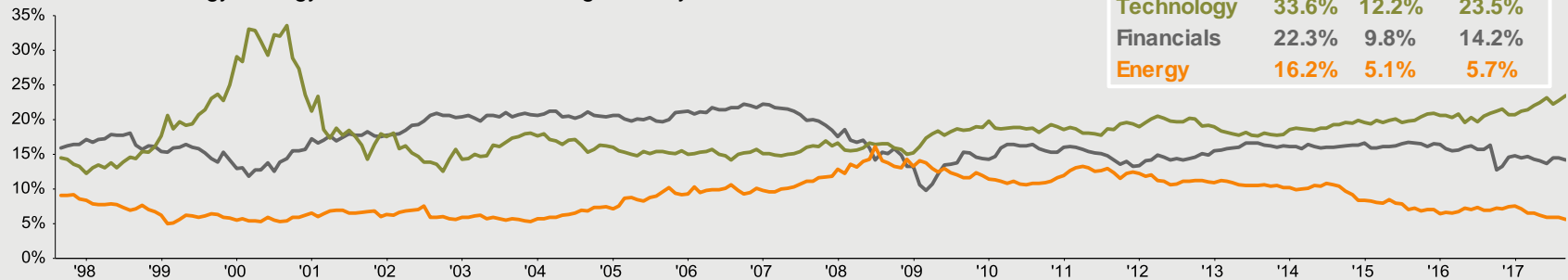
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Equities

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	-12.1%	47.3%	21.1%	19.3%	21.1%	17.8%	-25.7%	36.9%	26.9%	14.3%	20.1%	38.8%	16.5%	9.3%	21.3%	24.0%	9.7%	20.1%
	High Div.	Cyclical	Small Cap	Div. Factor	Small Cap	Defens.	Defens.	Quality	Div. Factor	Min. Vol.	Small Cap	Div. Factor	High Div.	Quality	High Div.	Cyclical	Momen.	Cyclical
	-13.3%	37.2%	18.3%	15.7%	18.4%	17.7%	-26.7%	32.0%	18.3%	12.9%	16.3%	37.4%	14.9%	7.0%	16.3%	15.2%	8.9%	19.0%
	Div. Factor	Div. Factor	Momen.	Defens.	Div. Factor	Quality	High Div.	Div. Factor	Momen.	Defens.	Div. Factor	Cyclical	Div. Factor	Min. Vol.	Cyclical	Quality	Small Cap	Div. Factor
	-14.4%	31.6%	16.9%	11.1%	16.6%	10.6%	-27.6%	29.8%	18.2%	10.1%	15.7%	35.0%	14.8%	5.6%	14.0%	13.3%	8.5%	16.3%
	Min. Vol.	Momen.	Min. Vol.	Min. Vol.	Defens.	Div. Factor	Quality	Small Cap	Cyclical	Quality	Momen.	Momen.	Momen.	Cyclical	Div. Factor	Min. Vol.	High Div.	Momen.
	-15.3%	26.2%	14.5%	6.6%	15.9%	5.5%	-30.2%	27.2%	17.9%	8.4%	15.1%	34.8%	14.7%	2.6%	13.7%	12.5%	8.3%	16.0%
	Defens.	High Div.	Defens.	Small Cap	Cyclical	Min. Vol.	Small Cap	High Div.	High Div.	Div. Factor	Quality	Quality	Cyclical	High Div.	Min. Vol.	Div. Factor	Min. Vol.	High Div.
	-18.3%	24.3%	11.9%	4.6%	15.0%	4.3%	-33.8%	18.4%	15.9%	7.3%	14.0%	33.5%	13.6%	0.7%	10.7%	10.4%	8.1%	14.7%
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	-19.5%	20.2%	11.8%	3.7%	15.0%	0.0%	-39.3%	18.4%	14.7%	6.1%	11.2%	28.9%	13.0%	0.4%	8.0%	10.0%	7.6%	14.0%
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	-20.5%	20.0%	10.2%	2.5%	12.0%	-0.8%	-40.9%	17.6%	12.6%	-3.4%	10.7%	28.9%	11.8%	-0.9%	7.7%	6.6%	7.5%	13.4%
	Cyclical	Defens.	Cyclical	Quality	Momen.	Small Cap	Cyclical	Defens.	Defens.	Small Cap	High Div.	Min. Vol.	Small Cap	Small Cap	Momen.	Small Cap	Cyclical	Min. Vol.
	-25.2%	17.3%	10.0%	2.5%	10.7%	-1.6%	-44.8%	16.5%	12.0%	-4.2%	10.6%	25.3%	4.9%	-4.4%	5.1%	4.4%	6.1%	12.8%

## Sector weights over time

S&P 500 technology, energy and financial sector weights, 20-years

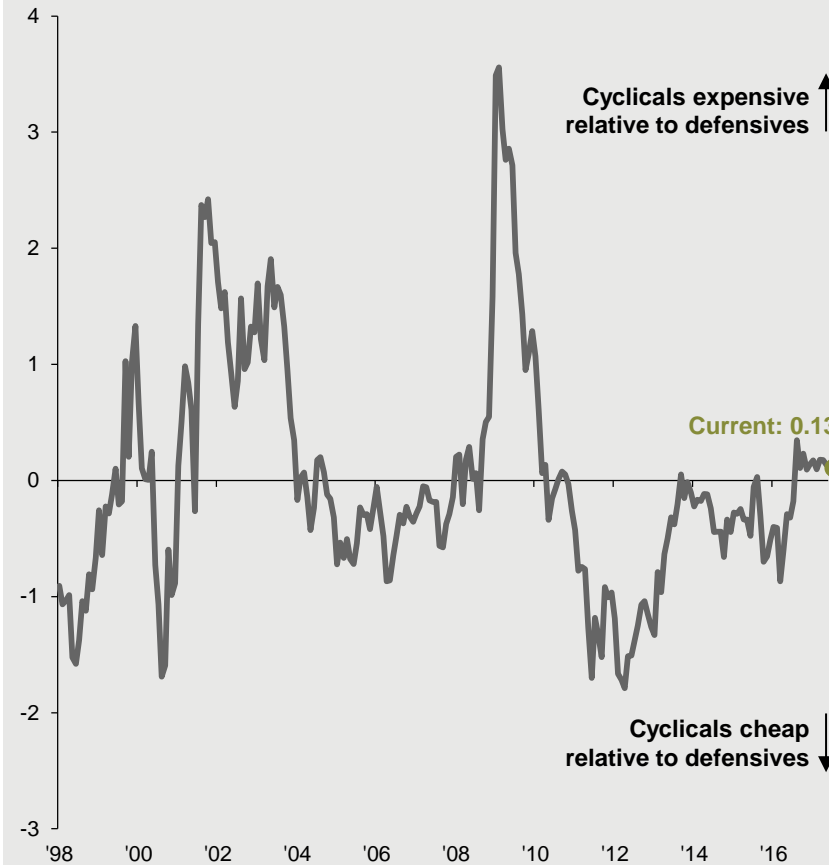


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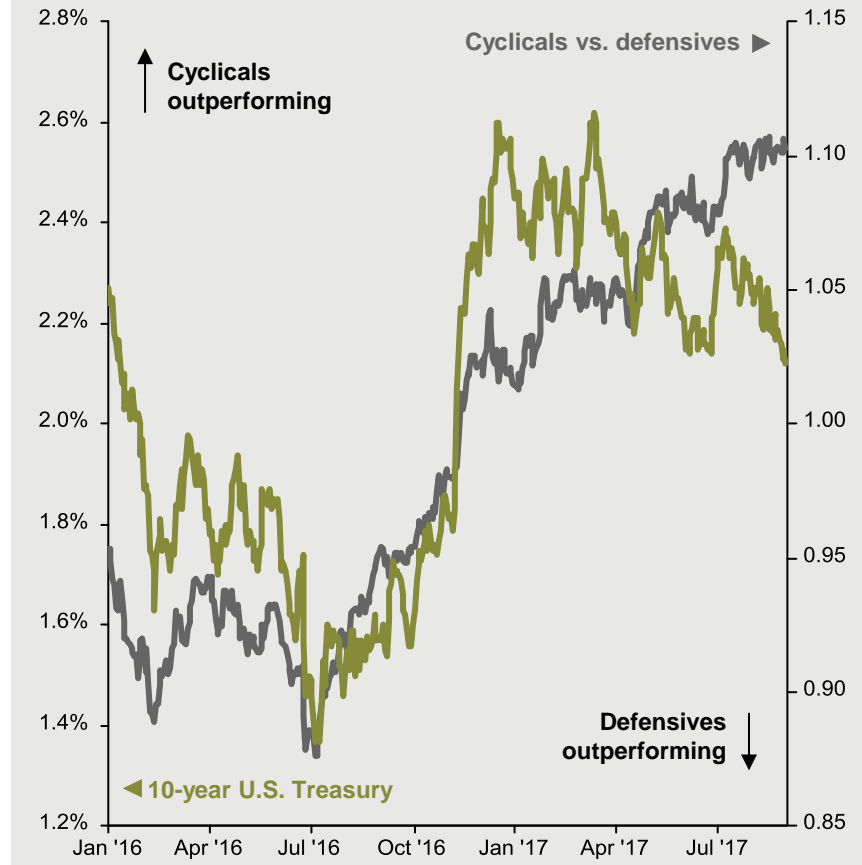
## Cyclicals ex-energy vs. defensive valuations\*

Relative fwd. P/E ratio of cyclicals ex-energy vs. defensives, z-score



## Cyclicals/defensives relative performance and rates

Cyclical/defensive performance\*\*, 10-year U.S. Treasury yield

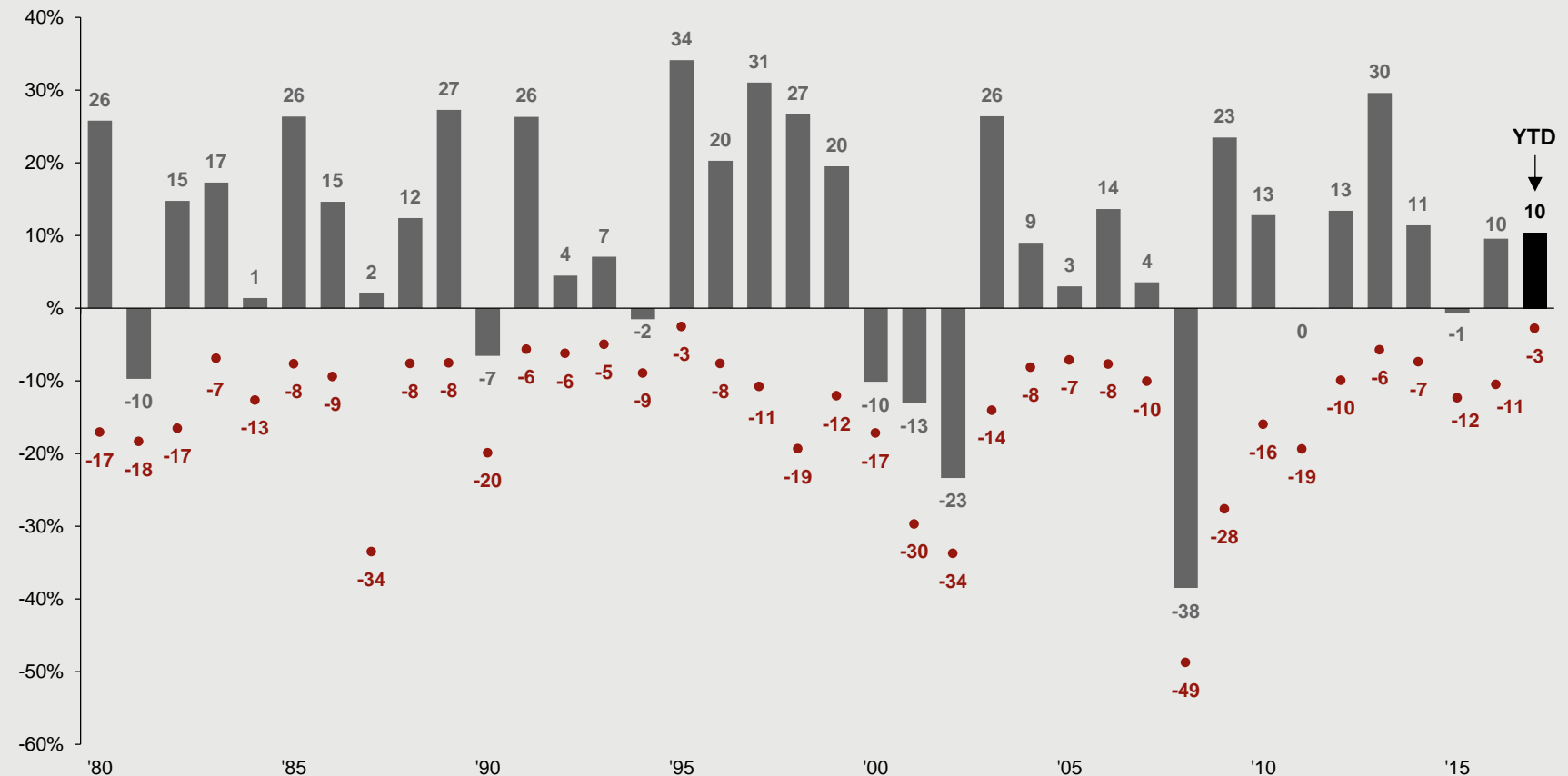


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\*Cyclical sectors include Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology, Industrials, Financials and Materials. REITs are excluded from this analysis. It is more appropriate to value a REIT by looking at its price relative to its funds from operations (FFO), an income measure that excludes depreciation. P/E ratios look at price relative to net income, a measure that includes depreciation, making the comparison of valuations across sectors inappropriate. Defensive sectors include Telecommunications, Health Care, Utilities and Consumer Staples. Sector valuations are equal weighted. \*\*Cyclicals represent the MSCI USA Cyclical Sector index and defensives represent the MSCI USA Defensive Sector index. *Guide to the Markets – U.S.* Data are as of August 31, 2017.

## S&P 500 intra-year declines vs. calendar year returns

Despite average intra-year drops of 14.1%, annual returns positive in 28 of 37 years



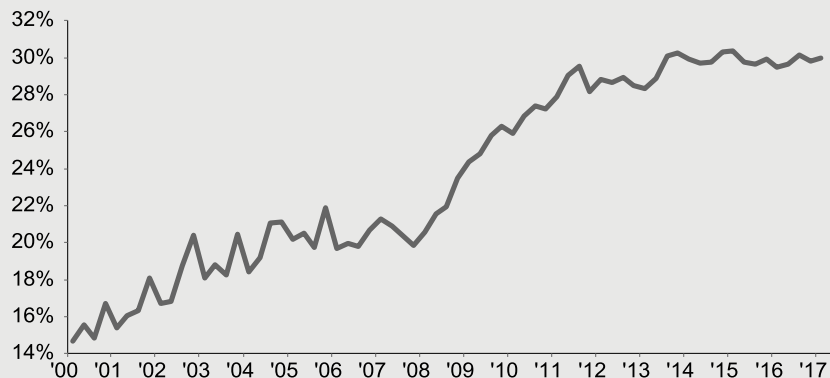
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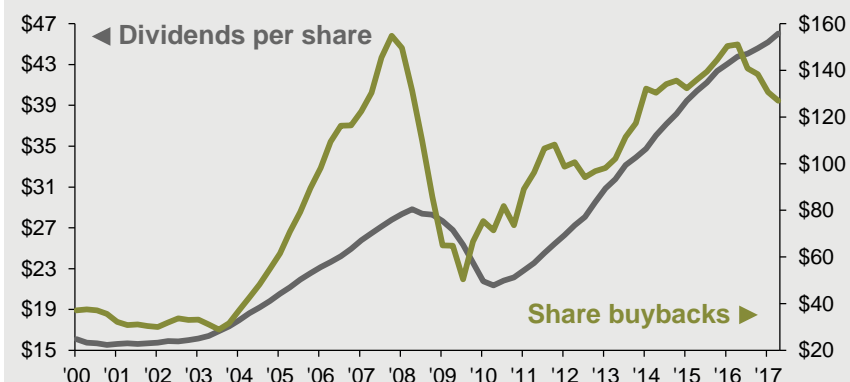
## Corporate cash as a % of current assets

S&P 500 companies – cash and cash equivalents, quarterly



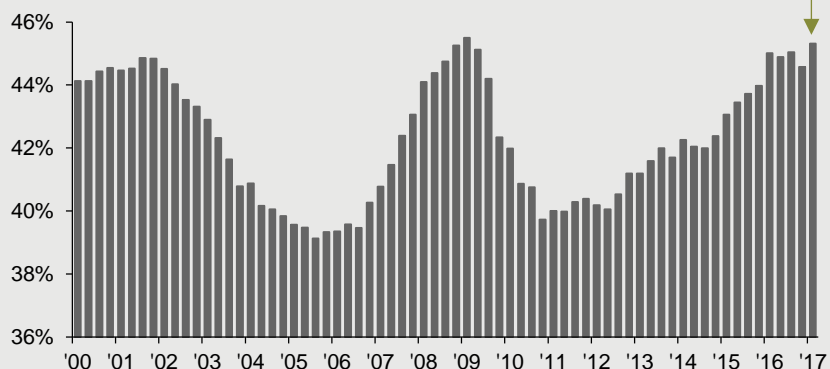
## Cash returned to shareholders

S&P 500 companies, rolling 4-quarter averages, \$bn



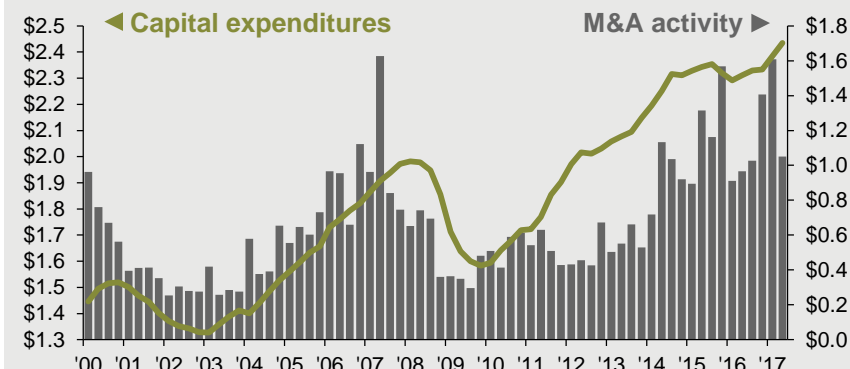
## Non-financial corporate debt

U.S. non-financial corporations, % of GDP



## Corporate growth

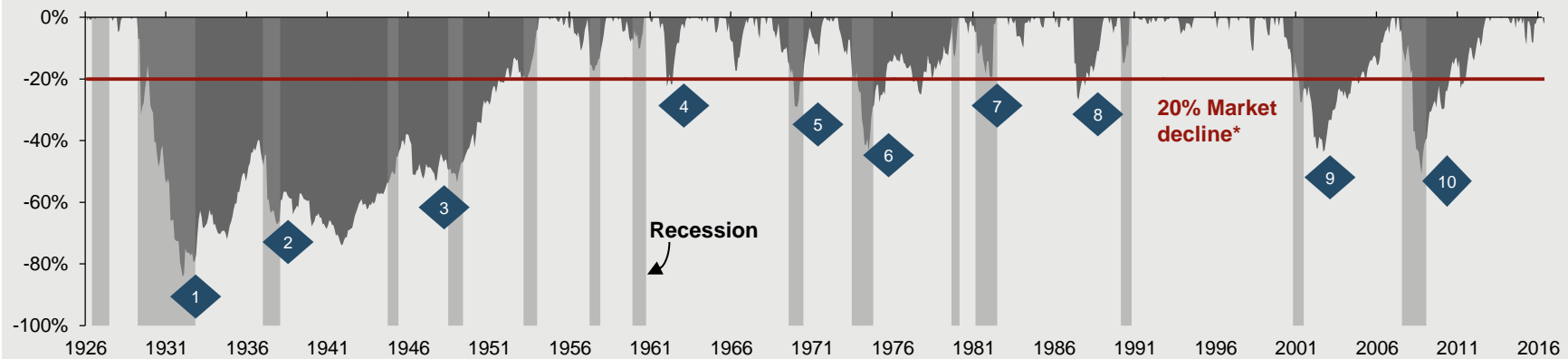
Private non-residential fixed investment, value of deals announced, \$tn



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Bottom left) BEA, Federal Reserve; (Bottom right) Bloomberg, BEA. M&A activity is the quarterly value of officially announced transactions, and capital expenditures are private non-residential fixed domestic investment.

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## S&P 500 composite declines from all-time highs



## Characteristics of bull and bear markets

Market Corrections	Bear markets			Macro environment				Bull markets		
	Market peak	Bear return*	Duration (months)*	Recession	Commodity spike	Aggressive Fed	Extreme valuations	Bull begin date	Bull return	Duration (months)
1 Crash of 1929 - Excessive leverage, irrational exuberance	Sep 1929	-86%	32	◆			◆	Jul 1926	152%	37
2 1937 Fed Tightening - Premature policy tightening	Mar 1937	-60%	61	◆		◆		Mar 1935	129%	23
3 Post WWII Crash - Post-war demobilization, recession fears	May 1946	-30%	36	◆			◆	Apr 1942	158%	49
4 Flash Crash of 1962 - Flash crash, Cuban Missile Crisis	Dec 1961	-28%	6				◆	Oct 1960	39%	13
5 Tech Crash of 1970 - Economic overheating, civil unrest	Nov 1968	-36%	17	◆	◆	◆		Oct 1962	103%	73
6 Stagflation - OPEC oil embargo	Jan 1973	-48%	20	◆	◆			May 1970	74%	31
7 Volcker Tightening - Whip Inflation Now	Nov 1980	-27%	20	◆	◆	◆		Mar 1978	62%	32
8 1987 Crash - Program trading, overheating markets	Aug 1987	-34%	3				◆	Aug 1982	229%	60
9 Tech Bubble - Extreme valuations, .com boom/bust	Mar 2000	-49%	30	◆			◆	Oct 1990	417%	113
10 Global Financial Crisis - Leverage/housing, Lehman collapse	Oct 2007	-57%	17	◆	◆	◆		Oct 2002	101%	60
Current Cycle								Mar 2009	265%	101
Averages	-	-45%	24					-	157%	54

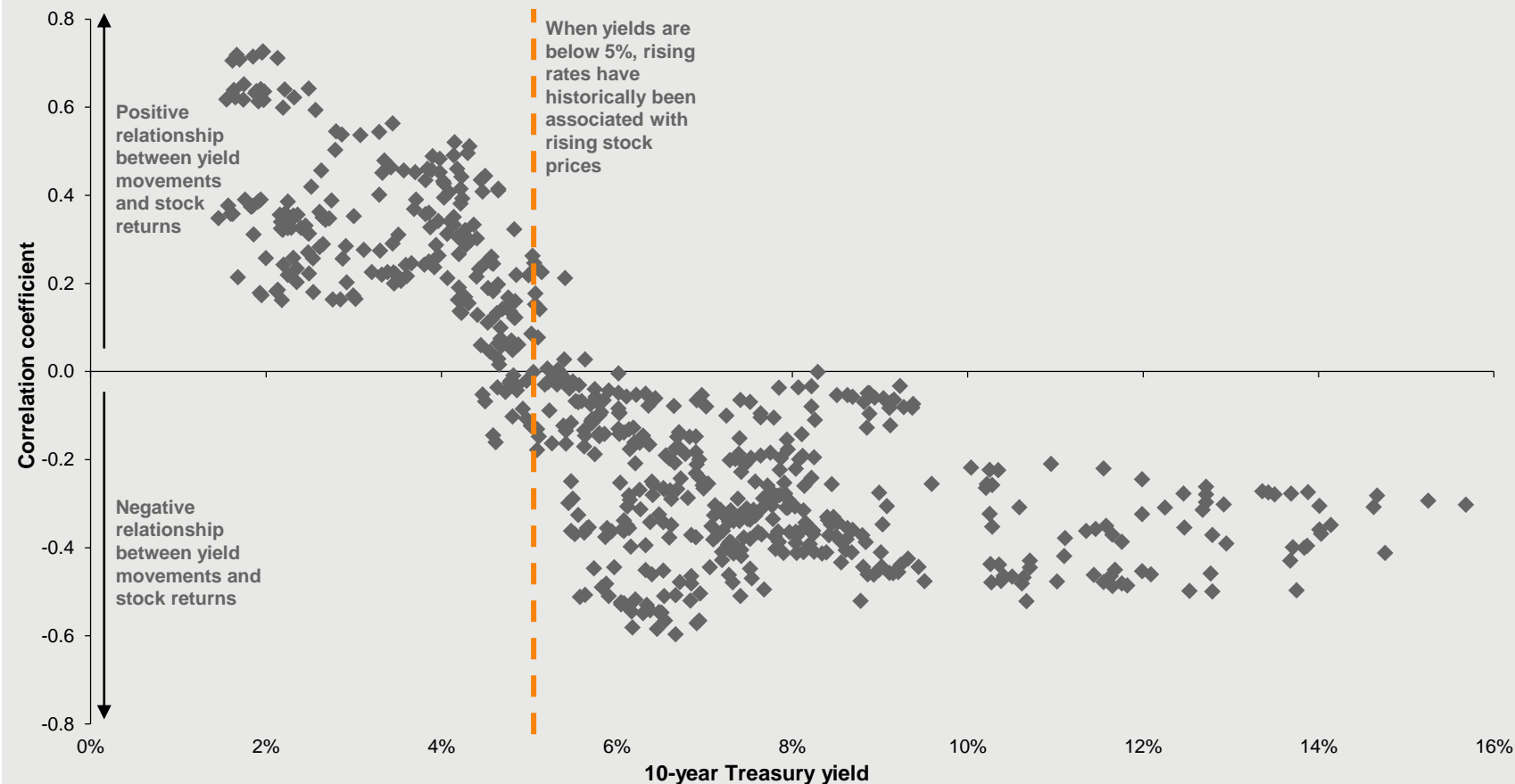
Source: FactSet, NBER, Robert Shiller, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

\*A bear market is defined as a 20% or more decline from the previous market high. The bear return is the peak to trough return over the cycle. Periods of "Recession" are defined using NBER business cycle dates. "Commodity spikes" are defined as significant rapid upward moves in oil prices. Periods of "Extreme valuations" are those where S&P 500 last 12 months' P/E levels were approximately two standard deviations above long-run averages, or time periods where equity market valuations appeared expensive given the broader macroeconomic environment. "Aggressive Fed Tightening" is defined as Federal Reserve monetary tightening that was unexpected and/or significant in magnitude. Bear and Bull returns are price returns.

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## Correlations between weekly stock returns and interest rate movements

Weekly S&P 500 returns, 10-year Treasury yield, rolling 2-year correlation, May 1963 – August 2017

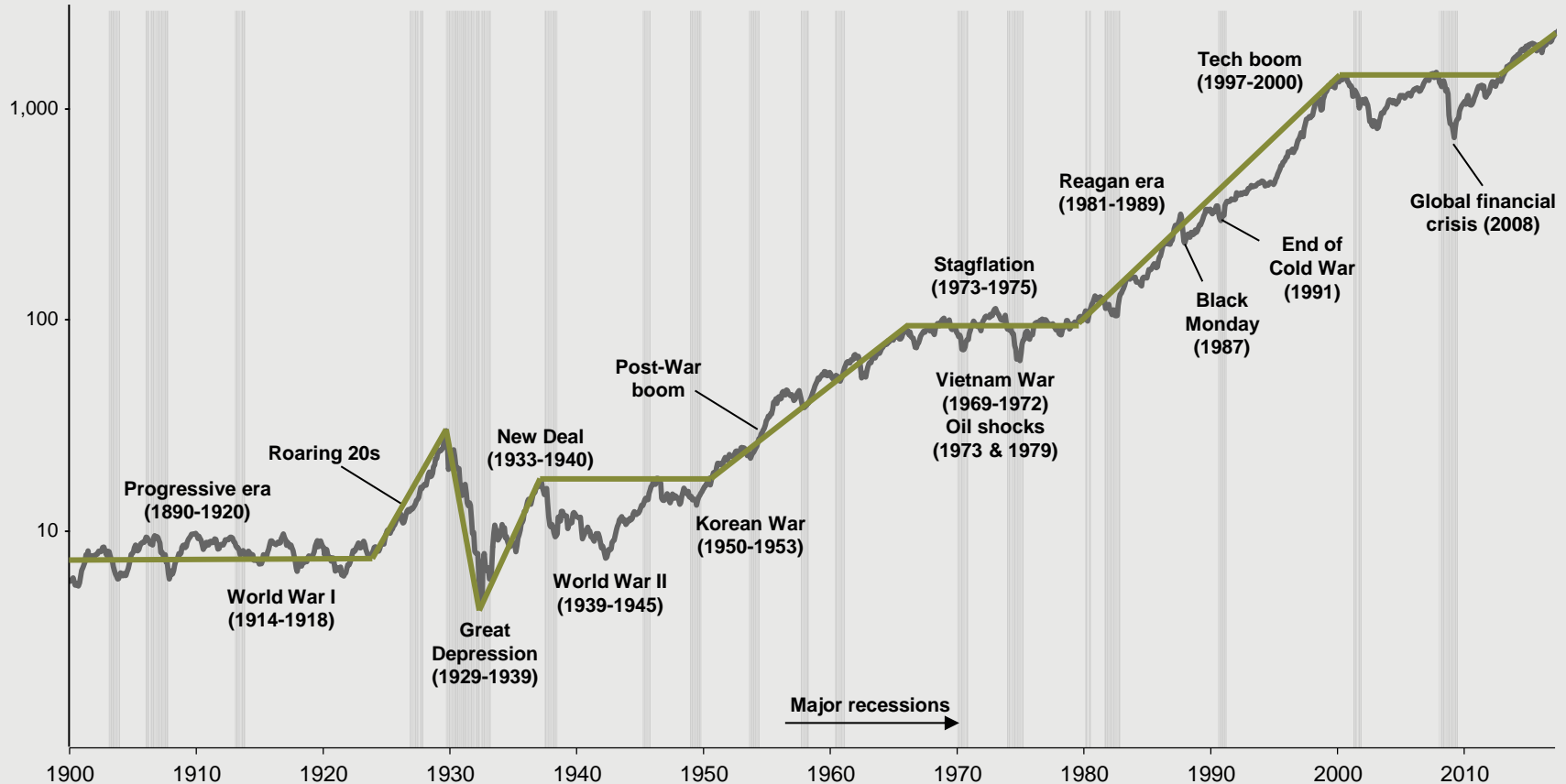


Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, FRB, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.  
Returns are based on price index only and do not include dividends. Markers represent monthly 2-year correlations only.  
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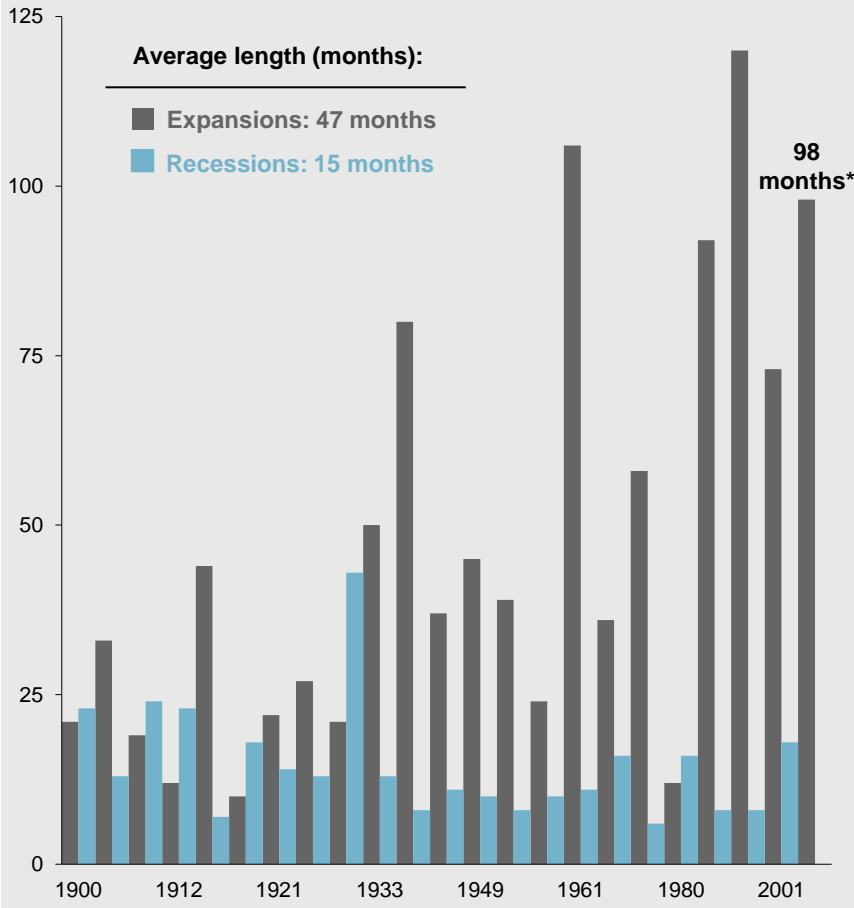
## S&P Composite Index

Log scale, annual



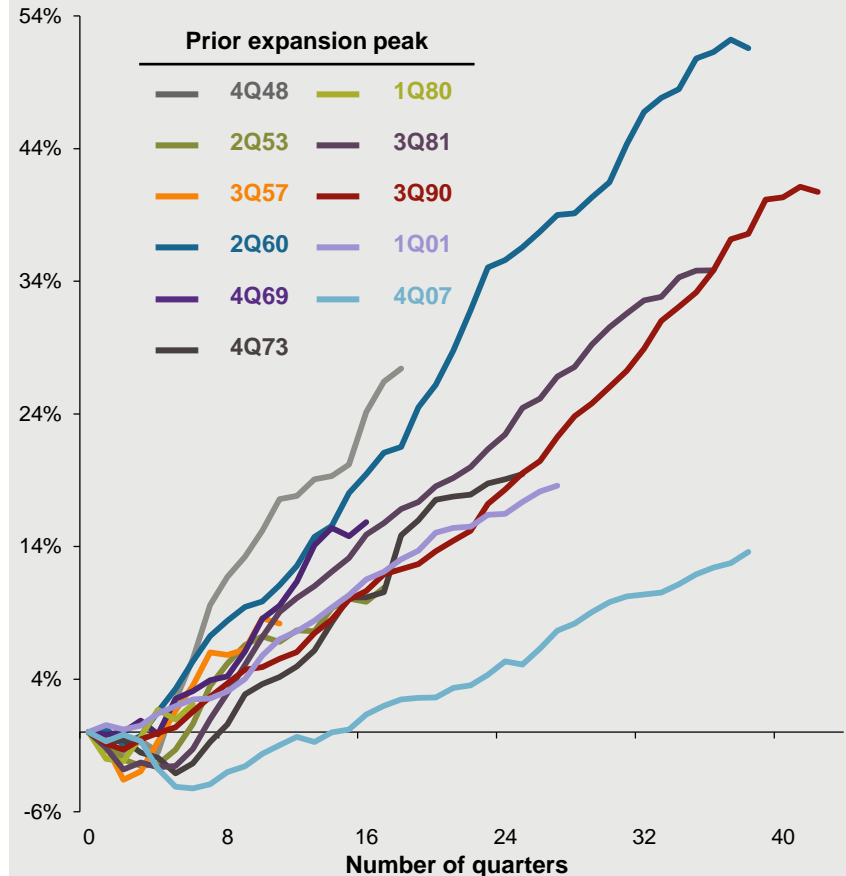
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## Length of economic expansions and recessions



## Strength of economic expansions

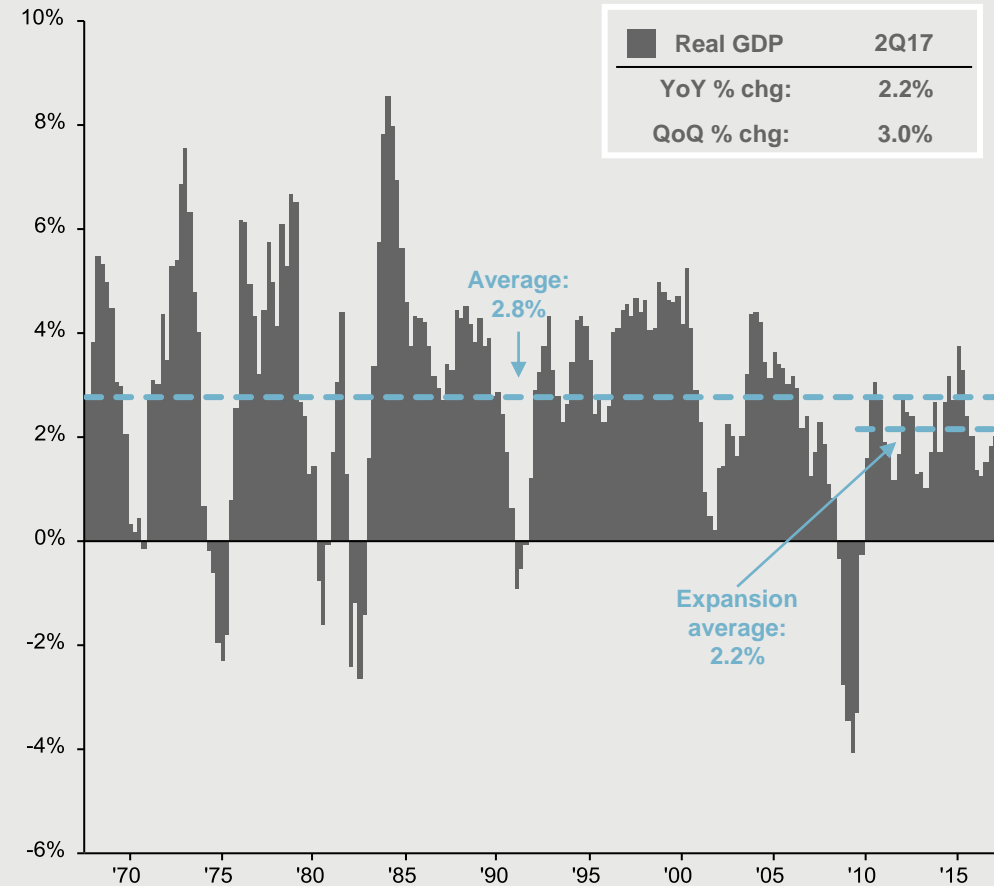
Cumulative real GDP growth since prior peak, percent



Source: BEA, NBER, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. \*Chart assumes current expansion started in July 2009 and continued through August 2017, lasting 98 months so far. Data for length of economic expansions and recessions obtained from the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). These data can be found at [www.nber.org/cycles/](http://www.nber.org/cycles/) and reflect information through August 2017. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of August 31, 2017.

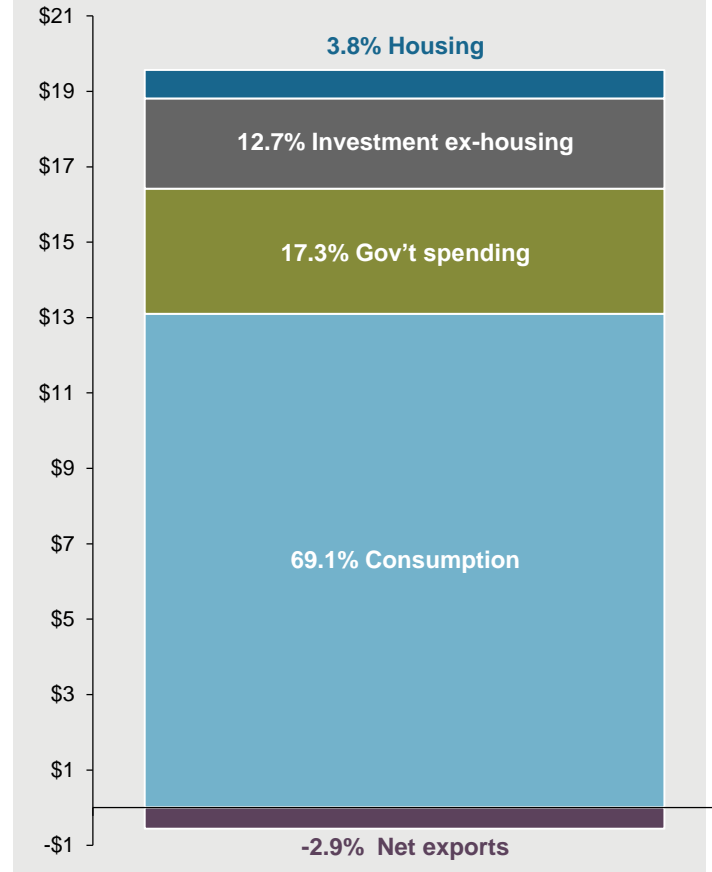
## Real GDP

Year-over-year % change



## Components of GDP

2Q17 nominal GDP, USD trillions



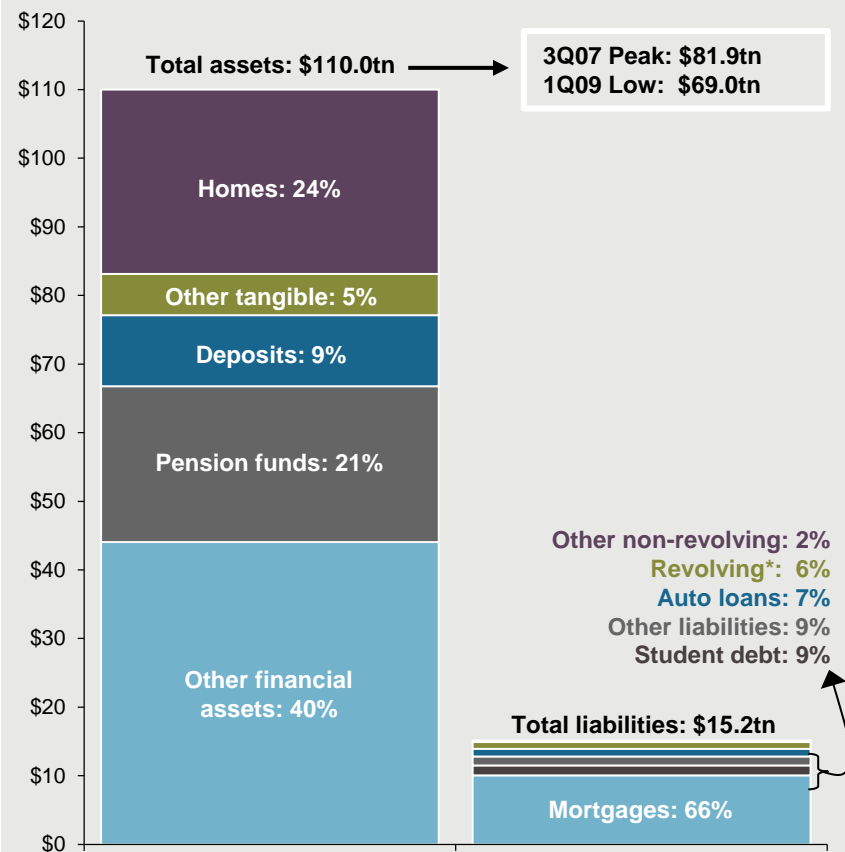
Source: BEA, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Values may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Quarter-over-quarter percent changes are at an annualized rate. Average represents the annualized growth rate for the full period. Expansion average refers to the period starting in the second quarter of 2009.

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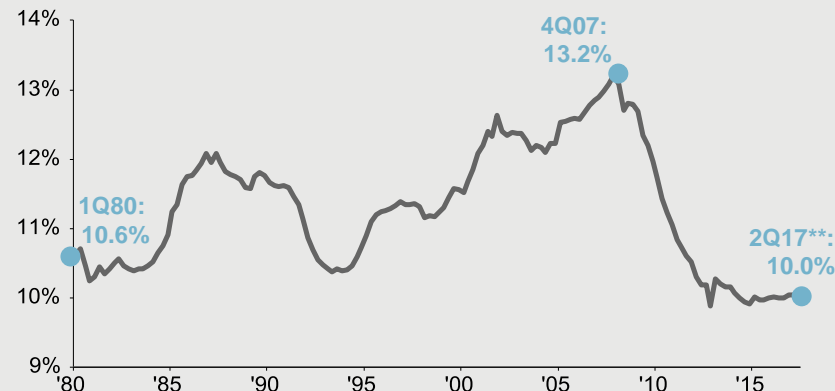
## Consumer balance sheet

1Q17, trillions of dollars outstanding, not seasonally adjusted



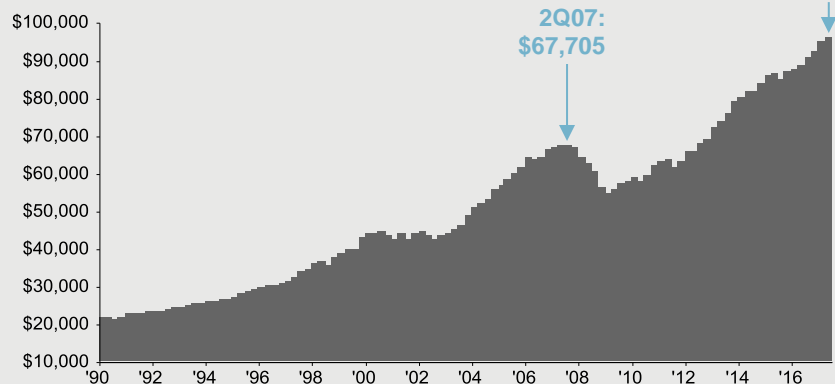
## Household debt service ratio

Debt payments as % of disposable personal income, SA



## Household net worth

Not seasonally adjusted, USD billions



Source: FactSet, FRB, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top and bottom right) BEA.

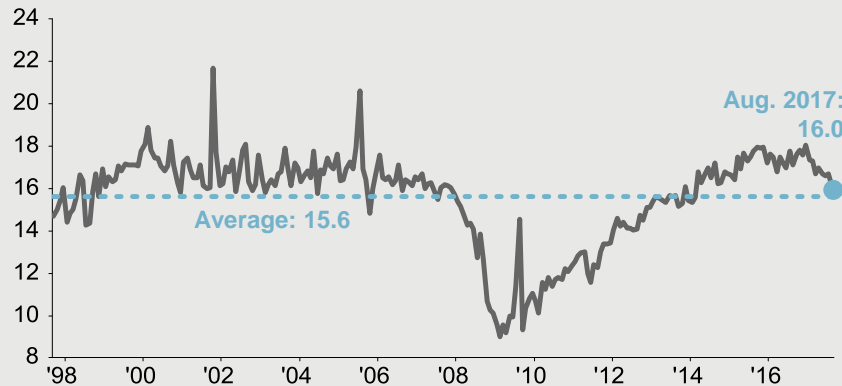
Data include households and nonprofit organizations. SA – seasonally adjusted.

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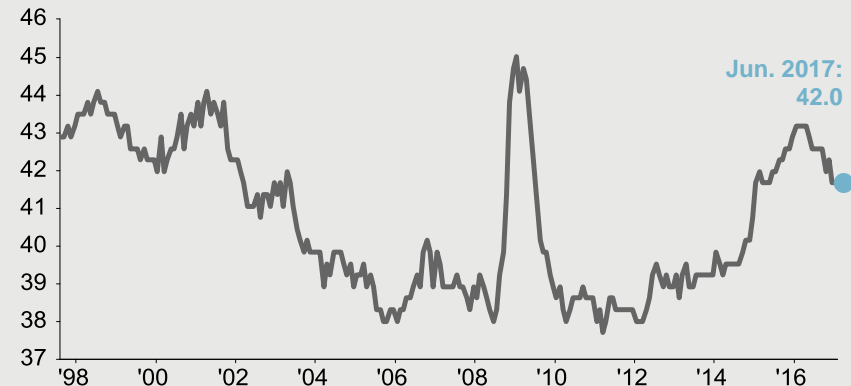
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**Light vehicle sales**

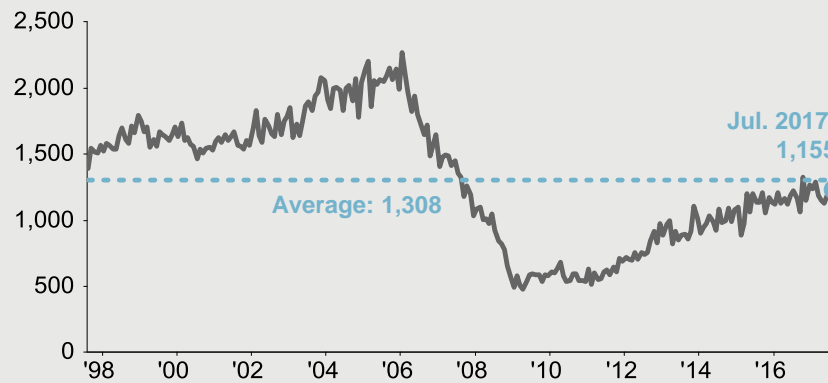
Millions, seasonally adjusted annual rate

**Manufacturing and trade inventories**

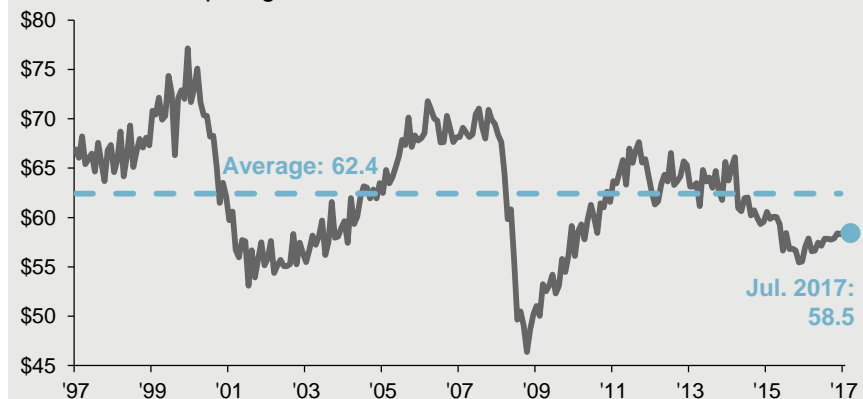
Days of sales, seasonally adjusted

**Housing starts**

Thousands, seasonally adjusted annual rate

**Real capital goods orders**

Non-defense capital goods orders ex-aircraft, USD billions, SA



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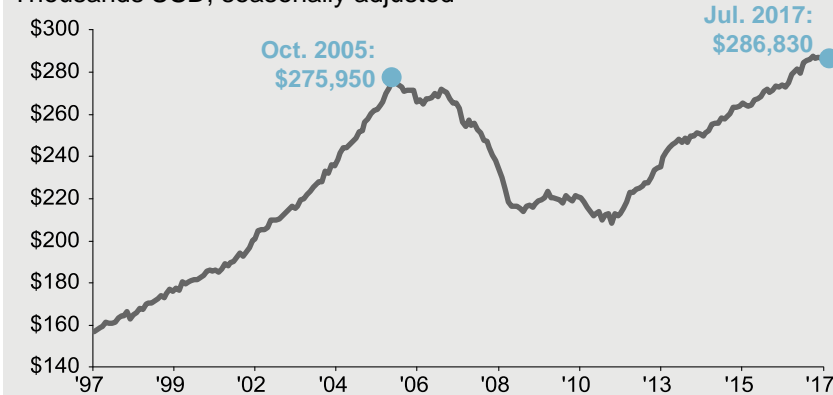
Capital goods orders deflated using the producer price index for capital goods with a base year of 2009.

SA – seasonally adjusted.

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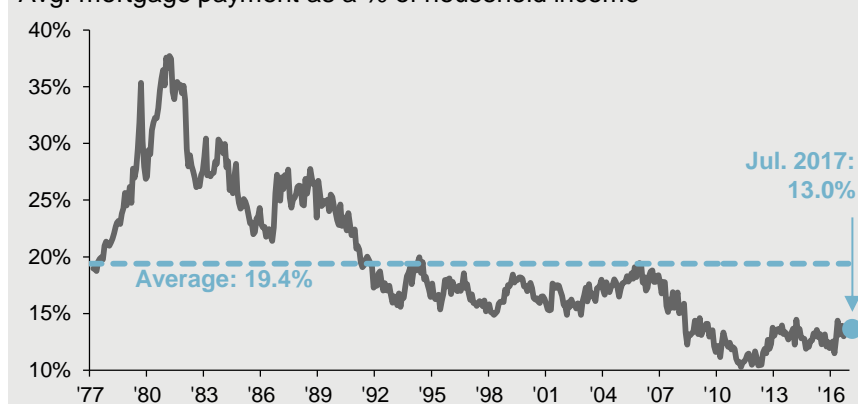
## Average price for an existing single family home

Thousands USD, seasonally adjusted



## Housing Affordability Index

Avg. mortgage payment as a % of household income



## Average interest rate on a U.S. mortgage

30-year fixed-rate mortgage



## Lending standards for approved mortgage loans

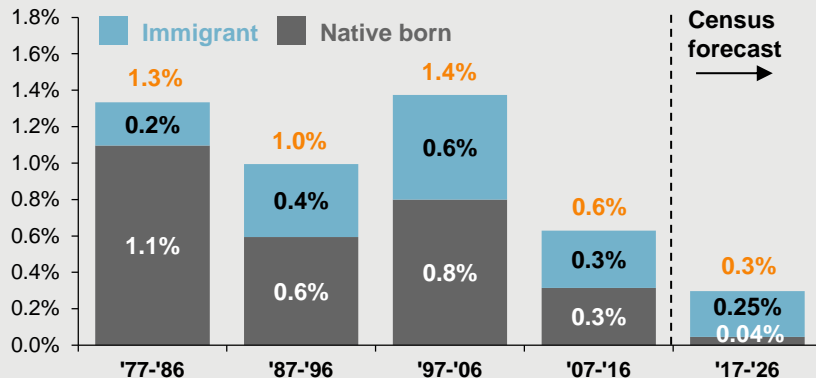
Average FICO score based on origination date



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top left, bottom left and top right) FactSet; (Top left and top right) National Association of Realtors; (Bottom left) Freddie Mac; (Top right) BEA, Census Bureau; (Bottom right) McDash, J.P. Morgan Securitised Product Research.  
Monthly mortgage payment assumes the prevailing 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rates and average new home prices excluding a 20% down payment.  
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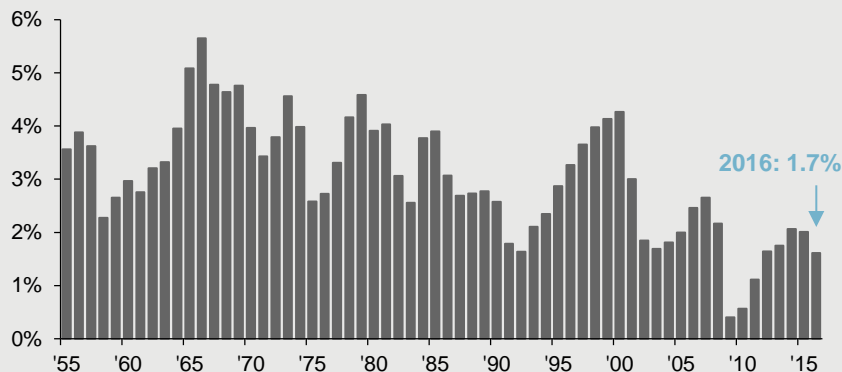
## Growth in working-age population

Percent increase in civilian non-institutional population ages 16-64



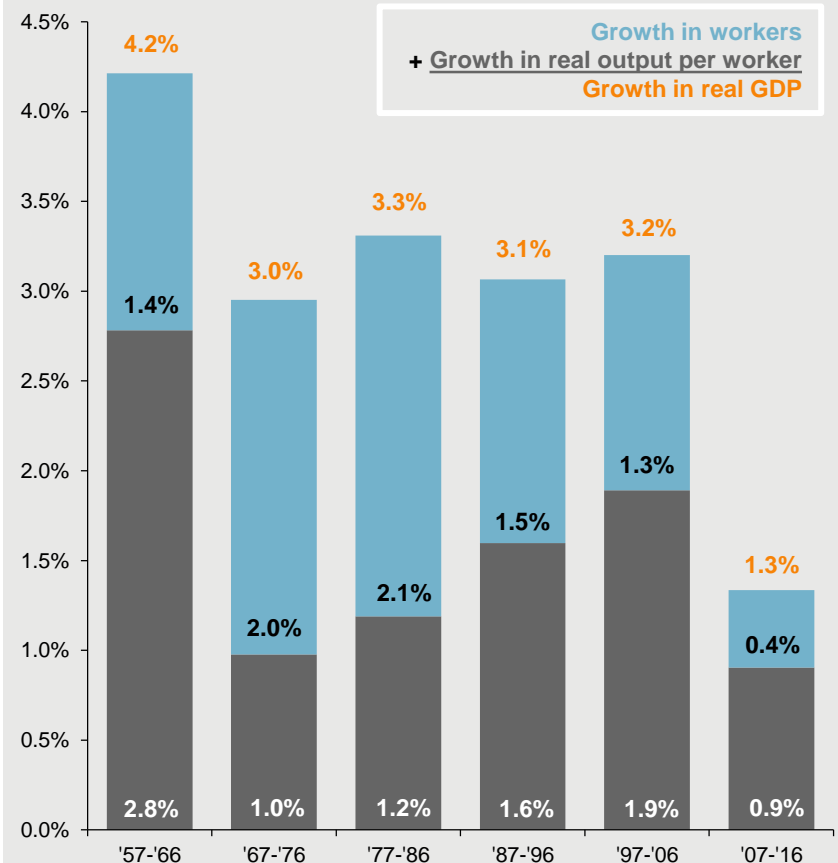
## Growth in private non-residential capital stock

Non-residential fixed assets, year-over-year % change



## Drivers of GDP growth

Average year-over-year percent change

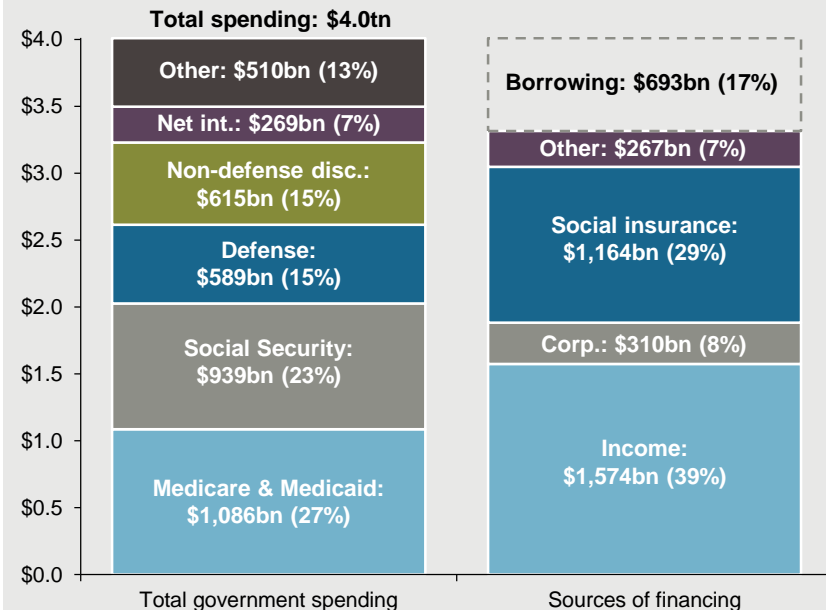


Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top left) Census Bureau, DOD, DOJ; (Top left and right) BLS; (Right and bottom left) BEA. GDP drivers are calculated as the average annualized growth between 4Q of the first and last year. Future working age population is calculated as the total estimated number of Americans from the Census Bureau, controlled for military enrollment, growth in institutionalized population and demographic trends. Growth in working age population does not include illegal immigration; DOD Troop Readiness reports used to estimate percent of population enlisted.

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## The 2017 federal budget

CBO Baseline forecast, USD trillions

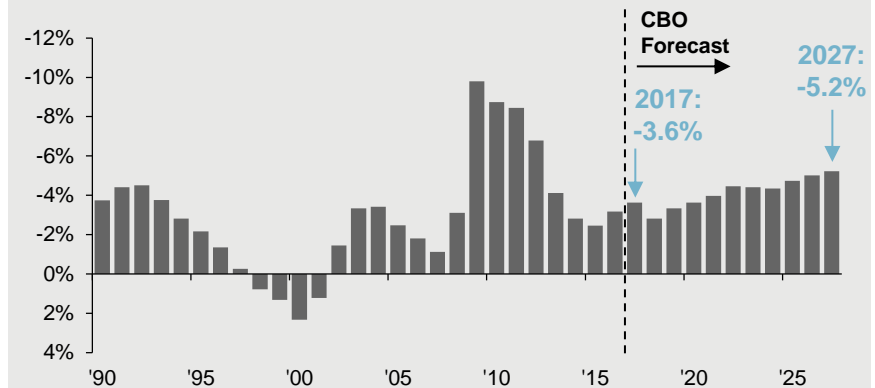


### CBO's Baseline assumptions

	2017	'18-'19	'20-'21	'22-'27
Real GDP growth	2.1%	2.0%	1.5%	1.9%
10-year Treasury	2.3%	2.9%	3.5%	3.7%
Headline inflation (CPI)	2.2%	2.2%	2.4%	2.4%
Unemployment	4.5%	4.2%	4.8%	4.9%

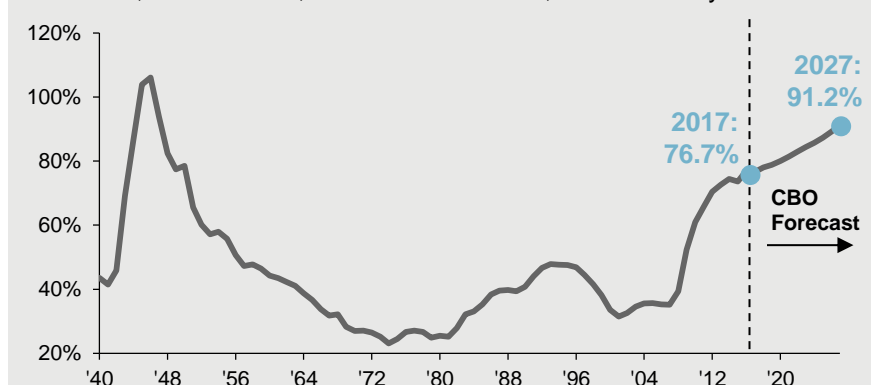
## Federal budget surplus/deficit

% of GDP, 1990 – 2027, 2017 CBO Baseline



## Federal net debt (accumulated deficits)

% of GDP, 1940 – 2027, 2017 CBO Baseline, end of fiscal year



Source: CBO, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top and bottom right) BEA, Treasury Department.

2017 Federal Budget is based on the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) June 2017 Baseline Budget Forecast. Other spending includes, but is not limited to, health insurance subsidies, income security and federal civilian and military retirement.

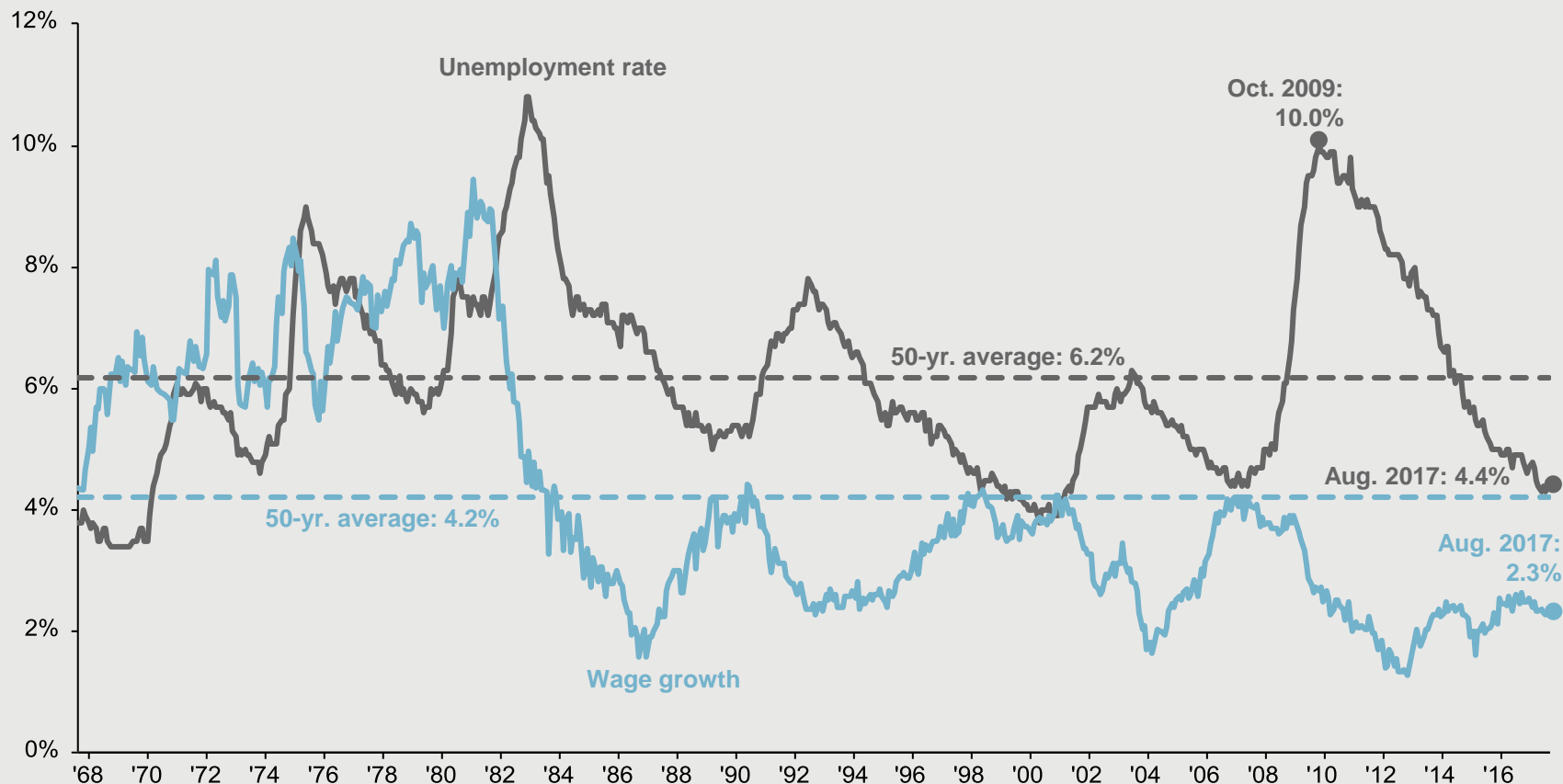
Note: Years shown are fiscal years (Oct. 1 through Sep. 30).

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## Civilian unemployment rate and year-over-year growth in wages of production and non-supervisory workers

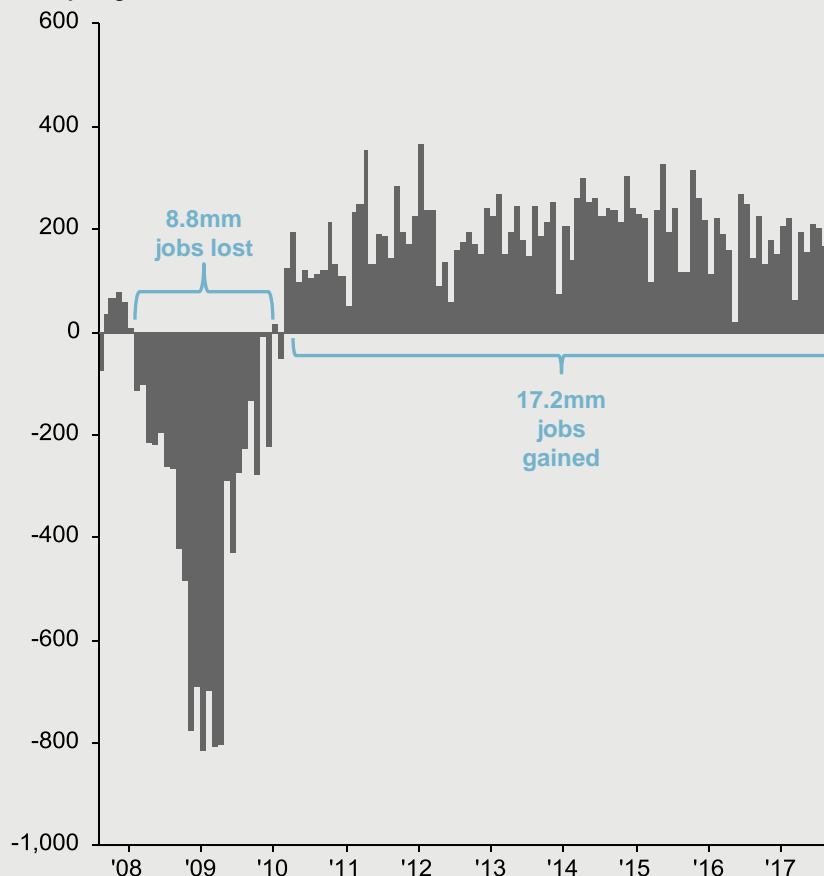
Seasonally adjusted, percent



Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.  
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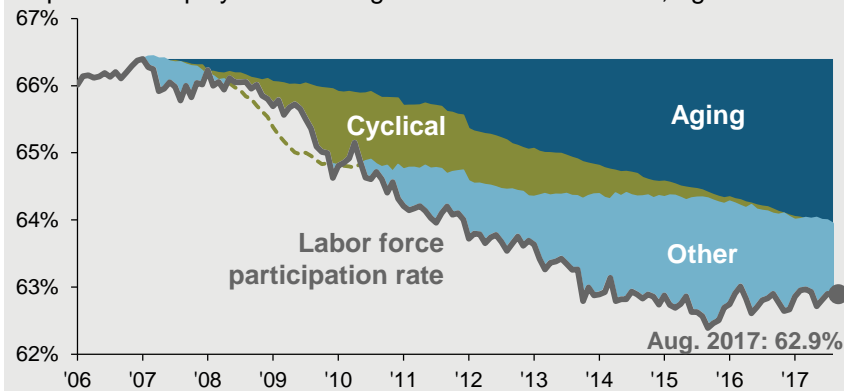
## Employment – Total private payroll

Total job gain/loss, thousands



## Labor force participation rate decline since 2007 peak\*

Population employed or looking for work as a % of total, ages 16+



## Net job creation since February 2010

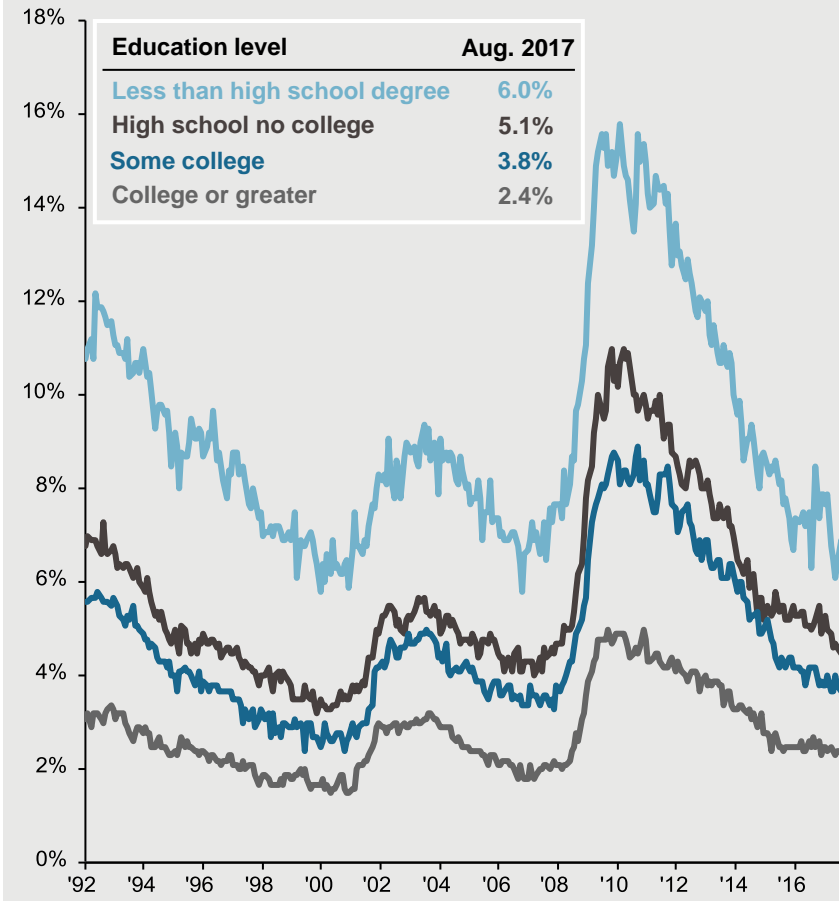
Millions of jobs



Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Bottom right) Info. fin. & bus. svcs. = Information, financial activities and professional and business services; Mfg. trade & trans. = Manufacturing, trade, transportation and utilities; Leisure, hospt. & other svcs. = Leisure, hospitality and other services; Educ. & health svcs. = Education & health services; Mining and construct = Natural resources mining & construction; Gov't = Government. \*Aging effect on the labor force participation rate is the estimated number of people who are no longer employed or looking for work because they are retired. Cyclical effect is the estimated number of people who lose their jobs and stop looking for work or do not look for work because of the economic conditions. Other represents the drop in labor force participation from the prior expansion peak that cannot be explained by age or cyclical effects. Estimates for reason of decline in labor force participation rate are made by J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

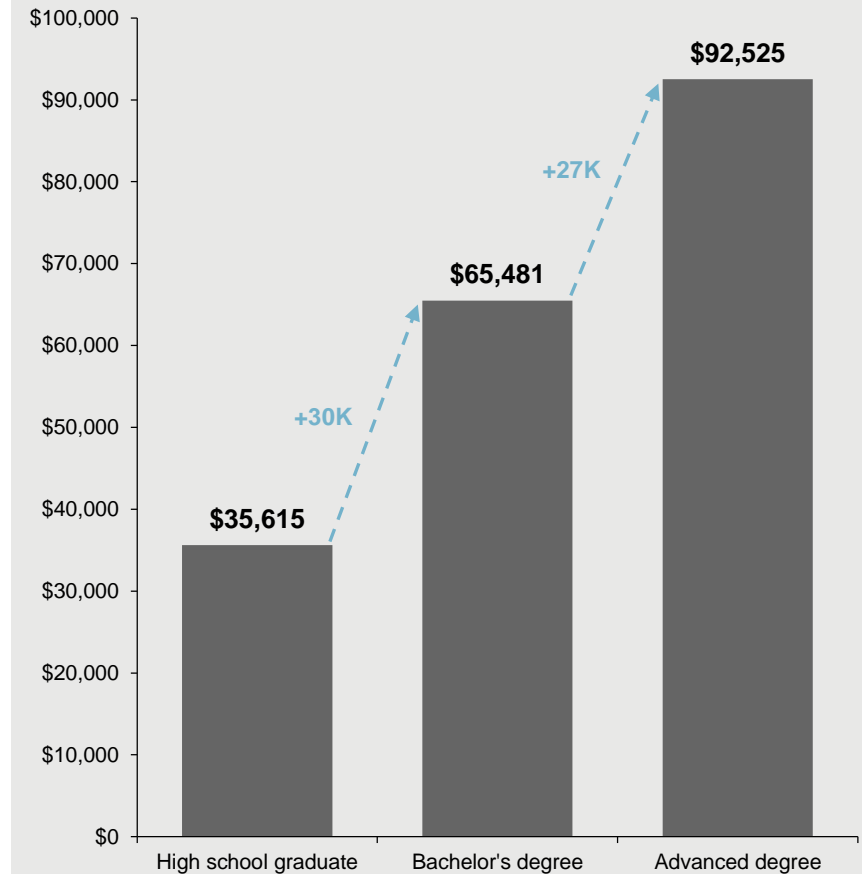
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## Unemployment rate by education level



## Average annual earnings by highest degree earned

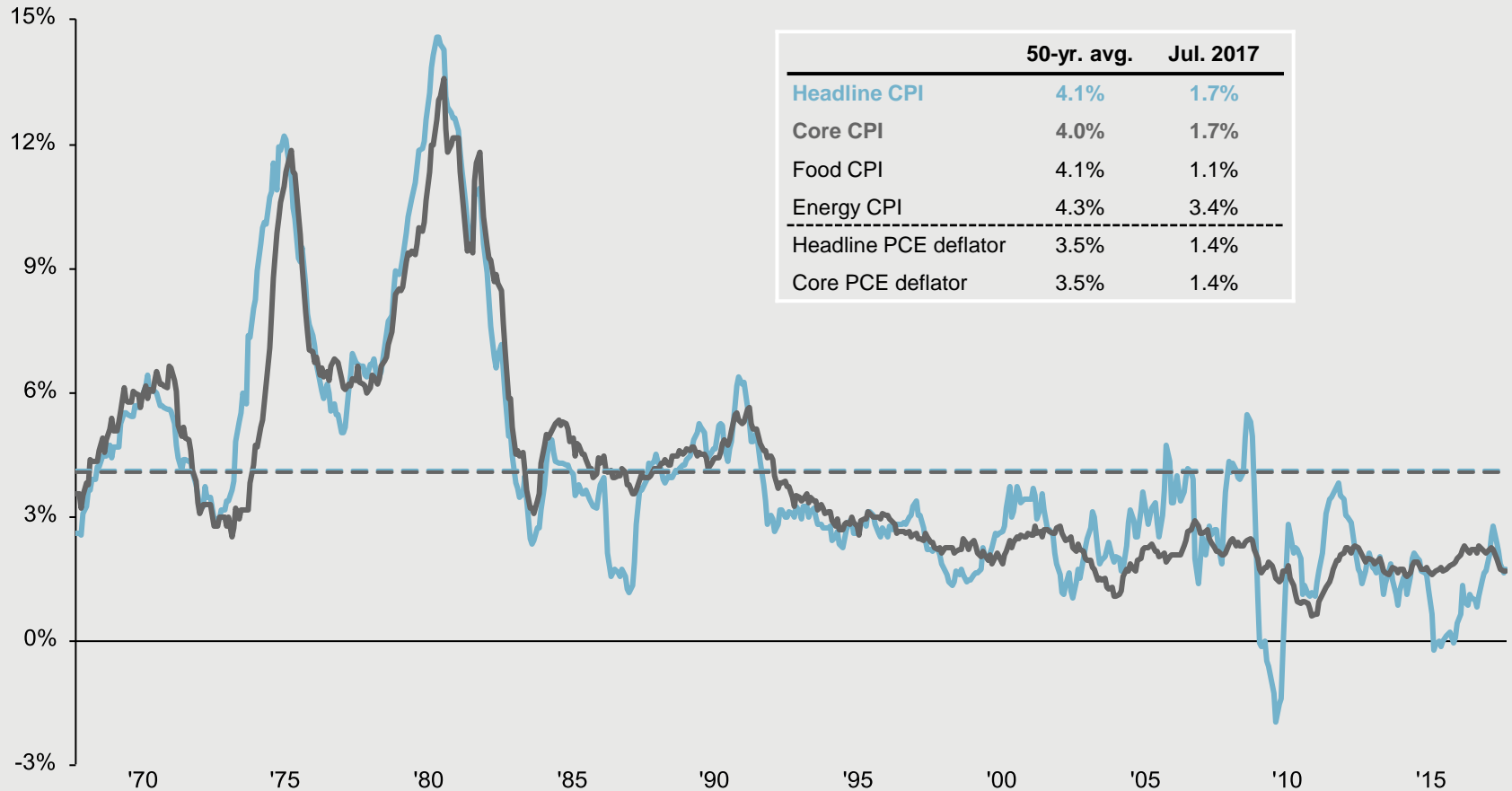
Workers aged 18 and older, 2015



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) BLS, FactSet; (Right) Census Bureau. Unemployment rates shown are for civilians aged 25 and older. Earnings by educational attainment comes from the Current Population Survey and is published under historical income tables by person by the Census Bureau. *Guide to the Markets – U.S.* Data are as of August 31, 2017.

## CPI and core CPI

% change vs. prior year, seasonally adjusted



Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

CPI used is CPI-U and values shown are % change vs. one year ago. Core CPI is defined as CPI excluding food and energy prices. The Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) deflator employs an evolving chain-weighted basket of consumer expenditures instead of the fixed-weight basket used in CPI calculations.

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## Trade balance and the U.S. dollar

Current account balance, % of GDP and the monthly average of major currencies nominal trade-weighted index



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) BEA; (Right) Federal Reserve, FactSet.  
Currencies in the Trade Weighted U.S. Dollar Major Currencies Index are: British pound, euro, Swedish kroner, Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, Japanese yen and Swiss franc. \*2Q17 figure is a J.P. Morgan Asset Management estimate.  
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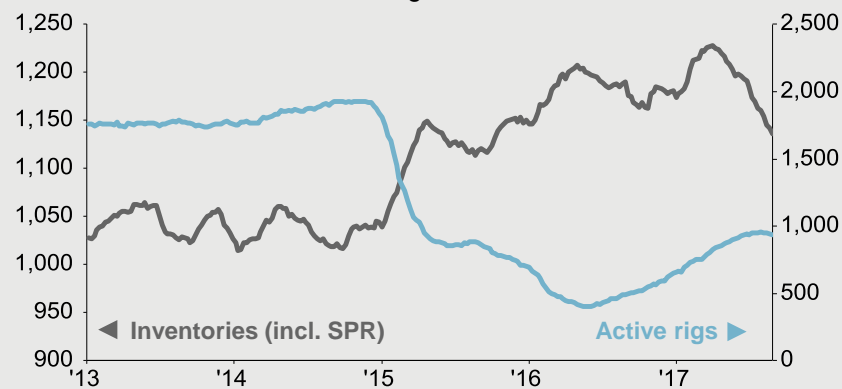
**Change in production and consumption of liquid fuels**

Production, consumption and inventories, millions of barrels per day

	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018*	Growth since 2014
<b>Production</b>						
U.S.	14.1	15.1	14.8	15.6	16.7	17.8%
OPEC	36.9	38.2	39.2	39.4	40.1	8.7%
<b>Global</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
<b>Consumption</b>						
U.S.	19.1	19.5	19.6	20.0	20.3	6.2%
China	11.5	12.0	12.5	12.9	13.2	15.0%
<b>Global</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
<b>Inventory Change</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	

**U.S. crude oil inventories and rig count\*\***

Million barrels, number of active rigs

**Price of oil**

Brent crude, nominal prices, USD/barrel



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top and bottom left) EIA; (Right) FactSet; (Bottom left) Baker Hughes.

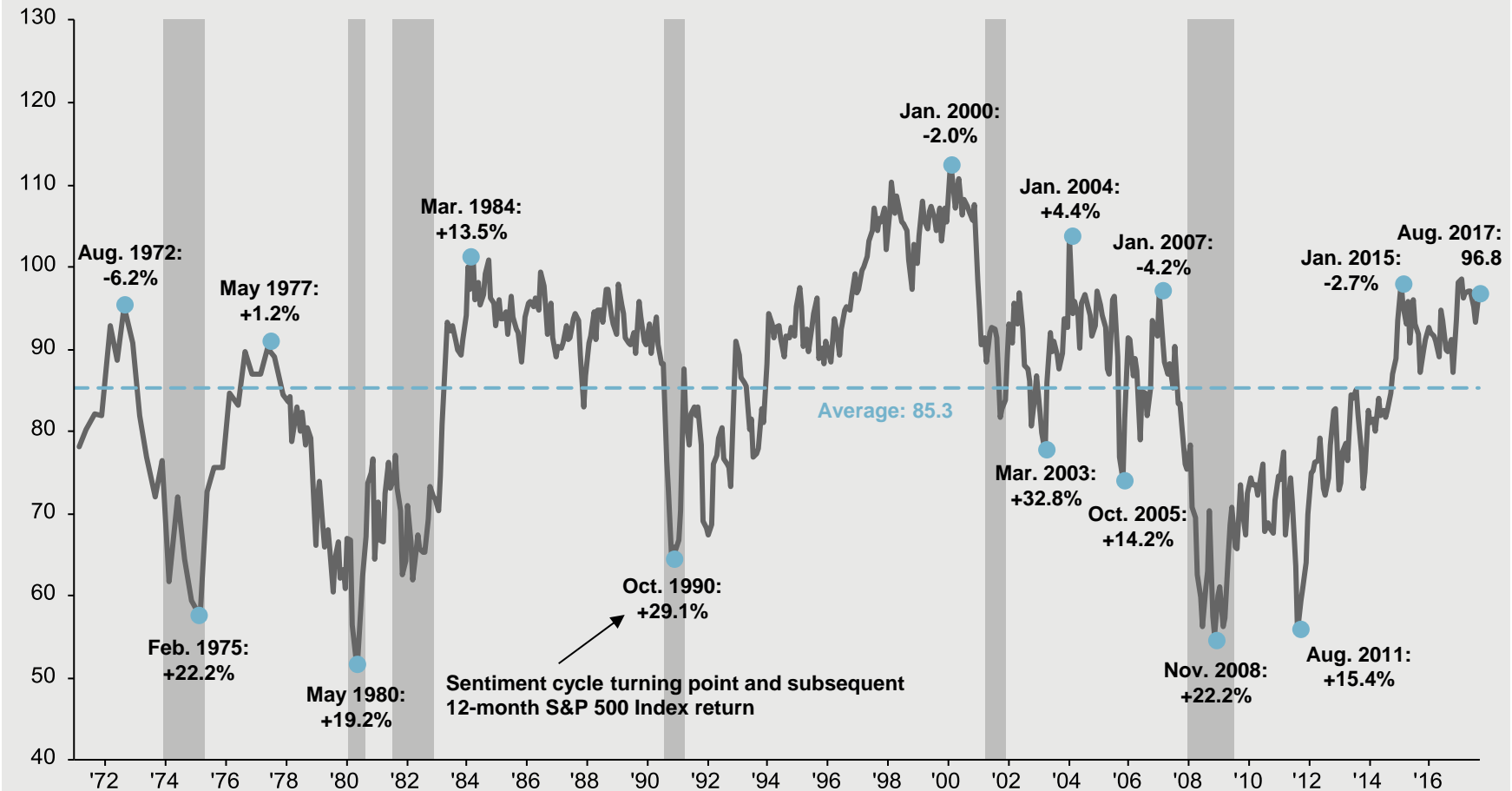
\*Forecasts are from the August 2017 EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook and start in 2017.

\*\*U.S. crude oil inventories include the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). Active rig count includes both natural gas and oil rigs.

Brent crude prices are monthly averages in USD using global spot ICE prices.

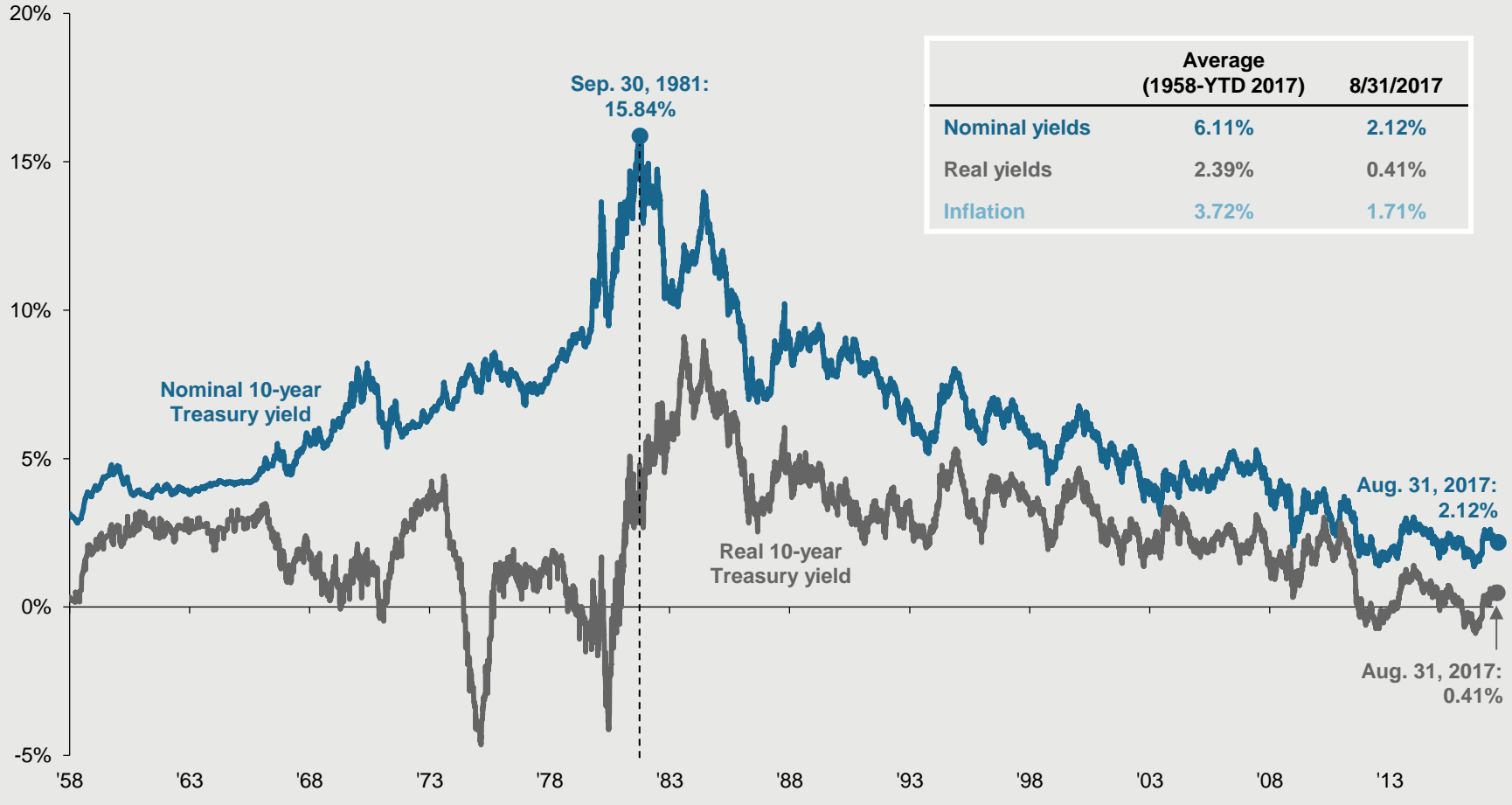
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## Consumer Sentiment Index – University of Michigan



Source: Standard & Poor's, University of Michigan, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.  
 Peak is defined as the highest index value before a series of lower lows, while a trough is defined as the lowest index value before a series of higher highs. Subsequent 12-month S&P 500 returns are price returns only, which excludes dividends.  
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## Nominal and real 10-year Treasury yields



Source: BLS, Federal Reserve, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

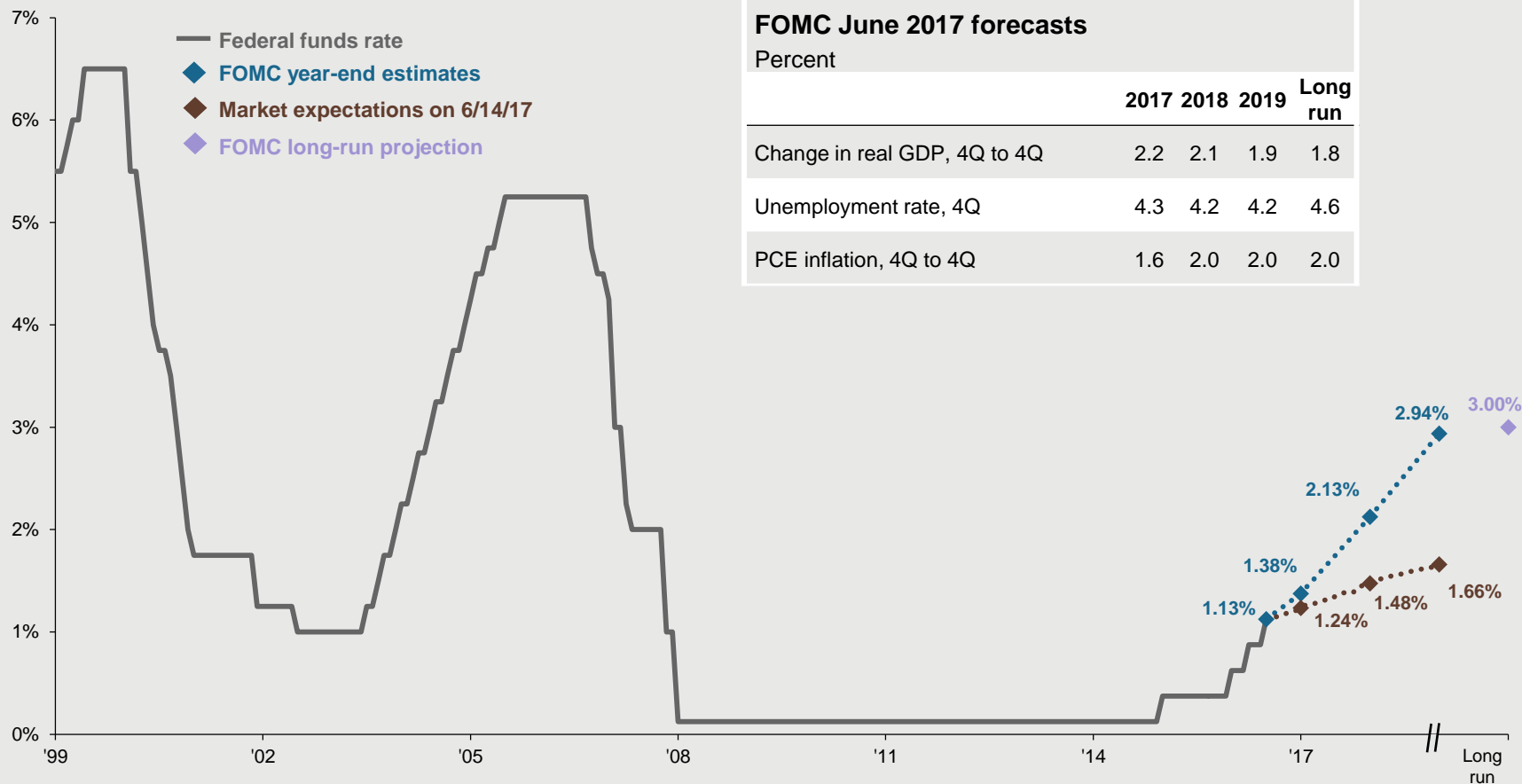
Real 10-year Treasury yields are calculated as the daily Treasury yield less year-over-year core CPI inflation for that month except for August 2017, where real yields are calculated by subtracting out July 2017 year-over-year core inflation.

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## Federal funds rate expectations

FOMC and market expectations for the fed funds rate



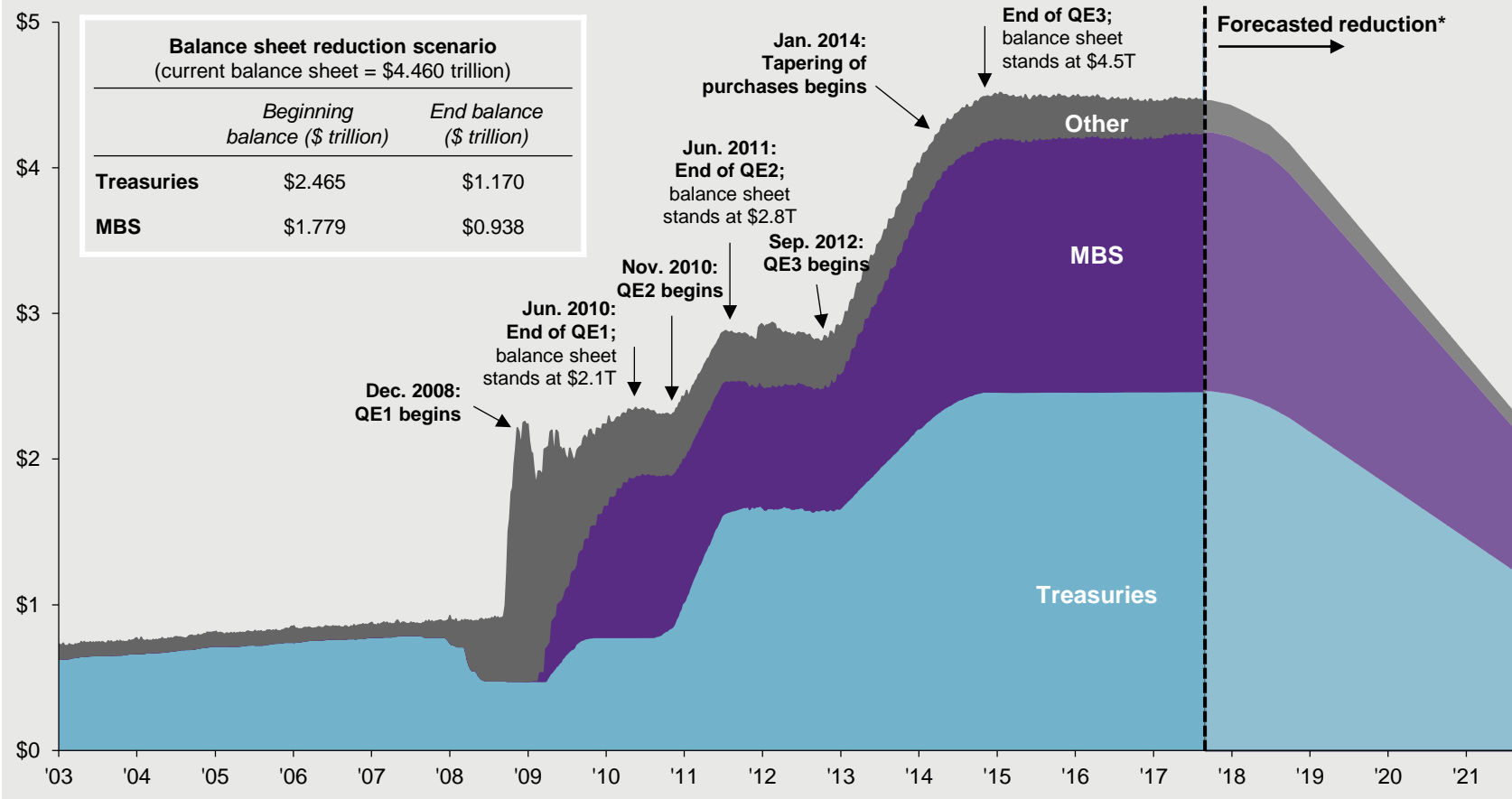
Source: FactSet, Federal Reserve, Bloomberg, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Market expectations are the federal funds rates priced into the fed futures market as of the date of the June 2017 FOMC meeting.

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## The Federal Reserve balance sheet

USD trillions



Source: Federal Reserve, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

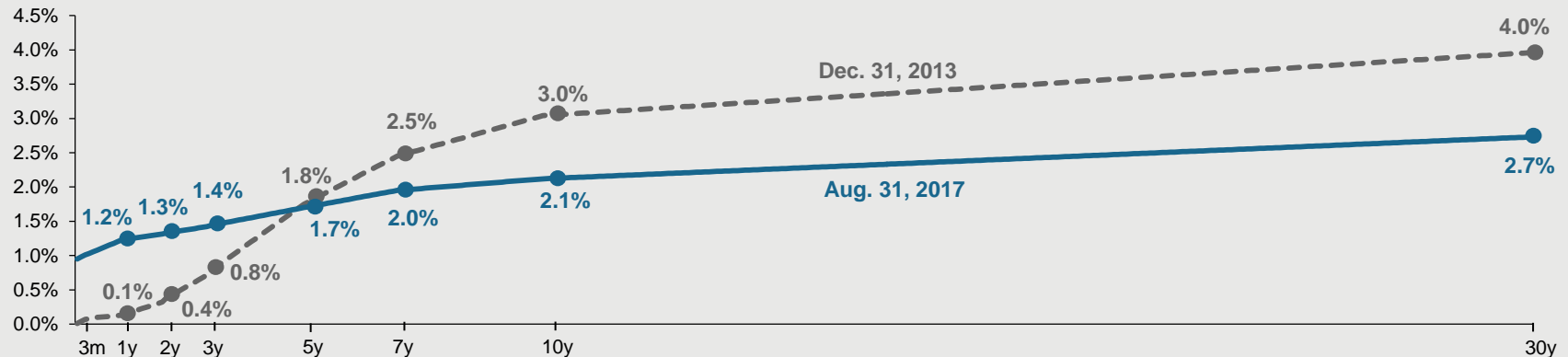
\*Balance sheet reduction assumes reduction from current level, beginning October 2017 and lasting four years, concluding in October 2021.

Reduction of Treasuries and MBS is per FOMC guidelines from the June 2017 meeting minutes: Treasury securities will be reduced \$6 billion per month initially and reduction rate will increase in steps of \$6 billion at three-month intervals over 12 months until reaching \$30 billion per month; MBS will be reduced \$4 billion per month initially and reduction rate will increase in steps of \$4 billion at three-month intervals over 12 months until reaching \$20 billion per month; Other assets are reduced in proportion. Forecasts do not take into account months where maturing assets do not exceed the stated cap nor do they consider the reinvestment of principal or interest repayment in excess of the stated cap.

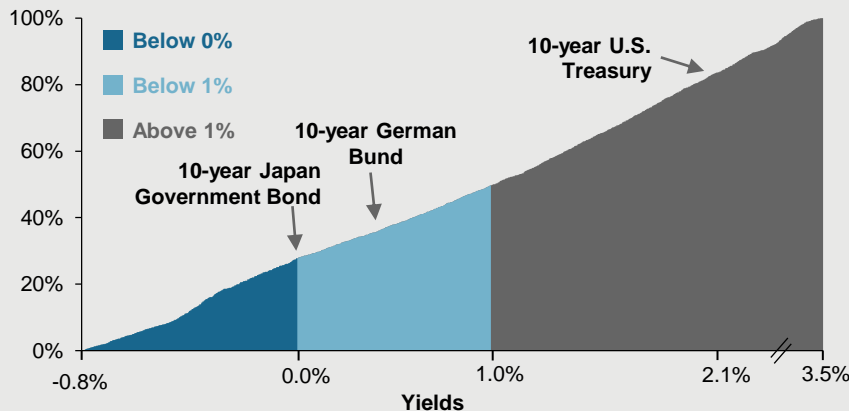
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## Yield curve

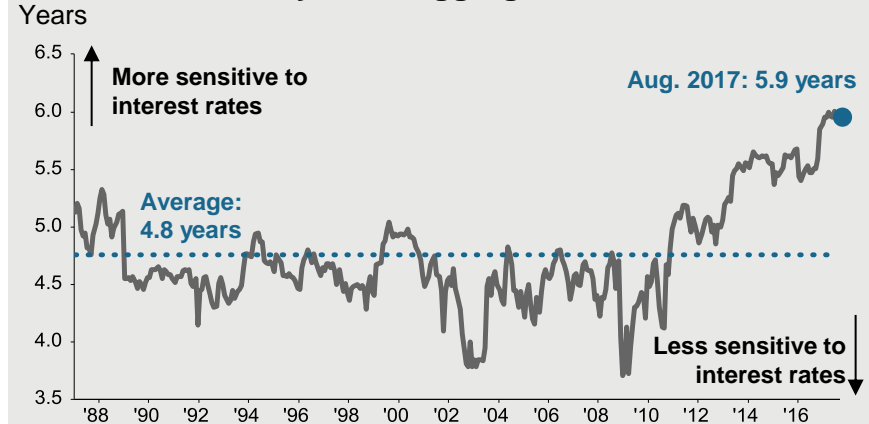
U.S. Treasury yield curve



## Breakdown of DM government bonds by yield



## Duration of Barclays U.S. Aggregate

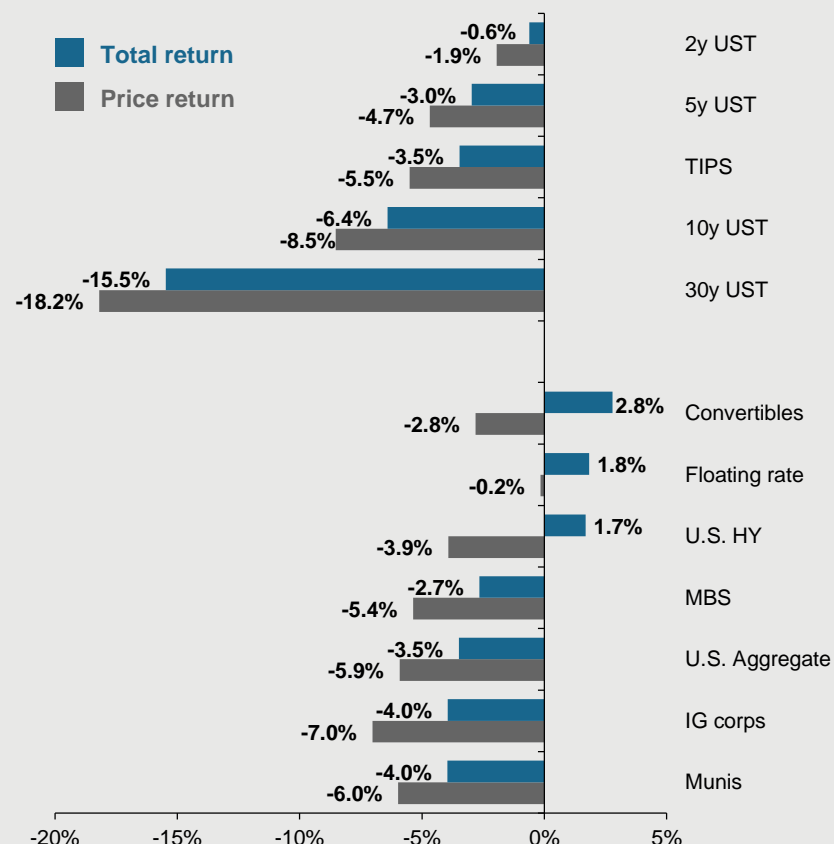


Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Bottom left) Bloomberg, BofA/Merrill Lynch. (Bottom right) Barclays, Bloomberg.  
 The Developed Market Government Bond Index is the Bank of America/Merrill Lynch Global Government Index. Duration measures the sensitivity of the price of a bond to a change in interest rates. The higher the duration the greater the sensitivity bond is to movements in the interest rate.  
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U.S. Treasuries	Yield		Return			
	8/31/2017	6/30/2017	2017 YTD	Avg. Maturity	Correlation to 10-year	Correlation to S&P 500
<b>2-Year</b>	1.33%	1.38%	0.73%	2 years	0.63	-0.37
<b>5-Year</b>	1.70%	1.89%	2.25%	5	0.91	-0.33
<b>10-Year</b>	2.12%	2.31%	4.07%	10	1.00	-0.31
<b>30-Year</b>	2.73%	2.84%	8.58%	30	0.92	-0.33
<b>TIPS</b>	0.36%	0.58%	2.38%	10	0.57	0.19
<b>Sector</b>						
<b>Broad Market</b>	2.42%	2.55%	3.64%	8.2 years	0.86	0.03
<b>MBS</b>	2.70%	2.87%	2.55%	6.6	0.80	-0.12
<b>Municipals</b>	2.01%	2.20%	5.89%	10.0	0.47	0.01
<b>Corporates</b>	3.07%	3.19%	5.37%	11.0	0.44	0.35
<b>High Yield</b>	5.61%	5.62%	6.05%	6.3	-0.24	0.73
<b>Floating Rate</b>	1.98%	1.89%	2.07%	3.2	-0.20	0.39
<b>Convertibles</b>	5.60%	6.18%	13.04%	-	-0.30	0.89

## Impact of a 1% rise in interest rates

Assumes a parallel shift in the yield curve and steady spreads



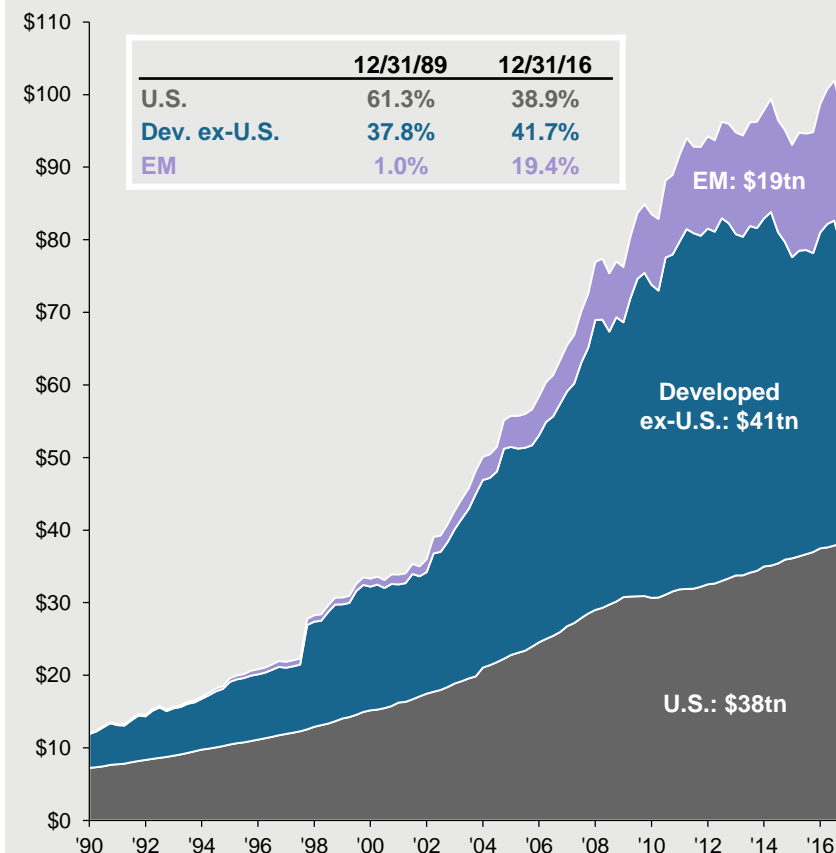
Source: Barclays, U.S. Treasury, Standard and Poor's, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Sectors shown above are provided by Barclays and are represented by – Broad Market: U.S. Aggregate; MBS: U.S. Aggregate Securitized - MBS; Corporate: U.S. Corporates; Municipals: Muni Bond 10-year; High Yield: Corporate High Yield; TIPS: Treasury Inflation Protection Securities (TIPS). Floating Rate: FRN (BBB); Convertibles: U.S. Convertibles Composite. Yield and return information based on bellwethers for Treasury securities. Sector yields reflect yield to worst. Correlations are based on 10-years of monthly returns for all sectors. Change in bond price is calculated using both duration and convexity according to the following formula:  $\text{New Price} = (\text{Price} + (\text{Price} \times \text{Duration} \times \text{Change in Interest Rates})) + (0.5 \times \text{Price} \times \text{Convexity} \times (\text{Change in Interest Rates})^2)$ . Chart is for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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Aggregates	Yield		2017 YTD Return		Duration	Correl to 10-year
	8/31/2017	6/30/2017	Local	USD		
<b>U.S.</b>	2.42%	2.55%	3.64%	3.64%	5.9 years	0.86
<b>Gbl. ex-U.S.</b>	0.96%	1.06%	-	9.46%	7.6	0.39
<b>Japan</b>	0.15%	0.22%	0.16%	6.14%	9.0	0.52
<b>Germany</b>	0.34%	0.49%	-1.22%	11.35%	6.2	0.24
<b>UK</b>	1.36%	1.52%	3.44%	7.87%	10.3	0.17
<b>Italy</b>	1.26%	1.34%	0.16%	12.90%	6.7	0.09
<b>Spain</b>	0.84%	0.90%	1.04%	13.89%	6.7	0.11
<b>Sector</b>						
<b>Euro Corp.</b>	0.73%	0.93%	1.97%	14.93%	5.3 years	0.16
<b>Euro HY</b>	3.29%	3.45%	4.36%	17.63%	4.2	-0.37
<b>EMD (\$)</b>	5.12%	5.79%	-	8.98%	6.8	0.22
<b>EMD (LCL)</b>	6.04%	6.79%	7.21%	14.67%	5.1	0.11
<b>EM Corp.</b>	4.42%	5.05%	-	6.86%	5.8	-0.21

## Global bond market

USD trillions

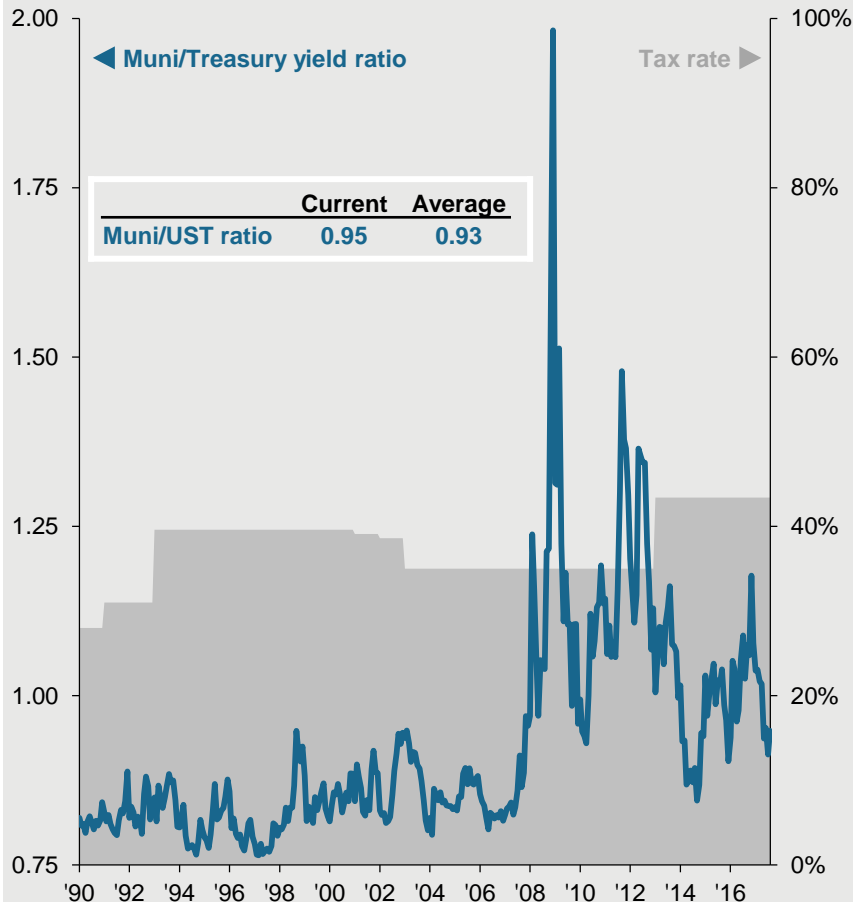


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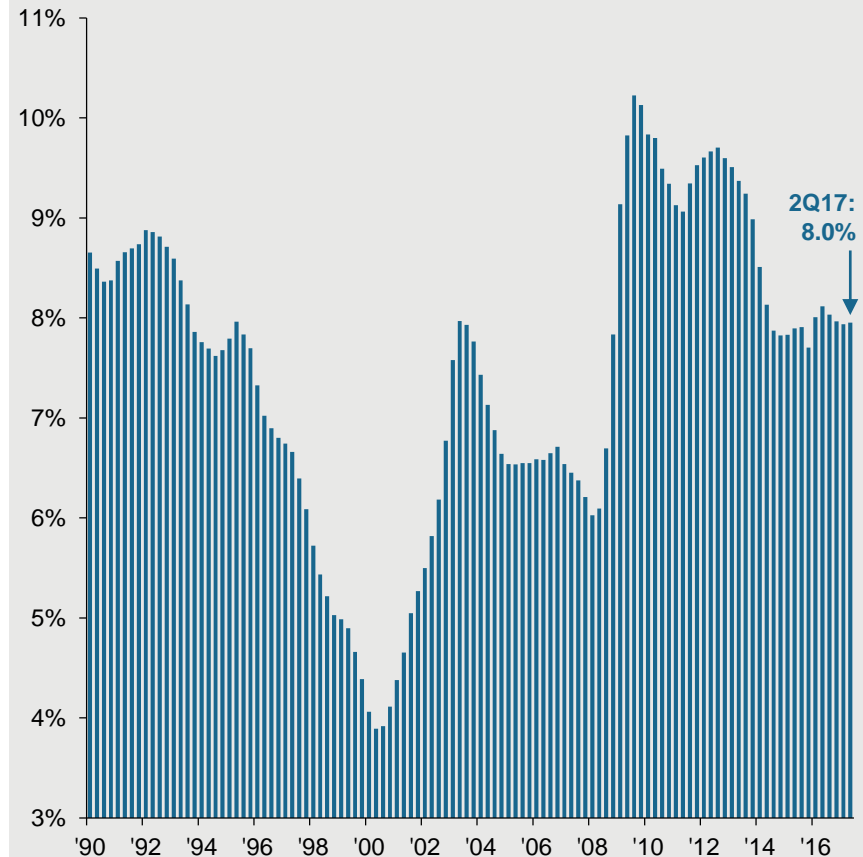
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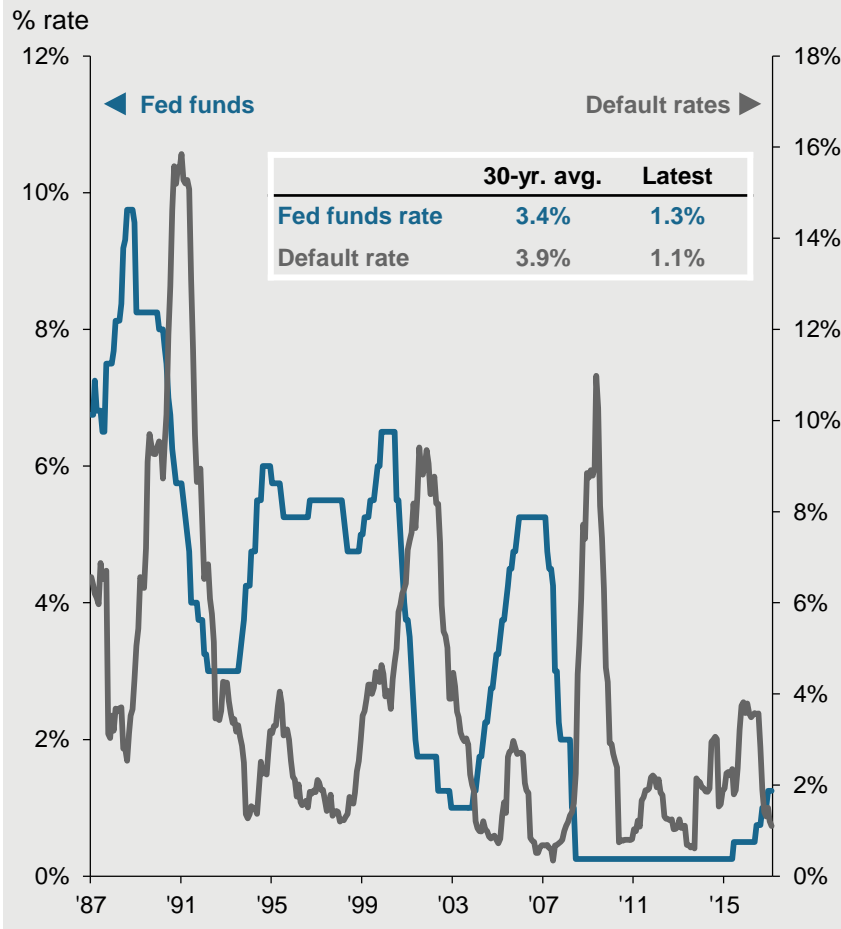
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## State and local government debt service

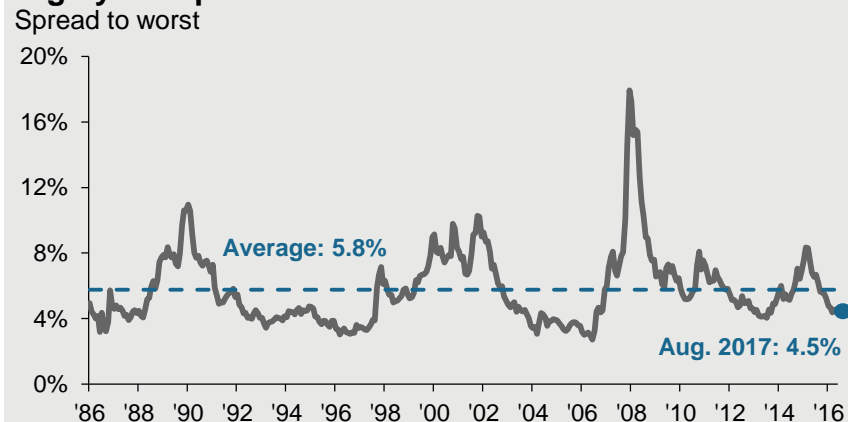
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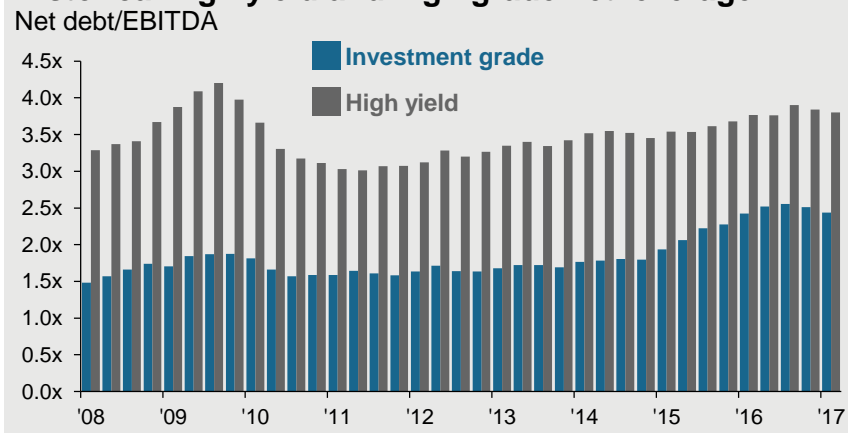
## Fed funds and default rate



## High yield spreads



## Historical high yield and high grade net leverage

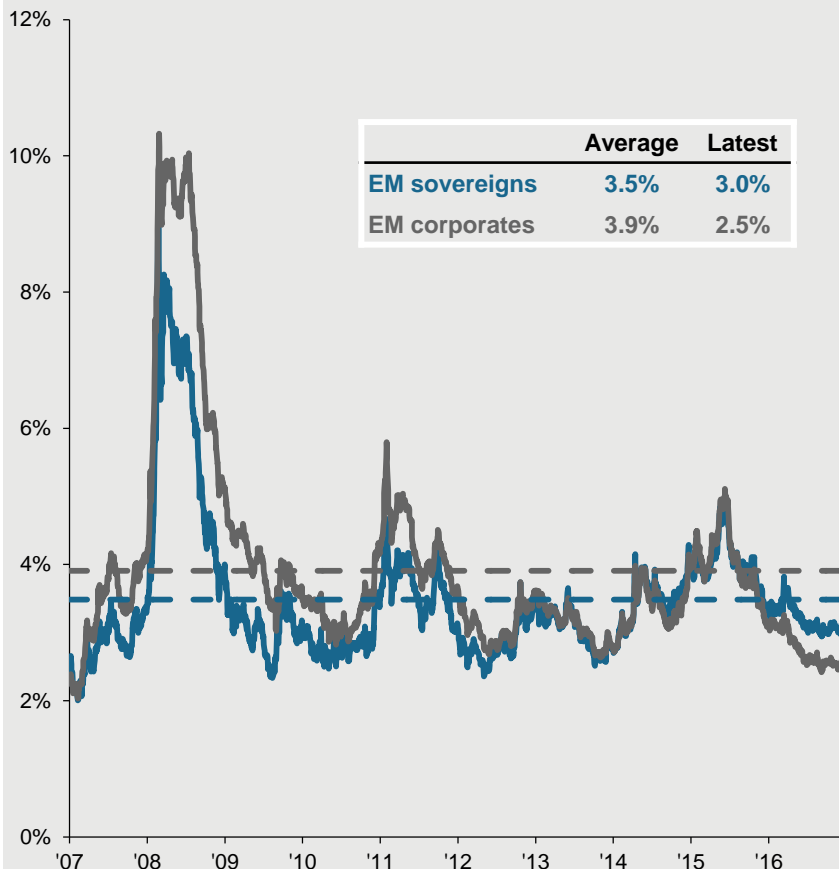


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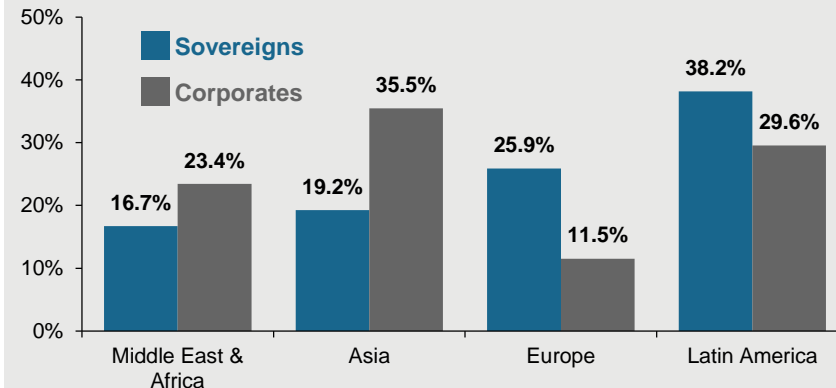
## Corporate and sovereign EMD spreads

USD-denominated debt, percentage points over Treasury



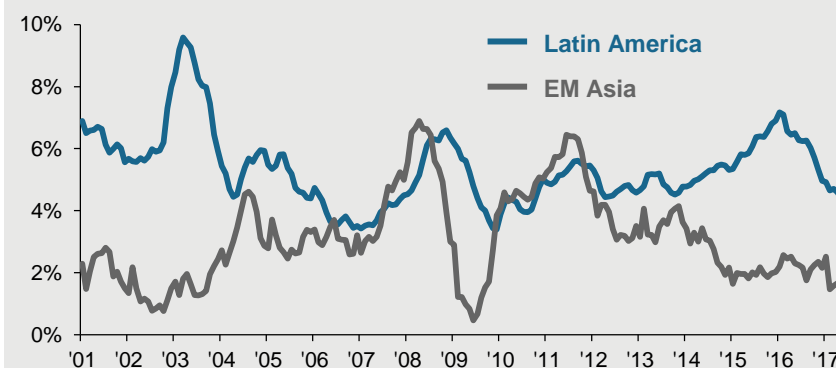
## Regional weights in EMD indices

USD-denominated corporate and sovereign regional weightings



## Headline inflation

YoY % change, Lat Am\* and EM Asia aggregates



Source: J.P. Morgan Global Economic Research, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

EM sovereigns: J.P. Morgan EMBIG Diversified Index; EM corporates: J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index. \*Lat Am index excludes Argentina, Ecuador and Venezuela.

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# Fixed income sector returns

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2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YTD	2007 - 2016	
											Cum.	Ann.
EMD LCL. 18.1%	Treas. 13.7%	High Yield 58.2%	EMD LCL. 15.7%	TIPS 13.6%	EMD USD 17.4%	High Yield 7.4%	Muni 8.7%	Muni 3.8%	High Yield 17.1%	EMD LCL. 14.7%	High Yield 105.2%	High Yield 7.4%
TIPS 11.6%	MBS 8.3%	EMD USD 29.8%	High Yield 15.1%	Muni 12.3%	EMD LCL. 16.8%	MBS -1.4%	Corp. 7.5%	MBS 1.5%	EMD USD 10.2%	EMD USD 9.0%	EMD USD 94.6%	EMD USD 6.9%
Treas. 9.0%	Barclays Agg 5.2%	EMD LCL. 22.0%	EMD USD 12.2%	Treas. 9.8%	High Yield 15.8%	Corp. -1.5%	EMD USD 7.4%	EMD USD 1.2%	EMD LCL. 9.9%	High Yield 6.1%	Corp. 70.3%	Corp. 5.5%
Barclays Agg 7.0%	Muni 1.5%	Corp. 18.7%	Corp. 9.0%	Corp. 8.1%	Corp. 9.8%	Asset Alloc. -1.9%	MBS 6.1%	Treas. 0.8%	Corp. 6.1%	Muni 5.9%	Asset Alloc. 65.8%	Asset Alloc. 5.2%
MBS 6.9%	Asset Alloc. 0.1%	Asset Alloc. 14.7%	Asset Alloc. 7.9%	Asset Alloc. 8.1%	Asset Alloc. 7.4%	Barclays Agg -2.0%	Barclays Agg 6.0%	Barclays Agg 0.5%	Asset Alloc. 4.7%	Corp. 5.4%	Muni 58.4%	Muni 4.7%
Asset Alloc. 6.7%	TIPS -2.4%	TIPS 11.4%	Barclays Agg 6.5%	Barclays Agg 7.8%	TIPS 7.0%	Muni -2.2%	Asset Alloc. 5.5%	Asset Alloc. -0.3%	TIPS 4.7%	Asset Alloc. 5.0%	TIPS 53.3%	TIPS 4.4%
EMD USD 6.2%	Corp. -4.9%	Muni 9.9%	TIPS 6.3%	EMD USD 7.3%	Muni 5.7%	Treas. -2.7%	Treas. 5.1%	Corp. -0.7%	Barclays Agg 2.6%	Barclays Agg 3.6%	Barclays Agg 53.0%	Barclays Agg 4.3%
Corp. 4.6%	EMD LCL. -5.2%	Barclays Agg 5.9%	Treas. 5.9%	MBS 6.2%	Barclays Agg 4.2%	EMD USD -5.3%	TIPS 3.6%	TIPS -1.4%	MBS 1.7%	Treas. 3.1%	MBS 52.0%	MBS 4.3%
Muni 4.3%	EMD USD -12.0%	MBS 5.9%	MBS 5.4%	High Yield 5.0%	MBS 2.6%	TIPS -8.6%	High Yield 2.5%	High Yield -4.5%	Treas. 1.0%	MBS 2.5%	Treas. 47.6%	Treas. 4.0%
High Yield 1.9%	High Yield -26.2%	Treas. -3.6%	Muni 4.0%	EMD LCL. -1.8%	Treas. 2.0%	EMD LCL. -9.0%	EMD LCL. -5.7%	EMD LCL. -14.9%	Muni -0.1%	TIPS 2.4%	EMD LCL. 45.5%	EMD LCL. 3.8%

Source: Barclays, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Global Economic Research, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

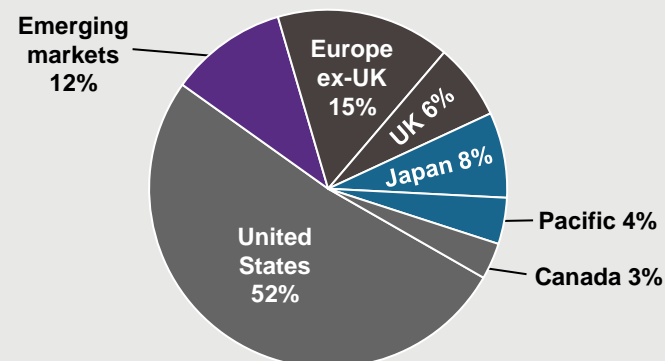
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Country / Region	2017 YTD		2016	
	Local	USD	Local	USD
<b>Regions / Broad Indexes</b>				
All Country World	11.8	15.5	9.7	8.5
U.S. (S&P 500)	-	11.9	-	12.0
EAFE	8.6	17.5	5.9	1.5
Europe ex-UK	10.0	22.5	3.2	0.3
Pacific ex-Japan	12.0	18.8	8.5	8.0
Emerging markets	23.3	28.6	10.1	11.6
<b>MSCI: Selected Countries</b>				
United Kingdom	7.4	12.0	19.2	0.0
France	8.7	22.6	9.2	6.0
Germany	5.1	18.4	6.6	3.5
Japan	6.0	12.3	-0.4	2.7
China	42.9	41.9	1.2	1.1
India	21.4	28.8	1.1	-1.4
Brazil	17.7	21.7	37.2	66.7
Russia	-6.6	-2.8	35.1	55.9

## Weights in MSCI All Country World Index

% global market capitalization, float adjusted



## Global equity market correlations

Rolling 1-year correlations, 30 countries

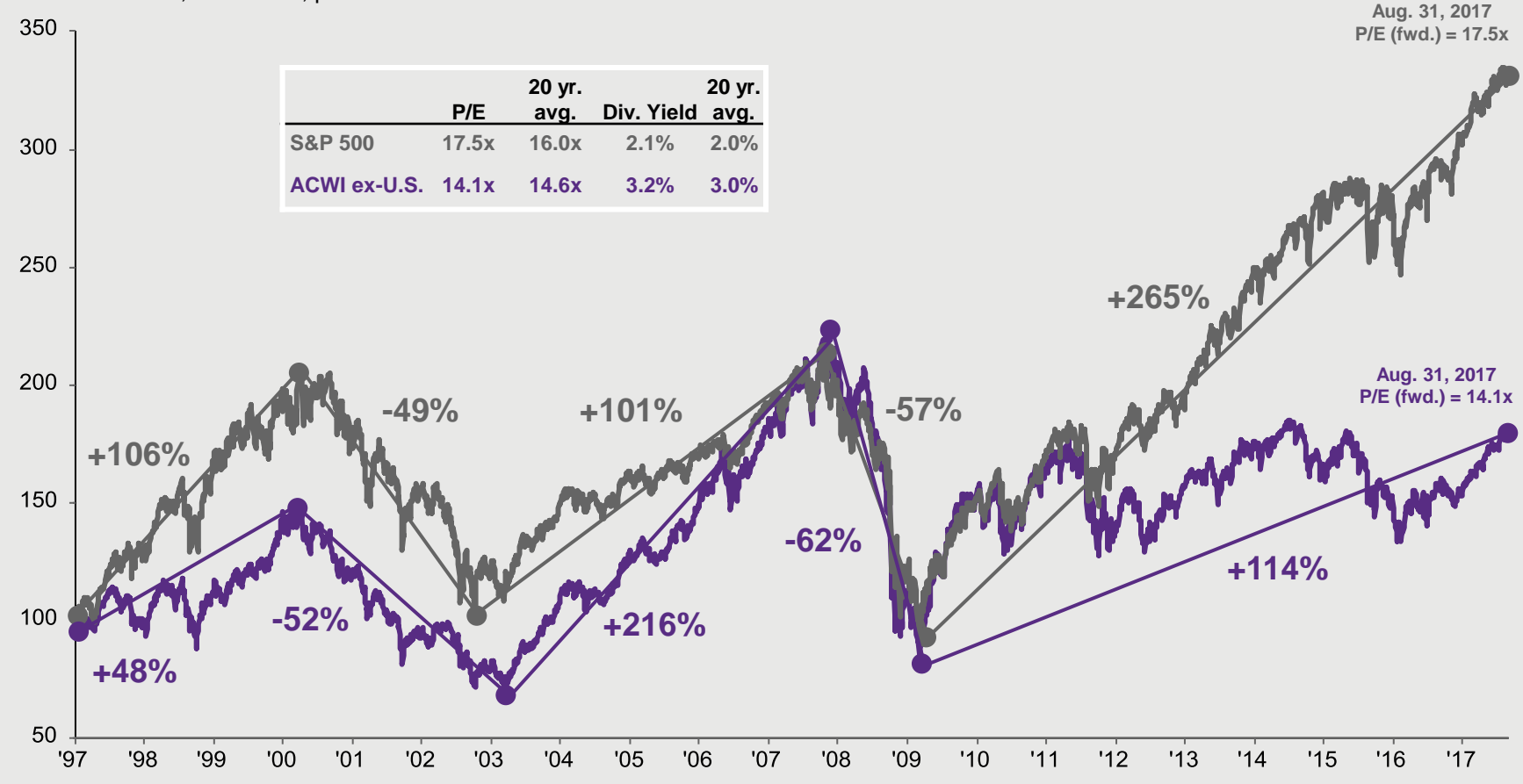


Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

All return values are MSCI Gross Index (official) data. Chart is for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Please see disclosure page for index definitions. Countries included in global correlations include Argentina, South Africa, Japan, UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Australia, Austria, Brazil, China, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United States. *Guide to the Markets* – U.S. Data are as of August 31, 2017.

## MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. and S&P 500 Index

Dec. 1996 = 100, U.S. dollar, price return



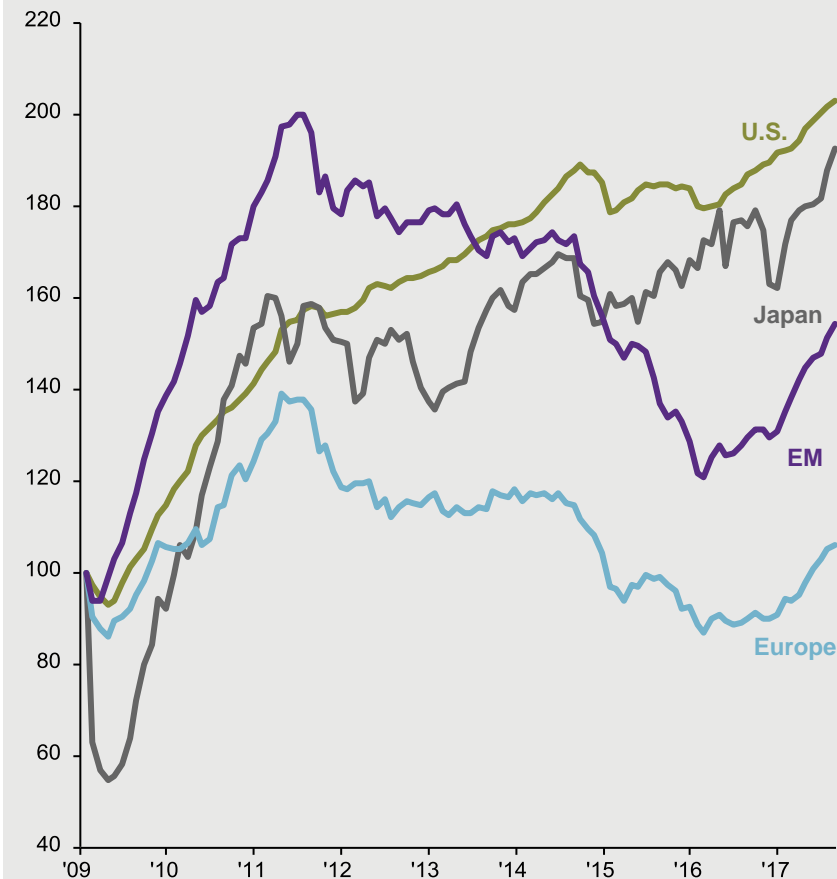
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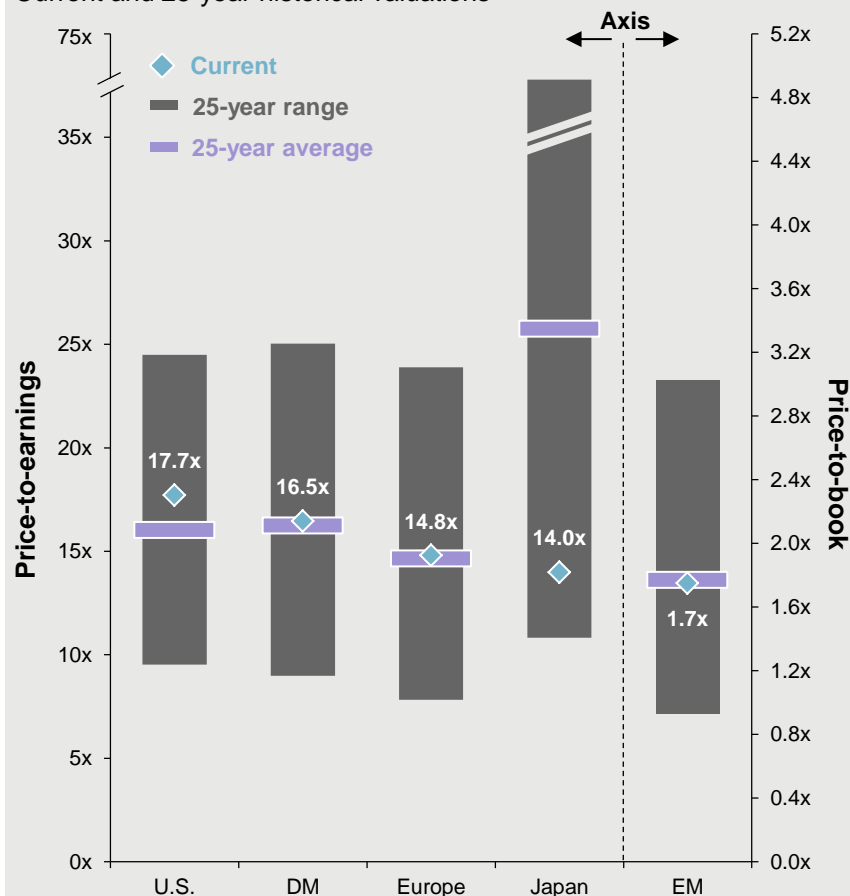
## Global earnings

EPS, U.S. dollar, NTMA, Jan. 2009 = 100



## Global valuations

Current and 25-year historical valuations



Source: FactSet, MSCI, Thomson Reuters, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

\*Valuations refer to NTMA P/E for Europe, U.S., Japan and Developed Markets and P/B for emerging markets. Valuation and earnings charts use MSCI indices for all regions/countries, except for the U.S., which is the S&P 500. All indices use IBES aggregate earnings estimates, which may differ from earnings estimates used elsewhere in the book.

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## Global Purchasing Managers' Index for manufacturing

	Sep'15	Oct'15	Nov'15	Dec'15	Jan'16	Feb'16	Mar'16	Apr'16	May'16	Jun'16	Jul'16	Aug'16	Sep'16	Oct'16	Nov'16	Dec'16	Jan'17	Feb'17	Mar'17	Apr'17	May'17	Jun'17	Jul'17	Aug'17
Global	50.4	51.0	51.0	50.7	50.9	50.0	50.6	50.2	50.1	50.4	51.0	50.8	51.1	52.0	52.1	52.7	52.8	53.0	53.0	52.7	52.6	52.6	52.7	53.1
Developed Markets	51.7	52.5	52.3	52.0	52.1	50.8	50.9	50.5	50.4	51.2	51.5	51.2	51.5	52.6	53.0	53.8	54.2	54.1	53.9	54.1	53.9	54.0	54.2	
Emerging Markets	48.4	49.0	49.2	49.0	49.4	48.9	50.2	49.6	49.5	49.3	50.3	50.1	50.3	51.0	50.8	51.1	50.8	51.3	51.6	50.9	50.6	50.8	50.9	51.7
U.S.	53.1	54.1	52.8	51.2	52.4	51.3	51.5	50.8	50.7	51.3	52.9	52.0	51.5	53.4	54.1	54.3	55.0	54.2	53.3	52.8	52.7	52.0	53.3	52.8
Canada	48.6	48.0	48.6	47.5	49.3	49.4	51.5	52.2	52.1	51.8	51.9	51.1	50.3	51.1	51.5	51.8	53.5	54.7	55.5	55.9	55.1	54.7	55.5	54.6
UK	51.4	54.5	52.4	51.2	52.2	50.9	51.3	49.5	50.6	53.1	48.5	53.2	55.3	54.2	53.4	55.8	55.3	54.6	54.3	57.0	56.4	54.3	55.3	56.9
Euro Area	52.0	52.3	52.8	53.2	52.3	51.2	51.6	51.7	51.5	52.8	52.0	51.7	52.6	53.5	53.7	54.9	55.2	55.4	56.2	56.7	57.0	57.4	56.6	57.4
Germany	52.3	52.1	52.9	53.2	52.3	50.5	50.7	51.8	52.1	54.5	53.8	53.6	54.3	55.0	54.3	55.6	56.4	56.8	58.3	58.2	59.5	59.6	58.1	59.3
France	50.6	50.6	50.6	51.4	50.0	50.2	49.6	48.0	48.4	48.3	48.6	48.3	49.7	51.8	51.7	53.5	53.6	52.2	53.3	55.1	53.8	54.8	54.9	55.8
Italy	52.7	54.1	54.9	55.6	53.2	52.2	53.5	53.9	52.4	53.5	51.2	49.8	51.0	50.9	52.2	53.2	53.0	55.0	55.7	56.2	55.1	55.2	55.1	56.3
Spain	51.7	51.3	53.1	53.0	55.4	54.1	53.4	53.5	51.8	52.2	51.0	51.0	52.3	53.3	54.5	55.3	55.6	54.8	53.9	54.5	55.4	54.7	54.0	52.4
Greece	43.3	47.3	48.1	50.2	50.0	48.4	49.0	49.7	48.4	50.4	48.7	50.4	49.2	48.6	48.3	49.3	46.6	47.7	46.7	48.2	49.6	50.5	50.5	52.2
Ireland	53.8	53.6	53.3	54.2	54.3	52.9	54.9	52.6	51.5	53.0	50.2	51.7	51.3	52.1	53.7	55.7	55.5	53.8	53.6	55.0	55.9	56.0	54.6	56.1
Australia	52.1	50.2	52.5	51.9	51.5	53.5	58.1	53.4	51.0	51.8	56.4	46.9	49.8	50.9	54.2	55.4	51.2	59.3	57.5	59.2	54.8	55.0	59.8	59.8
Japan	51.0	52.4	52.6	52.6	52.3	50.1	49.1	48.2	47.7	48.1	49.3	49.5	50.4	51.4	51.3	52.4	52.7	53.3	52.4	52.7	53.1	52.4	52.1	52.2
China	47.2	48.3	48.6	48.2	48.4	48.0	49.7	49.4	49.2	48.6	50.6	50.0	50.1	51.2	50.9	51.9	51.0	51.7	51.2	50.3	49.6	50.4	51.1	51.6
Indonesia	47.4	47.8	46.9	47.8	48.9	48.7	50.6	50.9	50.6	51.9	48.4	50.4	50.9	48.7	49.7	49.0	50.4	49.3	50.5	51.2	50.6	49.5	48.6	50.7
Korea	49.2	49.1	49.1	50.7	49.5	48.7	49.5	50.0	50.1	50.5	50.1	48.6	47.6	48.0	48.0	49.4	49.0	49.2	48.4	49.4	49.2	50.1	49.1	49.9
Taiwan	46.9	47.8	49.5	51.7	50.6	49.4	51.1	49.7	48.5	50.5	51.0	51.8	52.2	52.7	54.7	56.2	55.6	54.5	56.2	54.4	53.1	53.3	53.6	54.3
India	51.2	50.7	50.3	49.1	51.1	51.1	52.4	50.5	50.7	51.7	51.8	52.6	52.1	54.4	52.3	49.6	50.4	50.7	52.5	52.5	51.6	50.9	47.9	51.2
Brazil	47.0	44.1	43.8	45.6	47.4	44.5	46.0	42.6	41.6	43.2	46.0	45.7	46.0	46.3	46.2	45.2	44.0	46.9	49.6	50.1	52.0	50.5	50.0	50.9
Mexico	52.1	53.0	53.0	52.4	52.2	53.1	53.2	52.4	53.6	51.1	50.6	50.9	51.9	51.8	51.1	50.2	50.8	50.6	51.5	50.7	51.2	52.3	51.2	52.2
Russia	49.1	50.2	50.1	48.7	49.8	49.3	48.3	48.0	49.6	51.5	49.5	50.8	51.1	52.4	53.6	53.7	54.7	52.5	52.4	50.8	52.4	50.3	52.7	51.6

Source: Markit, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Heatmap colors are based on PMI relative to the 50 level, which indicates acceleration or deceleration of the sector, for the time period shown.

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## Year-over-year headline inflation by country and region

	Aug'15	Sep'15	Oct'15	Nov'15	Dec'15	Jan'16	Feb'16	Mar'16	Apr'16	May'16	Jun'16	Jul'16	Aug'16	Sep'16	Oct'16	Nov'16	Dec'16	Jan'17	Feb'17	Mar'17	Apr'17	May'17	Jun'17	Jul'17
Global	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%	1.7%	1.7%	1.9%	1.8%	1.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%	1.8%	1.7%	1.8%	2.0%	2.3%	2.2%	2.0%	2.1%	1.9%	1.7%	1.7%
Developed Markets	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.5%	1.9%	2.1%	1.8%	1.9%	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%
Emerging Markets	4.0%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.6%	3.6%	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.5%
U.S.	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%	1.4%	1.0%	0.9%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	0.8%	1.1%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	2.1%	2.5%	2.7%	2.4%	2.2%	1.9%	1.6%	1.7%
Canada	1.3%	1.0%	1.0%	1.4%	1.6%	2.0%	1.4%	1.3%	1.7%	1.5%	1.5%	1.3%	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.2%	1.5%	2.1%	2.0%	1.6%	1.6%	1.3%	1.0%	1.2%
UK	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	1.0%	0.9%	1.2%	1.6%	1.8%	2.3%	2.3%	2.7%	2.9%	2.6%	2.6%
Euro Area	0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	1.1%	1.8%	2.0%	1.5%	1.9%	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%
Germany	0.1%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	-0.2%	0.1%	-0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	1.7%	1.9%	2.2%	1.5%	2.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%
France	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	0.8%	1.6%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%
Italy	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.5%	1.0%	1.6%	1.4%	2.0%	1.6%	1.2%	1.2%
Spain	-0.5%	-1.1%	-0.9%	-0.4%	-0.1%	-0.4%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.2%	-1.1%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	1.4%	2.9%	3.0%	2.1%	2.6%	2.0%	1.6%	1.7%
Greece	-0.4%	-0.8%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.7%	-0.4%	-0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	-0.1%	0.6%	-0.2%	0.3%	1.5%	1.4%	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%	0.9%	0.9%
Ireland	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.6%	0.7%	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.2%
Australia	1.7%	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%	2.0%	2.3%	2.1%	1.7%	1.5%	1.0%	1.5%	1.0%	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.8%	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%	2.6%	2.8%	2.3%	2.7%
Japan	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%	0.2%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%
China	2.0%	1.6%	1.3%	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.0%	1.9%	1.8%	1.3%	1.9%	2.1%	2.3%	2.1%	2.5%	0.8%	0.9%	1.2%	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%
Indonesia	7.2%	6.8%	6.2%	4.9%	3.4%	4.1%	4.4%	4.4%	3.6%	3.3%	3.5%	3.2%	2.8%	3.1%	3.3%	3.6%	3.0%	3.5%	3.8%	3.6%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	3.9%
Korea	0.7%	0.5%	0.8%	0.8%	1.1%	0.6%	1.1%	0.8%	1.0%	0.8%	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.3%	2.0%	1.9%	2.2%	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%	2.2%
Taiwan	-0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.1%	0.8%	2.4%	2.0%	1.9%	1.2%	0.9%	1.2%	0.6%	0.3%	1.7%	2.0%	1.7%	2.2%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.6%	1.0%	0.8%
India	3.7%	4.4%	5.0%	5.4%	5.6%	5.7%	5.3%	4.8%	5.5%	5.8%	5.8%	6.1%	5.0%	4.4%	4.2%	3.6%	3.4%	3.2%	3.7%	3.9%	3.0%	2.2%	1.5%	2.4%
Brazil	9.5%	9.5%	9.9%	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	10.4%	9.4%	9.3%	9.3%	8.8%	8.7%	9.0%	8.5%	7.9%	7.0%	6.3%	5.4%	4.8%	4.6%	4.1%	3.6%	3.0%	2.7%
Mexico	2.6%	2.5%	2.5%	2.2%	2.1%	2.6%	2.9%	2.6%	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	3.4%	4.7%	4.9%	5.4%	5.8%	6.2%	6.3%	6.4%
Russia	15.8%	15.7%	15.6%	15.0%	12.9%	9.8%	8.1%	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%	7.5%	7.2%	6.8%	6.4%	6.1%	5.8%	5.4%	5.0%	4.6%	4.3%	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%	3.9%

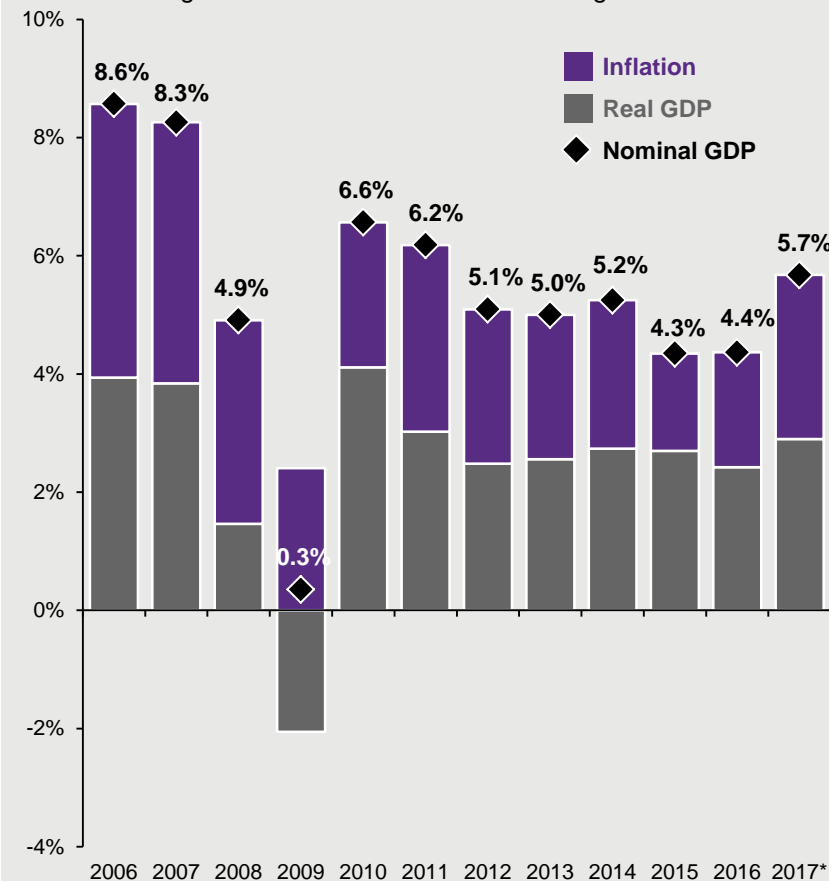
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Heatmap colors are based on z-score of year-over-year inflation rate relative to five year history, for the time period shown.

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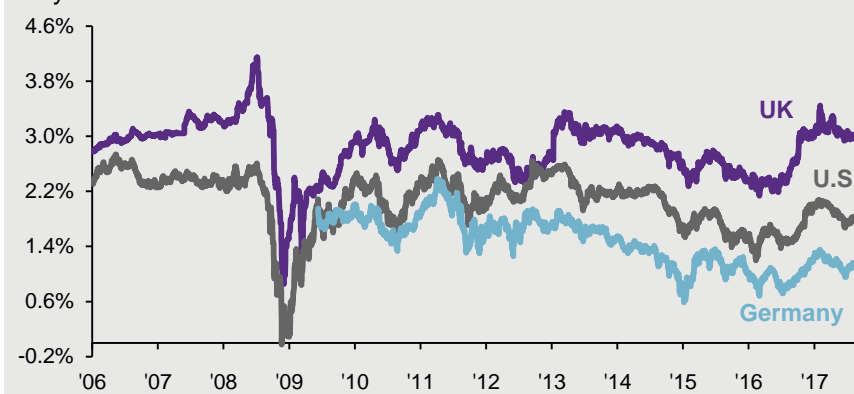
## Components of global growth

Nominal GDP growth broken down into real GDP growth and inflation



## Global inflation breakevens

10-year inflation breakevens\*\*



## Global GDP growth and corporate profits

Year-over-year growth, nominal GDP, MSCI AC World trailing EPS



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) IMF; (Top right) Bloomberg; (Bottom right) IMF, MSCI, FactSet.

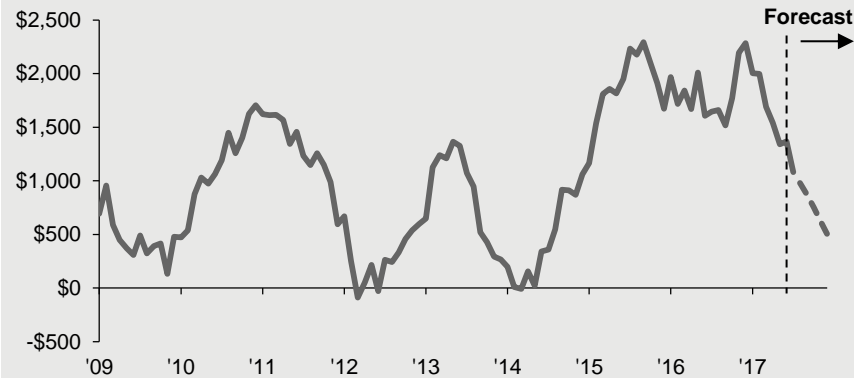
Nominal GDP used is based on purchasing power parity (PPP) valuation of country GDP. \*2017 global GDP data is an IMF forecast. \*\*Inflation breakevens are calculated by subtracting 10-year inflation-protected securities from 10-year nominal yields. Germany inflation breakeven data begins in June 2009.

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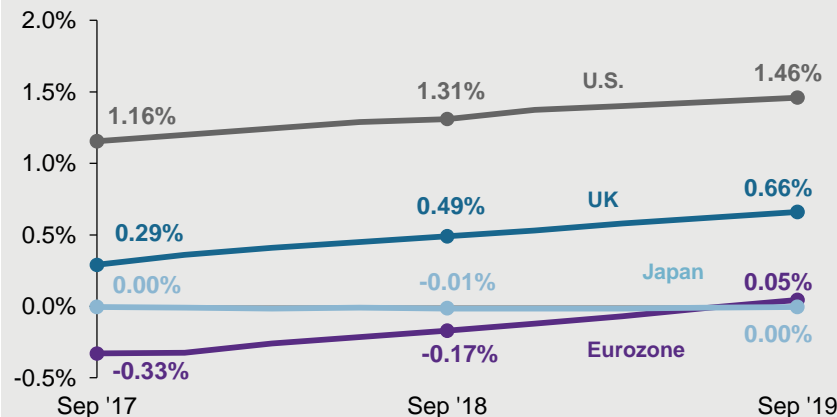


## Global central bank balance sheet expansion\*

USD billions, balance sheet expansion planned for next 12 months

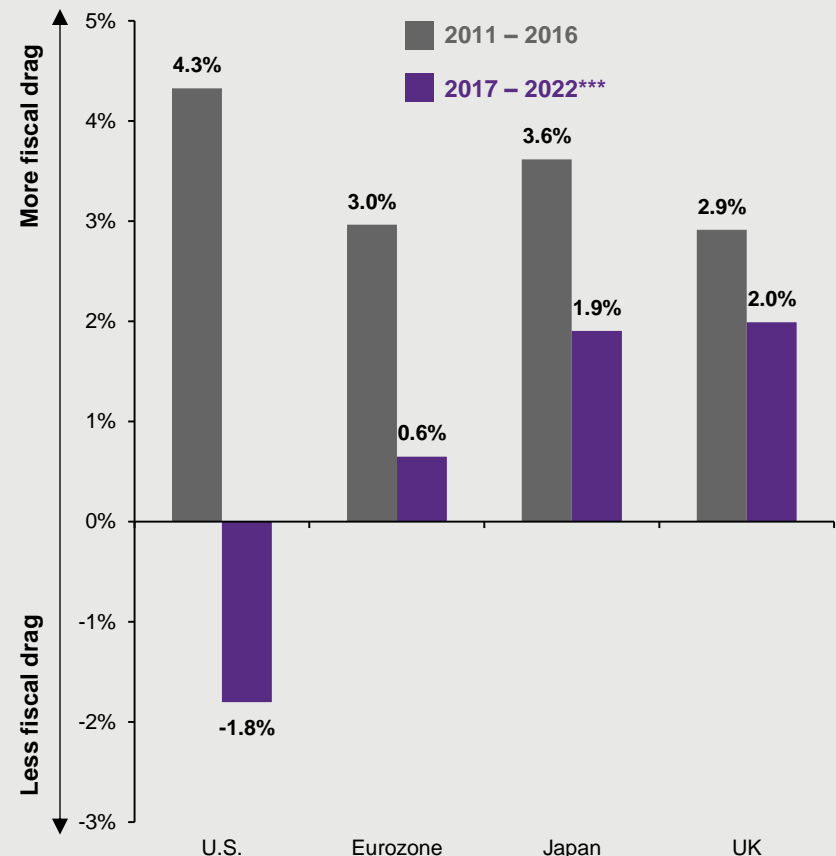


## Market expectations for target policy rate\*\*



## Fiscal drag

Reduction in structural deficits, % of potential GDP



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top left) Bank of England, Bank of Japan, European Central Bank, FactSet, Federal Reserve System, J.P. Morgan Global Economic Research; (Bottom left) Bloomberg; (Right) IMF.

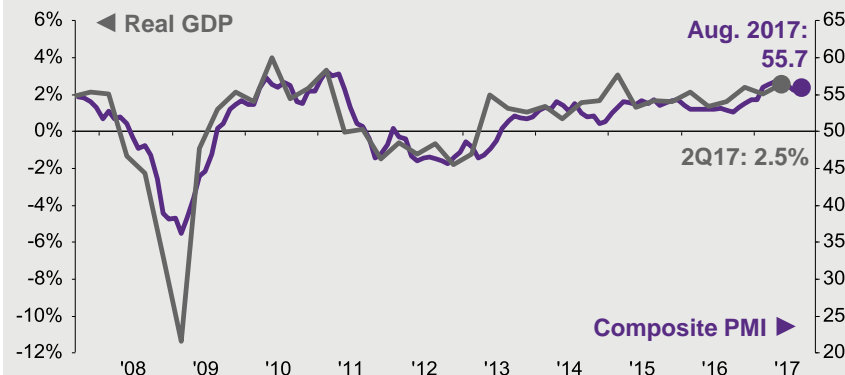
\*Includes the Bank of Japan (BoJ), Bank of England (BoE), European Central Bank (ECB) and Federal Reserve. Balance sheet expansion assumes no more quantitative easing (QE) from the BoE, tapering of ECB QE to 0 from end of 2017 over one year, tapering of BoJ QE to 20trn JPY by end of 2018, 0 by mid-2019, and tapering of Fed QE per the June FOMC statement. \*\*Target policy rates for Japan are estimated using EuroYen 3m futures contracts less a risk premium of 6bps. \*\*\*Eurozone forecasts past 2018 are JPMAM estimates calculated by aggregating individual country data.

Government deficits are calculated by the IMF as the general government structural balance. The structural balance excludes the normal impact of the business cycle, providing a clearer measure of the independent impact of changes in government spending and taxation on demand in the economy. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of August 31, 2017.



## Markit PMI and GDP growth in the eurozone

Eurozone Markit Composite PMI Index and real GDP (q/q saar)



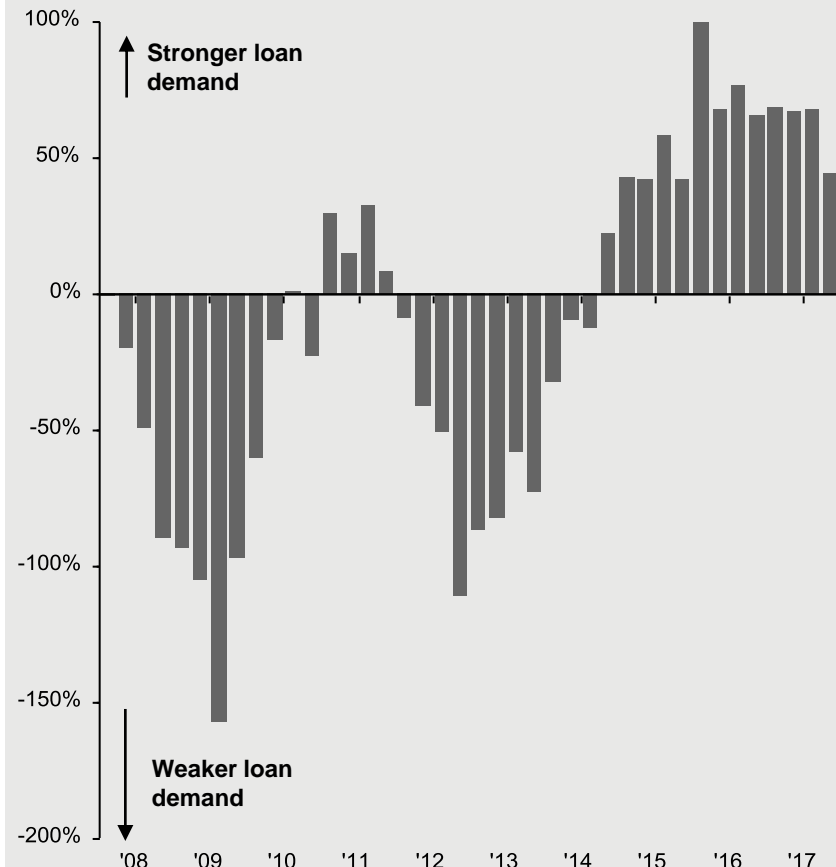
## Eurozone unemployment

Persons unemployed as a percent of labor force, seasonally adjusted



## Eurozone credit demand

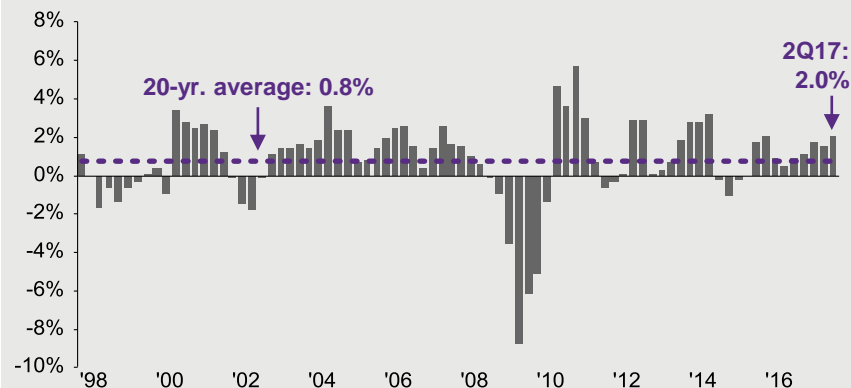
Net % of banks reporting positive loan demand



Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top left) Markit; (Top left and bottom left) Eurostat; (Right) ECB.  
 saar– Seasonally adjusted annual rate. Eurozone shown is the aggregate of the 19 countries that currently use the euro.  
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## Japanese economic growth

Real GDP, y/y % change

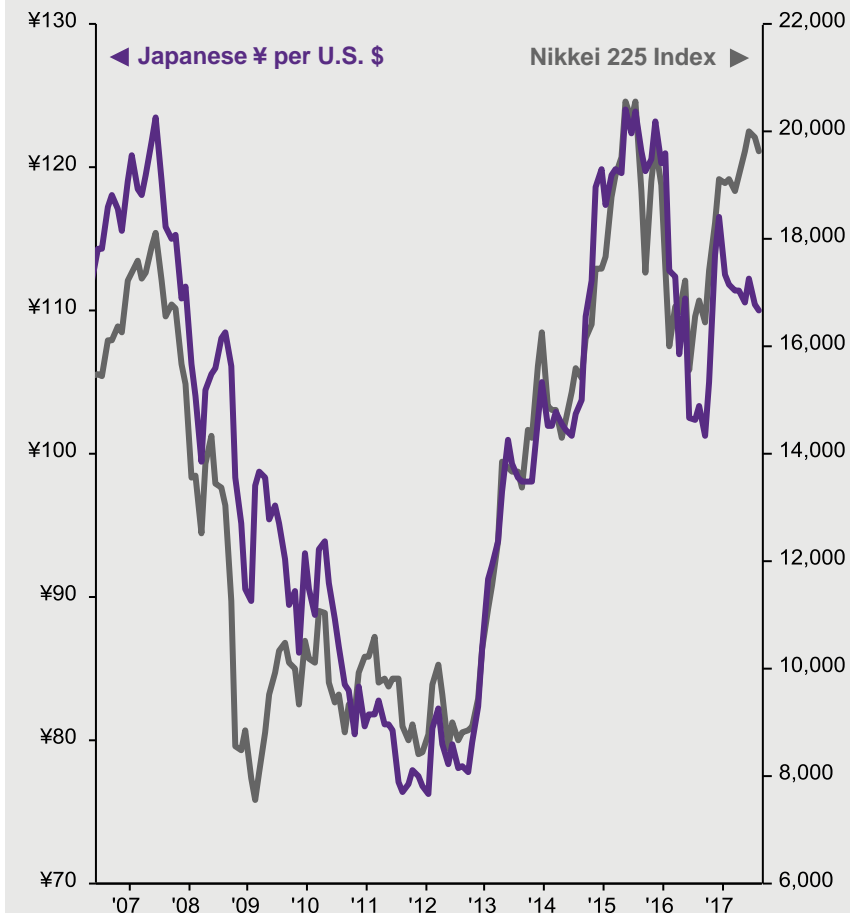


## Japanese labor market

Unemployment, y/y % change in wages, 3-month moving average



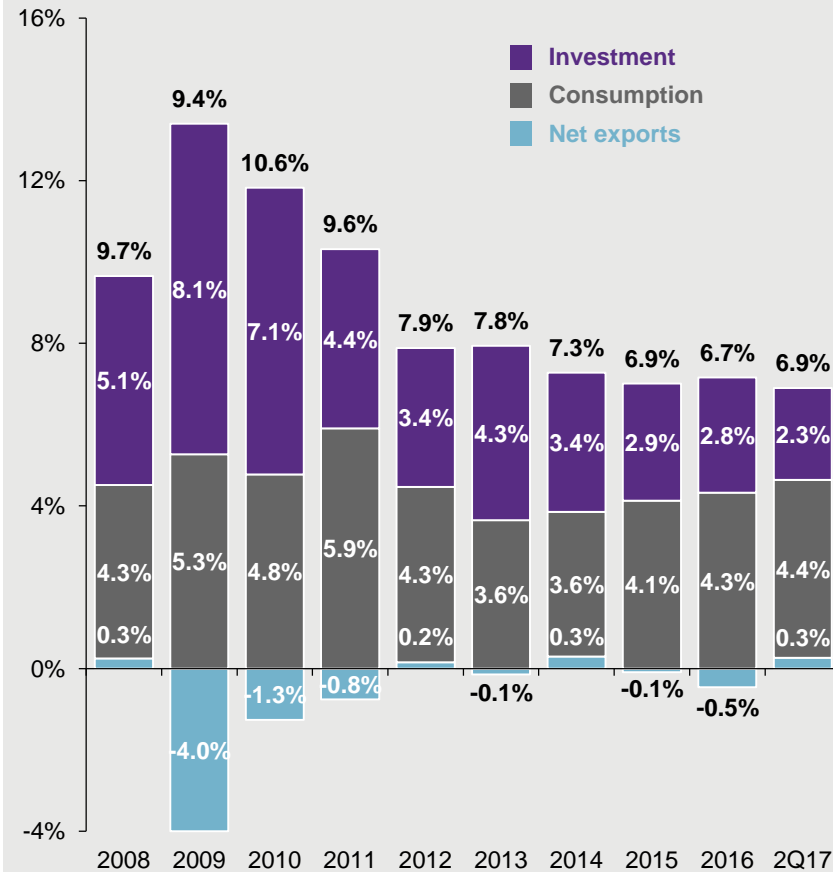
## Japanese yen and the stock market



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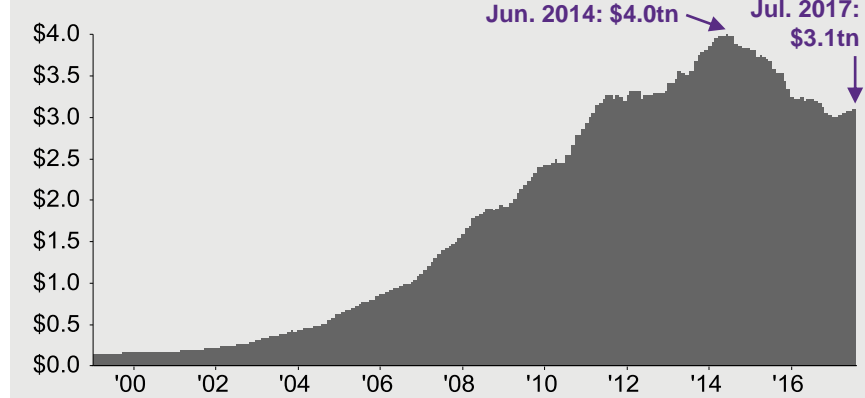
## China real GDP contribution

Year-over-year % change



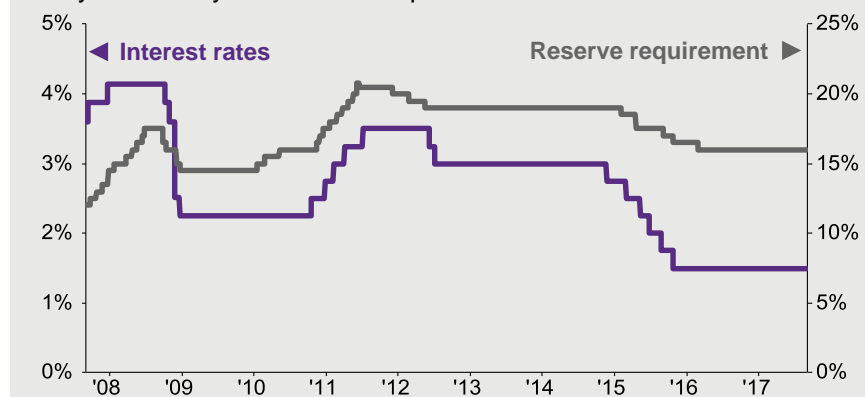
## China foreign exchange reserves

Trillions USD



## Monetary policy tools

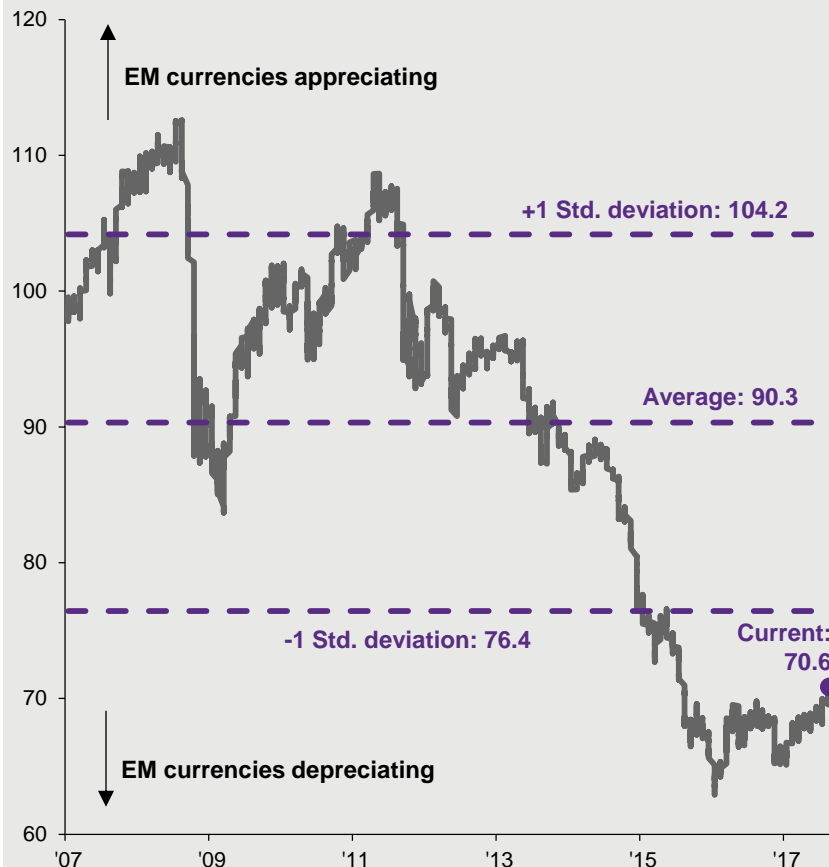
Policy rate on 1-year renminbi deposits



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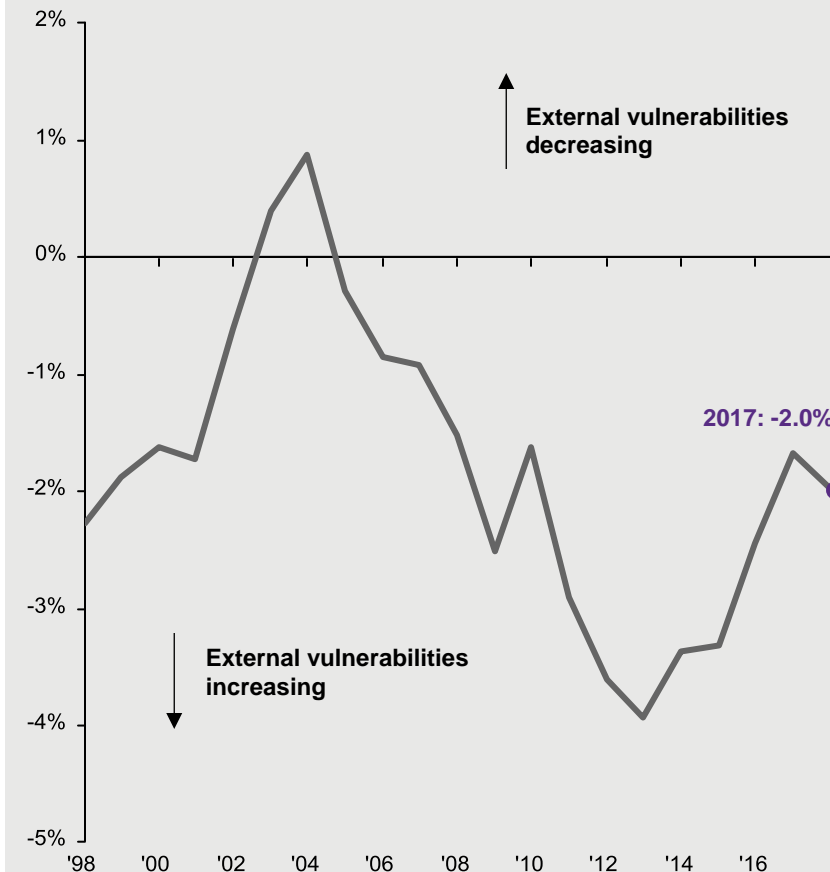
## EM FX vs. U.S. dollar

Index level



## EM current account balance for "Fragile Five"\*

Current accounts as a % of GDP, GDP weighted



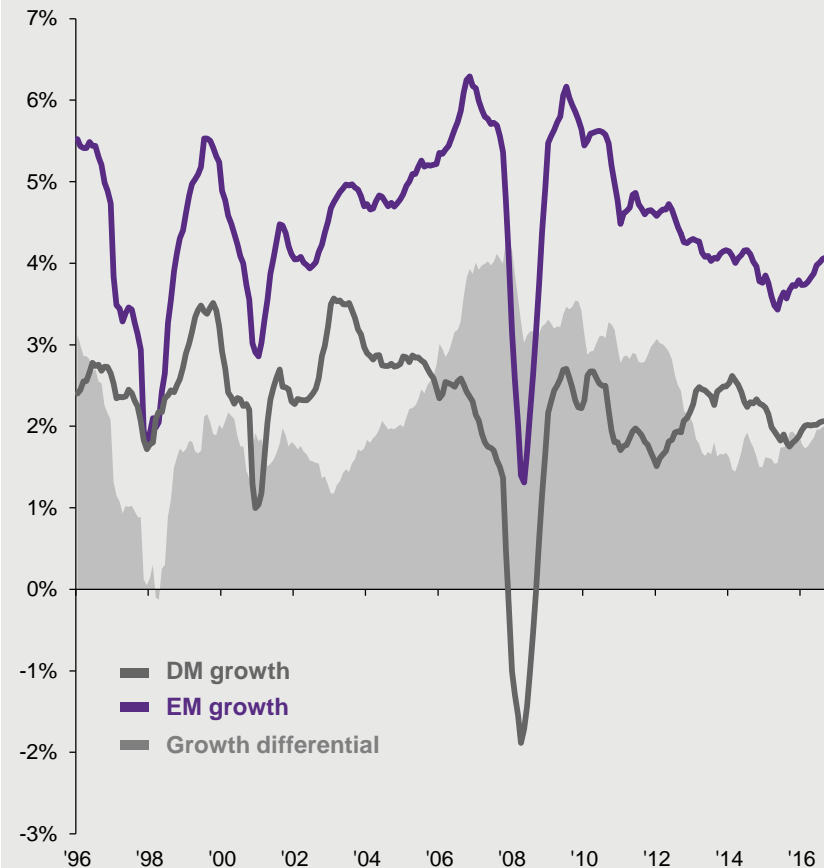
Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) J.P. Morgan Global Economic Research; (Right) IMF.

\*Fragile Five includes Brazil, India, Indonesia, South Africa and Turkey. 2017 is an IMF forecast.

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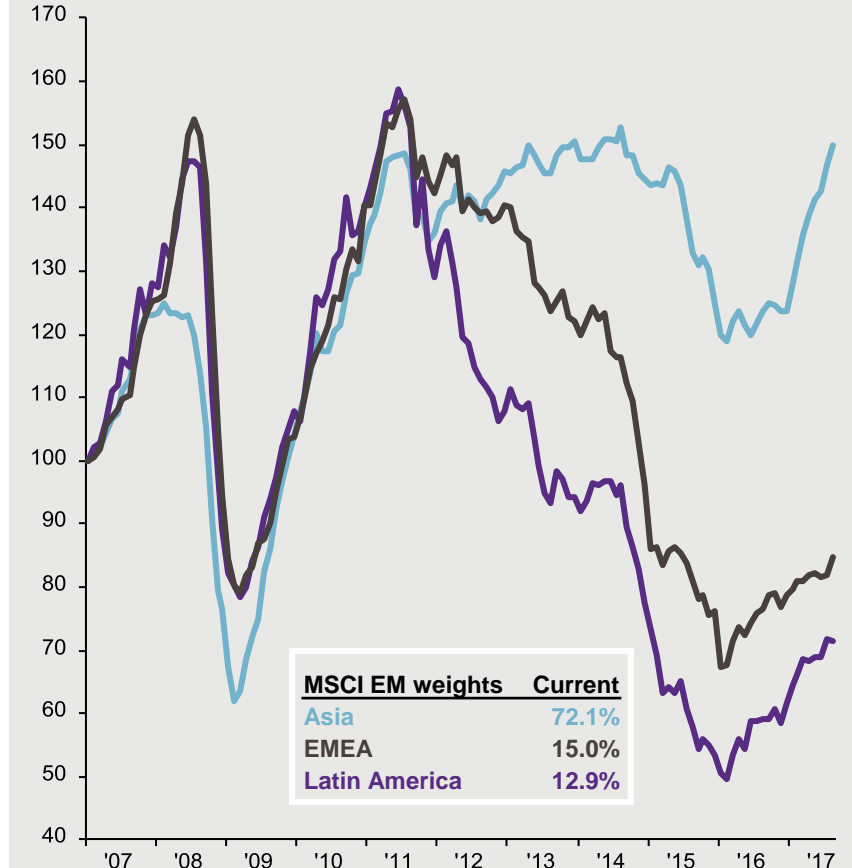
## EM vs. DM growth

Monthly, consensus expectations for GDP growth in 12 months



## EM earnings by region

EPS for next 12-month consensus, U.S. dollar, rebased to 100



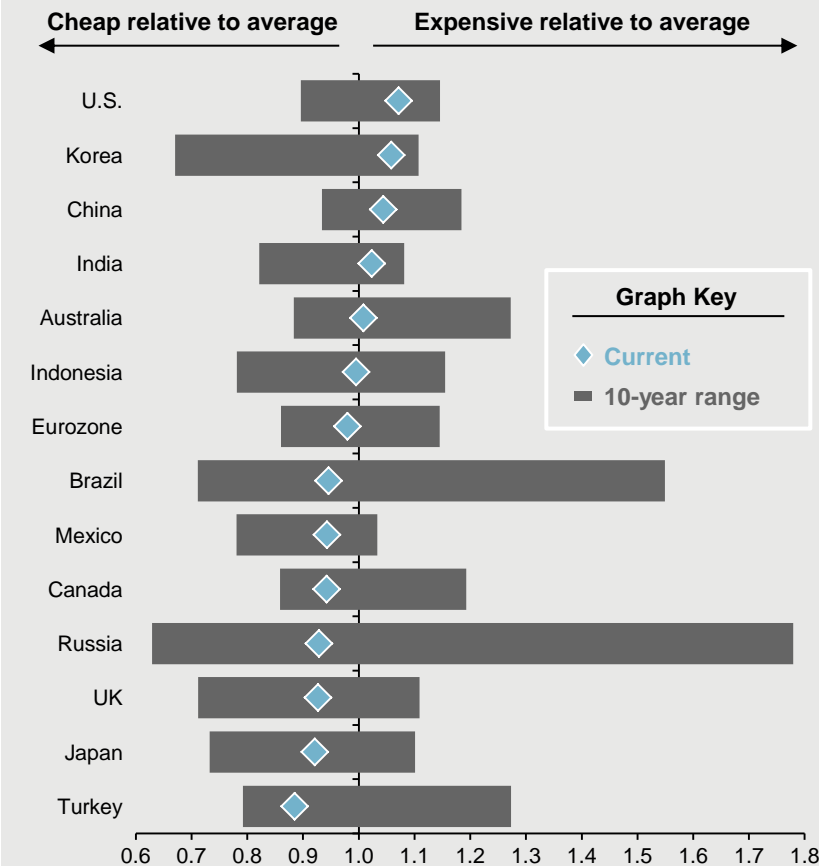
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"Growth differential" is consensus estimates for EM growth in the next 12 months minus consensus estimates for DM growth in the next 12 months, provided by Consensus Economics.

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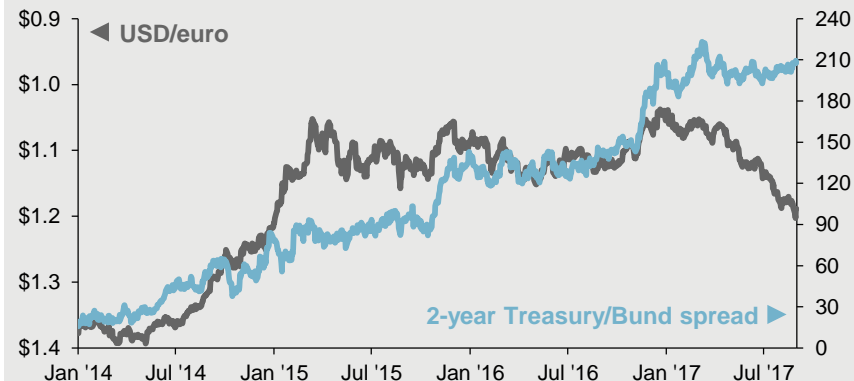
## Real effective exchange rates\*

FX adjusted for relative inflation changes vs. 10-year average



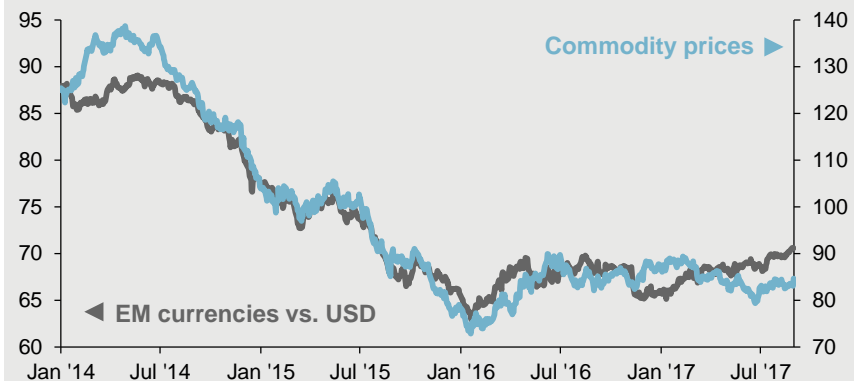
## Developed markets

Short rates (bps) and FX



## Emerging markets

Commodity prices and FX



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left and bottom right) J.P. Morgan Global Economic Research; (Top right) FactSet, Tullett Prebon; (Bottom right) Bloomberg.

\*Real effective exchange rates (REERs) compare the value of a currency to a weighted basket of several foreign currencies. They are deflated using a producer price index, except for Indonesia, which uses a consumer price index. EM currencies is the J.P. Morgan Emerging Market Currencies Index. Commodity prices is the Bloomberg Commodity Price Index.

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	U.S. Large Cap	EAFE	EME	Bonds	Corp. HY	Munis	Currency.	EMD	Cmdty.	REITs	Hedge funds	Private equity	Ann. Volatility
U.S. Large Cap	1.00	0.89	0.79	-0.29	0.75	-0.10	-0.45	0.62	0.53	0.79	0.82	0.84	16%
EAFE		1.00	0.91	-0.13	0.80	0.02	-0.64	0.73	0.60	0.68	0.86	0.82	20%
EME			1.00	-0.01	0.88	0.12	-0.68	0.85	0.67	0.59	0.86	0.78	24%
Bonds				1.00	-0.06	0.80	-0.23	0.26	-0.11	0.00	-0.19	-0.25	3%
Corp. HY					1.00	0.11	-0.51	0.88	0.66	0.67	0.82	0.72	12%
Munis						1.00	-0.22	0.45	-0.09	0.07	0.01	-0.13	4%
Currencies							1.00	-0.62	-0.62	-0.40	-0.47	-0.55	8%
EMD								1.00	0.59	0.60	0.71	0.62	8%
Commodities									1.00	0.40	0.72	0.71	21%
REITs										1.00	0.56	0.66	25%
Hedge funds											1.00	0.86	7%
Private equity												1.00	11%

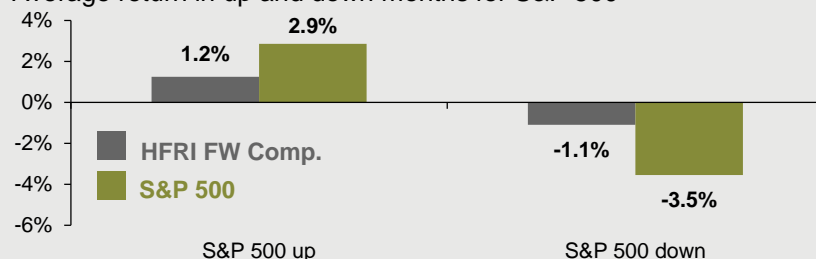
Source: Barclays Inc., Bloomberg, Cambridge Associates, Credit Suisse/Tremont, FactSet, Federal Reserve, MSCI, NCREIF, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Indexes used – Large Cap: S&P 500 Index; Currencies: Federal Reserve Trade Weighted Dollar; EAFE: MSCI EAFE; EME: MSCI Emerging Markets; Bonds: Barclays Aggregate; Corp HY: Barclays Corporate High Yield; EMD: Barclays Emerging Market; Cmdty.: Bloomberg Commodity Index; Real Estate: NAREIT ODCE Index; Hedge Funds: CS/Tremont Hedge Fund Index; Private equity: Cambridge Associates Global Buyout & Growth Index. Private equity data are reported on a two quarter lag. All correlation coefficients and annualized volatility calculated based on quarterly total return data for period 6/30/07 to 6/30/17. This chart is for illustrative purposes only.  
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2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YTD	2002 - 2016	
																Ann.	Vol.
Global Bond 16.5%	Large Cap 28.7%	Event Driven 14.2%	Equity L/S 10.0%	Large Cap 15.8%	Macro 11.4%	Global Bond 4.8%	Large Cap 26.5%	Large Cap 15.1%	Global Bond 5.6%	Large Cap 16.0%	Large Cap 32.4%	Large Cap 13.7%	Market Neutral 4.5%	Large Cap 12.0%	Large Cap 11.6%	Large Cap 6.7%	Large Cap 15.9%
Macro 5.5%	Event Driven 23.0%	Large Cap 10.9%	HFRI FW Comp. 9.1%	Event Driven 15.2%	Equity L/S 11.4%	Macro 4.7%	Relative Value 23.0%	Relative Value 12.5%	Large Cap 2.1%	Relative Value 9.7%	Equity L/S 14.5%	Macro 5.8%	Large Cap 1.4%	Event Driven 10.6%	Equity L/S 7.5%	Event Driven 6.4%	Equity L/S 9.9%
Relative Value 5.3%	Macro 21.5%	HFRI FW Comp. 9.3%	Event Driven 8.6%	HFRI FW Comp. 13.3%	HFRI FW Comp. 11.0%	Market Neutral -3.0%	Equity L/S 22.3%	Event Driven 11.5%	Relative Value 0.8%	Event Driven 6.5%	Event Driven 13.4%	Relative Value 5.3%	Macro 0.4%	Relative Value 7.7%	Global Bond 6.2%	Relative Value 6.0%	Event Driven 8.6%
Market Neutral 0.9%	HFRI FW Comp. 17.1%	Global Bond 9.3%	Market Neutral 6.1%	Equity L/S 12.8%	Relative Value 10.0%	Relative Value -17.3%	Event Driven 20.3%	Equity L/S 8.9%	Event Driven -0.5%	Equity L/S 4.7%	HFRI FW Comp. 9.6%	HFRI FW Comp. 4.3%	Relative Value 0.2%	Equity L/S 5.5%	Event Driven 4.8%	HFRI FW Comp. 5.4%	HFRI FW Comp. 7.4%
HFRI FW Comp. 0.4%	Equity L/S 16.9%	Equity L/S 7.9%	Macro 6.1%	Relative Value 12.2%	Global Bond 9.5%	HFRI FW Comp. -18.7%	HFRI FW Comp. 18.6%	HFRI FW Comp. 8.5%	Macro -0.7%	HFRI FW Comp. 4.4%	Relative Value 7.5%	Equity L/S 3.6%	Equity L/S -0.2%	HFRI FW Comp. 5.4%	HFRI FW Comp. 4.7%	Macro 5.0%	Global Bond 6.3%
Equity L/S -1.7%	Global Bond 12.5%	Macro 7.5%	Relative Value 5.3%	Macro 8.2%	Event Driven 8.7%	Event Driven -20.8%	Global Bond 6.9%	Global Bond 5.5%	Market Neutral -1.5%	Global Bond 4.3%	Market Neutral 6.4%	Market Neutral 3.2%	HFRI FW Comp. -0.2%	Market Neutral 2.2%	Relative Value 3.4%	Equity L/S 4.9%	Relative Value 6.2%
Event Driven -3.1%	Relative Value 9.1%	Relative Value 6.1%	Large Cap 4.9%	Market Neutral 7.0%	Market Neutral 5.7%	Equity L/S -26.4%	Macro 6.9%	Macro 3.2%	HFRI FW Comp. -2.0%	Market Neutral 3.1%	Macro 0.1%	Event Driven 2.6%	Event Driven -2.8%	Global Bond 2.1%	Market Neutral 1.6%	Global Bond 4.8%	Macro 5.1%
Large Cap -22.1%	Market Neutral 3.3%	Market Neutral 3.4%	Global Bond -4.5%	Global Bond 6.6%	Large Cap 5.5%	Large Cap -37.0%	Market Neutral -1.7%	Market Neutral 2.5%	Equity L/S -4.3%	Macro -1.3%	Global Bond -2.6%	Global Bond 0.6%	Global Bond -3.2%	Macro 1.0%	Macro -0.1%	Market Neutral 2.7%	Market Neutral 2.7%

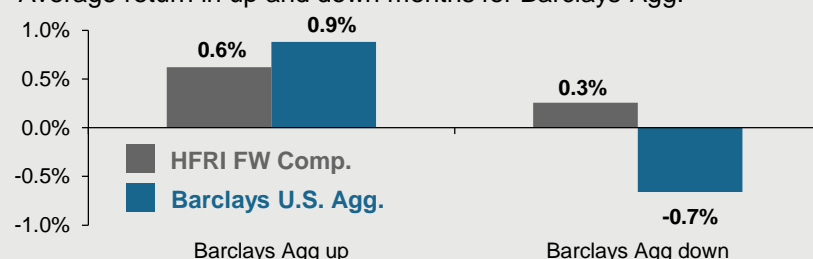
## Hedge fund returns in different market environments

Average return in up and down months for S&P 500



## Hedge fund returns in different market environments

Average return in up and down months for Barclays Agg.

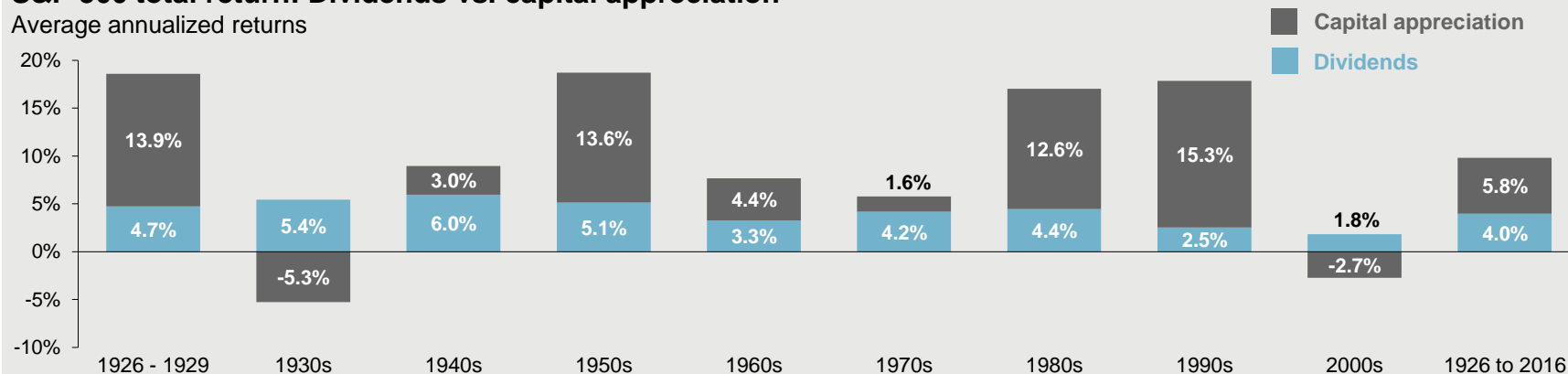
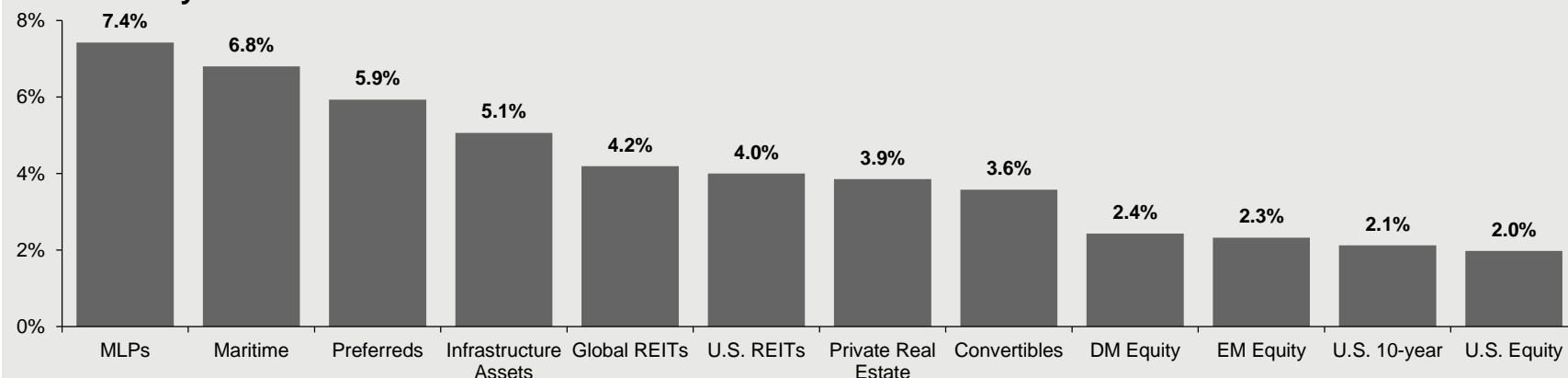


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Large Cap equities is represented by the S&P 500. Returns in different market environments are based on monthly returns over the past 15 years through July 31, 2017, due to data availability.  
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**S&P 500 total return: Dividends vs. capital appreciation**

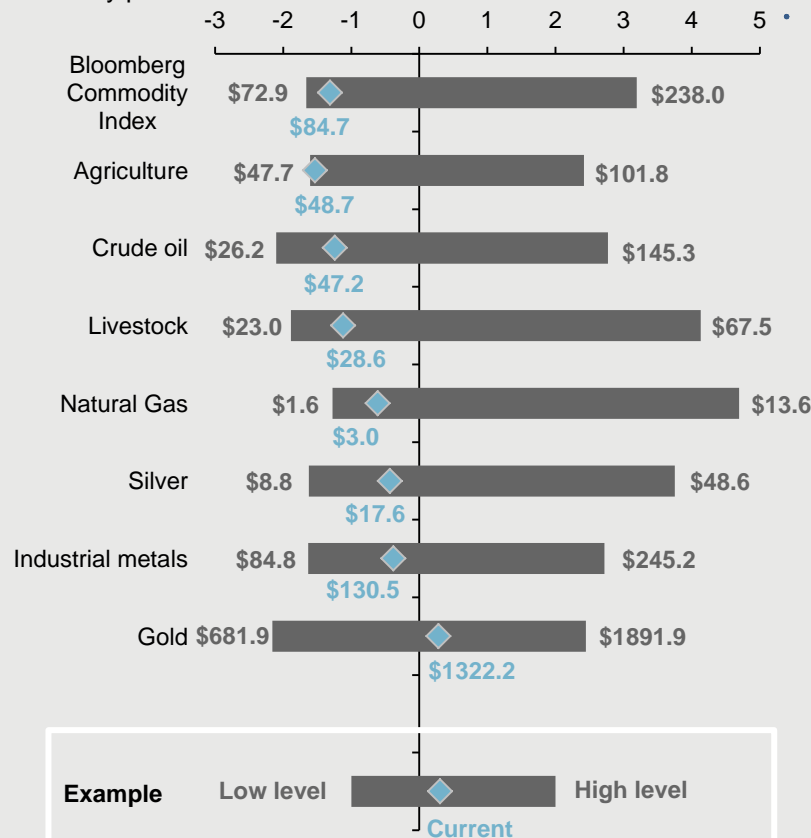
Average annualized returns

**Asset class yields**

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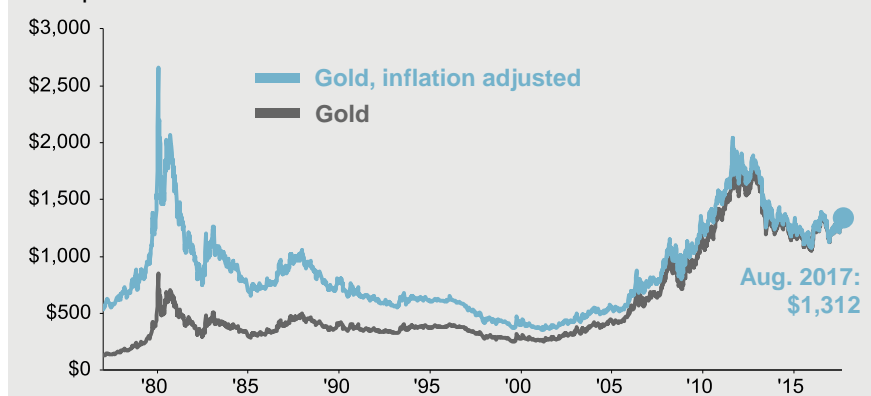
## Commodity prices

Commodity price z-scores



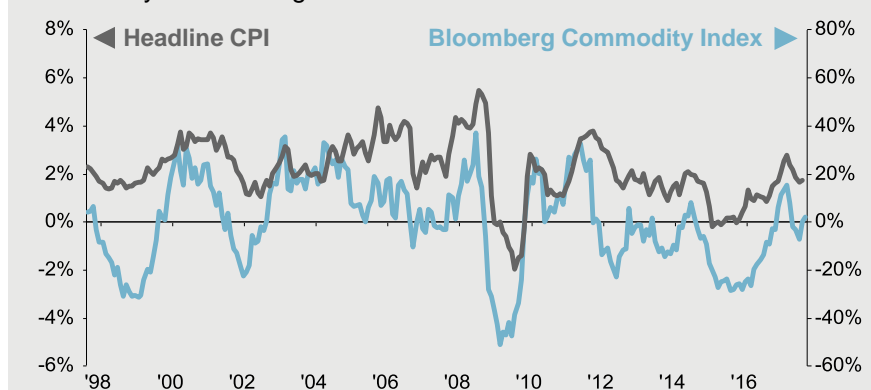
## Gold prices

USD per ounce



## Commodity prices and inflation

Year-over-year % change



Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Bloomberg, CME; (Top right) BLS, CME; (Bottom right) Bloomberg, BLS. Commodity prices are represented by the appropriate Bloomberg Commodity sub-index. Crude oil shown is Brent crude. Other commodity prices are represented by futures contracts. Z-scores are calculated using daily prices over the past 10 years. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of August 31, 2017.

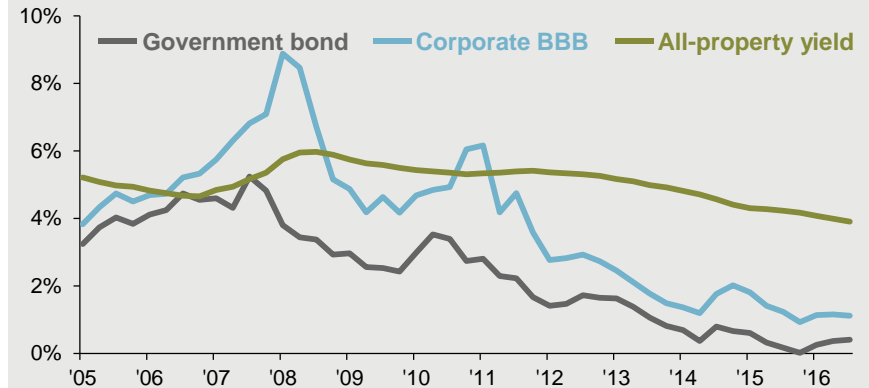
## U.S. real estate net operating income growth

Year-over-year NPI-ODCE Index NOI growth



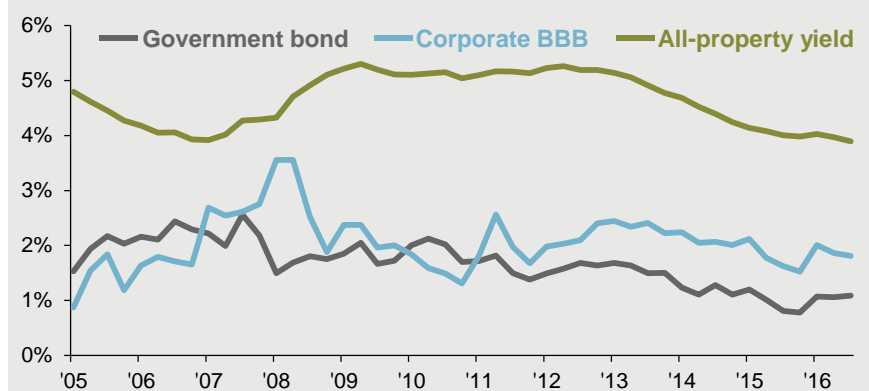
## Europe real estate property yield spreads

Property yields vs. government bonds vs. BBB-rated bonds



## Asia Pacific real estate property yield spreads

Property yields vs. government bonds vs. BBB-rated bonds

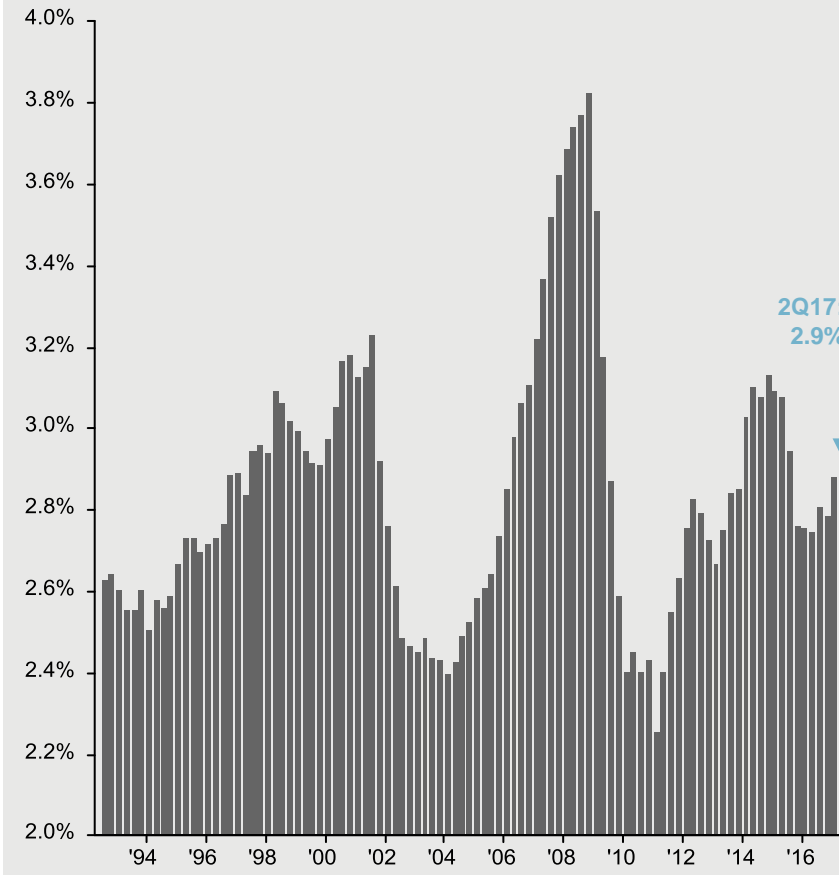


Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) U.S. real estate: NPI-ODCE NOI Growth; (Top right) Europe real estate: CBRE EU-15 prime index; (Bottom right) Asia Pacific real estate: Barclays. All property yields (market value weighted blend of Sydney CBD and Melbourne CBD average equivalent prime yield (NLA) and Tokyo CBD 5-Kus market yield (GFA), in JPY), government bonds and BBB-rated bonds for Asia Pacific are yield to worst.

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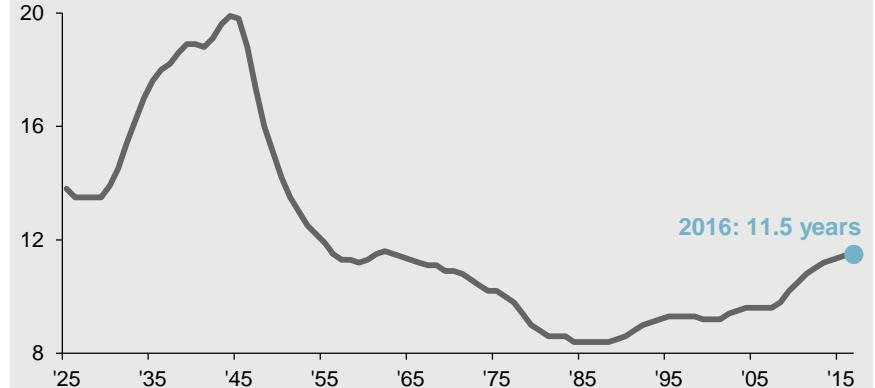
## Investment in structures

Percent of nominal GDP



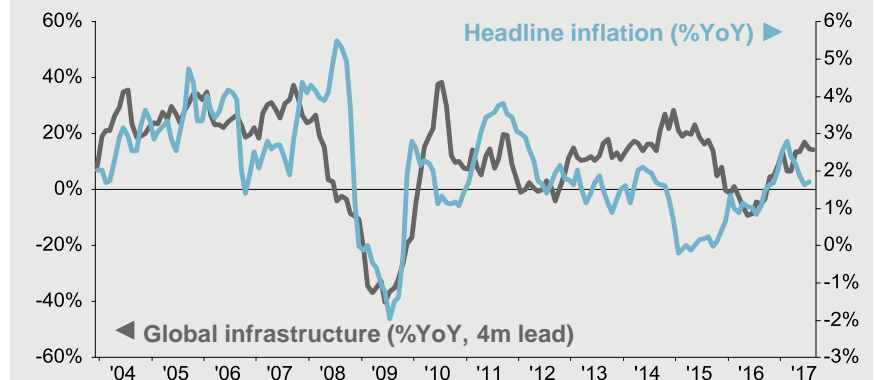
## Average age of private fixed assets

Historical-cost basis, years



## Infrastructure and inflation

Total return, year-over-year % change



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# Asset class returns

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2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YTD	Ann.	Vol.	
Comdty. 25.9%	EM Equity 56.3%	REITs 31.6%	EM Equity 34.5%	REITs 35.1%	EM Equity 39.8%	Fixed Income 5.2%	EM Equity 79.0%	REITs 27.9%	REITs 8.3%	REITs 19.7%	Small Cap 38.8%	REITs 28.0%	REITs 2.8%	Small Cap 21.3%	EM Equity 28.6%	REITs 10.8%	EM Equity 23.8%	
Fixed Income 10.3%	Small Cap 47.3%	EM Equity 26.0%	Comdty. 21.4%	EM Equity 32.6%	Comdty. 16.2%	Cash 1.8%	High Yield 59.4%	Small Cap 26.9%	Fixed Income 7.8%	High Yield 19.6%	Large Cap 32.4%	Large Cap 13.7%	Large Cap 1.4%	High Yield 14.3%	DM Equity 17.5%	EM Equity 9.8%	REITs 22.6%	
High Yield 4.1%	DM Equity 39.2%	DM Equity 20.7%	DM Equity 14.0%	DM Equity 26.9%	DM Equity 11.6%	Asset Alloc. -25.4%	DM Equity 32.5%	EM Equity 19.2%	High Yield 3.1%	EM Equity 18.6%	DM Equity 23.3%	Fixed Income 6.0%	Fixed Income 0.5%	Large Cap 12.0%	Large Cap 11.9%	High Yield 9.2%	Small Cap 20.1%	
REITs 3.8%	REITs 37.1%	Small Cap 18.3%	REITs 12.2%	Small Cap 18.4%	Asset Alloc. 7.1%	High Yield -26.9%	REITs 28.0%	Comdty. 16.8%	Large Cap 2.1%	DM Equity 17.9%	Asset Alloc. 14.9%	Asset Alloc. 5.2%	Cash 0.0%	Comdty. 11.8%	Asset Alloc. 9.1%	Small Cap 8.5%	DM Equity 19.2%	
Cash 1.7%	High Yield 32.4%	High Yield 13.2%	Asset Alloc. 8.1%	Large Cap 15.8%	Fixed Income 7.0%	Small Cap -33.8%	Small Cap 27.2%	Large Cap 15.1%	Cash 0.1%	Small Cap 16.3%	High Yield 7.3%	Small Cap 4.9%	DM Equity -0.4%	EM Equity 11.6%	High Yield 8.7%	Asset Alloc. 6.9%	Comdty. 19.0%	
Asset Alloc. -5.9%	Large Cap 28.7%	Asset Alloc. 12.8%	Large Cap 4.9%	Asset Alloc. 15.3%	Large Cap 5.5%	Comdty. -35.6%	Large Cap 26.5%	High Yield 14.8%	Asset Alloc. -0.7%	Large Cap 16.0%	REITs 2.9%	Cash 0.0%	Asset Alloc. -2.0%	REITs 8.6%	REITs 6.9%	Large Cap 6.7%	Large Cap 15.9%	
EM Equity -6.0%	Asset Alloc. 26.3%	Large Cap 10.9%	Small Cap 4.6%	High Yield 13.7%	Cash 4.8%	Large Cap -37.0%	Asset Alloc. 25.0%	Asset Alloc. 13.3%	Small Cap -4.2%	Asset Alloc. 12.2%	Cash 0.0%	High Yield 0.0%	High Yield -2.7%	Asset Alloc. 8.3%	Small Cap 4.4%	DM Equity 5.7%	High Yield 11.7%	
DM Equity -15.7%	Comdty. 23.9%	Comdty. 9.1%	High Yield 3.6%	Cash 4.8%	High Yield 3.2%	REITs -37.7%	Comdty. 18.9%	DM Equity 8.2%	DM Equity -11.7%	Fixed Income 4.2%	Fixed Income -2.0%	EM Equity -1.8%	Small Cap -4.4%	Fixed Income 2.6%	Fixed Income 3.6%	Fixed Income 4.6%	Asset Alloc. 11.0%	
Small Cap -20.5%	Fixed Income 4.1%	Fixed Income 4.3%	Cash 3.0%	Fixed Income 4.3%	Small Cap -1.6%	DM Equity -43.1%	Fixed Income 5.9%	Fixed Income 6.5%	Comdty. -13.3%	Cash 0.1%	EM Equity -2.3%	DM Equity -4.5%	EM Equity -14.6%	DM Equity 1.5%	Cash 0.5%	Cash 1.3%	Fixed Income 3.5%	
Large Cap -22.1%	Cash 1.0%	Cash 1.2%	Fixed Income 2.4%	Comdty. 2.1%	REITs -15.7%	EM Equity -53.2%	Cash 0.1%	Cash 0.1%	EM Equity -18.2%	Comdty. -1.1%	Comdty. -9.5%	Comdty. -17.0%	Comdty. -24.7%	Cash 0.3%	Comdty. -2.7%	Comdty. 1.2%	Cash 0.8%	

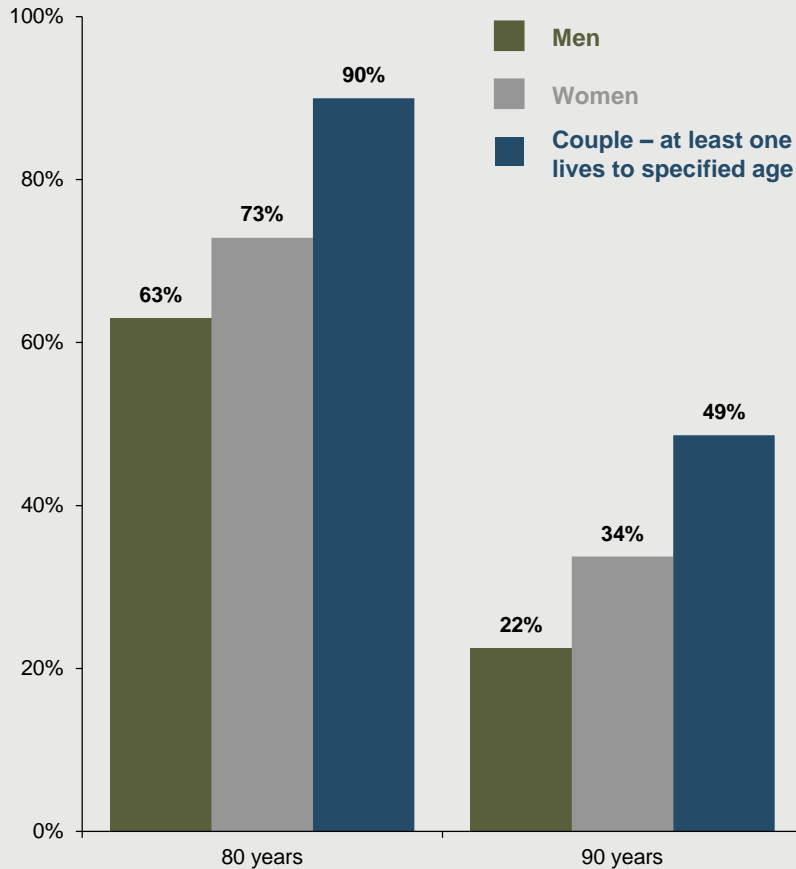
Source: Barclays, Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI, NAREIT, Russell, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Large cap: S&P 500, Small cap: Russell 2000, EM Equity: MSCI EME, DM Equity: MSCI EAFE, Comdty: Bloomberg Commodity Index, High Yield: Barclays Global HY Index, Fixed Income: Barclays US Aggregate, REITs: NAREIT Equity REIT Index. The "Asset Allocation" portfolio assumes the following weights: 25% in the S&P 500, 10% in the Russell 2000, 15% in the MSCI EAFE, 5% in the MSCI EME, 25% in the Barclays US Aggregate, 5% in the Barclays 1-3m Treasury, 5% in the Barclays Global High Yield Index, 5% in the Bloomberg Commodity Index and 5% in the NAREIT Equity REIT Index. Balanced portfolio assumes annual rebalancing. Annualized (Ann.) return and volatility (Vol.) represents period of 12/31/01 – 12/31/16. Please see disclosure page at end for index definitions. All data represents total return for stated period. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

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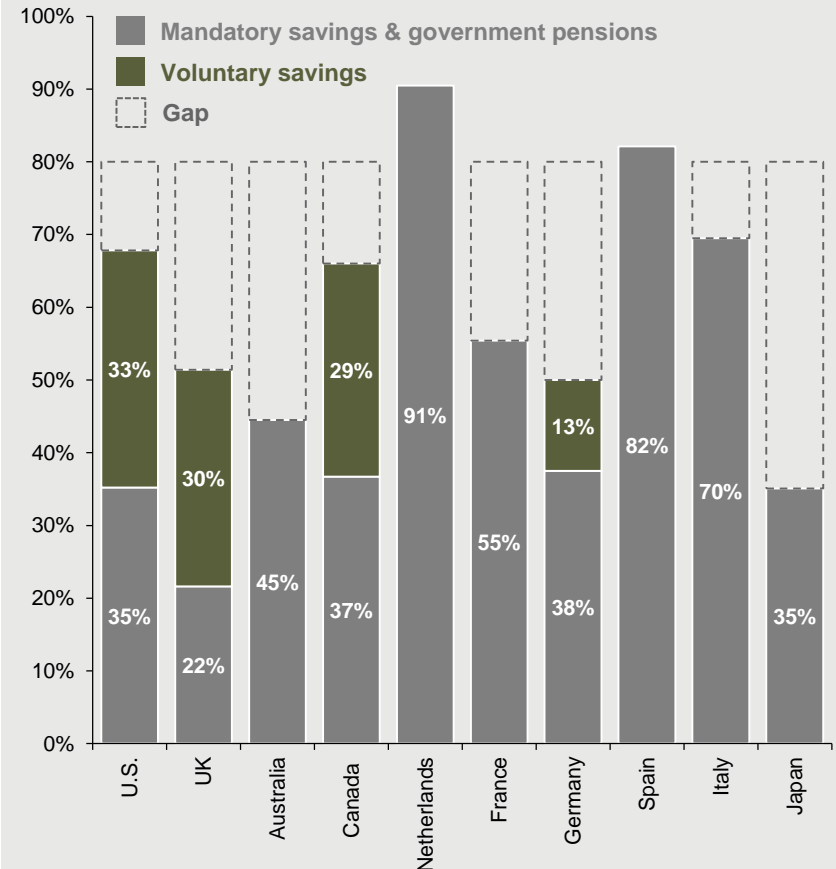
## Probability of reaching ages 80 and 90

Persons aged 65, by gender, and combined couple



## Mandatory and voluntary savings by country

Contribution to pre-retirement income replacement goal of 80%

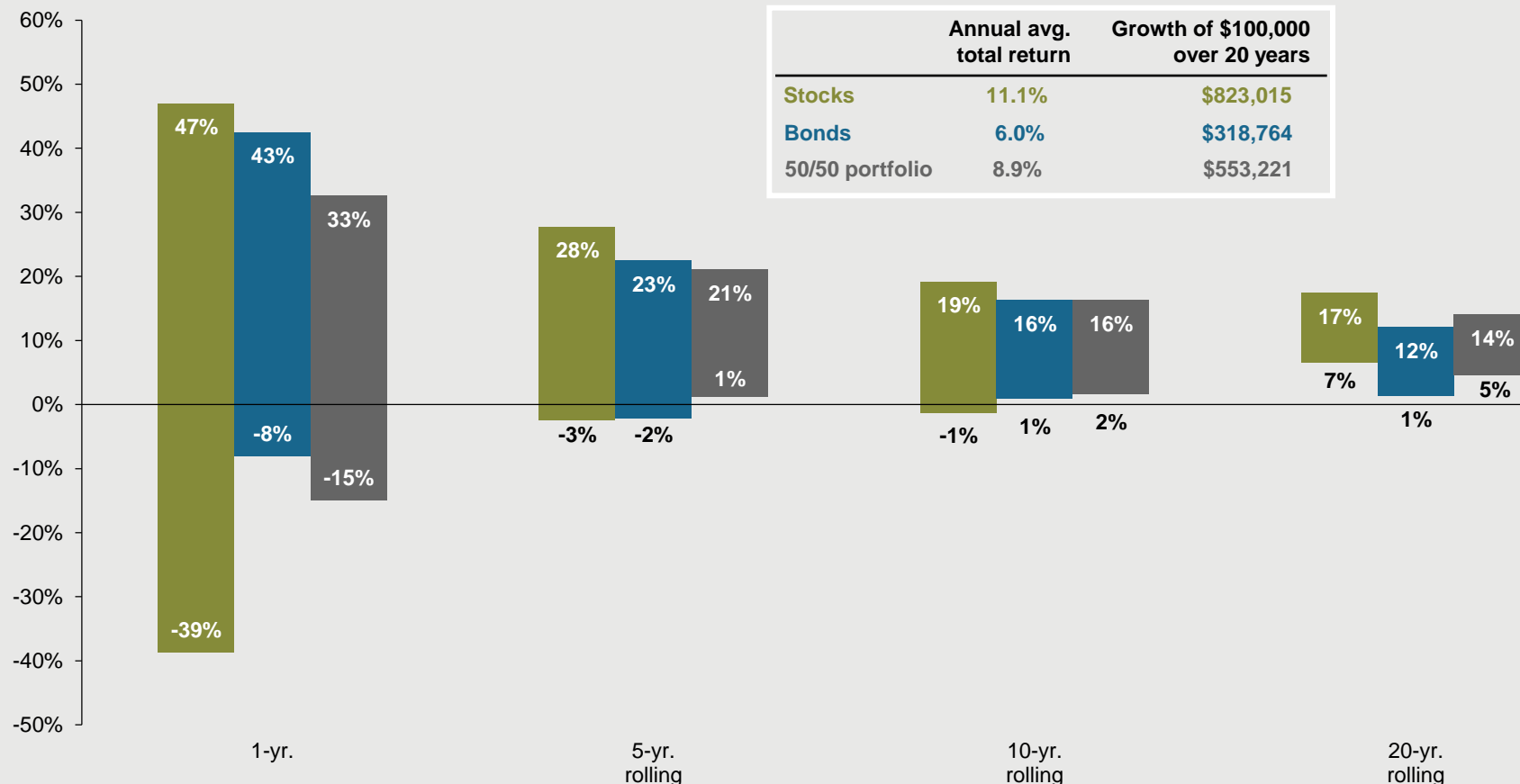


Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) SSA 2014 Life Tables; (Right) OECD Pensions at a Glance 2015.

Mandatory savings & government pensions is the total public pension or forced savings in defined contribution plans; Voluntary savings is defined contribution savings by employers and employees; Gap is the savings shortfall assuming a desired pre-retirement income replacement rate of 80%. Pre-retirement income replacement is calculated for the average earning worker who is assumed to have worked a full career, defined as entering the labor market at age 20 and working until the normal pension age within each country. *Guide to the Markets – U.S.* Data are as of August 31, 2017.

## Range of stock, bond and blended total returns

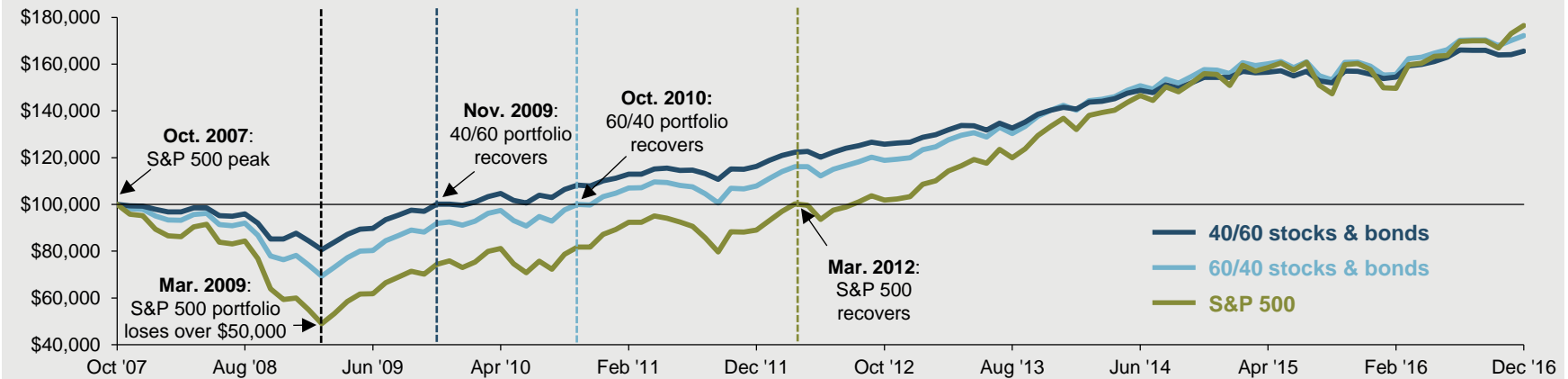
Annual total returns, 1950-2016



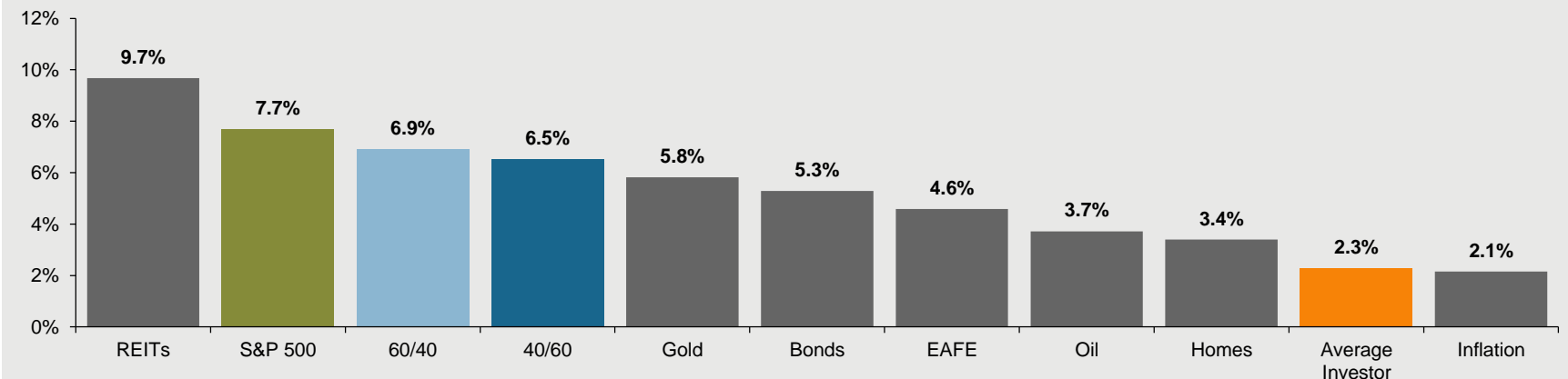
Source: Barclays, FactSet, Federal Reserve, Robert Shiller, Strategas/Ibbotson, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns shown are based on calendar year returns from 1950 to 2016. Stocks represent the S&P 500 Shiller Composite and Bonds represent Strategas/Ibbotson for periods from 1950 to 2010 and Barclays Aggregate thereafter. Growth of \$100,000 is based on annual average total returns from 1950 to 2016.

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## Portfolio returns: Equities vs. equity and fixed income blend



## 20-year annualized returns by asset class (1997 – 2016)

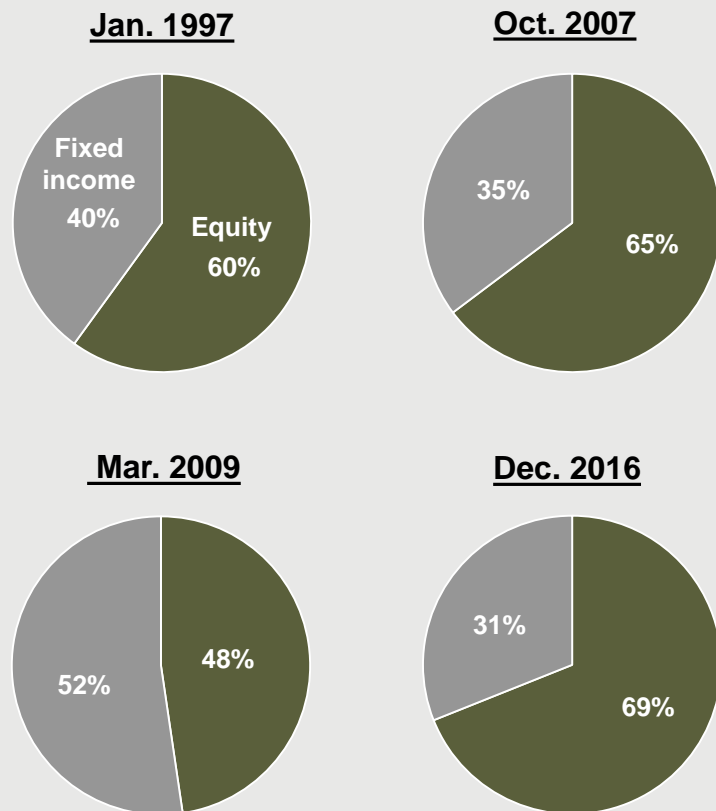


Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top) Barclays, FactSet, Standard & Poor's; (Bottom) Dalbar Inc.  
 Indexes used are as follows: REITs: NAREIT Equity REIT Index, EAFE: MSCI EAFE, Oil: WTI Index, Bonds: Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index, Homes: median sale price of existing single-family homes, Gold: USD/troy oz, Inflation: CPI. 60/40: A balanced portfolio with 60% invested in S&P 500 Index and 40% invested in high quality U.S. fixed income, represented by the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index. The portfolio is rebalanced annually. Average asset allocation investor return is based on an analysis by Dalbar Inc., which utilizes the net of aggregate mutual fund sales, redemptions and exchanges each month as a measure of investor behavior. Returns are annualized (and total return where applicable) and represent the 20-year period ending 12/31/16 to match Dalbar's most recent analysis.  
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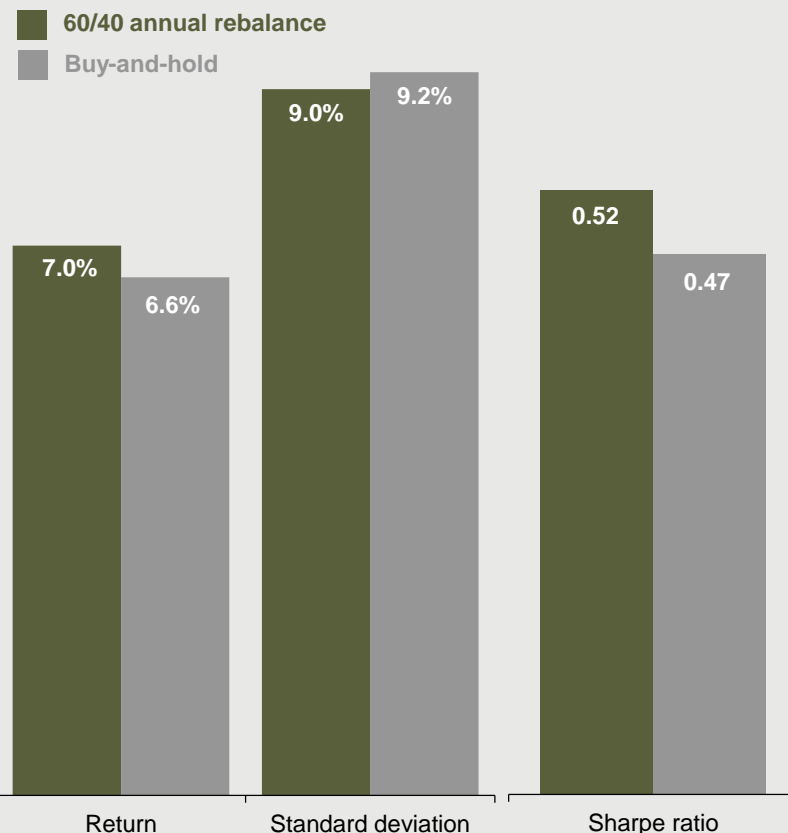
## Actual portfolio drift in a buy-and-hold portfolio

Portfolio drift of a 60% equity, 40% fixed income buy-and-hold portfolio



## Risk/return for rebalanced vs. buy-and-hold strategy\*

60% equity and 40% fixed income portfolio, 20-year holding period



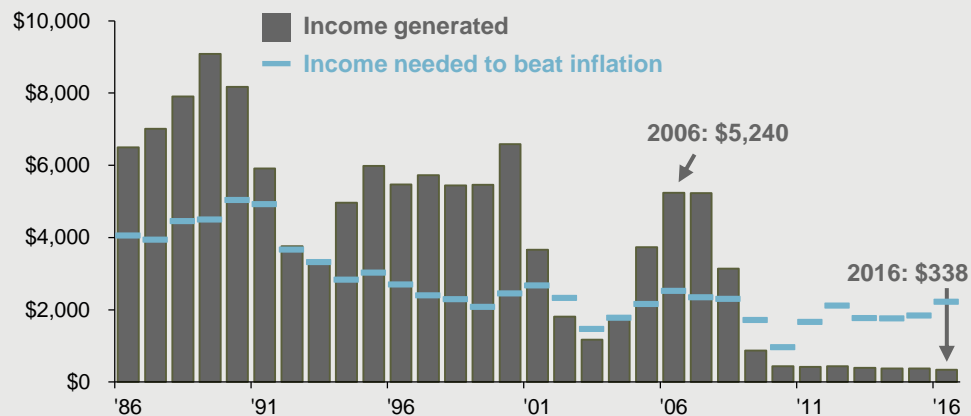
Source: Standard & Poor's, Barclays, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

\*Annual rebalance and buy-and-hold strategies are composed of S&P 500 and Barclays U.S. Aggregate total return indexes on a monthly basis.

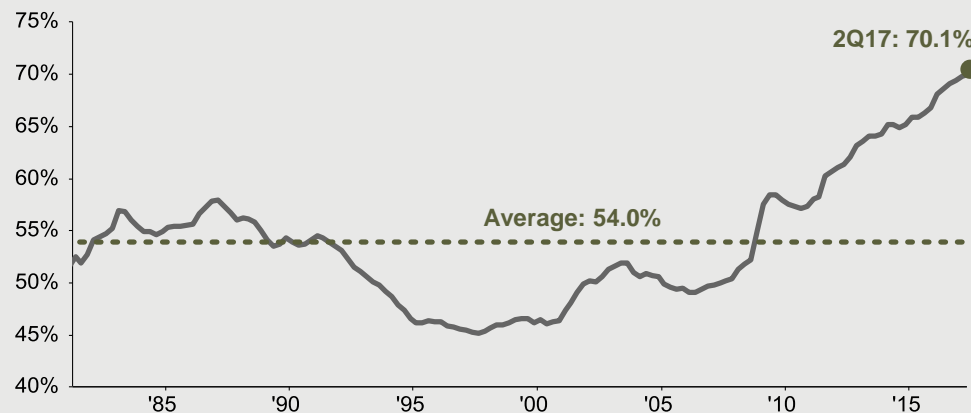
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## Annual income generated by \$100,000 investment in a 6-mo. CD



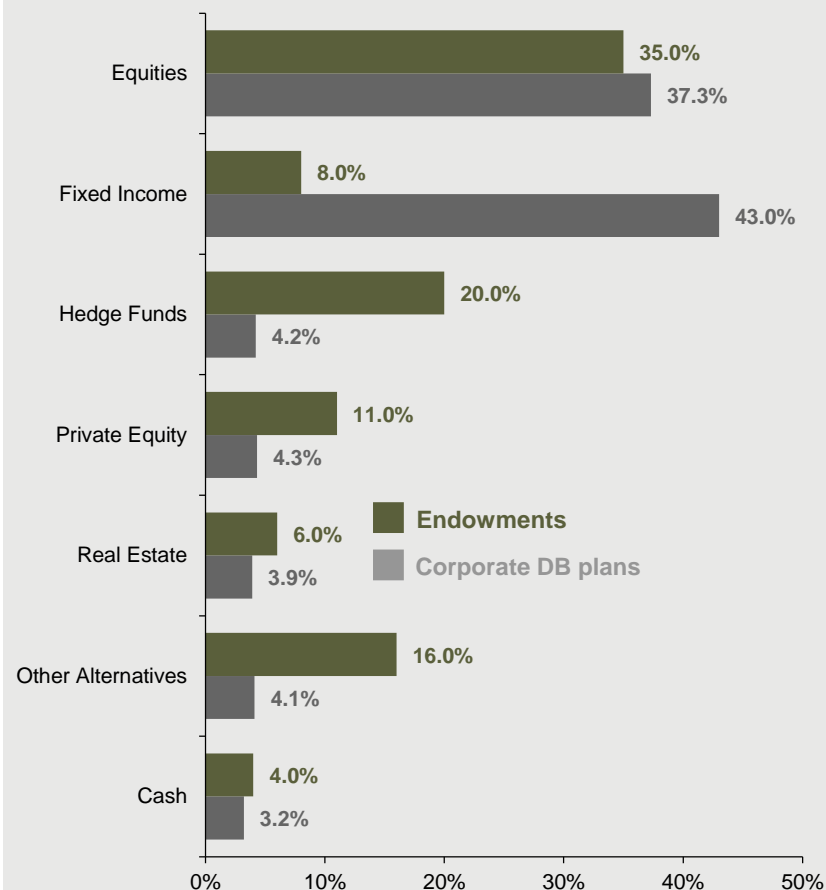
## M2 money supply as a % of nominal GDP



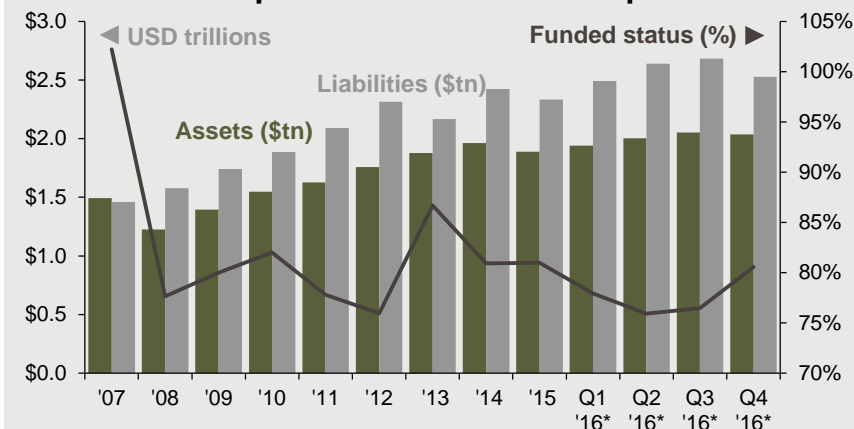
Money supply component	USD billions	Weight in money supply
<b>M2-M1</b>	<b>\$10,074</b>	<b>80.3%</b>
Retail MMMFs	\$681	5.4%
Savings deposits	\$9,029	72.0%
Small time deposits	\$364	2.9%
<b>Institutional MMMFs</b>	<b>\$1,730</b>	<b>13.8%</b>
<b>Cash in IRA &amp; Keogh accounts</b>	<b>\$735</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,539</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top left) Bankrate.com; (Bottom left and right) BEA, Federal Reserve, St. Louis Fed. All cash measures obtained from the Federal Reserve are latest available seasonally adjusted month averages. All numbers are in billions of U.S. dollars. Small-denomination time deposits are those issued in amounts of less than \$100,000. All IRA and Keogh account balances at commercial banks and thrift institutions are subtracted from small time deposits. Annual income is for illustrative purposes and is calculated based on the 6-month CD yield on average during each year and \$100,000 invested. IRA and Keogh account balances at money market mutual funds are subtracted from retail money funds. Past performance is not indicative of comparable future results. *Guide to the Markets – U.S.* Data are as of August 31, 2017.

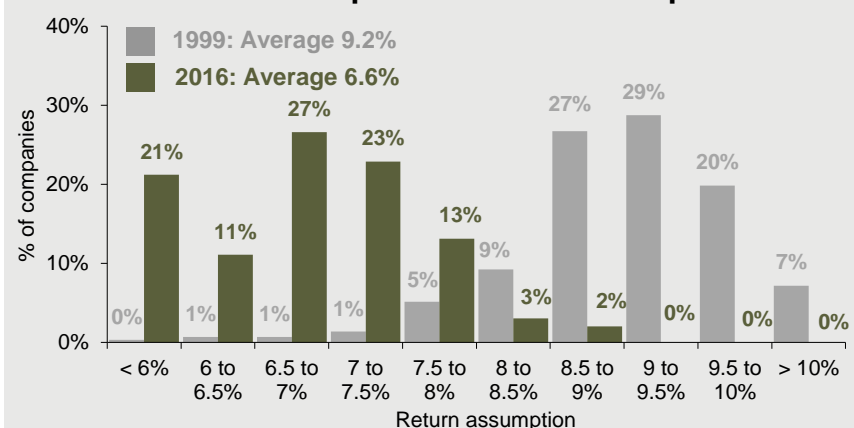
## Asset allocation: Corporate DB plans vs. endowments



## Defined benefit plans: Russell 3000 companies



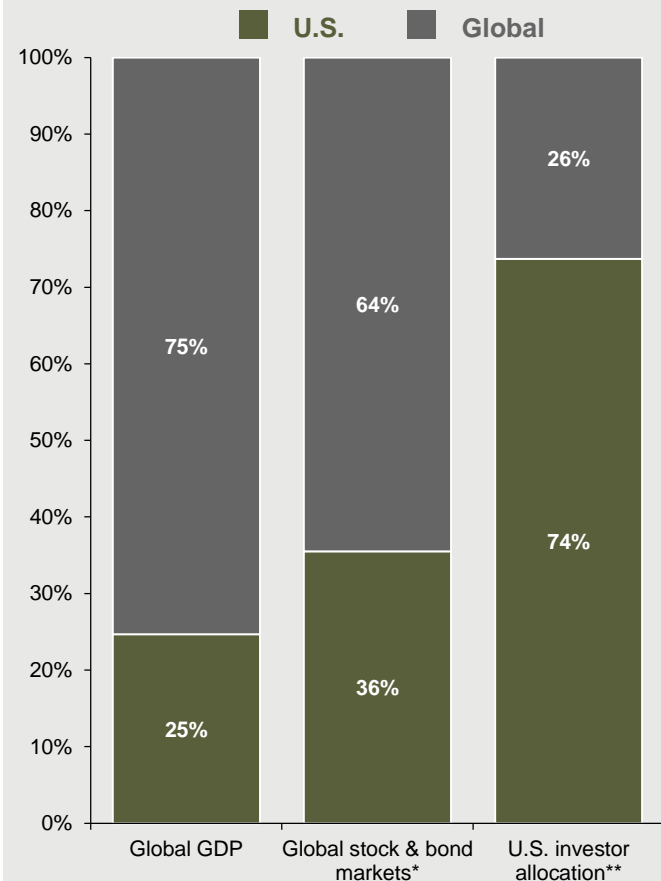
## Pension return assumptions: S&P 500 companies



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) NACUBO (National Association of College and University Business Officers), Towers Watson; (Top right) S&P Capital IQ – Russell 3000 corporate plans; (Bottom right) Compustat/FactSet, S&P 500 corporate 10-Ks. Endowment asset allocation as of 2016. Corporate DB plans asset allocation as of 2015. Endowments represents dollar-weighted average data of 805 colleges and universities. Corporate DB plans represents aggregate asset allocation of Fortune 1000 pension plans. Pension return assumptions based on all available and reported data from S&P 500 Index companies. Pension assets, liabilities and funded status based on Russell 3000 companies reporting pension data. Return assumption bands are inclusive of upper range. \*2016 estimates are based on market moves only and do not include contributions, benefit payments and service costs. All information is shown for illustrative purposes only.  
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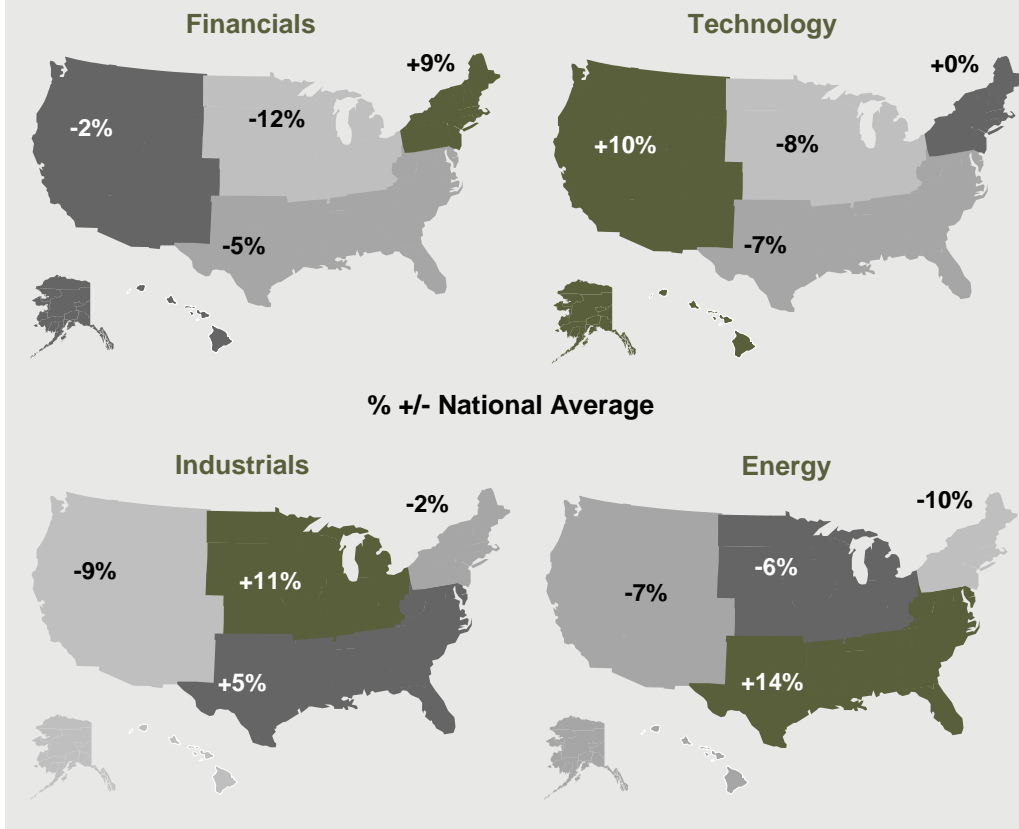
## Investment universe & U.S. investors

Percentage of total net assets, 2016



## Investor allocation by region

Likelihood of owning stocks in an industry vs. national average\*\*\*



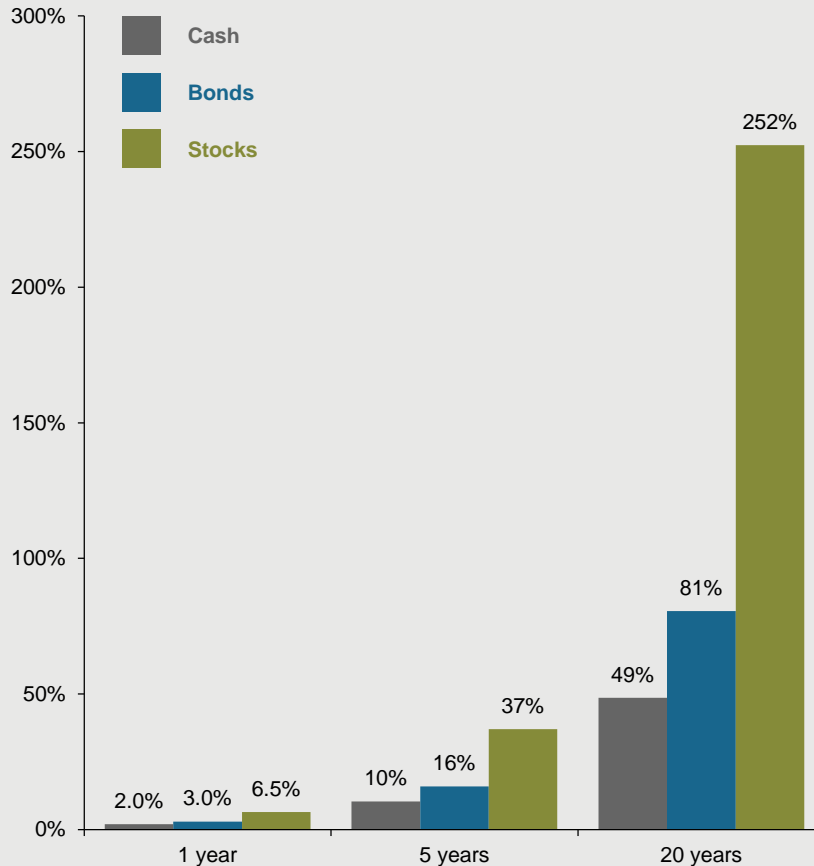
Source: Openfolio, IMF, ICI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

\*Global stock and bond markets data are as of 2013. \*\*U.S. investor allocation is the total value of investments in global or domestic equity mutual funds and ETFs as of 2014. \*\*\*Investor allocation by region is based on data collected by Openfolio. Average sector allocations at the national level are determined by looking at the sector allocations of over 20,000 brokerage accounts, and taking a simple average. Portfolio allocations are then evaluated on a regional basis, and the regional averages are compared to the national average to highlight any investor biases. Further details can be found on openfolio.com.

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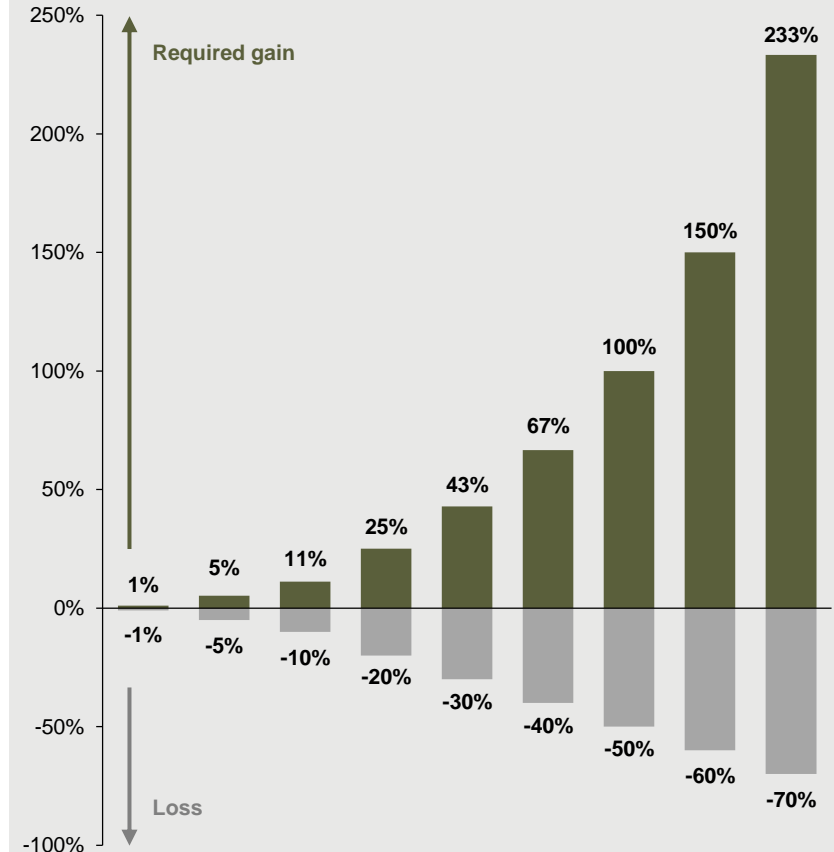
## The power of compounding

Cumulative return by holding period



## Gain required to fully recover from a loss

Loss and subsequent gain necessary for full recovery of value



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

\*Asset class growth rates are based on synthetic returns using J.P. Morgan's Long Term Capital Markets Assumptions; projected Bond return is based on assumption for U.S. aggregate bonds; projected Stock return is based on an approximation of the average return assumption among small, medium and large cap U.S. stocks.

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## Equities:

The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** is a price-weighted average of 30 actively traded blue-chip U.S. stocks.

The **MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets.

The **MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada.

The **MSCI Emerging Markets Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets.

The **MSCI Europe Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance in Europe.

The **MSCI Pacific Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the Pacific region.

The **Russell 1000 Index®** measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000.

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The **Russell 2000 Index®** measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index.

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The **Russell 3000 Index®** measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization.

The **Russell Midcap Index®** measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index.

The **Russell Midcap Growth Index®** measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth index.

The **Russell Midcap Value Index®** measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value index.

The **S&P 500 Index** is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market. The index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. The **S&P 500 Index** focuses on the large-cap segment of the market; however, since it includes a significant portion of the total value of the market, it also represents the market.

## Fixed income:

The **Barclays 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index** includes all publicly issued zero-coupon US Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of less than 3 months and more than 1 month, are rated investment grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed rate and non convertible.

The **Barclays Global High Yield Index** is a multi-currency flagship measure of the global high yield debt market. The index represents the union of the US High Yield, the Pan-European High Yield, and Emerging Markets (EM) Hard Currency High Yield Indices. The high yield and emerging markets sub-components are mutually exclusive. Until January 1, 2011, the index also included CMBS high yield securities.

The **Barclays Municipal Index** consists of a broad selection of investment-grade general obligation and revenue bonds of maturities ranging from one year to 30 years. It is an unmanaged index representative of the tax-exempt bond market.

The **Barclays US Dollar Floating Rate Note (FRN) Index** provides a measure of the U.S. dollar denominated floating rate note market.

The **Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index** is an unmanaged index consisting of publicly issued US Corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes that are rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB or higher) by at least two ratings agencies, have at least one year to final maturity and have at least \$250 million par amount outstanding. To qualify, bonds must be SEC-registered.

The **Barclays US High Yield Index** covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included.

The **Barclays US Mortgage Backed Securities Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of investment grade fixed-rate mortgage backed pass-through securities of GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC.

The **Barclays US TIPS Index** consists of Inflation-Protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.

The **J.P. Morgan Emerging Market Bond Global Index (EMBI)** includes U.S. dollar denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans and local market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities.

The **J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index** is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar domestic high yield corporate debt market.

The **J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index Broad Diversified (CEMBI Broad Diversified)** is an expansion of the **J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI)**. The CEMBI is a market capitalization weighted index consisting of U.S. dollar denominated emerging market corporate bonds.

The **J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified (EMBI Global Diversified)** tracks total returns for U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities: Brady bonds, loans, Eurobonds. The index limits the exposure of some of the larger countries.

The **J.P. Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified** tracks the performance of local currency debt issued by emerging market governments, whose debt is accessible by most of the international investor base.

The **U.S. Treasury Index** is a component of the U.S. Government index.

*Other asset classes:*

The **Alerian MLP Index** is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) that provides investors with an unbiased, comprehensive benchmark for the asset class.

The **Bloomberg Commodity Index** and related sub-indices are composed of futures contracts on physical commodities and represents twenty two separate commodities traded on U.S. exchanges, with the exception of aluminum, nickel, and zinc

The **Cambridge Associates U.S. Global Buyout and Growth Index®** is based on data compiled from 1,768 global (U.S. & ex – U.S.) buyout and growth equity funds, including fully liquidated partnerships, formed between 1986 and 2013.

The **CS/Tremont Hedge Fund Index** is compiled by Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC. It is an asset-weighted hedge fund index and includes only funds, as opposed to separate accounts. The Index uses the Credit Suisse/Tremont database, which tracks over 4500 funds, and consists only of funds with a minimum of US\$50 million under management, a 12-month track record, and audited financial statements. It is calculated and rebalanced on a monthly basis, and shown net of all performance fees and expenses. It is the exclusive property of Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC.

The **HFRI Monthly Indices (HFRI)** are equally weighted performance indexes, utilized by numerous hedge fund managers as a benchmark for their own hedge funds. The HFRI are broken down into 4 main strategies, each with multiple sub strategies. All single-manager HFRI Index constituents are included in the HFRI Fund Weighted Composite, which accounts for over 2200 funds listed on the internal HFR Database.

The **NAREIT EQUITY REIT Index** is designed to provide the most comprehensive assessment of overall industry performance, and includes all tax-qualified real estate investment trusts (REITs) that are listed on the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ National Market List.

The **NFI-ODCE**, short for NCREIF Fund Index - Open End Diversified Core Equity, is an index of investment returns reporting on both a historical and current basis the results of 33 open-end commingled funds pursuing a core investment strategy, some of which have performance histories dating back to the 1970s. The NFI-ODCE Index is capitalization-weighted and is reported gross of fees. Measurement is time-weighted.

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**Bonds** are subject to interest rate risks. Bond prices generally fall when interest rates rise.

Investments in **commodities** may have greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, particularly if the instruments involve leverage. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments. Use of leveraged commodity-linked derivatives creates an opportunity for increased return but, at the same time, creates the possibility for greater loss.

**Derivatives** may be riskier than other types of investments because they may be more sensitive to changes in economic or market conditions than other types of investments and could result in losses that significantly exceed the original investment. The use of derivatives may not be successful, resulting in investment losses, and the cost of such strategies may reduce investment returns.

**Distressed Restructuring Strategies** employ an investment process focused on corporate fixed income instruments, primarily on corporate credit instruments of companies trading at significant discounts to their value at issuance or obliged (par value) at maturity as a result of either formal bankruptcy proceeding or financial market perception of near term proceedings.

Investments in **emerging markets** can be more volatile. The normal risks of investing in foreign countries are heightened when investing in emerging markets. In addition, the small size of securities markets and the low trading volume may lead to a lack of liquidity, which leads to increased volatility. Also, emerging markets may not provide adequate legal protection for private or foreign investment or private property.

The price of **equity** securities may rise, or fall because of changes in the broad market or changes in a company's financial condition, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, sectors or industries, or the securities market as a whole, such as changes in economic or political conditions. Equity securities are subject to "stock market risk" meaning that stock prices in general may decline over short or extended periods of time.

**Equity market neutral strategies** employ sophisticated quantitative techniques of analyzing price data to ascertain information about future price movement and relationships between securities, select securities for purchase and sale. Equity Market Neutral Strategies typically maintain characteristic net equity market exposure no greater than 10% long or short.

**Global macro strategies** trade a broad range of strategies in which the investment process is predicated on movements in underlying economic variables and the impact these have on equity, fixed income, hard currency and commodity markets.

**International** investing involves a greater degree of risk and increased volatility. Changes in currency exchange rates and differences in accounting and taxation policies outside the U.S. can raise or lower returns. Some overseas markets may not be as politically and economically stable as the United States and other nations.

There is no guarantee that the use of **long and short positions** will succeed in limiting an investor's exposure to domestic stock market movements, capitalization, sector swings or other risk factors. Using long and short selling strategies may have higher portfolio turnover rates. Short selling involves certain risks, including additional costs associated with covering short positions and a possibility of unlimited loss on certain short sale positions.

**Merger arbitrage strategies** which employ an investment process primarily focused on opportunities in equity and equity related instruments of companies which are currently engaged in a corporate transaction.

**Mid-capitalization** investing typically carries more risk than investing in well-established "blue-chip" companies. Historically, mid-cap companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.

**Price to forward earnings** is a measure of the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) using forecasted earnings. **Price to book value** compares a stock's market value to its book value. **Price to cash flow** is a measure of the market's expectations of a firm's future financial health. **Price to dividends** is the ratio of the price of a share on a stock exchange to the dividends per share paid in the previous year, used as a measure of a company's potential as an investment.

**Real estate** investments may be subject to a higher degree of market risk because of concentration in a specific industry, sector or geographical sector. Real estate investments may be subject to risks including, but not limited to, declines in the value of real estate, risks related to general and economic conditions, changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the trust and defaults by borrower.

**Relative Value Strategies** maintain positions in which the investment thesis is predicated on realization of a valuation discrepancy in the relationship between multiple securities.

**Small-capitalization** investing typically carries more risk than investing in well-established "blue-chip" companies since smaller companies generally have a higher risk of failure. Historically, smaller companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.



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