

The Anatomy of a Recession: What to Look for and Where We're Headed

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Probabilities vs. Possibilities

There's a long list of risks

China hard landing Trump's policy agenda Fed tightens Dollar strengthens

Breakup of Eurozone

Japan's problems intensify

S&P earnings continue to decline

EM problems intensify

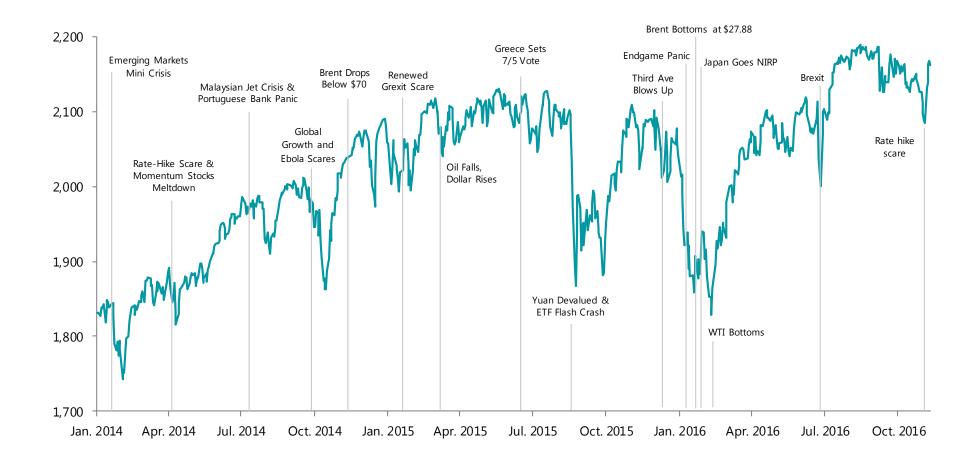
U.S. economy slows

Central bankers out of bullets

Unwinding QEs



S&P 500 & Panic Attacks



"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result." - Attributed to Albert Einstein

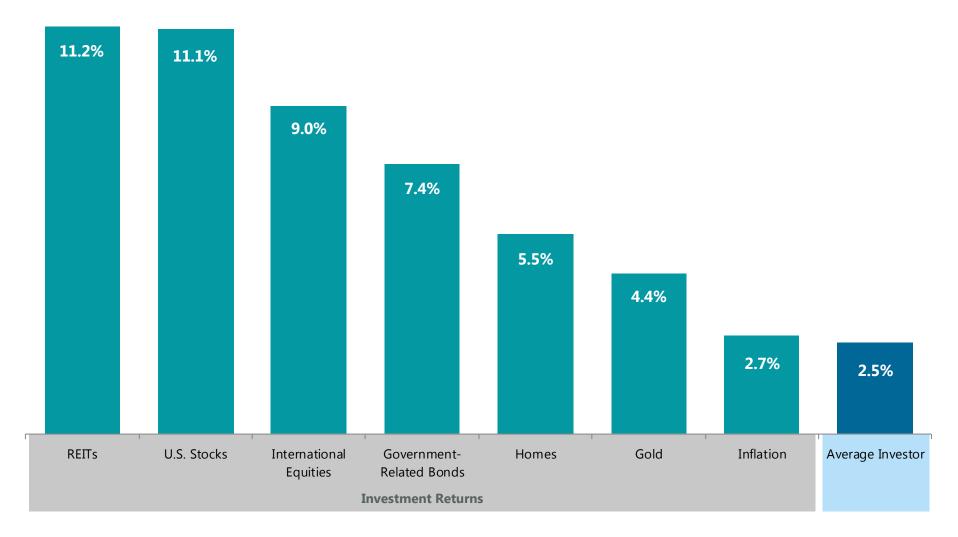


Effects of Panic Attacks on Average Investors

30-Year Annualized Returns % (1985-2014)

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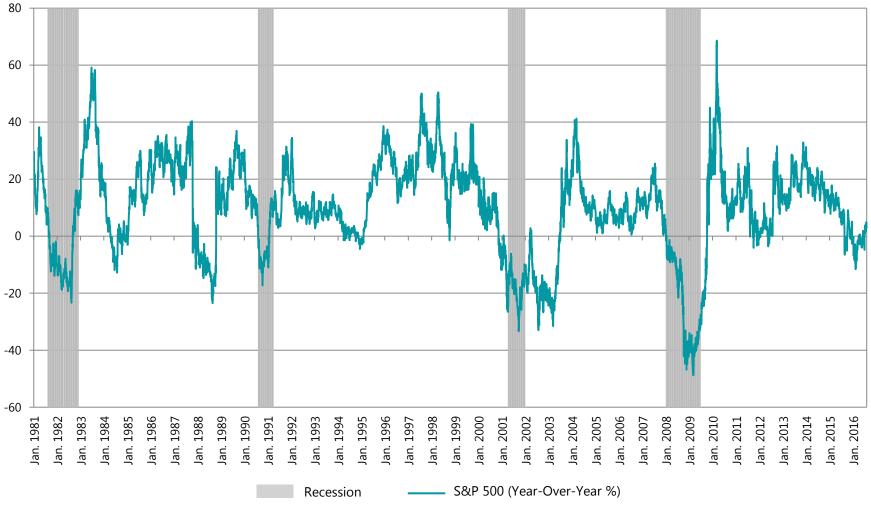
Investments



Source: Bloomberg. Dec. 31, 2014. 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. Indices shown are as follows: REITs are represented by the FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT Index. U.S. Stocks are represented by the S&P 500 Index, International Equities are represented by the MSCI EAFE Index, Government-Related Bonds are represented by the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, Homes are represented by U.S. existing home sales median price. Gold is represented by the U.S. dollar spot of one troy ounce. Inflation is represented by the Consumer Price Index. Indices are unmanaged and cannot be purchased directly by investors. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only and does not predict the performance of any investment. **Past performance does not guarantee future results**.

Noise vs. Signal

- A market crash is a drop of 20% or more that lasts longer than 12 months
- Market crashes are typically the largest and longest market drawdowns
- Over the past 35 years, only one market crash hasn't been accompanied by a recession





Source: Bloomberg.

1929 vs. 1987

The Great Depression: 1929



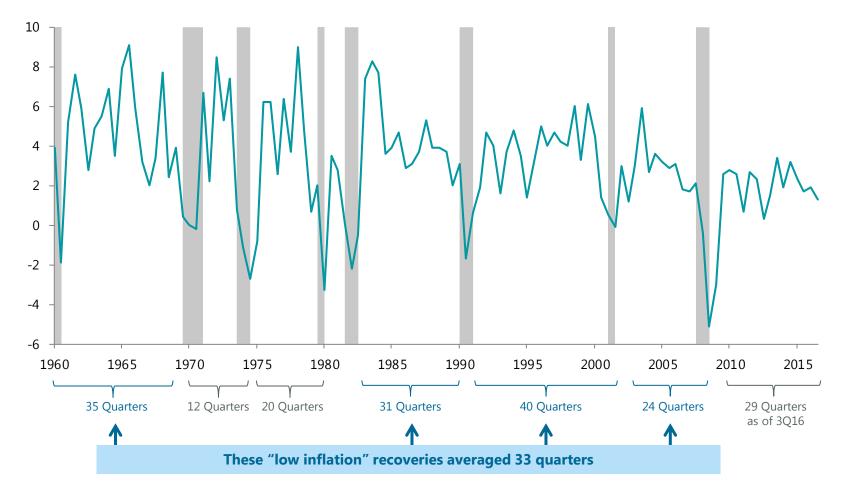
Black Monday: Truly an Outlier?





Recovery/Expansion

- Recoveries (1960-2007) averaged 27 quarters
- Low-inflation expansions tend to be longer than high-inflation expansions
- Currently recovery is still shorter than average low-inflation expansion





Data as of Sept. 30, 2016. Source: http://www.bea.gov/national/.

All About Context

PAIR:

Two corresponding persons or items, similar in form or function and matched or associated

Example: A pair of shoes



PARE:

To remove the outer covering or skin with a knife or similar instrument

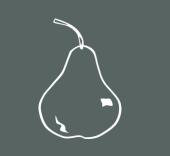
Example: Pare an apple



PEAR:

A fruit with a spherical base and a tapered top, as well as the tree that bears this fruit

> Example: Eat pears





U.S. Recession Risk Indicators

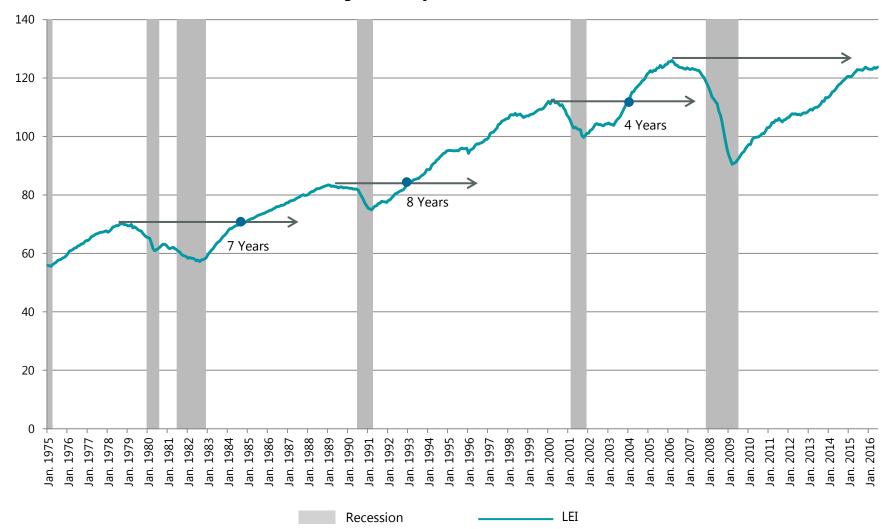
- 11 indicators have historically foreshadowed a looming recession
- Only corporate profits signal risk right now

	Recession Signal
Average Hourly Earnings (3 Mo. Avg. Y/Y%)	No
PCE Deflator (12 Mo. Avg. Y/Y%)	No
CPI Energy (12 Mo. Avg. Y/Y%)	No
10-Year Treasury and 3-Month T-Bill Spread (3 Mo. Avg.)	No
Consumer Non-Mtge. Delinquency Rate (ABA)	No
Corp Profits Fin and Nonfin % GDP (2 Yr. Avg.)	Yes
High Yield Spread	No
Housing Permits	No
Dollar Strength	No
Temporary Worker Trend	No
Four-Week Average of Initial Claims	No



LEI Suggests U.S. Recession Years Out

U.S. Leading Economic Indicators



Average of 6.33 years to the next recession

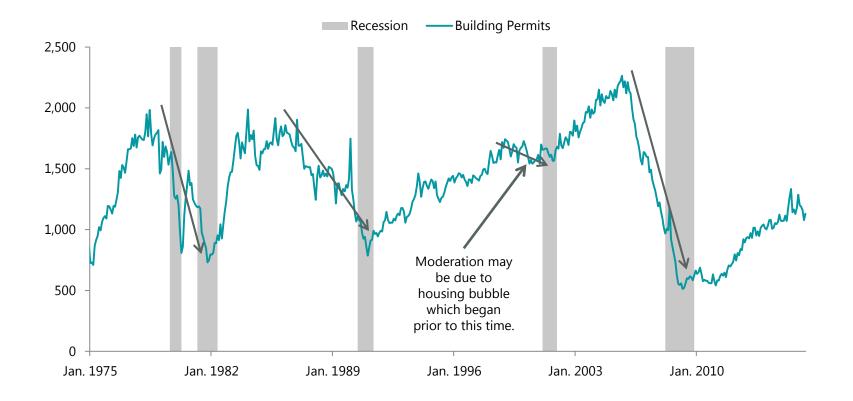


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Building Permits for New Private Housing Units

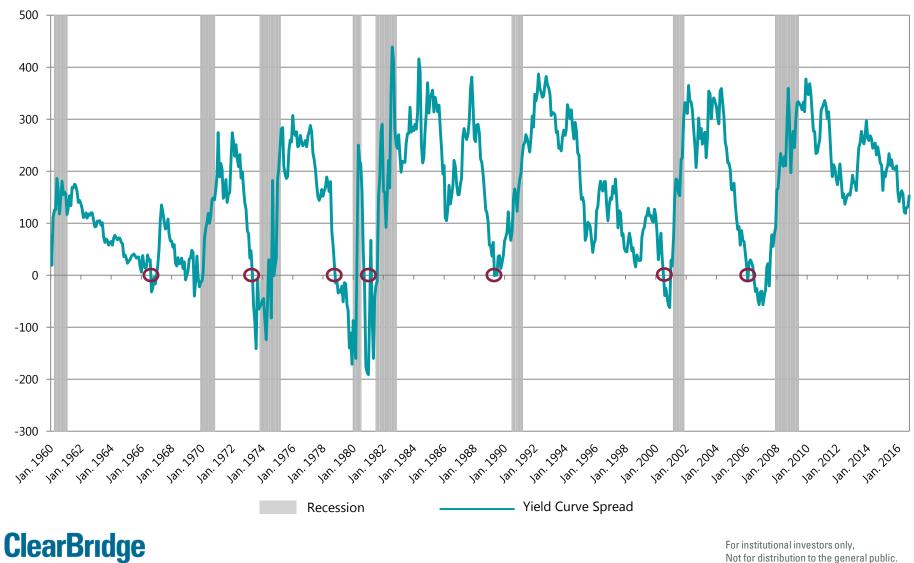
Thousands of Units



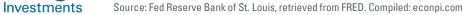


Yield Curve Spread

10-Year Treasury Bonds Minus 3-Month T Bills



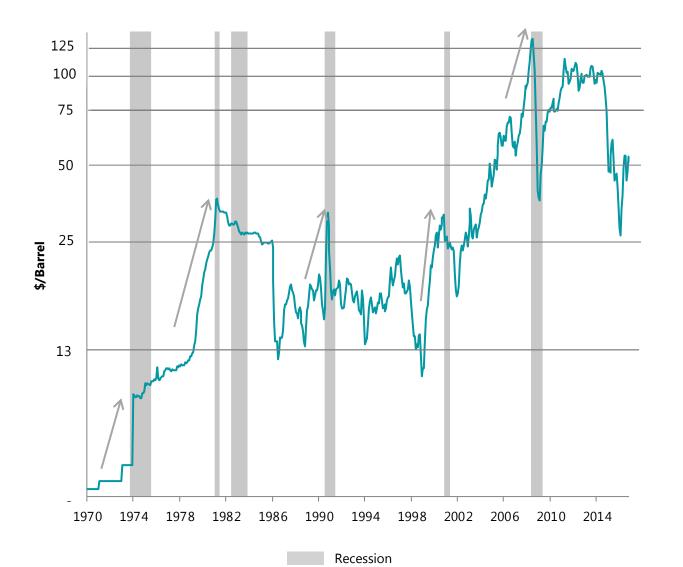
Yield curve spread less than zero (inverted) occurs prior to recessions.



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No Oil Price Spike

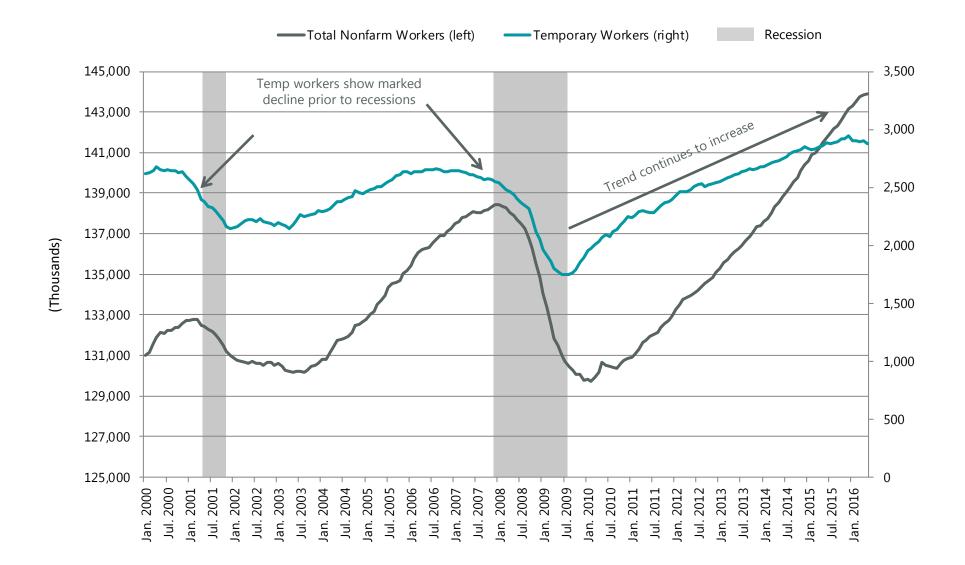
West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil



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Data as of Oct. 31, 2016. Source: Bloomberg.

Temporary Workers Employment Trend





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The Consumer is King in the U.S.

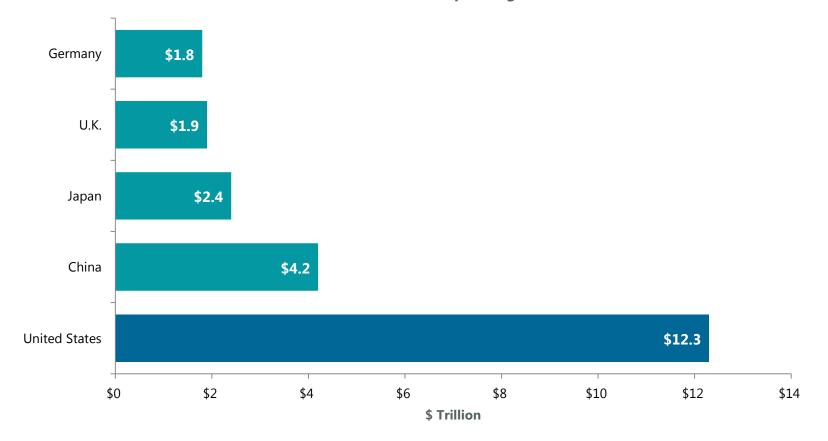




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U.S. Consumer Spending Is Largest in the World

• U.S. consumer spending is larger than the next 4 largest countries (China, Japan, U.K., Germany) combined



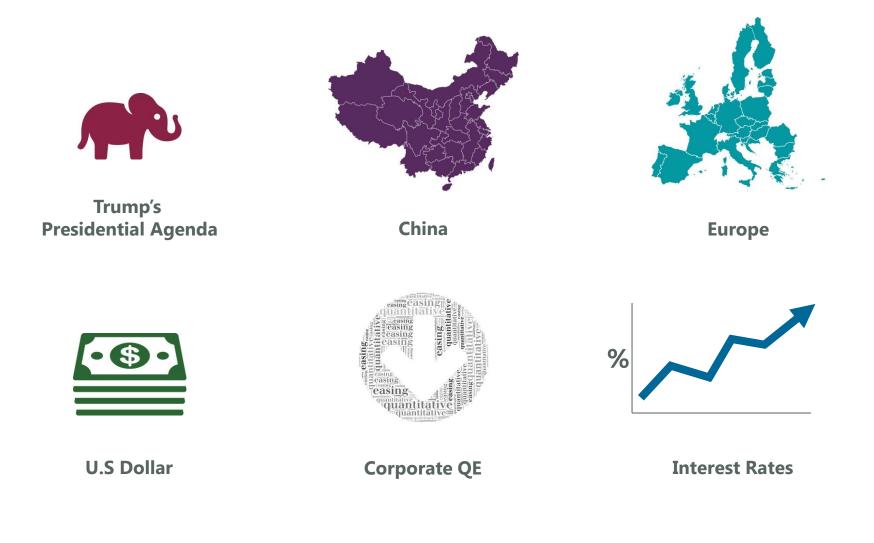
Nominal Consumer Spending 2015





One Year Outlook

Themes That Will Drive the Market Over the Next 12 Months





Market Perspective

Post-Election Sector Winners and Losers

Industrials

- Increased infrastructure spending to spur demand for construction and engineering firms
- Greater defense spending is a short-term positive for defense contractors
- Commitment to American shale revolution should spark renewed business for suppliers to energy industry

Health Care

- Worst-case drug pricing legislation off the table, eliminating major risk for biopharmaceuticals
- Repeal/reform of Affordable Care Act should expand opportunities for managed care
- · Changes at DoJ could pave way for proposed managed care mergers to be completed
- Coverage rollbacks would hurt hospitals and Medicaid managed care

Financials

- Simplified regulation should lower costs, boost loan growth for all banks
- Regional banks would benefit most from lower regulatory burden
- Higher interest rates due to better growth would benefit insurers, spread-oriented lenders

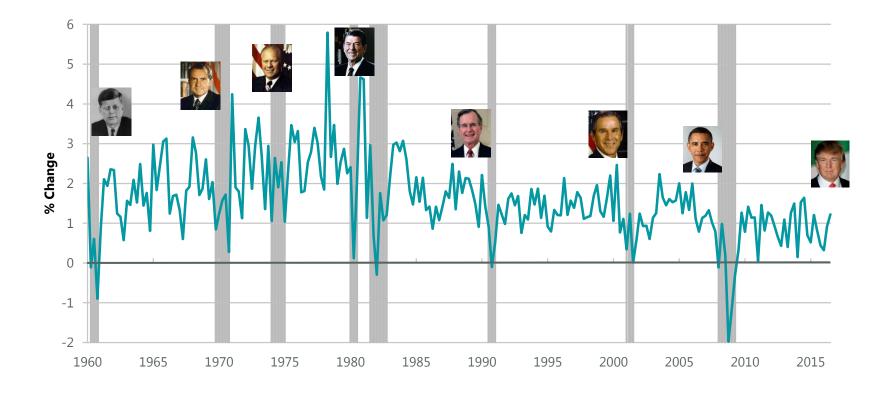
Negatives

- Trump's advocacy of fossil fuels a headwind for utilities and renewable energy producers
- Protectionist agenda impacting trade and immigration could hurt sales for multinationals in the technology and consumer sectors; IT hiring



Fresh Faces in White House Met by Recession in First Year

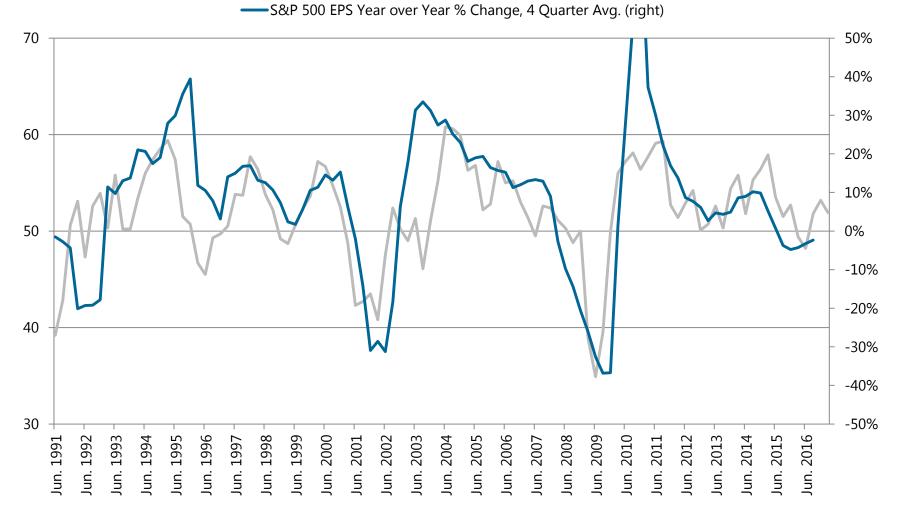
Gross Domestic Product





As of Mar. 31, 1960 through Sept. 30, 2016. Source: Morgan Creek.

Manufacturing PMI and S&P 500 EPS



— ISM Manufacturing PMI, Shifted 6 Months Forward (left)

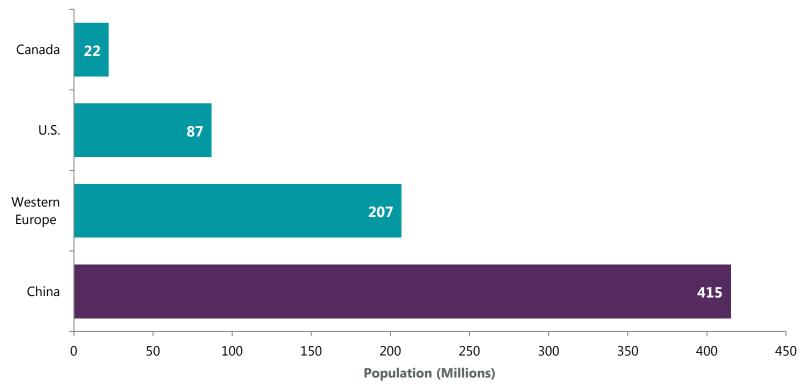


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Long-Term Growth Prospects for China

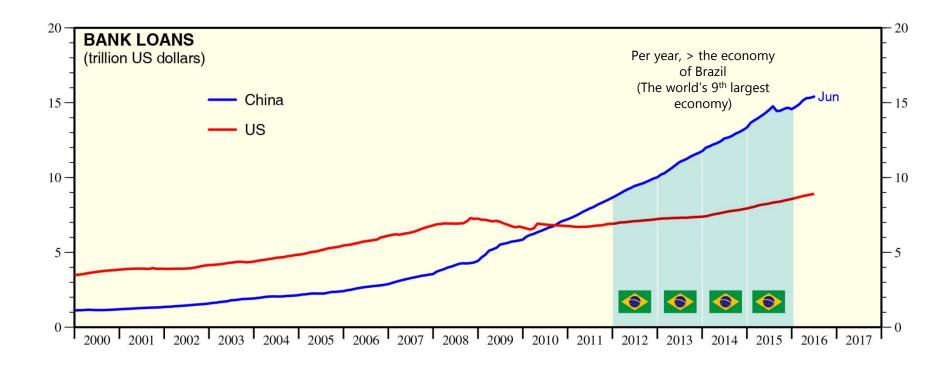
- Number of millennials in China is larger than the working populations of U.S., Canada and Western Europe combined
- More than one-quarter of China's millennials are college graduates
- As 400 million new Chinese people enter the spending class, implications are huge



Number of Millennials (16-35 Years Old)

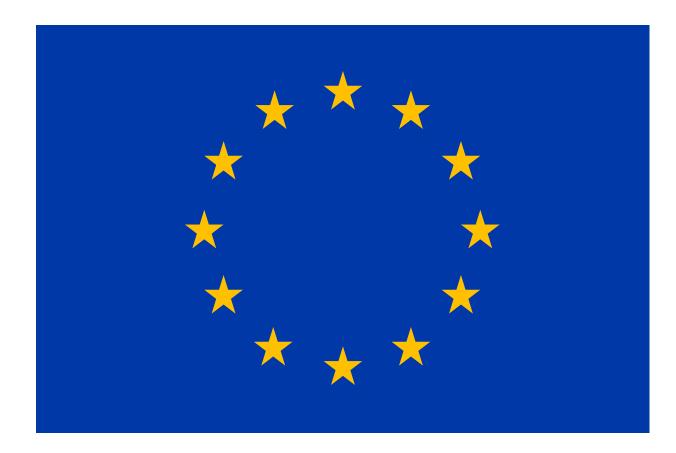


Bank Loans: China & U.S.



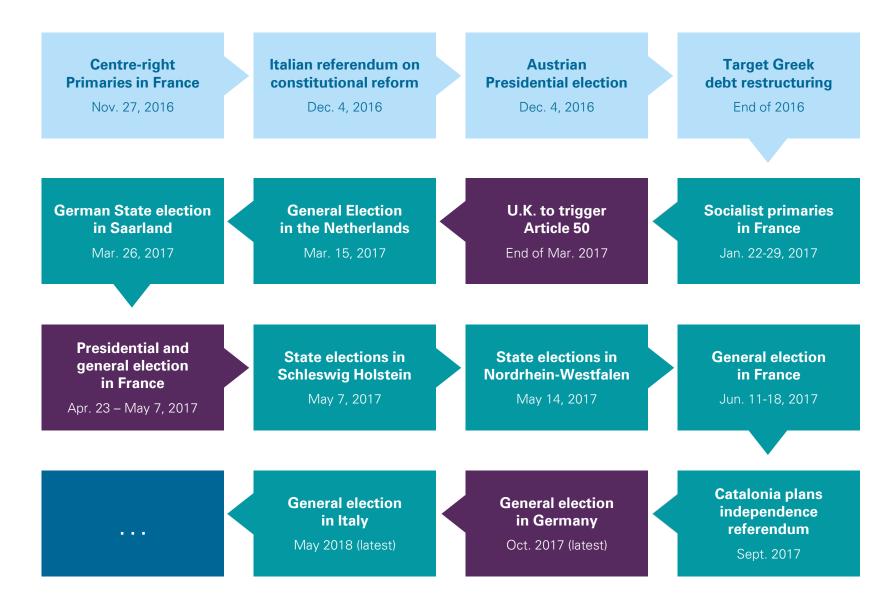


European Union





Next Domino to Fall?





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U.S. 10-Year Treasury Bond

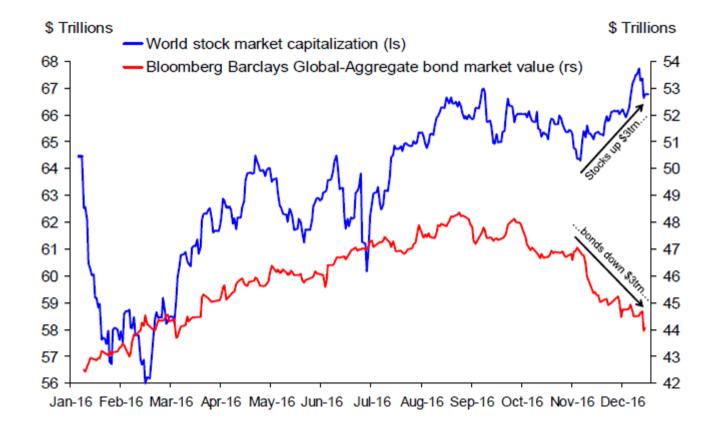






Bond Markets to Stock Markets

• Since the U.S. election in November, roughly \$3 trillion have moved from bond markets to stock markets





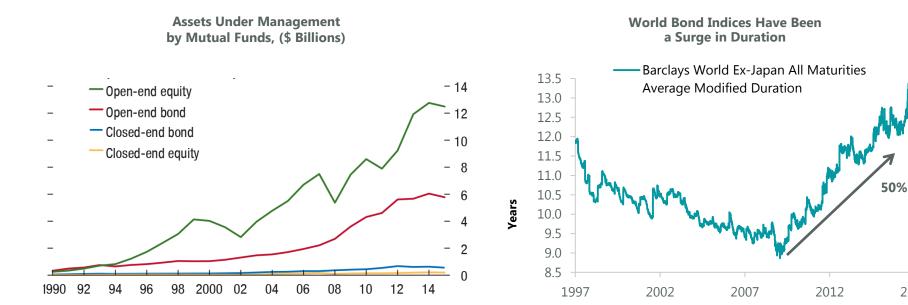
Short-Term Risk for Bonds

	Domestic Equity		_
Years	Mutual Fund	ETF	Bond
2009	-27.6	30.9	417.2
2010	-81.1	46.7	262.0
2011	-133.3	47.3	163.7
2012	-159.1	80.9	358.5
2013	18.1	104.0	-59.0
2014	-60.2	143.0	94.5
2015	-170.8	63.1	29.5
2016 YTD	-181.3	91.5	207.4
Total	-795.2	607.4	1473.8

Net Flows into Mutual Funds + ETFs (\$ Billions)



Global Bond Duration



As of Jan. 1, 1990 – Dec. 31, 2015. Source: IMF Financial Stability Report. As of Jan. 1, 1997– Jan. 3, 2017. Source: Bloomberg, SG Cross Asset Research/Rates.

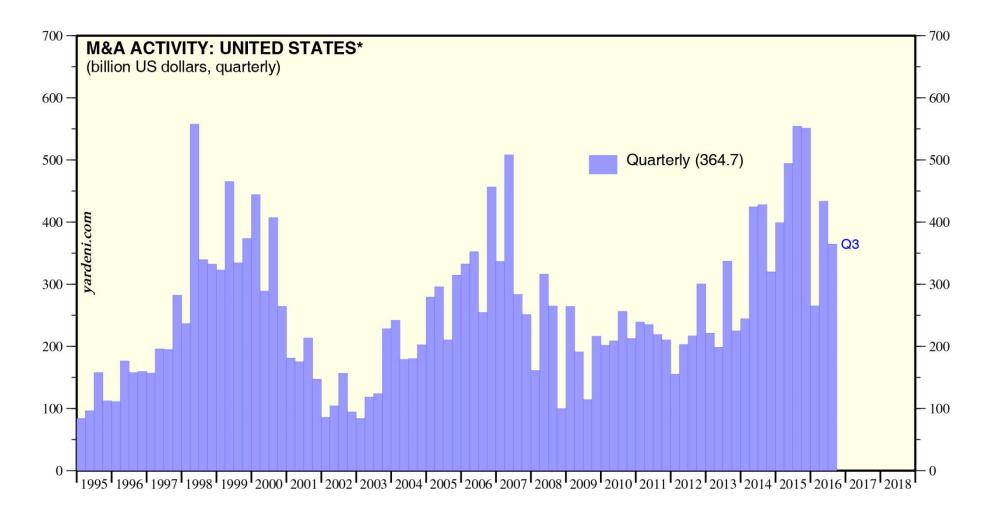


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Corporate QE - M&A Activity

United States

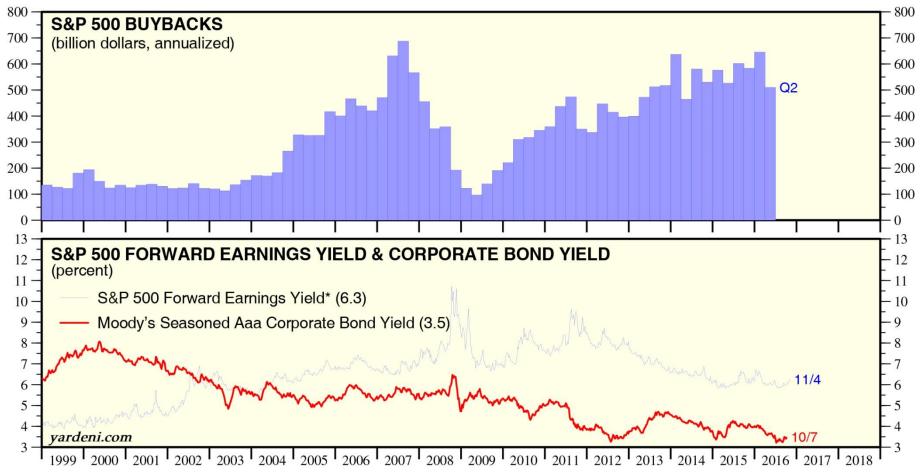




* Excludes spinoffs. Source: Dealogic.



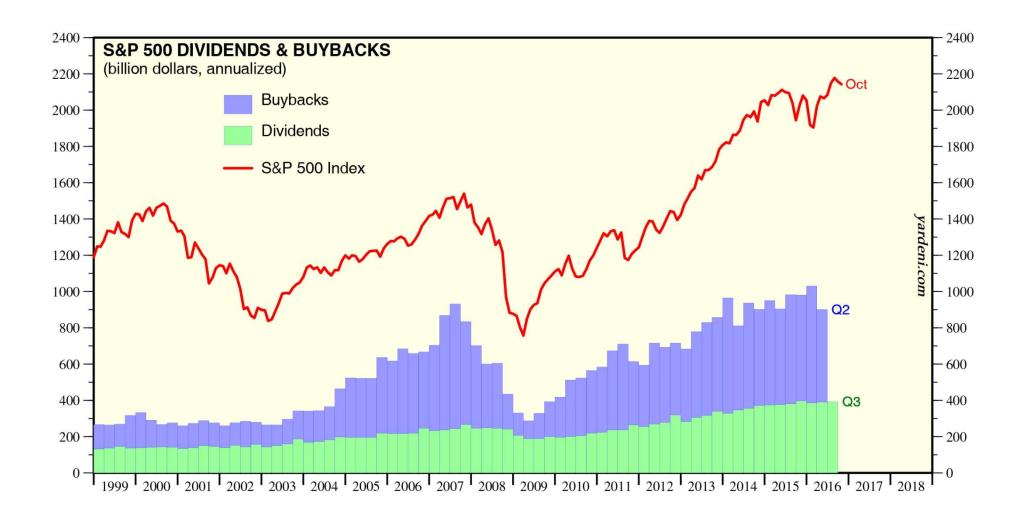
S&P 500 Forward Earnings Yield & Corporate Bond Yield and S&P 500 Buybacks



* Forward earnings (time-weighted average of consensus operating earnings estimates for current and next year) divided by S&P 500 stock price index. Source: Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S and Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Standard & Poor's Corporation.



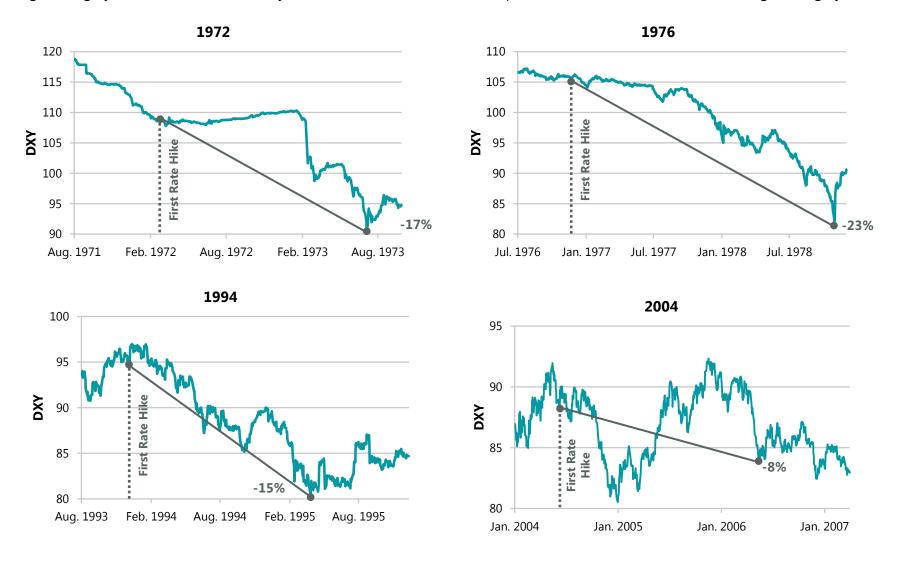
Buybacks & Dividends





Dollar Might Not Rise

• The easy assumption that the dollar will rise with Fed tightening is not validated by history, as in only one of the last seven tightening cycles did the dollar clearly rise (1983). Here are four examples where the dollar declined in a tightening cycle.



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