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Market & Portfolio Strategy Review

First Quarter 2016

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- Investment Outlook & Portfolio Positioning

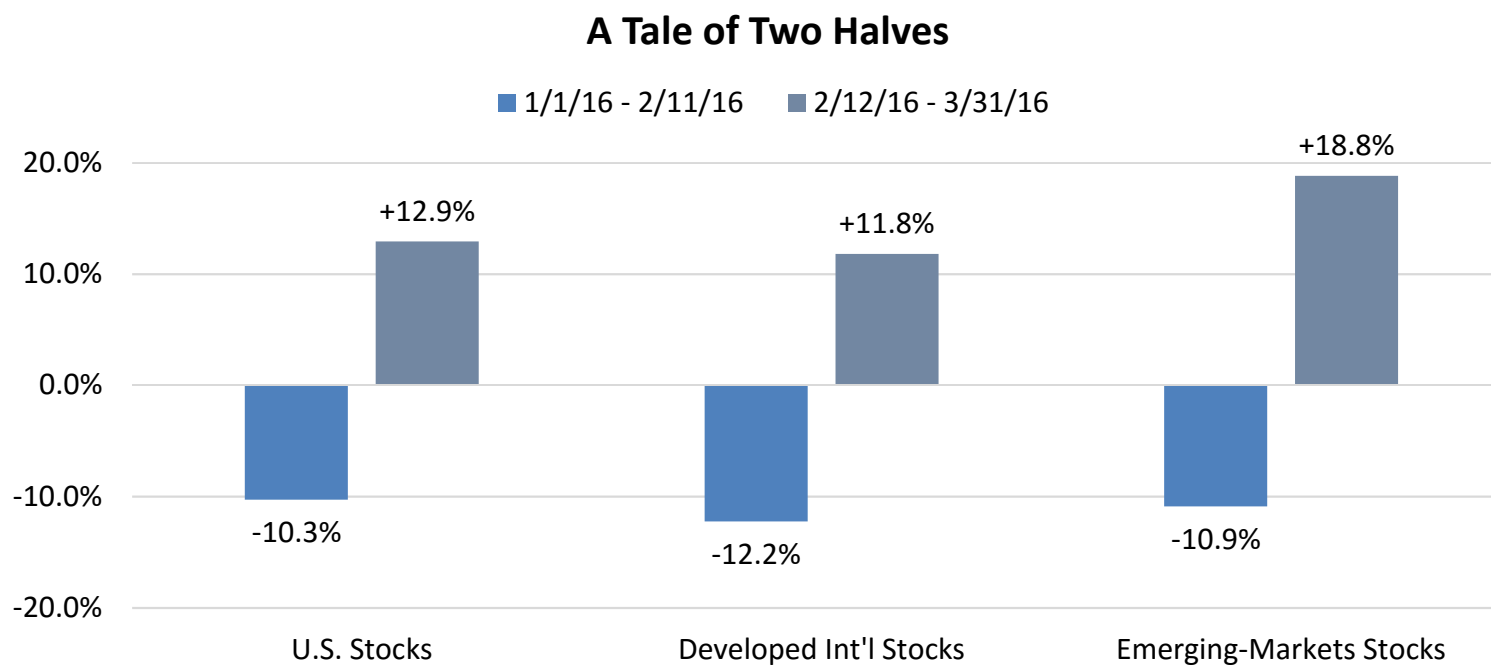
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- It was a tale of two halves in the first quarter of the year as stock markets plunged early on, falling 10% or more before reversing, and staging a furious rally into quarter end.
- Emerging-markets stocks led the charge, gaining 5.9% for the quarter. Larger-cap U.S. stocks also finished in the black, up 1.3% while developed international stocks trailed, down 1.9%.
- A bottoming in oil prices seemed to trigger the reversal in global stock markets. After reaching its lowest price since May 2003, oil prices surged more than 50% through the middle of March.
- Bonds were a main beneficiary of the market selloff as investors flocked to lower risk asset classes, but somewhat surprisingly bonds were able to hold their gains even as risk assets rallied.
- Monetary policy was an important factor this quarter as investors digested announcements from the Fed, European Central Bank, and Bank of Japan.

Asset Class	Q1 2016	Year-to-Date (3/31/16)
U.S. Treasurys	3.2%	3.2%
U.S. Investment-Grade Bonds (Intermediate-Term)	3.1%	3.1%
Municipal Bonds	1.7%	1.7%
Floating-Rate Loans	1.5%	1.5%
High-Yield Bonds	3.2%	3.2%
U.S. Larger-Cap Stocks	1.3%	1.3%
U.S. Smaller-Cap Stocks	-1.5%	-1.5%
Developed International Stocks	-1.9%	-1.9%
Emerging-Markets Stocks	5.9%	5.9%

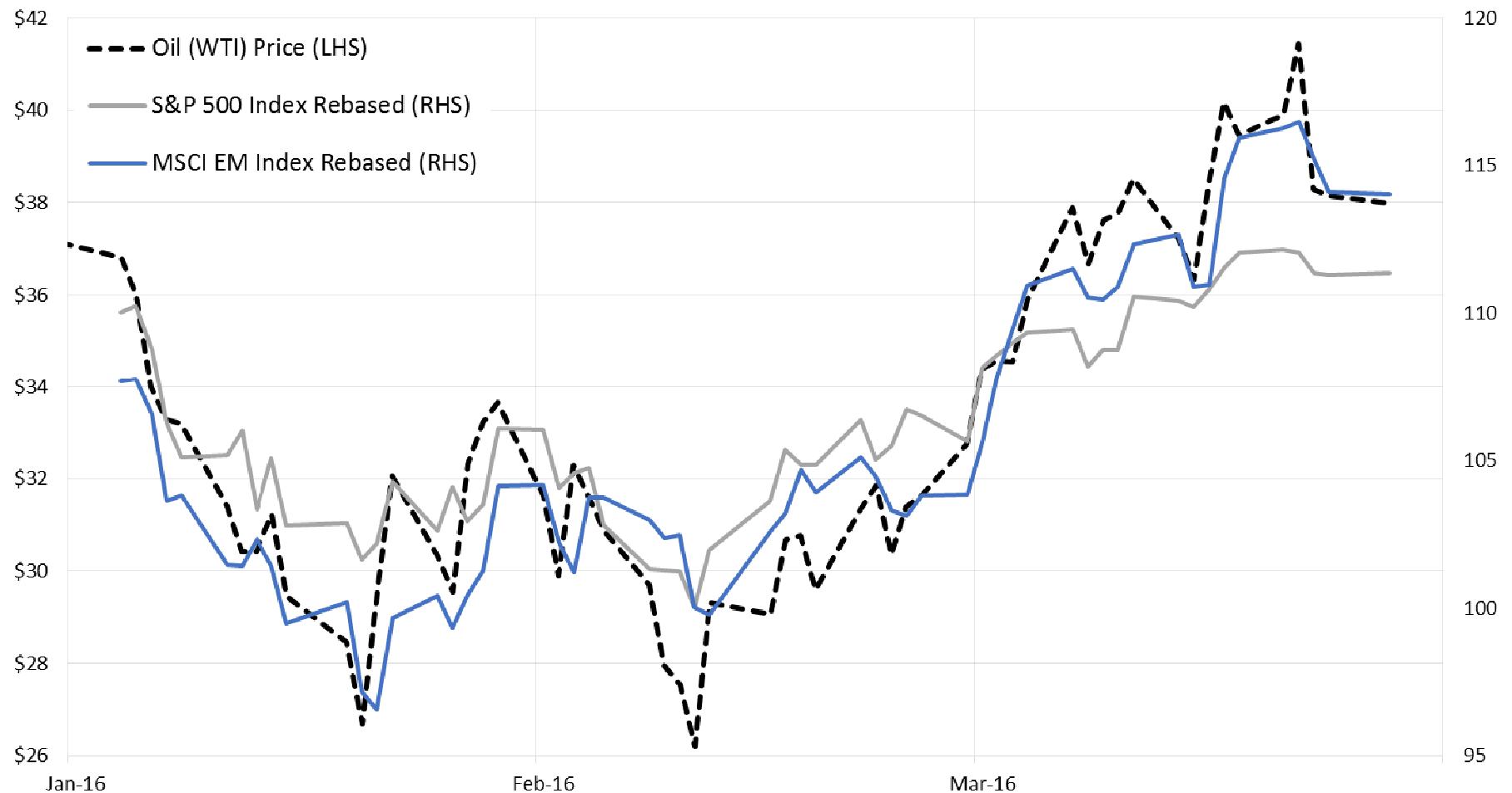
Stock Markets Got Off to One of Their Worst Starts to a Year Ever Before Reversing and Rallying Strongly Into Quarter End



- The major global stock markets got off to a rocky start for 2016, falling 10% or more through the lows of February.
- In mid-February, global stock markets reversed quickly and rallied sharply into quarter end. The rally was led by a strong turnaround in emerging-markets stocks.

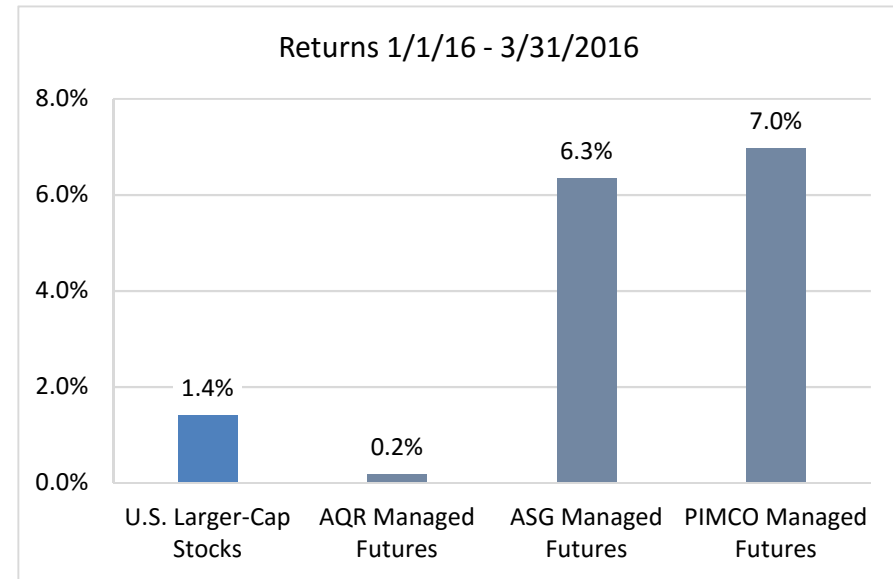
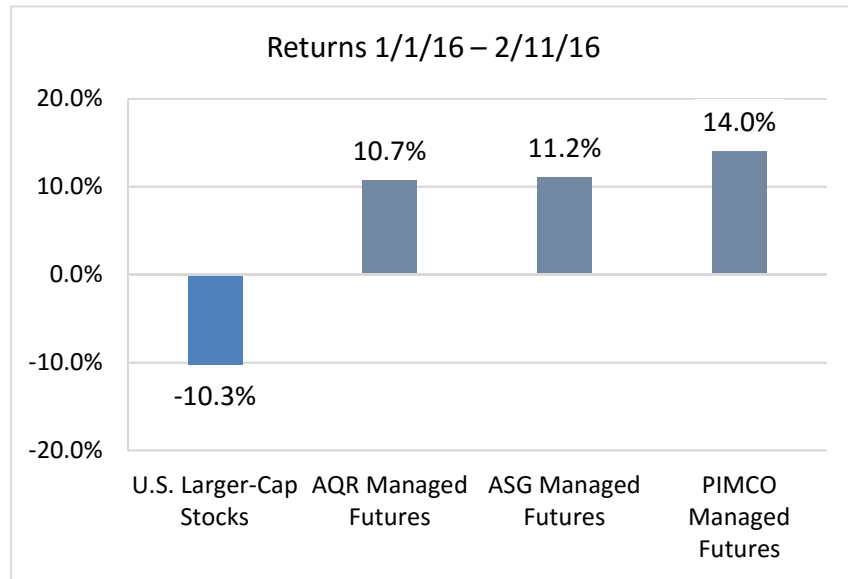
Source: Morningstar Direct. Using price and U.S. dollar returns.

A Bottoming in Oil Prices Seemed to Trigger the Reversal in Global Stocks



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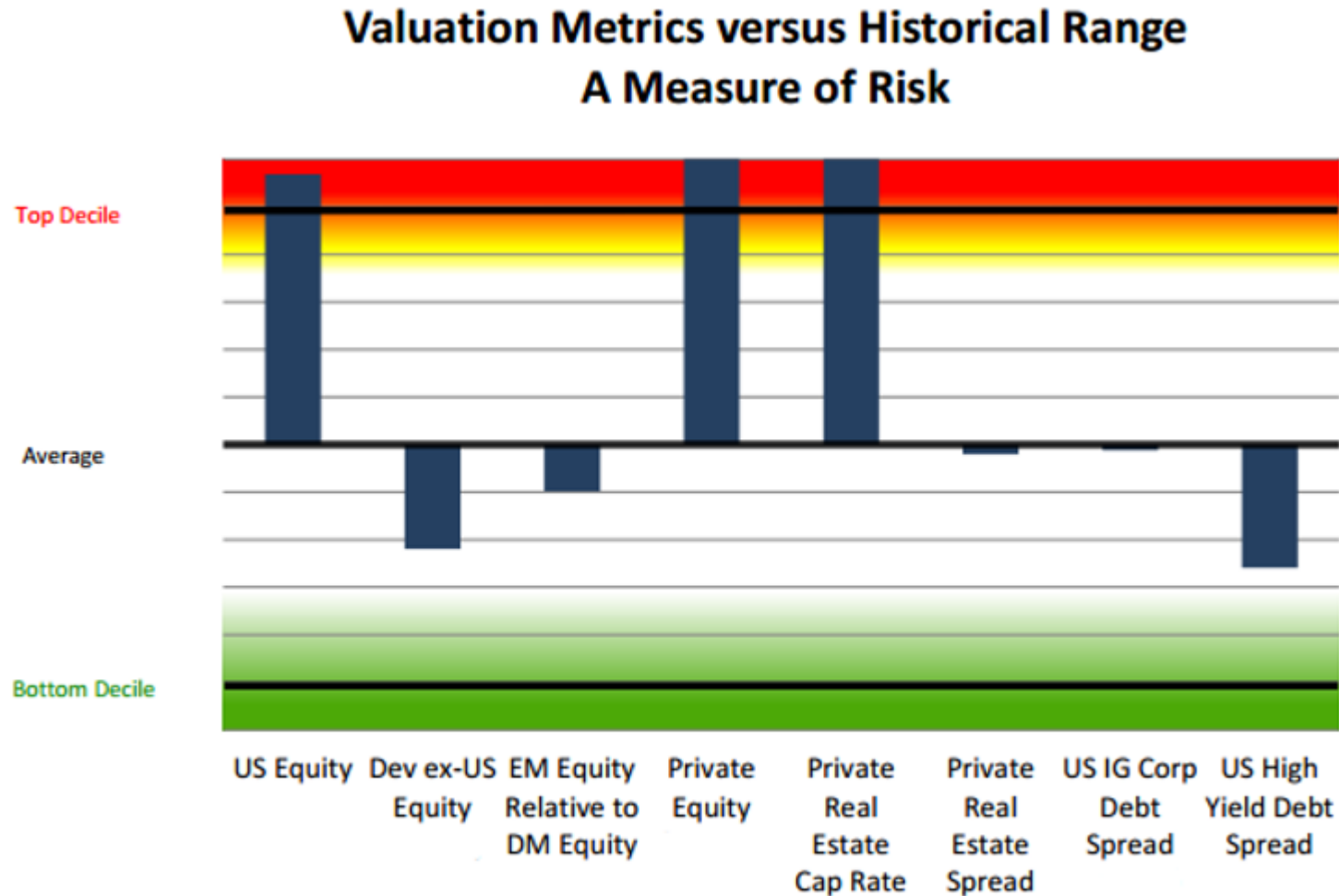
Managed Futures Funds Helped to Cushion the Selloff in Stocks



- Our position in managed futures helped to buffer the downdraft, as the funds were up more than 10% during the first half of the quarter.
- While the managed futures funds gave up some return as the markets reversed and rallied, in aggregate they still outperformed U.S. stocks over the full quarter.
- Trend-following strategies have historically offered attractive diversification benefits (almost zero long-term correlation) to traditional portfolios, with long-term positive returns and a high likelihood of strong relative performance during equity bear markets.

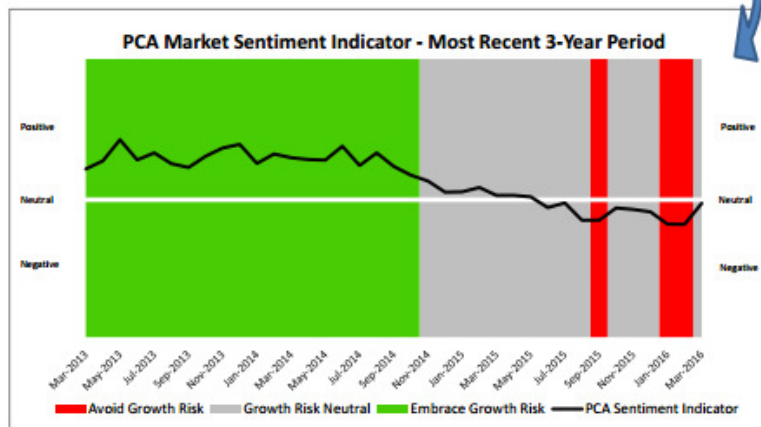
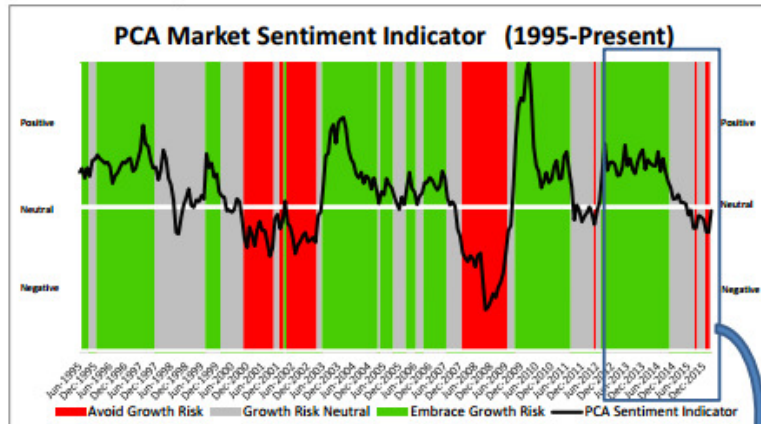
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Pension Consulting Alliance, Inc. – Risk Overview



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Market Sentiment



Information Behind Current Sentiment Reading

Bond Spread Momentum Trailing-Twelve Months

Equity Return Momentum Trailing-Twelve Months

Agreement Between Bond Spread and Equity Spread Momentum Measures?

Growth Risk Visibility (Current Overall Sentiment)

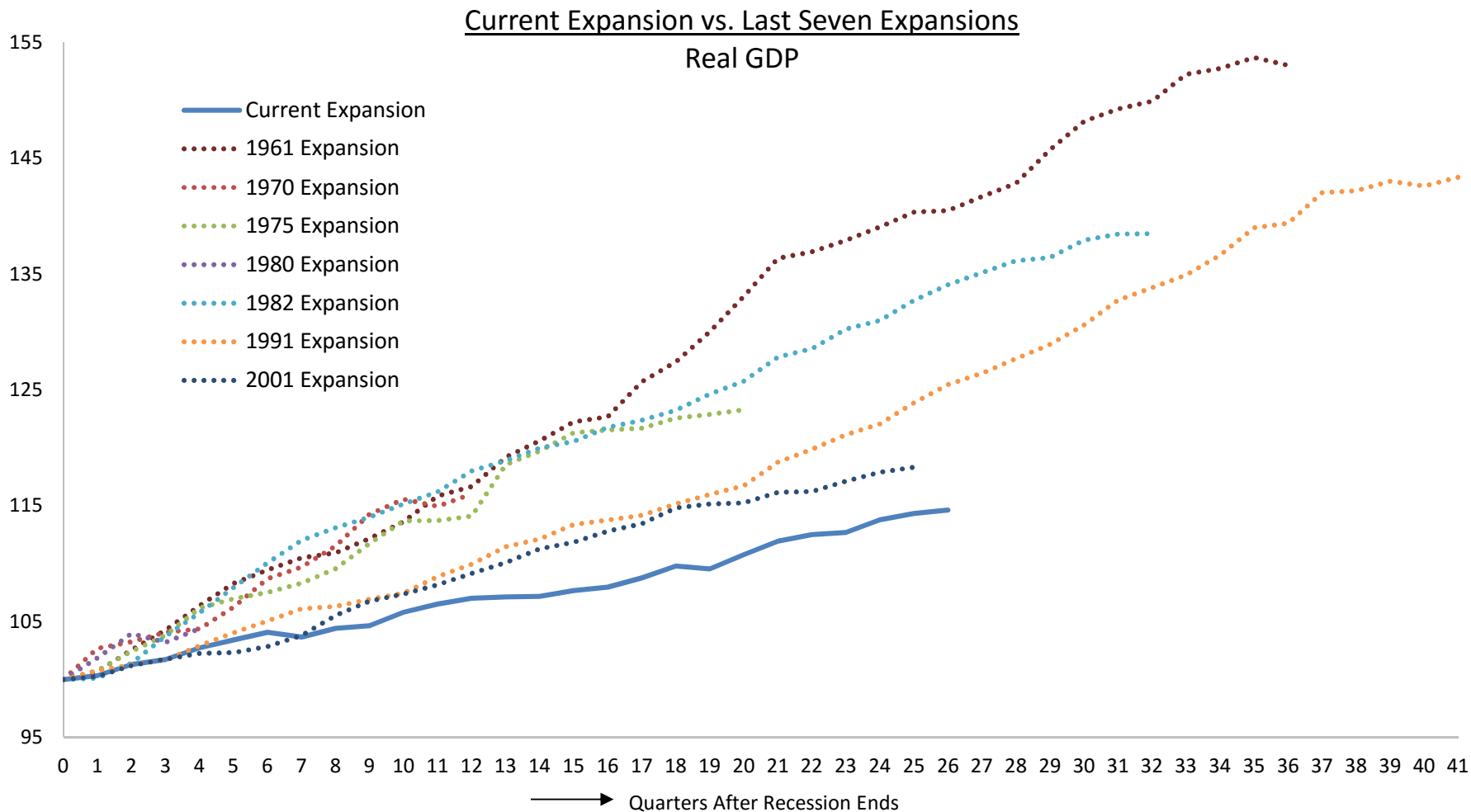
Negative	Red
Positive	Green
Disagree	Grey
Neutral	Grey

Investment Outlook and Portfolio Positioning

Outlook: Unchanged

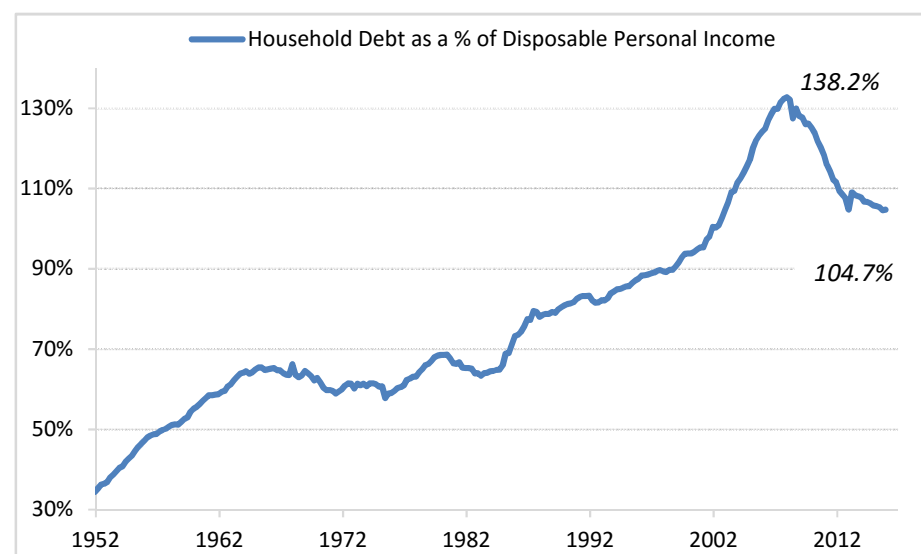
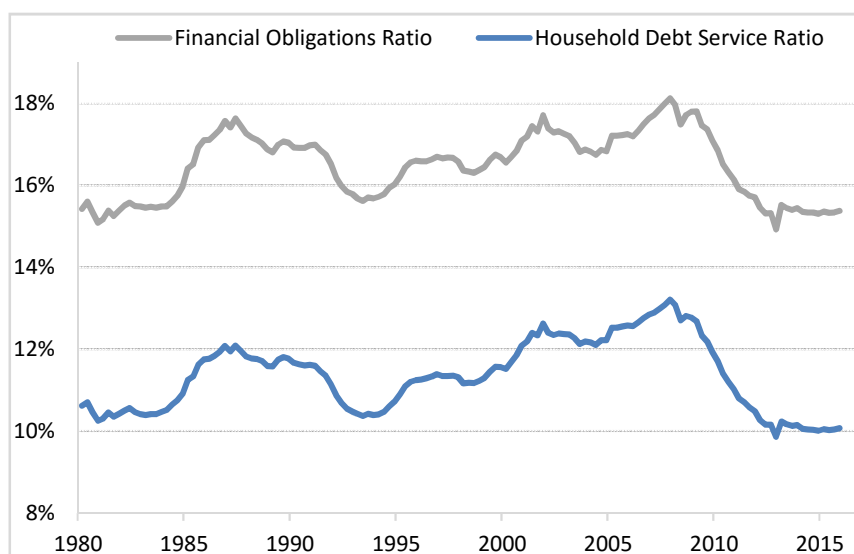
- U.S. Equities: Risk
 - Profit margins are well above historical averages and unsustainable
 - Stocks are pricey and most likely expected returns from current valuation levels are not encouraging
 - Rising interest rates: Risk
 - Low returns expected for core bonds over the next five years
 - Absolute-return-oriented fixed-income funds can better manage their interest rate sensitivity
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- International Equities: Opportunity
 - Attractive stock valuations despite recent elevated uncertainty
 - Probability is high that market earnings growth will be higher than current depressed levels indicate
 - Alternative Strategies: Opportunity
 - Better risk-adjusted return potential in volatile equity and bond markets
 - Diversification and a source of return independent from traditional stock and bond markets

The U.S. Economy Appears in Decent Shape, But Growth Remains Subpar Relative to Previous Expansions



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis. Data as of 12/31/2015.

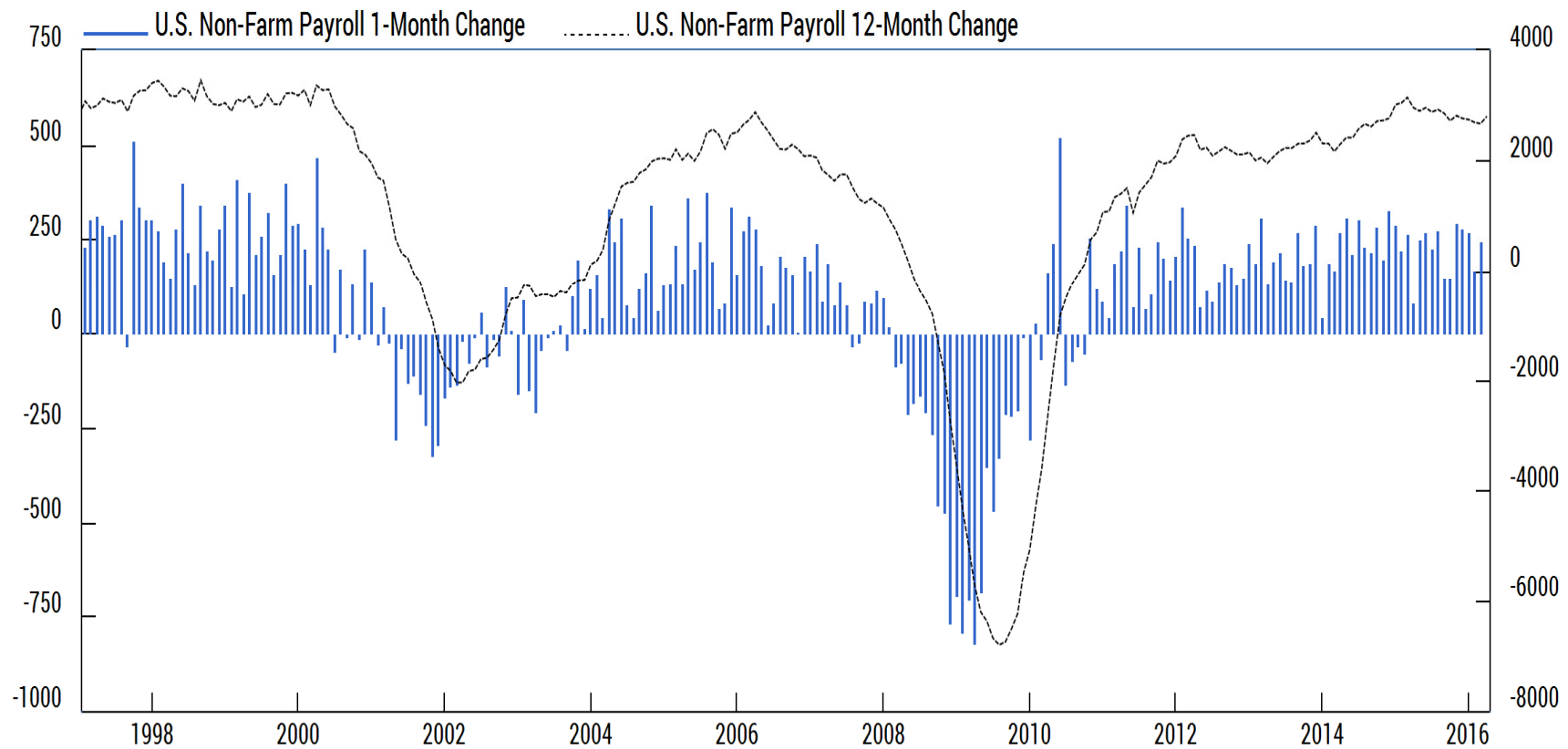
Household Balanced Sheets are Solid and Consumers Have Reduced Their Debt Load Considerably Since the Financial Crisis



- Household debt as a percentage of disposable income fell to its lowest level since 2002, while household net worth hit an all-time high of \$87 trillion – 25% above its previous high before the financial crisis.
- Thanks in part to all-time low interest rates, household debt-service payments and financial obligations as a percentage of disposable income remain around all-time lows.
- Consumers are conservatively positioned and have the ability to increase their spending and/or borrowing if they choose to do so.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Data as of 12/31/2015.

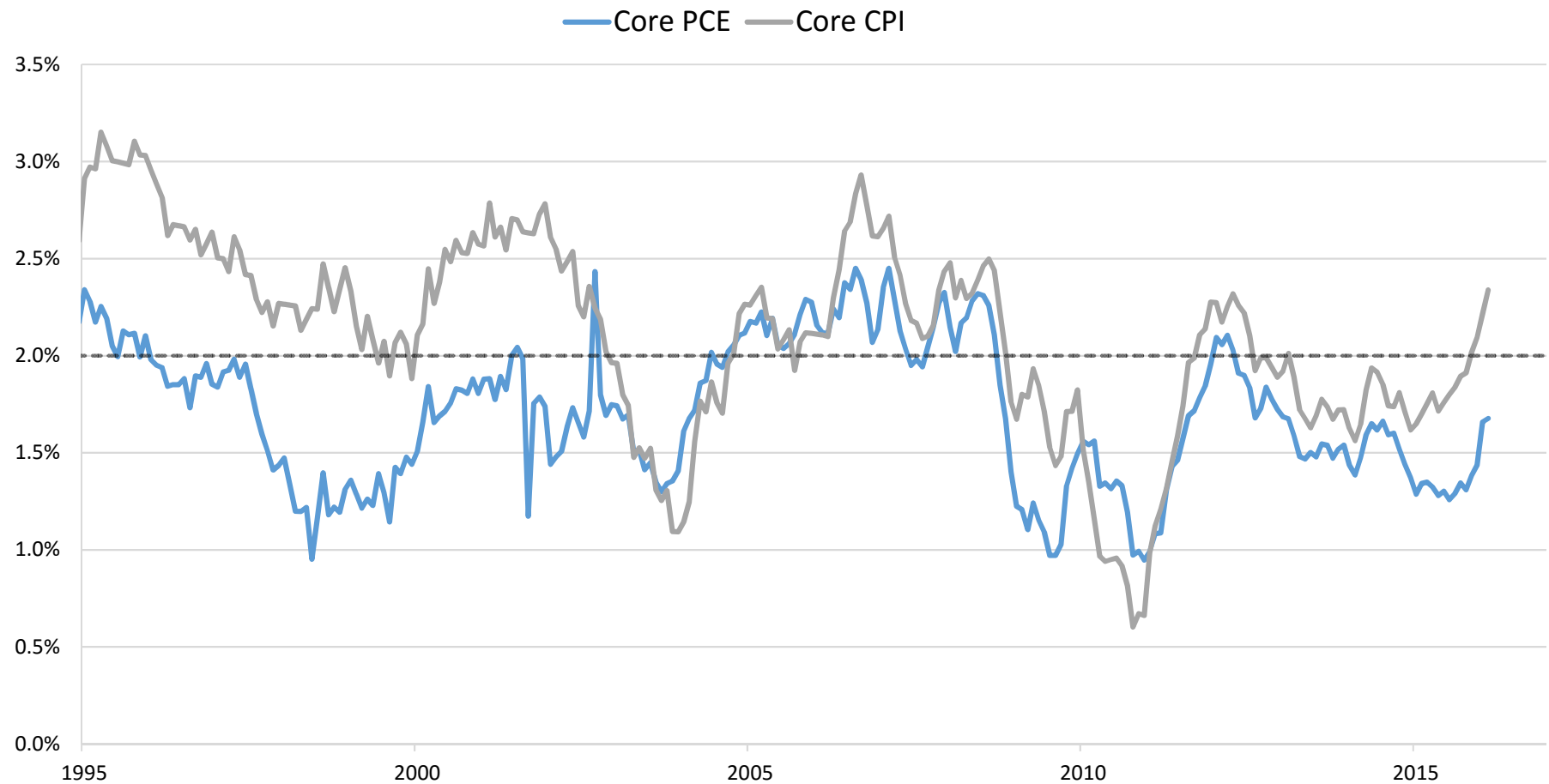
The Labor Market Continues to Improve



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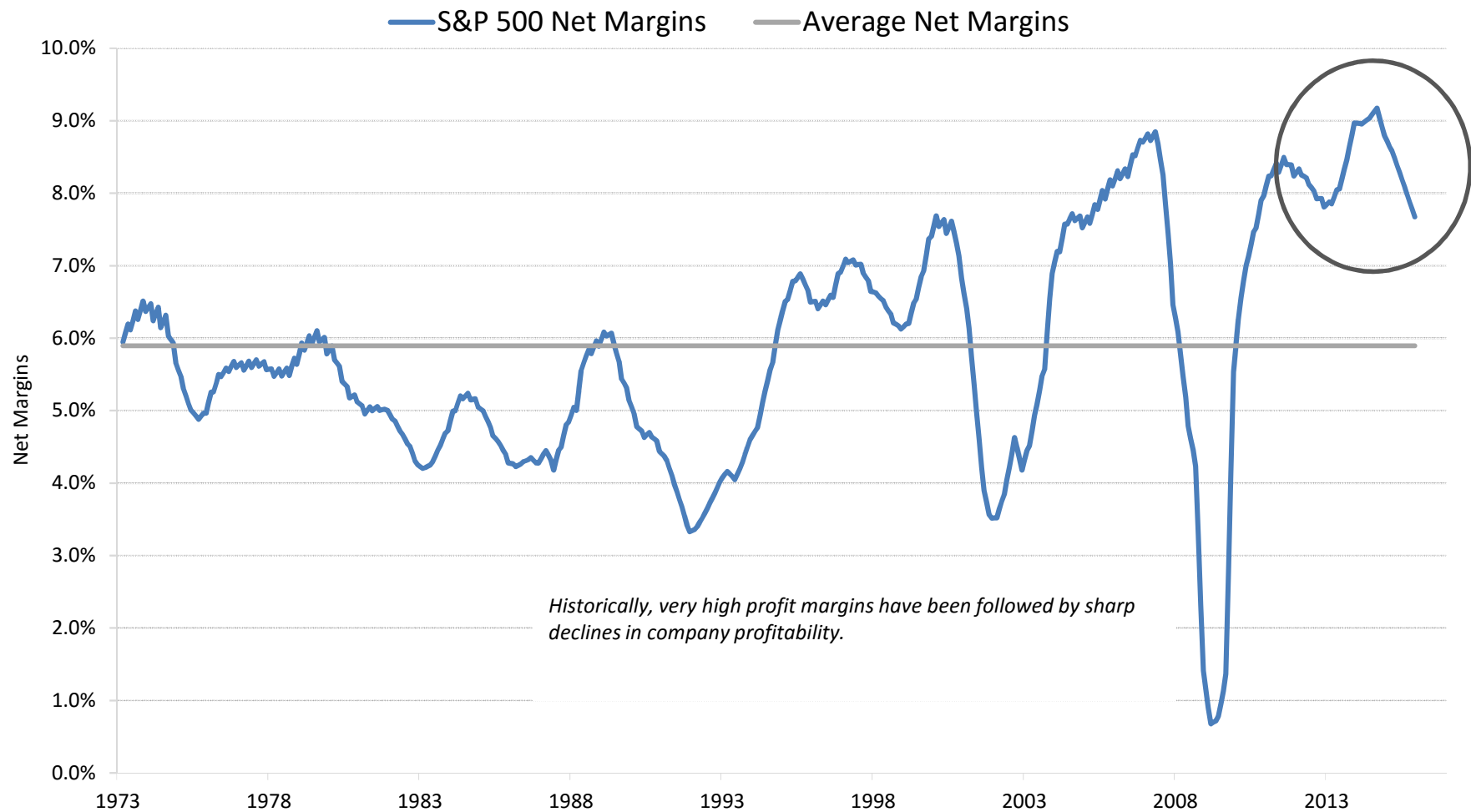
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Inflation is Rising But Still Below the Fed's Preferred Levels



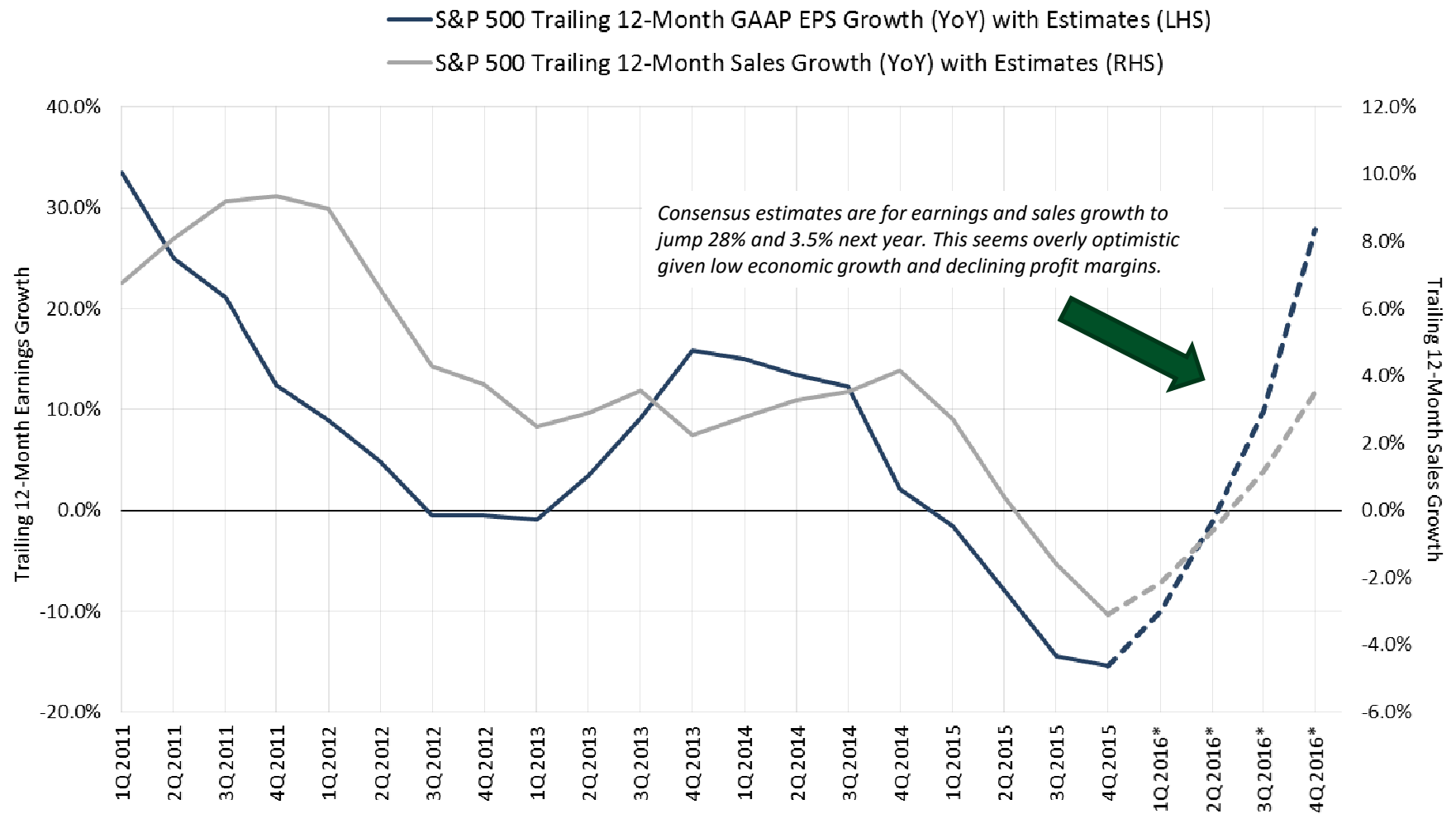
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Data as of 2/29/2016.

Shrinking Profit Margins Are Pressuring Earnings Growth – And Potentially Stock Prices



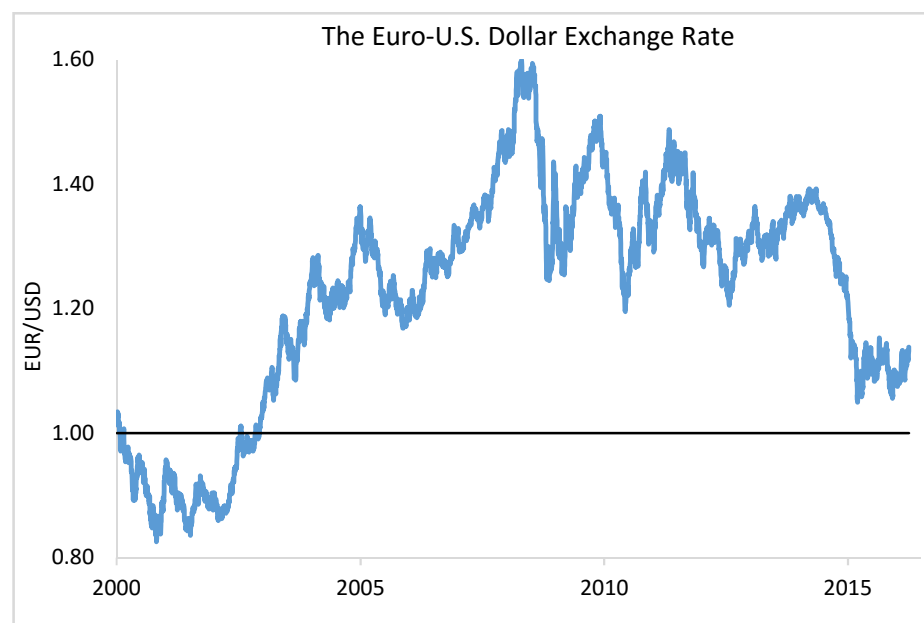
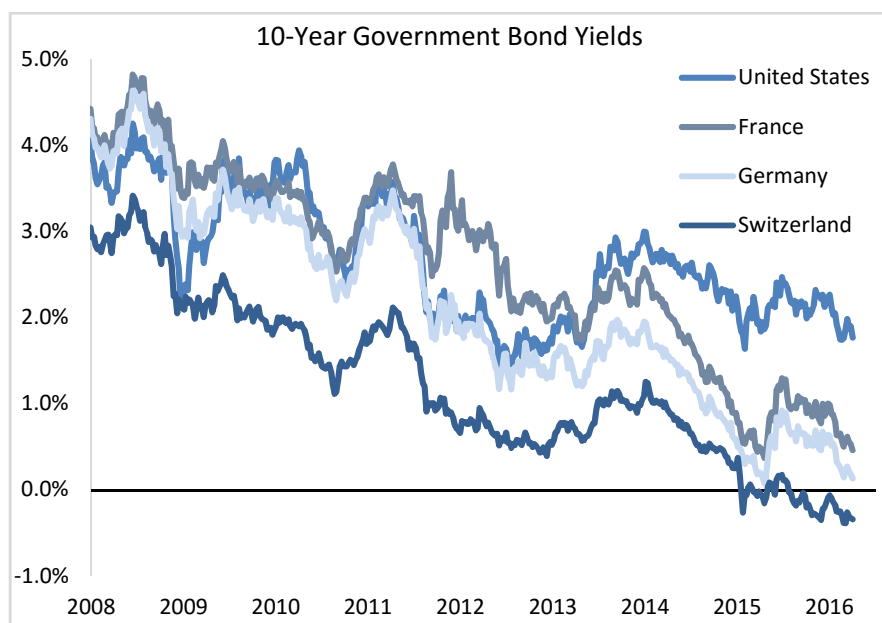
Source: Robert J. Shiller and Standard & Poor's. Data as of 12/31/2015.

Earnings and Revenue Growth Were Disappointing in 2015



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices. *Estimates. Data as of 4/12/2016.

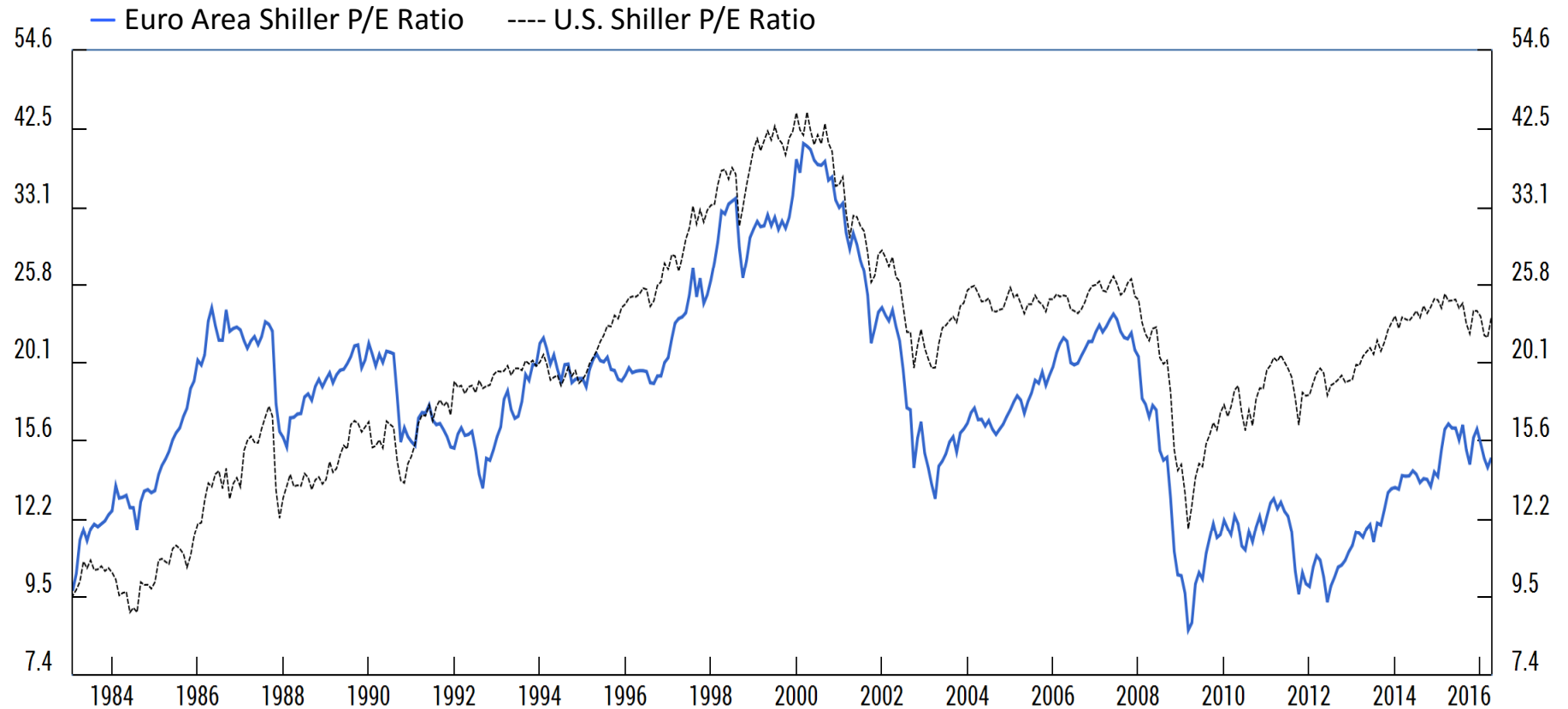
Accommodative Monetary Policy and a Weaker Currency Should Provide Support for the European Economy



- The European economy continues to deal with a number of challenges, but rock bottom interest rates, a cheaper currency, and low oil prices should provide support in the near term.
- In addition, the ECB expanded their QE program to include buying debt issued by non-bank corporations – which reduced corporate borrowing costs and should provide a small short-term boost to the economy.

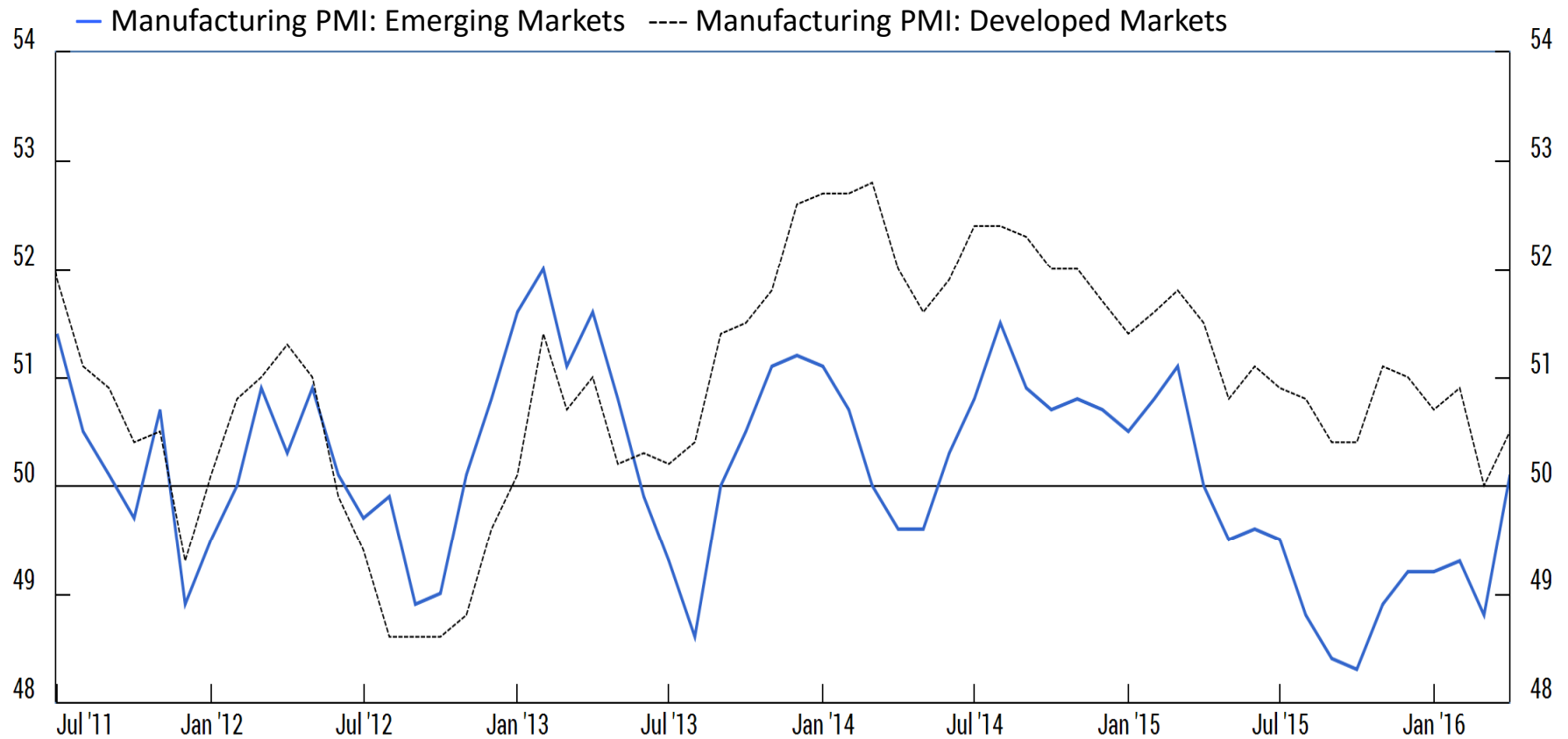
Source: Bloomberg. Data as of 3/31/2016.

Valuations for European Stocks are Attractive, Both in Absolute Terms and Relative to U.S. Stocks



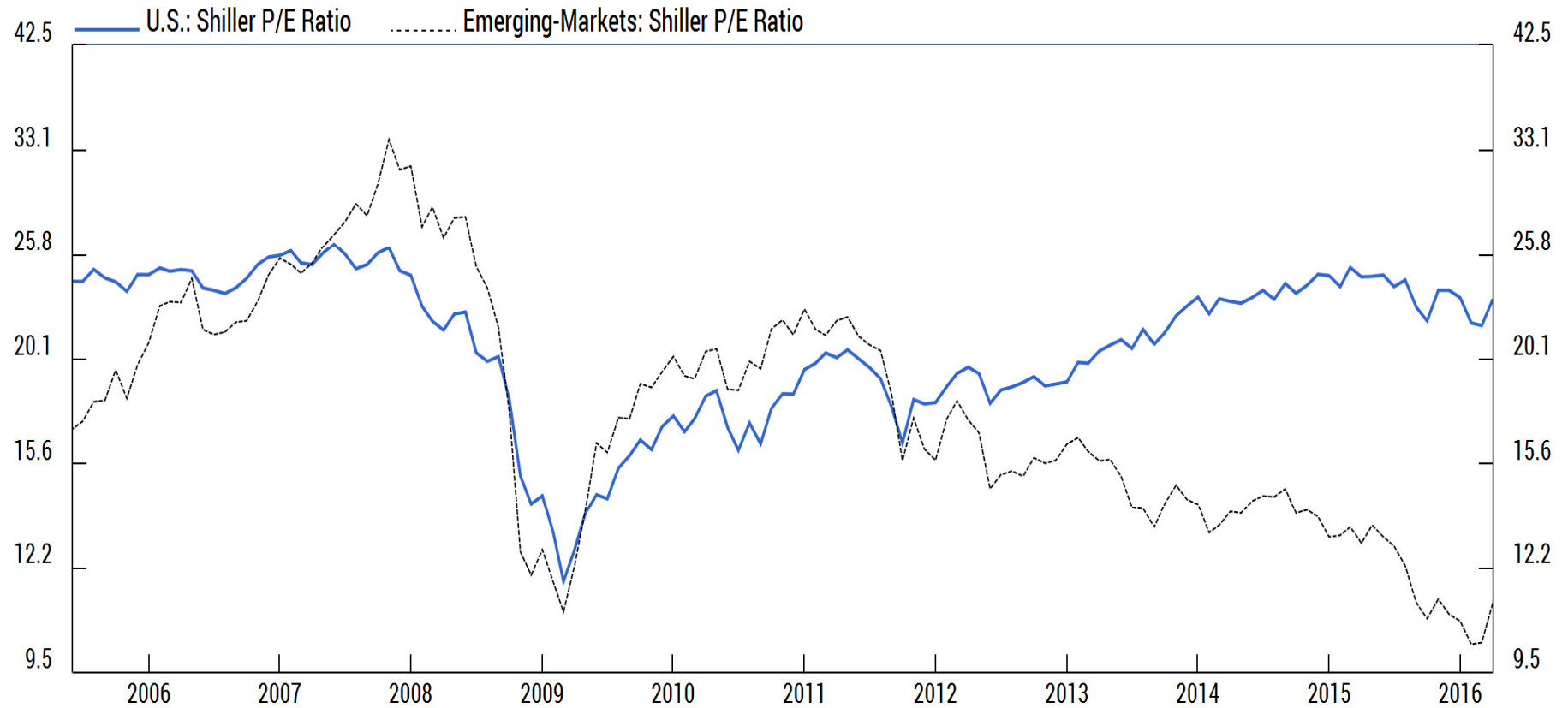
Source: BCA Research and Thomson Reuters. Data as of 3/31/2016.

Economic Data in Emerging Markets has Modestly Improved



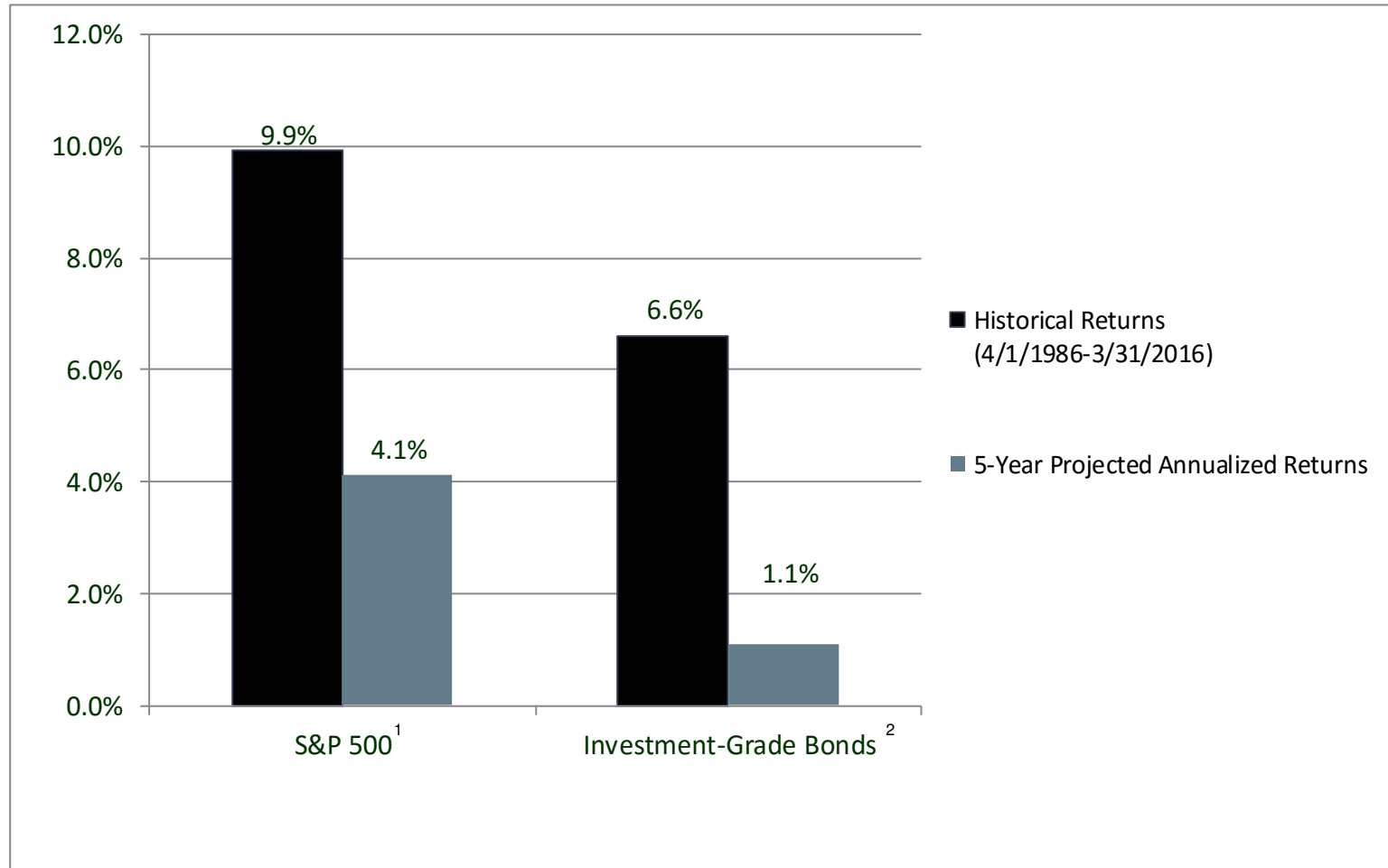
Source: BCA Research Markit Economics. Data as of 3/31/2016.

Emerging-Markets Stocks are Trading at Attractive Valuations vs. U.S. Stocks



Source: BCA Research and Thomson Reuters, OECO Main Indicators. Data as of 3/31/2016.

Expect Future Returns of Stocks and Bonds to be Lower than Experienced Historically



¹ Projections under our base case, subpar economic scenario as of 3/31/2016.

² As measured by the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

Current Portfolio Positioning and Rationale

Asset Class	Portfolio Position vs. Strategic Allocation	Comments
Fixed-Income: Traditional Investment-Grade	Underallocated	<i>Low expected returns but important for risk reduction, especially in deflationary or weak economy</i>
Absolute-Return-Oriented	Overallocated	<i>Flexible strategies that can perform well even with rising interest rates</i>
Floating-Rate Loans (<i>defensive balanced, conservative balanced, and balanced strategies</i>)	Overallocated	<i>Protection from rising interest rates with potential for higher returns</i>
Equities: Larger-Cap U.S. Stocks	Underallocated	<i>Equities appear overvalued and potential returns low relative to risk</i>
Smaller-Cap U.S. Stocks	Underallocated	<i>Similar to large cap; more downside in poor economic conditions</i>
Foreign Stocks – Developed Markets	Overallocated	<i>Attractive both in absolute terms and relative to U.S. stocks</i>
Foreign Stock – Emerging-Markets	Overallocated	<i>Moderately attractive relative to U.S. on risk-adjusted basis; broader opportunity set and diversification benefits</i>
Alternative Investments: Alternative Strategies (<i>except Equity strategy</i>)	Overallocated	<i>Attractive risk-adjusted returns; low correlation to stocks and bonds</i>

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**Indexes Used (source Morningstar Direct)*

- Domestic Investment-Grade Bonds (Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index): We are currently using the Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund to represent the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, an index of domestic investment grade bonds.
- Domestic Larger-Cap Stocks (S&P 500 Index): We are currently using the Vanguard 500 Index Fund to represent the S&P 500, an index of primarily domestic larger-cap stocks.
- Domestic Smaller-Cap Stocks (Russell 2000 Index): We are currently using the Russell 2000 Index iShares Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) to represent the Russell 2000, an index of primarily domestic smaller-cap stocks.
- International Developed-Market Stocks (FTSE Developed Markets Index): We are currently using the Vanguard FTSE Developed Markets Index Exchange Trade Fund (ETF) to represent an index of international developed-market stocks.
- International Emerging-Markets Stocks (FTSE Emerging Markets Index): We are currently using the Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets Index Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) to represent an index of emerging markets in international emerging market stocks.
- High-Yield Bonds (Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Master Cash Pay Index): We are currently using the Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield Master Cash Pay Index to represent an index of domestic high yield bonds.
- Floating-Rate Loans (S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index): We are currently using the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index to represent an index of floating rate loans.
- U.S. Treasuries (Barclays US Treasury Index): We are currently using Barclays US Treasury Index
- Municipal Bonds: We are currently using the Barclays Municipal Bond index for municipal bonds