

# Managing International Equity Portfolios

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# The pause that refreshes?

## MSCI World ex-Australia (USD)

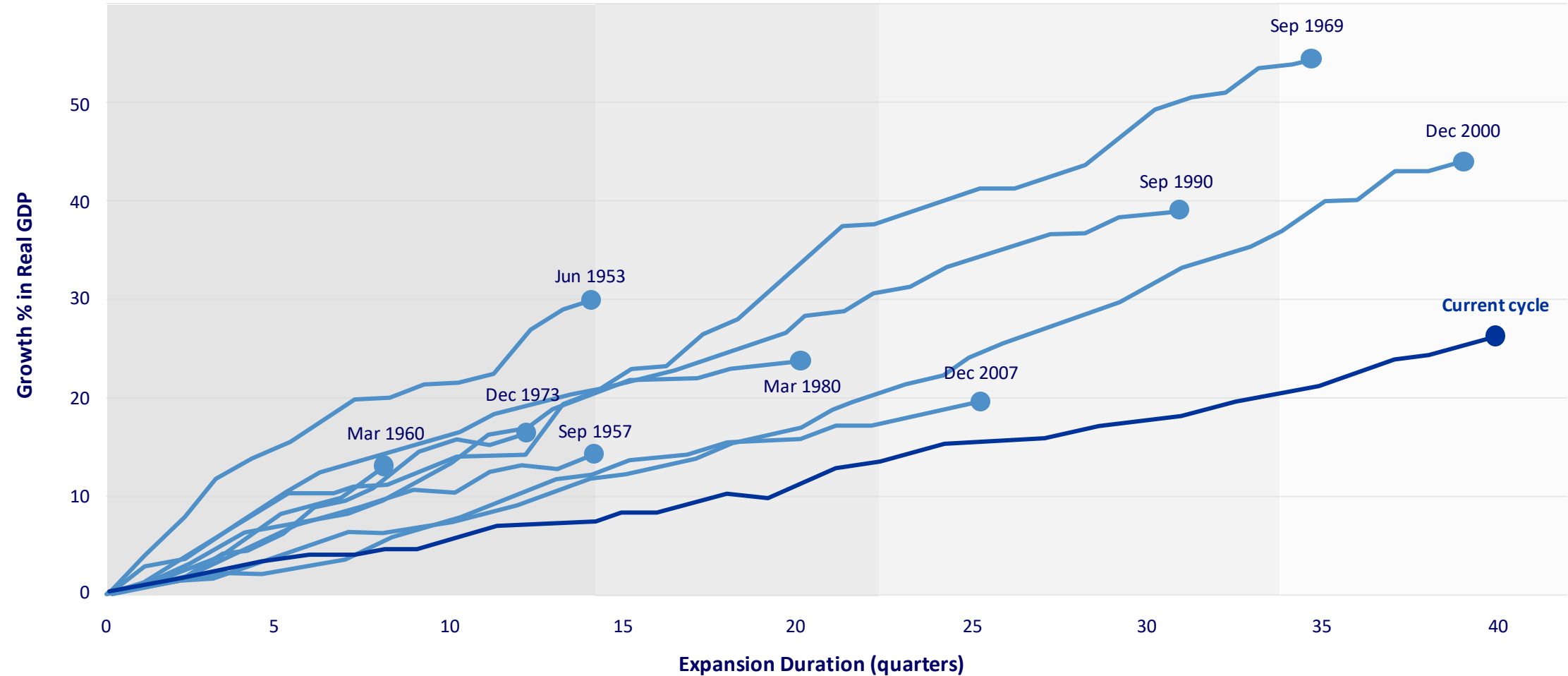


# THE CURRENT US GROWTH CYCLE: LONG AND SHALLOW



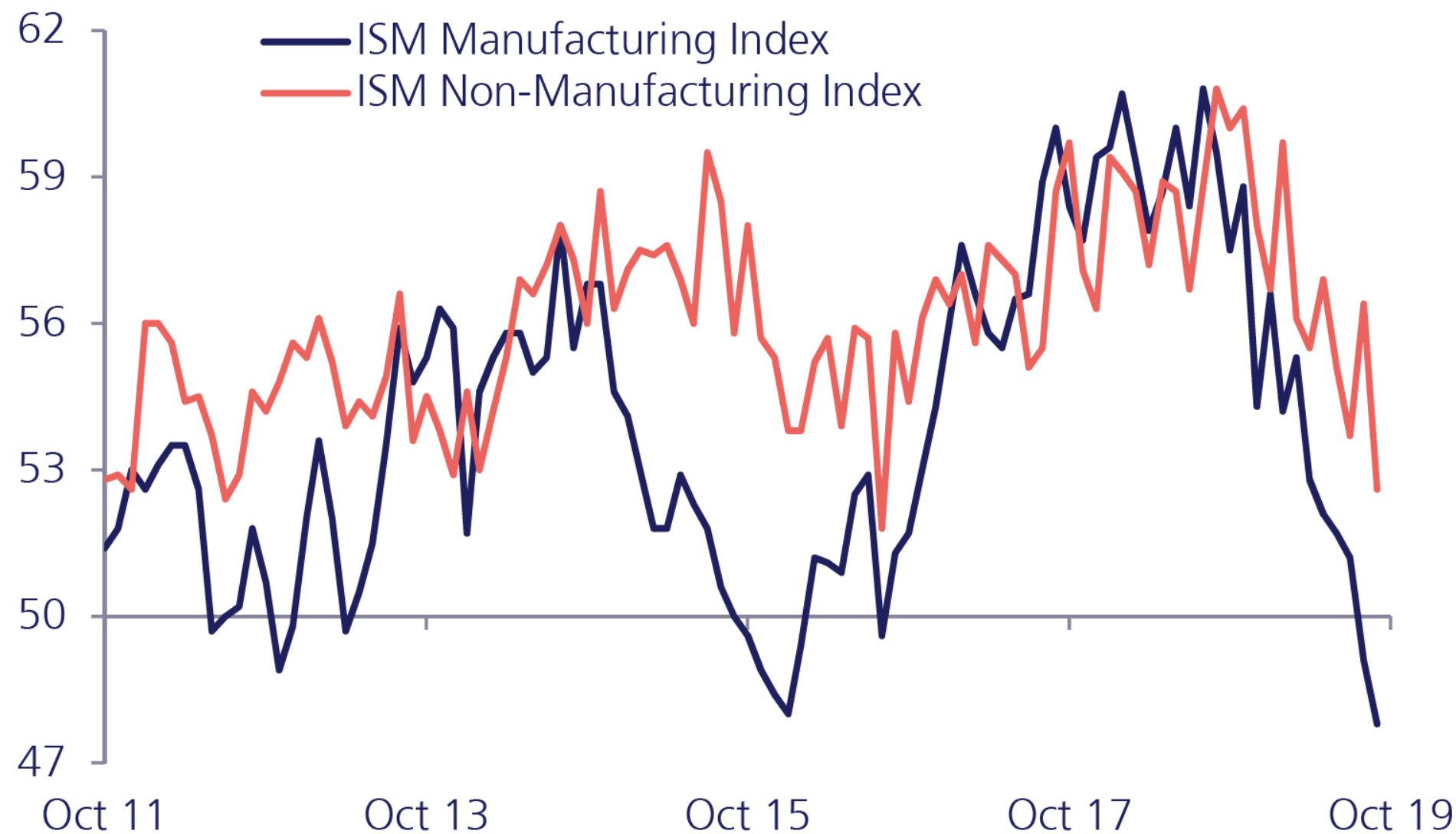
## POSTWAR ECONOMIC EXPANSION

Duration VS Magnitude



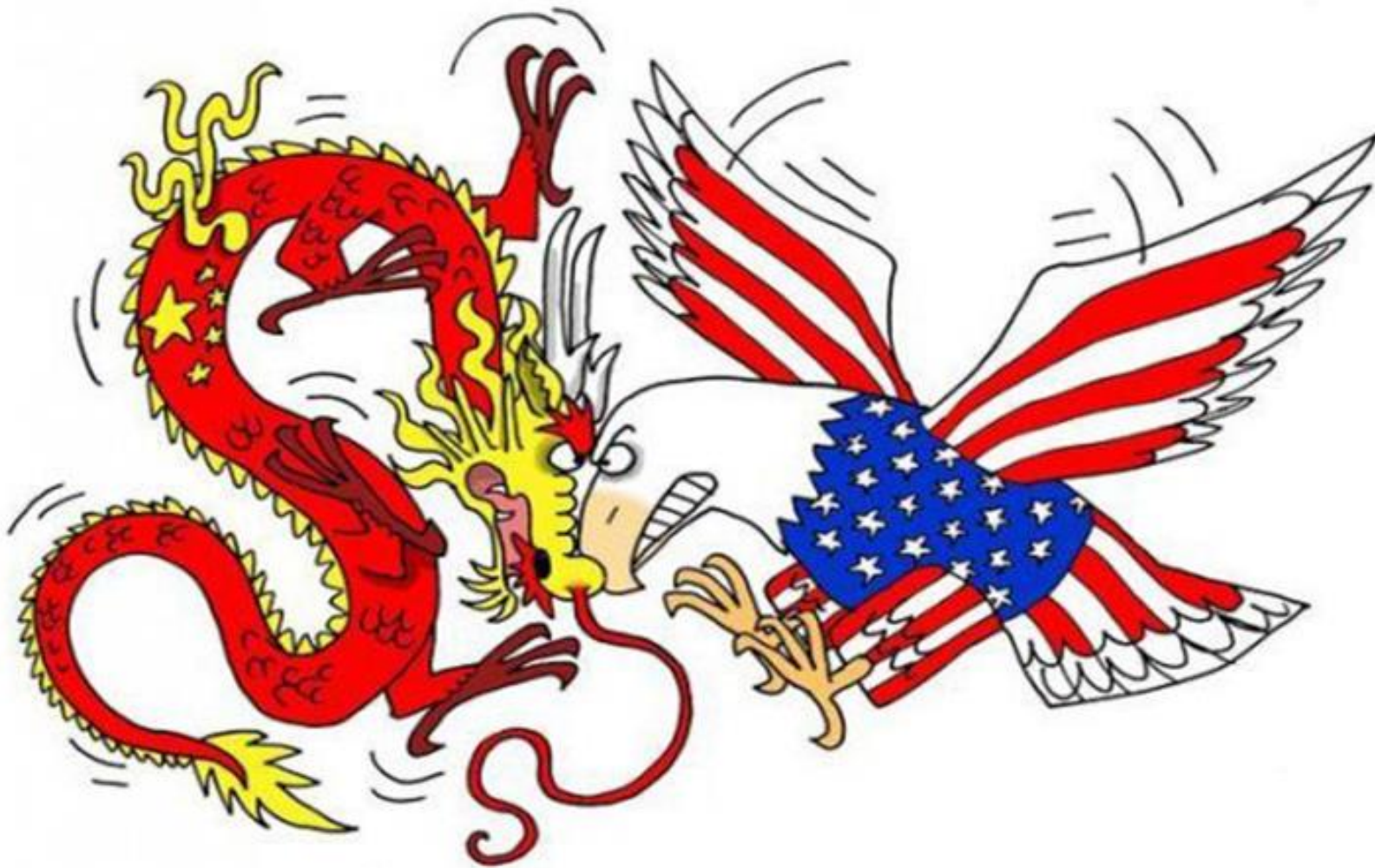
Data from 31/12/1949 to 30/06/2019. Charting the gain in the U.S. GDP, Chained 2009 Prices, SAAR.  
Source: FactSet, U.S. Bureau of Economic Research.

# Macro Factor: US economy loses momentum

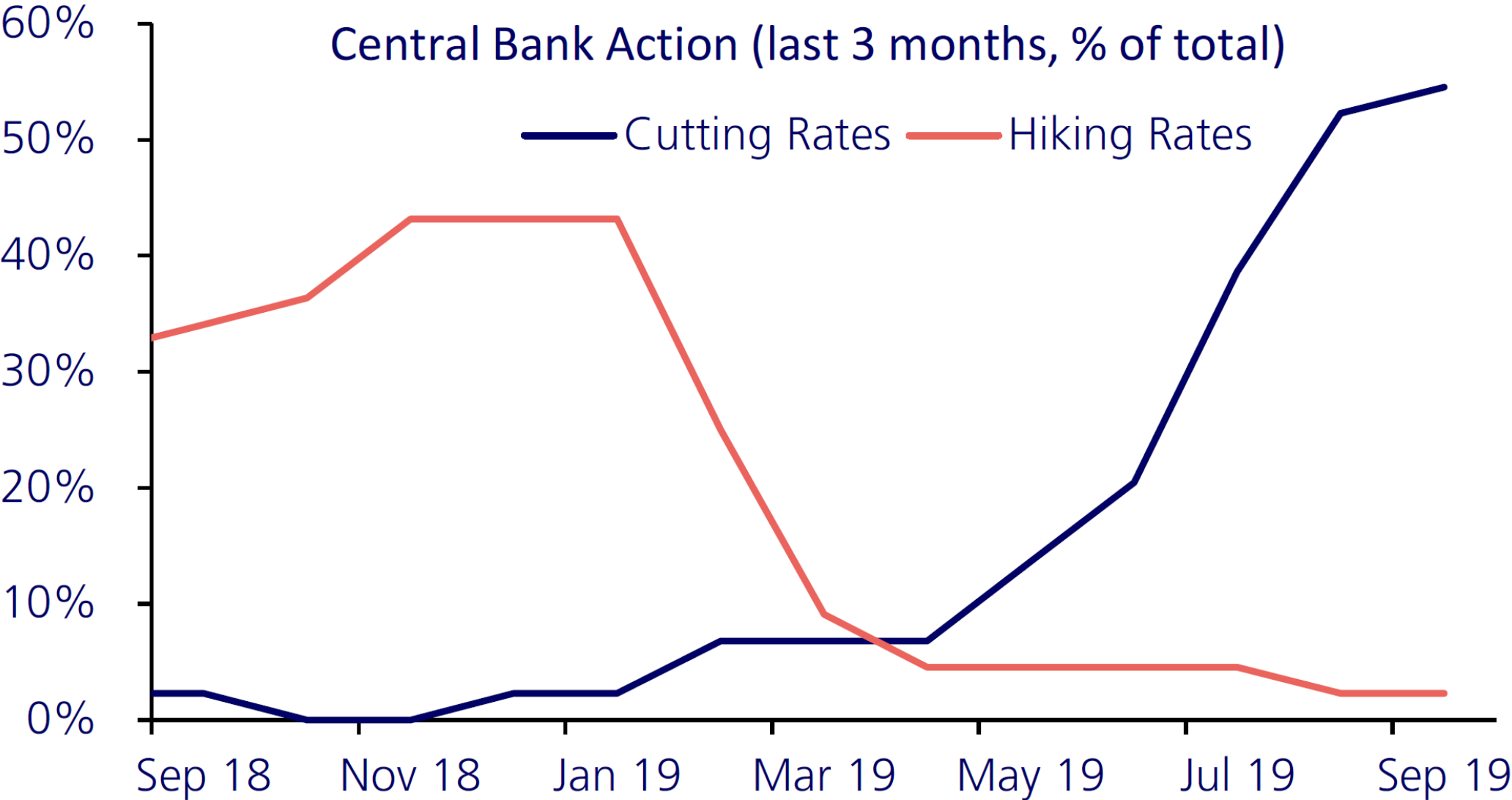




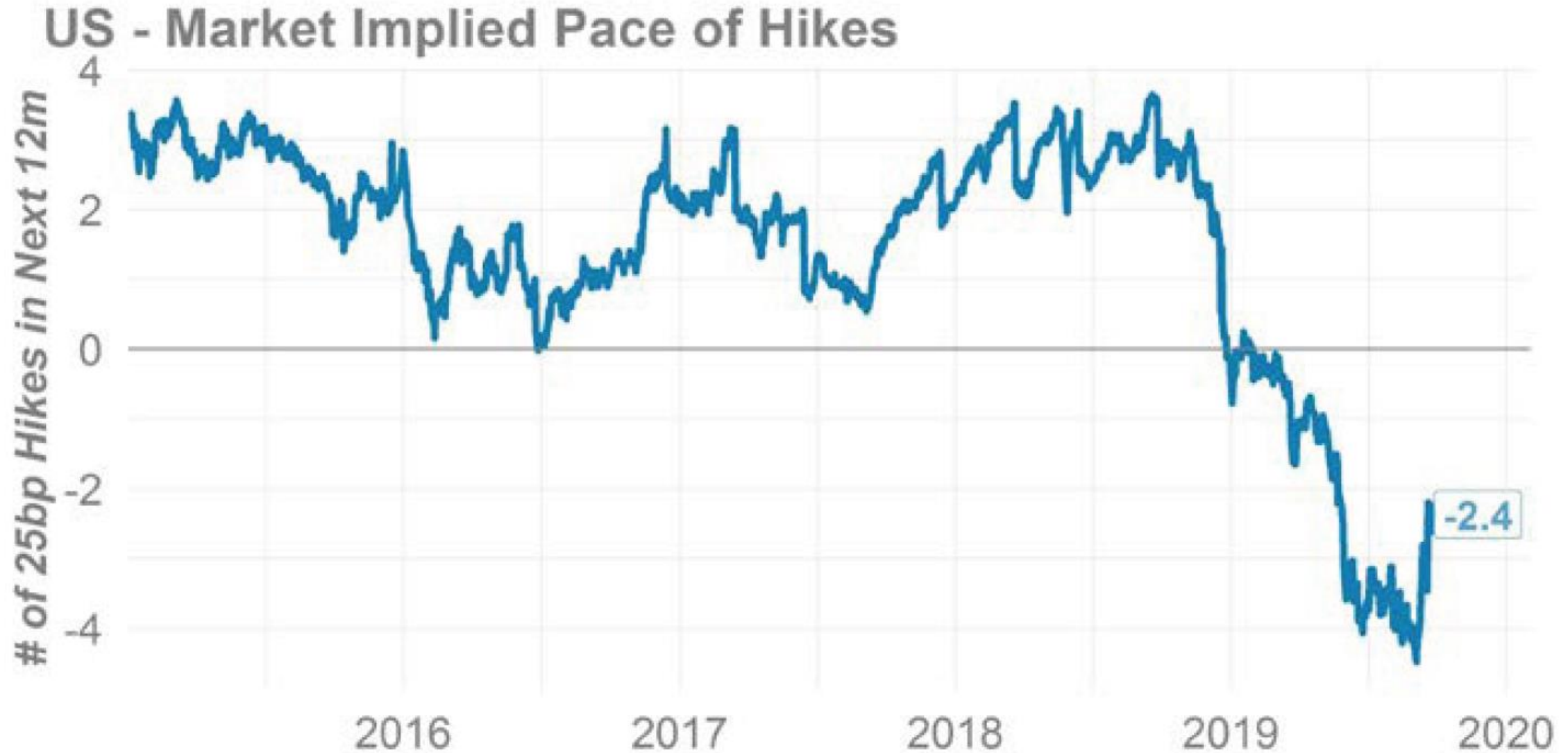
# Macro Factor: Trade frictions



# Macro Factor: Central Banks



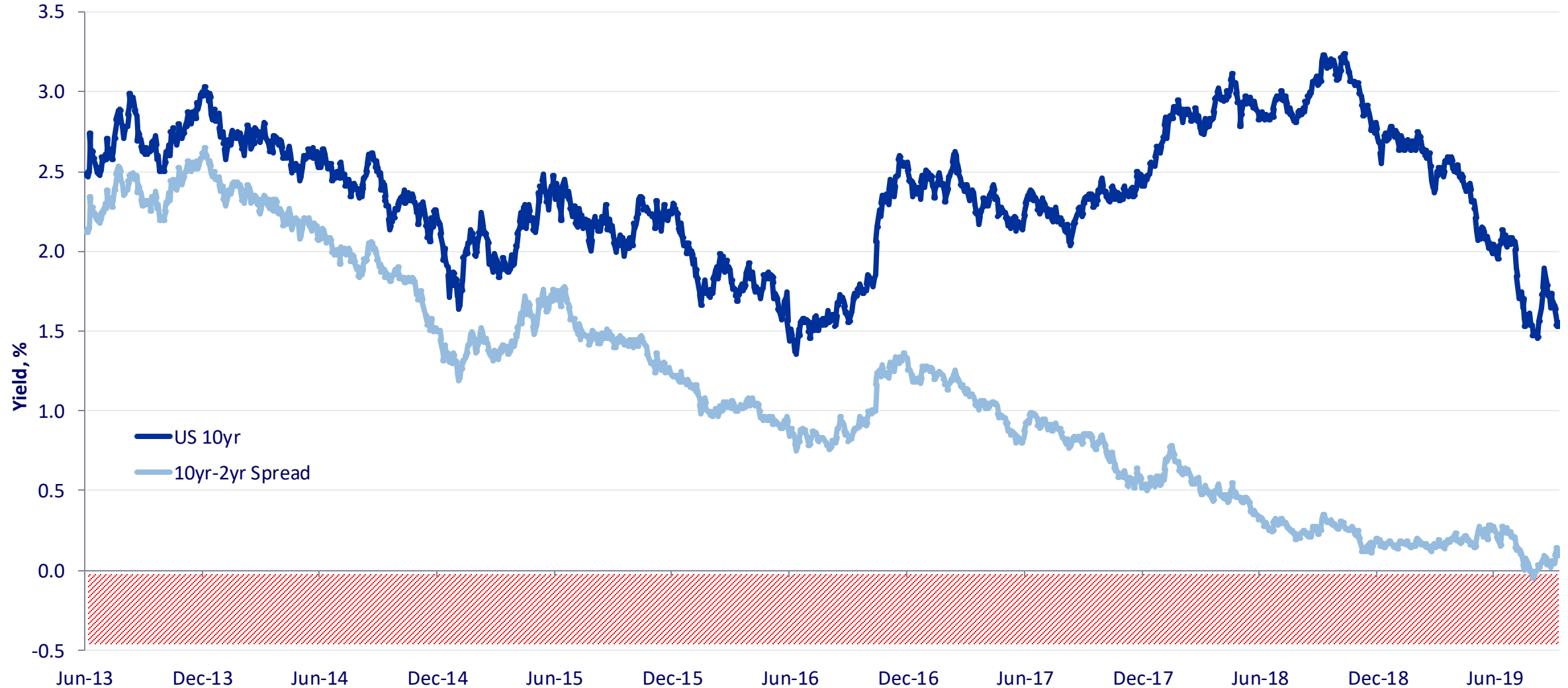
## Macro Factor: Do not fight the FED?





# Macro Factor: Bond yields

What is the 'new normal' (cost of money)?



# Micro Factor: Valuations

## Multiples within historic ranges

### CURRENT P/E VS. 10-YEAR HIGH, LOW AND AVERAGE BY REGION/STYLE

Next 12-Month Data as of 30/06/2019



|                       | S&P 500 | Russell 2000 | Russell 1000 Growth | Russell 1000 Value | MSCI World | MSCI EAFE | MSCI Emg Mkts | MSCI Europe | MSCI AC Asia Pacific |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| <b>High</b>           | 18.3    | 26.3         | 21.4                | 16.6               | 16.9       | 16.0      | 13.6          | 16.2        | 20.3                 |
| <b>Low</b>            | 10.3    | 13.9         | 11.8                | 9.3                | 10.0       | 9.4       | 8.7           | 8.6         | 10.5                 |
| <b>Average</b>        | 14.8    | 20.5         | 16.8                | 13.5               | 14.2       | 13.3      | 11.3          | 13.0        | 13.1                 |
| <b>As of 12/31/17</b> | 18.1    | 24.6         | 21.1                | 16.2               | 16.8       | 15.0      | 12.5          | 14.9        | 14.0                 |
| <b>Current</b>        | 16.7    | 21.0         | 20.9                | 14.1               | 15.6       | 13.6      | 12.3          | 13.7        | 13.3                 |

# STOCK MARKET VALUATIONS

|                                    | S&P 500<br>P/E Ratio |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Average Trailing*                  | 16.6                 |
| When Inflation Was 2% or Less*     | 18.0                 |
| When Inflation Was 4% or More*     | 12.6                 |
| Based on 2019 Estimated Earnings** | 17.6                 |
| Based on 2020 Estimated Earnings** | 15.9                 |

P/E Ratio: A valuation ratio of a company's share price compared to its per-share earnings.

\*Data from 29/01/1954 to 30/06/2019

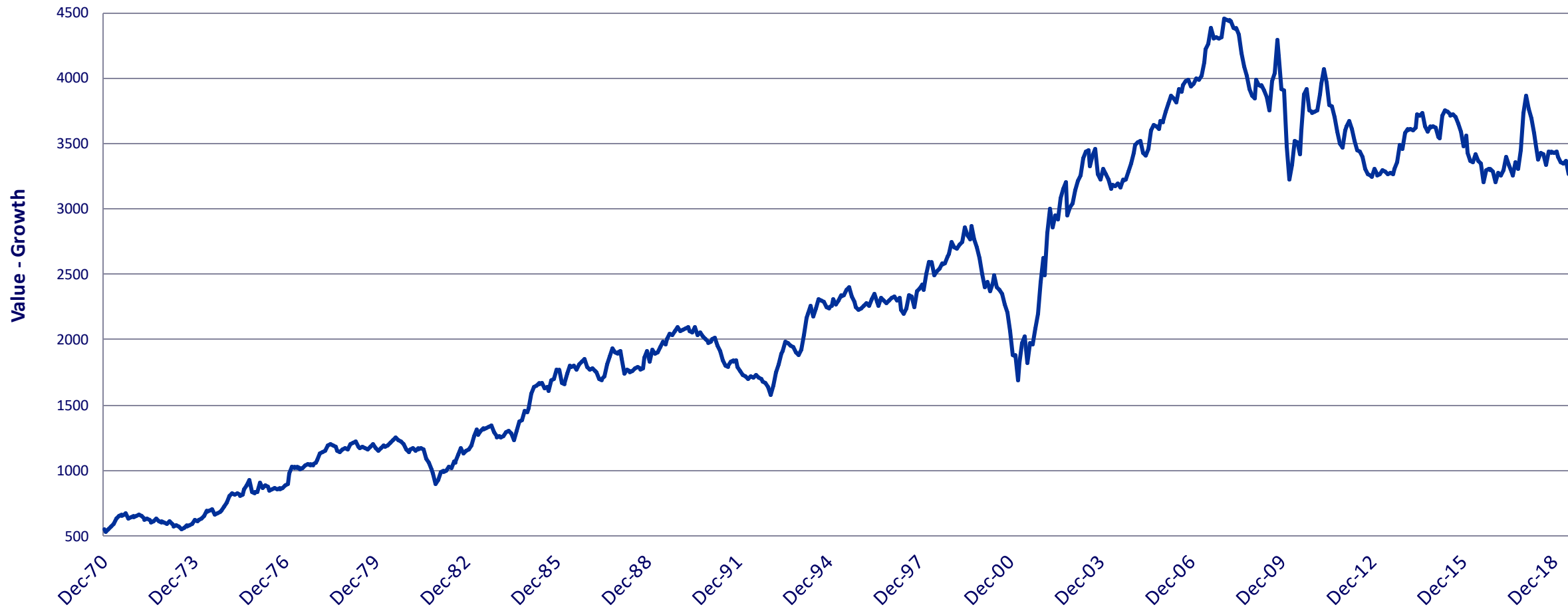
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Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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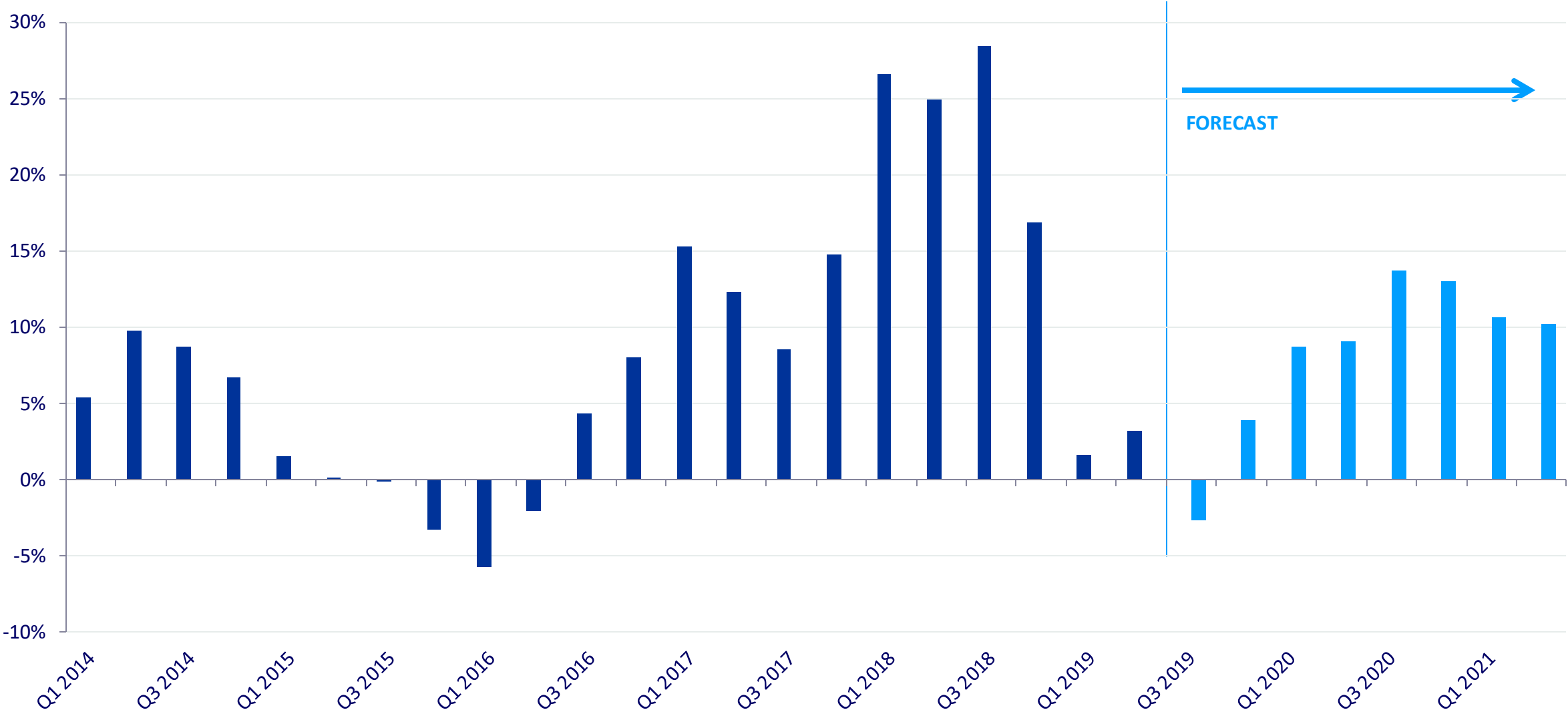
# THE GROWTH-VALUE DIVIDE IN PERSPECTIVE

## Value Relative to Growth



# Micro Factor: Corporate earnings

## S&P 500 earnings per share growth



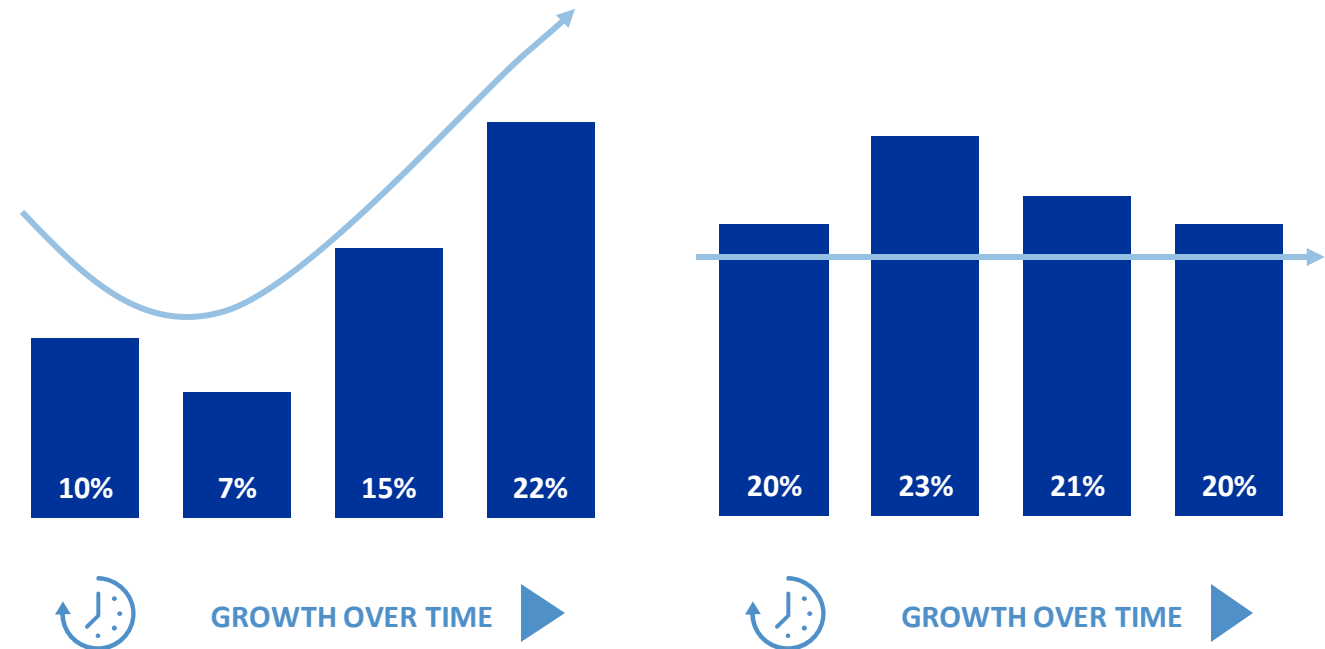


# INVESTING WITH A WELL-DEFINED BOTTOM-UP GROWTH PHILOSOPHY

We believe that **accelerating, sustainable growth** in revenues and earnings, driven by an inflection in business fundamentals, results in **stock price outperformance**.

- ✓ We focus on inflection points in companies' fundamentals because we believe markets are inefficient at identifying these changes
- ✓ Our process is designed to uncover stocks that outperform as earnings growth accelerates, market expectations rise and multiples expand.

We believe the direction of earnings growth is a more powerful predictor of stock price performance than the absolute level of growth.



# Potential positioning for growth investors

- Secular growth drivers, rather than cyclical
  - Selected IT, including cloud computing, 5G, electronic payment
  - Health Care, particularly medical devices and diagnostic tools
  - Selected financial services in Emerging Markets
- Highly visible revenue base
- Companies with idiosyncratic growth drivers

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