

US Macro & Interest Rate Outlook



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Stronger US growth comes with risks

What will be the impact of Donald Trump?

- Tax cuts
- More infrastructure spending
- Less regulation

- Massive uncertainty
- Trade protectionism
- Anti-immigration

Elevated risk of a "trial and error" presidency

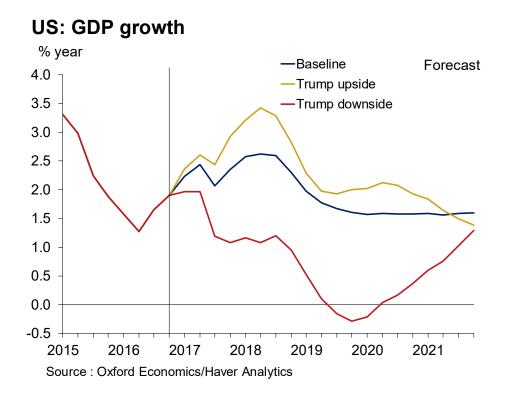


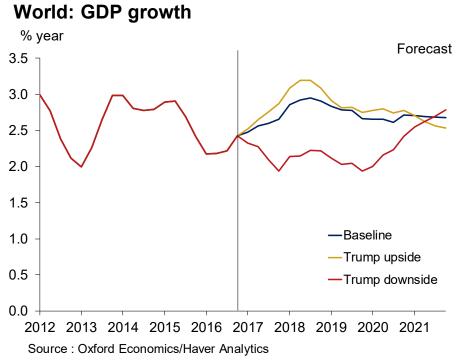
Three Trump scenarios (and an infinite set of possibilities)

2017-2026	<u>Baseline</u>	<u>Upside</u>	<u>Downside</u>
Tax cuts	\$1 trillion (w/ some benefits to low income families)	\$2 trillion (w/ some benefits to low income families)	\$500 billion (as regressive as current proposal with 50% tax cuts for top 1%)
Infrastructure	\$200 billion	\$250 billion	-
Spending offsets	\$300 billion (back loaded)	\$350 billion (more back loaded)	\$300 billion
Tax revenue offsets	+\$225 billion (foreign profits)	+\$500 billion (foreign profits + repeal expenditures)	+\$225 billion (foreign profits)
Uncertainty	Moderate	Dissipates rapidly	Elevated
Trade	Threats to renegotiate agreements and implement tariffs on only limited & targeted restrictions	Status quo	Elevated protectionism (45% tariff on China & 35% on Mexico
Regulation	Loosened modestly	Loosened widely	Status quo
Immigration (via labor force)	-600,000/year	Status quo	-1,000,000/year



The impact on President Trump on growth







Stage of Cycle	Economic indicator	Coincident or Leading Indicator
Mid-cycle	Housing Permits Yield Curve Industrial Production Manufacturing and Trade Sales	Leading Leading Coincident Coincident
Approaching late-cycle	Corporate bond debt outstanding	Leading
Late -cycle	Output gap Jobless Claims S&P 500 Stock Index Manufacturing Hours Payrolls Personal Income	Coincident Leading Leading Coincident Coincident

Source: Oxford Economics, The Conference Board



Trump stimulus does not lift supply side much

Real potential output growth (2018-2021)	CAGR (%)
Baseline	1.67
Without Trump policy mix (fiscal, trade, immigration)	1.73
With Trump fiscal stimulus, but without trade & immigration restrictions	1.84

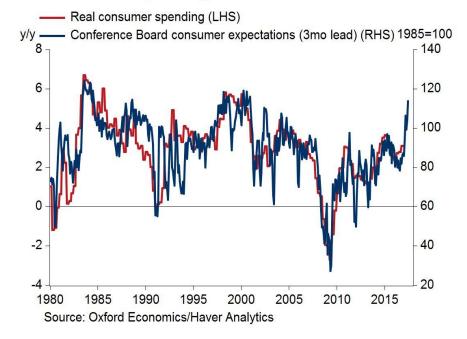


Consumer survey data lead hard data

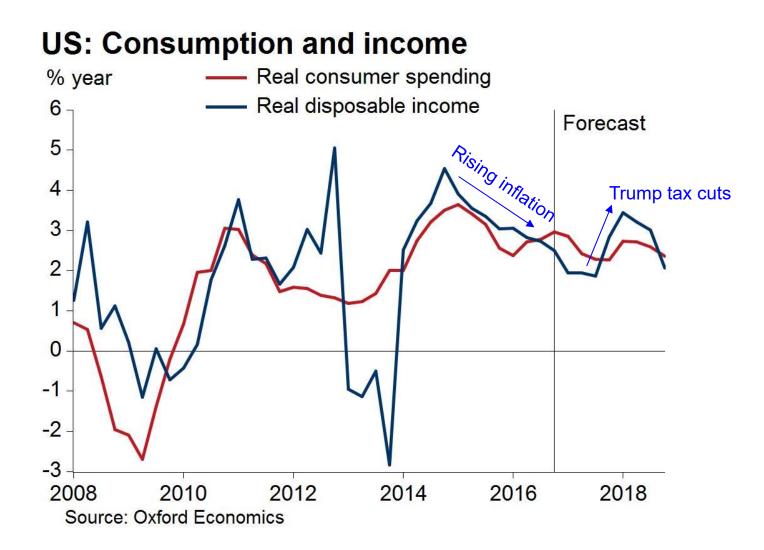


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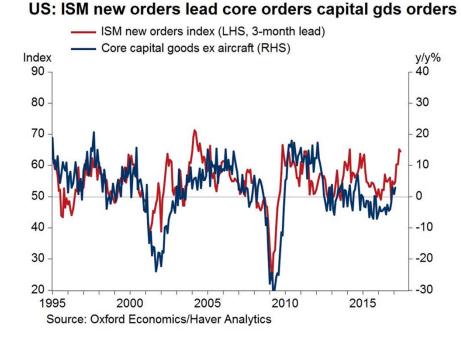




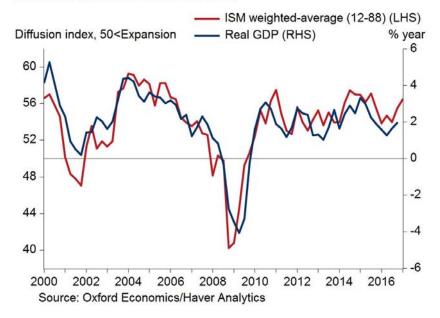




Manufacturing survey data run ahead of hard data

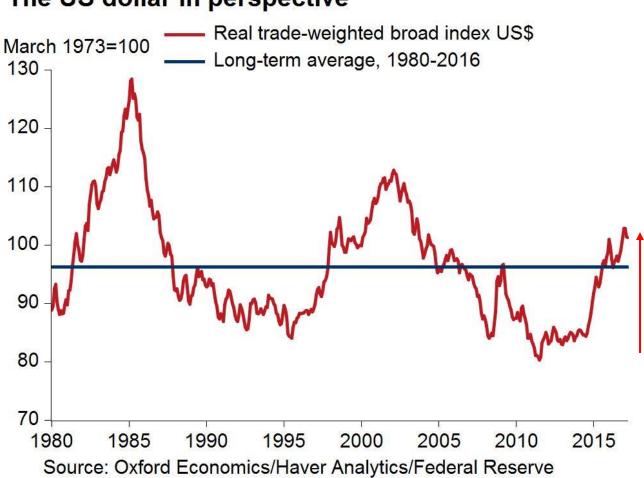


US: ISM indices and real GDP





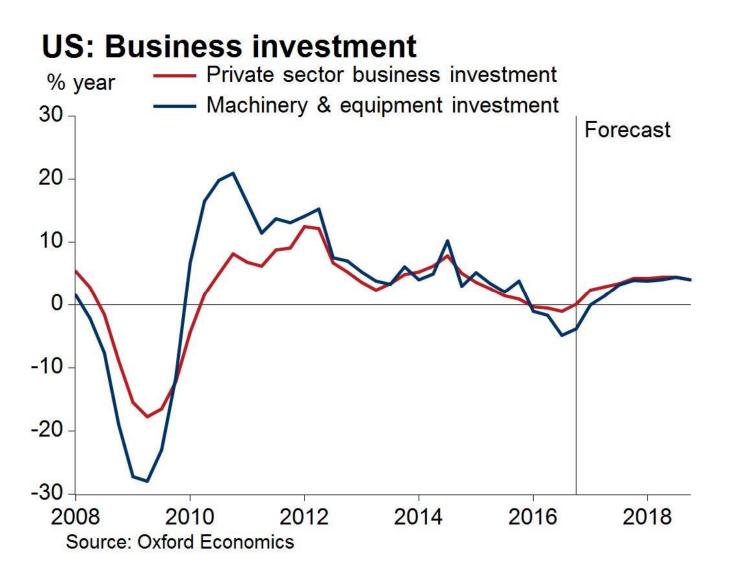
Strong US dollar weighs on US exports



The US dollar in perspective

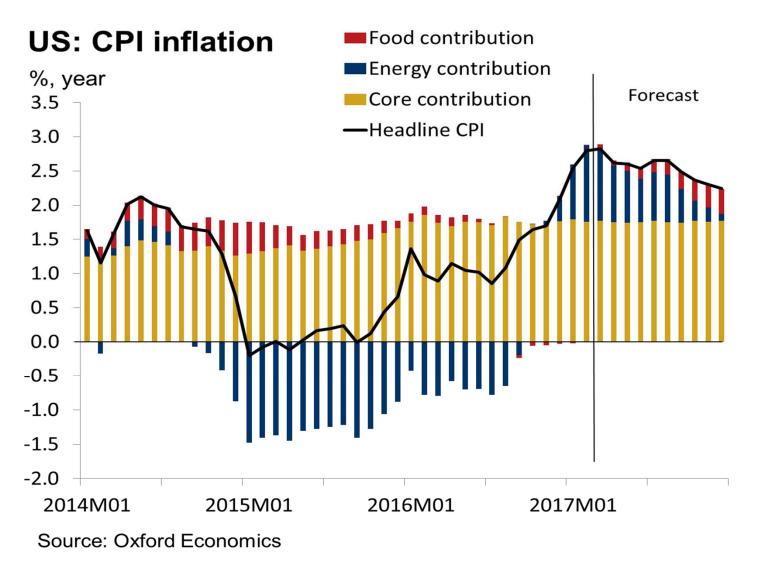


We expect modest US momentum going forward



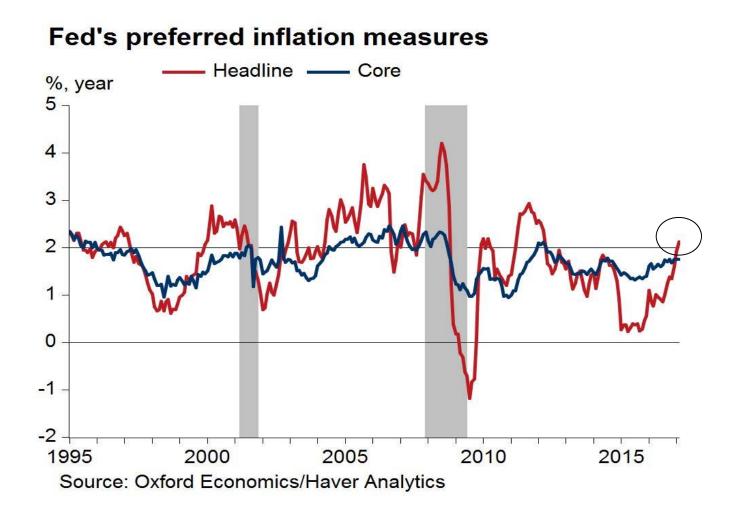
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Inflation expected to firm above 2%



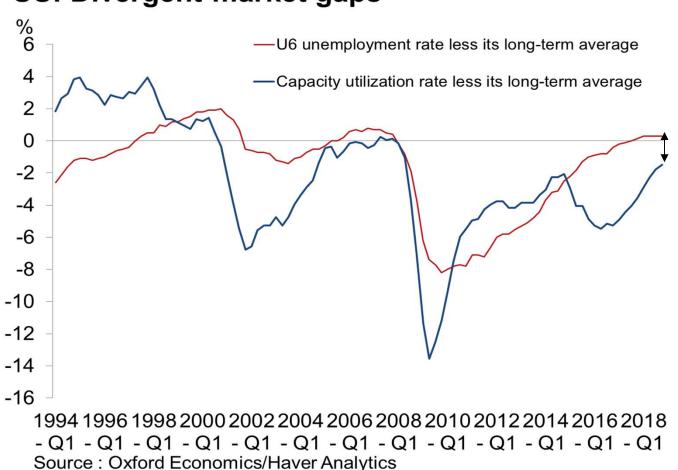


PCE price index also reaches 2% target





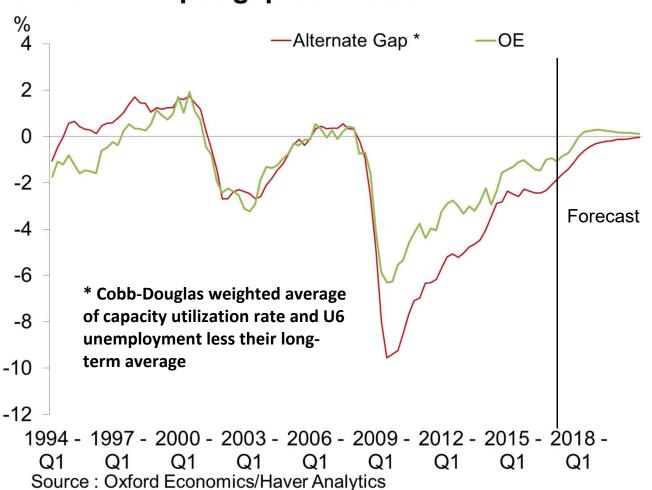
Labor market gap closed, slack closing in capital market



US: Divergent market gaps



Output gaps narrowing



US: GDP output gap estimates



Fed lags behind Taylor Rule

US: Fed lagging behind Taylor Rule Percent 10 -Taylor Rule -Alt. Taylor Rule* 8 Forecast —Fed funds target 6 4 * Based on our alternative 2 output gap using the bottomup capacity utilization rate and unemployment rate calculation 0 -2 1990 -1995 -2000 -2005 -2010 -2015 -2020-Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 Q1 Source : Oxford Economics/Haver Analytics



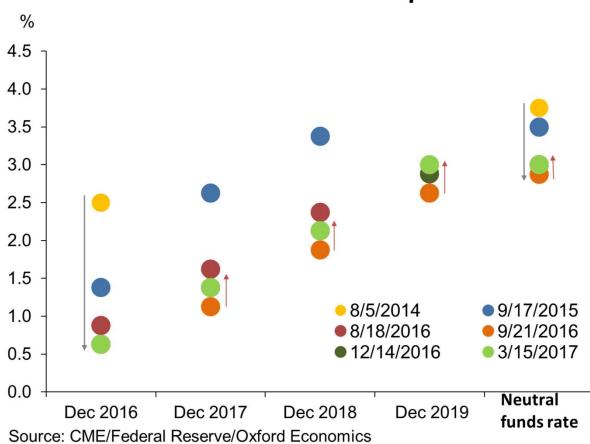
Expectations of Fed funds rate (%)			
	Market implied rate	Fed Dot Plot	Oxford Economics
	Eurodollar futures yield*	median rate forecasts	forecast
Month	as of April 7, 2017	as of March -2017	as of March-2017
Dec. 2017	1.18	1.38	1.38
Dec. 2018	1.52	2.13	2.13
Dec. 2019	1.75	3.00	2.88
Dec. 2020	1.92	3.00	2.88
Long-Term		3.00	2.88

Source: CME group, Federal Reserve, Oxford Economics

*Adjusted for estimated risk and term premiums



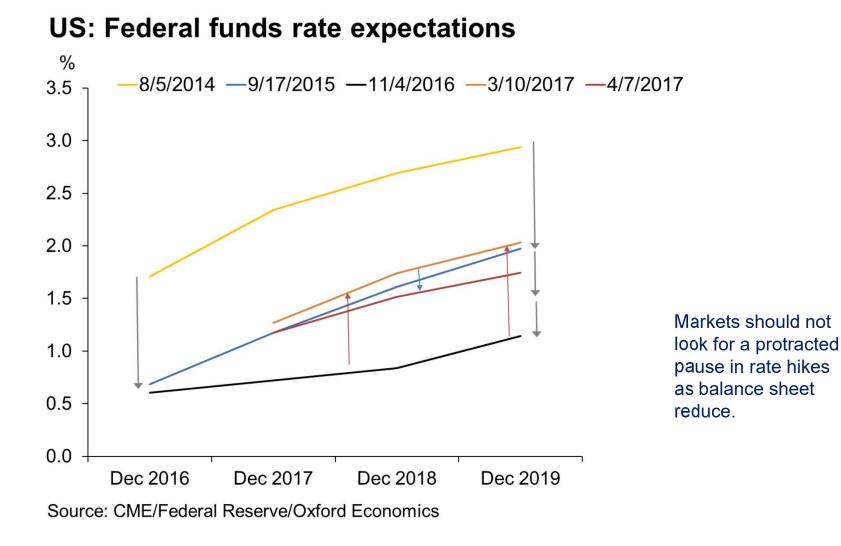
Fed dot plot estimates- reversed directions in Dec 2016



US: FOMC median fed funds dot plot estimates

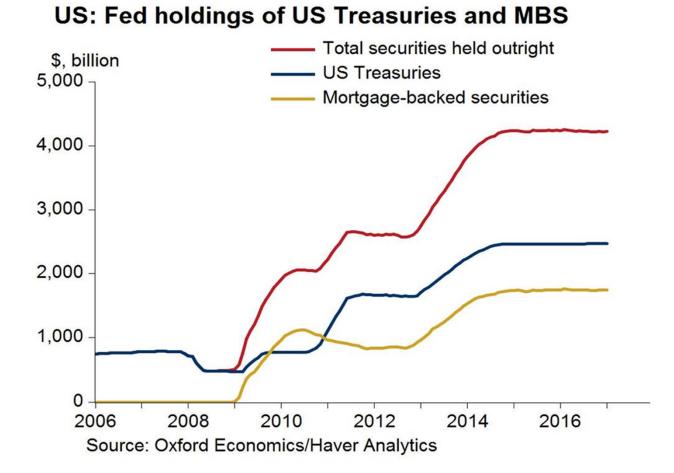


Market rate expectations – shifting down/up/down

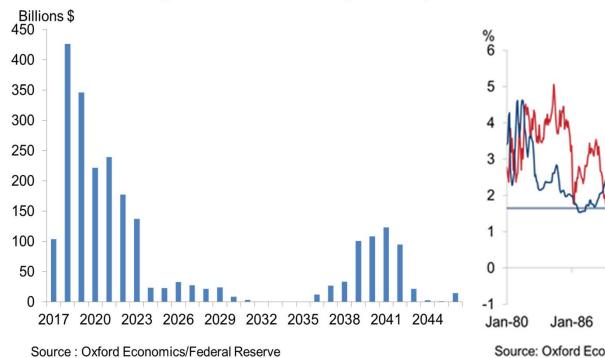




Fed balance sheet holdings – time to start shrinking

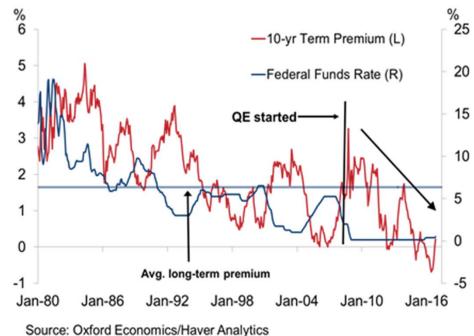






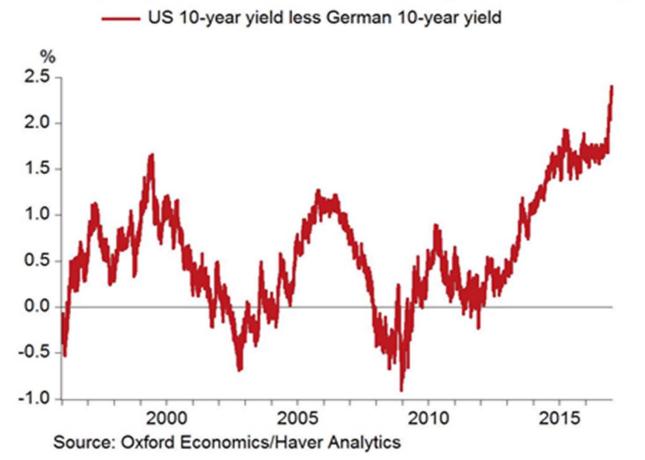
US: Fed's holdings of US Treasuries by maturity

US: Bond term premia key variable as Fed unwinds QE





Foreign capital inflows due to interest rate differentials



US: Gap in yields relative to Germany at historic highs

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OE interest rate forecasts – moderate rise

Interest rate forecasts (%)			
Quarter-end	Fed funds	10-year note	Spread 10-FF
2017 Q2	1.13	2.48	1.35
Q3	1.38	2.58	1.20
Q4	1.38	2.63	1.25

Source: Oxford Economics

Interest rate forecasts (%)			
Quarter-end	Fed funds	10-year note	Spread 10-FF
2018 Q1	1.63	2.74	1.11
Q2	1.88	2.84	0.96
Q3	2.13	2.95	0.82
Q4	2.13	3.06	0.93



Thank you!

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