

Economic and Financial Outlook

Risks and Opportunities in 2017

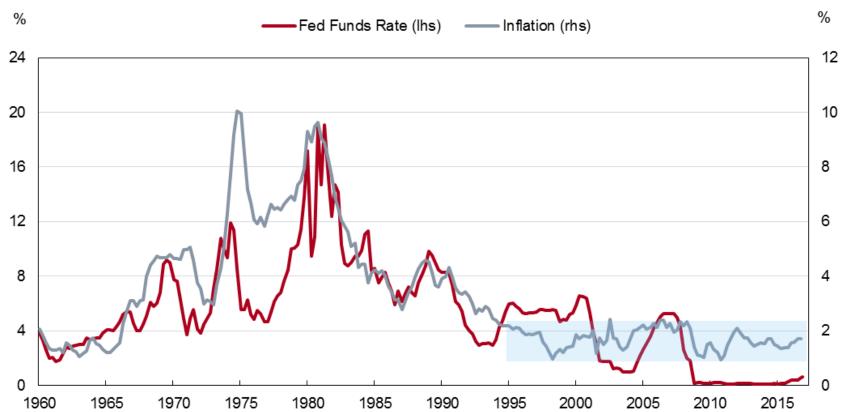
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March 2017

New South Wales Treasury Corporation

Is the 35-year secular decline in rates over?

Higher US interest rates would exert upward pressure on global rates

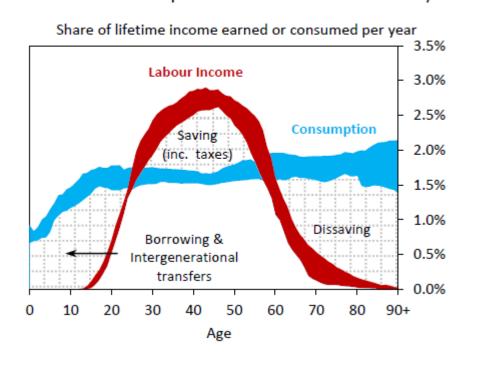


US Inflation and Interest Rates

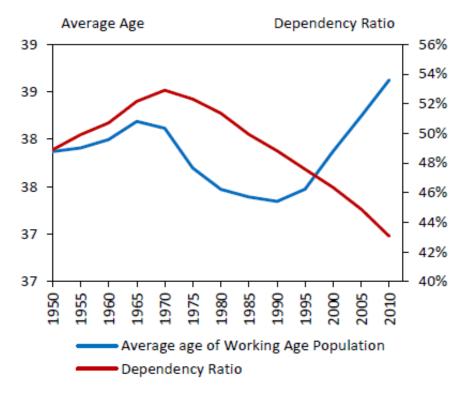
Demographics and saving behaviour

Fewer young people vs more old people

Consumption & income over the life cycle



Projections for global ageing & dependency

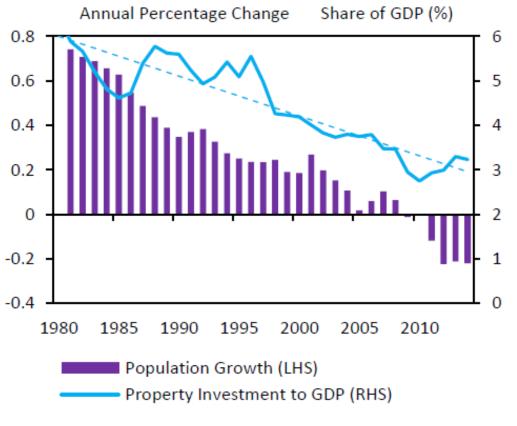


Source: UN population projections

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Slower population growth and demand

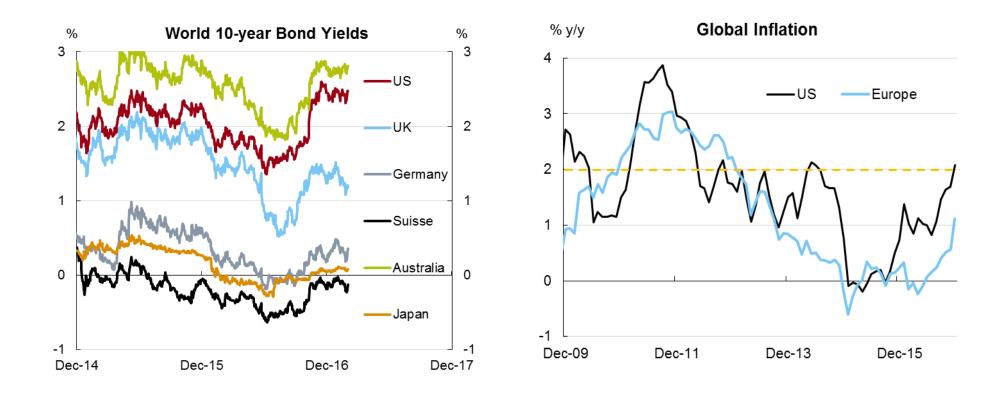
Slowing Japanese population growth and declining property investment as a share of GDP



Sources: DataStream and IMF WEO

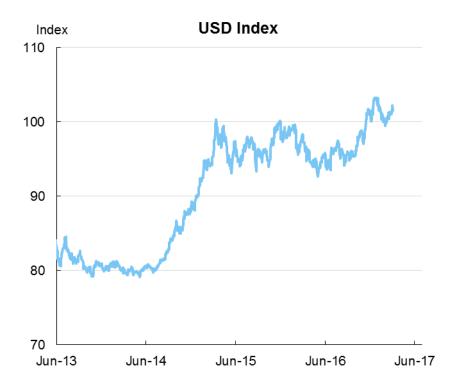


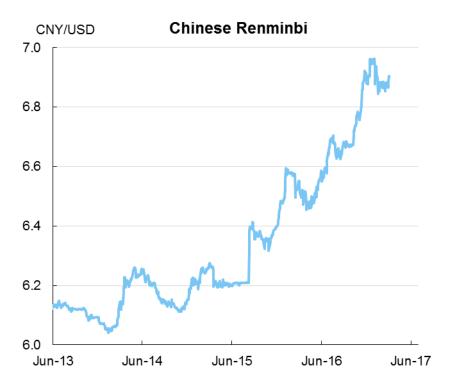
Global bond yields have risen as has inflation...

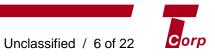




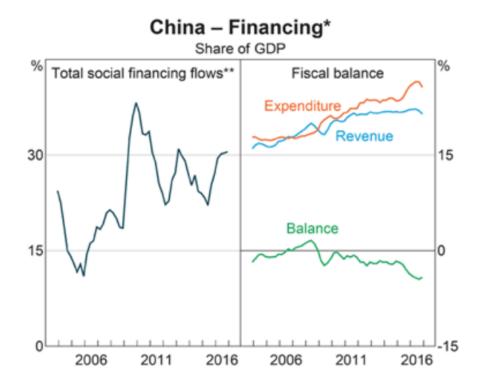
When rates are flat, currencies are crucial

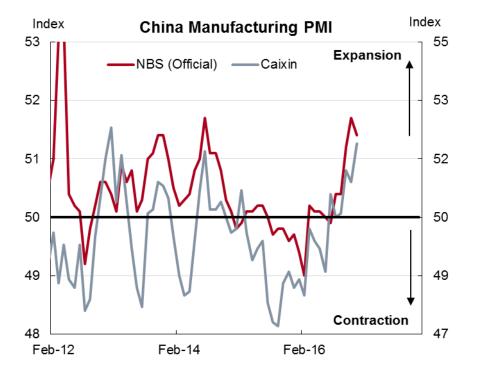






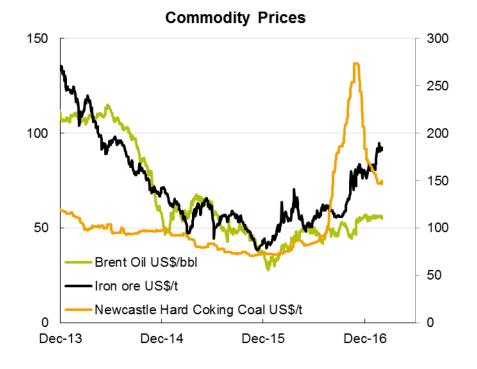
Looser Chinese policy boosted activity...





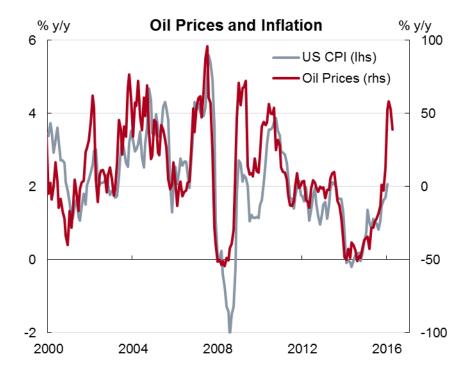


...boosting commodity prices and inflation





Higher oil prices have driven up inflation...

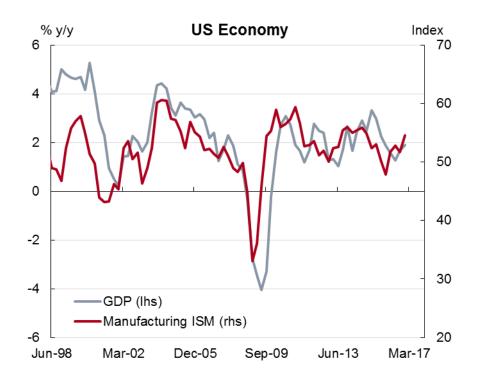


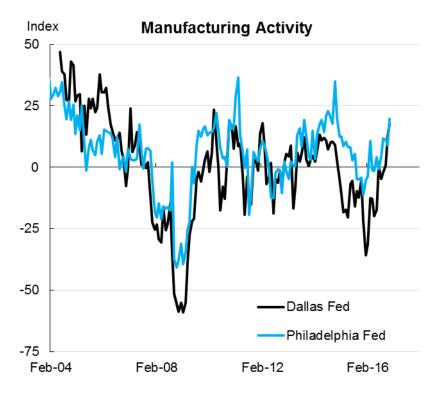


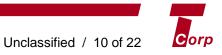
US Oil Rig Count



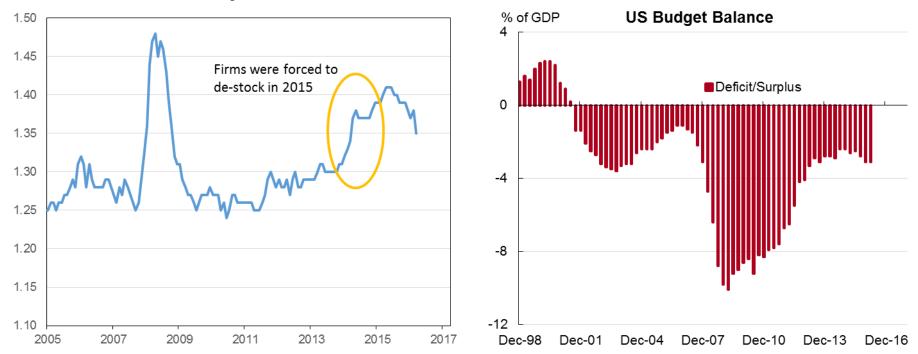
Global manufacturing growth has improved...



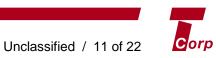




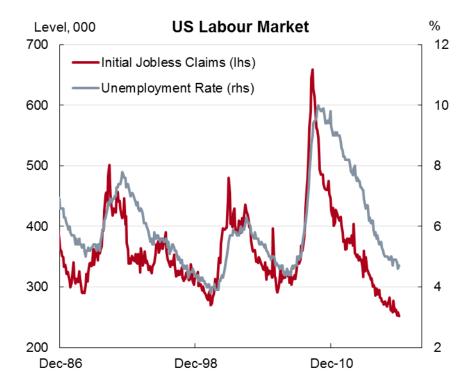
Firms rebuild inventories and fiscal drag ends

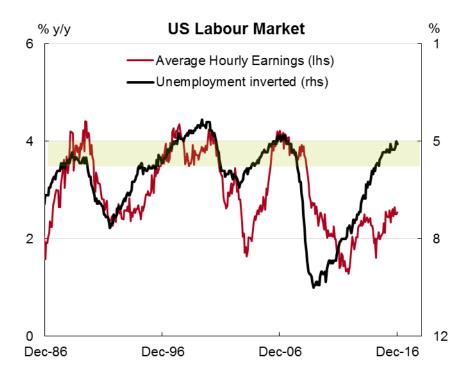


US Inventory Sales Ratio



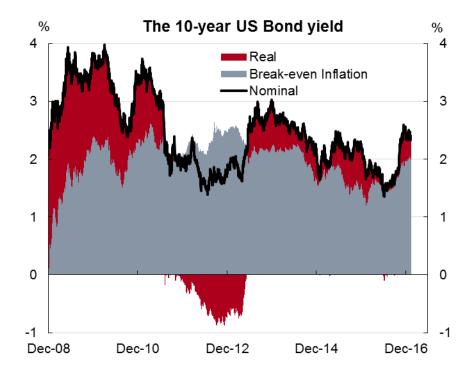
Tight US labour market but wages still weak

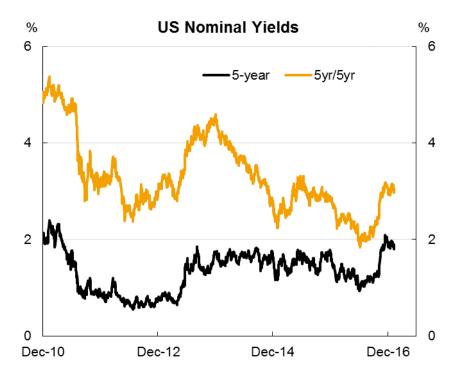






Markets are prepared for modest inflation

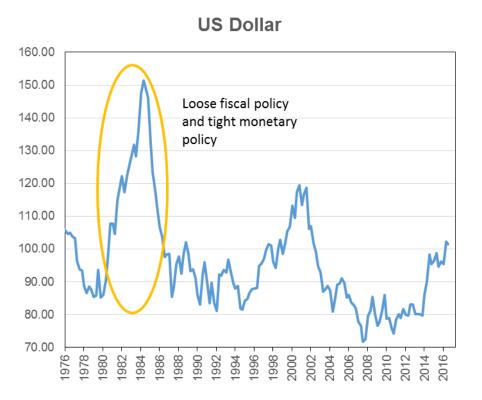






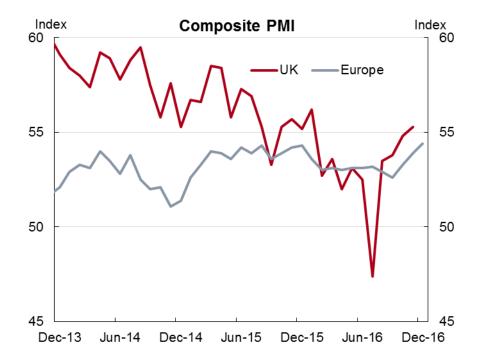
Two risks for the US economy...

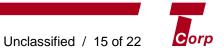




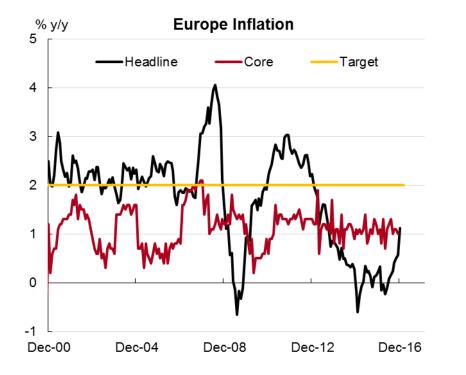
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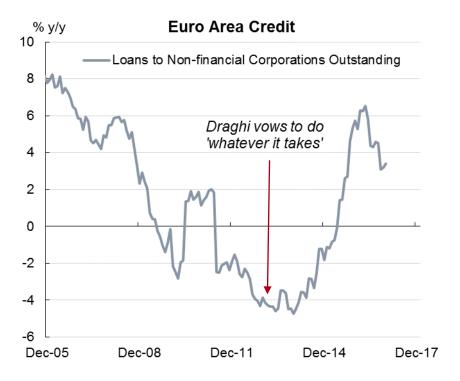






Europe is yet to see inflation rise sustainably...





Political events loom large in Europe in 2017

15 March

March

Netherlands General Election

French Presidential Election

UK Article 50 Trigger

23 April 7 May

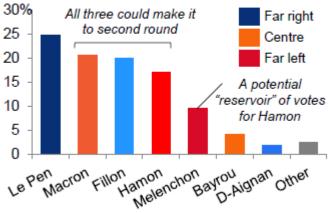
2Q17/1Q18

24 September

Risk of Italian Election

German Federal Election

French presidential election first round polls: Le Pen / far left run-off most worrying tail risk

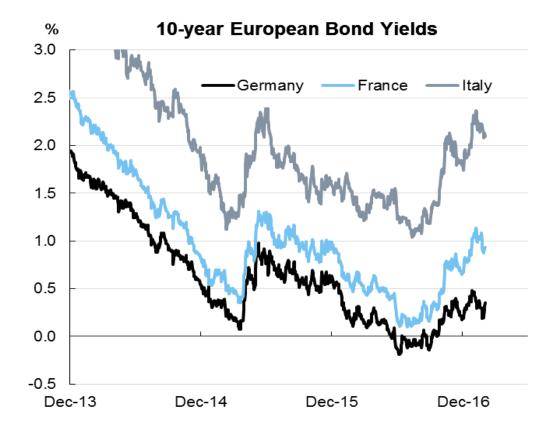


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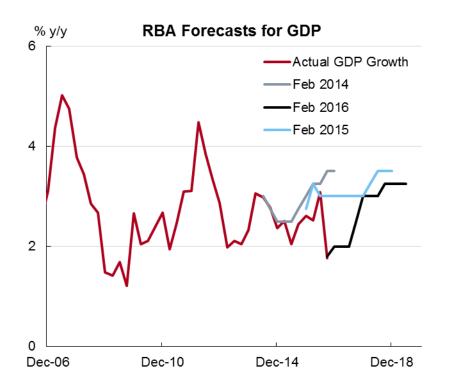
Source: Opinion polls, Deutsche Bank Research

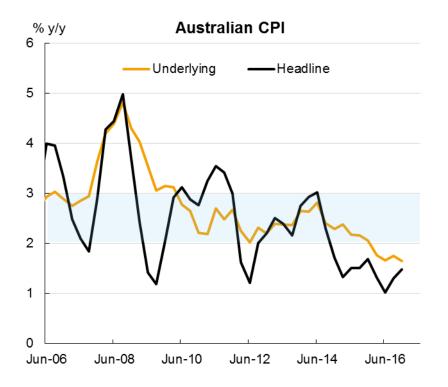


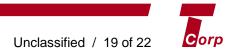
5% chance that the Eurozone disintegrates?



Australian growth and inflation remain sombre

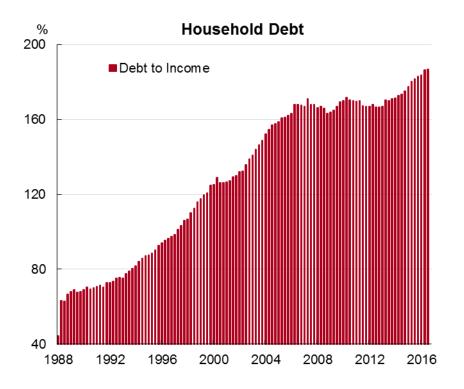






Aussie households face high debt & weak wages

Little scope for further debt-fuelled economic growth



Weak wages growth ensures 'real' debt burden will remain high

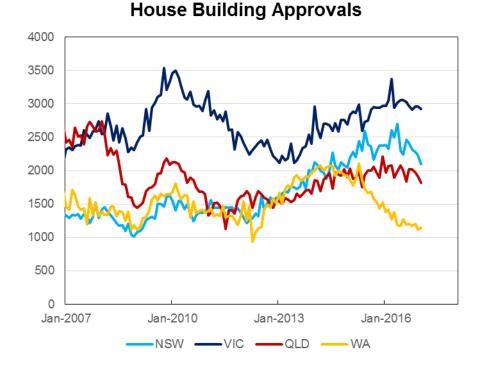


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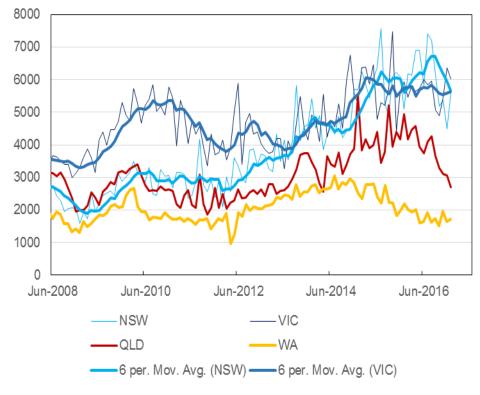
Housing construction is still boosting growth

Detached house activity diverges

Still lots of work in NSW and Victoria

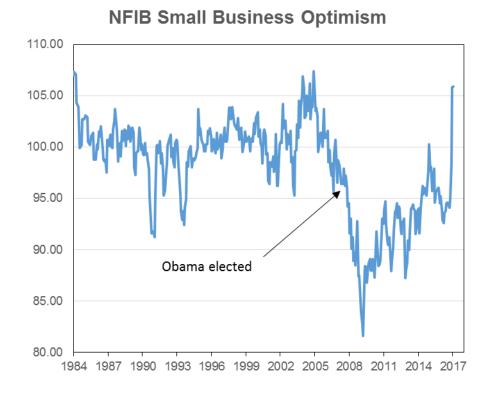


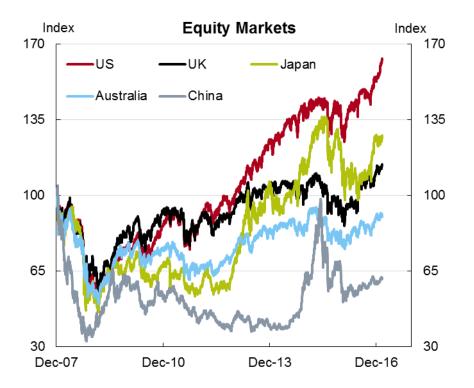
Apartment Building Approvals



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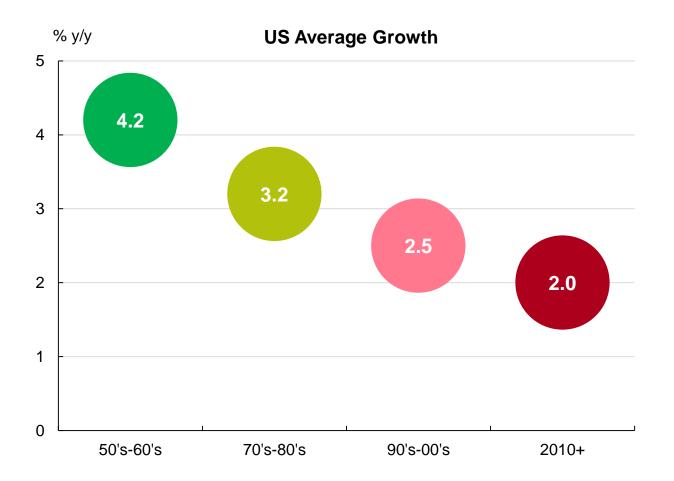
But are we about to see much stronger growth?





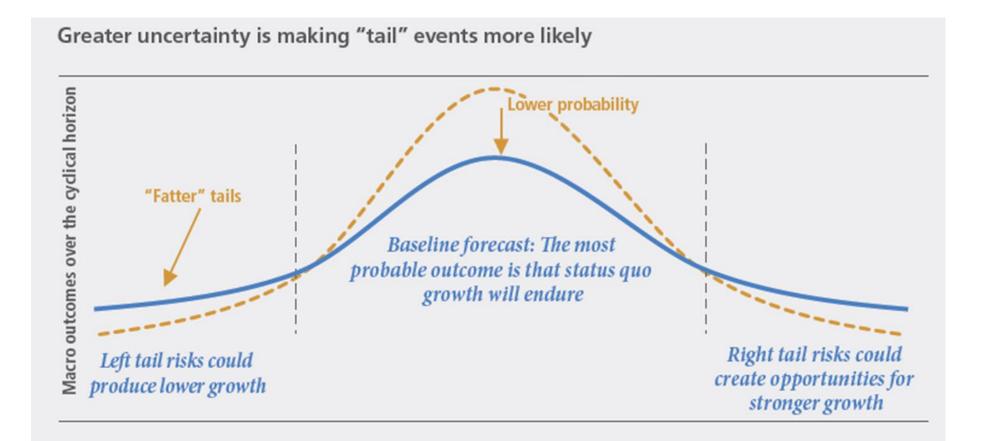


US economic growth has been slowing



The Trump Effect

Reviving 'animal spirits' or destroying global trade?



Source: PIMCO

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