

Economic Growth Has Been Tepid

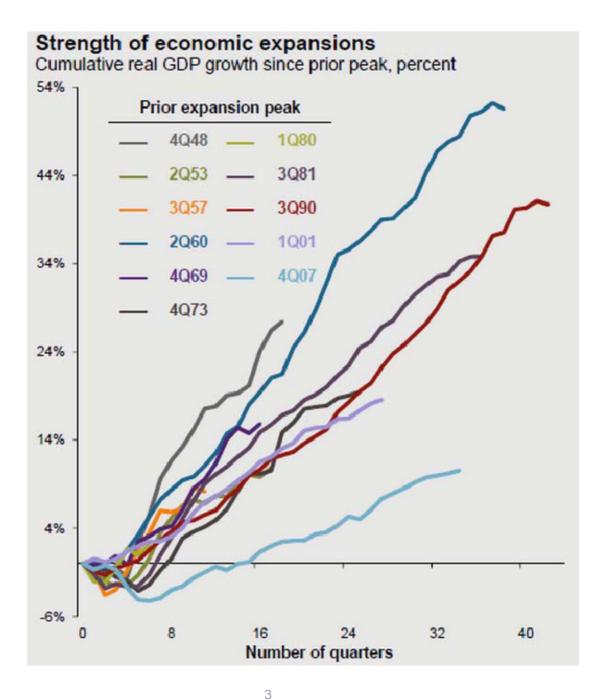
- ✓ In the U.S.
- √ Globally

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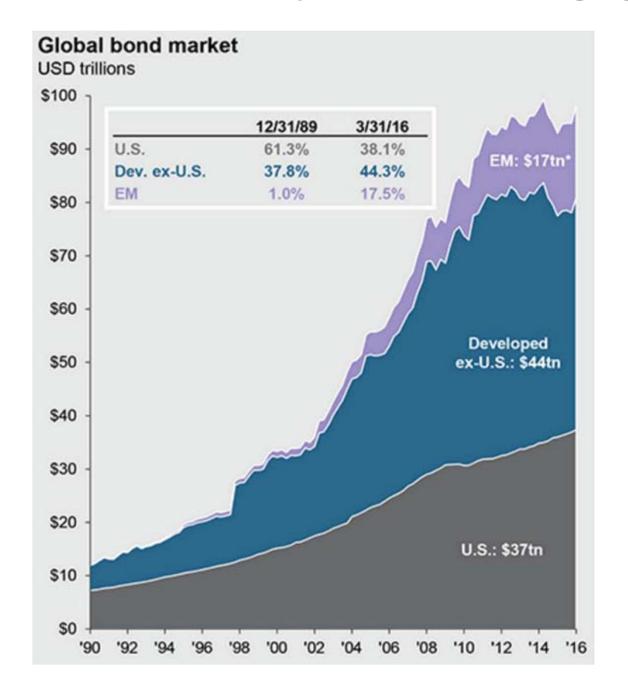


Putting the current recovery in perspective... tepid



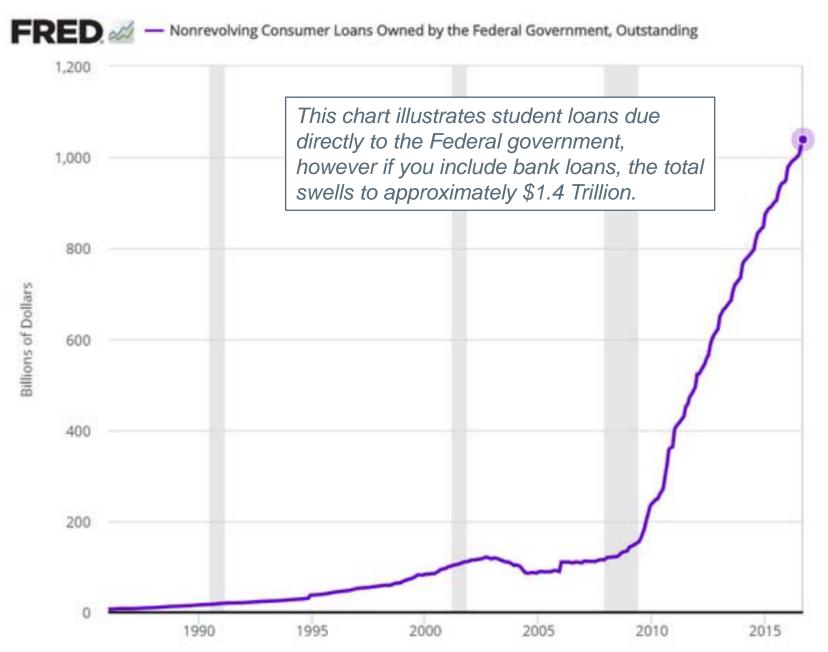


Global Debt Rises Dramatically – What Deleveraging?





Student Loans Continue to Climb – Remarkable Indebtedness



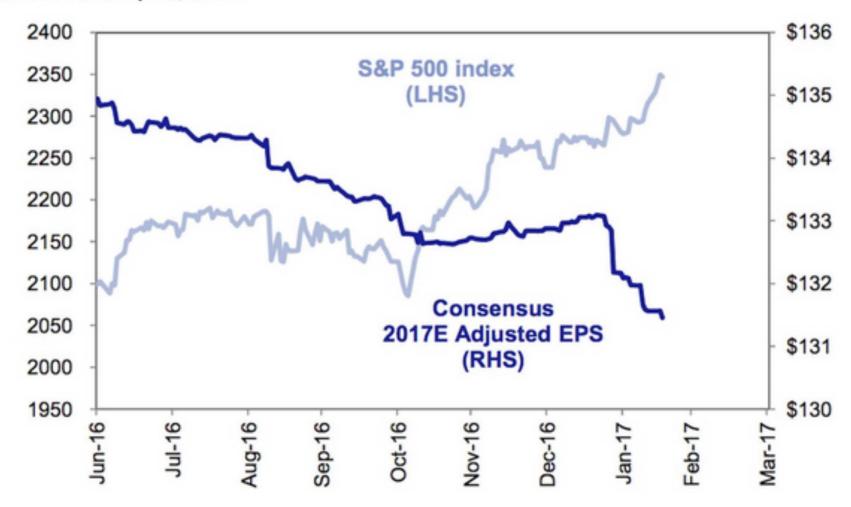


Yet We (in the U.S. anyway) Are Exceptionally Exuberant



US Equities Continue Upward Even as Near Term Earnings Estimates Fall: Why?

Exhibit 1: S&P 500 rallied as consensus adjusted EPS was revised down as of February 16, 2017

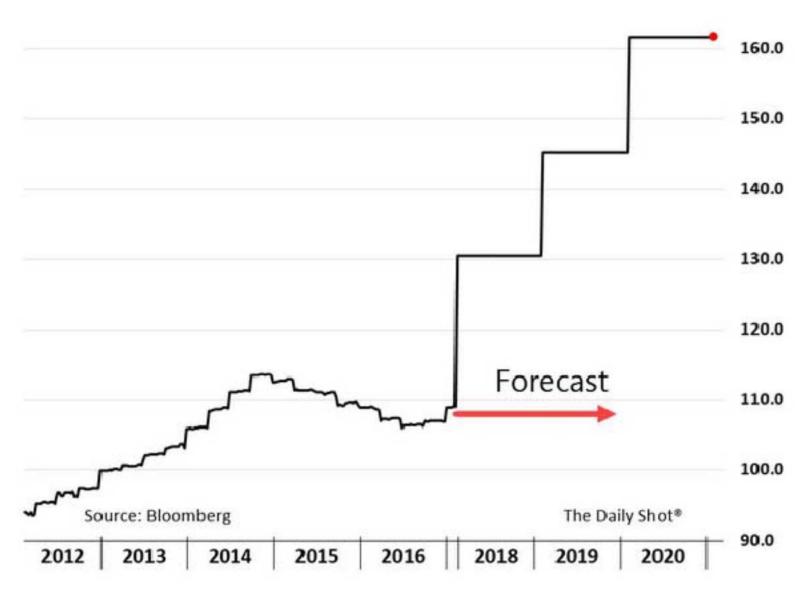


Source: FactSet and Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research.



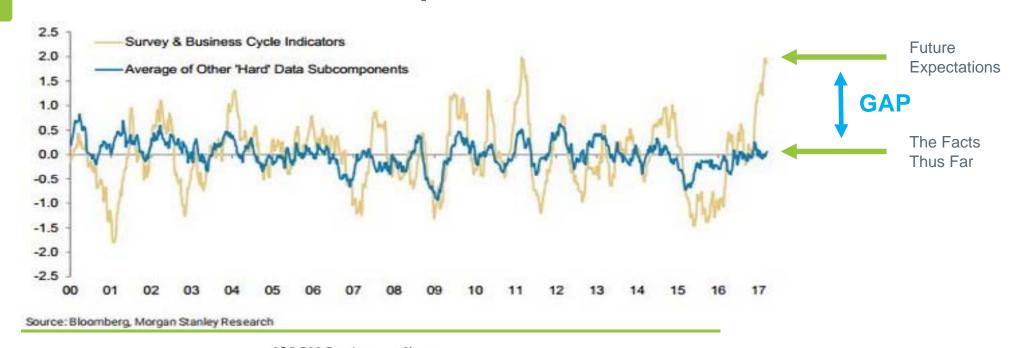
Why? Forecasts for 2018-2020 are Extraordinarily Optimistic

S&P 500 EPS Consensus Forecast





Lots of Optimism ... In General ...

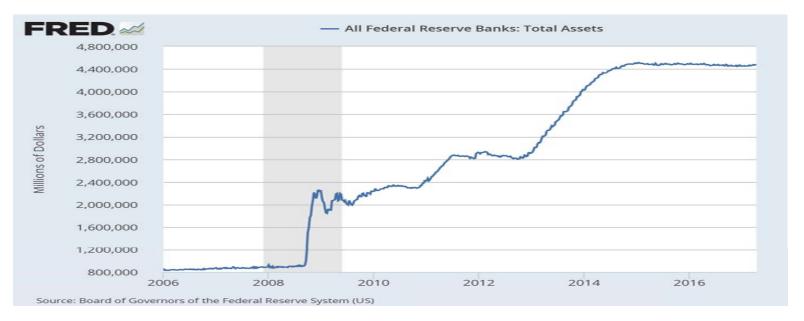


S&P 500 Earnings per Share 150.0 Forecast 5 130.0 110.0 90.0 70.0 50.0 Source: Bloomberg The Daily Shot® 30.0 2008 2011 2014 2017 2020

... and on EPS

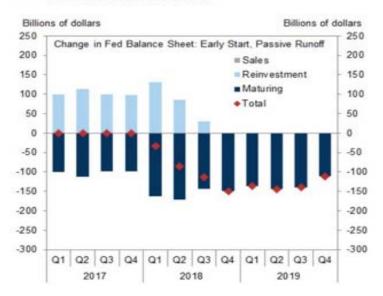


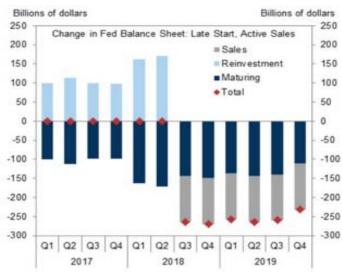
The Fed - Balance Sheet more so than the Fed Funds Rate



How will they reduce the balance sheet back to "normal"

Two Balance Sheet Scenarios





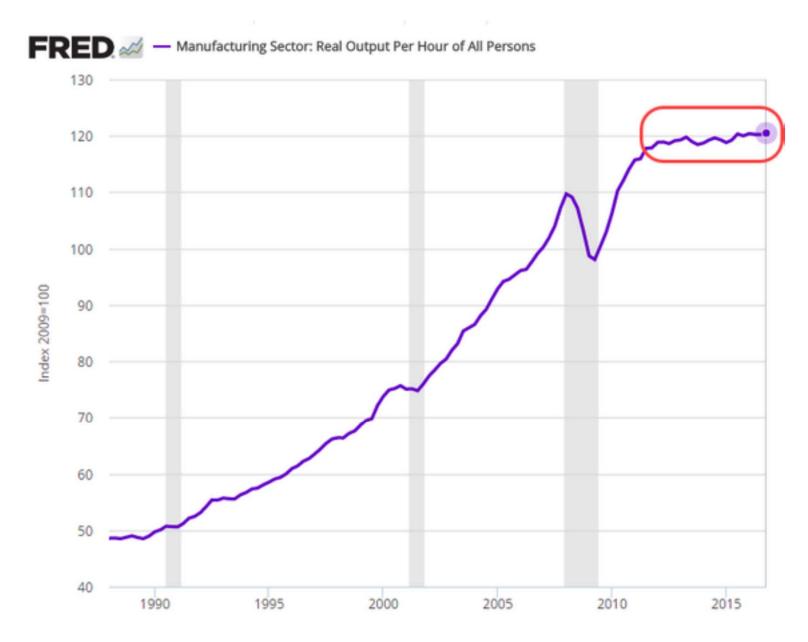
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Productivity Drives Wealth Creation



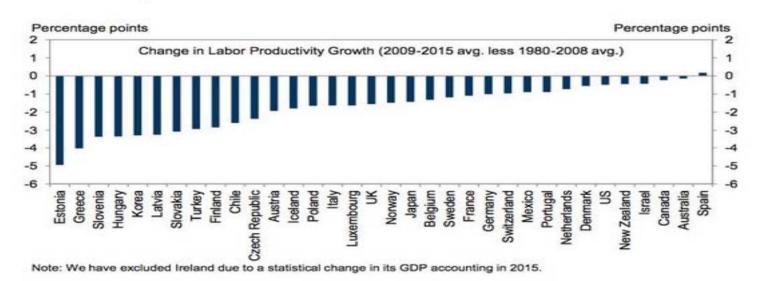
Productivity Growth – The Foundation for Sustained Wealth Creation and Wage/Income Growth Appears Stalled in the U.S. for Now



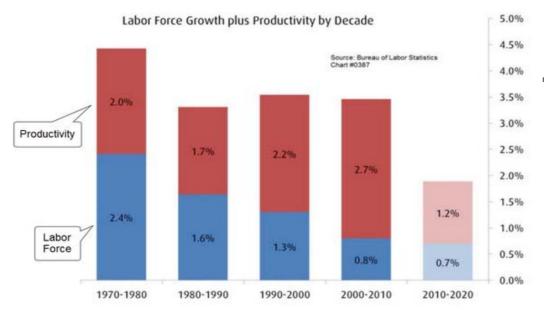


... And Productivity Growth is Slowing Globally ...





Source: DECD



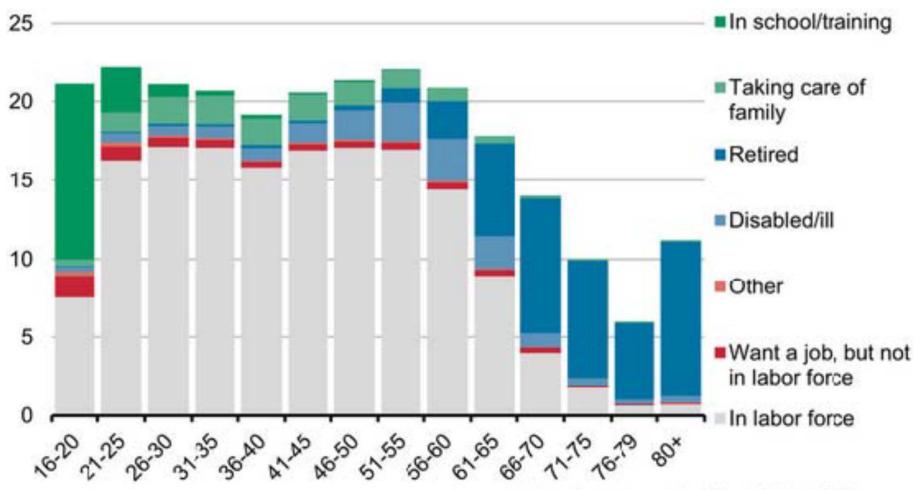
... And in the U.S. as well



A Productivity Issue?

Who's Not Working

Number of people (in millions) by age and reason for not being in the labor force in 2014

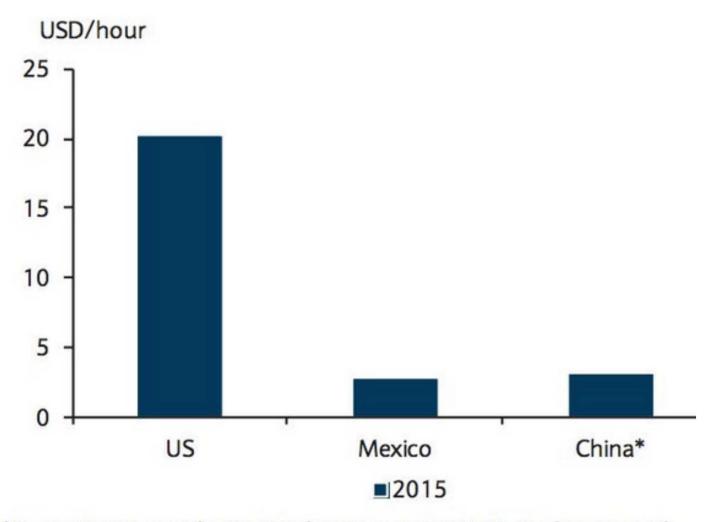


Source: Labor Department via Atlanta Fed | WSJ.com



International Competition to Supply Global Demand Remains Intense

Average hourly wage in manufacturing sector

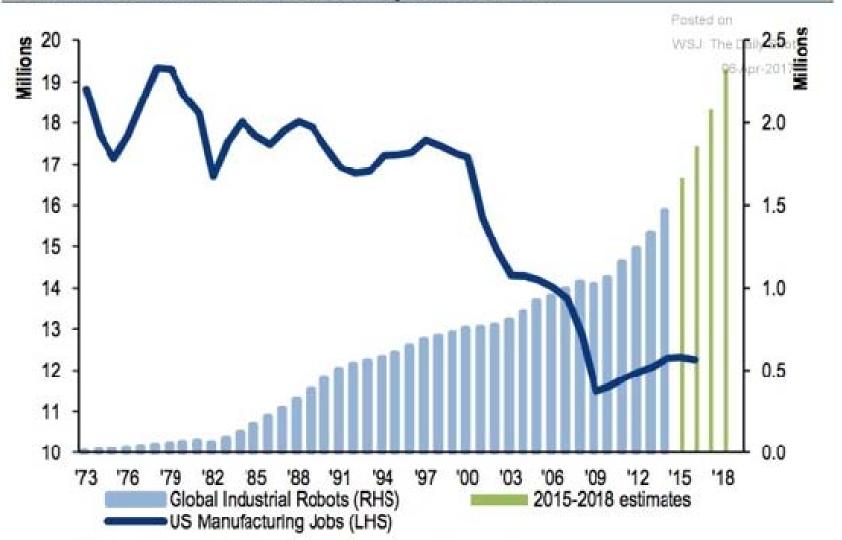


^{*}Own estimate according to PBC data Source: INEGI,PBC, Barclays Research



Tariffs Cannot Keep Productivity Enhancing Automation At Bay

Chart 25: You can't build a wall to keep the robots out



Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Investment Strategy, IFR Statistical Department



Let's End With Some Good News

