

## Economy Growing, But Challenges Remain





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## Growth Requires Leaving Your Comfort Zone





New horizons Venturing forth Creation Uniqueness

Trusting your individual uniqueness challenges you to lay yourself open James Broughton

## **Global Outlook Improves**





Europe recovering China soft landing US is strongest in G7

### Still Suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress of the Financial Crisis

## Global Growth Edges Upward

[y/y % chng]

#### **Global Real GDP** World 3.0 3.3 3.7 forecast -1

### Stronger US is key

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## US Growth Moves to 3% Range



United States [% chng]



Housing recovery Energy production Record stock market Consumer spending Monetary ease

### Long-term jobless and still a drag

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## Jobless Rate Falls

Unemployment Rate (percent)

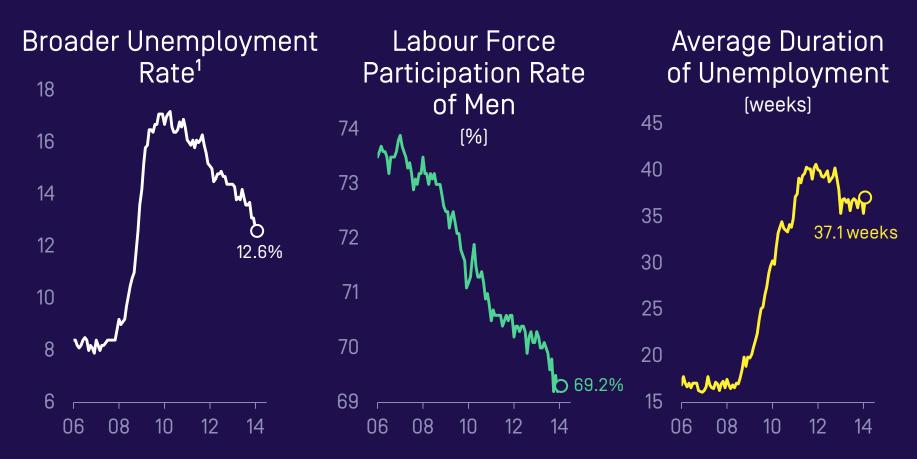
### **United States**





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# Long-Term Unemployed Still Waiting



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### Many still unemployed

<sup>1</sup> Comprehensive measure

## When Will We See Full Employment?



Output Gap



### **Employment/Population Ratio**

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# Household Debt Burden Down





Debt<sup>1</sup> Credit<sup>2</sup> (ratio to personal disposable income) [y/y % chng] 1.8 15 1.6 10 5 1.4 1.2 0 1.0 -5 95 00 05 07 09 11 90 10 05 13

<sup>1</sup> Includes households, non-profits and unincorporated businesses <sup>2</sup> Consumer credit and residential mortgages only

## Kickstarting the Housing-Jobs Cycle

Homes – United States



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### Housing recovery

<sup>1</sup> (nsa) include new and existing homes available for sale, and homes in foreclosure

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## Mortgage Rates Rising

United States (percent)

### 30-Year Fixed Mortgage Rate

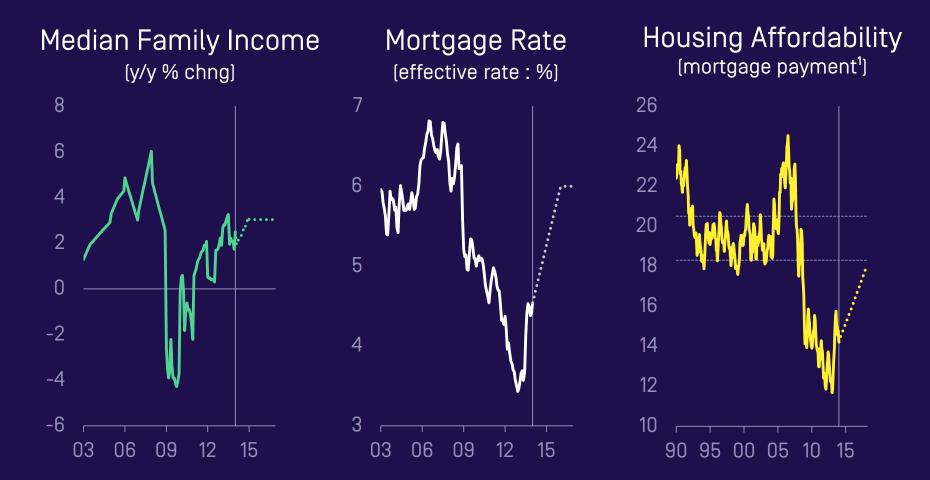


First-time buyers 43% max debt servicing ratio

# US Housing Recovery vs The Fed



United States

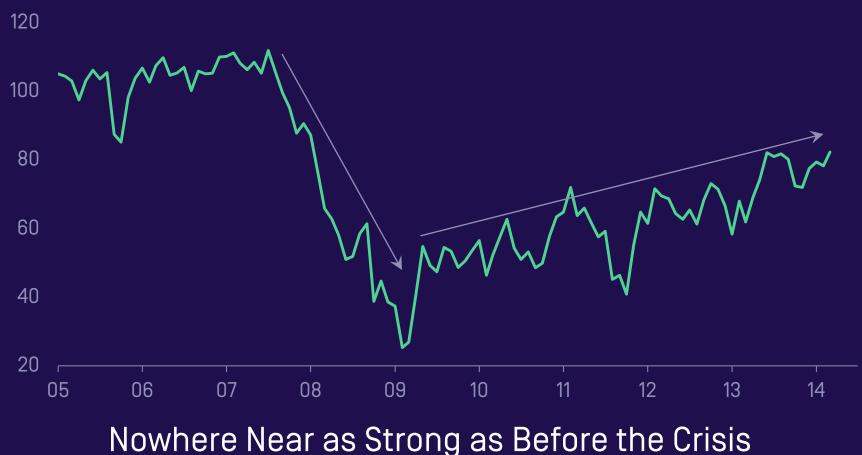


Dashed lines are BMO Capital Markets simulations Affordability: <sup>1</sup> (% of median income), horizontal lines = pre-bubble range

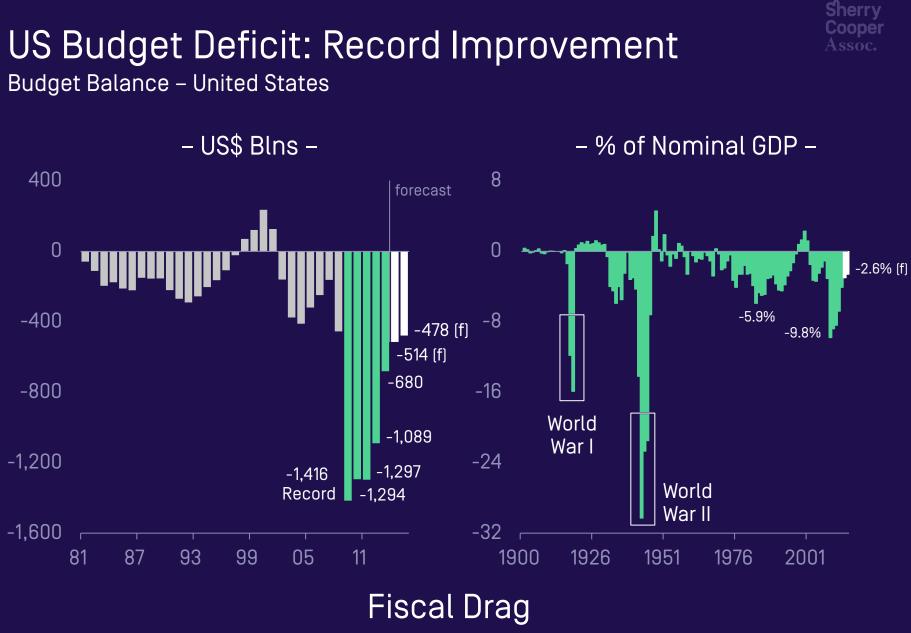
## US Confidence On the March

Conference Board – United States [sa: 1985 = 100]

### **Consumer Confidence**



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2014-15 = forecast

## **Financial Markets**





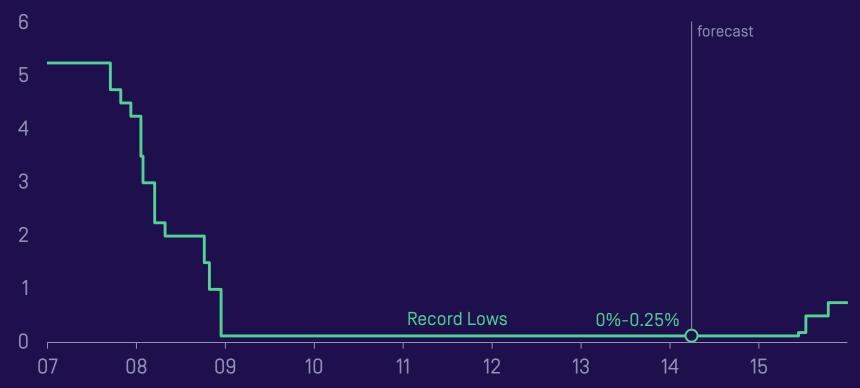
Fed tapers Fed rate hike Summer 2015 Interest rates edging higher US stocks perform well



### Fed Tapers

United States [% : as of April 2, 2014]

### **Overnight Rate**



### Fed commits to low rates until jobless rate < 6.5%

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## Long Yields Rising from Extreme Lows

United States [% : as of April 2, 2014]



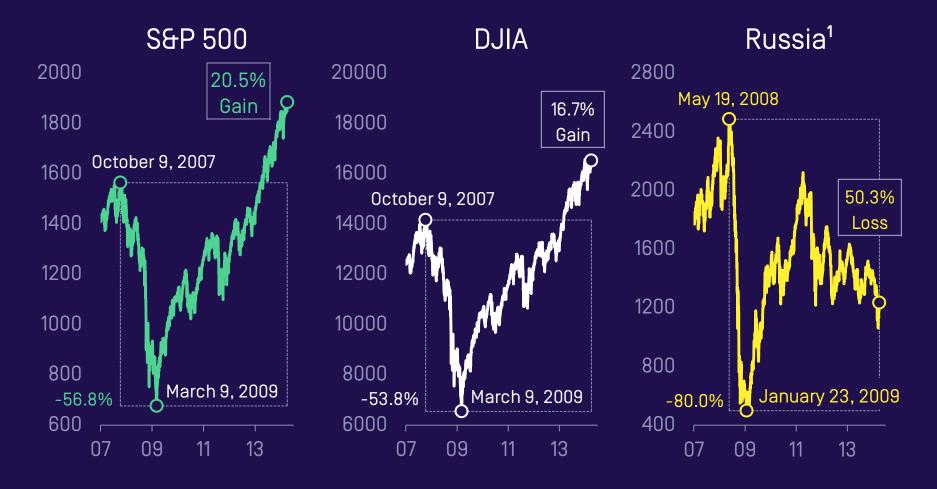
### 10-year Bonds

Stronger US growth Fed tapers, end QE by 2015 Low inflation keeps rate rise modest

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## US Stocks Gain, Russian Stocks Lose





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<sup>1</sup> Russian Trading System Stock Exchange

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## Navigating Our VUCA World





Volatility Uncertainty Complexity Ambiguity

### Challenges can be opportunities

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## Happiness Essential for Optimum Performance

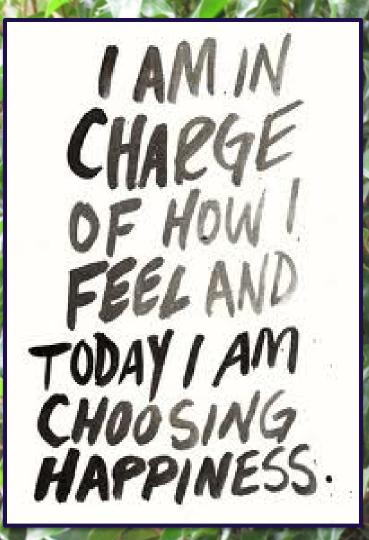
## "The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts."

**Marcus Aurelius** 

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Creativity Innovation Passion Productivity Flexibility Teamwork Problem Solving Profitability Prosperity

## **Ever-changing Competitive Marketplace**



Diversity Think globally New technology Price risk well Adaptability Flexibility Productivity



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