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U.S. Recession Risk Monitor

March 2019

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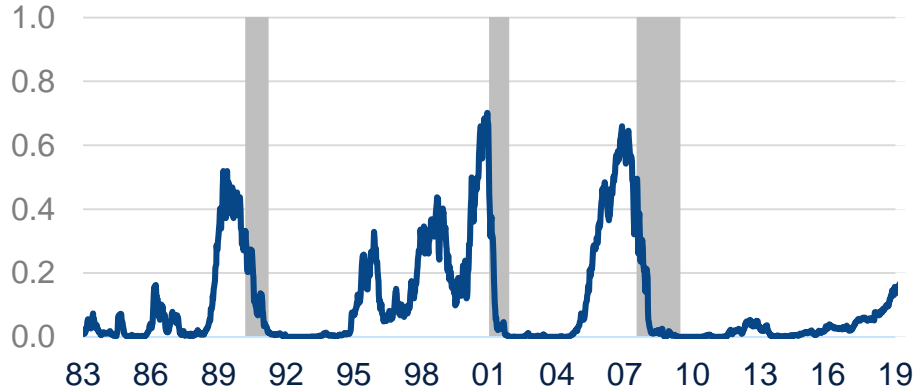
Highlights

- ▲ Models suggest more than 50% probability of recession within the next 24 months
- ▲ Global, housing and business debt represent major red flags
- ▲ Fed's strong dovish bias a response to risks
- ▲ Markets digesting the balance between weaker outlook vs. lower expected interest rates
- ▲ Economic fundamentals for households and financial institutions remain solid
- ▲ Weak activity and higher financial stress abroad

BBVA U.S. Recession Probability

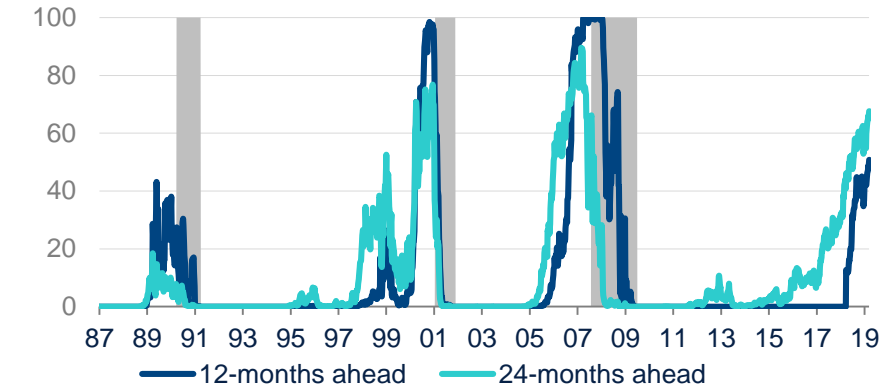
Treasury Spread Term-Premium Adjusted

%, 12m-ahead



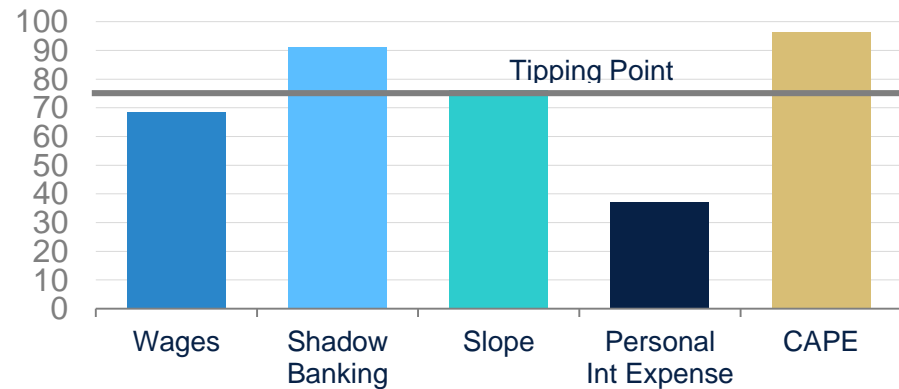
Recession Probability Factor

%, 12-months & 24-months ahead



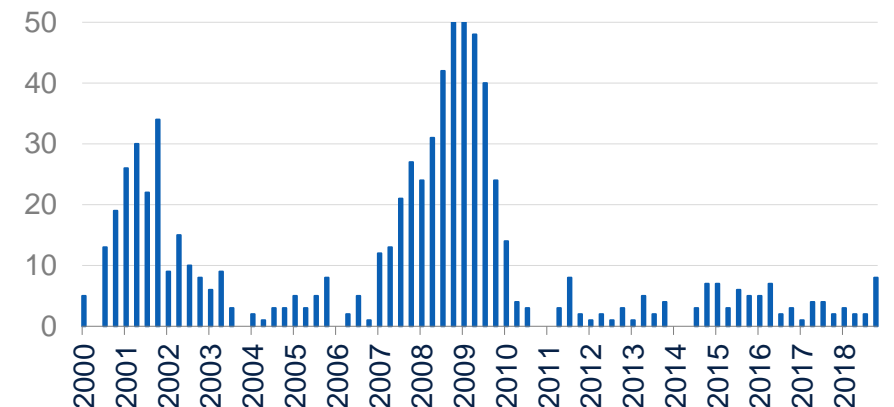
Risk Factors

Percentile Rank



Regional Conditions

of States with greater than 30% probability



Recession Probability

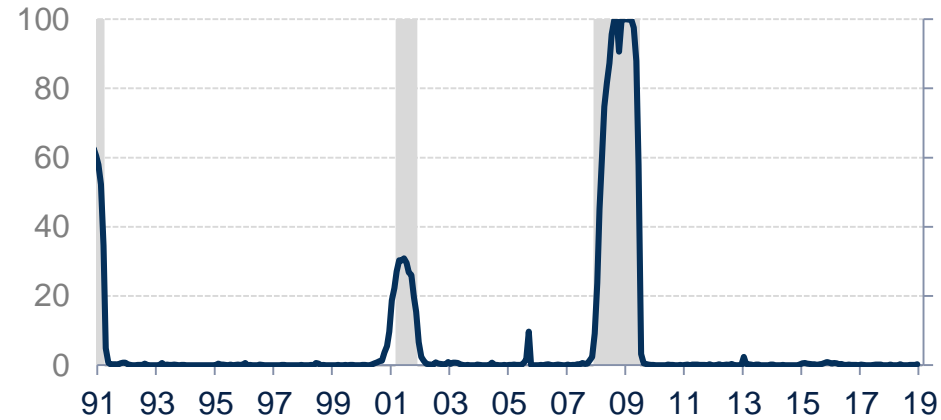
Treasury Spread Model

%, 12-months ahead



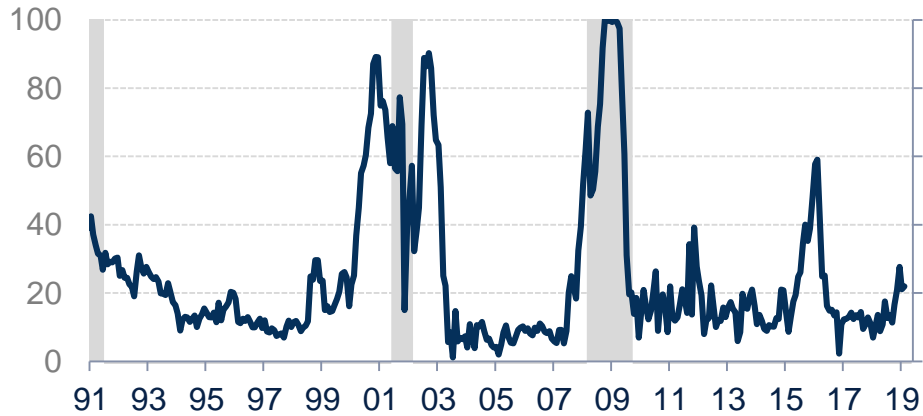
Dynamic-Factor Markov-Switching Model

%, 12-months ahead



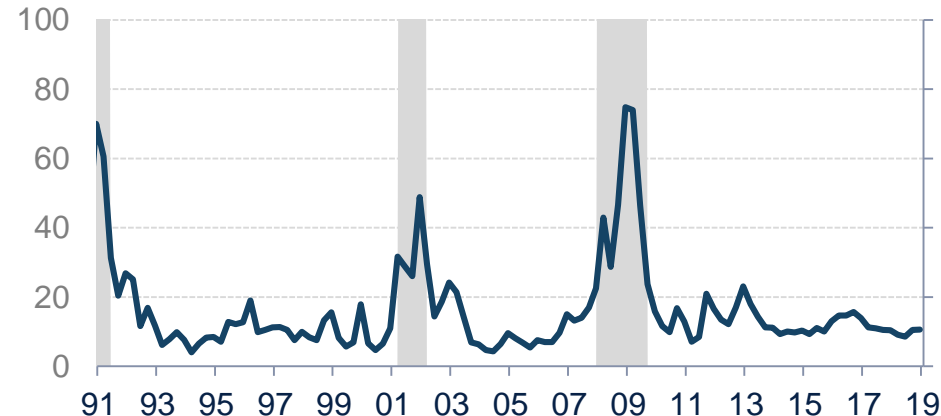
Credit Spread Model

%, 12-months ahead



Survey of Professional Forecasters

%, Decline in real GDP next quarter

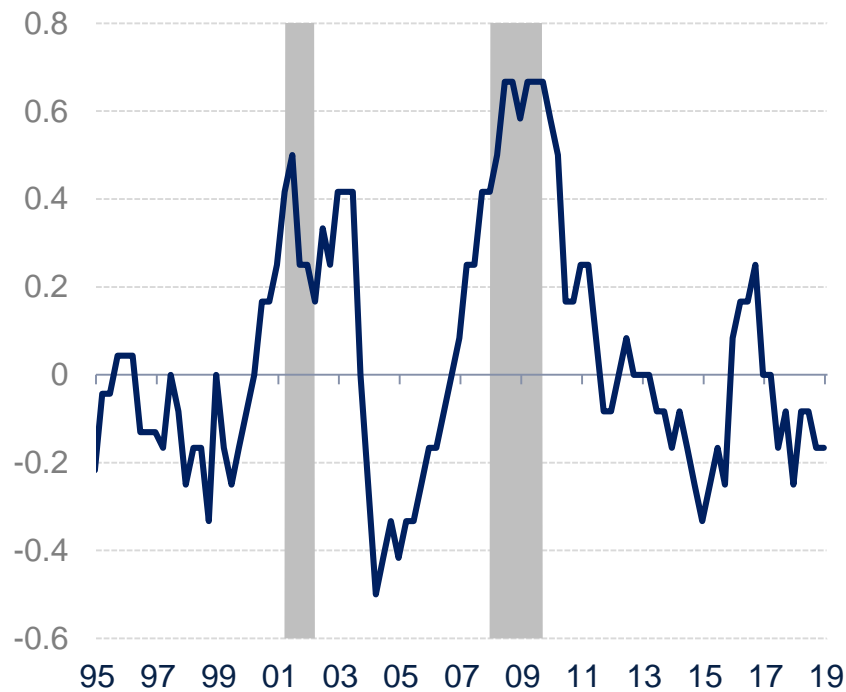


Credit Cycle and Recession Timing Indexes

Risk of systemic crisis remains low.
Timing of next recession is narrowing

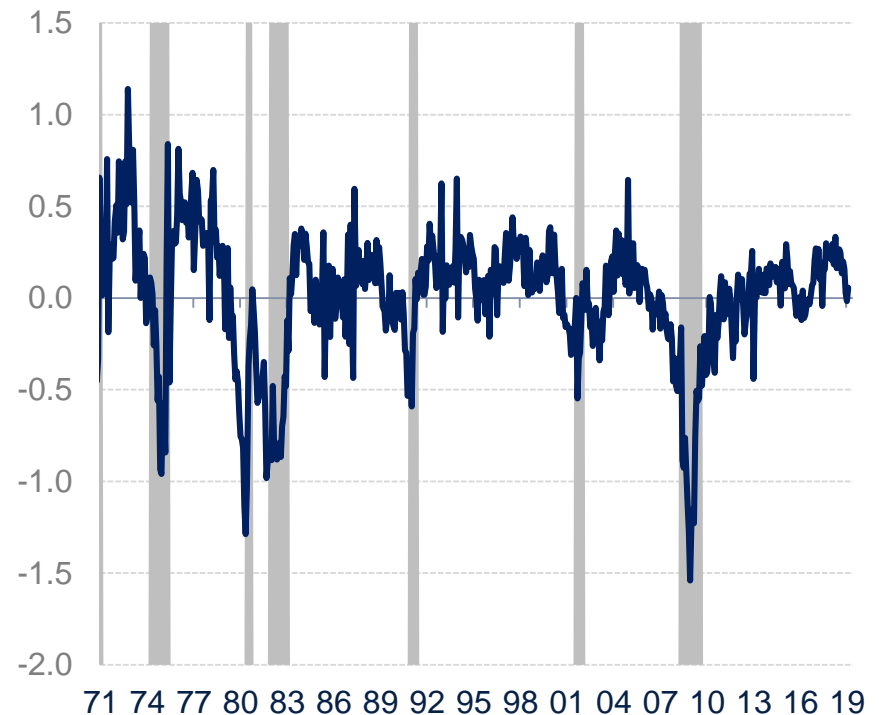
BBVA Credit Cycle Risk Index

Above 0 = above average risk



BBVA Recession Timing Index

Above 0 = longer lag to recession

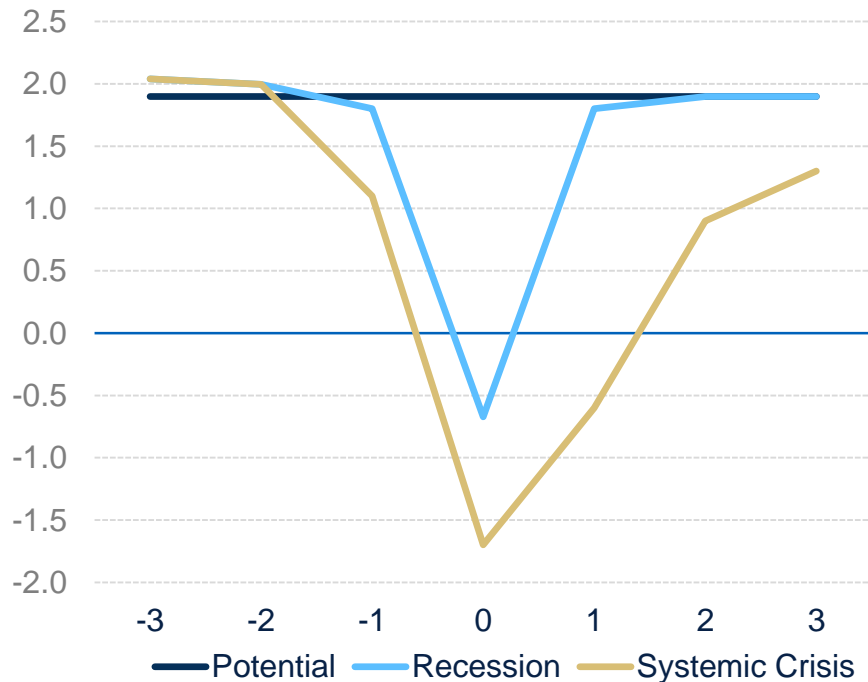


Scenarios

A painfully slow U-shape recovery is more likely under less effective monetary and fiscal response

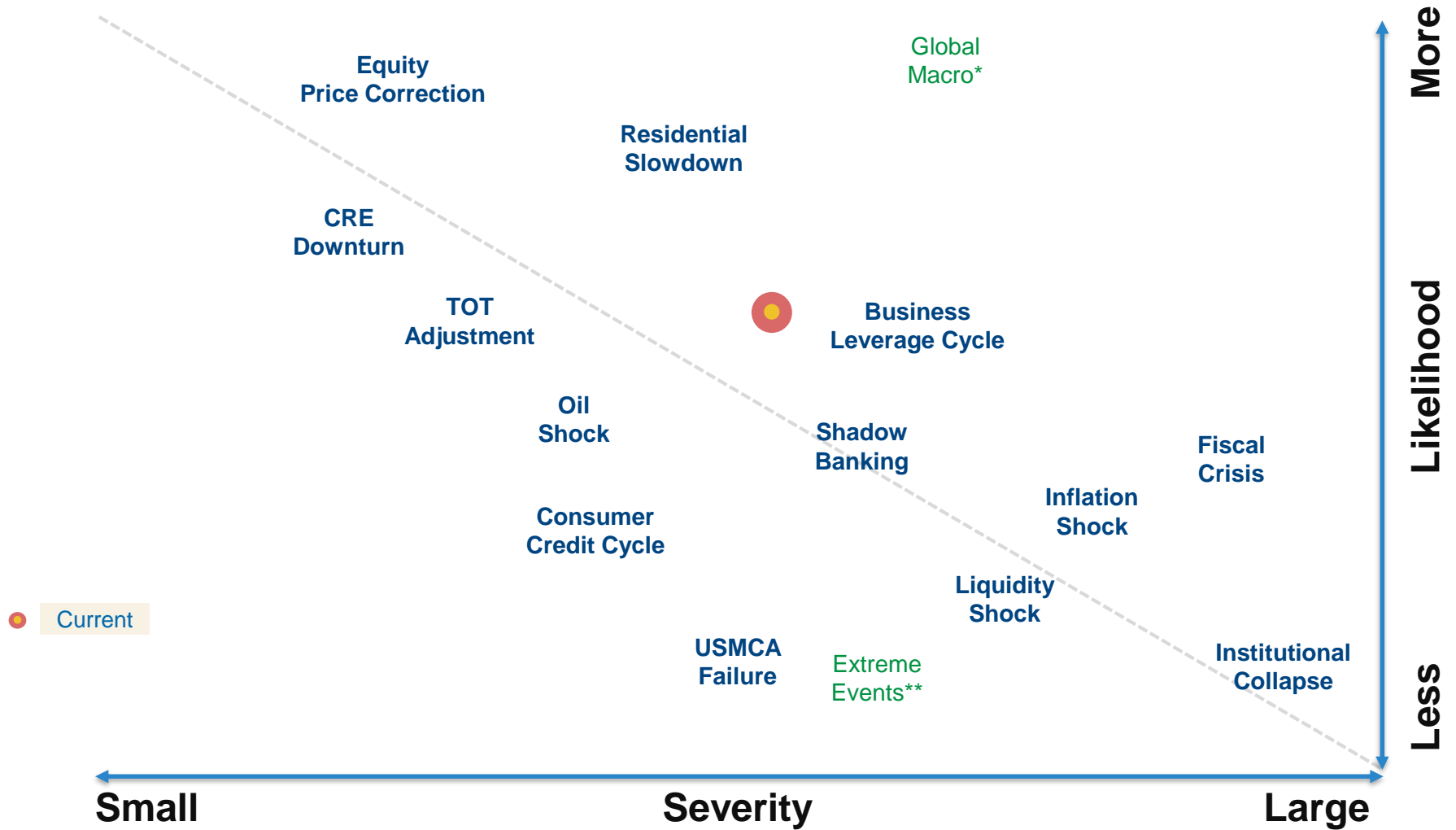
Recession Severity

Real GDP Growth; t=0 Year of Recession



Outcome	Probability 2019-2021	t	t+1
No recession	60%	2.1 (Baseline avg. 2019-21)	
Recession	40%	-0.7	1.8
<i>Systemic crisis</i>	4%	-1.7	-0.6

Risk Matrix



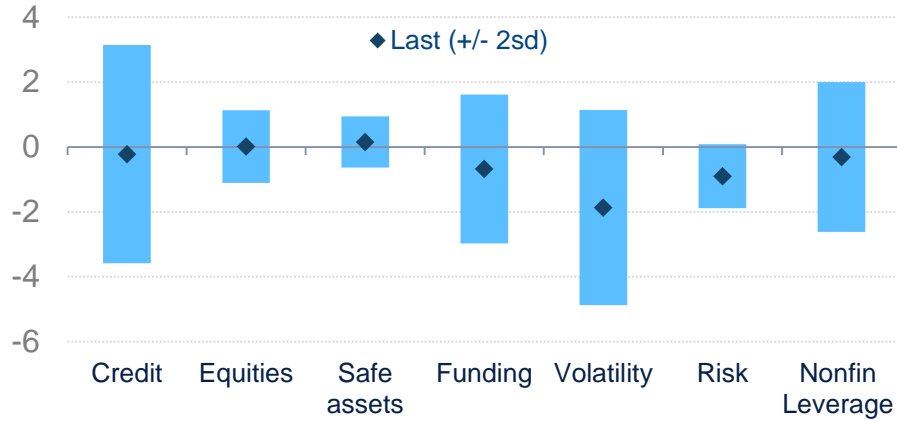
Source: BBVA Research; This assessment is not static and can change significantly depending on future developments

* Includes macroeconomic conditions in China, Euro Area, Brexit, Emerging Markets ** Includes non-economic factors: Climate, Cybersecurity, Pandemic, Terrorism, Migration, etc.

Financial Markets

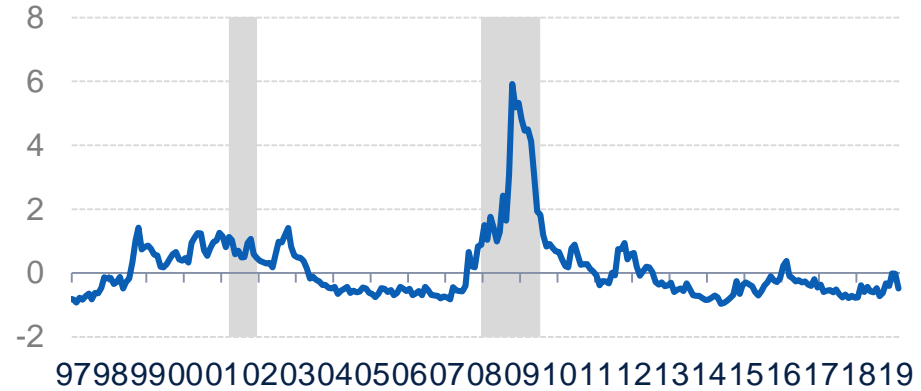
Financial Stress Indicators

>0 = tighter than average



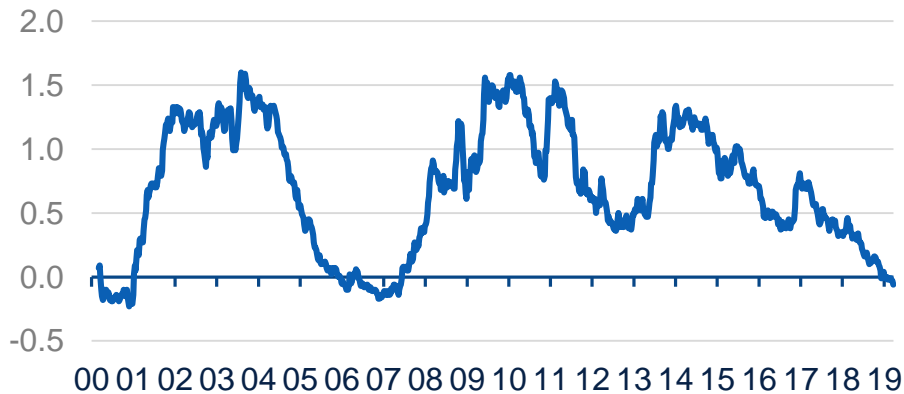
Financial Stress Index

Above 0 = above average stress



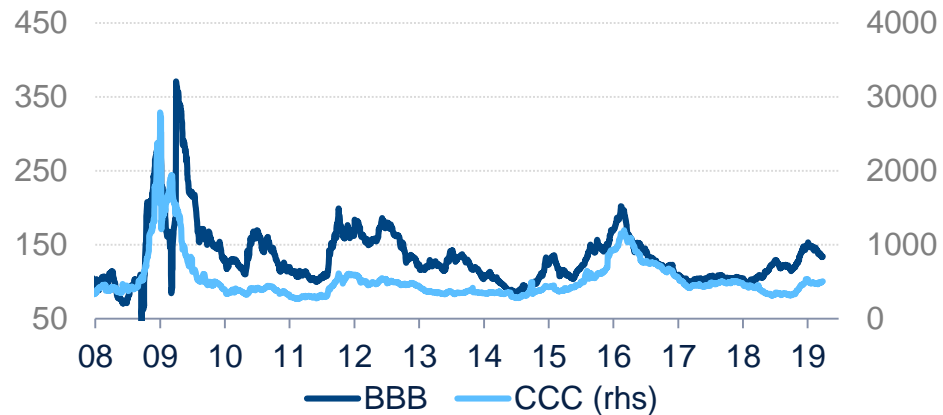
Treasury Yield Curve 5Y Minus 2Y

Basis points



Corporate Spreads

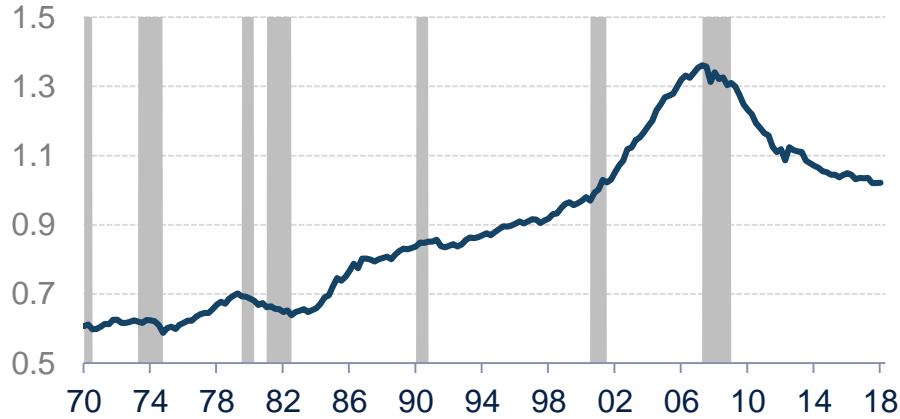
Basis points



Households

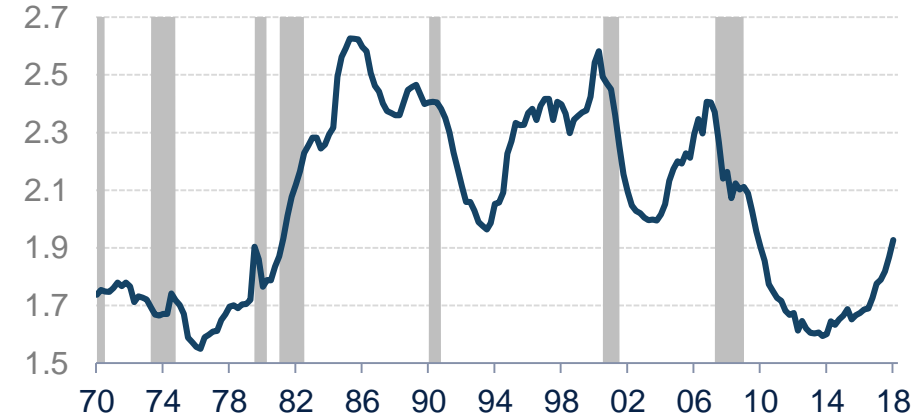
Liabilities/Disposable Income

Ratio



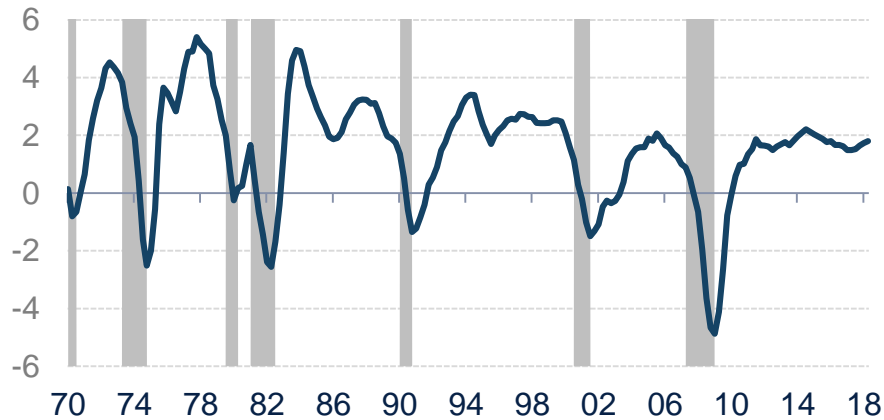
Interest Payments/Personal Income

%



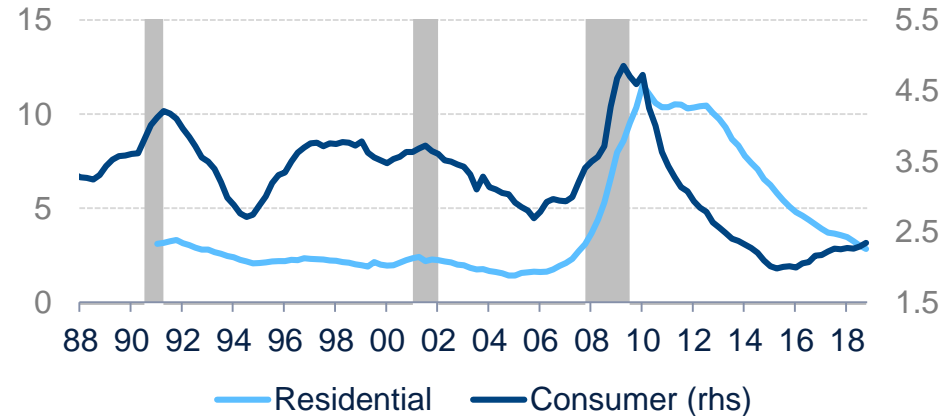
Nonfarm Payroll

YoY % Change



Delinquency Rate

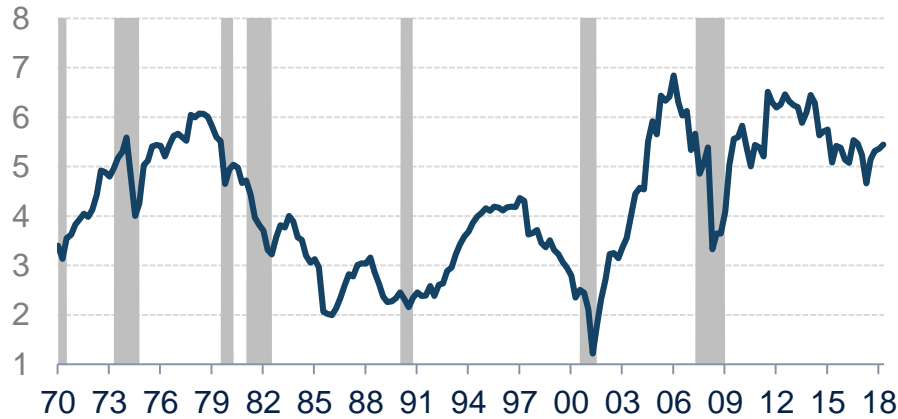
%



Businesses

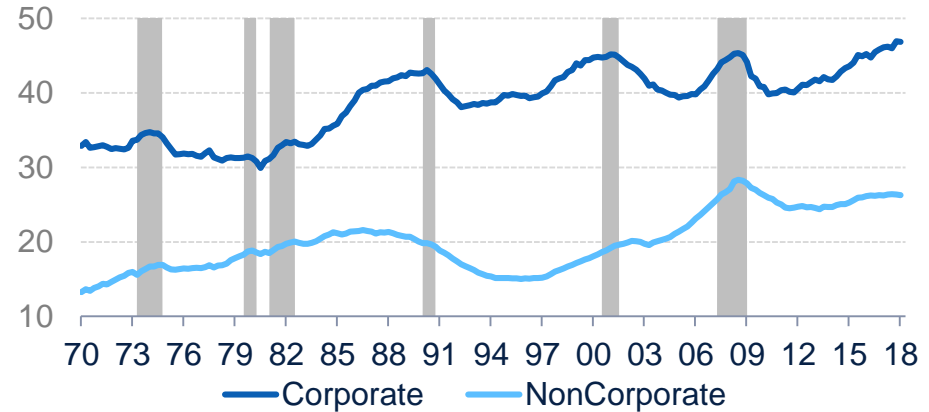
Nonfinancial Corporate Profits

% of GDP



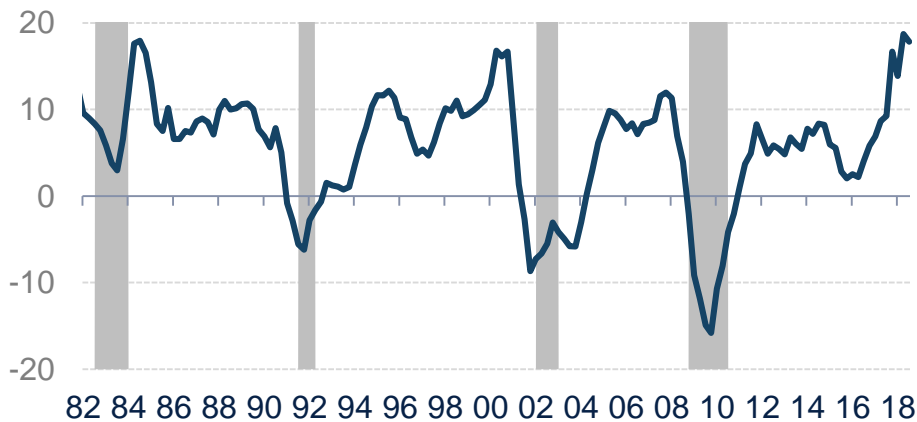
Nonfinancial Business Debt

% of GDP



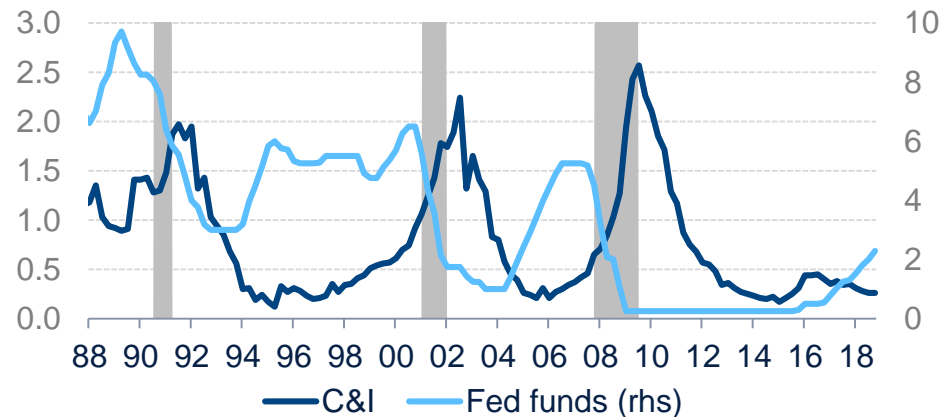
Nonfinancial Corporate Short-term Liabilities

YoY % Change



C&I Loan Charge-Off Rate & Fed Funds

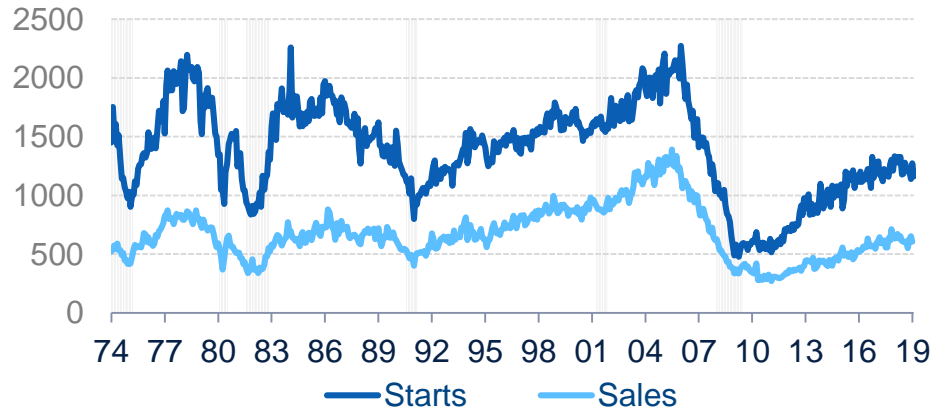
%



Real Estate

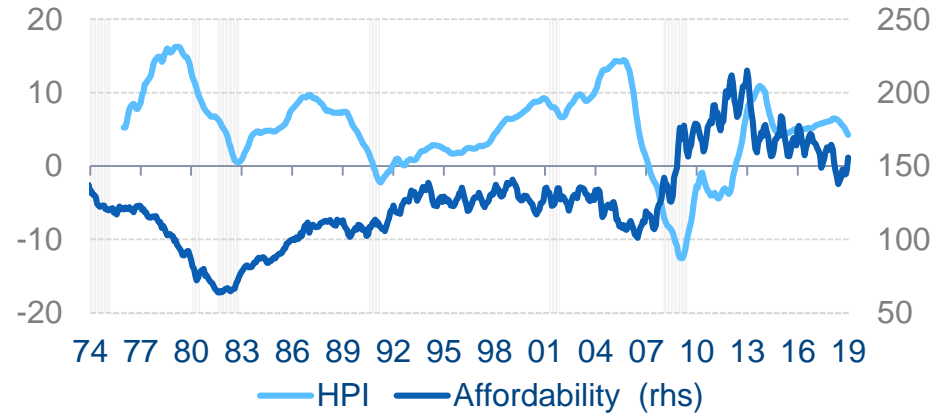
Housing Starts and New Home Sales

Thousand units, annualized



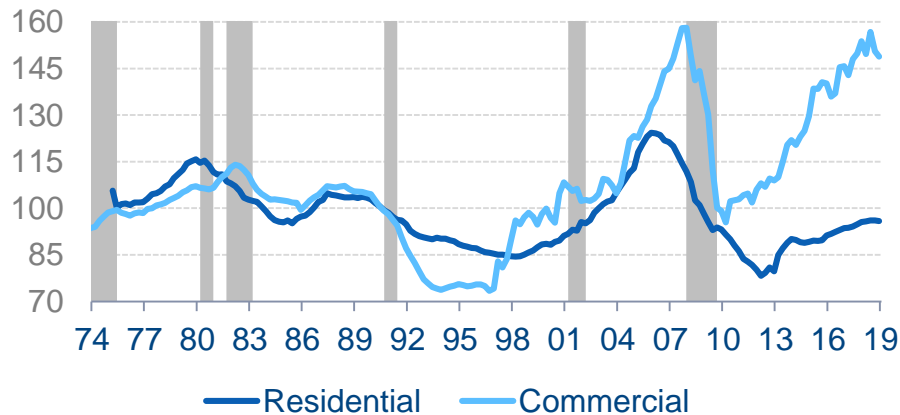
Housing Affordability and Prices

Index and YoY % Change



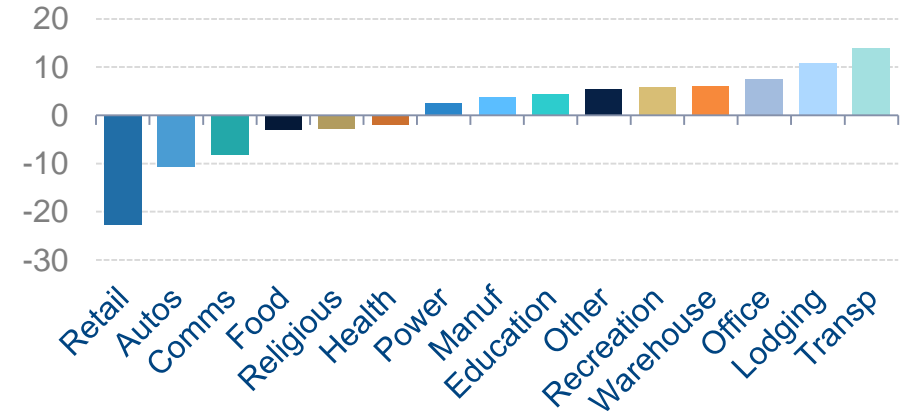
BBVA Real Estate Prices Misalignment

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Nonresidential Construction

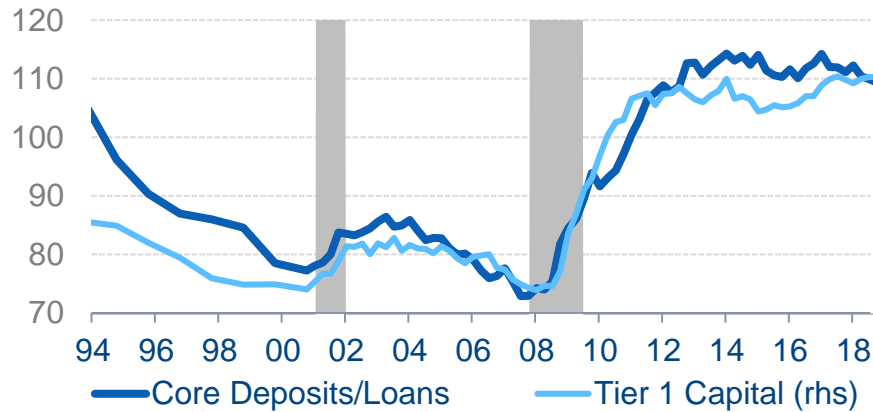
YoY % Change



Financial Sector

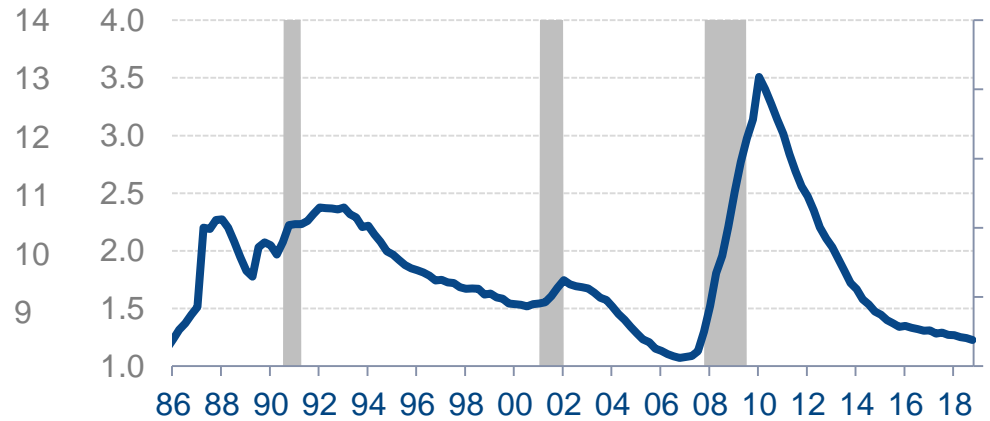
Deposits and Capital Ratios

% of loans and assets, commercial banks



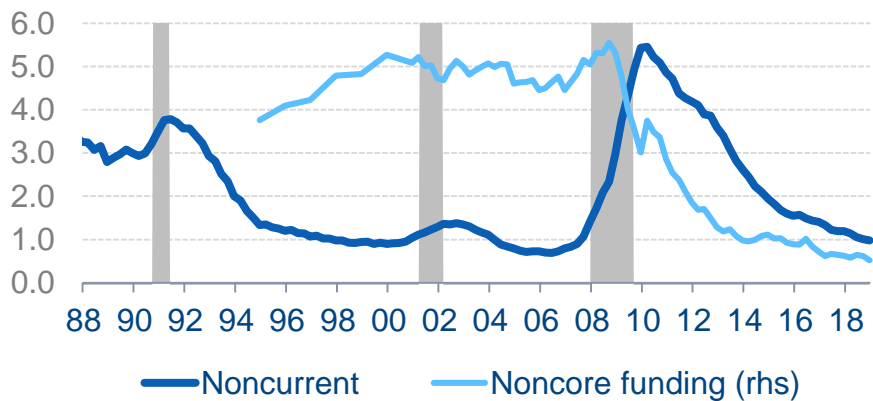
Loan Reserves

% of total loans, all FDIC institutions



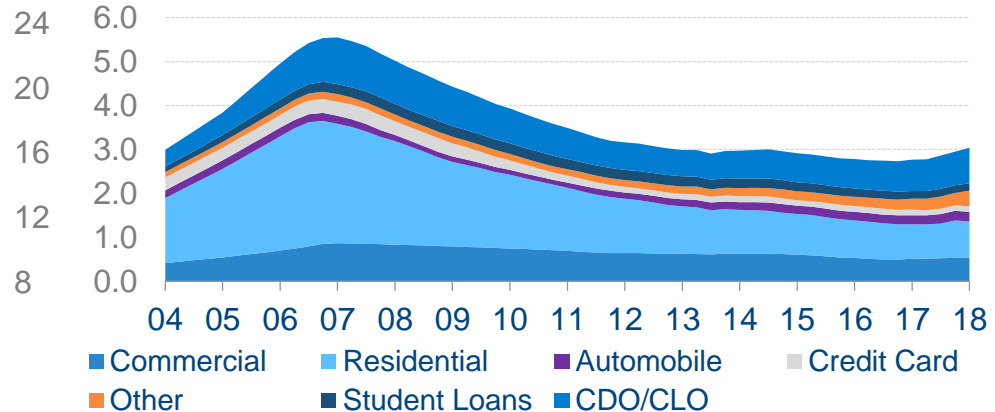
Noncurrent Loans and Funding

% of loans and liabilities, commercial banks



Securitizations

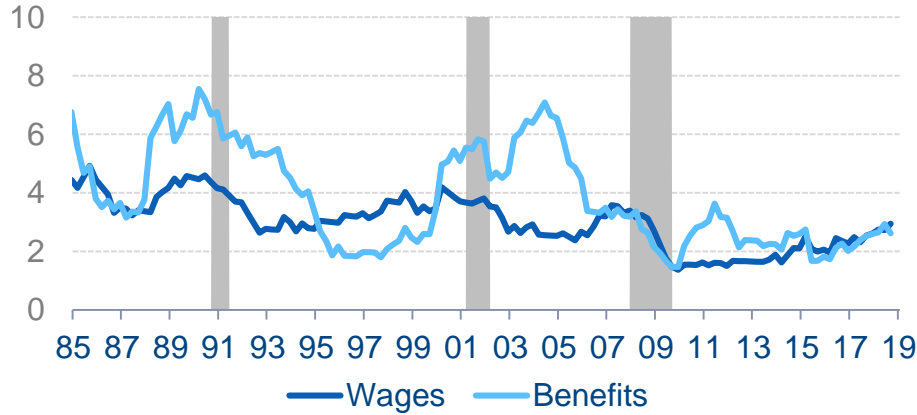
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Prices

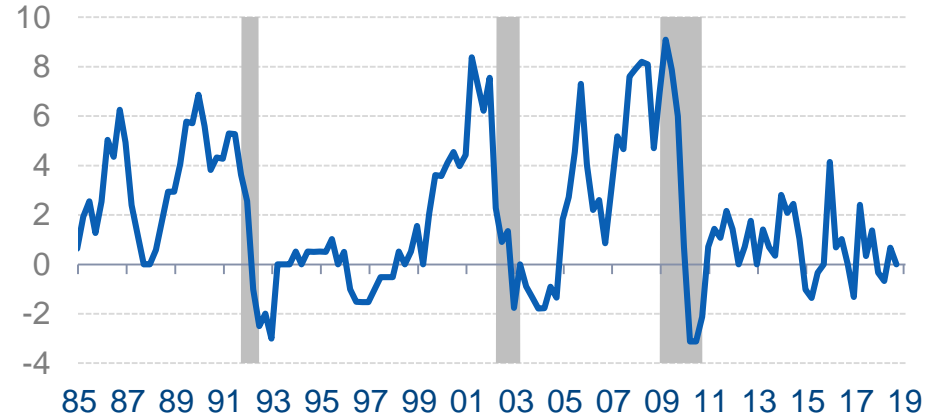
Labor Costs

YoY % Change, ECI



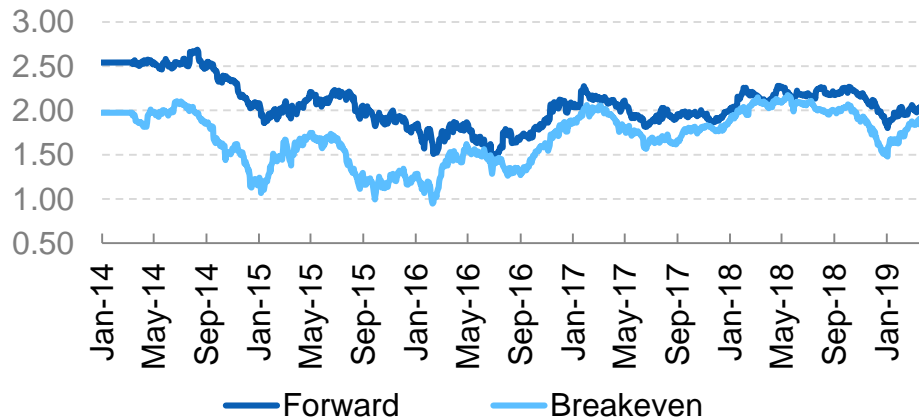
Nonlabor Costs per Unit of Real GDP

YoY % Change



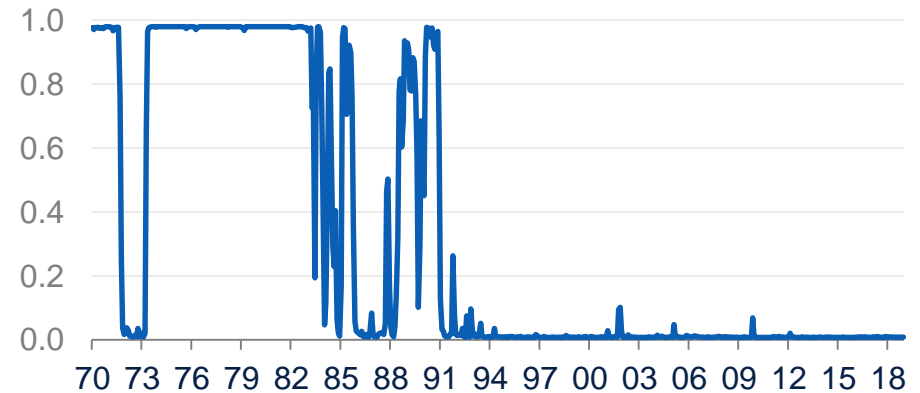
Market Inflation Expectations

%



BBVA Inflation Regime Probability

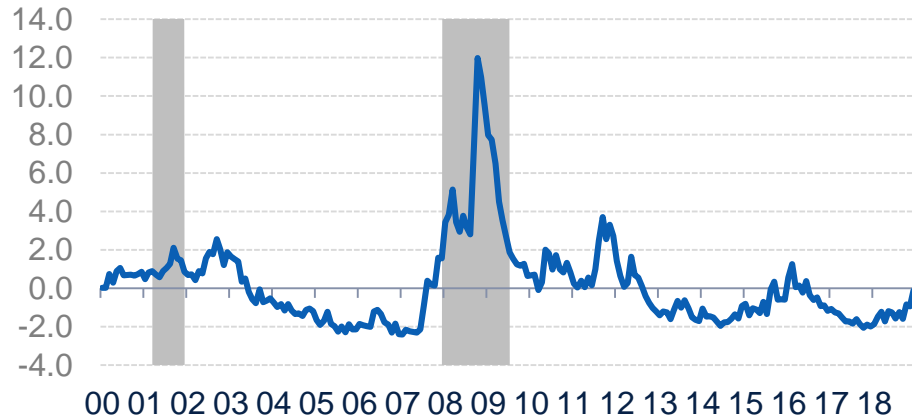
Regime change low to high



Global Conditions

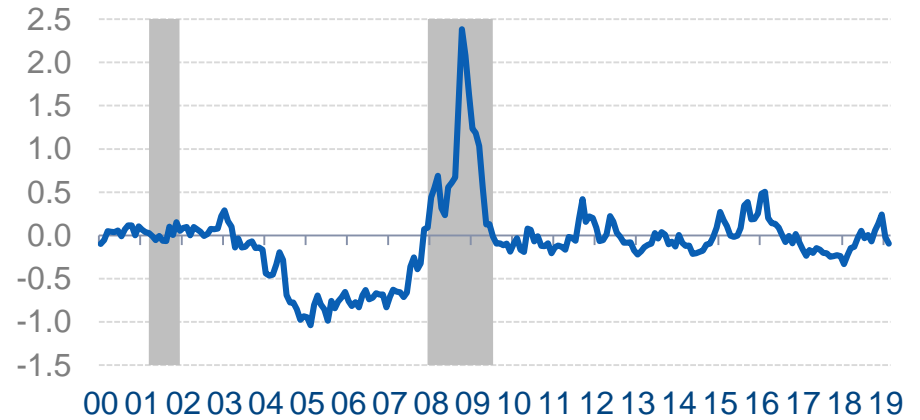
Advanced Economies Financial Stress

0=Average Stress Level



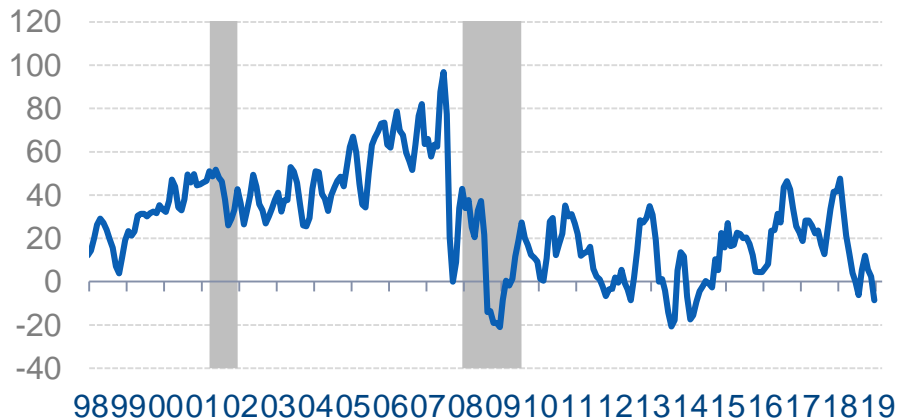
Emerging Markets Financial Stress

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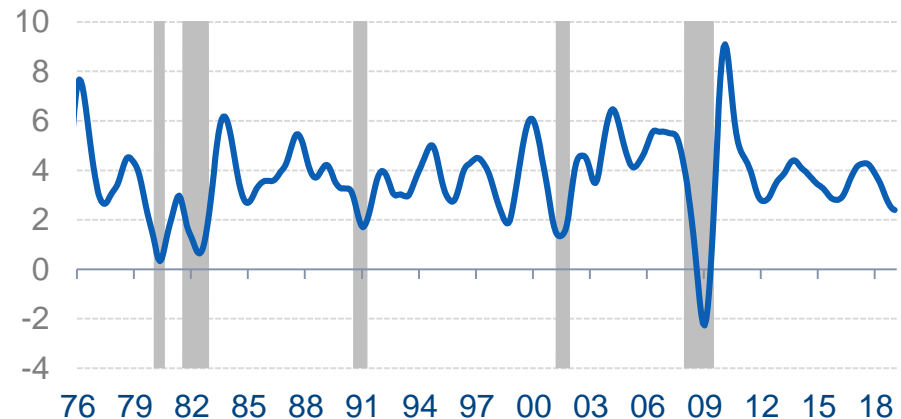
Net Foreign Purchases of U.S. Securities

US\$bn, 3mma, excluding OFIs and Int'l organizations



Global Activity Leading Indicator

YoY % Change



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