

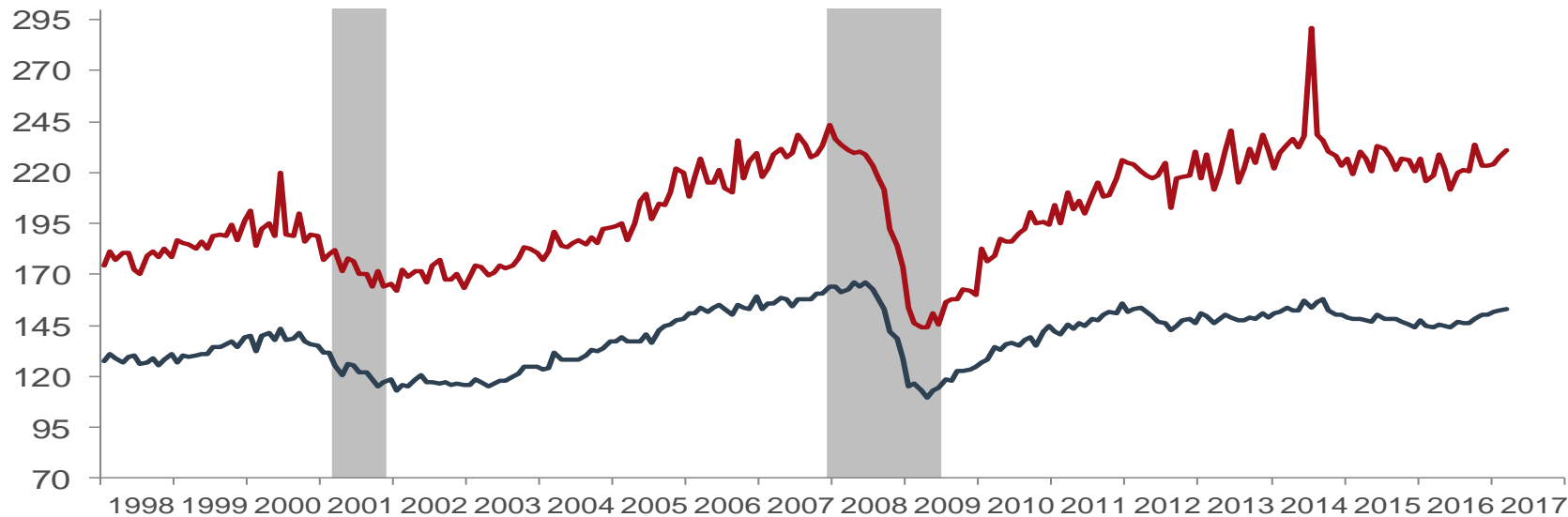


Federal Reserve
Bank of Dallas

U.S. Economic Activity

New Orders for Durable Goods

Billions of Dollars



— Durable Goods (May-18-release, Mar = 231.3)

— Excl. Transportation (May-18-release, Mar = 153.2)

■ Recession

Source: Bureau of the Census

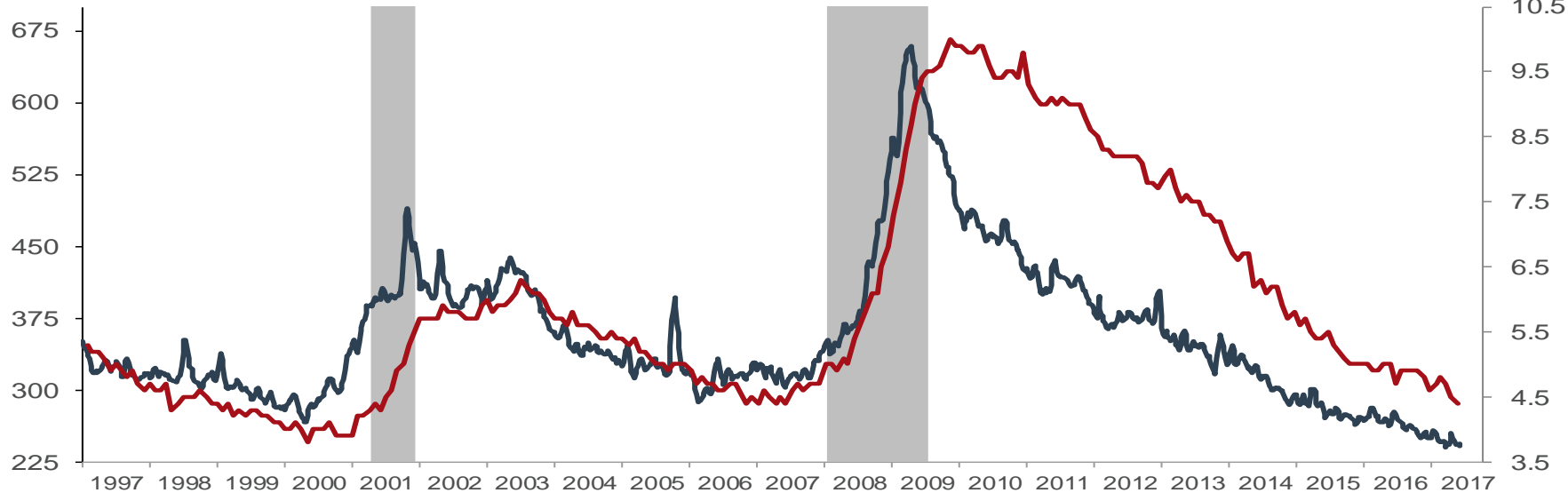
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Initial Claims for Unemployment and Unemployment Rate

4-week MA

Thousands of Initial Claims

Percent Unemployment



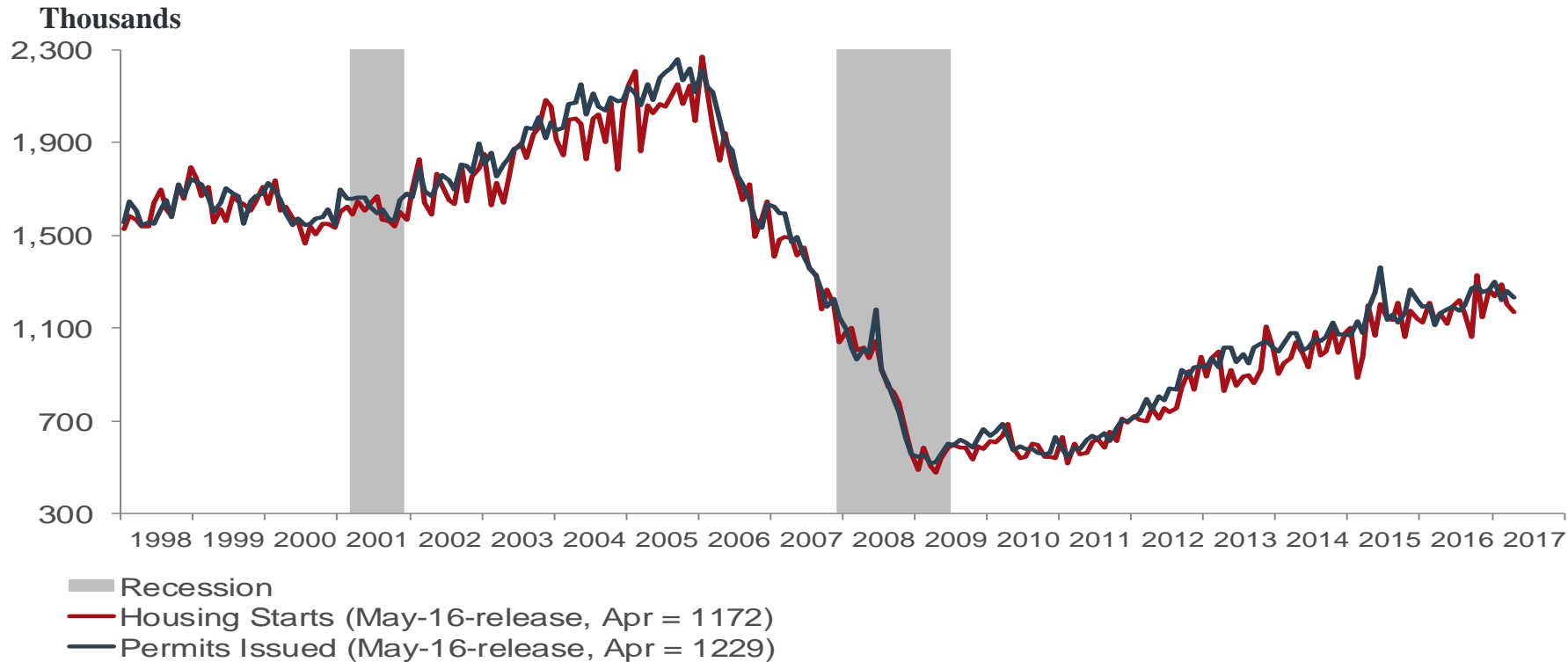
— Initial Claims (May-18-release, May 13=241)

■ Recession

— Unemployment Rate (May-05-release, Apr=4.4)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor <http://www.dallasfed.org>

Housing Starts and Permits

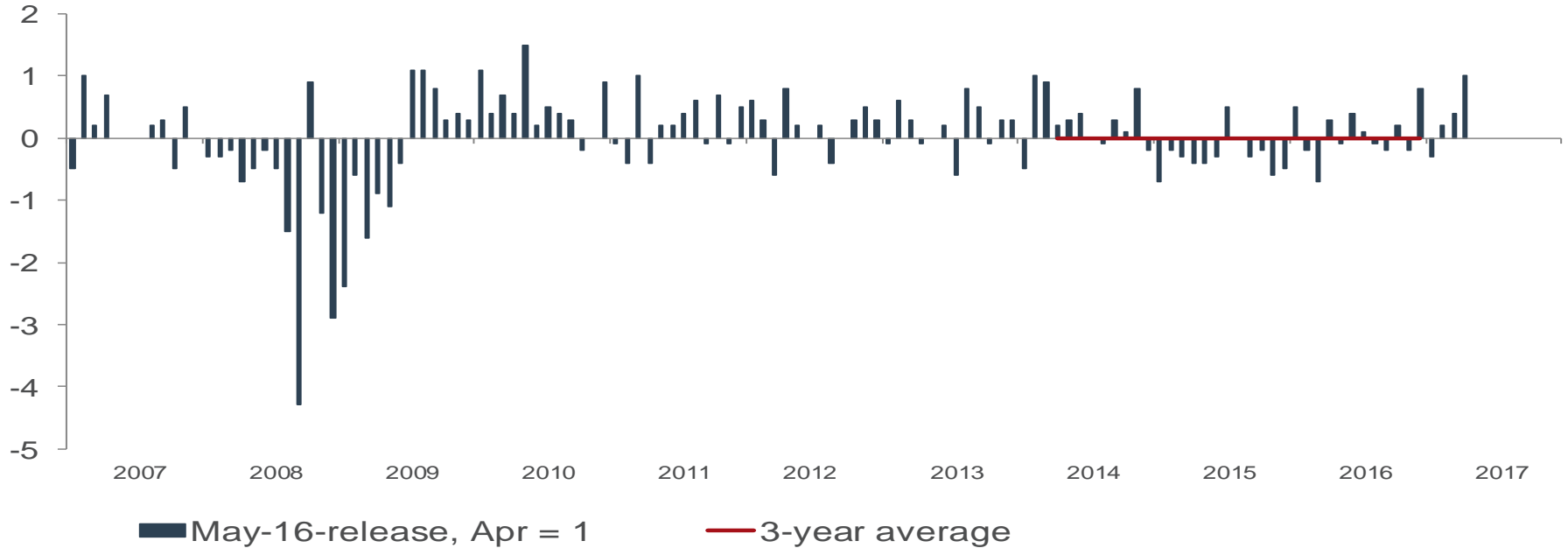


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Industrial Production

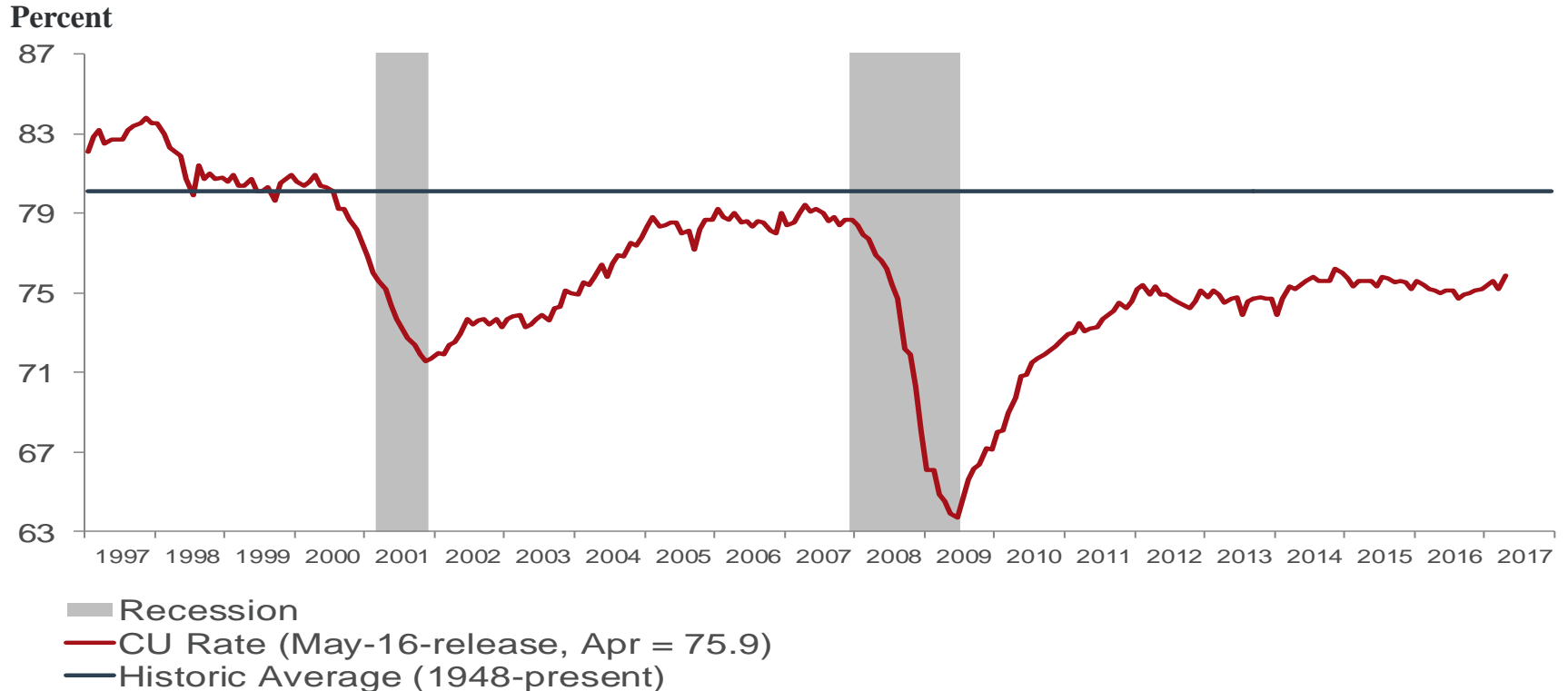
1-month % change



Source: Federal Reserve Board

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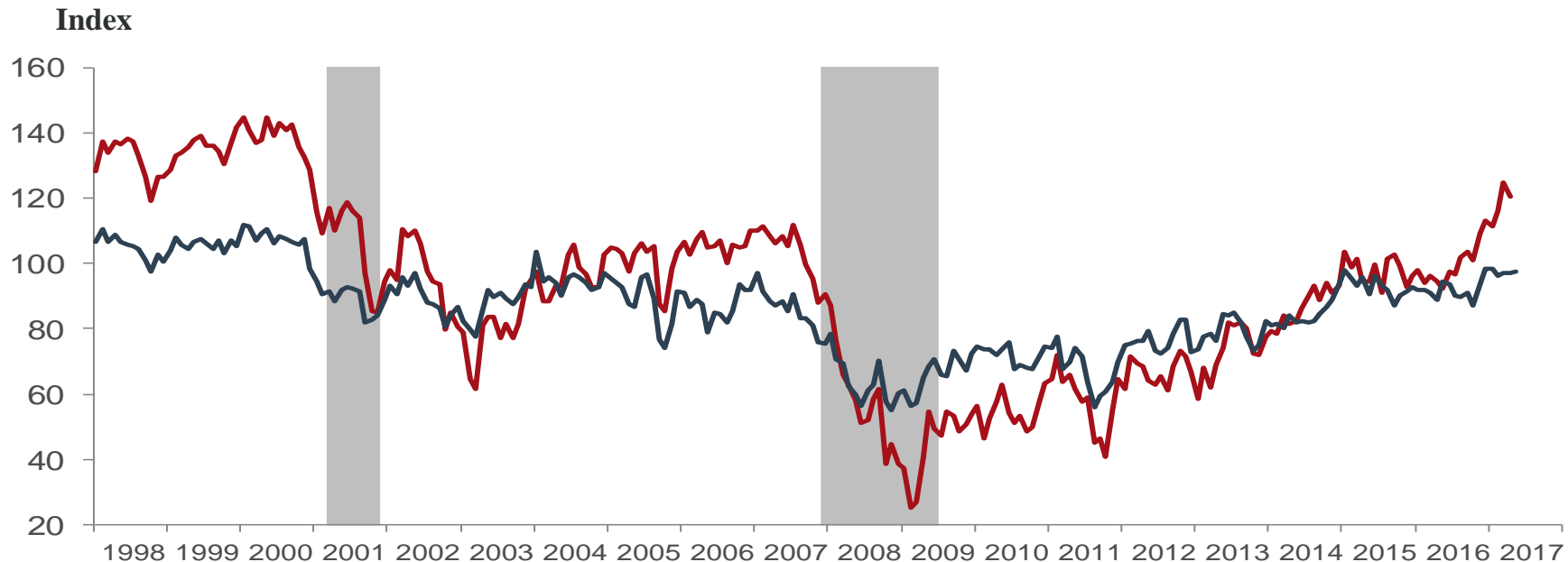
Manufacturing Capacity Utilization Rate



Source: Federal Reserve Board

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Consumer Confidence/Sentiment



■ Recession

— Confidence (Apr-25-release, Apr = 120.3)

— Sentiment (May-12-release, May = 97.7)

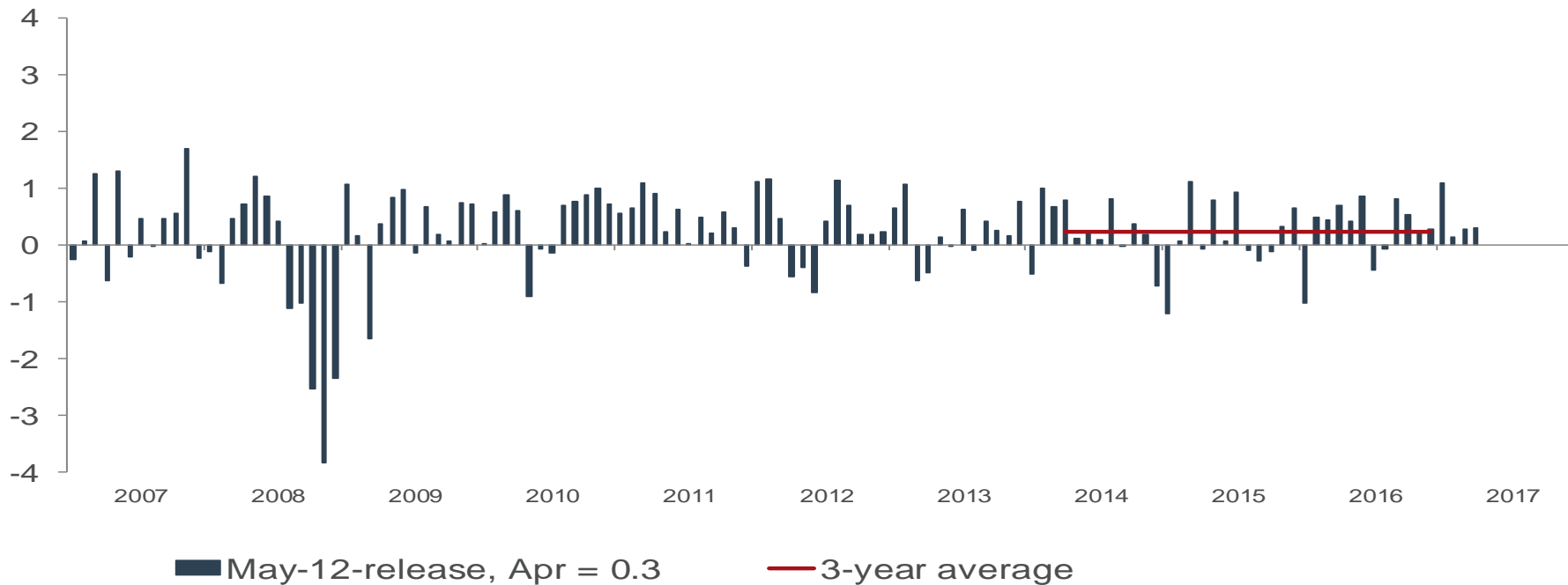
Consumer Sentiment: Survey of Consumers, Survey Research Center, U. of Michigan

Consumer Confidence: The Conference Board

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Retail Sales, Excluding Autos

1-month % change

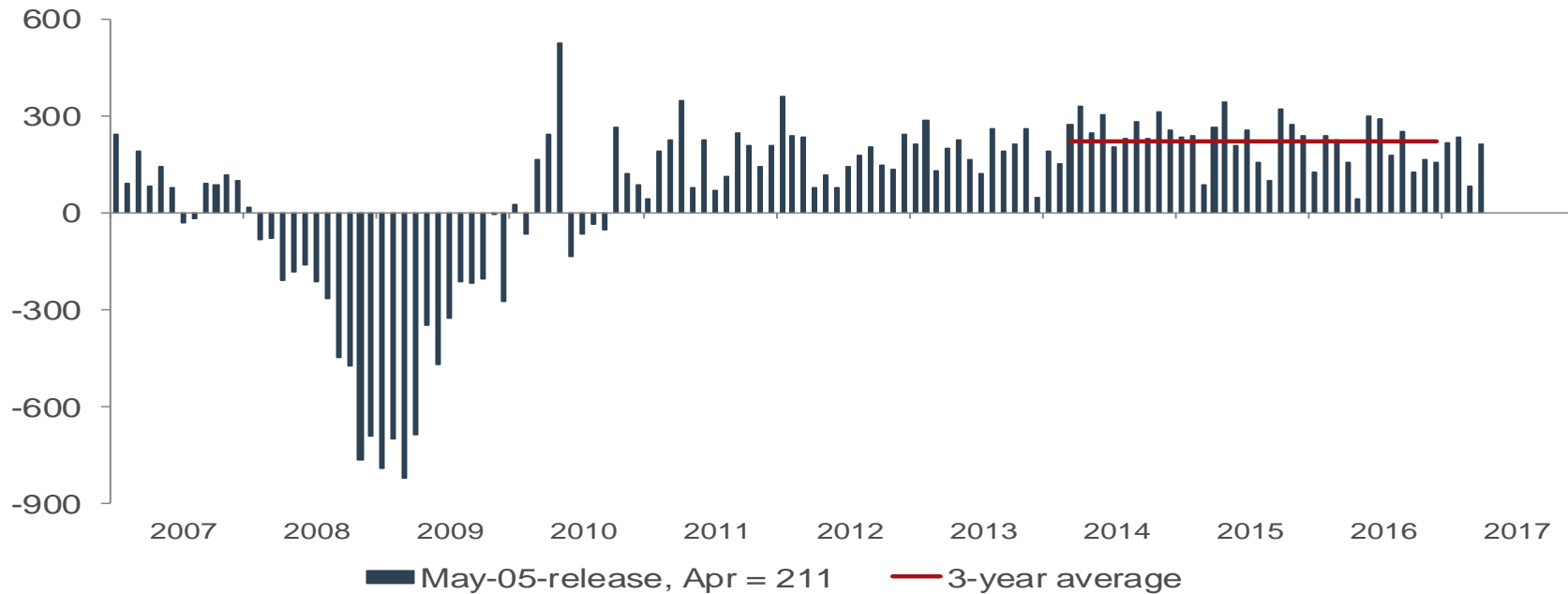


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Change in Nonfarm Employment

Thousands of jobs

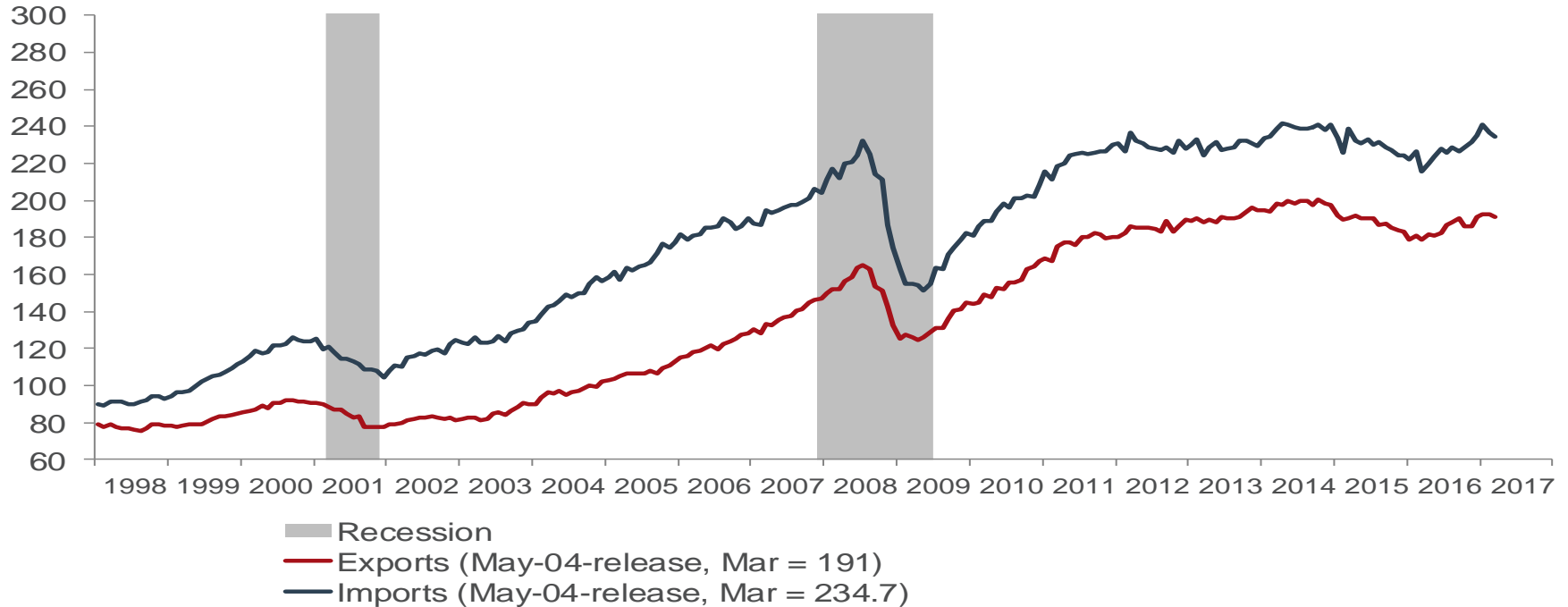


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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U.S. Imports and Exports

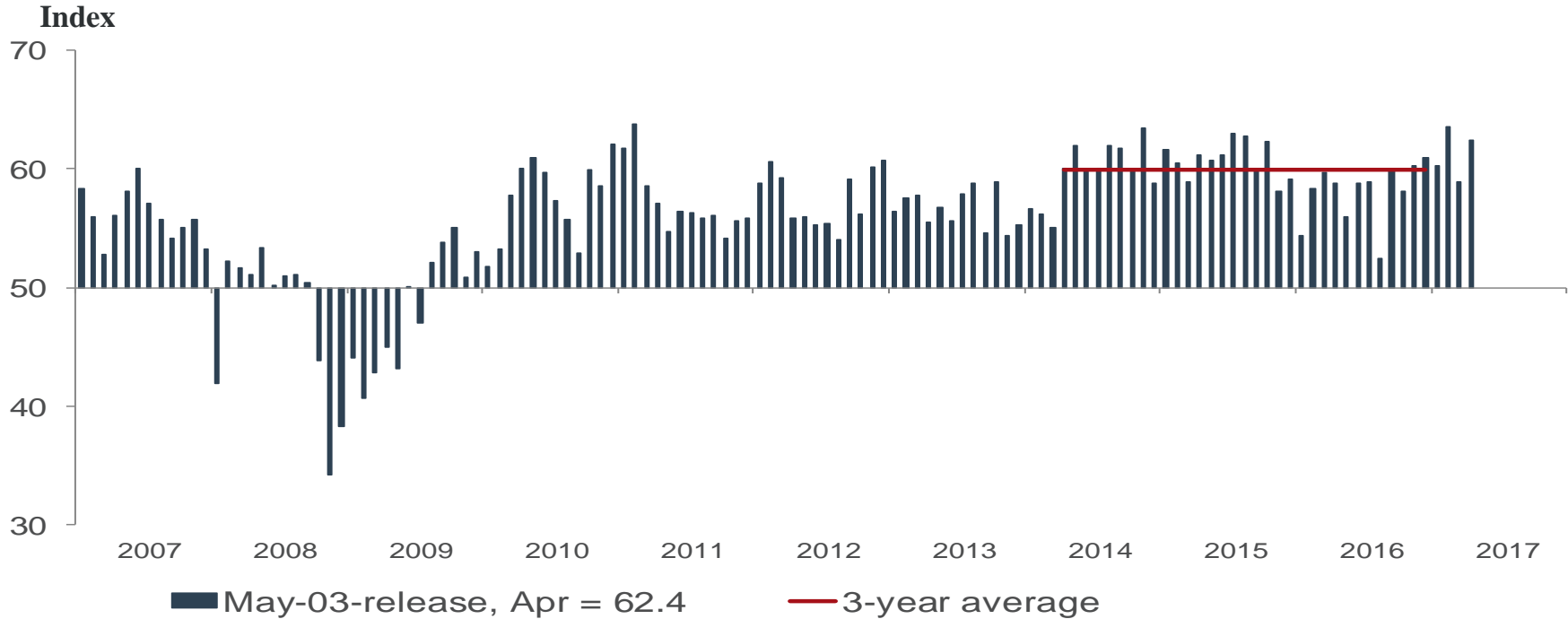
Billions of Dollars



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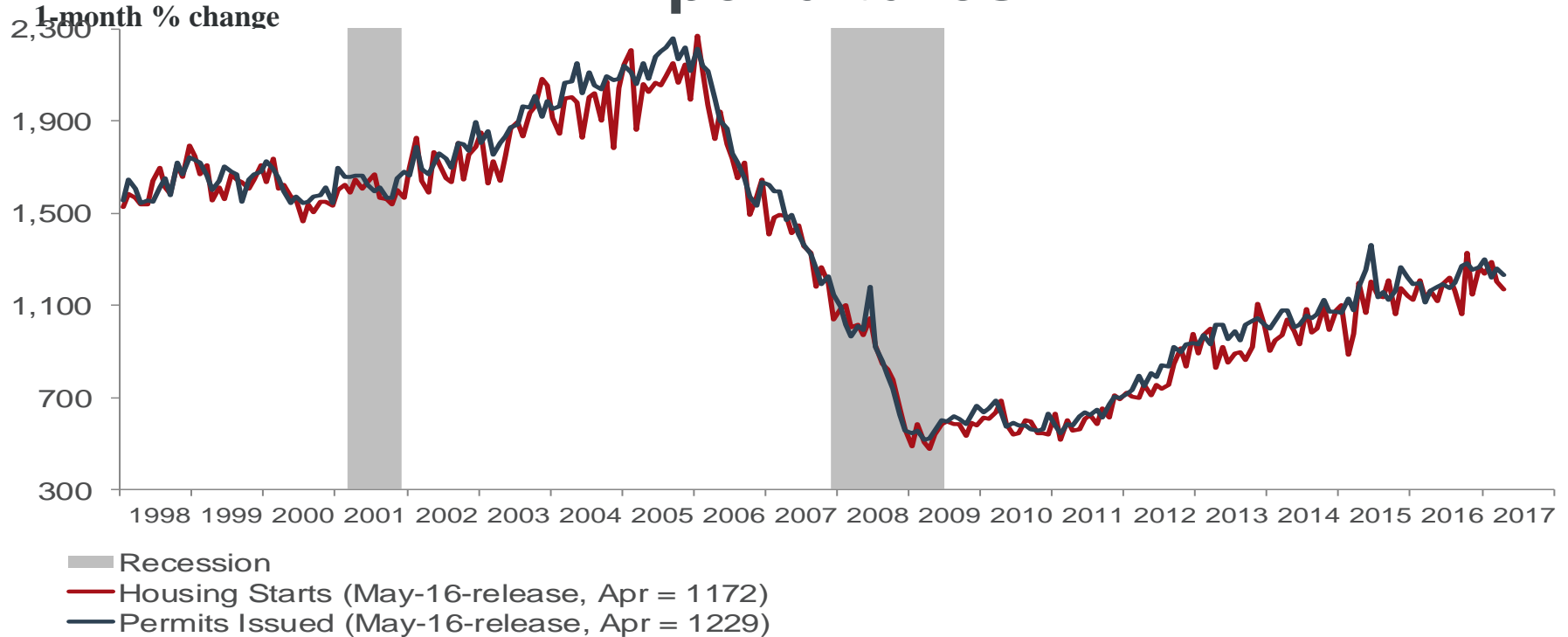
ISM Non-Manufacturing Activity Index



Source : Institute for Supply Management TM

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Nominal Personal Consumption Expenditures

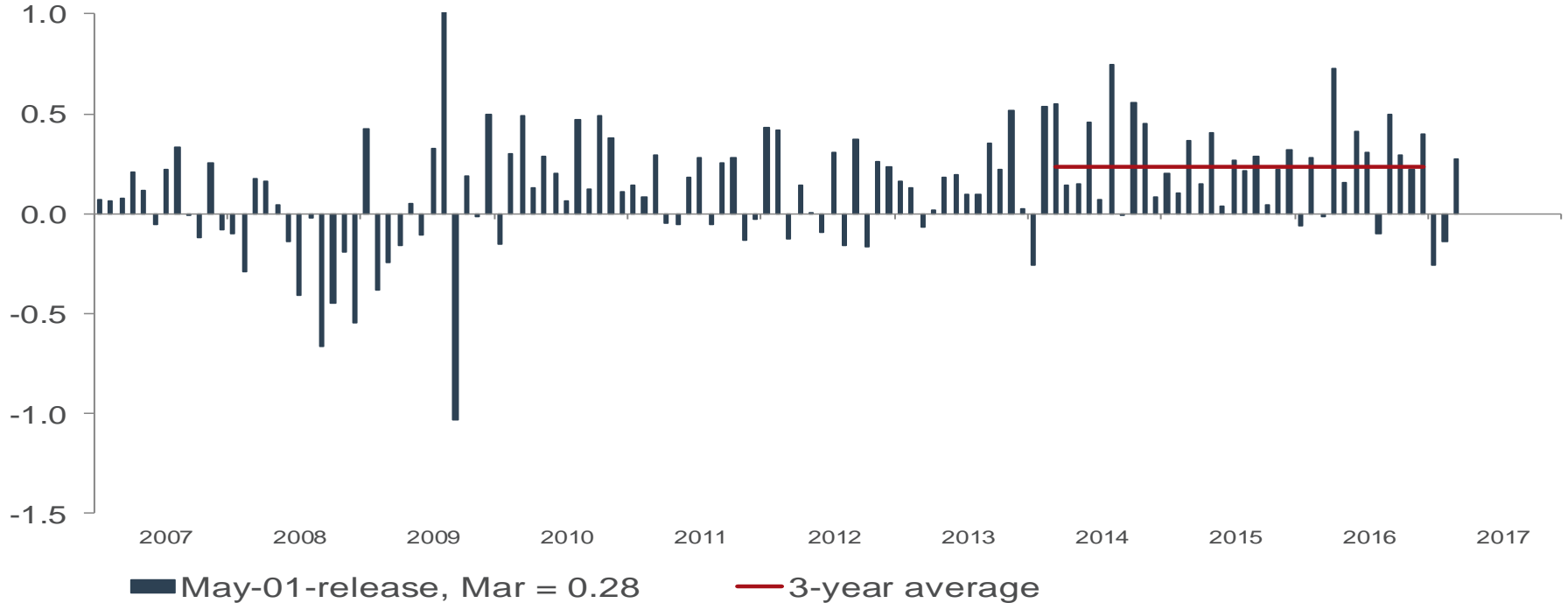


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Real Personal Consumption Expenditures

1-month % change

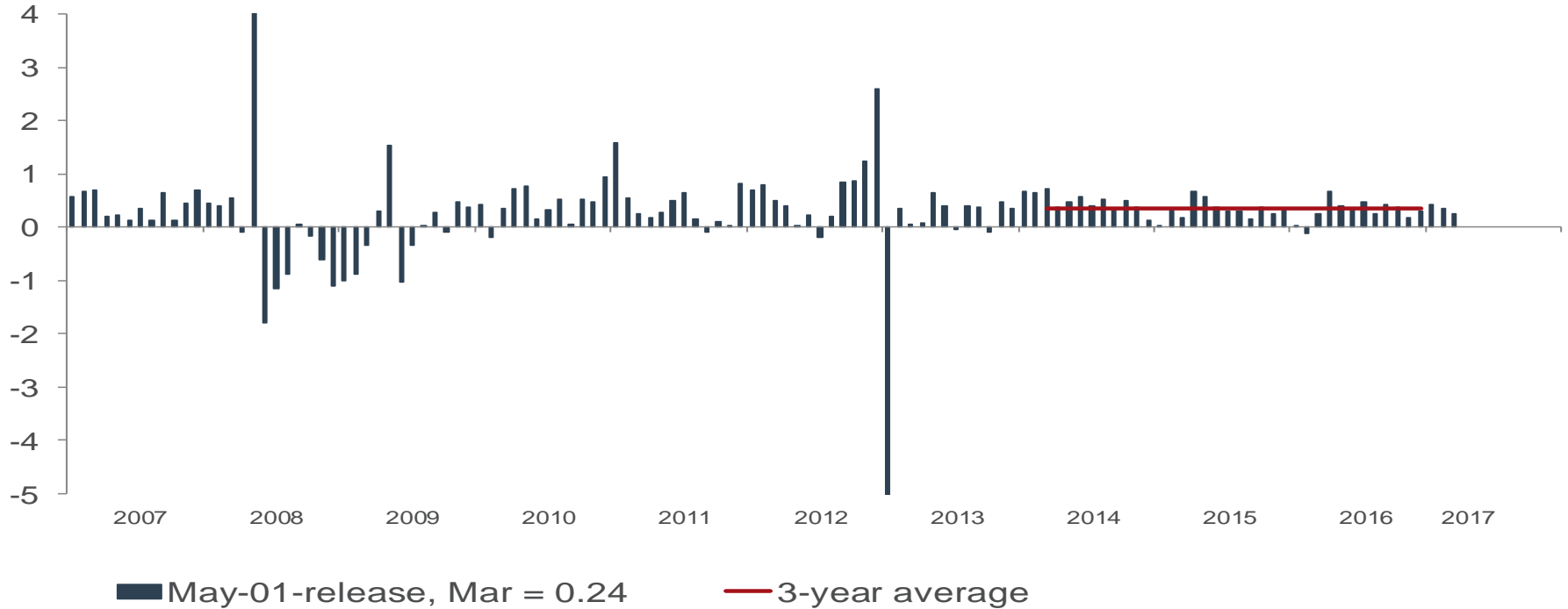


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Personal Income

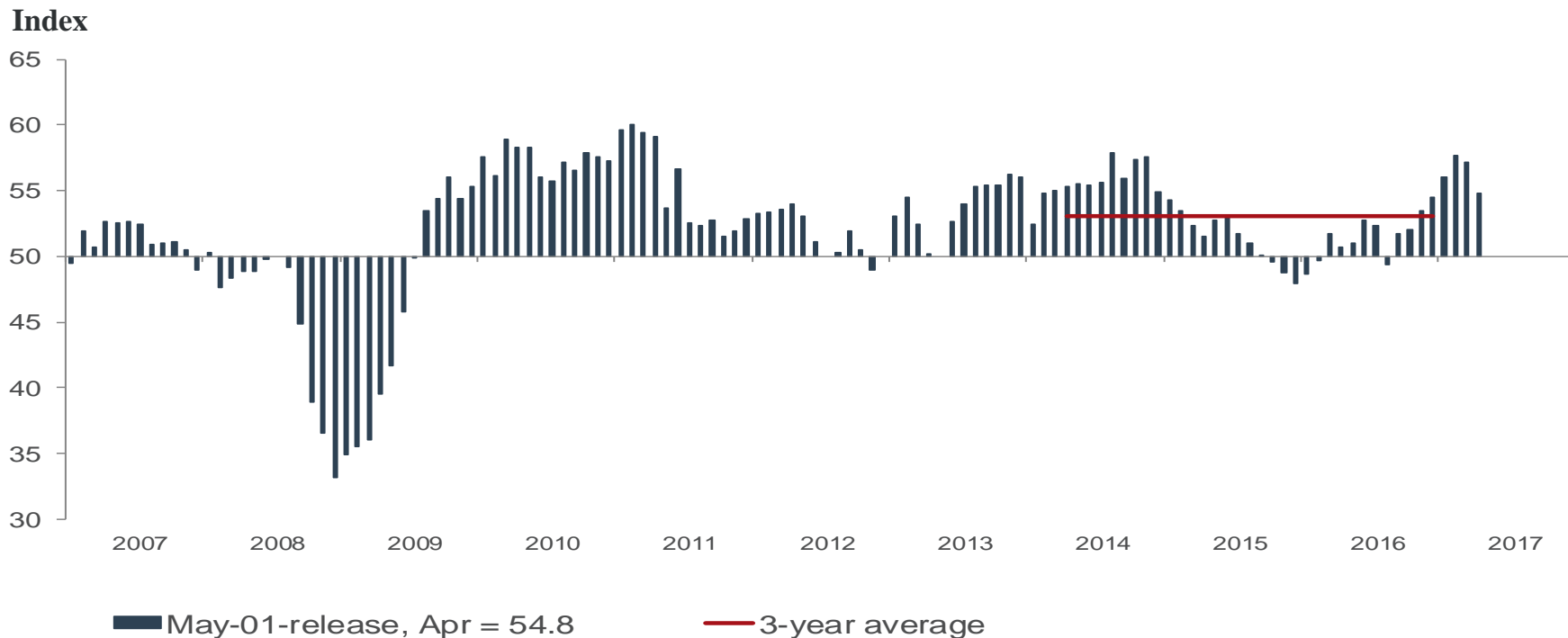
1-month % change



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

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Purchasing Managers' Index



Source: Institute for Supply Management TM

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Real Value of the Dollar

March 1973 = 100



— Exchange Value of the US\$ (May-01- release, Apr=99.8)

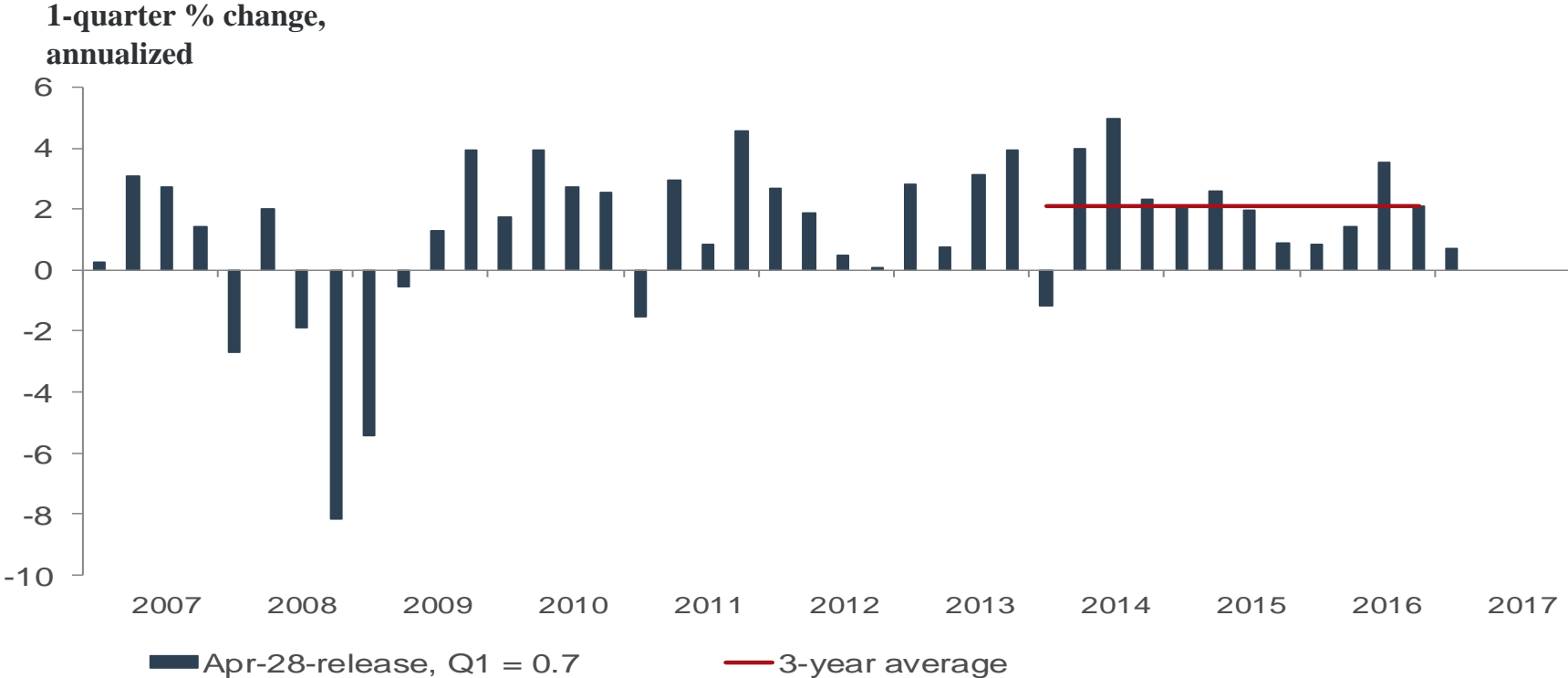
— US\$ vs Major Currencies* (May-01- release, Apr=107.5)

* Euro Area, Canada, Japan, UK, Switzerland, Australia, and Sweden

Source: Federal Reserve Board

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Real GDP



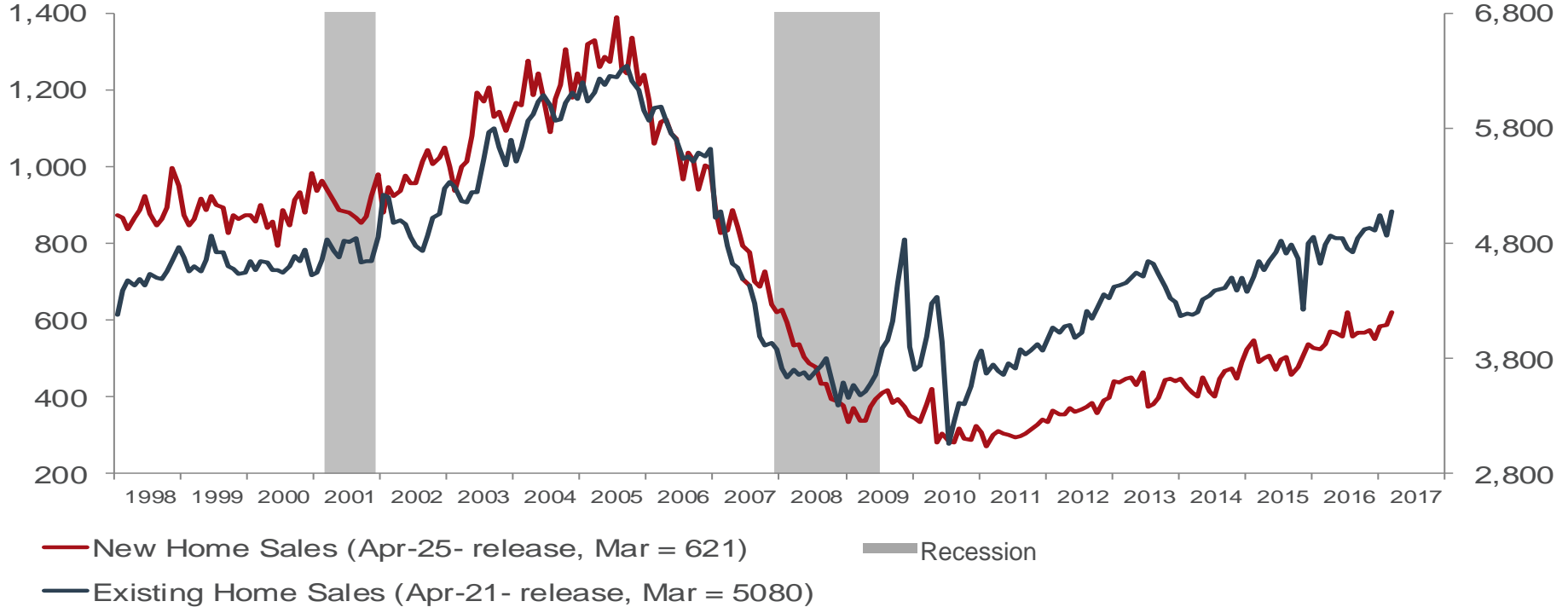
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Home Sales

Thousands of New Homes

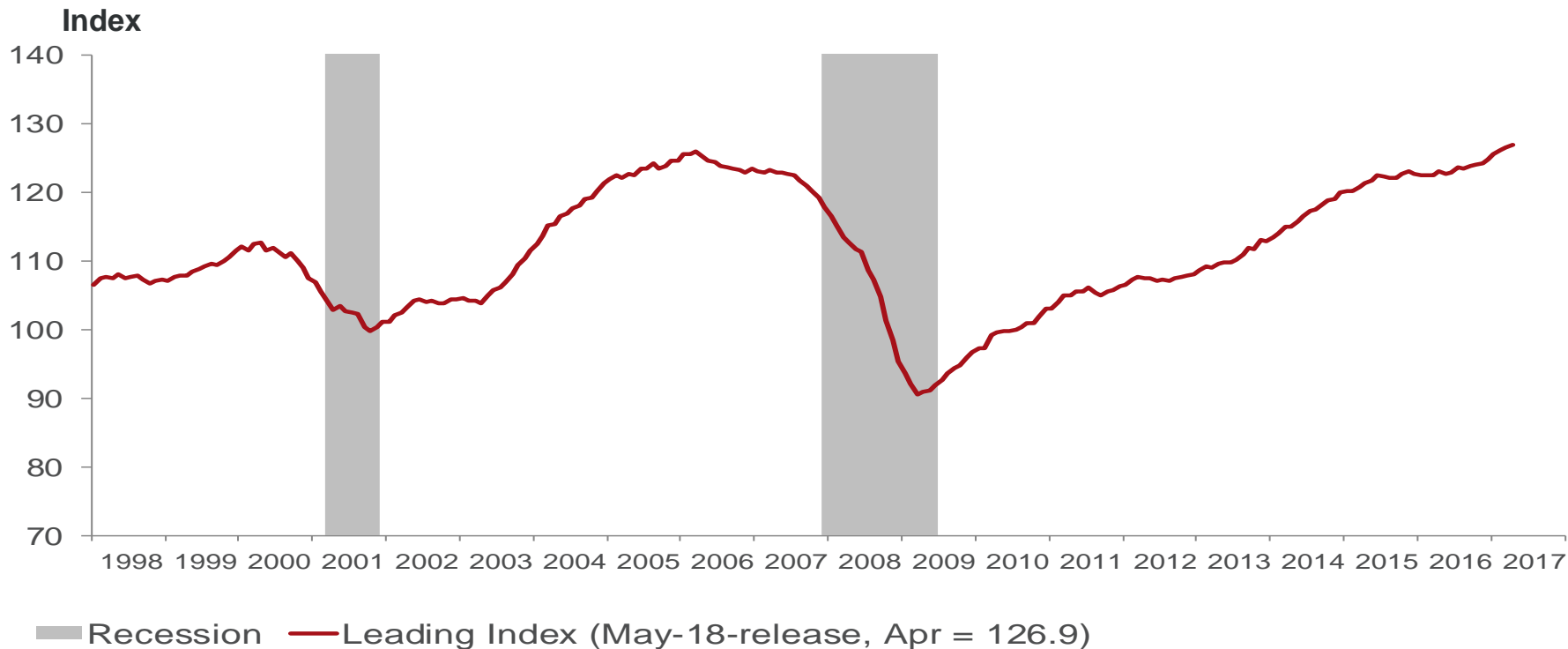
Thousands of Existing Homes



Source: Bureau of the Census; National Association of Realtors

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Index of Leading Economic Indicators



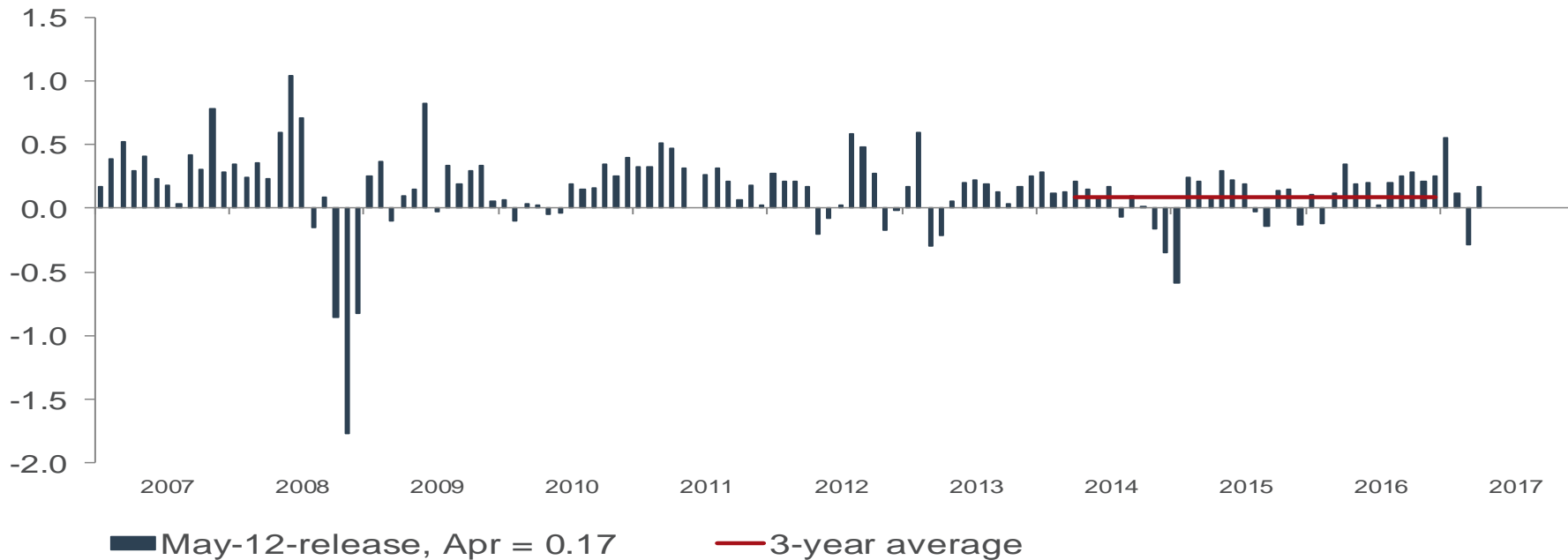
Source: The Conference Board

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WAGES AND PRICES

Consumer Price Index

1-month % change

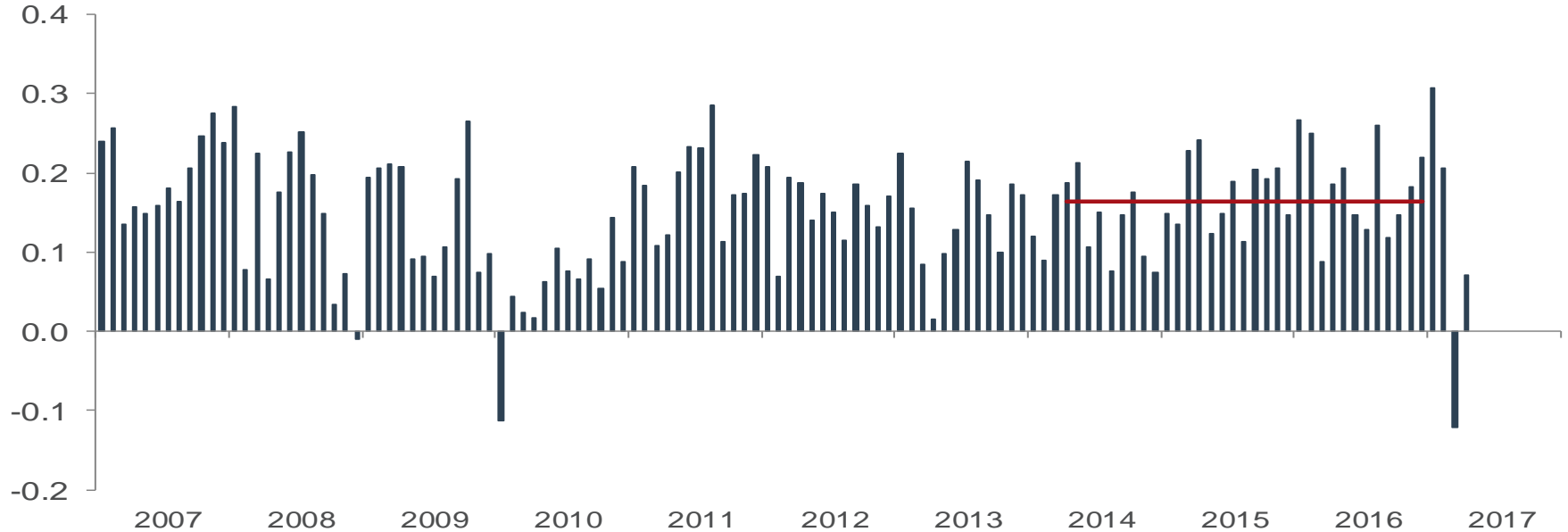


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Core Consumer Price Index

1-month % change



■ May-12-release, Apr = 0.07

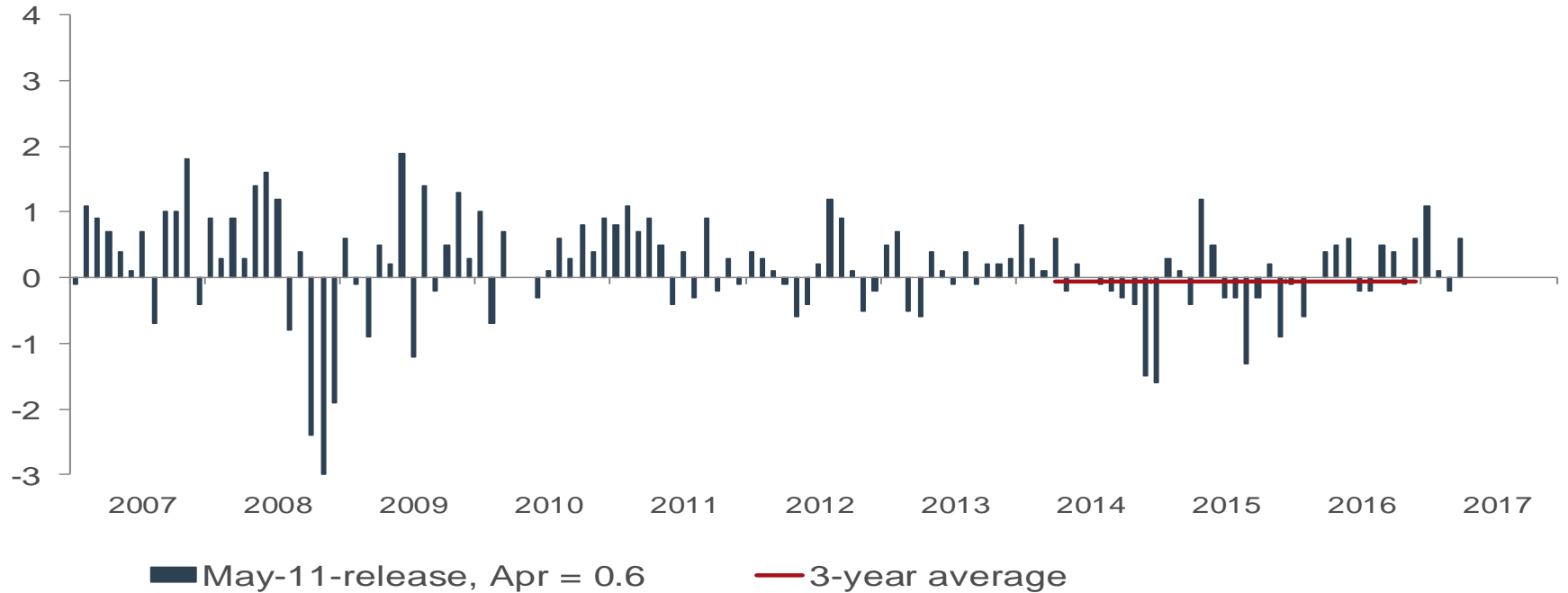
— 3-year average

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Producer Price Index

1-month % change

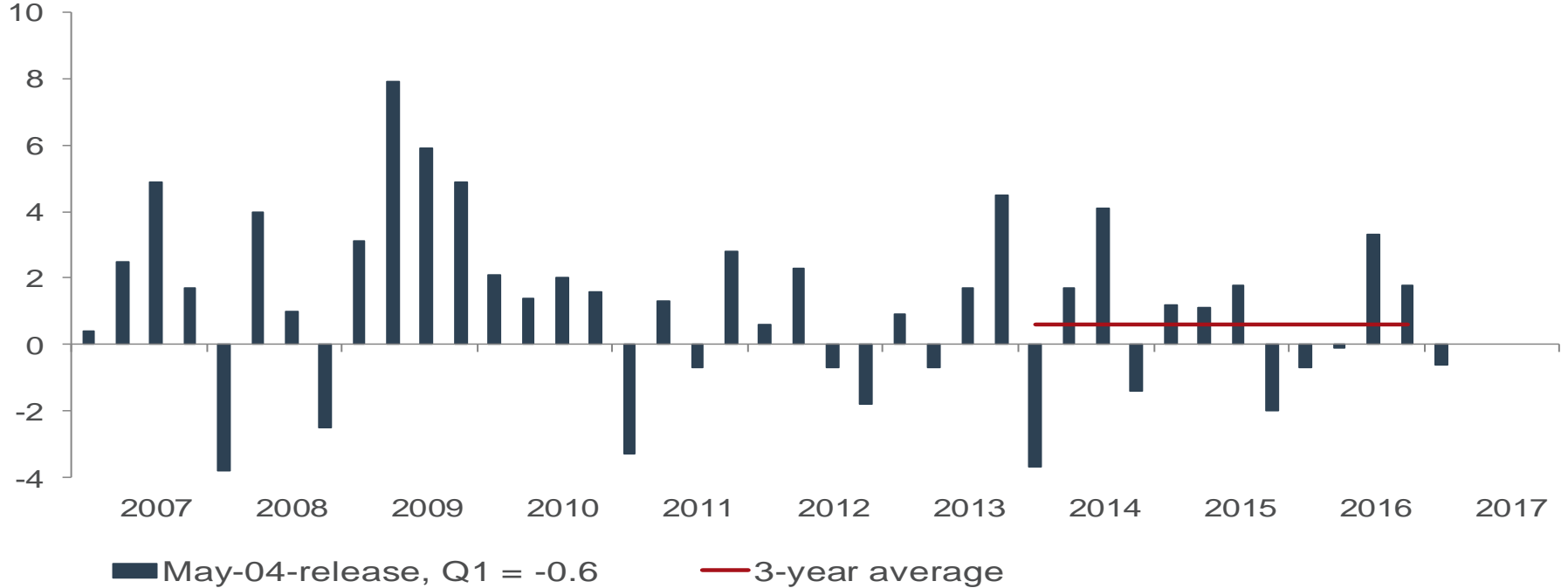


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Nonfarm Business Productivity

1-quarter % change,
annualized

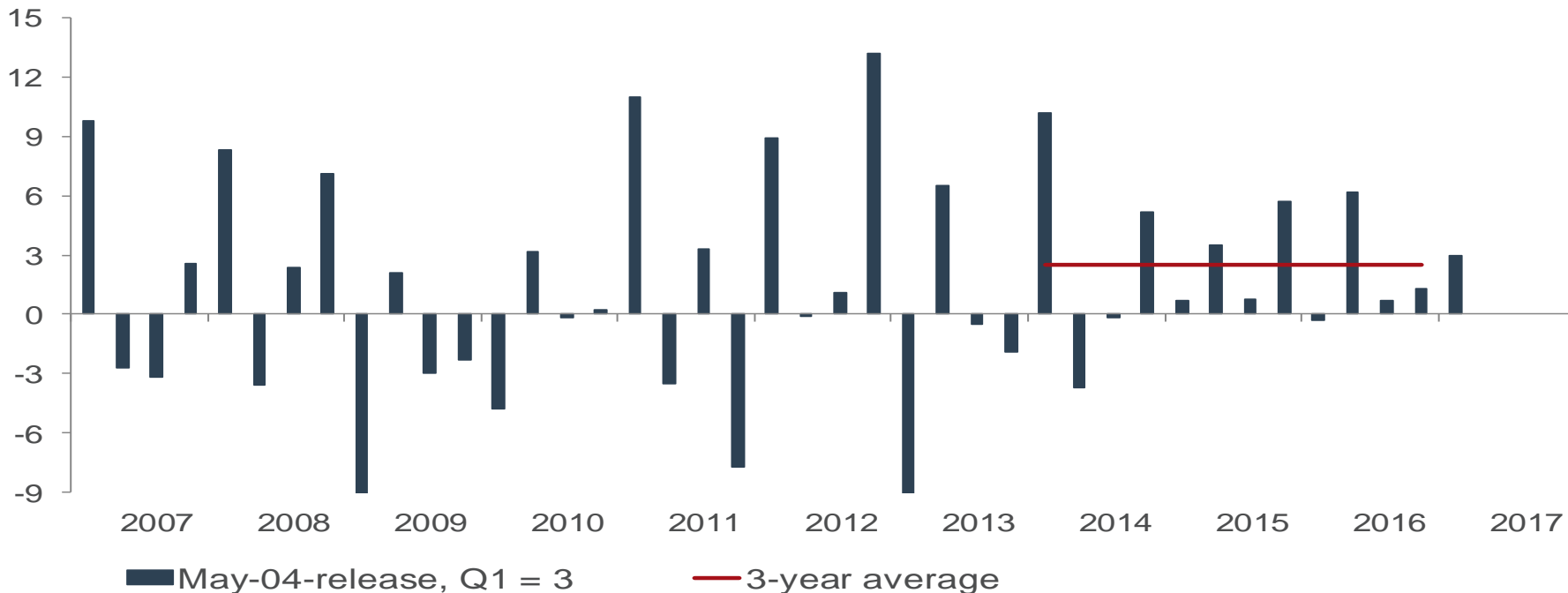


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Nonfarm Business Unit Labor Cost

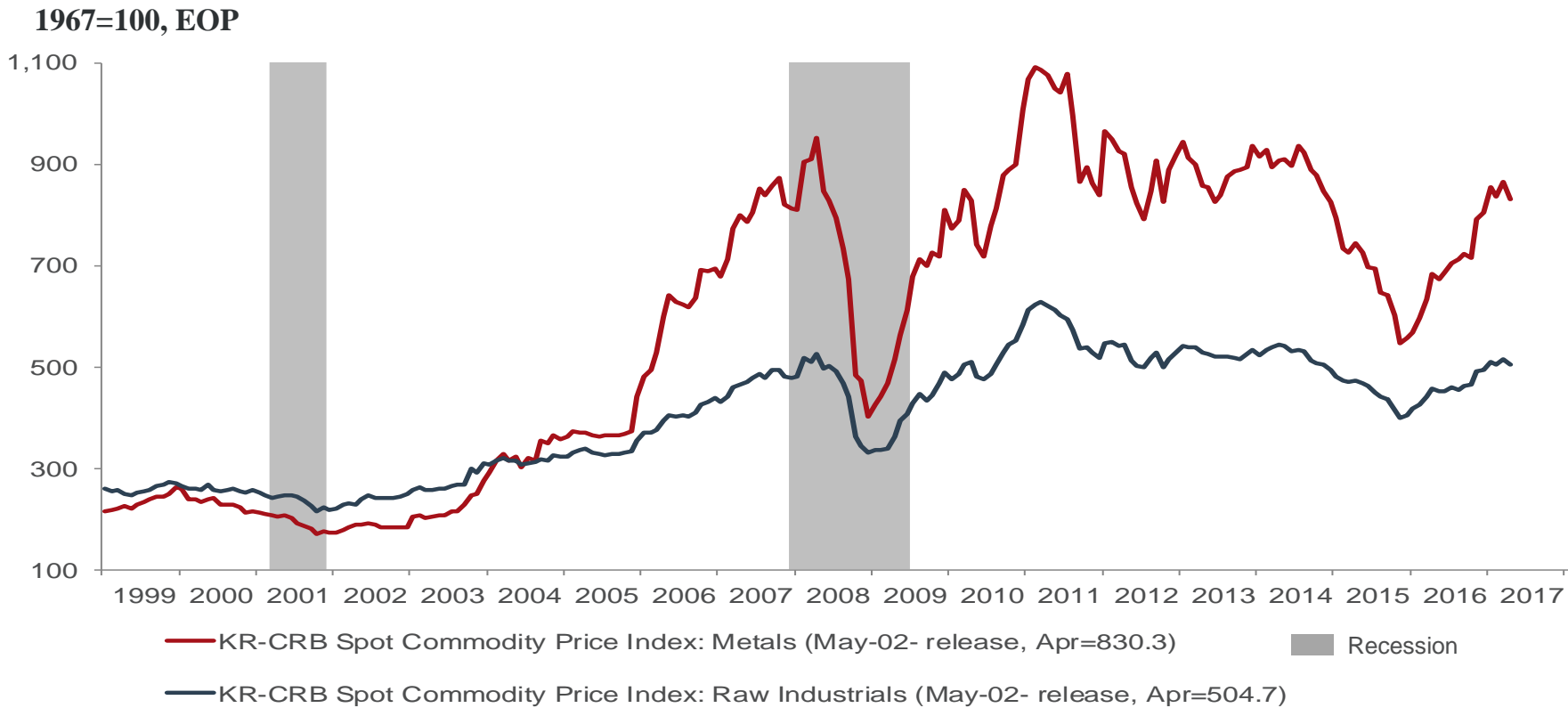
1-quarter % change,
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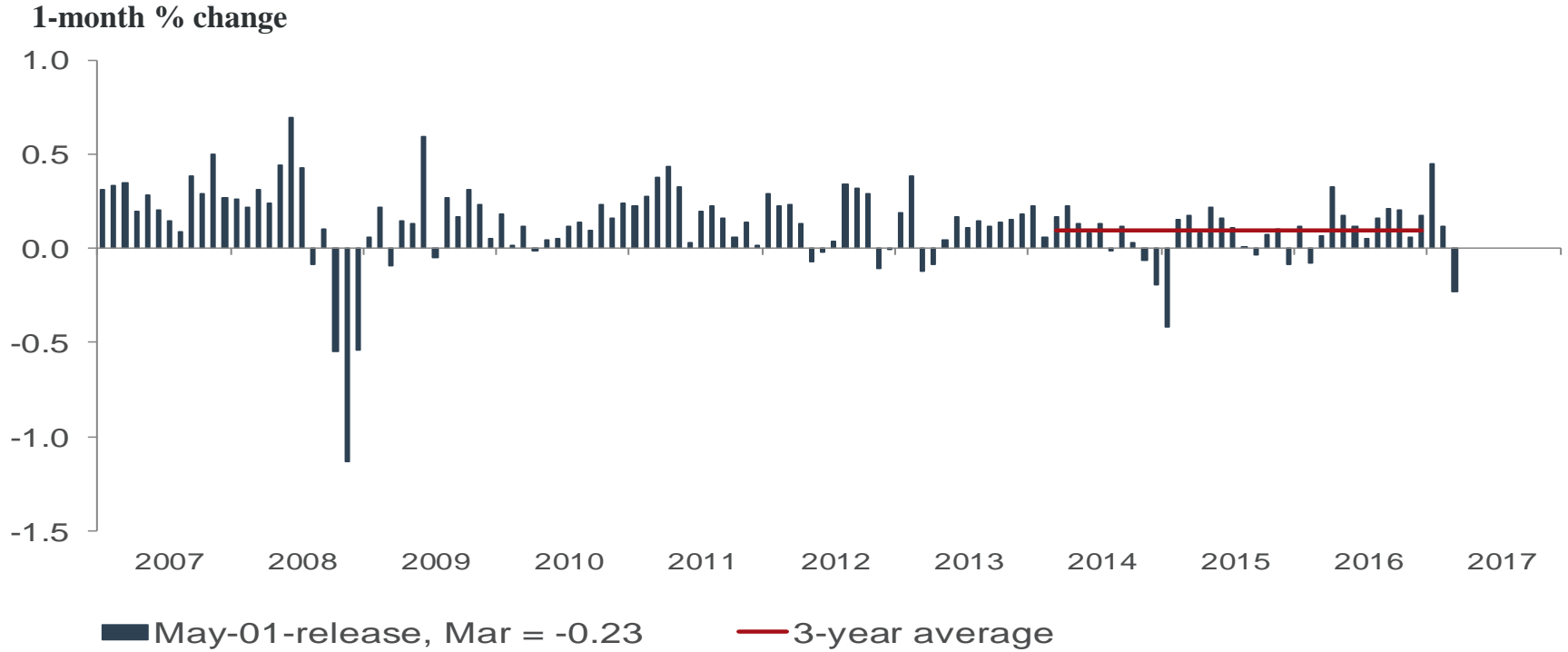
Commodity Prices



Source: Commodity Research Bureau

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PCE Price Index

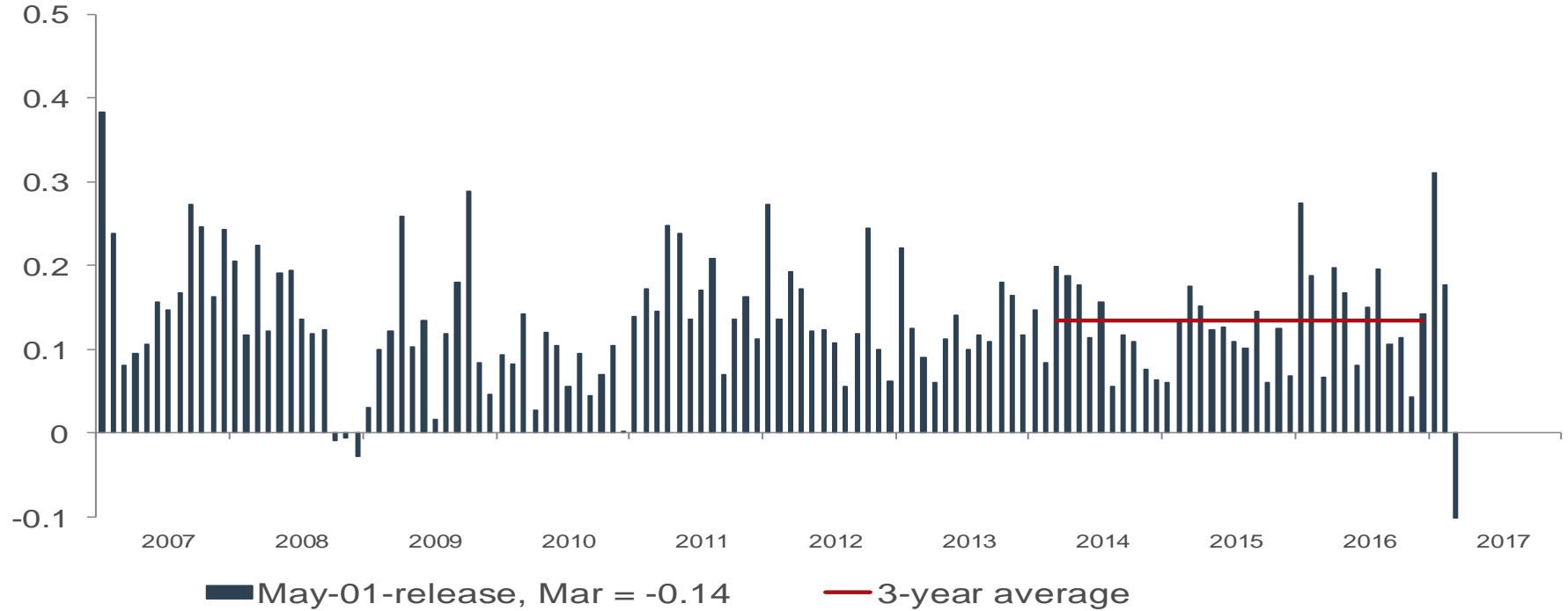


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Core PCE Price Index

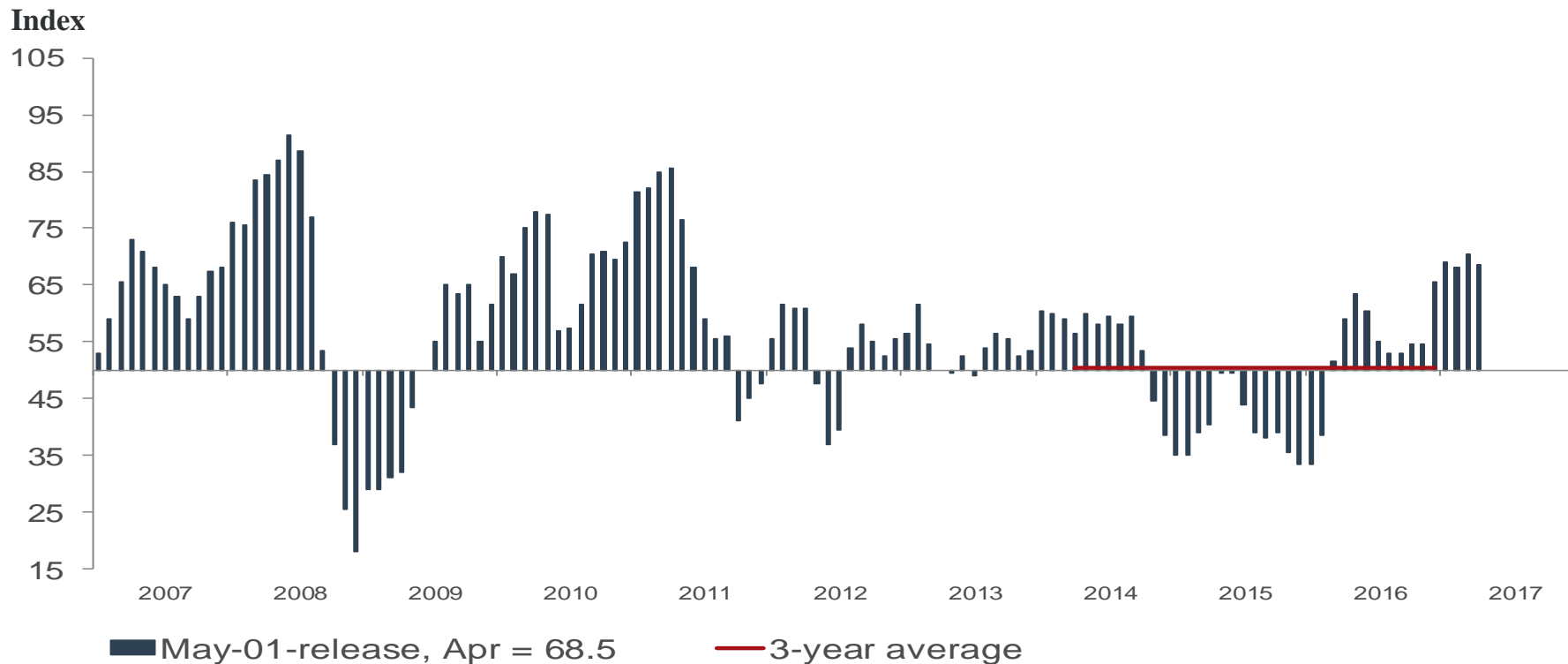
1-month % change



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ISM Manufacturing Prices Index

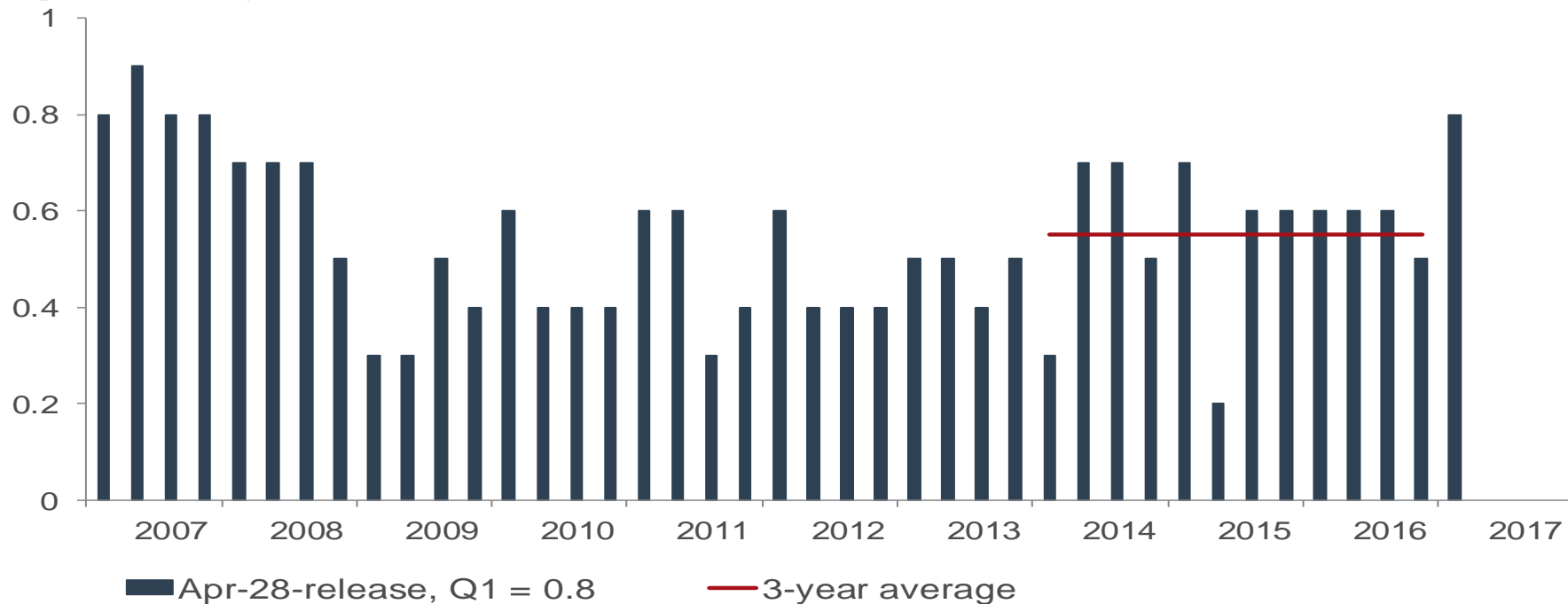


Source : Institute for Supply Management™

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Employment Cost Index

1-quarter % change



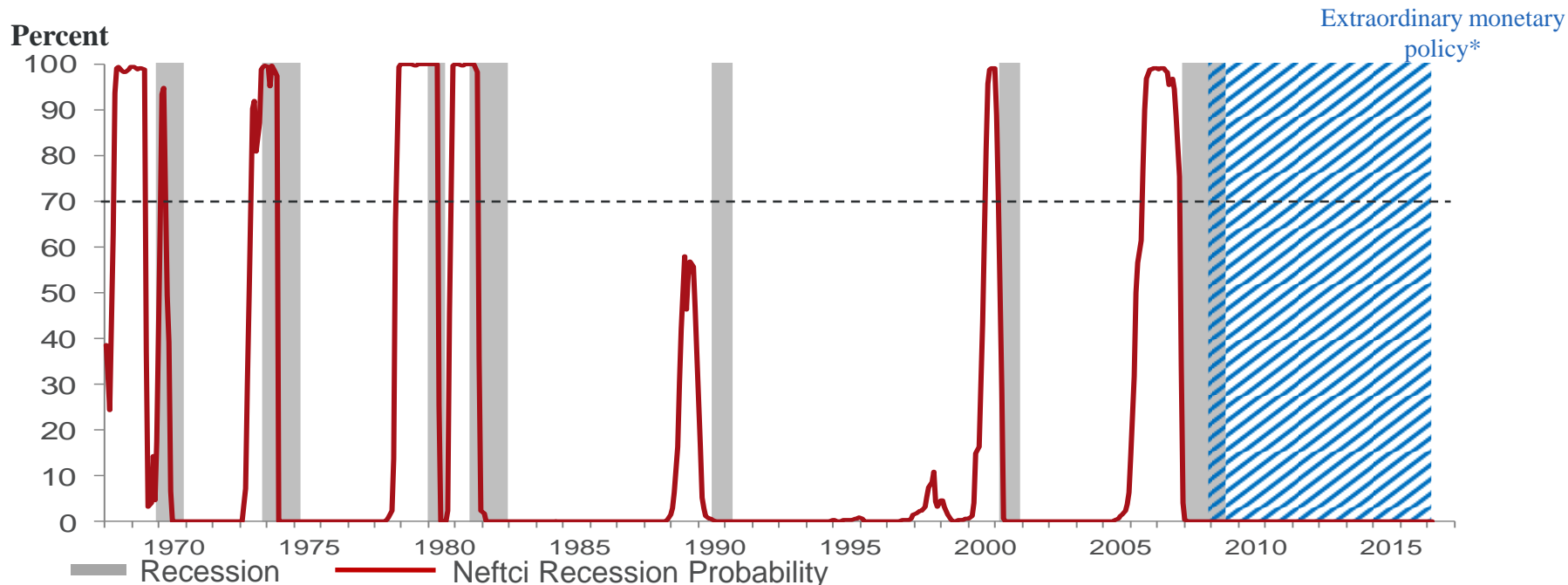
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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FINANCIAL-SECTOR DEVELOPMENTS

Recession Probability

Real-time Nefcni probability calculated from 10-yr. – 1-yr. Treasury yield spread



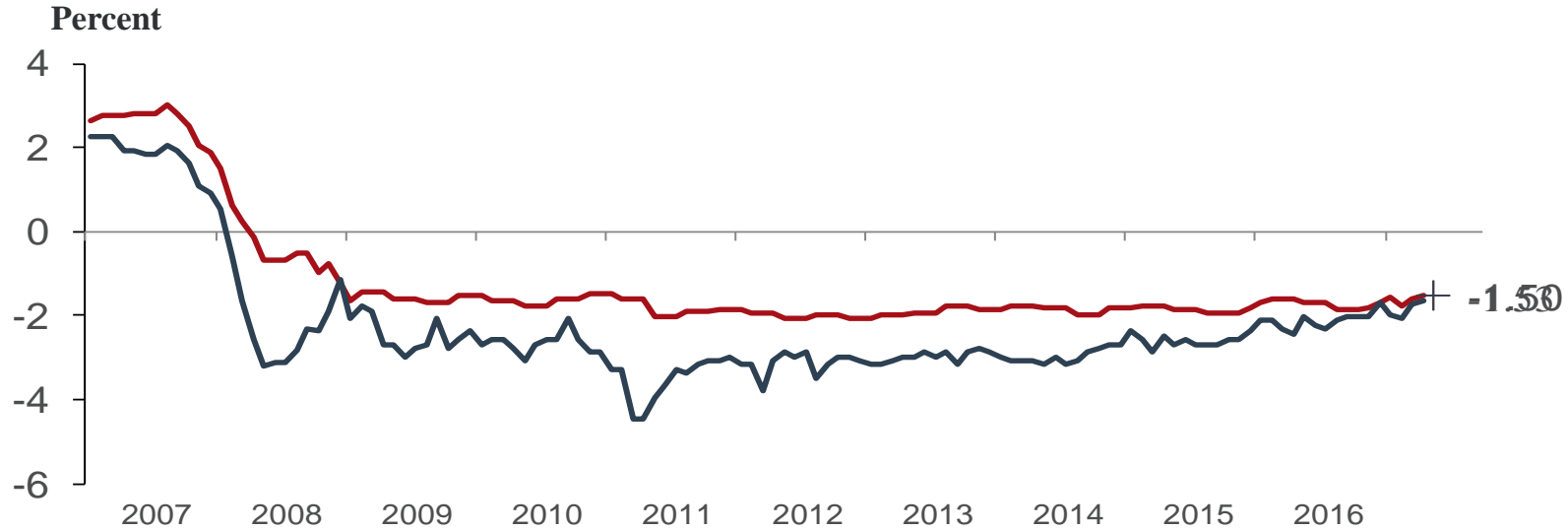
Crosses 70% threshold with a lead of between 5 and 18 months, and averaging 11 months.

*Indicator properties of the yield curve may be distorted during this period due to the zero bound on short-term interest rates and Federal Reserve purchases of long-term Treasuries.

Source: Federal Reserve Board; calculations by FRB Dallas

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Real Federal Funds Rate



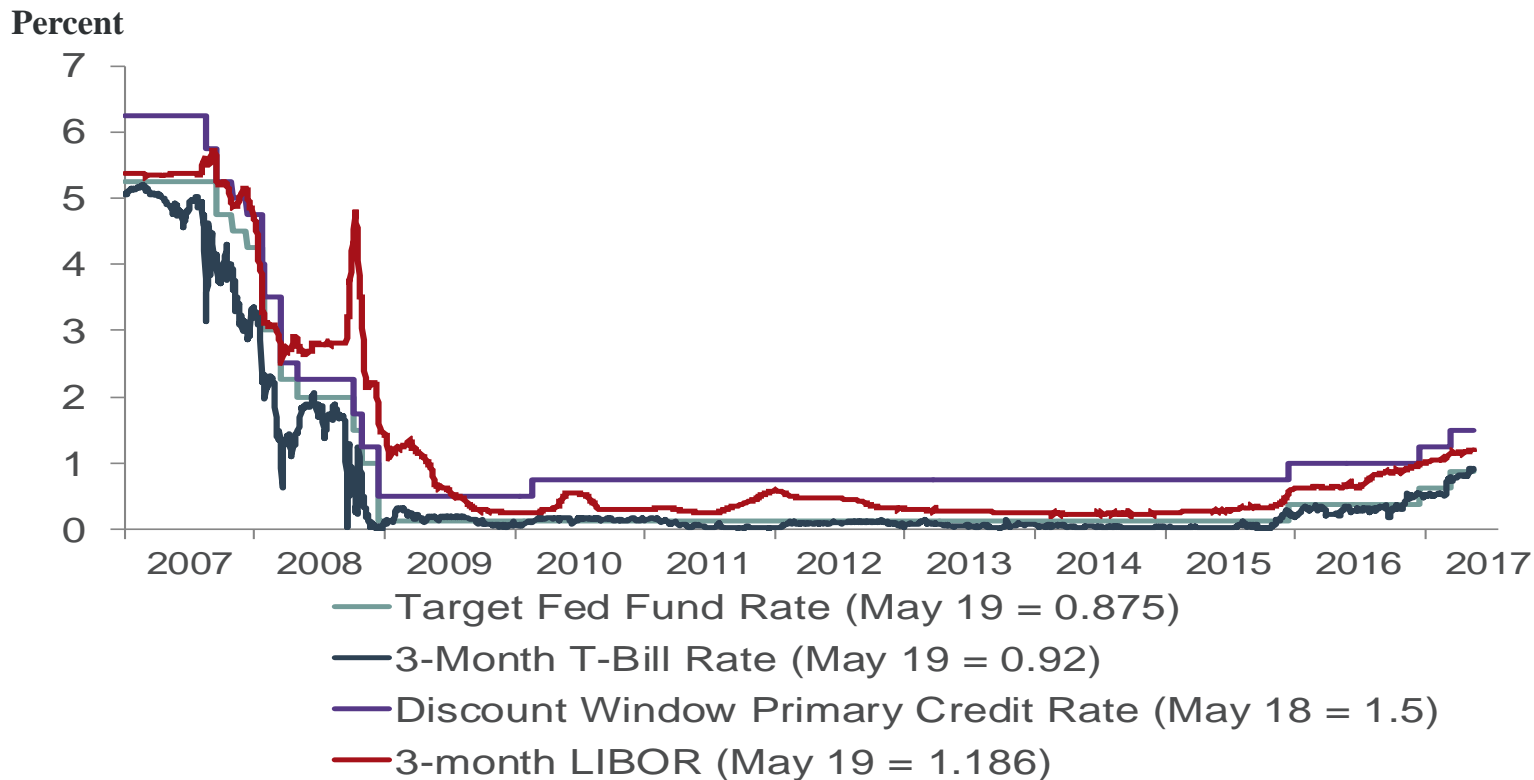
- End-of-Month Target Fed Funds Rate less SPF Expected Inflation
- + Target Fed Funds Rate (May-19) less SPF Expected Inflation (May-12)
- End-of-Month Target Fed Funds Rate less U. of Michigan Expected Inflation
- + Target Fed Funds Rate (May-19) less U. of Michigan Expected Inflation (May-12)

Sources: Target Fed Funds Rate: Federal Reserve Board; SPF Expected Inflation: FRB Philadelphia;

U. of Michigan Expected Inflation: Survey of Consumers, Survey Research Center, U. of Michigan

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Short-Term Interest Rates



Source: Federal Reserve Board

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Long-Term Interest Rates

Percent

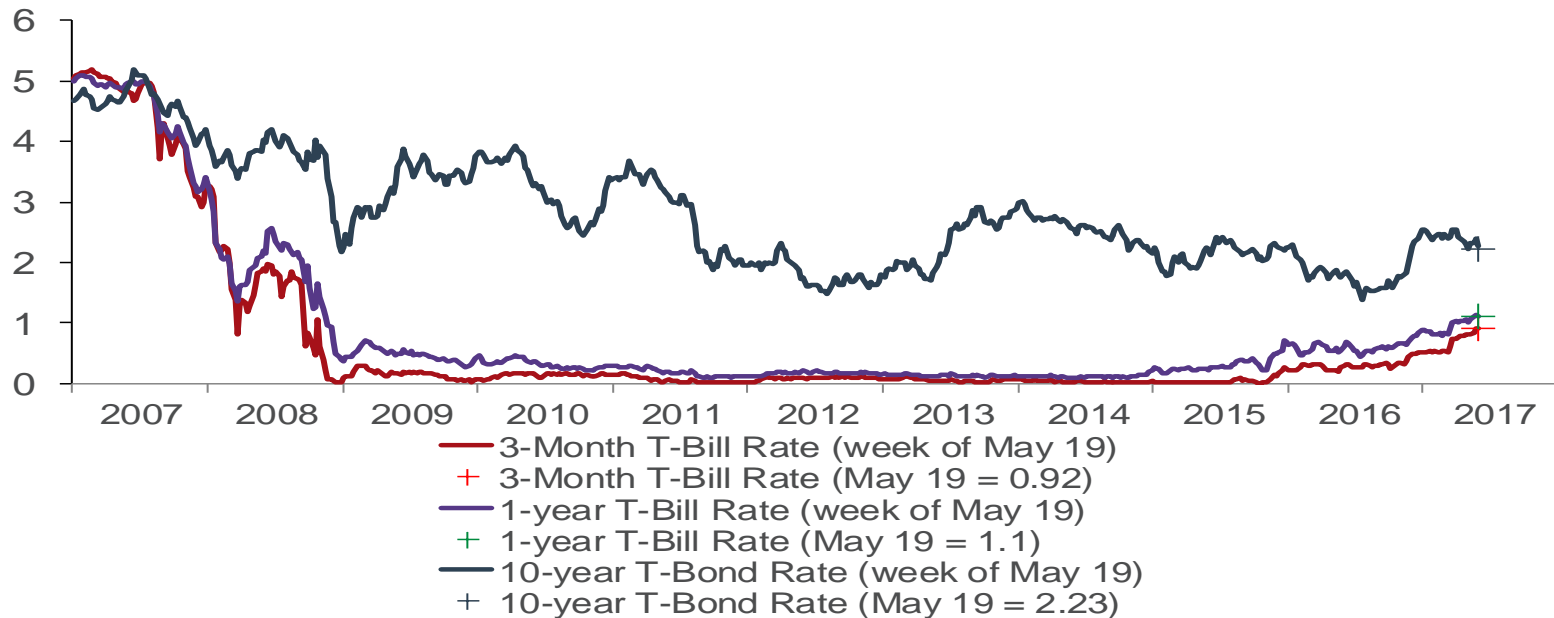


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Yield Curve

Percent

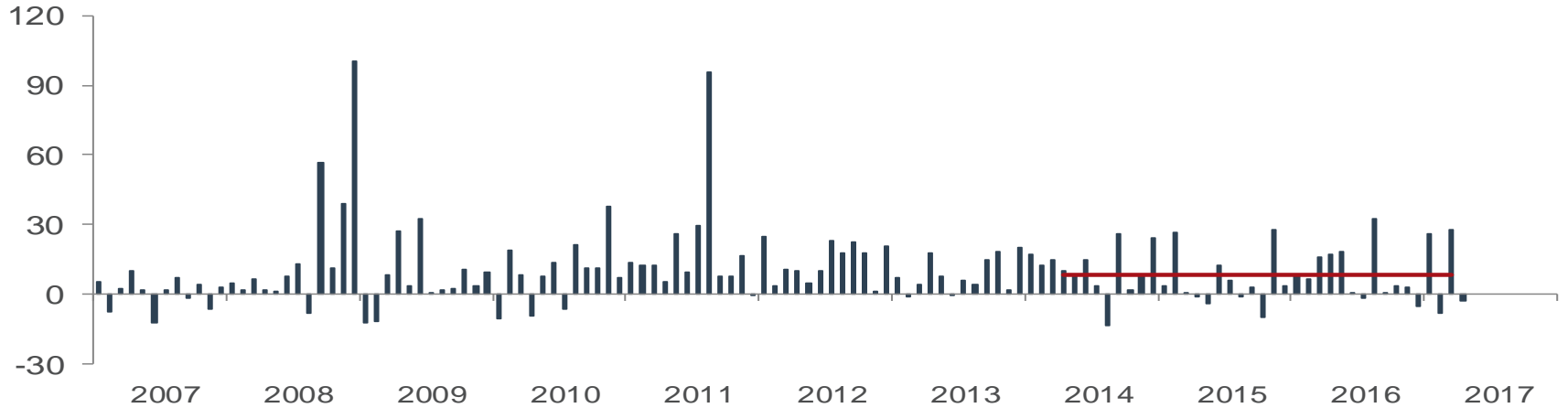


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Money Supply: M1

1-month % change,
annualized



■ May-18-release, Apr = -2.99

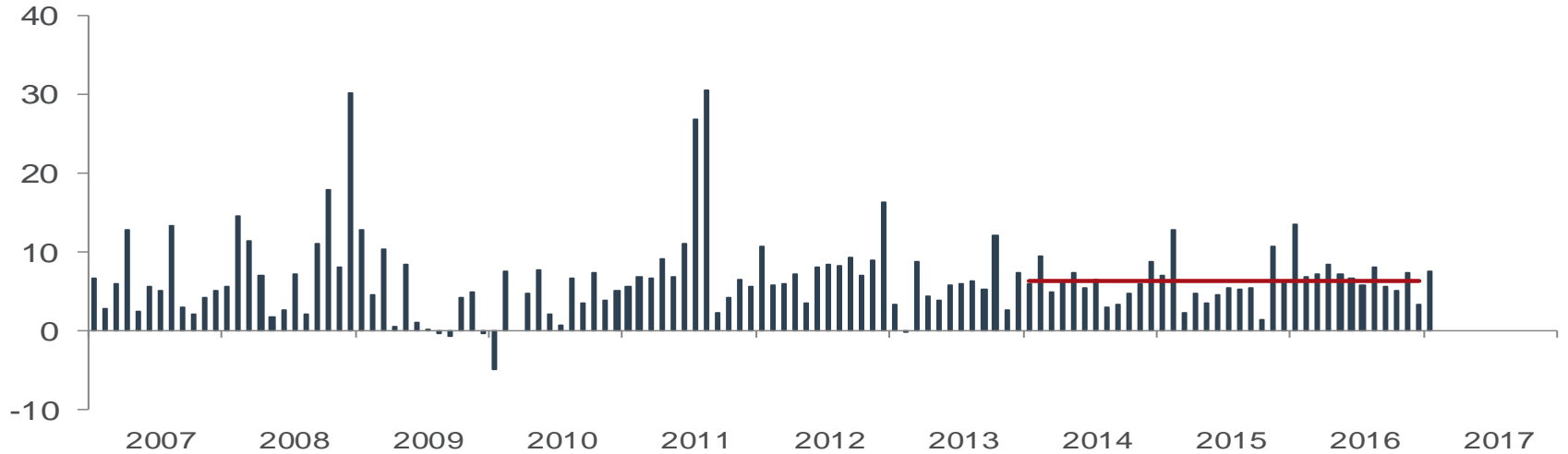
— 3-year average

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Money Supply: M2

1-month % change,
annualized



■ May-18-release, Apr = 7.49

— 3-year average

Source: Federal Reserve Board

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