

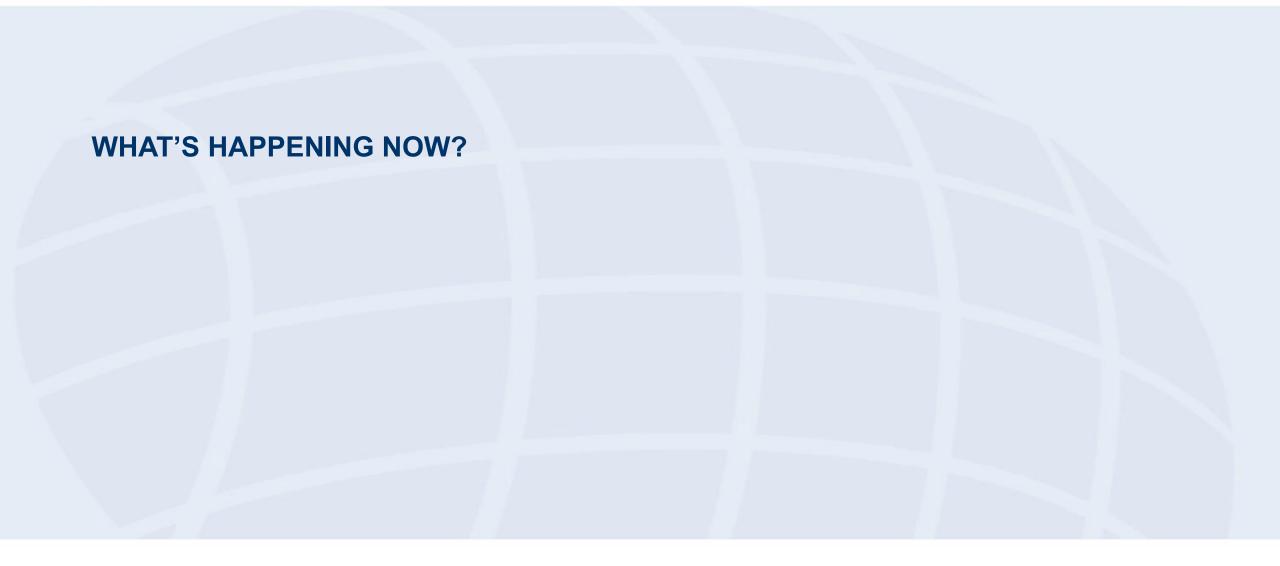
### **Performance and Prospects for Caribbean Tourism**

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# Let's pose some questions

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# US international travel spend is outpacing economy

**US Outbound Spending and GDP** 

#### 2010=100 195 +77% -US outbound travel spending 175 -US nominal GDP 155 +43% 135 115 95 75 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018

- Average of 7.6% growth per year over past five years
- 44% growth over past five years alone

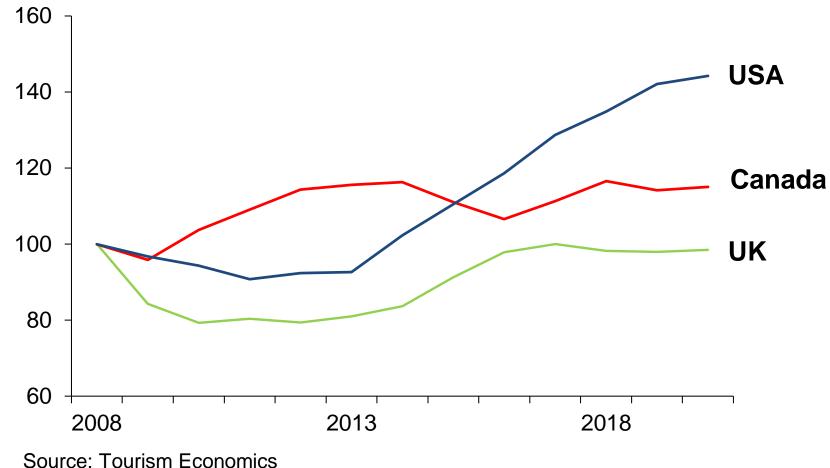


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# Strength of travel sector is part of a broader trend

# International departures per capita

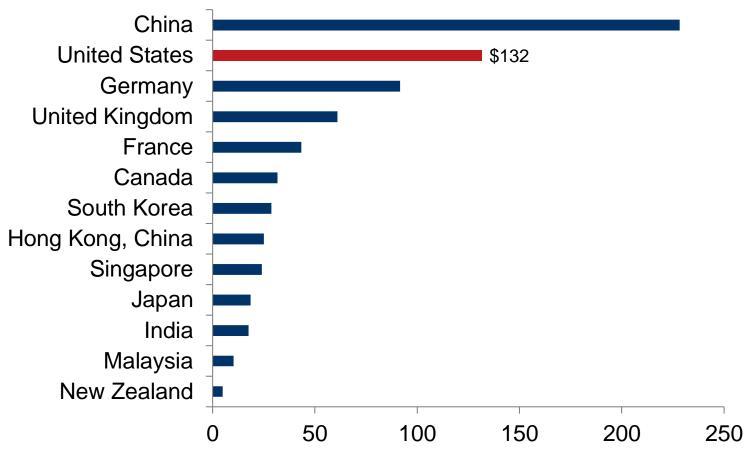
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## **Outbound Travel Spending in 2018**

billions \$US



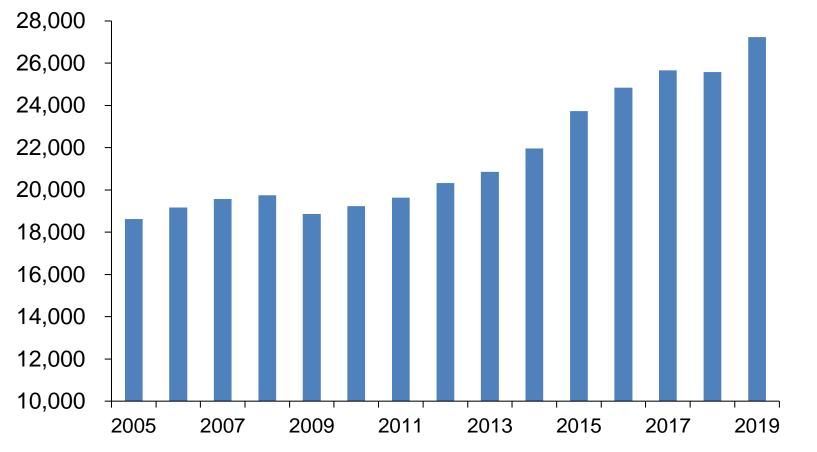
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# As a result, the region continues to flourish

## **Caribbean Overnight Arrivals**

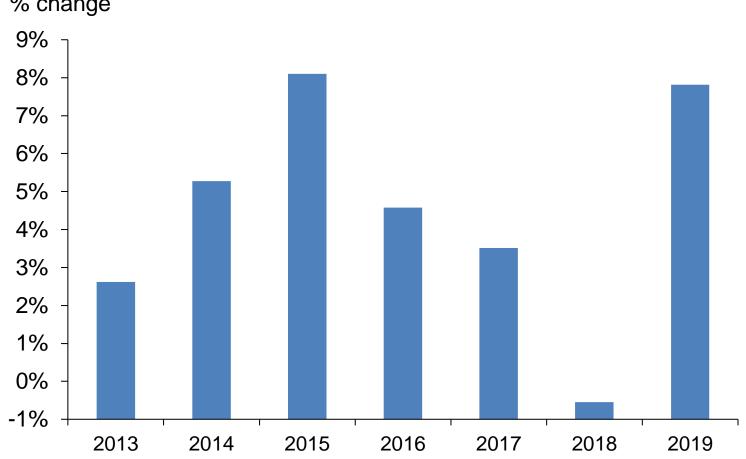
thousands



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# After 2018 hurricanes, the region is rebounding strongly

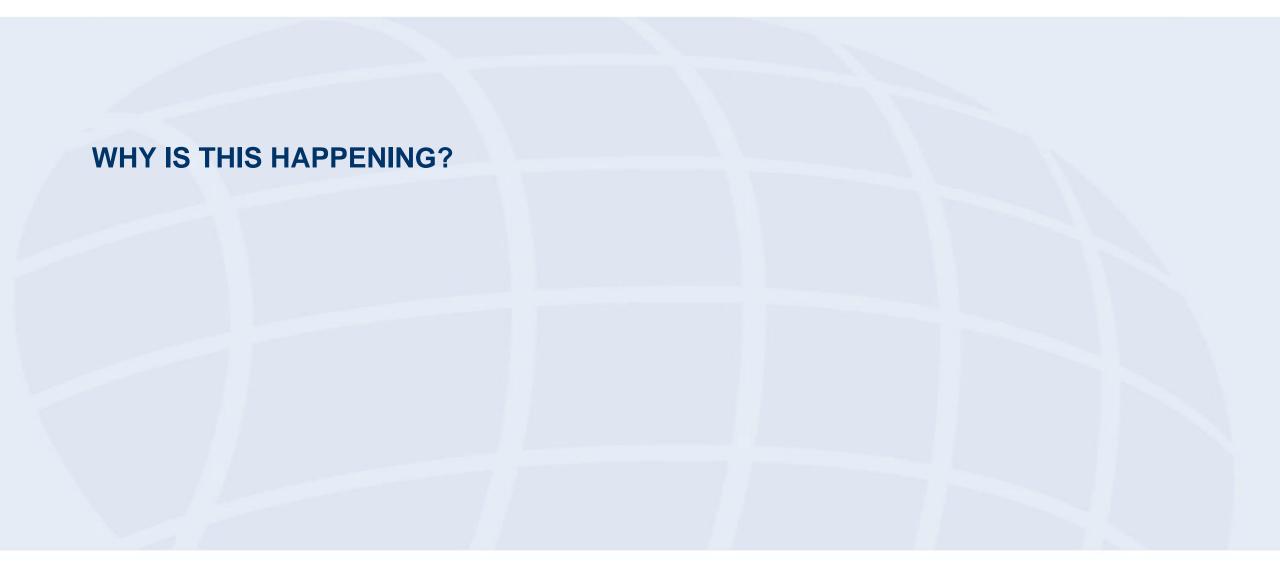


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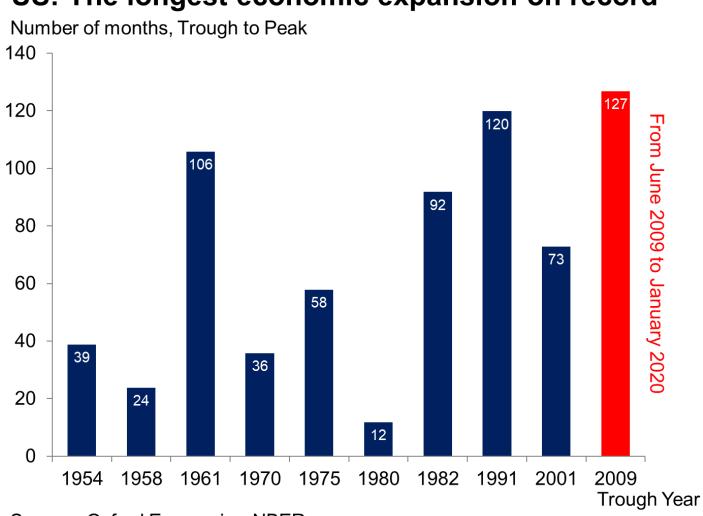
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# Longest US expansion on record...



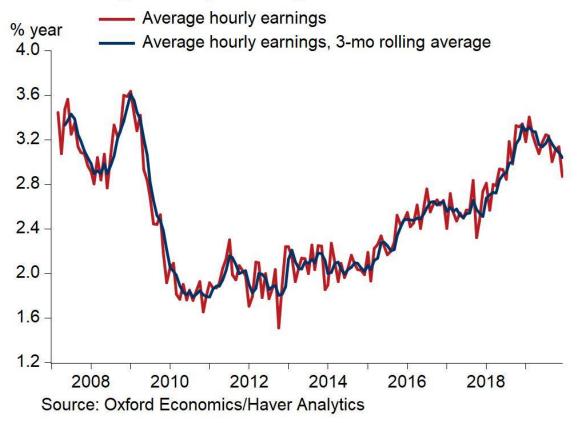
US: The longest economic expansion on record

Source : Oxford Economics, NBER



# Wage growth benefiting from tight US labor market

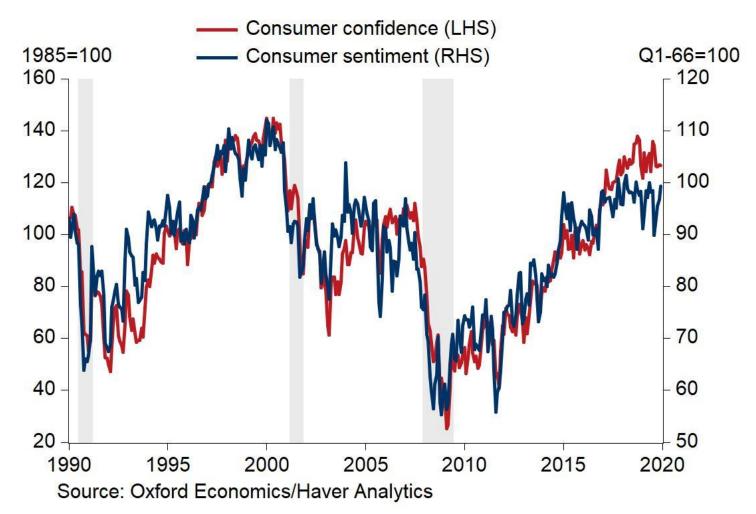
#### **US: Average hourly earnings**





### Despite recent volatility, consumer confidence is buoyant

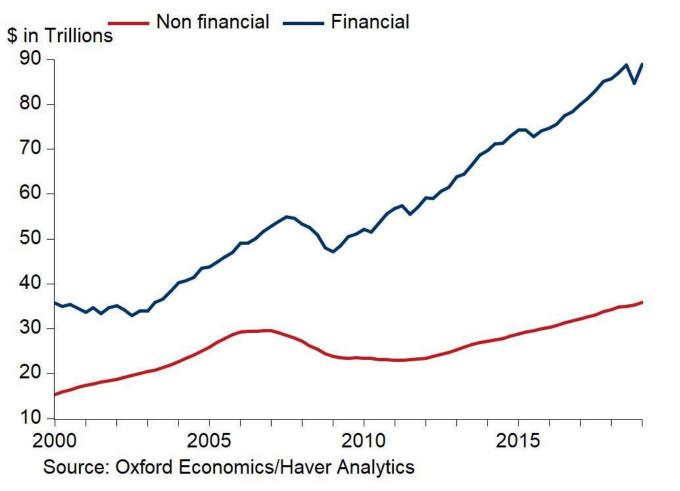
#### **US: Consumer attitudes**





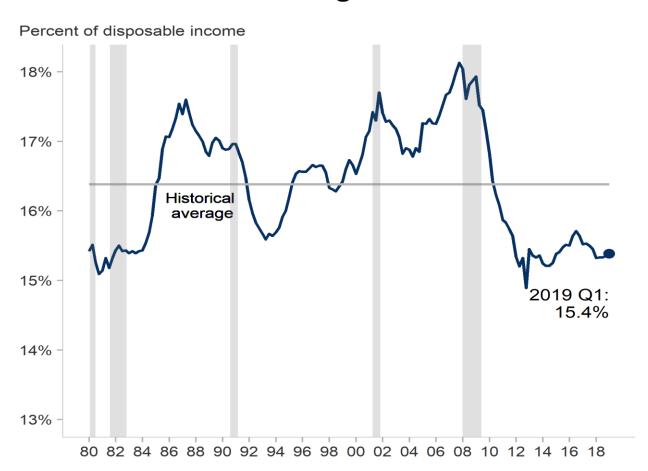
## Household wealth up 50% from pre-recession high

#### **US: Household net wealth**





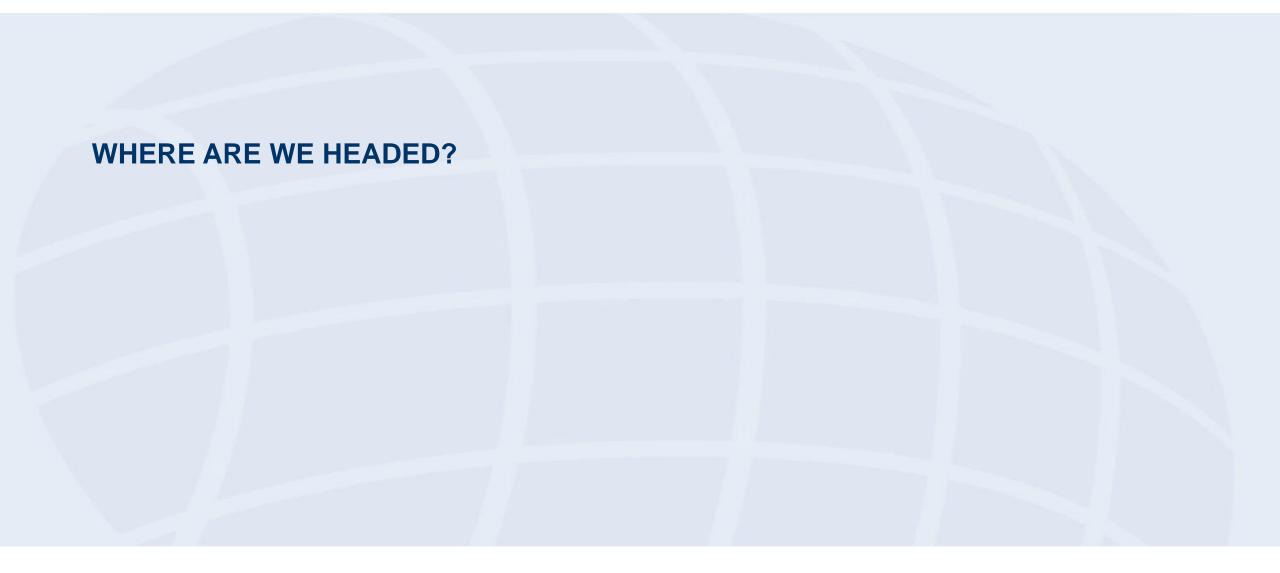
### Low leverage & high savings represent reassuring buffers



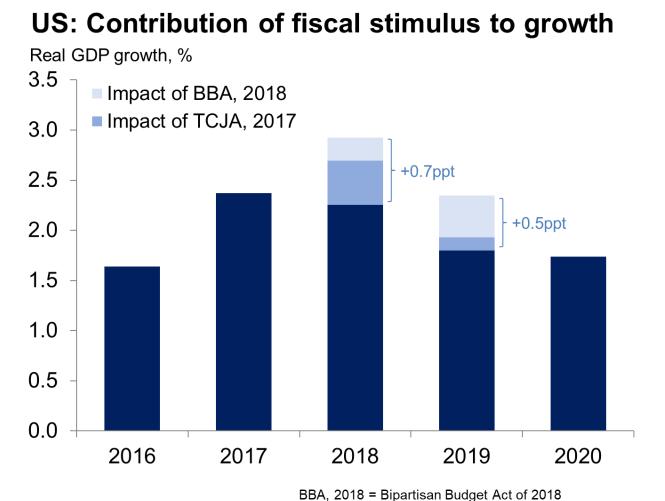
Household financial obligations ratio

Note: Ratio of financial obligation payments to disposable personal income. Represents a broader measure than the debt service ratio. In addition to mortgage debt and consumer credit, it includes payments such as automobile lease payments, rental payments on tenant-occupied property, homeowners' insurance and property taxes.Source: Federal Reserve; Oxford Economics





# **Economic slowdown is imminent in 2020**



TCJA, 2017 = Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

Source: Oxford Economics

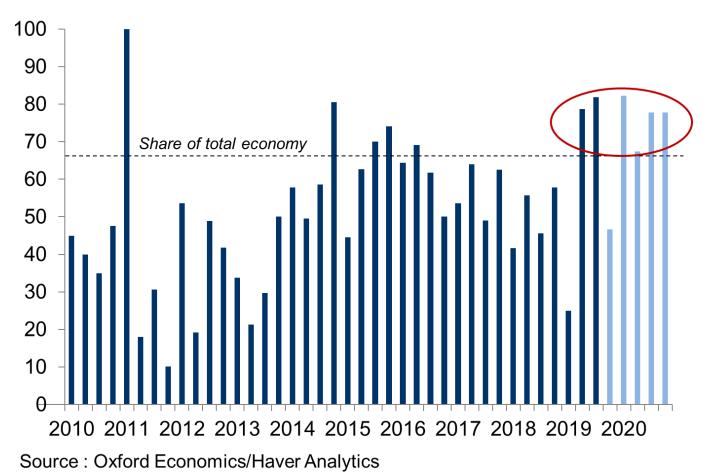
- 1. Investment→ moderating
- 2. Global trade→ tariff headwinds
- Financial conditions → tightening
- 4. Global growth → slowing



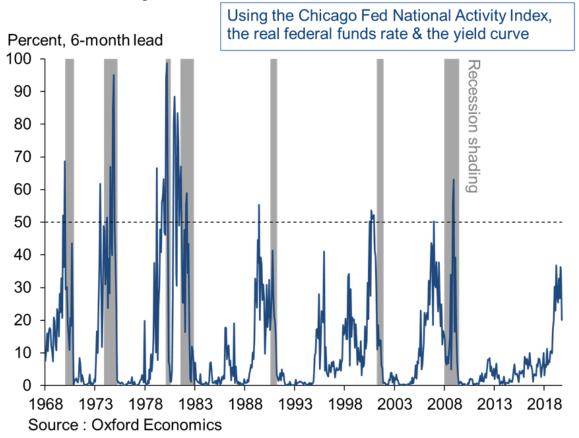
### **Outlook dependent on US consumers**

#### Consumer spending driving GDP growth solo

Consumer spending contribution to GDP growth as a share of positive drivers





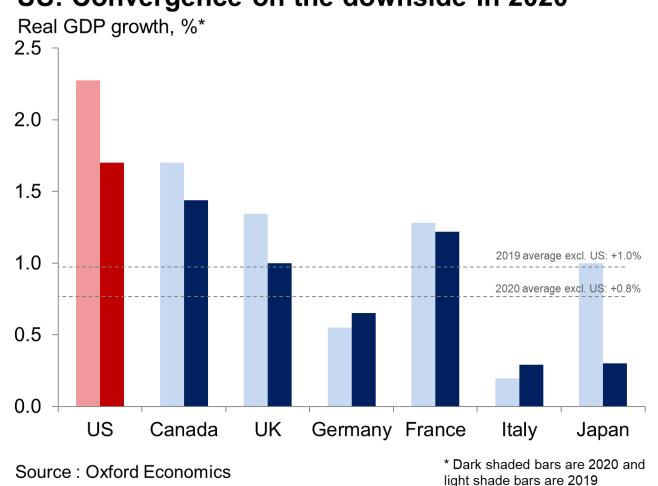


#### US: Probability of a recession 6 months ahead

- Fed likely to cut rates again in 2020 given low inflation
- Prospects of US-China trade deal



# US to outpace rest of the G7 in 2020



#### US: Convergence on the downside in 2020



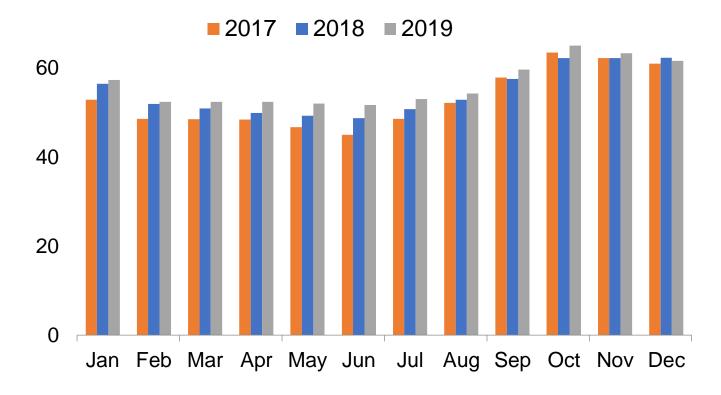


# Vacation intentions are holding

**US Household Vacation Intentions** 

% planning to take vacation in next six months

80

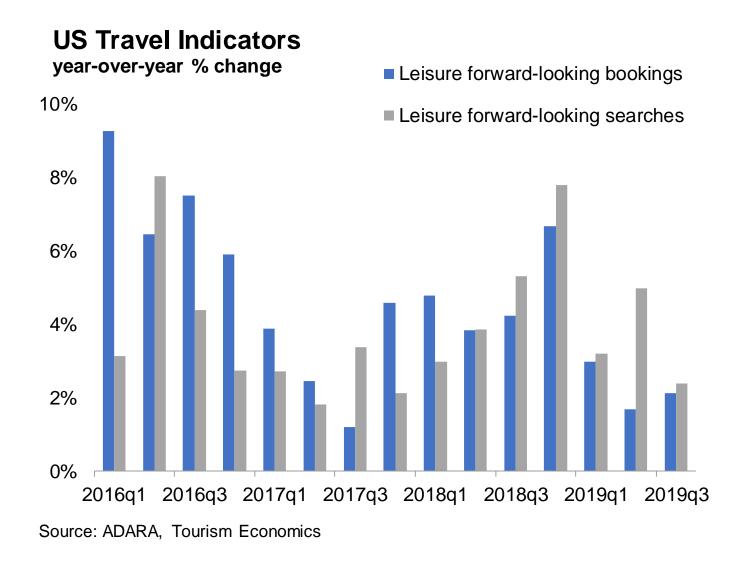


 Vacation intentions remained above prior year levels in 11 out of 12 months in 2019.

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Source: Conference Board, Tourism Economics

### Leisure bookings and searches still growing





### **Travel continues to gain American wallet share**

#### Consumer spending on lodging

Real, per capita GDP and spending on lodging

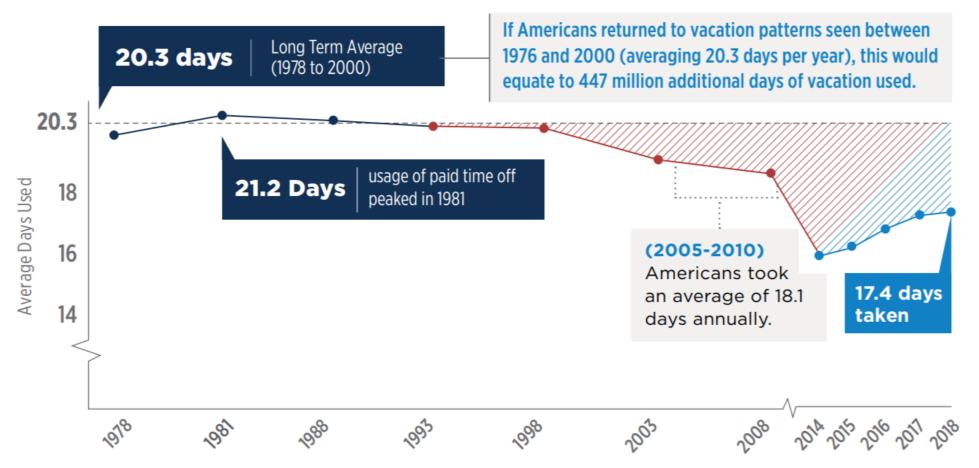
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis; Oxford Economics

Percentage change since 1980 300% 271% Spending on lodging has 250% increased 271% since 1980 (real, per capita basis) 200% 150% 91% 100% GDP has increased 91% since 1980 (real, per 50% capita basis) 0% -50% 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 Note: Meausres leisure travel spending on lodging by US households. Data thorugh the first quarter of 2019.



# Americans are regaining sanity (but 768 mn days still unused)

# **AMERICA'S VACATION TREND**

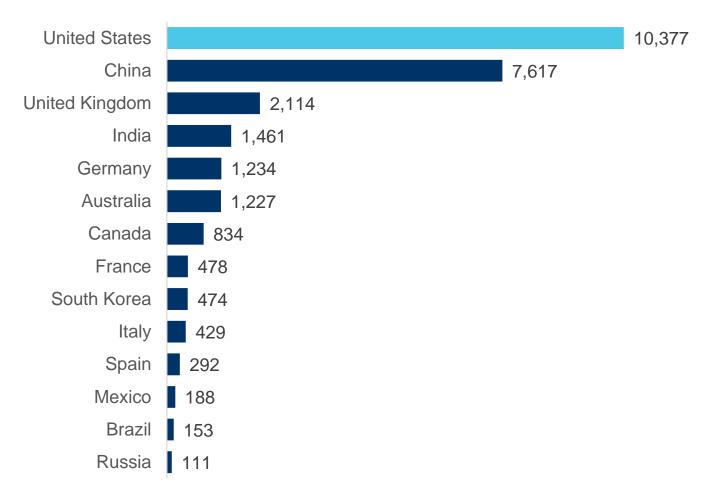




# New traveling households (\$100k threshold)

#### Increase in number of households with income greater than \$100k

Change from 2019 to 2029, in thousands



- 27 million additional \$100k households by 2029 in these 14 countries alone
- This is equivalent to a 34% increase



### Answering our questions...

What's happening now?

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US travel markets are outpacing economy

> Income, wealth, demographics, confidence, behavior

Continued, but slowing growth

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Yes, even if volatile, travel markets are staged for long run growth



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