



The U.S. Retail Sector

A Better Selling Environment



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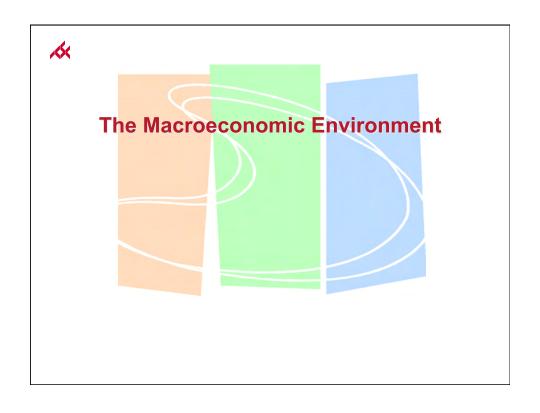
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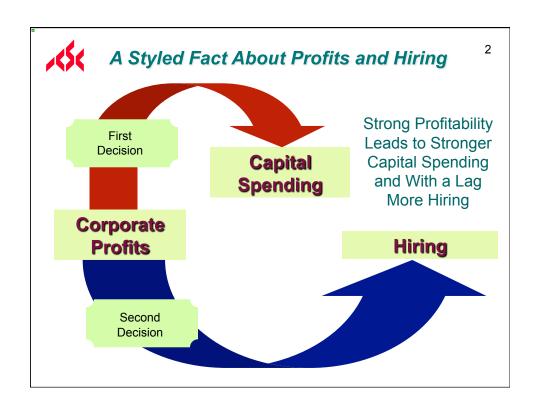
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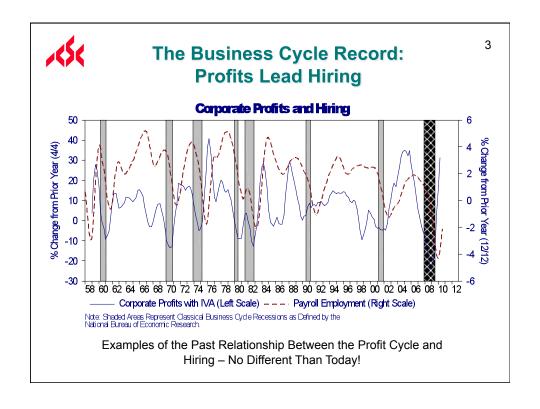


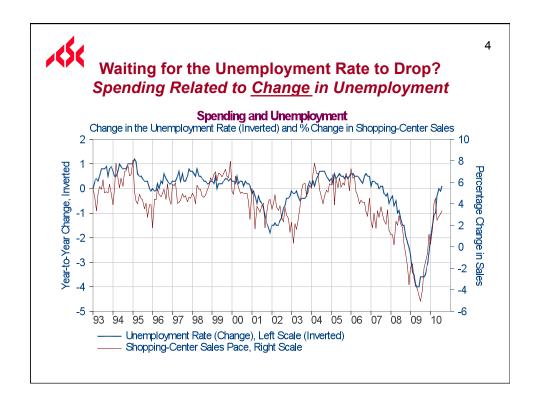
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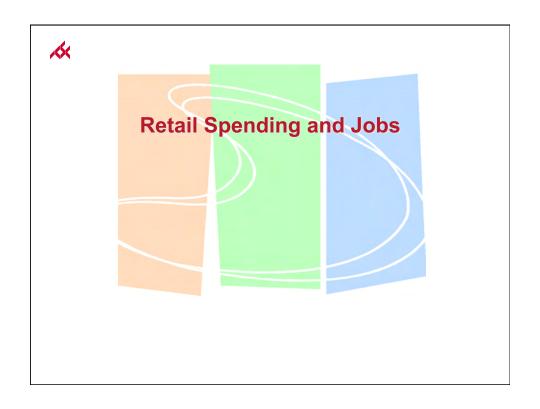
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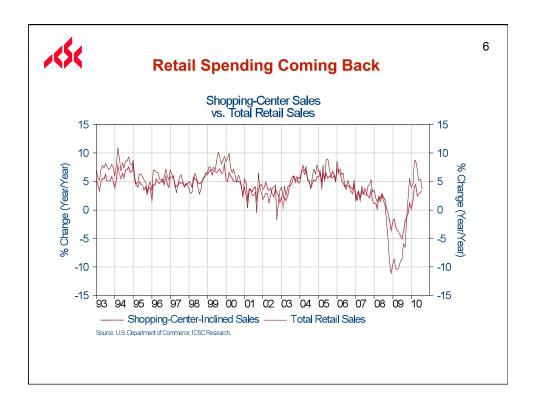


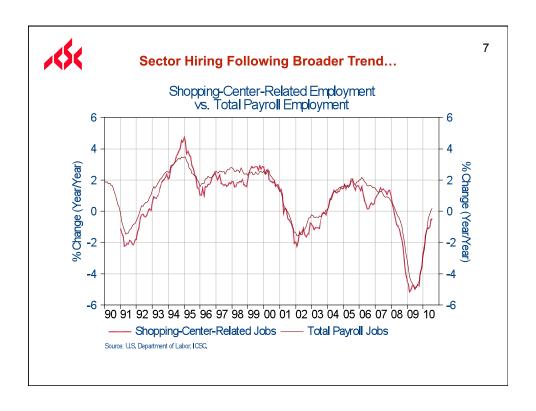




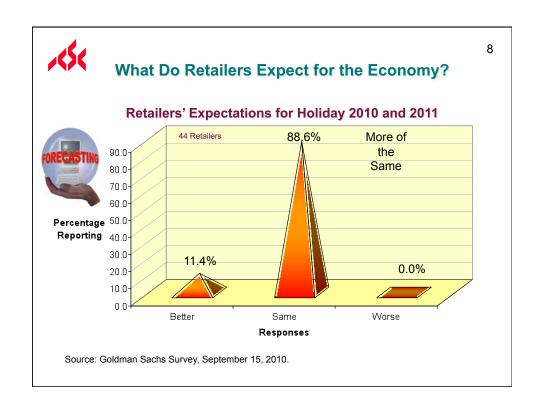


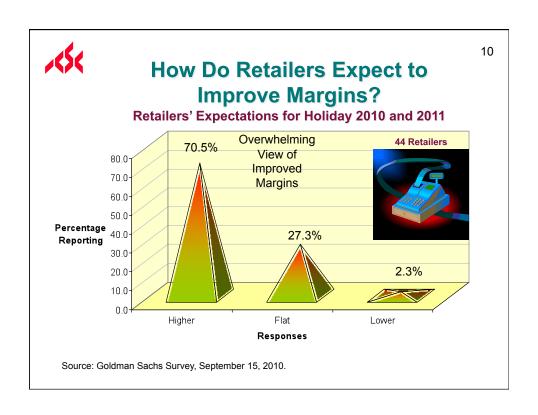


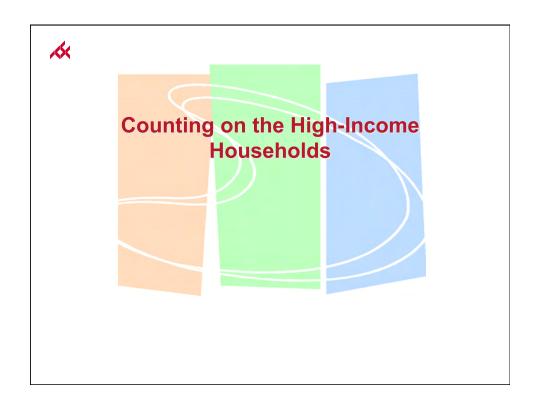


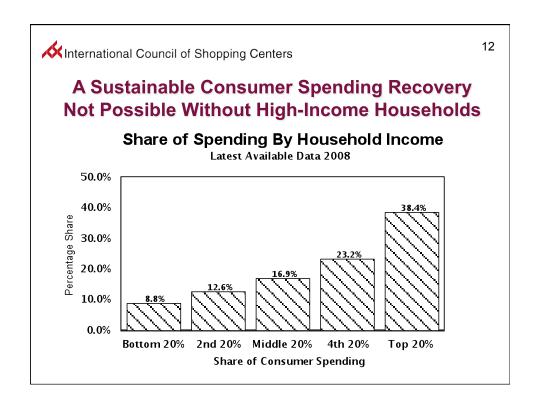


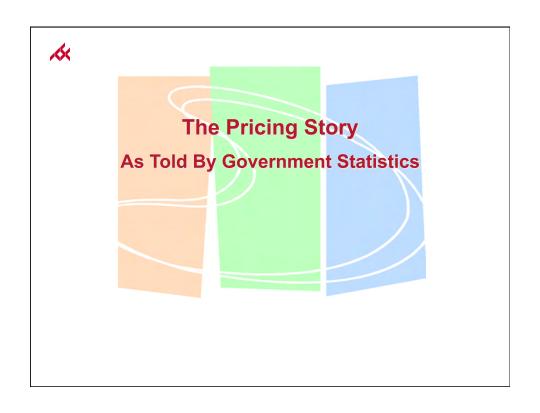


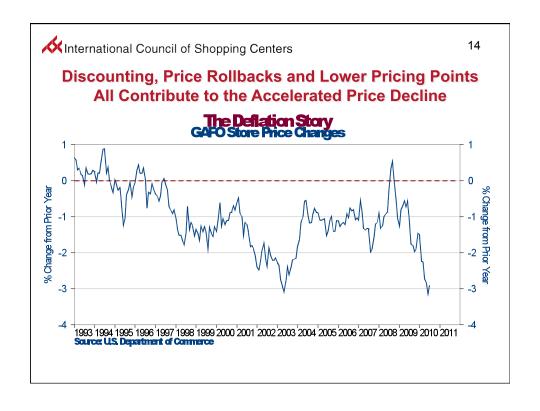
















Selected Personal Consumption Expenditures Categories	Average Year-over-Year Growth						
Inflation-Adjusted	2005-2007	2008		10 YTD	Last 3-Months	Share	
Total Personal Consumption Expenditures	2.9	-0.3	-1.2	1.3	1.8	100.00	
Goods	3.3	-2.5	-2.0	3.9	4.1	34.71	
Durable goods	4.5	-5.3	-3.6	7.0	7.3	12.44	
Motor vehicles and parts	-0.6	-14.1	-6.8	1.9	0.8	3.50	
Furnishings and durable household equipment	4.1	-3.6	-6.4	7.8	9.1	2.93	
Recreational goods and vehicles	12.3	3.3	1.4	12.4	13.9	4.73	
Nondurable goods	2.7	-1.1	-1.2	2.5	2.7	22.24	
Food and beverages purchased for off-premises consumption	2.9	-0.9	-0.9	2.9	1.8	7.55	
Clothing and footwear Garments	5.0 5.3	-0.6 -0.4	-4.3 -4.1	4.7 5.0	5.3 5.4	3.68 3.05	
Women's and girls' clothing (10)	5.3 5.2	-U. 4 0. 4	-4.1 -4.3	4.4	5.4 5.5	1.79	
Men's and boys' clothing (11)	5.3	-1.8	-4.3	6.2	5.6	1.19	
Children's and infants' clothing (12)	5.6	-0.3	-4.5	3.2	3.6	0.16	
Other clothing materials and footwear (13 and 17)	3.6	-1.5	-5.3	3.3	4.6	0.63	
Clothing materials	5.9	-0.8	-4.6	0.8	3.4	0.06	
Standard clothing issued to military personnel	4.4	-0.7	-1.0	-9.3	-5.3	0.00	
Shoes and other footwear	3.3	-1.6	-5.4	3.6	4.8	0.57	
Gasoline and other energy goods	-1.2	-4.7	1.2	-0.1	0.7	3.09	
Services	2.6	0.9	-0.8	0.1	0.7	65.29	

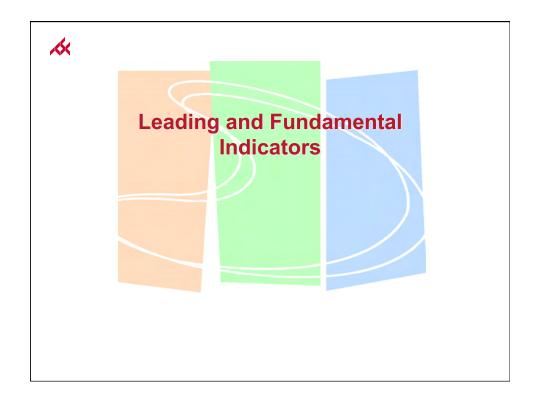
What's Hot, What's Not							
				2010	Share of	1	
Real Consumer Spending on:	2005-2007	2008	2000	(Jan-Jul)	Basket (%)	10	
Televisions	31.9	24.0	20.1	35.0	0.88		
Pleasure aircraft	6.1	-11.8	3.4	28.0	0.02		
	26.0	15.9	15.5	22.6	1.04		
Personal computers and peripheral equipment	4.5	3.1	-6.2	15.6	0.04		
Outdoor equipment and supplies	3.6	-4.5	-0.2		0.04		
Passenger fares for foreign travel				15.8			
Video and audio equipment	15.2	9.3	4.6	14.1	1.97		
Clocks, lamps, lighting fixtures, and other household decorative		3.1	0.6	12.8	0.44		
Games, toys, and hobbies	10.5	6.4	6.2	12.7	0.75		
Computer software and accessories	15.8	0.7	-5.0	11.2	0.22		
Watches	2.5	-5.0	-4.2	10.7	0.07		
Major household appliances	0.0	-4.2	-7.5	10.7	0.39		
Package tours	1.1	-3.5	0.7	9.9	0.10		
Small electric household appliances	6.0	3.3	-4.0	9.0	0.06		
Pleasure boats, aircraft, and other recreational vehicles	1.1	-17.4	-3.8	9.0	0.27		
Railway transportation	5.3	4.9	-7.5	8.9	0.01		
Recreational items (parts of 80, 92, and 93)	6.6	1.1	-0.2	8.8	1.50		
Window coverings	4.8	-3.7	-4.3	8.5	0.13		
Dishes and flatware	8.7	-1.7	-2.1	8.3	0.32		
Prerecorded and blank audio discs/tapes/digital files/downlo	3.0	1.4	0.7	8.0	0.25		
Furniture and furnishings (parts of 31 and 32)	4.8	-4.2	-7.0	7.8	1.69		
Furnishings and durable household equipment	4.1	-3.6	-6.4	7.8	2.93		
Calculators, typewriters, and other information processing eq	12.3	1.1	-0.2	7.8	0.02		
Musical instruments (part of 80)	6.1	-5.1	-11.5	7.6	0.07		
Electricity (27)	1.2	-1.5	-1.8	7.5	1.41		
Intercity buses	-7.3	1.2	-19.6	7.5	0.01		
Furniture	3.6	-5.1	-8.1	7.5	0.98		
Glassware, tableware, and household utensils (34)	6.2	-3.2	-2.9	7.3	0.56		
Proprietary hospitals	3.5	10.8	7.0	7.2	1.01		
Household linens	9.7	4.0	0.9	7.1	0.41		
Pets and related products	3.8	-1.9	-3.6	7.0	0.39		
Recreational books (part of 90)	5.3	-0.4	-0.6	7.0	0.38		
Durable goods	4.5	-5.3	-3.6	7.0	1 2. 44		
New motor vehicles (55)	- 2.2	-20.1	-11.5	6.9	1.86		
Cellular telephone services	13.1	6.6	2.1	6.9	1.09		
Cosmetic/perfumes/bath/nail preparations and implements	1.7	-0.3	-5.0	6.4	0.33		
Jewelry	2.5	-9.4	-4.4	6.3	0.50		
Photographic equipment	22.0	13.2	-6.1	6.3	0.08		
Nonelectric cookware and tableware	3.6	-4.7	-3.8	6.3	0.24		
Men's and boys' clothing (11)	5.3	-1.8	-3.9	6.2	1.10		
Flowers, seeds, and potted plants	4.0	-2.7	-3.8	6.0	0.35		
Wine	6.3	0.0	-0.7	4.9	0.26		
Hotels and motels	4.0	2.2	-8.8	4.9	0.61		
Women's and girls' clothing (10)	5.2	0.4	-4.3	4.4	1.79		
Personal consumption expenditures	2.9	-0.3	-1.2	1.3	100.00		
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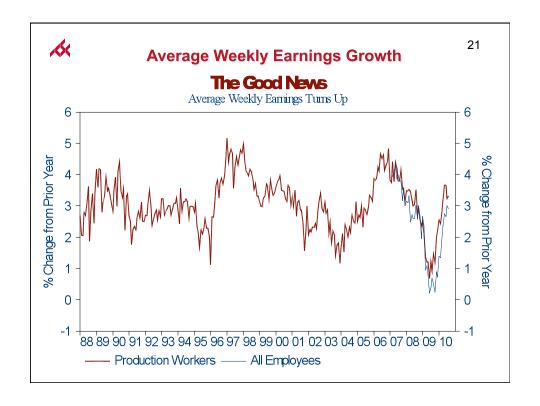


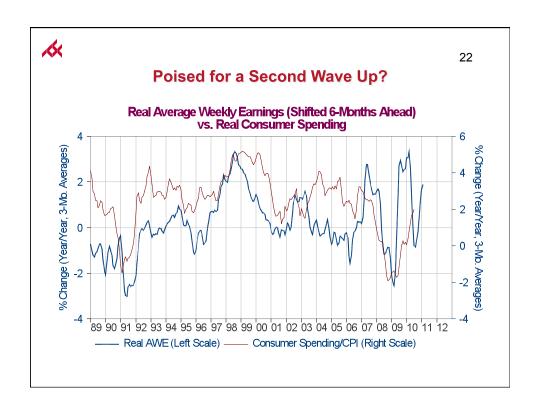
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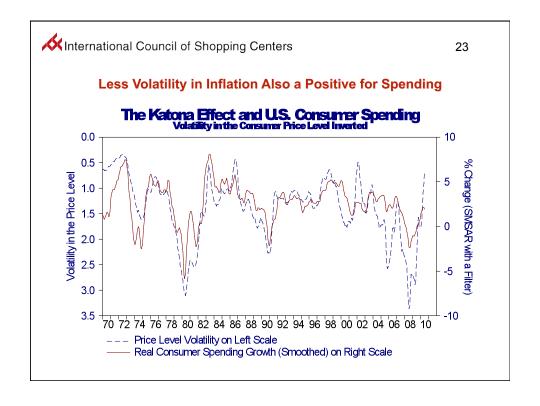
Perception vs. Reality U.S. Commerce Statistics Suggest Discretionary Consumer Spending Categories Have Been Strong!

- Top Spending Items: Televisions, Pleasure Aircraft, Computers, Outdoor Equipment, Foreign Travel
- Strong Growth: Watches, Appliances—major and small, Dishes, Furniture, Household Linens
 - The "Weak Segment": SERVICES

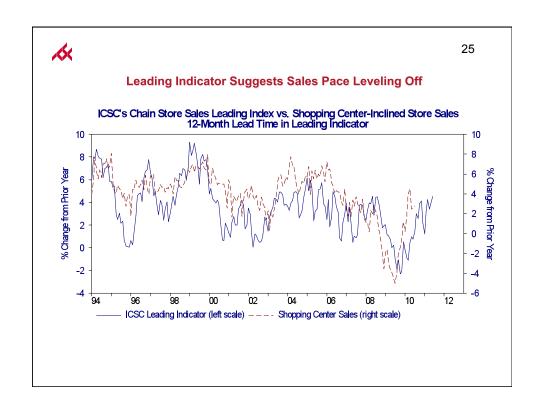




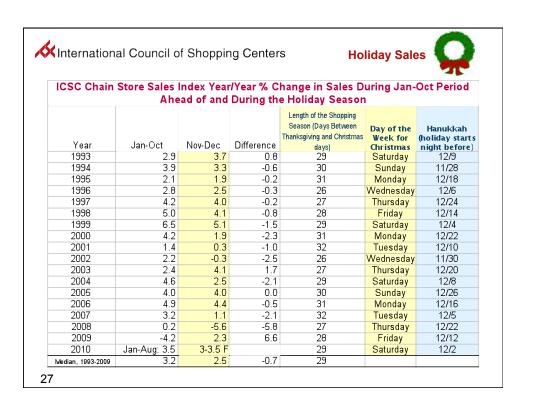




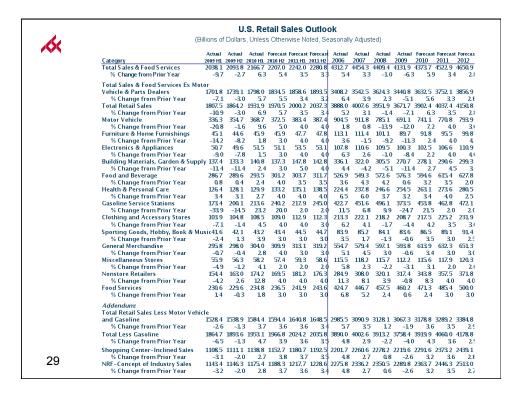












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