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World Economy on the Mend

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Global Economic Recovery but...

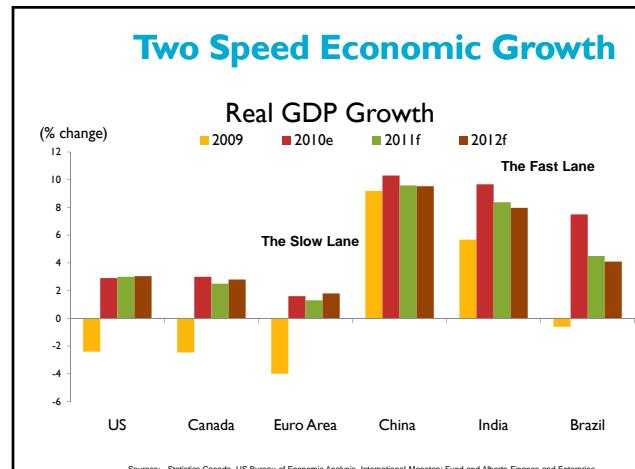
World economic growth is a 2-lane highway ...



making lane changes difficult ...

And the world economy has no 'spare tire' ...

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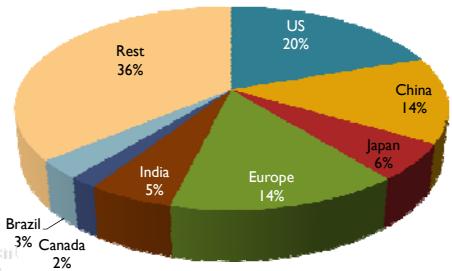


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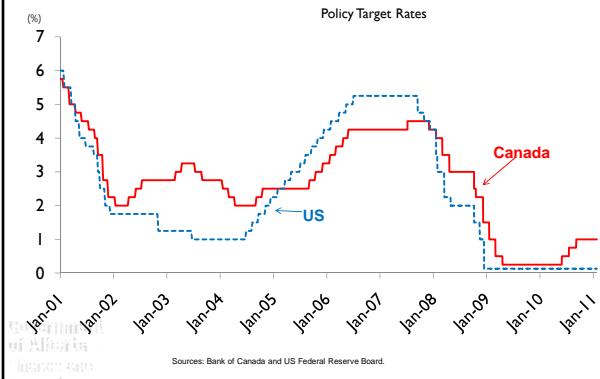
Emerging Markets Matter

Share of World GDP 2010



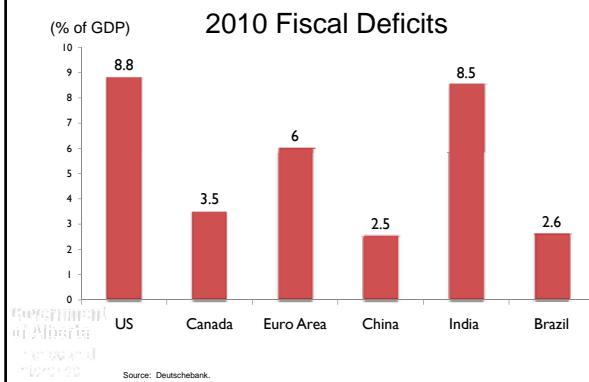
Source: International Monetary Fund

Rock Bottom Interest Rates



Government Supports Economic Growth

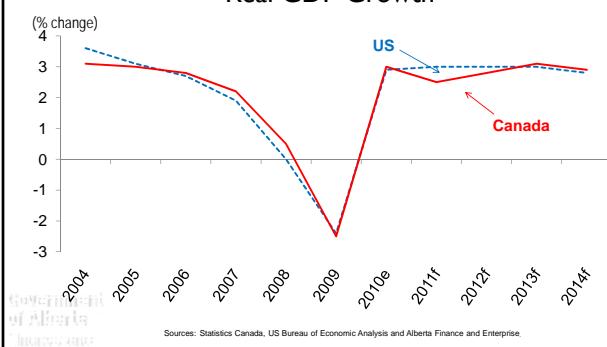
2010 Fiscal Deficits



Source: Deutschebank.

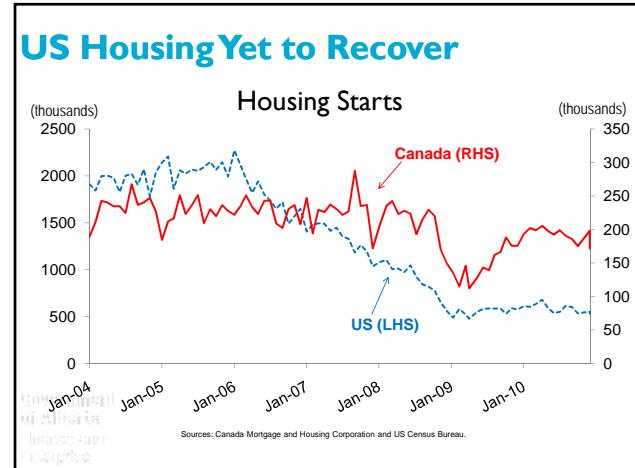
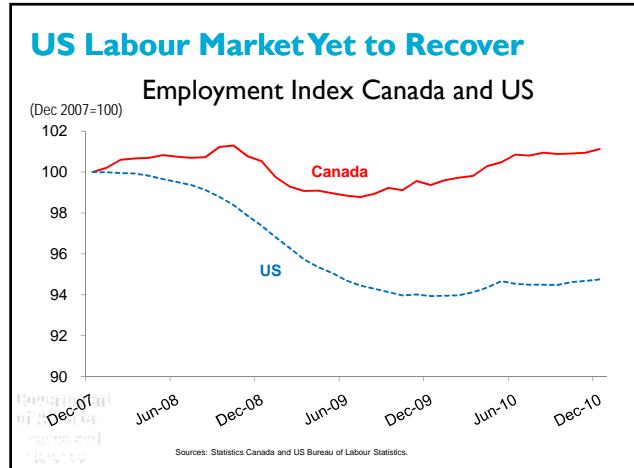
Canadian and US Growth Similar, but..

Real GDP Growth



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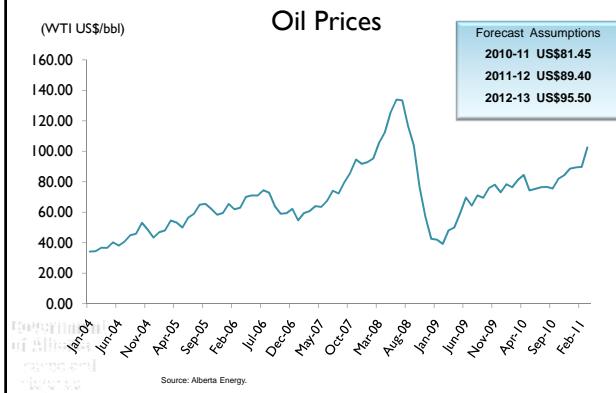
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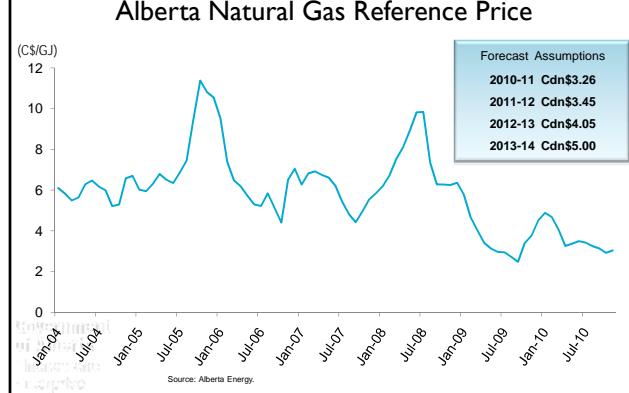
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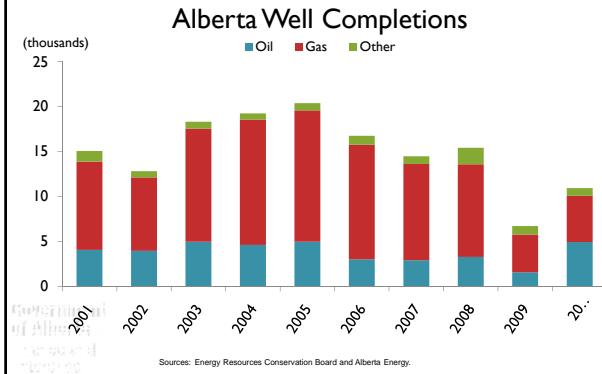
Strong Oil Prices



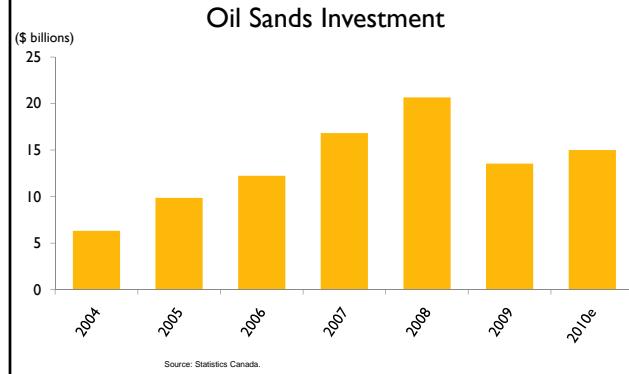
US Shale Supplies Weigh on Gas Prices



Oil Prices Drive Energy Sector



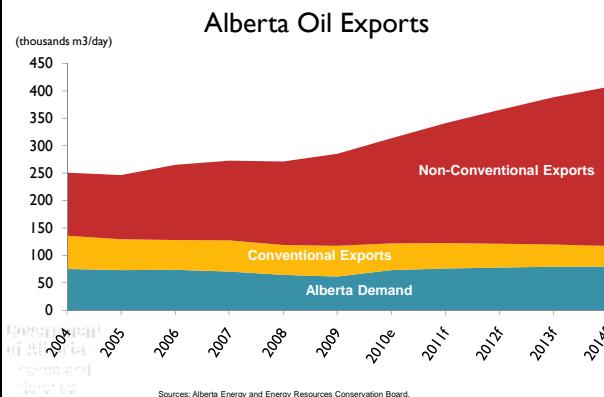
Oil Sands Investment Strengthens



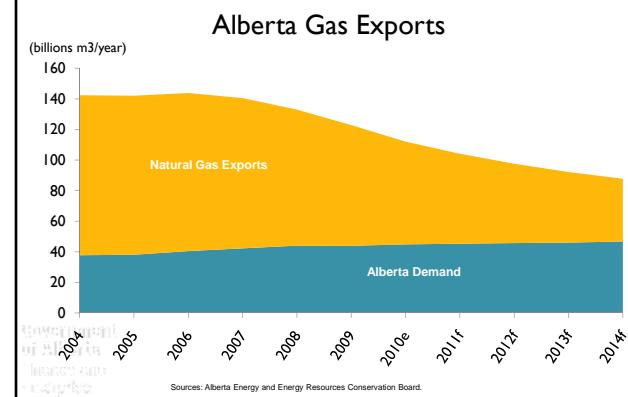
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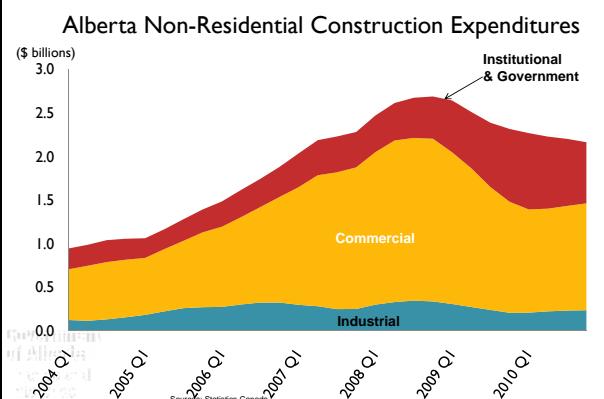
Unconventional Oil Powering Exports



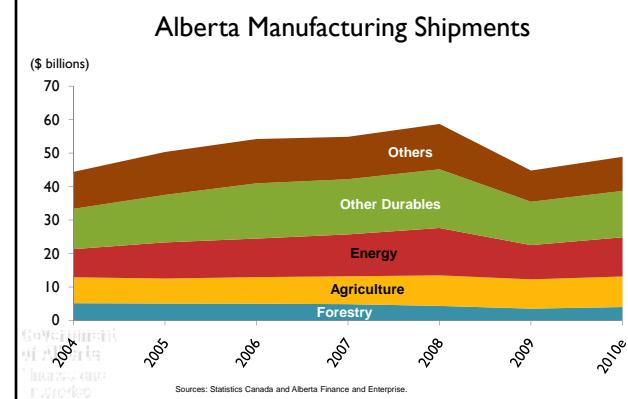
Weaker Natural Gas Exports



Recent Weakness in Non-Energy Investment

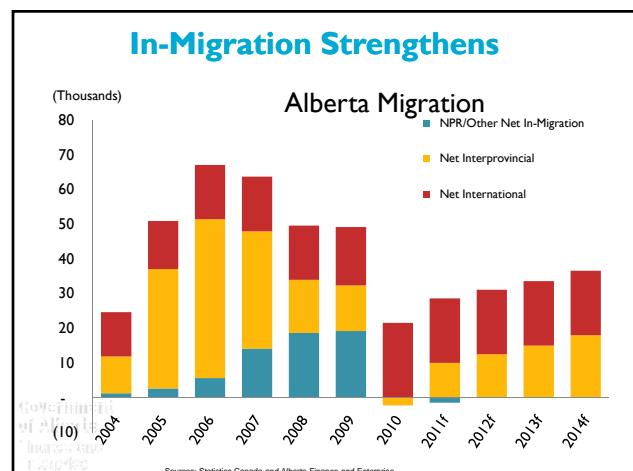
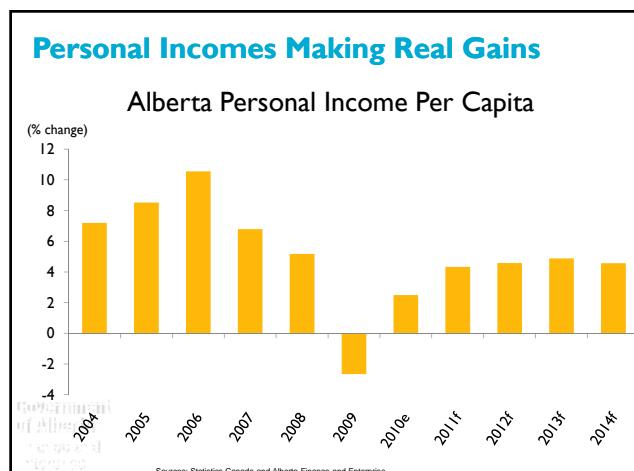
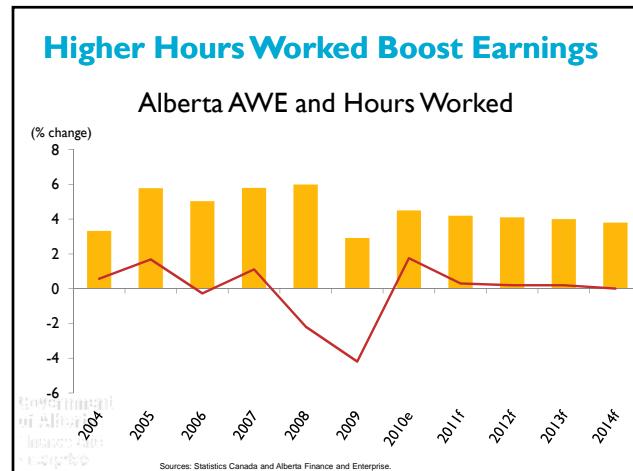
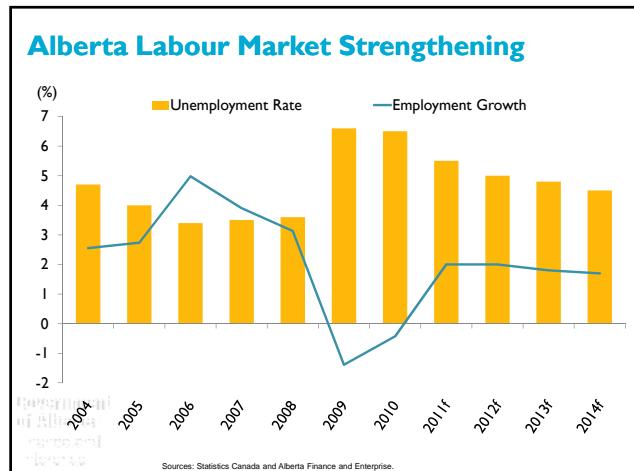


Manufacturing Sector To Strengthen



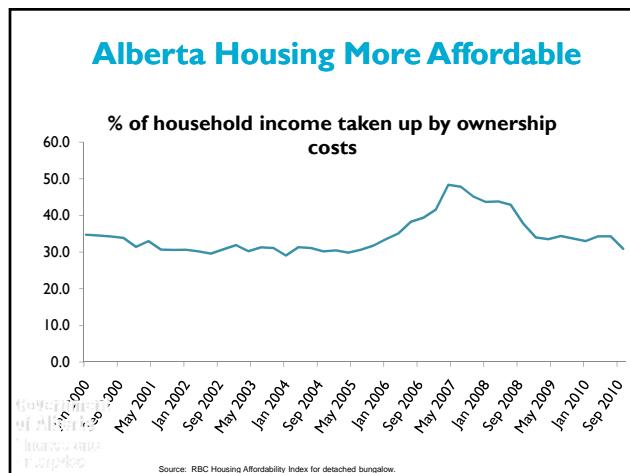
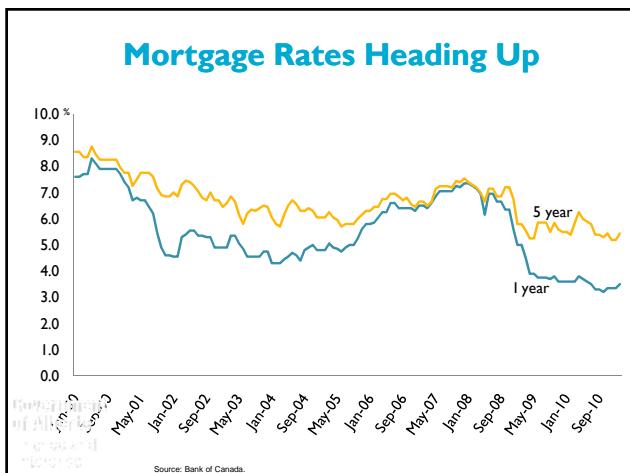
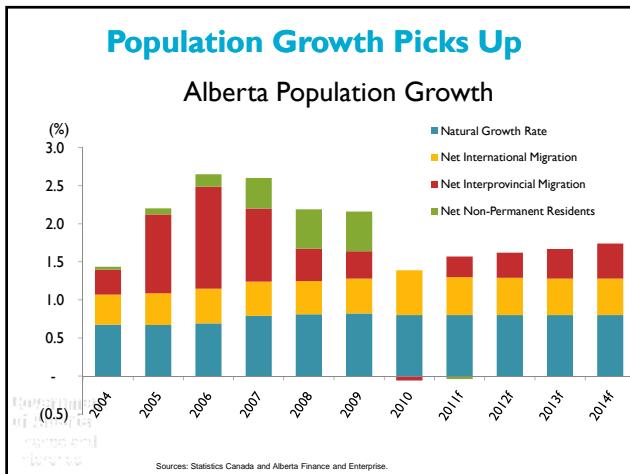
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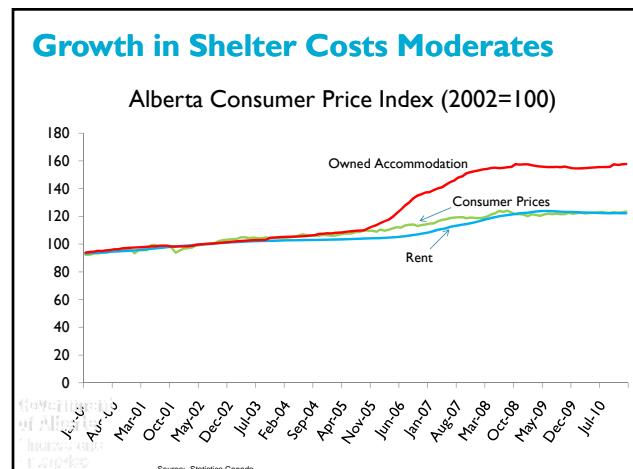
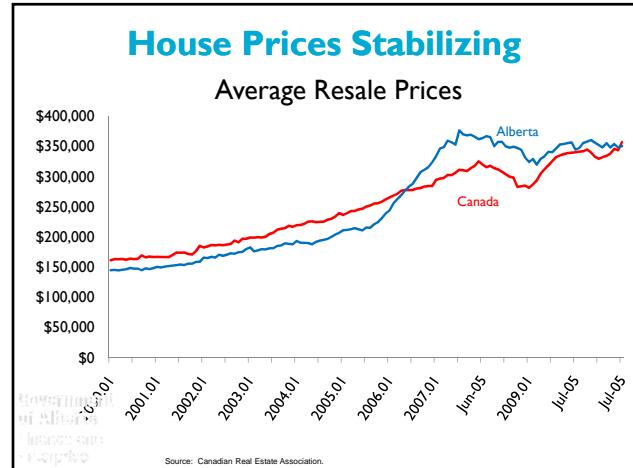
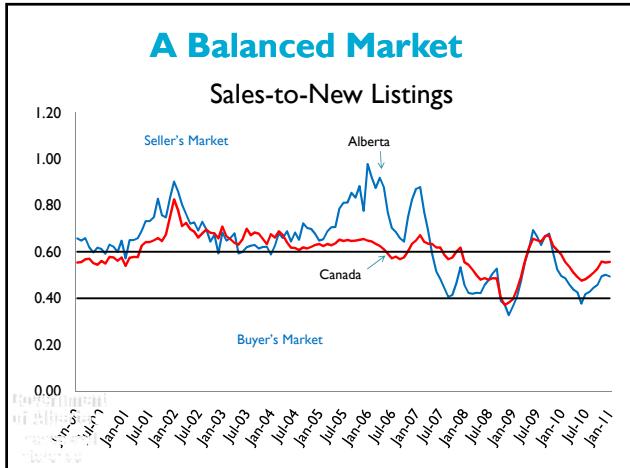
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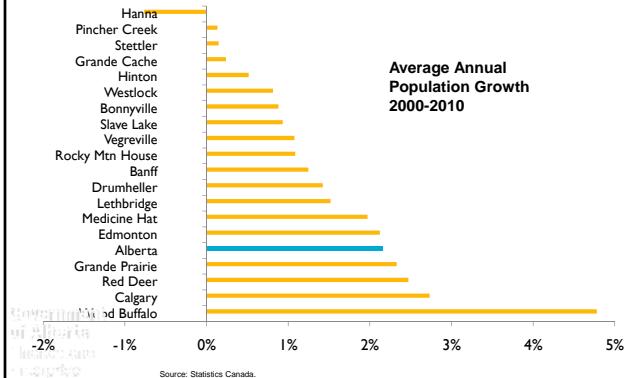
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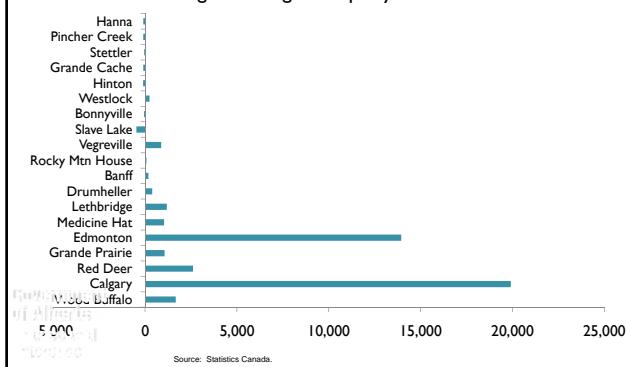


The Basics: Population Growth



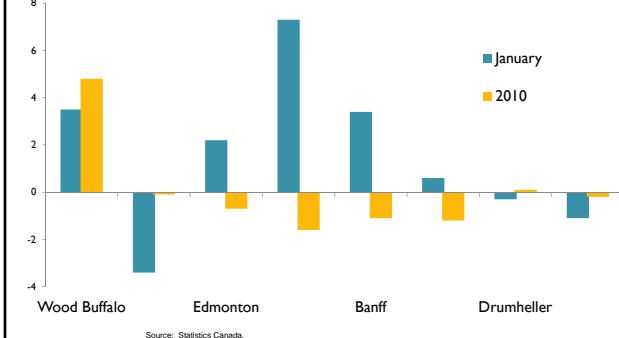
People Moving In

Average Net Migration per year 2000-2010



Where Are the Jobs?

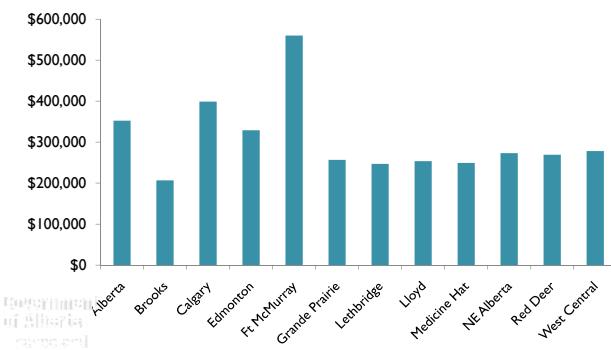
Employment Growth (%)



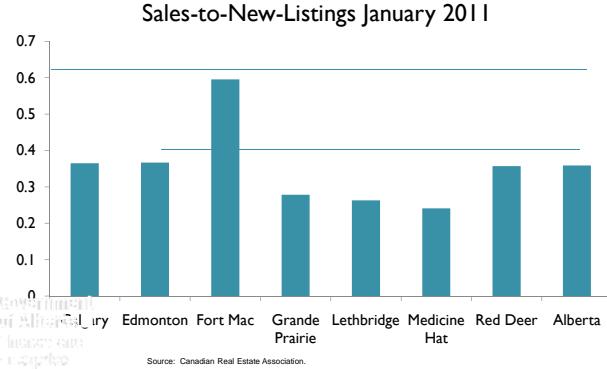
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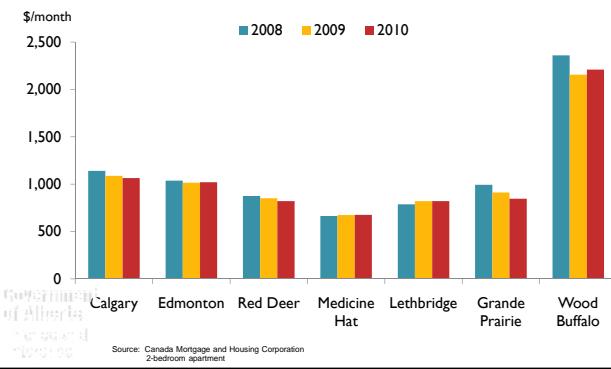
Average Resale Prices 2010



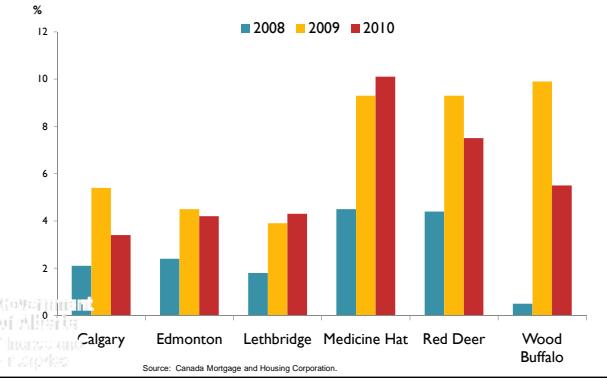
Housing Market Conditions



Average Rents Flat or Down



Vacancy Rates Coming Down



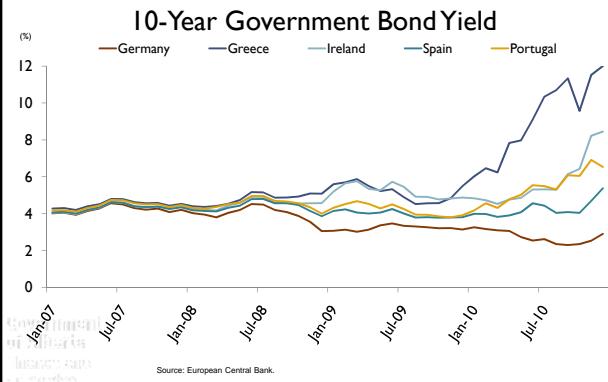
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Risks ...

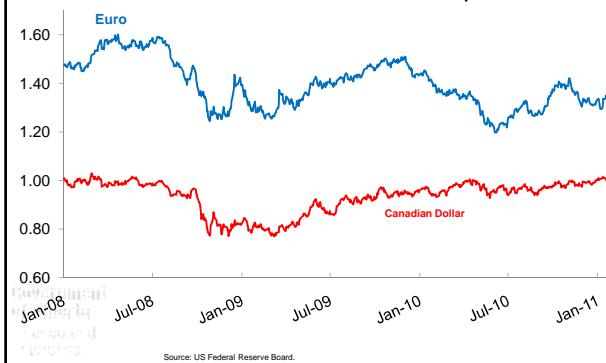


Sovereign Debt Worries Credit Markets



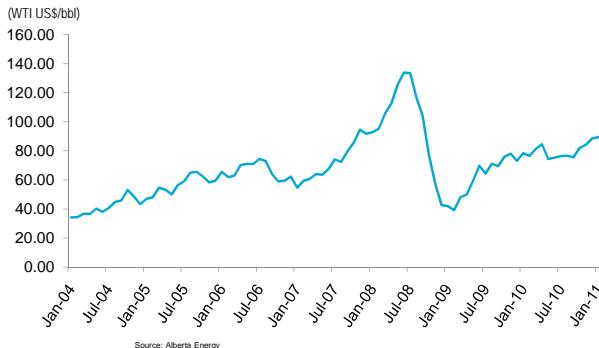
Currency Market Jitters

Currencies relative to US\$



And we live in Alberta

Oil Prices



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