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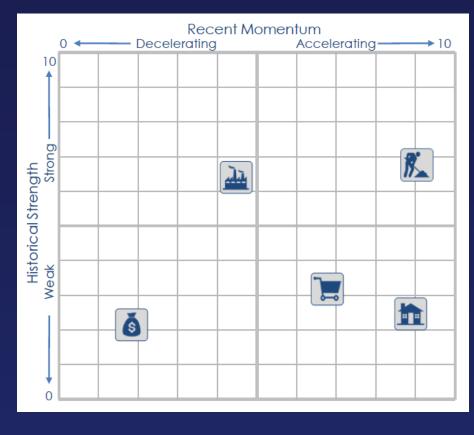
Global economic conditions in early 2012: A mixed bag

Traffic lights in key economic blocks Current Growth Trends by Sector

		Industrial Production	Consumer Spending	Investment Spending
U.S.				
EU	* * * * * * * * *			
China	*:			
Growing Solidly Stalled Slowing				

Keybridge Research momentum monitors are signaling a broadening U.S. economic expansion, even though headwinds remain.

U.S. Economic Momentum Monitor, March 2012







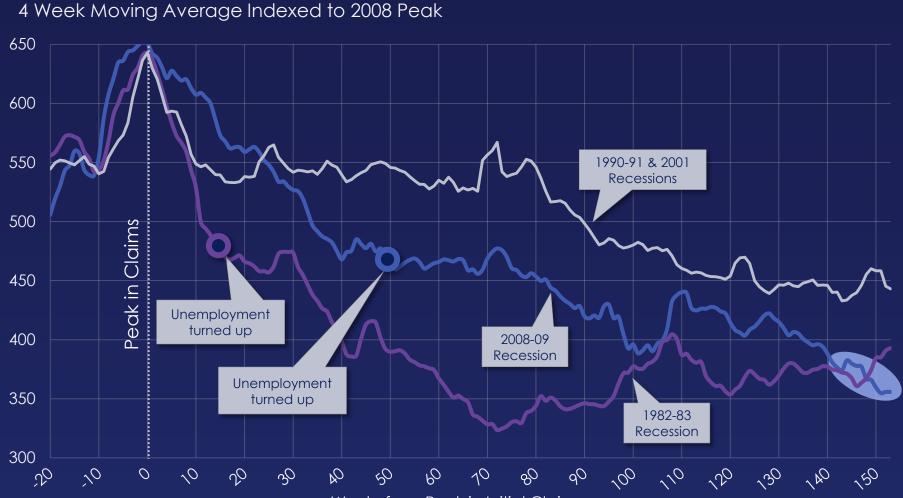








The best news for U.S. employment prospects: Initial claims for unemployment are continuing their downward trend.



Weeks from Peak in Initial Claims

Initial Claims for Unemployment

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