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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



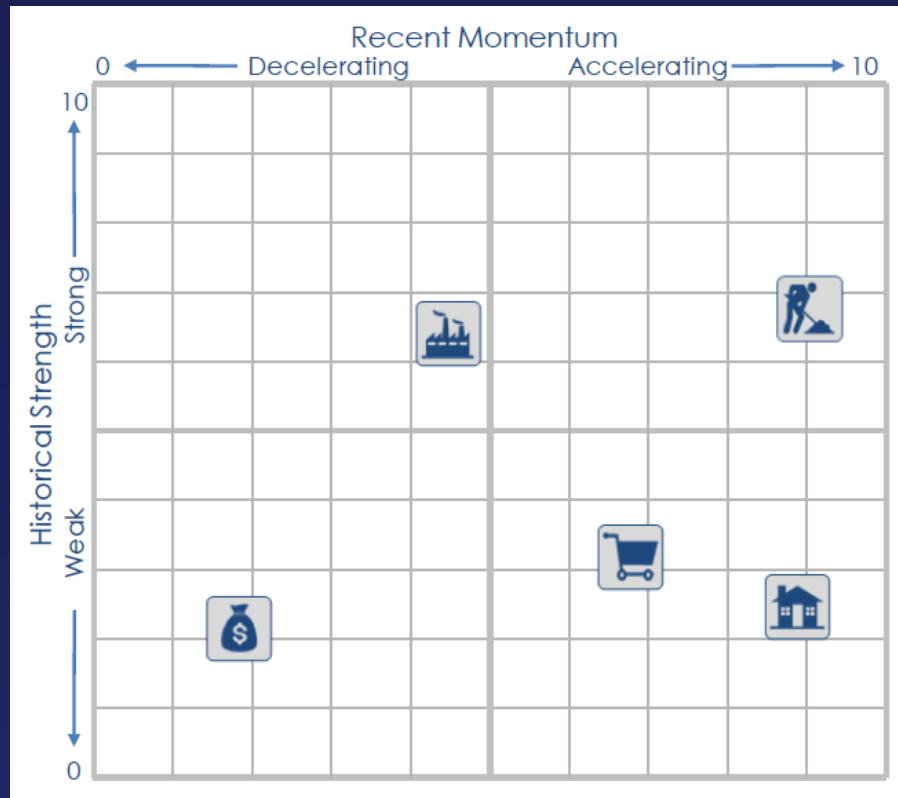
Stalled



Slowing

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

U.S. Economic Momentum Monitor, March 2012



Business Activity



Employment



Consumer Activity



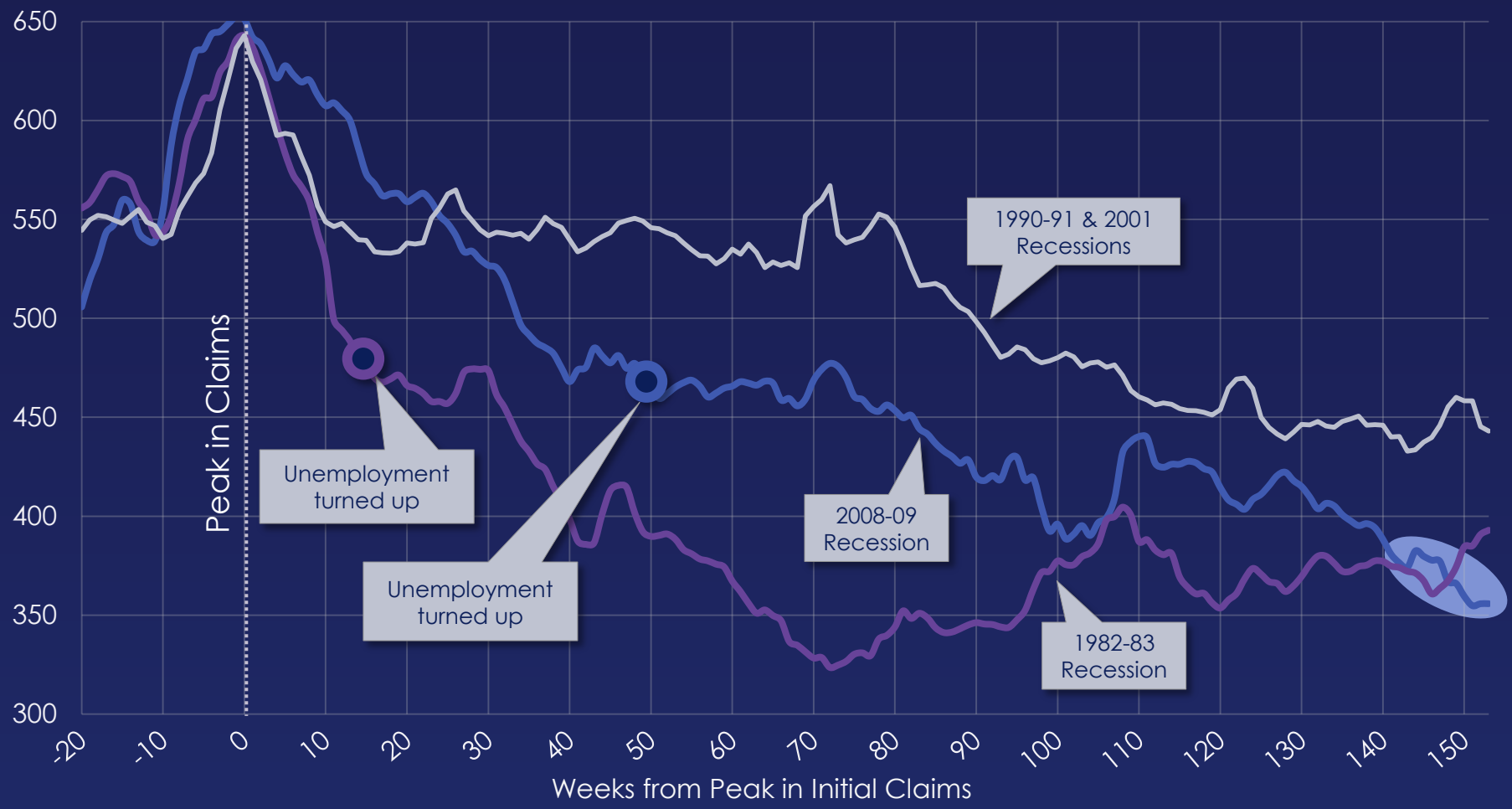
Investment



Housing

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

Initial Claims for Unemployment 4 Week Moving Average Indexed to 2008 Peak



Source: U.S. Department of Labor

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