

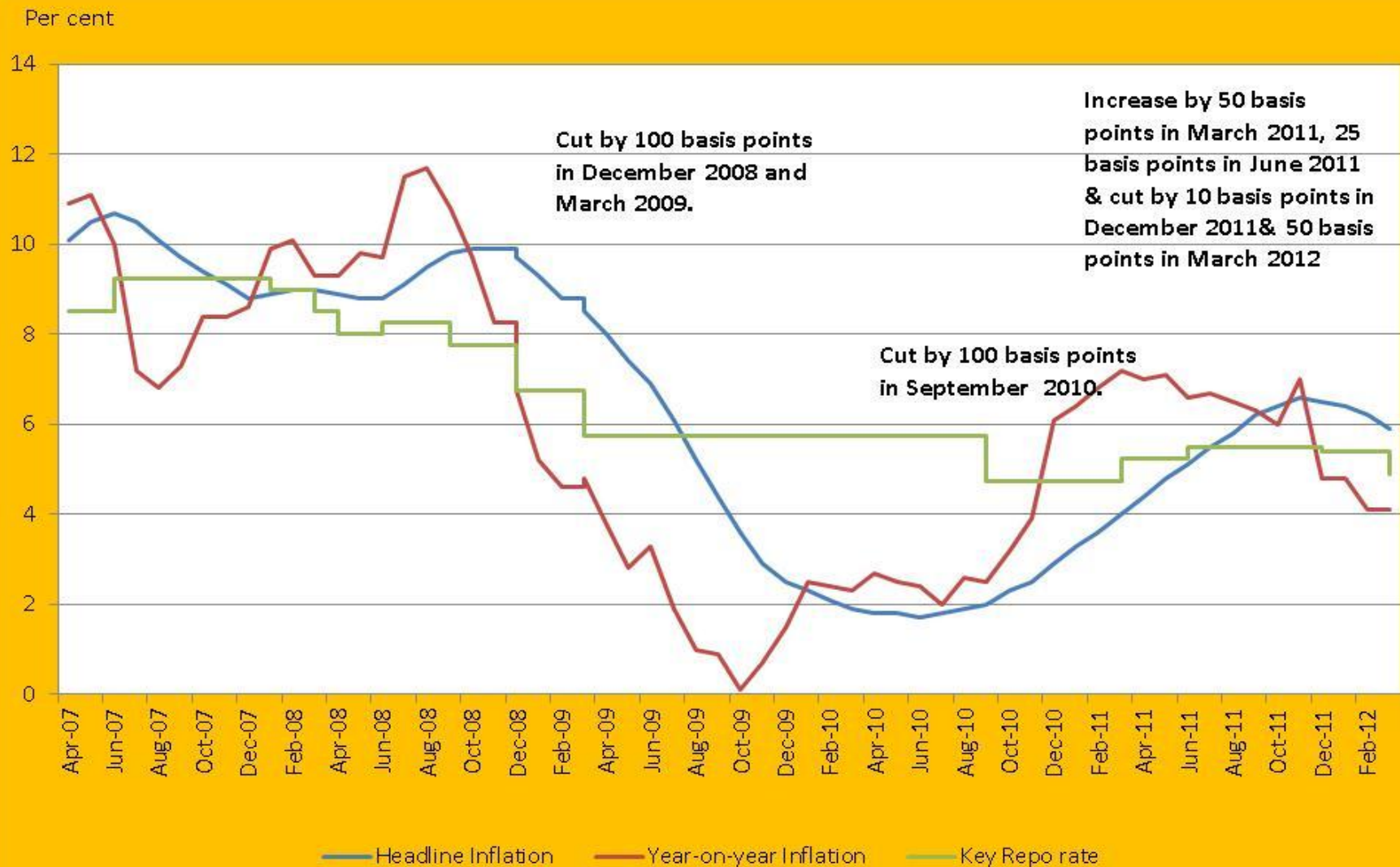


# **BANK OF MAURITIUS**

## **Post – MPC Press Conference**

**20 March 2012**

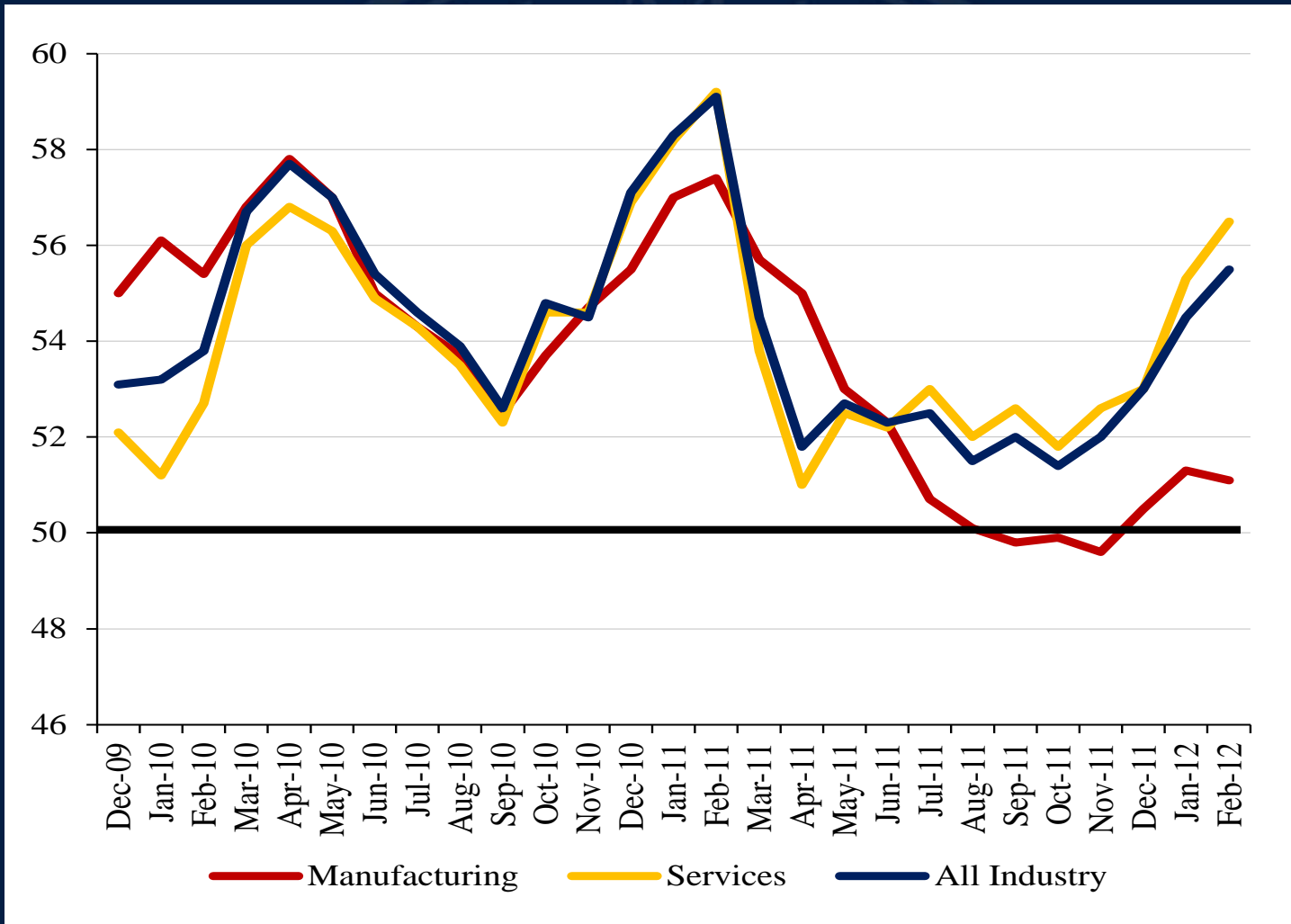
# Changes in the Key Repo Rate



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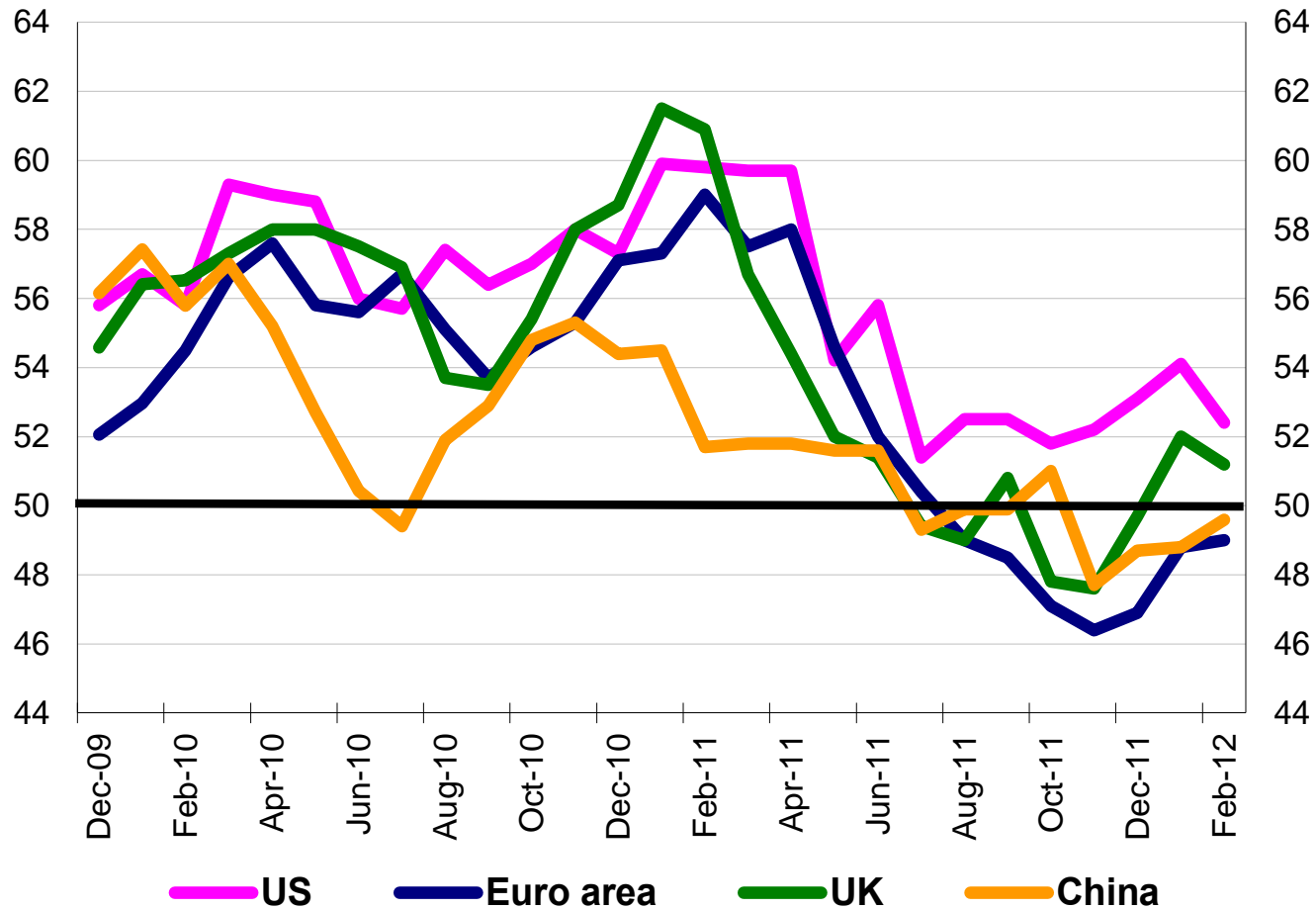
# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

# Global PMIs



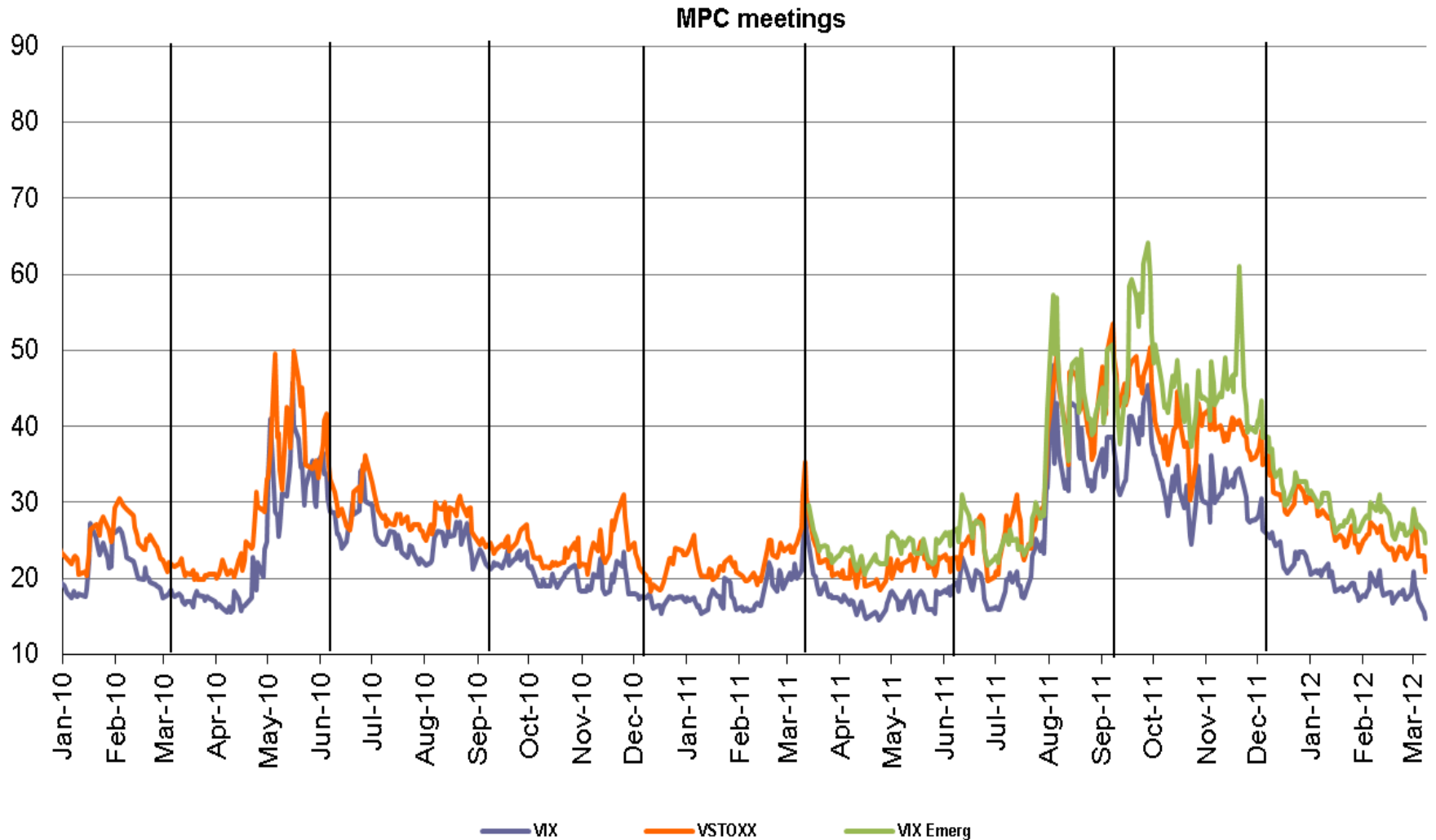
Source: JP Morgan Index > 50 = expansionary

# Manufacturing PMIs



Source: JP Morgan

# Volatility Indices



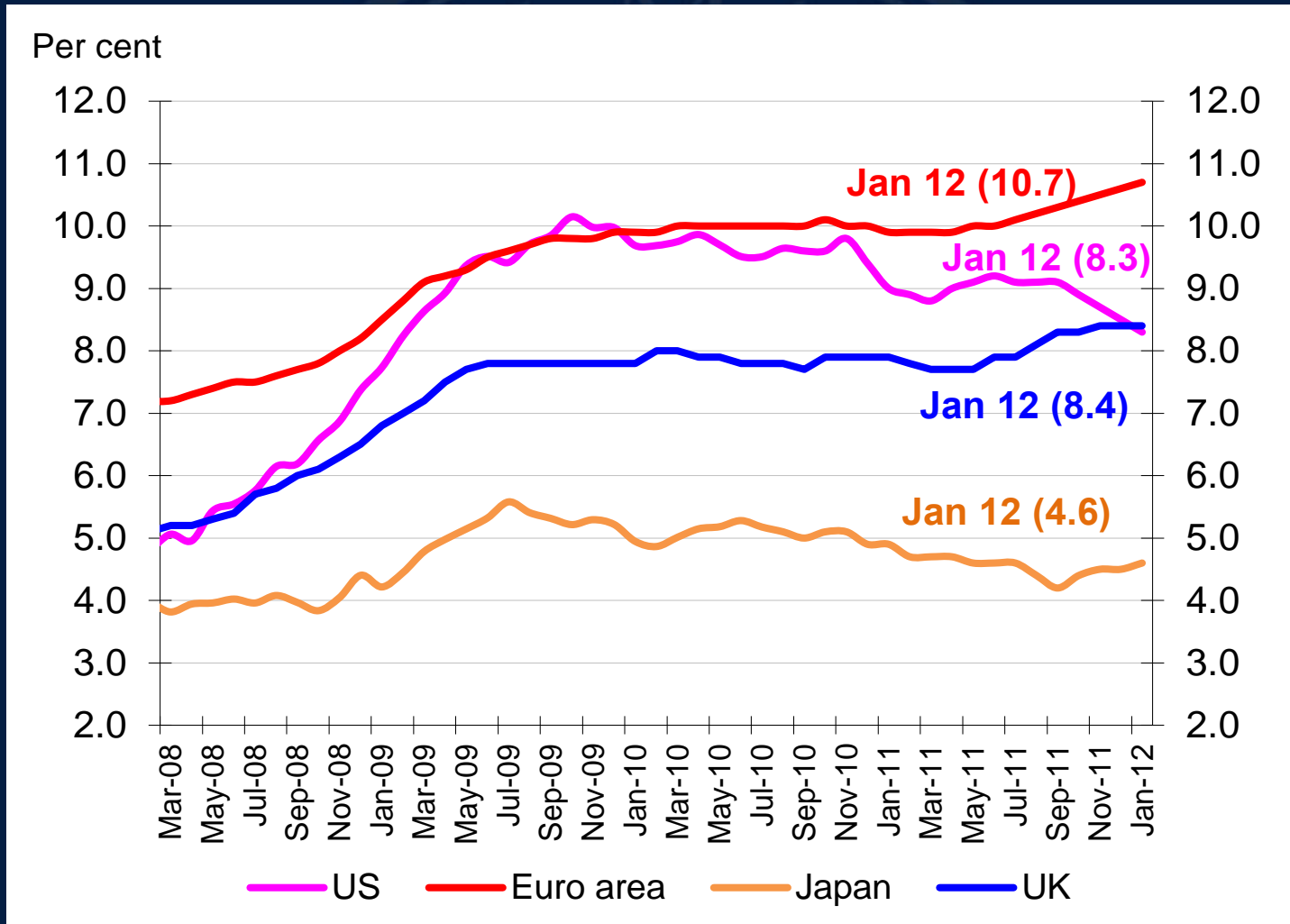
# Growth Projections

Per cent

	US				Euro zone				UK			
	Q4 11	Q1 12	2011	2012	Q4 11	Q1 12	2011	2012	Q4 11	Q1 12	2011	2012
IMFWEO September 2011	-	-	1.5	1.8	-	-	1.6	1.1	-	-	1.1	1.6
IMFWEO January Update	-	-	1.8	1.8	-	-	1.6	-0.5	-	-	0.9	0.6
Reuters Poll November 2011	2.2	-	1.8	2.0	-0.1	-	1.6	0.5	0.0	-	0.9	1.0
Reuters Poll March 2012	-	1.9	-	2.2	-	-0.2	-	-0.3	-	0.1	-	0.5
JPMorgan November 2011	3.0	0.5	1.8	1.8	-1.0	-1.5	1.6	-0.7	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.5
JPMorgan March 2012	3.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	-1.3	0.0	1.5	-0.4	-0.8	2.0	0.8	0.8

	China				India			
	Q4 11	Q1 12	2011	2012	Q4 11	Q1 12	2011	2012
IMF WEO September 2011	-	-	9.5	9.0	-	-	7.8	7.5
IMF WEO January Update	-	-	9.2	8.2	-	-	7.4	7.0
Reuters Poll October 2011	8.7	8.4	9.2	8.6	7.5	7.4	7.6	7.8
Reuters Poll January 2012	-	8.2	-	8.3	7.5	7.4	-	7.6
JP Morgan November 2011	8.0	8.2	9.0	8.3	7.0	6.9	7.4	7.7
JP Morgan March 2012	9.2	7.2	9.2	8.4	5.5	7.7	7.0	7.3

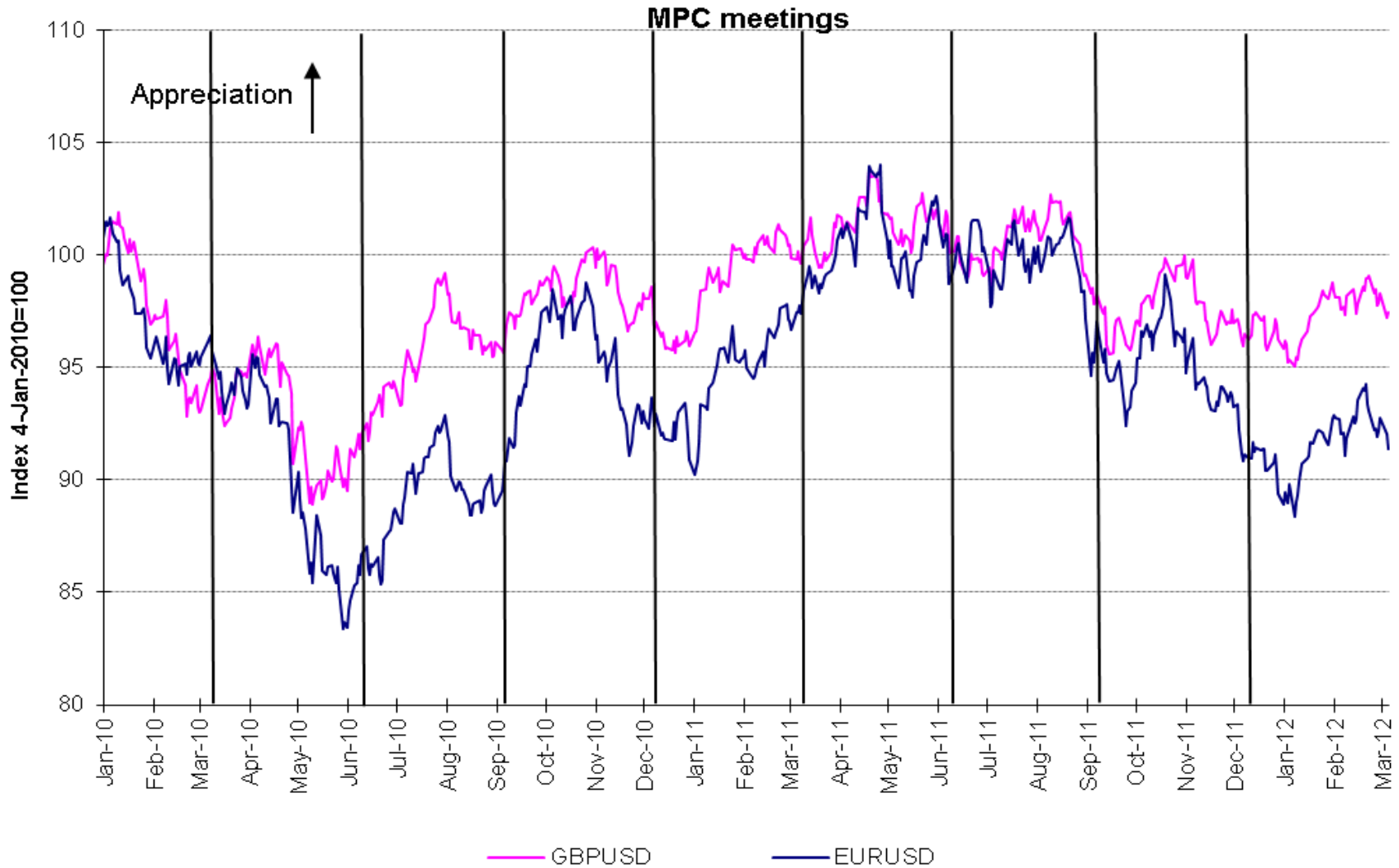
# Global Unemployment



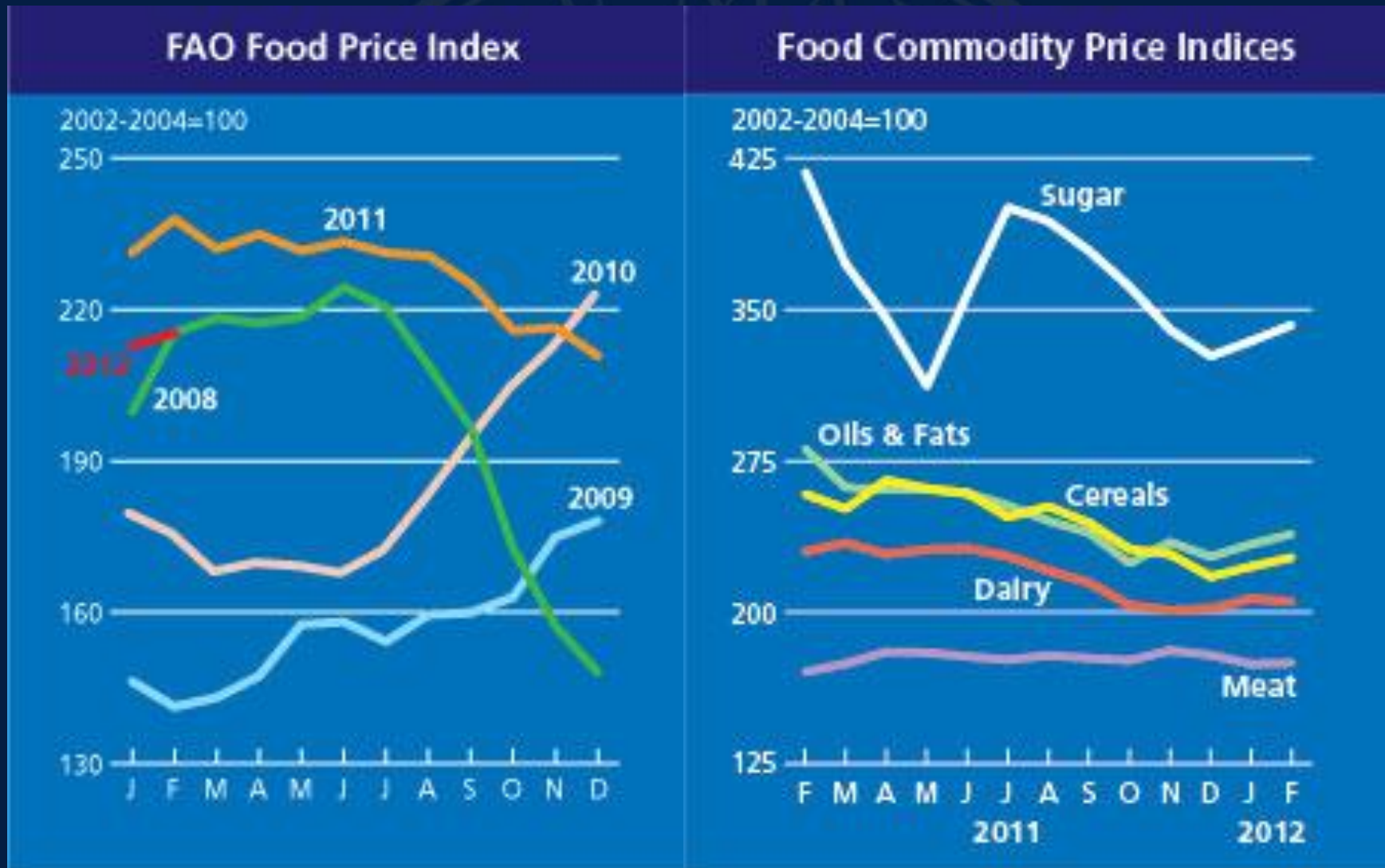
Sources: JP Morgan and Trading Economics



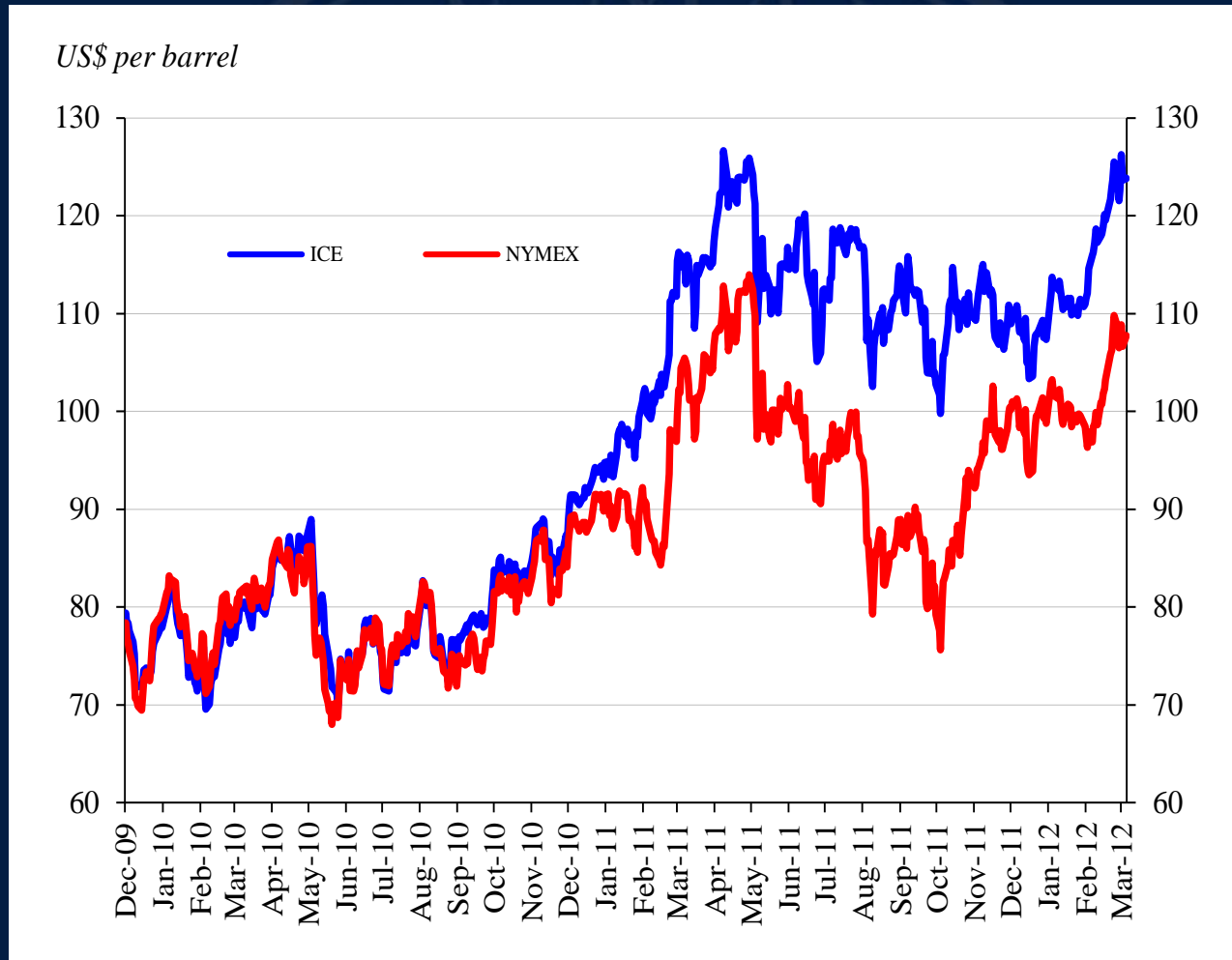
# EUR & GBP against US\$



# Food Prices (FAO Database)



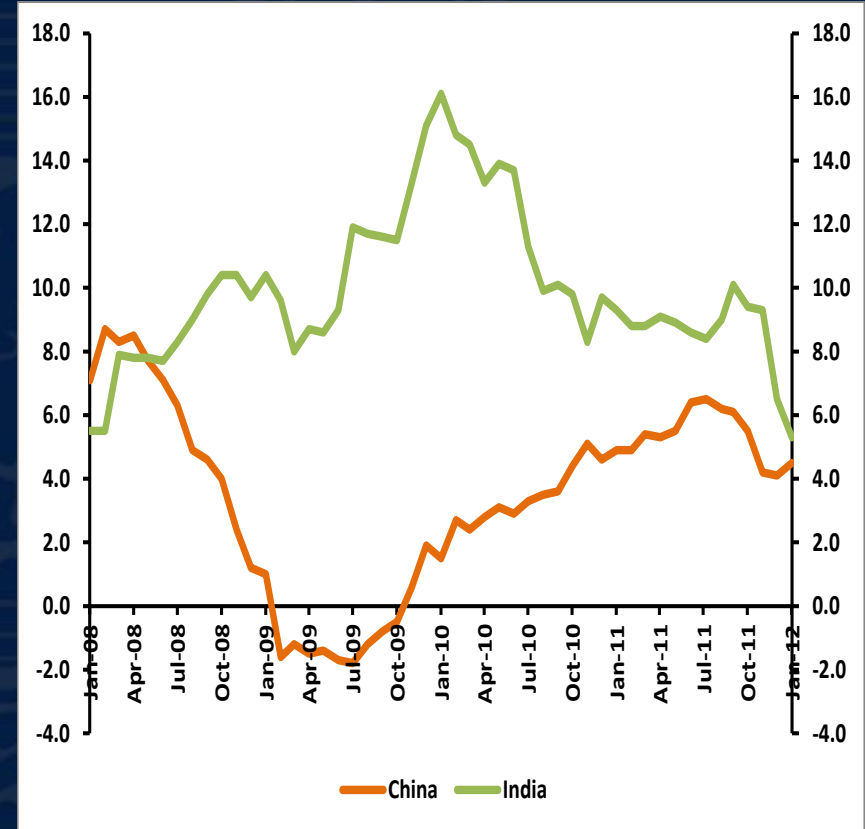
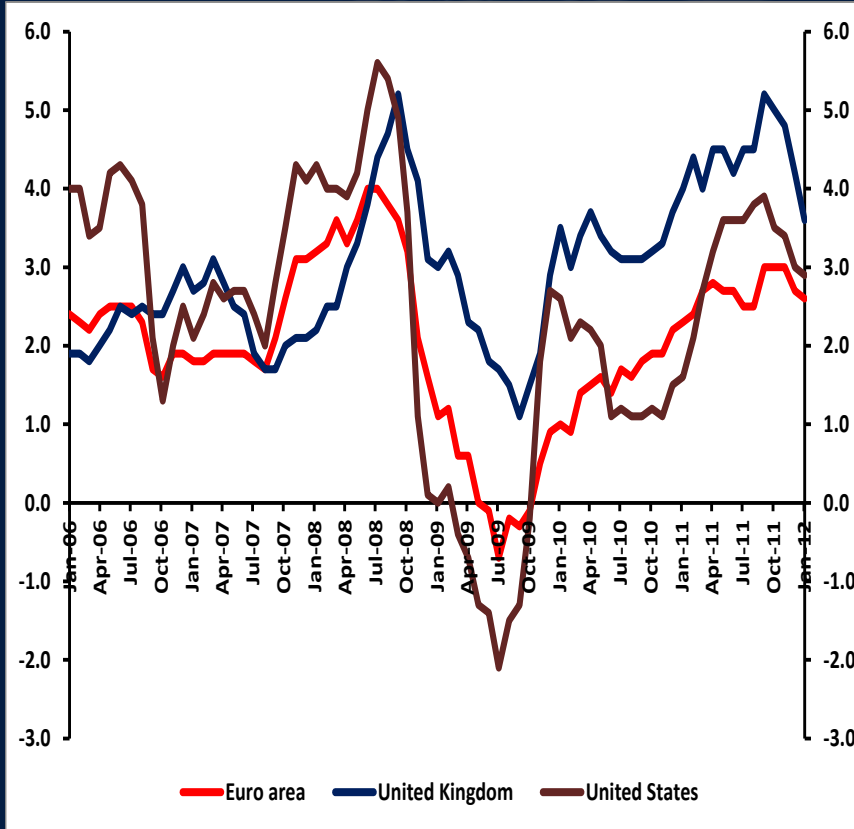
# Oil Prices - Monthly Averages



# Global Inflation

## Monthly Data (annual percentage change)

- Inflationary pressures remain contained in advanced economies.
- Inflation rates continue to decline in emerging economies but inflationary pressures persist



Source: The Economist

# Changes in Central Bank Policy Interest Rates

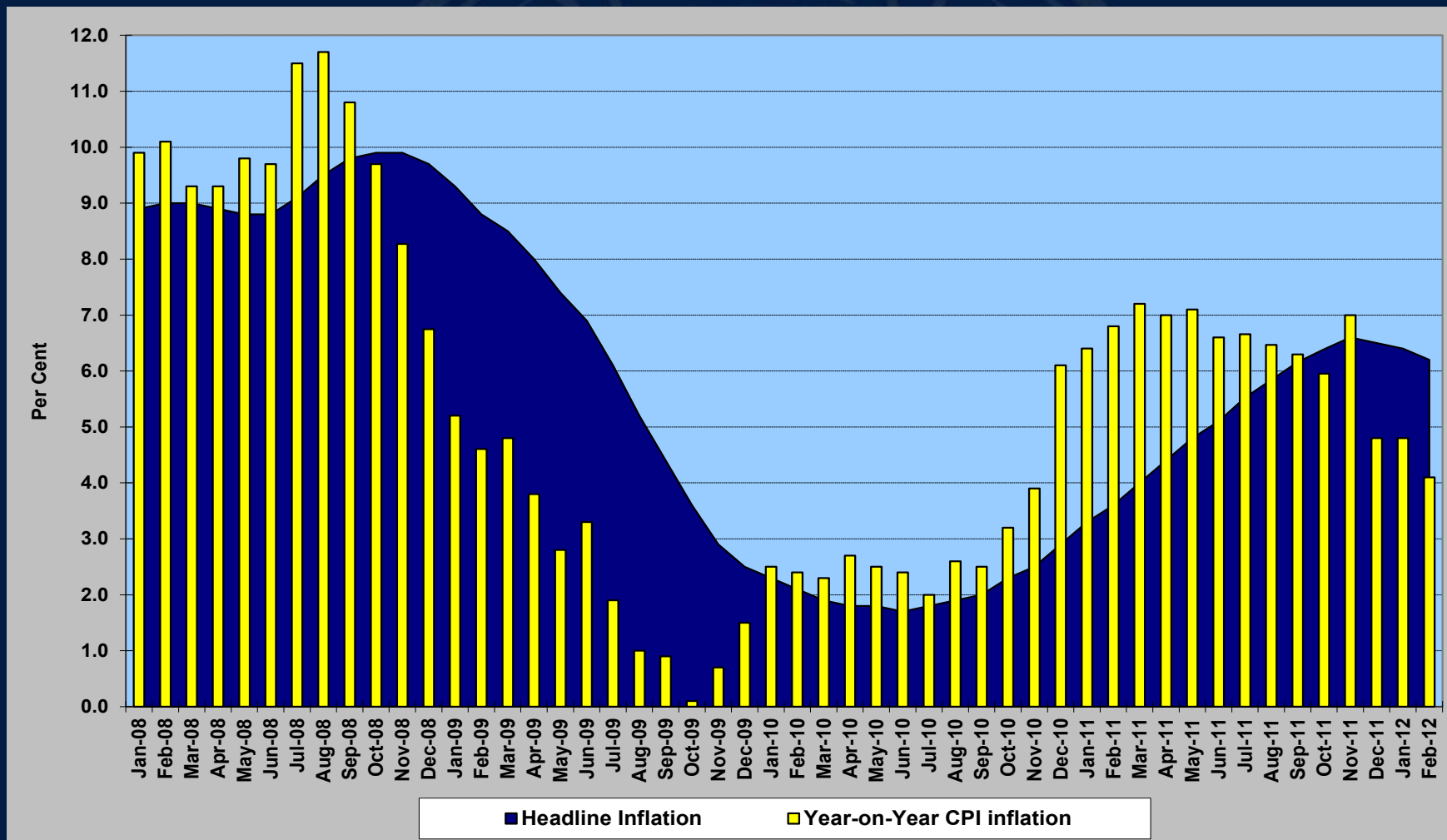
	Latest		Current interest rate (%)	Last change in Policy Rate	Expectations - Policy Rate
	GDP Growth (%)	Inflation (%)			
<b>US</b>	3.0 Q4	2.9 (Jan)	0.125	Cut in Dec 2008	On hold
<b>UK</b>	-0.2 Q4	3.6 (Jan)	0.50	Cut in March 2009	On hold
<b>Euro zone</b>	-0.3 Q4	2.7 (Feb)	1.00	Cut in Dec 2011	Cut in Jun 2012
<b>Canada</b>	2.2 Q4	2.5 (Jan)	1.00	Hike in Sep 2010	On hold
<b>Korea</b>	3.4 Q4	3.1 (Feb)	3.25	Hike in June 2011	On hold
<b>Australia</b>	2.3 Q4	3.1 (Q4)	4.25	Cut in Dec 2011	Hike in Q2 2013
<b>China</b>	8.9 Q4	3.2 (Feb)	6.56	Hike in July 2011	Hike in Q4 2012
<b>India</b>	6.1 Q4	7.6 (Jan)	8.50	Hike in Oct 2011	Cut in Q2 2012
<b>Turkey</b>	8.2 Q3	10.4 (Feb)	11.50	Cut in Feb 2012	Cut in Jun 2012
<b>Brazil</b>	1.4 Q4	5.8 (Feb)	9.75	Cut in Mar 2012	Cut in Apr 2012
<b>Thailand</b>	-9.0 Q4	3.3 (Feb)	3.00	Cut in Jan 2012	On hold
<b>South Africa</b>	2.9 Q4	6.3 (Jan)	5.50	Cut in Nov 2010	On hold

*Source: The Economist and J.P. Morgan*

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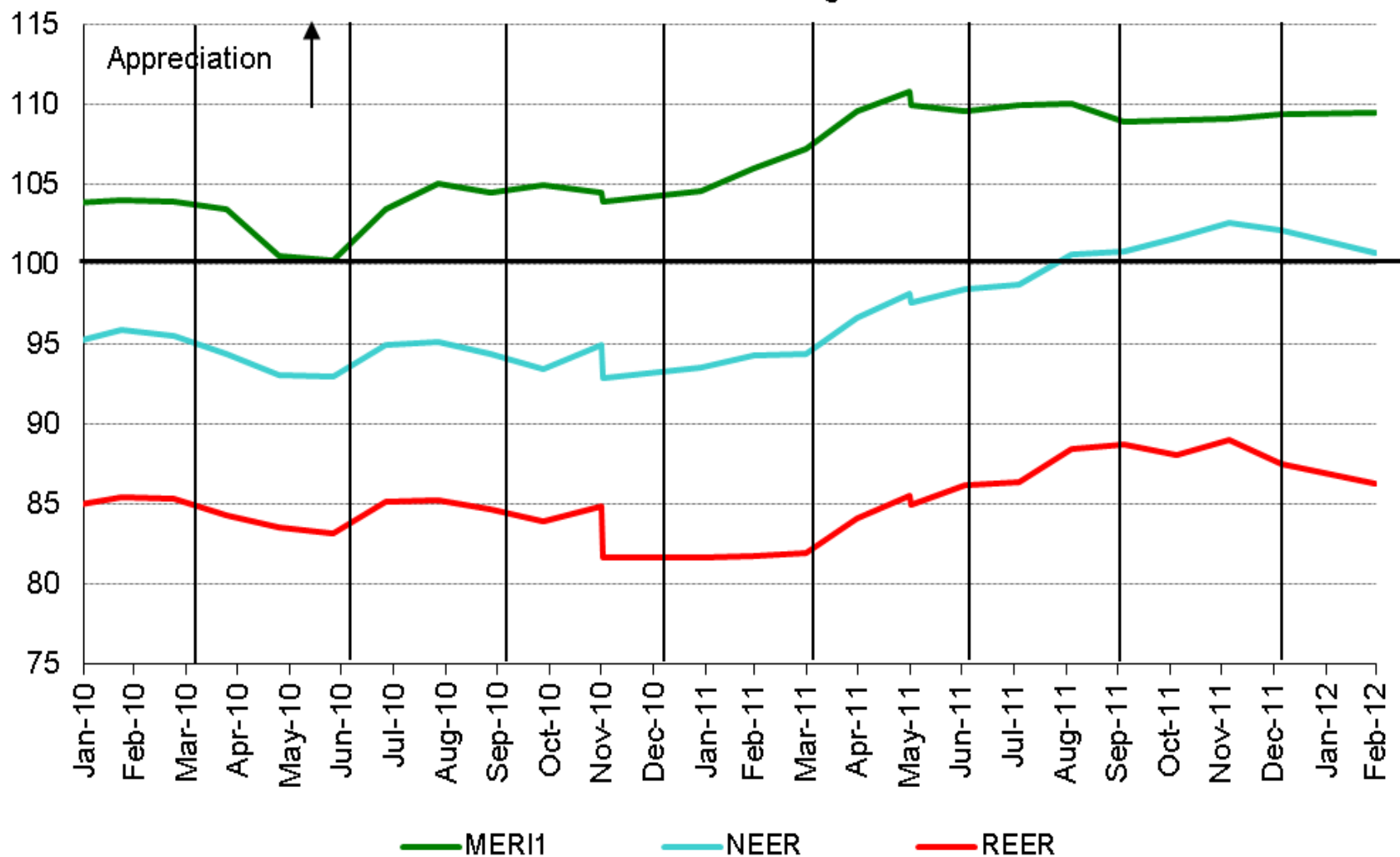
# Domestic Developments

# Inflation



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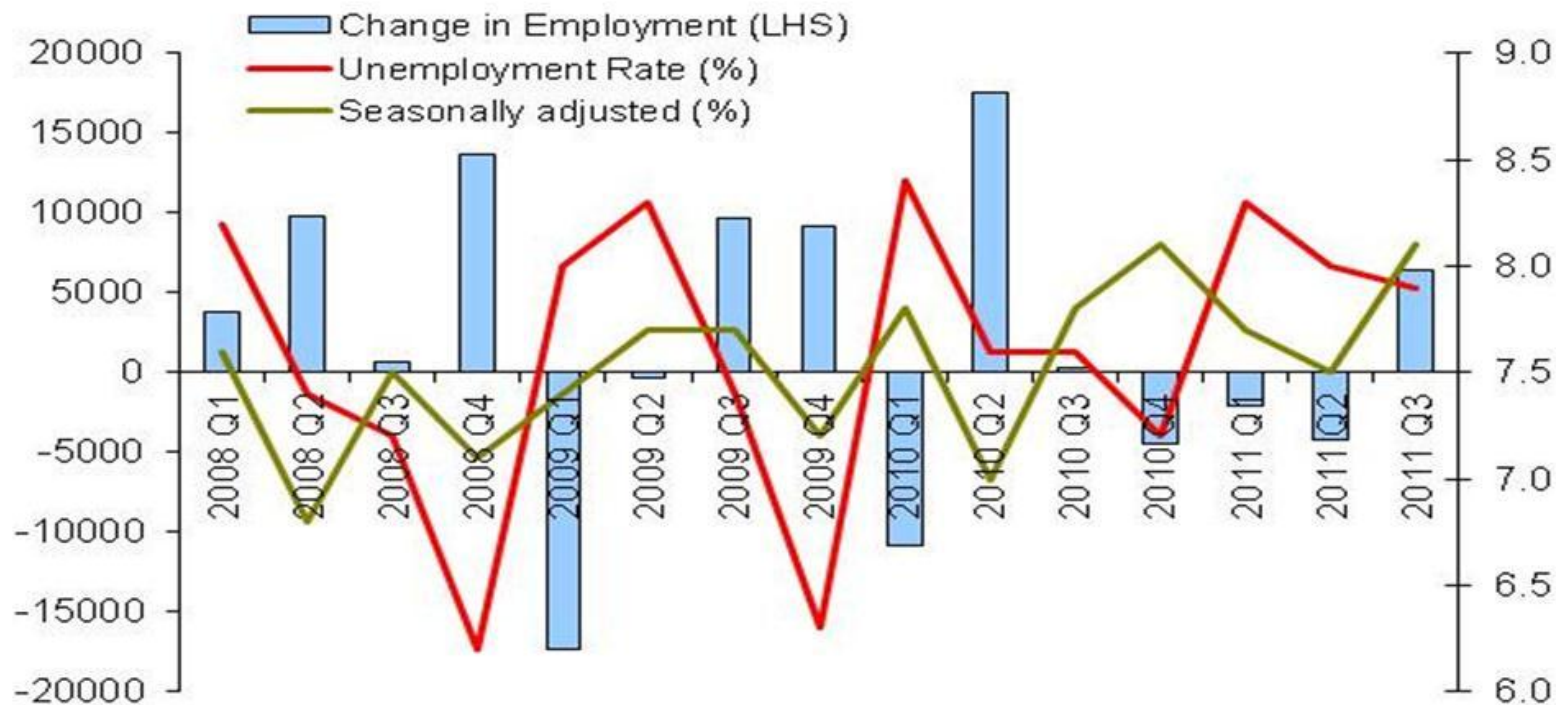
MPC Meetings





# Labour Market

## Unemployment Rate and Change in Employment



	2011Q1	2011Q2	2011Q3
<b>Unemployment rate (%)</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Unemployment rate SA (%)</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.1</b>

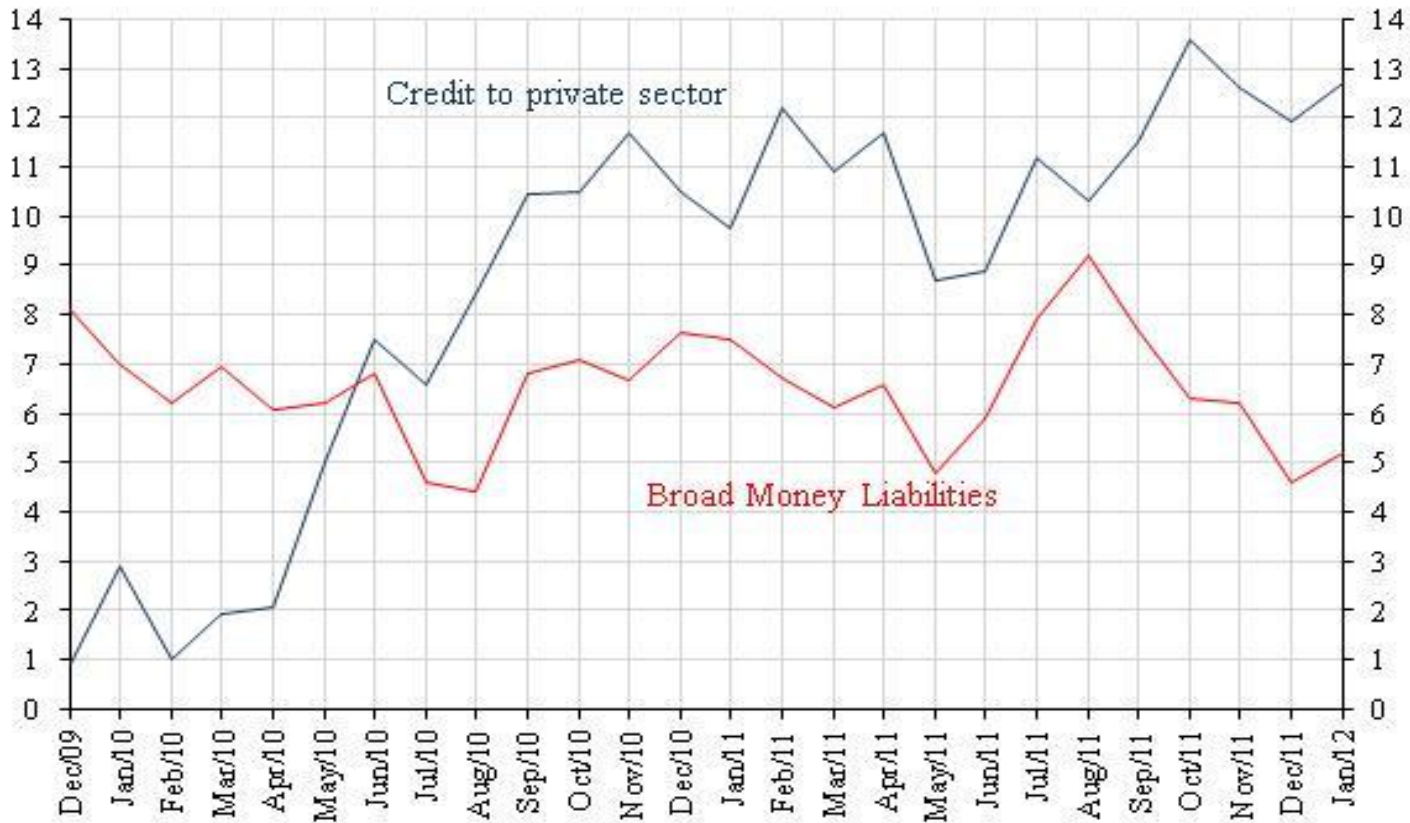
# Tourist Arrivals by Country

	February			January - February		
	2011	2012 <sup>1</sup>	% change	2011	2012	% change
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>57,821</b>	<b>59,195</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>120,577</b>	<b>118,233</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
France	29,725	32,330	8.8	62,875	63,022	0.2
Germany	4,858	4,755	-2.1	9,741	9,220	-5.3
Italy	5,457	4,498	-17.6	12,541	10,740	-14.4
United Kingdom	6,530	5,757	-11.8	12,484	10,963	-12.2
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>10,171</b>	<b>10,155</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>41,588</b>	<b>39,591</b>	<b>-4.8</b>
Reunion	3,782	4,155	9.9	25,407	24,016	-5.5
South Africa	4,477	4,053	-9.5	11,828	11,258	-4.8
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>7,382</b>	<b>7,732</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>12,671</b>	<b>14,986</b>	<b>18.3</b>
India	4,297	4,800	11.7	7,456	7,835	5.1
China	1,570	1,407	-10.4	2,473	4,142	67.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77,390</b>	<b>79,331</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>179,277</b>	<b>178,168</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

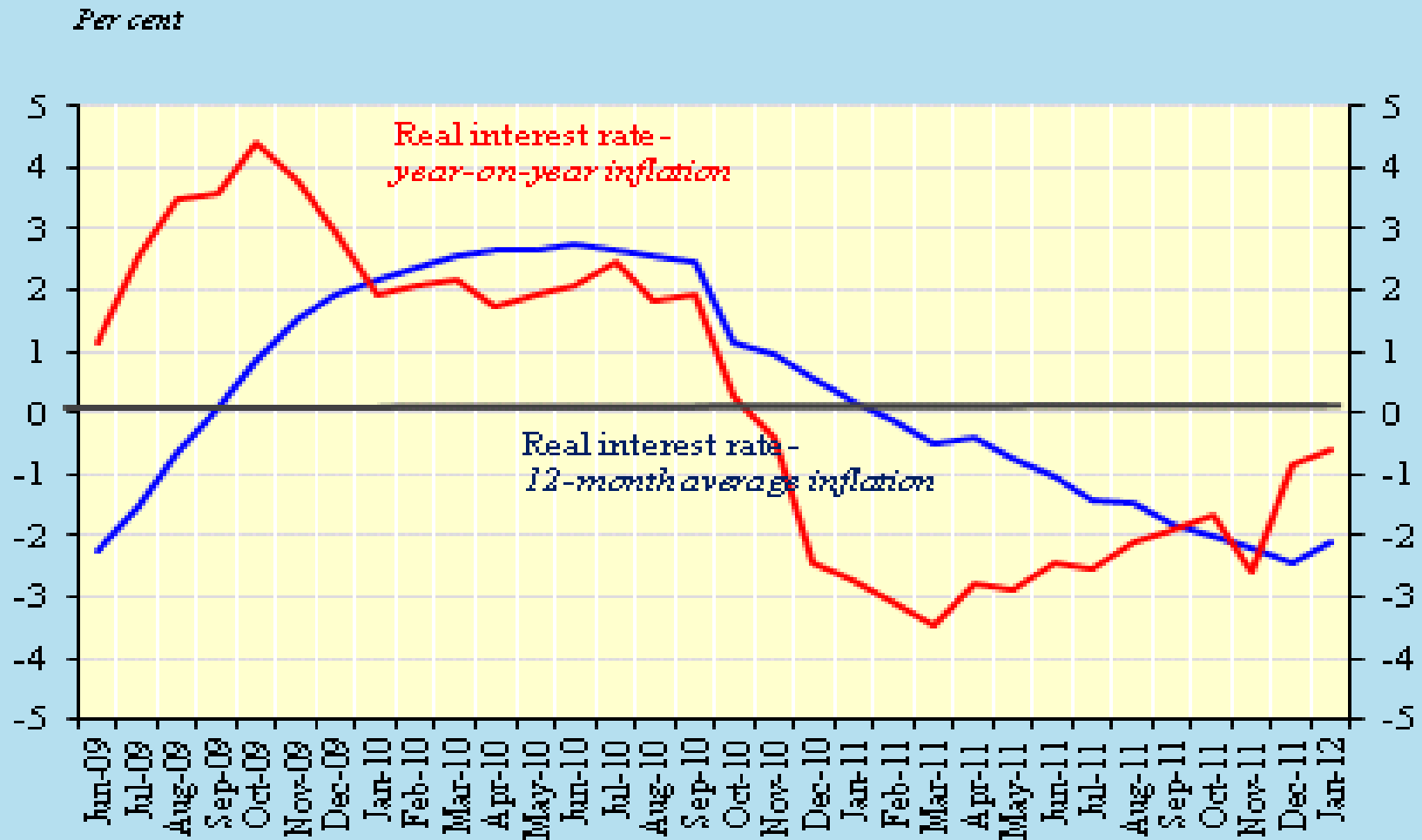
	2008	2009	2010	2011	Jan-12
<b>Tourist Arrivals</b>	<b>930,456</b>	<b>871,356</b>	<b>934,827</b>	<b>964,642</b>	<b>98,837</b>
<b>Tourism Earnings (Rs mn)</b>	<b>41,213</b>	<b>35,693</b>	<b>39,456</b>	<b>42,845</b>	<b>5,514</b>

# Monetary Developments

Per cent



# Real Interest Rates



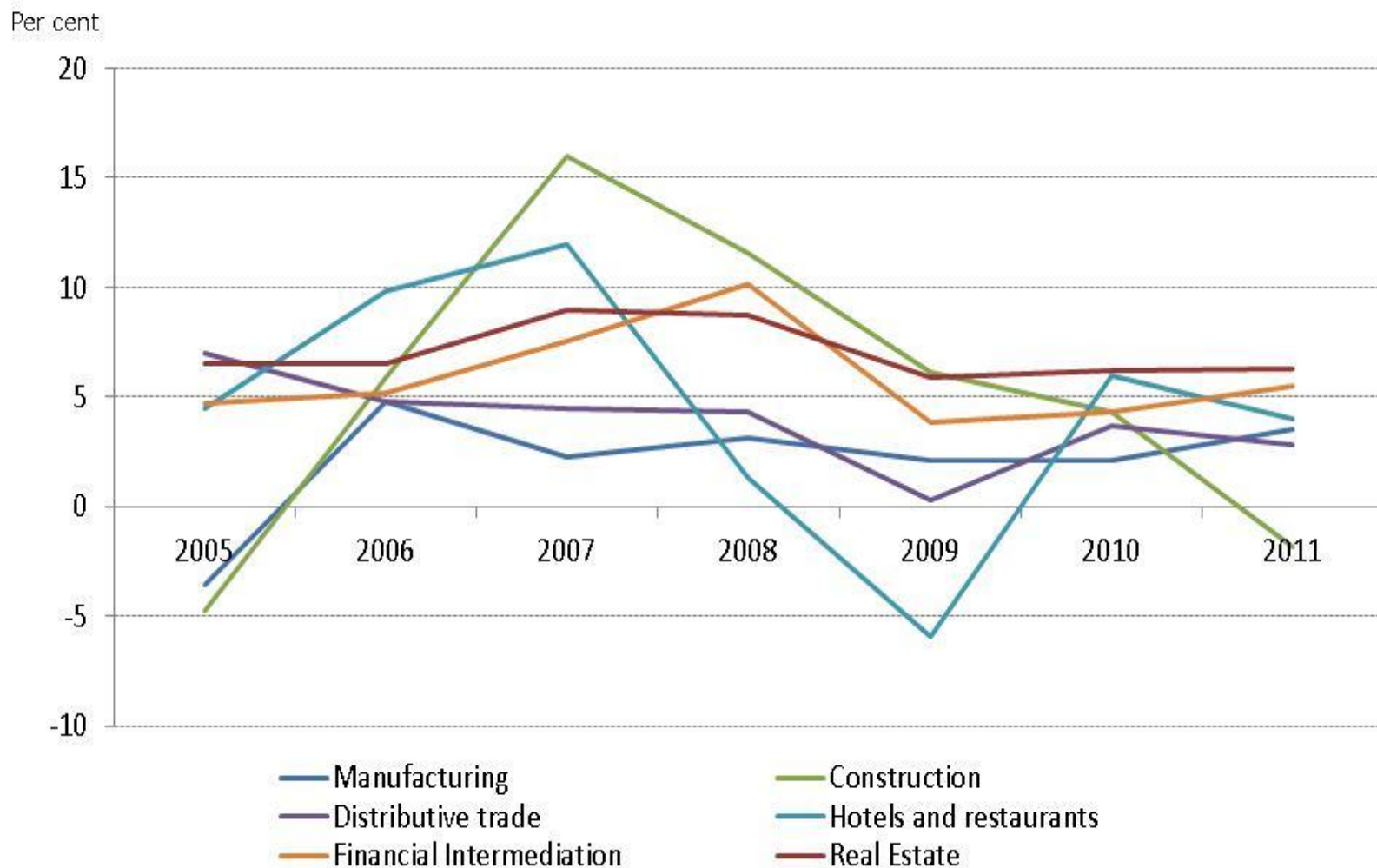
Real Interest Rates= Nominal savings rate adjusted for inflation rate

# Domestic Economic Developments

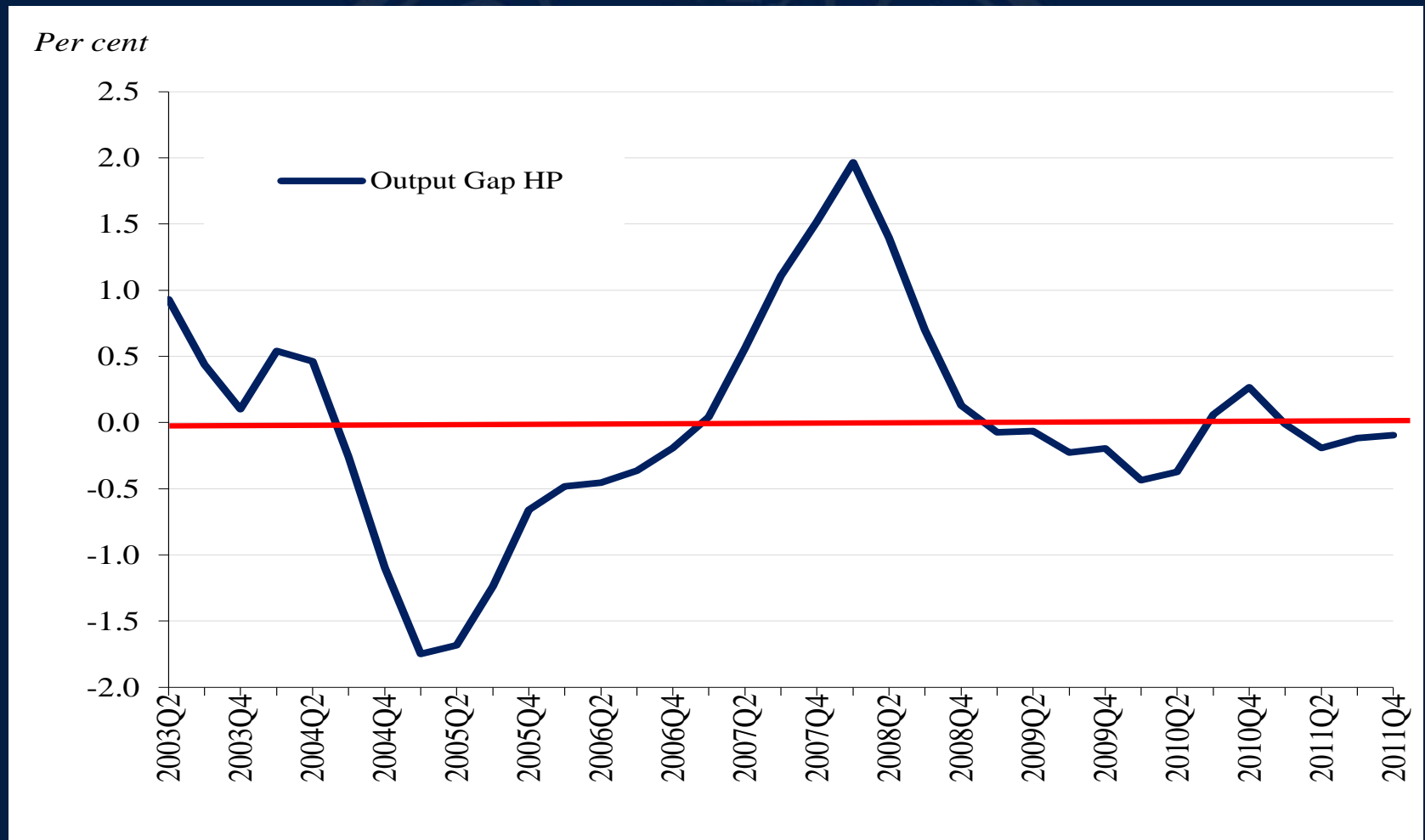


- 2011Q3 q/q s.a. growth of 1.3%
- 2011Q3 y/y growth of 3.7%
- Growth estimated at around 4.0% in 2012, down from 4.1% in 2011

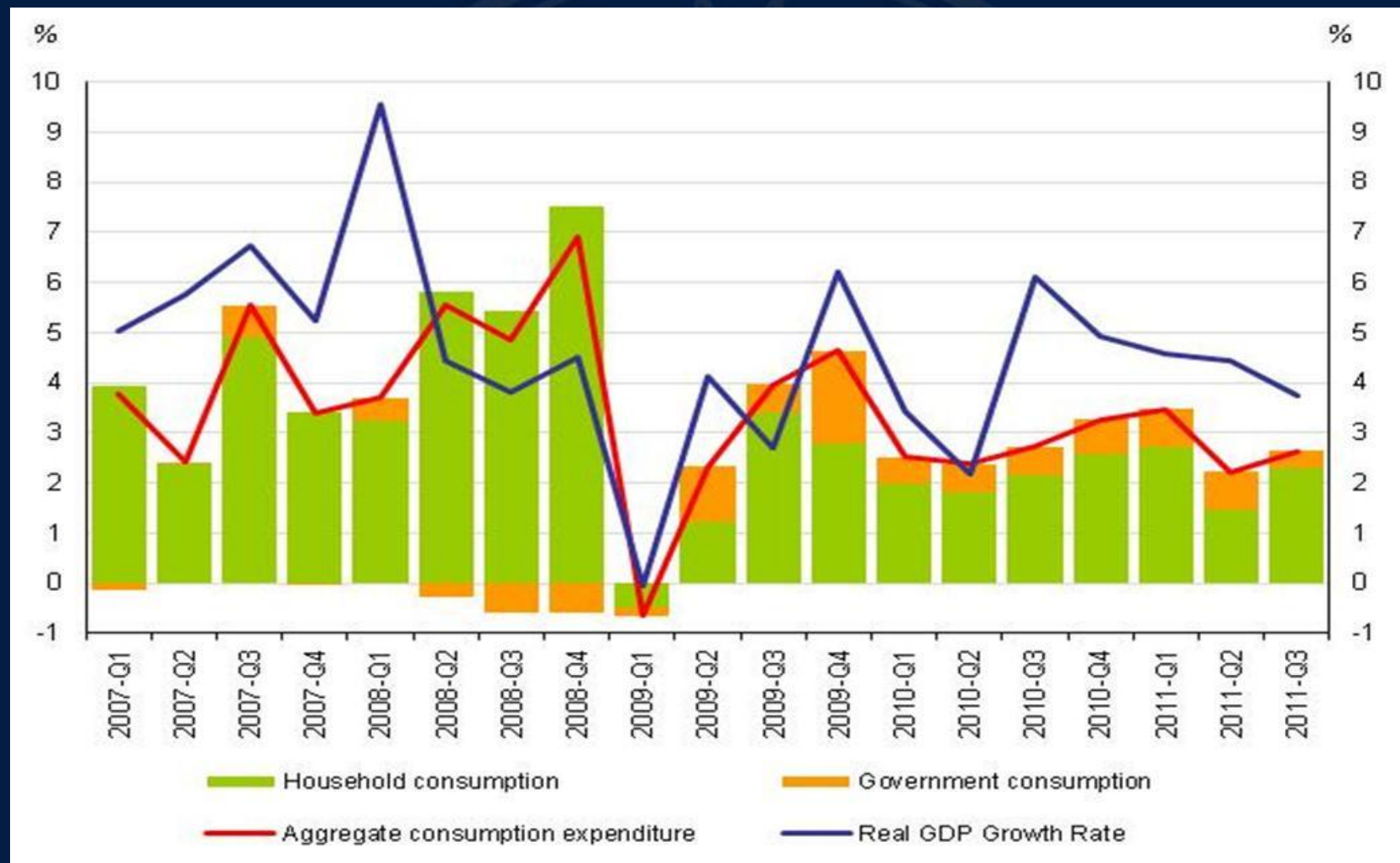
# Sectoral Growth Rates (Y-o-Y)



# Output Gap



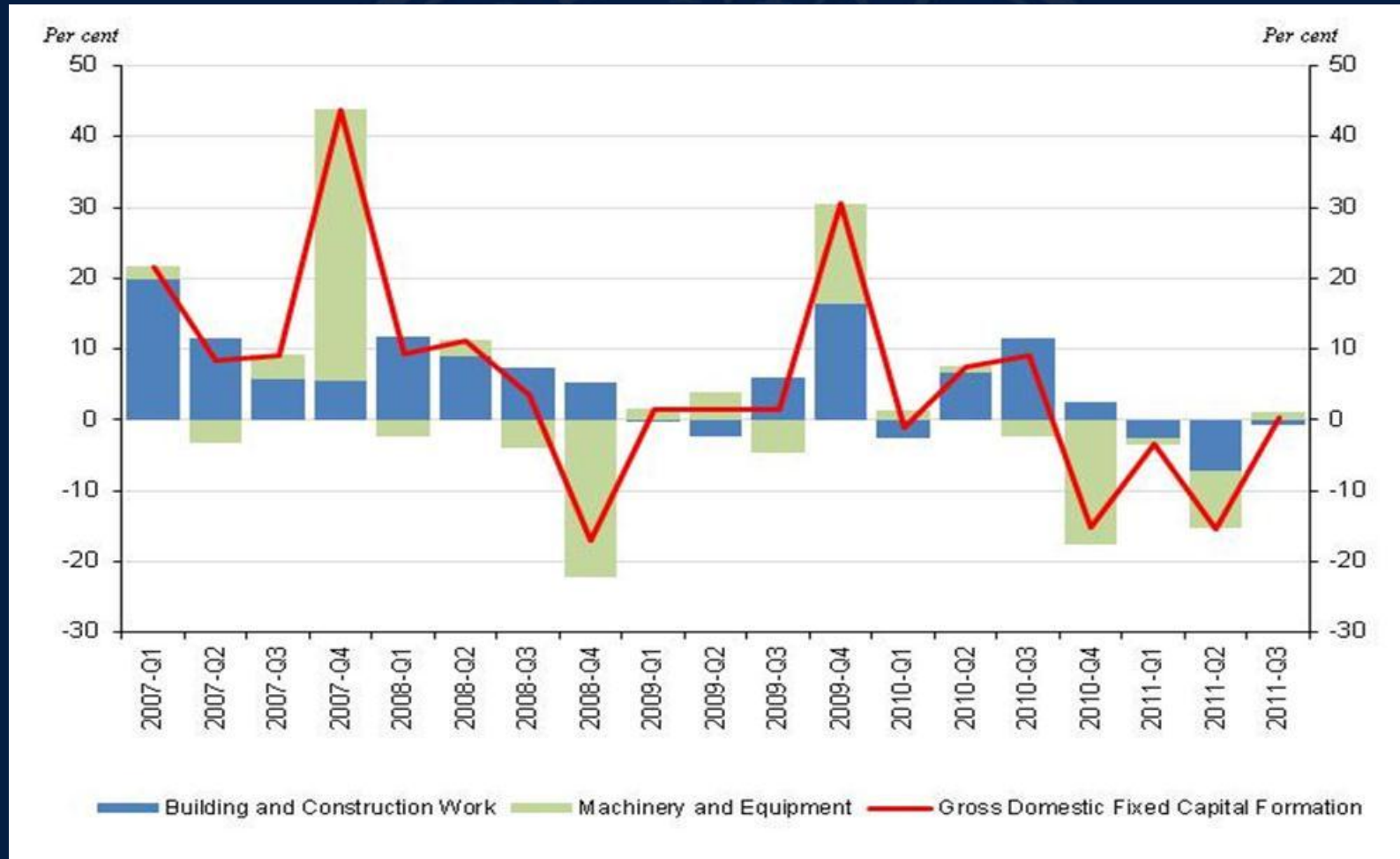
# Consumption





# GDFCF

*(exclusive of aircraft and marine vessel)*



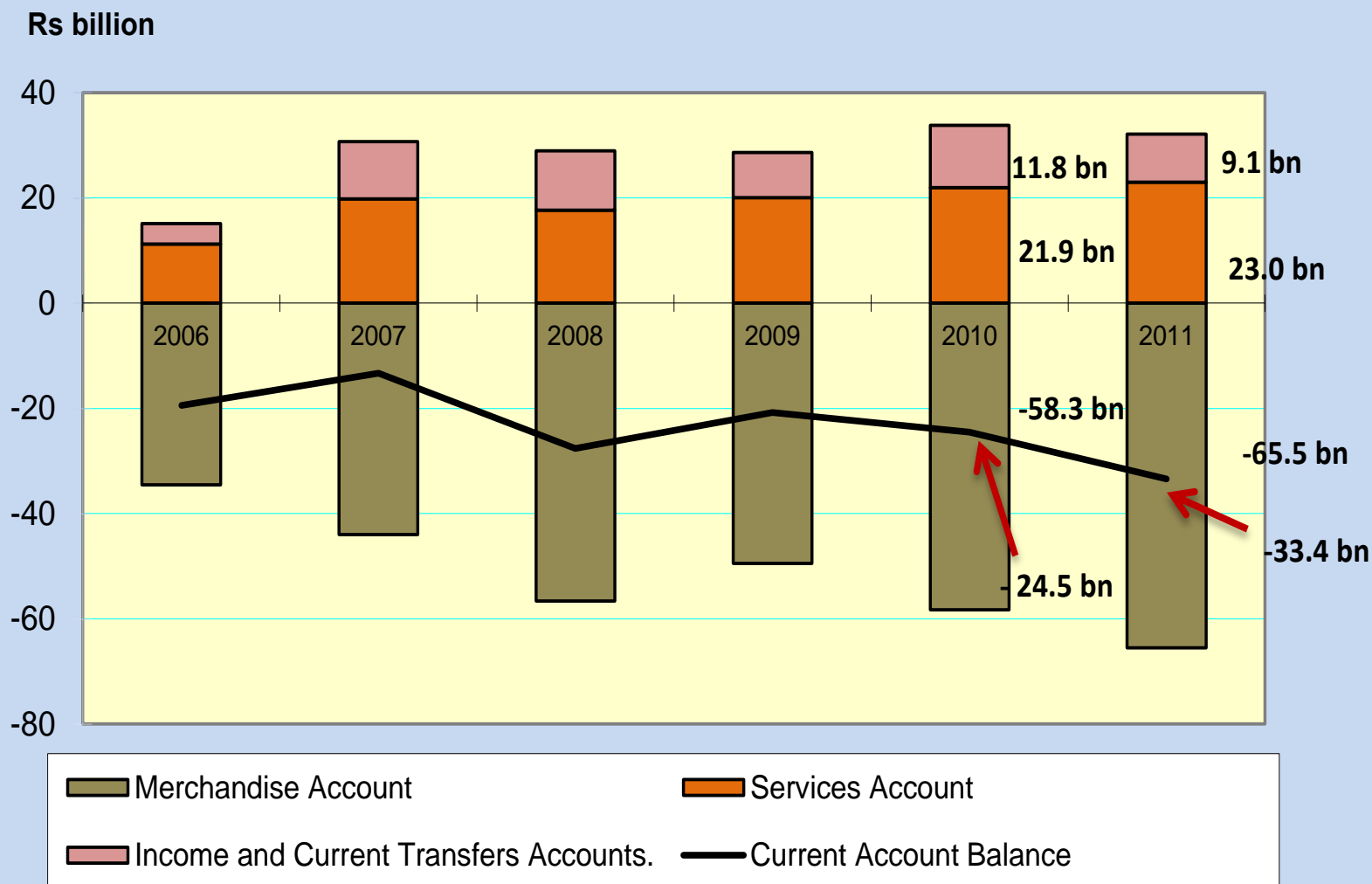
# Imports and Exports

<b>Nominal growth</b>	<b>% Change 2009 over 2008</b>	<b>% Change 2010 over 2009</b>	<b>% Change 2011 over 2010</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>9.8</b>

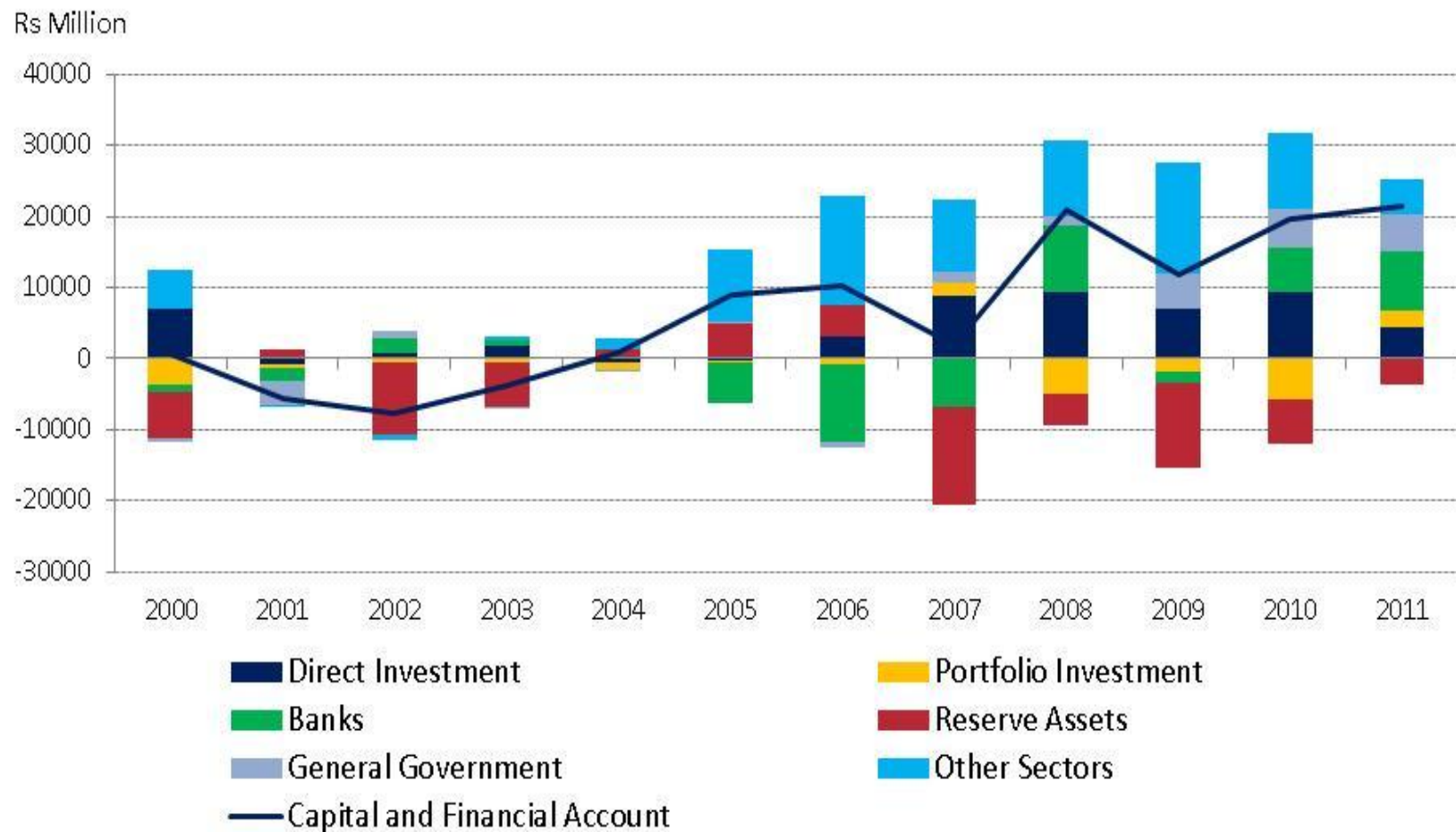
# Main Imports

	<i>(Rs million)</i>				<i>Per cent</i>			
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Imports (c.i.f. value)</b>								
Food and Live Animals	23,817	22,051	24,610	26,926	18.0	18.6	18.2	20.0
Beverages and Tobacco	2,126	2,103	2,472	2,677	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.0
Crude Materials, Inedible except Fuels	3,820	3,174	3,288	4,930	13.4	-16.9	3.6	49.9
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and Related Products	28,352	18,557	25,630	31,940	27.8	-34.5	38.1	24.6
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	1,580	1,321	1,176	1,788	37.8	-16.4	-11.0	52.0
Chemicals and Related Products	10,417	10,711	12,462	12,113	10.7	2.8	16.3	-2.8
Manufactured Goods classified chiefly by Materials	25,033	21,452	25,087	27,633	1.2	-14.3	16.9	10.1
Machinery and Transport Equipment	25,930	27,689	27,239	26,644	-9.1	6.8	-1.6	-2.2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	10,804	11,028	12,202	12,964	12.7	2.1	10.6	6.2
Commodities and Transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC <sup>3</sup>	286	358	716	466	-43.4	25.2	100.0	-34.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132,165</b>	<b>118,444</b>	<b>134,882</b>	<b>148,081</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>9.8</b>

# Current Account

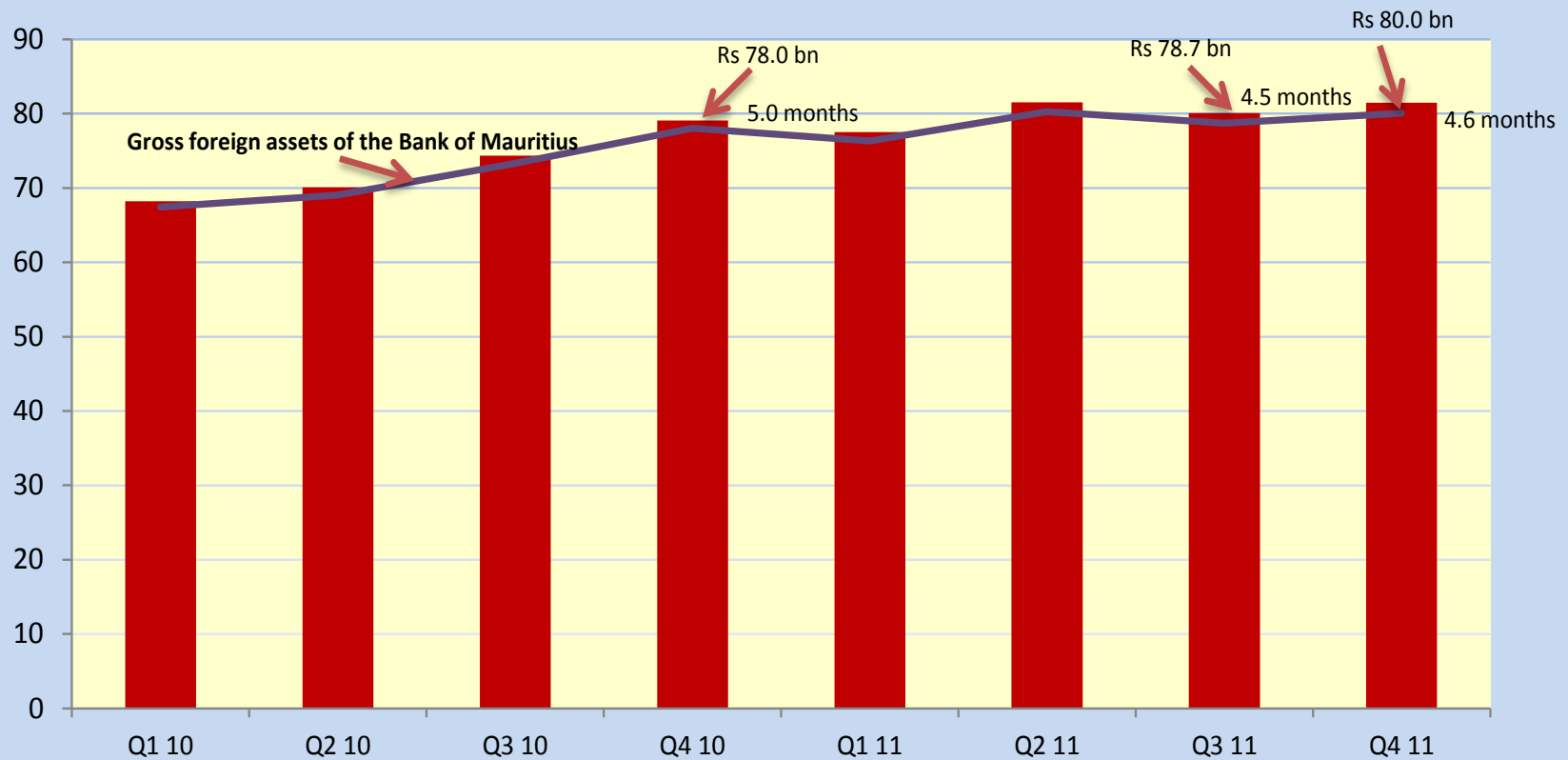


# Financing of the current account



# Gross Official International Reserves

Rs billion

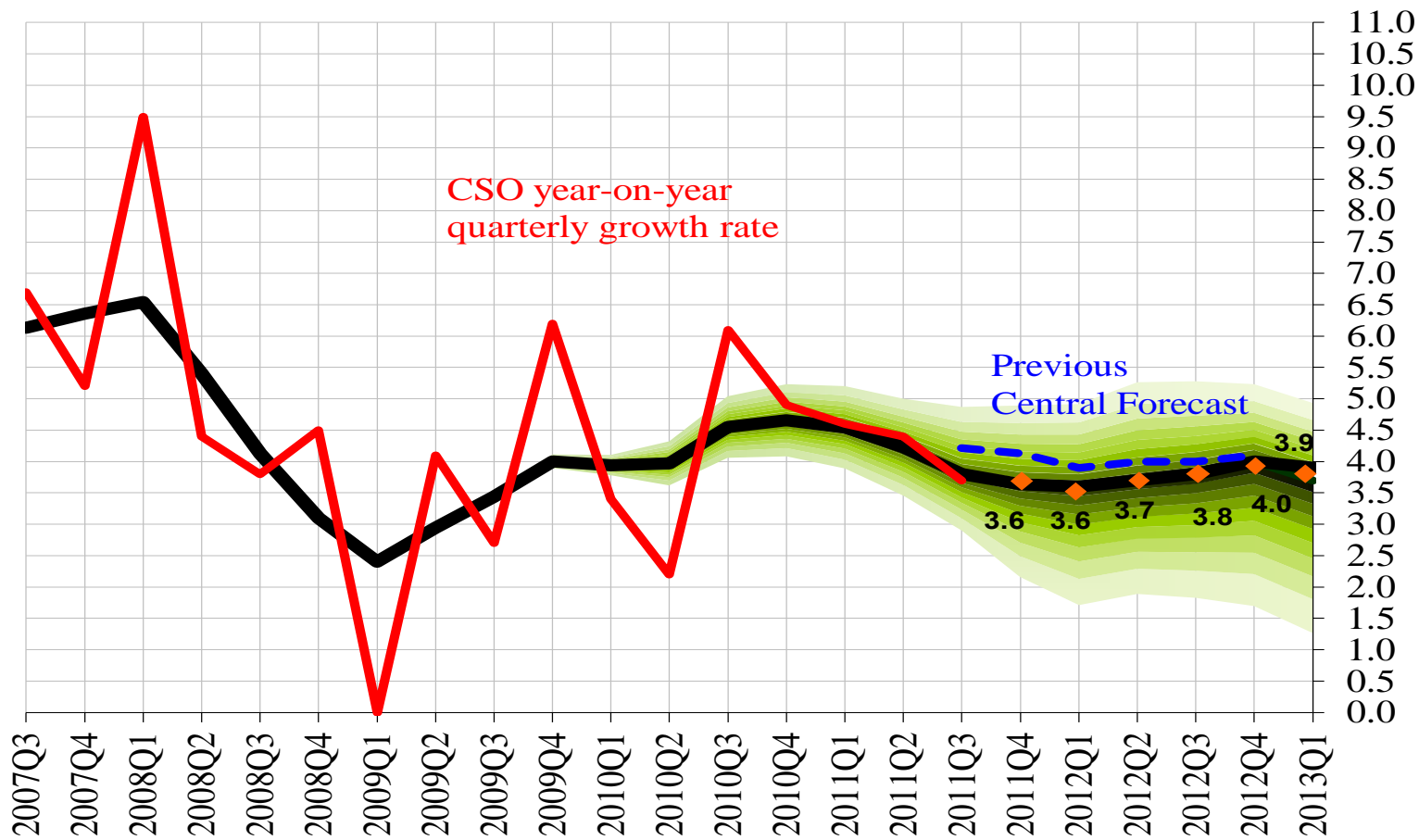




# FORECASTS

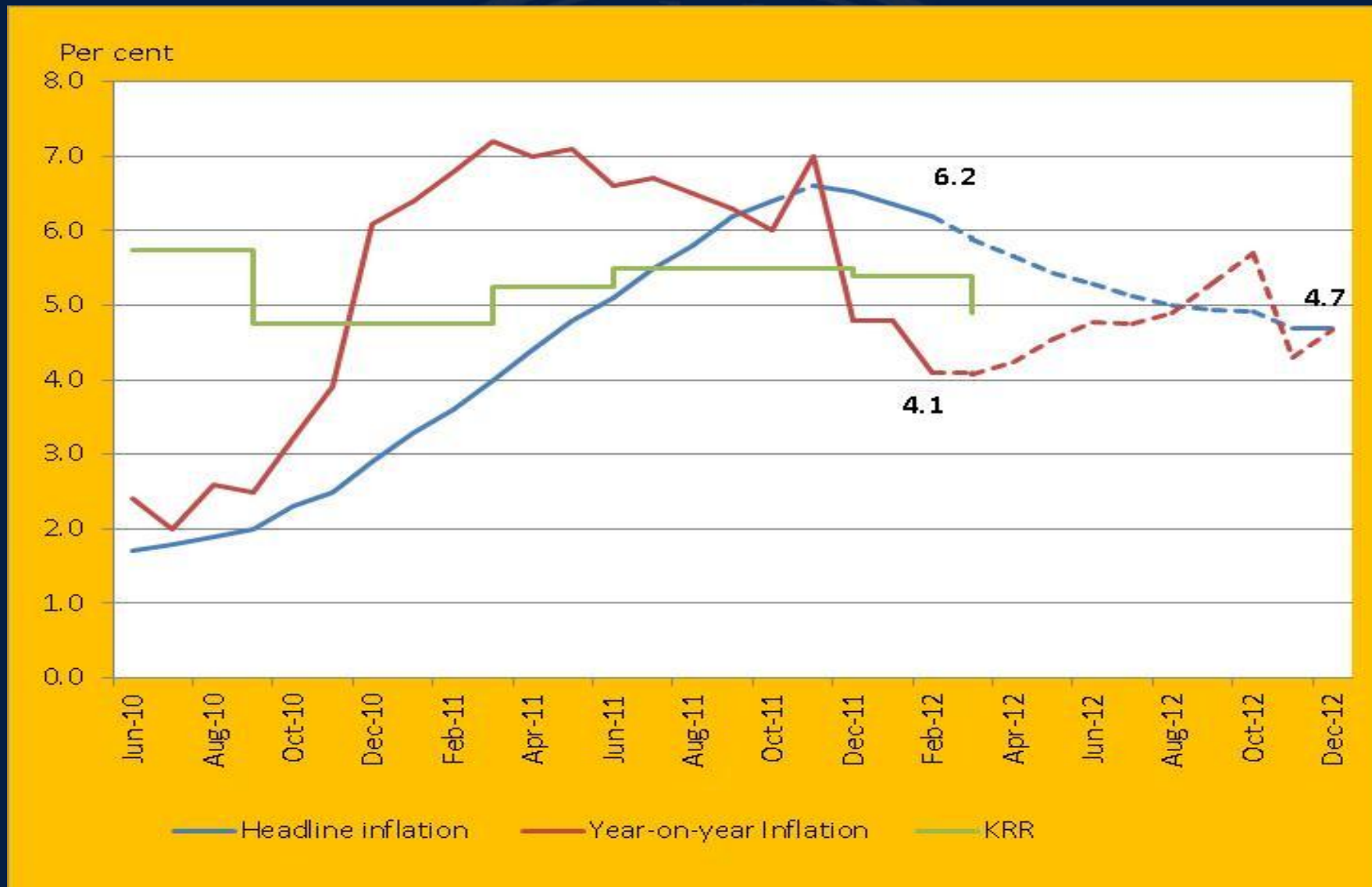
# Real GDP

Per cent





# Inflation Forecasts



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