

## Makrobildet ved inngangen til sommeren

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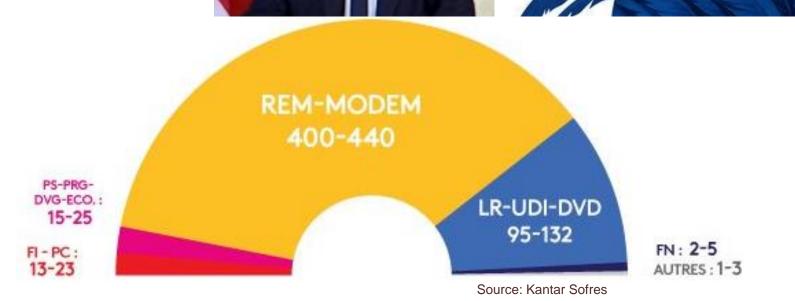
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## Choice of Macron could be pivotal for the economy



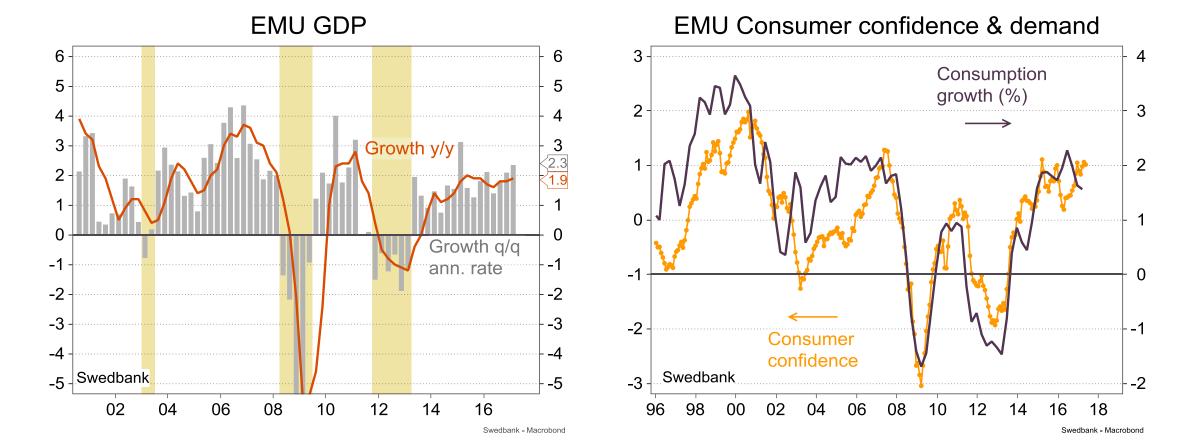
**Macron** 

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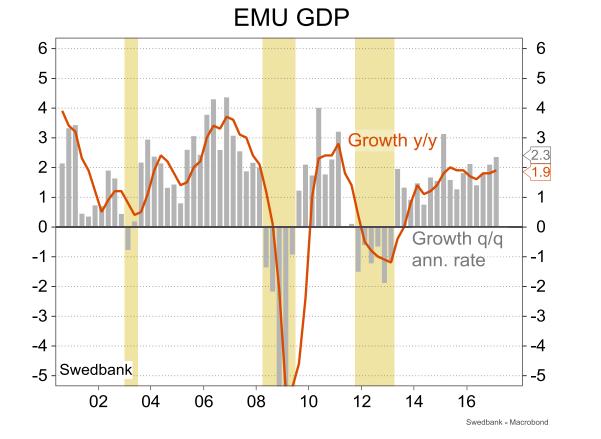
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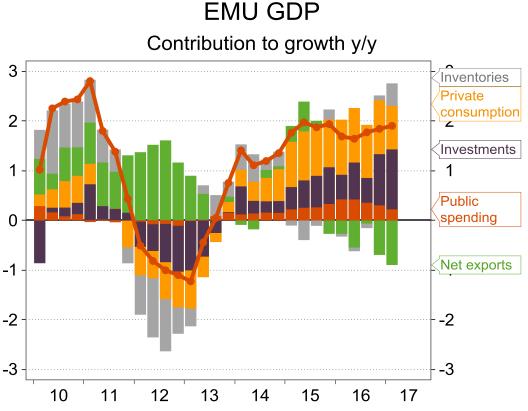
- Moderate, centrist, pro EU
- Reform agenda
  - Increase labour market flexibility
  - Simplify pensions and benefits regulation, probably also the tax code
  - Wishes to promote entrepreneurship
- How much he can do depends on parliamentary elections in June
  - Benefits from improving economy

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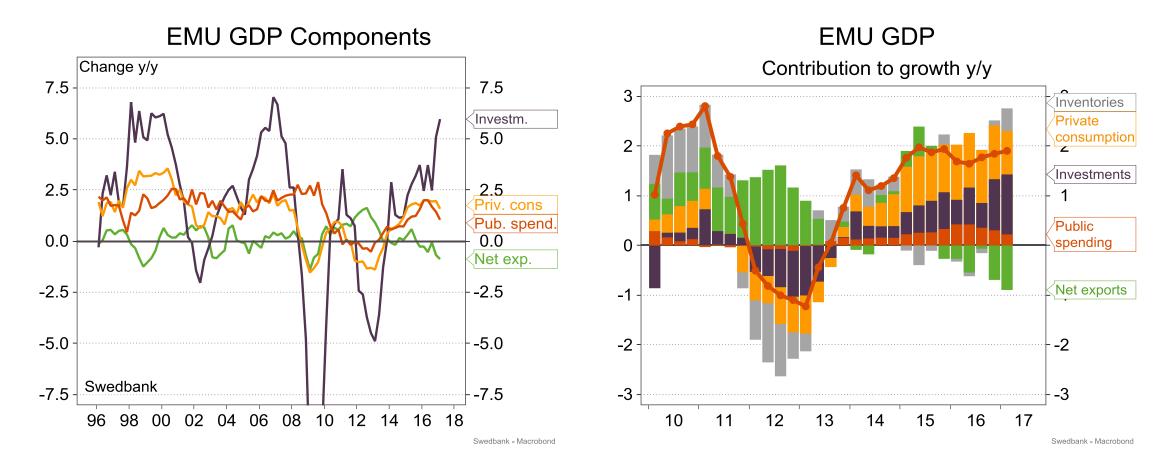
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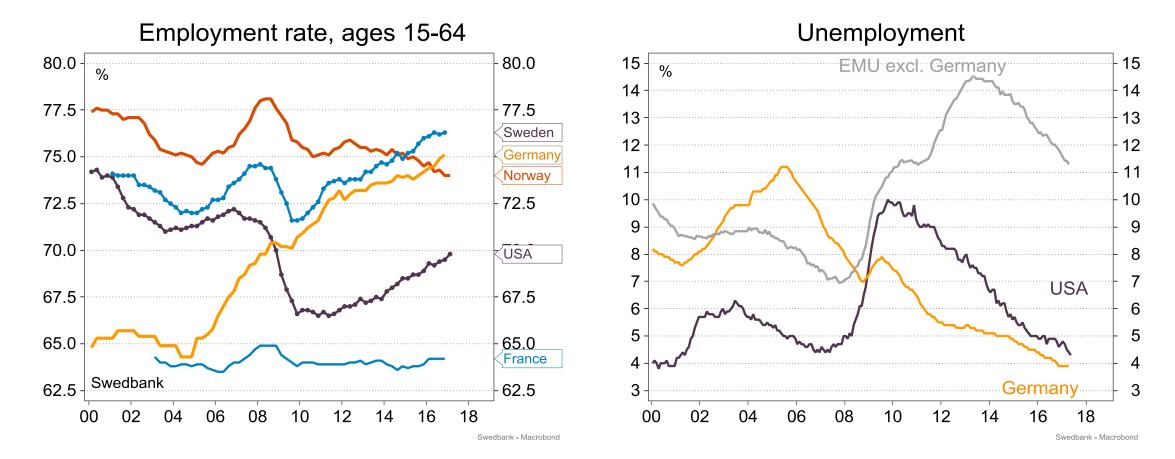


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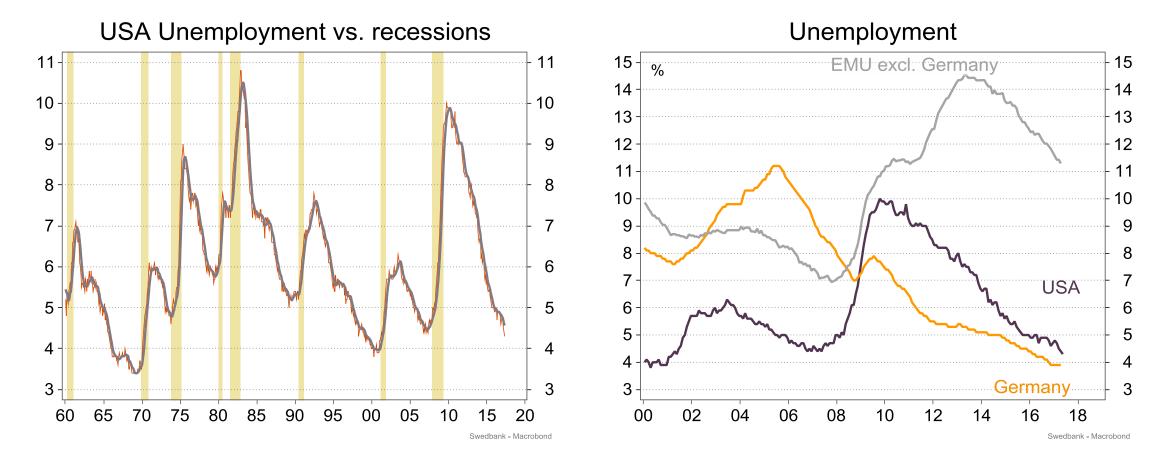
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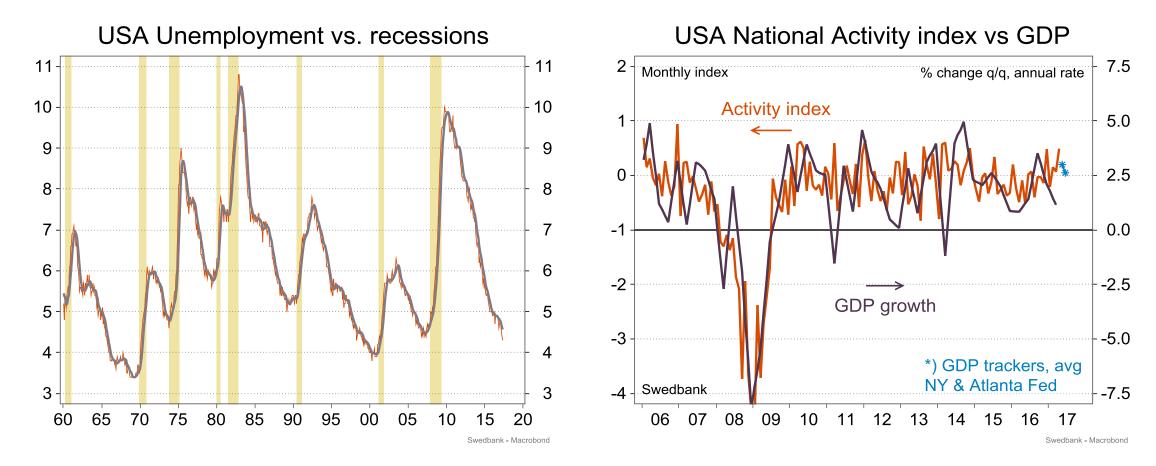
## Could France become the new Germany? ...Europe still has high growth potential



## Less spare capacity in the the US economy ...but is a recession coming shortly? No

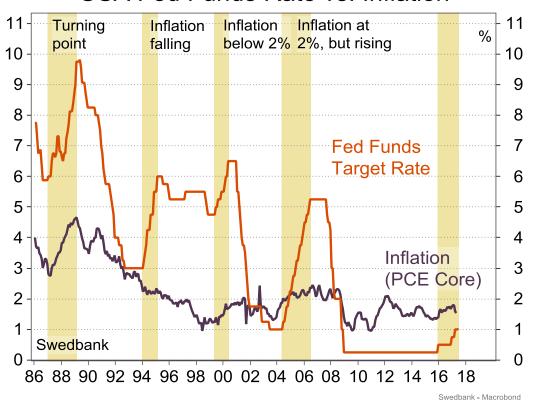


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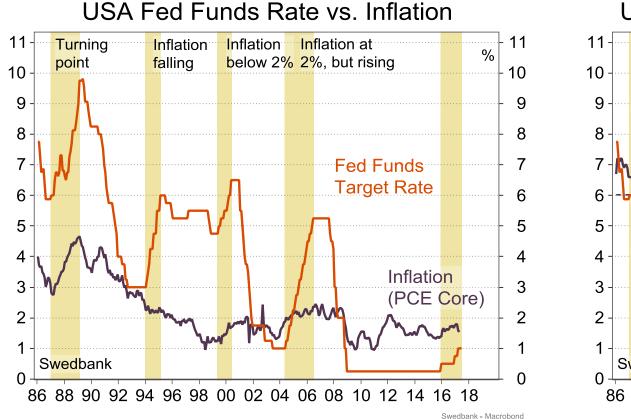
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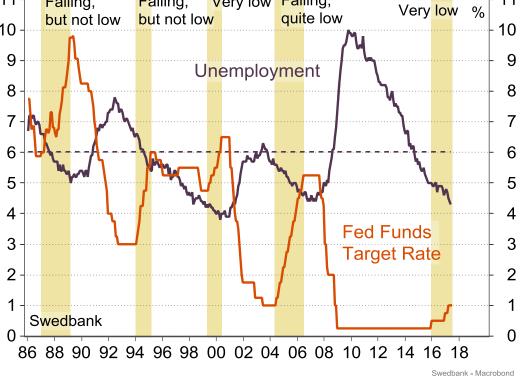


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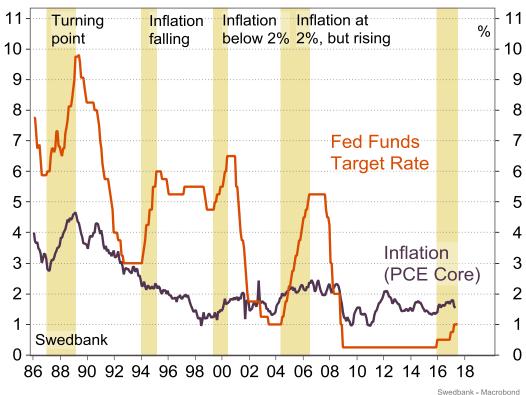
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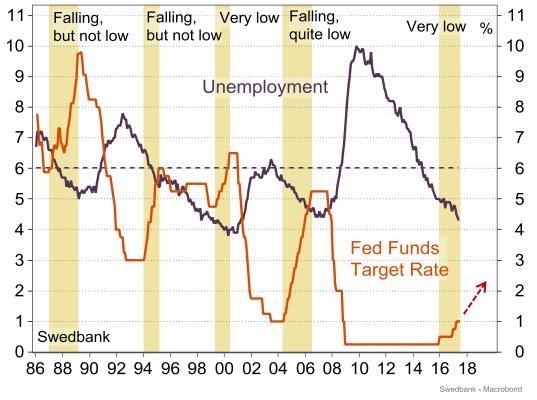
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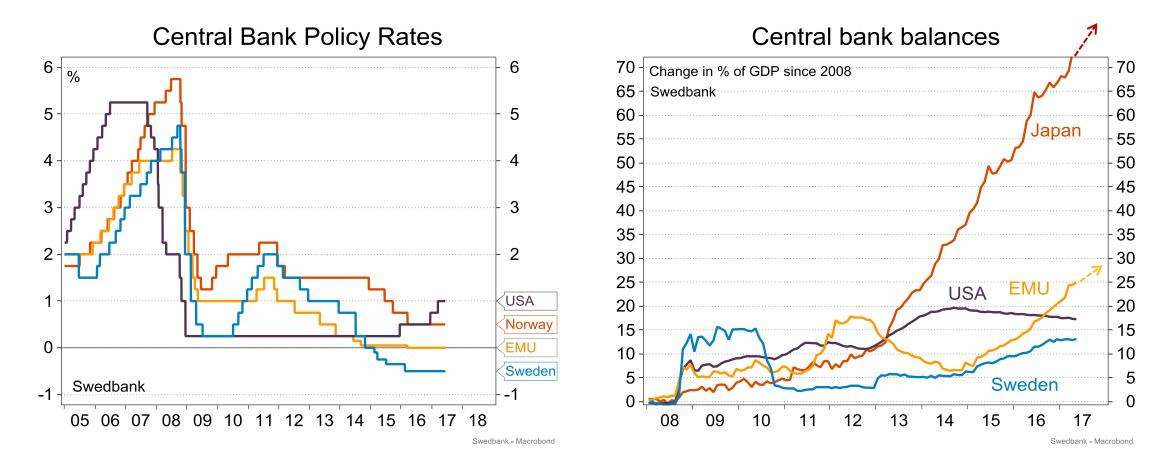


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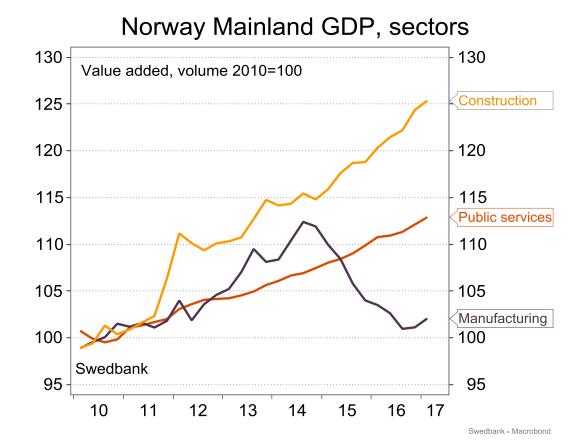


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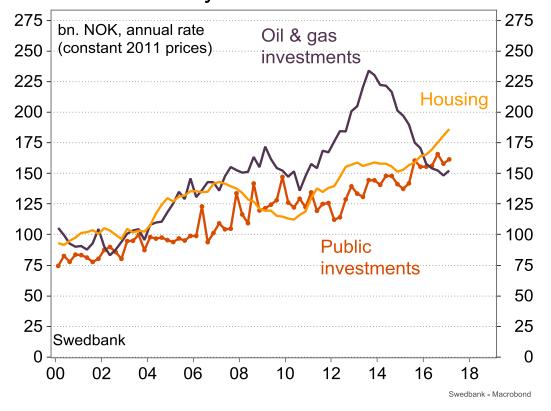
## Fed will hike tonight ....but the ECB is not done with stimulus (yet)



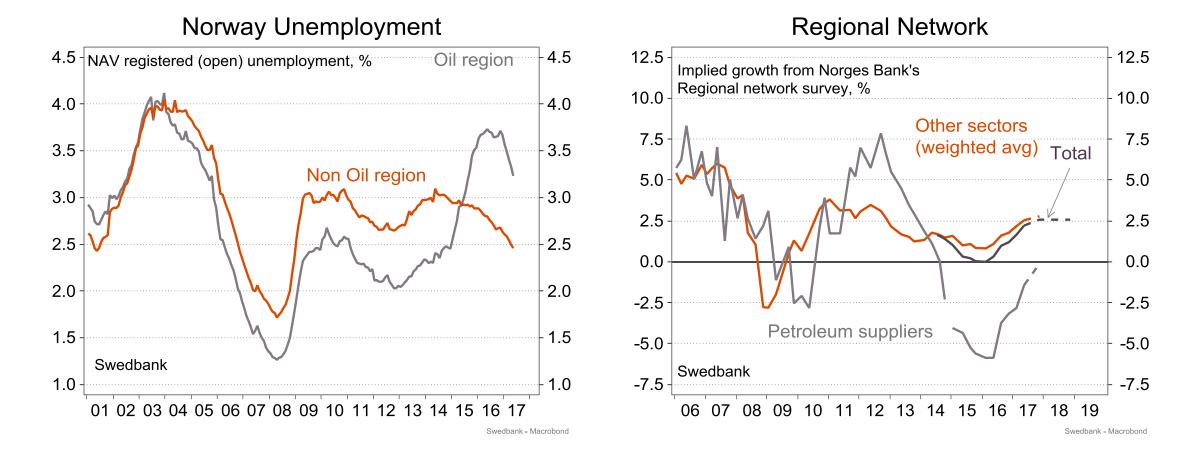
# Norway: Oil has been a drag while construction boomed. Public spending steadily rising



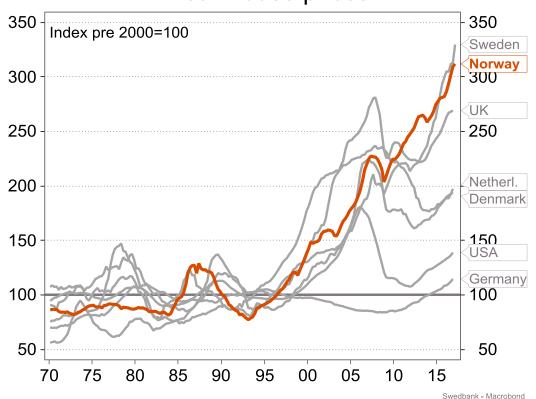
#### Norway fixed investments



### The downturn in oil is over. Growth is back to normal

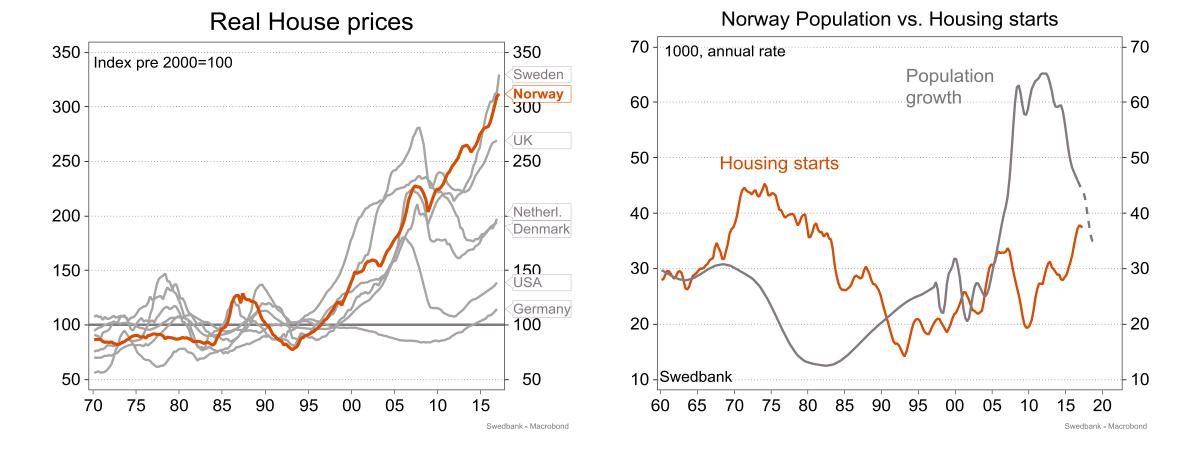


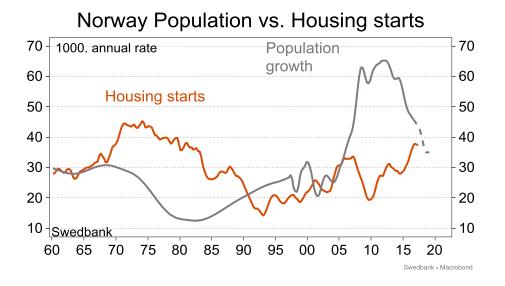
## Not a cloud in the sky? ...well, where shall this end?



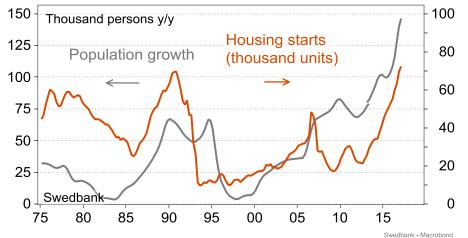
**Real House prices** 

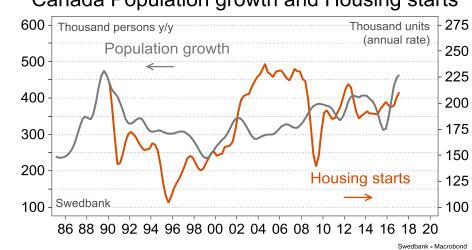
## And why do we need to construct so many new homes right now?



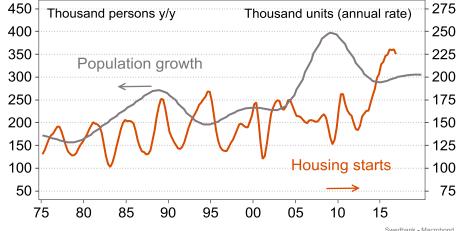


#### Sweden Population growth vs home building

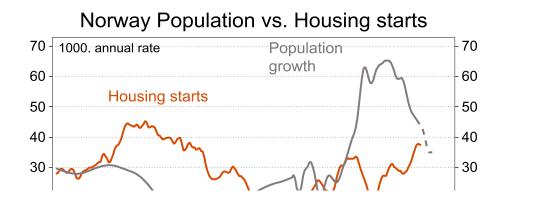




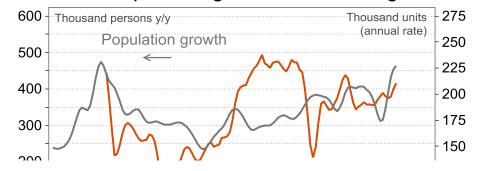
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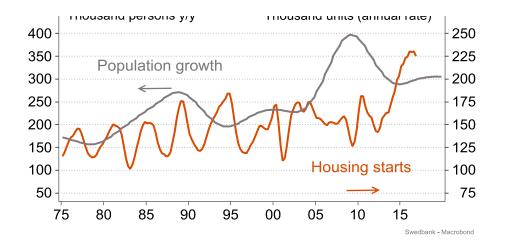


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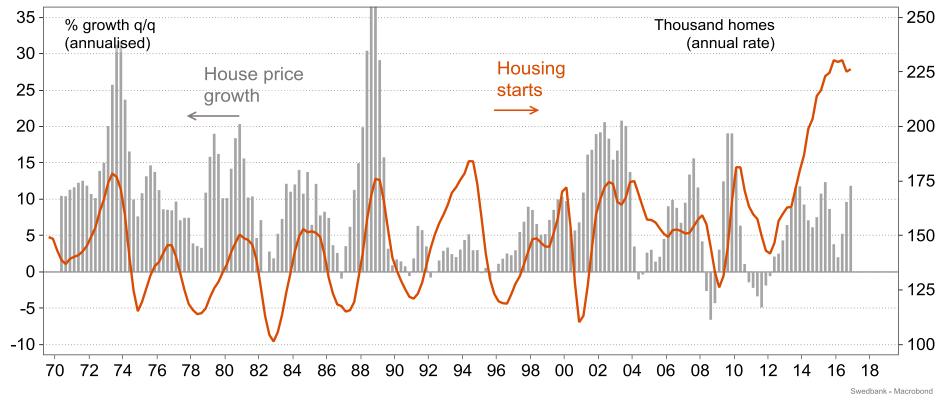


## Population growth is not driving the construction cycle

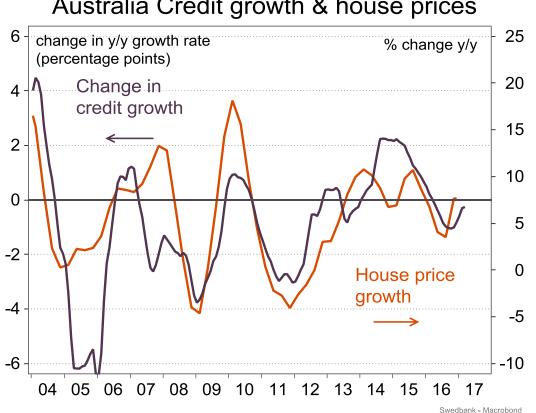




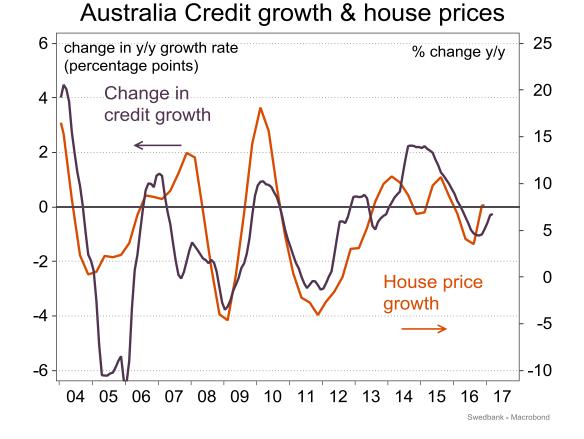
### Price growth spurs housing starts, of course



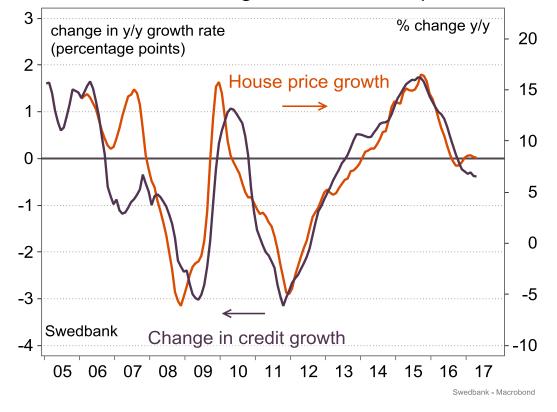
#### Australia House prices and starts

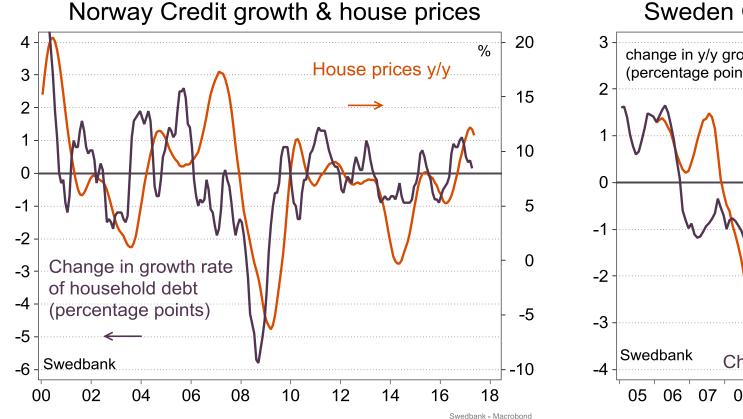


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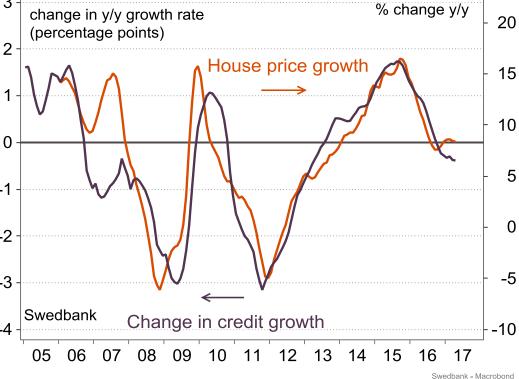


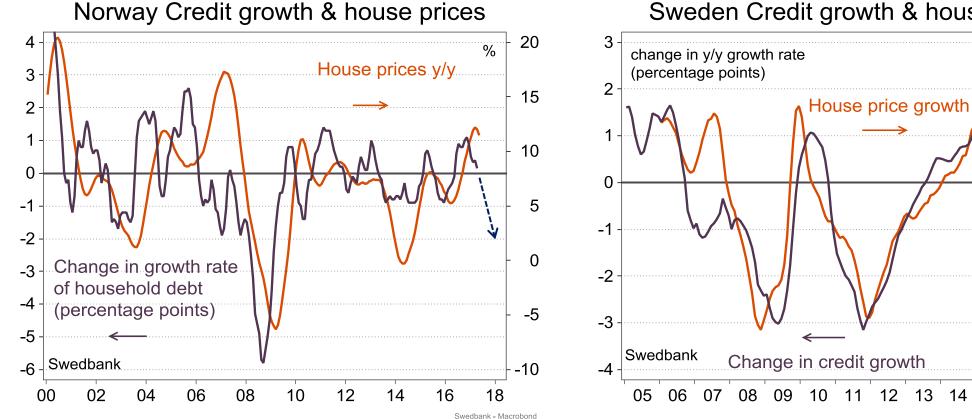
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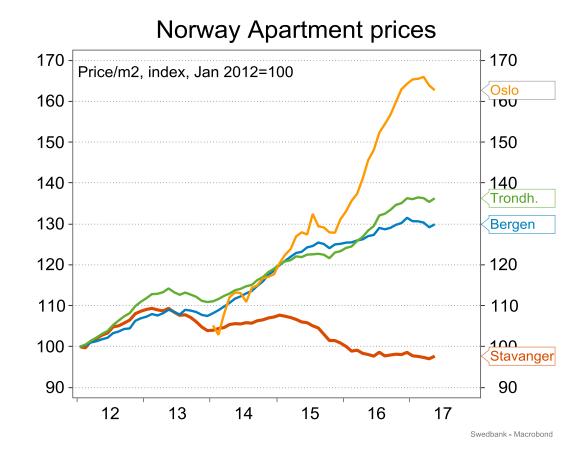
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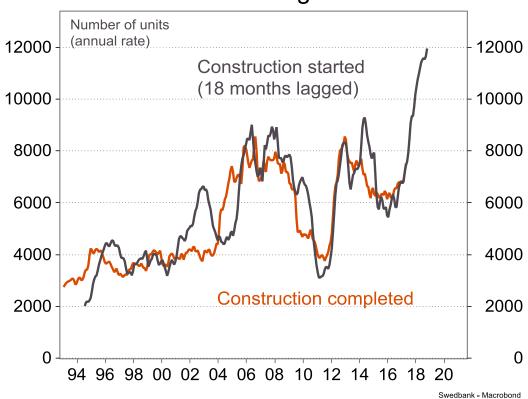
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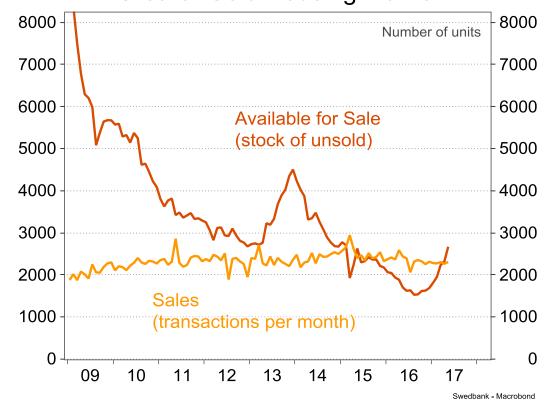
### House prices are falling (at least in Oslo)



### Oslo looks set for a significant turnaround

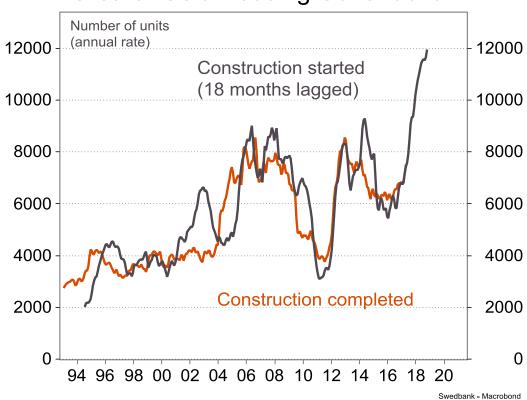




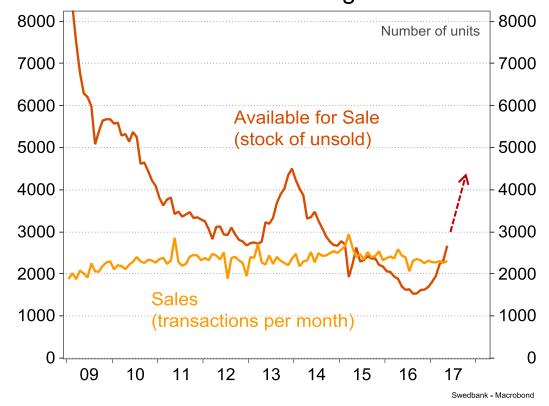


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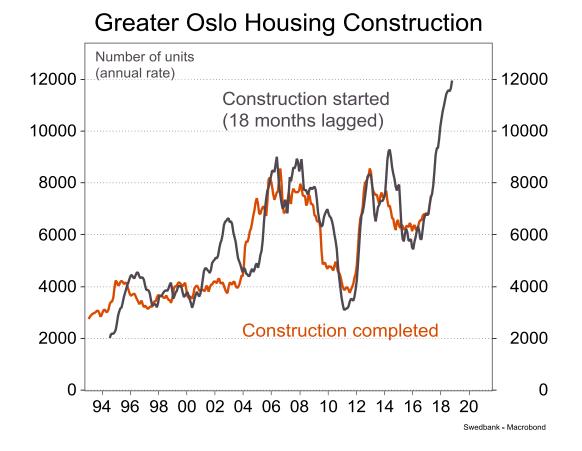


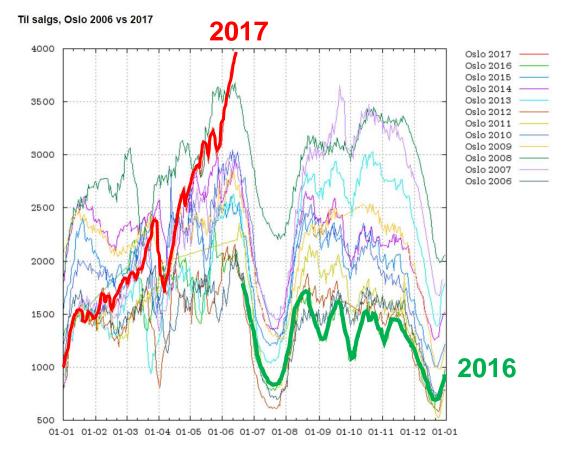
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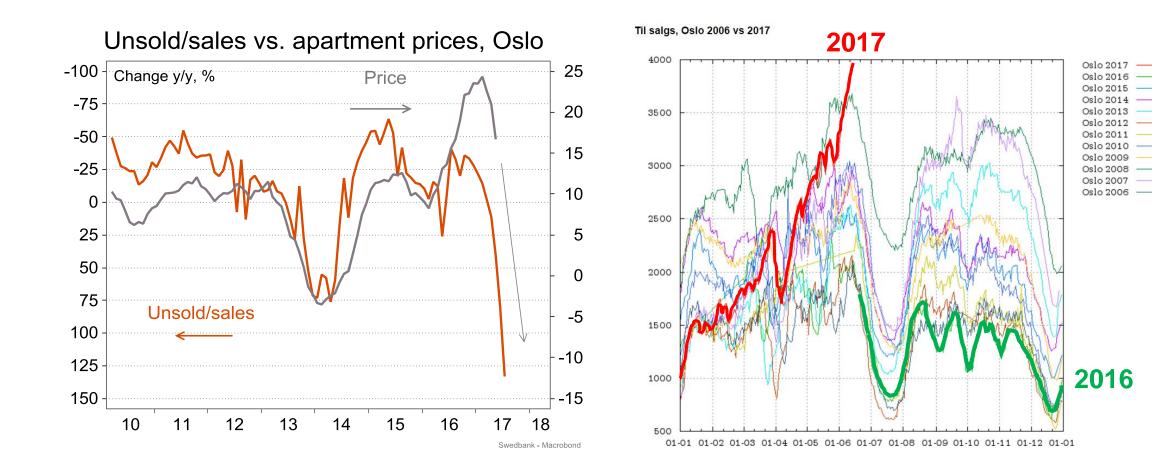
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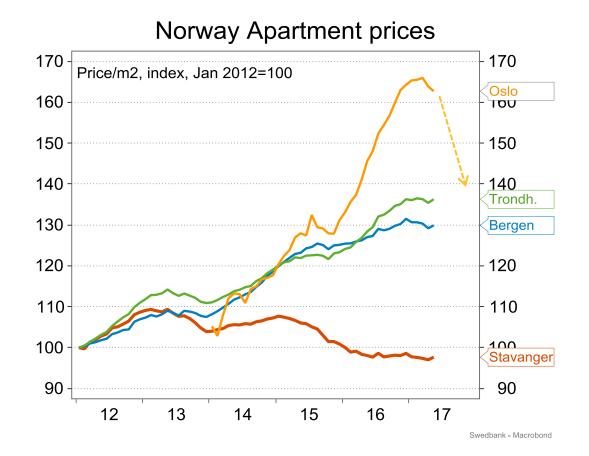




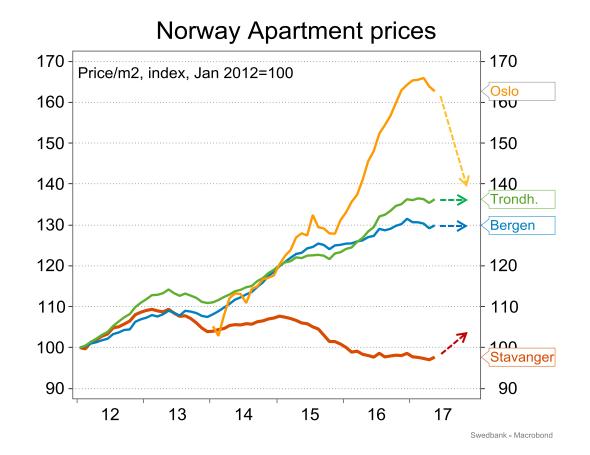
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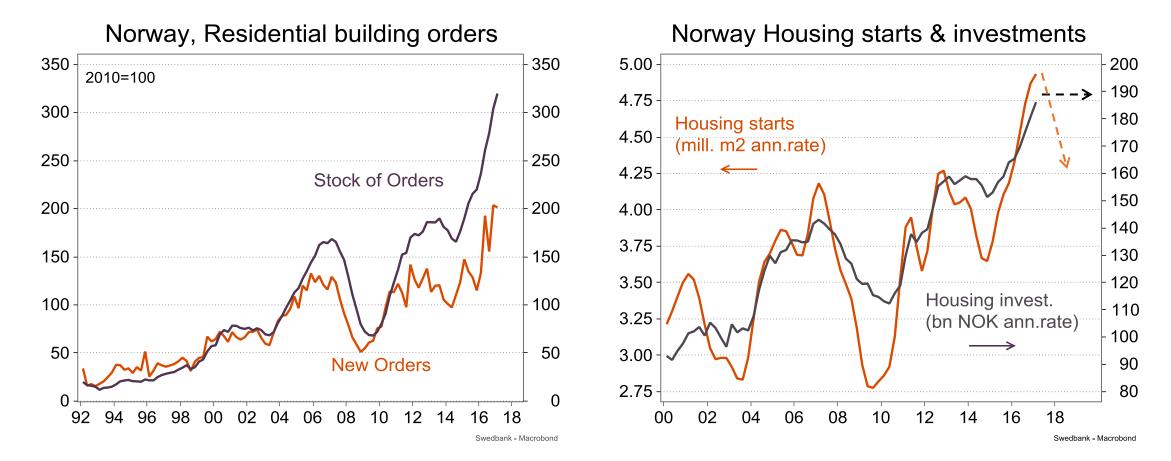
### House prices are set to fall



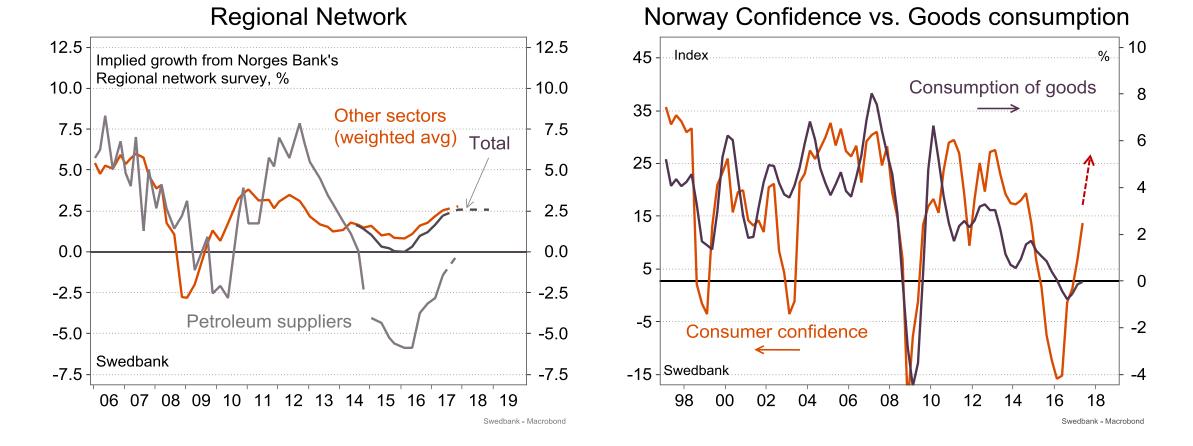
## House prices are set to fall ...but <u>perhaps</u> only in Oslo



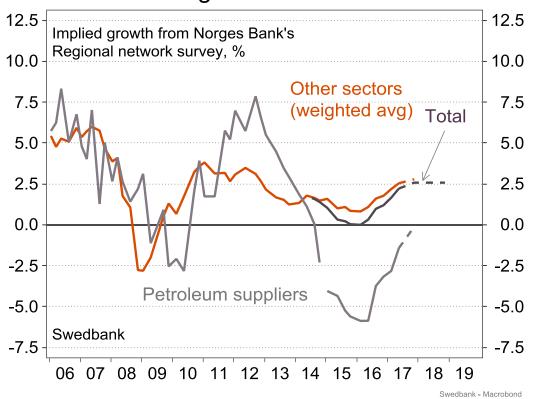
### Home builders have plenty to do ...this time looks like a <u>minor</u> downturn



## Will people lose their heads now? The starting point is quite good



## Norwegian economy: We expect a correction in Oslo house prices but no crisis



#### Regional Network

- Credit contraction and construction will bring a correction to Oslo house prices
- But this looks like a "minor" downturn
  - Builders have large reserves, are committed to deliveries through 2018
  - Decline may be limited to greater Oslo area
  - Growth picks up elsewhere, confidence rising
- Growth may not pick up further, but that is not required. Unemployment will fall
- The Norwegian economy is robust against downturns



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