



# CANADIAN INVESTORS' COURSE

Session 16: Measurements



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## Observing two sets of Measurements:

- 1. Market/Sentiment Measurements
- 2. Economic Measurements

This lesson will introduce and define a number of measurements that portfolio managers follow.





## The US Economy

We will refer to US data in this lesson. As a Canadian, our market reacts to US data and US markets. We must accept this.





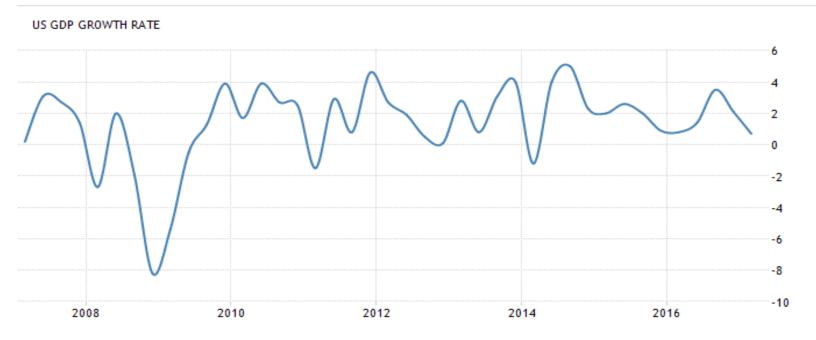
#### **Gross Domestic Product**

GDP is a broad measurement of a nation's overall economic activity.

Gross domestic product can be calculated using the following formula:

$$GDP = C + G + I + NX$$

C is equal to all private consumption, or consumer spending in a nation's economy, G is the sum of government spending, I is the sum of all the country's investment, including businesses capital expenditures, and NX is the nation's total net exports, calculated as total exports minus total imports (NX = Exports - Imports).

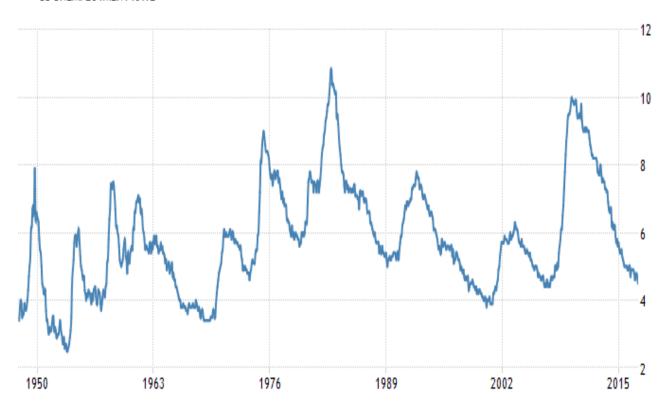






#### **US Unemployment Rate**

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#### **USA Real Retail Sales Growth**

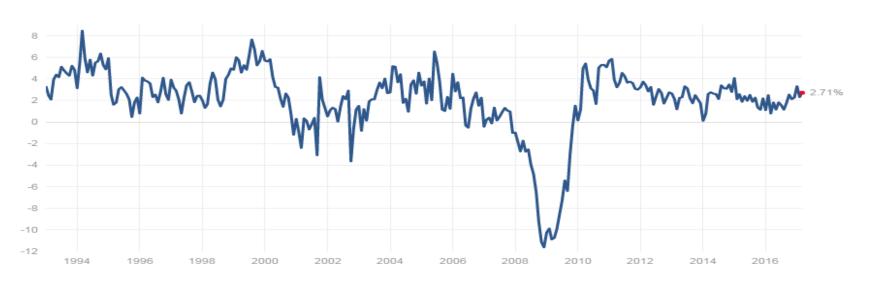


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#### Current US Real Retail Sales Growth: 2.71%

US Real Retail Sales Growth for Mar 2017 — reported Apr 14, 2017

Mean: 2.03% Median: 2.40%

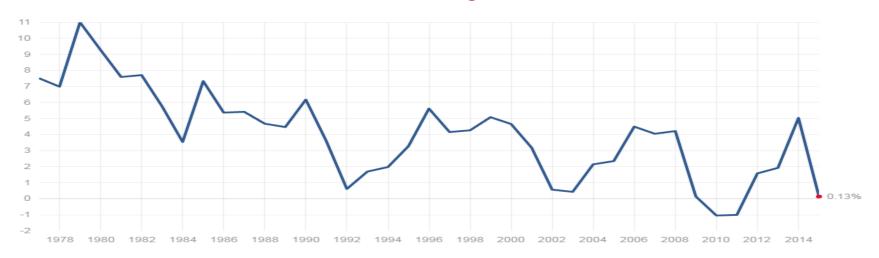
Min: -11.61% (Dec 2008)
Max: 8.46% (Mar 1994)

US Real Retail Sales Growth Rate Per Year. Annual percentage change in Real US Retail Sales, Seasonally Adjusted, 2017 constant dollars (inflation-adjusted).





#### **USA Median Income growth Rate**



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#### Current US Median Income Growth Rate: 0.13%

US Median Income Growth Rate for Dec 2014

Mean: 4.00% Median: 4.22%

Min: -1.05% (Dec 2009)
Max: 10.99% (Dec 1978)

US Median Income Growth Rate Per Year. Annual percentage change in US Median Income, current dollars (not inflation-adjusted).

For an inflation-adjusted comparision with the past, see US Median Real Income Growth.





#### Case Shiller Home Price Index



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Current Index: 186.24

Index for Jan 2017

**Mean:** 145.10 **Median:** 136.33

Min: 72.11 (Dec 1919)
Max: 223.12 (Dec 2005)

US national index levels, not seasonally adjusted. Historic prices are inflation adjusted March 2017 dollars.





#### Market/Sentiment Measurements

Some of the measurements described in the coming slides may be new to you. The investment industry tend to have a positive bias and build a case to be invested at all times.

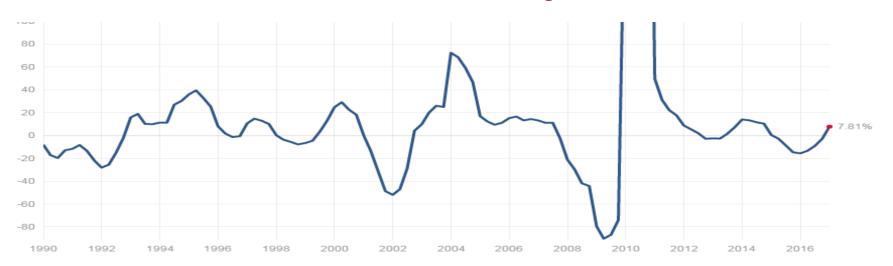
Learn the long-term measurements presented.

There are many important Measurements.





#### S&P 500 Real Earnings Growth



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#### Current S&P 500 Real Earnings Growth: 7.81%

S&P 500 Real Earnings Growth for Dec 2016

Mean: 24.54% Median: 7.81%

Min: -90.27% (Mar 2009) Max: 905.56% (Mar 2010)

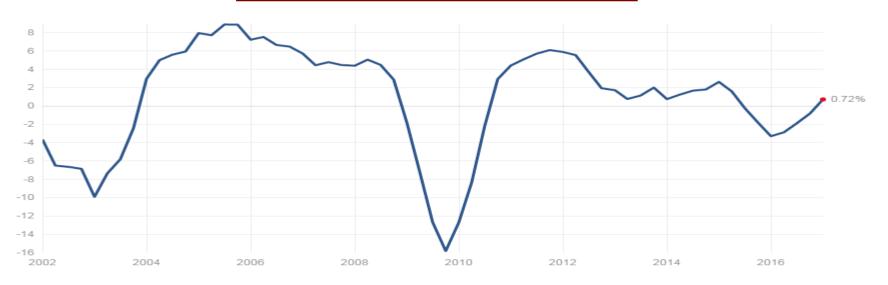
S&P 500 real earnings growth rate per year. Annual percentage change in 12 month S&P 500 Real Earnings Per Share (inflation adjusted).

Source: Standard & Poor's





#### S&P 500 Real Sales Growth



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#### Current S&P 500 Real Sales Growth: 0.72%

S&P 500 Real Sales Growth for Dec 2016

Mean: 0.88% Median: 1.93%

Min: -15.81% (Sep 2009)
Max: 8.89% (Jun 2005)

S&P 500 real sales growth rate per year. Annual percentage change in 12 month S&P 500 Real Sales (inflation adjusted).

Source: Standard & Poor's





#### S&P 500 Real PE Ratio

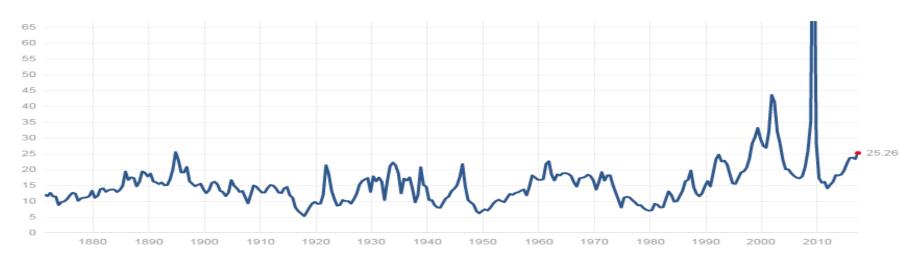


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Current S&P 500 PE Ratio: 25.26 -0.00 (-0.01%)

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**Mean:** 15.65 **Median:** 14.65

Min: 5.31 (Dec 1917)
Max: 123.73 (May 2009)

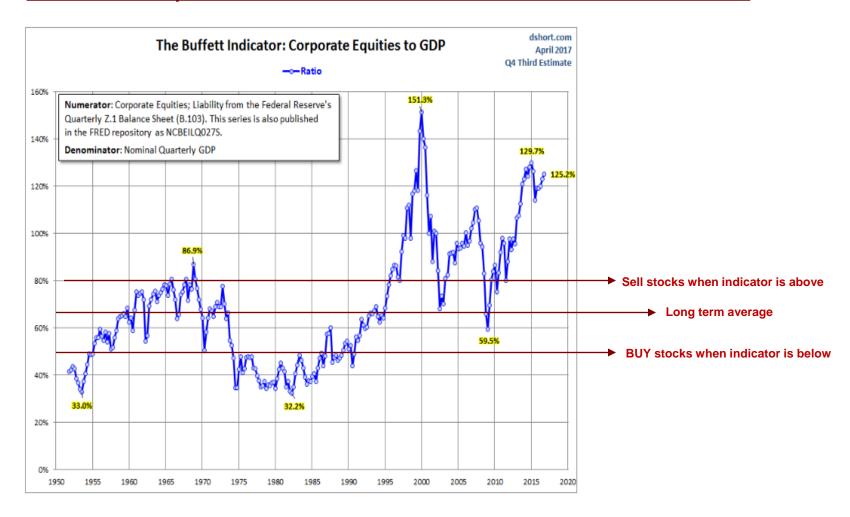
Price to earnings ratio, based on trailing twelve month "as reported" earnings.

Current PE is estimated from latest reported earnings and current market price.





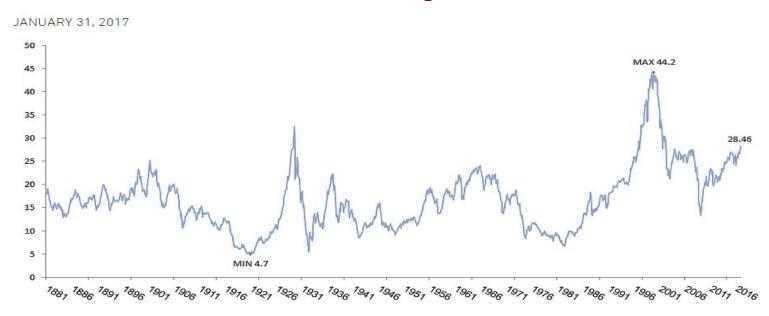
#### Market Cap to GDP: The Buffett Valuation Indicator







#### S&P 500 Shiller Price/Earnings Ratio



source: Robert Shiller online data

now: 28.5

average: 16.7

min: 4.7

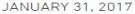
max: 44.2

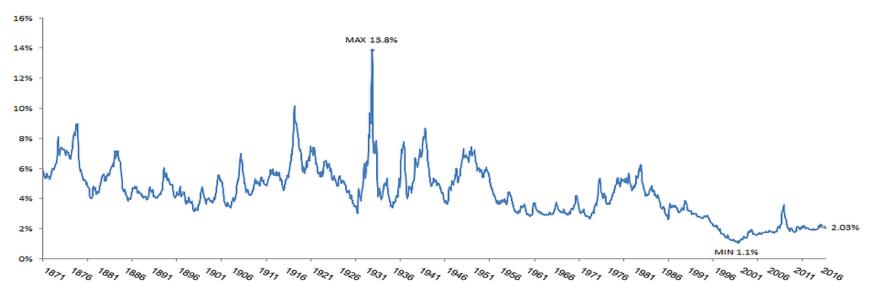
U.S stock market is overvalued. Current valuations are 70.6% higher than average valuations.





#### S&P 500 Dividend Yield





source: Robert Shiller online data

now: 2.03%

average: 4.4%

min:1.1%

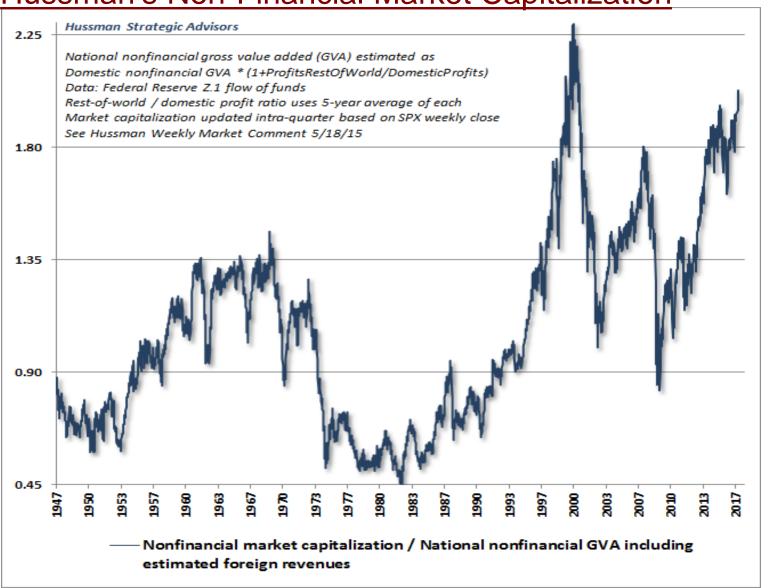
max: 13.8%

Dividend yield is the average annual dividend paid by the S&P 500 stocks dividend by the index price.





Hussman's Non-Financial Market Capitalization







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