

# **Future of Recruitment**

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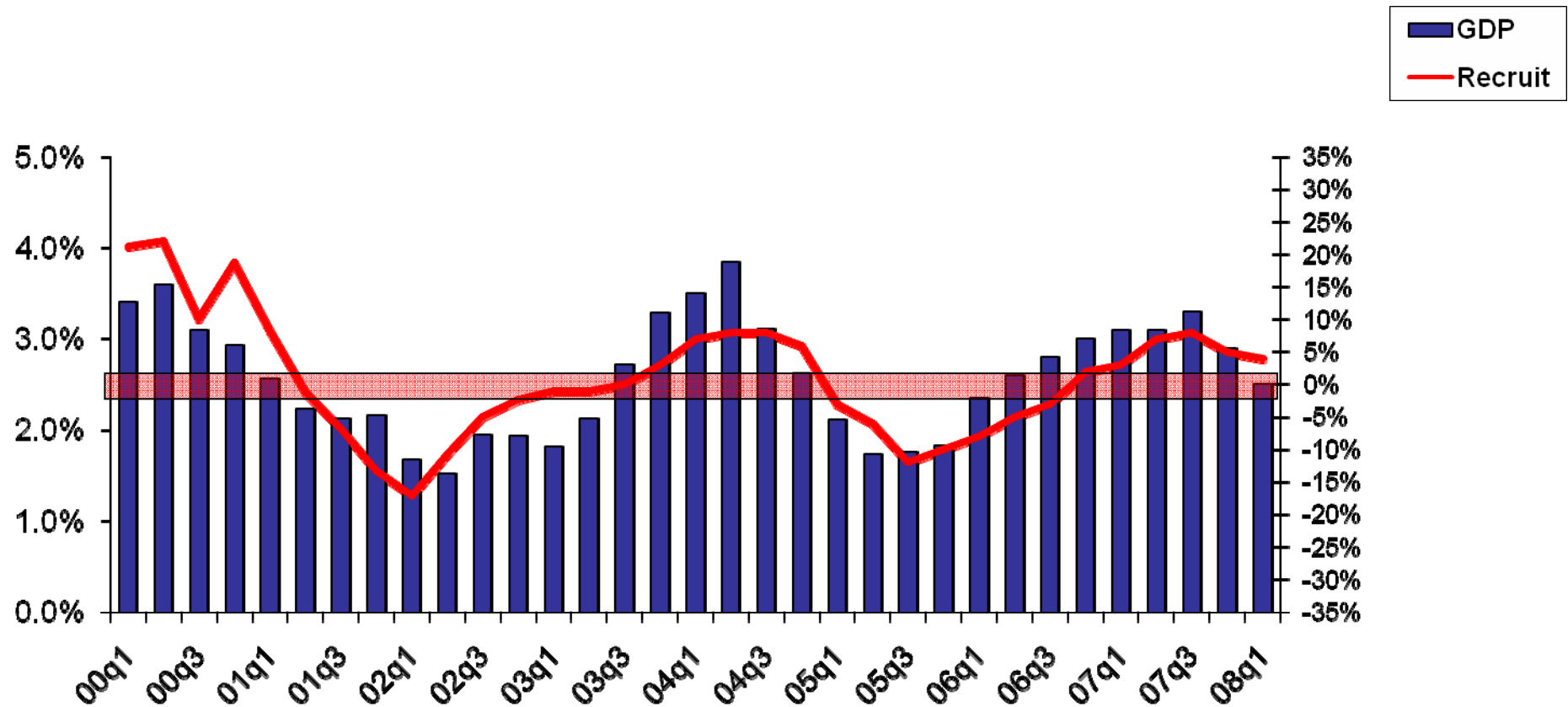
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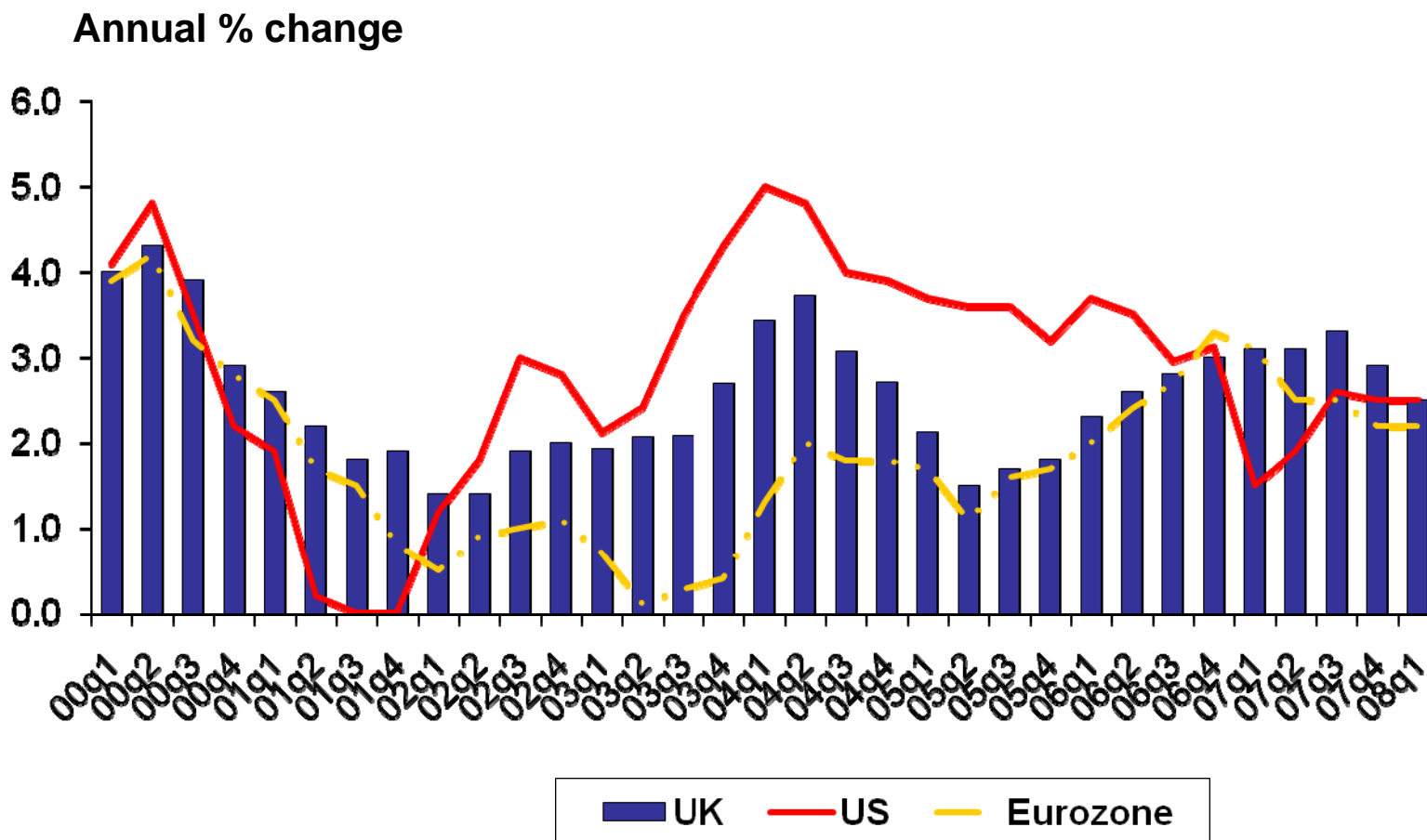
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# UK Economy: Recruitment advertising & the economy

Annual % change

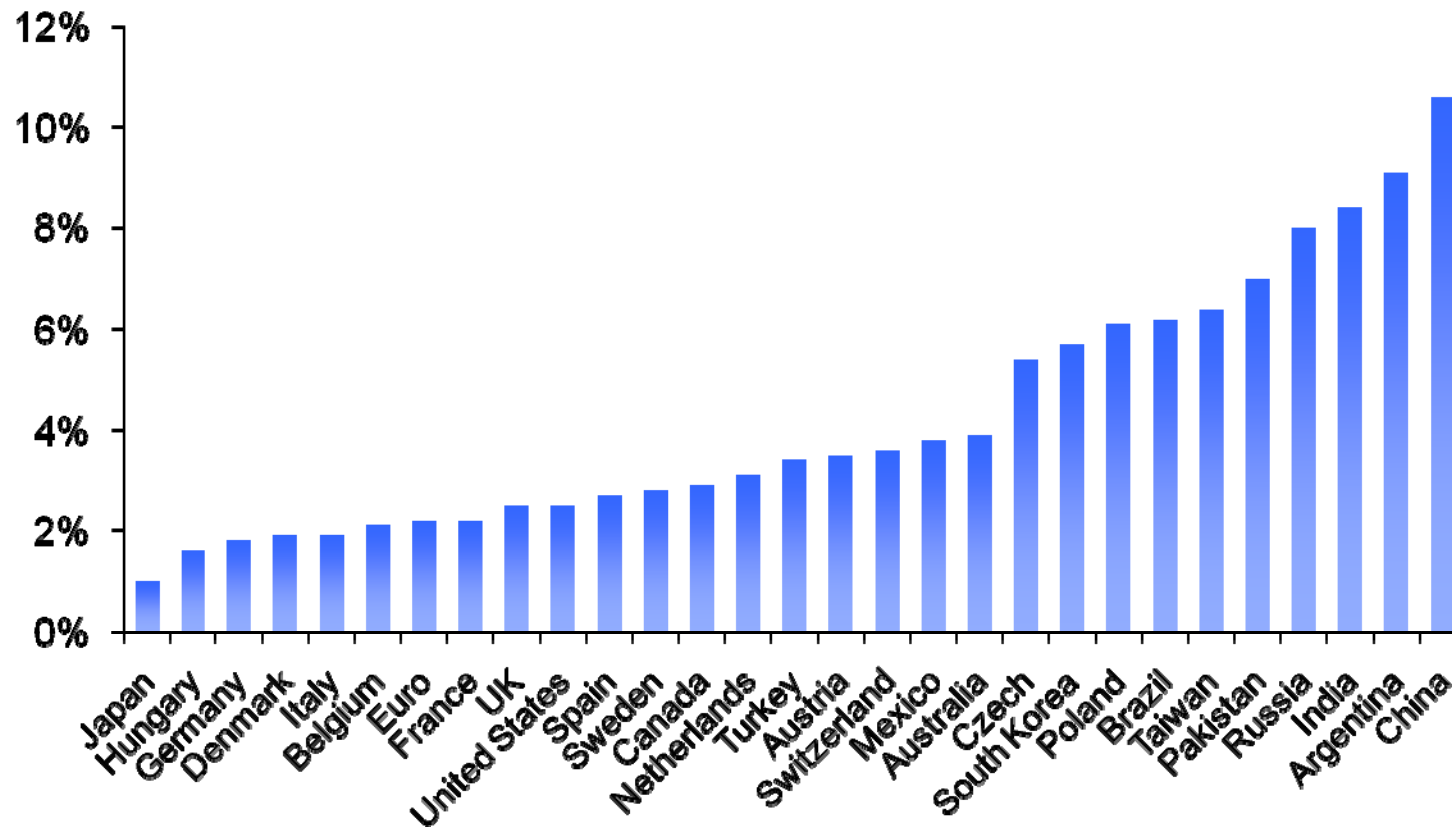


# World Economy: Major economies

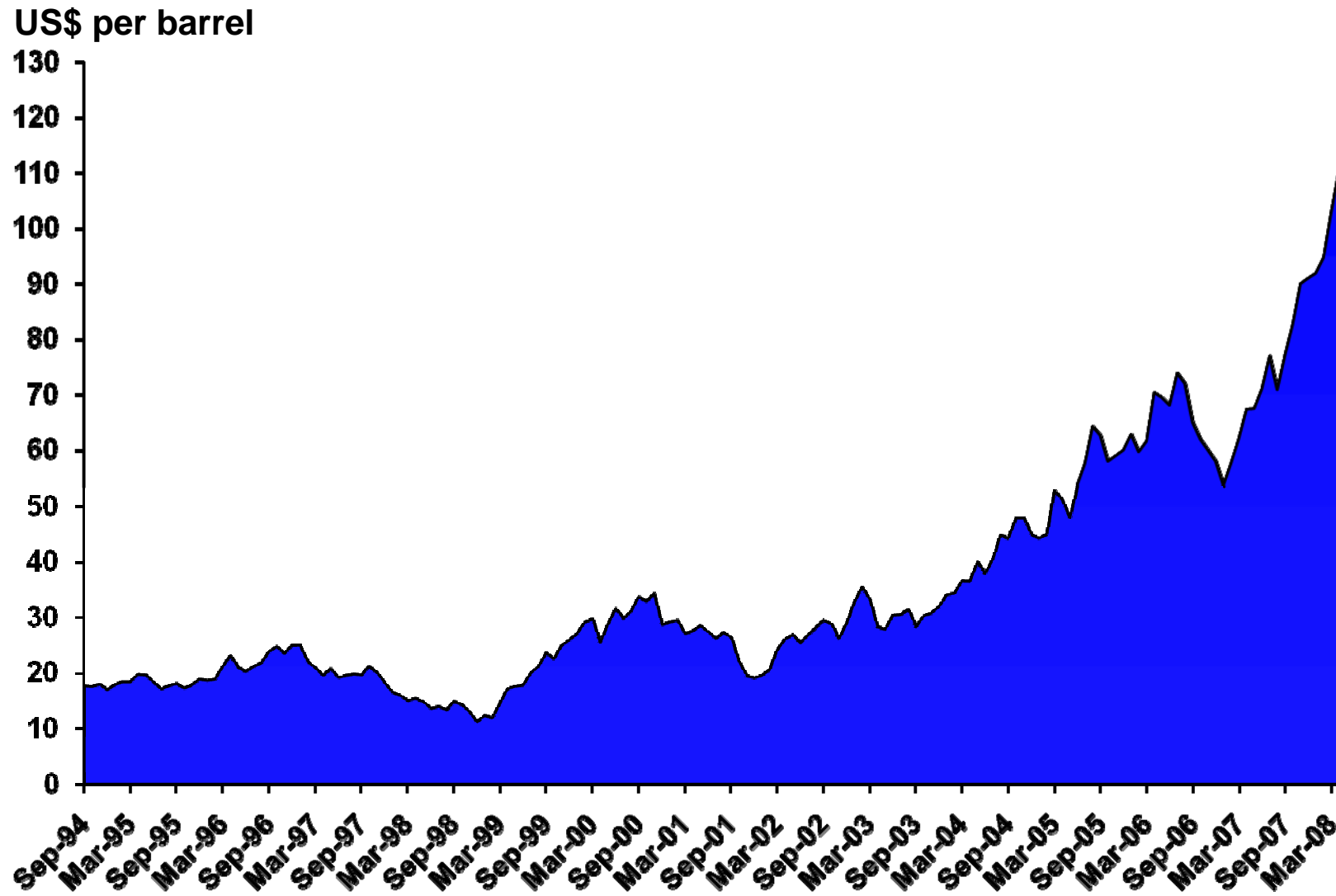


# World Economy: Current world GDP growth rates

Annual % change

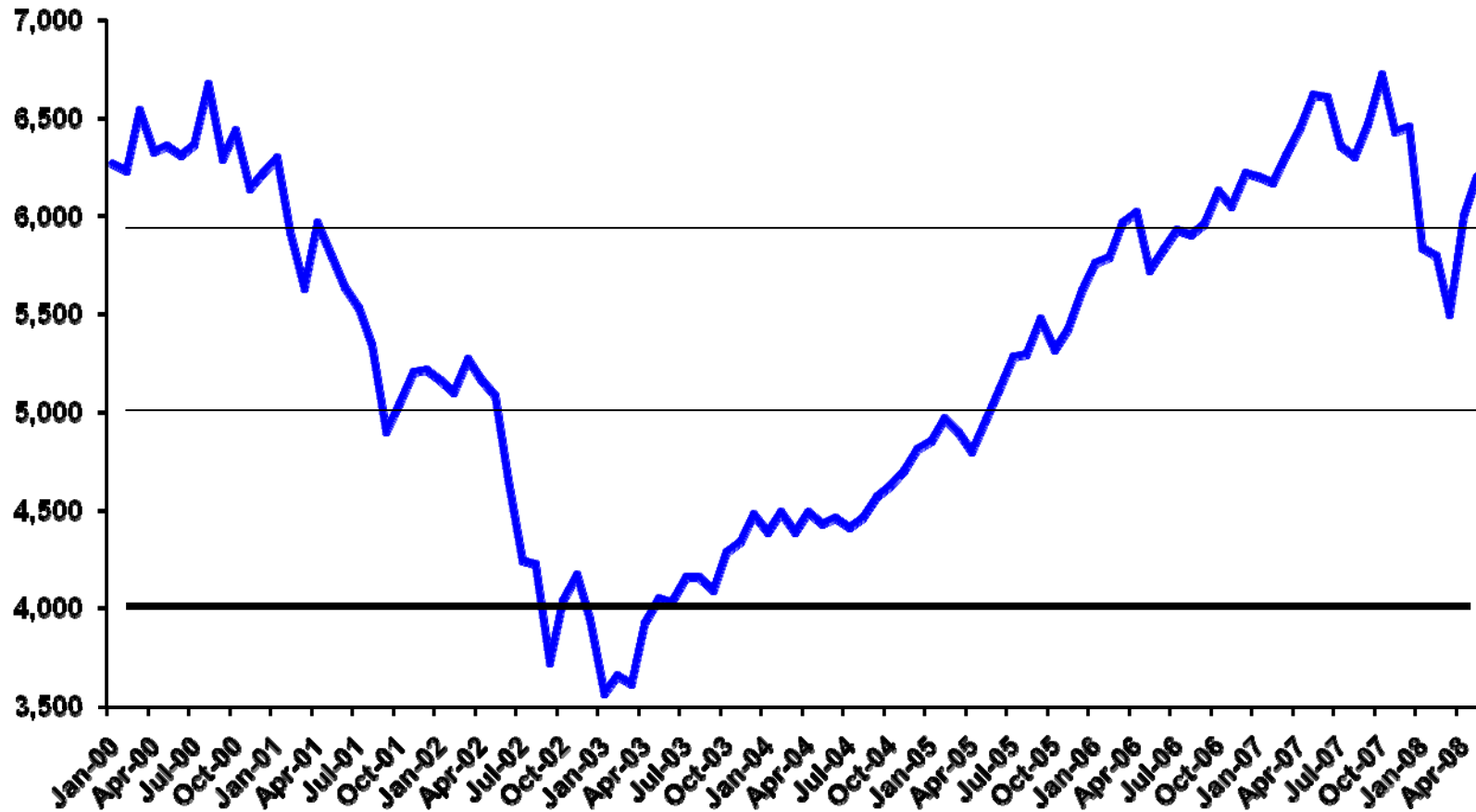


# World Economy: Oil Prices

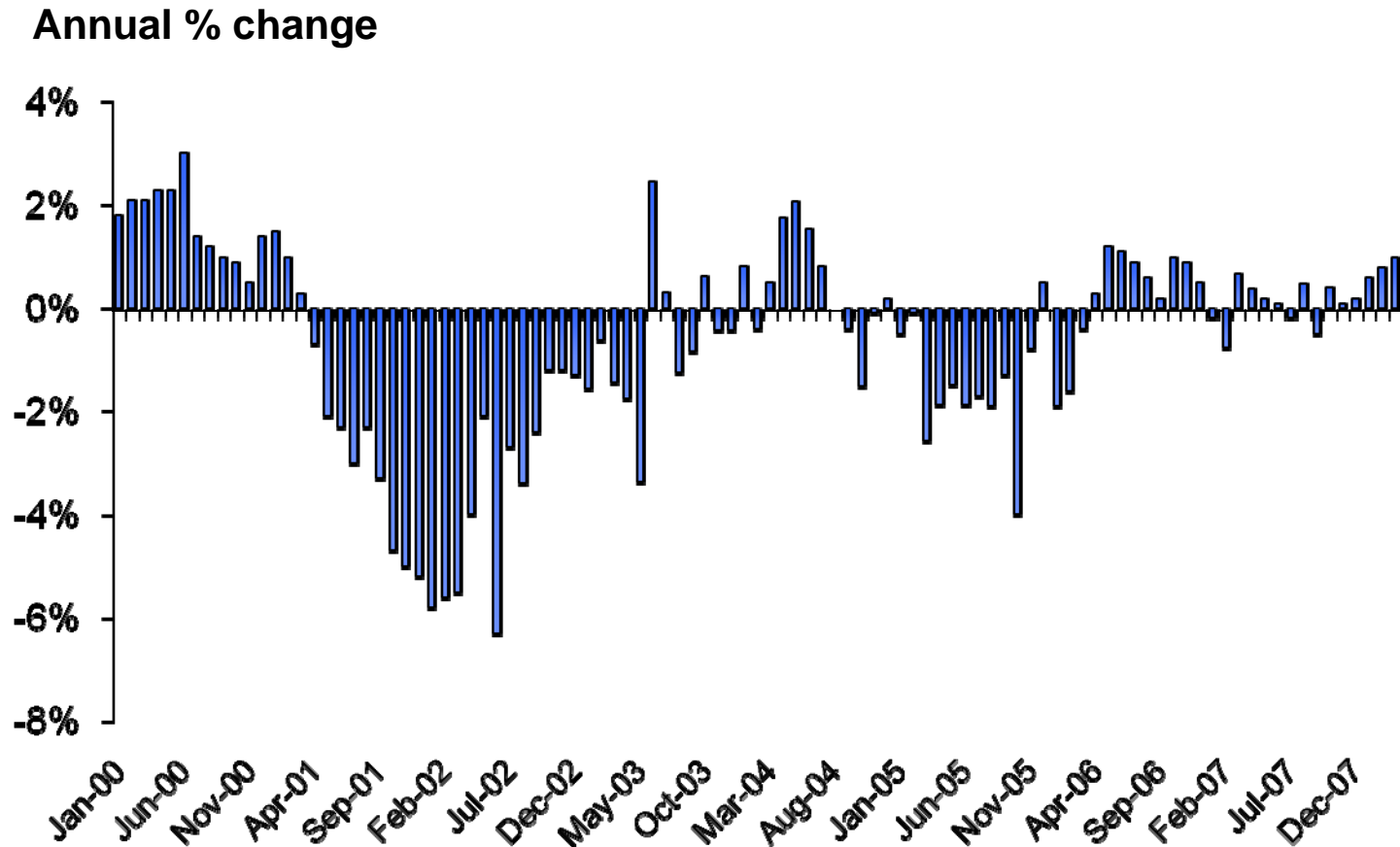


# UK Economy: Share prices

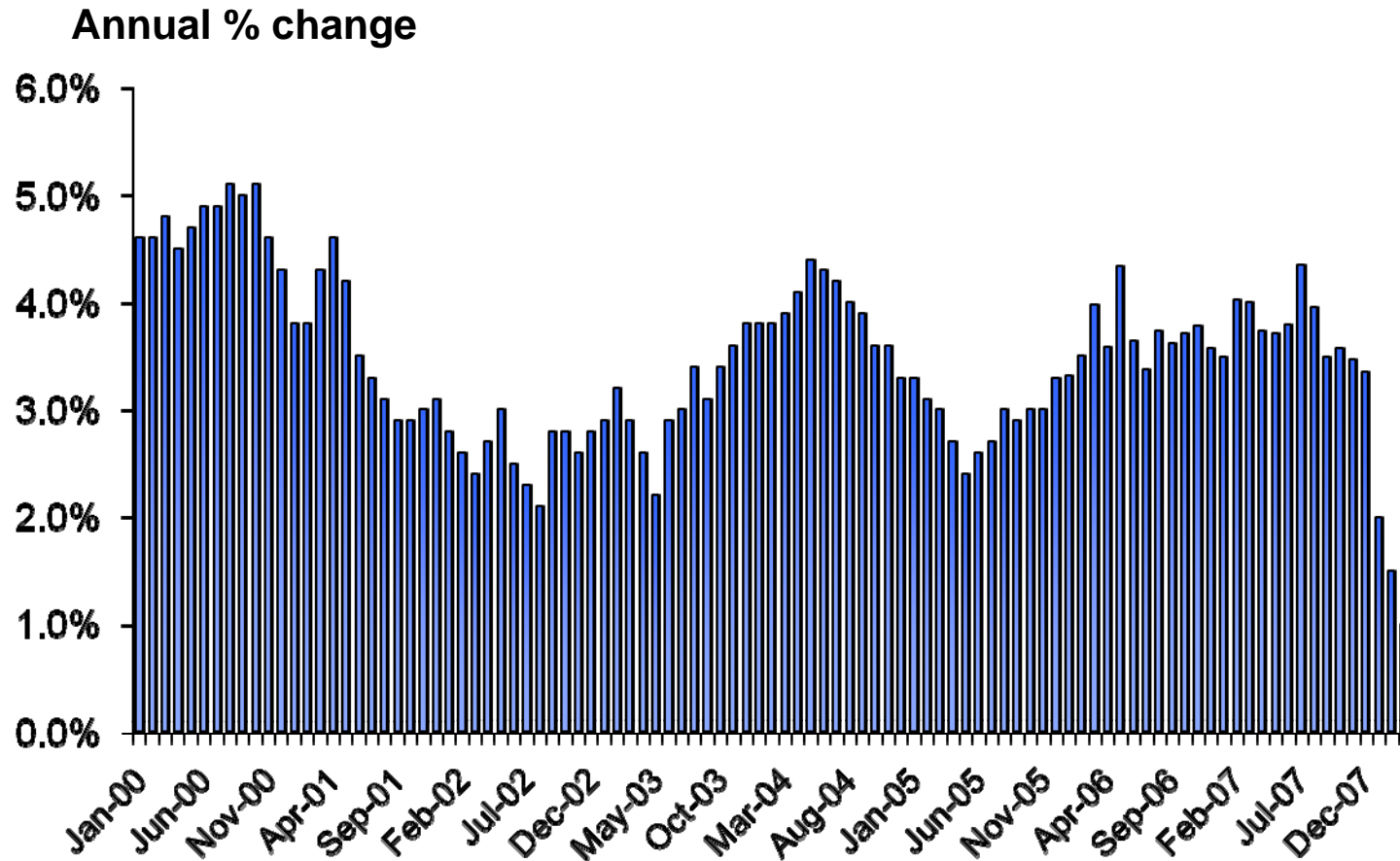
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# UK Economy: Manufacturing

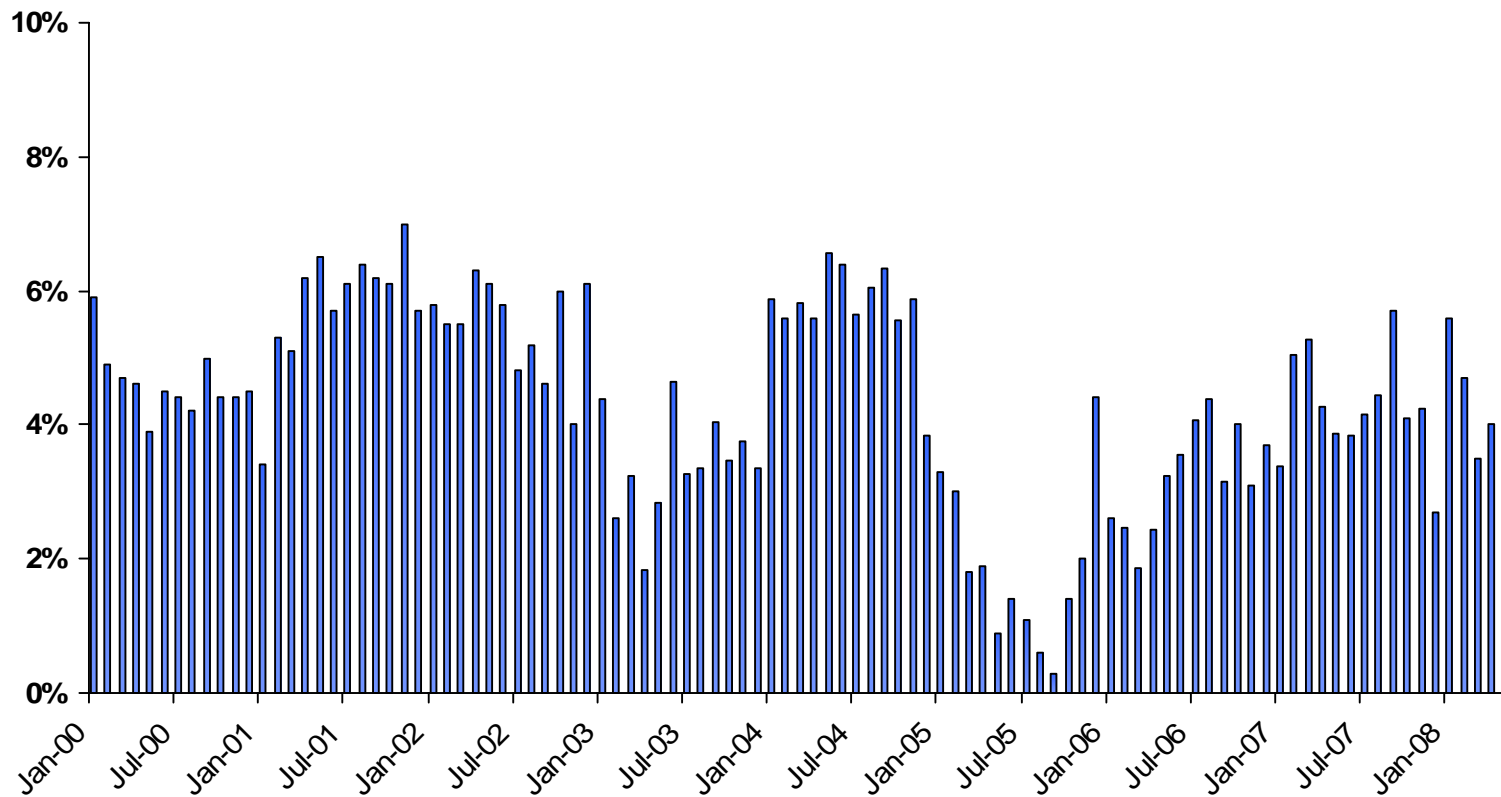


# UK Economy: Service sector output

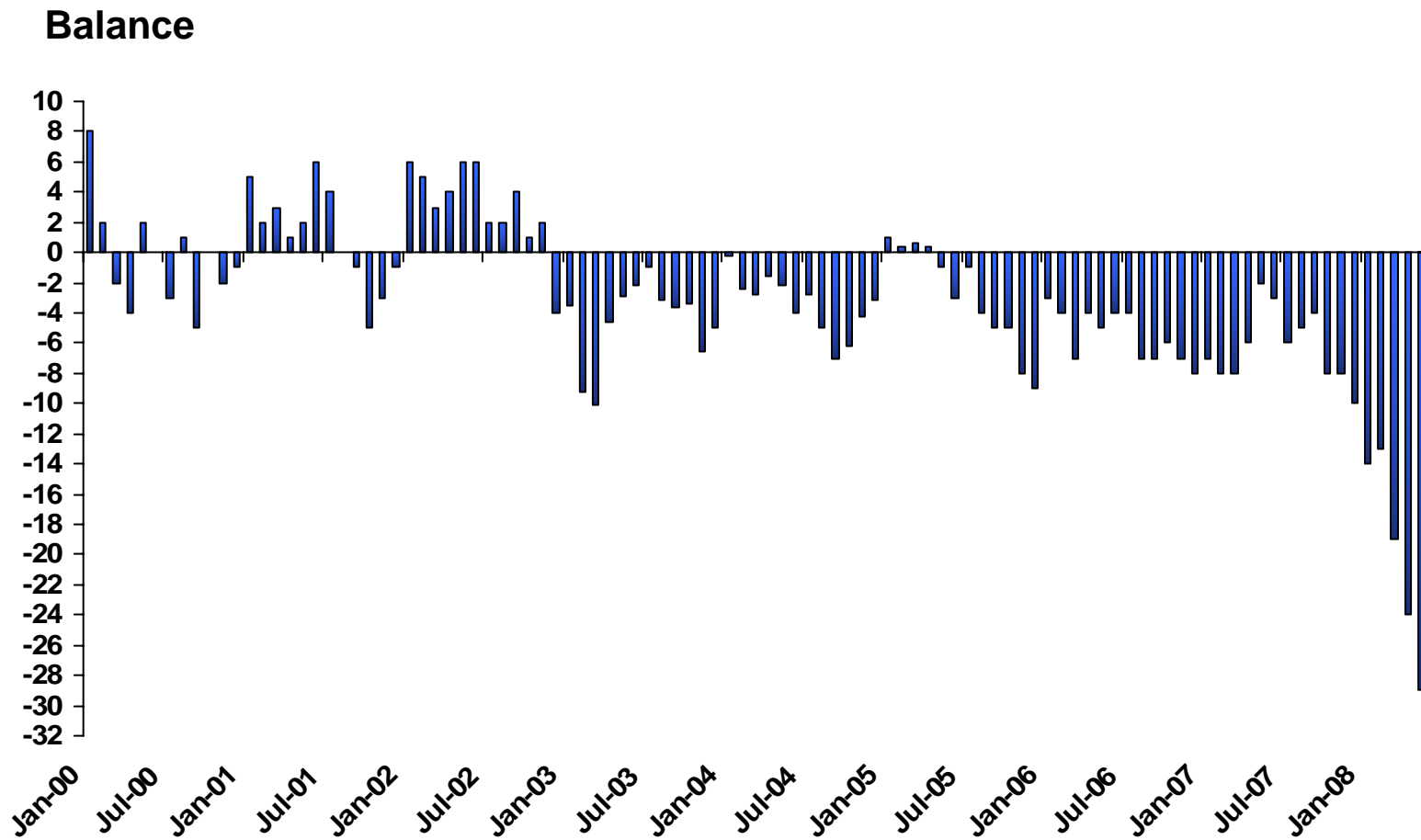


# UK Economy: Retail sales

## Annual % change

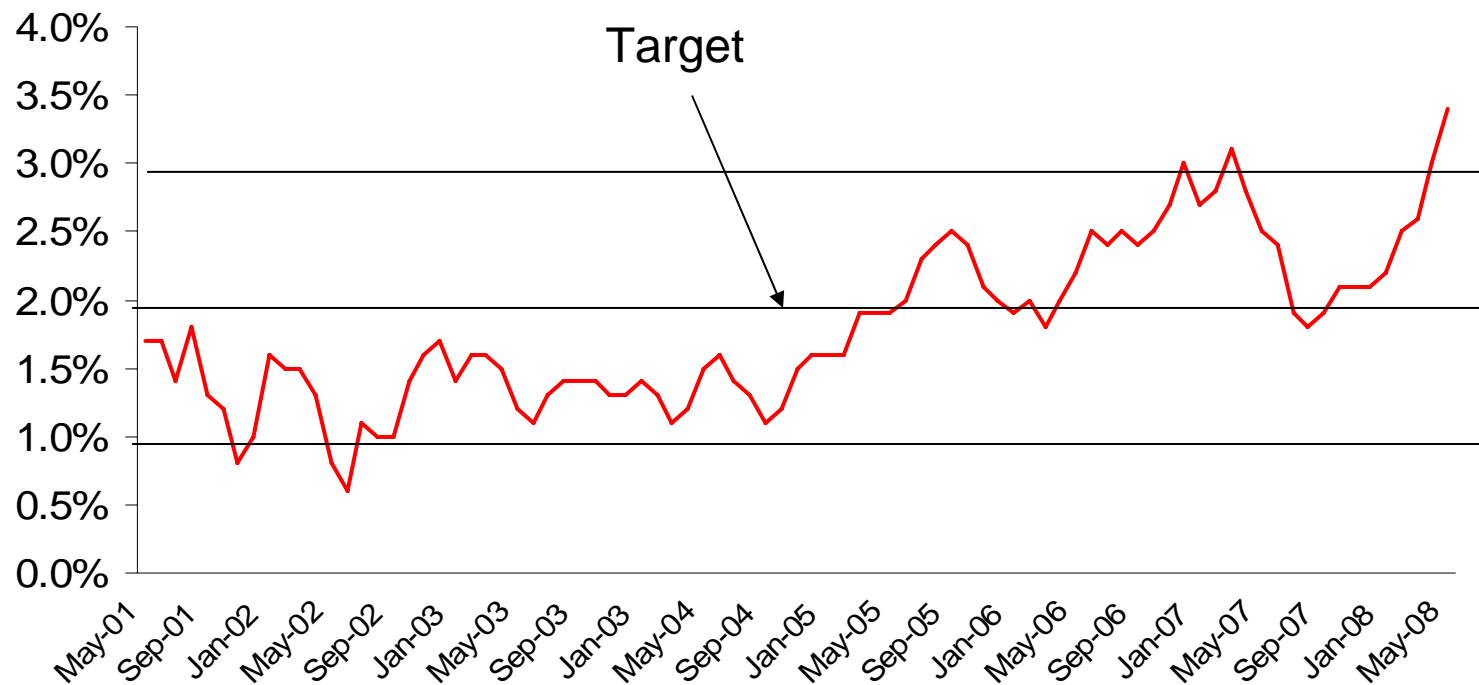


# UK Economy: Consumer confidence

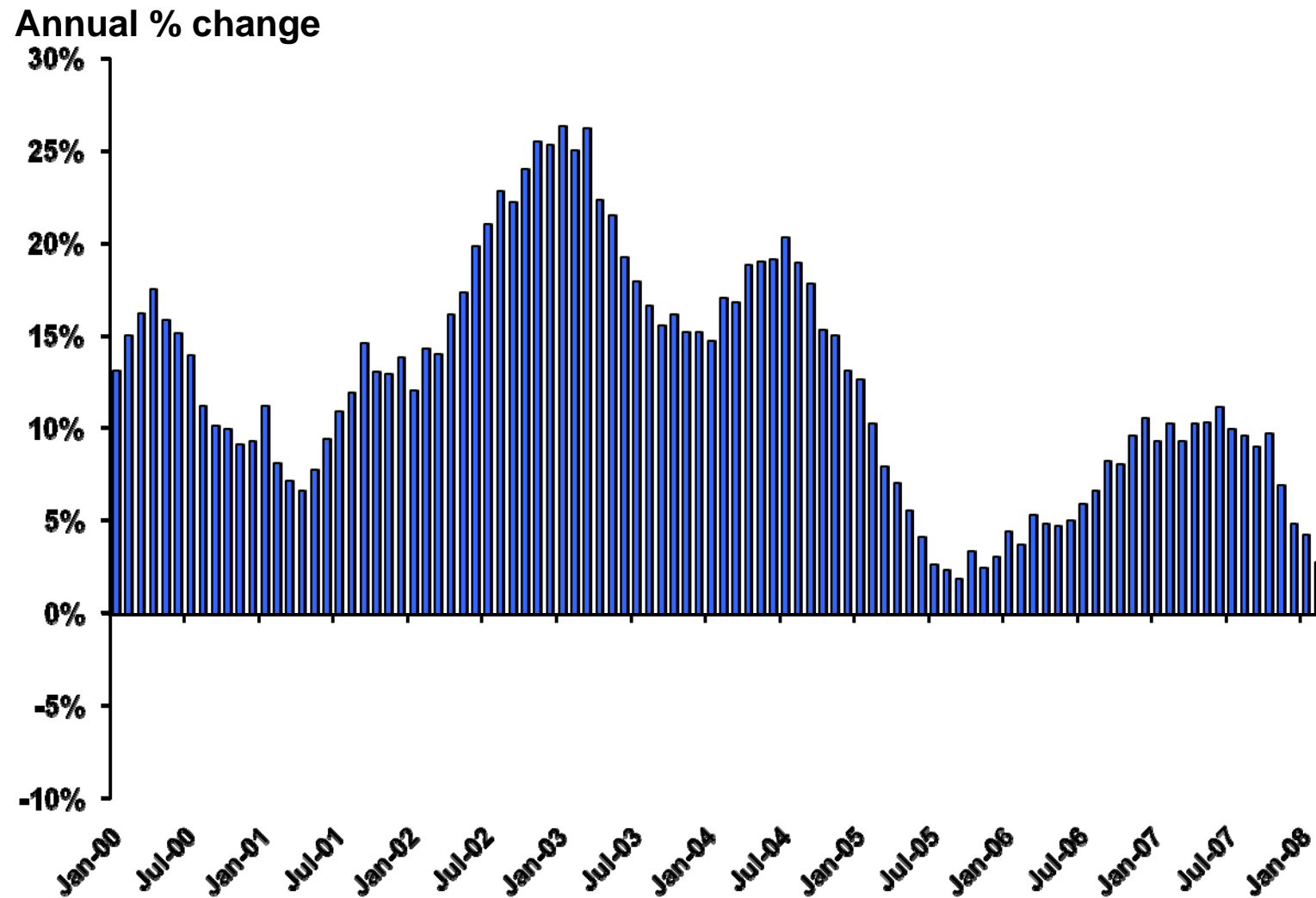


# UK Economy: Consumer Prices

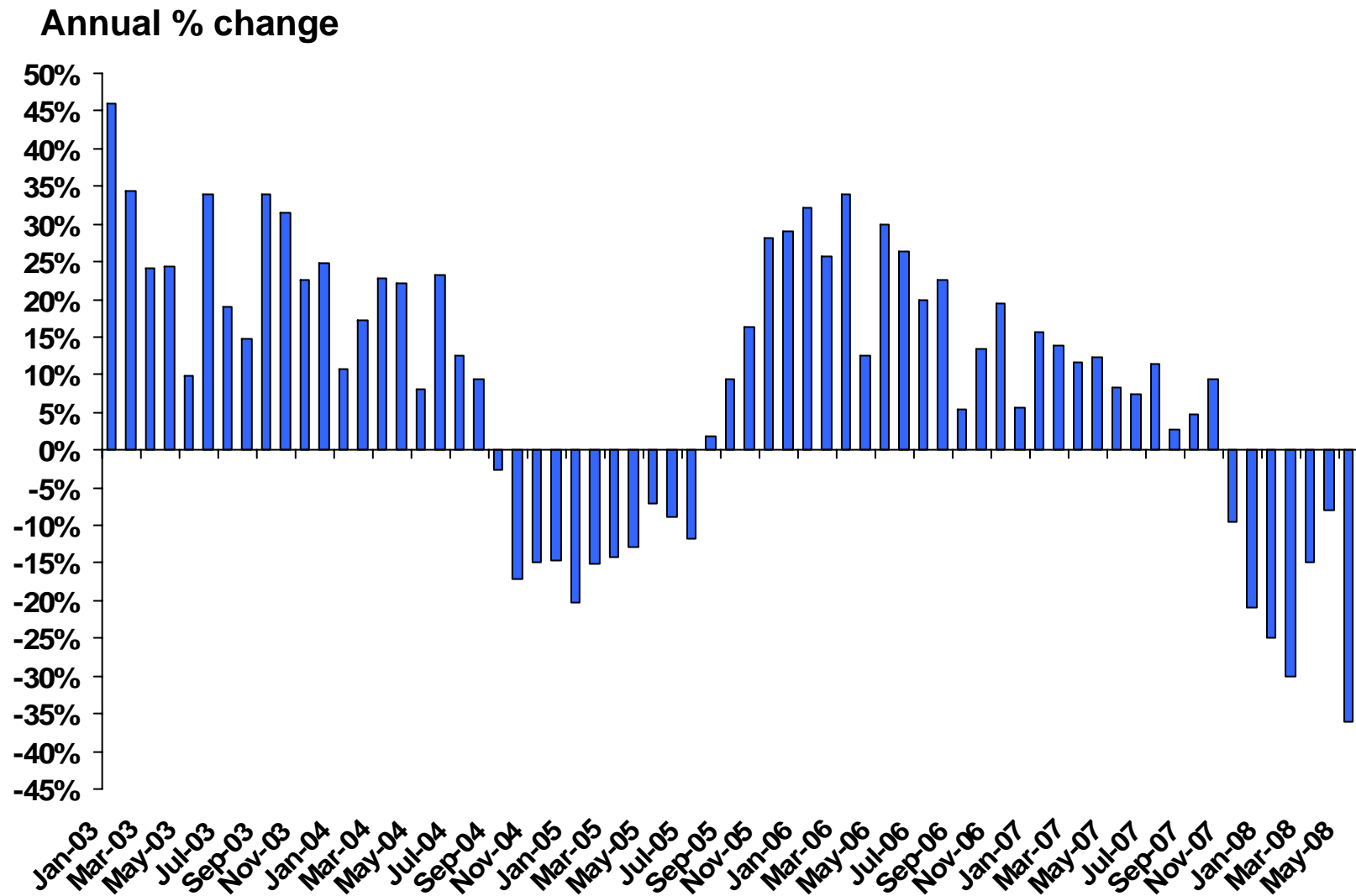
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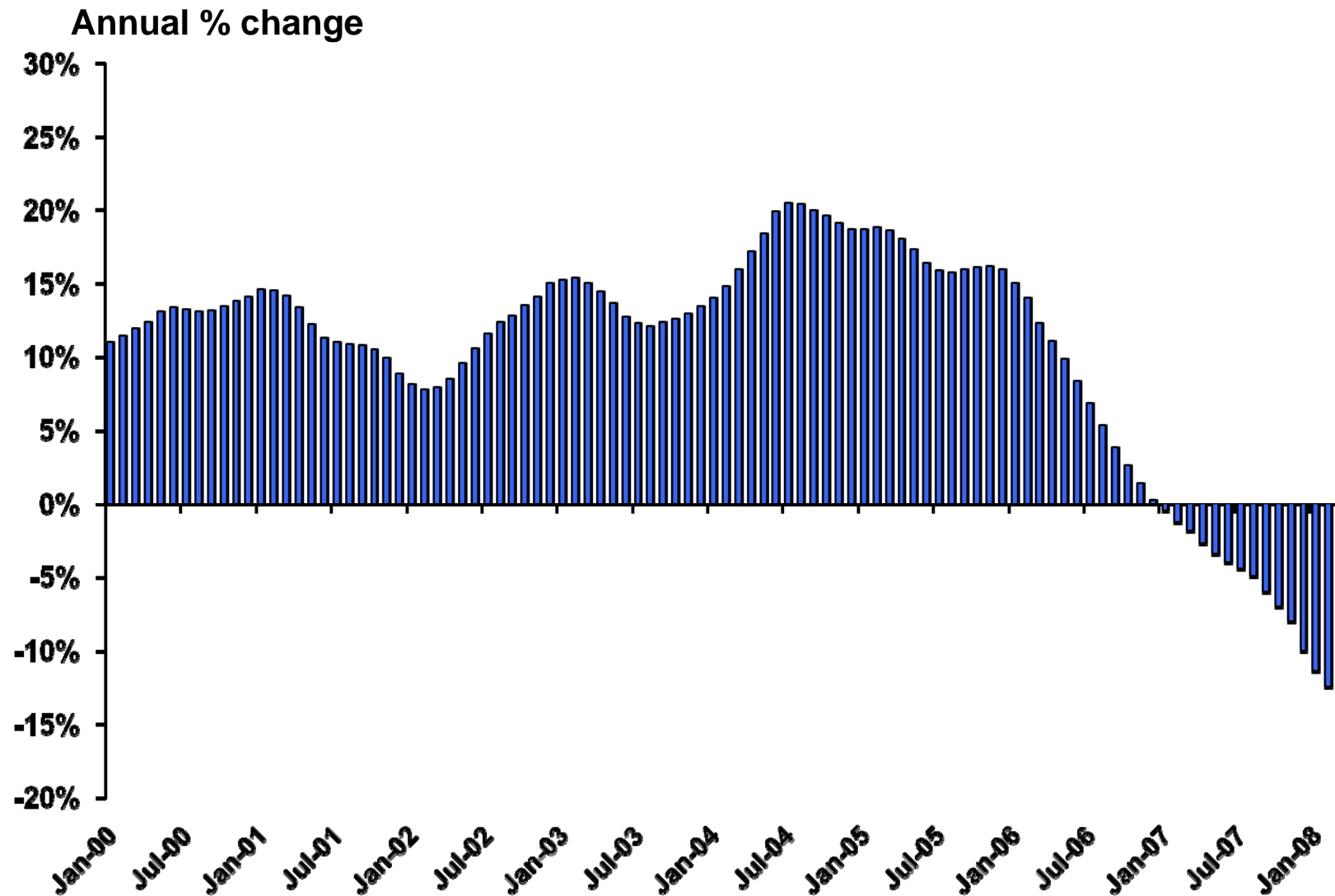
# UK Economy: House prices



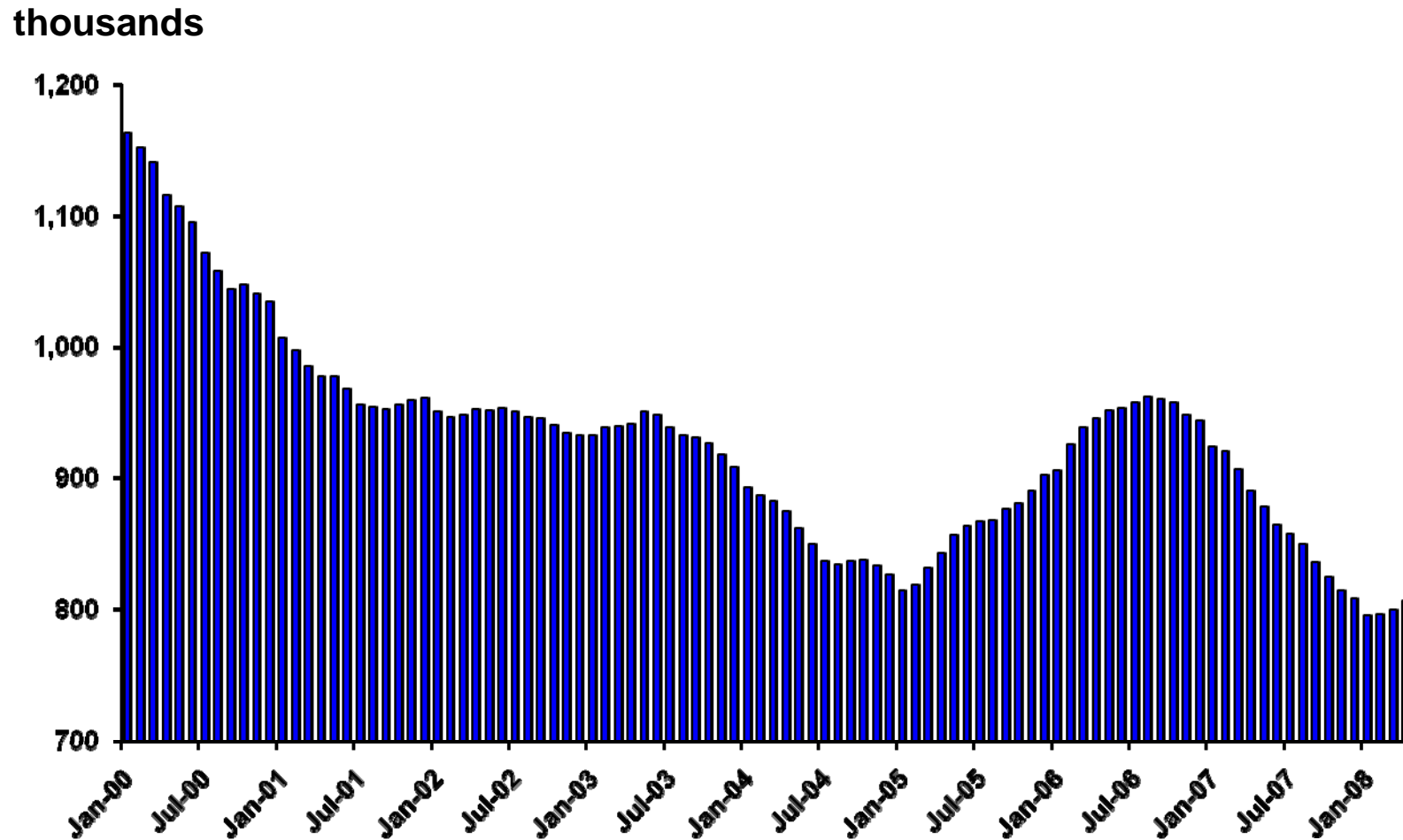
# UK Economy: Value of Mortgage lending



# US Economy: House prices



# Employment Trends : Unemployment



# Sector focus: Retail & distribution

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<b>Wages</b>	<b>annual % chg</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>y-on-y increase</b>	<b>45,000</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Profits</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Risks</b>	<b>Debt &amp; housing</b>	
<b>Verdict</b>	<b>Slowdown underway</b>	

## Sector focus: Finance

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<b>Wages</b>	<b>annual % chg</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>y-on-y increase</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Profits</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Risks</b>	<b>Global trends</b>	
<b>Verdict</b>	<b>Cutbacks underway in selected areas</b>	

## Sector focus: Construction

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<b>Wages</b>	<b>annual % chg</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>y-on-y increase</b>	<b>-7,000</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Profits</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Risks</b>	<b>Housing and interest rates</b>	
<b>Verdict</b>	<b>Cutbacks across all sectors</b>	

# Sector focus: Manufacturing

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<b>Wages</b>	<b>annual % chg</b>	4.9%
<b>Employment</b>	<b>y-on-y increase</b>	<b>-51,000</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	3%
<b>Profits</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	6%
<b>Risks</b>	<b>Global competition and currency</b>	
<b>Verdict</b>	<b>Recovery stalls</b>	

# Sector focus: Healthcare & pharmaceuticals

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<b>Wages</b>	<b>annual % chg</b>	5.5%
<b>Employment</b>	<b>y-on-y increase</b>	2,600
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	4%
<b>Profits</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	10%
<b>Risks</b>	<b>Competition &amp; generic products</b>	
<b>Verdict</b>	<b>Mixed outlook</b>	

# Sector focus: Hospitality

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<b>Wages</b>	<b>annual % chg</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>y-on-y increase</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Profits</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Risks</b>	<b>Currencies and slowdown in US &amp; Europe</b>	
<b>Verdict</b>	<b>Mixed results with hotels up but restaurants and pubs suffering</b>	

## Sector focus: IT

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<b>Wages</b>	<b>annual % chg</b>	3.5%
<b>Employment</b>	<b>y-on-y increase</b>	3,000
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Growth in 2007</b>	4%
<b>Profits</b>	<b>Growth in 2007</b>	6%
<b>Risks</b>	<b>Global</b>	
<b>Verdict</b>	<b>Software prospering but hardware slump</b>	

# Sector focus: Communications

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<b>Wages</b>	<b>annual % chg</b>	1.5%
<b>Employment</b>	<b>y-on-y increase</b>	-3,000
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	6%
<b>Profits</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	8%
<b>Risks</b>	<b>Regulatory and competitive</b>	
<b>Verdict</b>	<b>Challenging environment</b>	

# Sector focus: Health & Social Services

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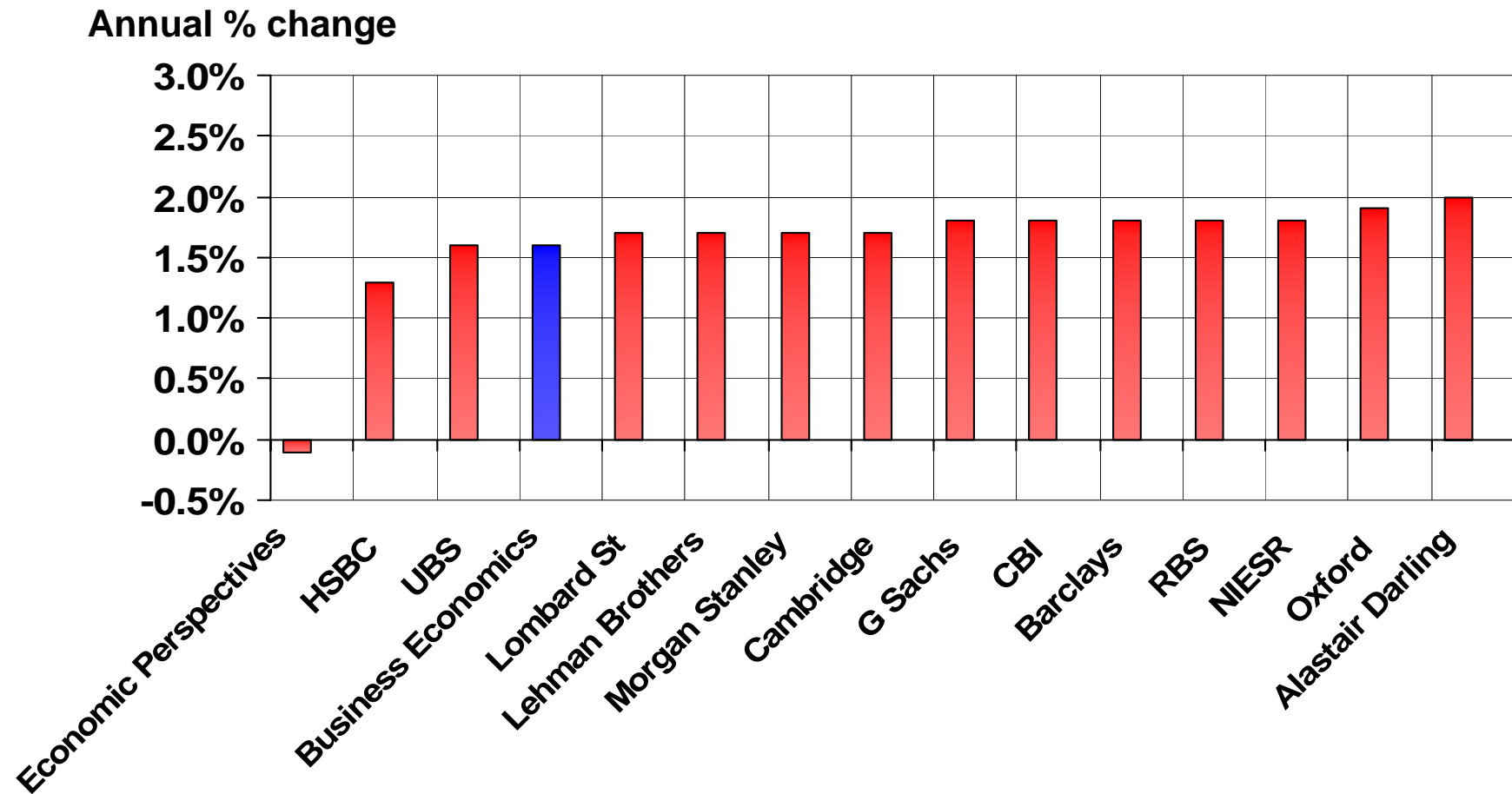
<b>Wages</b>	<b>annual % chg</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>y-on-y increase</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Profits</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Risks</b>	<b>Public Finances</b>	
<b>Verdict</b>	<b>Slowdown in growth</b>	

## Sector focus: Education

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<b>Wages</b>	<b>annual % chg</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>y-on-y increase</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Profits</b>	<b>Growth in 2008</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Risks</b>	<b>Public Finances</b>	
<b>Verdict</b>	<b>Steady growth</b>	

# Future Prospects: GDP Forecast for 2008



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Annual % change

