

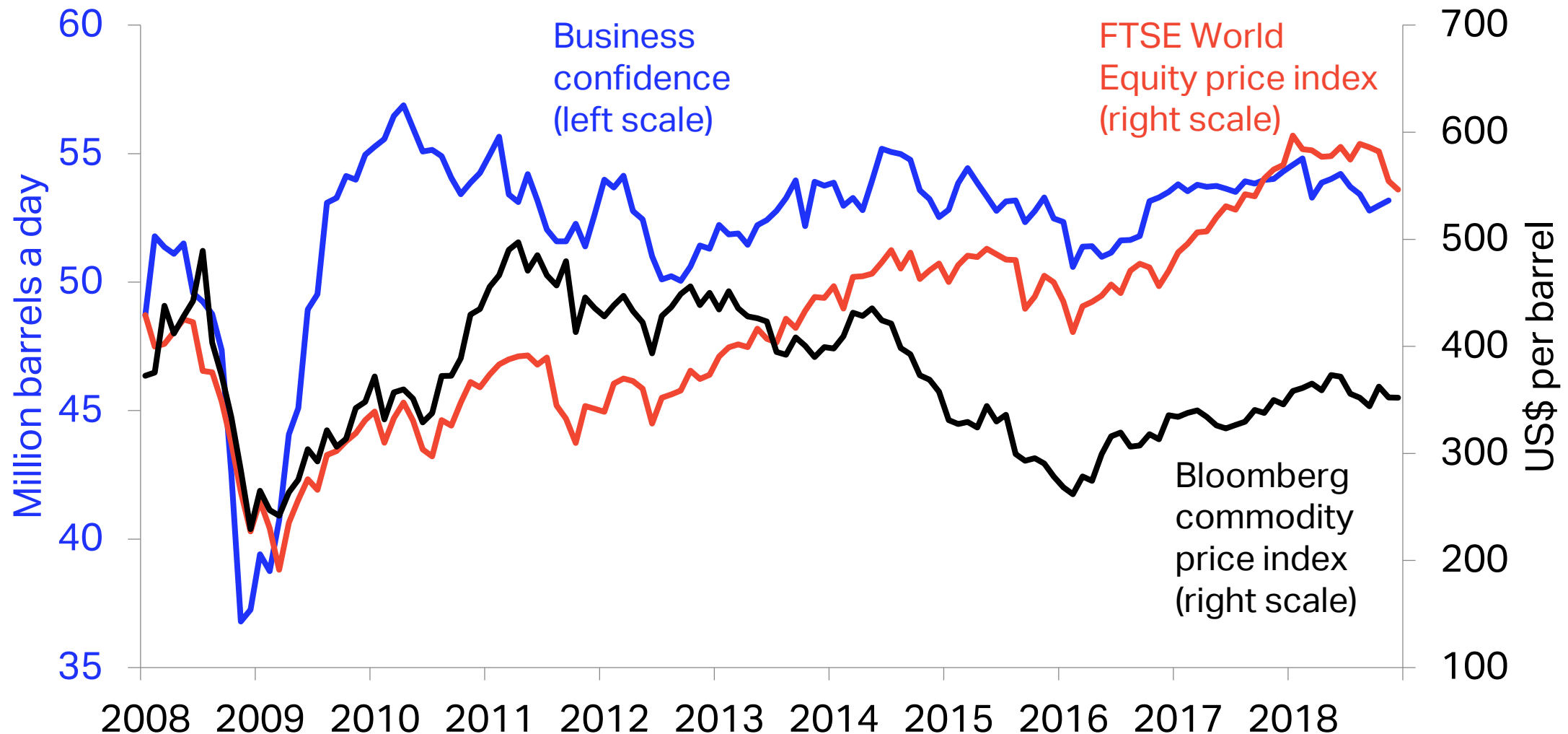
Airline industry outlook 2019

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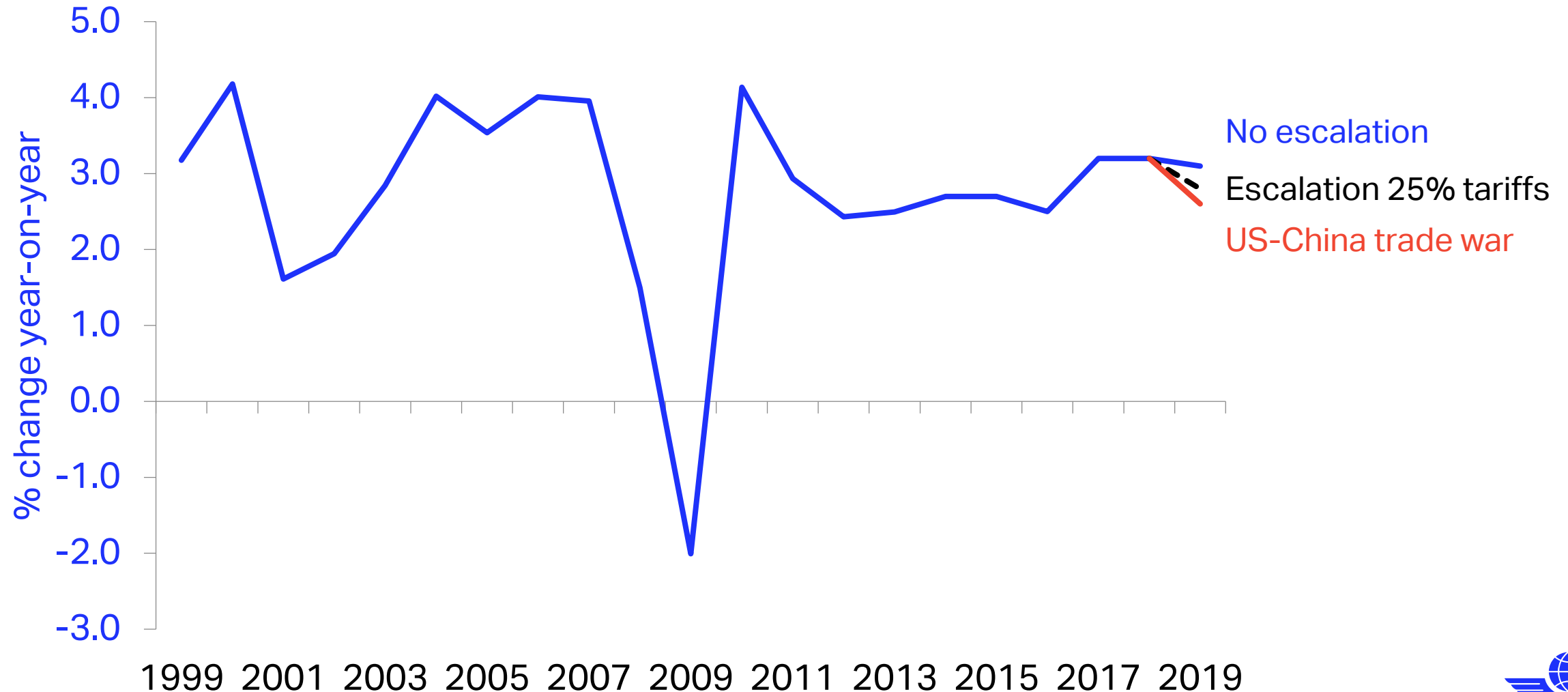


Are the markets signalling recession ahead?



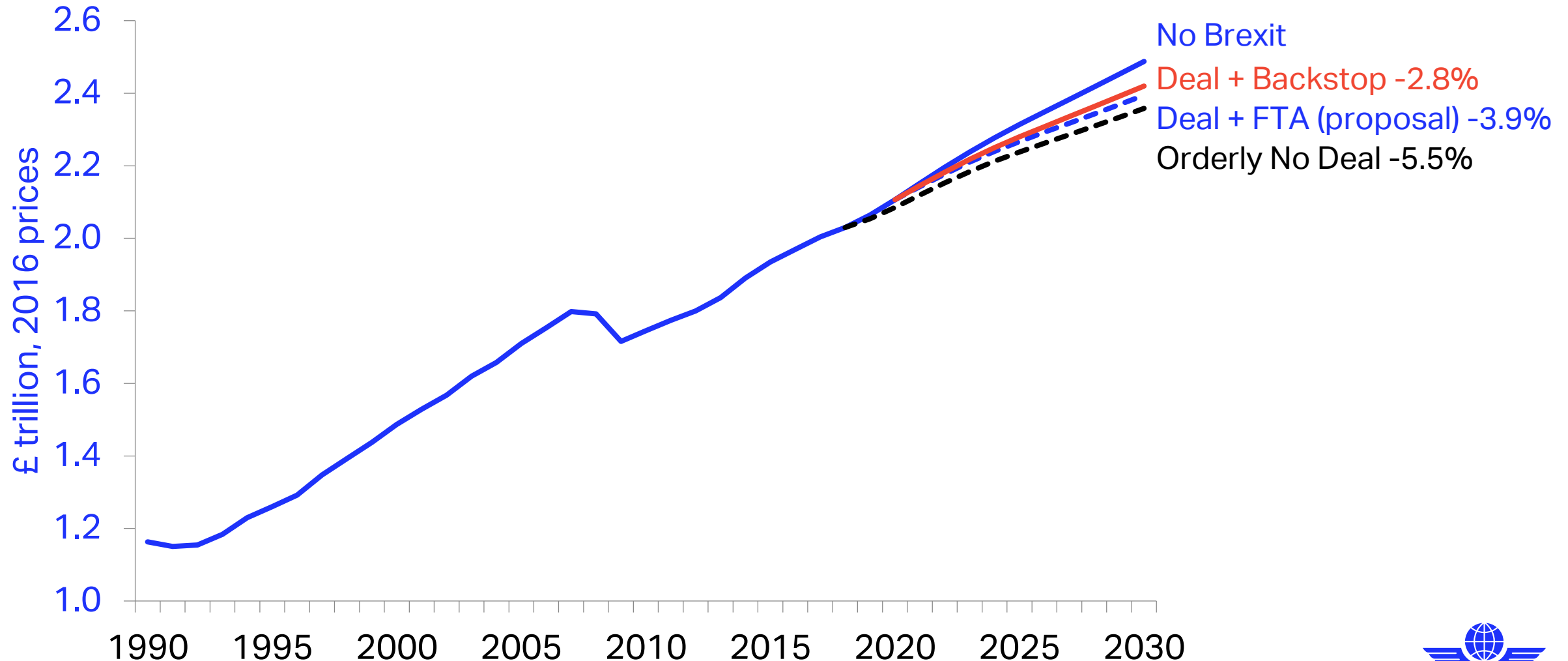
Source: Datastream, Markit

Trade wars damaging but not expansion stoppers



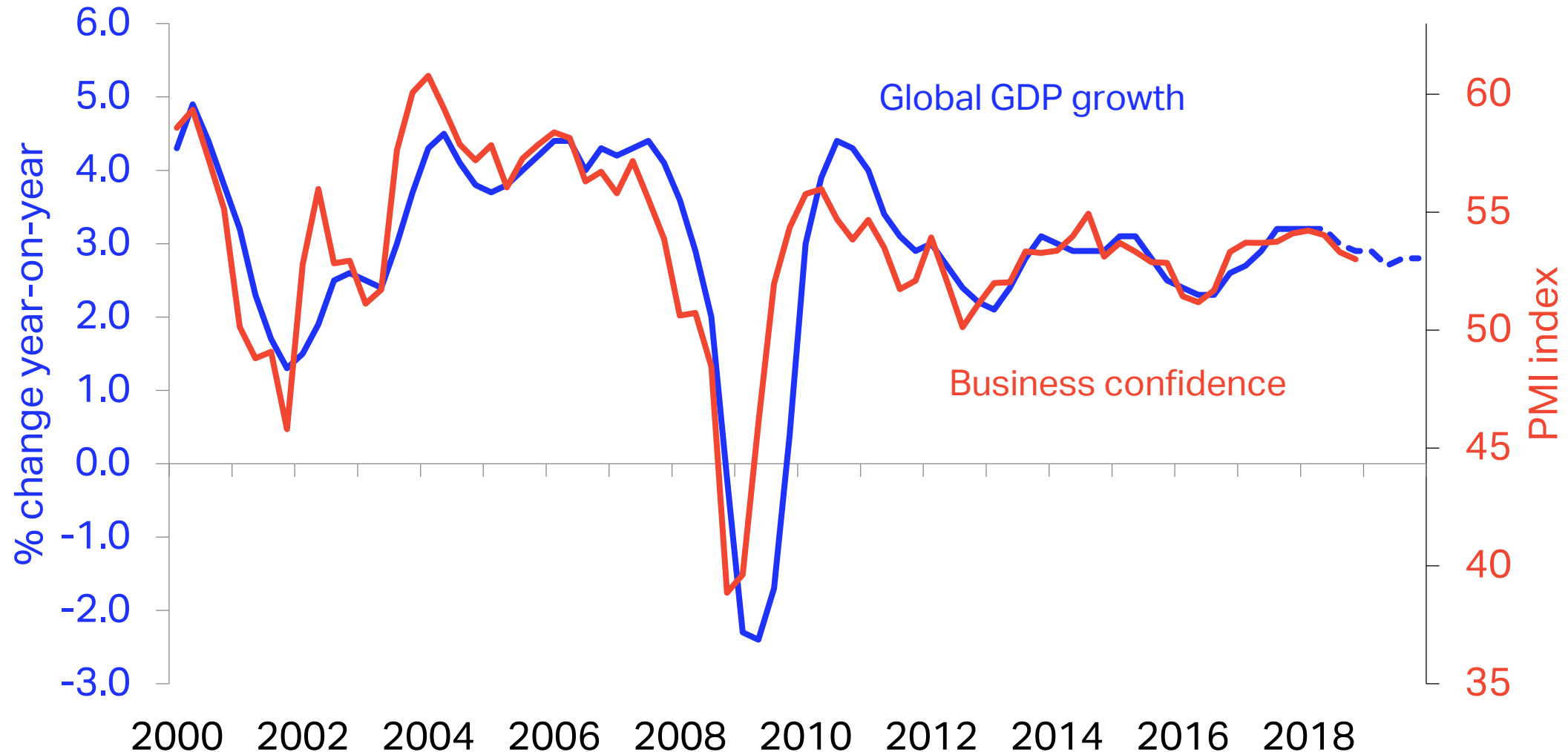
Source: IMF, Citi 'US-China Tariffs-Limbo on the Verge of Trade Wars' 3 December 2018

Brexit chaotic but slows rather than stops long-term



Source: Oxford Economics, NIESR Brexit Impacts Report 26th November 2018

Forecasters still expect economic growth in 2019

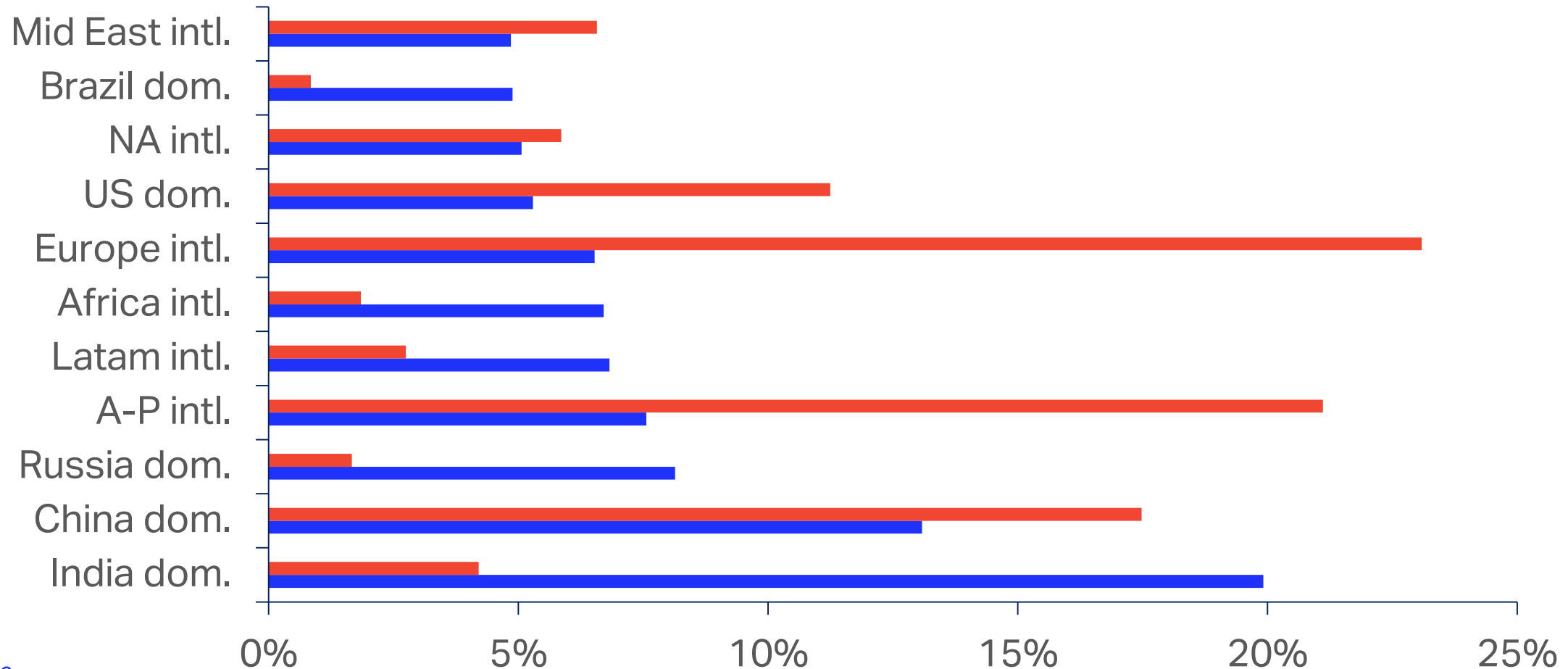


Source: Markit, IMF World Economic Outlook October 2018

Air travel has certainly got a lot of momentum

RPK growth, Jan-Oct 2018

■ % contribution to global growth ■ % change year-on-year



Source: IATA Statistics



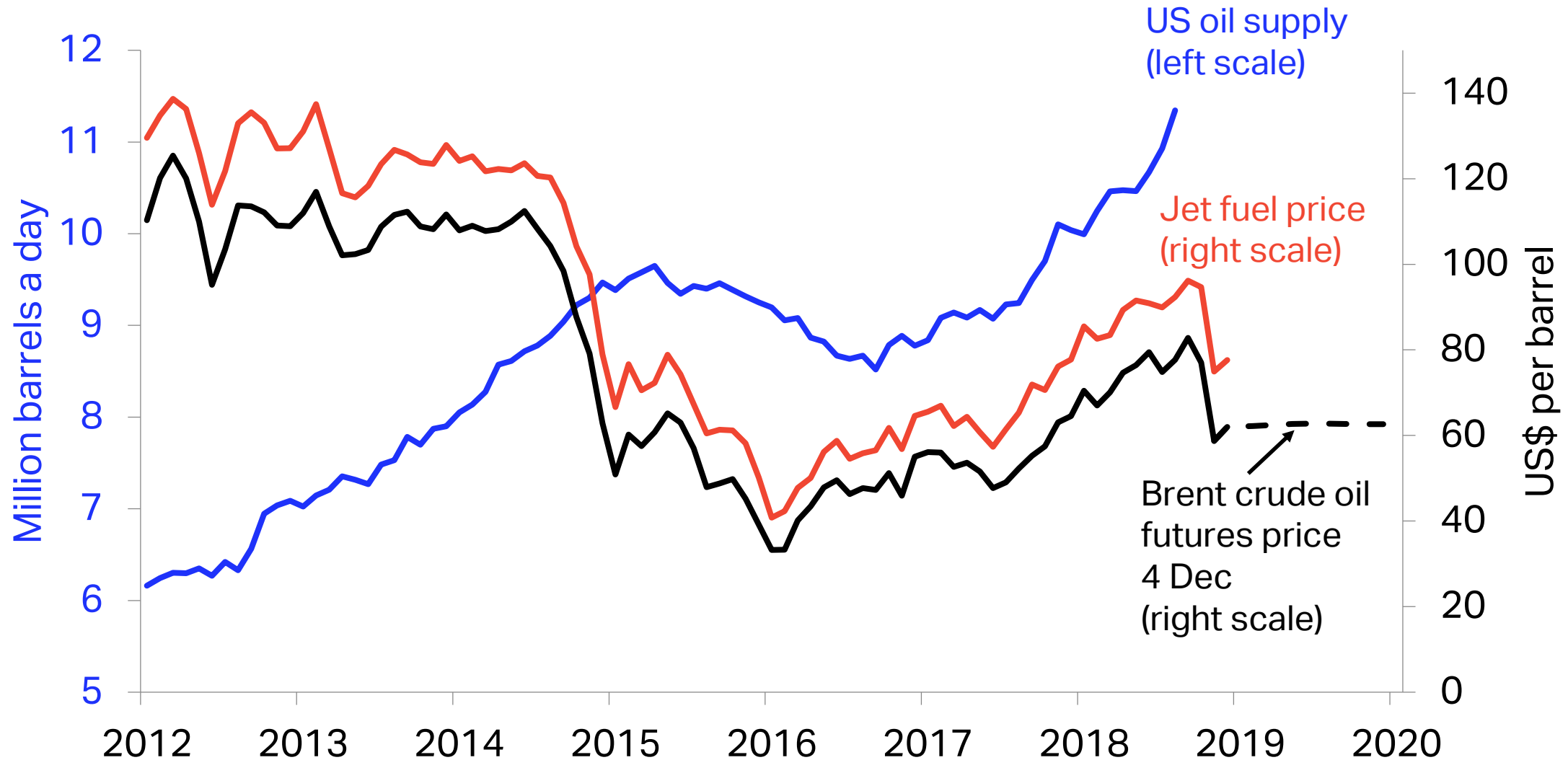
Expect slower travel growth, but still above trend

RPK and FTK growth versus trend



Source: IATA Statistics, IATAs own forecasts

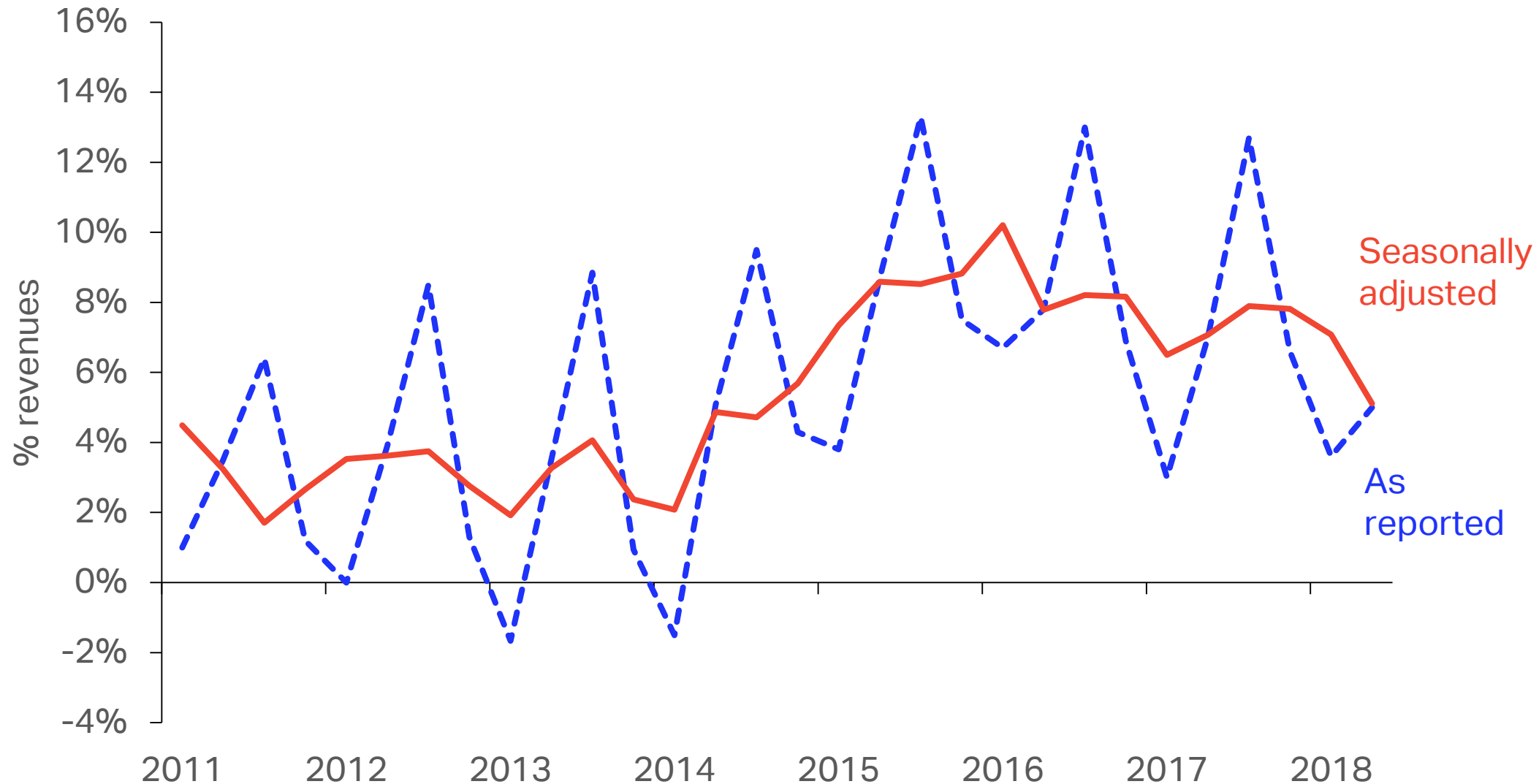
Jet fuel price lower as market over-supplied



Source: Datastream, Platts

Relieving the downward pressure on margins

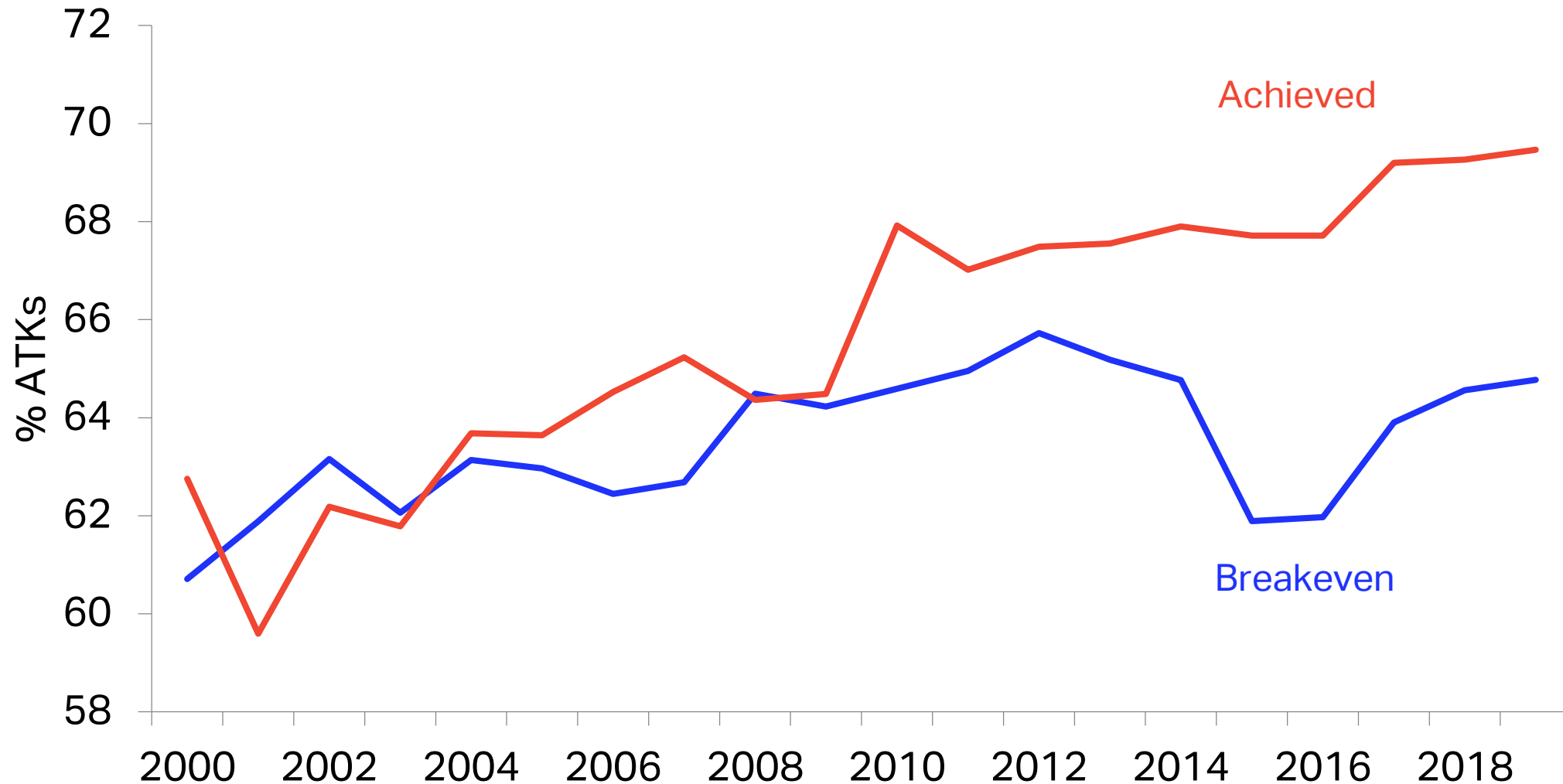
Airline industry operating margin



Source: IATA Economics using data from The Airline Analyst

Breakeven stabilizing and asset utilization rising

Breakeven and achieved load factor



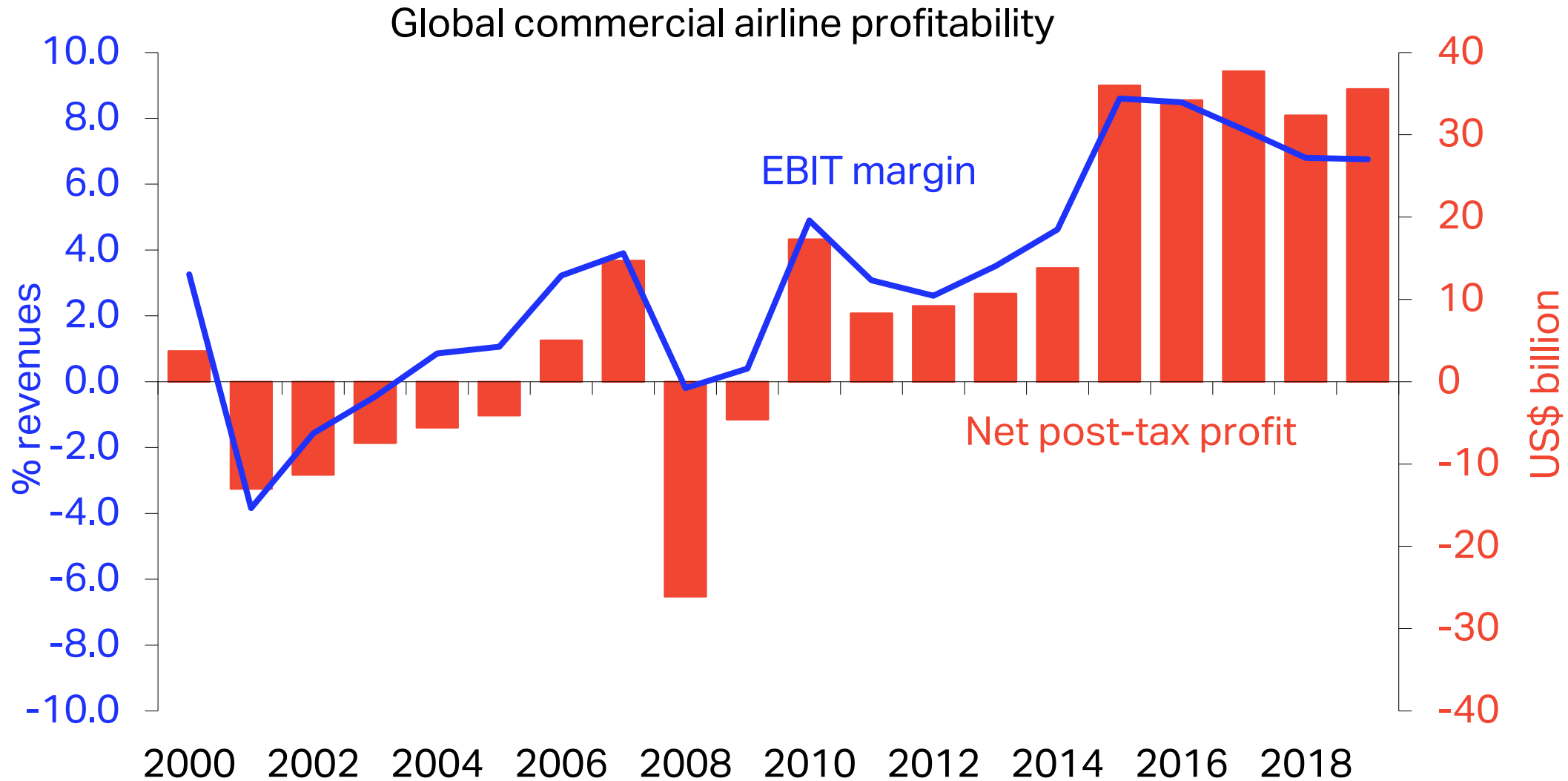
Source: ICAO, IATA Statistics, IATA forecasts

Airlines' return on capital should stabilize in 2019



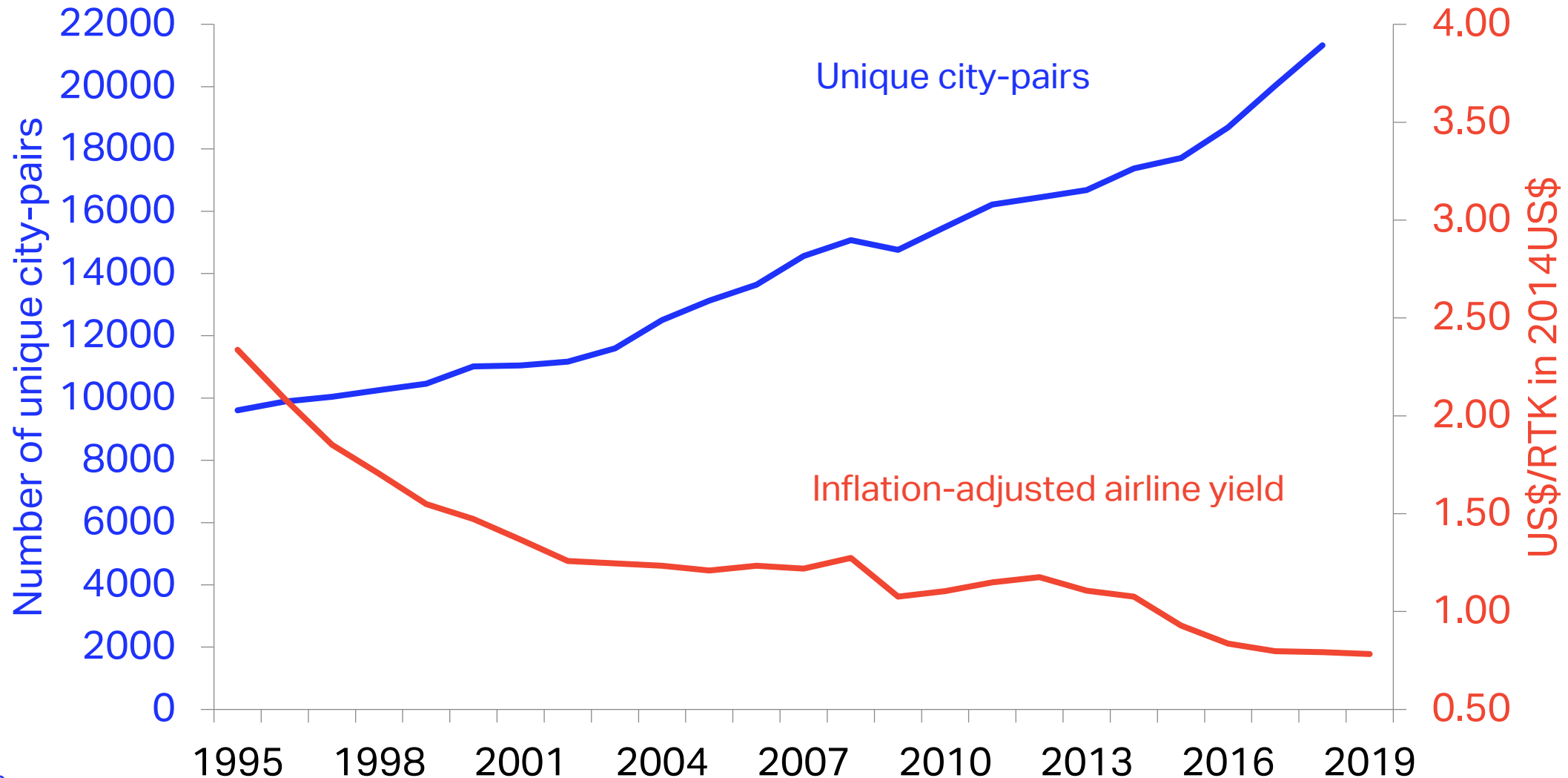
Source: McKinsey, The Airline Analyst, IATA forecasts

Stable margins and 10th consecutive year of profit



Increasing value for consumers and businesses

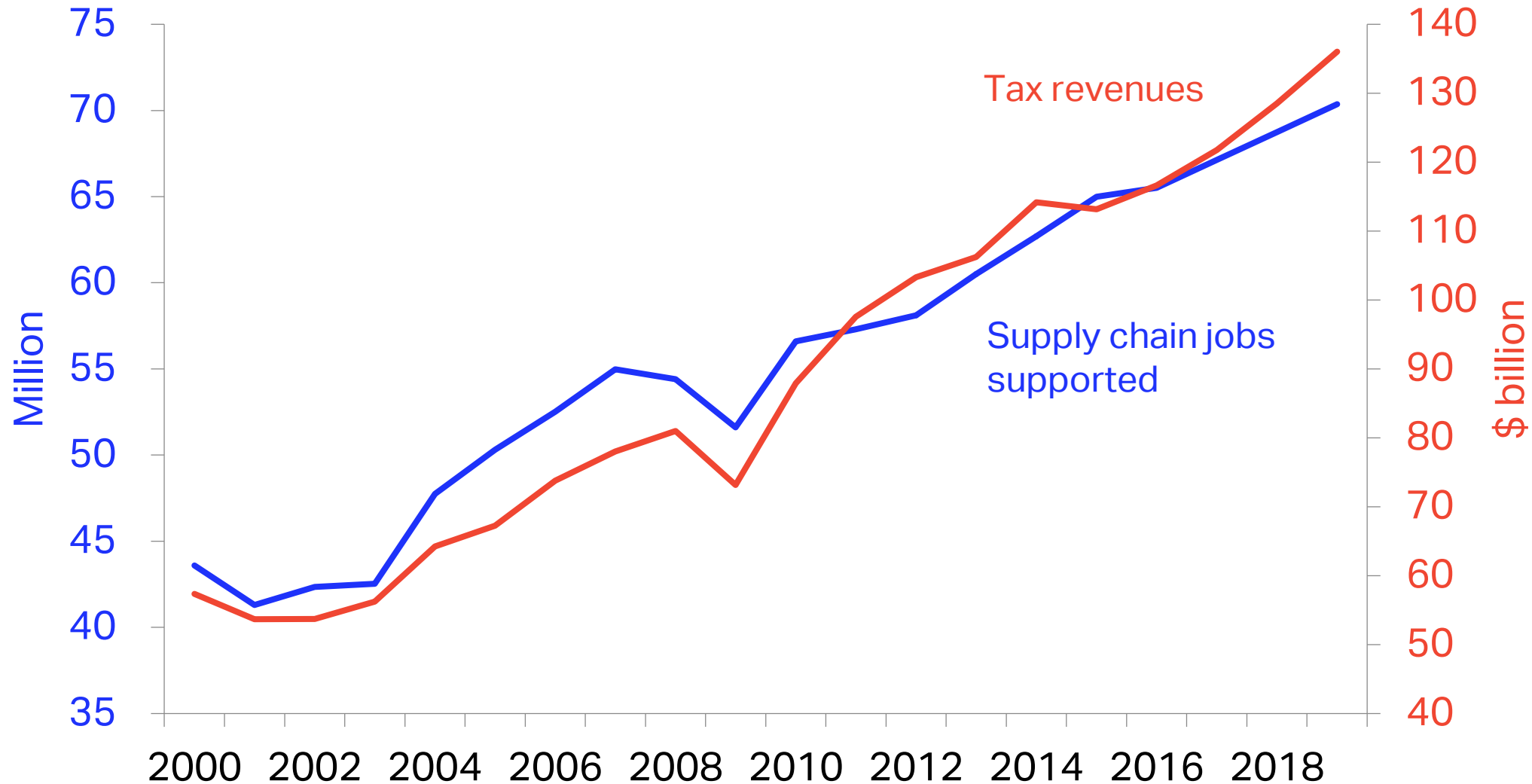
Unique city-pairs and real transport costs



Source: SRS Analyser, ICAO, IATA Statistics, IATA forecasts

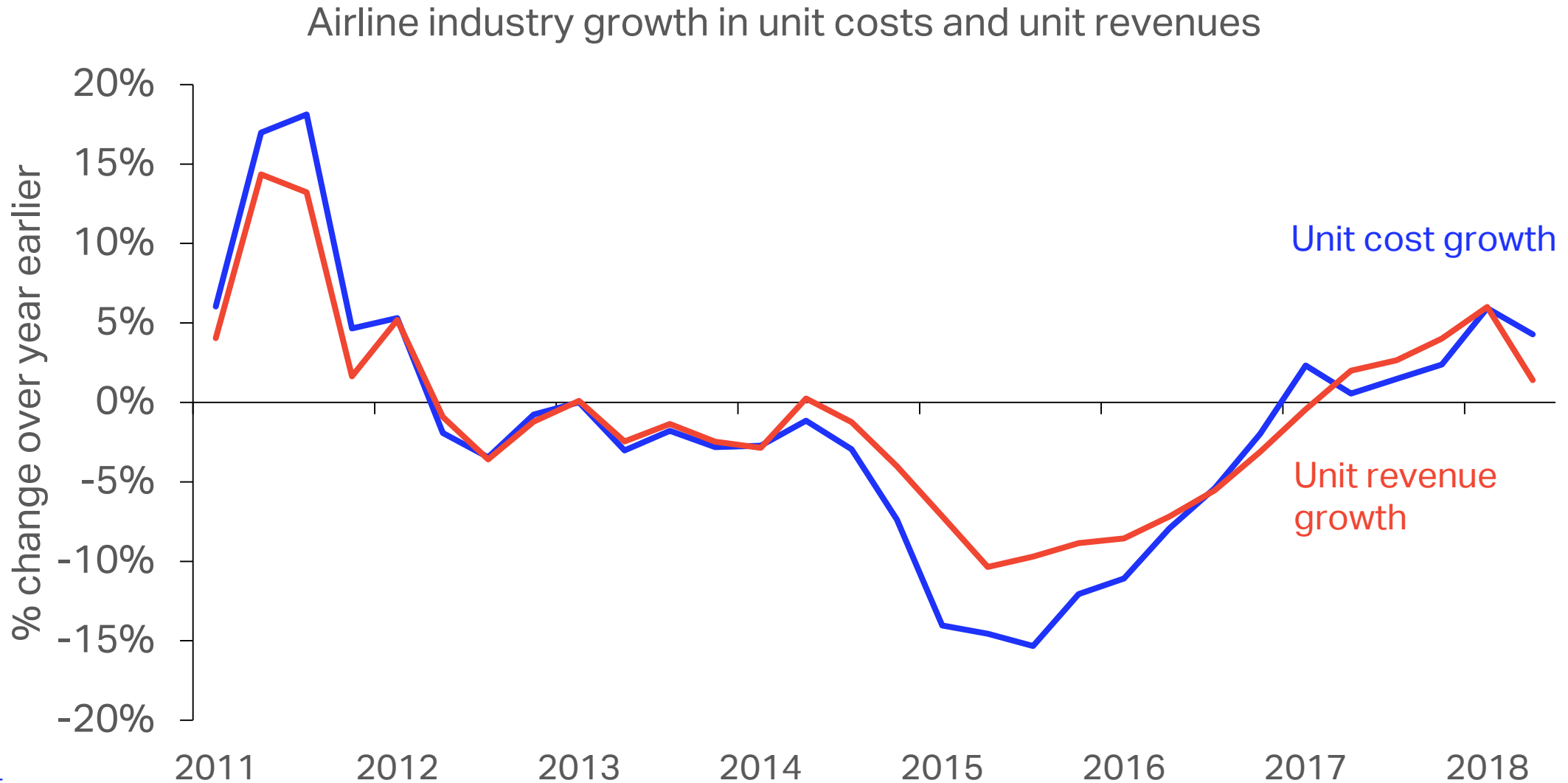
More revenues for governments and more jobs

Tax revenues and global supply chain jobs supported



Source: ATAG Benefits Beyond Borders 2018, Oxford Economics, IATA forecasts

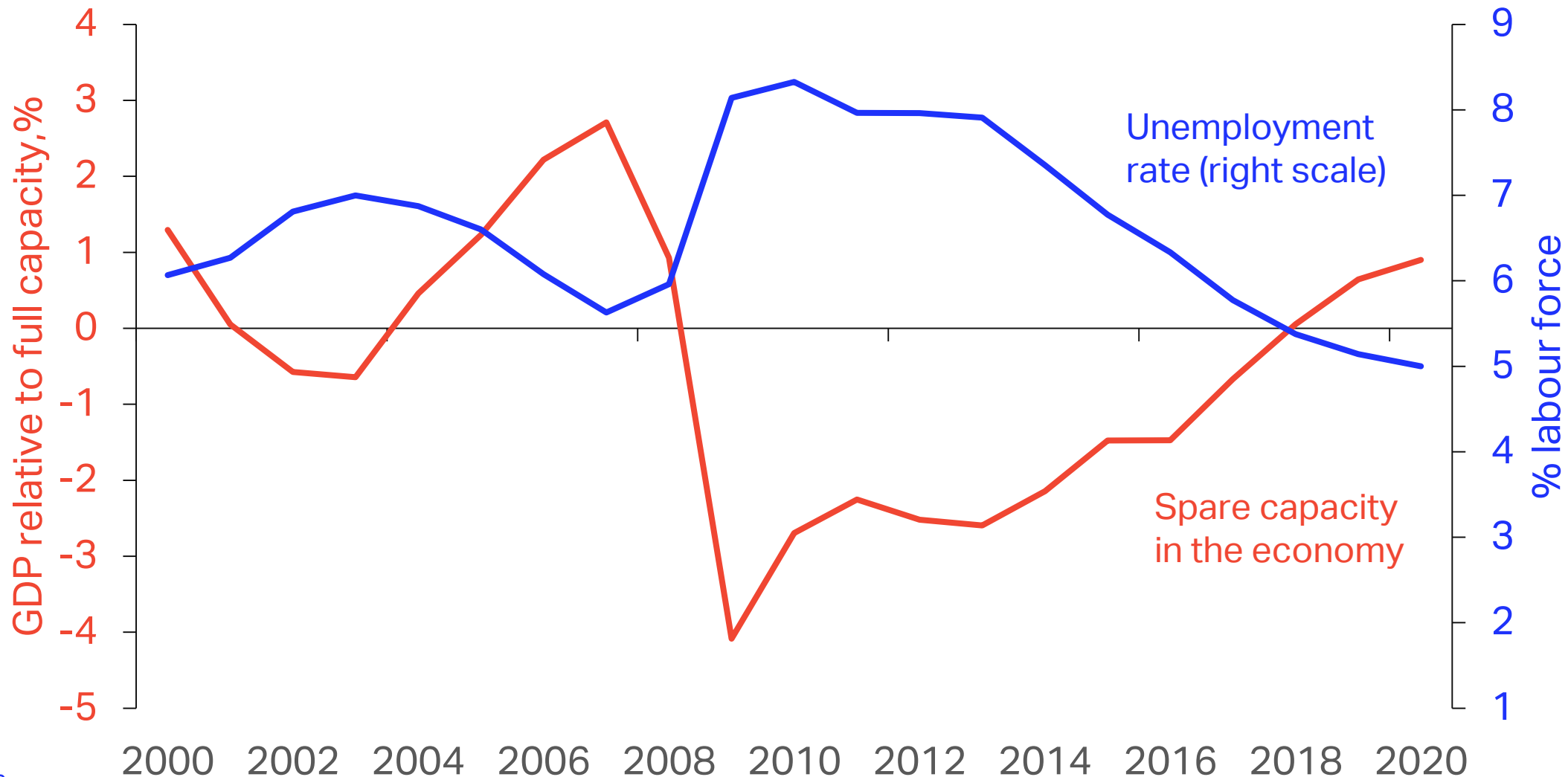
However, rising non-fuel costs are a challenge



Source: The Airline Analyst

It will take a recession to stop cost pressures rising

Spare capacity in the OECD economies and labour markets



Source: OECD Economic Outlook October 2018

Interest rates will be pushed higher

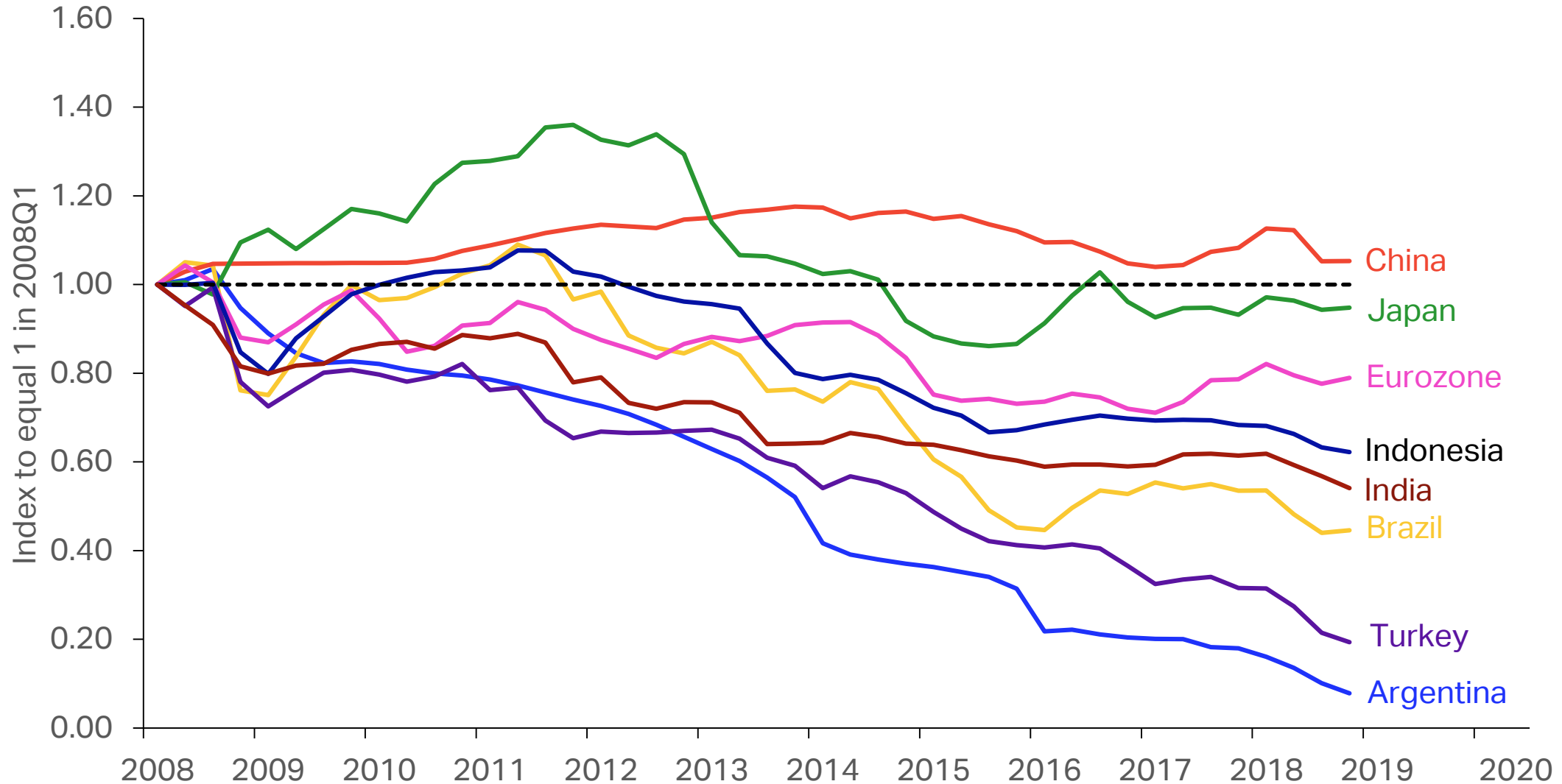
10 year government bond yields, %



Source: Datastream

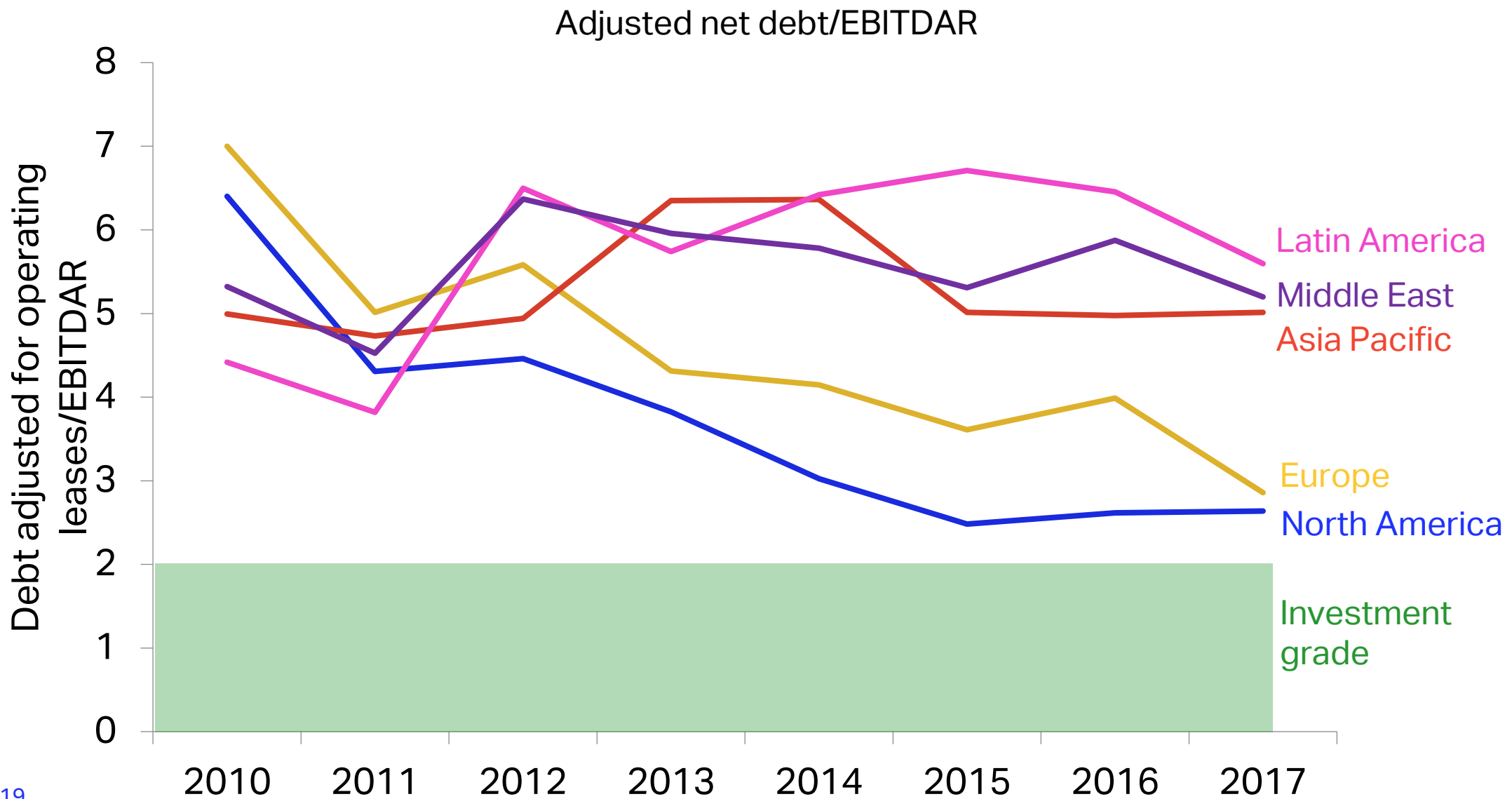
Problems from a strong US\$ likely to continue

Exchange rates, US\$ per unit of local currency



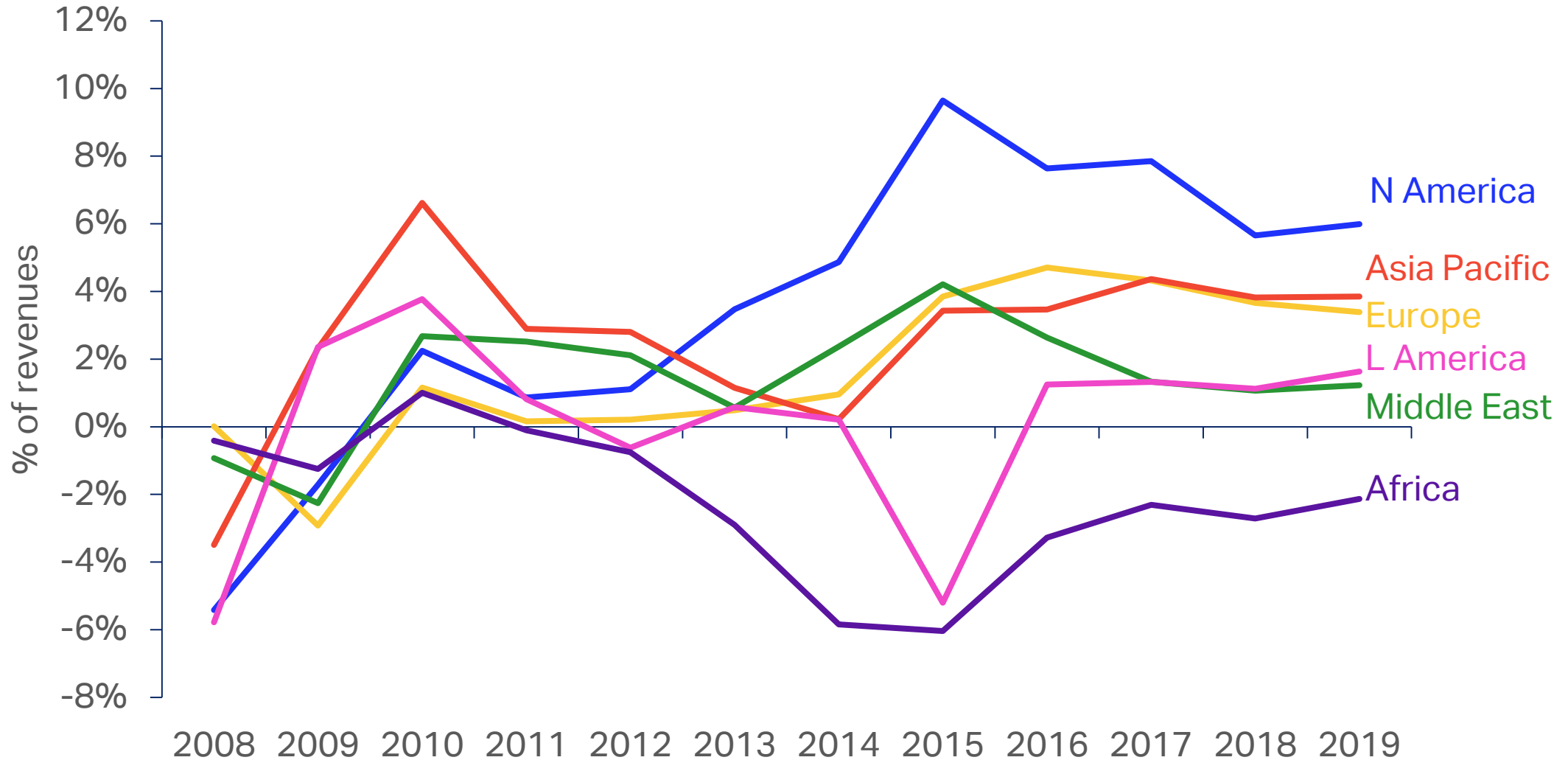
Source: Datastream

Debt remains an issue for airlines in some regions



Performance will continue to diverge by region

Net profit margin by region



Source: ICAO, IATA Statistics, The Airline Analyst, IATA forecasts

Thank you

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