

# Predicting the Markets: Chapter 13 Charts: Predicting Corporate Earnings

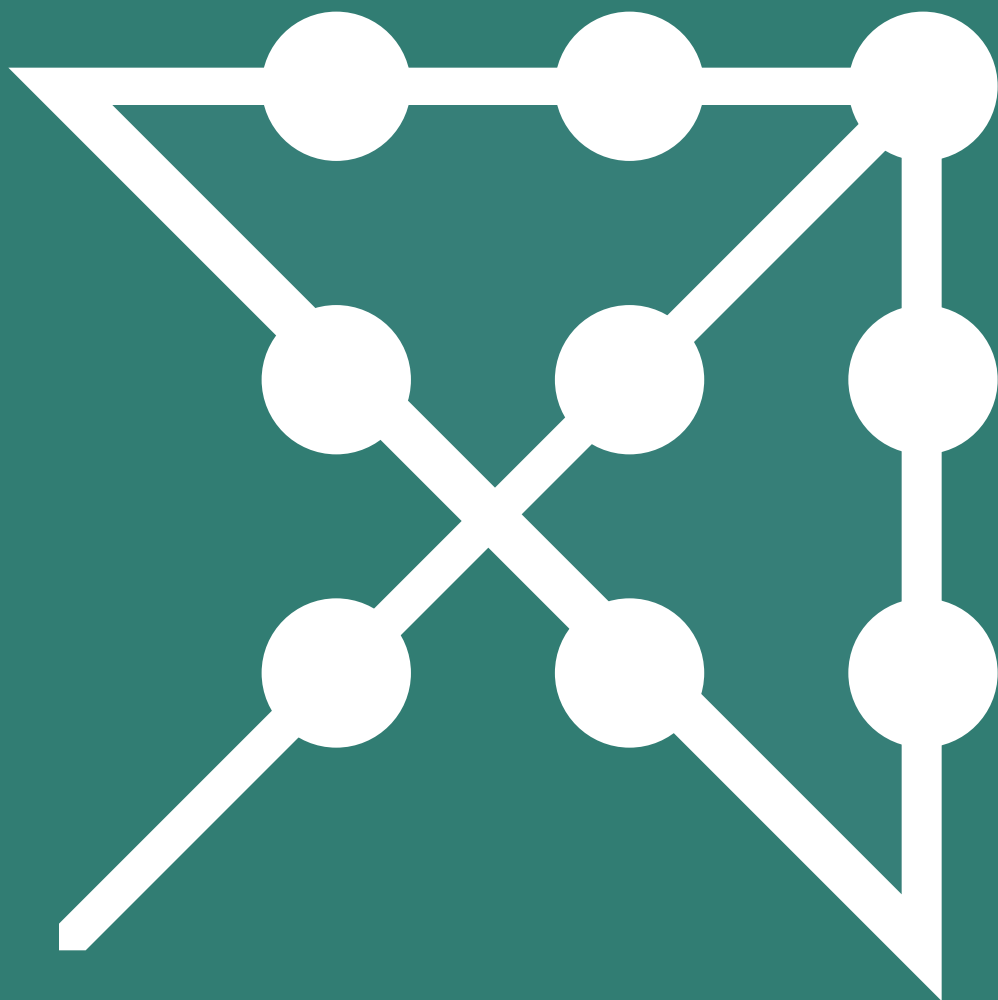
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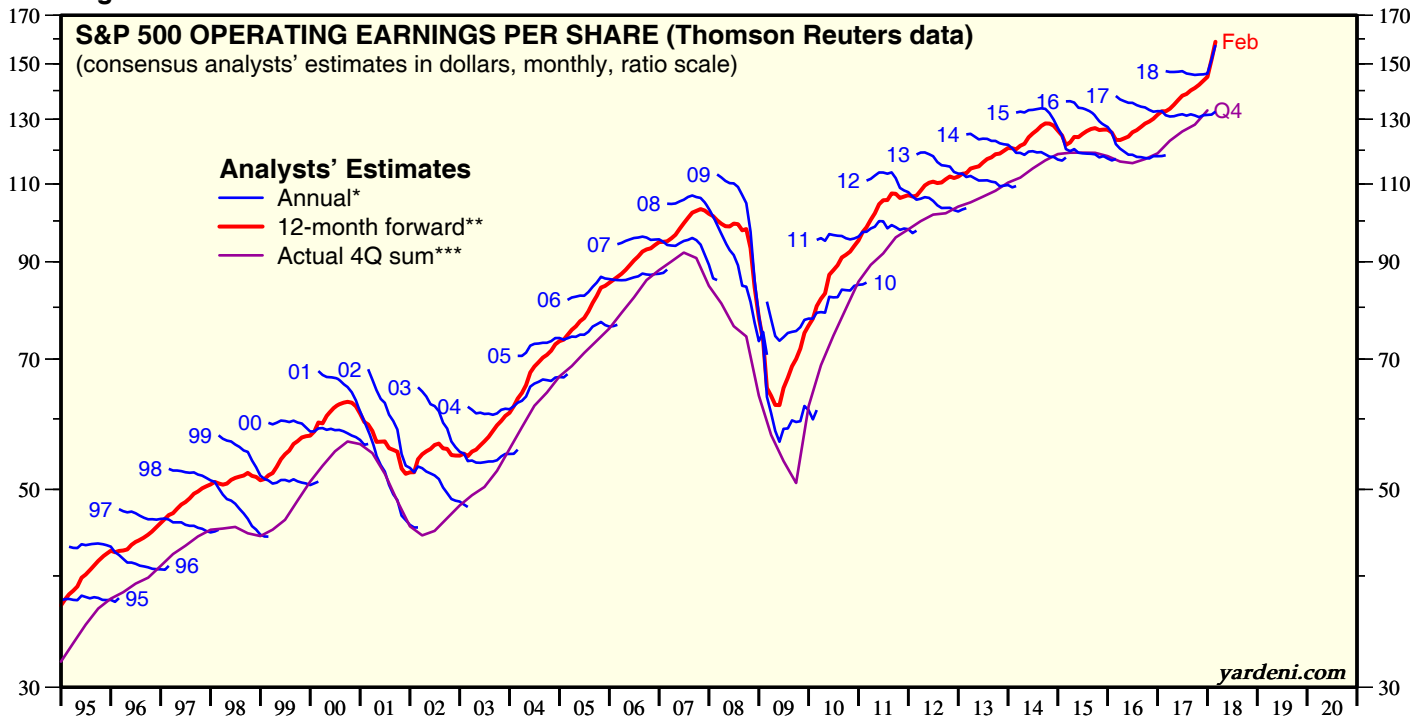
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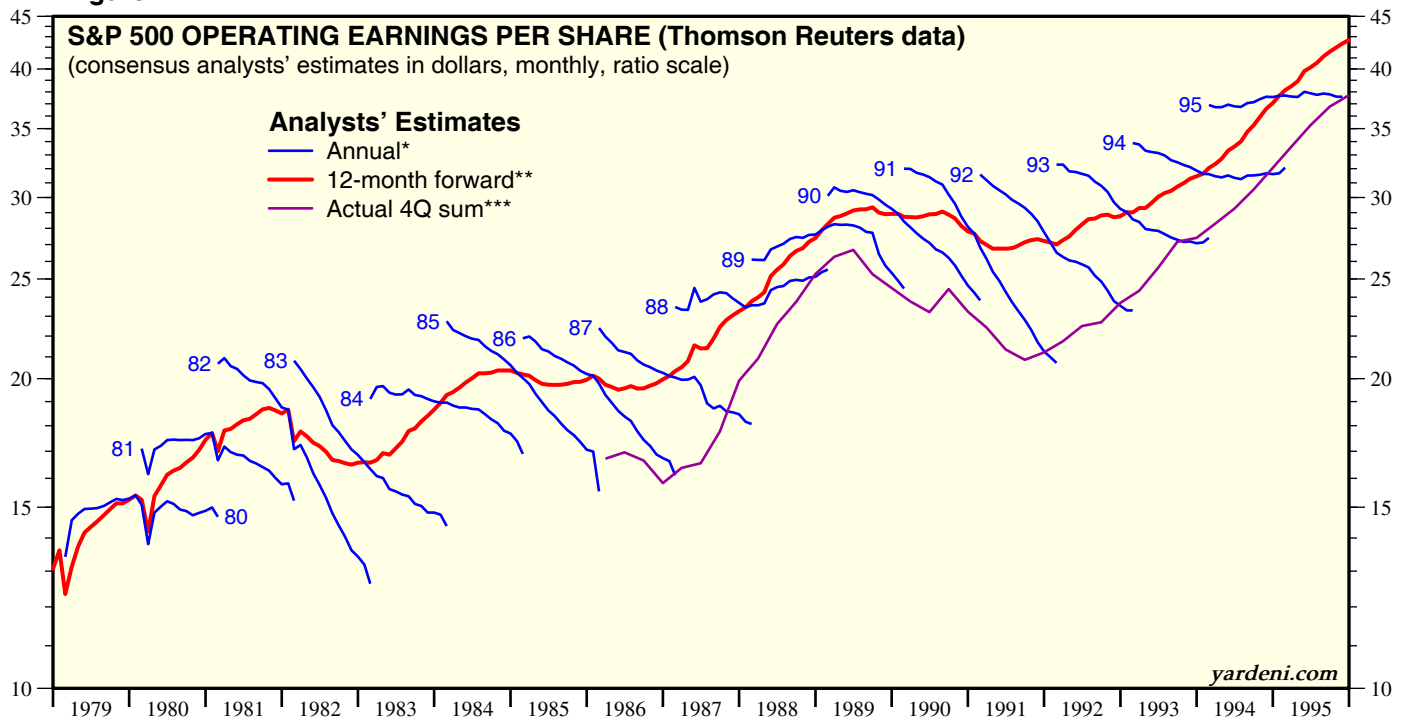
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\* "Squiggles" span 25 months from February to February.  
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 \*\*\* Actual 4Q sum from Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.  
 Source: Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

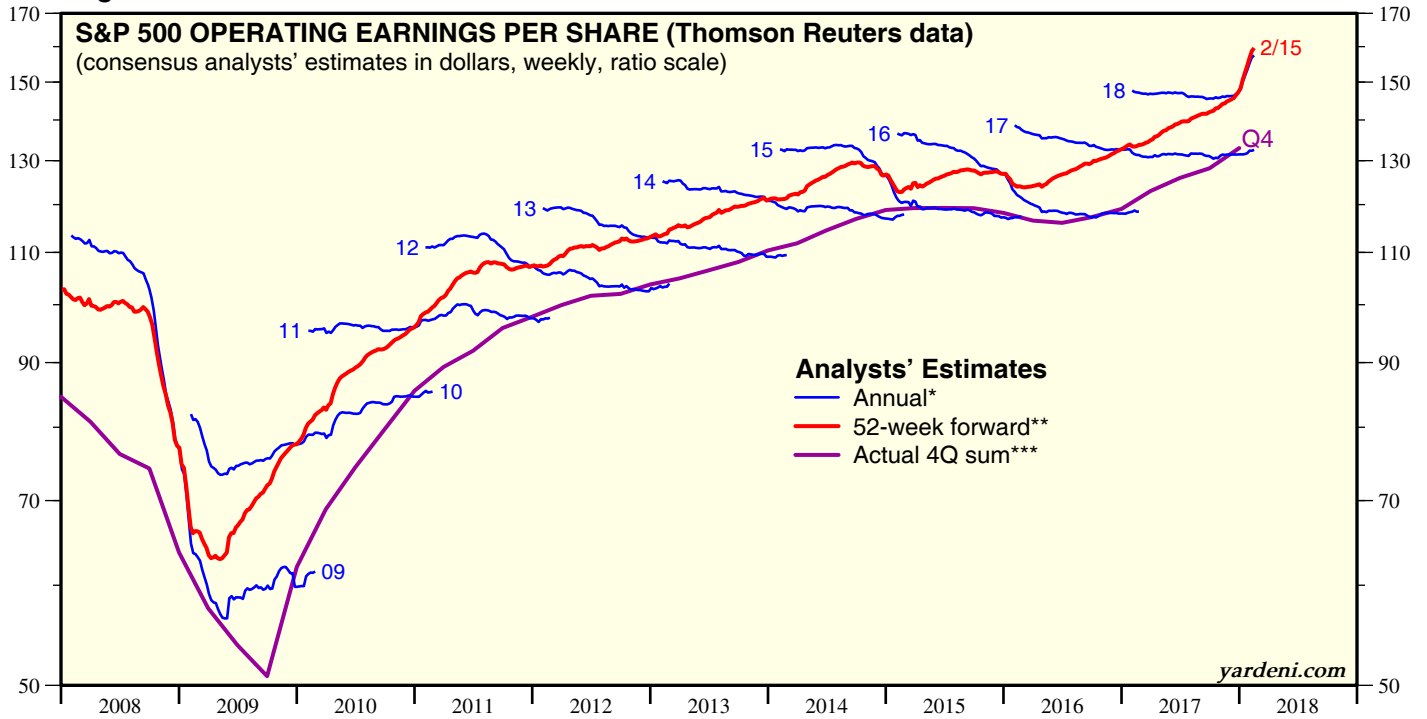
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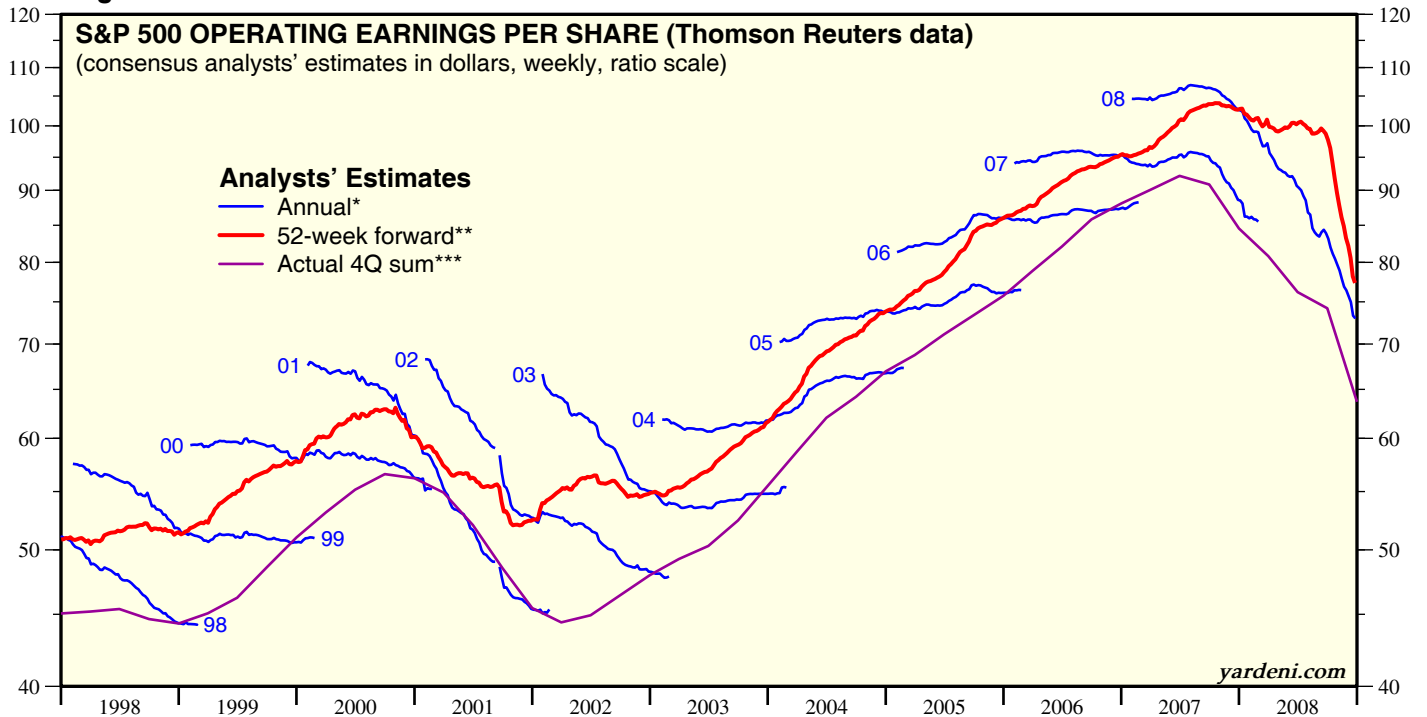
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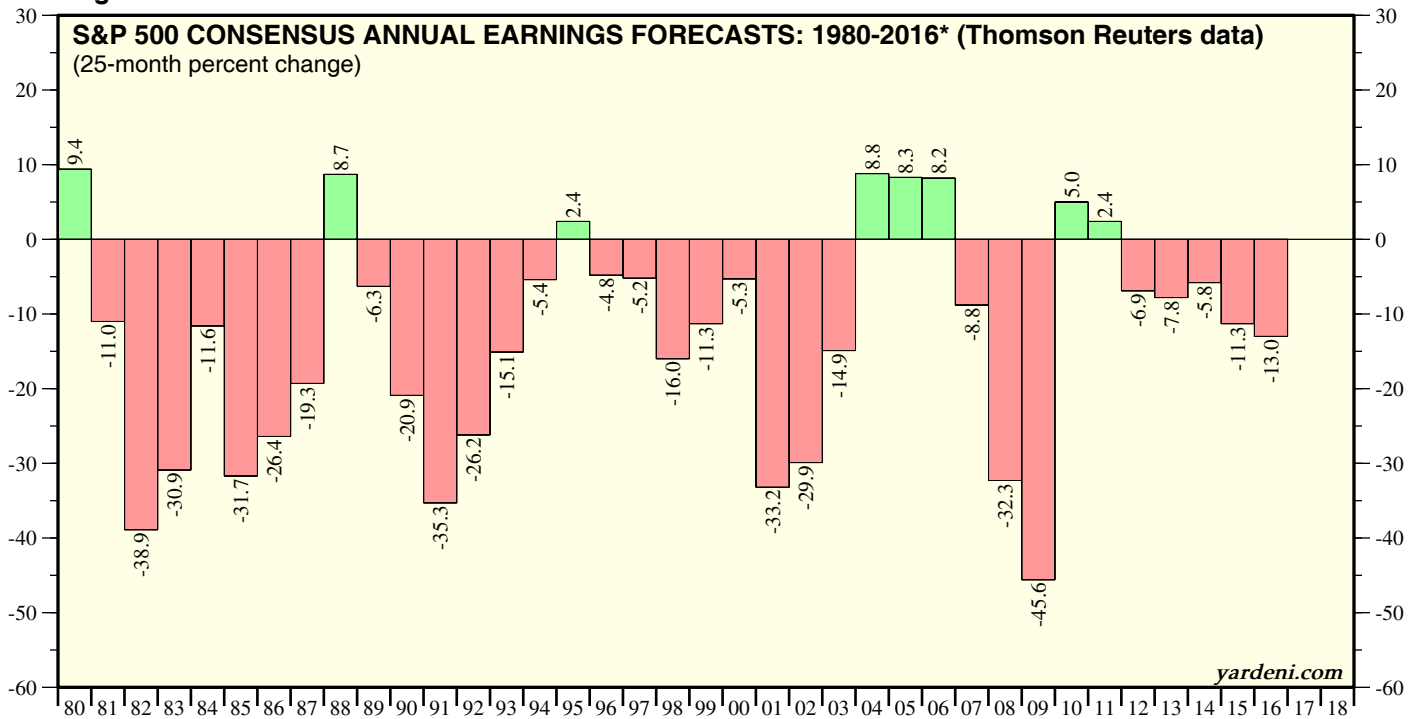
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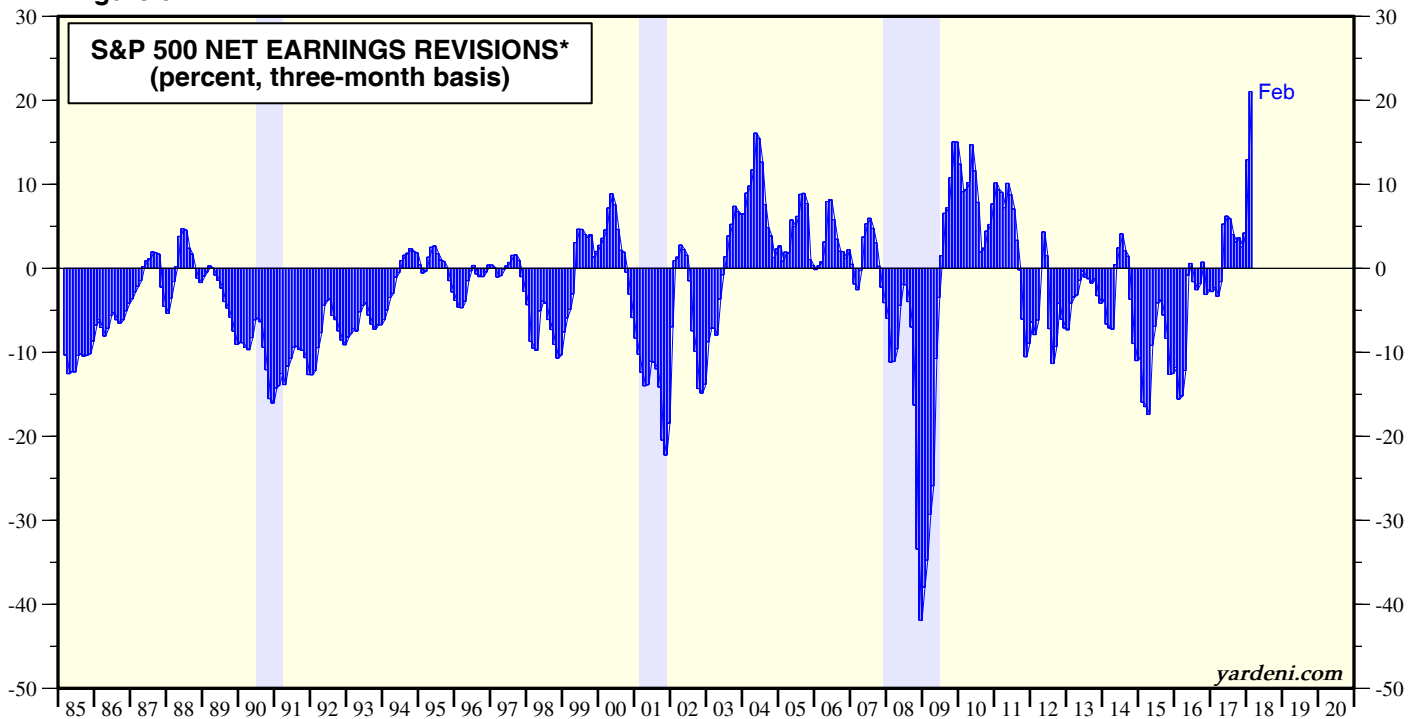
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\* Percent change in consensus annual forecast from initial forecast to actual, e.g., from February 1979 to February 1981 for calendar year 1980.  
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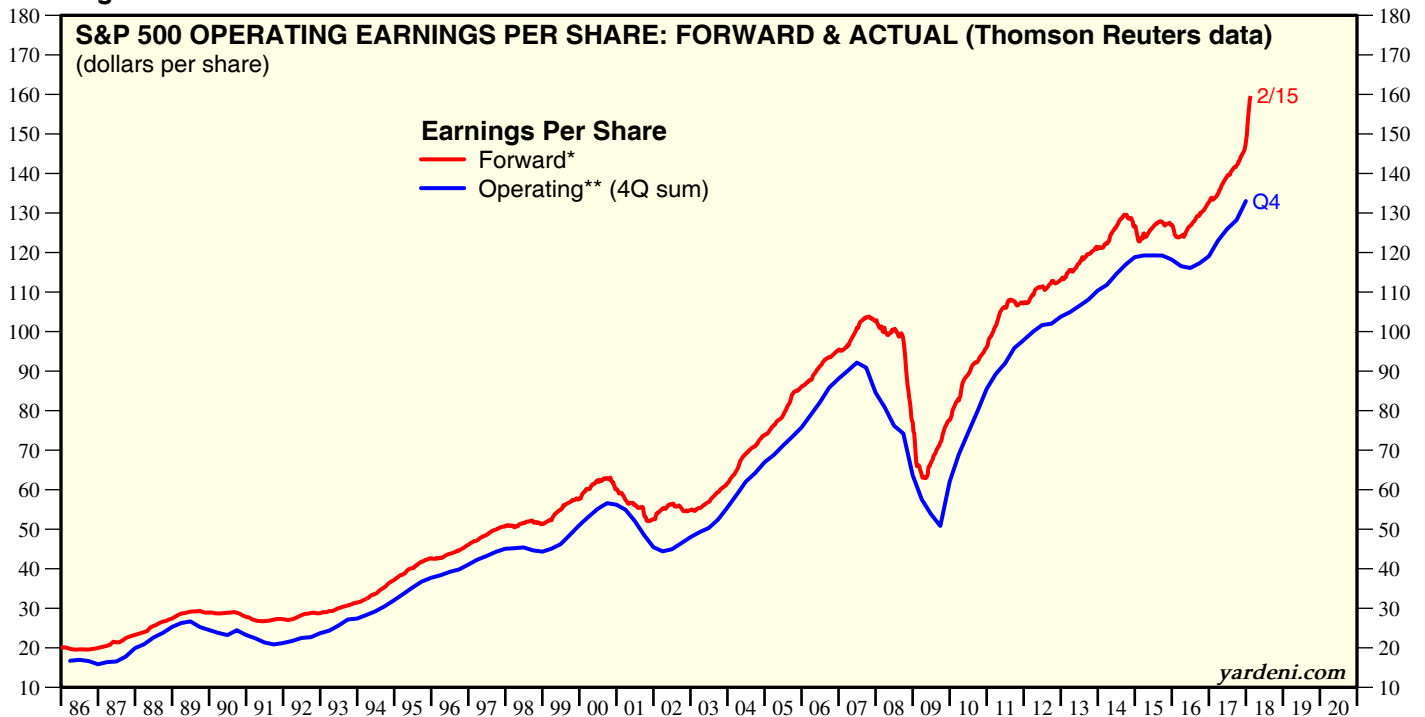
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\* Three-month moving average of the number of forward earnings estimates up less number of estimates down, expressed as a percentage of the total number of forward earnings estimates.  
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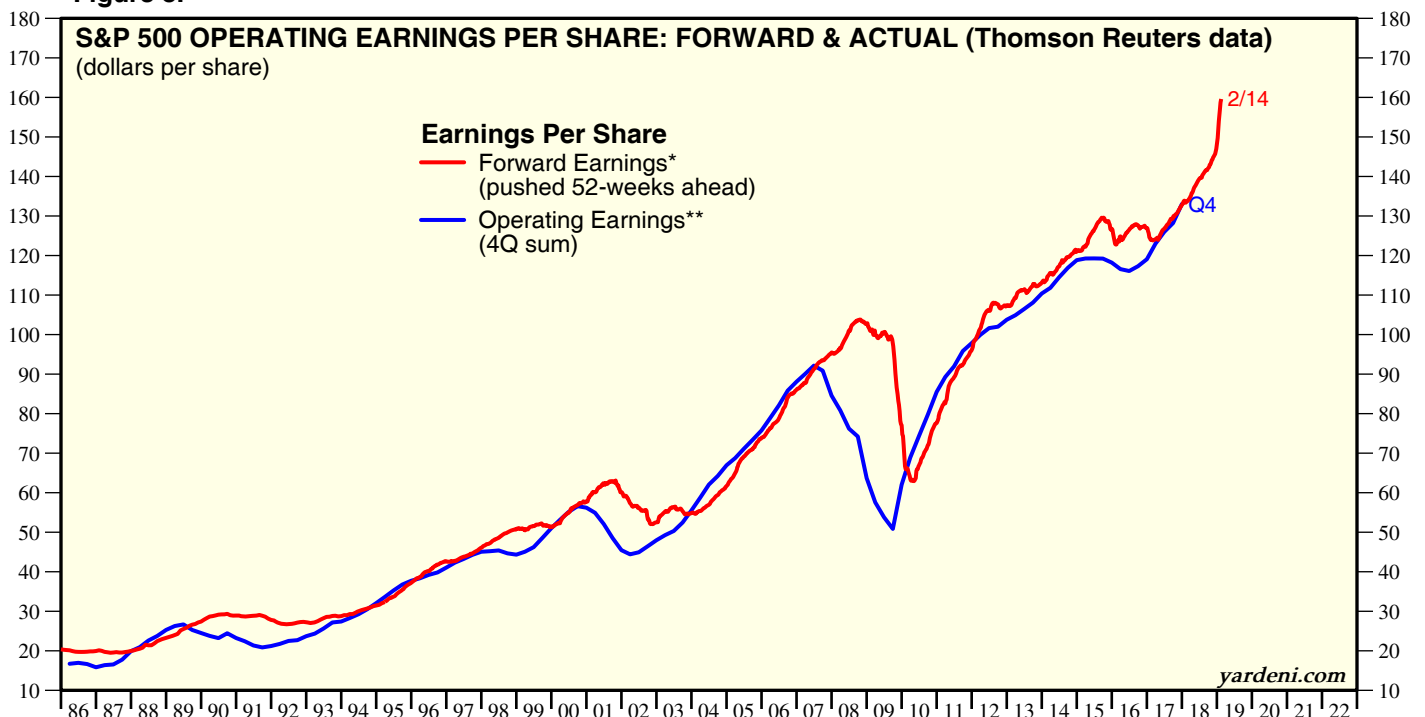


\* Time-weighted average of consensus estimates for current year and next year. Monthly through March 1994, then weekly.

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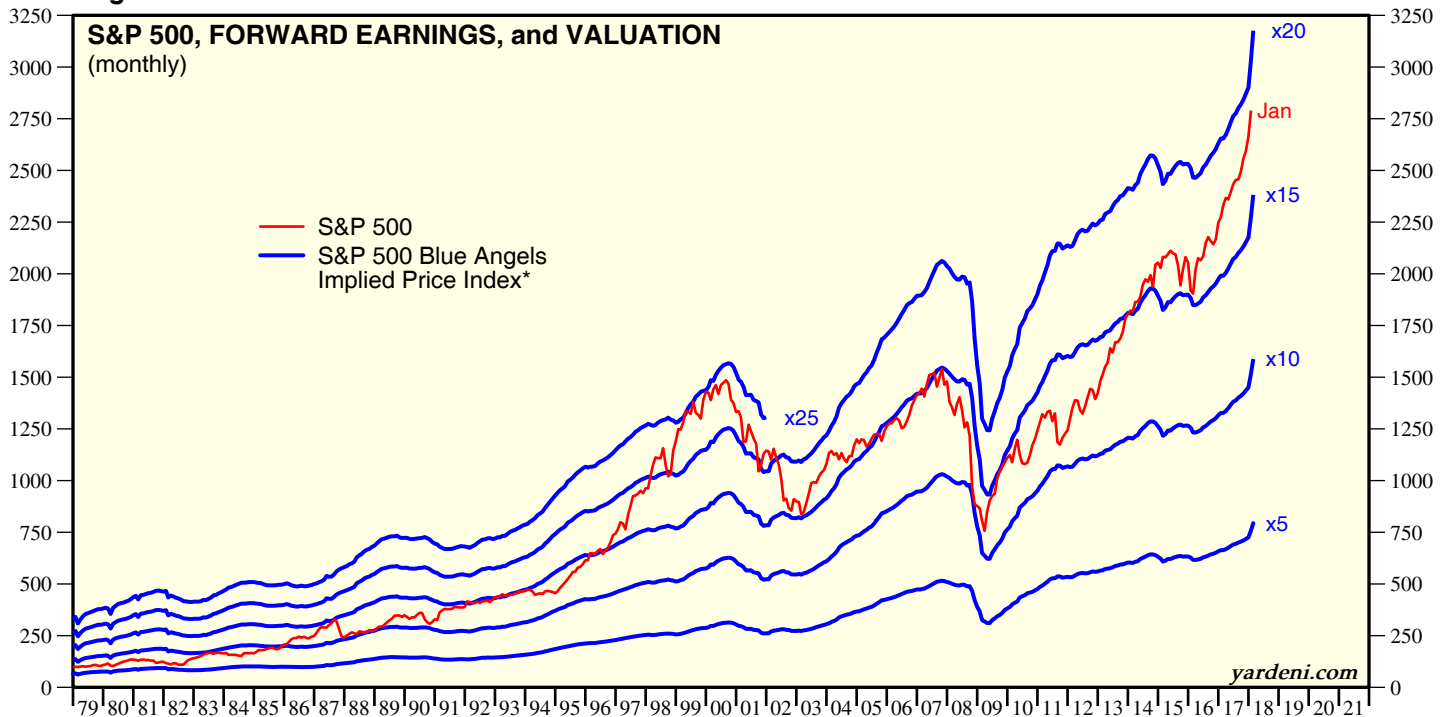
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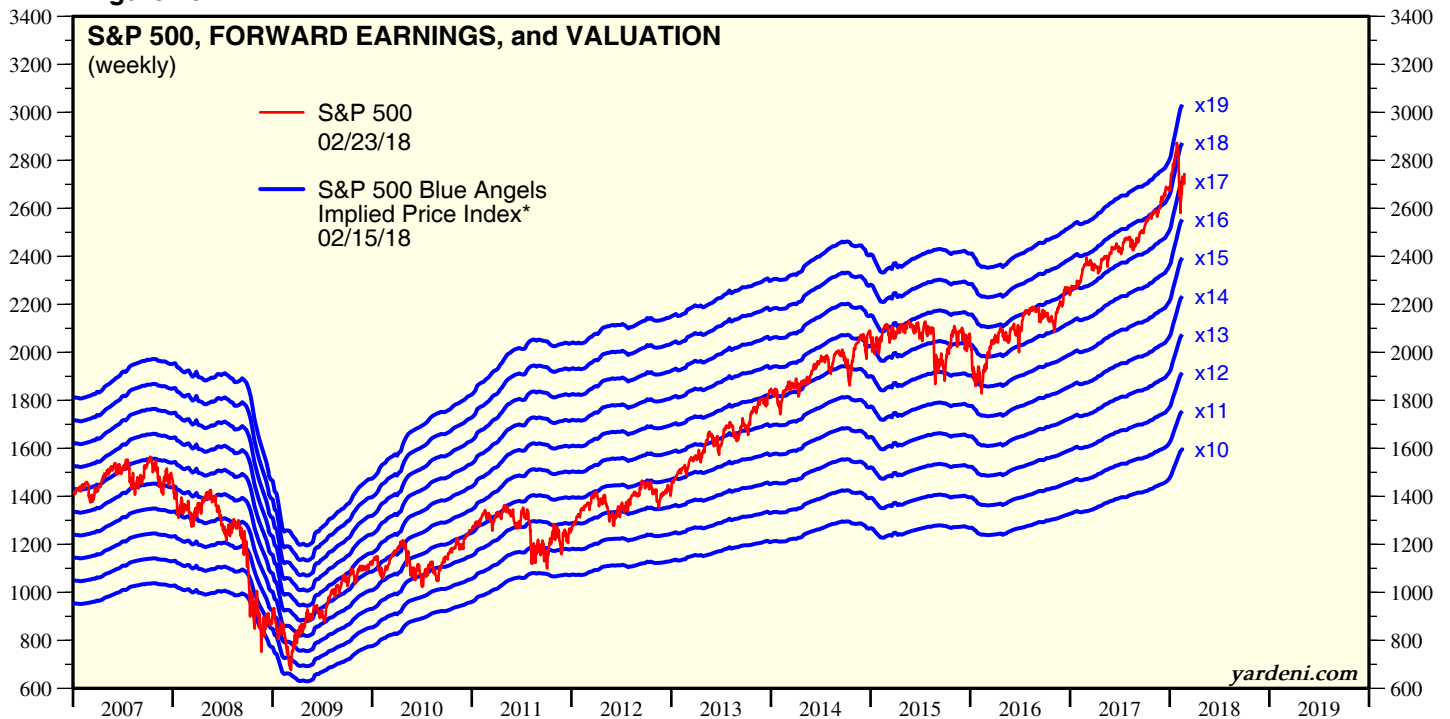
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Figure 9.



\* Implied price index calculated using forward earnings times forward P/Es.  
Source: Standard & Poor's and Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

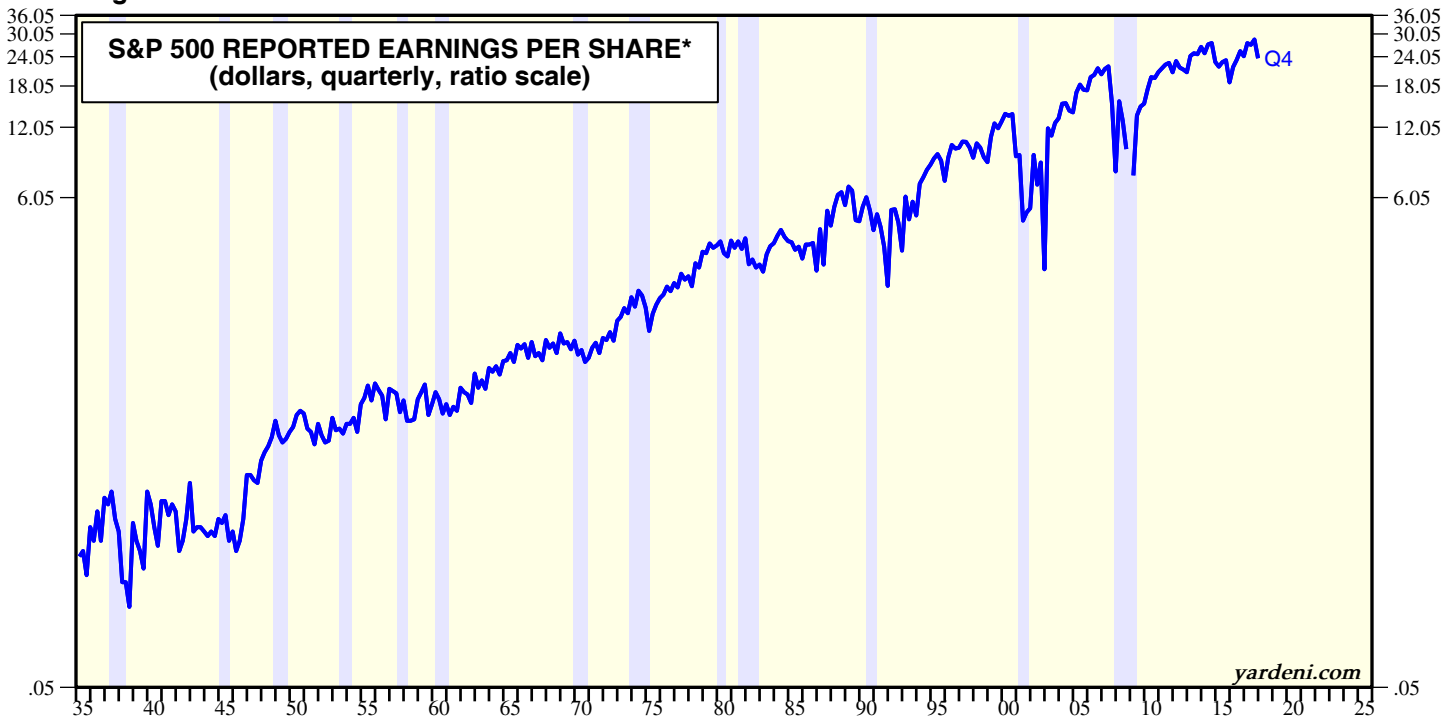
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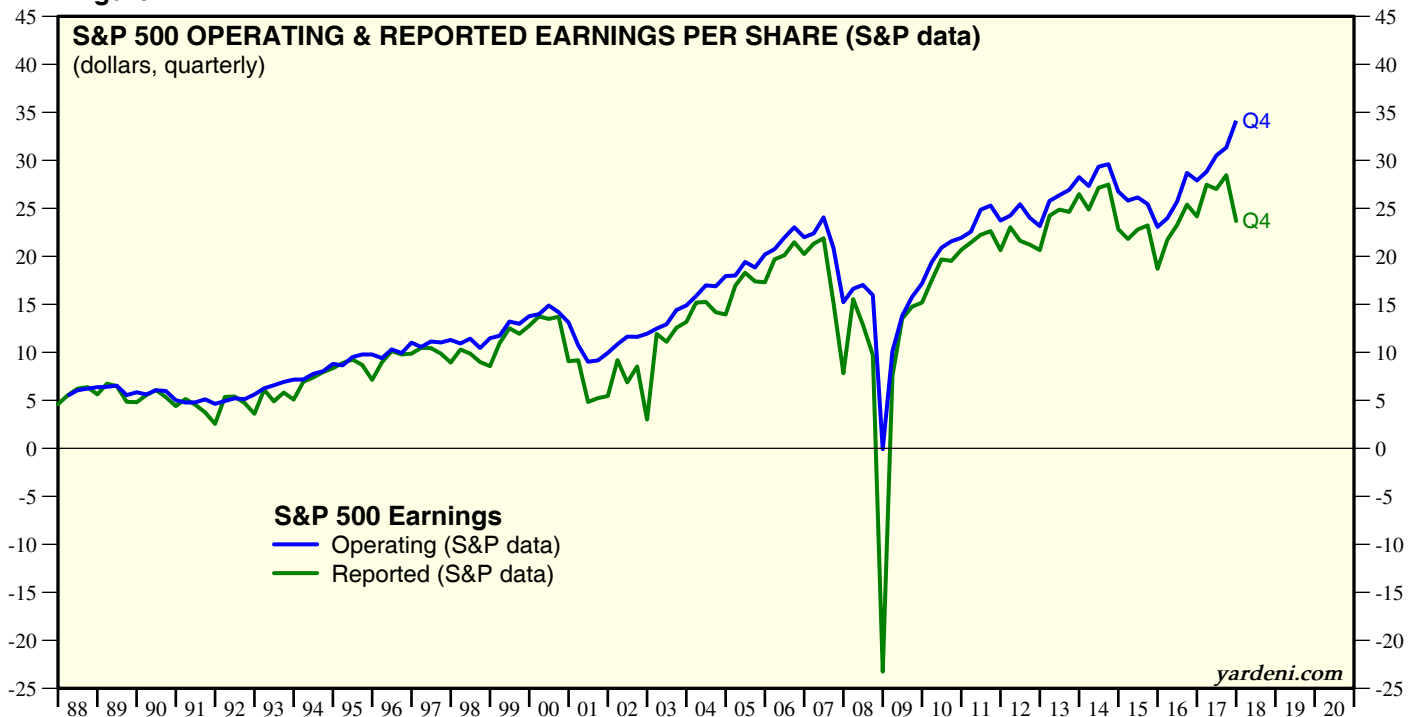
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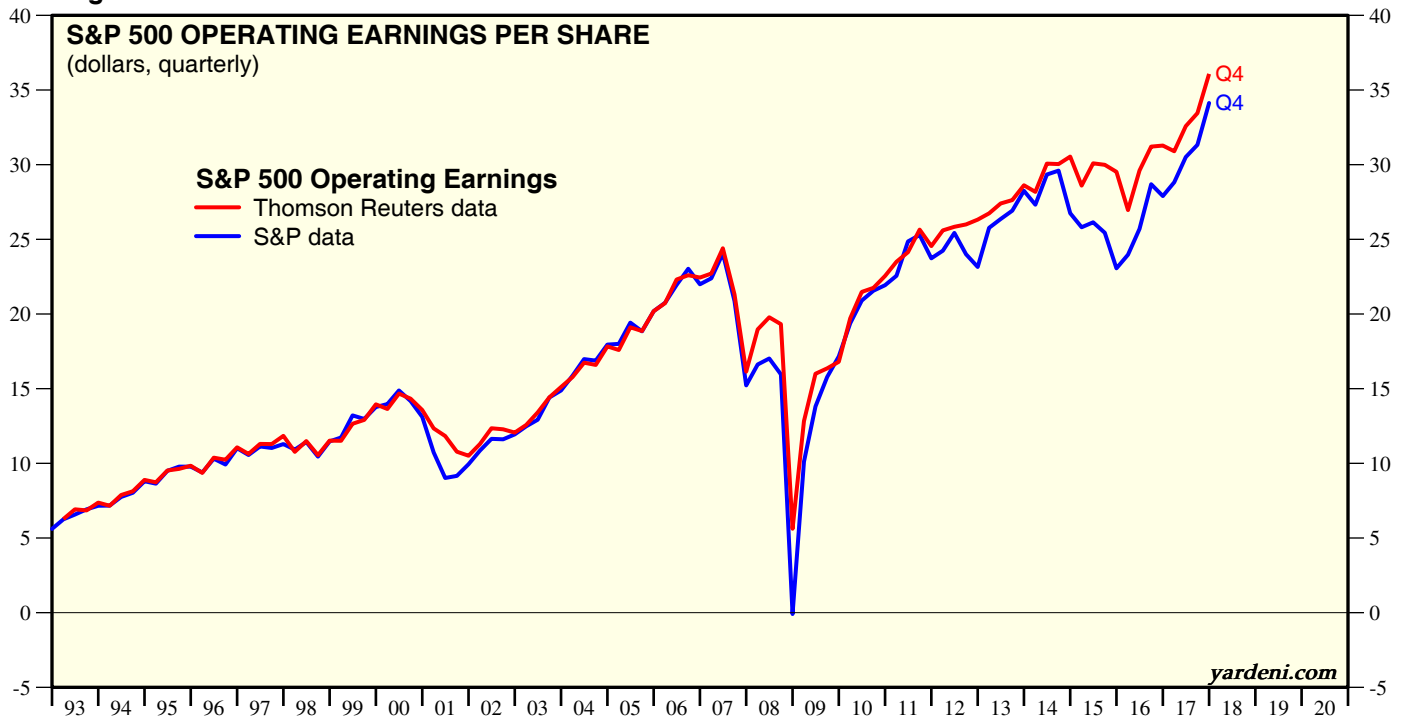


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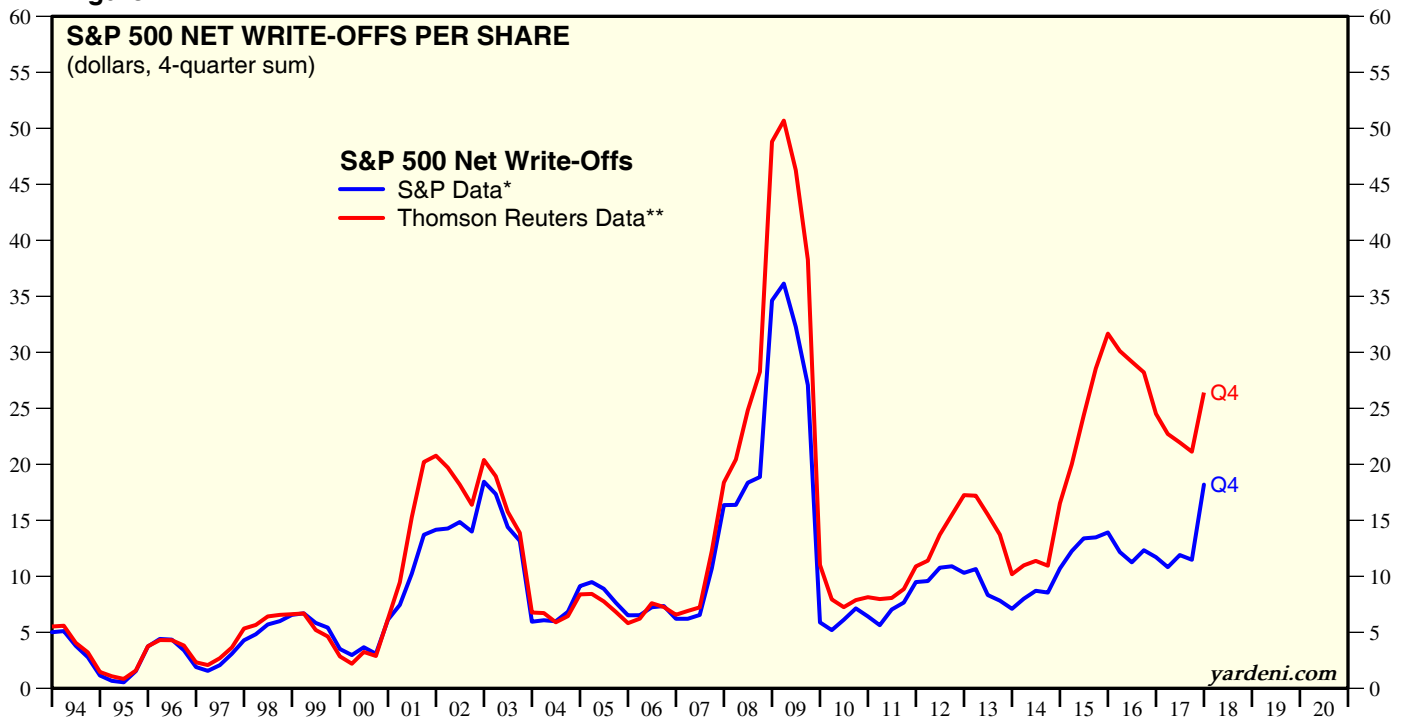
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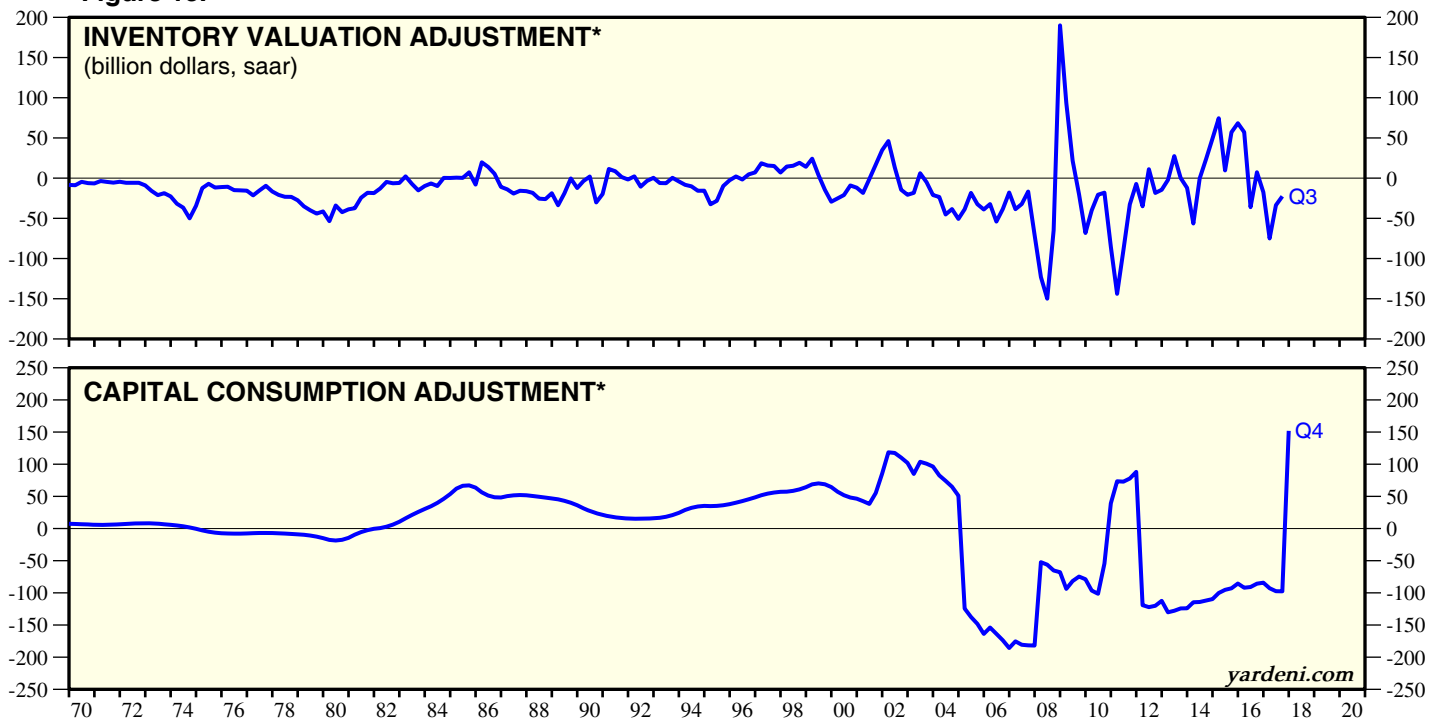
\* S&P operating less S&P reported earnings per share.

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Source: Standard & Poor's (reported earnings) and Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S (operating earnings).

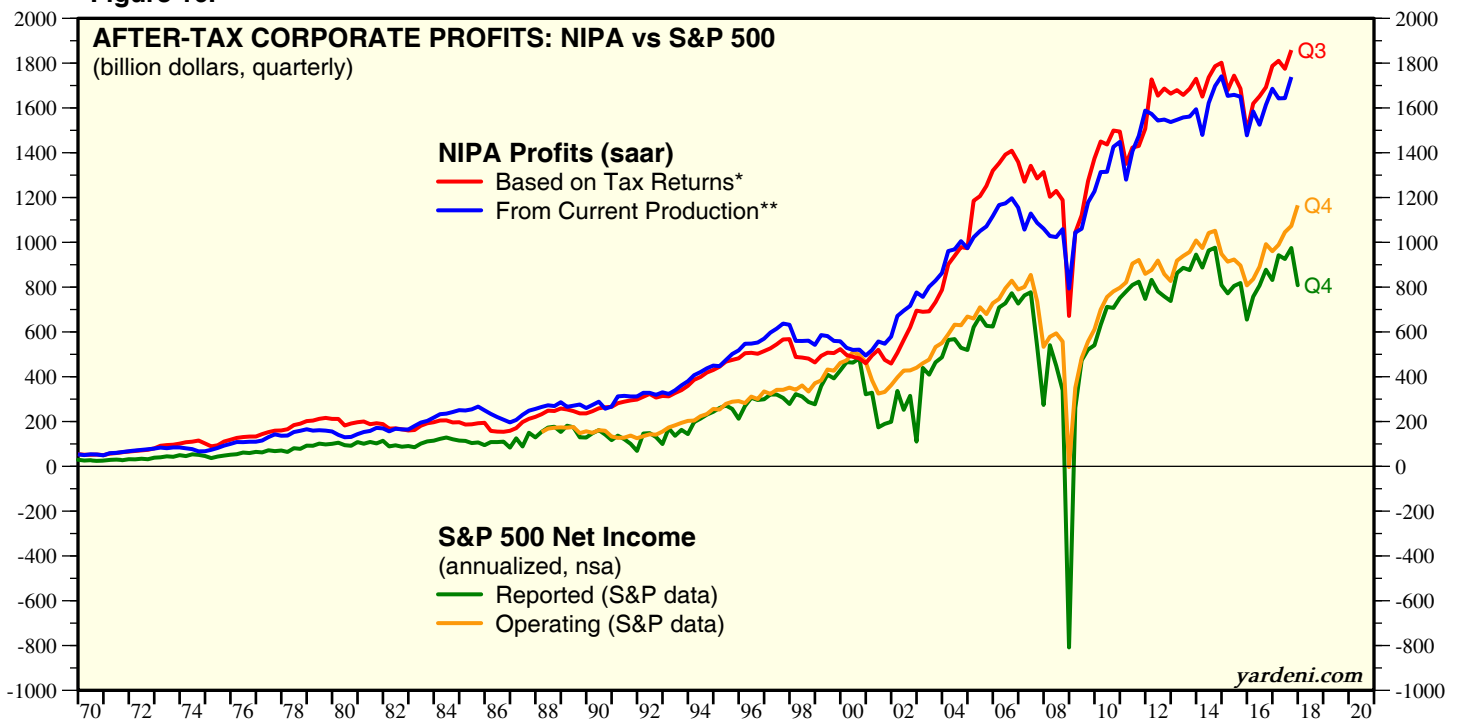
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\* These two adjustments restate the historical cost basis used in profits tax accounting for inventory withdrawals and depreciation to the current cost measures used in GDP.  
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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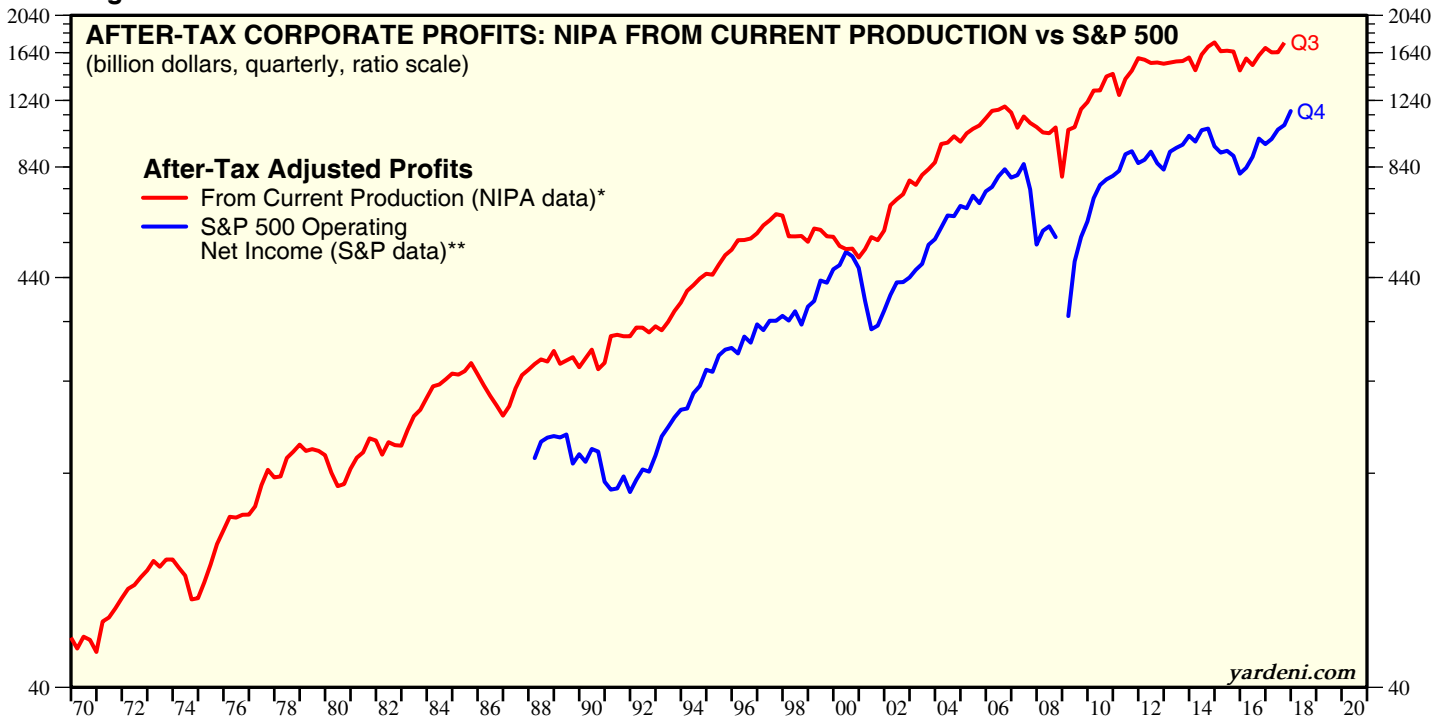


\* Excluding Inventory Valuation Adjustment (IVA) and Capital Consumption Adjustment (CCadj).

\*\* Including IVA & CCadj. These two adjustments restate the historical cost basis used in profits tax accounting for inventory withdrawals and depreciation to the current cost measures used in GDP.  
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Standard & Poor's.

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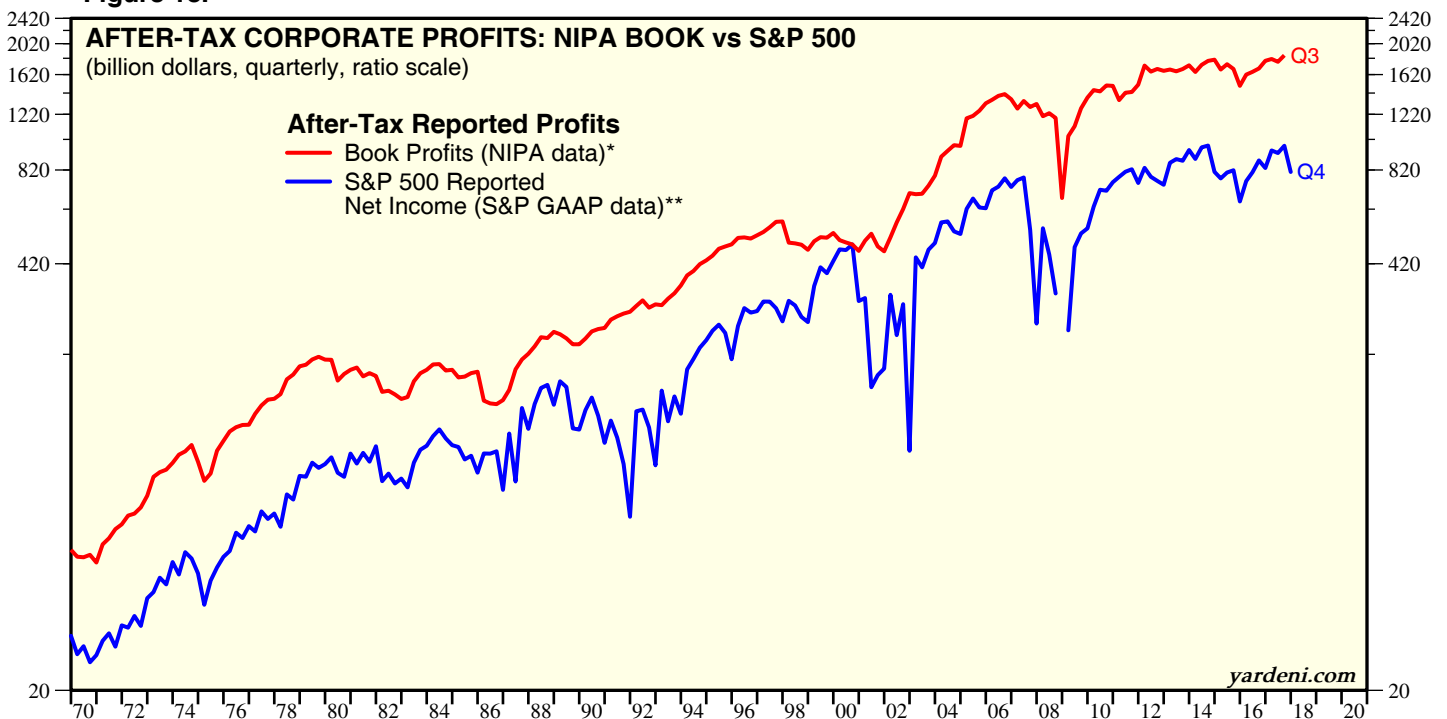


\* Annualized and seasonally adjusted. Including Inventory Valuation Adjustment and Capital Consumption Adjustment. These two adjustments restate the historical cost basis used in profits tax accounting for inventory withdrawals and depreciation to the current cost measures used in GDP.

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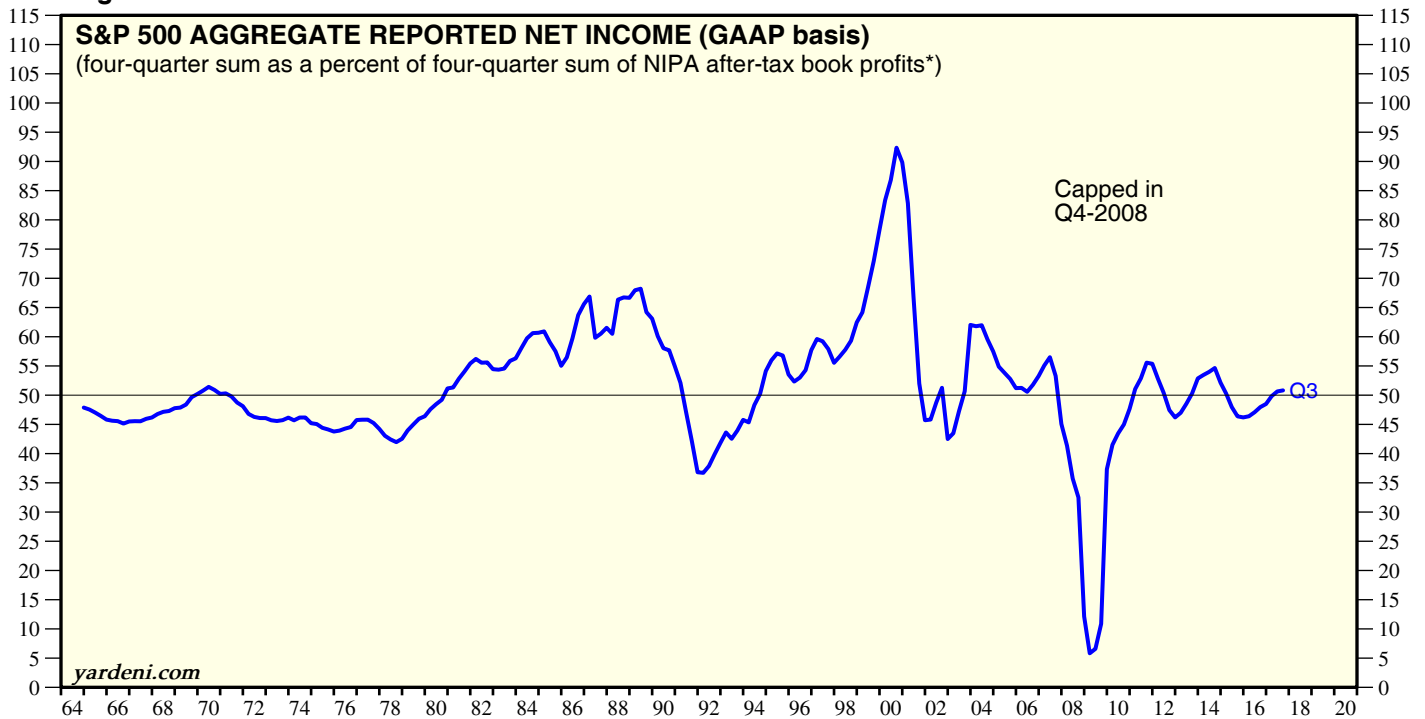
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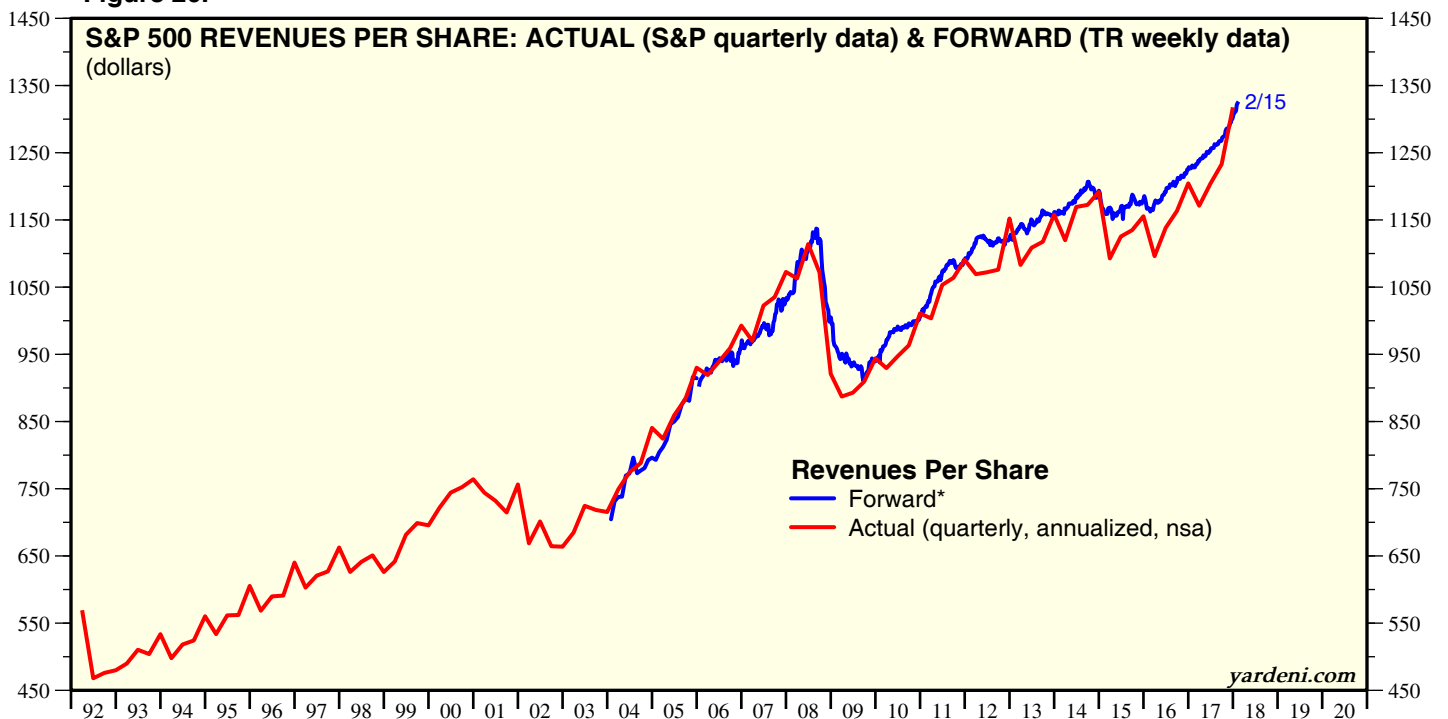
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\* Profits reported on tax returns.  
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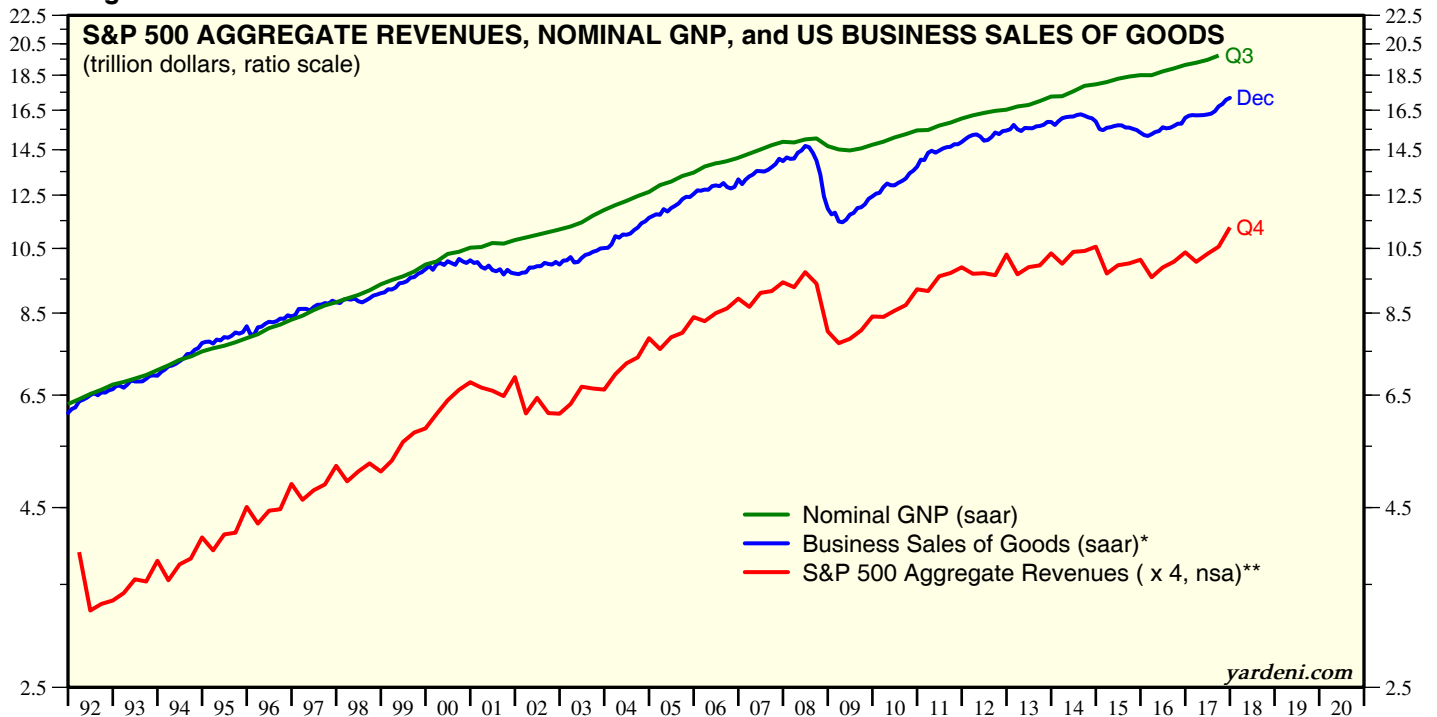
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\* Time-weighted average of consensus estimates for current and next year. Monthly through December 2005, then weekly.  
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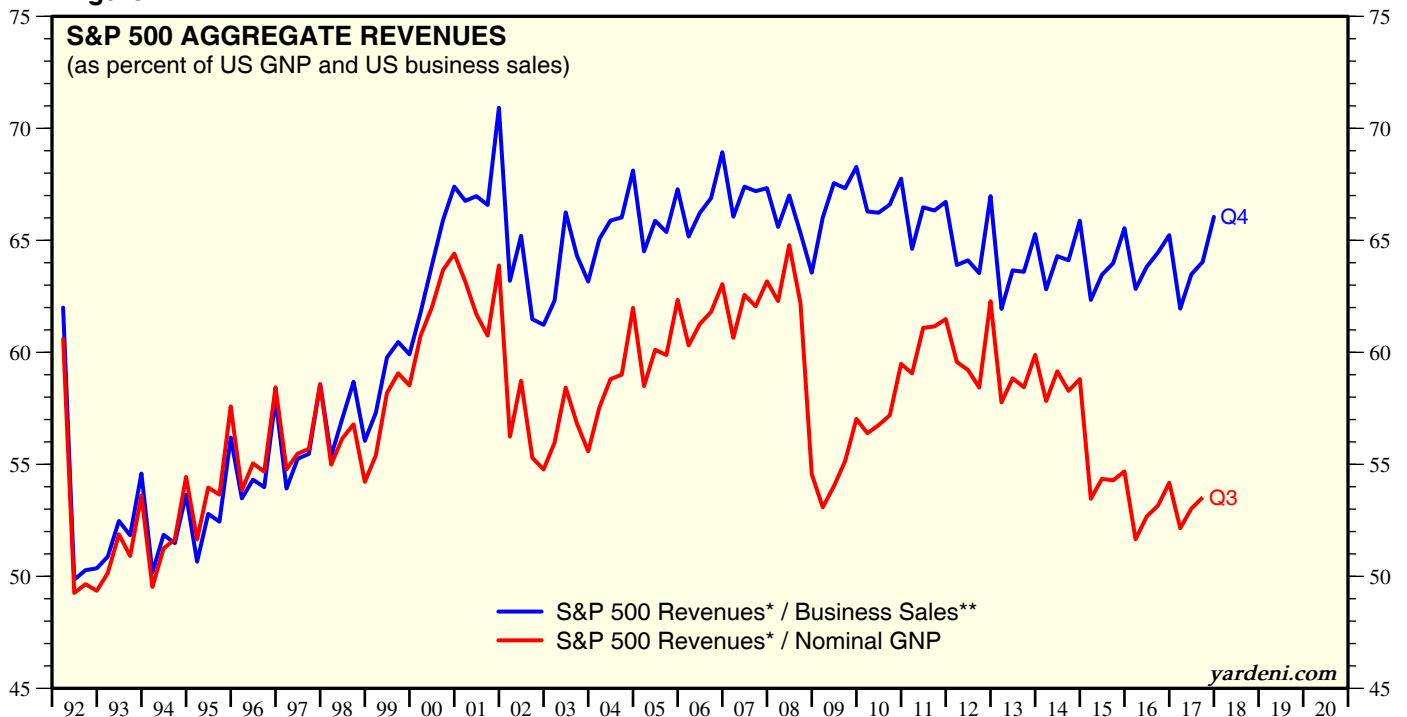


\* Manufacturing and trade sales.

\*\* Revenues are derived by multiplying S&P 500 revenues per share by the S&P 500 divisor for each quarter.

Source: Bureau of the Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Standard & Poor's.

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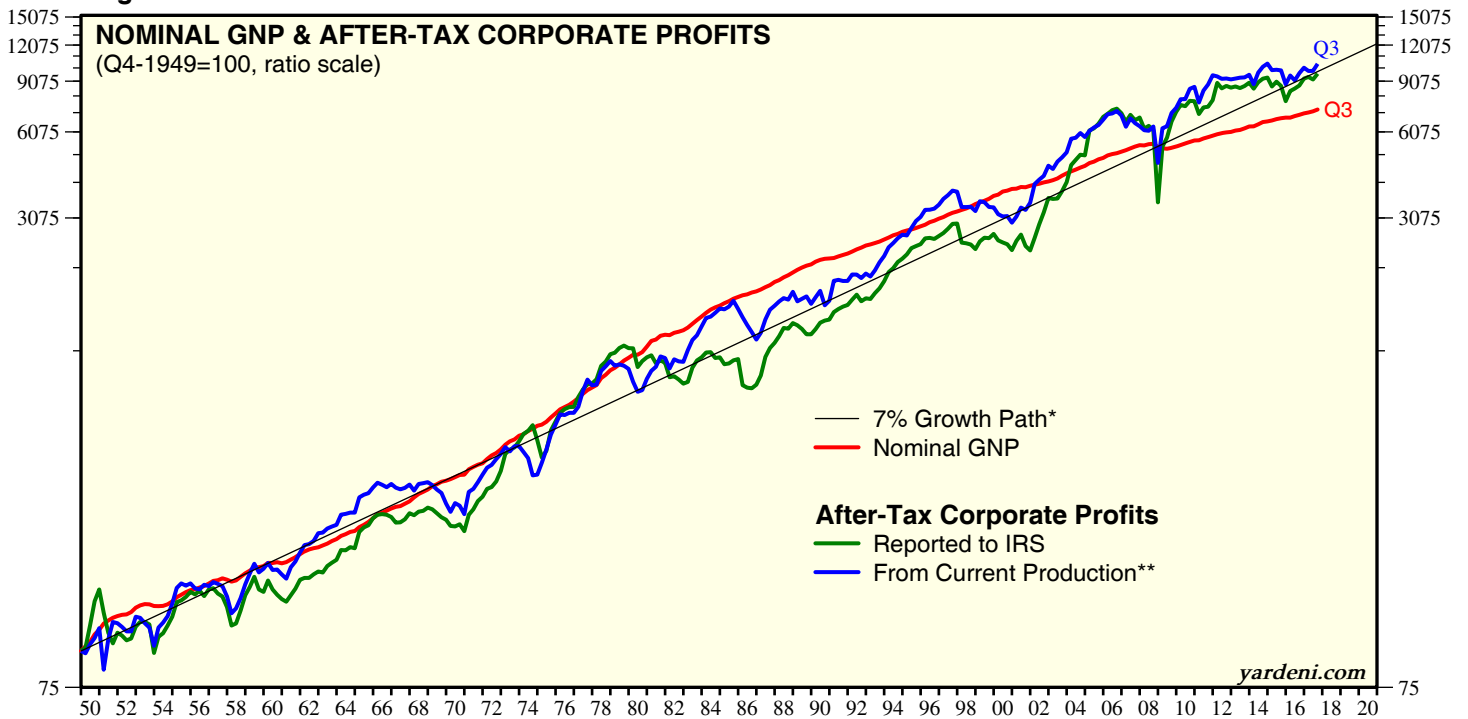
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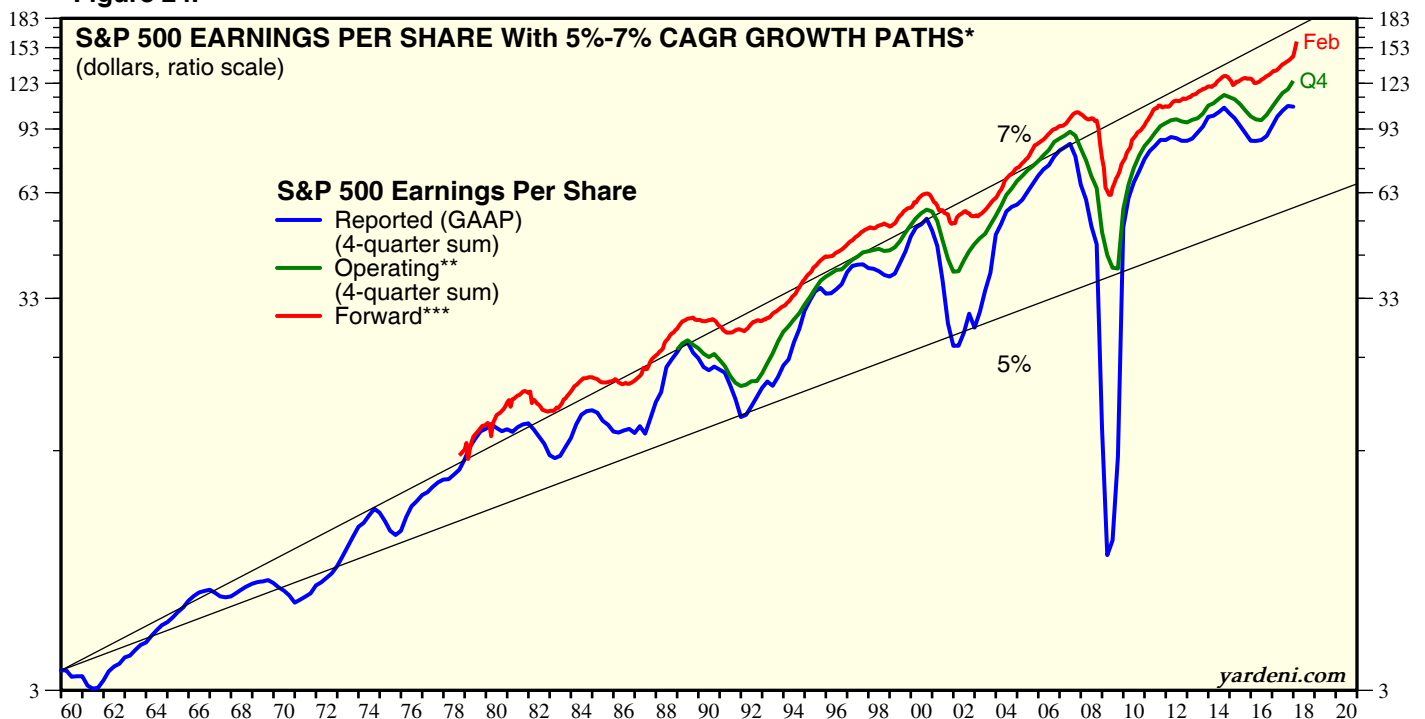


\* Compounded monthly to yield 7% annually.

\*\* Including Inventory Valuation Adjustment and Capital Consumption Adjustment, which restate the historical cost basis used in profits tax accounting for inventory withdrawals and depreciation to the current cost measures used in GDP.

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Figure 24.



\* Compounded monthly to yield 5% and 7% annually.

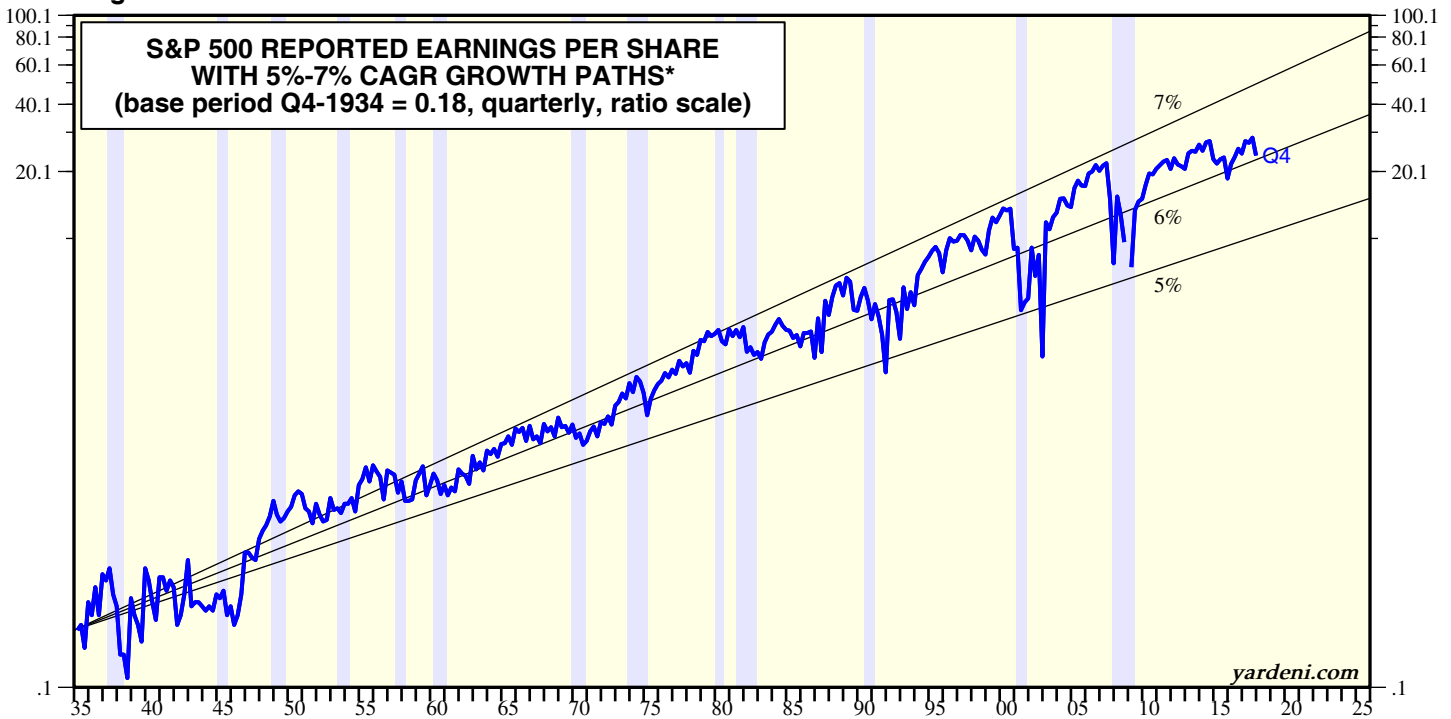
\*\* Excluding write-offs. Thomson Reuters data.

\*\*\* S&P 500 12-month forward consensus expected operating earnings per share. Time-weighted average of consensus estimates for current year and next year.

Source: Standard & Poor's and Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

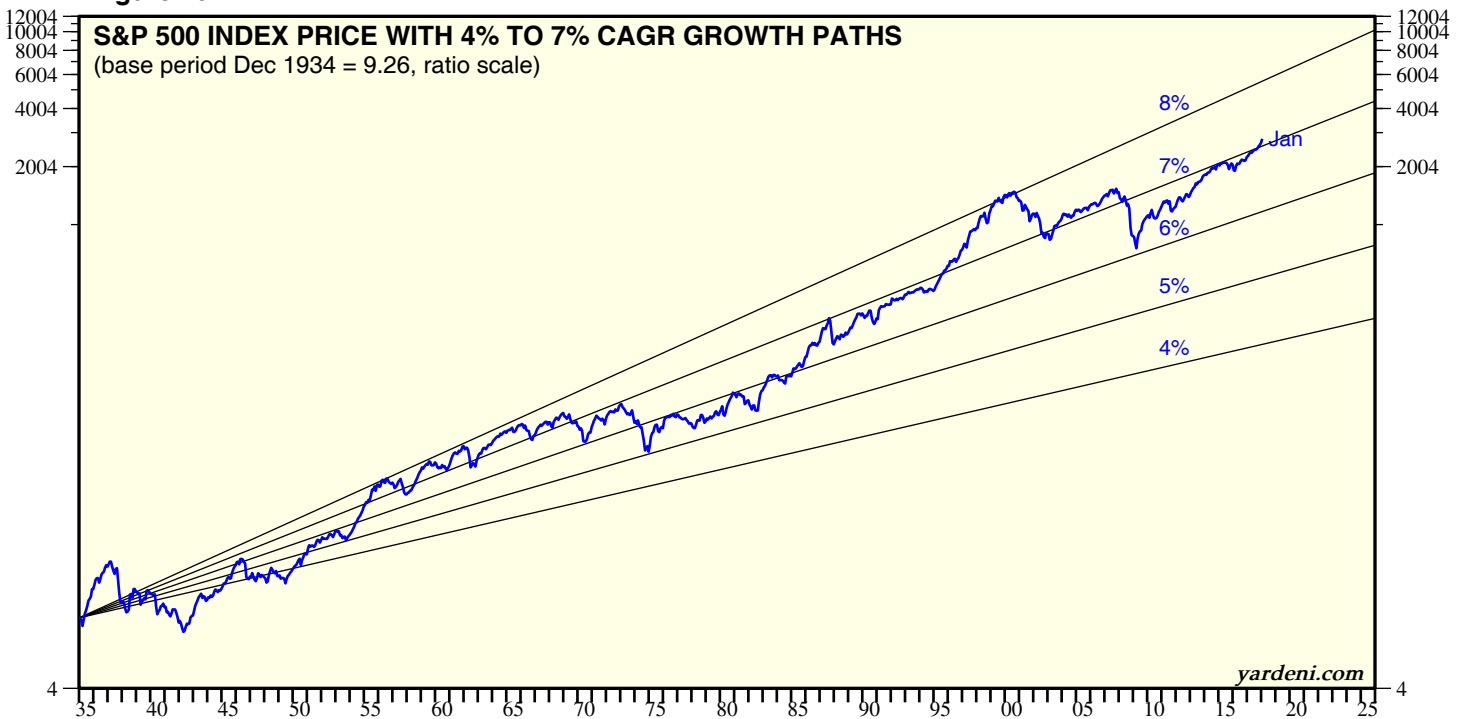
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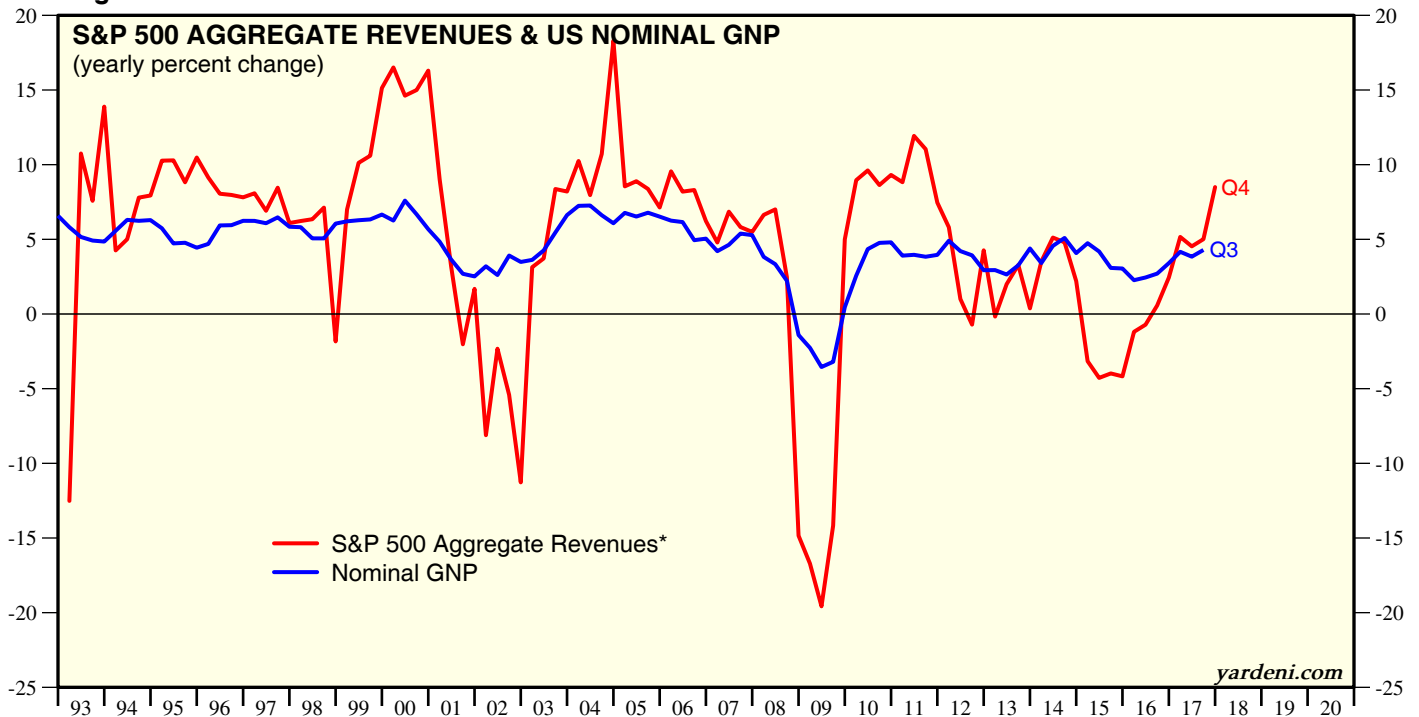
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Source: Standard & Poor's.

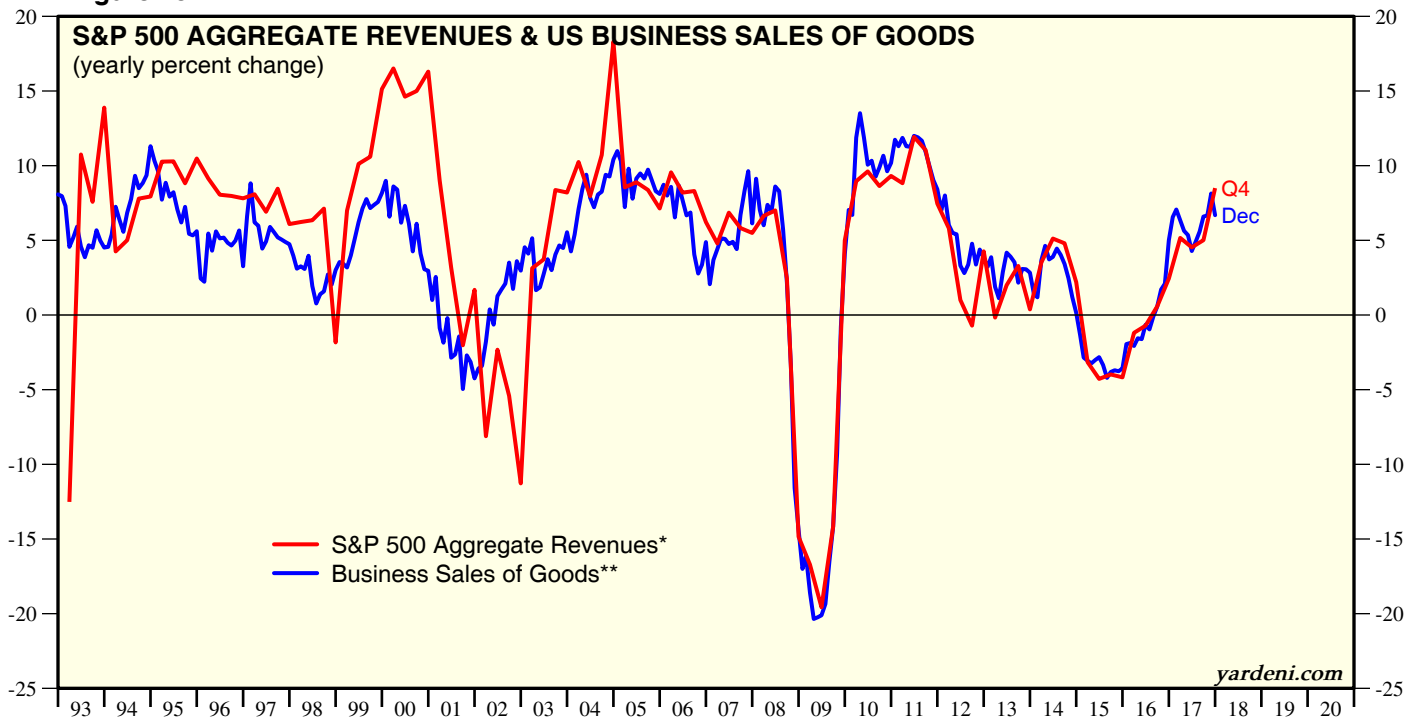
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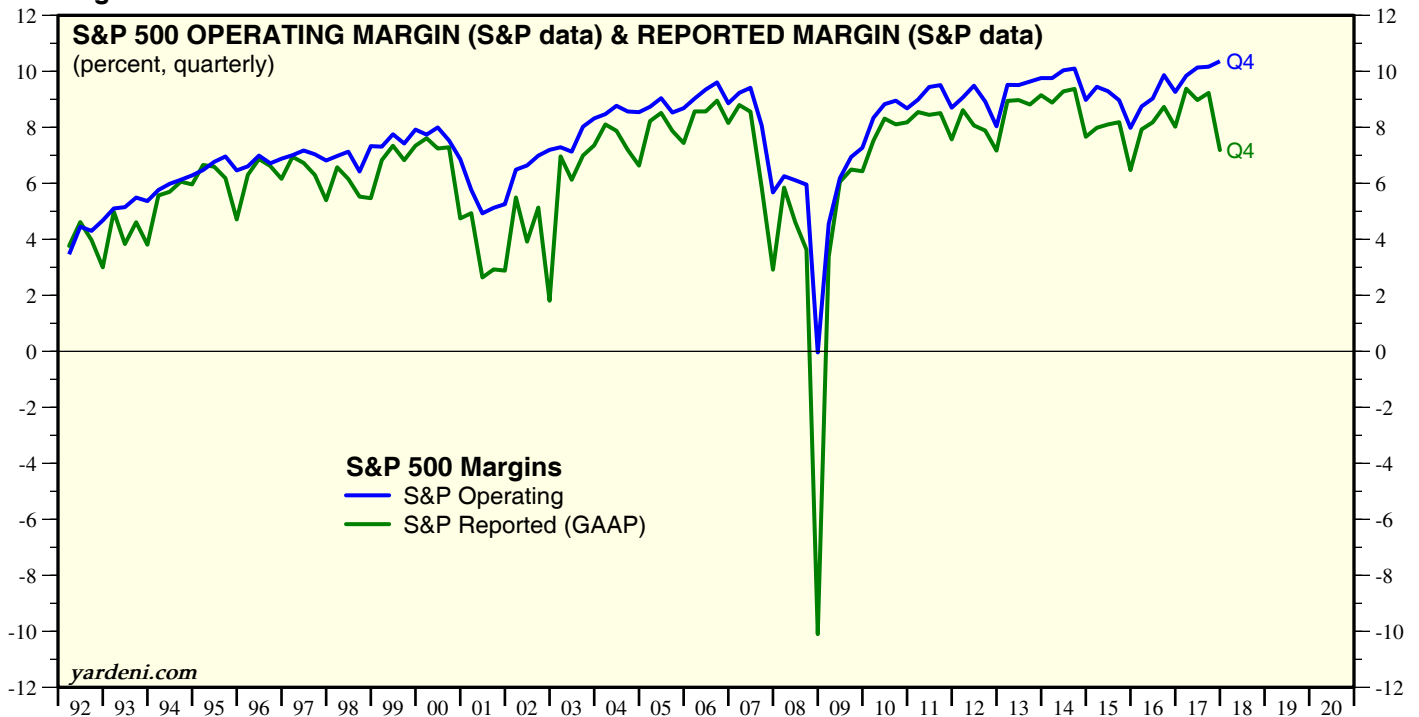
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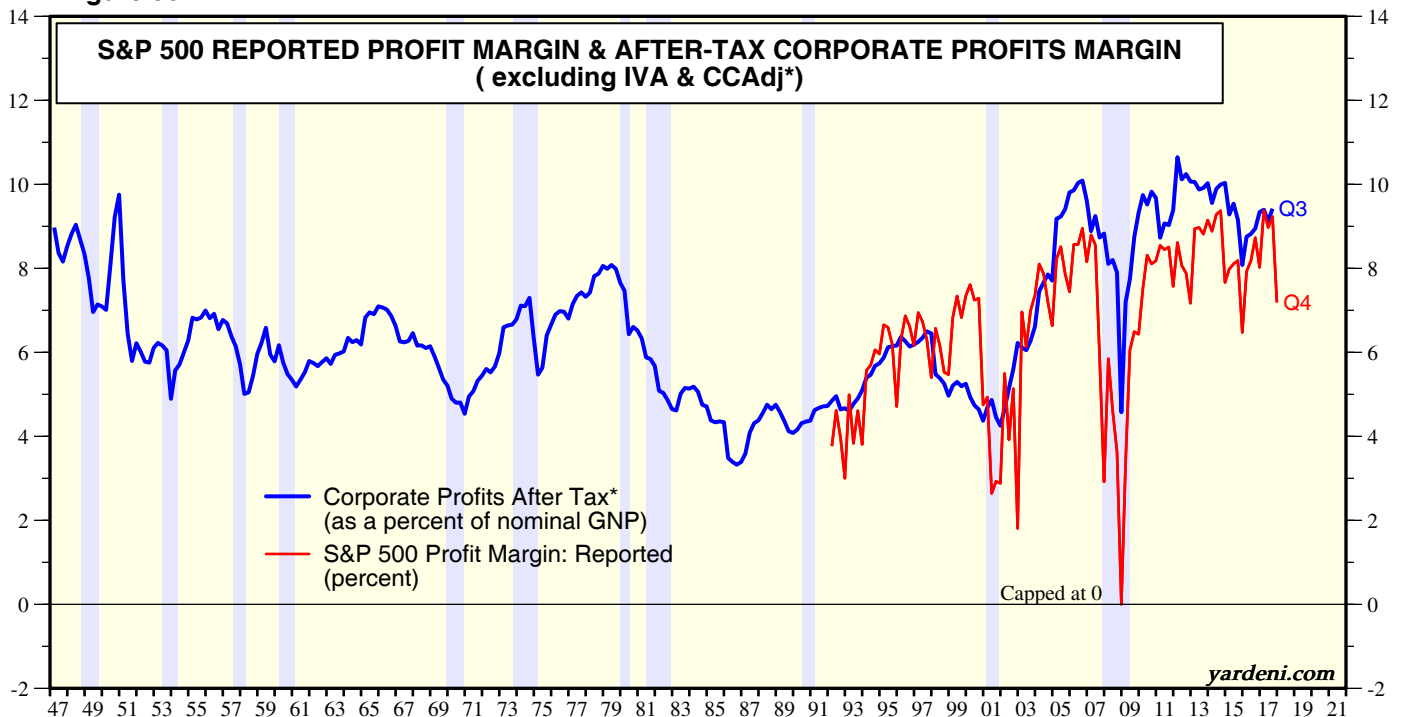
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Source: Standard & Poor's.

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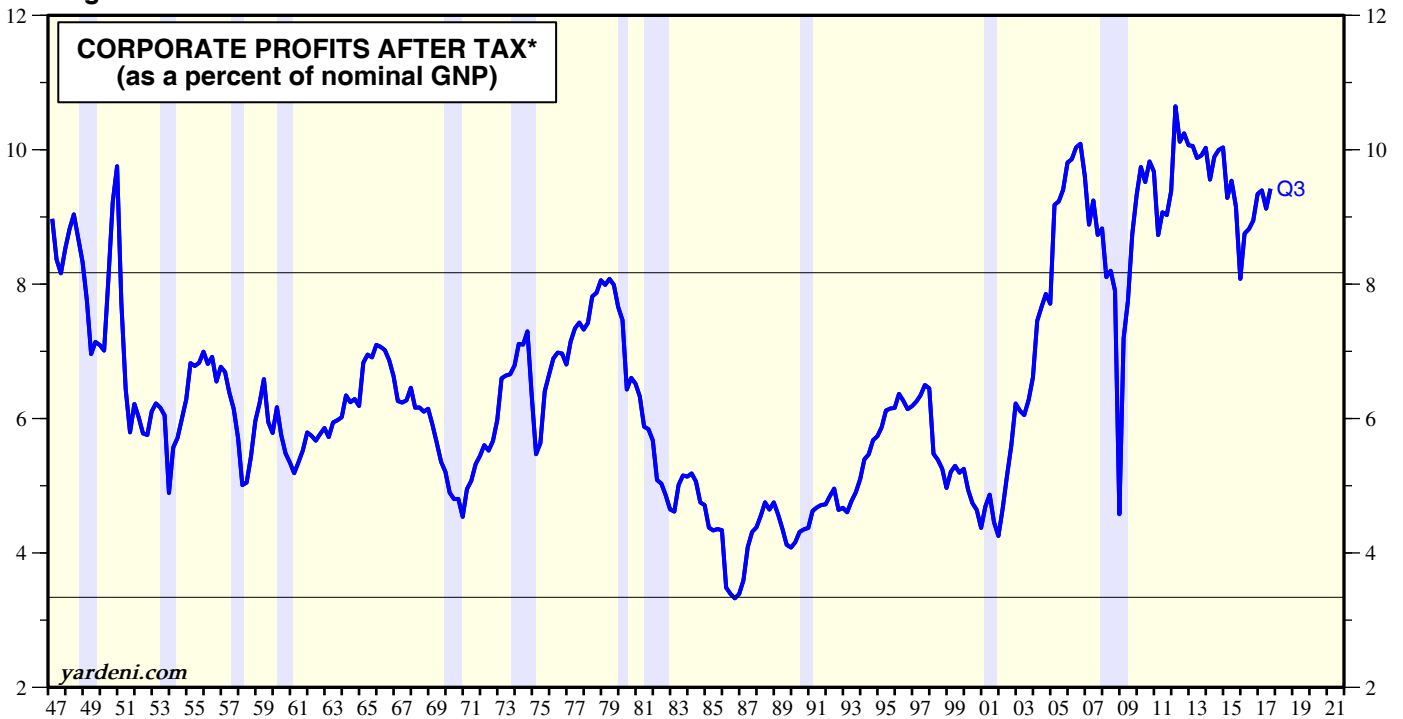
\* After-tax profits as reported to IRS excluding Inventory Valuation Adjustment (IVA) and Capital Consumption Adjustment (CCAAdj). These two adjustments restate the historical cost basis used in profits tax accounting for inventory withdrawals and depreciation to the current cost measures used in GNP.

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Source: Standard & Poor's and Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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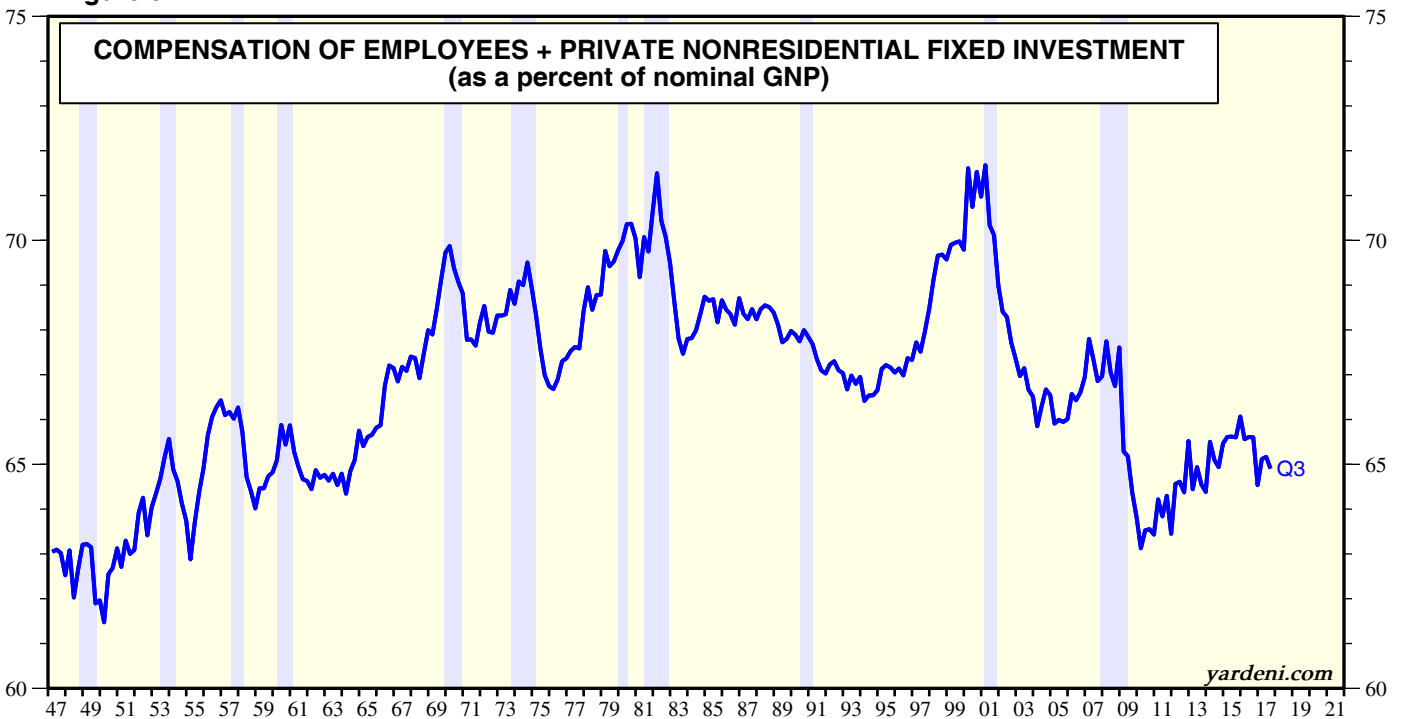


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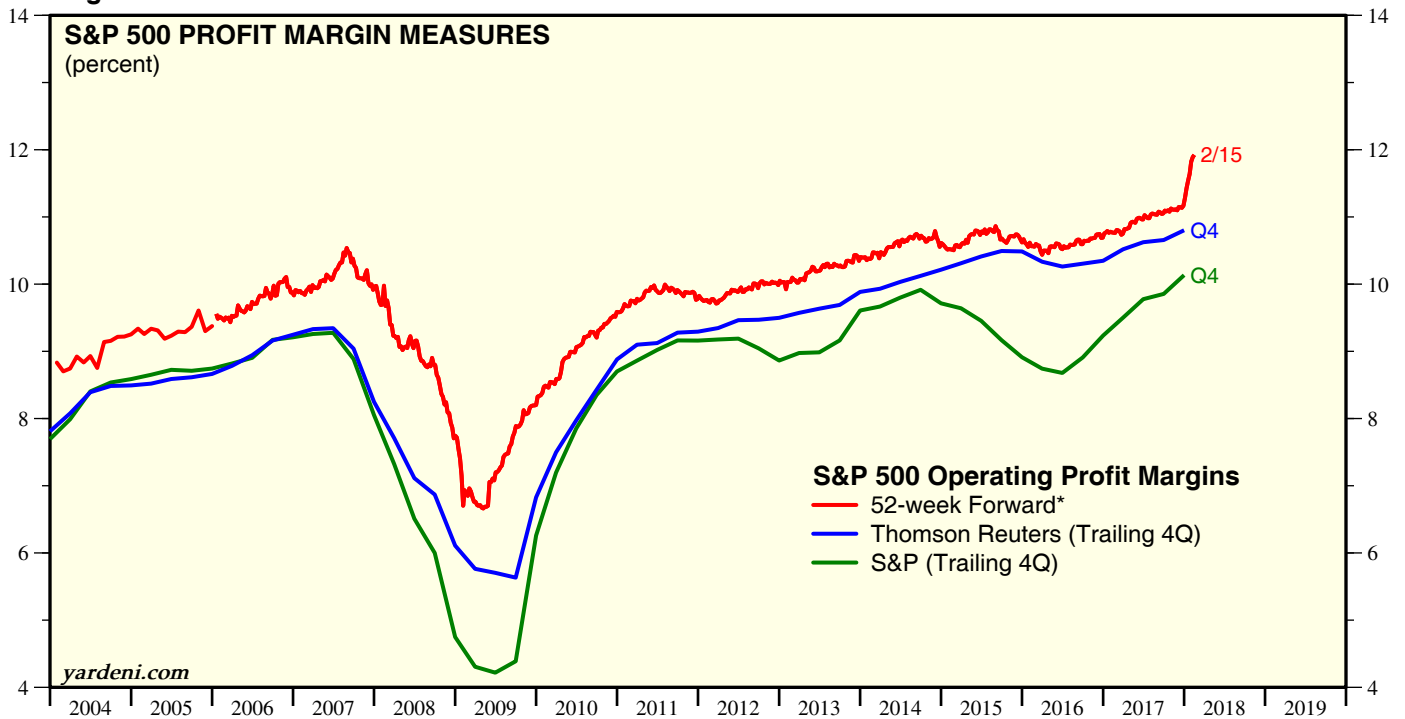


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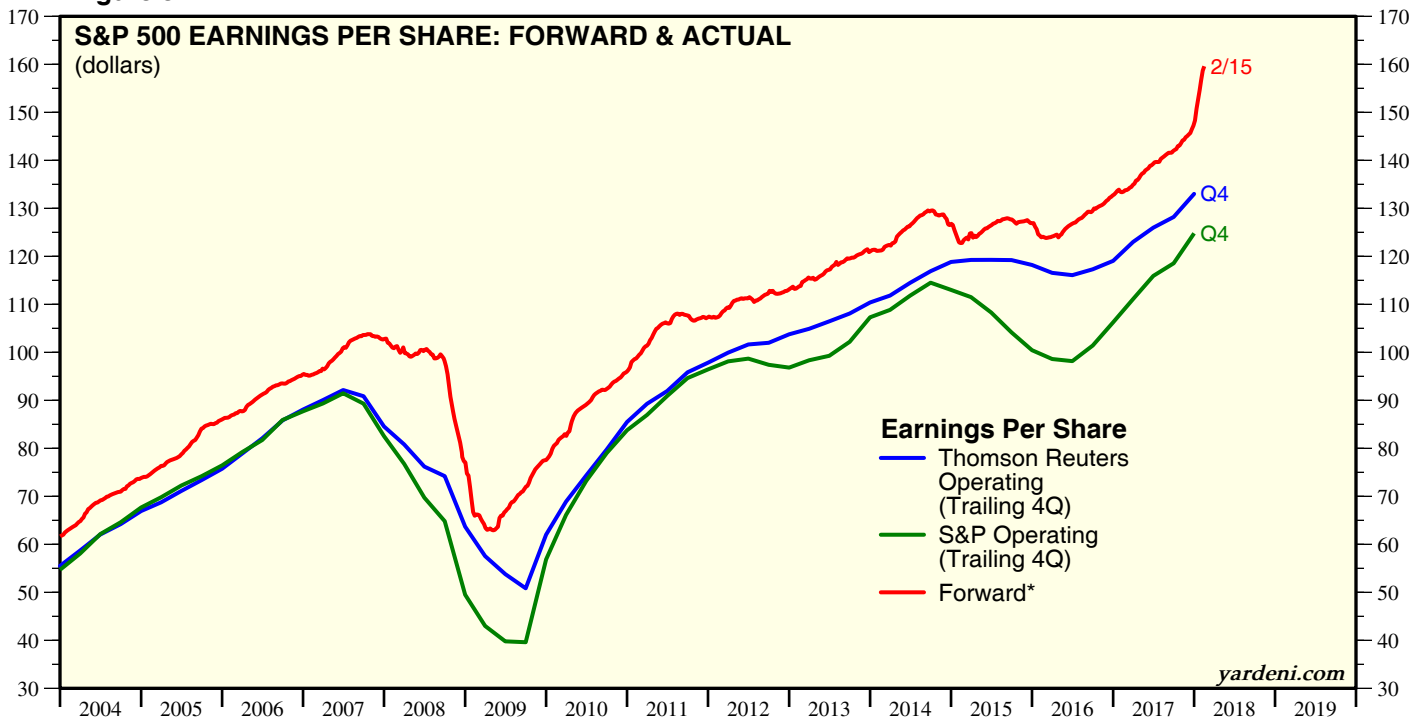
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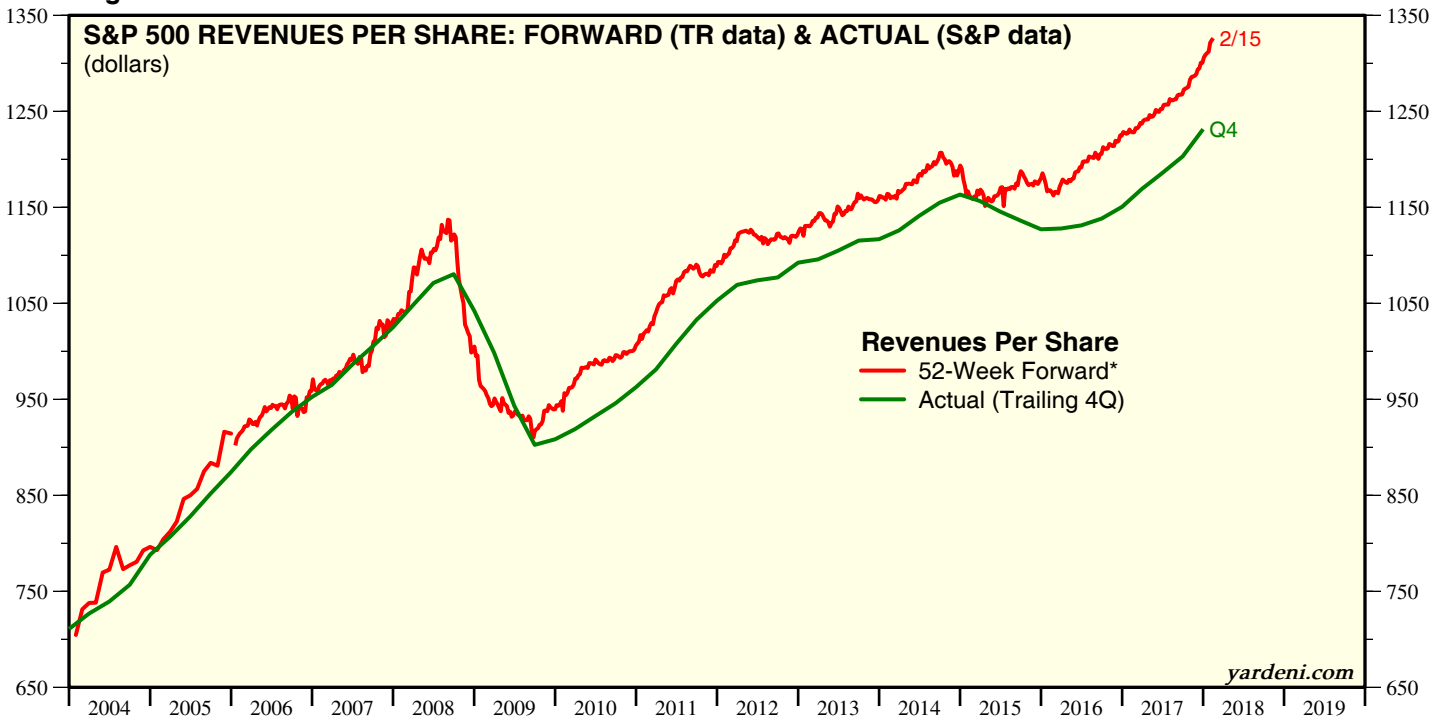
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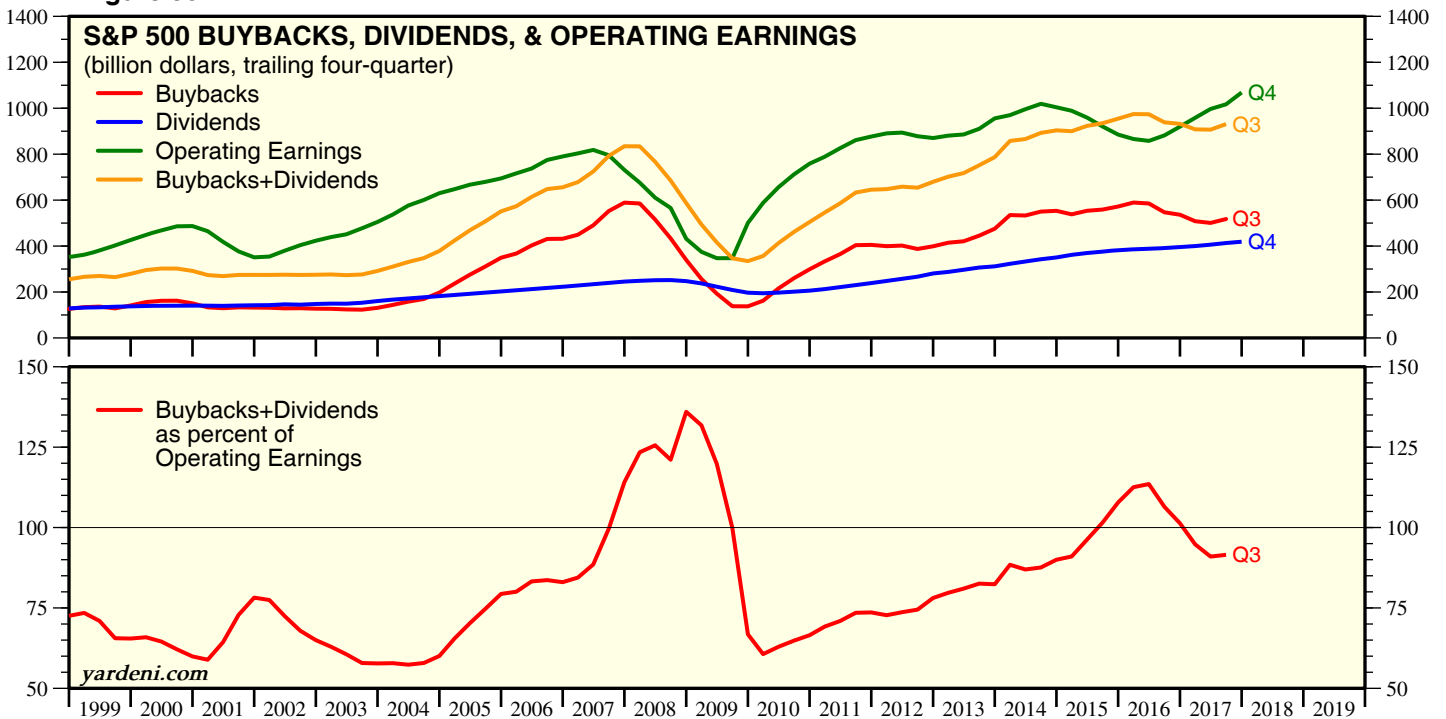
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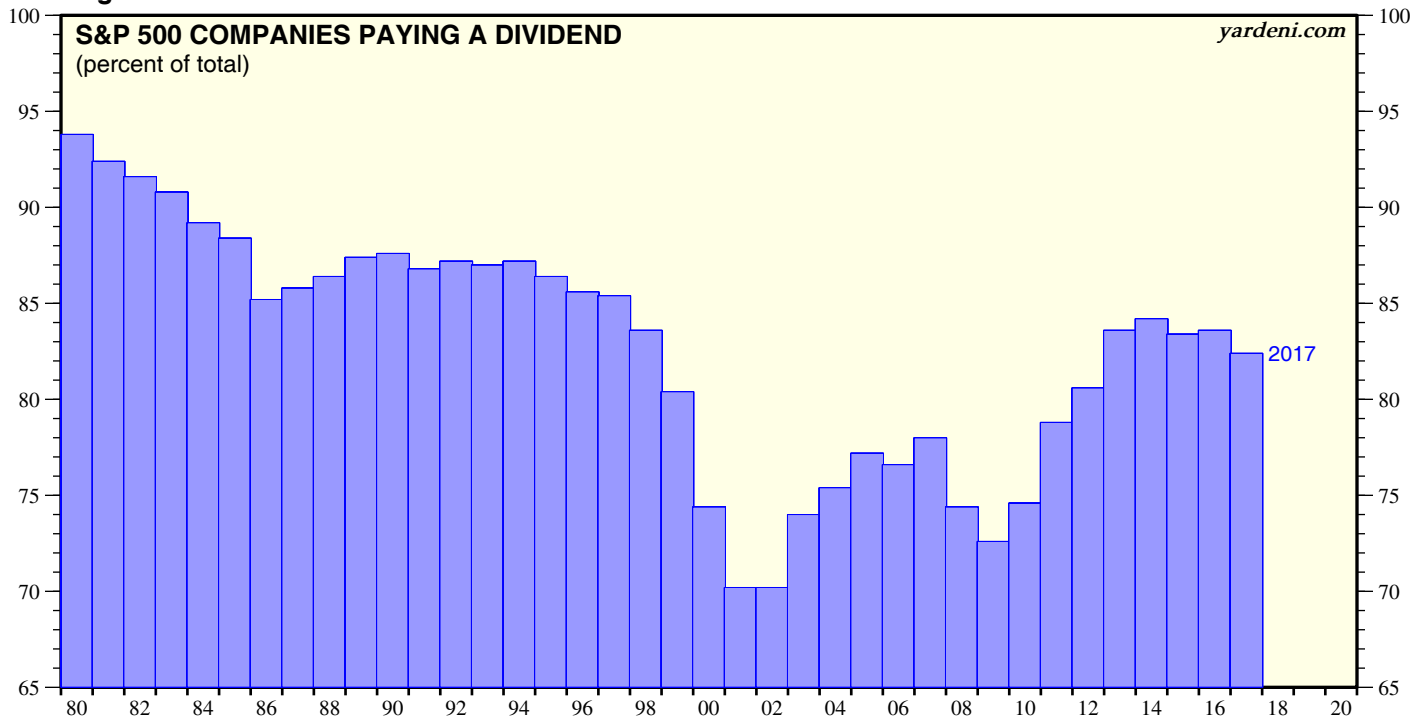
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Source: Standard & Poor's.

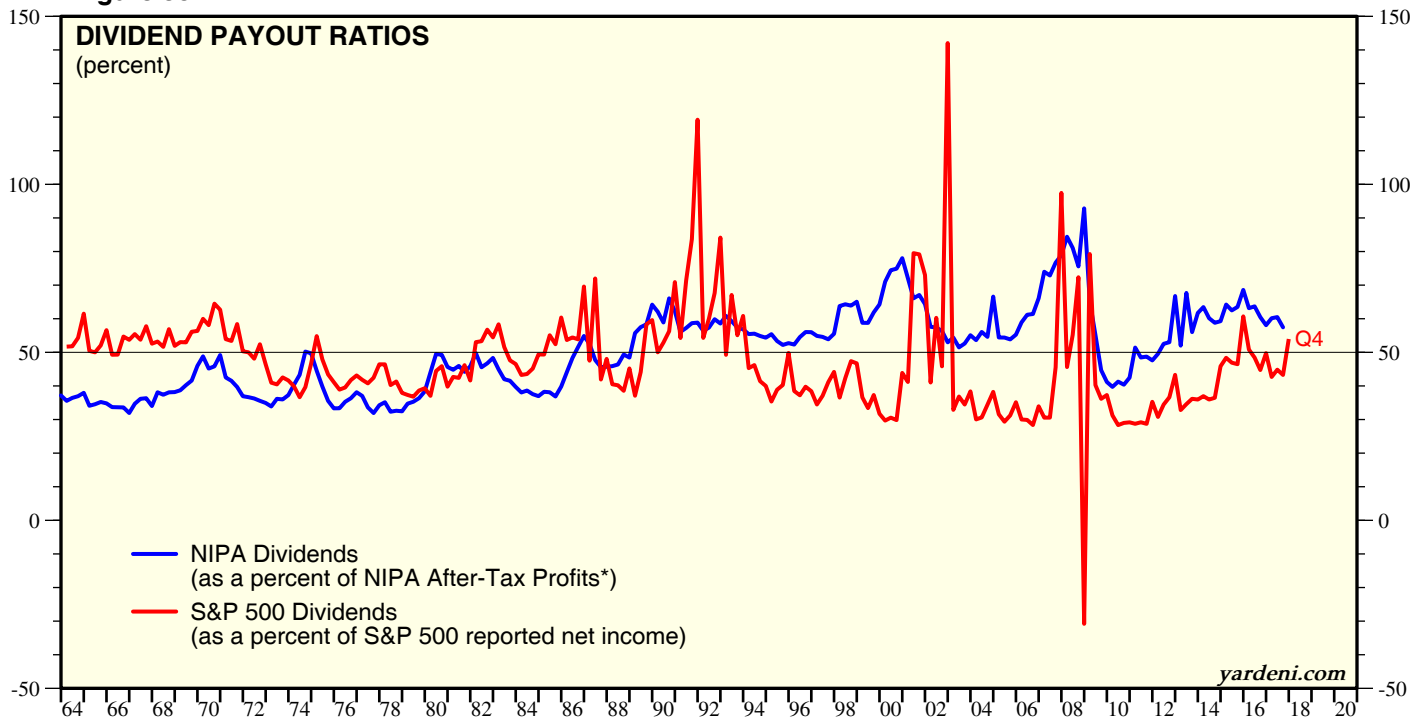
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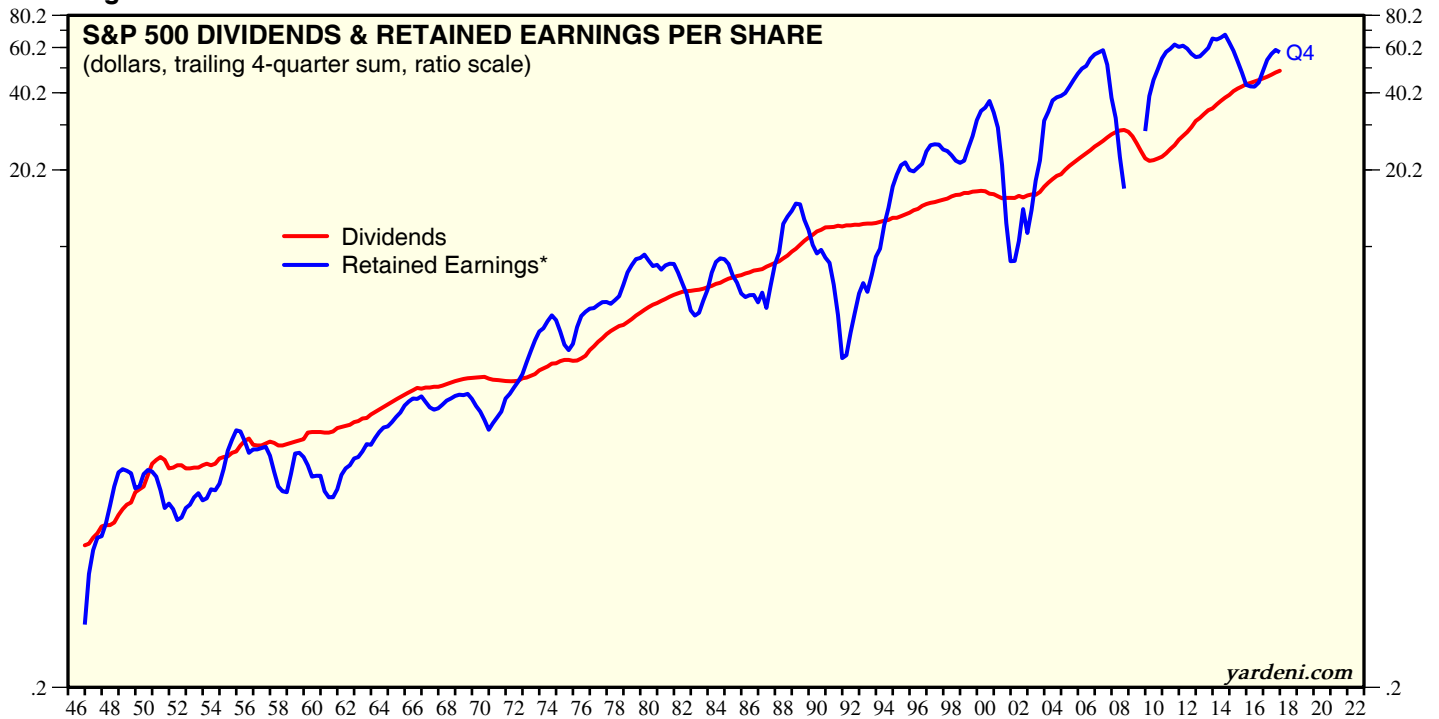
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\* From Current Production. Including IVA & CCadj. These two adjustments restate the historical cost basis used in profits tax accounting for inventory withdrawals and depreciation to the current cost measures used in GDP.  
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Standard & Poor's.

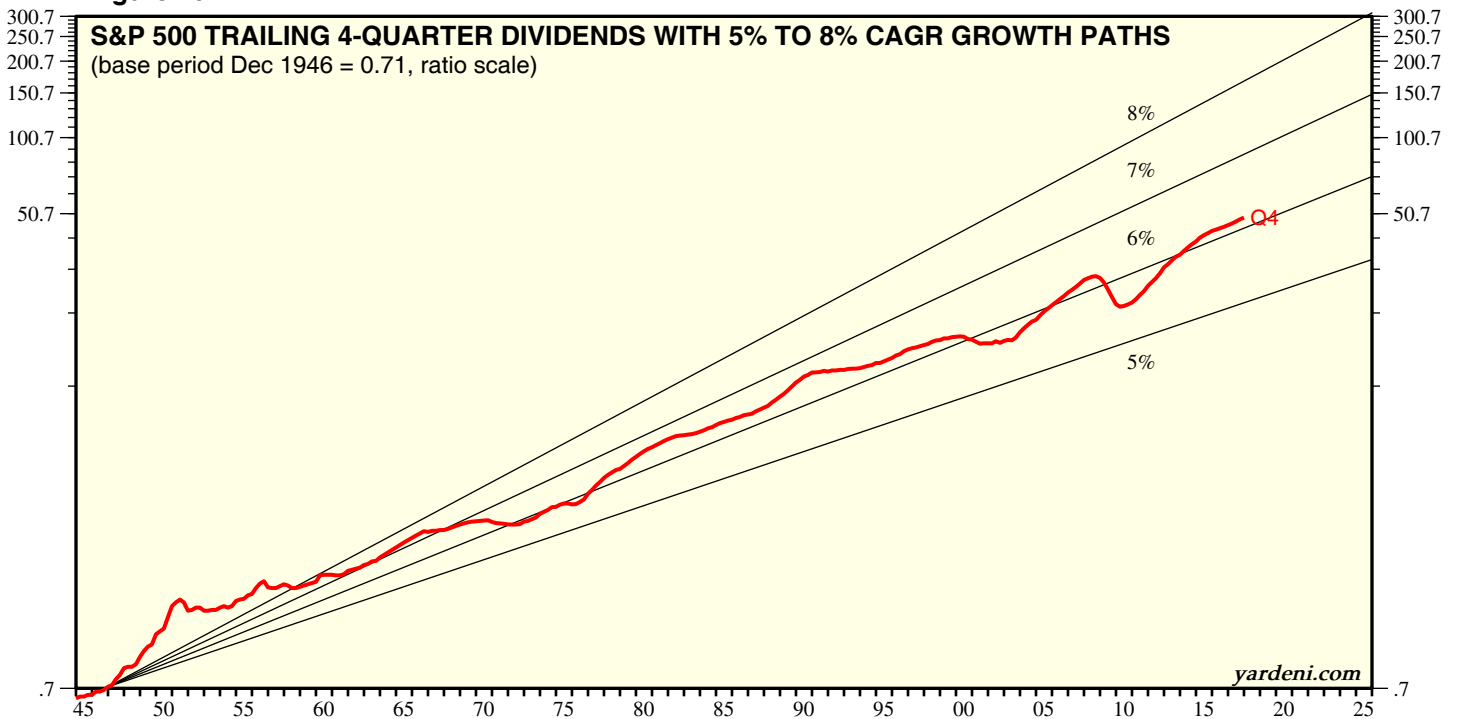
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\* Reported earnings minus dividends per share.  
Source: Standard & Poor's.

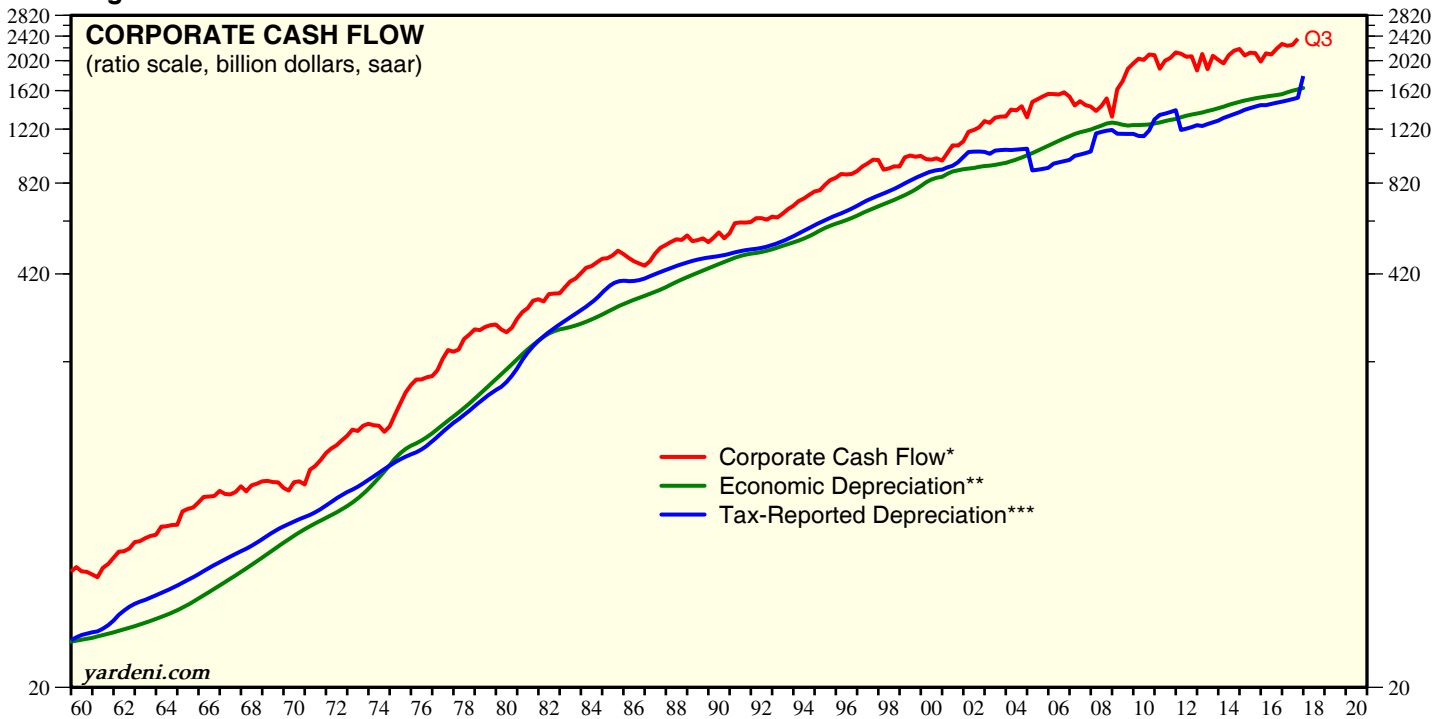
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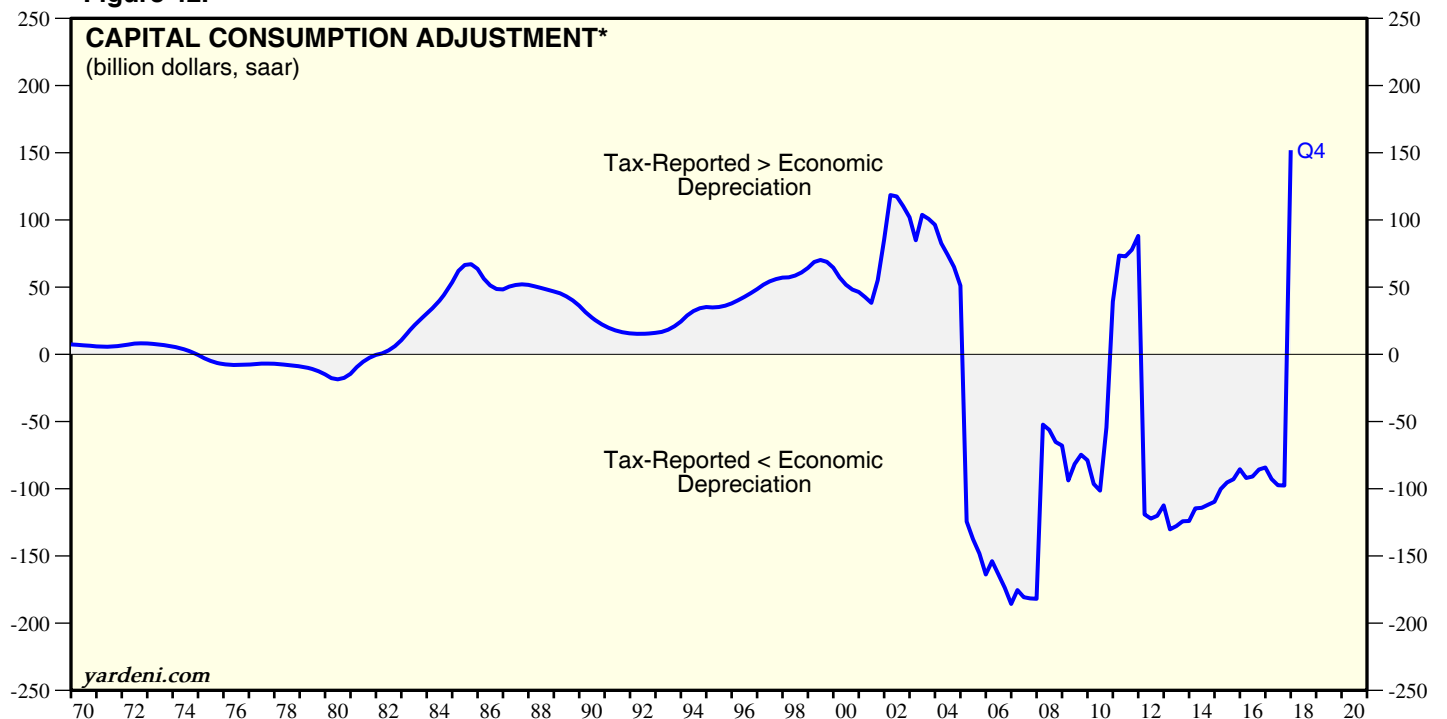
\* After-tax retained earnings plus tax-reported depreciation.

\*\* Corporate capital consumption allowances.

\*\*\* Corporate capital consumption allowances with capital consumption adjustment.

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

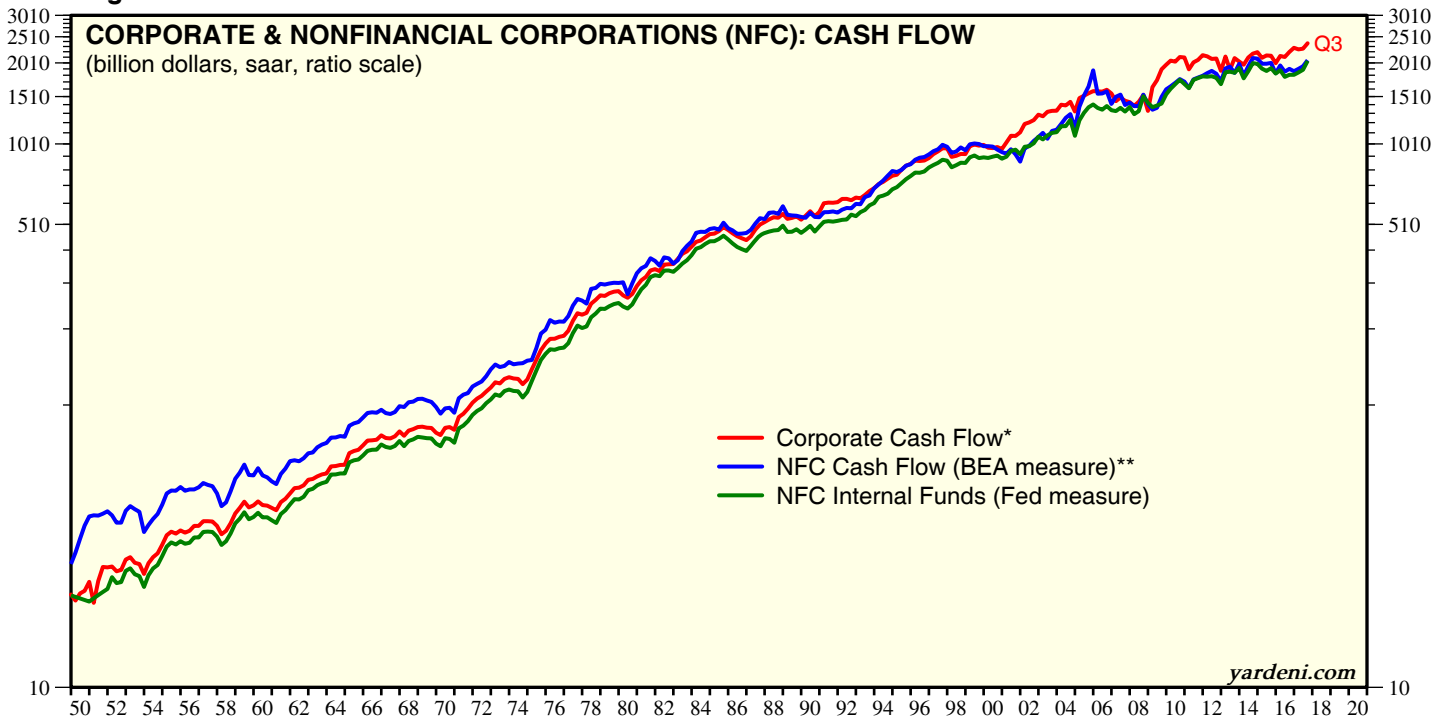
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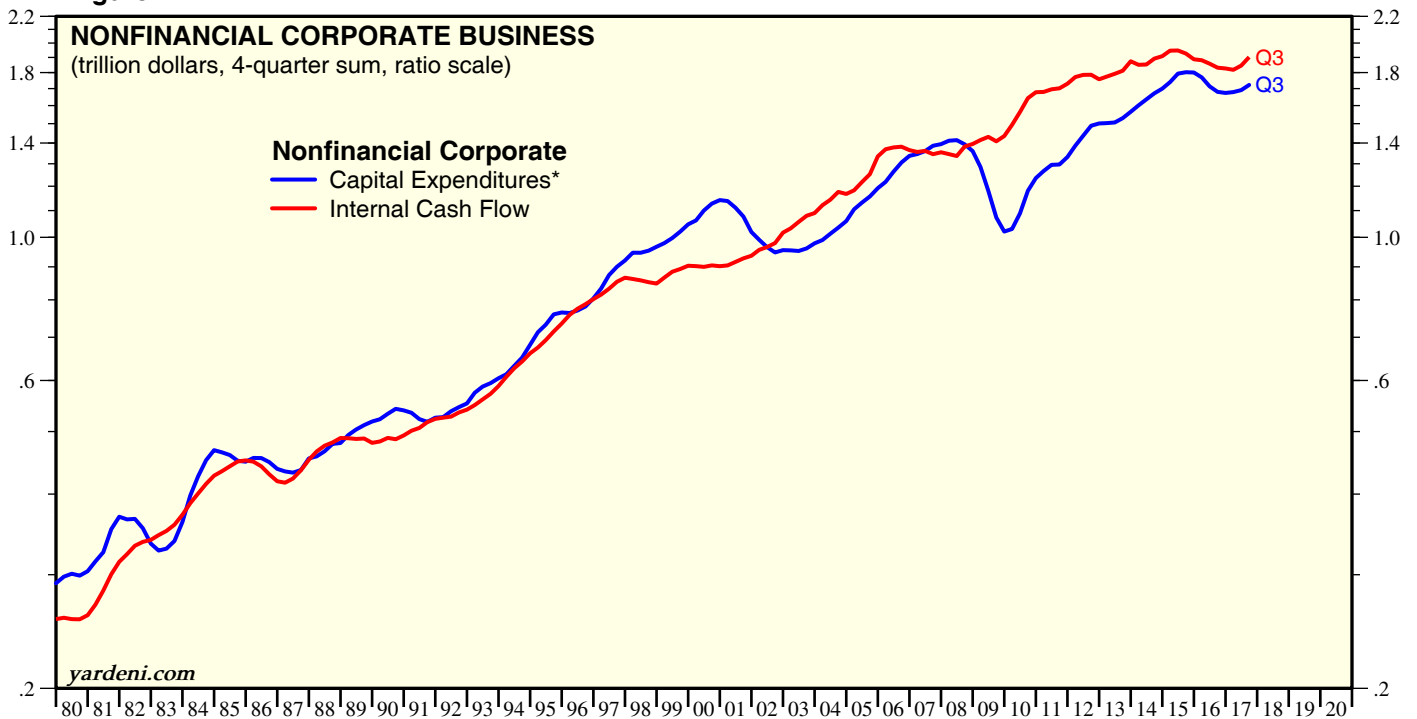
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\* After-tax retained earnings plus tax-reported depreciation.  
 \*\* After-tax operating retained earnings plus tax-return-based depreciation.  
 Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Flow of Funds Accounts.

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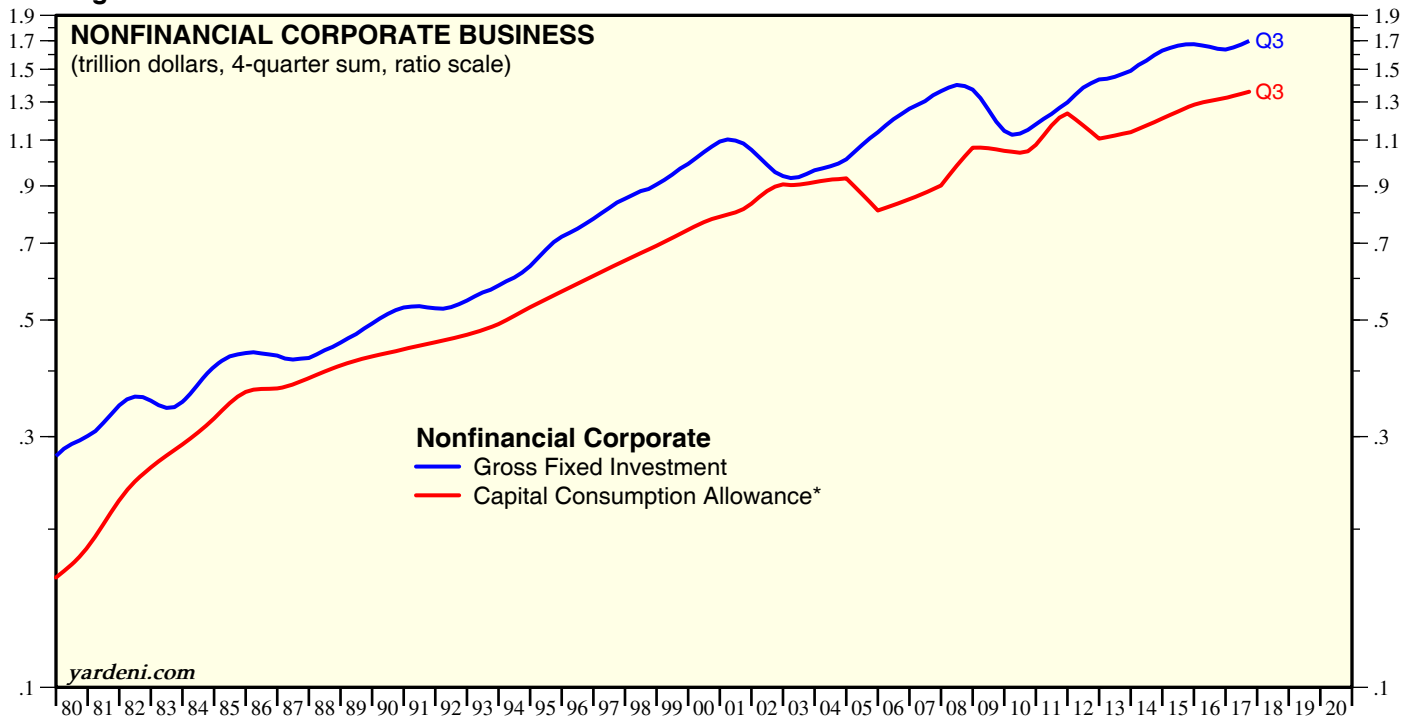


\* Includes nonresidential fixed investment plus residential fixed investment, and inventory change with IVA.  
 Source: Flow of Funds Accounts.



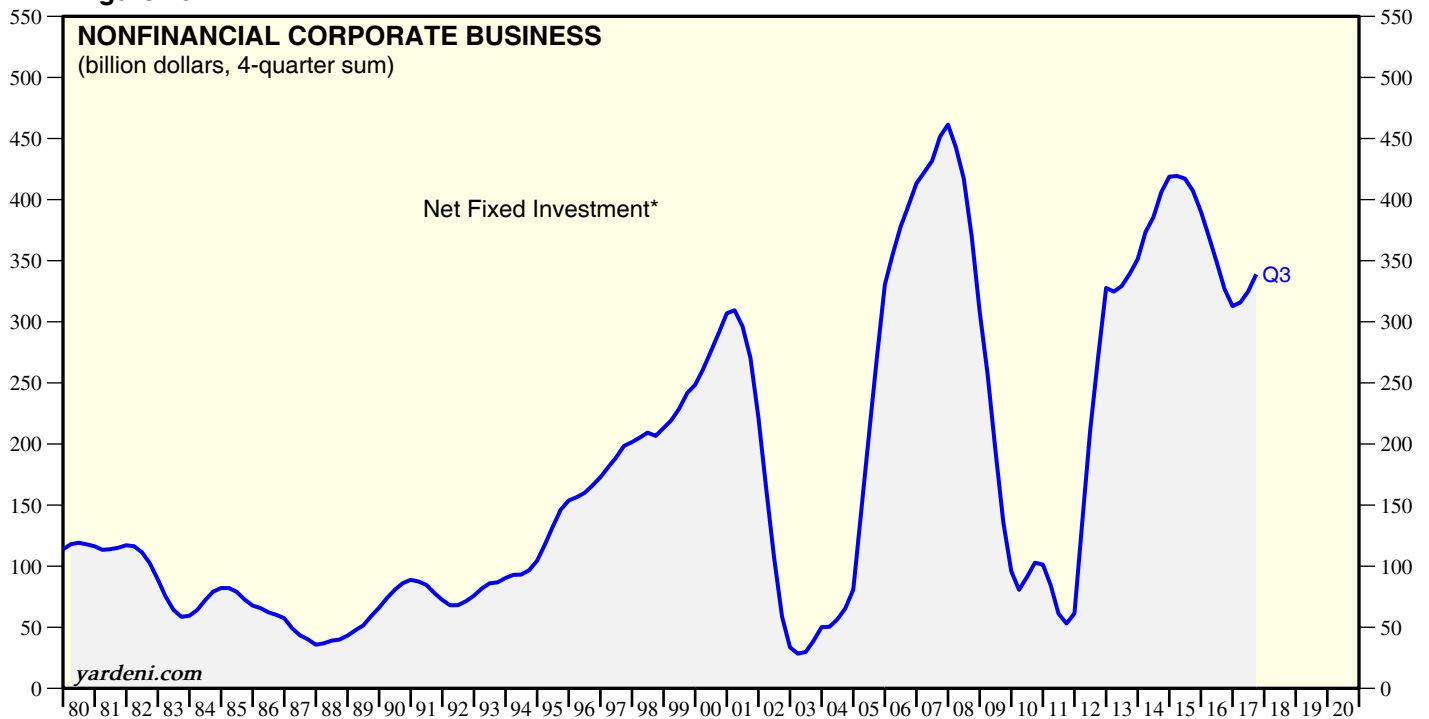
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\* Consumption of fixed capital plus the capital consumption adjustment.  
Source: Flow of Funds Accounts.

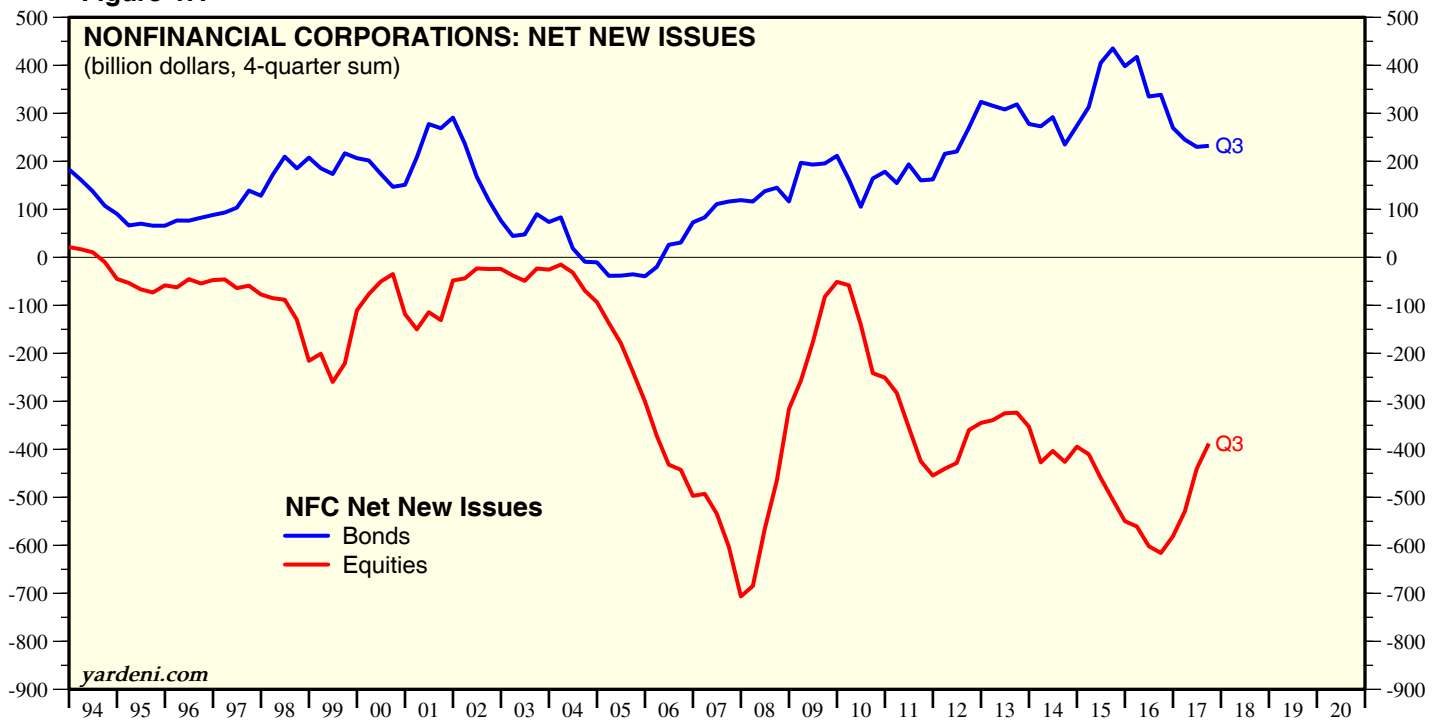
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\* Gross fixed investment less consumption of fixed capital plus the capital consumption adjustment.  
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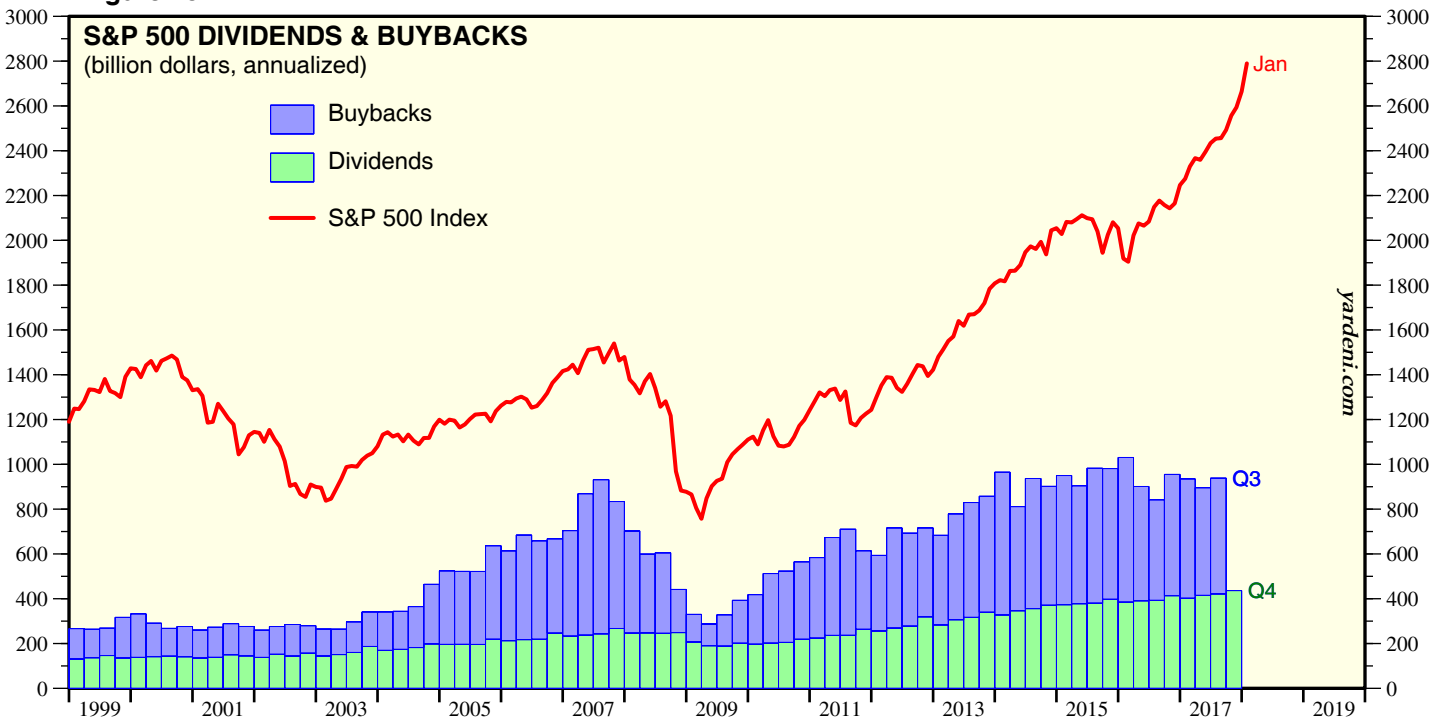
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Figure 47.



Source: Flow of Funds Accounts.

Figure 48.



Source: Standard & Poor's.

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