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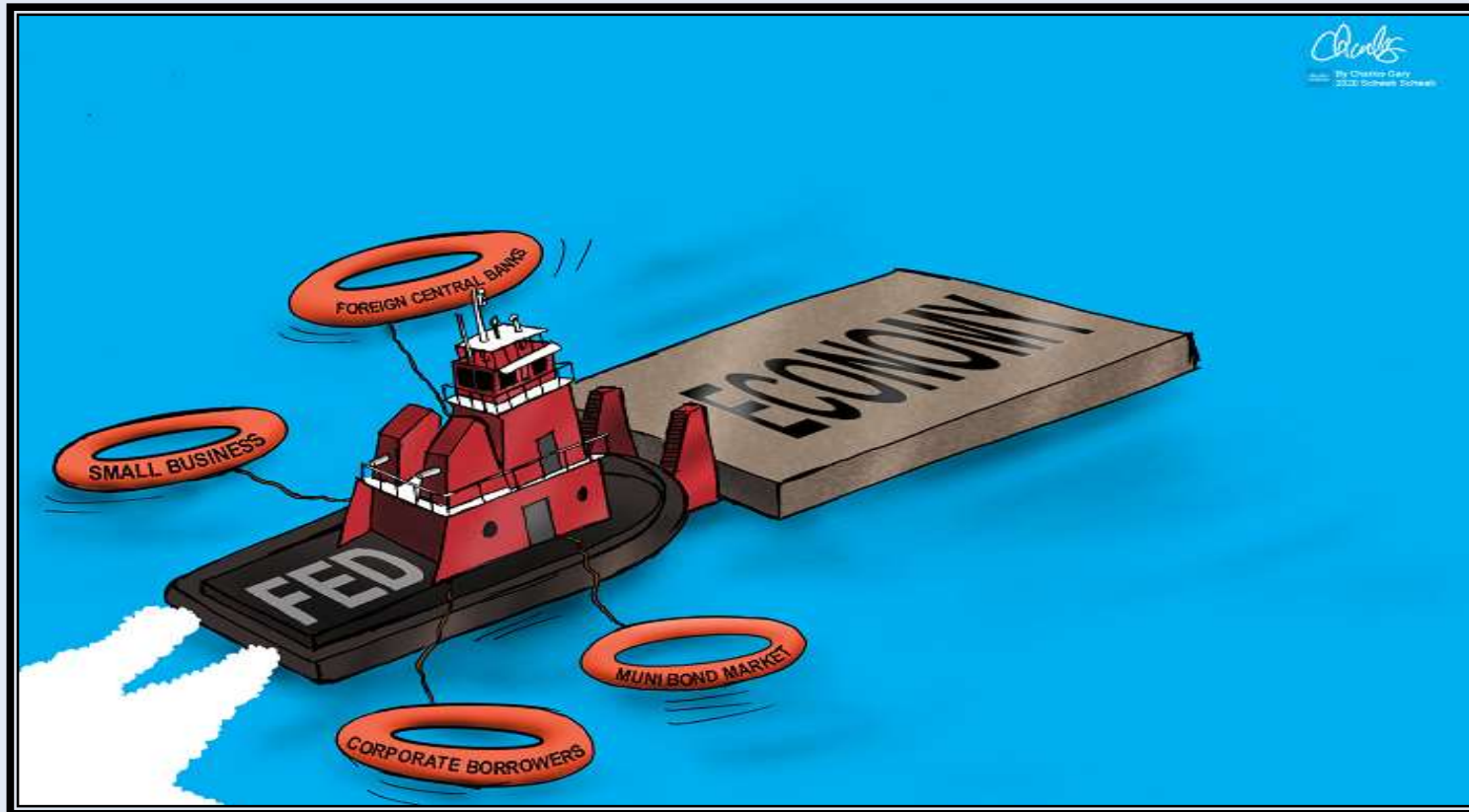
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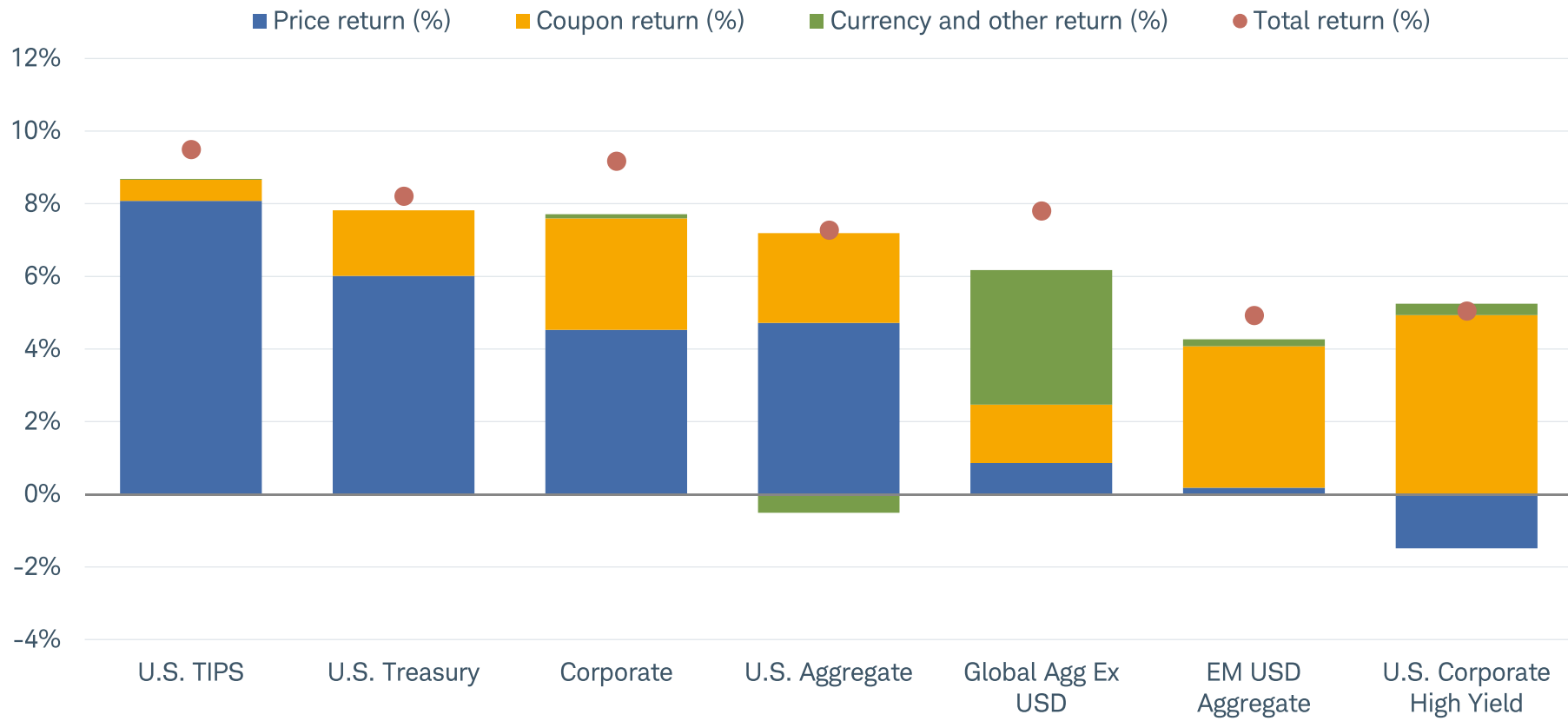
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Total returns for fixed income asset classes

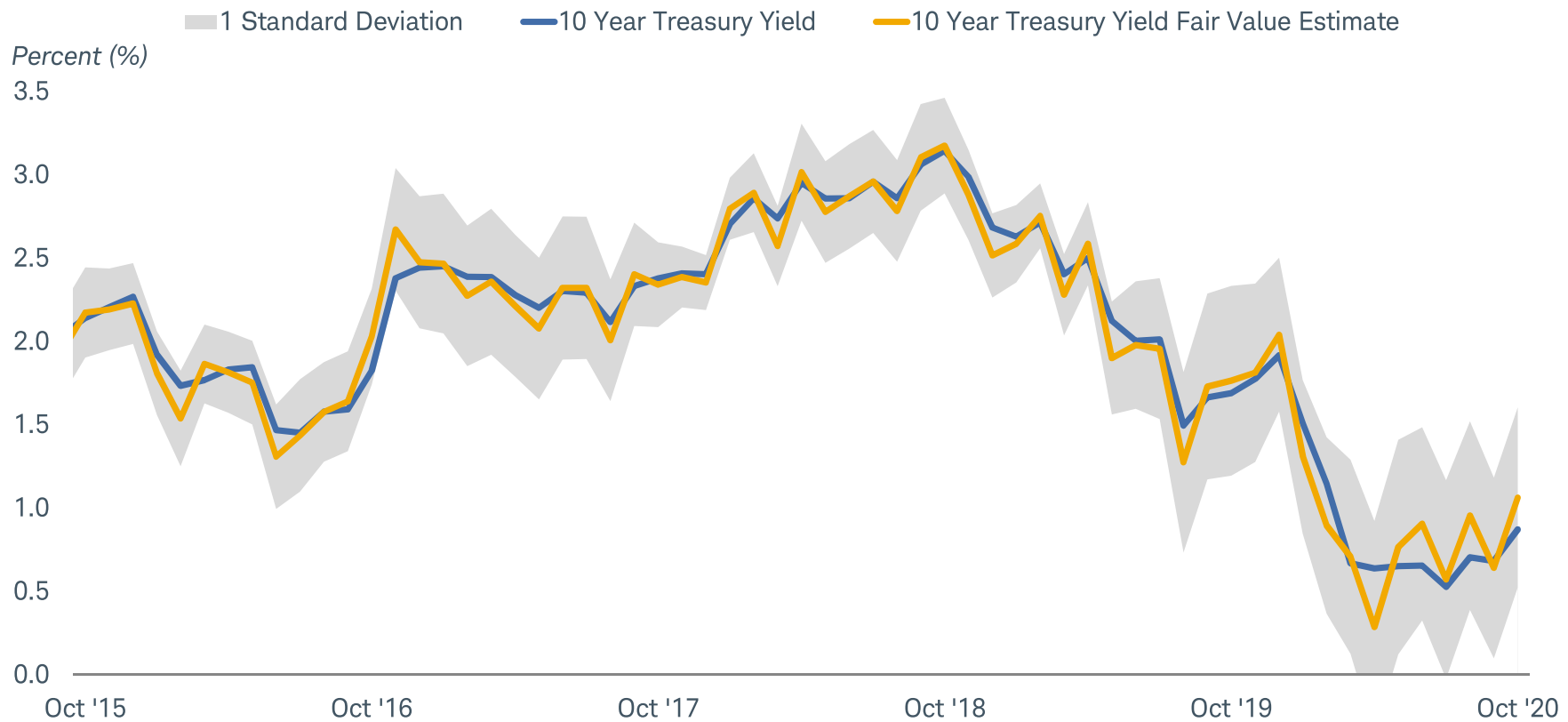
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Source: Bloomberg. Year to date total return as of 11/27/2020. Indexes used: Barclays U.S. Treasury TIPS Total Return Index (U.S. TIPS), Barclays U.S. Treasury Index (U.S. Treasury), Barclays Corporate Bond Total Return Index (Corporate), Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Total Return Index (U.S. Aggregate), Barclays Int'l Developed Bonds (ex-USD) Total Return Index (Global Agg Ex USD), Barclays Emerging Market Bond (USD) Total Return Index (EM USD Aggregate), U.S. Corporate High Yield (U.S. Corporate High Yield). **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

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The 10-year Treasury yield is likely to move within a range of 0.5% to 1.6%

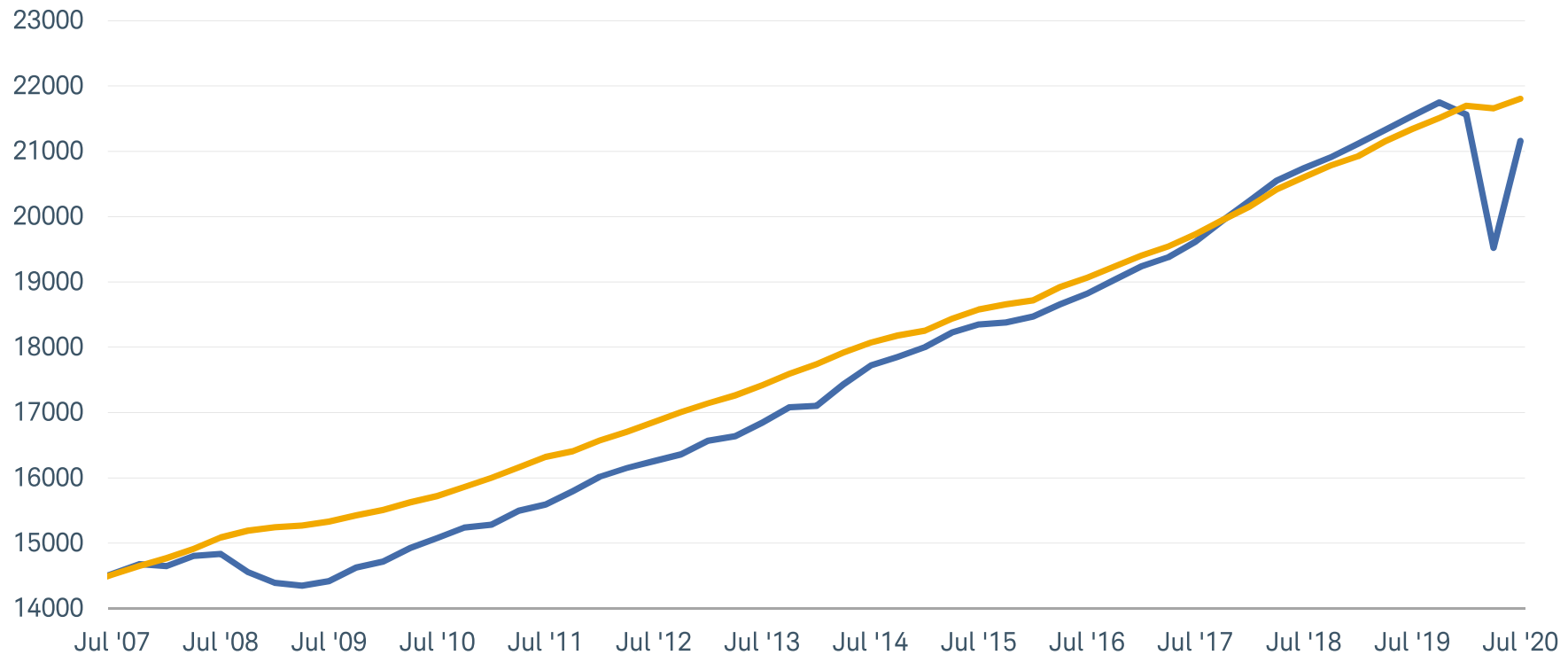


Source: Bloomberg, 10 Year Treasury Yield and a Proprietary Multifactor Fair Value Model of the 10 year Treasury, using JPMorgan Global PMIs, Inflation Swaps, and the Term Premium. (USGG10YR Index, MPMIGLMA Index, FWISUS55 Index, ACMT10 Index). Using monthly data as of 10/31/2020. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

Output Gap: GDP growth has fallen far below potential

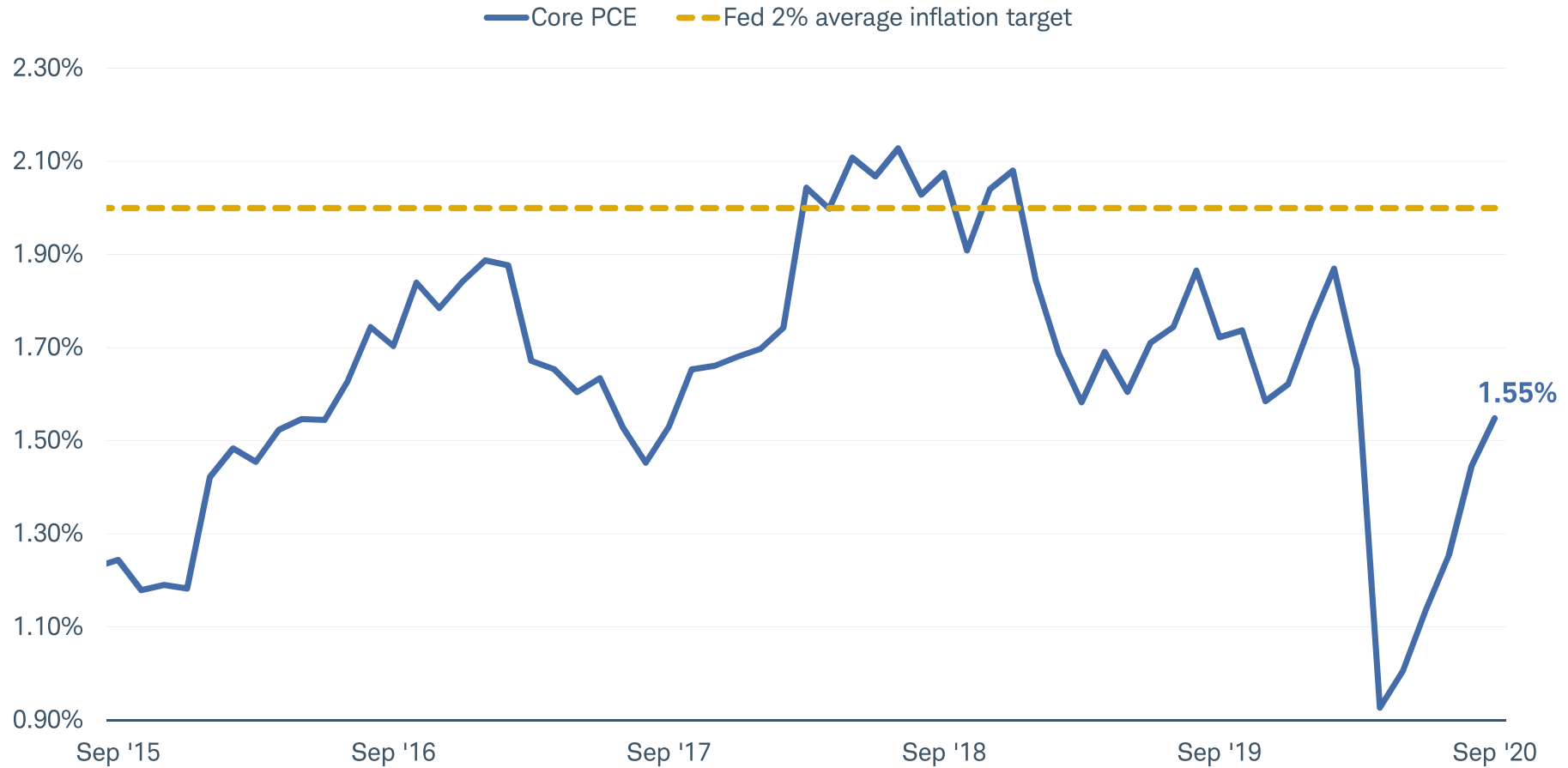
— GDP — Nominal Potential GDP

Billions (\$)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and U.S. Congressional Budget Office. Nominal Potential Gross Domestic Product (NGDPPOT) and Gross Domestic Product. Quarterly data as of Q3-2020.

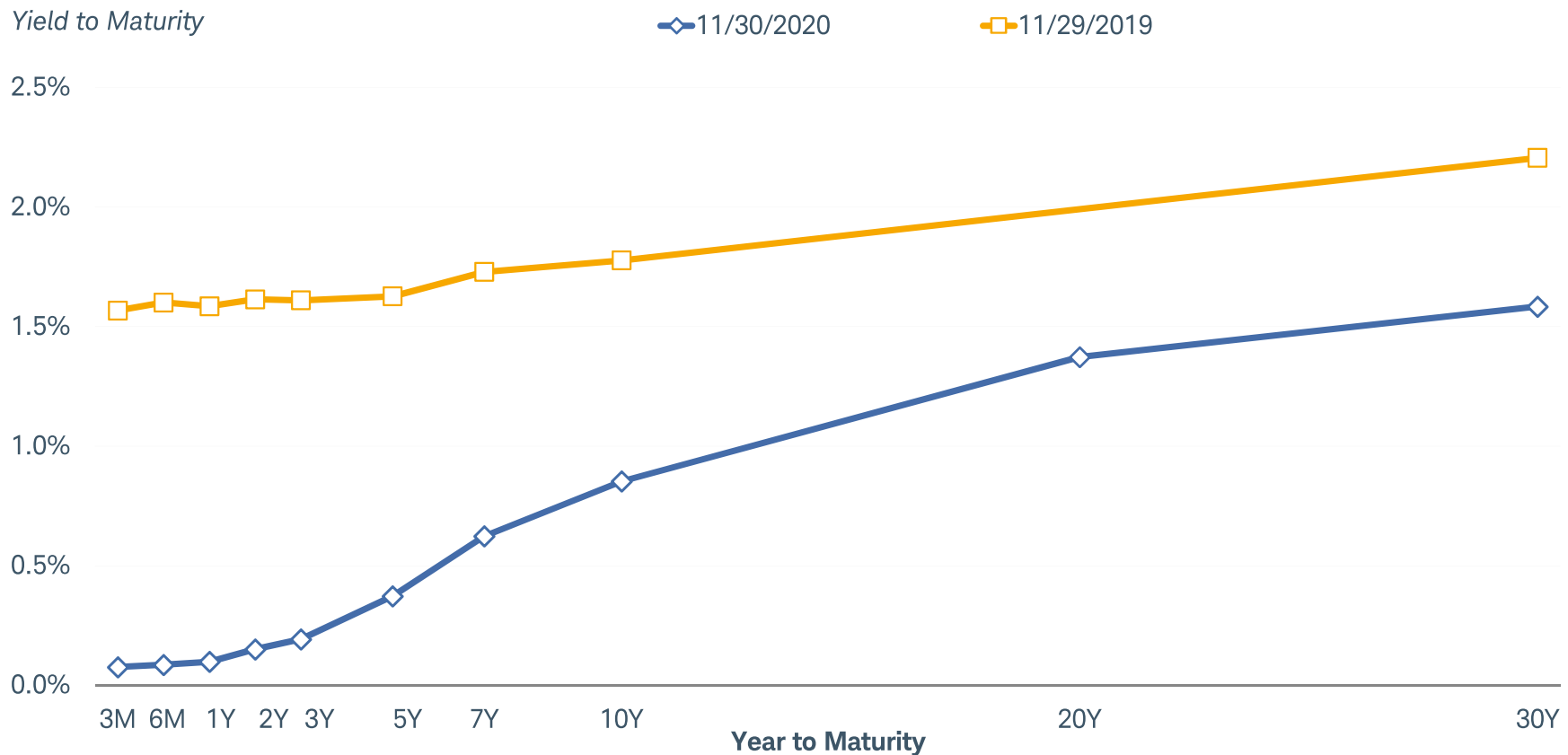
Core PCE far below the Fed 2% target



Source: Bloomberg, U.S. Personal Consumption Expenditure Core Price Index (PCE CYOY Index). Monthly data as of 9/30/2020.

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Treasury yields are lower, but the yield curve is steeper



Source: Bloomberg, data as of 11/30/2020 and 11/29/2019. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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TIPS breakeven rates are below the Fed's 2% inflation target



Breakeven inflation is the difference between the nominal yield on a fixed-rate investment and the real yield (fixed spread) on an inflation-linked investment of similar maturity and credit quality.
Source: Bloomberg, Daily rates as of 11/30/2020.

The U.S. Dollar has dropped from its highs

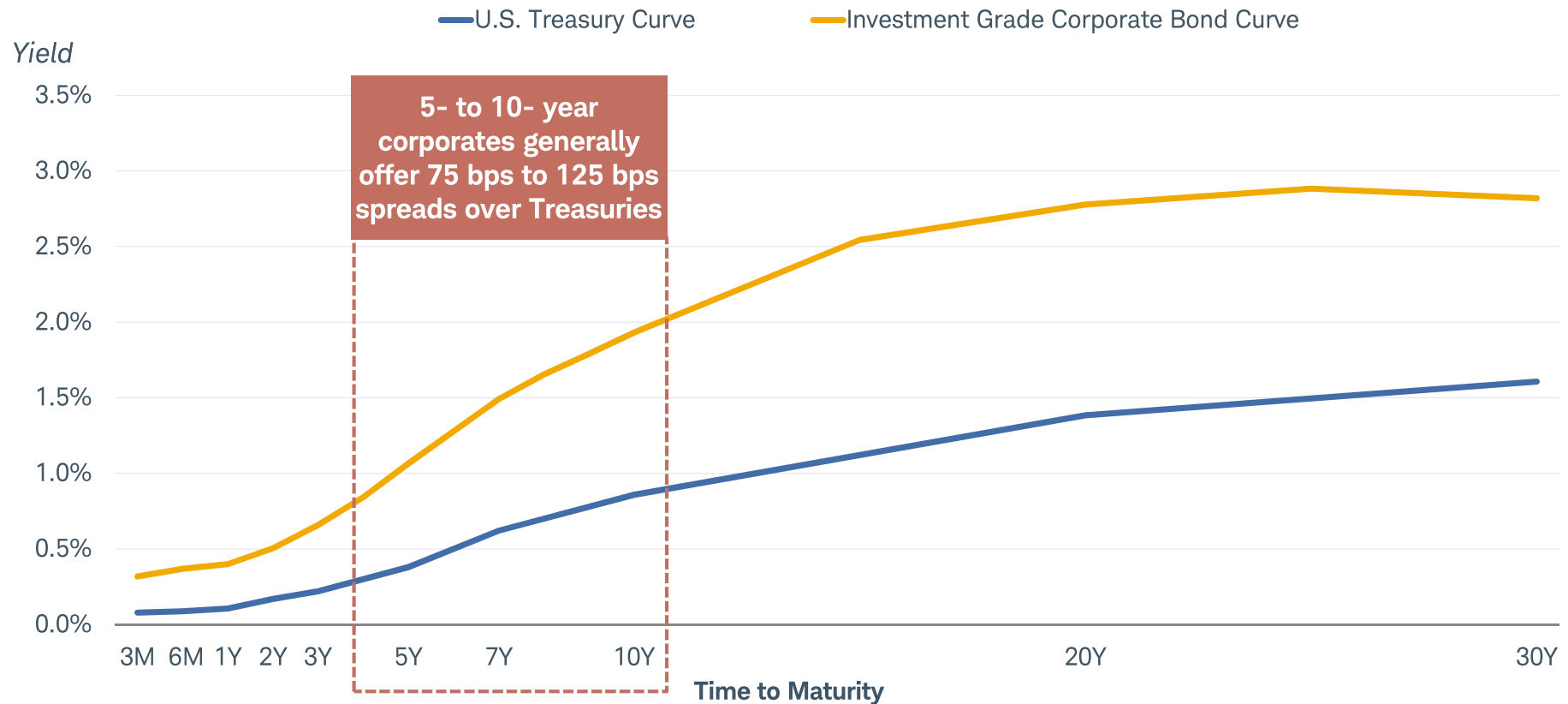
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Source: Bloomberg, using daily data as of 11/30/2020. Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index (BBDXY Index). Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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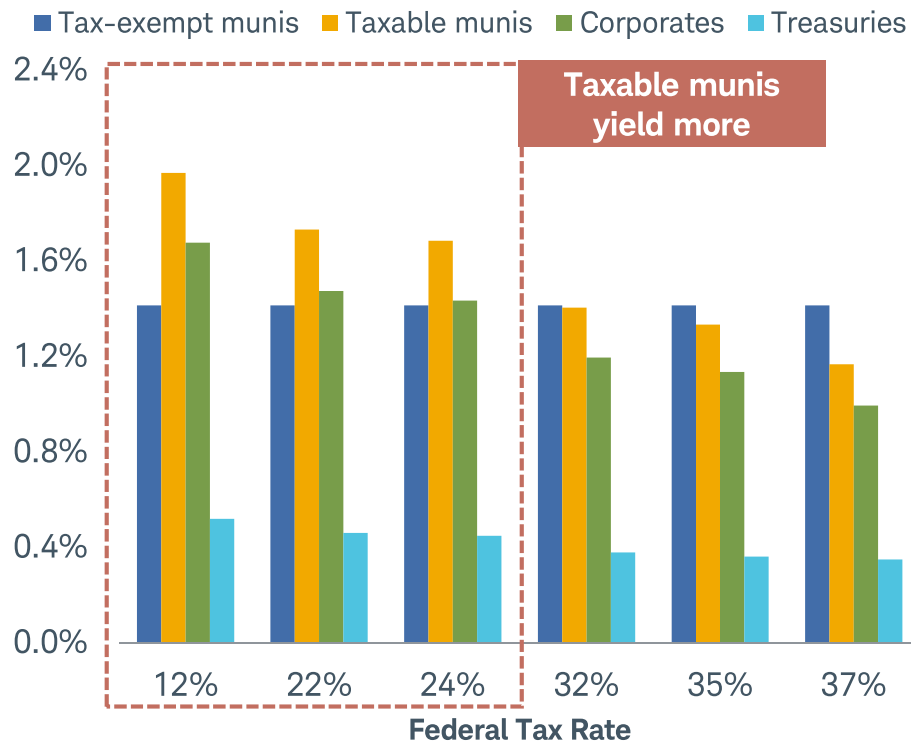
Intermediate-term IG corporates are attractive



Source: Bloomberg, as of 11/27/2020. US Treasury Actives Curve and USD US Corporate IG BVAL Yield Curve (BVSC0076 Index).

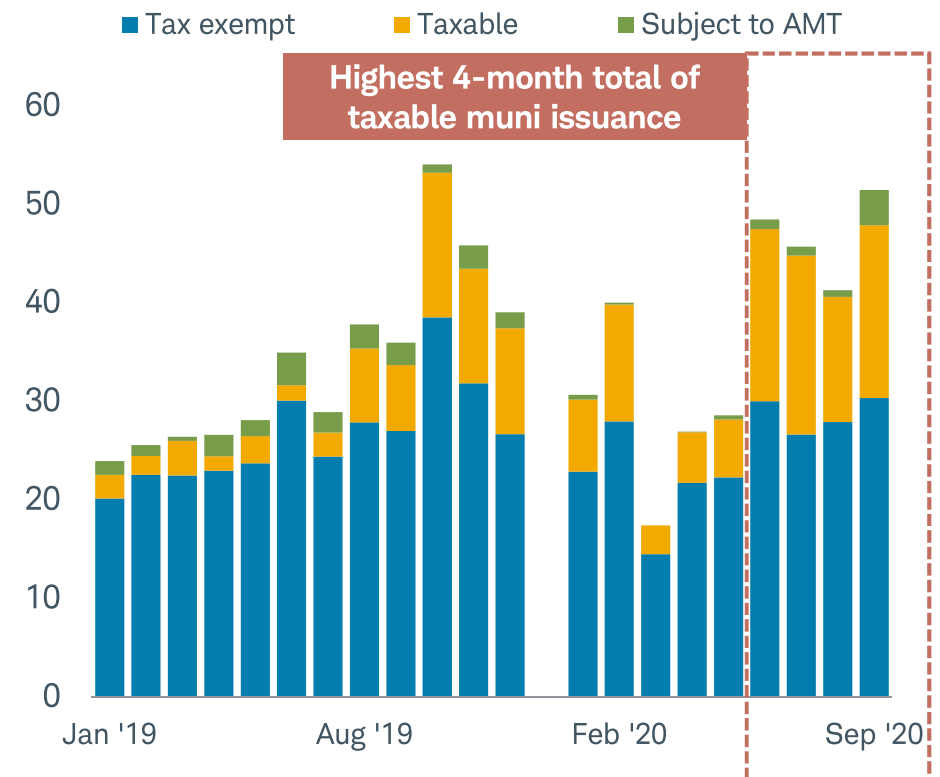
Taxable municipal bonds can present an area of opportunity

After-tax yield to worst (%)



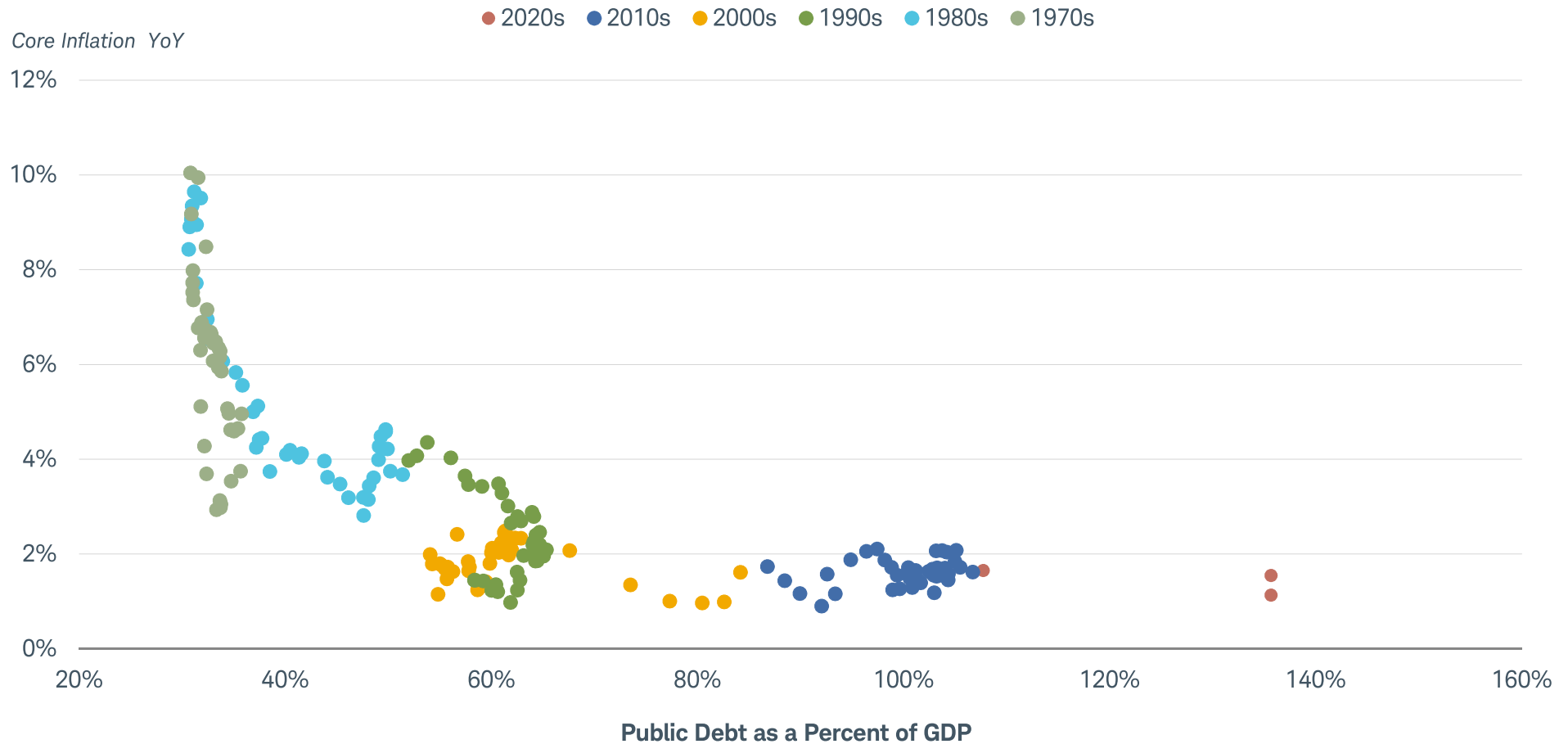
Source: Bloomberg Barclays Indices. As of 10/22/2020. Corporates and taxable munis assume an additional 5% state income tax and 3.8% ACA tax for the 32% and above brackets. Treasuries assume a 3.8% ACA tax for the 32% and above brackets. Difference in yields may be due to index characteristics such as duration, maturity, or credit quality. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

Issuance (billions \$)



Source: SIFMA, as of 10/5/2020

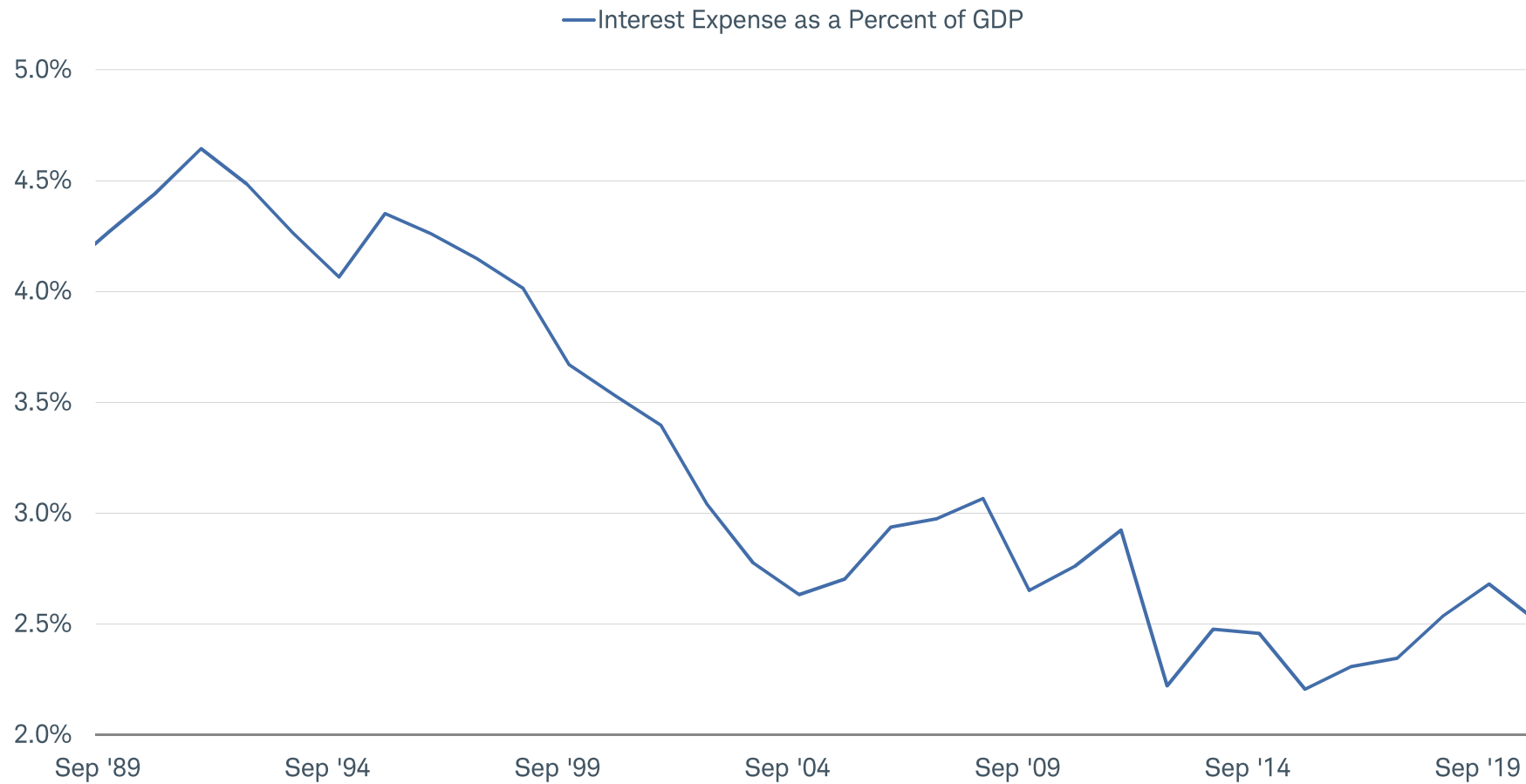
Public debt as a percent of GDP and Core inflation by decade



Source: Bloomberg. U.S. public debt as a percent of GDP and Core PCE YoY (FDTGATPD Index, PCE CYOY Index). Quarterly data as of 9/30/2020.

Net interest costs as a percentage of GDP

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Note: Nominal GDP for 2020 and is represented by an average for the year.
Source: Bloomberg. U.S. Treasury Interest Expense and Nominal U.S. GDP (FDEBINTR Index, GDP CUR\$). Annual data as of 12/31/2020.

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