



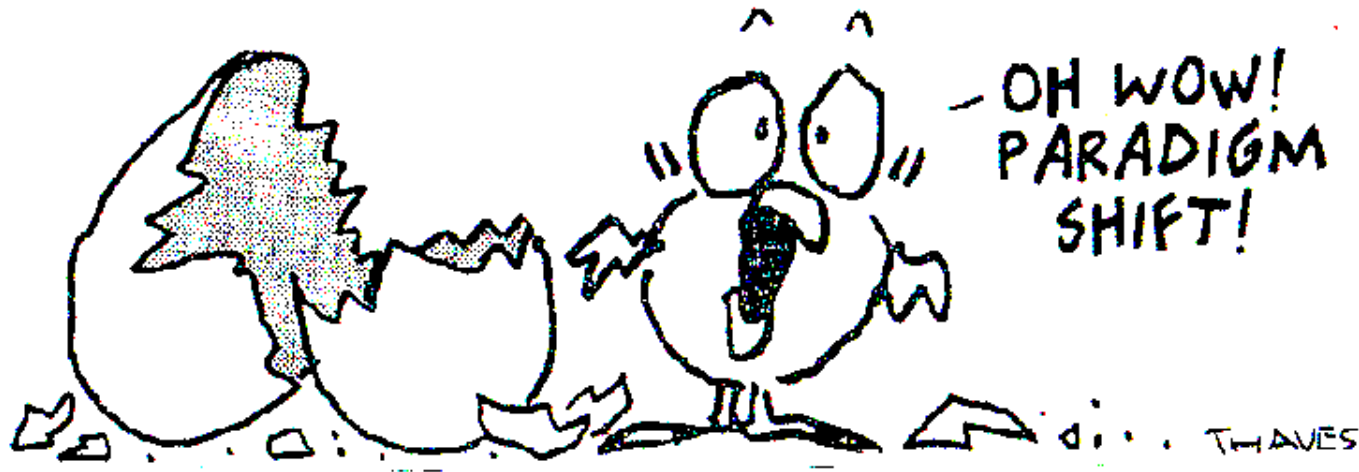
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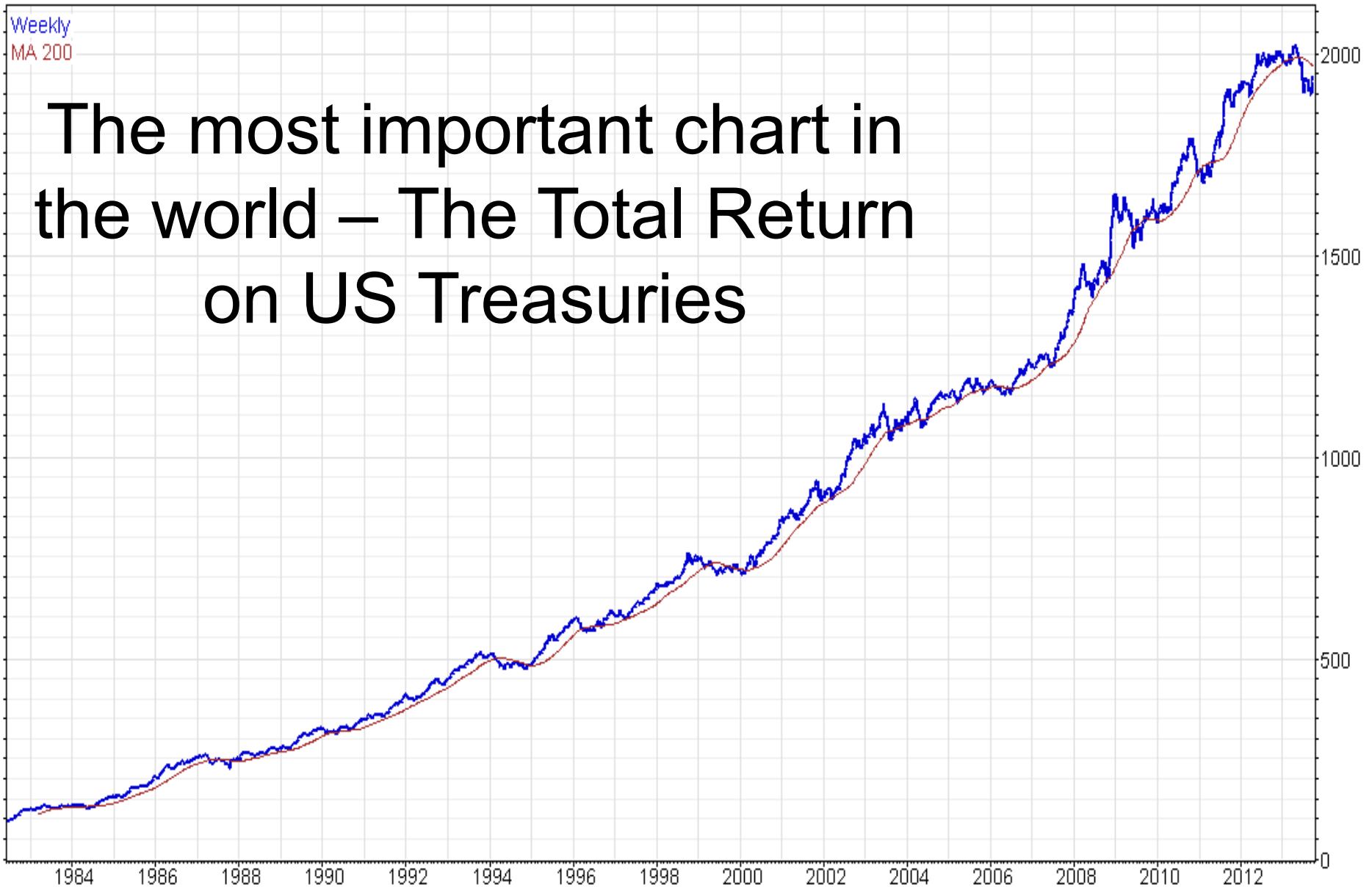
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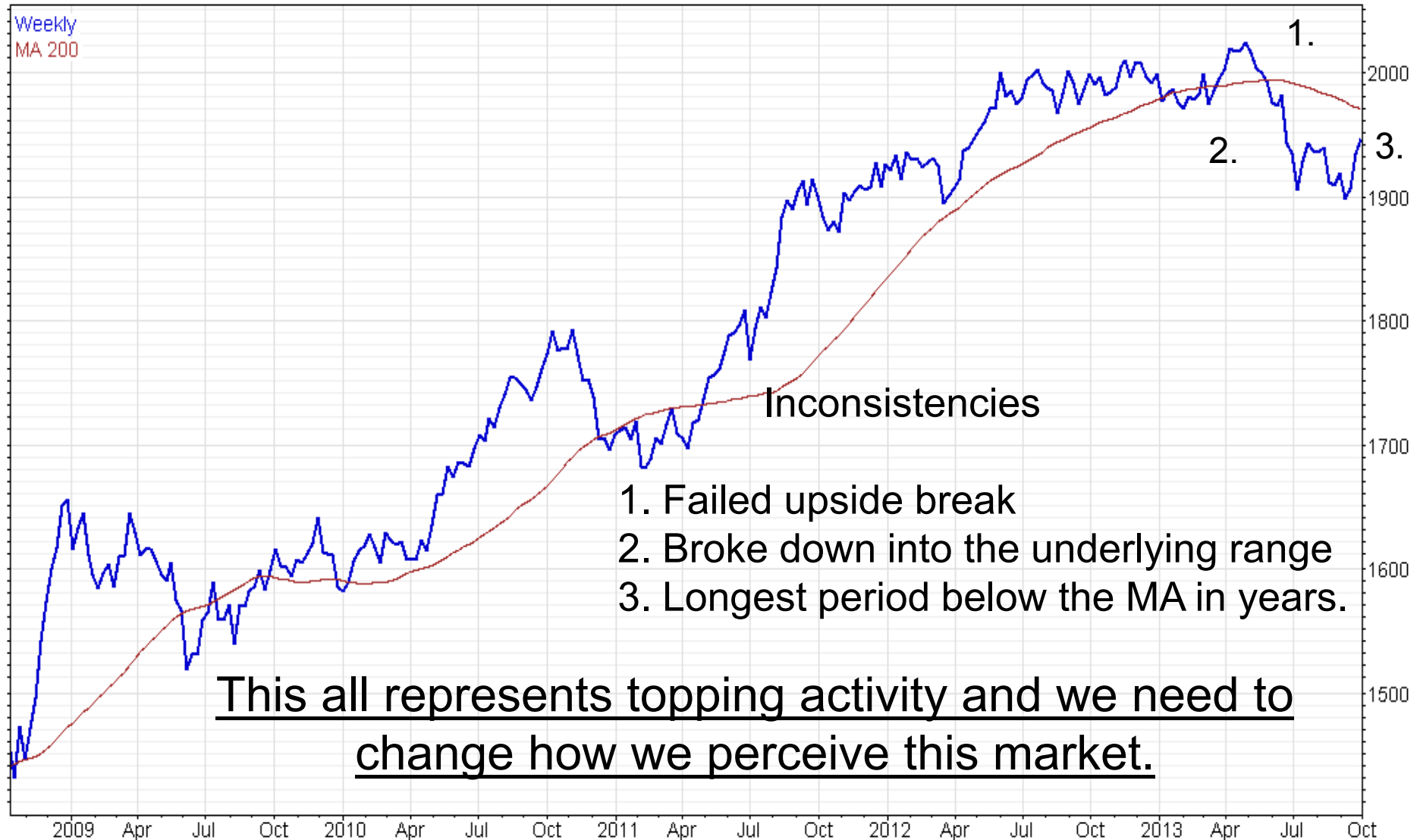




Total Return on US Treasuries

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This all represents topping activity and we need to change how we perceive this market.



The Fed has delayed not cancelled tapering.

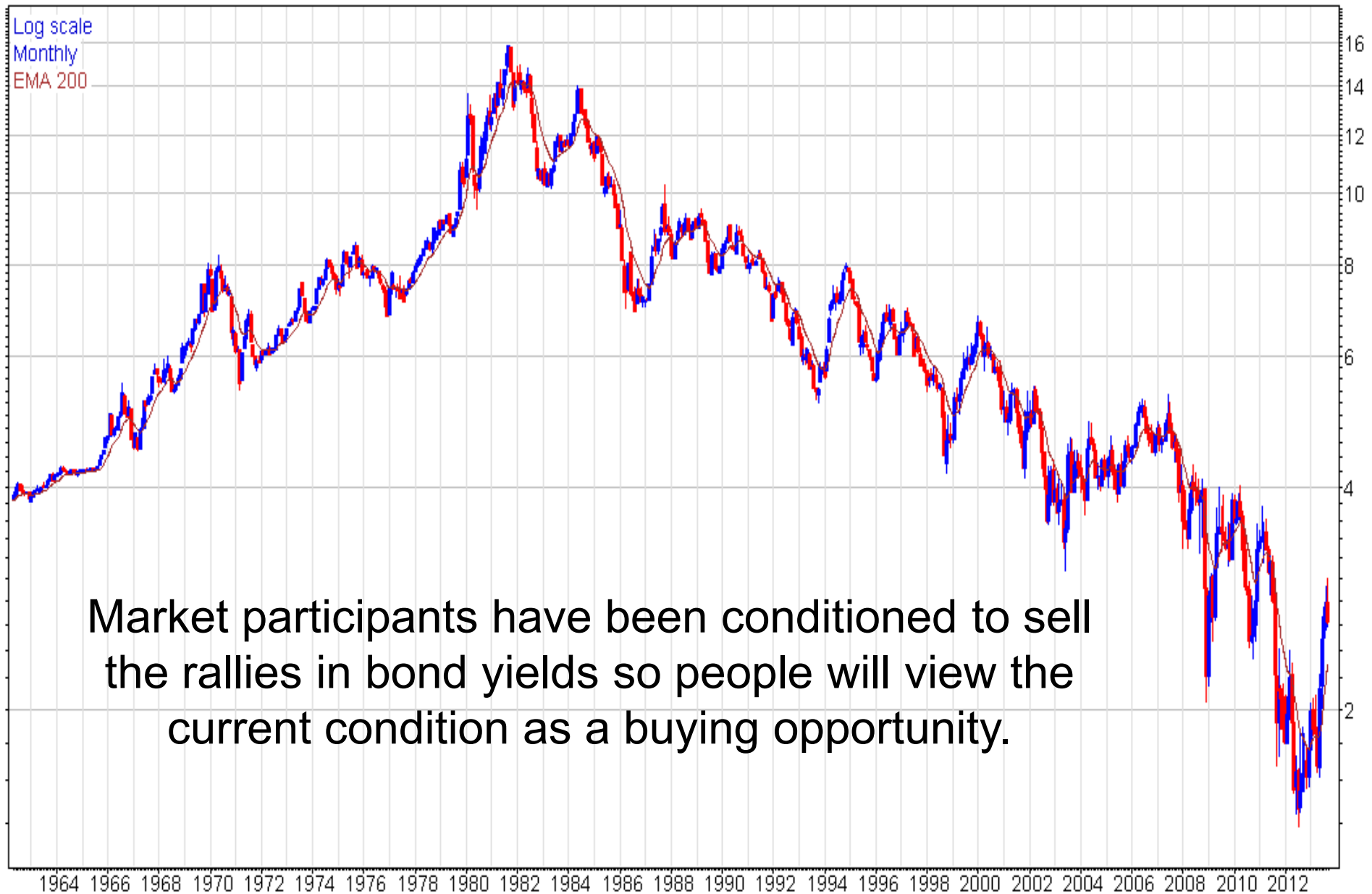
“Ambiguous data” resulted in the delay so they are waiting for clarity on jobs and economic growth.

Uncertainty on the debt ceiling and costs associated with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act also represent obstacles to tapering.



US 10yr Bond Yield (USGG10YR) 2.6245 -0.02

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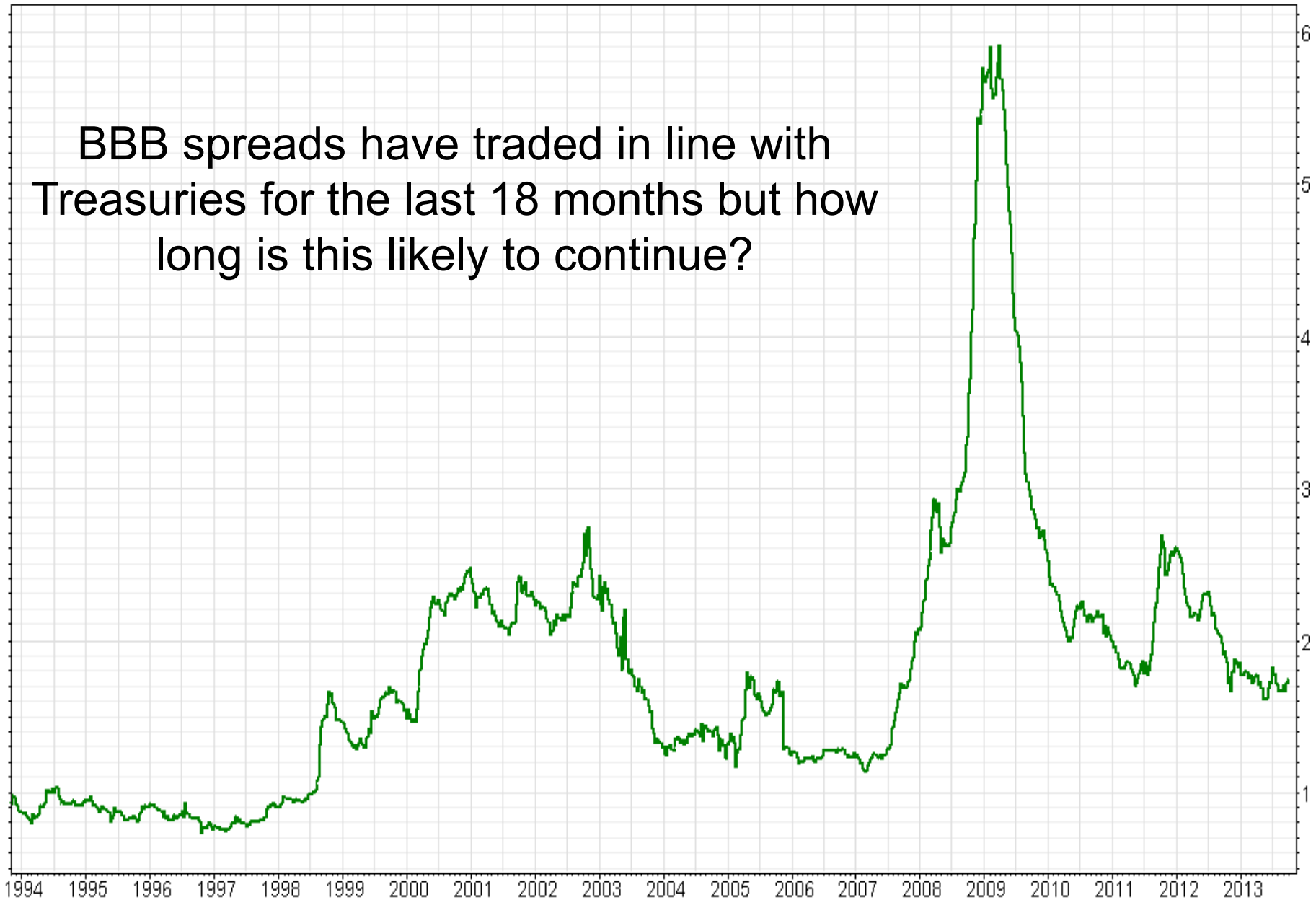
Market participants have been conditioned to sell the rallies in bond yields so people will view the current condition as a buying opportunity.



BFV USD Composite (BBB) 10 Yea (C88310Y) - US 10yr Bond Yield (USGG10YR) = 1.75

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BBB spreads have traded in line with Treasuries for the last 18 months but how long is this likely to continue?





Total return = yield + capital appreciation.

In a bull market capital appreciation compensates investors for lower yields.

In a bear market investors have to demand higher yields to compensate them for the loss of capital appreciation.



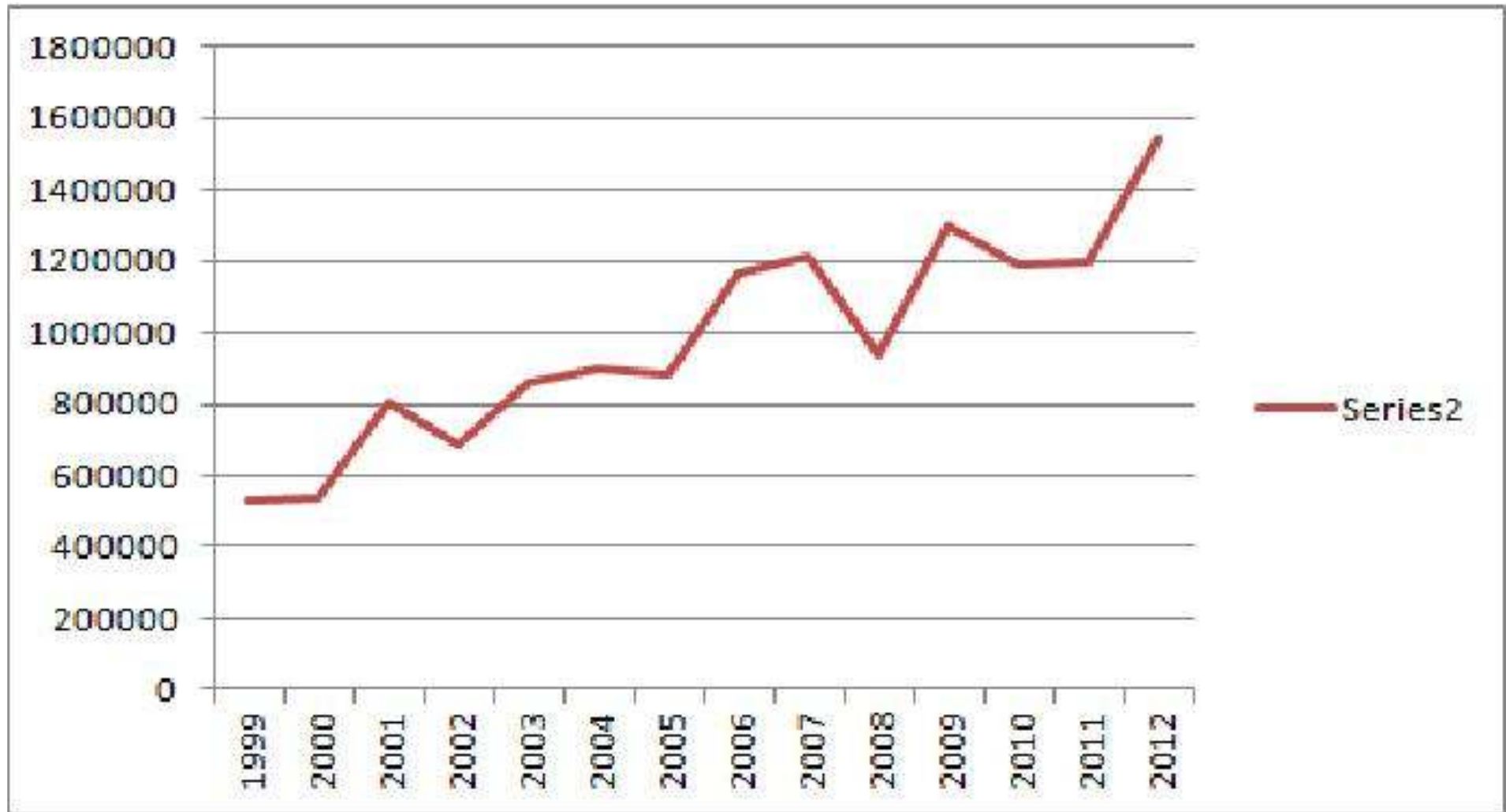
iShares iBOXX Investment Grade Bond Fund (LQD) 113.77 -0.09

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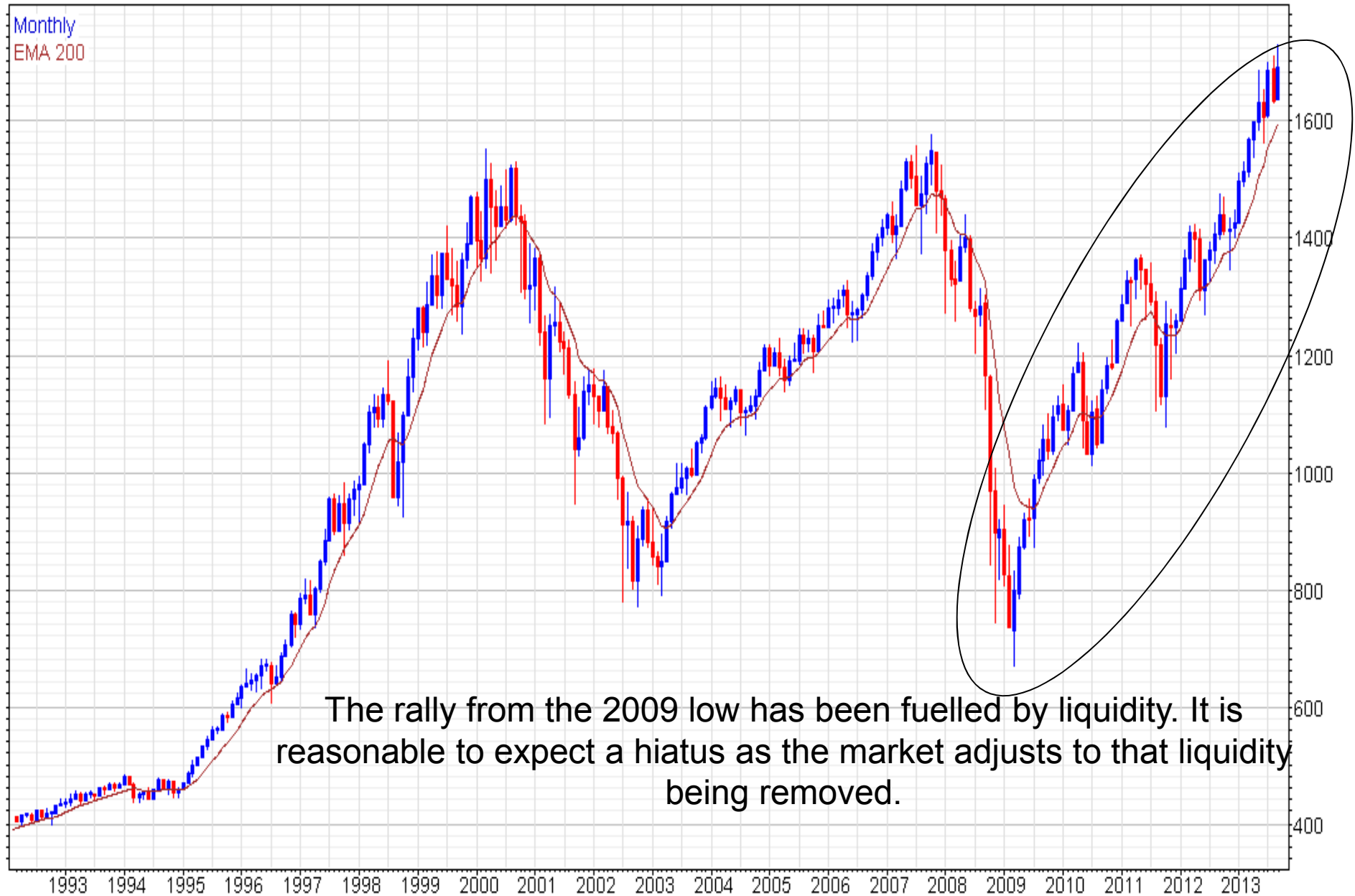
Corporate Bond Issuance is at a record high.





S&P 500 Index (SPX) 1691.75 -6.92

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The rally from the 2009 low has been fuelled by liquidity. It is reasonable to expect a hiatus as the market adjusts to that liquidity being removed.

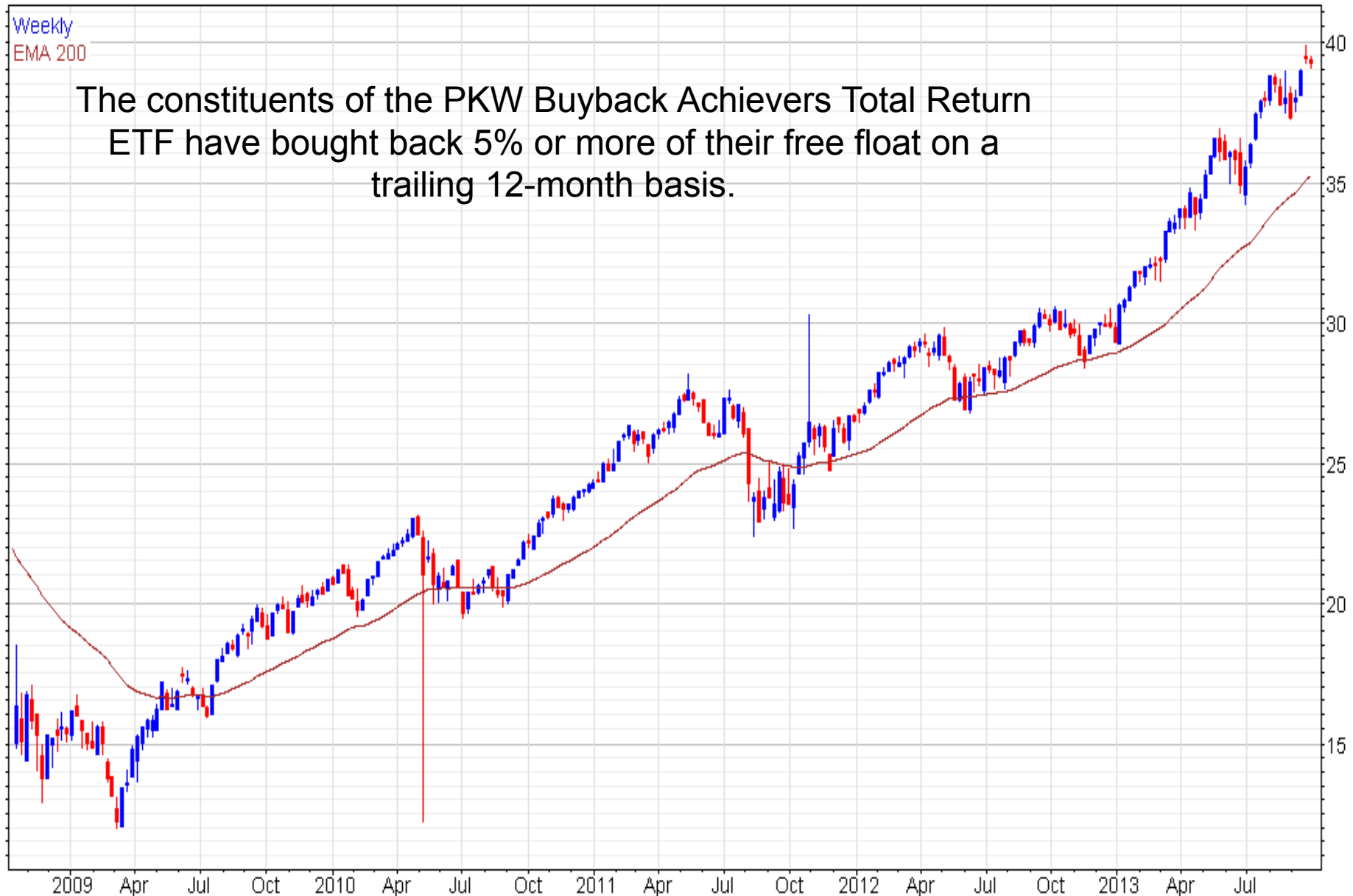


PowerShares Buyback Achievers (PKW) 39.28 -0.08

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Weekly
EMA 200

The constituents of the PKW Buyback Achievers Total Return
ETF have bought back 5% or more of their free float on a
trailing 12-month basis.

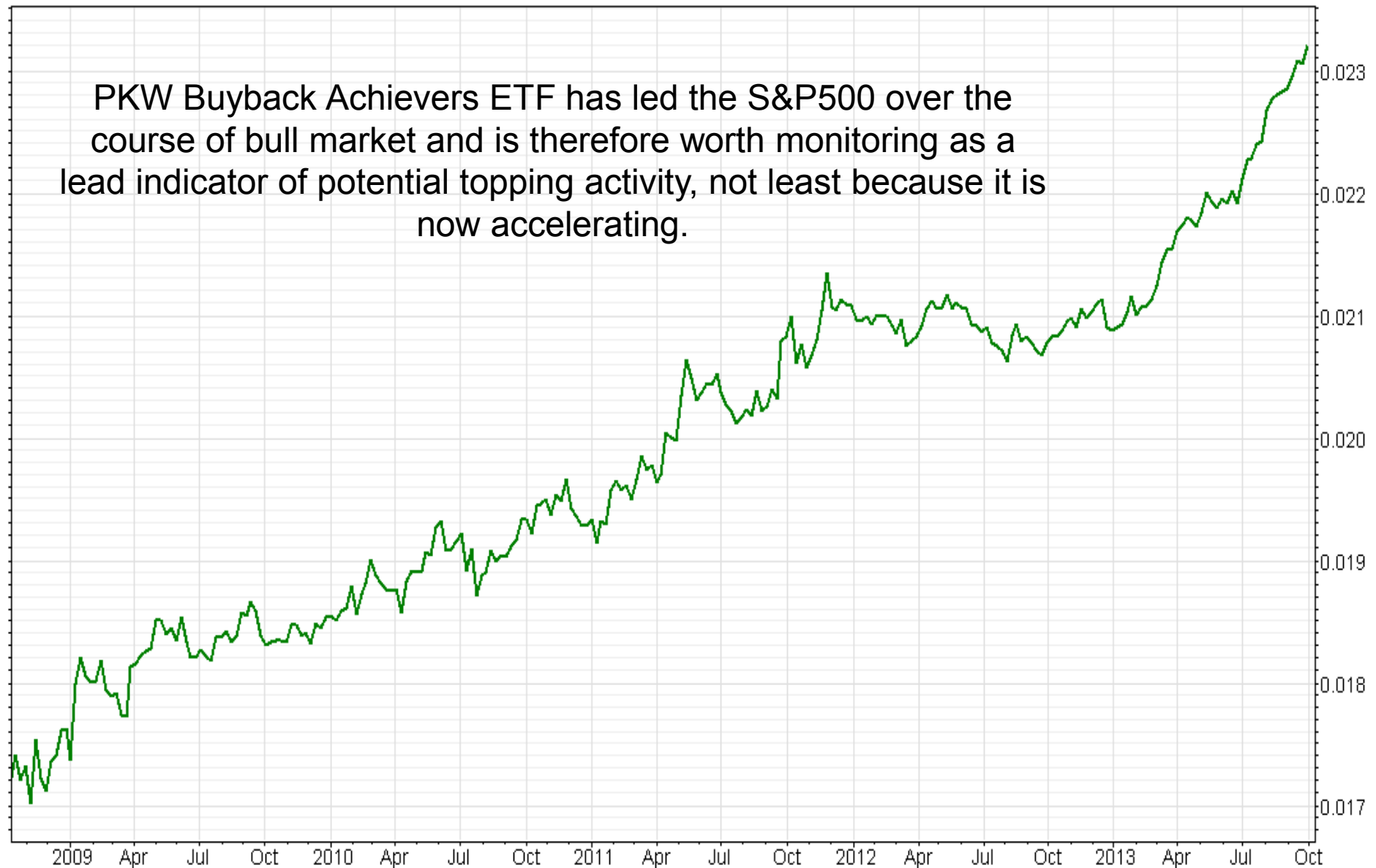




PowerShares Buyback Achievers (PKW) / S&P 500 Index (SPX) = 0.02

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PKW Buyback Achievers ETF has led the S&P500 over the course of bull market and is therefore worth monitoring as a lead indicator of potential topping activity, not least because it is now accelerating.



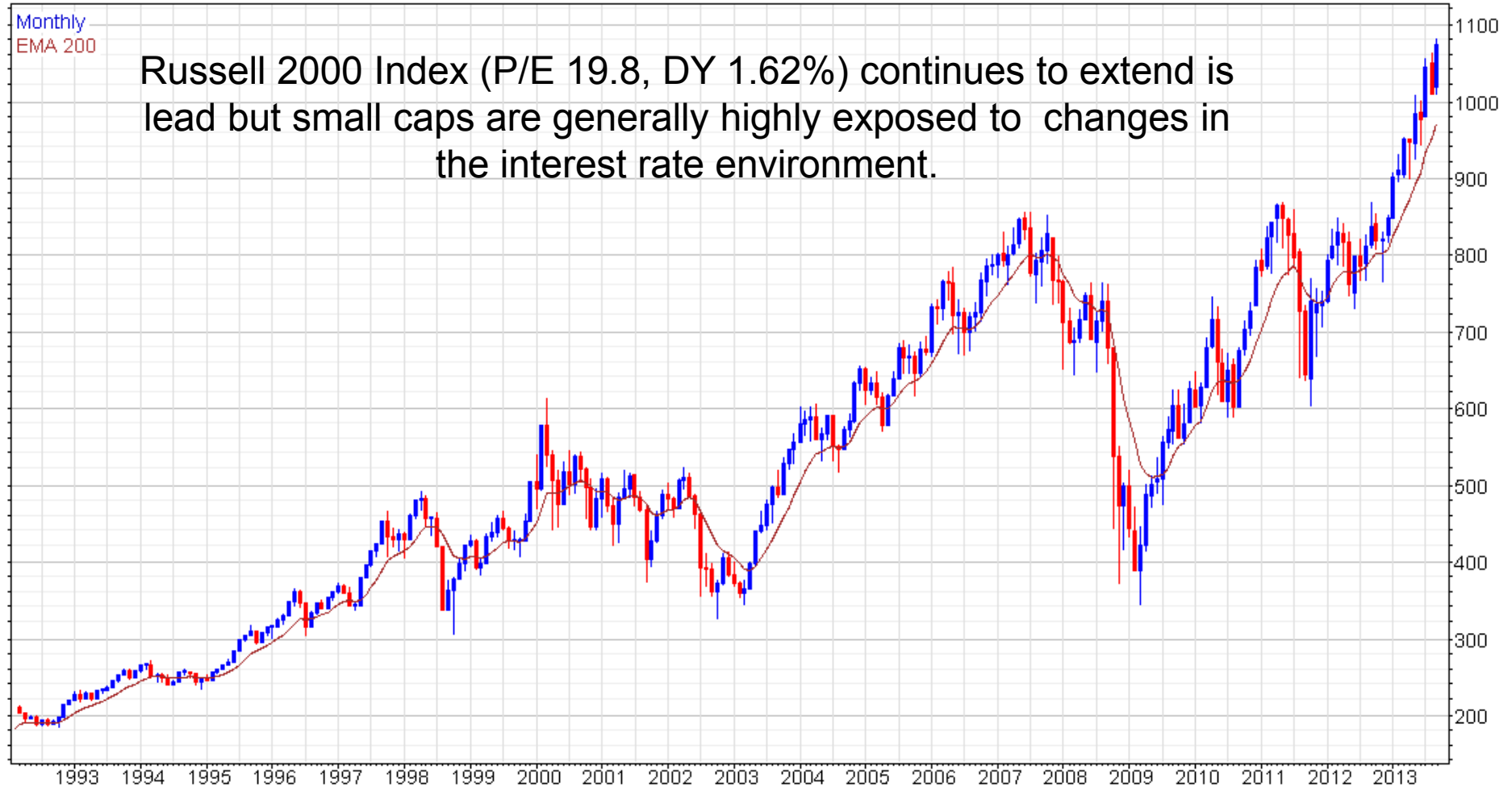


Russell 2000 Index (RTY) 1074.19 -4.22

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EMA 200

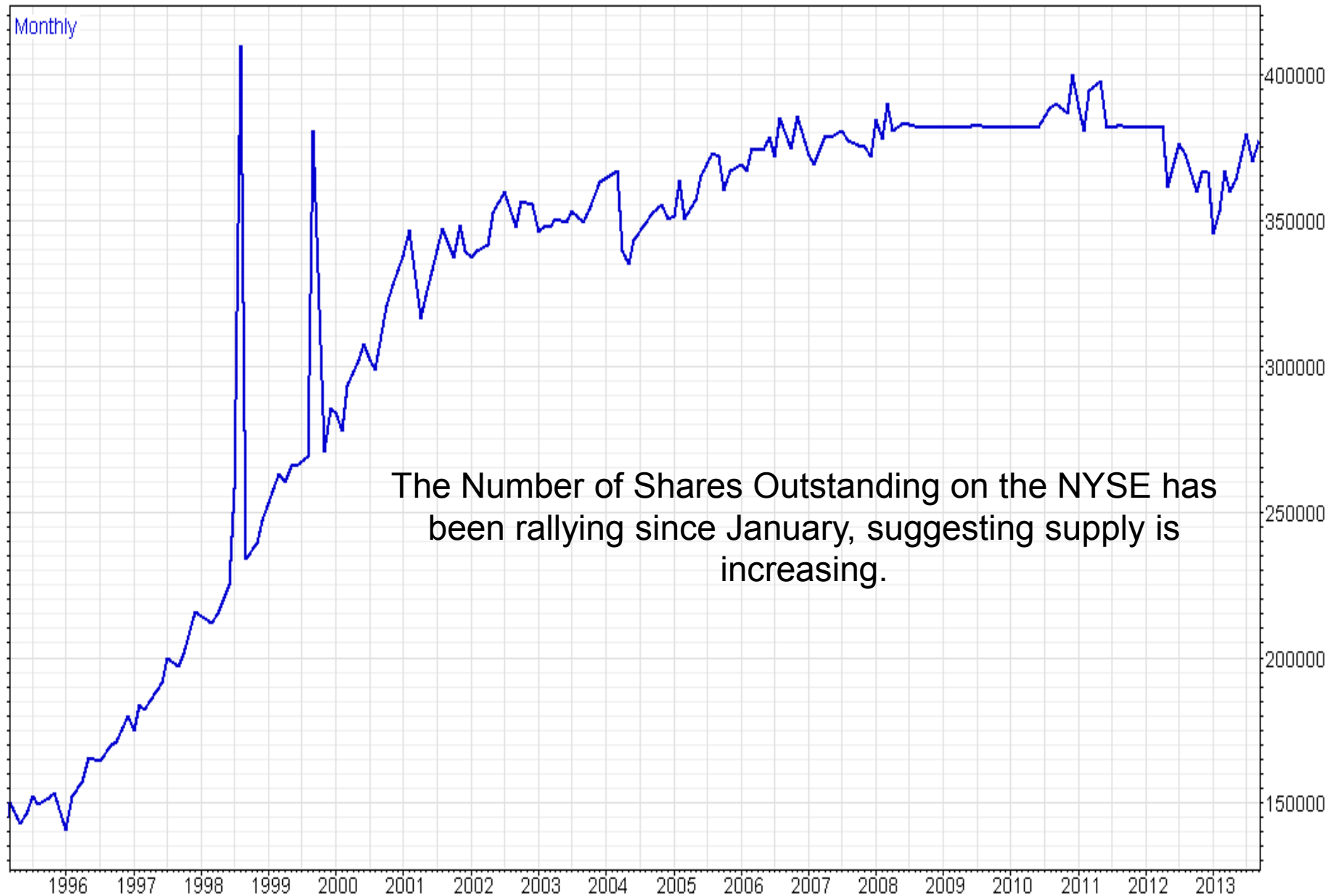
Russell 2000 Index (P/E 19.8, DY 1.62%) continues to extend its lead but small caps are generally highly exposed to changes in the interest rate environment.





nyse shares outstanding (.SHARES) 377525 +6927.00

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Private Equity firms have turned into net sellers.

Seaworld, Pinnacle Foods, Coty, Quintiles Transitional Holdings were all listed this year while Hilton Hotels and Twitter represent additional major sources of supply.

“It's almost biblical. There is a time to reap and there's a time to sow. We are harvesting We're selling everything that's not nailed down. And if we're not selling, we're refinancing.”

Leon Black of Apollo Group in told a conference audience:

If they are so eager to sell, perhaps we should be a little more cautious about buying.



We know the eventual tapering and removal of quantitative easing represents a short to medium-term hurdle but what about the long-term?





Productivity = Labour x Technology X Energy X Debt

Debt represents the greatest short term hurdle to productivity growth but is likely to be counter balanced and eventually overcome by innovation in other areas.

Labour – US demographics remain positive. Globally another 2 billion people are likely to move into the middle classes over the next decade.

Technology - innovation is increasing at an exponential rate, nanotechnology, 3-D printing, industrial automation, embedded processing, genetics and other technologies are constantly improving productivity.

Energy – unconventional oil and gas, generation IV nuclear and solar promise an era of abundant energy at a lower price.



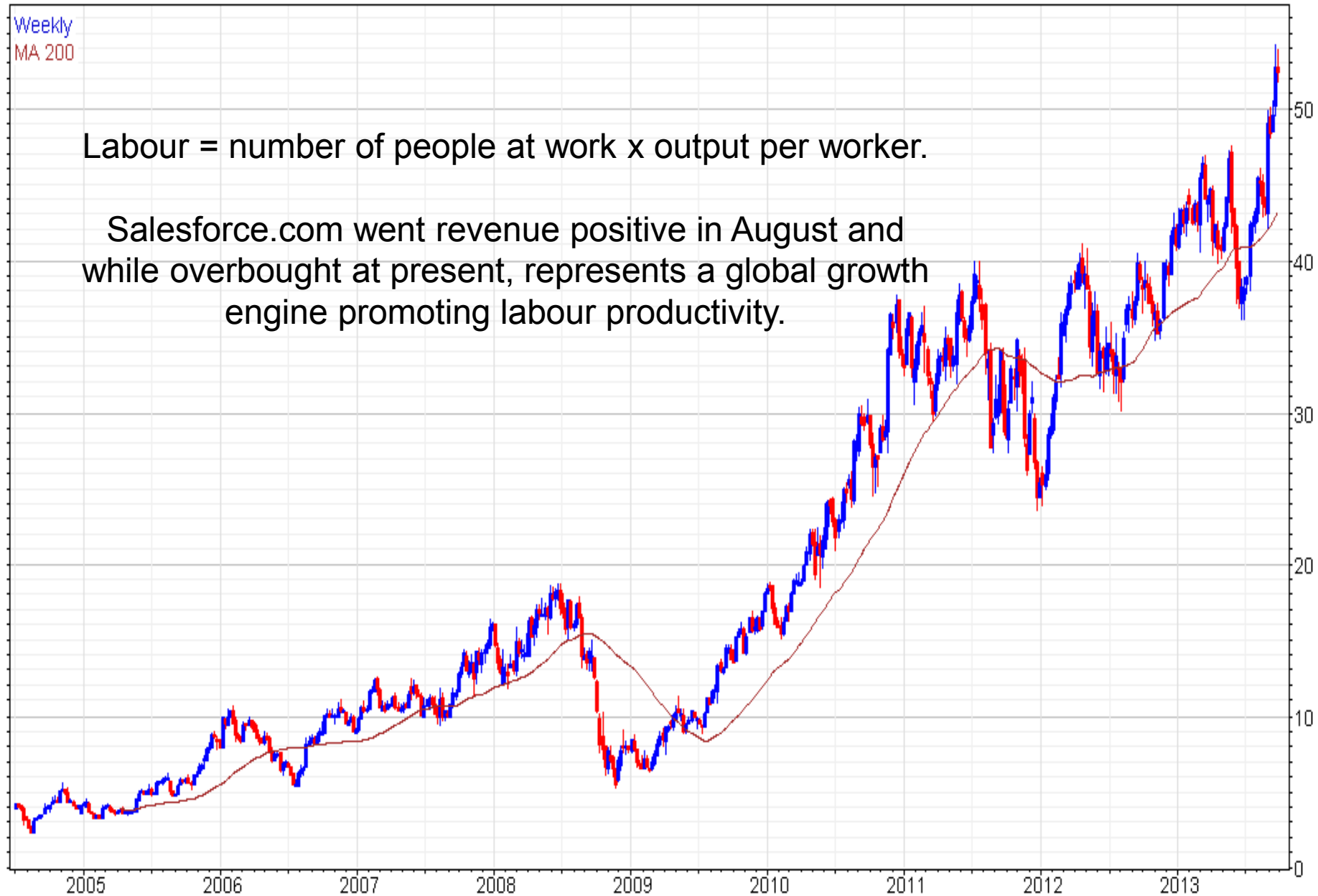
Salesforce.com Inc (CRM) 52.43 -0.89

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Labour = number of people at work x output per worker.

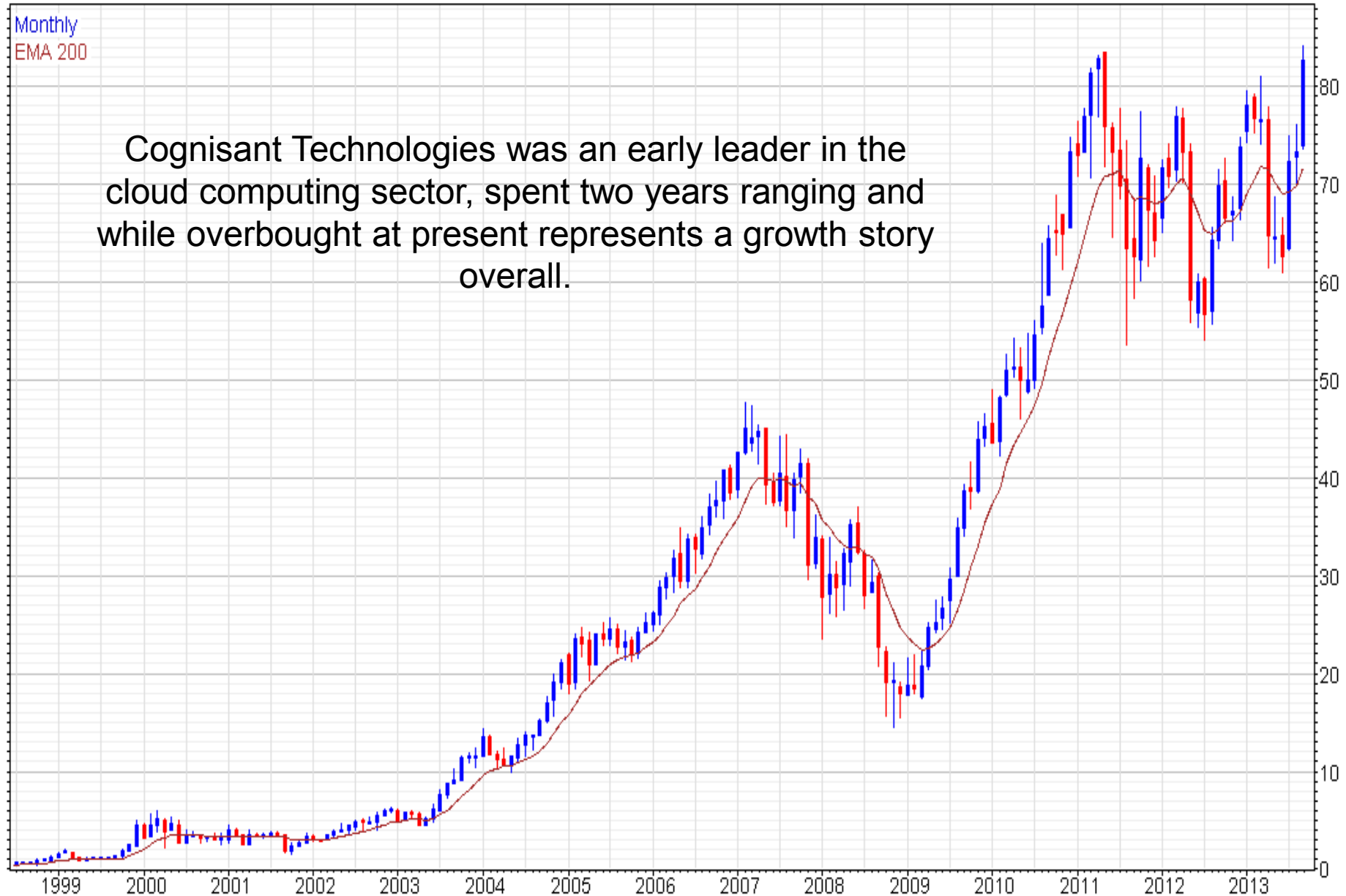
Salesforce.com went revenue positive in August and while overbought at present, represents a global growth engine promoting labour productivity.





Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp (CTSH) 82.7 -0.29

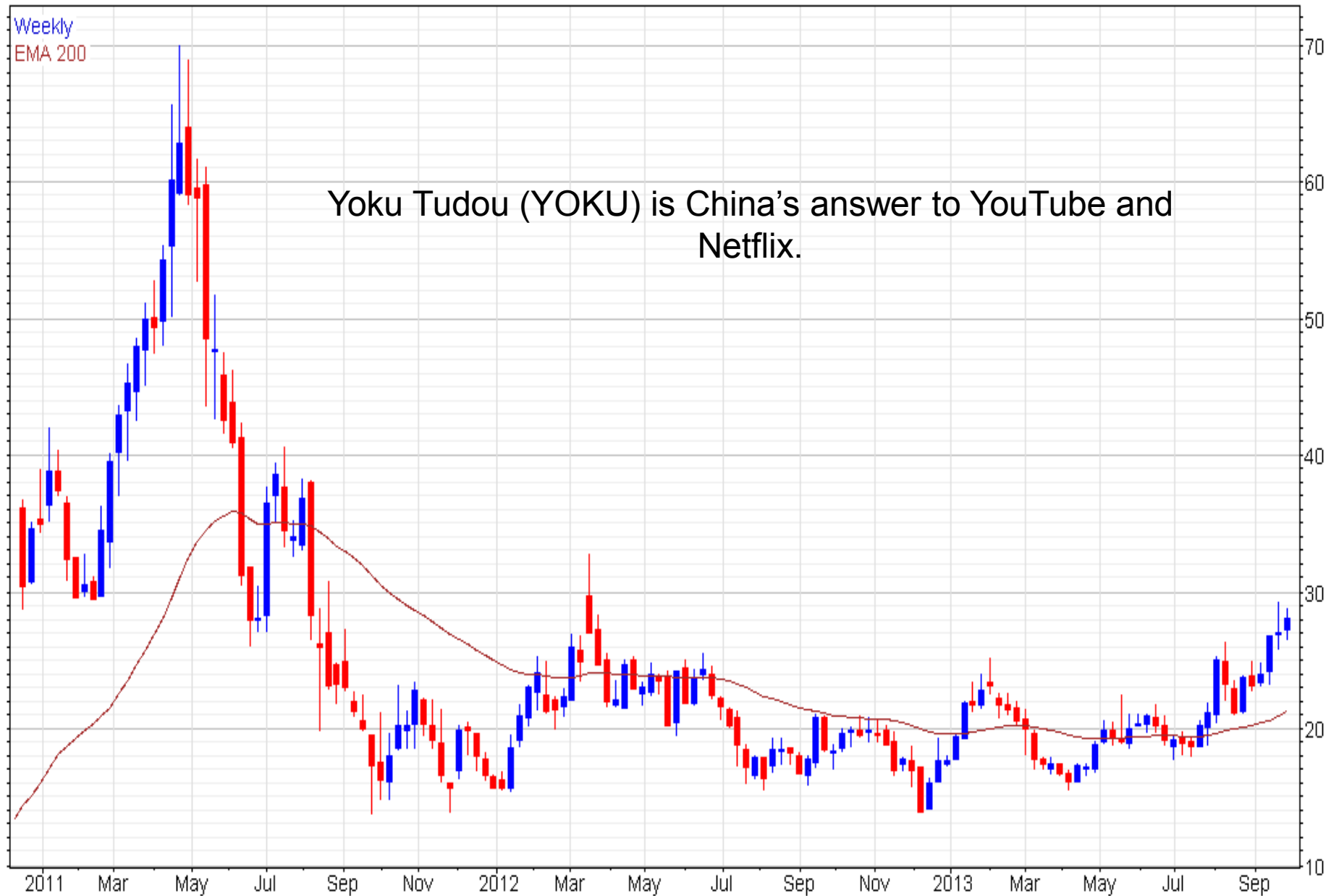
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Youku.com Inc (YOKU) 28.12 -0.34

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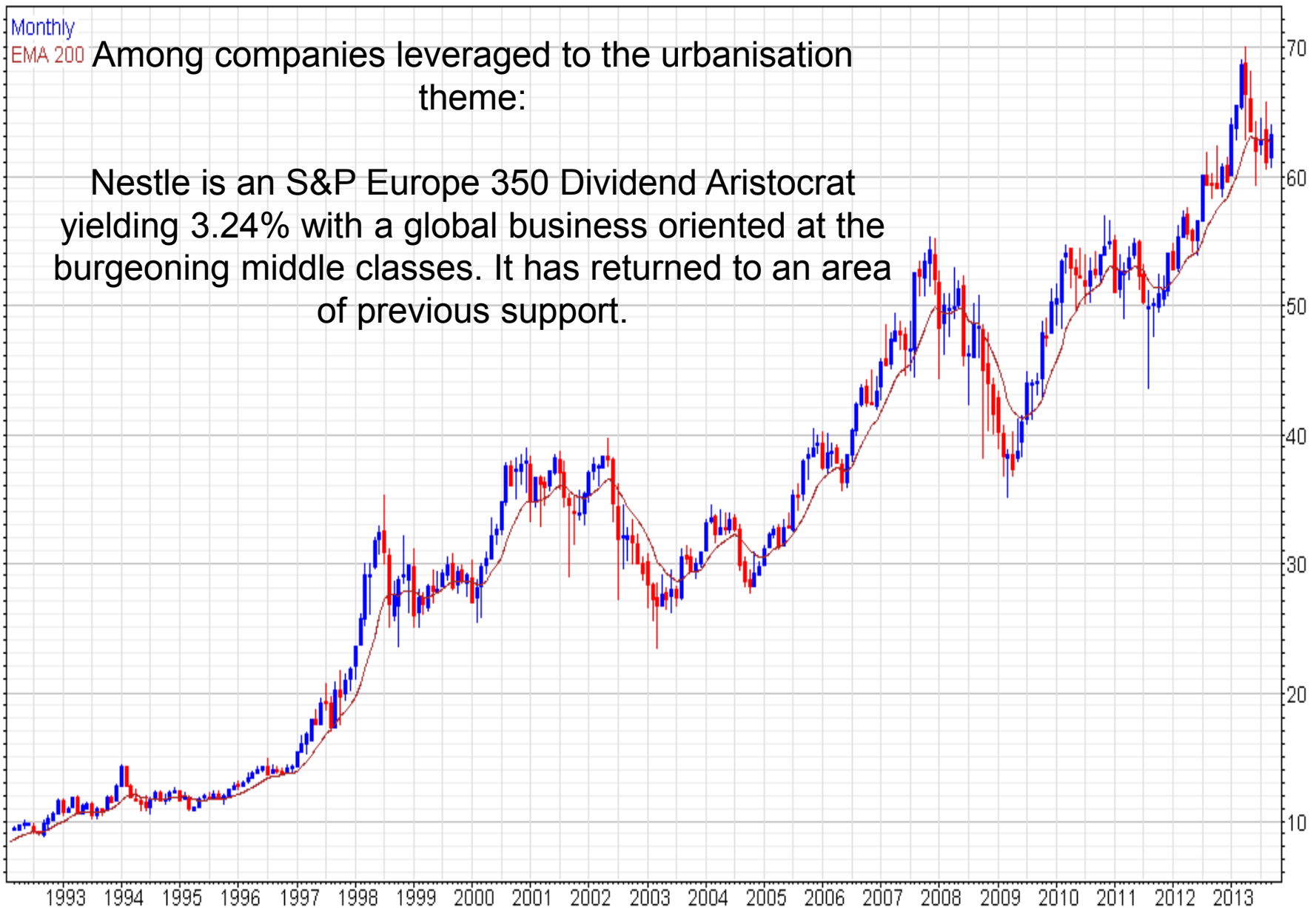
Nestle SA (NESN) 63.25 -0.15

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Among companies leveraged to the urbanisation theme:

Nestle is an S&P Europe 350 Dividend Aristocrat yielding 3.24% with a global business oriented at the burgeoning middle classes. It has returned to an area of previous support.



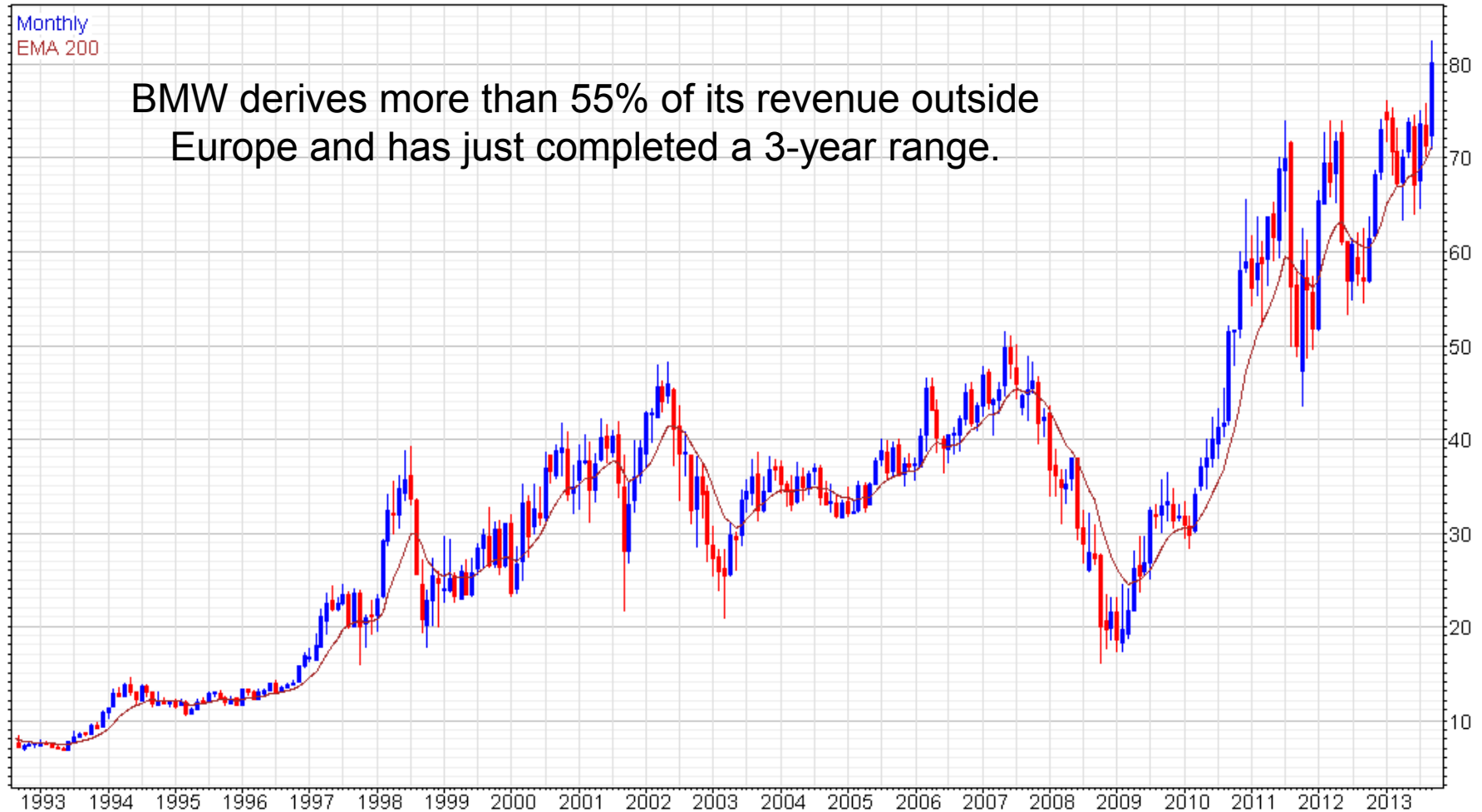


BMW AG (BMW) 80.1 +0.38

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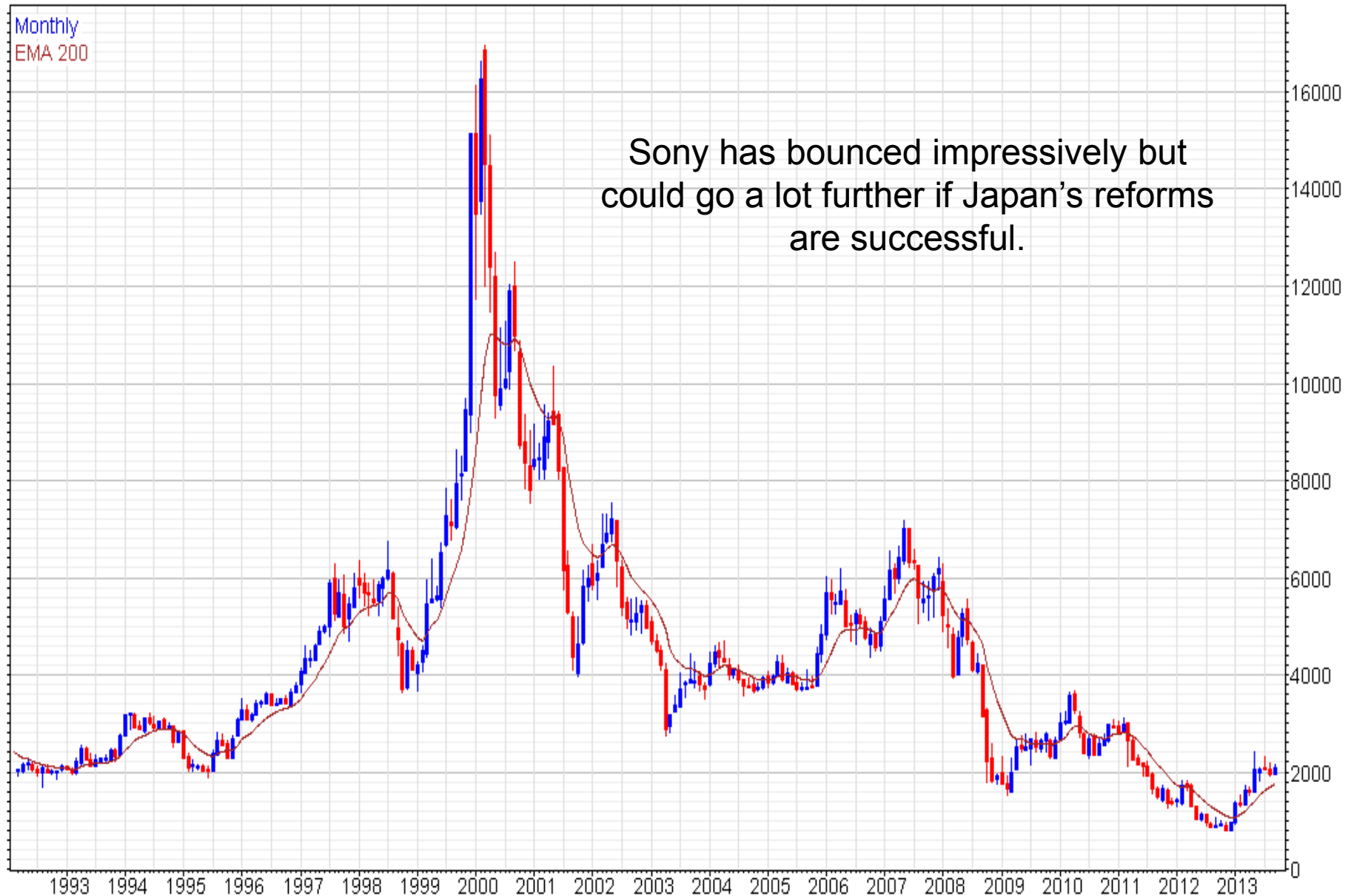
BMW derives more than 55% of its revenue outside Europe and has just completed a 3-year range.





Sony Corp (6758) 2106 +5.00

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Hengan International Group Co Ltd (1044) 92.5 +0.30

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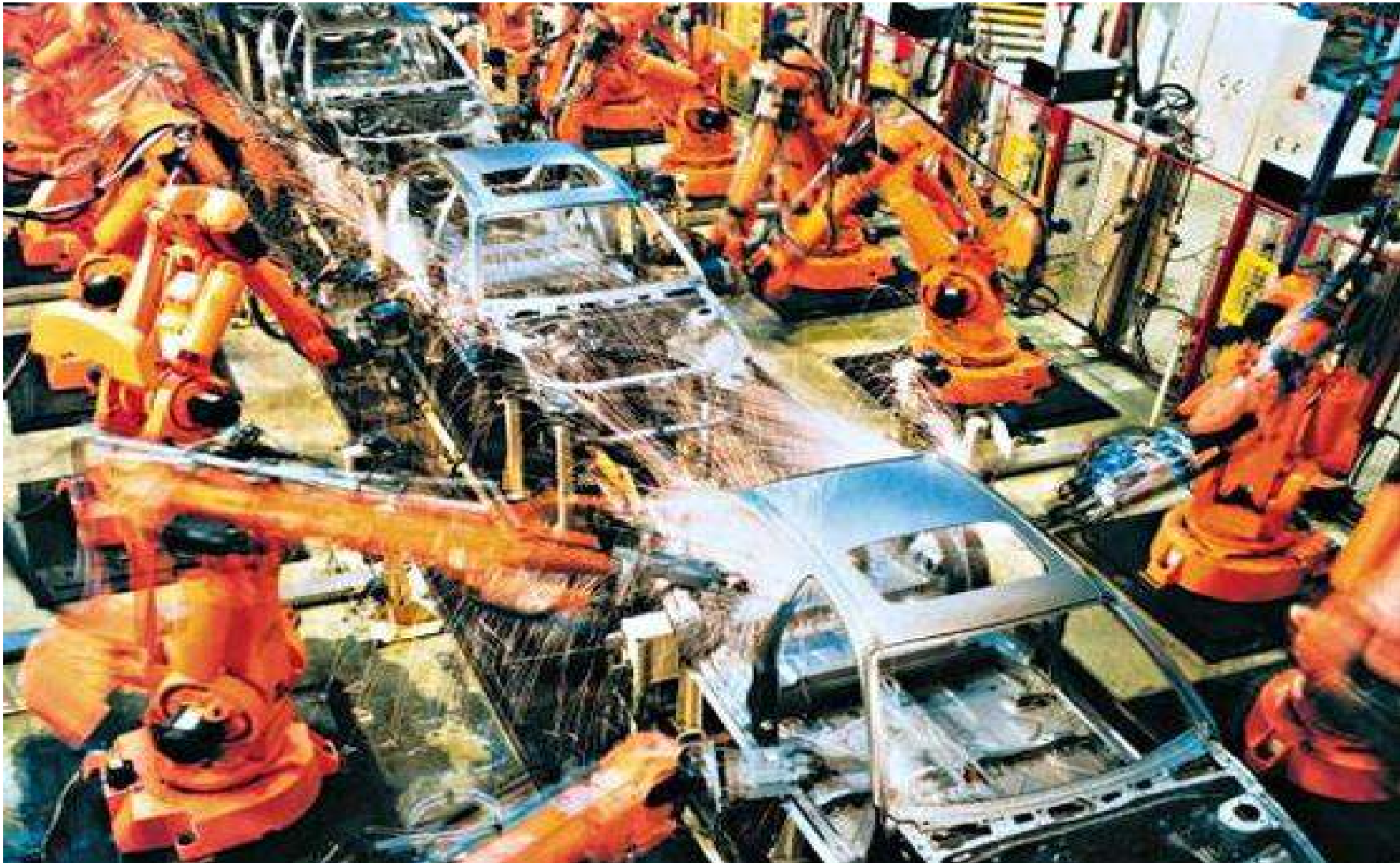
Hengan International (listed in Hong Kong) is an S&P Pan Asia Dividend Aristocrat yielding 1.95% and is China's largest producer of diapers and sanitary napkins.



Robotics offers an excellent example of the exponential rate of technological development that is overtaking a wide number of sectors.



The reality of robotics 20 years ago.





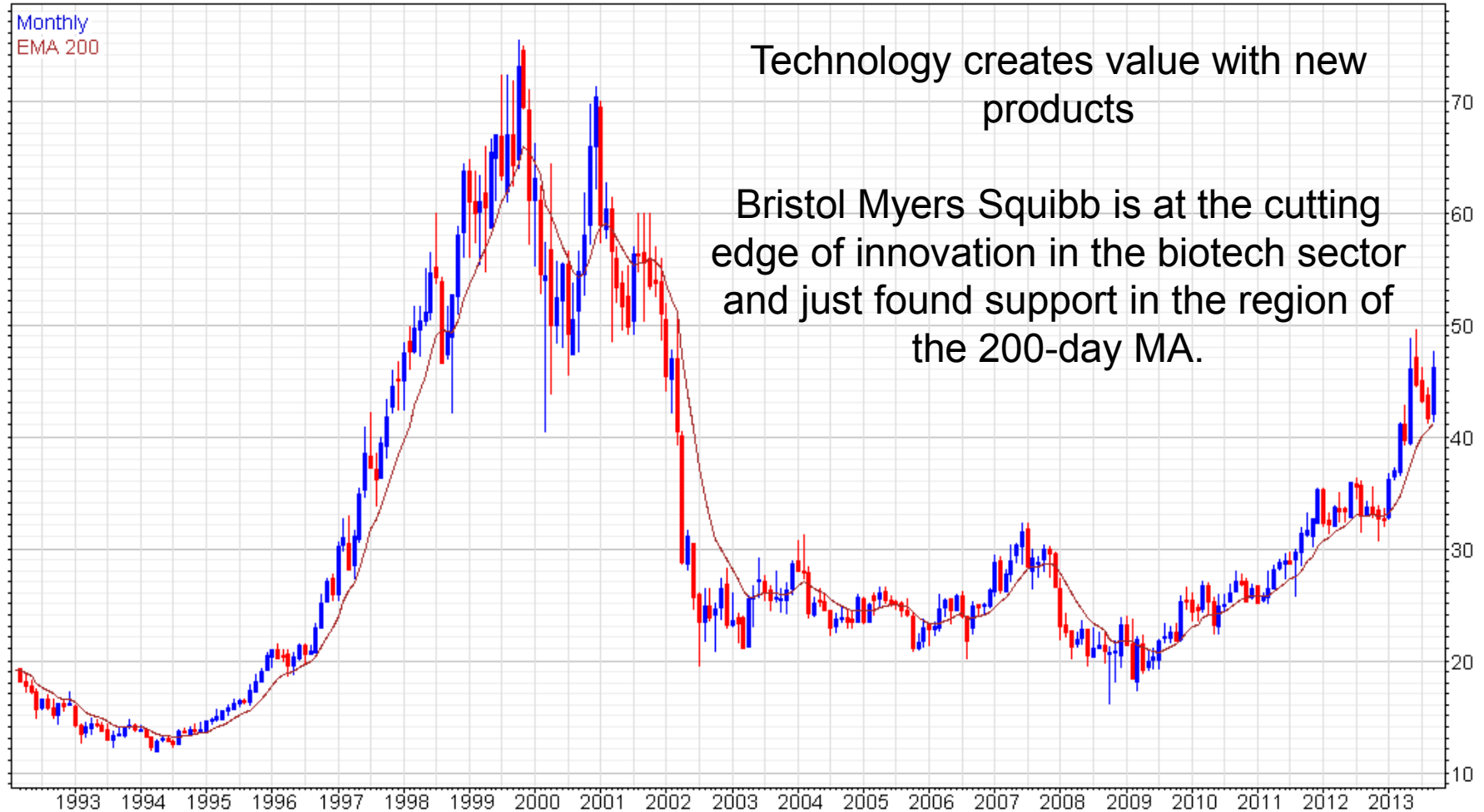
Nanobots in the not too distant future.





Bristol-Myers Squibb Co (BMY) 46.2 -0.73

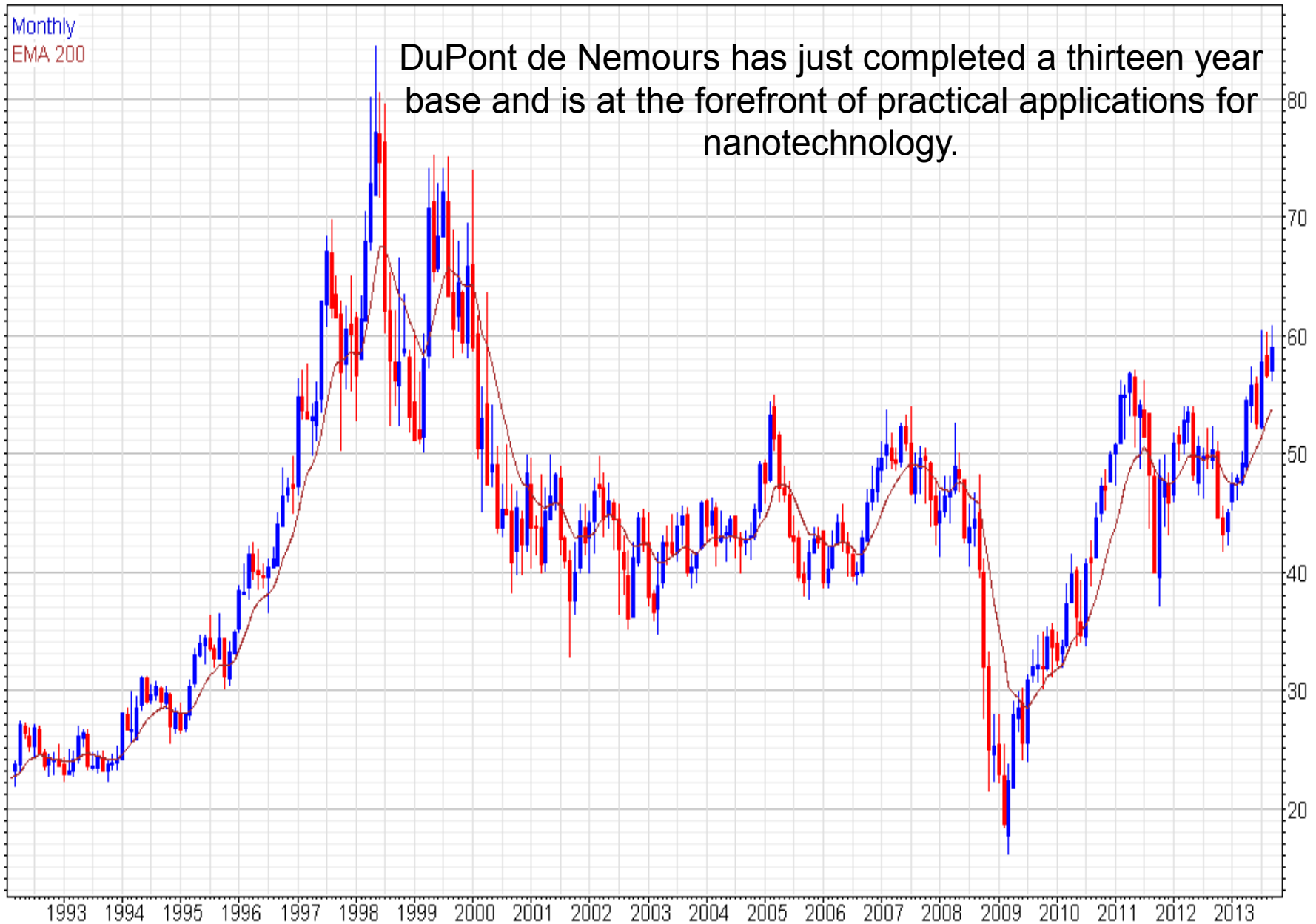
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DuPont de Nemours & Co (DD) 59.01 -0.50

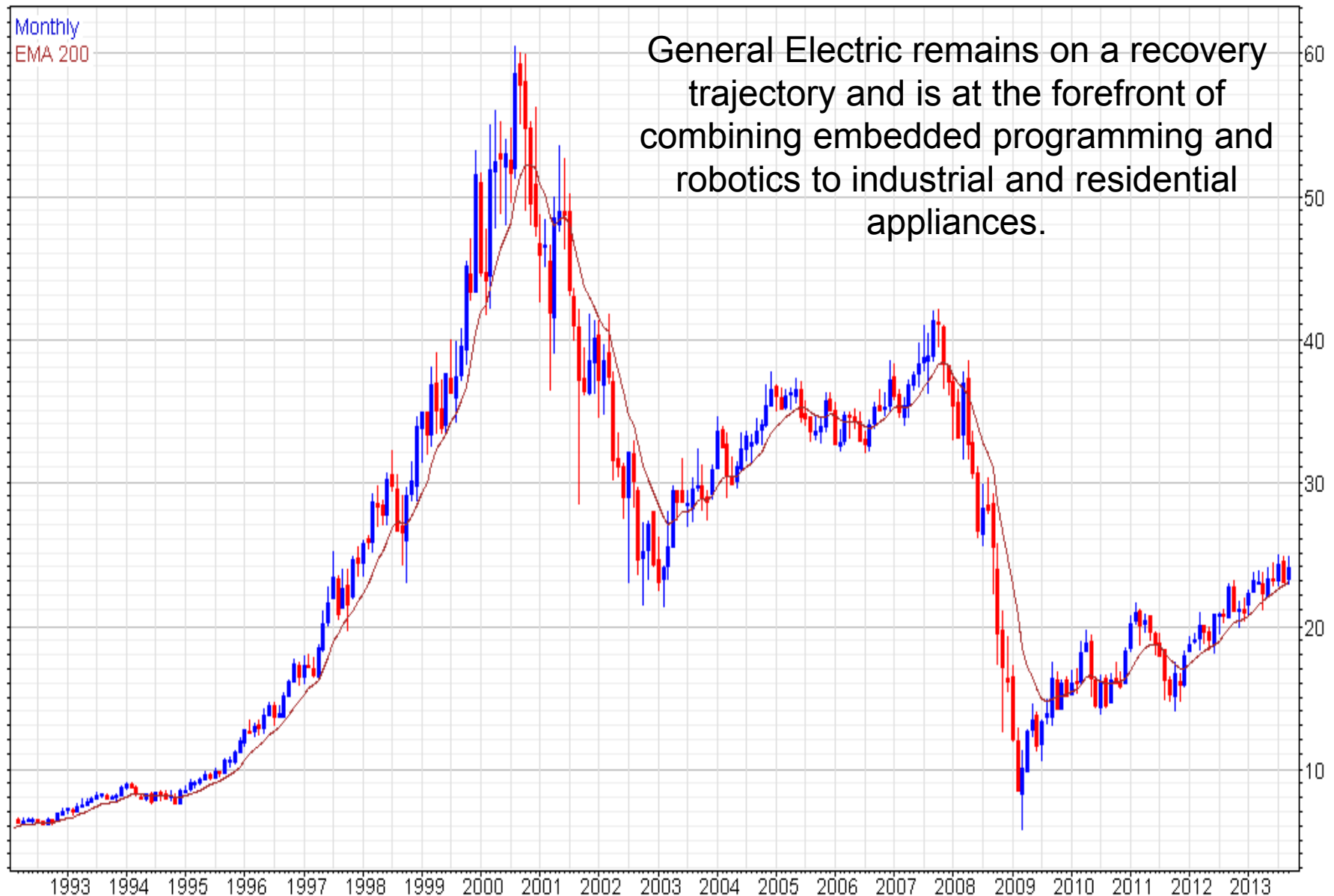
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General Electric Co (GE) 24.05 -0.20

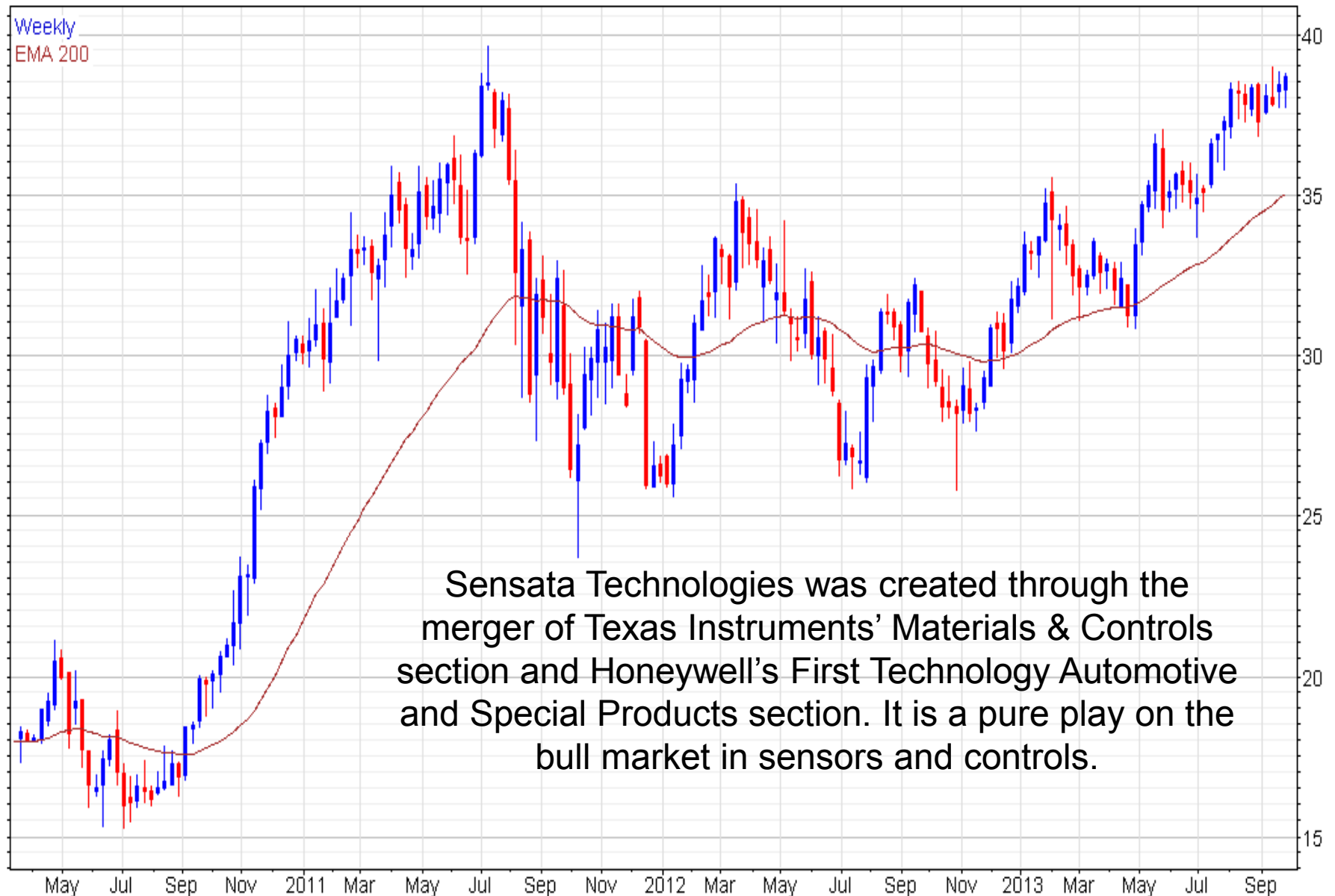
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Sensata Technologies Holding (ST) 38.7 +0.13

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Sensata Technologies was created through the merger of Texas Instruments' Materials & Controls section and Honeywell's First Technology Automotive and Special Products section. It is a pure play on the bull market in sensors and controls.



Stratasys Inc (SSYS) 101.47 -2.47

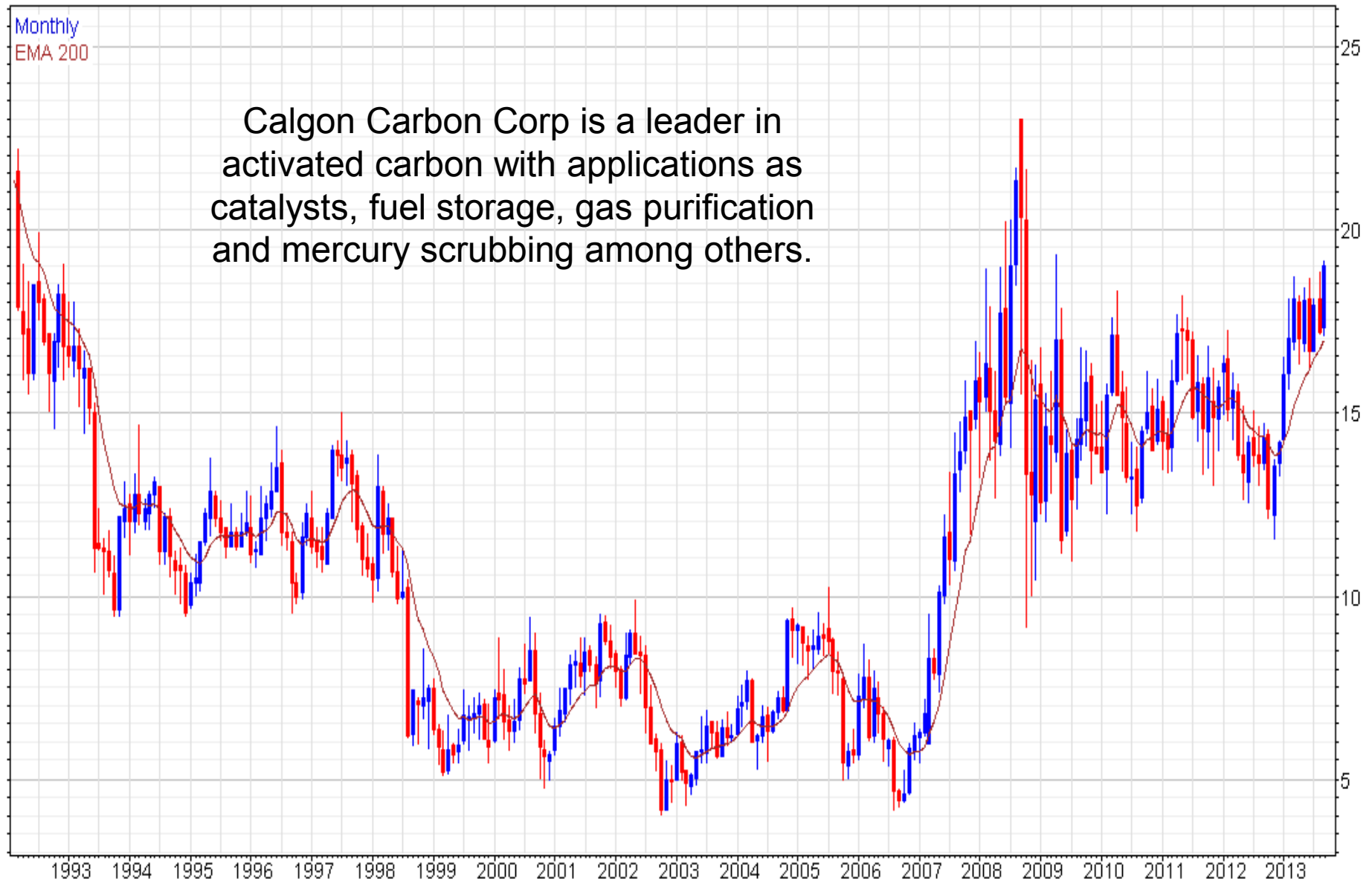
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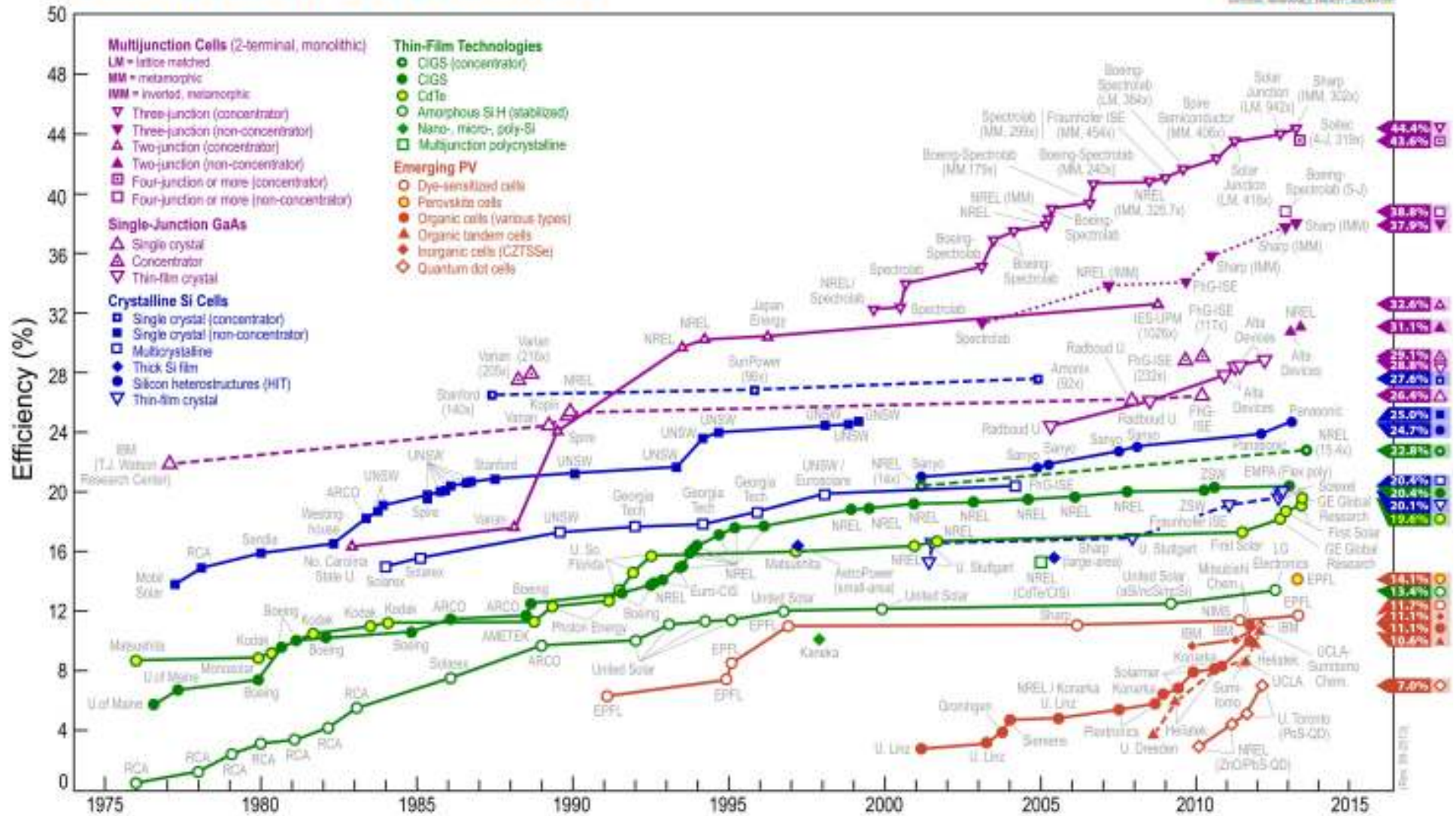
Calgon Carbon Corp (CCC) 19.01 +0.05

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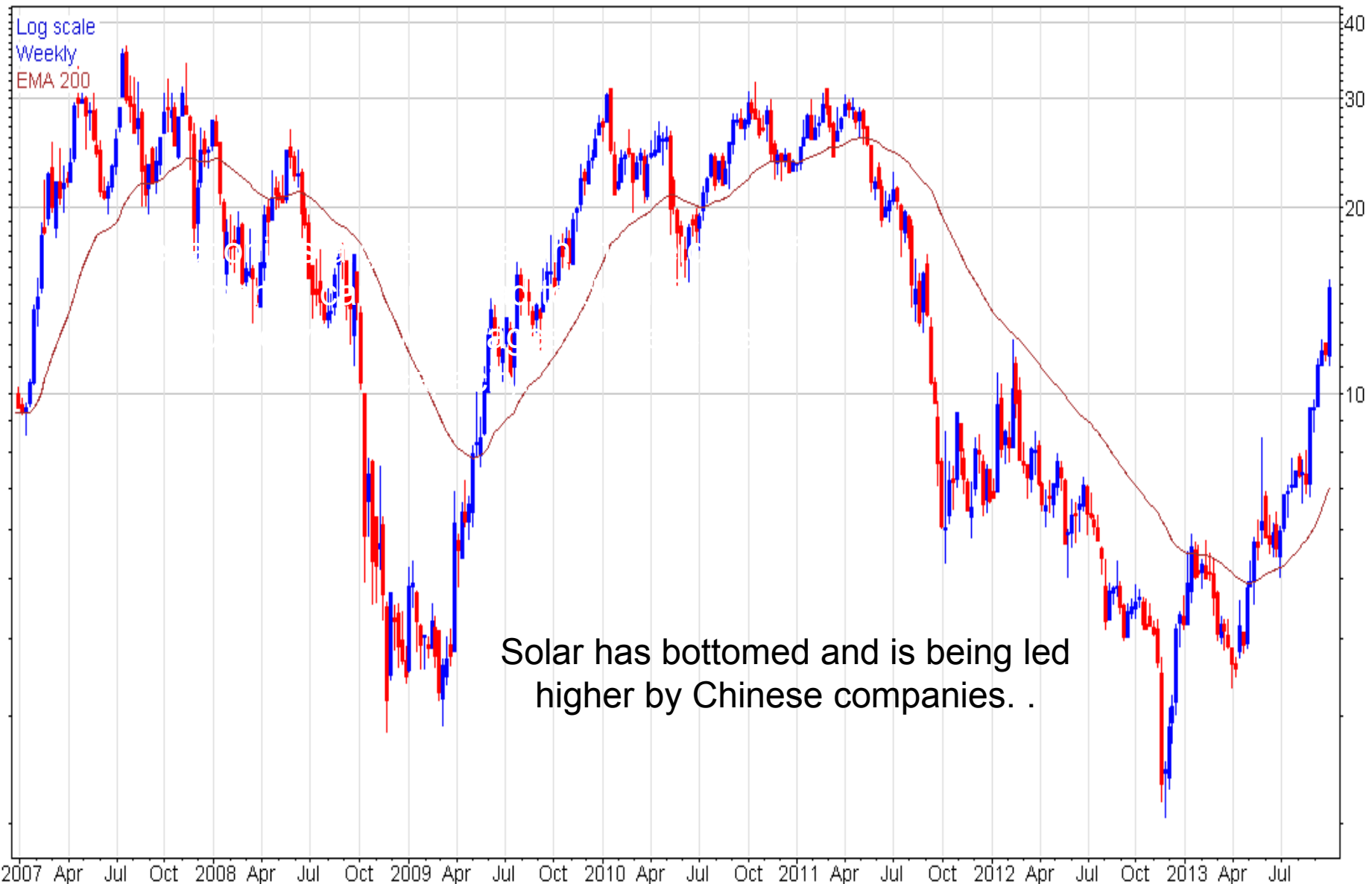
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Trina Solar Ltd (TSL) 14.83 +1.99

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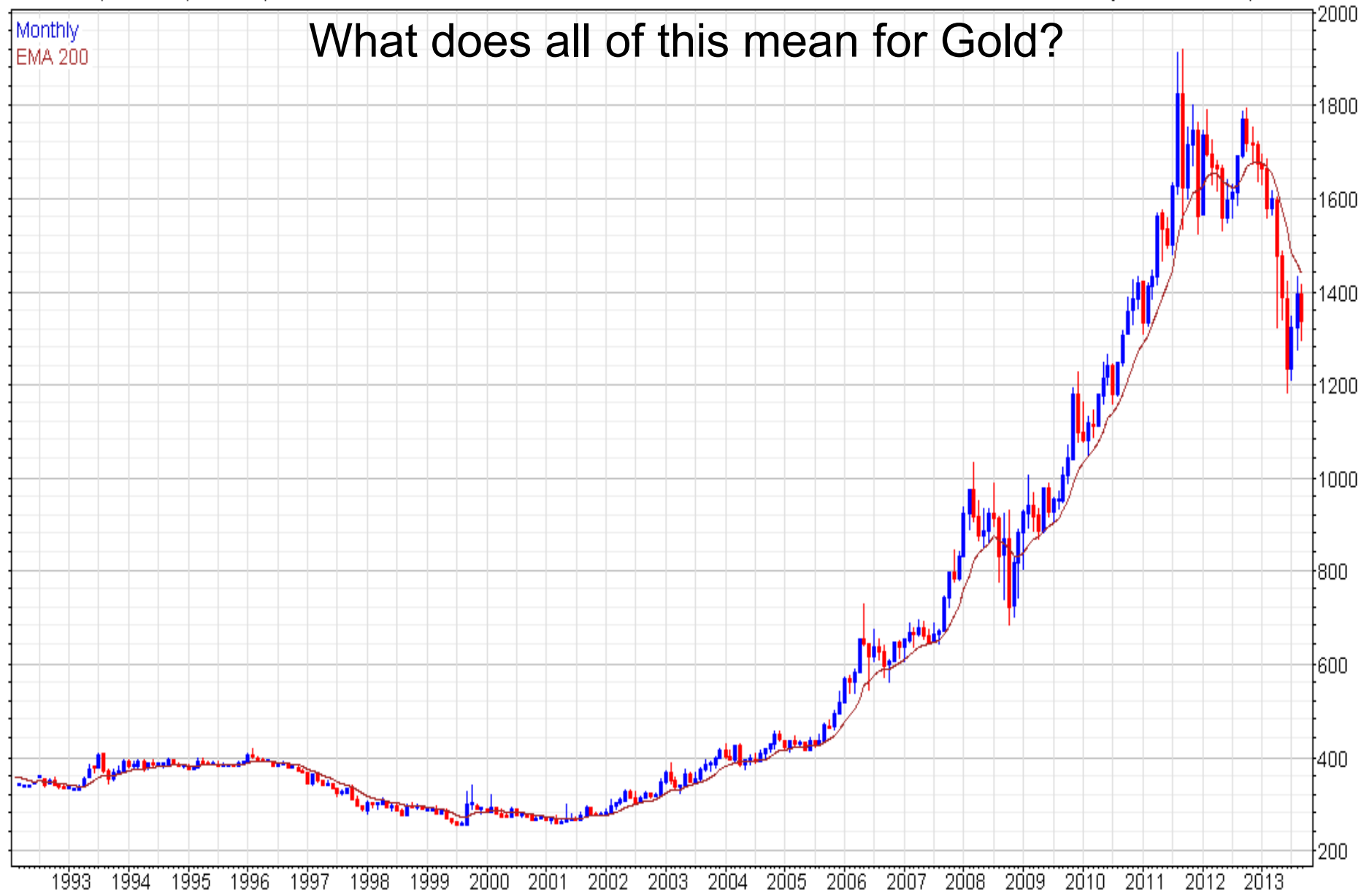
EOG Resources Inc (EOG) 170.73 -1.36

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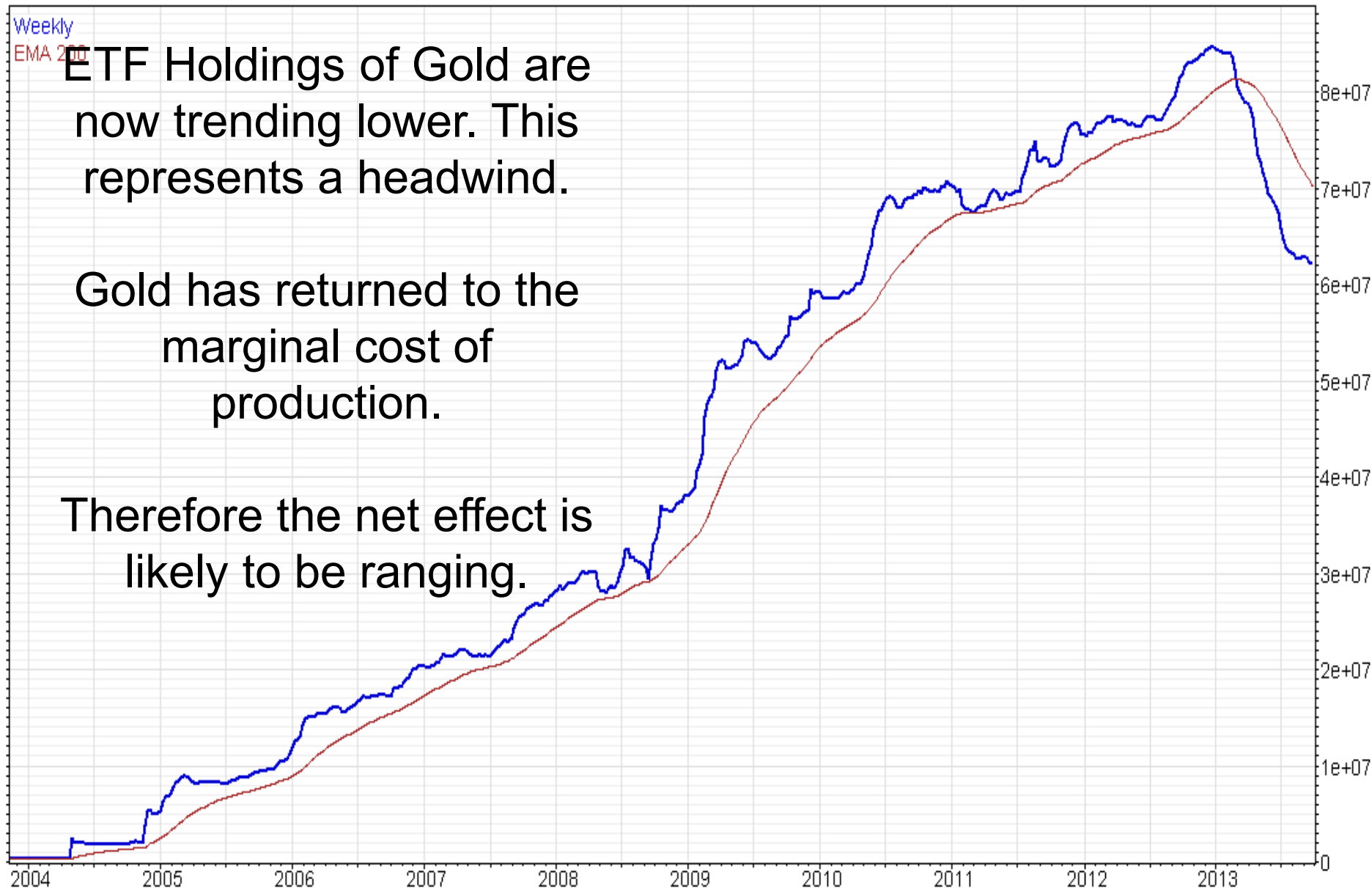
What does all of this mean for Gold?





Total Known ETF Holdings of Gold (ETFGTOTL) 6.22122e+07 +1163.00

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ETF Holdings of Gold are now trending lower. This represents a headwind.

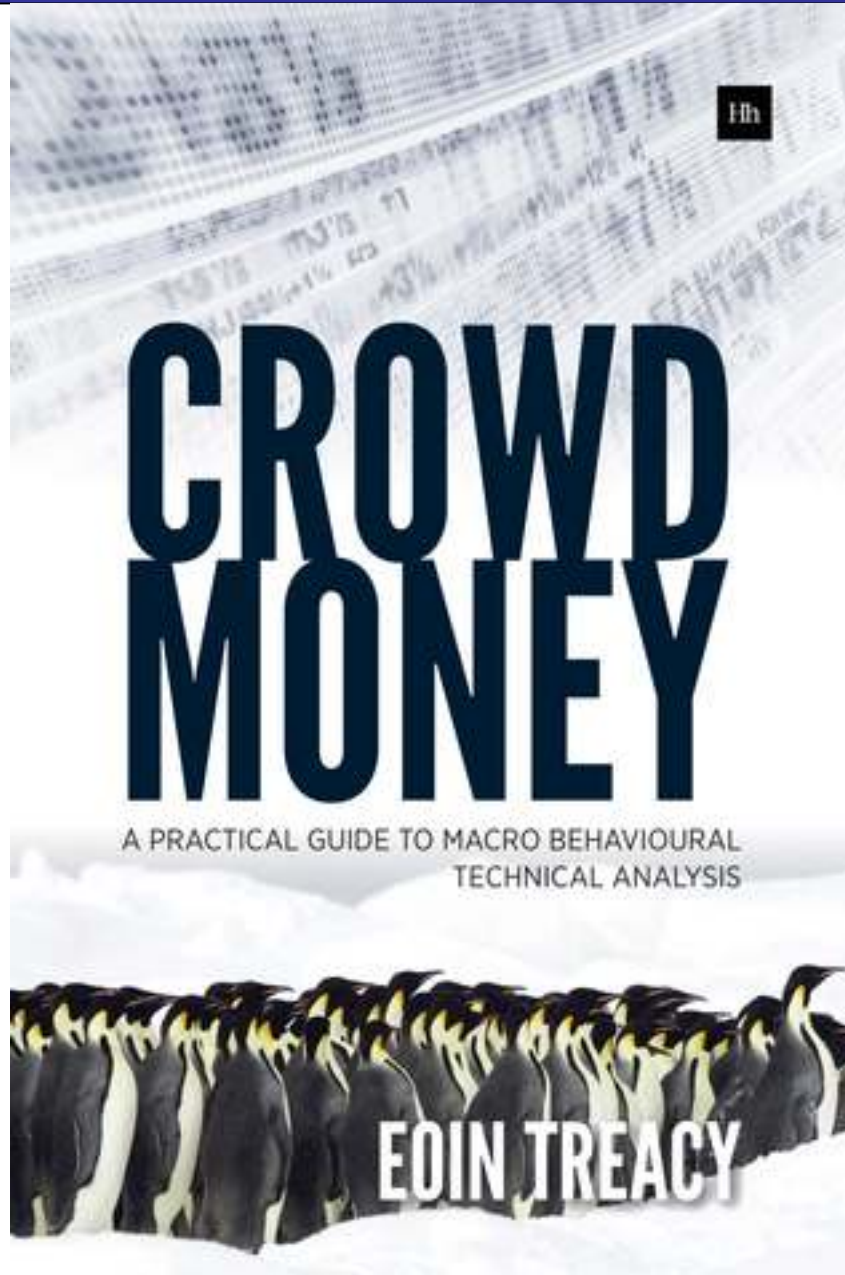
Gold has returned to the marginal cost of production.

Therefore the net effect is likely to be ranging.



Conclusions

- The removal of QE represents a short to medium-term challenge to stock markets.
- The current rally can be viewed as an opportunity to lighten positions in bond funds.
- The confluence of innovations in technology, healthcare, energy and labour offer the realistic potential for a secular bull market in equities from 2015.
- In the next year, Japan remains a recovery candidate, Europe's discount to the US should continue to be unwound and China's reorganisation to a consumer economy will continue.



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