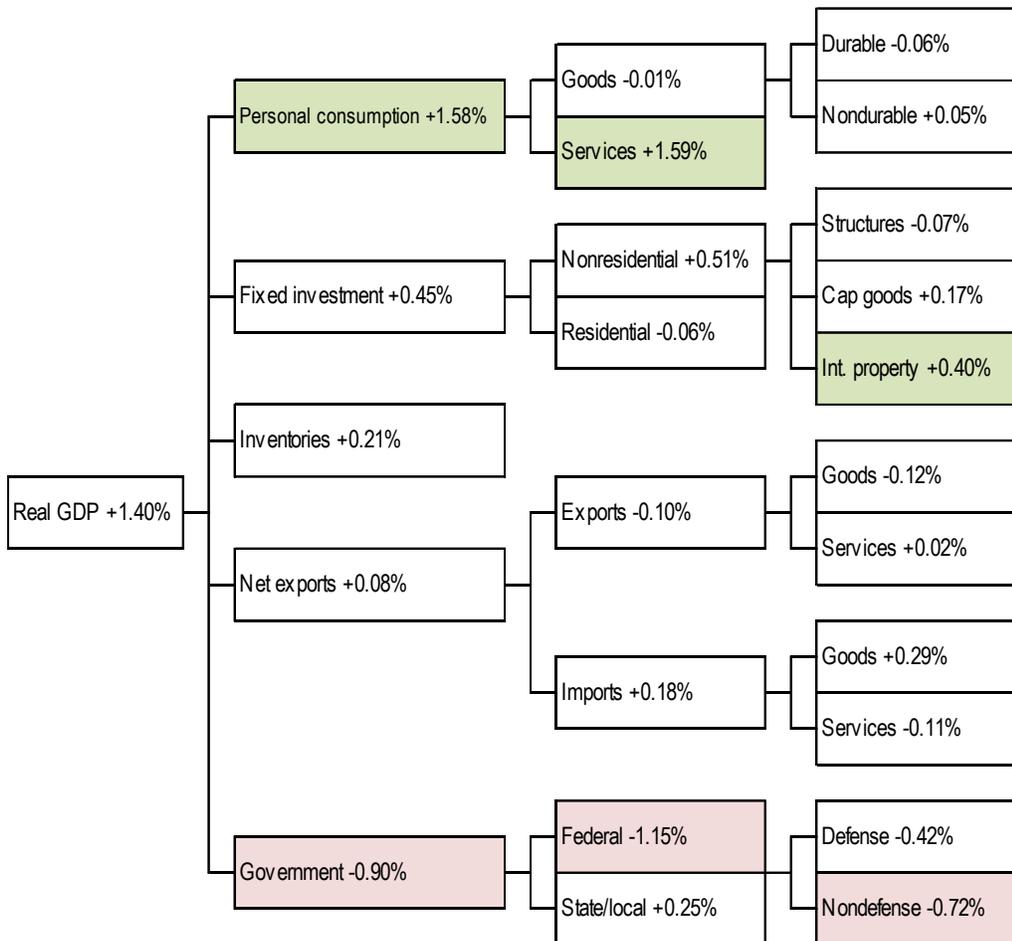


## Data Insights: GDP

Friday, February 20, 2026

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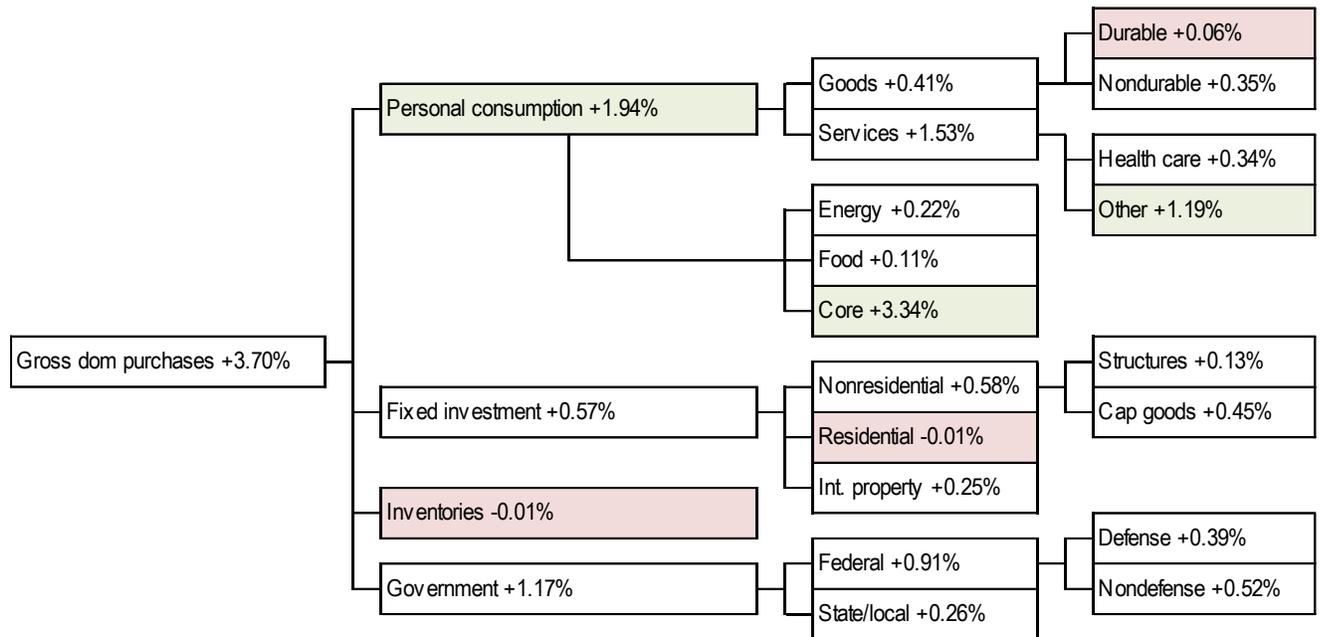
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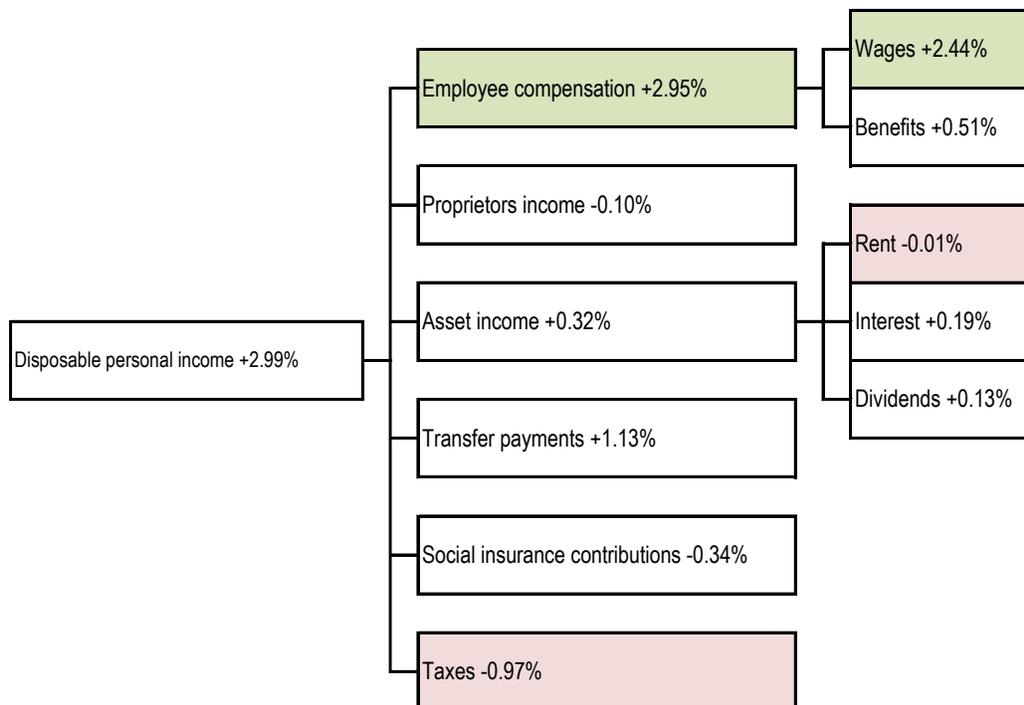
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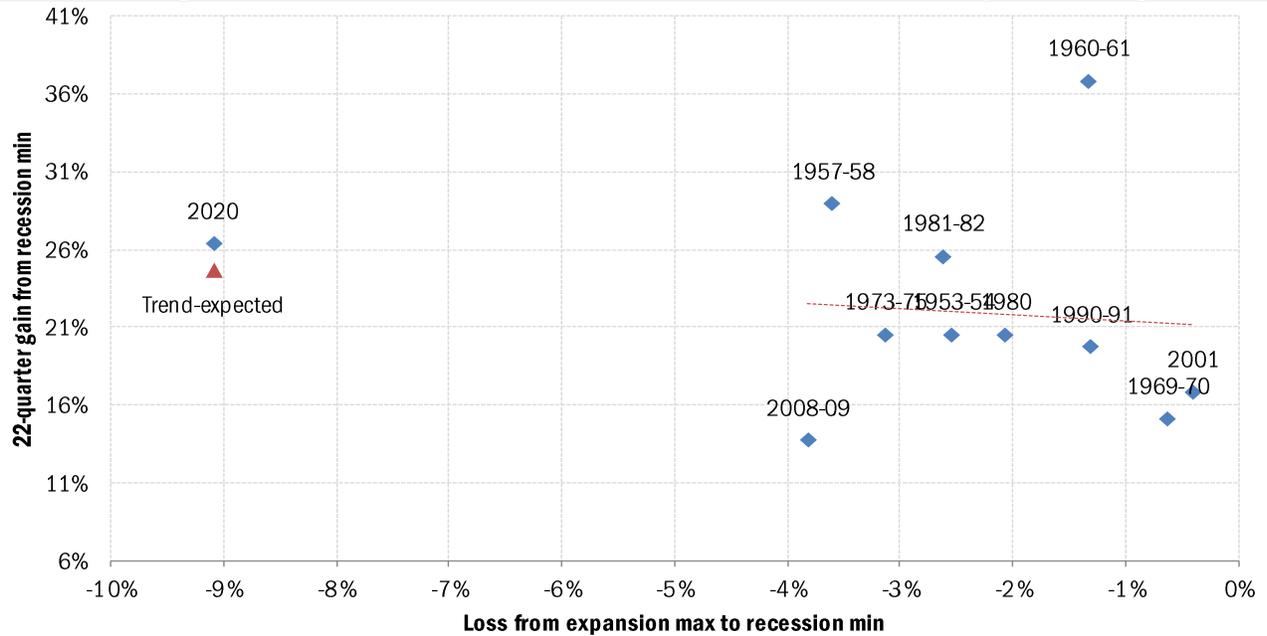
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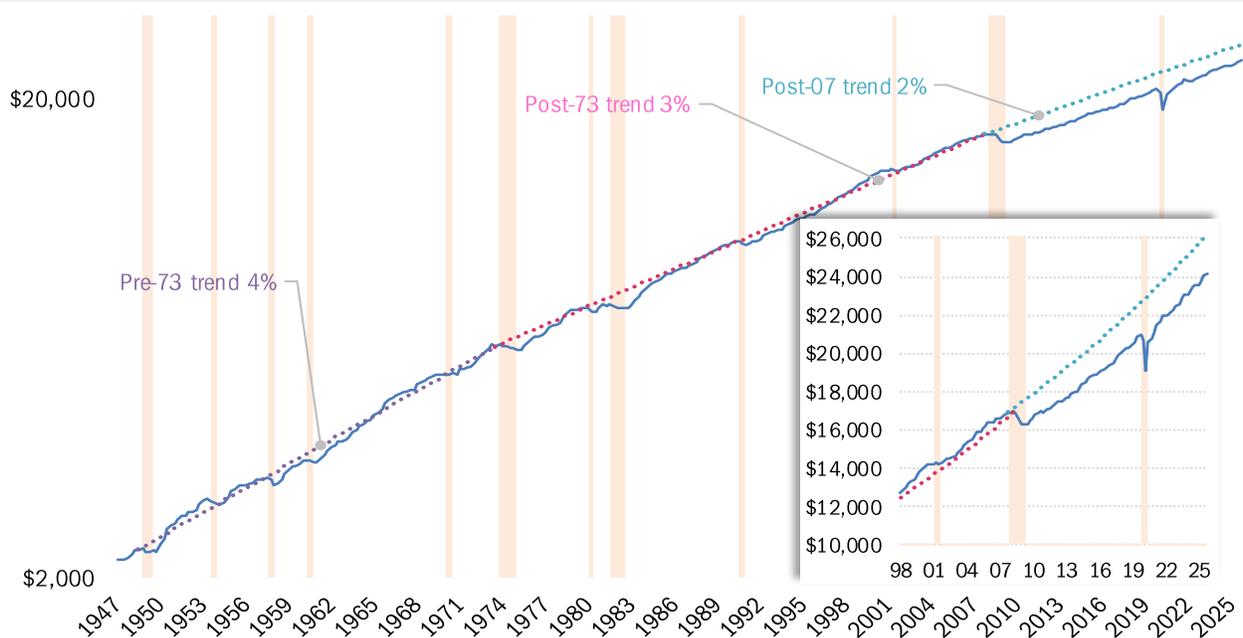
◆ Actual --- Regression for recessions 1948-2001 ▲ Theoretical for 2009-19 recovery based on regression



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## The plucked string theory: GDP reverts to trend after perturbation

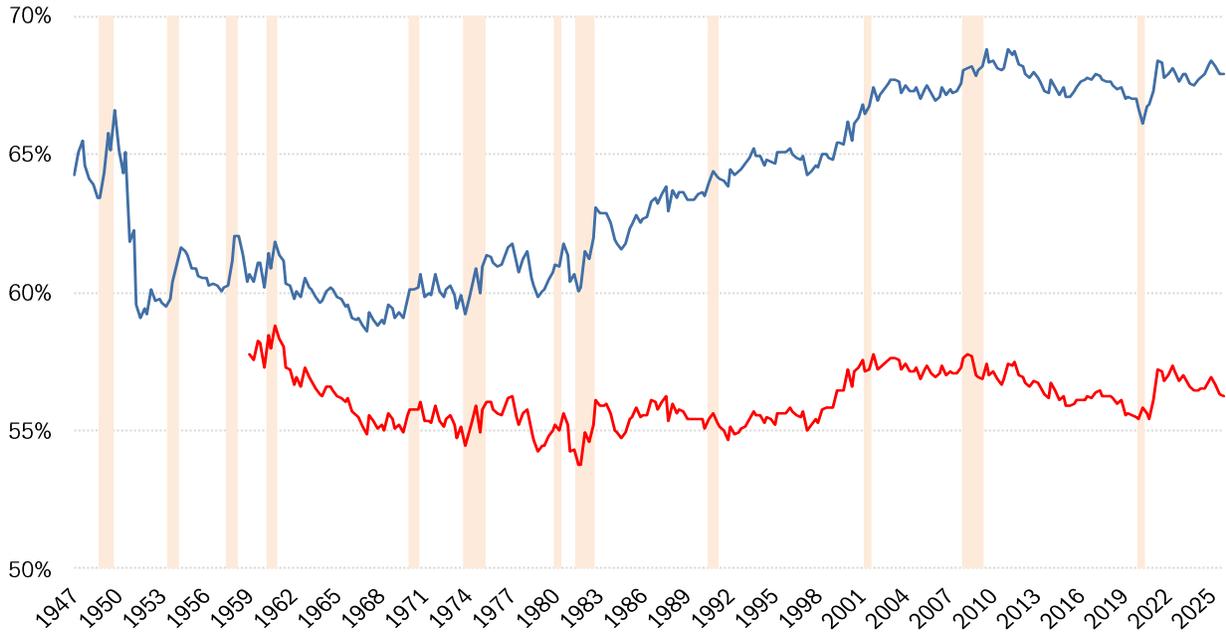
— Real GDP, USD billions, log scale --- '47-'74 3.99% --- '74-'07 trend 3.02% --- Post-'07 trend Recession



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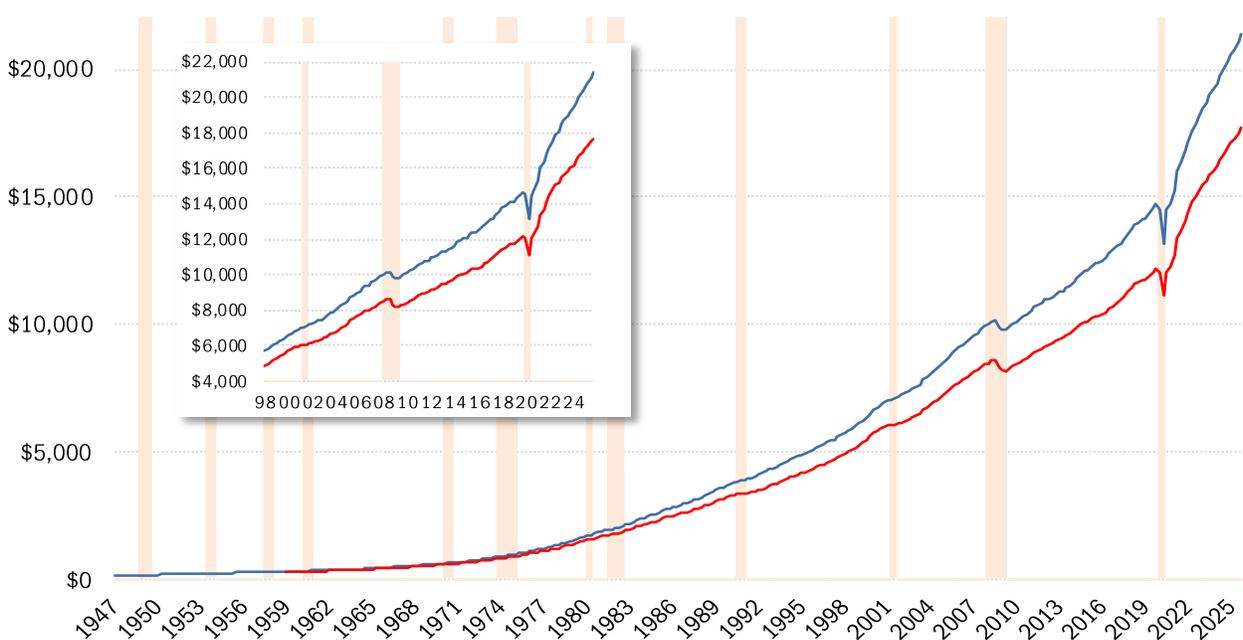
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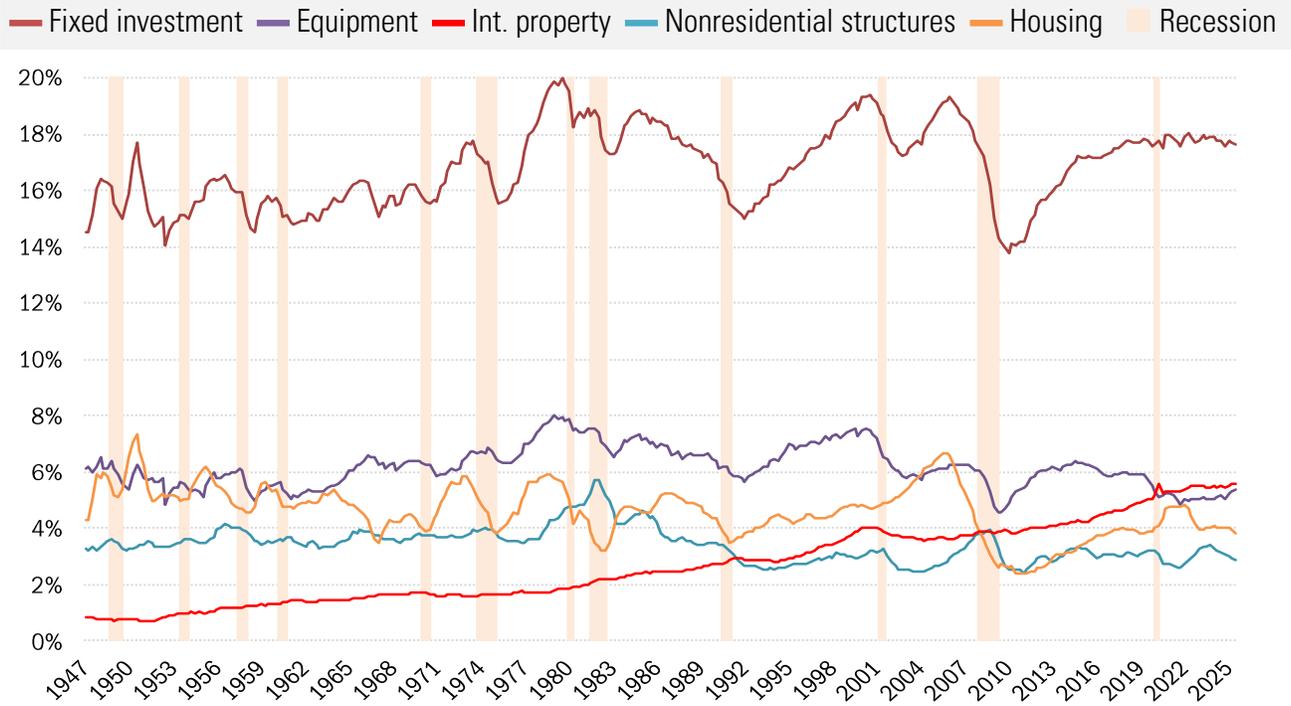
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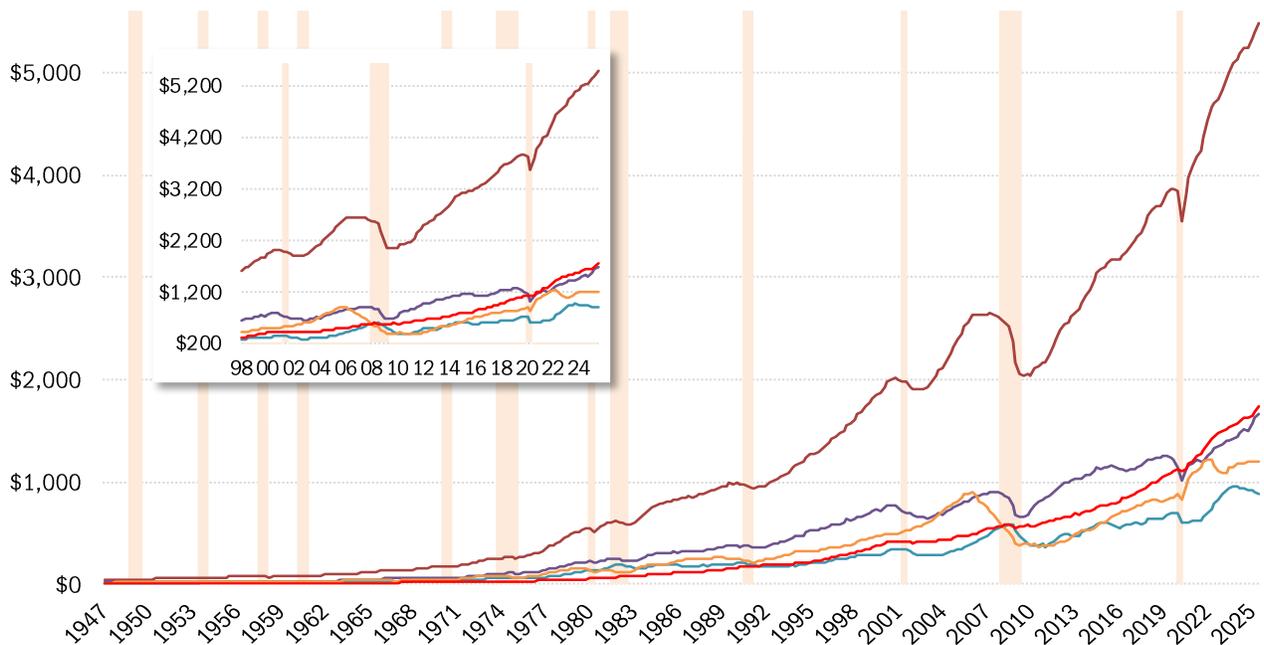
## Capital at work: fixed investment share of nominal GDP



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## Capital at work: nominal fixed investment

USD billions — Fixed investment (dark red) — Equipment (purple) — Int. property (red) — Nonresidential structures (teal) — Housing (orange)



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