

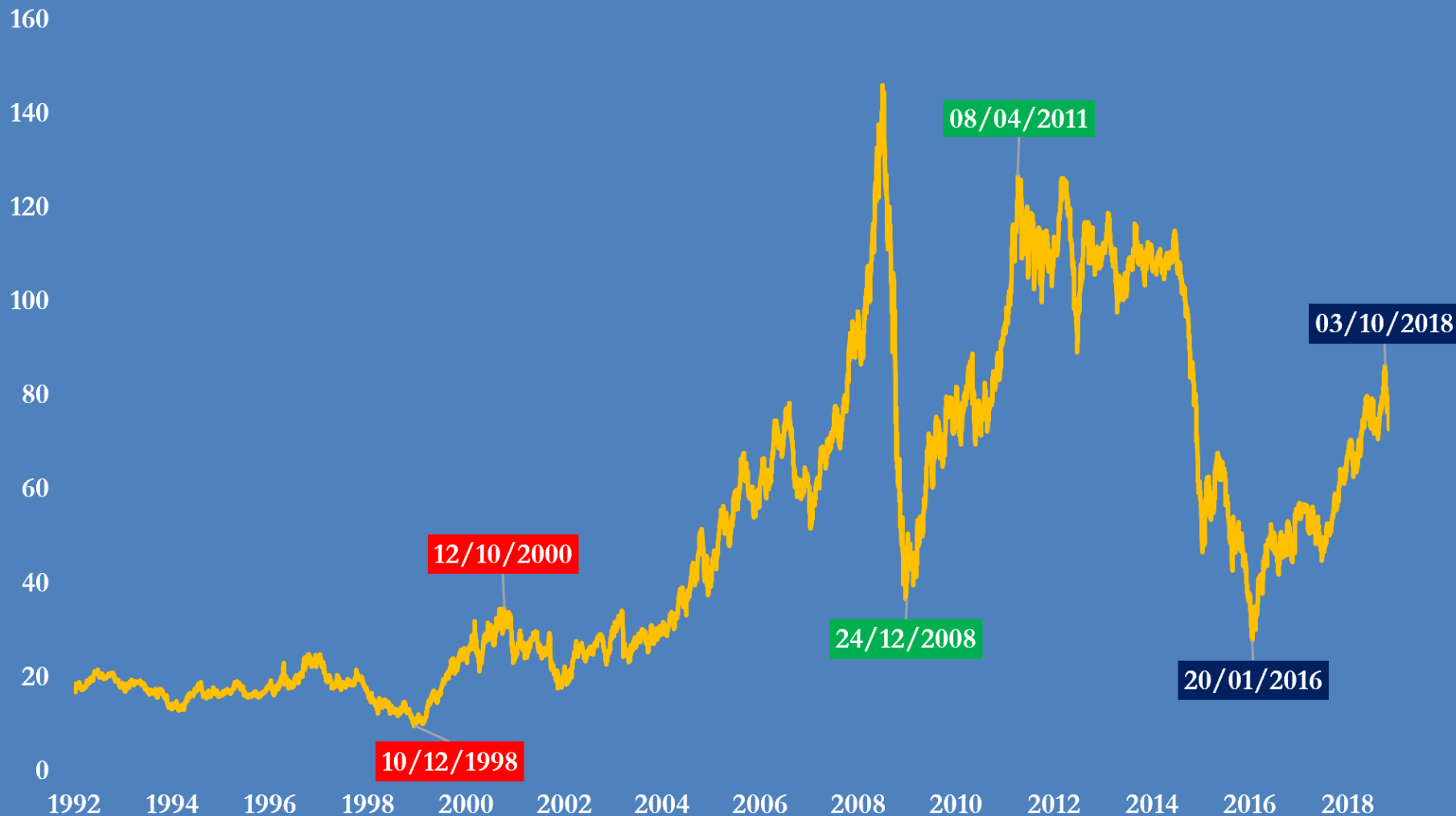
# Oil market cyclical recovery

## Selected indicators

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## Brent front-month futures price, 1992-2018

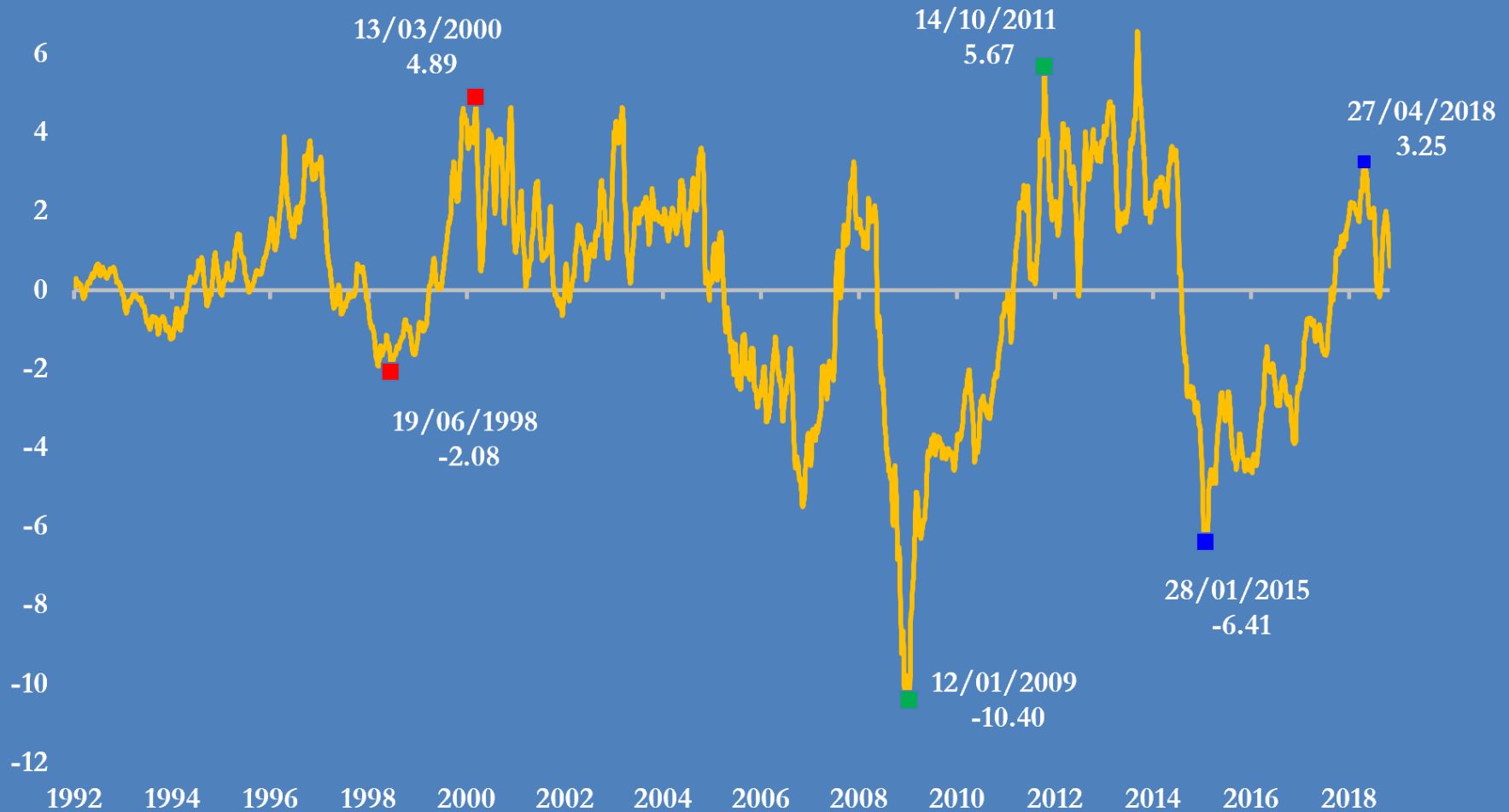
### Selected oil price recoveries, U.S.\$ per barrel



Source: ICE Futures Europe

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## Shape of the futures price curve in Brent crude Contango (-) or backwardation (+) from months 1 to 7 (US\$/bbl)



Price difference Brent m1 and m7 (U.S.\$/bbl)

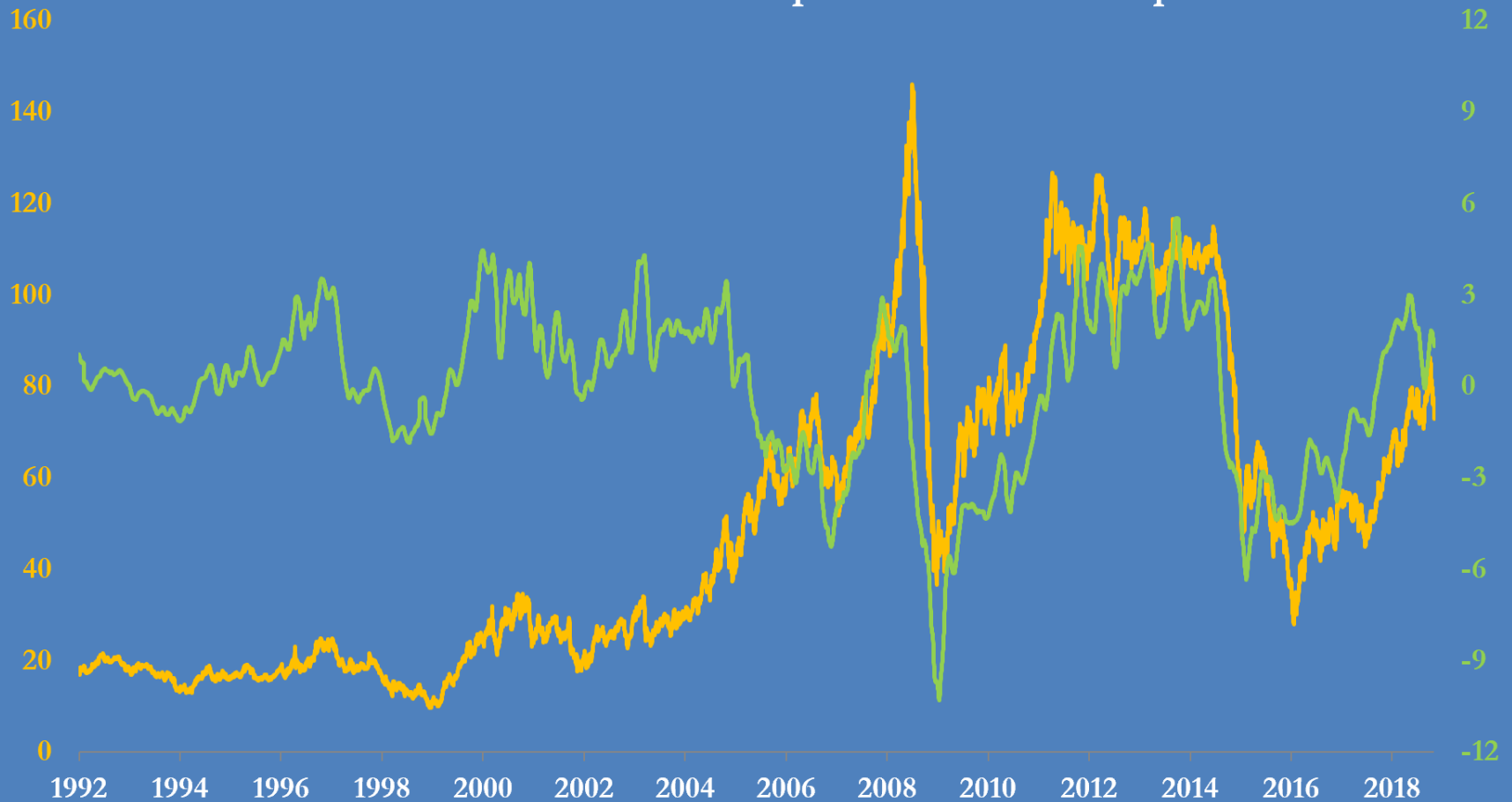
Contango (-) or backwardation (+)

exponentially smoothed moving average (smoothing factor  $\alpha = 0.85$ )

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## Cyclical indicators in the oil market

### Brent crude: front-month futures prices and calendar spreads



— L-axis: Brent front-month futures prices (U.S.\$/bbl)

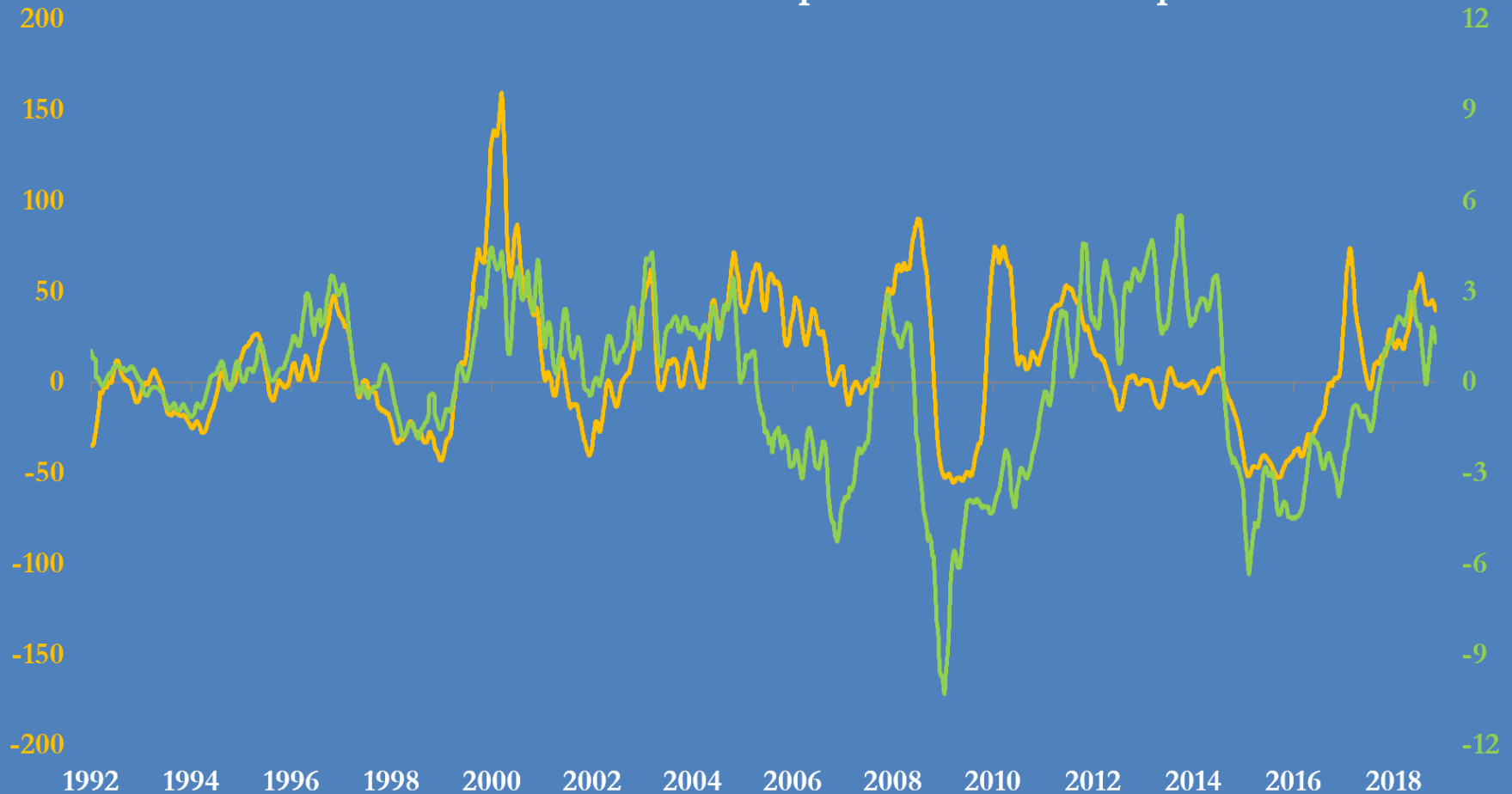
— R-axis: Brent calendar spread (1st month - 7th month future price, U.S.\$ per bbl)

Both series are averaged over 30 trading days to smooth short-term volatility

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## Brent crude: front-month futures prices and calendar spreads



— L-axis: Brent front-month futures prices (percent change year-on-year)

— R-axis: Brent calendar spread (1st month - 7th month future price, U.S.\$ per bbl)

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