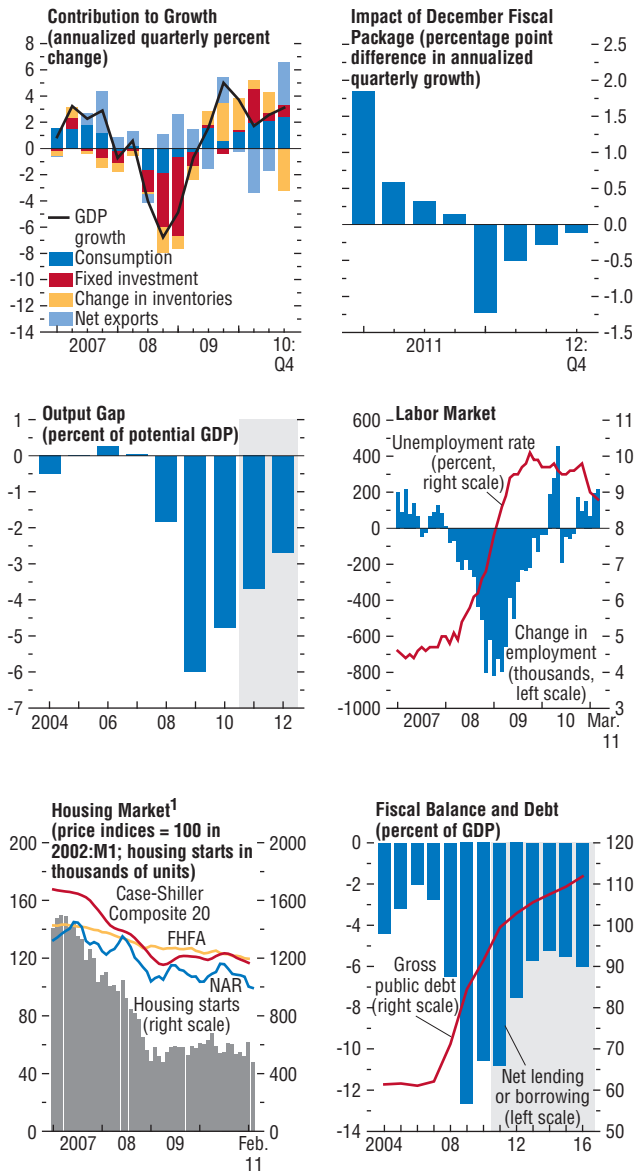


Figure 2.4. United States: Gaining Traction

The recovery is starting to take hold, as private consumption continues to accelerate, albeit slowly. And growth in 2011 will get a boost from the December fiscal package. Quantitative easing has helped fend off deflation pressure arising from a still-large output gap. But vulnerabilities remain: the labor and real estate markets remain weak, and fiscal vulnerabilities need to be addressed.



Sources: Haver Analytics; and IMF staff estimates.
¹ FHFA: Federal Housing Finance Agency. NAR: National Association of Realtors.