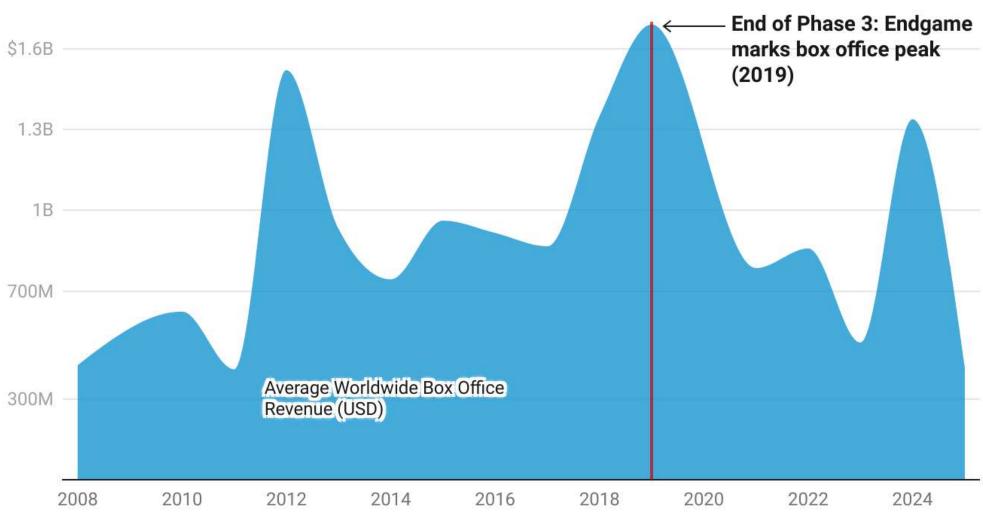


Following the success of Avengers: Endgame in 2019, critics' ratings of Marvel films fell sharply, while audience trust remained relatively high for a time. This growing gap between critics and audiences marked the first signs of Marvel's reputation weakening.

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## ...Despite initially strong revenues, financial returns also started falling after the reputation decline...

Average Worldwide Box Office Revenue (USD) of Marvel Films

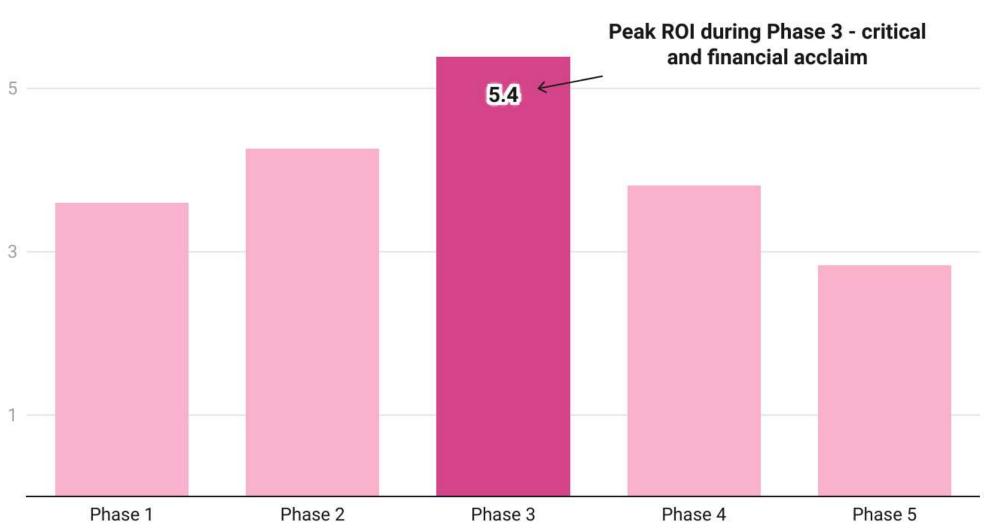


Following the financial success of Avengers: Endgame in 2019, Marvel's average box office revenues began declining, despite occasional hits. This weakening financial trend mirrored the earlier erosion of critical and audience trust in the brand.

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## ...and by Phase 5, Marvel's fading reputation had fully eroded its financial efficiency.

Average Return on Investment (Box Office Revenue ÷ Budget) by MCU Phase



ROI is calculated by dividing total global box office earnings by reported production budgets. Despite consistent spending, Marvel's financial efficiency dropped sharply after the Phase 3 peak.