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ECONOMIC FORECAST DETAIL — UNITED STATES

January 2023

Real growth in the economy (Quarter-over-quarter annualized % change unless otherwise indicated)

	2022			Forecast	2023				2024					Forecast		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2021	2022F	2023F	2024
Consumer spending	1.3	2.0	2.3	3.4	-0.3	-1.7	-0.8	0.6	1.0	1.4	1.8	2.2	8.3	2.9	0.6	0.8
Durables	7.7	-2.8	-0.8	6.5	-1.0	-1.5	-1.0	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.8	2.0	18.5	0.0	0.3	0.5
Non-durables	-4.4	-2.4	-0.1	3.0	-1.0	-1.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.2	8.8	-0.4	0.0	0.9
Services	2.1	4.6	3.7	3.0	0.0	-2.0	-1.0	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.2	6.3	4.5	0.8	0.8
Government spending	-2.3	-1.6	3.7	1.5	2.5	0.5	-0.5	0.0	1.1	1.2	2.0	2.2	0.6	-0.7	1.3	0.9
Residential investment	-3.1	-17.8	-27.1	-18.0	-2.0	-2.5	-2.0	1.5	2.0	1.8	2.5	2.5	10.7	-10.1	-9.8	1.2
Non-residential investment	7.9	0.1	6.2	6.8	1.7	-1.2	-1.3	0.7	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.1	6.4	4.0	2.1	1.1
Non-residential structures	-4.4	-12.7	-3.6	6.0	1.5	-3.0	-3.5	0.5	2.0	4.2	3.5	3.8	-6.4	-7.1	-0.8	1.4
Equipment & software	11.4	-2.1	10.6	11.0	1.5	-1.5	-2.5	0.5	1.4	1.5	2.3	2.0	10.3	5.2	2.9	0.7
Intellectual property	10.8	8.9	6.8	3.0	2.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.5	9.7	8.6	2.6	1.3
Final domestic demand	1.3	0.2	1.5	2.6	0.4	-1.3	-0.8	0.6	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.2	6.7	1.8	0.5	0.9
Exports	-4.6	13.8	14.6	-4.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.5	3.0	6.1	7.1	2.0	1.0
Imports	18.4	2.3	-7.3	-1.5	3.0	-2.0	0.8	3.5	3.0	2.5	3.5	4.5	14.1	8.4	-0.4	2.6
Inventories (change in $b)	214.5	110.2	38.7	10.0	5.0	-5.0	-30.0	-15.0	-10.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	-19.4	93.4	-11.3	2.5
Real gross domestic product	**-1.6**	**-0.6**	**3.2**	**2.0**	**0.0**	**-1.2**	**-1.5**	**0.5**	**1.0**	**1.5**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**5.9**	**2.0**	**0.3**	**0.7**

Other indicators (Year-over-year % change unless otherwise indicated)

Business and labour																
Productivity	-0.3	-2.0	-1.3	-2.4	-0.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.1	2.4	-1.5	-0.3	0.6
Pre-tax corporate profits	10.9	7.7	5.5	6.3	5.7	0.3	-0.4	-1.8	-1.0	0.4	1.8	2.6	22.6	7.5	0.9	1.0
Unemployment rate (%)*	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.3	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.4	3.7	4.5	5.2
Inflation																
Headline CPI	8.0	8.6	8.3	7.1	4.9	2.9	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	4.7	8.0	3.0	2.4
CPI ex. food and energy	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.0	5.1	4.2	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.6	6.2	3.9	2.7
External trade																
Current account balance ($b)*	-1130	-955	-868	-844	-872	-848	-853	-877	-894	-907	-925	-944	-846	-949	-862	-917
% of GDP*	-4.6	-3.8	-3.4	-3.2	-3.3	-3.2	-3.2	-3.3	-3.4	-3.4	-3.4	-3.4	-3.6	-3.7	-3.3	-3.4
Housing starts (000s)*	1720	1647	1450	1375	1350	1351	1352	1353	1354	1355	1356	1357	1605	1548	1352	1356
Motor vehicle sales (millions, saar)*	14.1	13.3	13.4	14.2	14.2	14.2	13.7	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.8	14.9	13.8	14.0	14.5

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