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US outlook: Easy come, easy go, little high, little low

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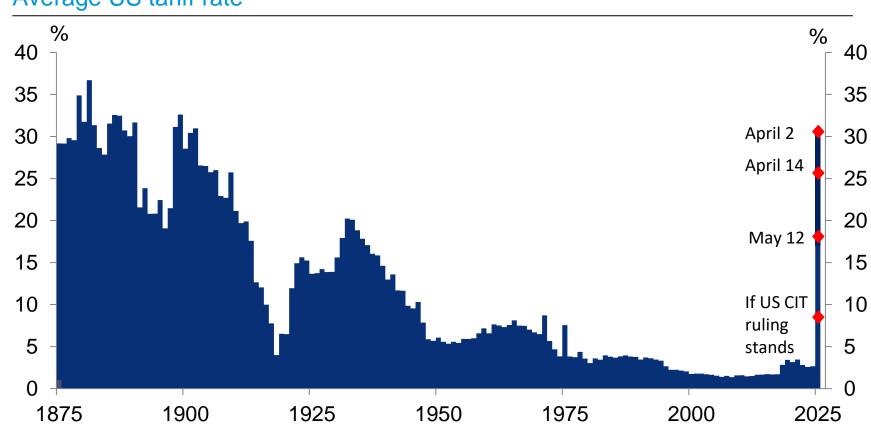
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- Policy assumptions: Trade policy on a bumpy de-escalation path and "One big beautiful" bill passed around mid-July
- Economy likely to slow in H2 2025 but avoid recession
- Consumer sentiment is downbeat but fundamentals are resilient
- Labor market to soften modestly, with unemployment ~4.5%
- Tariffs to lift inflation, core PCE 3-3.5% end 2025
- Fed to cut 25bps in December; neutral rate is higher (3.5-3.75%)
- Long-term yields likely to stay elevated (10s at ~4.5%)

Source: Deutsche Bank



Average US tariff rate

Source: St Louis Fed, BEA, USITC, Macrobond, Deutsche Bank

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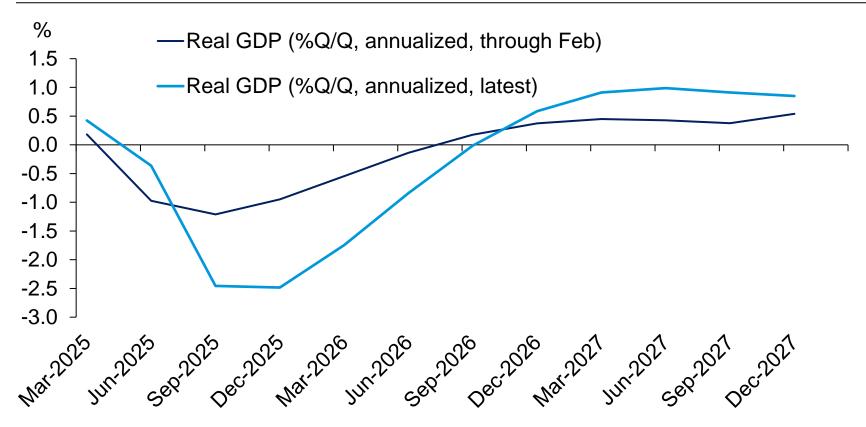
Trade shock: Effective tariff rate near highest in a century



The spike in trade policy uncertainty will exert a meaningful drag on growth in H2 2025



Impact of TPU on real GDP growth



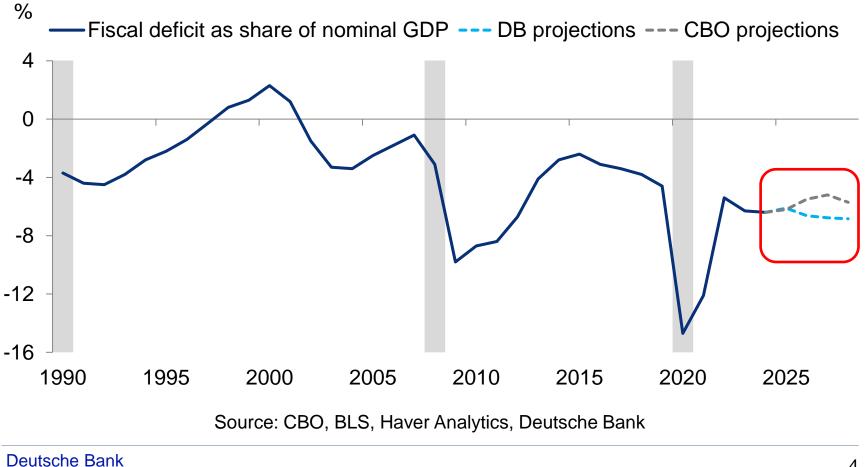
Source: BEA, Haver Analytics, Deutsche Bank

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The "One big beautiful bill" will keep budget deficits elevated in the near term

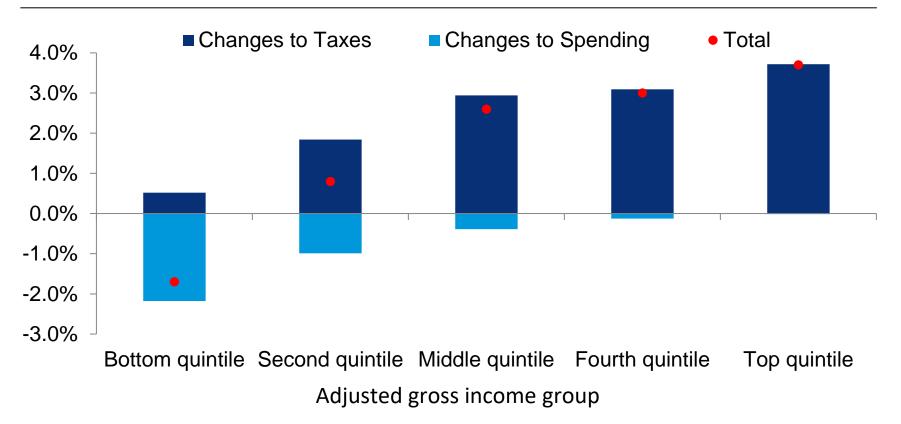
Fiscal deficit as share of nominal GDP





The "One Big Beautiful Bill" has very different effects across the income distribution

Percent change in after-tax-and-transfer income

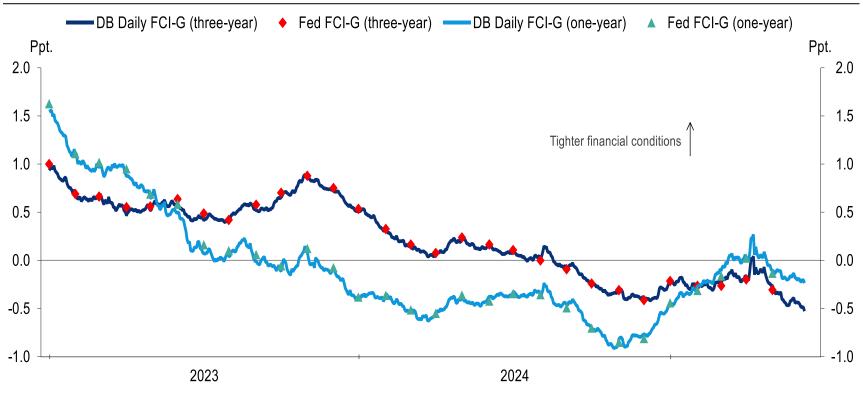


Source: Yale Budget Lab, Deutsche Bank

Financial conditions have eased considerably

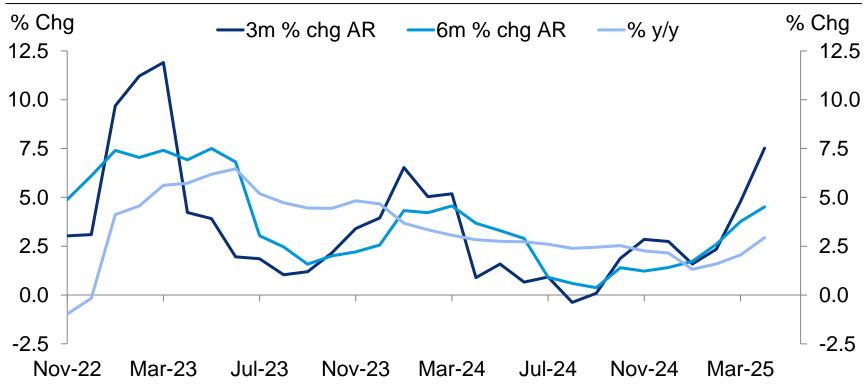


Financial conditions



Source: Fed, U.S. Treasury, Macrobond, S&P Global, Zillow, Redfin, ICE, Bloomberg Finance LP, Deutsche Bank

Real disposable personal income



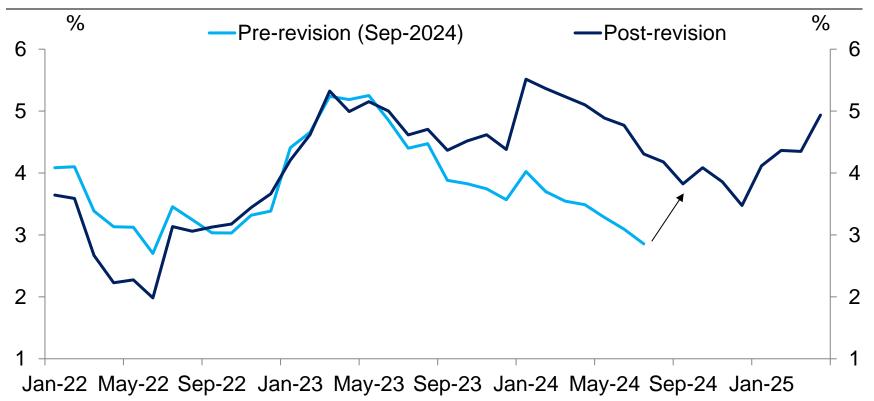
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Personal saving rate has risen noticeably



Personal saving rate



Source: BEA, Haver Analytics, Deutsche Bank



Household net worth as % of disposable personal income

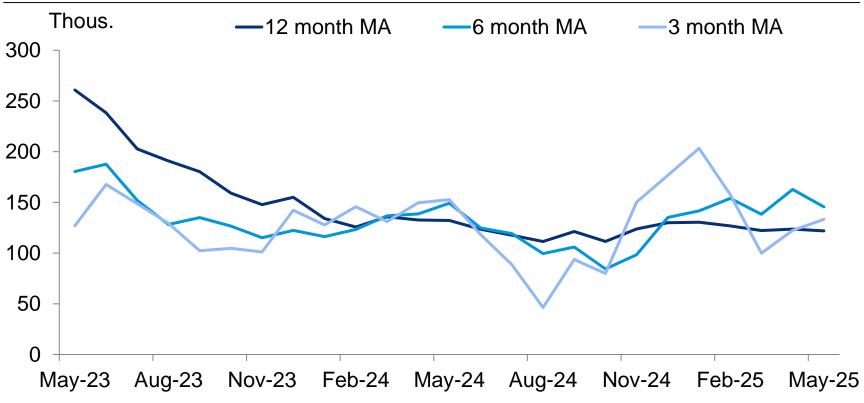


Source: FRB, Haver Analytics, Deutsche Bank

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Change in total private employment



Source: BLS, Haver Analytics, Deutsche Bank

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But the labor market continues a fragile equilibrium with low hiring and firing

-Hires rate Layoffs and discharges rate % 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

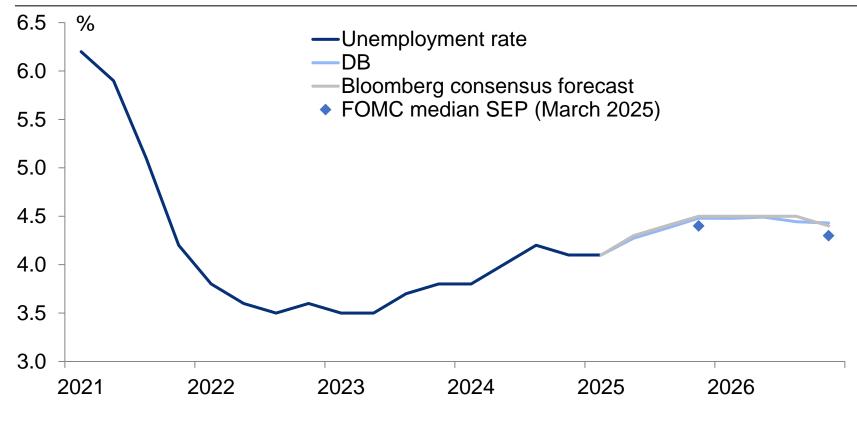
Hires, discharge and layoff rates



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Unemployment rate now expected to peak at 4.5% this vear

Unemployment rate forecasts



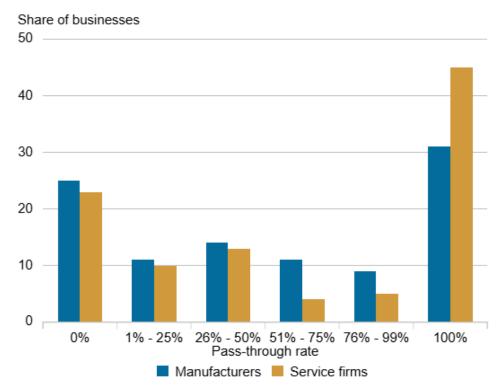
Source: BLS, Haver Analytics, Bloomberg Finance LP, FOMC, Deutsche Bank

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NY Fed survey shows firms passing through 50% or more of tariffs to prices

Most Businesses Passed Through Some or All of the Tariffs

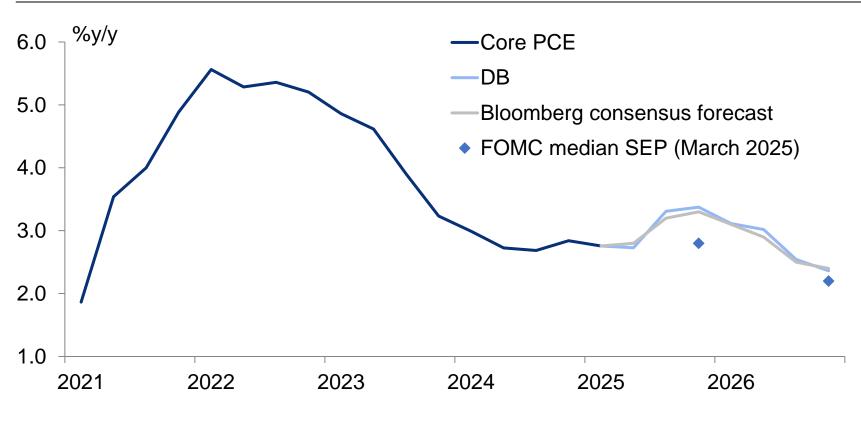


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Regional Business Surveys, May 2025. Note: Figures are based on businesses that reported an increase in the cost of their imported goods owing to tariffs over the past six months.

Source: FRB NY, Deutsche Bank

DB inflation forecasts see rise in 2025, greater slowdown in 2026



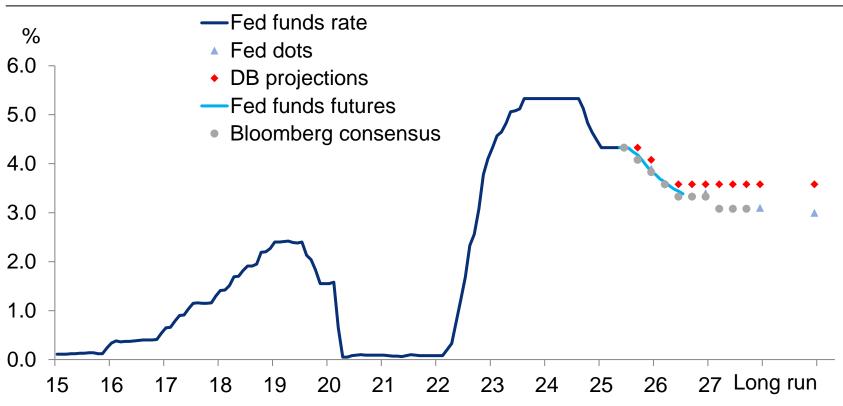


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DB Fed forecast: 25bp cut in Dec, 50bps more in Q1 2026, and neutral fed funds rate ~3.5%

Fed rate forecasts



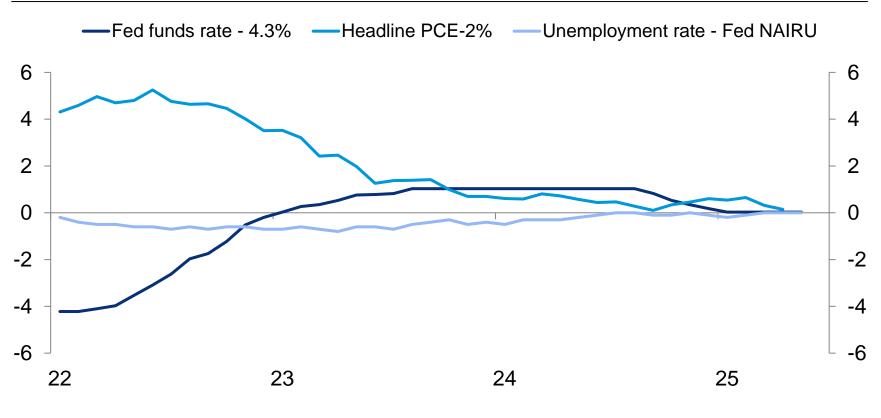
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Is the Fed at neutral? Economy appears to have converged to steady state

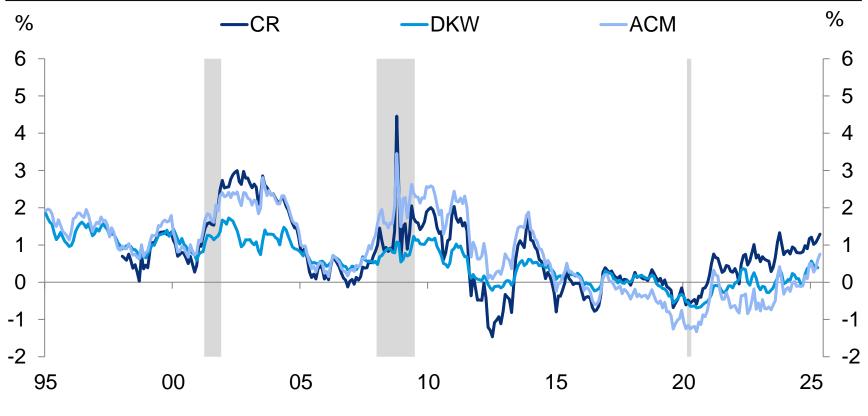
Variables versus current value / targets



Source: FRB, BEA, BLS, Haver Analytics, Deutsche Bank

Term premia on the rise, and could have further to go

10-year term premium estimates



Source: FRBSF, Federal Reserve Board, FRBNY, Haver Analytics, Deutsche Bank

DB US economic forecast summary



Economic Activity	2025				2026				2027				2025F	2026F	2027F
(% qoq, saar)	Q1F	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	Q1F	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	Q1F	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	Q4/Q4	Q4/Q4	Q4/Q4
GDP	-0.2	2.1	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.2	1.0	2.0	2.2
Private consumption	1.2	2.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	1.6	1.8	2.1
Investment	24.4	-18.9	0.5	1.2	2.5	2.7	2.9	4.3	3.1	3.6	2.6	2.5	0.6	3.1	3.0
Nonresidential	10.4	-5.9	0.7	0.9	1.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.2	1.4	2.1	3.0
Residential	-0.6	-2.0	-3.0	-3.0	-2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.3	-2.2	1.5	2.4
Gov't consumption	-0.7	0.9	-0.4	0.1	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.6	1.5
Exports	2.4	-9.3	2.0	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	-1.0	1.9	2.0
Imports	42.6	-29.0	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.0	0.9	1.8	2.0
Contribution (pp): Inventories	2.6	-3.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Net trade	-4.9	4.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Unemployment rate, %	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.3
Prices (% yoy)															
CPI	2.7	2.7	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.5	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	3.7	2.6	2.4
Core CPI	3.1	3.1	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.5	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	3.8	2.6	2.4
PCE	2.5	2.4	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	3.3	2.4	2.1
Core PCE	2.8	2.7	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	3.4	2.4	2.1
Fed Funds	4.375	4.375	4.375	4.125	3.625	3.625	3.625	3.625	3.625	3.625	3.625	3.625	4.125	3.625	3.625

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