NATIONAL OUTLOOK

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Control Scenario

(Probability - 55%)

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- □ Real GDP revised after FY24Q1 growth of 4.9%
 - Increased Real GDP growth of 2.4% estimated for FY24
 - Below-trend growth in FY25 and FY26
 - Business Fixed Investment slows after recent surge due to CHIPs Act
 - Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) have impacted the forecast since September CFG meeting
- Federal Reserve increases of Federal Funds rates to 5.5-5.75% by the end of FY24Q2, reaching peak rate. Reversal of policy to begin by beginning of FY25
- Trends in payroll growth moderate, with slight positive growth in FY25 and FY26
- Nominal consumption of gasoline and oil drop significantly in FY25 and FY26, compared to the forecast presented in September

Optimistic Scenario

(Probability - 15%)

- □ GDP growth increases to 2.7% in FY24, trend level growth in FY25 and FY26
 - Consumer response to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act stimulus exceeds baseline forecast
 - Business fixed investment remains elevated
- □ Employment increases by 1.7% in FY24
- □ Real Personal Income has growth in FY24 of 2.1%
- □ Light Vehicle Sales increase by 6.0% in FY24 and 10.0% in FY25
- □ Real Consumer Spending increase by 3.0% in FY24
- Cessation of active fighting in Russia-Ukraine conflict and quick resolution in the Middle East lowers global oil prices

Pessimistic Scenario

(Probability – 30%)

- □ Shallow Recession beginning in FY24Q3
- □ GDP growth declines to 1.9% in FY24 and 0.3% in FY25
 - Russia-Ukraine conflict intensifies leading to higher commodity prices and more pronounced retraction of world economies
 - Recent turmoil in banking sector leads to tightened lending standards and reduced credit expansion
- □ Consumer spending growth slows to 2.3% in FY24 and 0.8% in FY25
- □ Non-Farm Employment decreases by 1.5% in FY25, with Manufacturing Employment decreasing by 6.1% in FY25
- □ Unemployment rate increases to 6.3% by end of FY25Q2
- □ Russia-Ukraine conflict drives world oil back over \$110/bbl

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