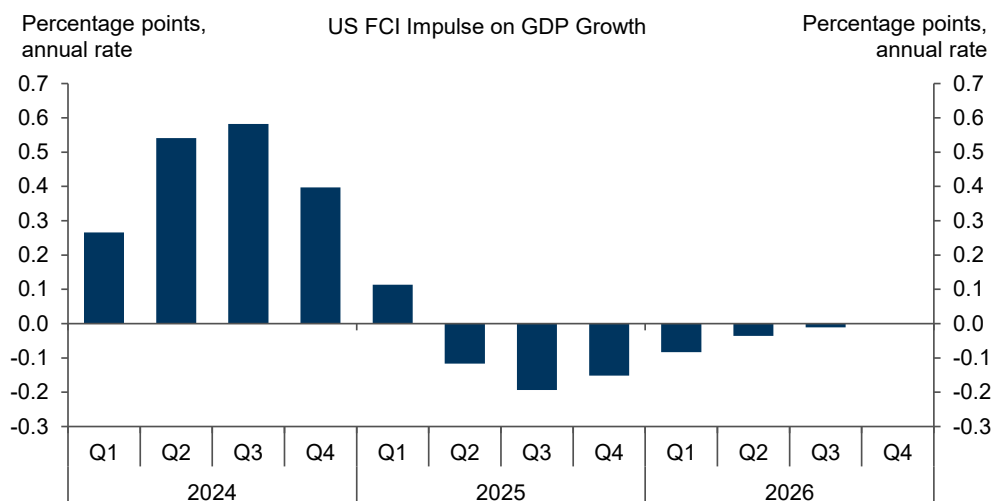


Global: GS Economic Indicators Update: Tighter Financial Conditions Now Imply Slight Growth Drag in the US

Please find an update of our proprietary global economic indicators below. The data behind these exhibits can be downloaded [here](#). Interactive charts can be found on our living page [here](#).

Chart of the Week

Exhibit 1: Our US FCI Impulse Now Implies a Slight Growth Drag in 2025 Following Recent Tightening in Financial Conditions



Our Financial Conditions Indexes (FCIs) are designed to gauge the overall looseness or tightness of financial conditions across major economies.

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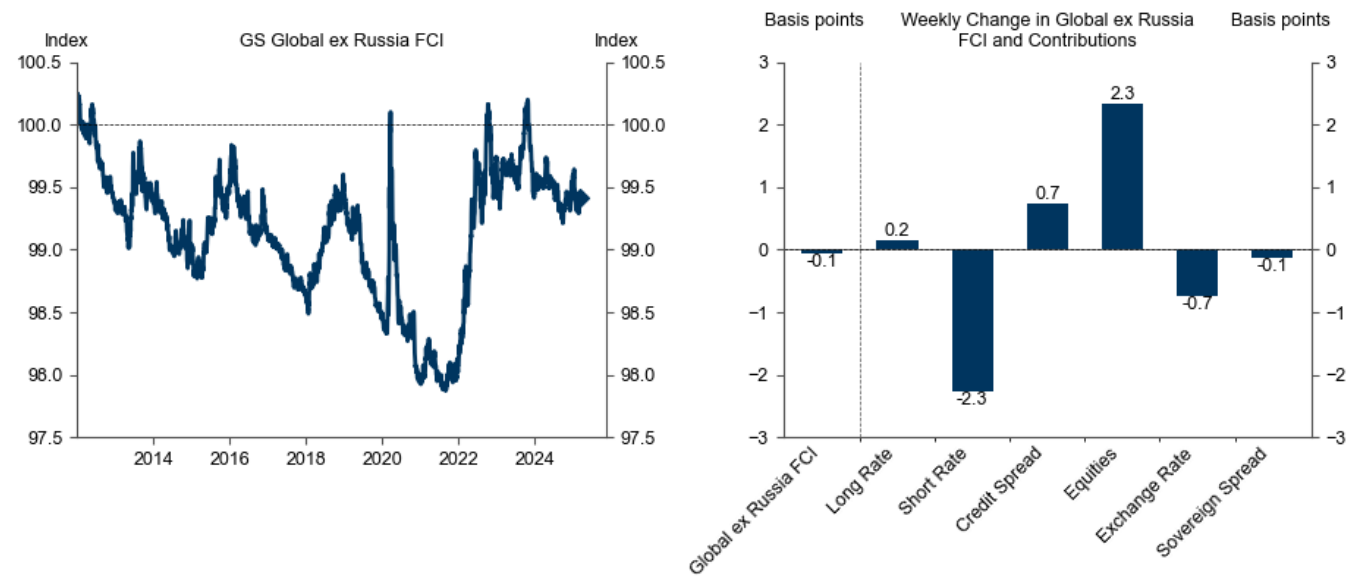
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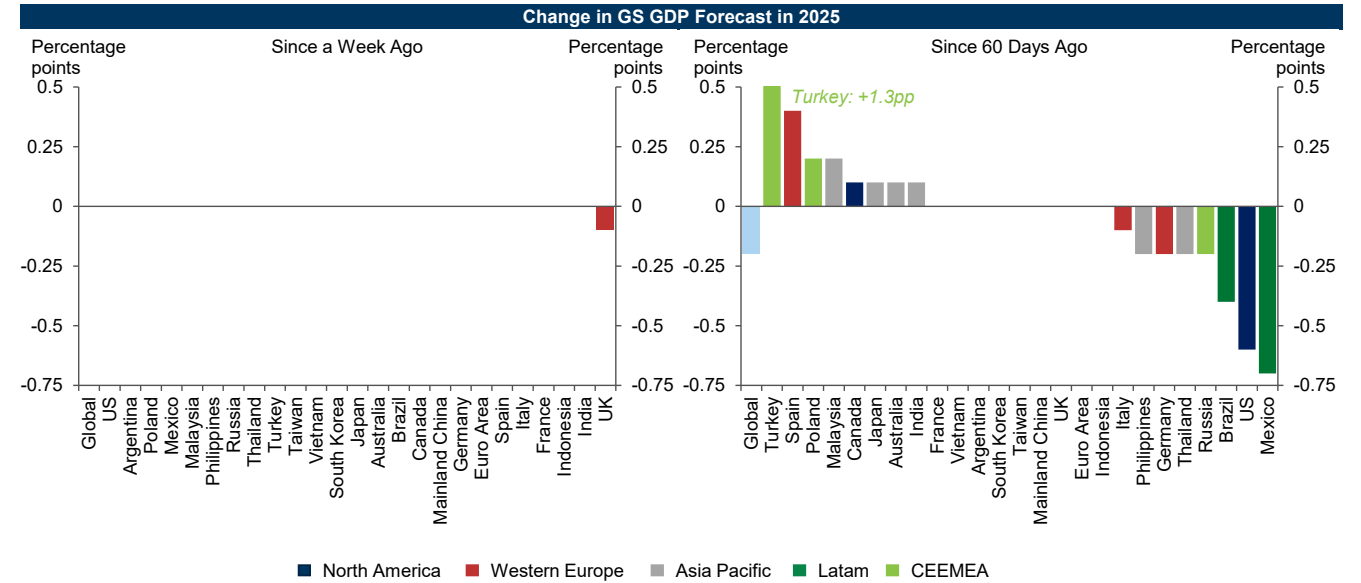
Key FCI and Growth Charts

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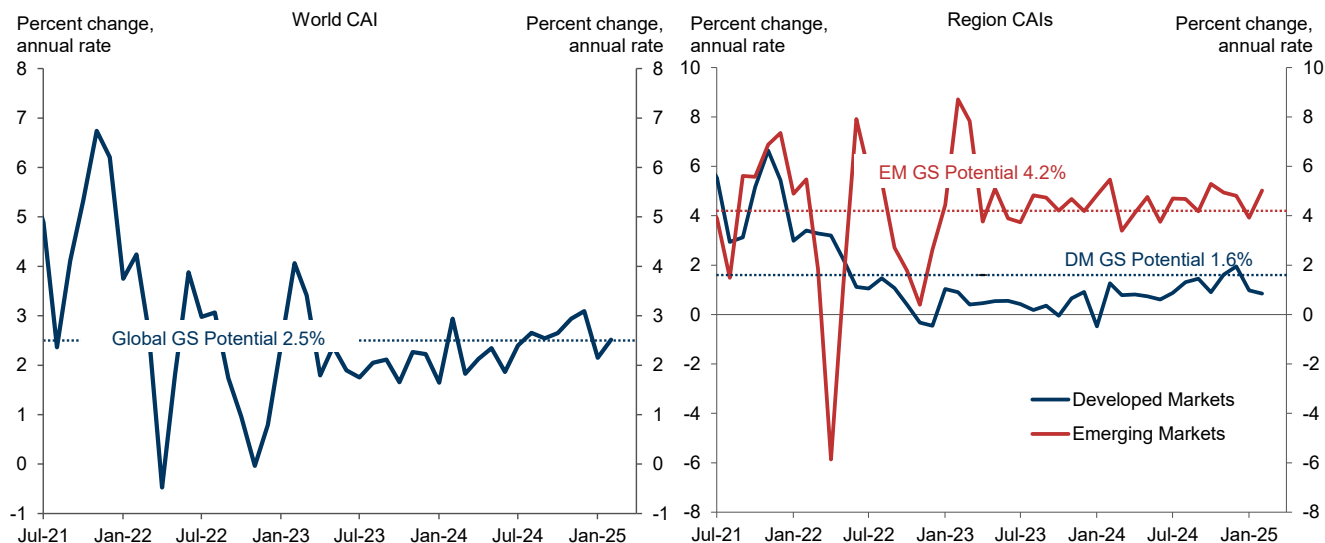
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Exhibit 4: Our Preliminary February CAI Fell to +1.3% in Australia and Rose to +2.4% in Norway

Country (% of Data Released)	Month	Spot CAI (% mom annualized)		3 Month Average CAI (% mom annualized)
		Value	Weekly Change	
Global	February	+2.5	+0.2	+2.6
Developed Markets	February	+0.9	0.0	+1.3
US (71%)	February	+1.3	-0.1	+2.0
Euro Area (40%)	February	+0.4	0.0	+0.3
Germany (47%)	February	-1.2	-0.2	-1.3
France (39%)	February	+0.1	0.0	+0.1
Italy (37%)	February	+1.0	+0.4	+0.6
Spain (43%)	February	+3.2	0.0	+3.4
Japan (42%)	February	0.0	+0.2	+0.5
UK (54%)	February	-2.6	-0.1	-1.5
Canada (38%)	February	+1.1	-0.1	+2.0
Australia (61%)	February	+1.3	-0.5	+1.6
New Zealand (68%)	February	+4.9	+0.5	+4.6
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Emerging Markets	February	+5.0	+0.5	+4.6
China (58%)	February	+6.3	+0.9	+5.9
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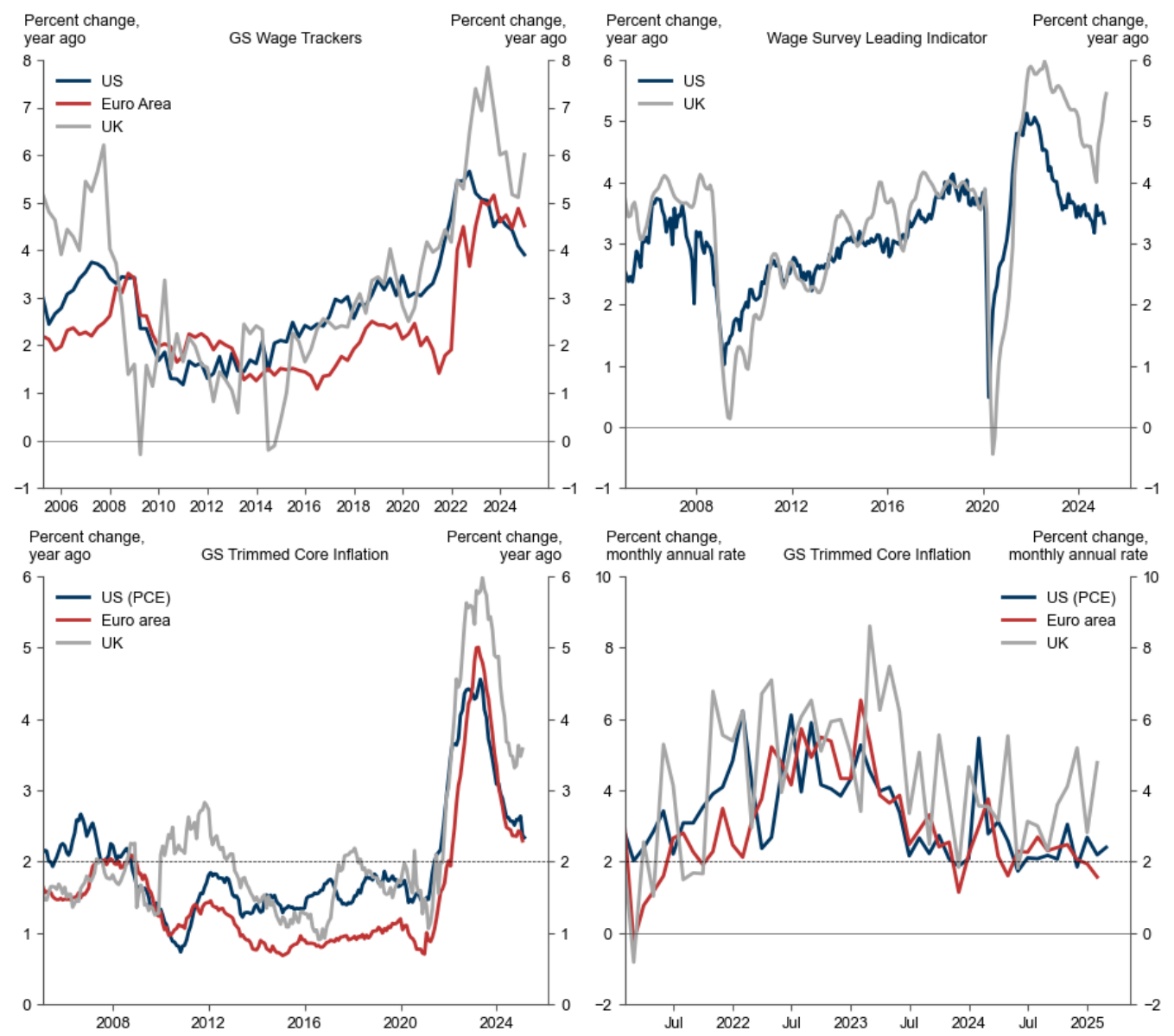
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GS DM CAI is a market FX-weighted average of the US, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Japan, the UK, and Canada and EM is of Brazil, Russia, India, and China. Global GS CAI is an average of all aforementioned countries.

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Key Wage and Price Inflation Charts

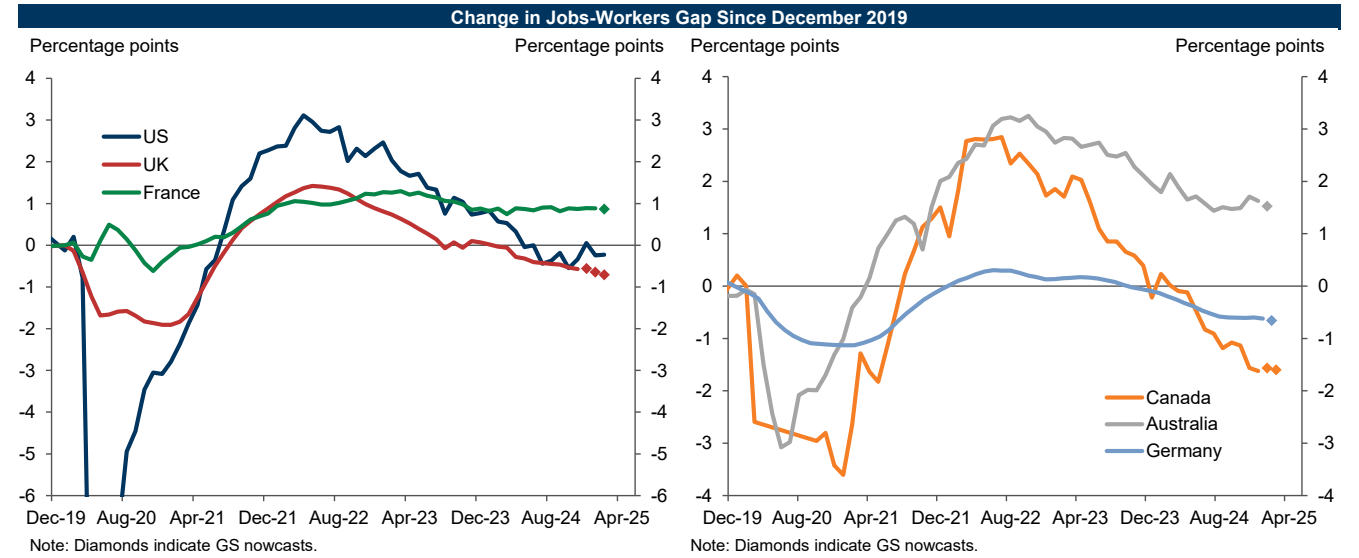
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US wage tracker is composition-adjusted in 2020 and 2021.

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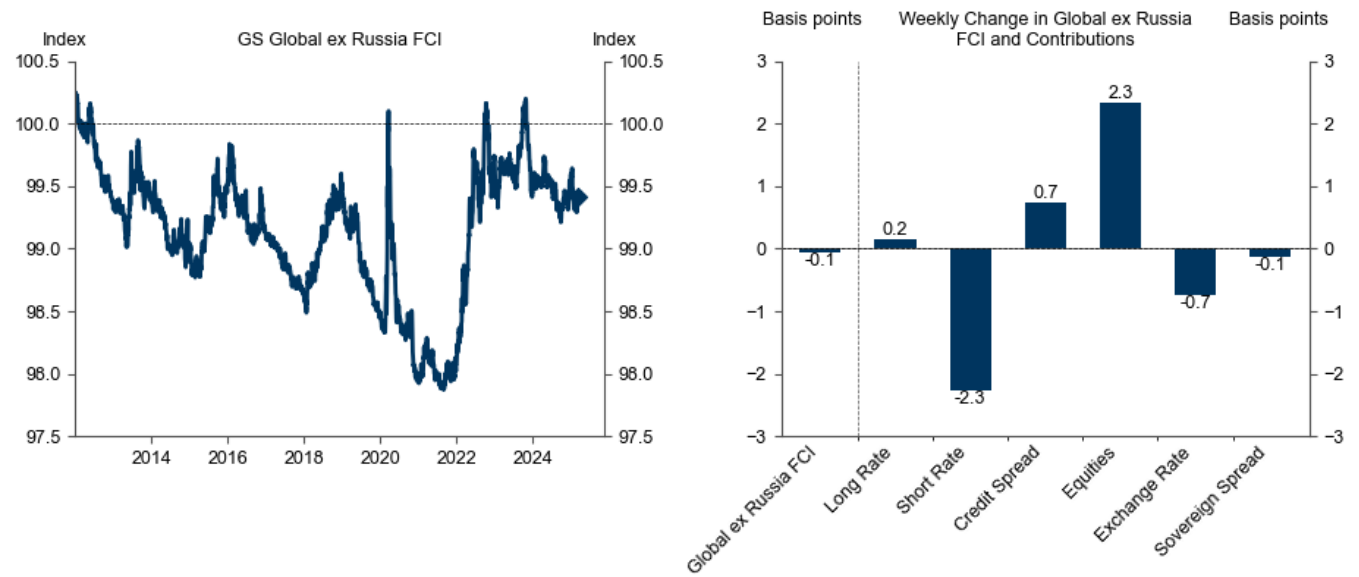


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Detailed Indicators Update

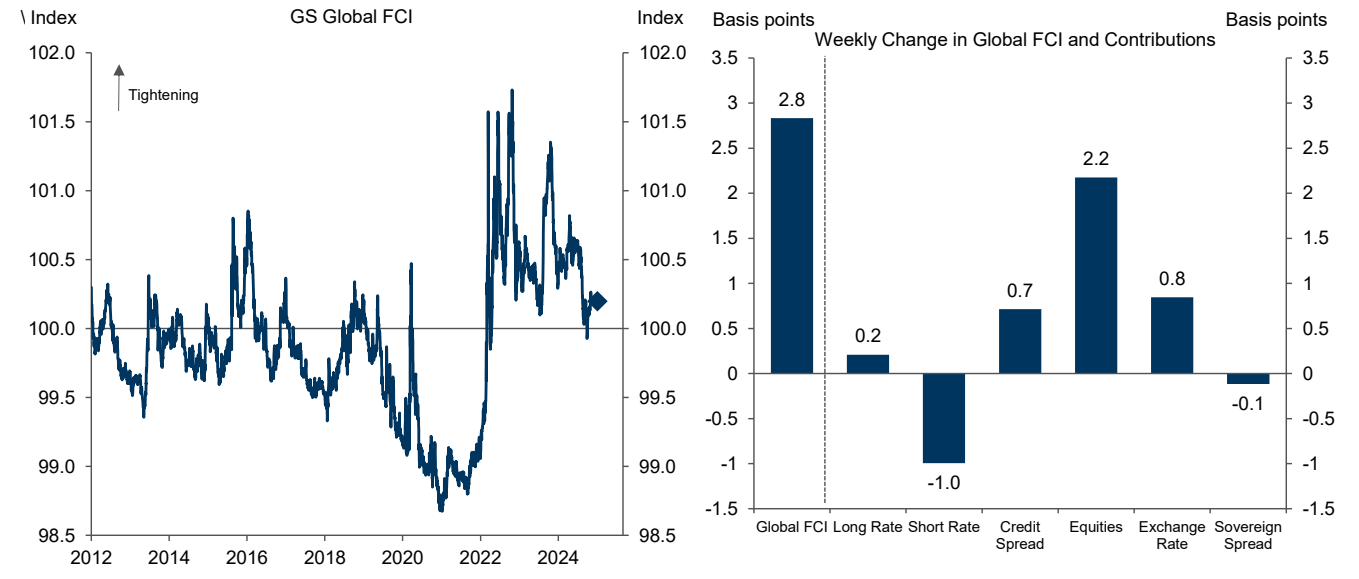
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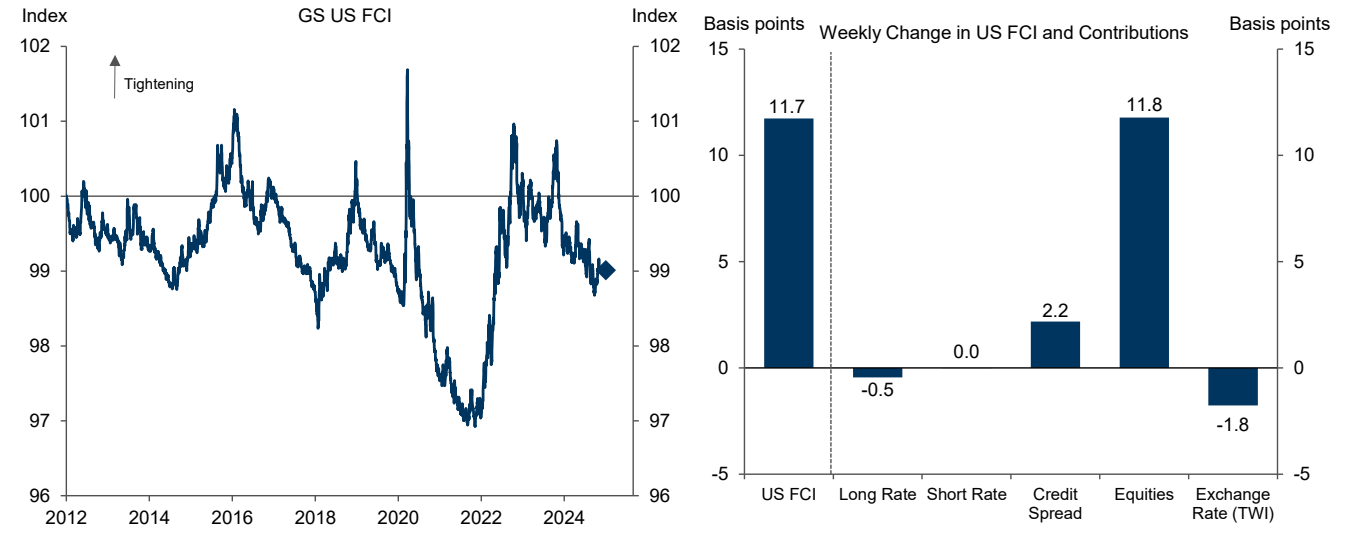
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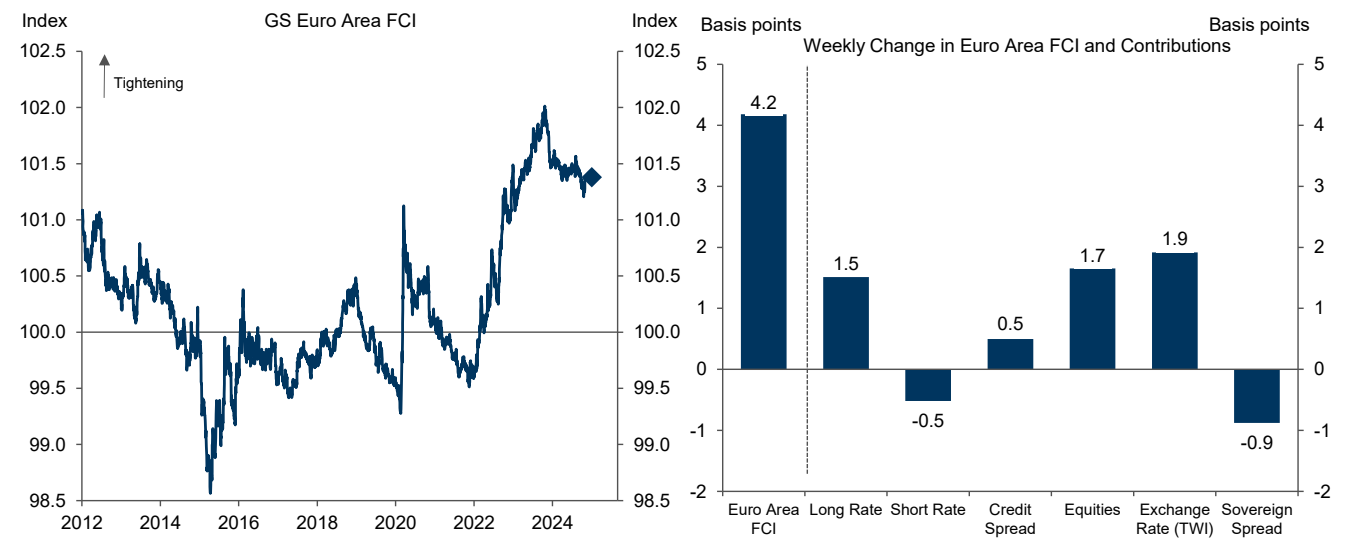
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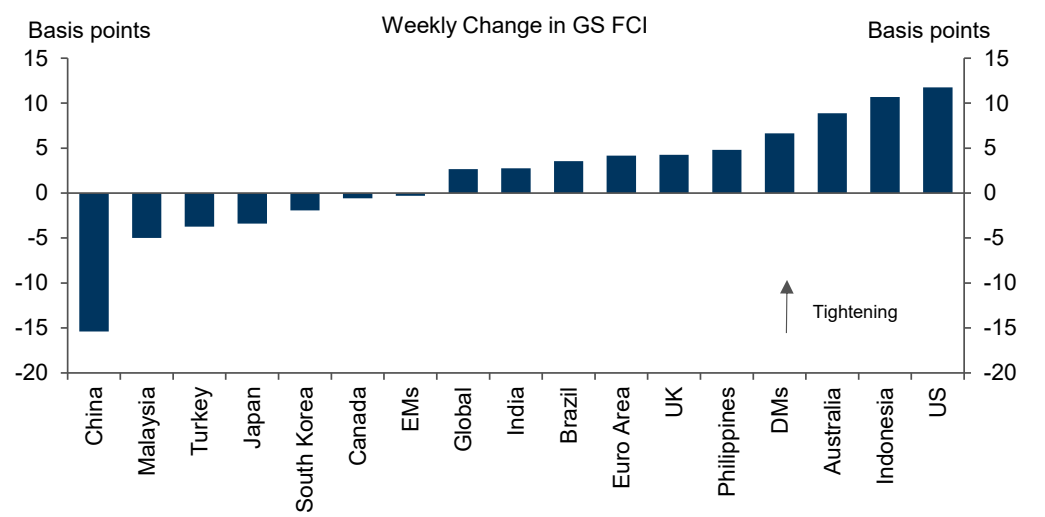
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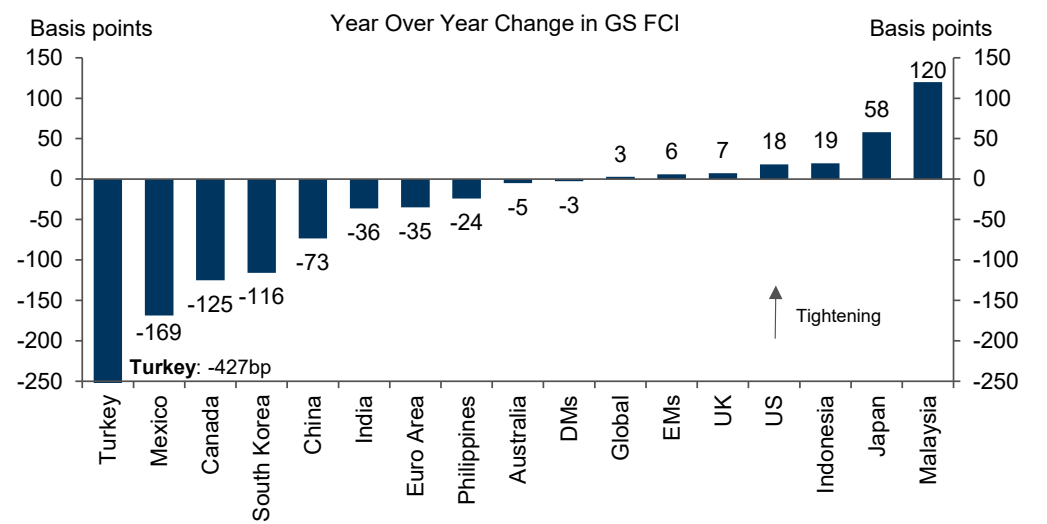
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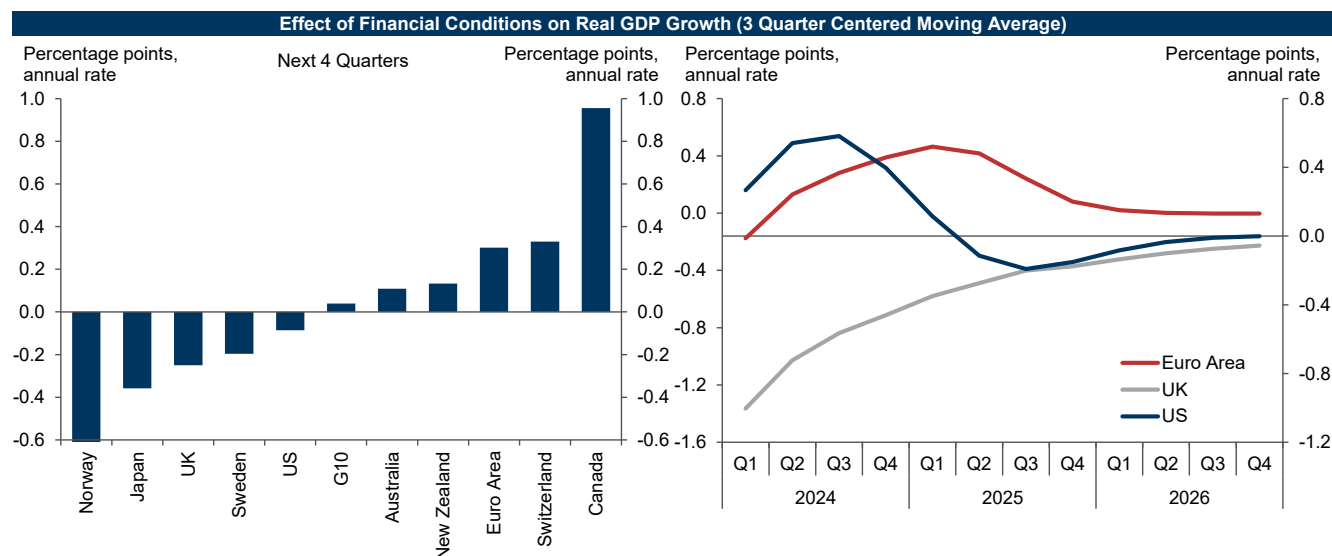
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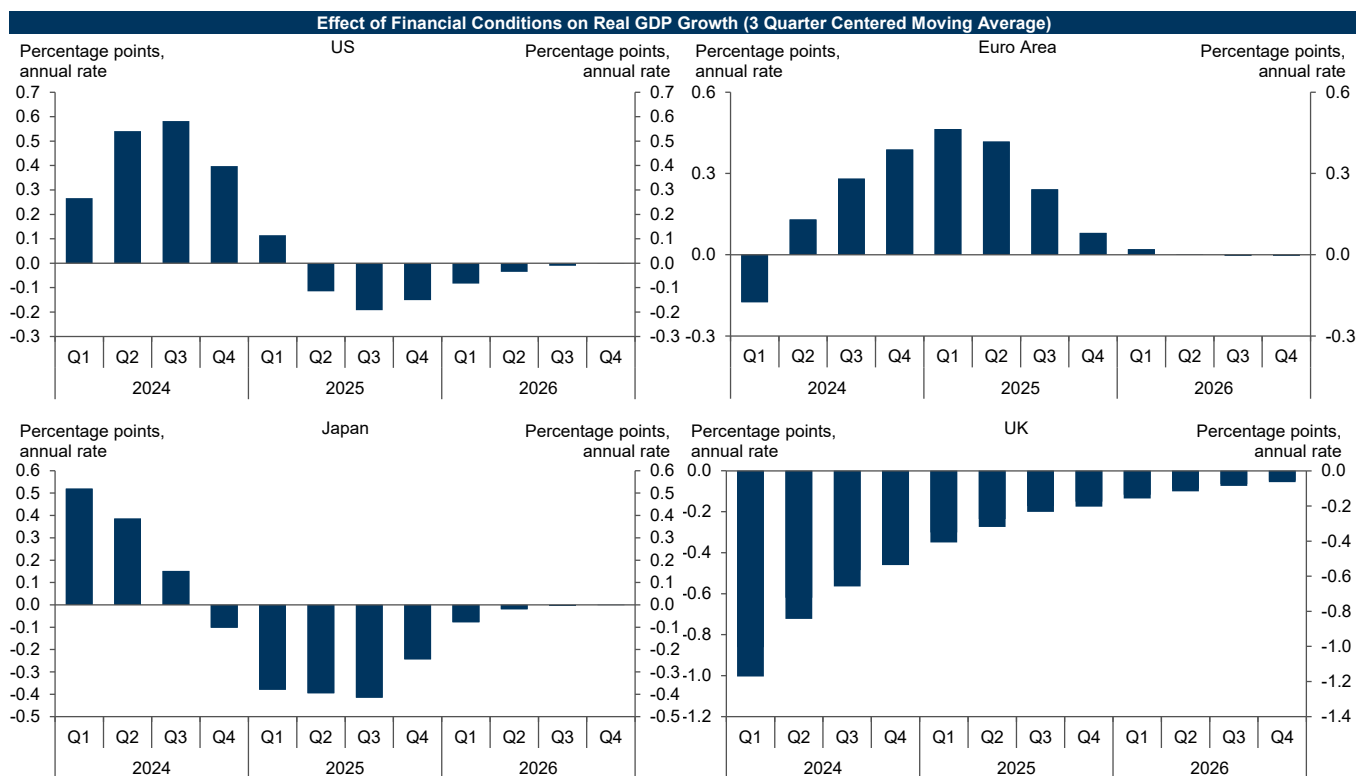
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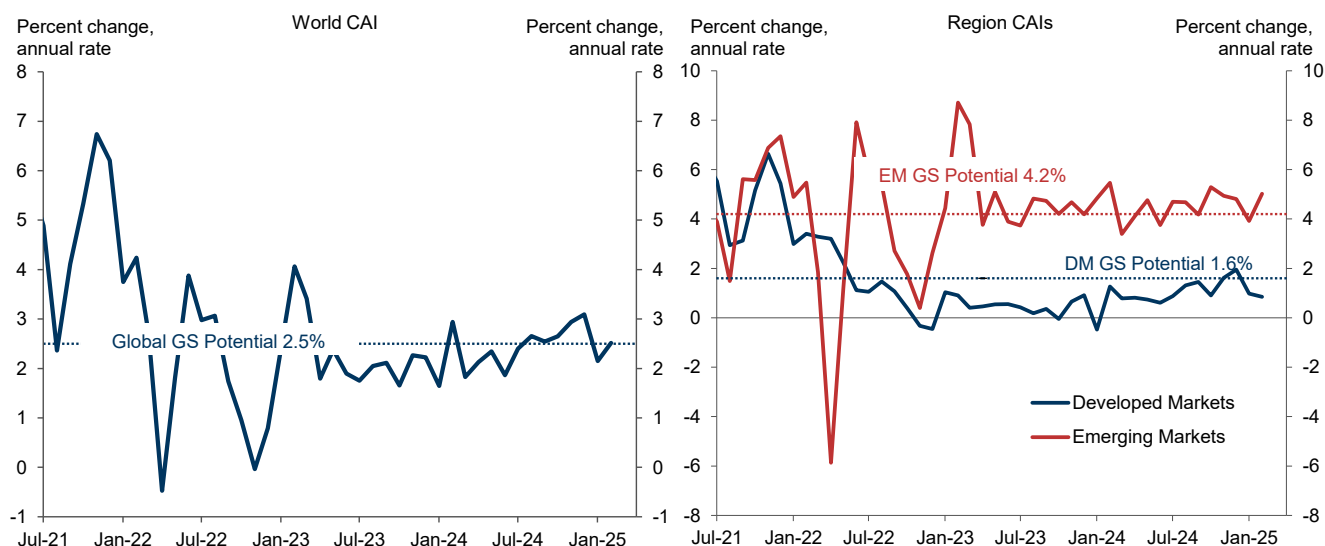
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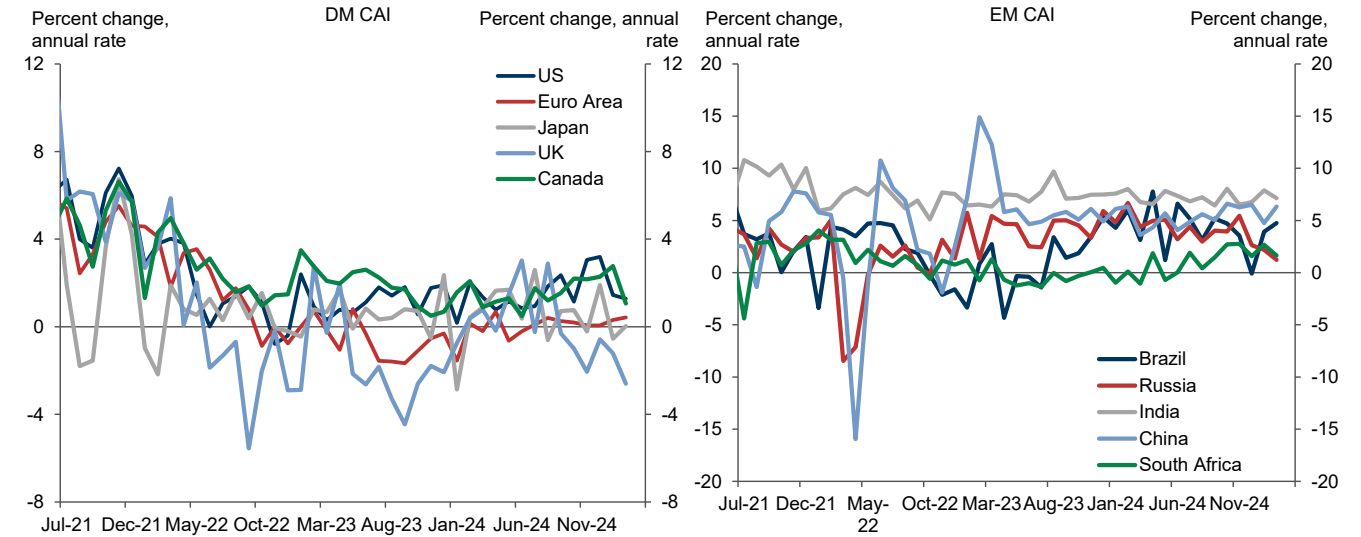
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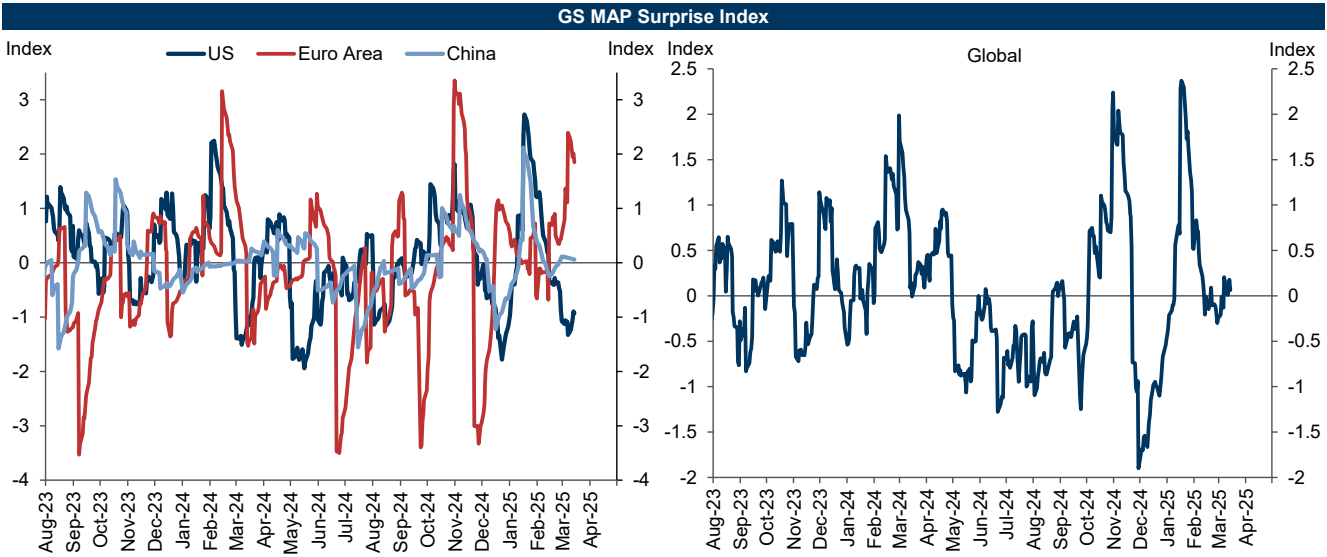
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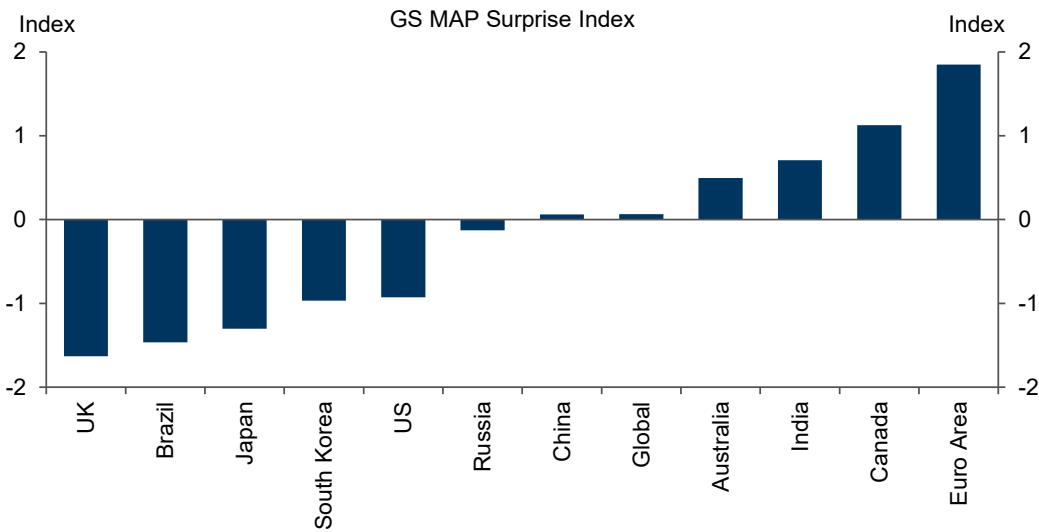
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We present the 21 day moving average of daily MAP scores.

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Exhibit 20: Latest GS MAP Surprise Index

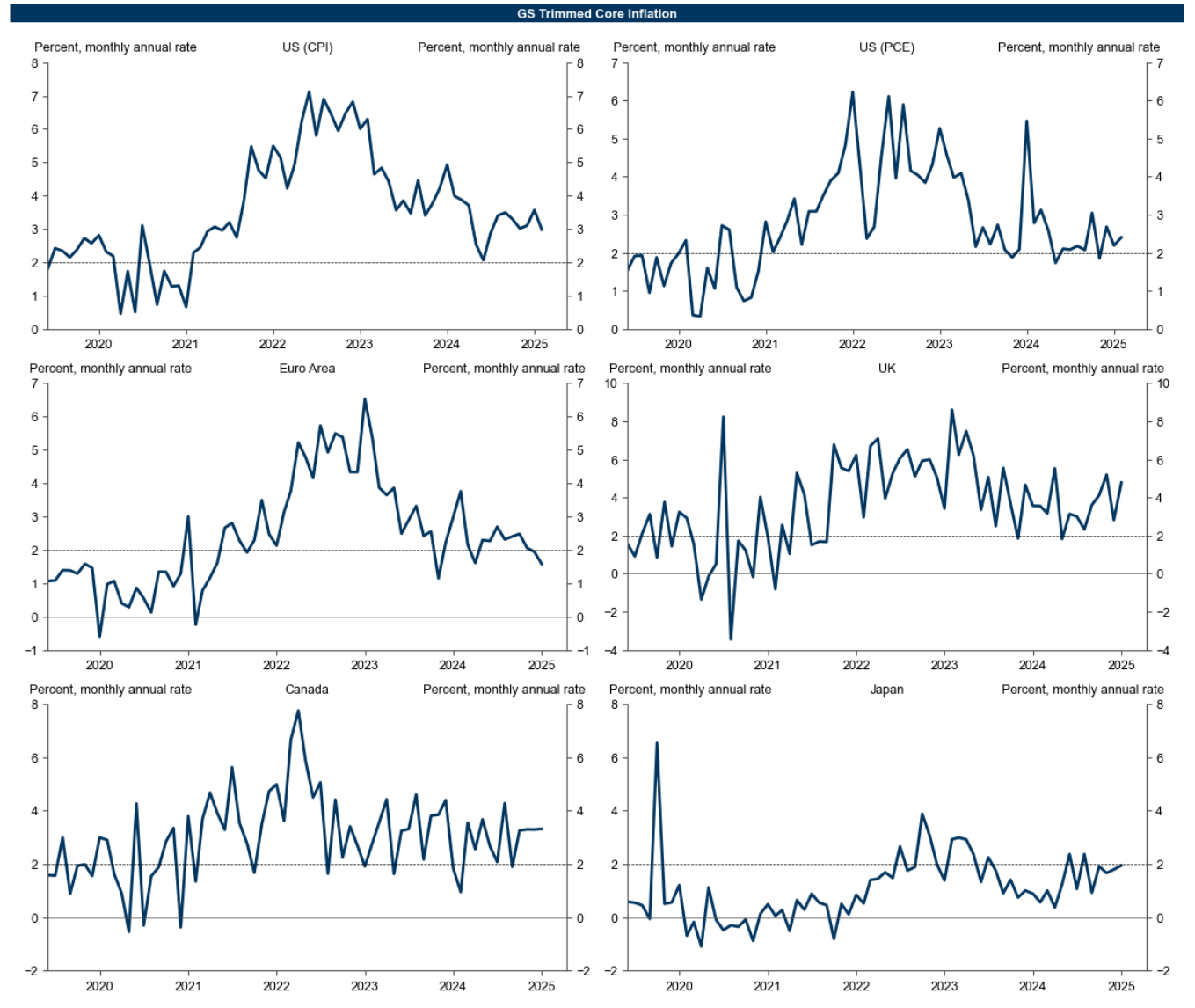


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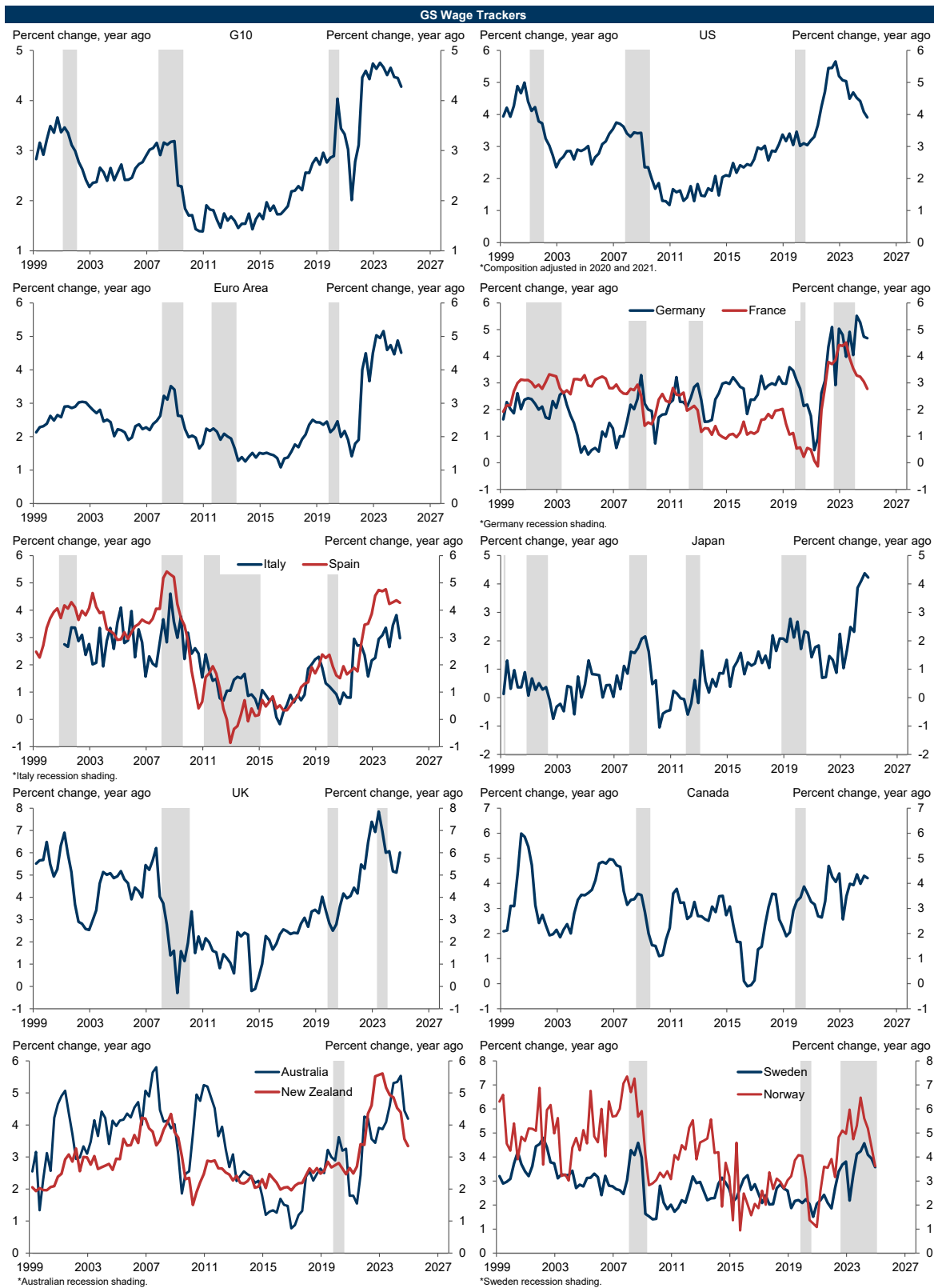
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Wage Trackers

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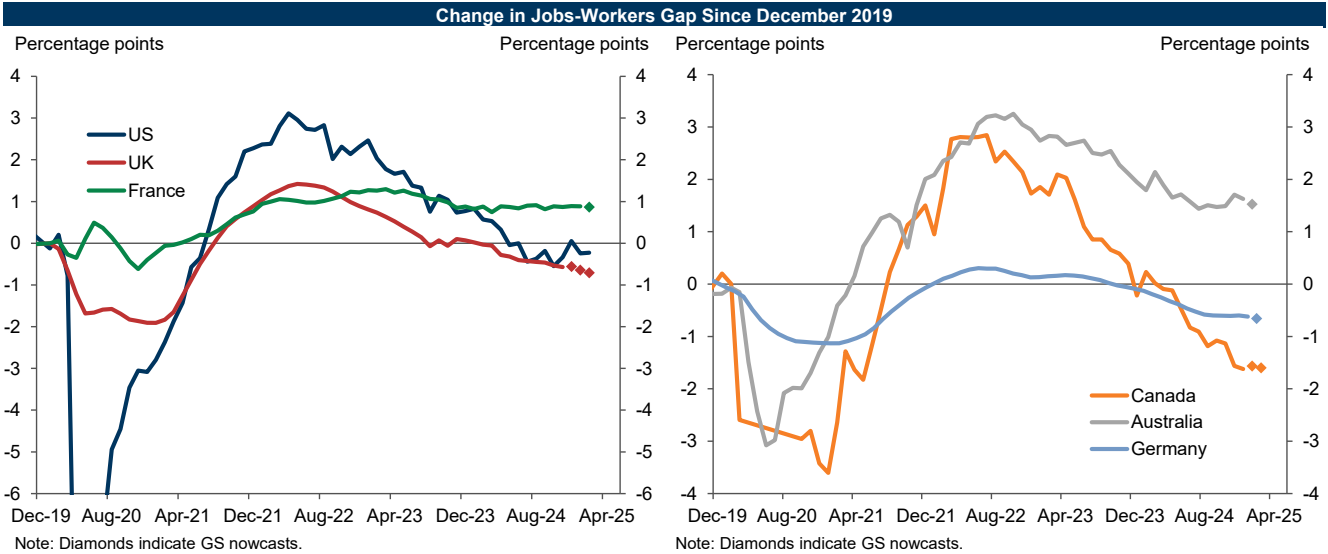


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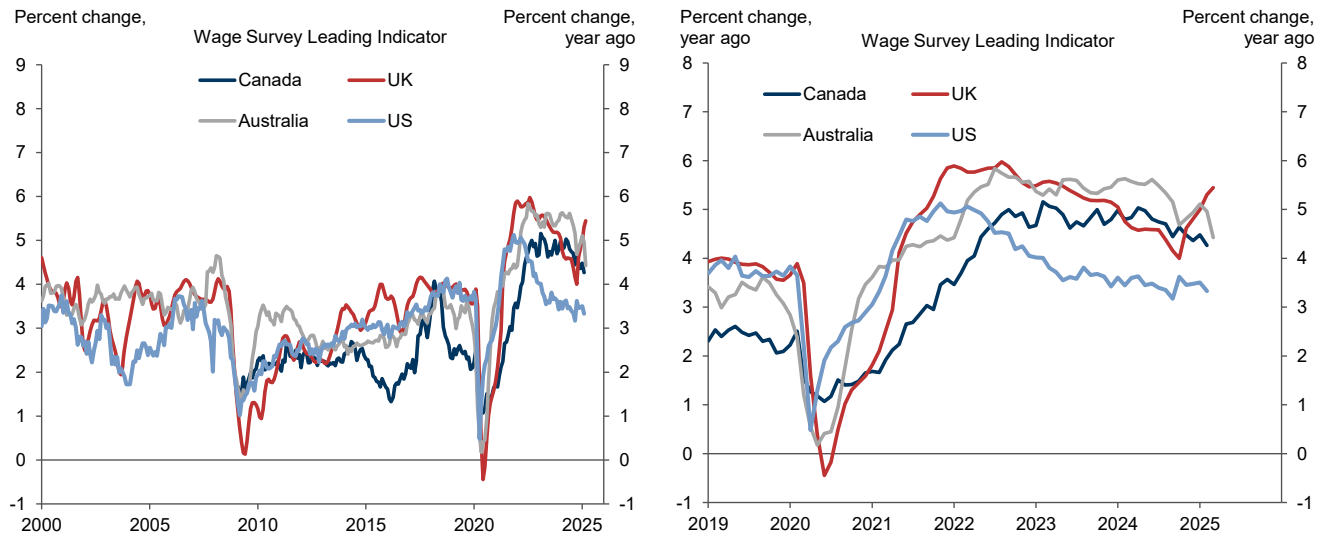


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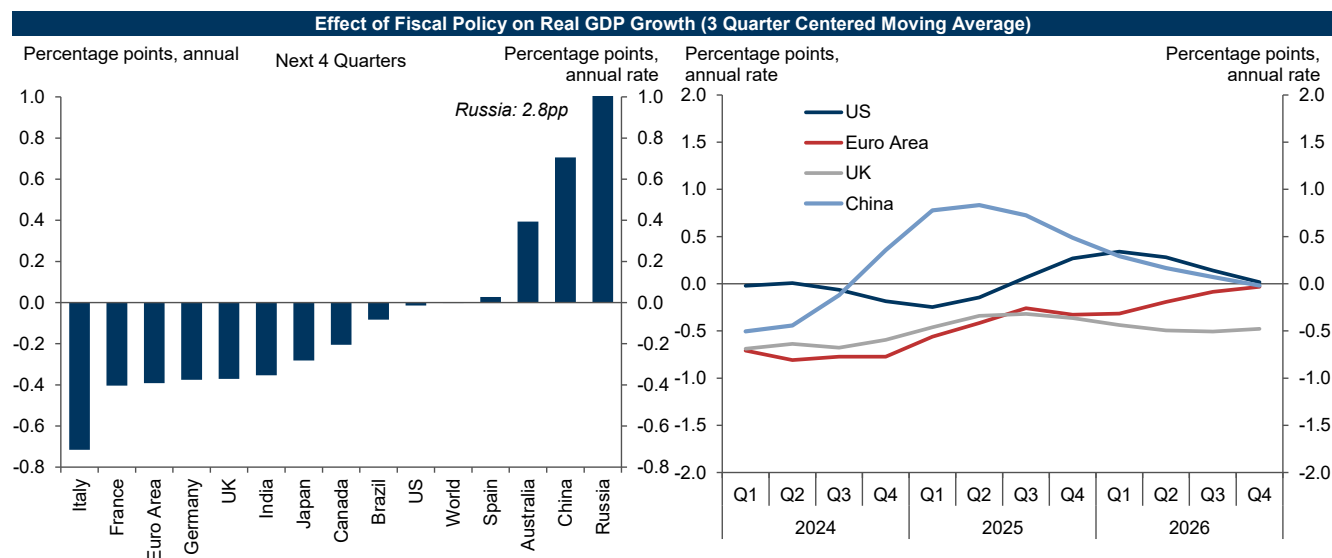
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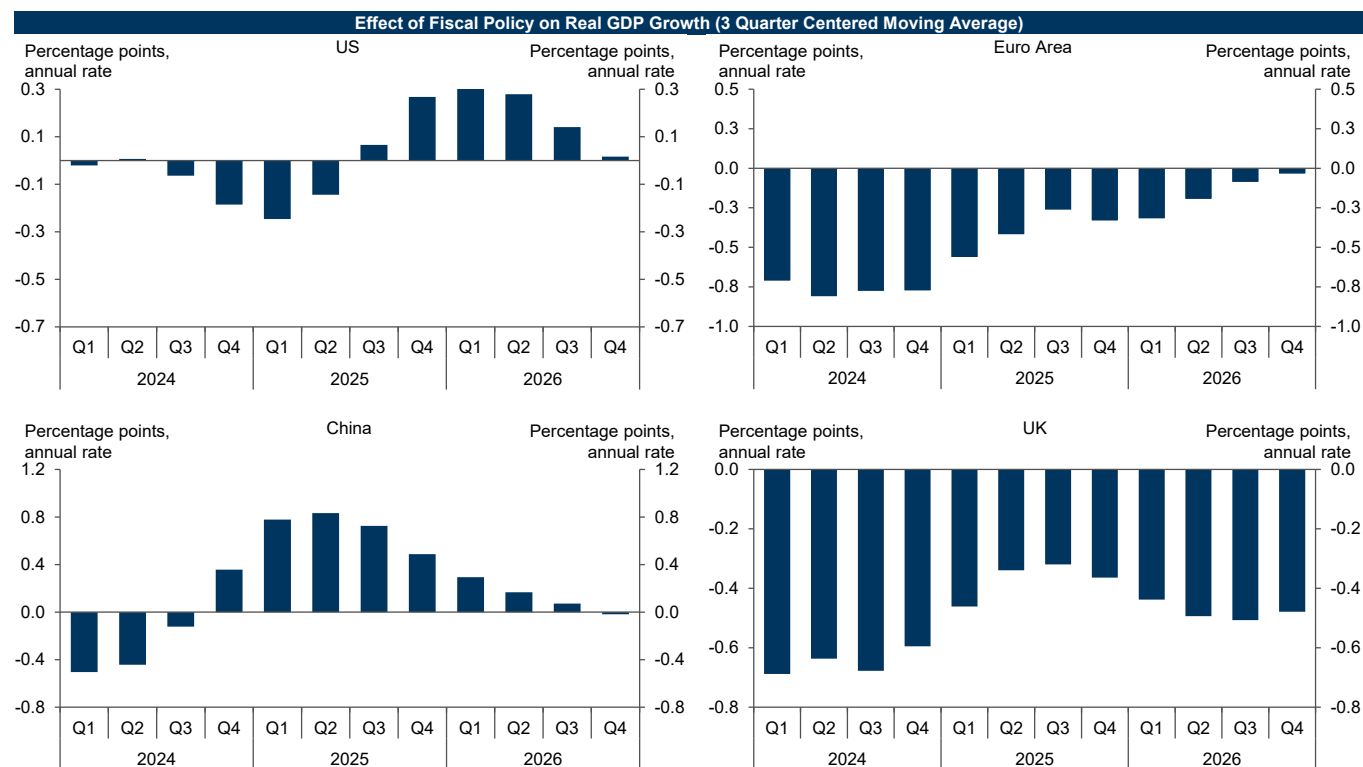
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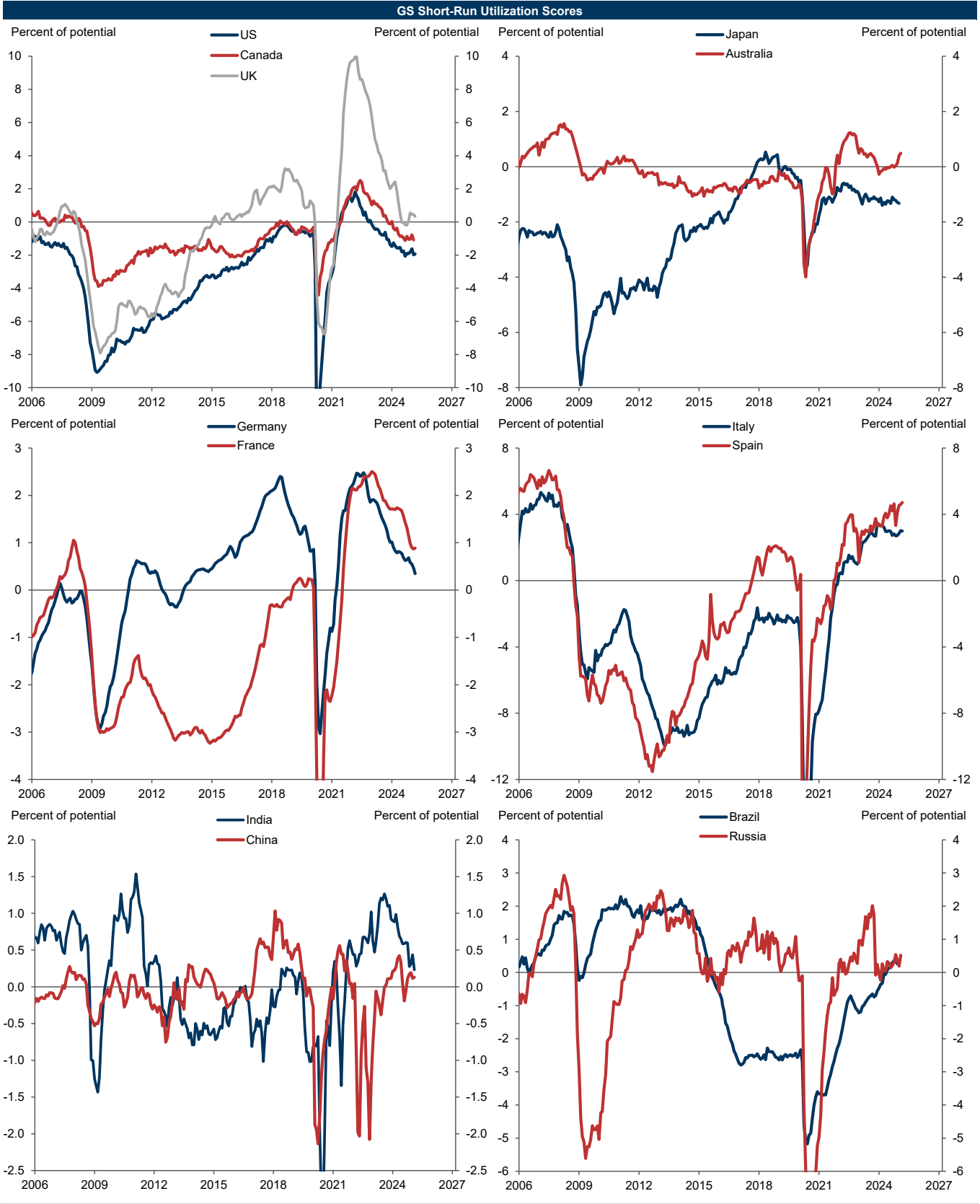
Output Gaps

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Country	Month	Spot Short-Run Utilization Scores (% of Potential)		3 Month Average (% of Potential)
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Germany	March	+0.3	-0.2	+0.5
France	March	+0.9	0.0	+0.9
Italy	March	+3.0	-0.2	+3.0
Spain	March	+4.7	+0.4	+4.6
Japan	January	-1.3	0.0	-1.3
UK	March	+0.3	-0.2	+0.4
Canada	February	-1.1	0.0	-1.0
Australia	February	+0.5	0.0	+0.3
China	February	+0.1	-0.1	+0.1
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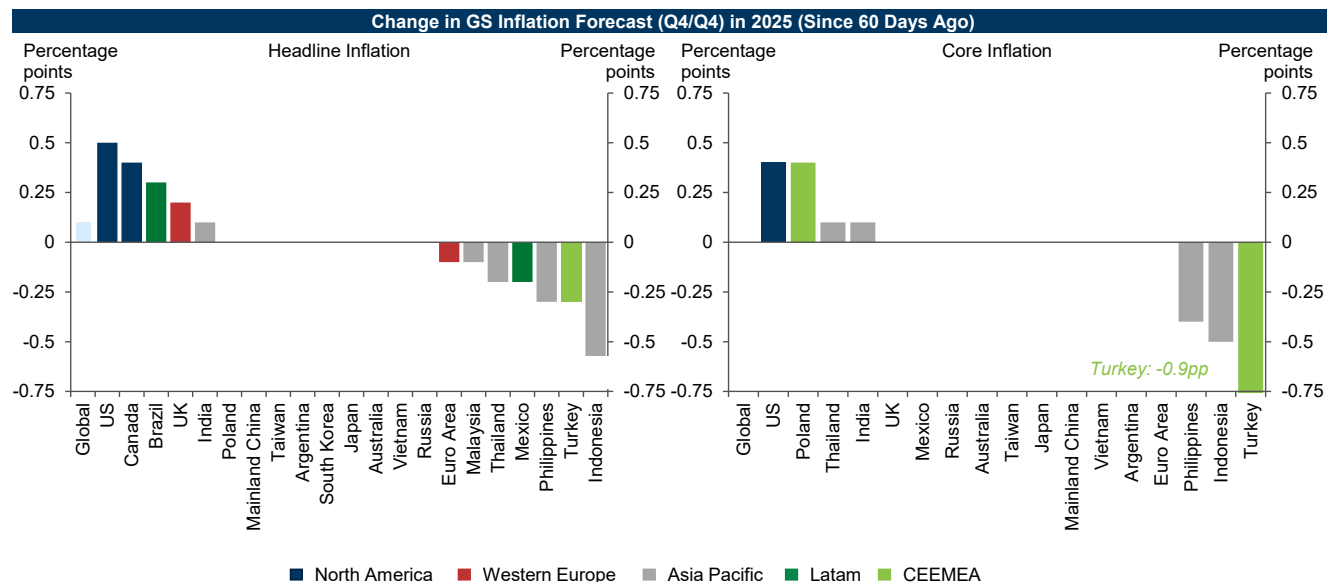
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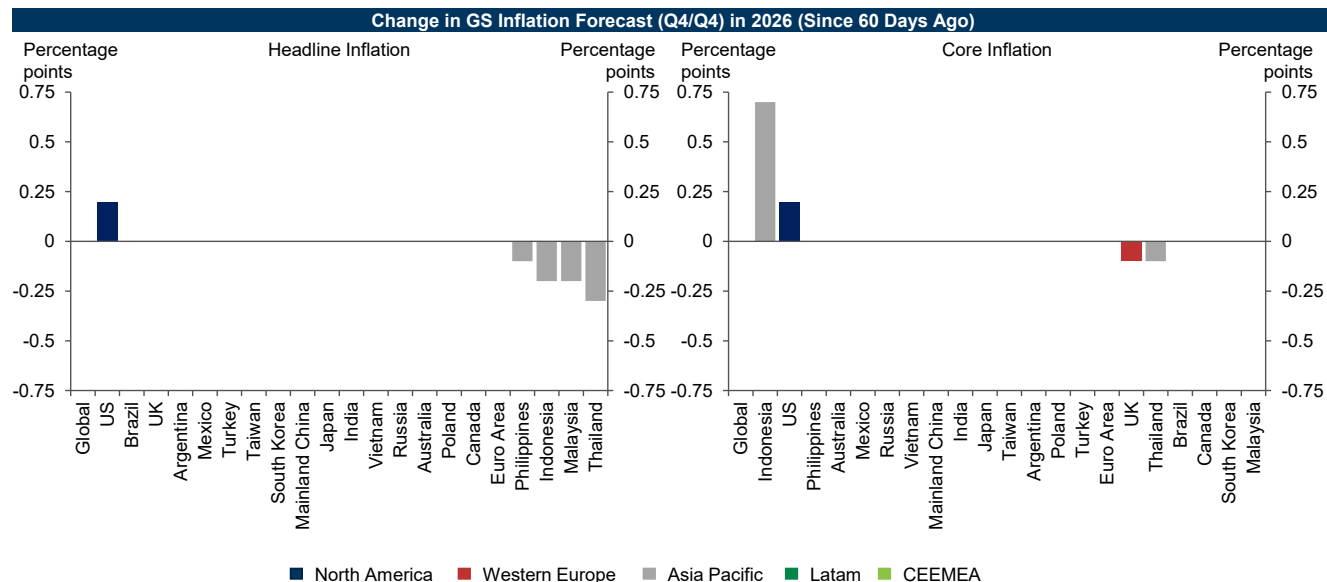
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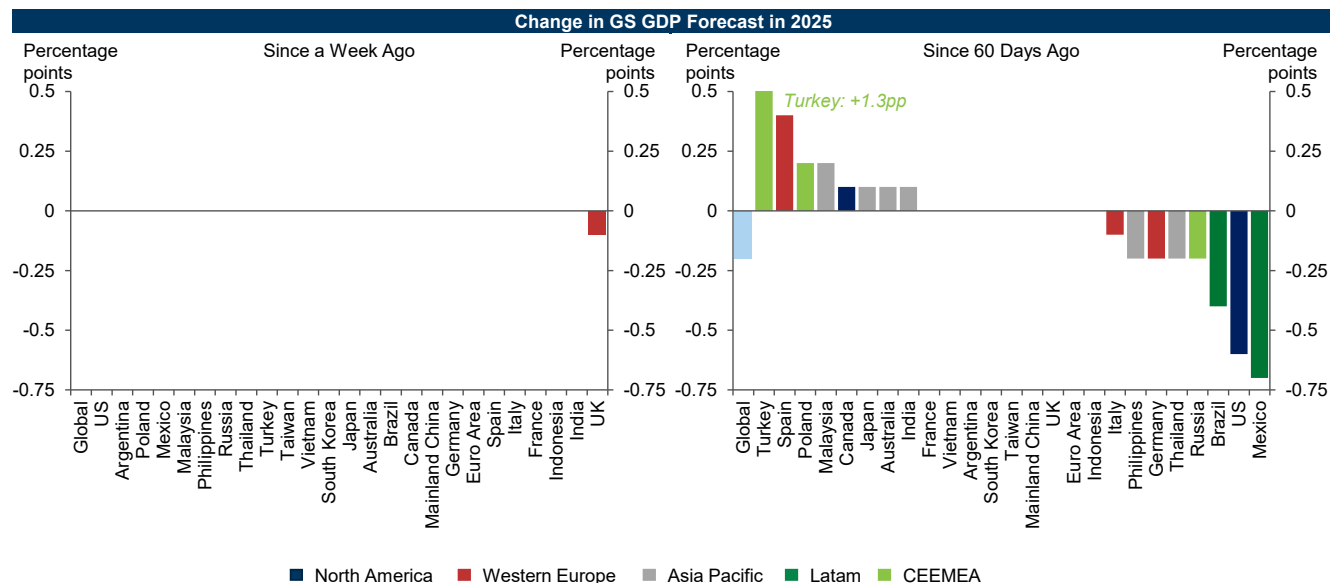
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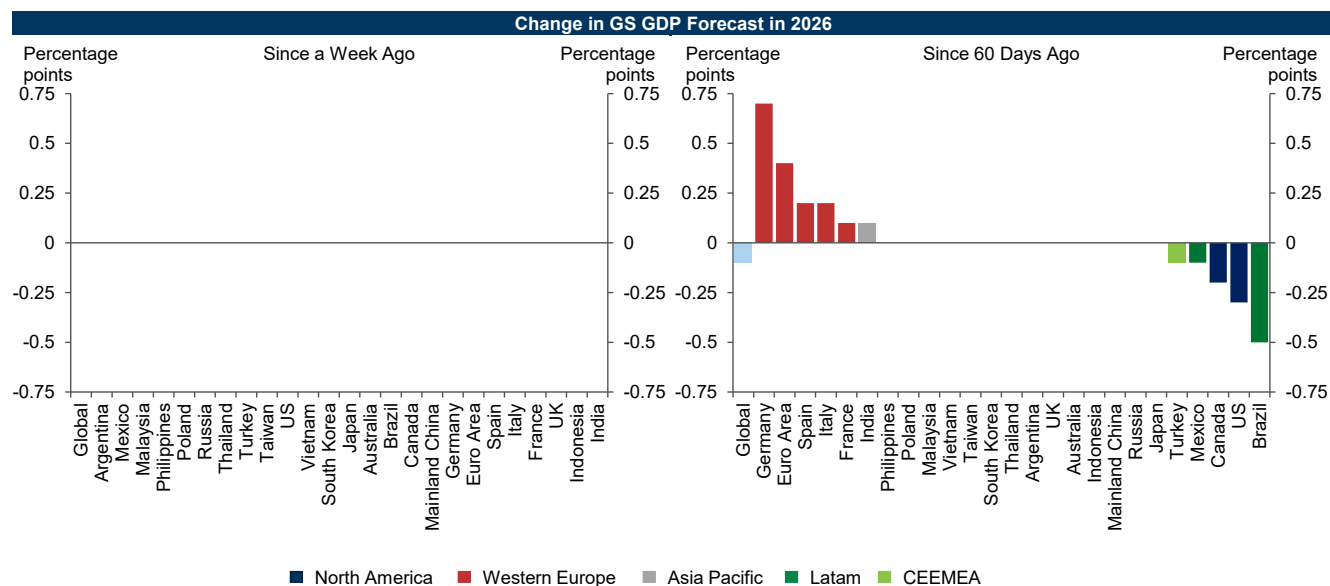
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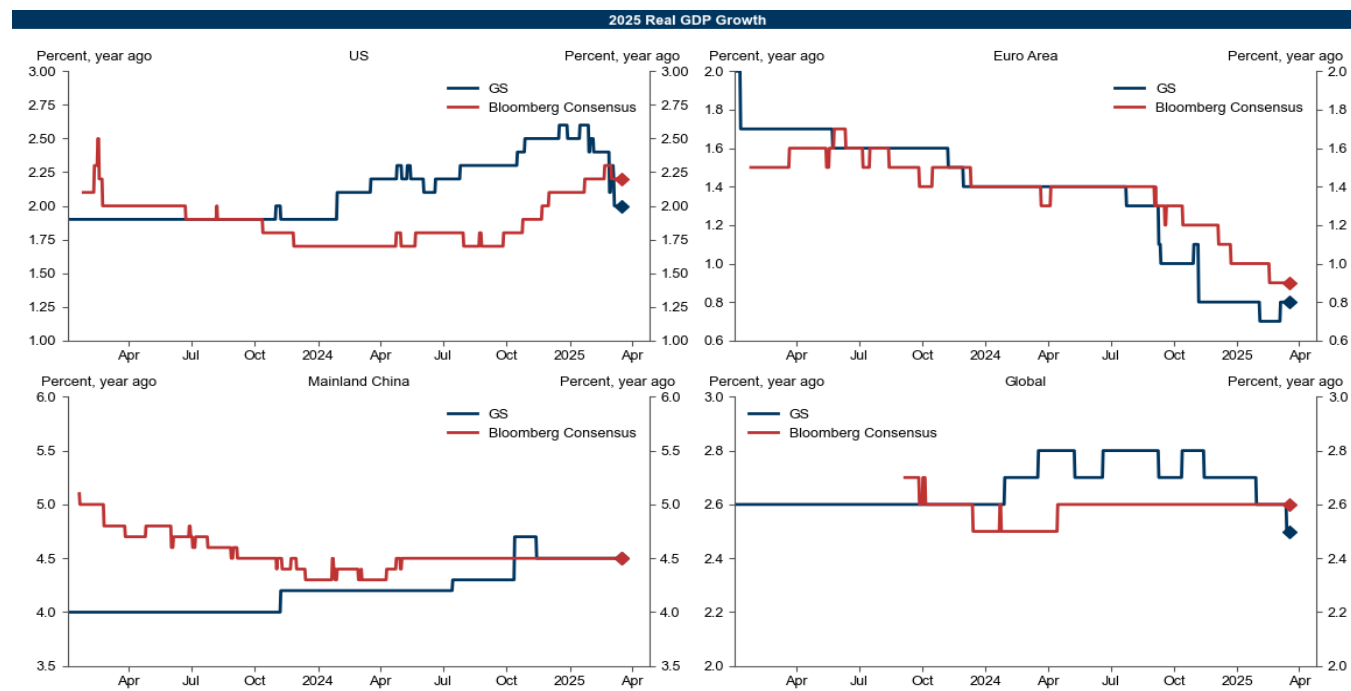


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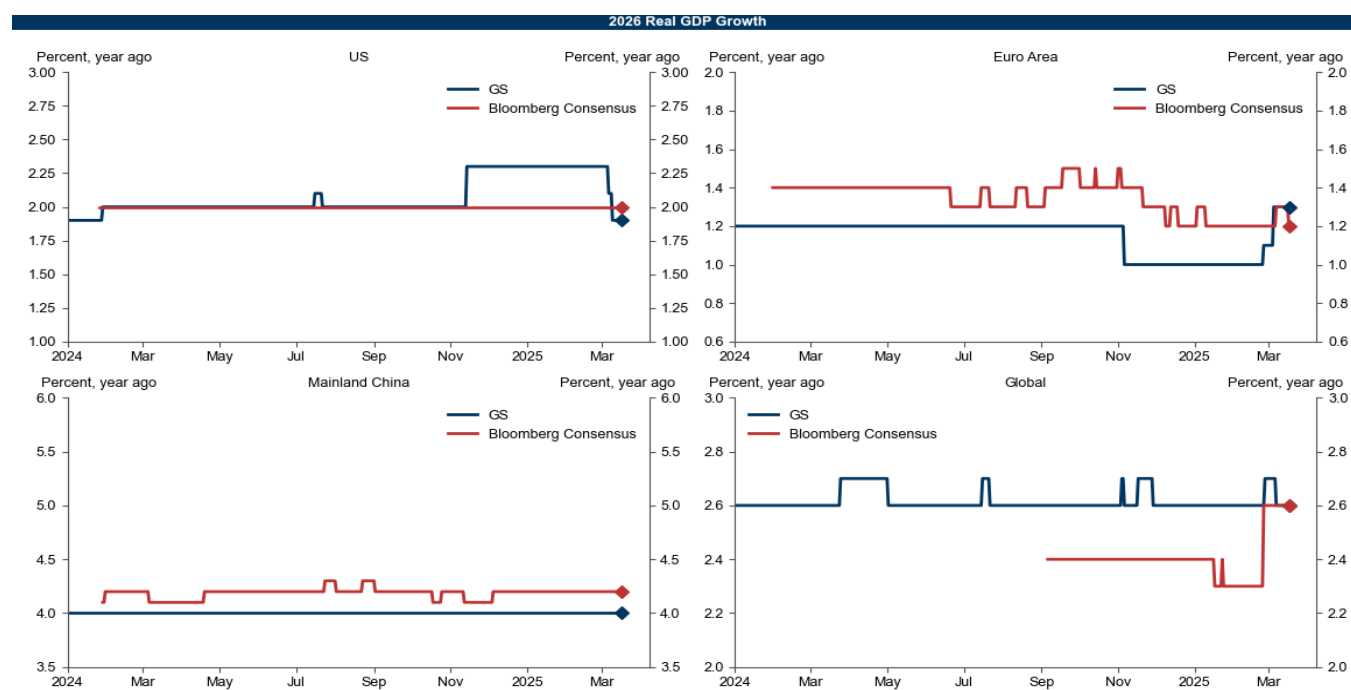
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Exhibit 34: GS 2025 Global GDP Forecasts vs. Other Forecasters

Source: Bloomberg, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 35: GS 2026 Global GDP Forecasts vs. Other Forecasters

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1. **Financial Conditions:** Our Financial Conditions Indexes are designed to gauge the overall looseness or tightness of financial conditions across the world's major economies. The GSFCIs can provide valuable information about the GDP growth outlook, the transmission of monetary policy to the real economy, and the importance of financial shocks hitting the economy. (Latest methodology notes [here](#) and [here](#).)
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