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Tweet: Jan Hatzius @GoldmanSachs lowered his 12-month recession probability to 15% which is equal to the postwar mean. He also expects the Federal funds rate to be closer to 1991-2007 level of just over 4% relative to the post-crisis level of just under 1%.

Summary: The continued positive inflation and labor market news has led us to cut our estimated 12-month US recession probability further to 15%, down 5pp from our prior estimate and equal to the unconditional average recession probability of 15% calculated from the fact that a recession has occurred roughly once every seven years since WW2. Our estimate is far below the Bloomberg consensus, which remains stuck at 60%. Our expectation is that the 1991-2007 period, when the nominal funds rate fluctuated between 1% and 6½%, will prove to be a better template than the post-2008 period when the Fed found it difficult to get much above 2%. Related: What Have We Learned About the Neutral Rate? and Has the Fed Tightened Enough? Guideposts to Consider

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