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Summary: Beyond GDP, we track two other measures of US growth, namely gross domestic income (GDI)—a conceptually equivalent measure of GDP that is calculated by adding up all income as opposed to all spending in the economy—and our current activity indicator (CAI). None of the three measures is perfect, but both GDP alternatives indicate a more muted growth pace. GDI is not yet available for Q4 but grew just 1.5% in Q3 on a quarter-on-quarter annualized basis and our CAI grew 0.8% in Q4, both considerably below the corresponding GDP growth rates. Based on these indicators, we still think that real output is at most growing modestly above potential, despite the much stronger GDP data.

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