

First Quarter 2009

Interest Rate Forecasts

Key Assumptions

Blue Chip Financial Forecasts Panel Members	-----Percent Per Annum -- Average For Quarter-----															Avg. For ---Qtr.--- A. Fed's Major Currency \$ Index	----- (Q-Q % Change) ----- ----- (SAAR) -----		
	-----Short-Term-----							-----Intermediate-Term-----				-----Long-Term-----					B. Real GDP	C. GDP Price Index	D. Cons. Price Index
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
	Federal Funds Rate	Prime Bank Rate	LIBOR Rate 3-Mo.	Com. Paper 1-Mo.	Treas. Bills 3-Mo.	Treas. Bills 6-Mo.	Treas. Bills 1-Yr.	Treas. Notes 2-Yr.	Treas. Notes 5-Yr.	Treas. Notes 10-Yr.	Treas. Bond 30-Yr.	Aaa Corp. Bond	Baa Corp. Bond	State & Local Bonds	Home Mtg. Rate				
Bank of America	0.4 H	3.4	1.7	na	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	2.0	2.9	3.3	5.4	8.8	na	5.6	na	-3.6	0.6	-1.3
SunTrust Banks	0.3	3.3	0.8 L	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.0	1.6	2.2	2.6	5.8	8.6	3.2	4.6	79.3	-2.1	0.5	0.9
Wayne Hummer Investments	0.3	3.3	1.9	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.4	2.4	3.0	5.3	8.6	4.3	5.8	77.0	-4.0	1.6	-3.2
Standard & Poor's Corp.	0.3	3.3	2.6	1.4	0.2	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.9	2.7	na	5.3	8.3	4.5	5.1	83.5	-2.6	1.7	-3.9
Moody's Economy.com	0.3	3.6 H	2.9	1.5	0.9 H	1.2 H	1.5 H	1.2	3.0 H	3.3 H	4.0 H	5.8	8.0	na	5.9 H	na	-4.6	3.5 H	-2.8
Georgia State University	0.3	3.3	na	na	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.5	2.5	2.8	6.0	9.0	na	5.6	na	-3.5	1.7	-3.3
Wells Capital Management	0.3	3.3	2.2	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.8	2.6	3.2	5.7	8.9	5.8	5.6	80.7	-3.3	3.1	1.2
Kellner Economic Advisers	0.3	3.3	2.0	2.5 H	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.2	1.3	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0 L	5.0	4.5	80.0	-3.0	1.0	-1.0
Woodworth Holdings	0.3	3.3	1.8	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6 L	1.4	2.0	2.0 L	4.3	7.3	6.0 H	4.5	76.0	-7.3 L	1.0	1.0
Societe Generale	0.3	3.3	1.3	na	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.9	2.0	2.8	3.3	5.0	8.0	na	5.0	80.0	-1.5 H	1.0	-3.5
Scotiabank	0.3	3.3	na	na	0.1	na	na	0.6 L	1.4	2.0	2.6	na	na	na	5.1	na	-5.0	1.0	0.3
UBS Warburg	0.3	na	1.4	na	0.3	na	na	0.9	2.0	2.9	3.4	na	na	na	na	na	-3.0	1.9	-1.8
J.P. Morgan Chase	0.3	na	1.4	na	0.2	na	na	0.8	1.7	2.7	3.3	na	na	na	na	na	-3.0	1.4	-1.7
Chmura Economics & Analytics	0.2	3.3	1.6	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.8	2.8	3.4	5.4	na	na	4.5	74.2	-1.8	1.0	0.1
PNC Financial Services Corp.	0.2	3.3	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.5	2.3	2.5	5.2	8.3	4.9	4.6	82.0	-3.0	3.0	-1.0
JPMorgan Private Wealth Mgt.	0.2	3.2	2.1	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6 L	1.3	2.2	2.8	5.1	7.9	3.1 L	4.7	80.2	-6.0	1.0	0.4
DePrince & Assoc.	0.2	3.2	2.0	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.6	2.7	3.2	5.2	8.2	5.5	5.3	78.8	-1.9	1.5	0.8
Nomura Securities, Inc.	0.2	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.3	2.6	3.0	5.2	8.5	na	4.7	83.0	-3.6	2.7	-3.5
ClearView Economics	0.2	3.3	2.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.6	2.2	2.5	5.3	8.5	5.8	5.5	81.0	-4.0	1.0	1.8 H
BMO Capital Markets	0.1	3.3	1.8	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.3	2.2	2.6	5.0	8.3	5.7	5.1	77.0	-4.0	-0.8	-3.8
Action Economics	0.1	3.3	1.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.7	2.6	3.0	5.1	8.1	4.9	5.1	82.4	-3.0	2.8	-1.9
Goldman Sachs & Co.	0.1	3.3	1.4	na	0.1	na	na	0.8	1.6	2.6	3.1	3.8 L	na	na	4.8	na	-3.0	2.3	-3.9
Moody's Capital Markets	0.1	3.3	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.9 L	2.4	4.6	7.7	4.0	4.6	77.0	-1.9	0.2	-1.3
National City Corporation	0.1	3.3	1.0	0.1	-0.3 L	-0.1 L	0.3 L	0.7	1.2	2.2	2.7	4.9	8.1	5.4	5.1	79.5	-3.8	1.6	-3.9
Swiss Re	0.1	3.1	1.6	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.6	2.3	2.9	5.2	8.4	na	5.1	na	-2.2	-2.9 L	-2.9
J.W. Coons Advisors LLC	0.1	3.1	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.5	2.5	3.1	5.1	8.5	na	5.1	85.6 H	-3.0	1.1	0.1
Merrill Lynch Economics	0.1	na	1.5	na	0.1	na	na	0.9	na	2.9	3.7	na	na	na	na	na	-4.5	1.4	-4.0
Economist Intelligence Unit	0.1	3.1	1.5	0.0 L	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.3	2.2	2.7	na	na	na	4.8	na	-4.2	na	0.4
Daiwa Securities America	0.1	3.3	1.4	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.9	1.4	2.3	2.8	5.1	8.3	5.5	5.4	80.0	-4.6	1.5	1.8
Fannie Mae	0.1	3.1	na	na	0.1	na	0.5	na	na	2.5	3.0	5.2	na	na	5.1	na	-3.8	2.7	-0.3
Loomis, Sayles & Company	0.1	3.4	2.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.5	2.3	2.8	4.8	8.1	4.4	4.8	84.8	-4.2	3.4	-6.0 L
Nat'l Assn. of Realtors	0.1	3.3	1.7	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6 L	1.3	2.0	2.8	5.0	8.0	4.5	4.6	na	-2.6	1.7	0.1
RDQ Economics	0.1	3.3	1.4	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.5	2.2	2.7	4.8	8.0	3.5	4.5	75.9	-3.2	2.2	-3.0
Wachovia	0.1	3.3	1.4	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.4	2.2	2.6	5.0	8.5	5.7	4.1 L	76.0	-3.4	1.5	1.6
RBS Greenwich Capital Econ.	0.1	3.3	1.2	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.3	2.1	2.6	5.0	8.4	5.5	4.6	79.5	-3.1	2.4	-4.4
Russell Investments	0.1	3.3	1.2	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.3	2.1	2.6	4.6	8.2	5.5	4.7	74.0	-2.5	0.0	-0.5
Bank of Toyko-Mitsubishi UFJ	0.1	3.3	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.3	2.0	2.6	4.5	7.0	5.5	4.5	75.0	-2.0	2.5	1.5
Barclays Capital	0.1	3.1	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6 L	1.3	2.2	2.9	5.1	8.1	5.1	5.3	na	-4.5	2.1	-2.4
Mesirow Financial	0.1	3.1	1.9	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.4 H	2.1	2.7	3.2	5.2	8.3	5.3	5.3	84.1	-3.0	3.4	-1.8
Stone Harbor Investment Partners	0.1	3.3	1.4	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.6 L	1.1 L	2.0	2.5	4.2	6.9	na	4.6	77.0	-5.0	1.5	-1.0
Comerica Bank	0.1	3.3	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6 L	1.3	2.1	2.5	4.7	7.4	4.5	4.7	80.0	-3.5	-2.1	-3.0
Naroff Economic Advisors	0.1	3.3	1.0	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.4	2.4	2.9	4.7	7.6	5.1	5.1	72.0 L	-2.6	1.4	0.8
The Northern Trust Company	0.0 L	3.3	1.7	na	0.3	na	0.8	0.9	1.6	2.7	na	na	na	na	5.6	na	-4.0	0.2	-1.5
Cycledata Corp.	0.0 L	3.2	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.7	1.3	2.1	2.6	5.1	8.5	5.6	4.7	75.0	-3.0	1.8	0.0
State House Policy Office	0.0 L	3.0 L	3.0 H	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.6 L	1.4	2.6	3.0	6.7 H	9.2 H	5.2	5.3	na	-3.6	2.2	0.0
Argus Research	0.0 L	3.0 L	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3 L	0.7	1.4	2.4	3.0	5.4	8.5	5.3	5.0	76.4	-2.1	-2.9	-1.3
January Consensus	0.2	3.2	1.7	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.8	1.5	2.4	2.9	5.1	8.1	5.0	5.0	78.9	-3.4	1.4	-1.3
Top 10 Avg.	0.3	3.3	2.4	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.1	2.0	2.8	3.4	5.7	8.7	5.7	5.5	82.7	-2.1	2.9	1.2
Bottom 10 Avg.	0.0	3.1	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.6	1.3	2.0	2.5	4.4	7.3	4.1	4.5	75.2	-5.0	-0.6	-4.0
December Consensus	0.6	3.6	2.2	1.2	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.4	3.6	4.1	6.0	8.6	4.9	5.9	82.9	-1.6	1.9	0.5
Number of Forecasts Changed From A Month Ago:																			
Down	43	39	35	28	40	35	36	41	41	43	41	32	25	11	39	21	42	26	41
Same	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	9	4
Up	0	1	4	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	14	0	5	1	10	1
Diffusion Index	3 %	6 %	14 %	13 %	9 %	6 %	9 %	4 %	3 %	3 %	3 %	6 %	20 %	55 %	4 %	23 %	5 %	32 %	7 %