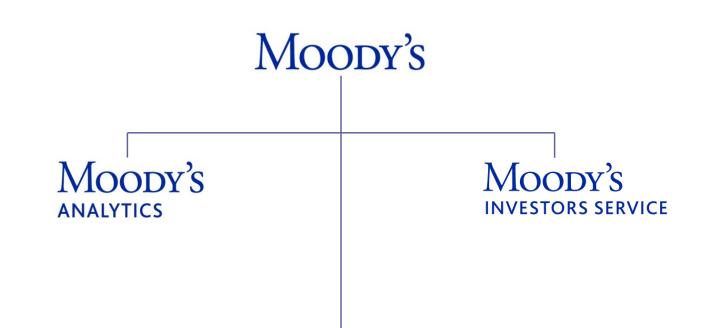


# U.S. Macroeconomic Outlook: Knife Edge

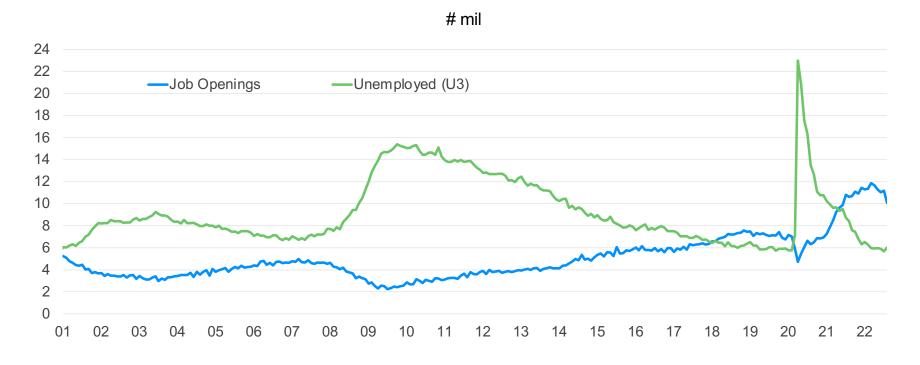
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#### Not a Recession...Yet



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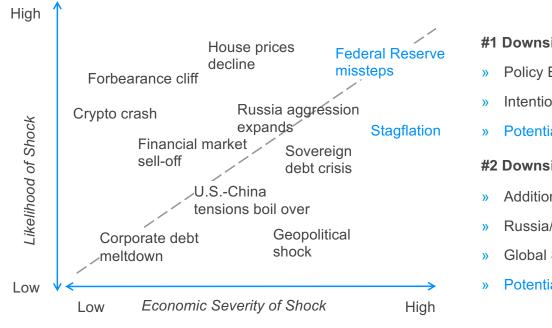
## Multiple Warning Signs Point to Mild Recession

Indicator	Business Cycle Timing	Time to recession, mo	Threshold	Current Value	Risk
Financial stress index	Leading	11 to 15	>0	-0.06	Moderate
Housing permits	Leading	10 to 12	yr-over-yr decline	-13.0%	High
Yield curve 10-yr minus 3-mo	Leading	8 to 15	<0	0.25	Moderate
Yield curve 10-yr minus 2-yr	Leading	8 to 14	<0	-0.50	High
TED spread	Leading	7 to 8	>100 bps	33.2	Moderate
Consumer confidence	Leading	5 to 10	30-point decline from peak	-20.9	Moderate
Jobless claims	Leading	4 to 5	>240k (breakeven)	207	Low
S&P 500	Leading	3 to 9	20% correction	-18%	High
ISM manufacturing index	Leading	3 to 6	43.2	50.9	Low
Hrs worked for manufacturing workers	Leading	1 to 10	yr-over-yr decline	-1.2%	Moderate
Banks tightening lending standards on C&I	Leading	1 to 5	>20%	33.3%	High
Core capital goods orders	Coincident	0	yr-over-yr decline	8.8%	Low
Unemployment rate	Coincident	0	+50 bps yr-over-yr	-1.5%	Low
Industrial production	Coincident	0	yr-over-yr decline	3.7%	Low
ISM nonmanufacturing index	Lagging	1	49	56.7	Low
Employment	Lagging	2 to 4	yr-over-yr decline	4.0%	Low
Job quits rate	Lagging	2 to 4	>0.3 decline in 6 months	-0.1%	Low
Real monthly GDP - Potential GDP	Lagging	3 to 6	<0	-0.9%	High

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#### So Long As Nothing Else Goes Wrong



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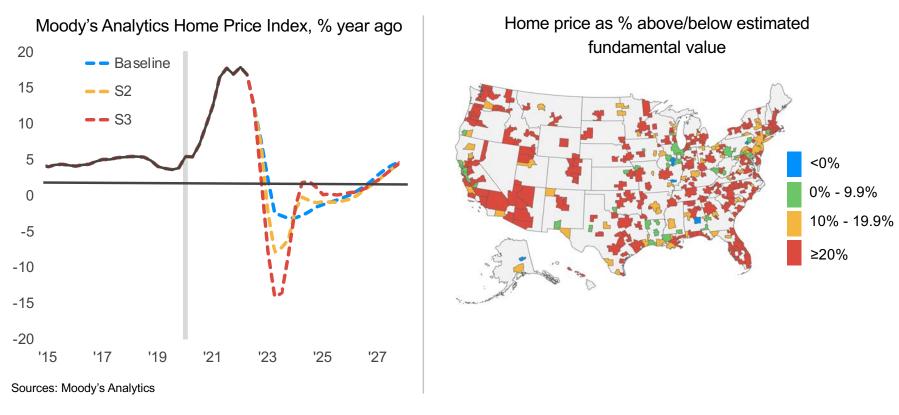
#### #1 Downside Risk to the Outlook – Fed Policy

- Policy Error
- Intentional Demand Destruction
- » Potential Outcome Moderate Recession

#### #2 Downside Risk to the Outlook – Supply Constraints

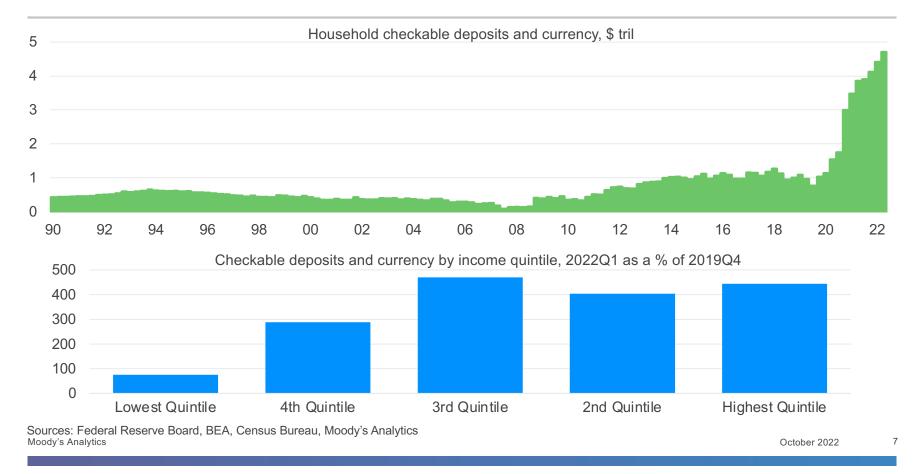
- Additional Energy Shocks
- Russia/Ukraine
- Global Slowdown
- Potential Outcome Stagflation

## Home prices expected to fall 5-15% nationally

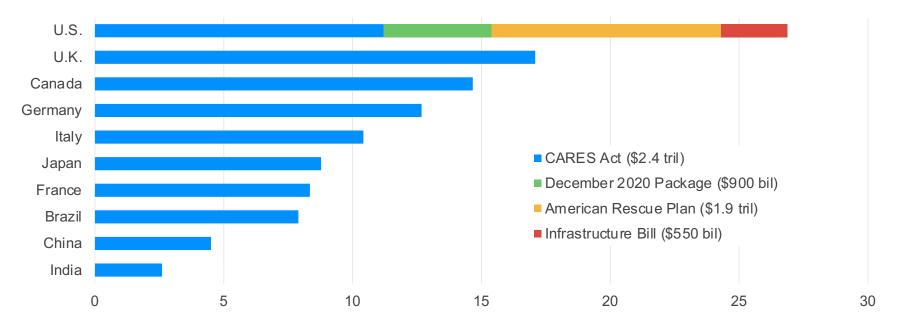


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## A Mountain of Money Is Cushioning (Most) Consumers



## **Record Level of Fiscal Support**

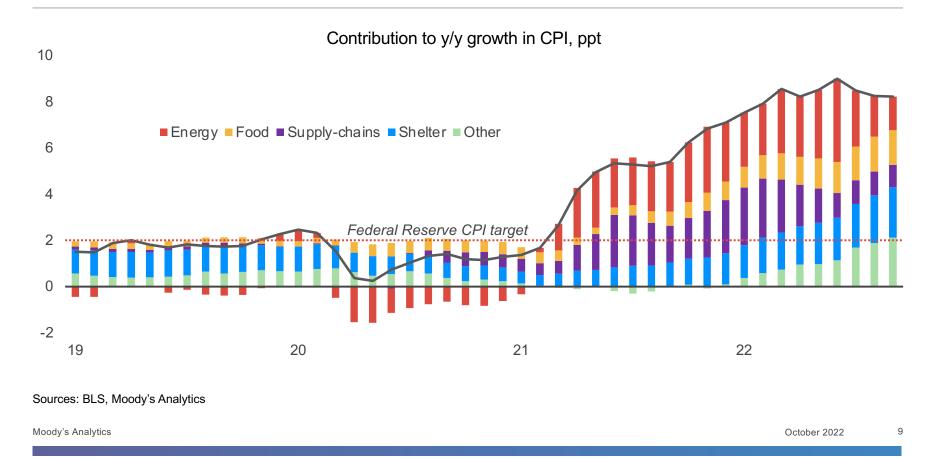


Fiscal Support Since Start of the Pandemic, % of 2019 GDP

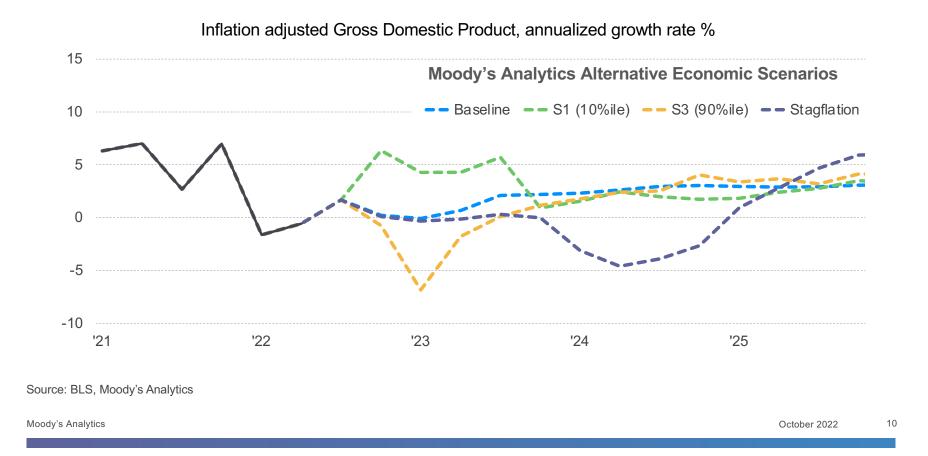
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## Price Picture Remains Extremely Nuanced...



#### ...Leaving Several Different Paths Forward





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