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## Pandemic Economy

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## Soft Start to 2021, but Robust Growth By Mid-Year

U.S. nonfarm employment, millions



Sources: BLS, Moody's Analytics

## Pandemic Has Long-Term Consequences...

Employment, Index: 2019Q4 = 100



Sources: BLS, Moody's Analytics

## ...Particularly for Commercial Real Estate

CMBS delinquency rate, %, NSA



Sources: MIS, Moody's Analytics

### Housing Navigates the Pandemic Well

Vacancy rate, homes for sale and rent, 4-qrt MA, %



Sources: Census Bureau, Moody's Analytics

## Herd Immunity By Summer

Millions of Americans (right scale), % of population (left scale)



Sources: Johns Hopkins CSSE COVID-19 Data Repository, Moody's Analytics

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## Biden Pumps Up Fiscal Policy...

Fiscal support, % of 2019 GDP



Source: Moody's Analytics

## ...and Will Make Other Big Policy Changes

### Biden vs. Trump

Governing	Strengthen Institutions; Process for Decision Making; Increase Diversity; Stable Advisors
COVID-19	Federal Led; Invoke Defense Production Act
Immigration	Increase; Provide Healthcare; DACA
Climate/Energy	Clean Energy With Institutional Overhaul; Green Incentives; Paris Accord
Healthcare	ACA+Public Option; Lower Age for Medicare; Lower Rx Costs
Taxes	Repeal Tax Cut for Wealthy and Corporations; Potential Financial Transactions Tax
Gun Control	Pro Gun Control
Labor	Pro Union; \$15 Minimum Wage; Paid Leave
Police Reform	Black Lives Matter; Federal Lead
Banking	Undo Dodd-Frank Rollbacks; Pro ESG; Focus on Consumer Protections and Housing
Foreign Policy	Lead Multilateral Org; Coordinate with Allies
Trade	Reduce Tariffs; WTO
China	Strategic Competition; Modified TPP
Infrastructure	Supportive with Green Focus
Antitrust	Consider Broader Consumer/Labor Impact
Defense	Strengthen NATO; Renegotiate Nuclear Disarmament
Deficits	Big Deficits Through More Spending
Technology	Suspicious of Big Tech

## High-Income Households Save Up

Cumulative excess savings, bil \$



### **Stock Prices Look Pricey**

Economy-wide price earnings multiple, %



Sources: SIX Financial, BEA, Moody's Analytics

## Inflation and Interest Rates May Surprise Post-Pandemic

%, 4-quarter moving average



Sources: BLS, U.S. Treasury, Moody's Analytics

## **Running Out of Fiscal Space**

Sovereign borrowing capacity given current yields



Source: Moody's Analytics

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