## 2025 Economic Perspectives

- Generally speaking, economists are preparing for a lower than <u>expected</u> economic output for 2025 and many are projecting recession probability to be 50% or above
  - "Real GDP contracted at a .3% annualized pace in Q1 of 2025 reversing the robust 2.4% expansion seen in Q4 of 2024" EY 4/30/2025
  - "The US administration's on-off tariff policy has led to a confidence crisis with businesses favoring a wait-and-see approach in the face of historically elevated policy uncertainty. US consumer sentiment gauges have plunged to their lowest levels since the 1980s" EY 4/25/2025
  - "Consumer spending rose 1.8%, less than the 4.2% annualized surge of the fourth quarter. Spending on big-ticket items fell despite a late-inquarter surge in vehicles sales to front-run tariffs" KPMG 4/30/2025

