U.S. SCENARIOS

SCENARIO 1 (V-SHAPE)
- Coronavirus resolves much sooner than expected
- New cases fall rapidly starting in May
- Partial reopening of the economy in May
- Full reopening in June/July
- Assumes quicker medical breakthrough or virus burns out
- Milder recession in Q1, sharp in Q2
- Unemployment peaks in Q2 and falls precipitously as people go back to work
- Strong snapback in H2
- Momentum into 2021
- Return to full employment by 2022

SCENARIO 2 (U-SHAPE)
- Coronavirus slower to resolve
- New cases trend lower but still up and down, consumer remains highly cautious
- Partial reopening in May
- Economy does not become fully engaged until proven vaccine or therapeutics
- Assumes slower medical breakthrough
- Harsh recession in H1
- Unemployment peaks in Q2 but remains elevated and is slower to come down
- Mathematical bounce in Q3, but growth remains sluggish until medical breakthrough
- Slower climb into 2021
- Return to full employment by 2023

SCENARIO 3 (SWOOSH)
- Coronavirus lingers for much longer
- New cases trend lower, but multiple waves
- Partial reopening in May
- Economy does not become fully engaged until proven vaccine or therapeutics
- Assumes slower medical breakthrough or eventual herd immunity
- Deeper recession
- Unemployment peaks in Q2, but elevated for years
- Bounce in Q3, then back in recession as virus flares up again in the fall
- Recovery start date pushed into 2021H2
- Return to full employment by 2025

Source: Moody's Analytics & Oxford Economics Scenario descriptions adjusted by Cushman & Wakefield Research
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