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## Bloomberg News Top Forecasters of the U.S. Economy: Q4 2017

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(Bloomberg) -- Following is a summary of the best forecasters of the U.S. economy as determined by Bloomberg News.

- Christophe Barraud at Market Securities retains the top spot which he has held for the last three years
- Ryan Sweet, Moody's Analytics, moved up six spots in the fourth quarter to break into the top ten
- Michael Feroli, J.P. Morgan, moved up three spots to fifth overall this year

OVERALL			
Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Christophe Barraud	Market Securities	66.182
2	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	65.642
3	Wesbury/Stein	First Trust Advisors	60.712
4	Weidensteiner/Balz	Commerzbank AG	59.787
5	Michael Feroli	J.P. Morgan Chase	57.901
6	Bantleon Bank AG	Bantleon Bank AG	57.607
7	Russell Price	Ameriprise Financial Inc	57.415
8	Joerg Angele	Raiffeisenbank International	57.227
9	Joshua Shapiro	Maria Fiorini Ramirez Inc.	56.918
10	Ryan Sweet	Moody's Analytics	56.472
11	Richard F Moody	Regions Financial Corp	56.461
12	James Sweeney	Credit Suisse Securities USA	56.443
13	Michelle Girard	RBS Securities Inc.	56.269
14		Goldman Sachs & Co.	56.254
15	G. Casillas/J. Garcia Viejo	Banorte	56.249
16		Citi	54.818
17	Mike Englund	Action Economics	54.734
18	Dupuis/Genereux	Desjardins Group	54.676
19	Crandall/Jordan	Wrightson ICAP	54.575
20	Besch/Luetje	DekaBank	54.412

Conference Board Consumer Confidence SA 1985=100			
Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	74.084
2	Christophe Barraud	Market Securities	65.309
3	Tom Porcelli	RBC Capital Markets	61.315
4	Samuel Coffin	UBS Securities Llc	60.898
5	Stephan Buu	CTI Capital Inc	60.404
6	Michelle Girard	RBS Securities Inc.	59.956
7	G. Casillas/J. Garcia Viejo	Banorte	59.407
8	Lewis S Alexander	Nomura Securities	59.338
9		Goldman Sachs & Co.	59.187
10	Joerg Angele	Raiffeisenbank International	58.894

US Existing Homes Sales MoM SA			
Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Christophe Barraud	Market Securities	80.142
2	Wesbury/Stein	First Trust Advisors	77.164
3	Weidensteiner/Balz	Commerzbank AG	75.385
4	Richard F Moody	Regions Financial Corp	74.782
5	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	74.673
6	Ryan Sweet	Moody's Analytics	64.199
7	Michael Feroli	J.P. Morgan Chase	62.127
8	Ian Shepherdson	Pantheon Macroeconomics	60.609
9	Joerg Angele	Raiffeisenbank International	60.574

**US CPI Urban Consumers MoM SA**

Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	James Sweeney	Credit Suisse Securities USA	79.674
2	Michelle Girard	RBS Securities Inc.	77.165
3	Ian Shepherdson	Pantheon Macroeconomics	77.055
4	David Sloan	4CAST-RGE	76.732
5	Weidensteiner/Balz	Commerzbank AG	76.526
6	Michael Feroli	J.P. Morgan Chase	76.189
7	Besch/Luetje	DekaBank	75.512
8		Citi	75.140
9	Michael Gapen	Barclays Capital Inc	74.309
10	Joerg Angele	Raiffeisenbank International	73.711

**US Durable Goods New Orders Industries MoM SA**

Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	68.480
2	Christophe Barraud	Market Securities	67.109
3	Ryan Sweet	Moody's Analytics	66.845
4	Bantleon Bank AG	Bantleon Bank AG	65.253
5	Wesbury/Stein	First Trust Advisors	64.042
6		Citi	60.856
7	Knightley/Carnell	ING Financial Markets	59.252
8	Ian Shepherdson	Pantheon Macroeconomics	58.548
9	Peter Morici	University of Maryland	58.443
10		Goldman Sachs & Co.	58.281

**US PPI Final Demand MoM SA**

Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	73.798
2	Thomas Julien	Natixis	63.272
3	Christophe Barraud	Market Securities	63.169
4	Gregory Daco	Oxford Economics USA	62.633
5		Intesa Sanpaolo	62.522
6	Wesbury/Stein	First Trust Advisors	62.361
7	Crandall/Jordan	Wrightson ICAP	61.277
8	Samuel Coffin	UBS Securities Llc	60.912
9	Michael Gapen	Barclays Capital Inc	60.580
10	Patrick Franke	Helaba	60.446

**GDP US Chained 2009 Dollars QoQ SAAR**

Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Scott Anderson	Bank of the West	68.438
2	Christophe Barraud	Market Securities	63.459
3	Michael Moran	Daiwa Securities America	63.457
4	Marion/Paquet	National Bank of Canada	62.699
5		Westpac Banking Corp.	62.528
6	Wesbury/Stein	First Trust Advisors	62.373
7	Michael Carey	Credit Agricole CIB	61.199
8	Bantleon Bank AG	Bantleon Bank AG	61.152
9	Weidensteiner/Balz	Commerzbank AG	60.840
10	Russell Price	Ameriprise Financial Inc	60.736

**US Industrial Production MOM SA**

Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Weidensteiner/Balz	Commerzbank AG	74.430
2	Christophe Barraud	Market Securities	73.500
3		Itau Asset Management	69.427
4	Robert Brusca	Fact & Opinion Economics	66.329
5	Bantleon Bank AG	Bantleon Bank AG	66.300
6	Ryan Sweet	Moody's Analytics	65.268

7	Crandall/Jordan	Wrightson ICAP	63.705
8	Avery Shenfeld	CIBC World Markets	63.650
9	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	63.634
10	Harm Bandholz	UniCredit Research	63.209

ISM Non-Manufacturing NMI			
Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1		Itau Asset Management	63.656
2	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	60.707
3	G. Casillas/J. Garcia Viejo	Banorte	59.863
4	Tom Porcelli	RBC Capital Markets	58.886
5	David Kelly	JP Morgan Asset Management	58.671
6	Russell Price	Ameriprise Financial Inc	58.523
7	Mike Englund	Action Economics	57.956
8	Harm Bandholz	UniCredit Research	57.190
9	Chris Rupkey	Bank of Tokyo- Mitsubishi UFJ	56.768
10	Avery Shenfeld	CIBC World Markets	56.232

ISM Manufacturing PMI SA			
Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	66.857
2		Goldman Sachs & Co.	64.194
3	Bantleon Bank AG	Bantleon Bank AG	63.579
4	Stan Shipley	Intl Strategy & Investment	61.569
5	G. Casillas/J. Garcia Viejo	Banorte	61.342
6	Douglas Porter	BMO Capital Markets	61.120
7	Crandall/Jordan	Wrightson ICAP	60.859
8		Intesa Sanpaolo	60.024
9	Patrick Franke	Helaba	60.017
10	Ryan Wang	HSBC Markets	59.818

US Employees on Nonfarm Payrolls Total MoM Net Change SA			
Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	68.593
2	Stephan Buu	CTI Capital Inc	63.045
3	Ryan Sweet	Moody's Analytics	62.928
4	Ray Stone	SMRA	61.795
5		Goldman Sachs & Co.	61.616
6	Gregory Daco	Oxford Economics USA	58.770
7	Stuart Hoffman	PNC Bank	58.308
8	Paul Mortimer-Lee	BNP Paribas	57.512
9	Marion/Paquet	National Bank of Canada	57.368
10	Joshua Shapiro	Maria Fiorini Ramirez Inc.	56.702

US New One Family Houses Sold Annual Total SAAR			
Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	James Sweeney	Credit Suisse Securities USA	61.587
2	David Sloan	4CAST-RGE	60.856
3		Intesa Sanpaolo	60.143
4	Nathaniel Karp	BBVA	59.599
5	Jason Schenker	Prestige Economics	58.549
6	Thomas Julien	Natixis	58.458
7	Markus Schomer	PineBridge Investments	58.136
8	Lewis S Alexander	Nomura Securities	56.221
9	Russell Price	Ameriprise Financial Inc	55.698
10	John Silvia	Wells Fargo & Co.	55.649

US New Privately Owned Housing Units Started by Structure Total SAAR			
Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Nariman Behravesh	IHS Global Insight	65.525
2	Joerg Angele	Raiffeisenbank International	64.324

3	Besch/Luetje	DekaBank	61.398
4	Marion/Paquet	National Bank of Canada	60.225
5	James Sweeney	Credit Suisse Securities USA	58.428
6	Wesbury/Stein	First Trust Advisors	58.030
7	Jason Schenker	Prestige Economics	56.874
8	Paul Mortimer-Lee	BNP Paribas	56.325
9	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	56.111
10	Michelle Girard	RBS Securities Inc.	55.795

**US Personal Consumption Expenditures Nominal Dollars MoM SA**

Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Christophe Barraud	Market Securities	75.152
2	Wesbury/Stein	First Trust Advisors	75.021
3	Richard F Moody	Regions Financial Corp	73.050
4	Weidensteiner/Balz	Commerzbank AG	71.565
5	Michael Feroli	J.P. Morgan Chase	71.194
6	Stephen Stanley	Amherst Pierpont Securities	67.233
7	Russell Price	Ameriprise Financial Inc	67.188
8	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	66.545
9	Dupuis/Genereux	Desjardins Group	66.206
10		Intesa Sanpaolo	61.510

**US Personal Income MoM SA**

Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Stephen Stanley	Amherst Pierpont Securities	69.243
2	Michael Hanson	TD Securities	67.823
3	Chris Rupkey	Bank of Tokyo- Mitsubishi UFJ	65.346
4	Besch/Luetje	DekaBank	64.263
5	Mike Englund	Action Economics	63.884
6	Russell Price	Ameriprise Financial Inc	63.632
7	Richard F Moody	Regions Financial Corp	63.159
8	Ward McCarthy	Jefferies LLC	62.893
9	Peter Morici	University of Maryland	61.608
10	Michael Feroli	J.P. Morgan Chase	61.491

**Adjusted Retail & Food Services Sales SA Total Monthly % Change**

Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Christiane Von Berg	Bayerische Landesbank	61.188
2	Nariman Behraves	IHS Global Insight	60.873
3	Michael Feroli	J.P. Morgan Chase	59.955
4	Michelle Meyer	Merrill Lynch	59.897
5	Jim O'Sullivan	High Frequency Economics	59.812
6	Stephan Buu	CTI Capital Inc	58.573
7		Goldman Sachs & Co.	58.221
8	Michael Hanson	TD Securities	57.584
9	Harm Bandholz	UniCredit Research	57.109
10	Wesbury/Stein	First Trust Advisors	57.098

**U-3 US Unemployment Rate Total in Labor Force Seasonally Adjusted**

Rank	Forecaster	Firm	Average Score
1	Stephen Stanley	Amherst Pierpont Securities	72.865
2	Michelle Girard	RBS Securities Inc.	72.288
3	Weidensteiner/Balz	Commerzbank AG	70.247
4	Ray Stone	SMRA	69.776
5	Thomas Julien	Natixis	69.697
6	Bernd Krampen	Nord/LB	69.027
7	Lewis S Alexander	Nomura Securities	68.630
8	Michael Moran	Daiwa Securities America	68.357
9	Mike Englund	Action Economics	67.944
10	Bantleon Bank AG	Bantleon Bank AG	67.639

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