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As Covid Wanes, the U.S. Economy Could Soar. What That Means for Investors

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The combination of trillions of dollars of fiscal stimulus, ultralow interest rates, and a newfound sense of liberation means the U.S. economy in coming months will be unlike any the country has experienced in decades. Growth will be faster. Inflation will run hotter. The job market could bounce back more speedily than even the Fed expects. This environment won't be easy for investors to navigate, as a likely rise in interest rates and a rebound in economically sensitive stocks could diminish the lure—and performance—of stocks that worked so well in 2020, including highflying tech shares, work-from-home plays, and speculative special-purpose acquisition vehicles, or SPACs. For those who can pivot as the market shifts, however, multiple opportunities await.