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Our new Economic Overview depicts a recovering economy after a pause at the height of the Iran war. Growth is expected to strengthen and broaden beyond the external sector that has thus far carried the economy forward. High and persistent inflation means the RBNZ is now on a tightening path, with another 25bp hike expected this week. Higher domestic interest rates should support a gradual appreciation in the New Zealand dollar.

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