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Crandall, Jordan looking for broader-based recovery

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For the economic forecasts, Crandall teams up with Bill Jordan, who's the top economist for Wrightson's sister firm, Ried Thunberg ICAP. Jordan and Crandall each separately forecast the numbers, then hash it over before publishing a united forecast.

The January contest was the third time Crandall and Jordan have won the monthly contest, but the team has performed consistently near the top over the past year. In fact, over the past 12 months, Crandall and Jordan are ranked second behind only 2011 Forecaster of the Year Jim O'Sullivan, late of MF Global.

In January, the runners-up in the contest were

Jeffery Rosen of Briefing.com, Michael Moran of Daiwa Capital Markets, Ray Stone of Stone & McCarthy Research, and Brian Jones of Societe Generale.

The median forecasts that MarketWatch publishes in the economic calendar come from the forecasts of the 15 economists who have scored the highest in our contest over the past 12 months, as well as the forecasts of the most recent winner. See our economic calendar and consensus forecast.

Over the past year, the top economists are, in order: Jim O'Sullivan formerly of MF Global, Crandall and Jordan of ICAP, Stephen Stanley of Pierpont Securities, Nigel Gault at IHS Global Insight, David Greenlaw and Ted Wieseman of Morgan Stanley, Spencer Staples of EconAlpha, Michael Moran of Daiwa, Michelle Girard's team at RBS Securities, Michael Feroli of JP Morgan, Peter D'Antonio of Citigroup, Paul Ashworth and Paul Dales of Capital Economics, Jan Hatzius's team at Goldman Sachs, Aaron Smith and Ryan Sweet of Moody's Analytics, John Silvia's team at Wells Fargo, and Neal Soss's team at Credit Suisse.

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