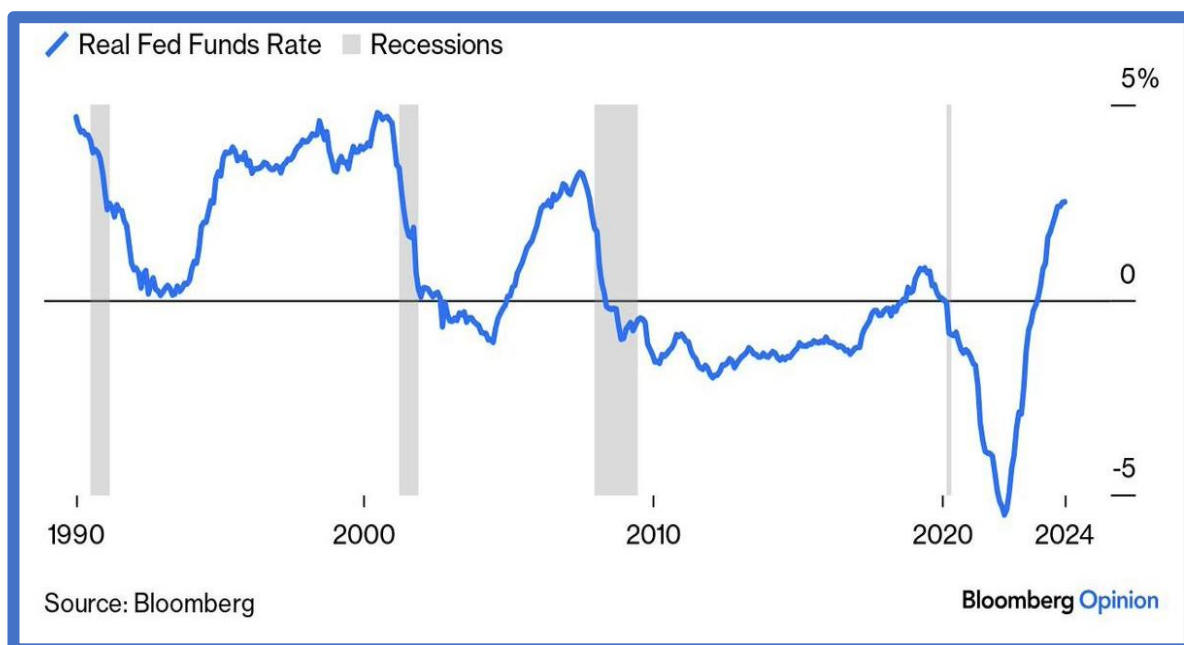


Chart of the week

Real Fed Funds Rate is at its highest since 2007

As inflation falls, real rates rise... After 2022's all-time low, the US real fed funds rate is back in the danger zone.



Source: Bloomberg Opinion

Growth shares lead stocks lower over the week

The main US equity indices closed lower over the holiday-shortened week but rounded out a month of gains. In contrast to much of the month, small-caps performed better than large-caps, and value stocks held up better than growth shares. The Nasdaq was especially weak, due in part to a sharp decline in cloud software provider Salesforce, which fell sharply after releasing Q1 revenues that missed consensus estimates. Much of the week's relatively light economic calendar came in roughly in line with expectations. One prominent factor weighing on sentiment appeared to be the Treasury Department's midweek auctions of five- and seven-year notes, which were met with subdued demand. The weak sales raised concerns that funding the U.S. deficit will drive up yields at a time when the Fed appears to be in no rush to cut rates. Outside the US, STOXX Europe 600 Index ended 0.46% lower as hotter-than-expected eurozone inflation increased uncertainty about policy easing by the ECB beyond June. Japan's stock markets generated mixed weekly returns, with the Nikkei 225 Index falling 0.4%. In the currency markets, the yen depreciated to around JPY 157.3 against the U.S. dollar, from about 157.0 at the end of the prior week. Chinese equities were little changed after an unexpectedly weak manufacturing reading highlighted growth headwinds on the economy. Chinese equities were little changed after an unexpectedly weak manufacturing reading highlighted growth headwinds on the economy.

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#weekly #stats

INDEX	CLOSE	WEEK	YTD
Dow Jones Industrial Average	38,686	-1.0%	2.6%
S&P 500 Index	5,278	-0.5%	10.6%
NASDAQ	16,735	-1.1%	11.5%
MSCI EAFE*	2,340	-0.8%	4.6%
10-yr Treasury Yield	4.50%	0.0%	0.6%
Oil (\$/bbl)	\$77.19	-0.7%	7.7%
Bonds	\$96.56	0.0%	-1.9%

Source: FactSet, 5/31/2024. Bonds represented by the iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF. Past performance does not guarantee future results. *4-day performance ending on Thursday.

Source: Edward Jones





#us #equities #monthly-performance

On the month, all the majors were green with Nasdaq leading and The Dow lagging...



Source www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg





#us #equities #sectors #weekly #performance

Energy and Utilities outperformed while Tech stocks saw a notable 3% on the week...



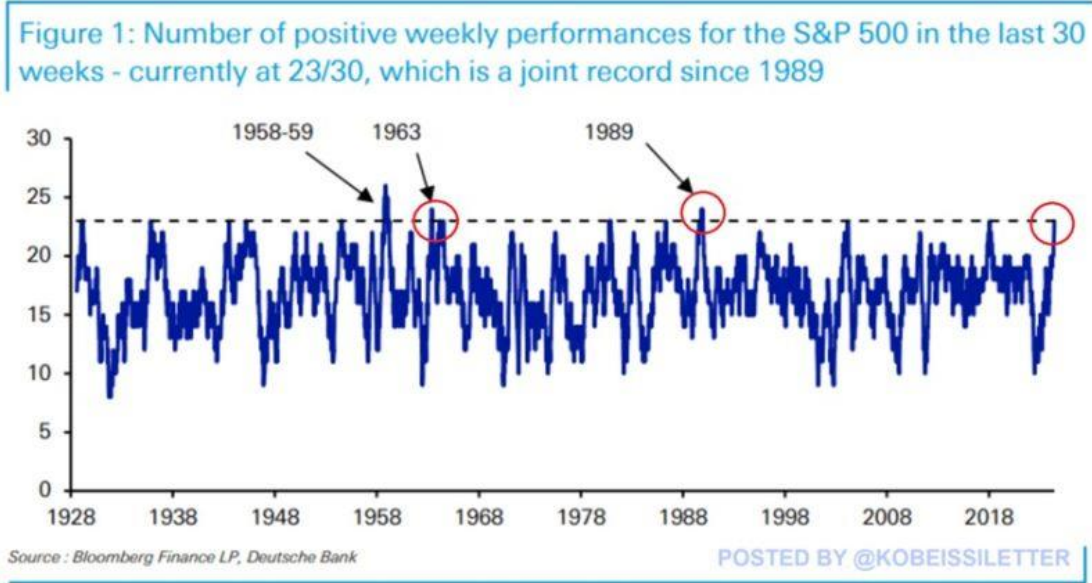
Source www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg





#sp500 #performance

The S&P 500 just posted its best weekly streak in 35 years. The index has increased in 23 of the last 30 weeks, a joint record since 1989, according to Deutsche Bank. It could thus be that some consolidation is due...



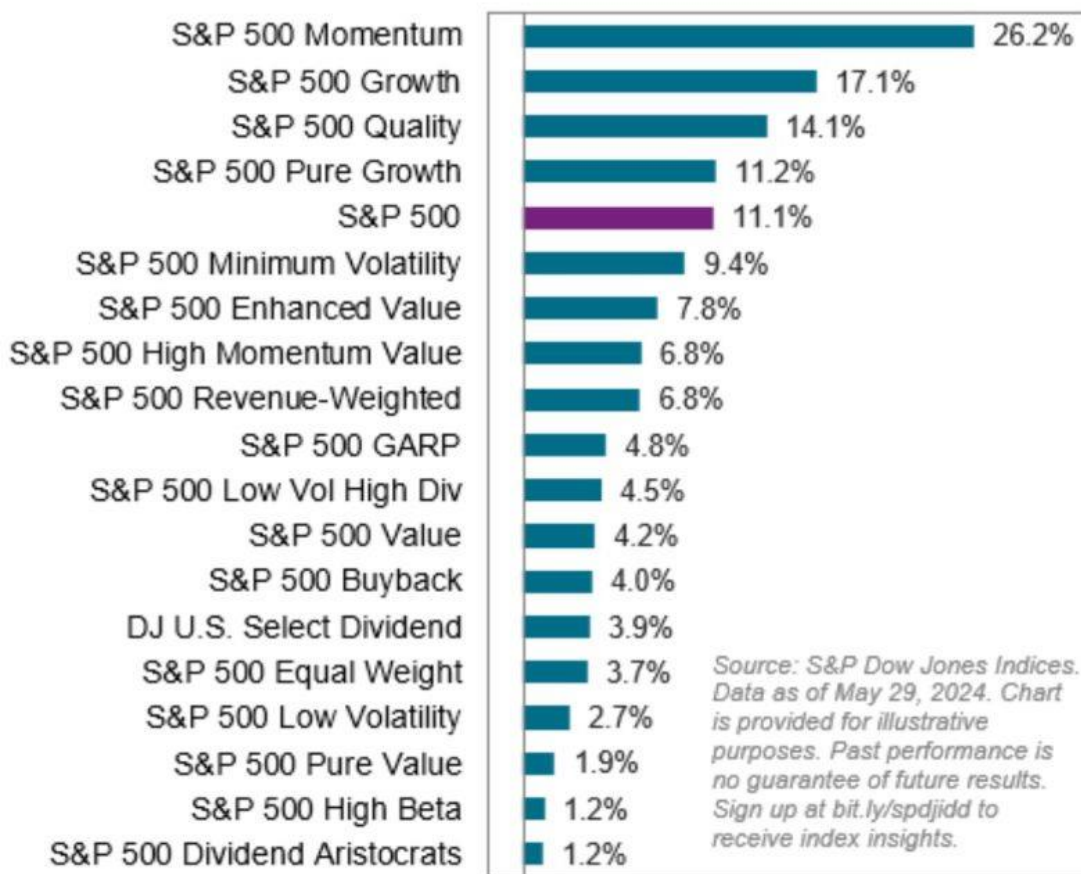
Source chart: DB, The Kobeissi Letter



#sp500 #performance

Momentum is the winner YTD 🏆

S&P 500 Factors: Year-To-Date Performance

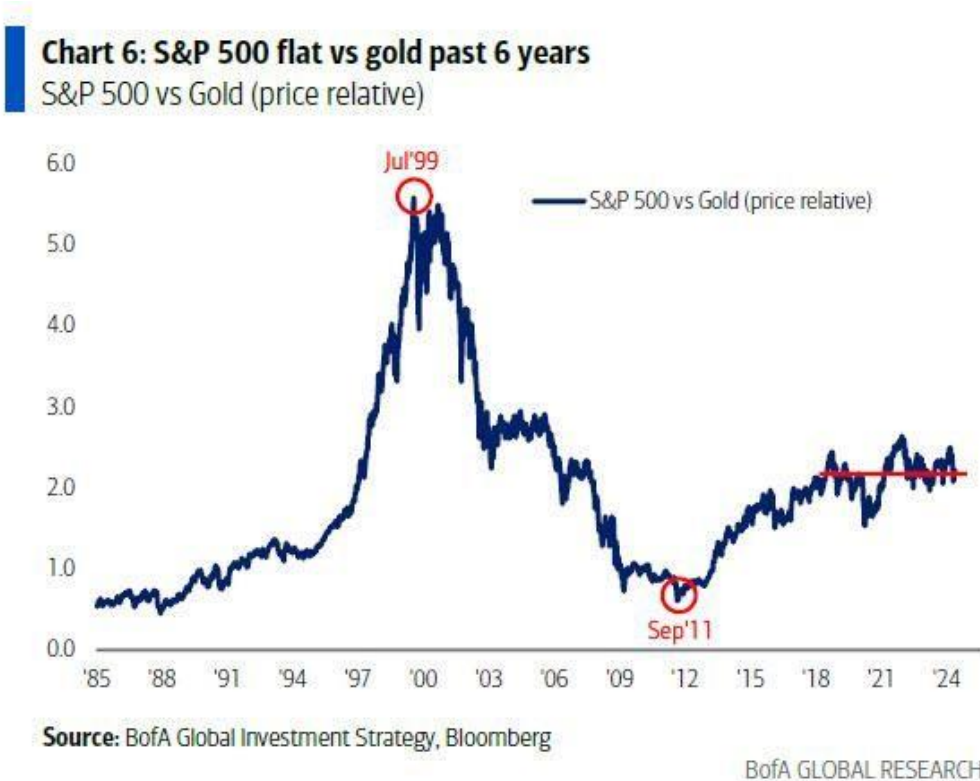


Source: The Long view



#sp500 #gold #performance

Did you know that the S&P 500 has been basically flat vs gold over the last six years? 🤔



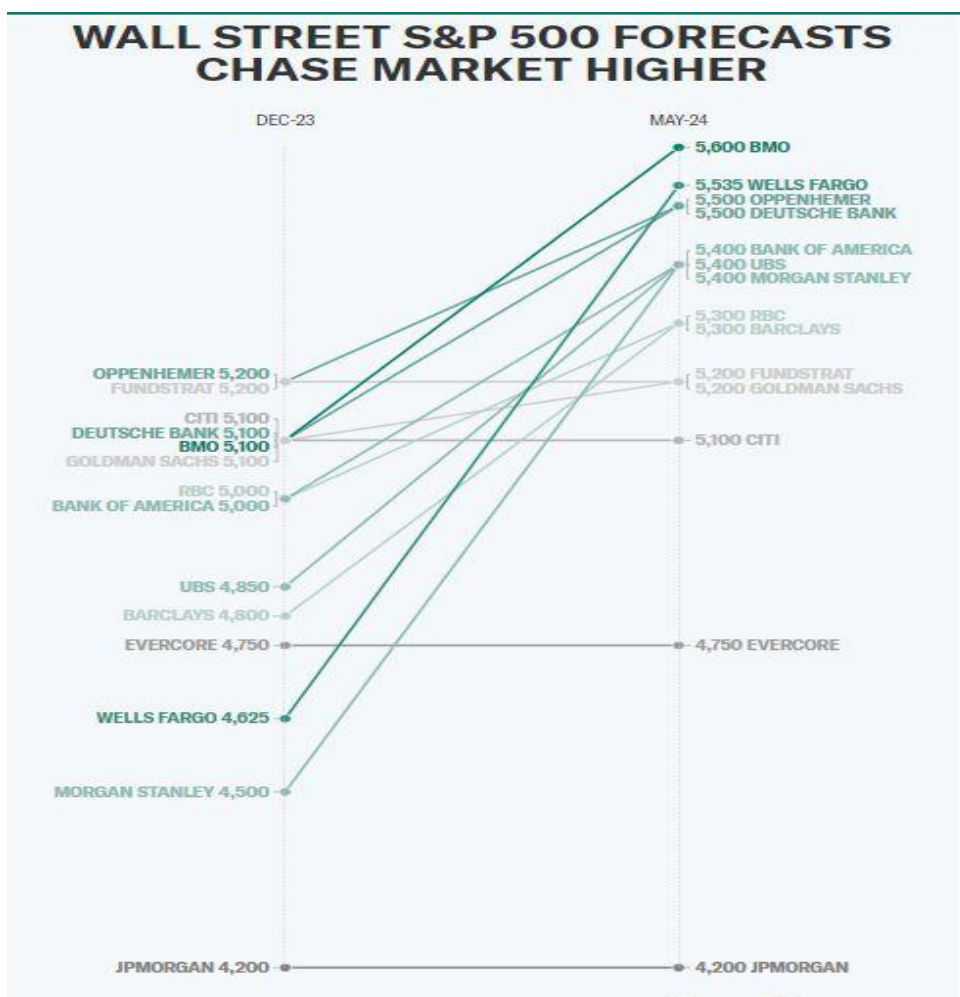
Source: Markets & Mayhem, BofA





#wall-street #equities #sentiment

In the past two weeks, three equity strategists tracked by Yahoo Finance have boosted their year-end targets for the S&P 500. The median target on Wall Street for the benchmark index now sits at 5,250, up from the median target of 4,850 on Dec. 30, per Bloomberg data.



Source: yahoo!finance



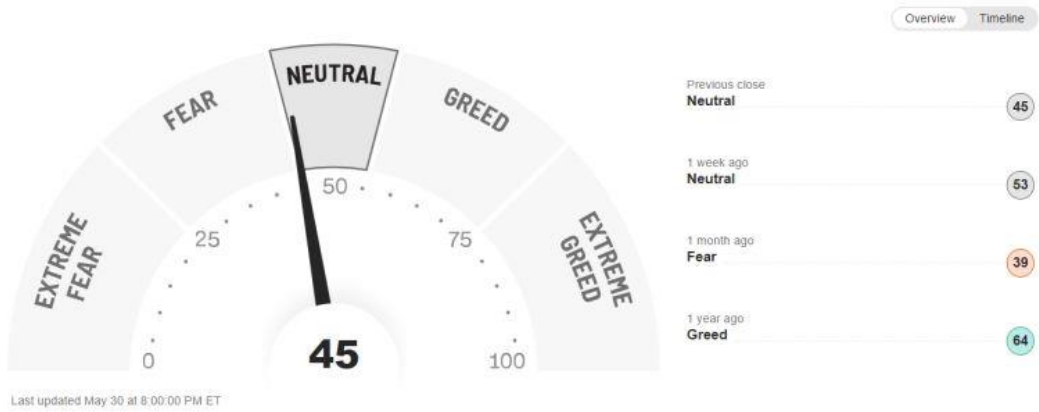


#equities #sentiment

The stock market is on the verge of fear

Fear & Greed Index

What emotion is driving the market now?
[Learn more about the index](#)





#us #equities #sentiment

Bullish sentiment on US equities is through the roof: In May, 48.2% of Americans anticipated stock prices to increase over the next 12 months, according to the Conference Board Consumer Confidence Survey. This is the 3rd highest reading in history, only below the January 2018 and March 2024 surveys. Over just 2 years, this share has nearly doubled as stocks recovered from the 2022 bear market. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 has rallied a massive 48% since the October 2022 low. Stock market sentiment is incredibly strong.



Source: Bloomberg, The Kobeissi Letter





#hedge-fund #equities

Hedge Funds dumped stocks at the fastest rate since January and, in particular, sold Industrials at the fastest pace in a decade.

Investing.com

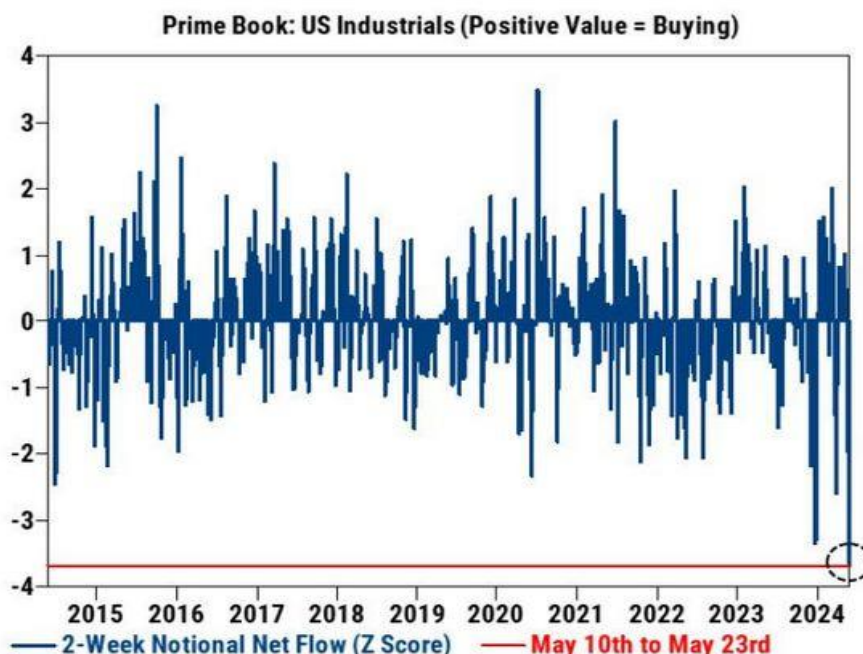
Hedge funds sell US stocks at fastest rate since January

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Hedge funds sold US equities at a rate not seen since early January, marking a significant shift in investment behavior after five consecutive weeks of net buying.



Source: Goldman Sachs thru Barchart



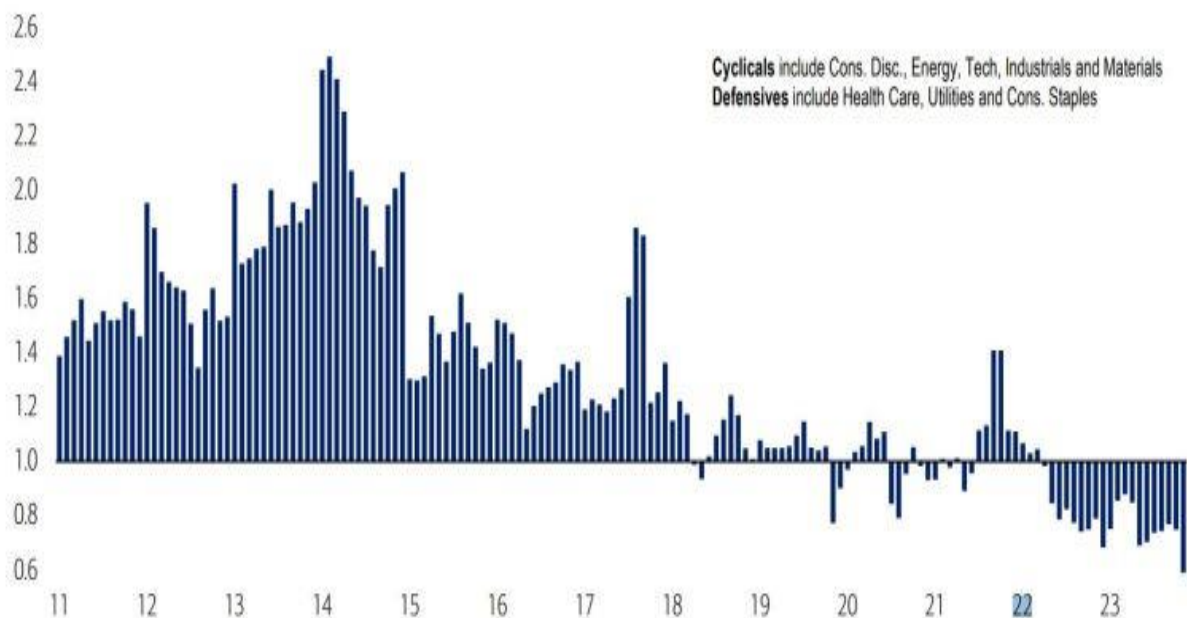


#hedge-fund #exposure

Hedge Funds' exposure to cyclical vs. defensive sectors is at an all-time low

Exhibit 23: Hedge funds' exposure to cyclical vs. defensive sectors is at an all-time low

Hedge funds' cyclical vs. defensive positioning (as of Apr. 2024)



Source: FactSet Ownership

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Source: Factset, BofA





#equities #inflows

Inflows to equities accelerated to +\$12.88bn (largest in 2 months) this week.

Exhibit 2: Weekly equity fund flows, \$bn

Equities +\$12.88bn



Source: EPFR Global. Note: data are for US-domiciled funds only.

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Source: BofA





#sp500 #equal-weight #support

\$RSP (S&P Equal-weight) vs. \$SPX (S&P 500) just broke key support level. B of A: “.. equity ‘breadth’ worst since Mar'09 as AI ‘crowds out’ Wall St & Main St dollars; 2020s just one pain trade after another .. next is ‘value’ outperforming ‘growth’ as economic growth slows .. catalyst is a benign <0.2% April #PCE unable to support wobbly tech ..”

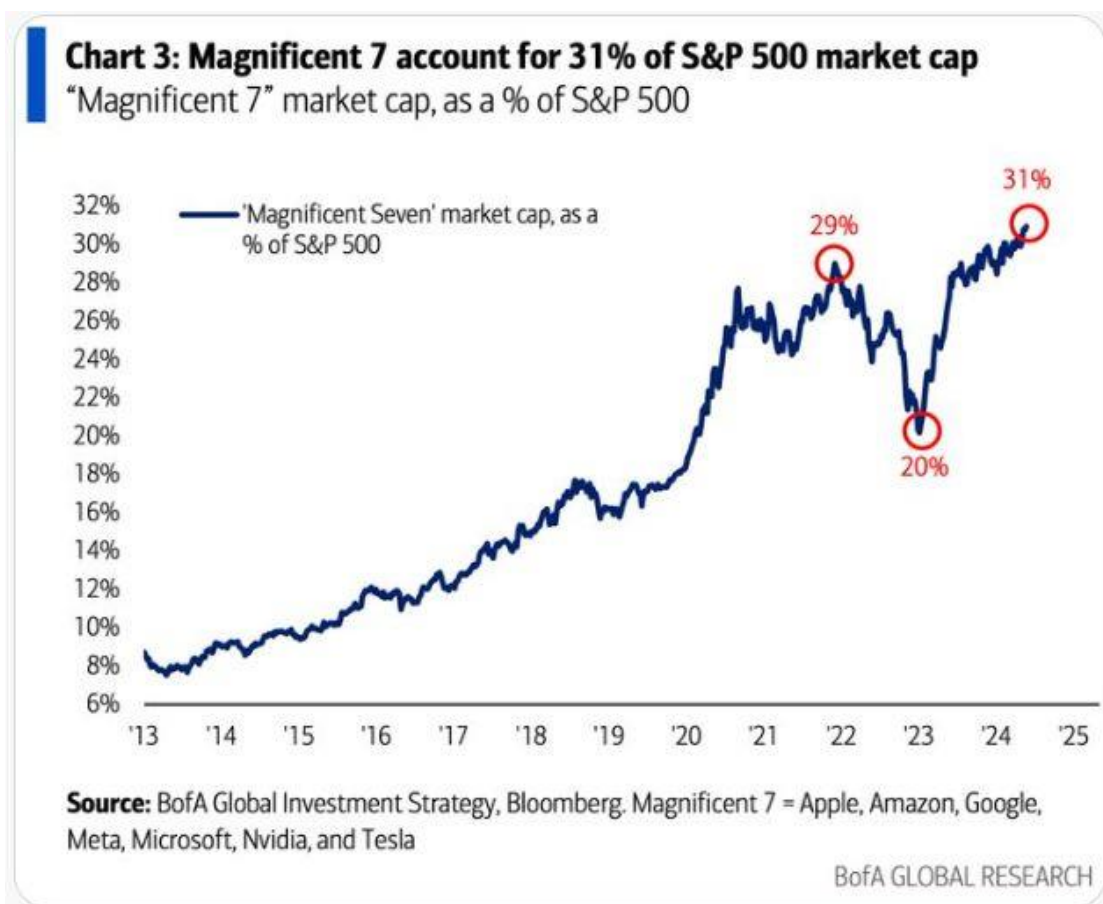


Source: Ian McMillan



#magnificent-7 #sp500

Magnificent 7 stocks now account for 31% of the S&P 500, an all-time high.



Source: BofA

#mag7 #rallies

Best 10-year stretches at any point in time for the mega-caps:

NVIDIA \$NVDA: +22,080%

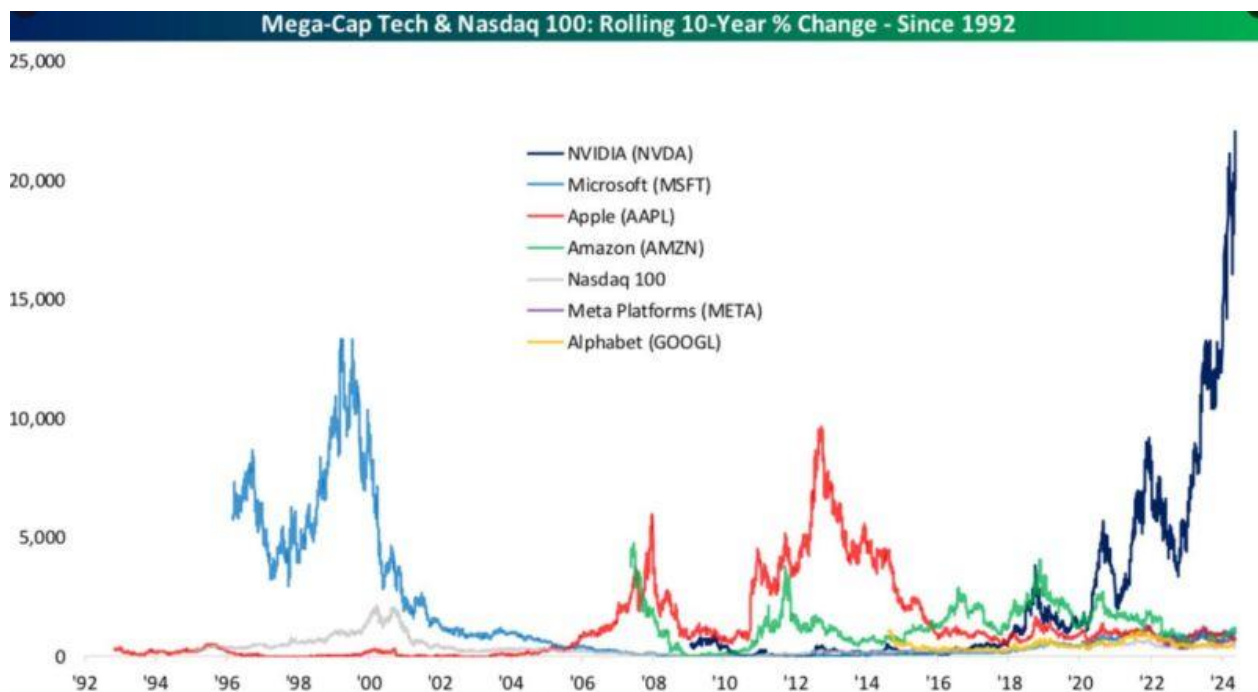
Microsoft \$MSFT: +13,300%

Apple \$AAPL: +9,650%

Amazon \$AMZN: +4,730%

Meta \$META: +1,100%

Alphabet \$GOOGL: +1,075%

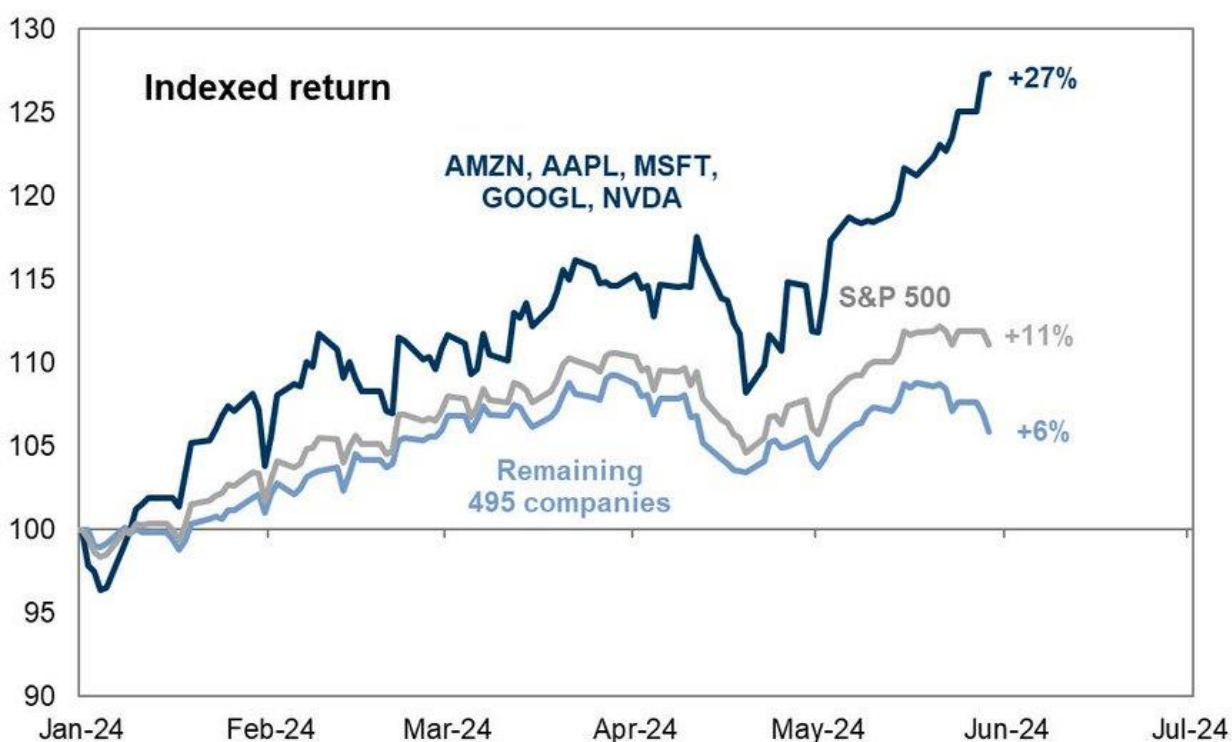


Source: bespoke



#mag5

Remember Magnificent 7? It's history now, nothing changes faster than market narratives.

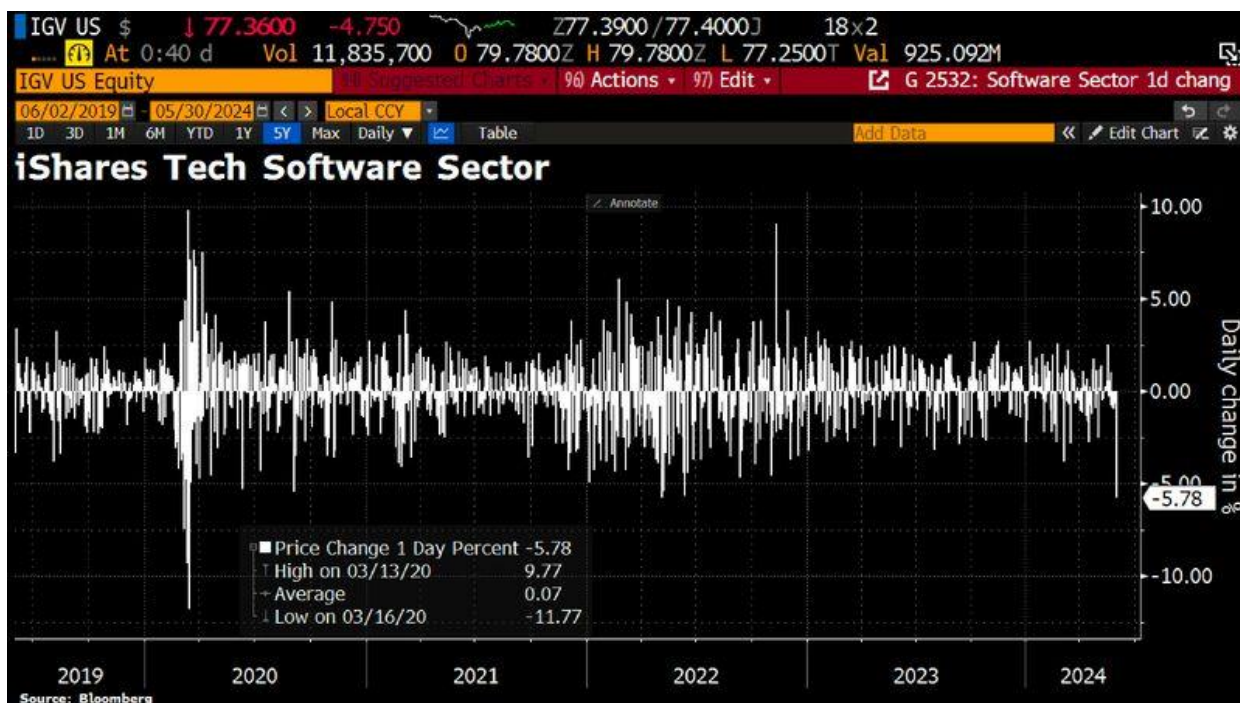


Source: Michel A.Arouet



#us #software #stocks

Software stocks got hammered yesterday. iShares Tech Software Sector ETF finished -5.8% (biggest daily drop since the pandemic w/Salesforce DOWN 20% (worst session in ~20 years), UiPath -35%, Okta -6%, Mongo DB -24%.

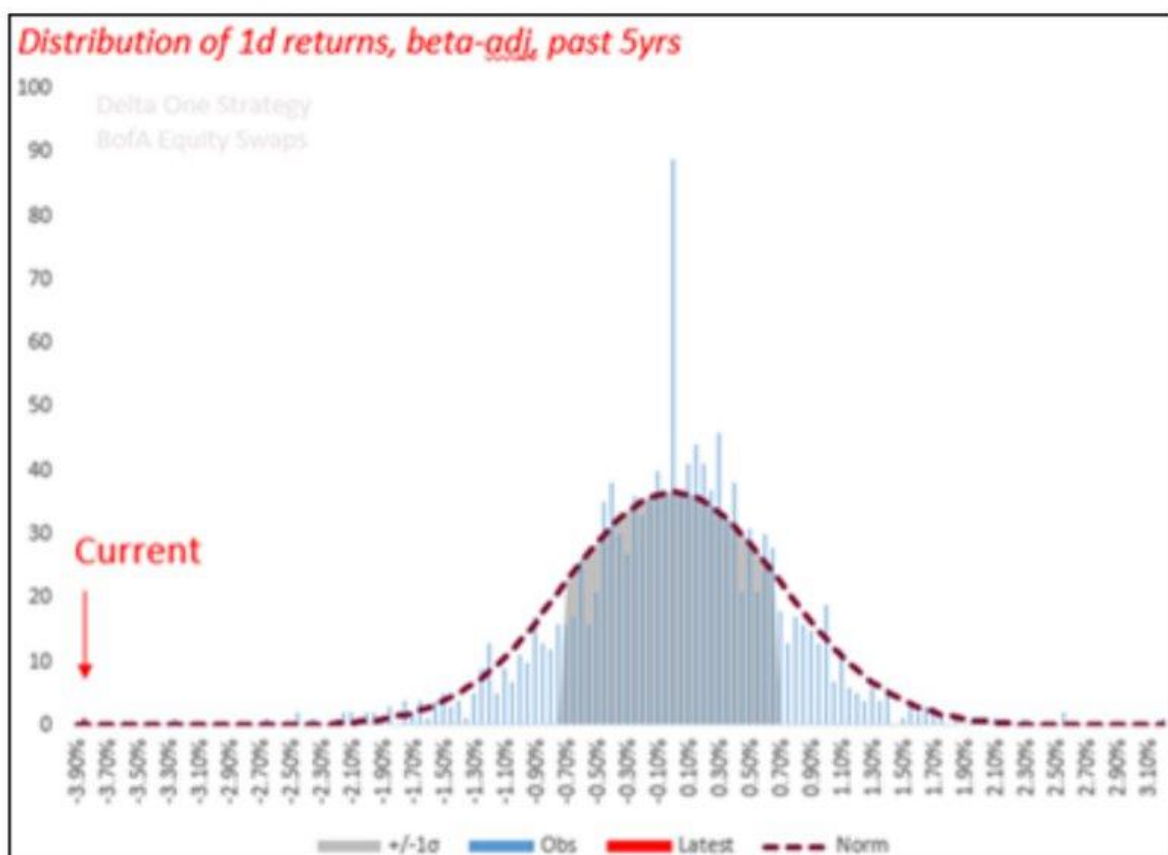


Source: Bloomberg, HolgerZ



#us #software #stocks

“.. yesterday, Software had worst move vs \$QQQ in 10 years.”
- B of A desk about Thursday market action.



Source chart: Carl Quintanilla

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#nvidia #etf

\$NVDL (2x Nvidia ETF) went from 0 to 1,452% return in 350 days since launching.. The ETF now has \$2.7b in assets and \$1b/day volume.



Source: Eric Balchunas, Bloomberg



#nvidia #retail-portfolios

Nvidia beats Apple and Tesla to become the largest holding in average retail portfolio. Investment research firm Vanda Research collected data on the 15 most widely held stocks and ETFs in the average retail portfolio, and sorted them by weight. Nvidia came out on top at 9.3% of the average retail portfolio, beating out other popular tickers such as (AAPL), SPY, (TSLA), QQQ and (META).

Name	Ticker	Avg. retail trading portfolio (weight, %)			1-yr total return (%)	1-yr cum. net retail buys (US\$m)
		1-yr ago	Start of '24	Latest		
NVIDIA Corp	NVDA	4.2%	5.5%	9.3%	205.2	13,787
Apple Inc	AAPL	12.3%	10.6%	9.2%	10.4	7,323
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	SPY	7.3%	7.7%	7.8%	28.8	38,624
Tesla Inc	TSLA	6.2%	7.7%	5.2%	3.6	33,044
Invesco QQQ Trust	QQQ	4.2%	4.5%	4.5%	36.4	16,706
Meta Platforms Inc	META	2.8%	3.2%	3.6%	89.4	2,330
AMD inc	AMD	2.9%	3.4%	3.4%	55.6	11,095
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%	57.5	7,079
ProShares UltraPro QQQ	TQQQ	1.7%	2.3%	2.6%	106.5	5,429
Netflix Inc	NFLX	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	78.1	777
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%	35.8	2,288
Alphabet Inc	GOOG/L	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	45.7	3,782
Vanguard Total Stock Market	VTI	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	28.6	513
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	VOO	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	29.0	863
Direxion Semis 3X long	SOXL	0.2%	0.4%	0.7%	177.6	4,232

The top 15 most widely held stocks and ETFs within the average retail portfolio, as of May 21. VANDA RESEARCH

Source: vanda, morningstar



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#nvidia #lvmh #market-cap

Nvidia has added the size of LVMH in market cap since last week...

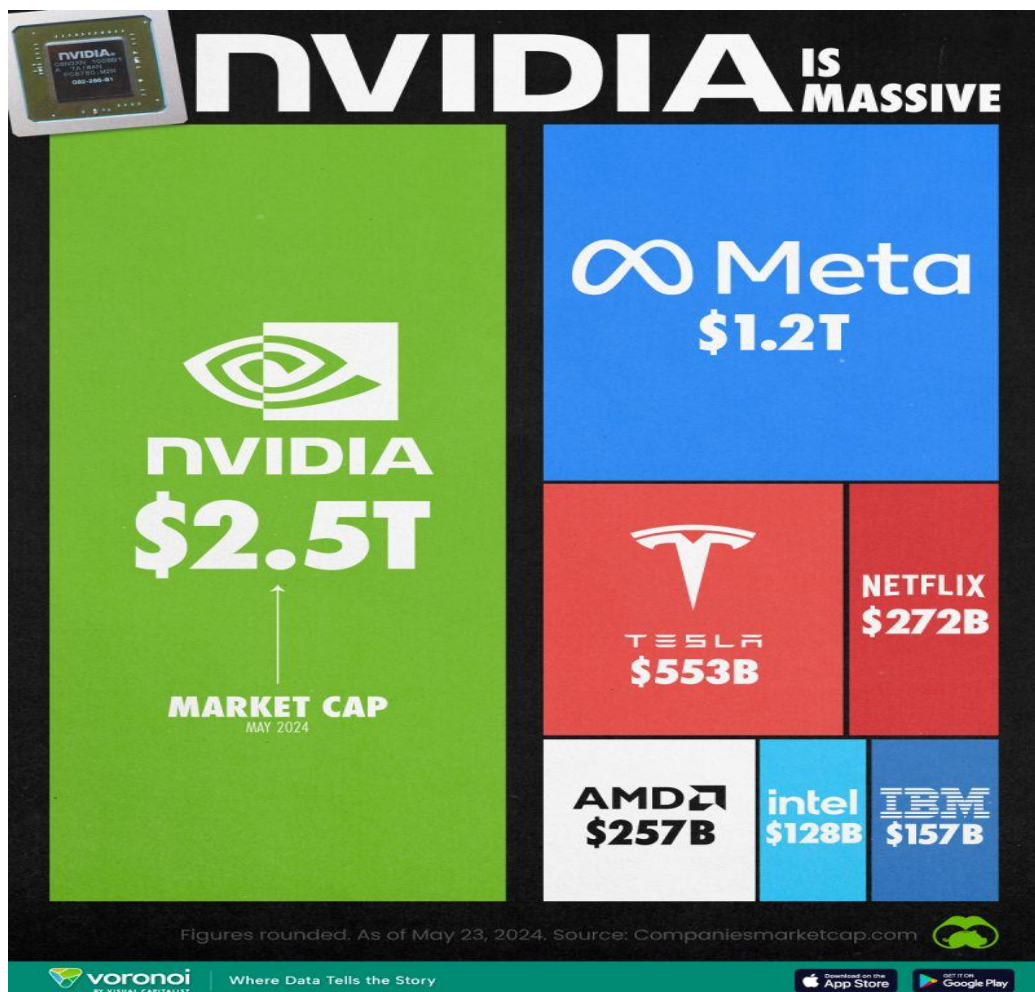


Source: Quartr



#nvidia #market-cap

Nvidia is Worth More Than All of These Companies Combined. Gain a unique perspective on the market cap of Nvidia in this simple graphic that compares the chipmaker with other tech companies.



Source: visual capitalist



#nvidia #valuation #price

The higher a stock's price goes, the more expensive it gets. Right? Well, not always. A year ago, when NVDA was selling at \$277, its earnings per share was \$0.82 and its P/E ratio was 147x. Today, NVDA's share price is up +284% to \$1,064.... BUT... Its earnings per share is up +629% to \$5.98. Its P/E has fallen to 62x... forward P/E is now at 30x. So, NVDA is CHEAPER today than it was a year ago.

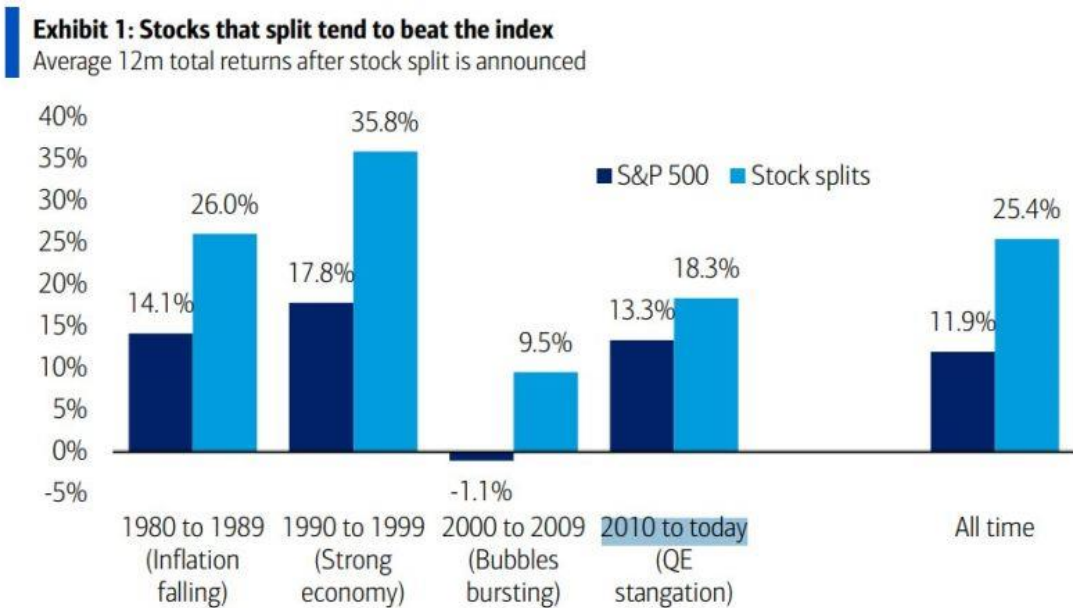


Source: Adam Khoo Trader, Piranha Profits



#stock-split #nvidia #performance

Stocks that split tend to beat the index \$NVDA. Splits seem to be bullish across market regimes, something management teams might consider if shares look too expensive for buybacks.



Source: BofA Research Investment Committee, Bloomberg, Global Financial Data

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Source: BofA, Mike Zaccardi





#nvidia #german-stocks #market-cap

All German stocks are now worth less than Nvidia. Germany's stock market value is just ~\$2.5tn, Nvidia's value is \$2.62tn. This week, Nvidia has gained \$348bn in value, the combined value of traditional comps Siemens, Deutsche Telekom, and Mercedes.




Source: HolgerZ, Bloomberg



#nvidia #energy #market-cap

Nvidia vs US energy sector... At \$2.6 trillion, Nvidia's market cap is now over \$900 billion higher than all of the companies in the S&P 500 Energy sector ... combined. The net income of the Energy sector is \$128 billion vs. \$43 billion for Nvidia. \$NVDA \$XLE

S&P 500 Energy Sector ETF (\$XLE) vs. NVIDIA (\$NVDA)			
Ticker	Name	Market Cap (\$Billions) As of 5/24/24	Net Income (TTM, \$Billions)
XOM	Exxon Mobil Corp	509	33
CVX	Chevron Corp	288	20
COP	ConocoPhillips	137	11
EOG	EOG Resources Inc	71	7
SLB	Schlumberger Ltd	66	4
MPC	Marathon Petroleum Corp	63	8
PSX	Phillips 66	60	6
OXY	Occidental Petroleum Corp	55	4
VLO	Valero Energy Corp	53	7
WMB	Williams Companies Inc	49	3
OKE	ONEOK Inc	47	2
HES	Hess Corp	47	2
KMI	Kinder Morgan Inc	42	2
FANG	Diamondback Energy Inc	35	3
HAL	Halliburton Co	32	3
BKR	Baker Hughes Co	32	2
DVN	Devon Energy Corp	30	3
TRGP	Targa Resources Corp	25	1
CTRA	Coterra Energy Inc	20	1
EQT	EQT Corp	18	1
MRO	Marathon Oil Corp	14	1
APA	APA Corp	11	3
Energy Sector Totals (\$XLE)		1705	128
Nvidia (\$NVDA)		2619	43
Difference		-914	86


@CharlieBilello

Source: Charlie Bilello





#nvidia #sp500

If you exclude \$NVDA from the Mag 7, it would be trailing the S&P 500 YTD.



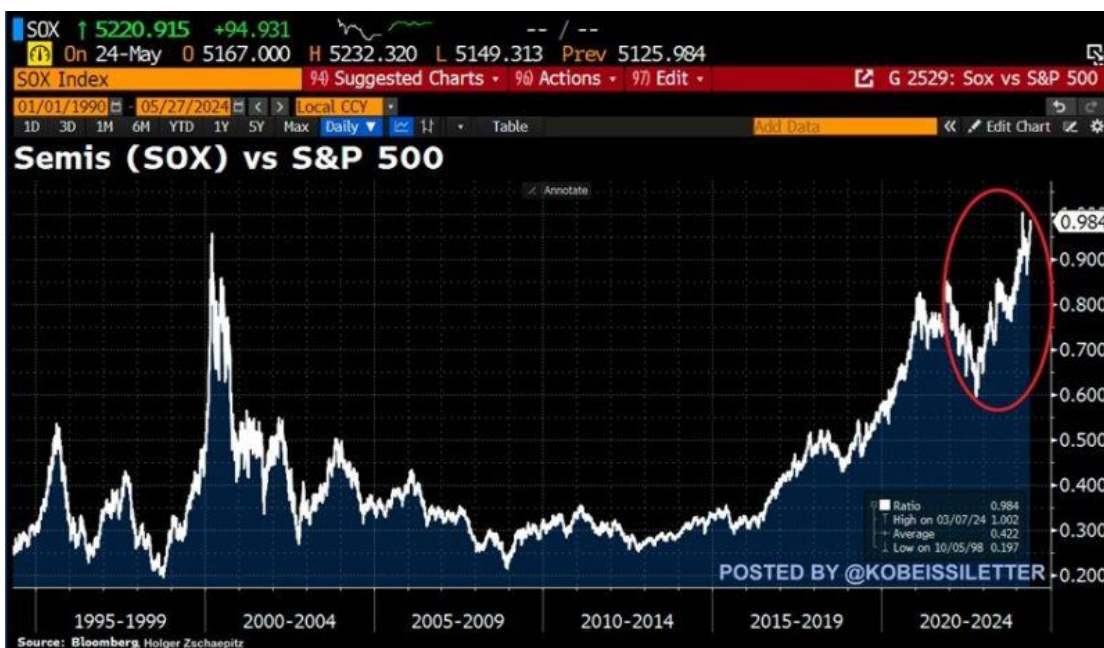
Source: Koyfin





#semiconductor #sox

The Semiconductor Index, \$SOX, relative to the S&P 500 has once again exceeded Dot-com bubble levels. The Semis vs S&P 500 ratio has roughly doubled in just 2 years. This comes after a massive semiconductor sector rally of 85% compared to a 35% gain in the S&P 500. The rally has been led by NVIDIA, \$NVDA, which has seen a 560% surge during this time. Meanwhile, the top 10% of stocks in the US now reflect ~75% of the entire market, the most since The Great Depression of 1929-1939.



Source: The Kobeissi Letter, Bloomberg





#semiconductors #sp500

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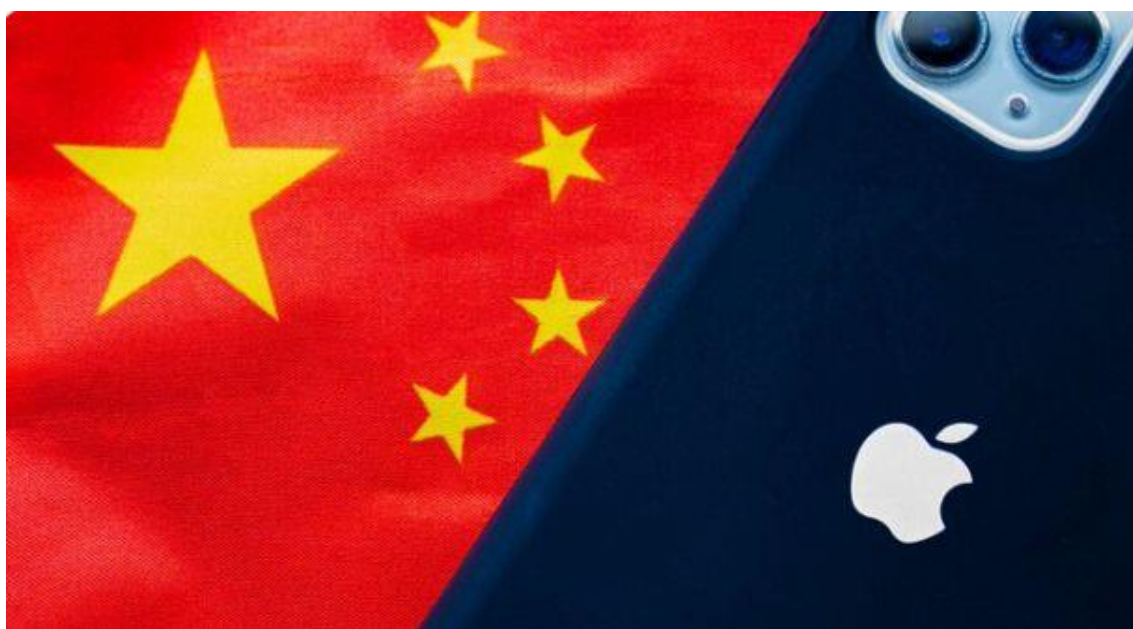
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#apple #china #iphones

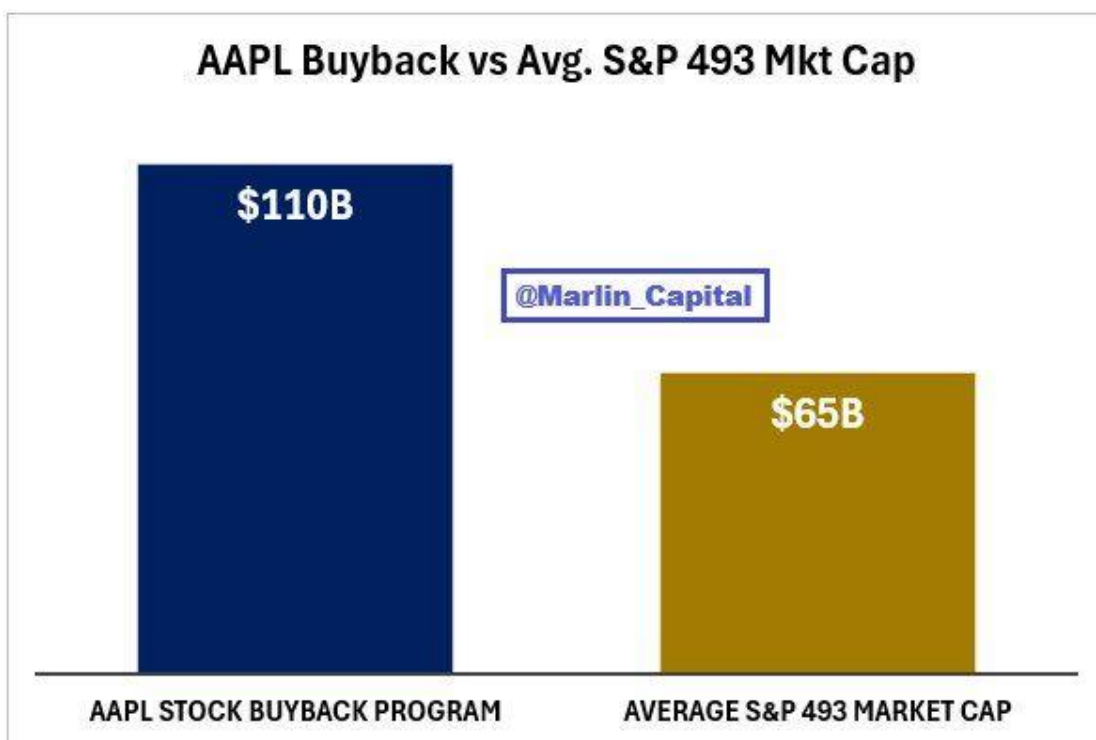
Apple Iphone Shipments in China jumped 52% in April after Price Cuts. Apple opens new tab smartphone shipments in China rose 52% in April from a year ago, extending a rebound seen in March, according to data from a research firm affiliated the Chinese government



Source: investing

#apple #sp500

1 of the craziest stats in the market right now 📌 \$AAPL announced a \$110B stock buyback program in Q1. If you strip out the Mag 7 from the index, the average market cap for the S&P 493 is just \$65B. \$AAPL buyback program is 169% larger than the average S&P 493 company.



Source: David Marlin



#abercrombie #nvidia

Abercrombie & Fitch \$ANF making Nvidia \$NVDA shareholders look poor... Abercrombie & Fitch reported its financial results for the first quarter today. Here's what its CEO Fran Horowitz said in a press release on Wednesday. Abercrombie & Fitch stock is now up close to 70% versus the start of 2024.



Source: Conor Mac, InvestmentTalkk





#us #banks #unrealized-losses

BREAKING 🚨 : U.S. Banks. Unrealized losses in the U.S. Banking System increased to \$517 billion in Q1



Source: Barchart, BofA





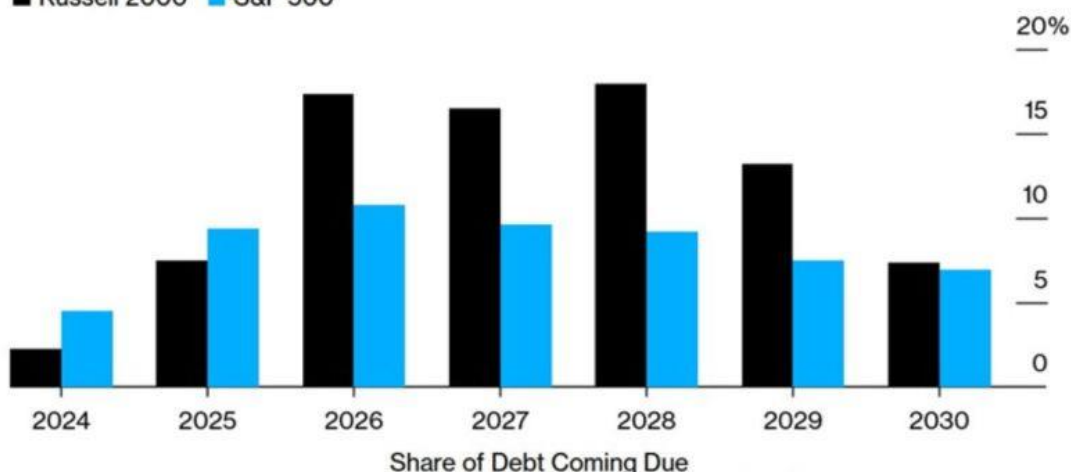
#refinancing #debt #smallcaps

Refinancing Risk. A massive \$620 billion debt in small-cap stocks will need to be refinanced over the next 5 years. Russell 2000 index companies have \$832 billion of debt on their balance sheets, according to Bloomberg. 75% of this debt requires refinancing through 2029, with the most in 2026, 2027, and 2028.

Refinancing Risk

Small caps have a relatively bigger share of debt coming due in next five years

■ Russell 2000 ■ S&P 500



Source: Bloomberg

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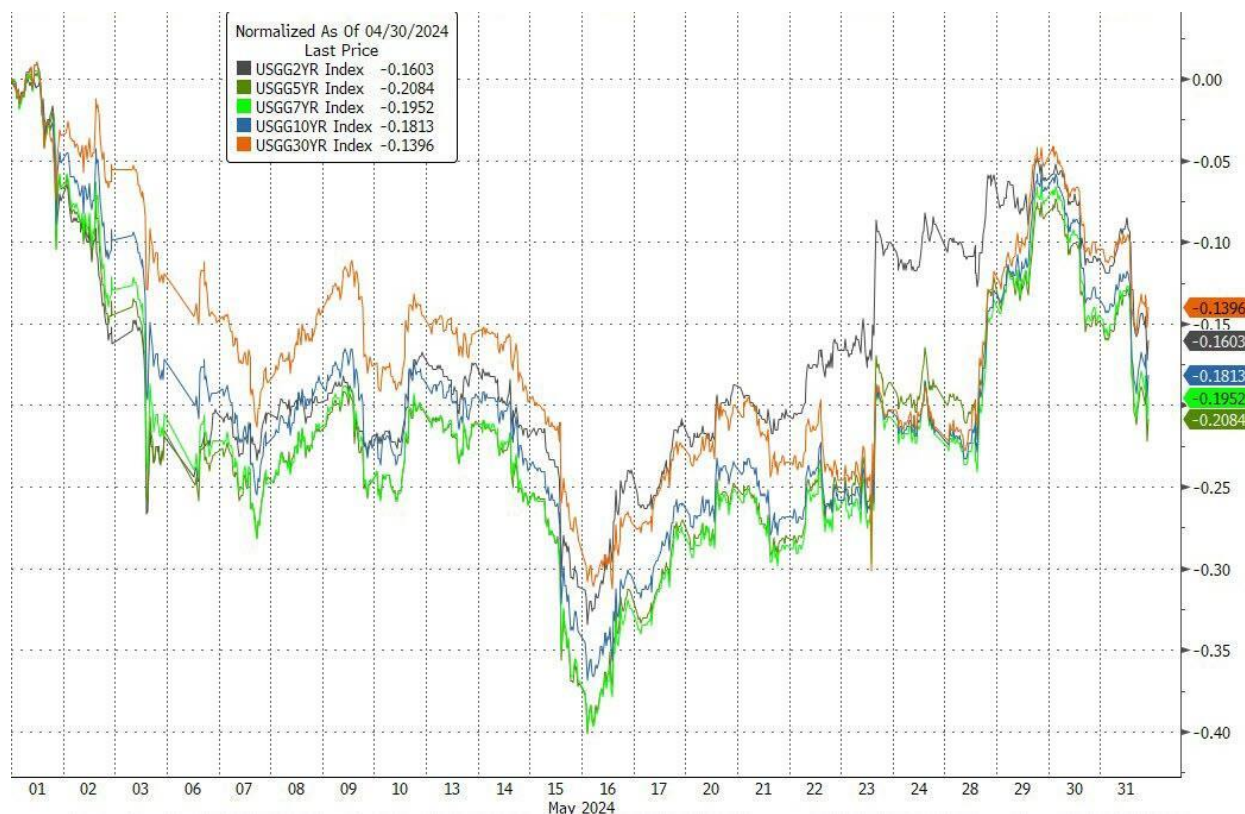
Source: bloomberg, kobeissiletter





#us #treasuries #monthly

Treasury yields were lower across the whole curve for the month with the belly outperforming...



Source www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg





#us #treasuries #weekly

US Treasury yields were mixed on the week with 2Y and 5Y ending lower and the longer-end lagging...



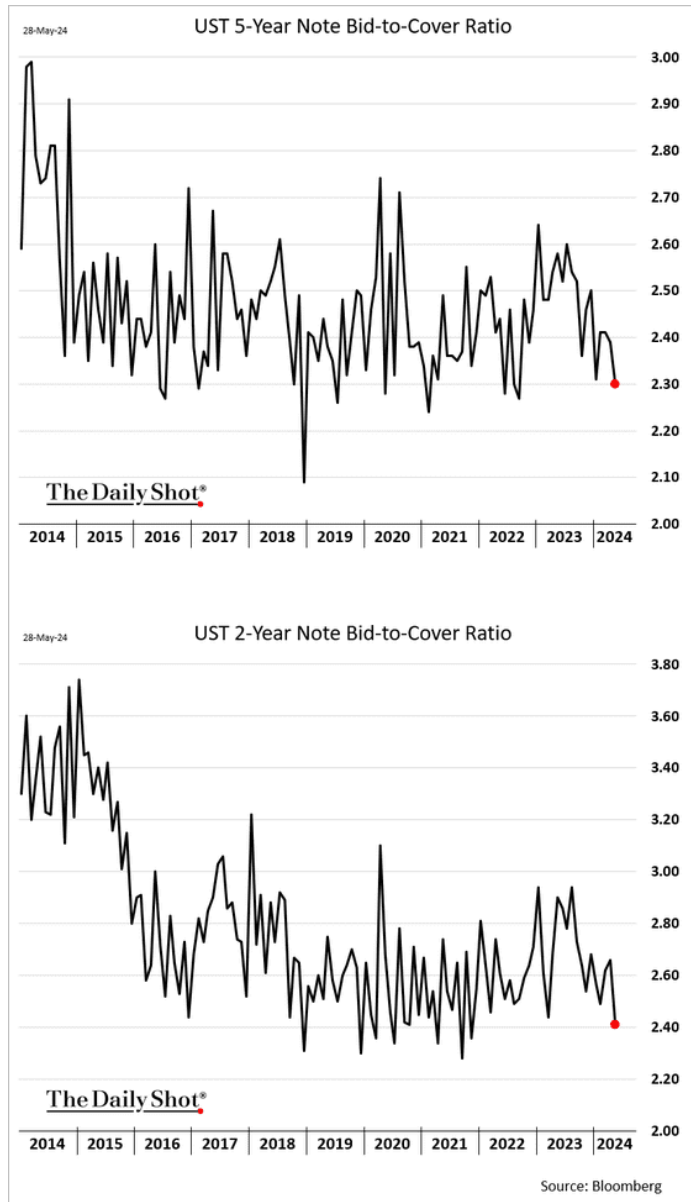
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#us #treasuries #auctions

Recent auctions for US Treasury notes signal softer demand.



Source chart: The Daily Shot

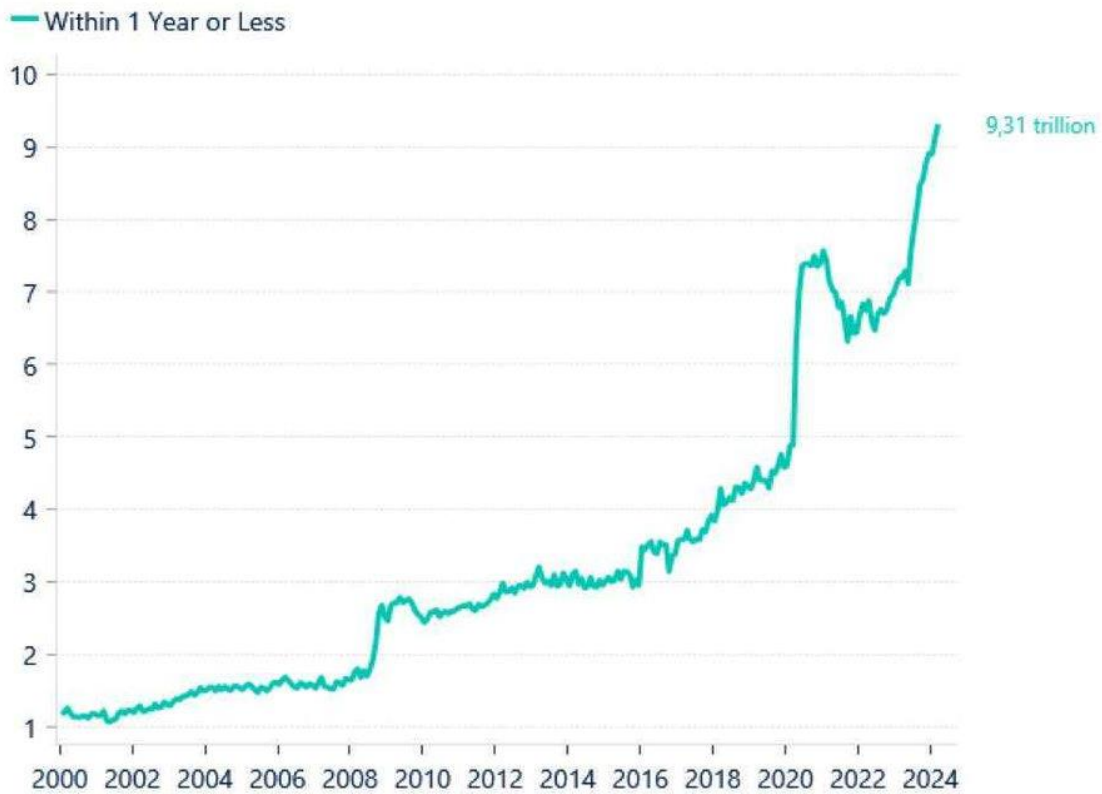


#us #treasuries #supply

\$9.3 trillion in government bonds need refinancing within the next 12 months. 🙄.

A record \$9.3 trillion of US debt will mature within a year

Distribution of Interest-Bearing US Debt, Amount Maturing:



Source: Convera, Macrobond

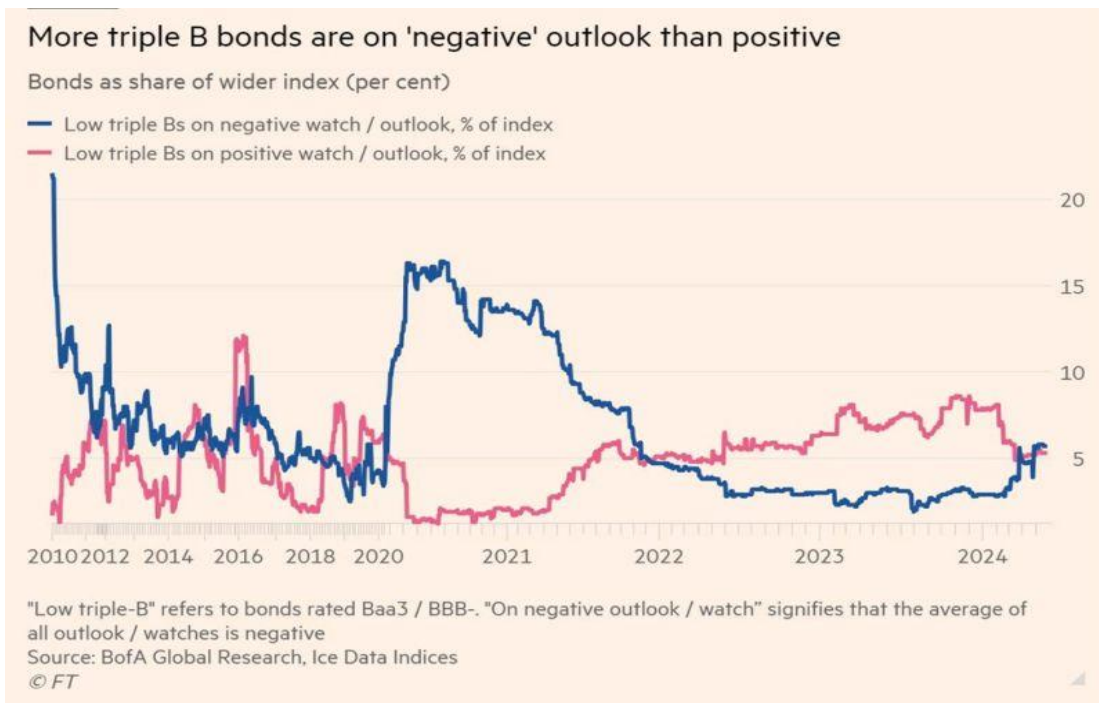


Source chart: The Daily Shot



#us #high-grade #bonds

A rising share of the \$8.9tn high-grade US corporate bond market is at risk of being slashed to junk status, with rating agencies' expectations of downgrades exceeding upgrades for the first time since the end of 2021. The proportion of the lowest-quality investment-grade bonds that rating agencies have on so-called "negative watch" or "negative outlook" — meaning their ratings are more likely to be downgraded — stood at 5.7 per cent this week, according to analysis by BofA Securities. That is almost double the level of 2.9 per cent at the start of this year.



Source: FT, C.Barraud





#germany #10y #yields

German 10y yields jump to 2.64%, highest since Nov, following a somewhat hotter inflation report. German Harmonized CPI rose to 2.8% in May YoY from 2.4% in Apr, above the 2.7% median estimate in a BBG poll of economists. German national CPI rose to 2.4% from 2.2% as expected.



Source: Bloomberg, HolgerZ



#us #10y #dollar-index

The 10-year yield and US Dollar index have basically had the same exact pattern since last summer

10-Year Treasury Yield: Last 12 Months



US Dollar Index: Last 12 Months



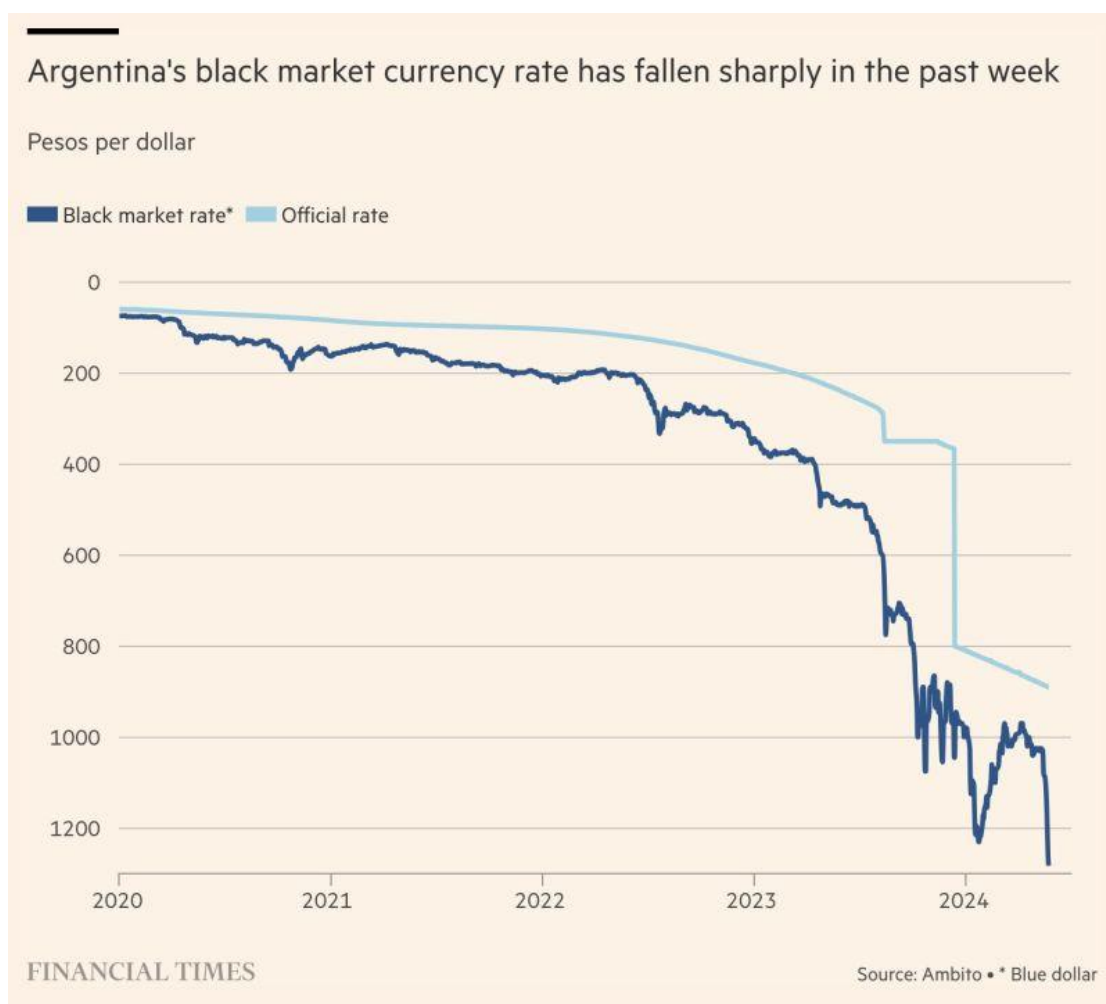
Source: Bespoke





#argentina #peso #usd

BREAKING 🚨 : Argentina. Argentina's Peso has plummeted to an all-time low against the U.S. Dollar on the Black Market (which is where Argentinians go to convert to USD)



Source: FT, Barchart





#commodities #rally

Commodities, the silent bull market that almost nobody cares about...



Source: Ronnie Stoeflerle, MUFG

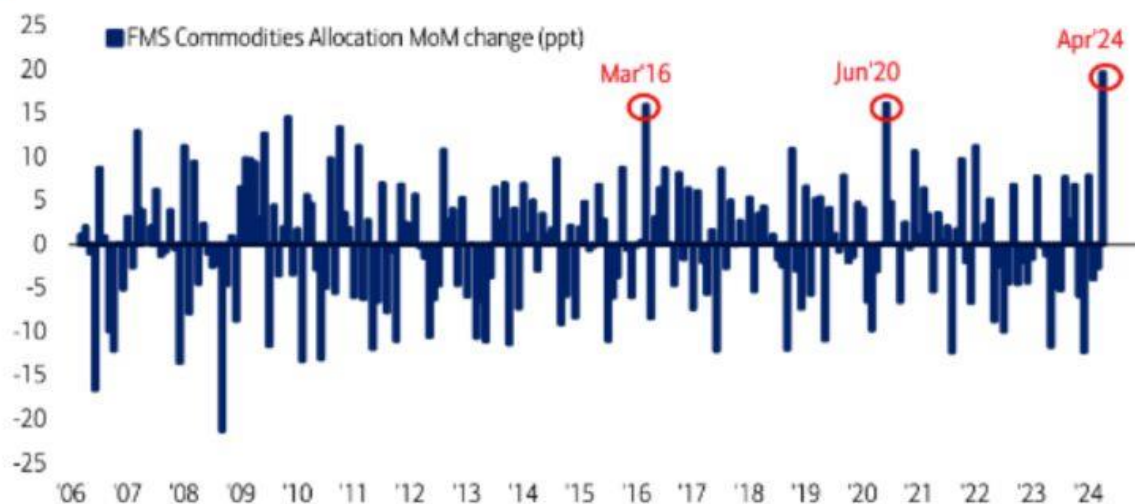


#commodities #allocation

Commodities saw their largest monthly allocation increase in history last April.

Chart 16: Record monthly increase in FMS commodities allocation

MoM change in FMS net % overweight in commodities (ppt)



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

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Source: BofA

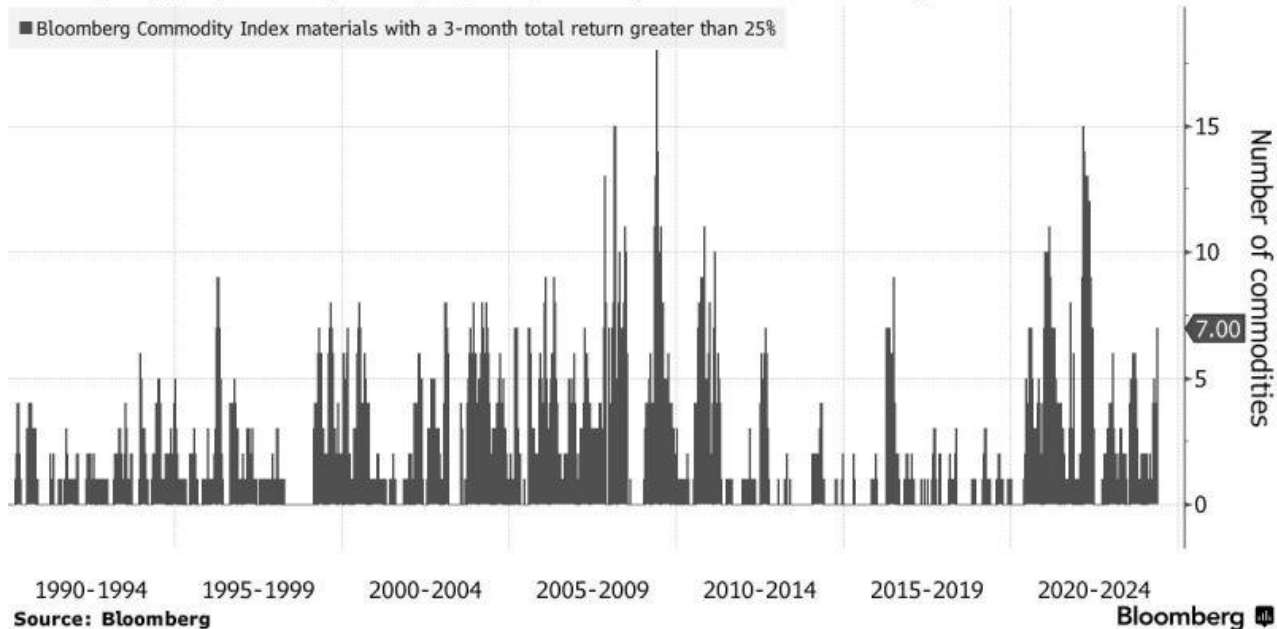




#commodity-prices #breadth

The breadth in commodity price spikes is the highest in two years, per Bloomberg.

Breadth of Commodity Price Spikes Is Highest in Two Years Cocoa, copper, nickel, orange juice, silver, tin and zinc are up over three months

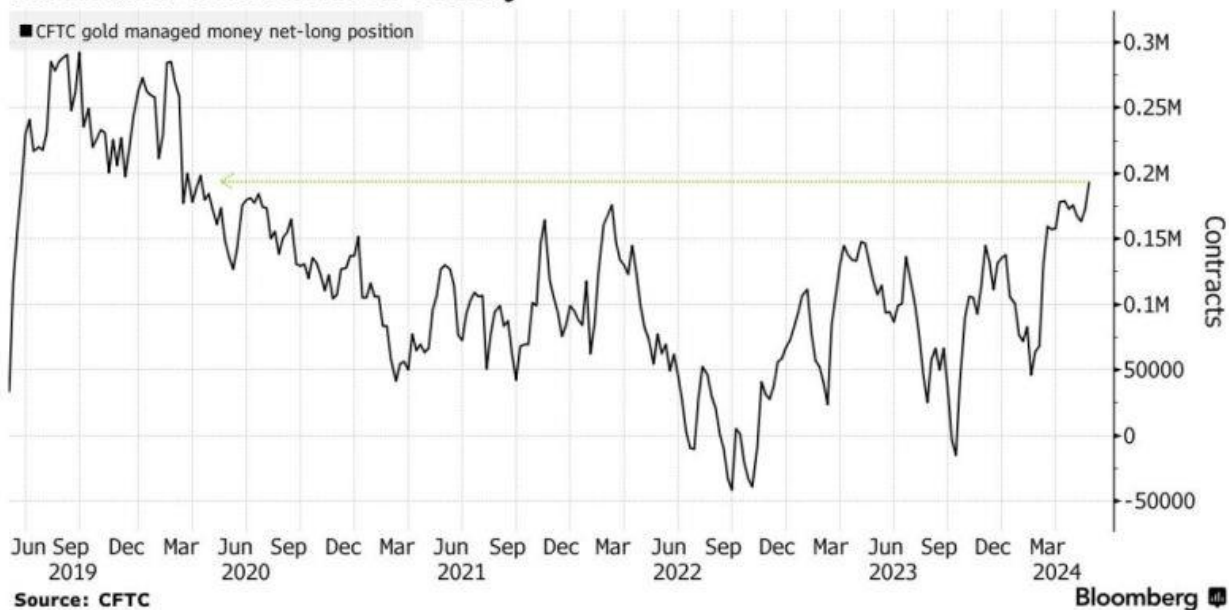




#hedge-fund #gold #positioning

Hedge Funds build largest long Gold position in more than 4 years

Hedge Funds Boost Bullish Wagers in Gold to Four-Year High Prices hit a fresh record on Monday



Source: Barchart

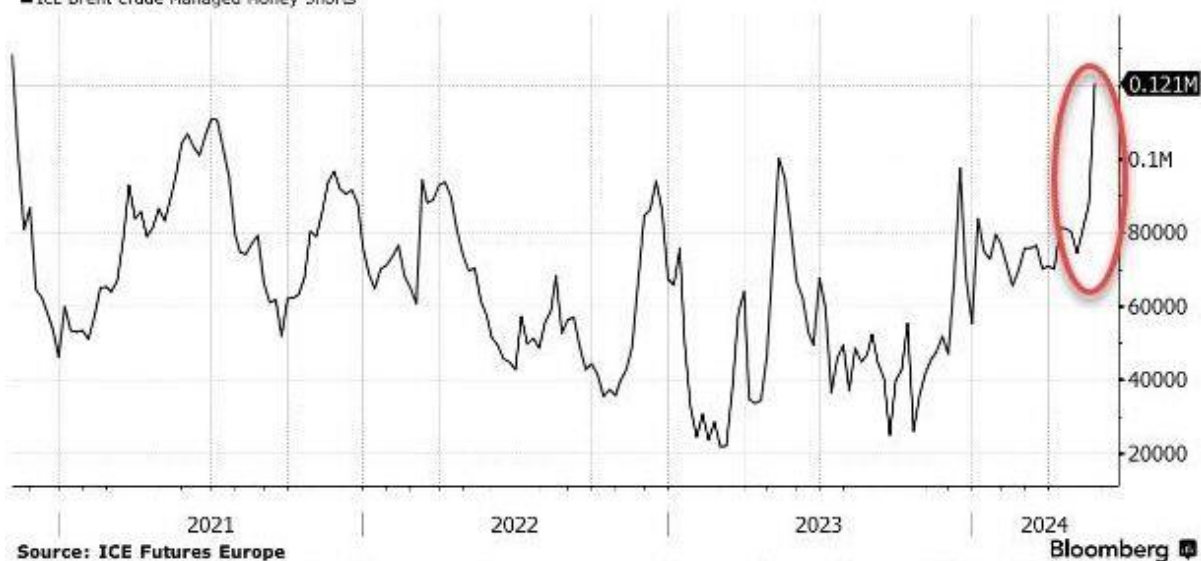


#oil #positioning

Speculators have built the largest Brent Oil short position since 2020.

Oil Shorts Are Taking a Risk OPEC+ weekend news could boost prices

■ ICE Brent Crude Managed Money Shorts

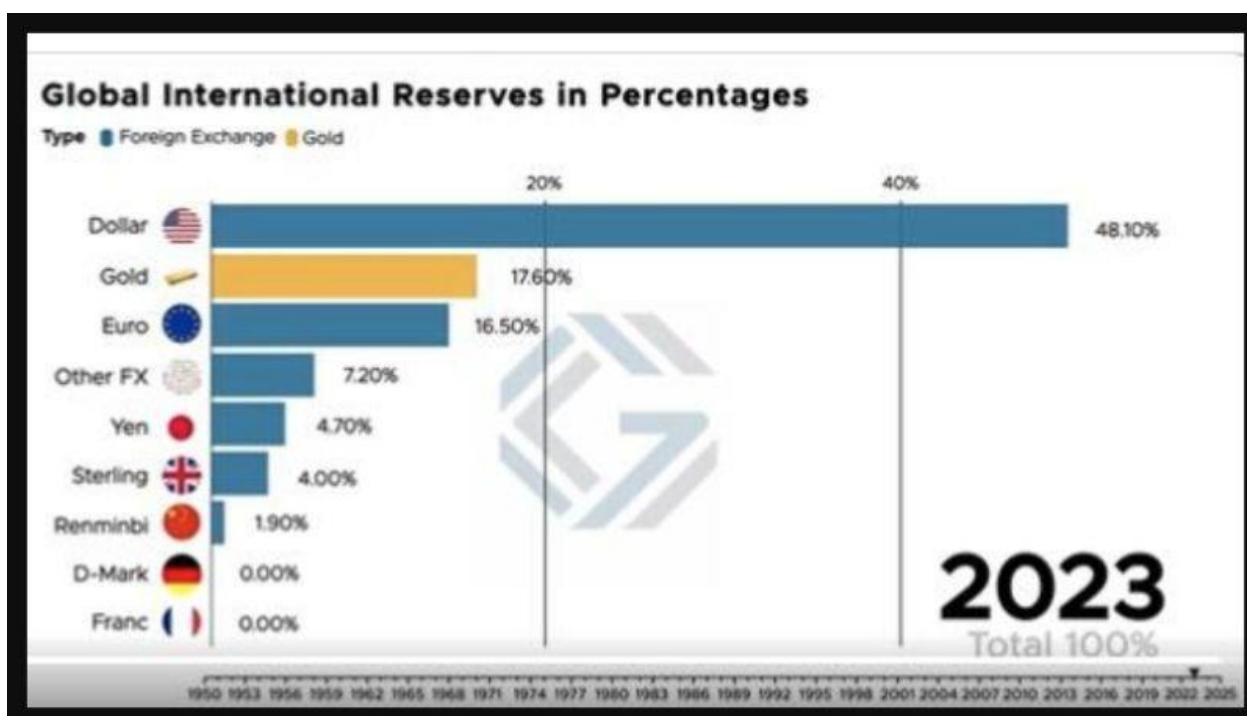


Source: Barchart, Bloomberg



#gold #reserves

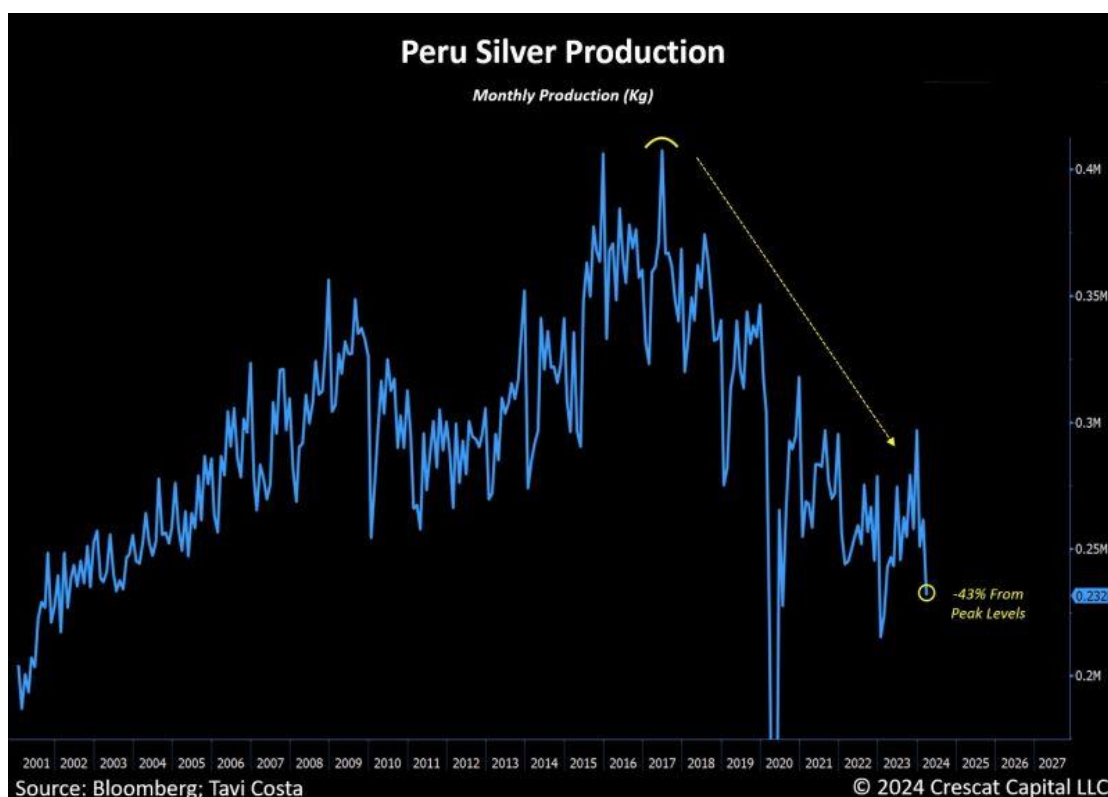
Gold reserves are now larger than the reserves of the second-largest reserve currency, the euro.





#peru #silver

As highlighted by Tavi Costa -> silver production in Peru continues to fall severely, now down 43% from peak levels. Together with China, Peru is projected to be the second-largest producer of silver globally. Limited new supply paired with structurally higher demand is the perfect recipe for major price surges in any commodity.



Source: Tavi Costa, Crescat Capital, Bloomberg





#orange-juice #commodities

The Orange Juice crisis is upon us 🚨 What will be the next fruit to get sent? Mango, Pineapple, Kiwi?

Orange juice crisis prompts search for alternative fruits

Bad weather and disease in Brazil have pushed futures prices to a record high



Orange shortages have increased concerns of a price rise that will hit consumers and reshape the global orange juice industry © Osvaldo Hernandez/Alamy

Susannah Savage in London YESTERDAY

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Source: Barchart, FT

#macro

#us #hard #soft #data

A weird week of weak 'hard data, strong 'soft' data (macro), weak micro (ugly hints for software and consumer from earnings), and dovish-and-hawkish Fed Speak...



#macro

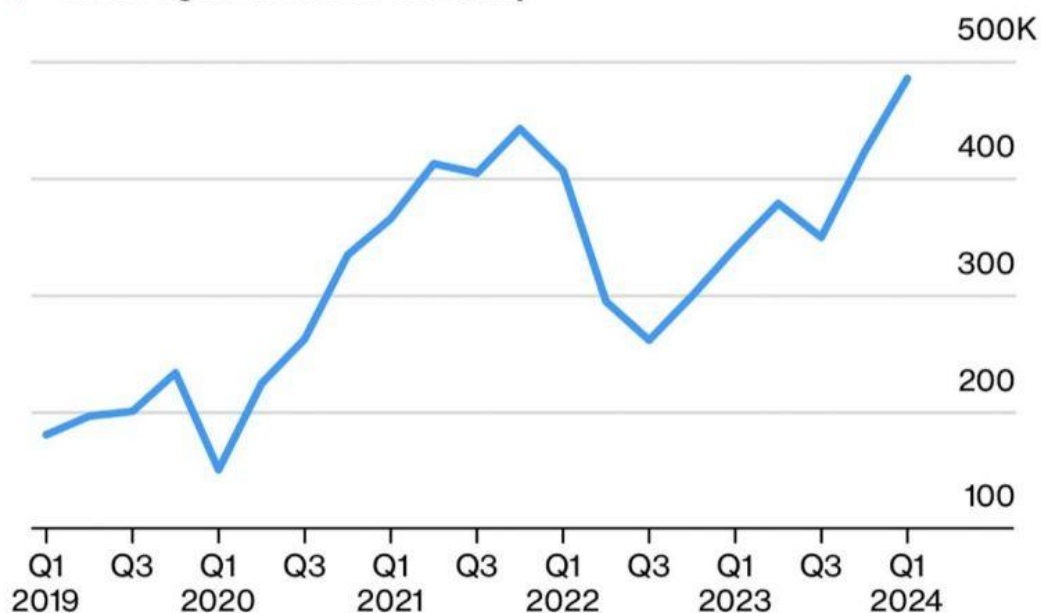
#us #401k #retirement accounts

The wealth effect in the US -> The number of retirement accounts at Fidelity with at least \$1 million hits all-time high



Number of 401(k) account holders hitting the threshold reaches record

Seven-figure accounts at Fidelity



Source: Fidelity Investments

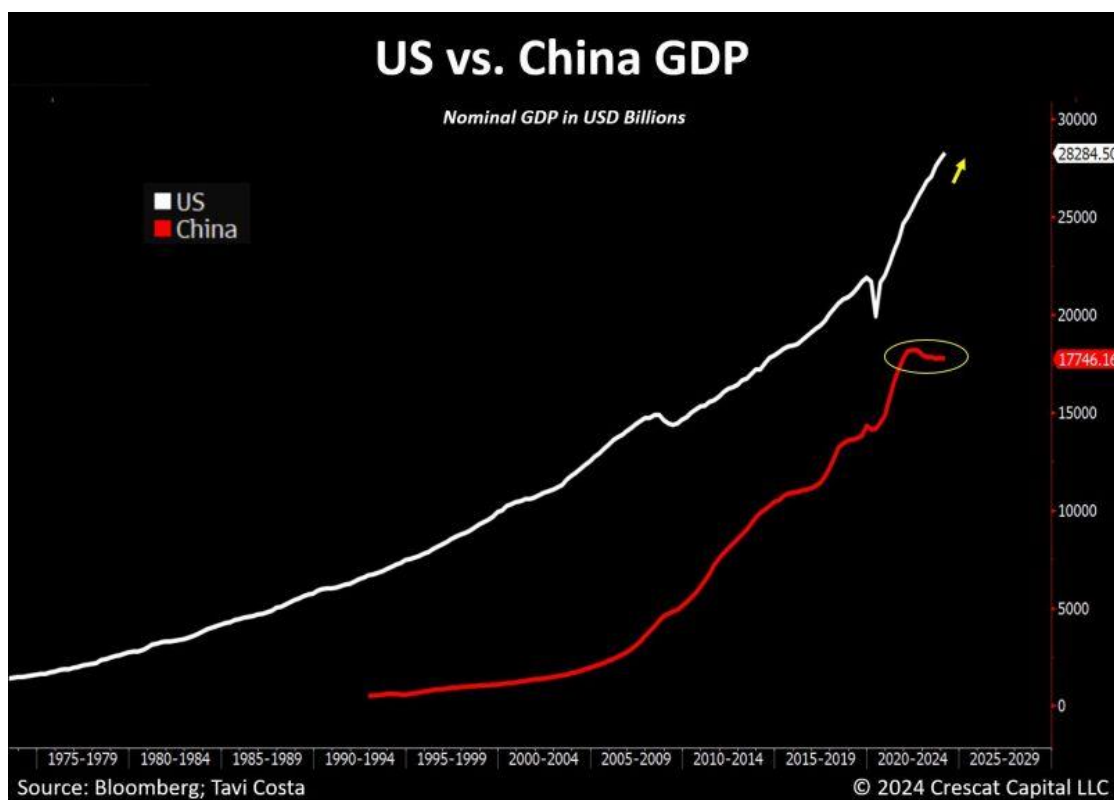


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#us #china #gdp #growth

As highlighted by Tavi Costa, this is one of the reasons China is enhancing the quality of its international reserves and accumulating gold: China’s macro imbalances are increasing pressure on its monetary system to devalue.



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#us #gdp #growth

US Q1 GDP growth was slower on soft consumer spending. The US economy expanded at 1.3% pace versus initial estimate of 1.6%. Consumer spending was lower on outlays for goods like autos.

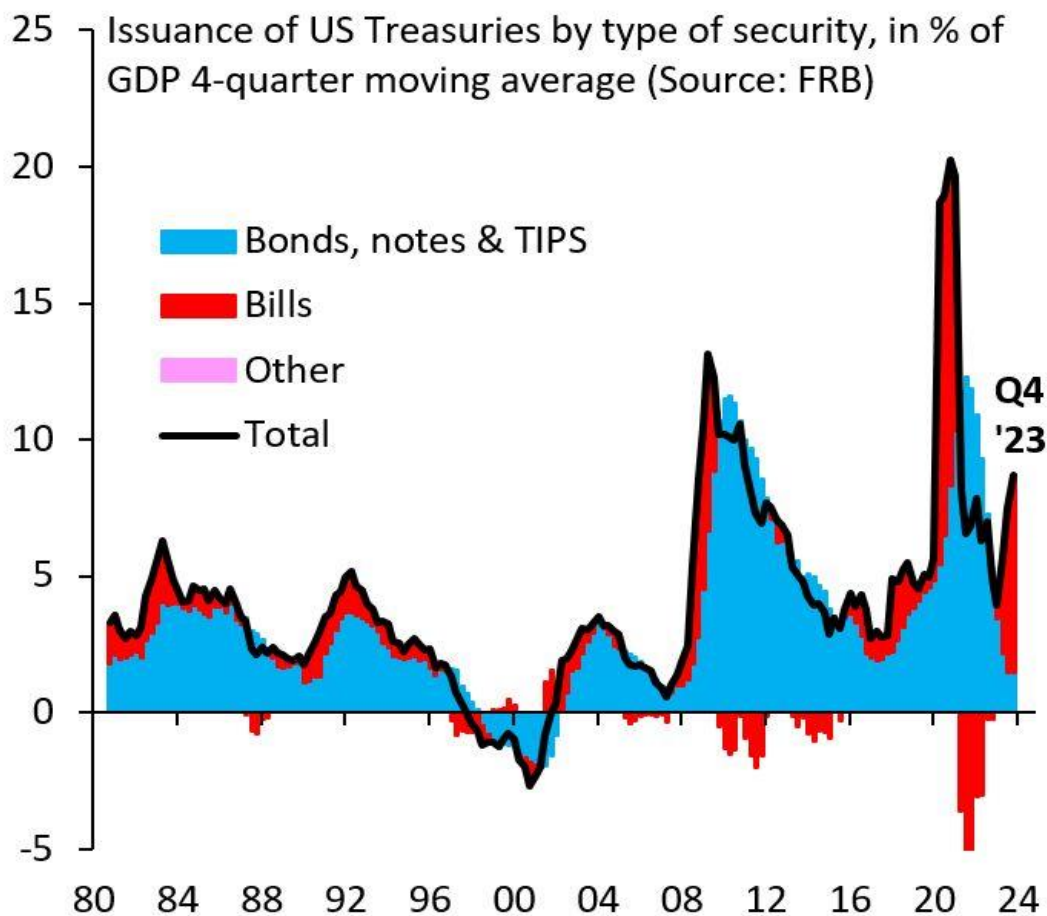


Source: Bloomberg, HolgerZ

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#us #stimulus

It's hard to understate just how unprecedented the scale of US fiscal stimulus is at the moment. Not only is the deficit massive for a non-crisis period, but its financing is almost entirely via very short-term issuance, which has never been the case before in a non-crisis time.

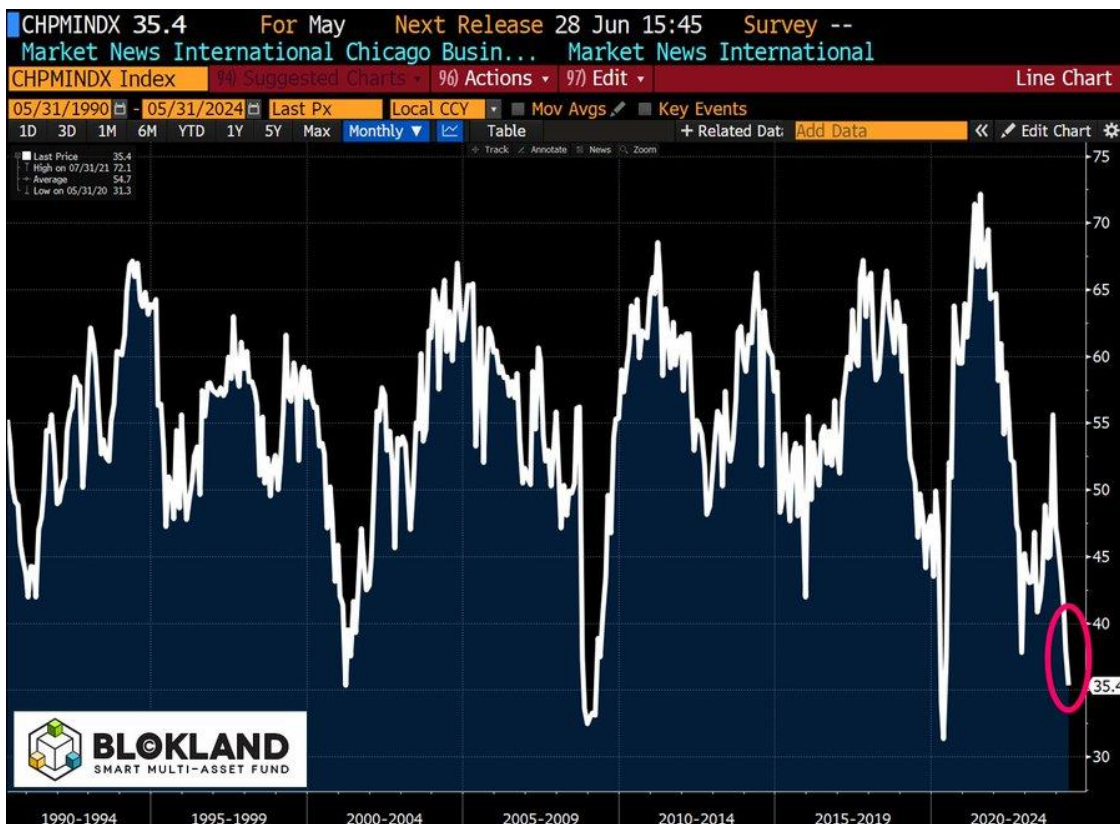


Source: Robin Brooks



#us #manufacturing

The Chicago PMI just dropped to outright recession levels! 🚨
After spending also disappointed and core inflation cooled, all the Federal Reserve now needs is a weakish payrolls number, and the door to rate cuts will be re-opened on June 12.



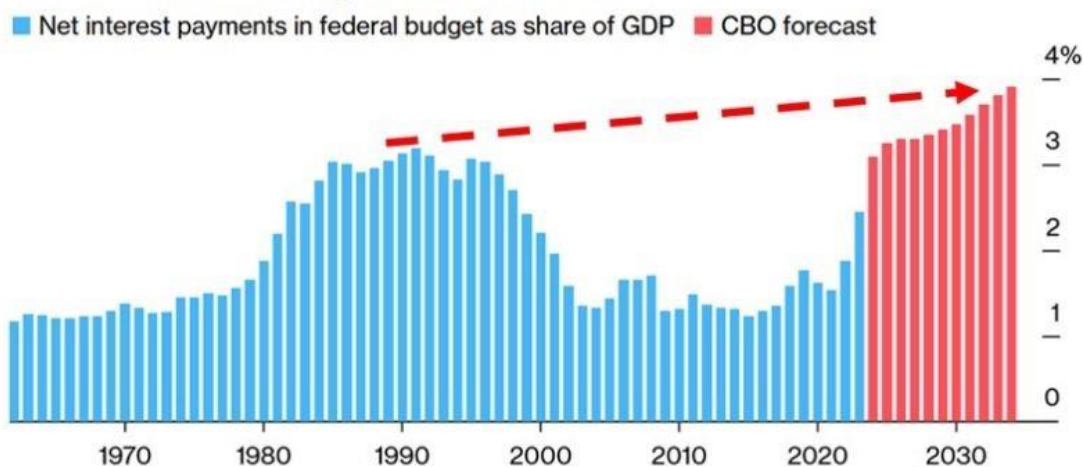
Source: Bloomberg, Jeroen Blokland



#us #debt #interest

Shocking stat of the day: US net interest payments as a share of GDP are set to reach 3.9% by 2034, the highest in history. This exceeds the all-time record percentage seen in the 1990s as well as World War II levels. Net interest is expected to account for 75% of the budget deficit increase over the next decade, according to the CBO. All as interest expense has already DOUBLED in just 3 years and now costs the US ~\$2 billion per day. The worst part? This project assumes no recession hits within the next 10 years. What happens if we enter a recession?

CBO Predicts a Surge in US Debt Costs



Source: Congressional Budget Office

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Source: The Kobeissi Letter



#us #homebuyer-conditions

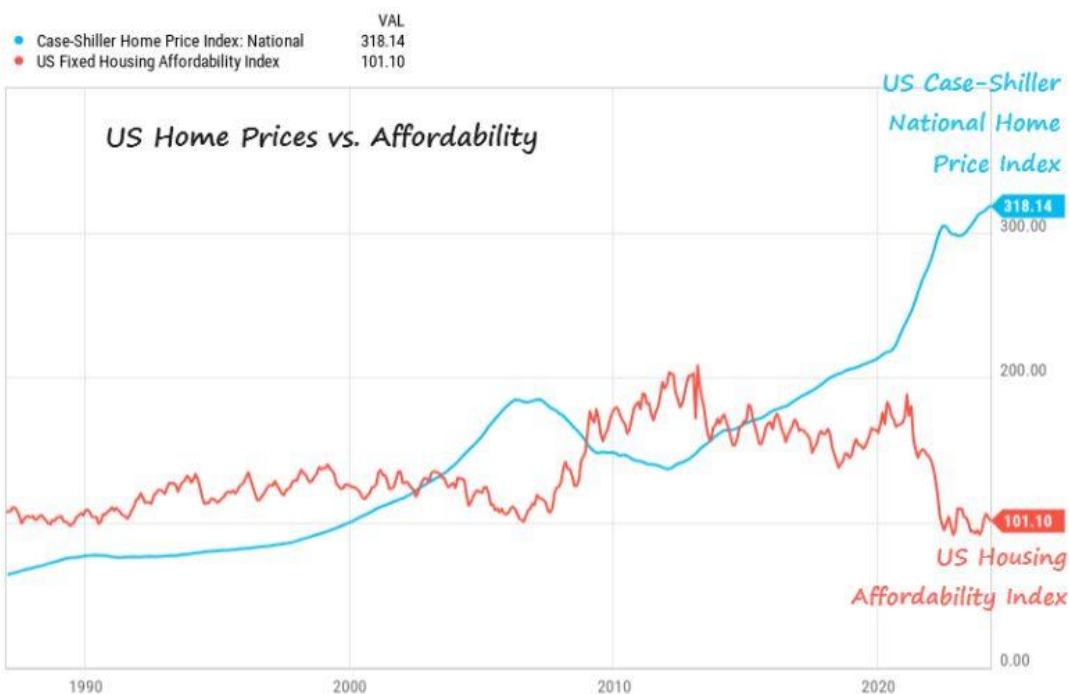
Homebuyer conditions for US consumers plummeted to their lowest level in history this month. The index of buying conditions for houses fell to ~30 points which is below the previous low of ~40 points in the early 1980s. In just 4 years, conditions for buying a house have dropped by 110 points, a massive 73% decline. Meanwhile, buying conditions for vehicles and large household durables are down for 3 straight months.





#us #housing-affordability

US Home Prices hit another all-time high in March, rising 6% over the last year. Affordability remains near record lows.



Source: Charlie Bilello

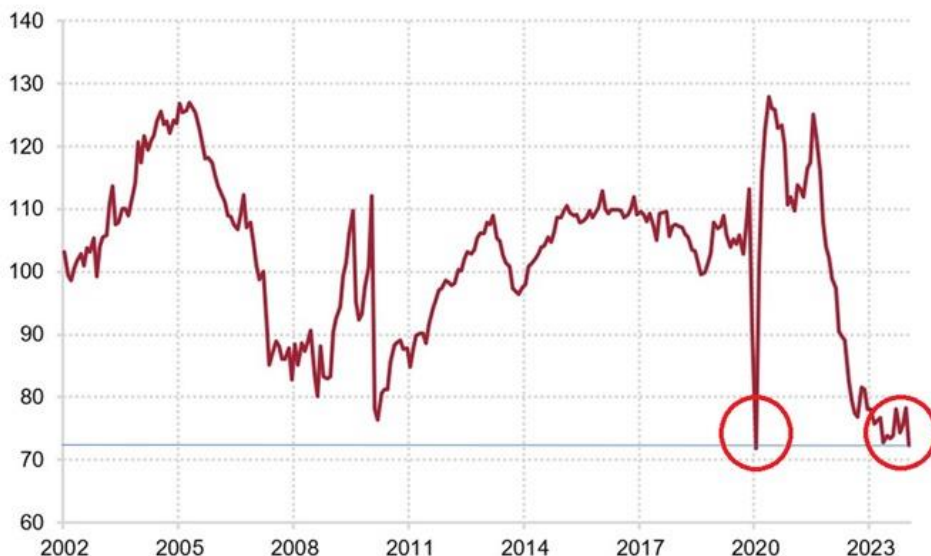


#us #home-sales

Pending US Home Sales dropped to 72.3 in April, lowest reading since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. The index of contract signings, a leading indicator for US housing, fell by 7.7% last month which is the largest decline since February 2021. Pending home sales contraction was recorded in ALL US regions. Aside from 2020, this was the largest drop in the indicator in 22 years. Higher interest rates are being blamed for the continued drop in inventory, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Pending Home Sales

United States
(index)



Source: Bloomberg, NAR, Rosenberg Research

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Source: The Kobeissi Letter, Bloomberg

#macro

#jamie-dimon #private-credit

Credit concern. Jamie Dimon warned that problems may emerge in private credit, saying that “there could be hell to pay,” particularly as retail clients gain access to the booming asset class. JPMorgan and other lenders have been competing with the \$1.7 trillion private-credit industry. The longtime CEO wrote in his annual letter to shareholders that the private-credit industry has not yet been tested by bad markets, which tend to expose the “weaknesses of new products.” “I’ve seen a couple of these deals that were rated by a ratings agency, and I have to confess it shocked me what they got rated,” Dimon said on Wednesday. “It reminds me a little bit of mortgages.”

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Dimon Says ‘Could Be Hell to Pay’ If Private Credit Sours



#germany #cpi #inflation

Germany's inflation rose to 2.4% in May from 2.2% in April while Core CPI remains unchanged at 3%. Uptick was driven by base effects related to the introduction of a cheap public-transportation ticket (so-called 49€ ticket), which pushed prices down 12 months ago. But also food price inflation quickened (for a 2nd month).



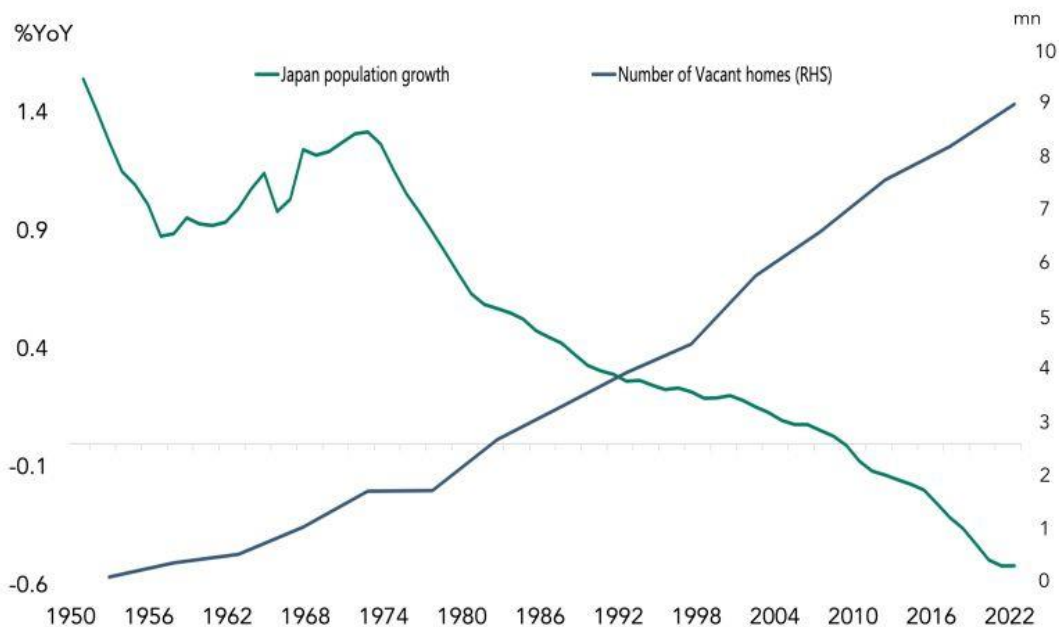
Source: HolgerZ, Bloomberg



#japan #demographics #housing

Japan's population has now been contracting for almost 15 years. At the same time, number of vacant homes there has risen significantly. Now reaching the 9 million mark. At this rate, Japan's demography poses long-term sustainability risks for their economy.

Japan: Negative population growth resulting in more vacant homes



Dates: 1950 Through 2022.
Source: UN Population Statistics, Housing and Land Survey Japan, Apollo Chief Economist, Game of Trades.



Source: Game of Trades

#geopolitics

#us #trump #conviction

Trump found guilty of 34 counts of falsifying business records, becoming the first U.S. president to be convicted of criminal charges.



Source: yahoo finance, abc

#geopolitics

#us #elections #rfk-jr

BREAKING: RFK JR. SHAKES UP PRESIDENTIAL RACE Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has accepted the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination, introducing a dynamic twist to the upcoming election that could disrupt the prospects for both Trump and Biden. This move puts RFK on the ballot in enough states to theoretically secure the 270 Electoral College votes necessary for a presidential victory. Kennedy's decision was announced during a contentious moment at the Libertarian Party convention, where he was nominated unexpectedly. Trump and Biden's campaigns are reportedly uneasy about Kennedy's candidacy, fearing it could siphon crucial votes in a tight race. Kennedy has positioned his campaign as a fusion of third-party and independent voters to challenge the traditional two-party system.



Source: Daily Mail thru Mario Nawfal

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#us #rate-cuts #expectations

Bad hard and micro data this week prompted a resurgence in rate-cut hopes in the US...



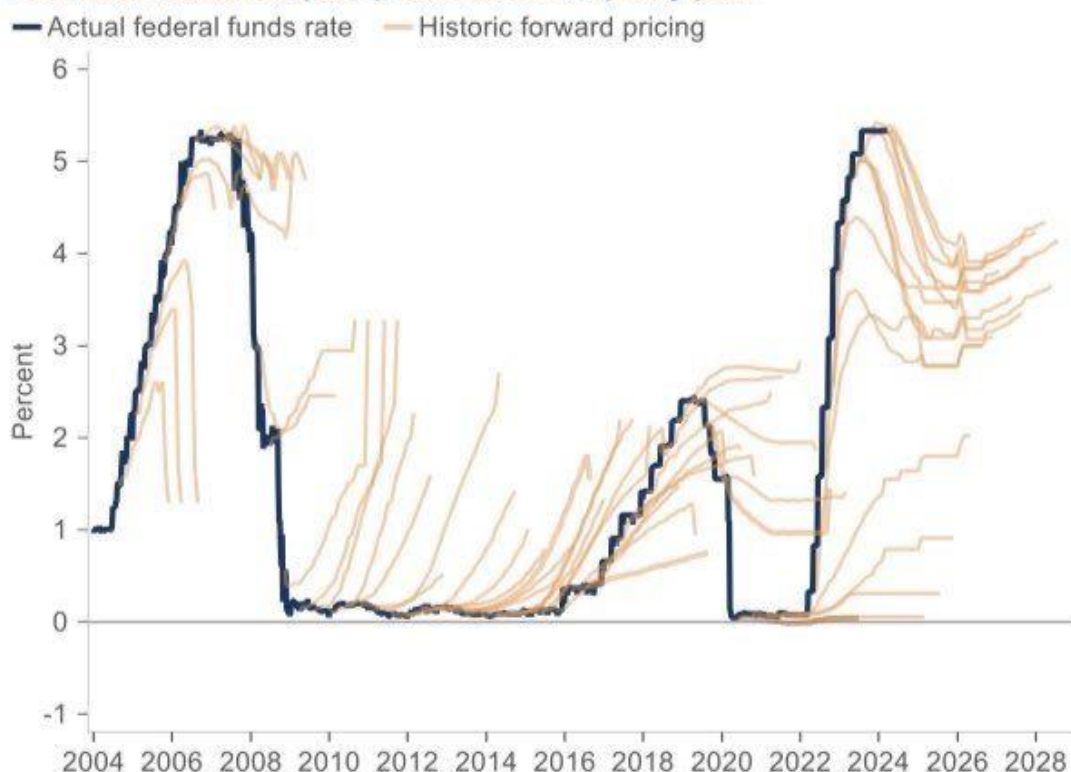
Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg

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#funds-rate #forecasts #history

Friendly reminder that markets are always wrong about future Fed funds rate.

Fed funds futures are poor predictors of the policy path



Source: Michel A.Arouet

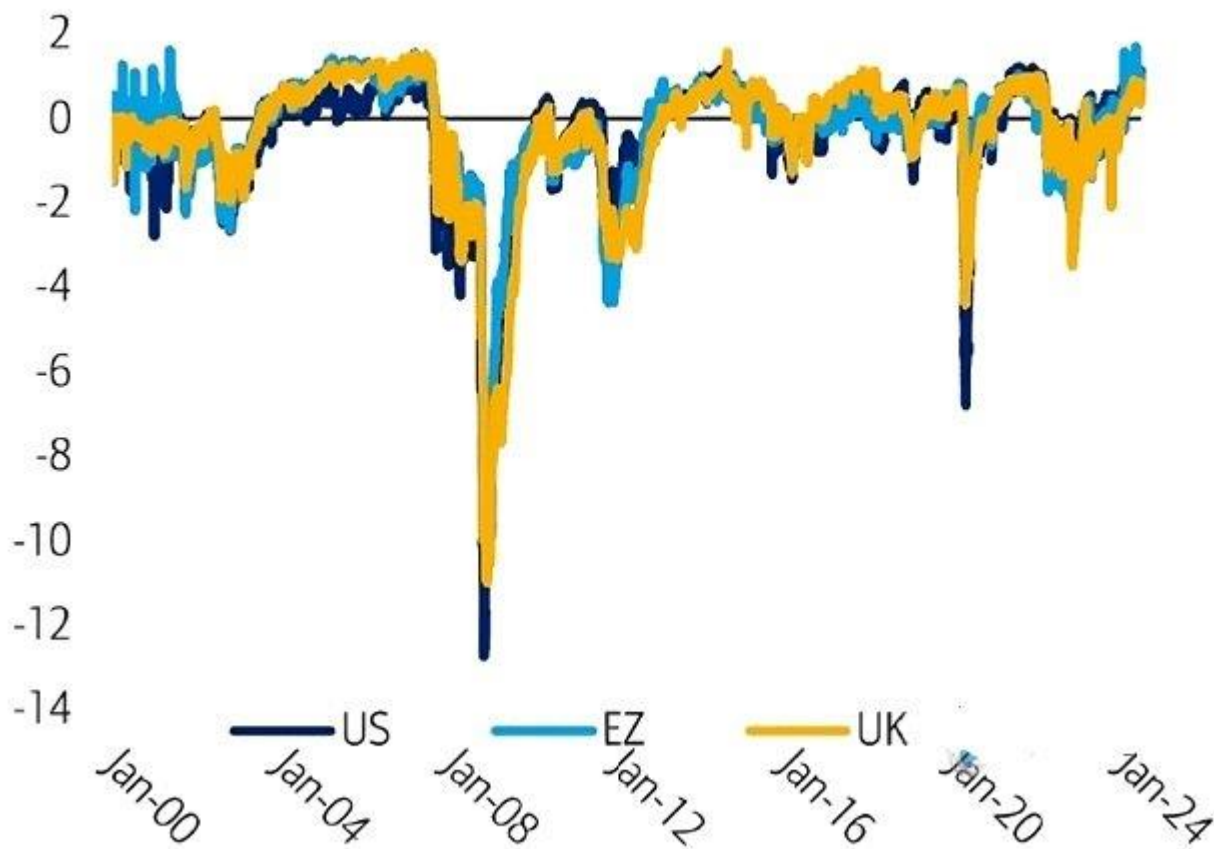
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#g3 #financial-conditions

Financial conditions in G3 economies have been loosening.

Exhibit 1: Bloomberg financial conditions

Financial conditions loose and loosening in G3



Source: Bloomberg

Source: www.zerohedge.com, BofA

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#switzerland #snb #virgin-galactic

Switzerland's Central Bank Sold Apple Stock, and More. It Bought Virgin Galactic. The central bank of Switzerland recently made some major adjustments in its portfolio of U.S.-listed equities. The bank disclosed the trades, among others, in a form it filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Swiss National Bank sold 4.9 million Apple shares in the first quarter to cut its investment to 44 million shares. The bank sold 1 million Lucid shares to end the first quarter with 1.8 million shares of the maker of electric vehicles. A disappointing first-quarter loss sent Lucid shares dropping earlier this month. Swiss National Bank sold .The bank bought 62,400 more shares of Virgin Galactic in the first quarter to lift its investment in the space-tourism firm to 749,800 shares. The bank declined to comment on its investment changes. Swiss National Bank's assets stood at \$869 billion at the end of 2023, down \$95 billion from a year earlier "mainly due to foreign currency sales," according to its latest annual report.

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Switzerland's Central Bank Sold Apple Stock, and More. It Bought Virgin Galactic.

By Ed Lin [Follow](#)

May 27, 2024, 3:00 am EDT

Source: barrons



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#ecb #climate #fines

ECB to impose first-ever fines on banks for climate failures. The European Central Bank is set to impose fines on multiple lenders for their failure to address the impact of climate change, but the amounts are not final yet and may be largely symbolic Bloomberg reported . According to sources, as many as four lenders face penalties after not meeting deadlines set by the bank for assessing their exposure to climate risks. The fines are imposed daily and can amount to as much as 5% of a lender's daily average revenue. A spokeswoman for the ECB, which directly oversees more than 100 banks, declined to comment.

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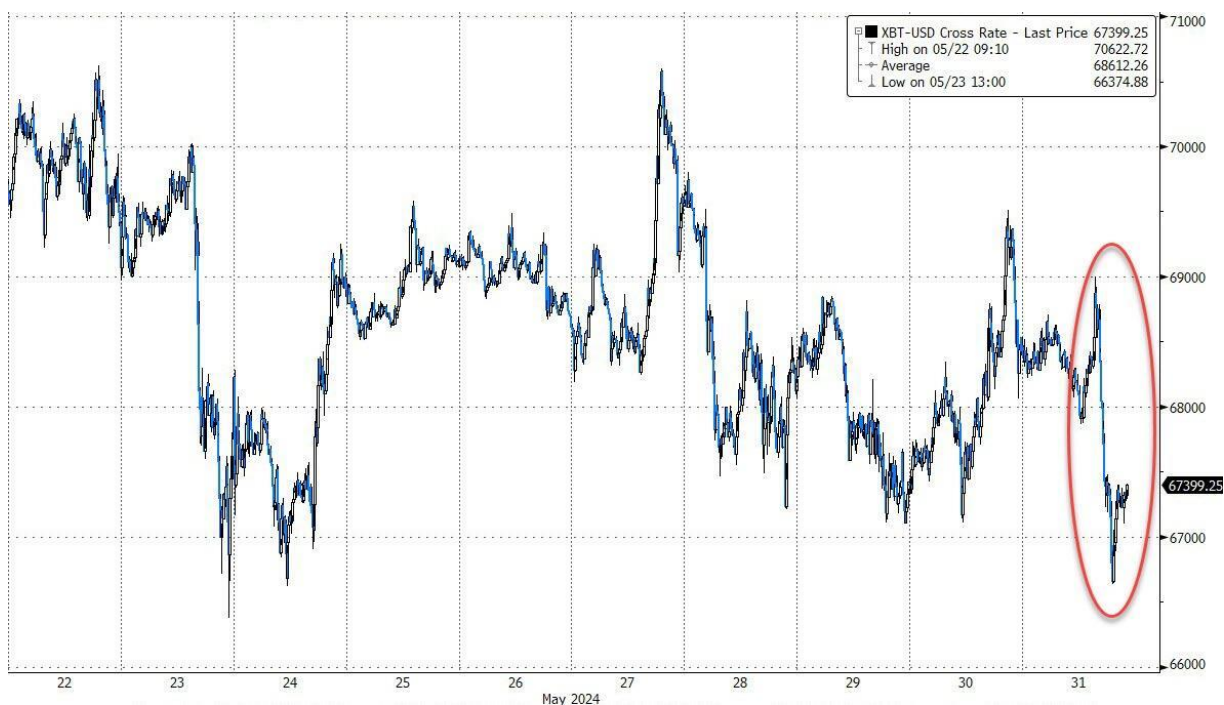
- Several lenders didn't progress enough on risk assessment
- Fines per day can technically be up to 5% of daily revenue

Source: bloomberg



#bitcoin

The bitcoin price fell on the week, thanks to a big puke today, finding some support at \$67,000.

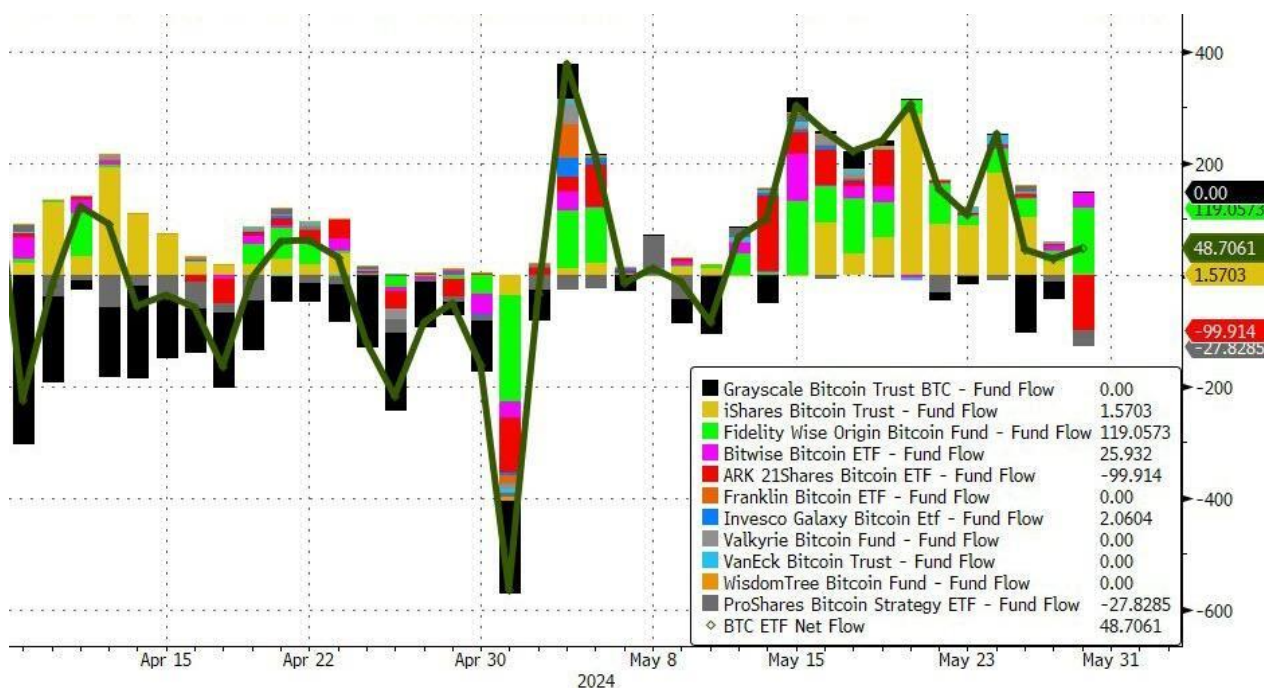


Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg



#bitcoin #etf #inflows

For the 13th straight day, Bitcoin ETFs saw net inflows...



Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg



#trump #cryptocurrencies #elections

BREAKING: Donald Trump says “I am very positive and open minded to cryptocurrency companies.”



Donald J. Trump

@realDonaldTrump

I AM VERY POSITIVE AND OPEN MINDED TO CRYPTOCURRENCY COMPANIES, AND ALL THINGS RELATED TO THIS NEW AND BURGEONING INDUSTRY. OUR COUNTRY MUST BE THE LEADER IN THE FIELD. THERE IS NO SECOND PLACE. CROOKED JOE BIDEN, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE WORST PRESIDENT IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY, WANTS IT TO DIE A SLOW AND PAINFUL DEATH. THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN WITH ME!

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#cryptos

#lost-bitcoin #satoshi

Satoshi Nakamoto on Lost Bitcoin



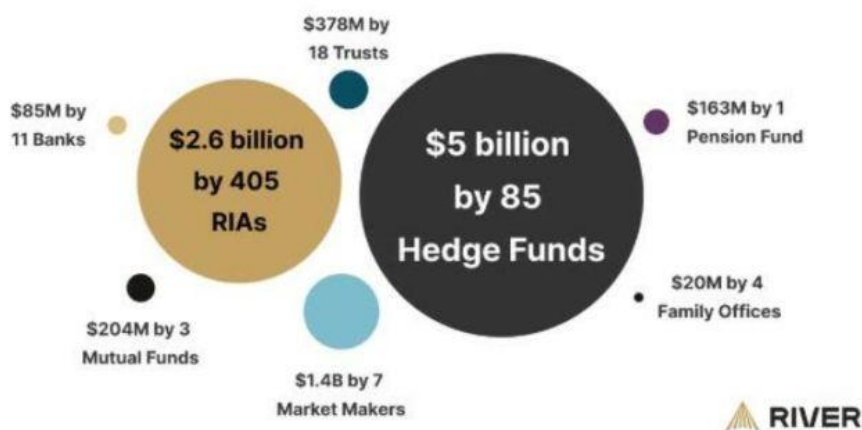
Source: Bitcoin Memes



#hedge-fund #bitcoin #etf

52% Of Top US Hedge Funds Own Bitcoin ETFs. 534 institutions with over \$1 billion in assets now hold Bitcoin ETFs, according to bitcoin app River. In a blog post published this week, River noted that over 534 entities, each managing assets exceeding \$1 billion, have now incorporated Bitcoin ETFs into their portfolios. The diverse group of owners includes hedge funds, pension funds, and insurance companies, underscoring the wide-ranging acceptance of Bitcoin, the blog wrote, adding that notably, more than half of the top 25 hedge funds in the United States are now exposed to Bitcoin.

Institutional Bitcoin ETF Holders (>\$1B AUM)

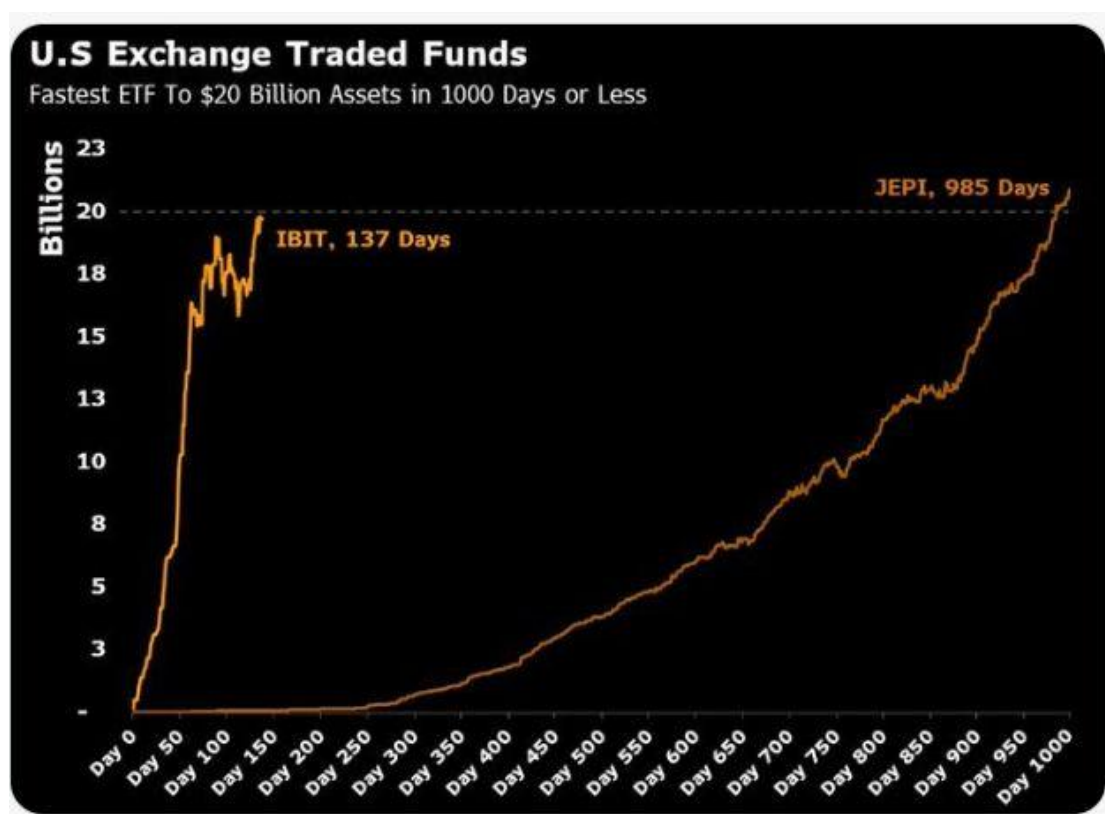


Source: zero hedge, river



#blackrock #bitcoin #etf

Blackrock's Bitcoin ETF has become the fastest ETF to reach \$20 billion.




Source: bitcoinmagazine

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#settlement #t+1

Reminder : Canada, Mexico and US Settlement Cycle moves to T+1. From Today, May 27, 2024, in Canada and Mexico, and from Tomorrow, May 28, 2024, in the US, all stock market transactions including Equities, ETFs, ETPs, and Bonds will be processed with a 1-day value date (T+1 settlement).

Transition to T+1 – Key Dates						
 Canada Settlement Cycle T+1 Transition Timeline						
Friday May 24, 2024	Saturday May 25, 2024	Sunday, May 26, 2024	Monday May 27, 2024	Tuesday May 28, 2024	Wednesday May 29, 2024	May 30 on, 2024
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#yields #dividends

Highest Yielders. The names below all have dividend yields above 4.85%.

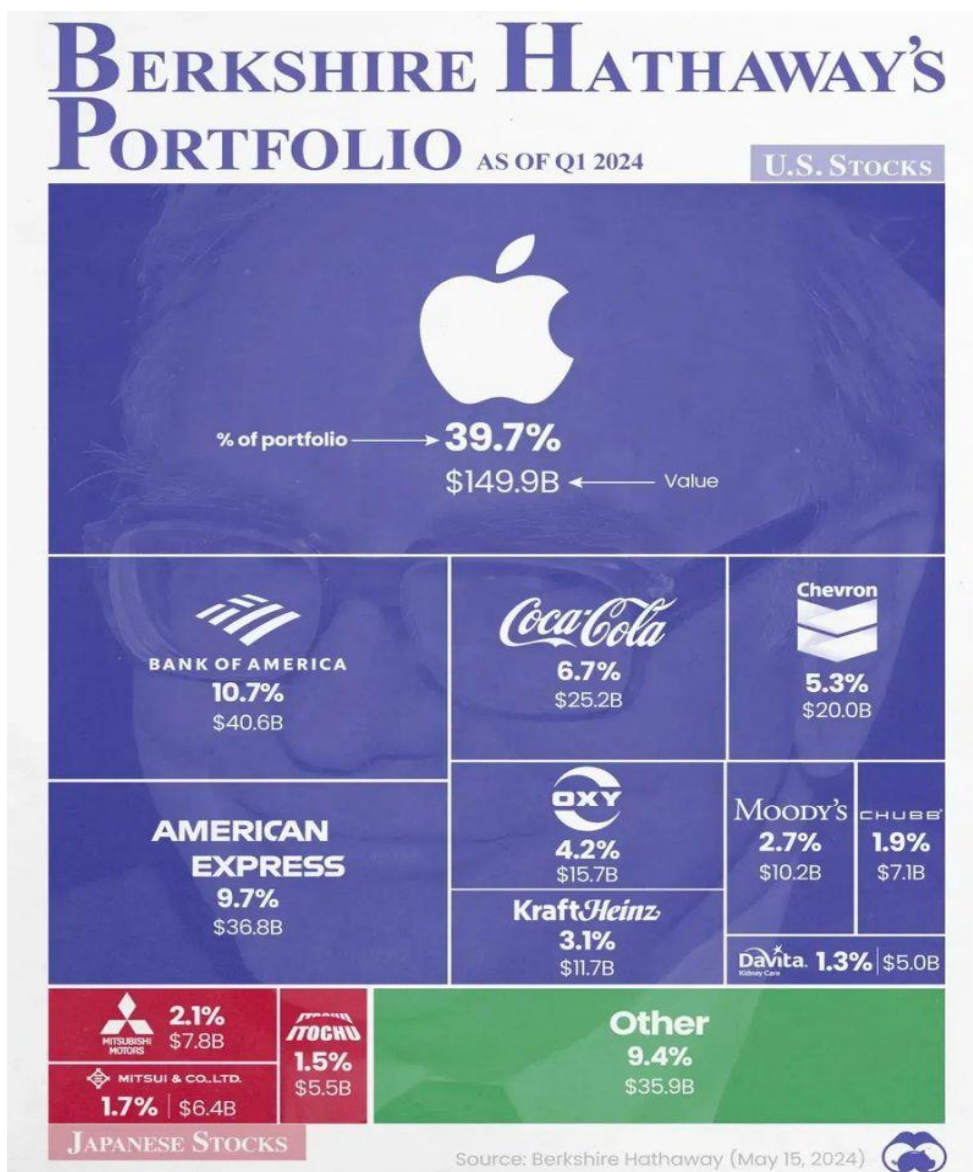
S&P 500's Highest Yielding Stocks							
Ticker	Company Name	Sector	Market Cap (bn USD)	YTD Total Return (%)	MoM % Change	Ex Dividend Date	Dividend Yield (%)
MO	Altria Group	Cons. Staples	78.39	15.72	6.20	6/14/2024	8.61
VZ	Verizon Communications	Comm. Svcs.	165.97	8.10	0.03	4/9/2024	6.70
BXP	Boston Properties	Real Estate	9.39	-13.51	-5.05	3/27/2024	6.56
CCI	Crown Castle	Real Estate	43.02	-12.78	2.38	6/14/2024	6.40
T	AT&T	Comm. Svcs.	125.26	7.55	5.82	4/9/2024	6.36
DOC	Healthpeak Properties	Real Estate	13.40	-0.05	3.85	5/3/2024	6.26
WBA	Walgreens Boots Alliance	Cons. Staples	13.76	-37.35	-10.66	5/20/2024	6.20
KMI	Kinder Morgan	Energy	42.35	11.64	1.65	4/29/2024	6.03
O	Realtyome	Real Estate	45.55	-6.84	-2.08	6/3/2024	6.03
VICI	VICI Properties	Real Estate	29.83	-9.00	-1.05	3/20/2024	5.87
PFE	Pfizer	Health Care	162.57	3.35	8.97	5/9/2024	5.86
BMJ	Bristol-Myers Squibb	Health Care	84.21	-17.15	-15.12	4/4/2024	5.77
KEY	KeyCorp	Financials	13.63	1.92	-2.21	5/24/2024	5.70
CMA	Comerica	Financials	6.66	-8.68	-3.80	6/14/2024	5.60
LYB	LyondellBasell Industries	Materials	31.72	3.75	-2.38	3/1/2024	5.46
TFC	Truist Financial	Financials	51.17	6.49	-1.66	5/9/2024	5.45
SPG	Simon Property	Real Estate	47.13	4.62	2.91	6/7/2024	5.40
BEN	Franklin Resources	Financials	12.17	-20.65	-8.49	6/28/2024	5.35
BBY	Best Buy	Cons. Discret.	15.00	-9.99	-5.12	3/20/2024	5.28
IVZ	Invesco Ltd	Financials	6.95	-11.10	6.86	5/13/2024	5.26
PM	Philip Morris Int'l	Cons. Staples	154.91	8.04	2.39	3/20/2024	5.20
KIM	Kimco Realty	Real Estate	12.52	-11.77	-0.32	6/6/2024	5.17
AMCR	Amcor PLC	Materials	14.28	5.21	9.63	5/21/2024	5.08
D	Dominion Energy	Utilities	44.01	13.61	4.09	5/31/2024	5.06
RF	Regions Financial	Financials	17.33	-0.79	-1.63	6/3/2024	5.04
F	Ford Motor	Cons. Discret.	48.35	3.31	-6.45	5/7/2024	4.96
ES	Eversource Energy	Utilities	20.18	-3.68	-4.39	5/15/2024	4.96
OKE	ONEOK	Energy	46.80	18.19	0.49	4/30/2024	4.91
USB	US Bancorp	Financials	62.45	-6.50	-1.64	3/27/2024	4.86
DOW	Dow	Materials	40.03	6.29	1.68	5/31/2024	4.85

Source: bespoke

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#berkshire #portfolio

Warren Buffett's Current Portfolio

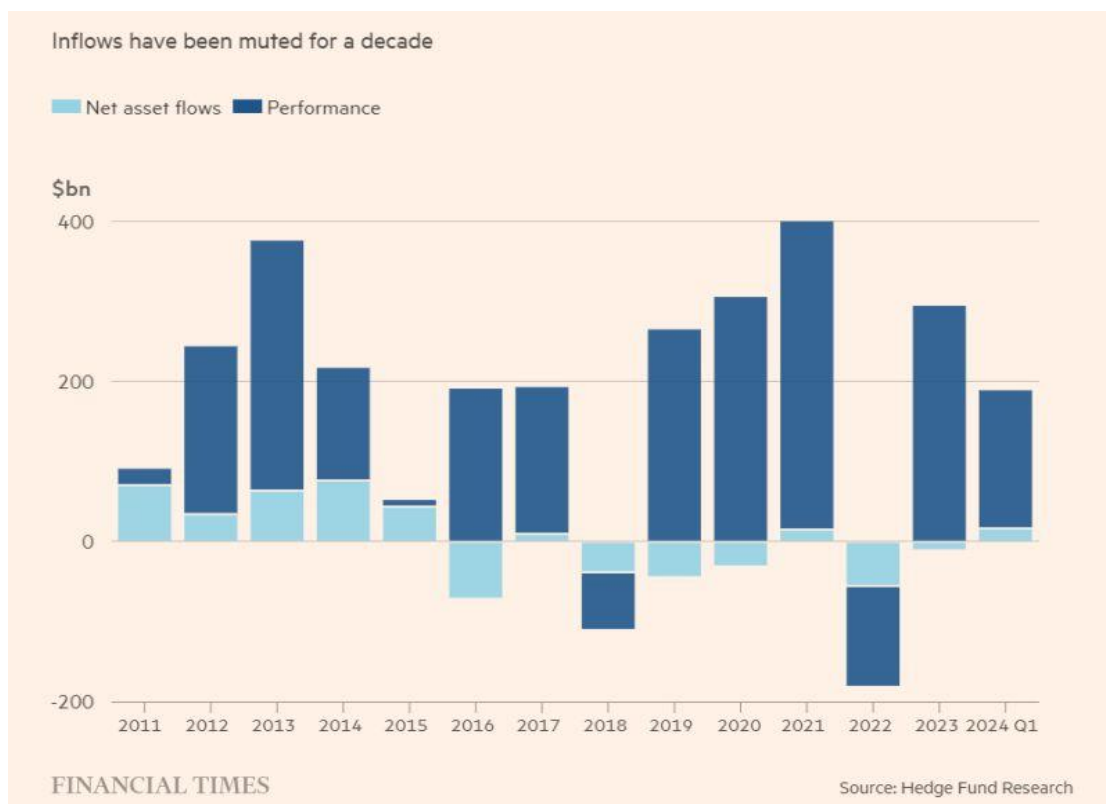


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#hedge-fund #inflows

Hedge funds hit by lack of private equity exits. Failure of private equity firms to return cash to investors is blocking institutions from backing hedge funds. Last year assets in the global private capital industry ballooned to \$14.5tn, according to the Bain & Co report, more than treble the \$4tn it managed a decade earlier. In contrast, inflows to hedge funds have been muted for the past decade, with investors pulling cash on a net basis in five years out of the last 10, according to Hedge Fund Research.



Source: FT



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#china #pwc #evergrande

China likely to impose the largest fine in history against an accounting firm of at least \$138 million against PwC due to their failure to catch the largest financial fraud in history at Evergrande.

China Weighs Record Fine for PwC Over Evergrande Auditing Work

- PwC may need to suspend offices as part of penalties
- China authorities have vowed to crack down on financial crime



The PricewaterhouseCooper Center in Shanghai. Photographer: Qilai Shen/Bloomberg

By Bloomberg News

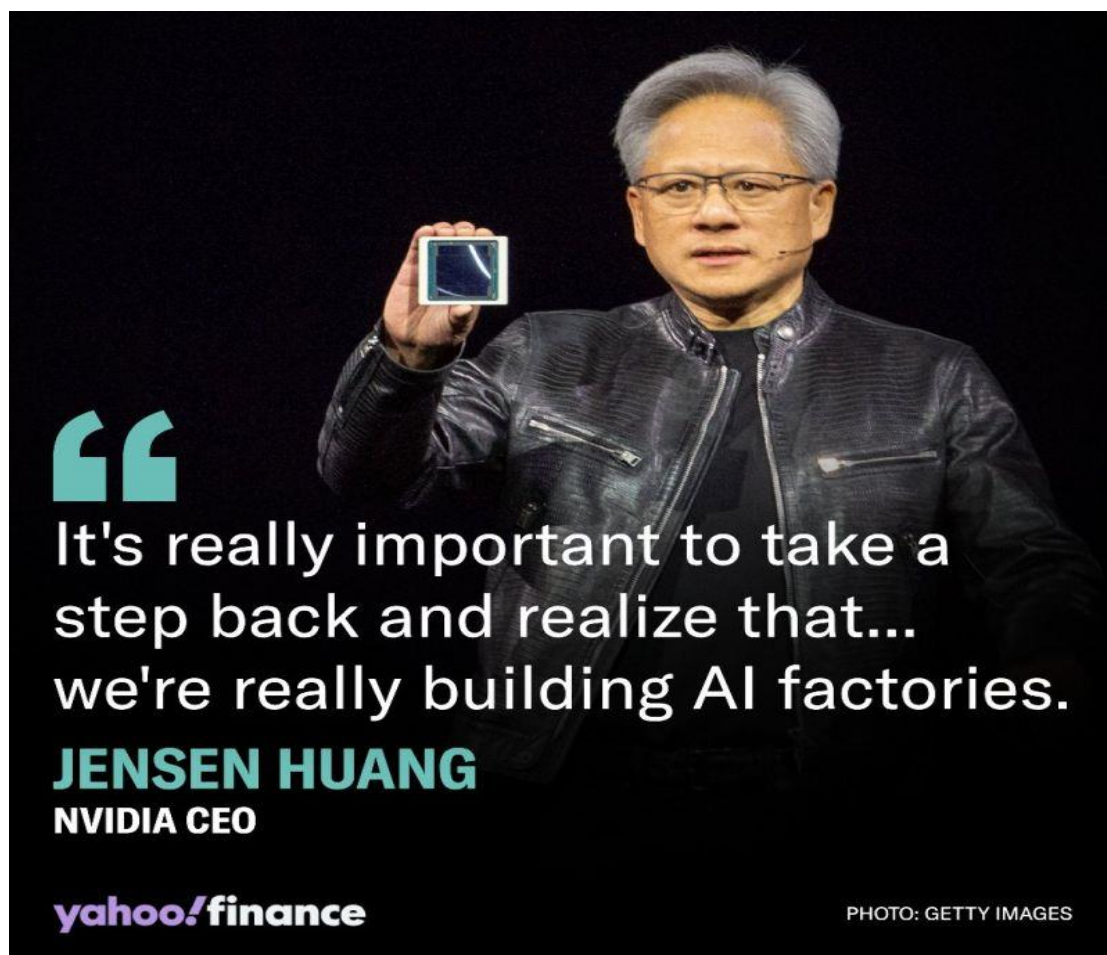
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#nvidia #ai

A key point on Nvidia story: \$NVDA CEO Jensen Huang doesn't lack demand. What he lacks is supply. In an exclusive interview following last week's earnings Huang said demand for its programs will soon outstrip supply, with the complexity of these chips also challenging the company's efforts to keep pace.

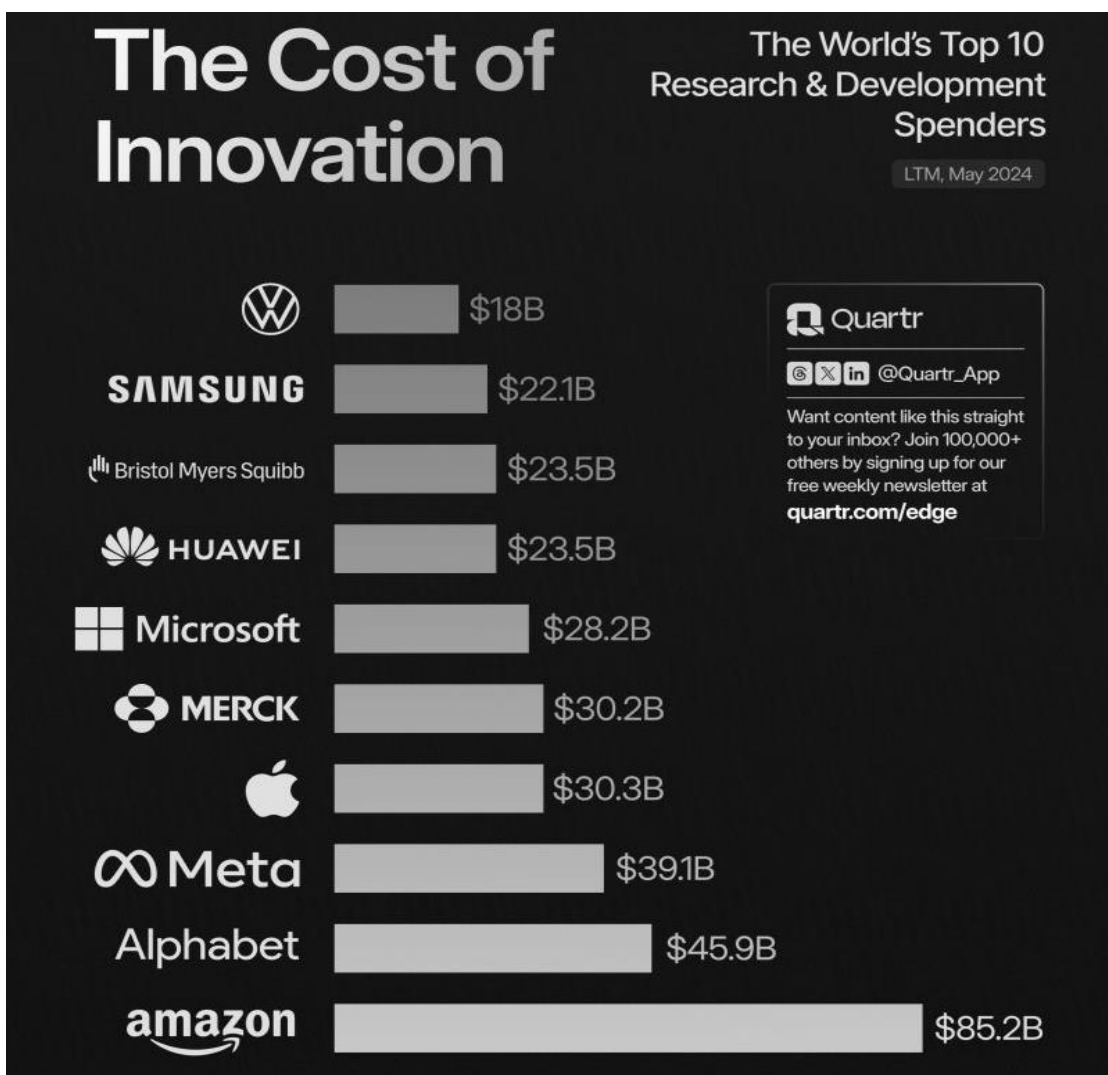


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#innovation #r&d #amazon

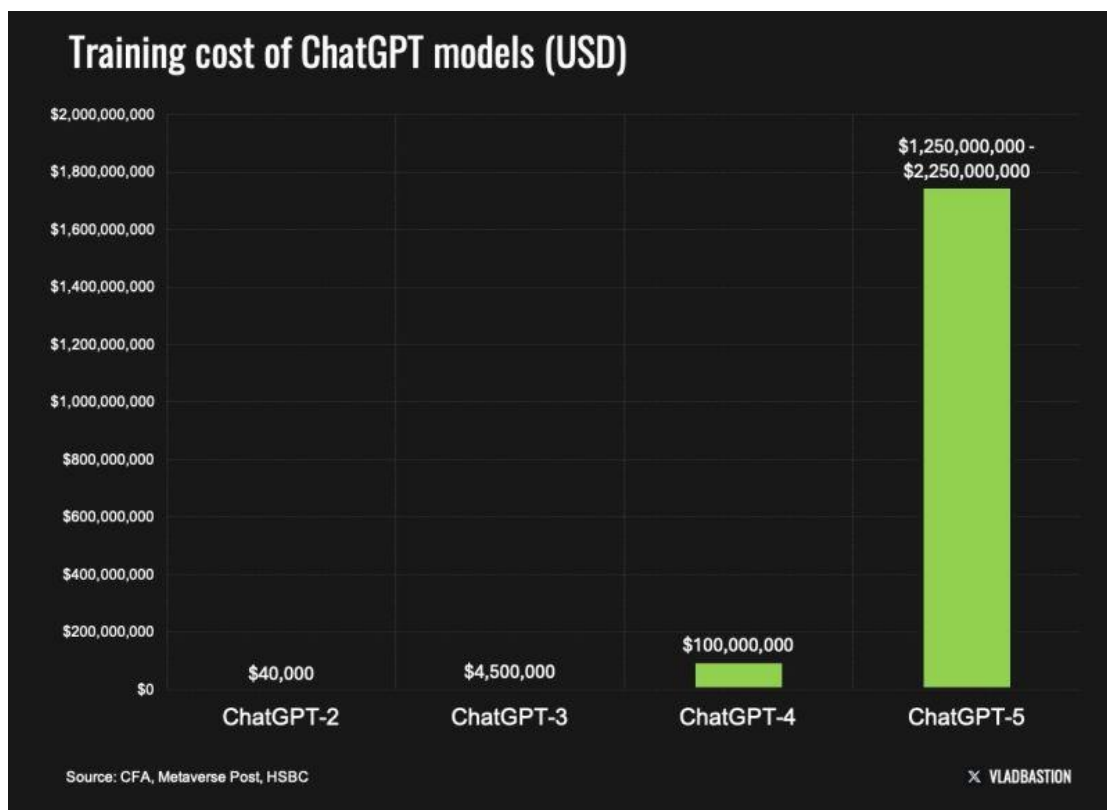
The world's top 10 R&D spenders by Quartr. Did you know that \$AMZN has spent more on R&D over the last twelve months than \$GOOGL and \$AAPL combined?



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#ai #training-cost #gpt5

The cost of training the ChatGPT-5 model could range from \$1.7 to \$2.5 billion, according to HSBC. This is 17.5 times more expensive than ChatGPT-4 and nearly 400 times more expensive than ChatGPT-3. Only a few can afford such a race in expenses, so the leadership in AI technologies will remain with the current market technology leaders.

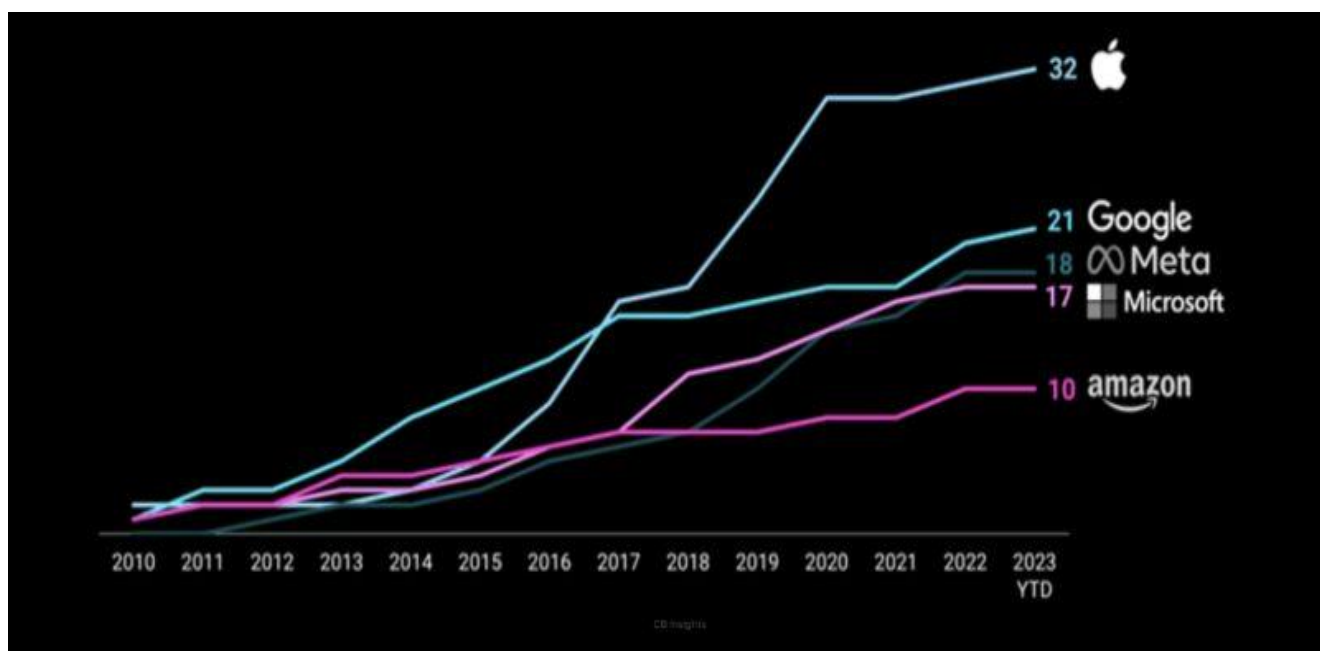


Source: Vlad Bastion Research, HSBC

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#apple #ai #acquisitions

If you cannot build it - buy it. Apple leads big in AI acquisitions of the big tech fellow giants.

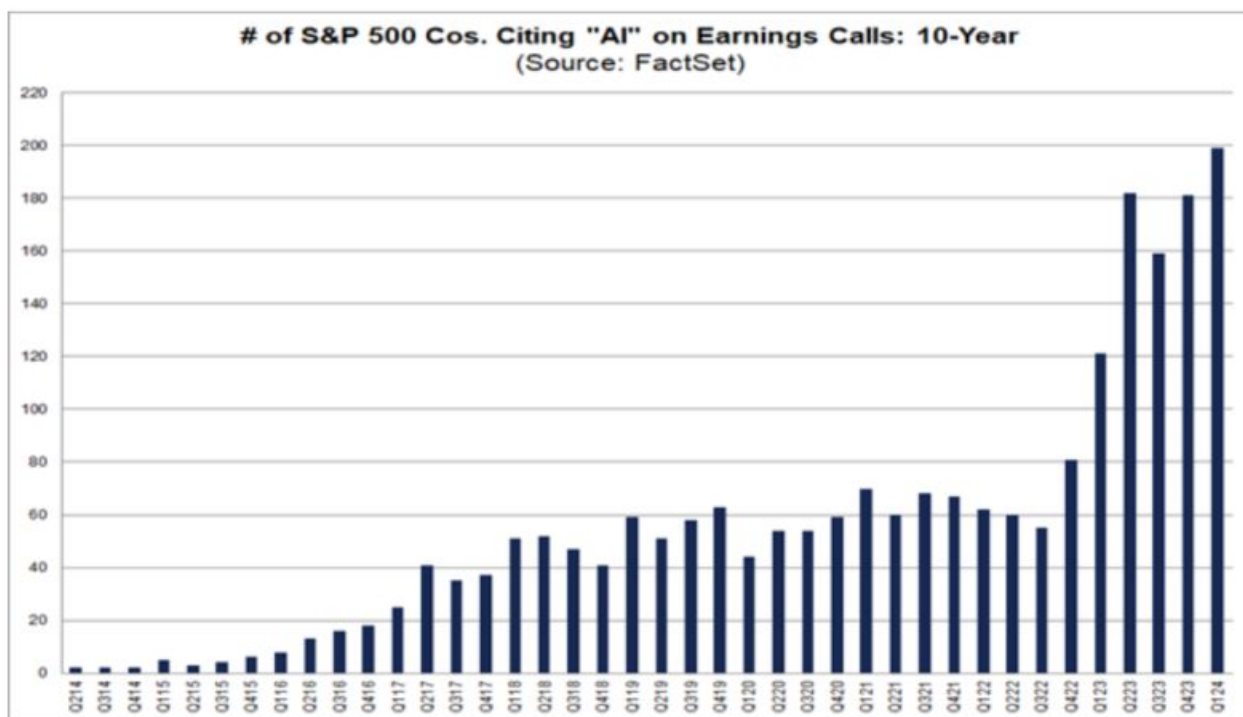


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#ai #mentions #earnings-calls

Highest Number of S&P 500 Companies Citing “AI” on Earnings Calls Over Past 10 Years. Artificial intelligence has been a focus topic for the market. Given the heightened interest, have more S&P 500 companies than normal commented on “AI” during their earnings conference calls for the first quarter.



Source: factset

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#elon-musk #xai

Elon Musk's xAI valued at \$24 bln after fresh funding. Elon Musk's AI startup xAI raised \$6 billion in series B funding, reaching a post-money valuation of \$24 billion as investors bet big on challengers to companies like OpenAI in the intensifying AI race. The funding round was backed by investors including Andreessen Horowitz and Sequoia Capital, the company said in a blog post on Sunday. The company's pre-money valuation was \$18 billion, Musk said in a post on X.



Source: reuters

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#china #diabetes

waouuu... this could be a major medical breakthrough...

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 **CHINA CURES DIABETES?!**

Scientists in China have reportedly cured a 59-year-old man of type 2 diabetes in a medical breakthrough in cell therapy.

They transformed some of the patient's stem cells into a new form of cell that regulates blood sugar levels.

Since getting a transplant of the new cells in July 2021, the patient has not needed insulin or oral medication.

Source: Interesting Engineering



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#microsoft #gates #internet

May 26th, 1995: Bill Gates sends a memo, entitled "The Internet Tidal Wave," to all executive staff within Microsoft. In it, he makes clear his intention to focus the company's efforts online with immediate effect and "assign the Internet the highest level of importance," going on to call it, "the most important single development to come along since the IBM PC was introduced in 1981."

To	Executive Staff and direct reports
From	Bill Gates
Date	May 26, 1995

The Internet Tidal Wave

Our vision for the last 20 years can be summarized in a succinct way. We saw that exponential improvements in computer capabilities would make great software quite valuable. Our response was to build an organization to deliver the best software products. In the next 20 years the improvement in computer power will be outpaced by the exponential improvements in communications networks. The combination of these elements will have a fundamental impact on work, learning and play. Great software products will be crucial to delivering the benefits of these advances. Both the variety and volume of software will increase.

Most users of communications have not yet seen the price of communications come down significantly. Cable and phone networks are still depreciating networks built with old technology. Universal services monopolies, and other governmental involvement around the world have kept communications costs high. Private networks and the Internet which are built using state of the art equipment have been the primary beneficiaries of improved communications technology. The PC is just now starting to create additional demand that will drive a new wave of investment. A combination of expanded access to the Internet, ISDN, new broadband networks justified by video based applications and interconnections between each of these will bring low cost communication to most businesses and homes within the next decade.

The Internet is at the forefront of all of this and developments on the Internet over the next several years will set the course of our industry for a long time to come. Perhaps you have already seen memos from me or others here about the importance of the Internet. I have gone through several stages of increasing my views of its importance. Now I assign the Internet the highest level of importance. In this memo I want to make clear that our focus on the Internet is critical to every part of our business. The Internet is the most important single development to come along since the IBM PC was introduced in 1981. It is even more important than the arrival of graphical user interface (GUI) to the PC analogy is apt for many reasons. The PC wasn't perfect. Aspects of the PC were arbitrary or even poor. However a phenomena grew up around the IBM PC that made it a key element of everything that would happen for the next 15 years. Companies that tried to fight the PC standard often had good reasons for doing so but they failed because the phenomena overcame any weaknesses that remained identified.

The Internet Today

The Internet's unique position arises from a number of elements. The TCP/IP protocols that define its transport level support distributed computing and scale incredibly well. The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) has defined an evolutionary path that will avoid it running into future problems even as virtually everyone on the planet connects up. The HTTP protocols that define HTML Web browsing are extremely simple and have allowed servers to handle incredible traffic reasonably well. All of the predictions about hypertext - made decades ago by pioneers like Ted Nelson - are coming true on the Web. Although other protocols on the Internet will continue to be used (FTP, Gopher, IRC, Telnet, SMTP, NNTP), HTML with extensions will be the standard that defines how information will be presented. Various extensions to HTML including content enhancements like tables, and functionality enhancements like secure transactions, will be widely adopted in the near future. There will also be enhanced 3D presentations providing for virtual reality type shopping and socialization.

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#gates #philanthropy

Melinda French Gates to donate \$1bn in women's rights. Billionaire philanthropist Melinda French Gates announced Tuesday that she is committing \$1 billion (£782.4m) over the next two years to women's causes and gender equity around the world. About \$200 million (£157m) will go to organisations fighting for gender and reproductive rights in the US. In a New York Times guest essay, Ms French Gates said she felt compelled to support US reproductive rights following the 2022 Supreme Court decision that overturned the constitutional right to an abortion.



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#tesla #shareholders

Tesla Top Shareholders



Source: yahoofinance

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#money #rules

Money rules cheat sheet

Rule	Description	Example
Rule of 72 	72 divided by your rate of return is the number of years for your investment to double	A 10% return will double your money in $72/10 = \sim 7$ years
Rule of 2000 	2000 times your hourly rate is roughly your annual income	A \$20/hour job is \sim \$40k per year
Rule of 25x 	25x your annual expenses is how much you need to retire	\$60k in annual expenses needs \$1.5M to retire
Rule of 3x 	Your home shouldn't be more than 3x your annual income	\$100k of annual income = \$300k house
Rule of 20/4/10 	Car down payment of 20% for 4 years with monthly expenses no more than 10% of income	A \$20k car should have \$4k down and a 4 year (or less) loan term
The rule of 10x 	Term life coverage should be roughly 10x your annual salary	\$100k in annual income should have a \$1M policy

Source: @moneyinspiring

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#deckers-outdoor #hoka

Deckers Outdoor acquired the Hoka brand roughly a decade ago. At the time, Hoka's annual sales were around \$3 million. In the past year, sales topped \$1.8 billion. And since the acquisition, Decker's stock has risen by more than 2,000%... (btw I love these shoes !!!)



Source: Jon Erlichman

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#shrinkflation #bic-mac

Big Mac

1980
\$1.20

2024
\$5.31



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#homealone #property

“Home Alone” Lovers. The ‘Home Alone’ House Is Back on the Market After 12 Years. The sellers are asking \$5.25 million, after paying \$1.585 million for the Chicago-area home in 2012.



Source: wsj

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#lamborghini #ads

The importance of using the right media to reach your target audience.



Source: Mom's Village Asia

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#small-habits

One step at a time.

Saving \$8 per day
= \$3,000 per year

Reading 20 pages per day
= 30 books per year

Walking 10,000 steps per day
= 70 marathons per year

Never underestimate the
power of small habits.

Source: Psyche Wizzard

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#consistency

The rarest of all
human qualities
is consistency.

—Jeremy Bentham

Source: Seek Wiser

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#quotes #zuckerberg #risk

“

The biggest risk is not taking any risk... In a world that's changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks.”

MARK ZUCKERBERG

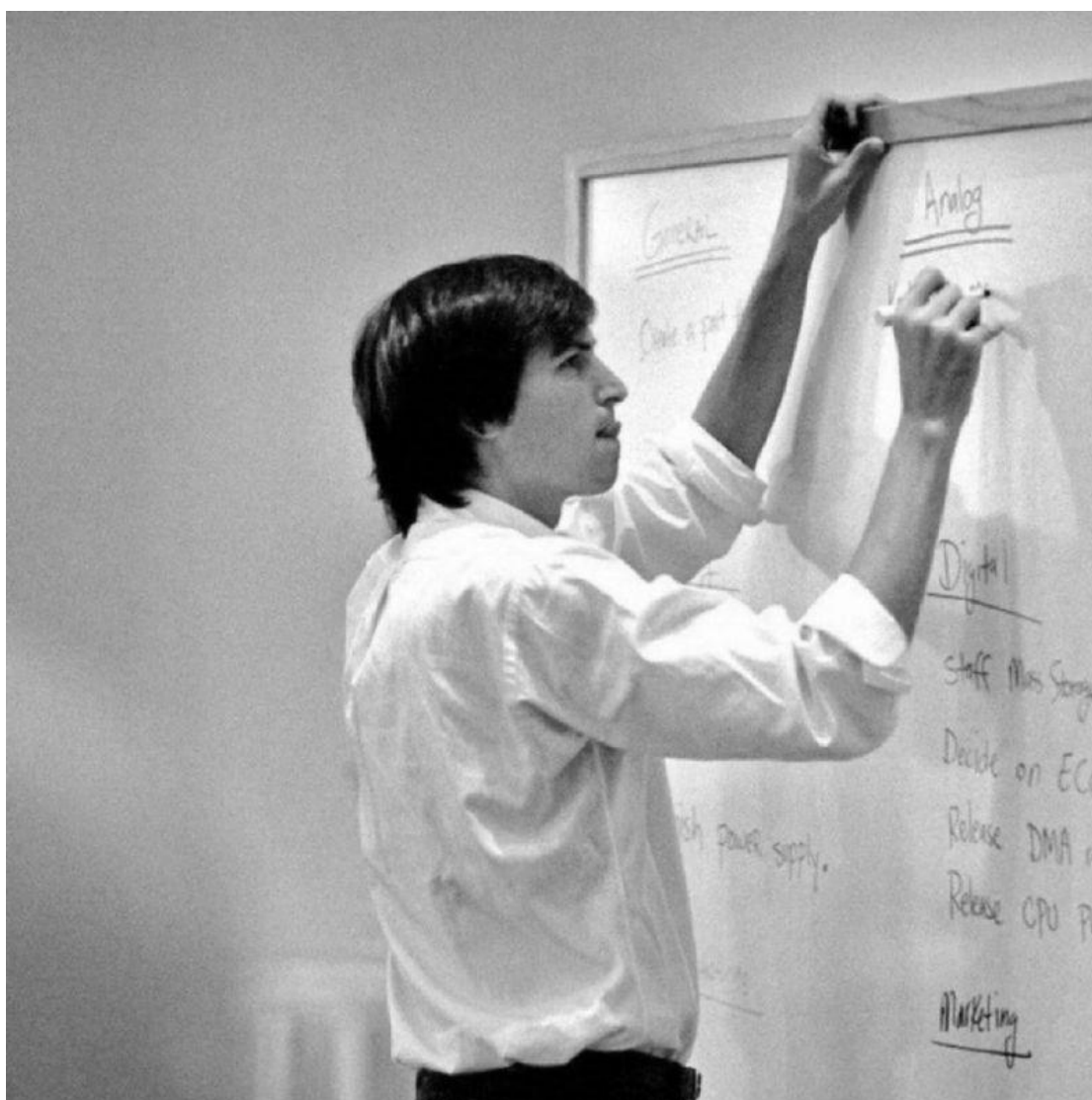
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#quotes #steve-jobs

The most powerful person in the world is the storyteller.
—Steve Jobs



Source: Vala Afshar

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