

Chart of the week

Is this time different?

We might have entered a new market and macro regime.. A jobs number like Friday's print (300+ jobs added) would have taken \$20-\$40 off gold any month over the last year. But Gold ended roughly \$10 higher on 5-year US inflation expectations at fresh 14-month highs... Gold is screaming that something bad is coming, hinting that in times of "fiscal dominance", negative real yields are the only way to go...



Source: Lawrence McDonald, Bloomberg

Worst week of 2024 for the Dow, Oil & Gold soared

The US large-cap indexes pulled back from record highs, as the S&P 500 recorded its worst week since the start of the year (and the Dow the worst YTD). On the week, all the majors were red with Small Caps and The Dow being the worst performers. The market's performance also narrowed again, with growth stocks faring better than value shares. Energy stocks soared this week (to a record high) - the only sector to end green - while Healthcare and Real Estate lagged. VIX saw its biggest weekly surge since August 2023. Stocks moved lower following the release of the March ISM manufacturing reading on Monday, which came in well above expectations and indicated expansion—if barely—for the first time in 16 months. The Friday US jobs report showed that employers added 303,000 jobs in March, well above expectations. Encouragingly, the solid gains came with only a modest increase in average hourly wages, from 0.2% in February to 0.3% in March. US Treasuries yields jumped on the week, led by the long-end. The 10Y yield hit 4.4% while the 2Y pushed up to 2024 YTD highs and closed at its highest yield since November. Hawkish comments by Fed members didn't help. The pan-European STOXX Europe 600 Index fell 1.19% during the holiday-shortened week. Japan's Nikkei 225 Index slumped 3.4%. In commodities, gold had another huge week, rallying to a new record high above \$2330 (spot). Oil prices also surged, with Brent topping \$90 and WTI topping \$87.50 this week, as geopolitical tensions are on the rise.

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#weekly #markets #stats

INDEX	CLOSE	WEEK	YTD
Dow Jones Industrial Average	38,904	-2.3%	3.2%
S&P 500 Index	5,204	-1.0%	9.1%
NASDAQ	16,249	-0.8%	8.2%
MSCI EAFE*	2,346	0.0%	4.9%
10-yr Treasury Yield	4.40%	0.2%	0.5%
Oil (\$/bbl)	\$86.71	4.3%	21.0%
Bonds	\$96.70	-1.3%	-1.2%

Source: FactSet, 4/5/2024. 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

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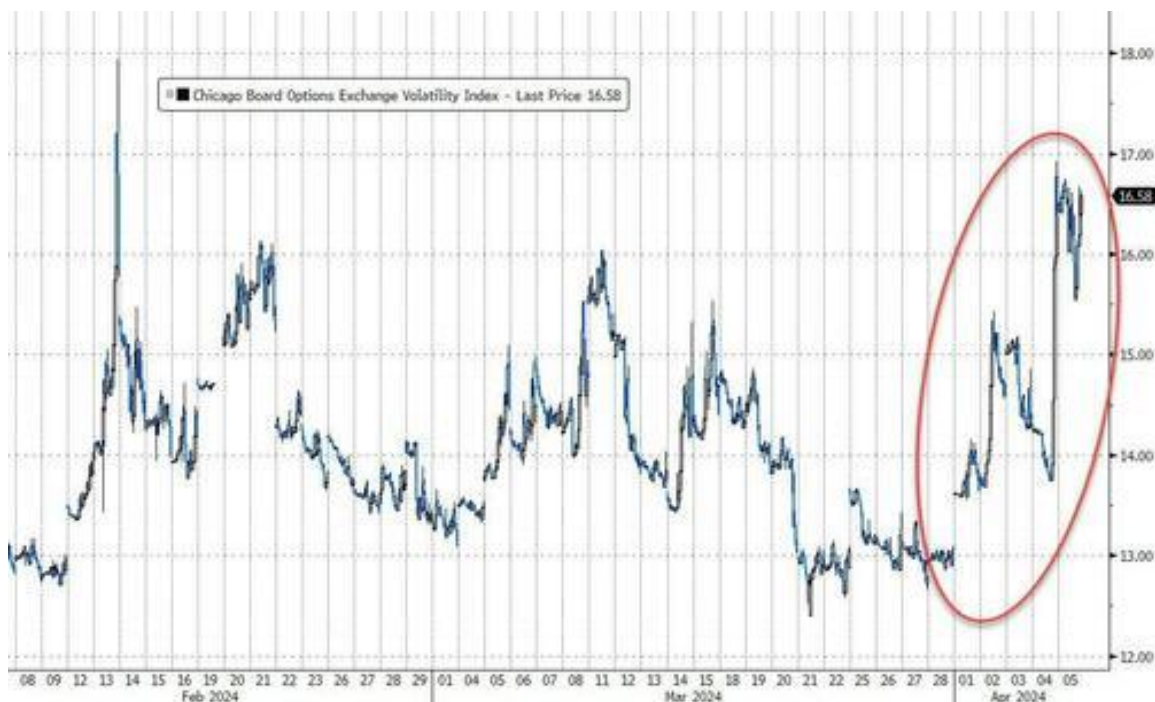
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#vix

VIX saw its biggest weekly surge since August 2023...

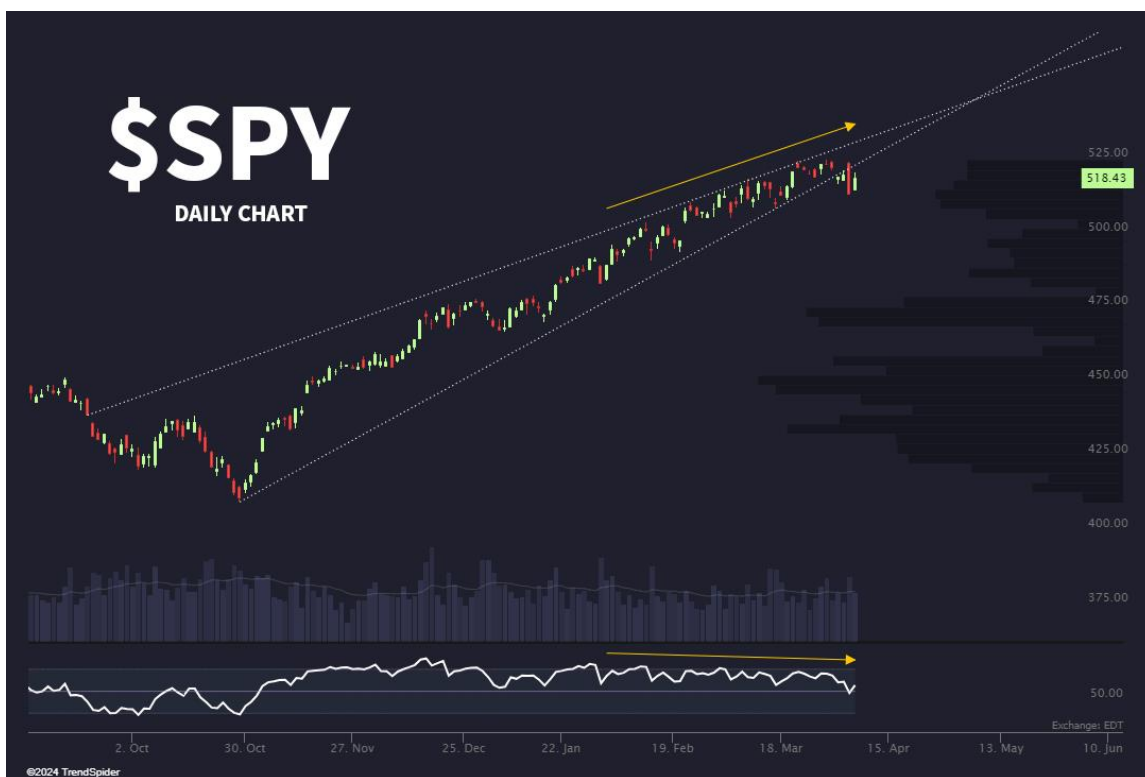


Source: www.zerohedge.com, bloomberg



#sp500 #chart

Was Thursday's pullback just a fluke or is this the start of a larger correction? 🤔 \$SPY



Source: Trendspider



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#sp500 #weekly #sectors

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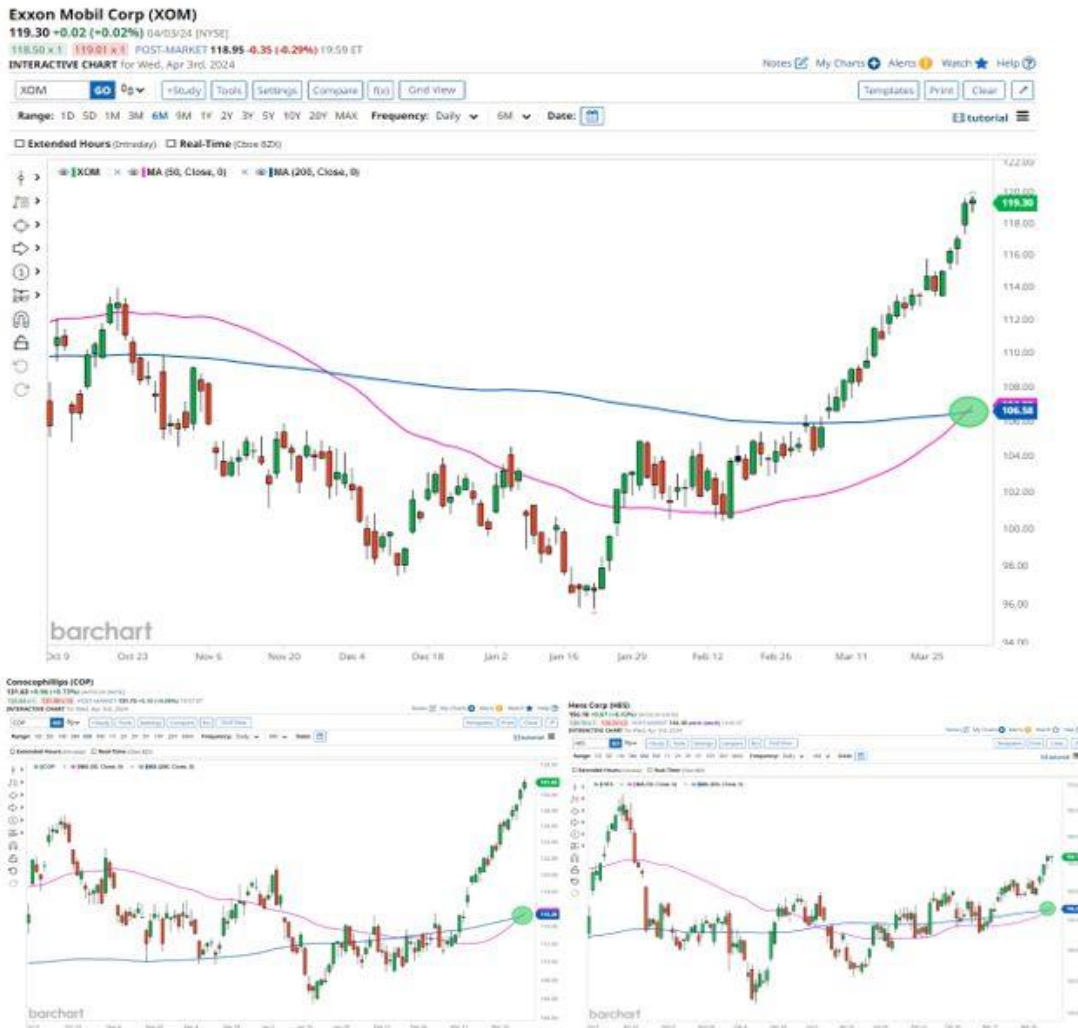
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#oil #equities

Oil-related stocks are cooking now! Exxon \$XOM, Conocophillips \$COP, and Hess \$HES have all formed Golden Crosses



Source: Barchart





#oil #etf

Below the relative chart of oil etf \$USO vs. S&P 500 ETF \$SPY and the relative chart of oil stocks XLE vs. S&P 500 ETF \$SPY. Both just hit a 4-months relative high.



Source: J-C Paret

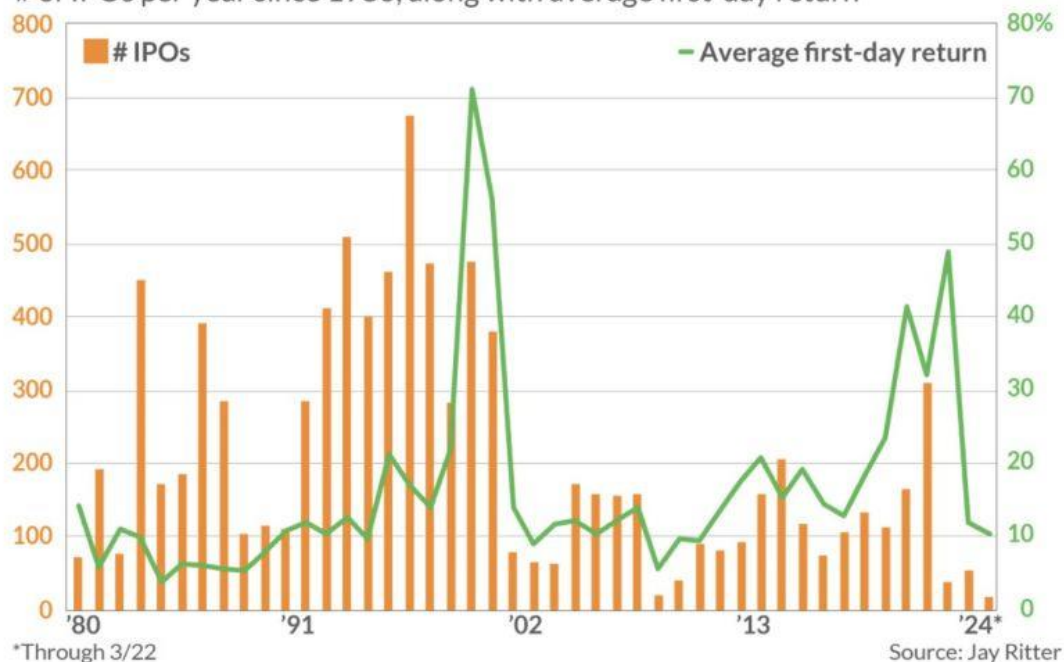


#us #equities #ipo

At least the IPO market signals no irrational exuberance in the markets.

No exuberance here

of IPOs per year since 1980, along with average first-day return



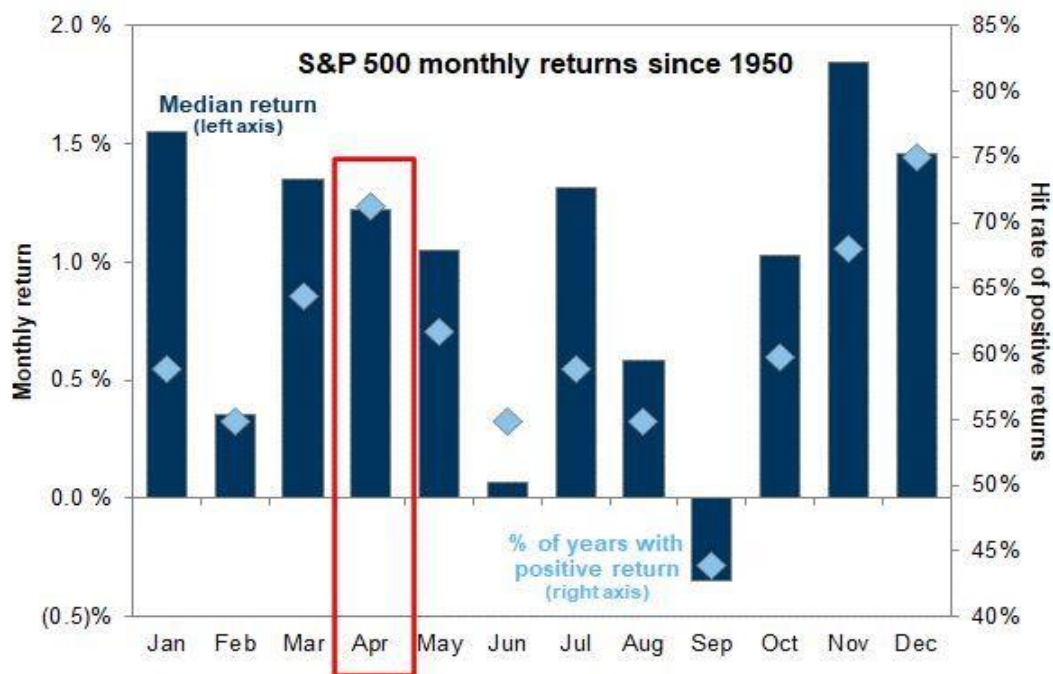
Source: HolgerZ





#sp500 #tax-day

Seasonality & Tax Day. While seasonality is favorable in April, it is important to note that a significant event for the retail sector occurs mid-month: "Tax Day." This is the deadline for submitting individual income tax returns in the US, which falls on April 15th (according to the official rule, you must submit your return "the fourth month after your fiscal year ends, on day 15"). Historically, this deadline tends to coincide with stock sales by the retail community as a means to settle their dues. As indicated in the second chart below, the markets statistically recover very well.



Source: gs



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#alphabet #valuation

From a valuation standpoint, Alphabet is about 40% cheaper than it was the last time the stock was trading at these prices. \$GOOG 📈



Source: Trend Spider





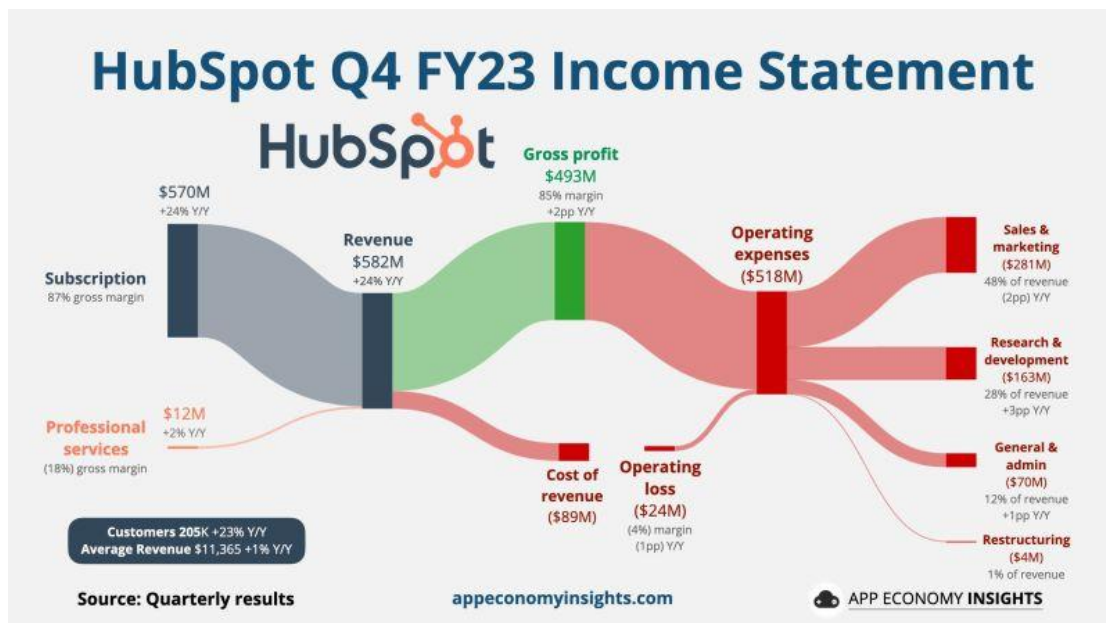
#alphabet #hubspot #acquisition

\$GOOG Alphabet eyes HubSpot acquisition.

\$HUBS has a \$35B market cap.

- Could be Google's largest deal ever.
- Reuters reported talks with advisers.
- Deal could boost CRM on Google Cloud.

Here's a look at their latest quarter.



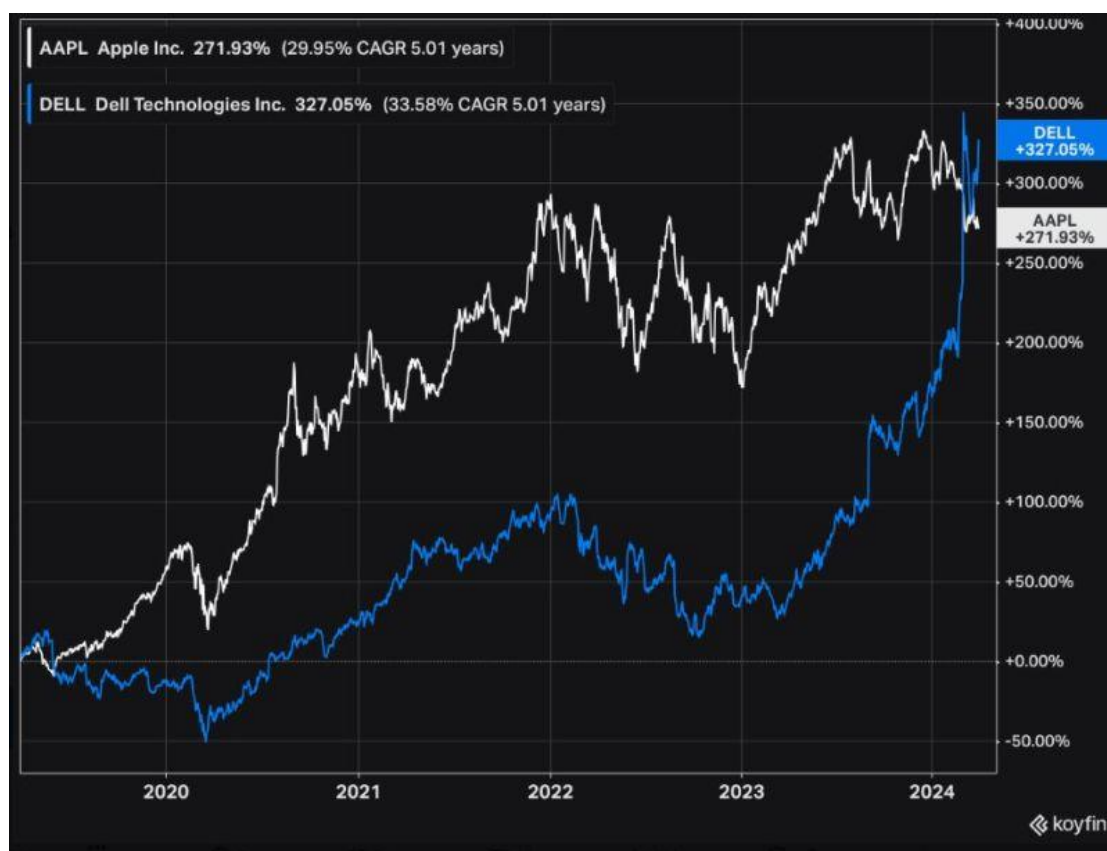
Source: App Economy Insights



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#dell #apple #equities

Dell vs Apple. If someone had asked you five years ago whether Dell would outperform Apple over the next five years, would you have believed them?



Source: koyfin



#tesla #deliveries #performance

Tesla \$TSLA 1Q'24 Deliveries are ugly: Total deliveries -8.5% Y/Y with Model 3/Y -10%. Stock is down -5% today and now down -33% year-to-date...

Consensus Gurus

Deliveries	Total	Y/Y	Model 3/Y	Y/Y	All Other	Y/Y
1Q'24A	386,810	(8.5%)	369,783	(10.3%)	17,027	59.2%
Consensus	443,027	4.8%	421,715	2.3%	18,956	77.2%
Δ	(12.7%)	(1,329 bps)	(12.3%)	(1,260 bps)	(10.2%)	(1,804 bps)
Beat/Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss	Miss

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1Q'24	386,810	(8.5%)	369,783	(10.3%)	17,027	59.2%
4Q'23	484,507	19.5%	461,538	18.9%	22,969	34.0%
3Q'23	435,059	26.5%	419,074	28.9%	15,985	(14.4%)
2Q'23	466,140	83.0%	446,915	87.4%	19,225	19.0%
1Q'23	422,875	36.4%	412,180	39.6%	10,695	(27.4%)
4Q'22	405,278	31.3%	388,131	30.7%	17,147	45.7%
3Q'22	343,830	42.4%	325,158	40.1%	18,672	101.0%
2Q'22	254,695	26.5%	238,533	19.6%	16,162	752.9%
1Q'22	310,048	67.7%	295,324	61.5%	14,724	625.3%
4Q'21	308,650	70.9%	296,884	83.7%	11,766	(37.8%)
3Q'21	241,391	72.9%	232,102	86.7%	9,289	(39.2%)
2Q'21	201,304	122.1%	199,409	149.1%	1,895	(82.1%)
1Q'21	184,877	108.9%	182,847	139.7%	2,030	(83.4%)
4Q'20	180,570	61.1%	161,650	74.5%	18,920	(2.8%)
3Q'20	139,593	43.6%	124,318	56.0%	15,275	(12.6%)
2Q'20	90,650	(4.9%)	80,050	3.1%	10,600	(40.2%)
1Q'20	88,496	40.4%	76,266	49.8%	12,230	1.1%

Source: Consensus Guru



#money-market-funds #us #banks #deposits

Money-market fund total assets jumped over \$70BN last week to a new record high above \$6.11TN...

The broad trend for bank deposits (red line – inverted) has been positive recently (slow, but positive), slowly returning to pre-SVB levels



Source: www.zerohedge.com, bloomberg





#us #banks #reserves #fed #stocks

Meanwhile, bank reserves at The Fed are falling significantly, massively divergent from US equity market cap once again. Which happens first? Banks start piling reserves back in or stocks falter?



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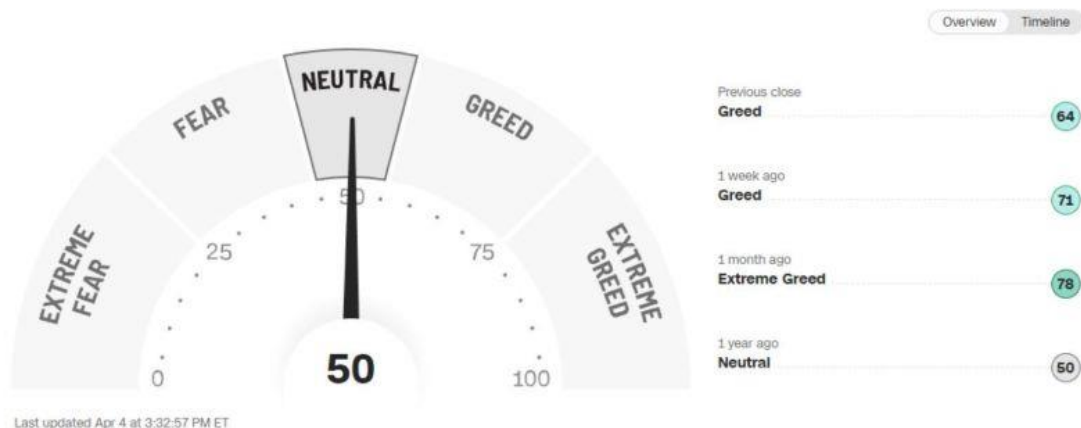


#fear-greed #sentiment

Back In the Middle of the Road! Stock Market says goodbye to Greed for the first time since November 15

Fear & Greed Index

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

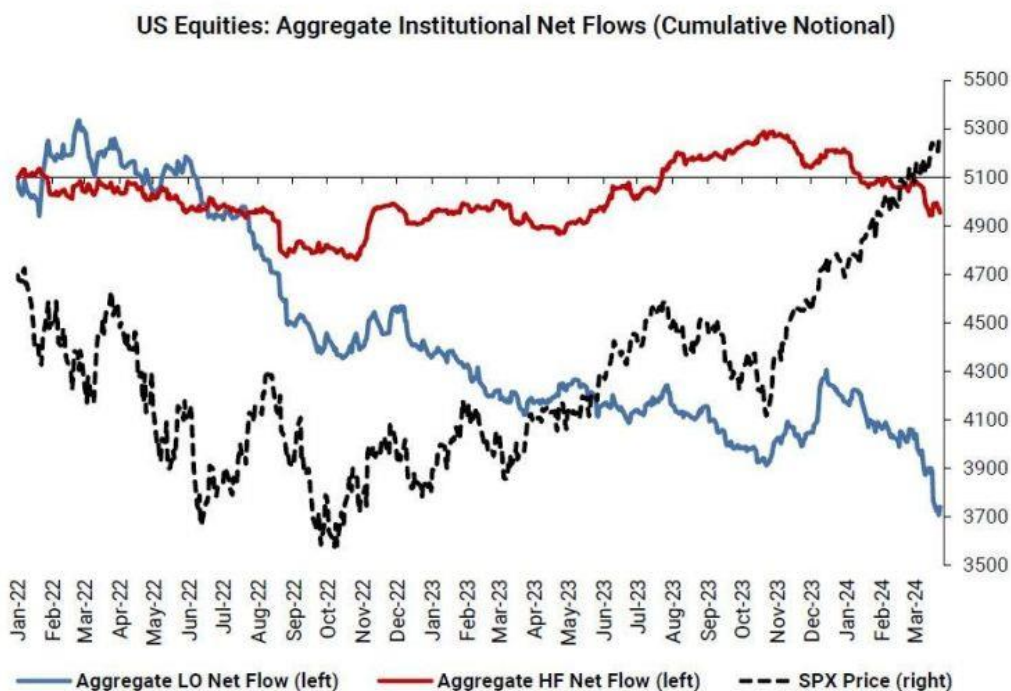


Source: cnsentiment



#us #equities #hedge-funds

Hedge funds are starting to aggressively short US equities again.




Source: Goldman Sachs FICC and Equities data as of 31-Mar-24. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

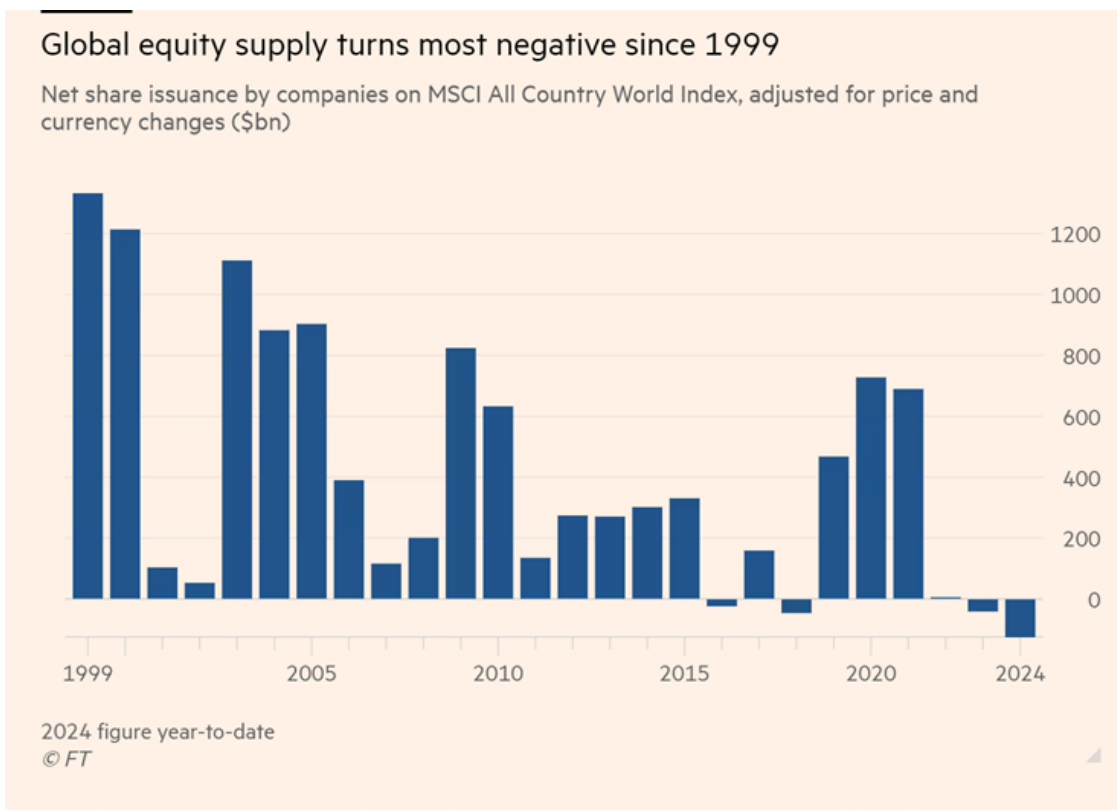
Source: Markets & Mayhem





#global #equities #supply

 Global supply of equities shrinks at fastest pace in decades - FT



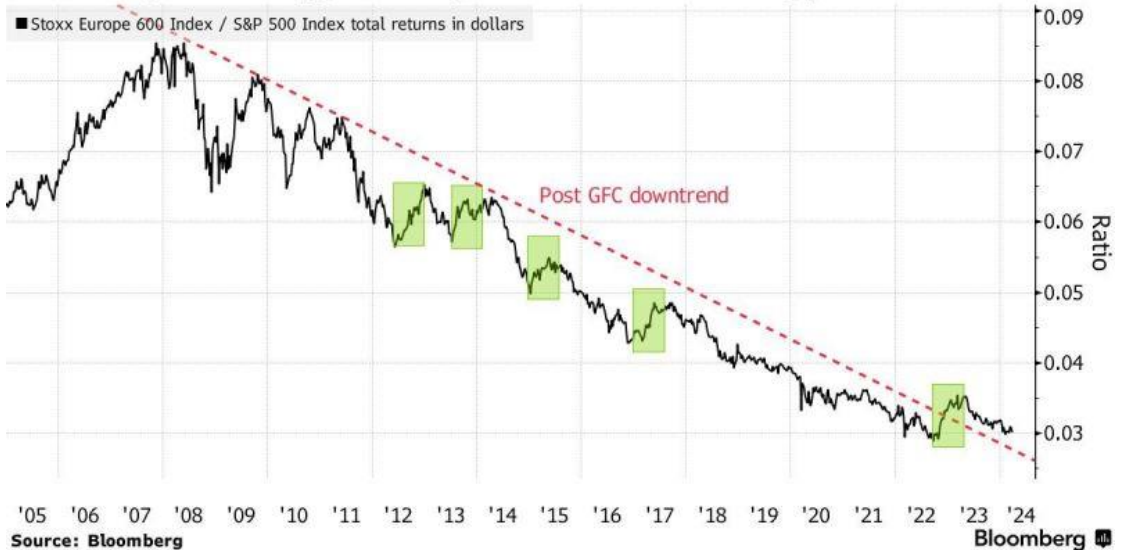
Source: FT



#europe #underperformance

Who would have thought that overregulation and lack of innovation will lead to secular underperformance?

Europe's Long-Term Underperformance Stoxx Europe 600 struggles to outperform S&P 500 for long periods



Source: Bloomberg, Michel A.Arouet

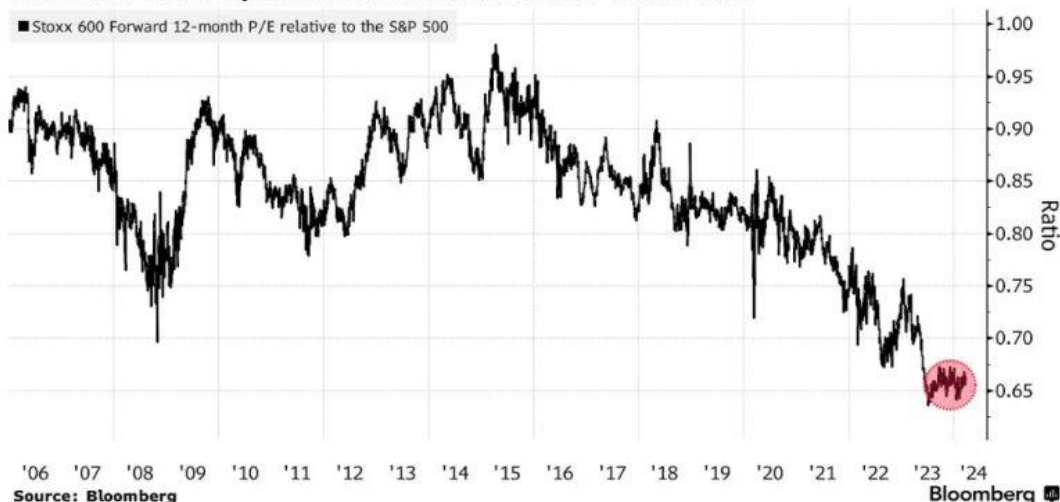




#hedge-fund #europe

Hedge Funds Bet on Europe. Hedge funds and mutual funds have significantly increased their bets on Europe, with allocations reaching a record 5.8% overweight compared to the MSCI All-Country World Index. According to data from Goldman Sachs Group Inc., hedge funds are now more exposed to European stocks relative to a global benchmark than ever before. Similarly, mutual funds have also increased their allocations to the region's equities by the largest margin since June 2020, as indicated by a recent survey conducted by Bank of America Corp. Europe's Stoxx 600 Index, boasting a P/E ratio of 14, has outperformed US stocks in March by 4%, signaling a growing investor confidence in European equities.

European Stocks Are Much Cheaper Than the US The Stoxx 600's P/E discount to the US is near record lows



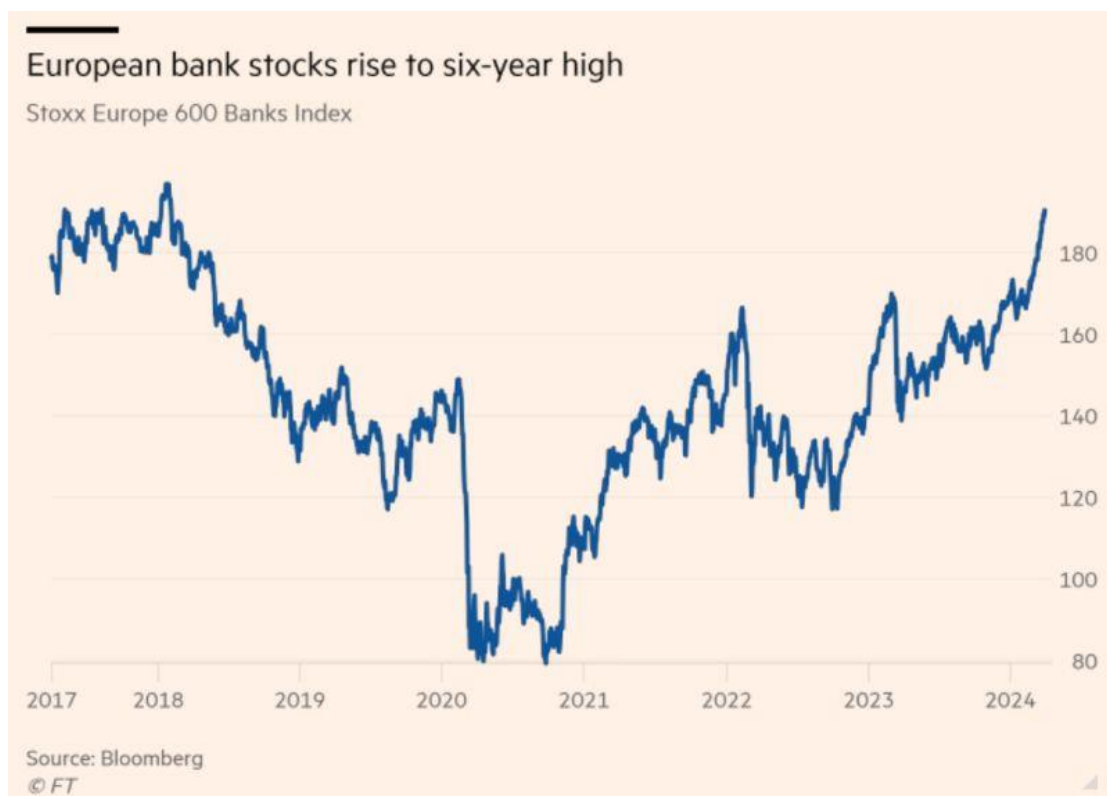
Source: bloomberg, yahoo!finance





#europe #bank #equities

European bank shares hit six-year high. The Stoxx Europe 600 Banks index reached its highest level for six years on Thursday, the last trading day before Easter in most markets, and is up 34% over the past year. According to analysts at Barclays, the continent’s banks are outperforming US rivals for the first time in more than a decade in return on equity terms.



Source: ft



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#china #equities #performance

China and Hong Kong stocks lost nearly \$5 trillion in 3 years — more than India's market cap. Stocks in China and Hong Kong sold off a massive \$4.8 trillion in market capitalization since 2021, which according to HSBC, is more than the value of the Indian stock market. Indian stocks have rallied amid broader optimism about the country's growth. Despite a subdued global IPO market, research from EY showed Indian stock exchanges also had the most IPOs in 2023.



Source: CNBC

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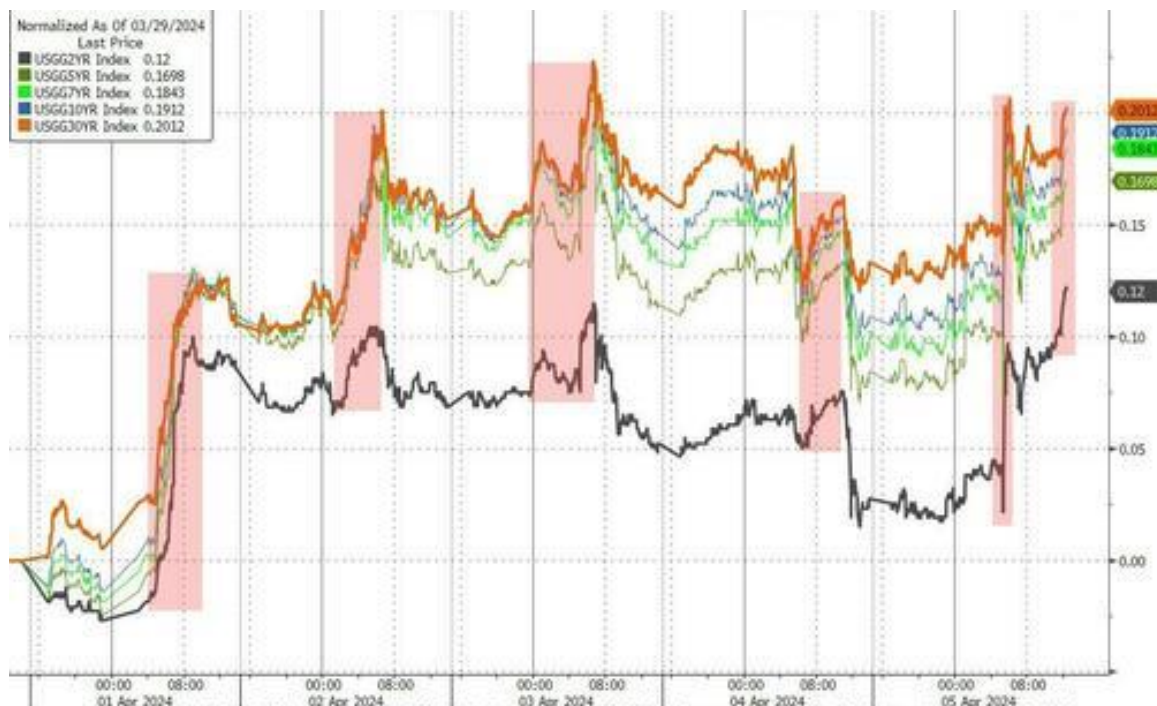
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#us #treasuries #weekly

US Treasuries were also ugly on the week, led by the long-end...



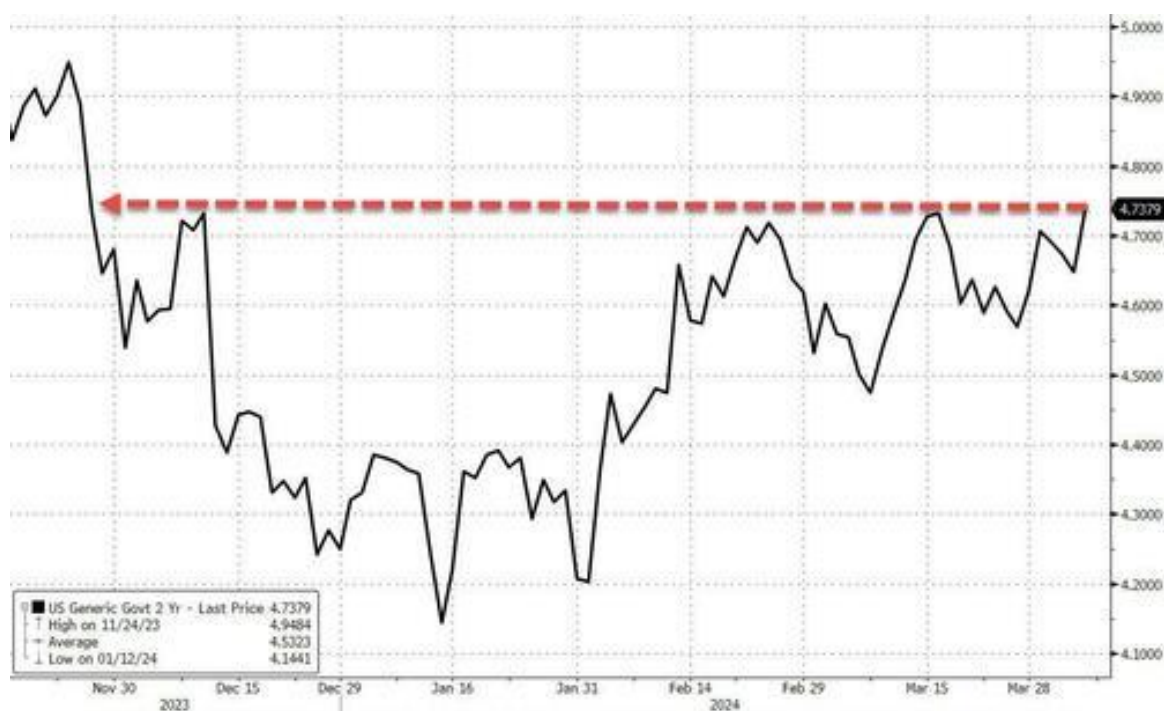
Source: www.zerohedge.com, bloomberg





#us #treasuries #2y

The 2Y Yield pushed up to 2024 YTD highs and closed at its highest yield since November...



Source: www.zerohedge.com, bloomberg





#treasury #10year

BREAKING: The 10-year note yield is now trading at its highest level since November 2023, at 4.39%. Stickier than expected inflation data and rising oil prices have added to inflation worries over the last month. The 10-year note yield is now just 11 basis points away from crossing 4.50%. Meanwhile, less than 3 interest rate cuts are now expected in 2024. The come-ack of higher for longer"?

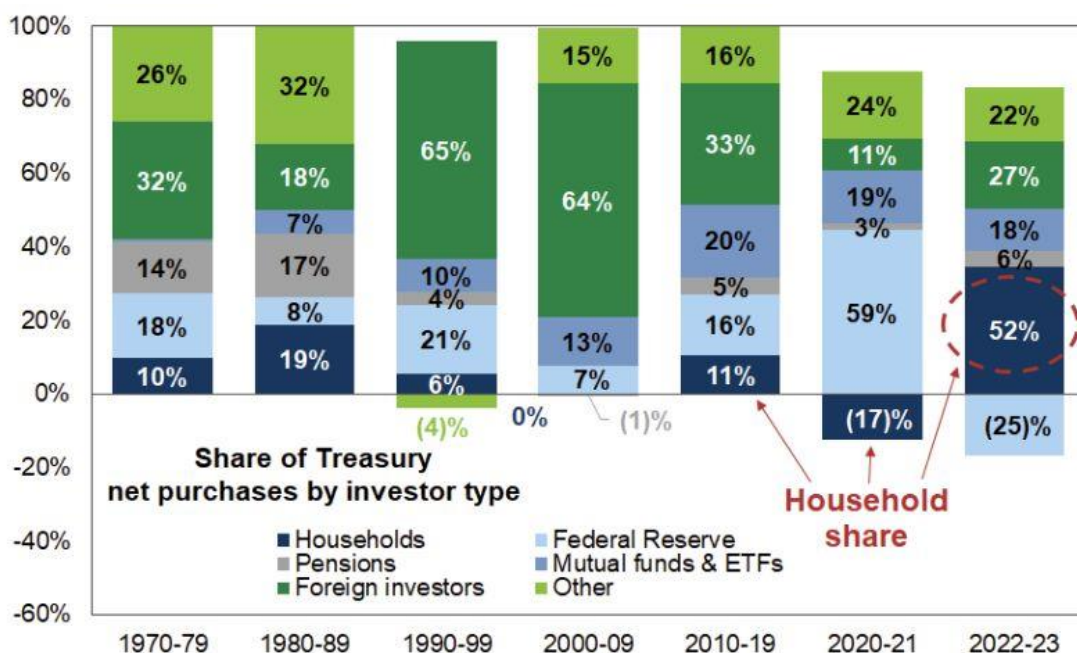


Source: The Kobeissi Letter



#us #treasury #ownership

Who owns the US Treasury Market? Next time someone says something about foreigners not wanting to buy US Treasuries (USTs) or the FED being the buyer of last resort, show them this. Guess who is increasing their purchases (foreigners) and who is reducing them (US Treasury)



Source: GS, Michael Nicoletos




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#us #bonds #drawdown

The US Bond Market has now been in a drawdown for 44 months, by far the longest bond bear market in history.

Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index: Longest Drawdowns (Monthly Data, 1976 - 2024)			
Start of Drawdown	End of Drawdown	# Months	Max Drawdown During Period (Monthly)
Aug-20	?	44	-17.2%
Jul-80	Oct-81	16	-9.0%
May-13	Apr-14	12	-3.7%
Aug-16	Jul-17	12	-3.3%
Feb-94	Jan-95	12	-5.1%
Mar-87	Nov-87	9	-4.9%
Aug-79	Apr-80	9	-12.7%
Apr-08	Nov-08	8	-3.8%
Feb-96	Sep-96	8	-3.2%
Jun-03	Nov-03	6	-3.6%
Feb-84	Jun-84	5	-4.9%
May-83	Aug-83	4	-3.5%

 CREATIVE PLANNING *@CharlieBilello* (As of 3/31/24)

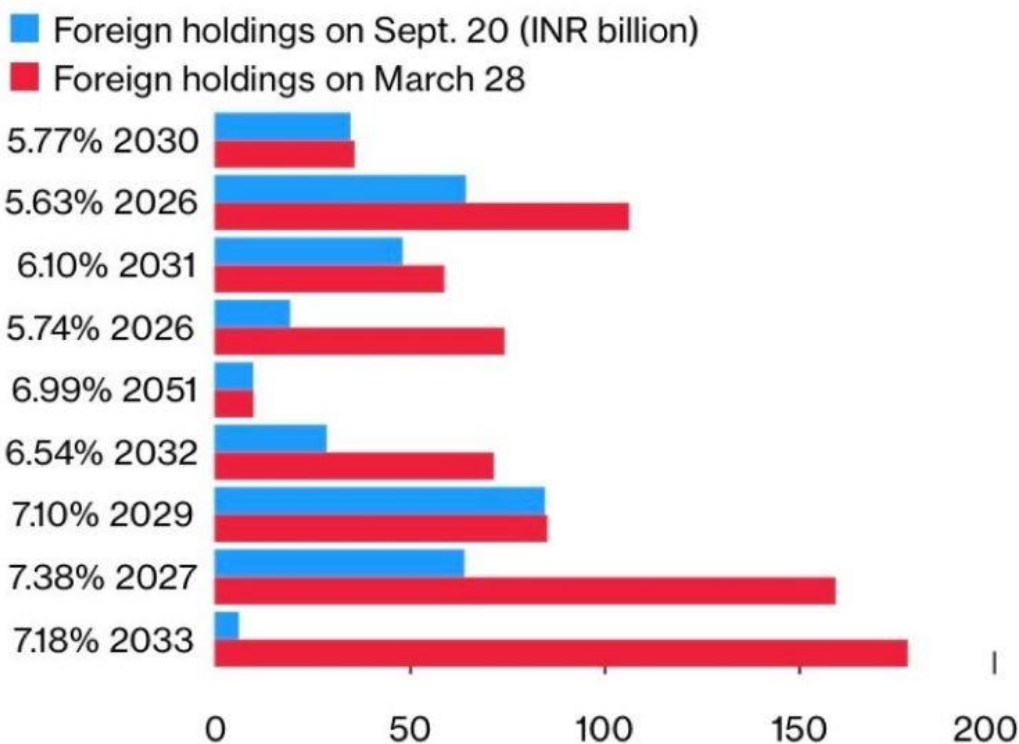
Source: Charlie Bilello



#india #bonds

The Imminent Inclusion of Indian Sovereign Bonds in EM Bond Indices is Attracting Huge Foreign Inflows 🙌

Investors Bought Over \$9 Billion of Eligible Bonds in 6 Months



Source: Clearing Corporation of India

Note: Select data: JPMorgan index inclusion was announced on Sept. 21

Source: Neha Sahni, JP Morgan





#forex #yen

Since the BoJ unleashed chaos in JPY-land, USDJPY has gone too sleep. Bespoke notes that this is the smallest 13-day range for USDJPY since 1980...

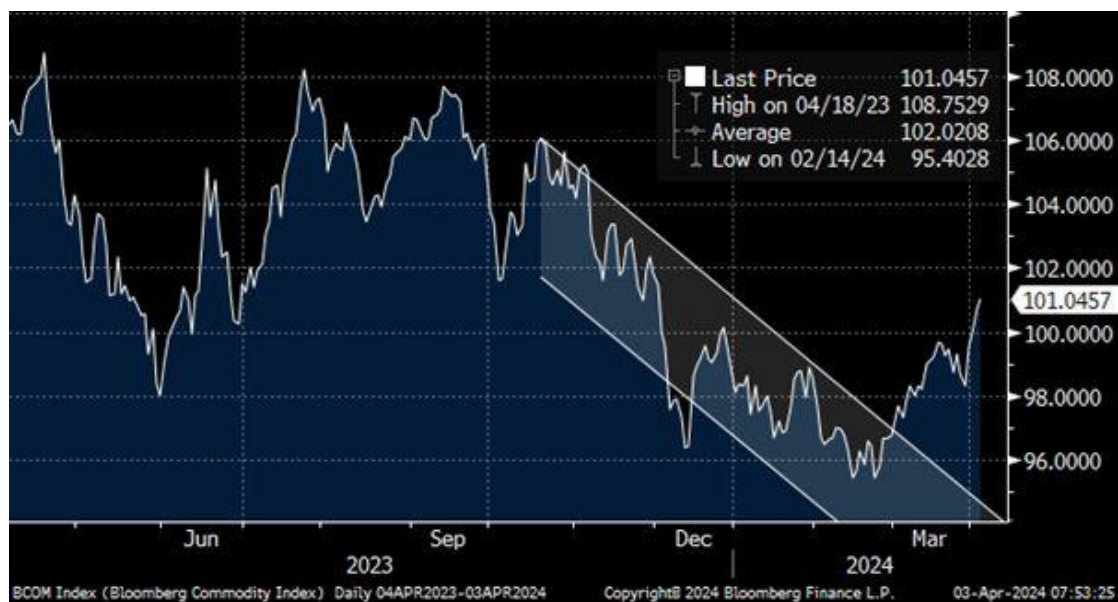


Source: www.zerohedge.com, bloomberg



#commodities #breakout

Commodities have truly broken out now.. Is anyone paying attention?

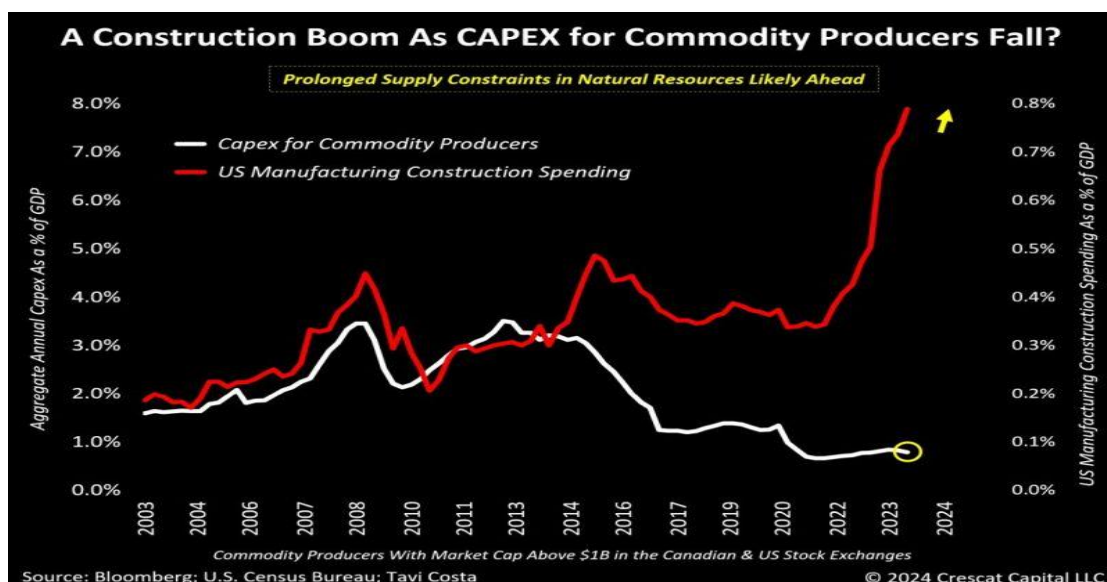


Source: Bloomberg, Andreas Steno Larsen



#commodities #capex

Despite the recent upsurge in construction spending, commodity producers have evidently fallen short of matching this trend. Capital expenditure in natural resource industries has remained near historically low levels, especially when adjusted for GDP. Changes in the supply curve of commodities typically align with the capital spending behavior of underlying producers, albeit with A SIGNIFICANT LAG EFFECT. Essentially, it requires time for investments to translate into increased supply. The current scarcity of capex among these producers, juxtaposed with the upsurge in construction expenditure fueling material demand might lead to significantly higher commodity prices to balance these markets in the face of these structural supply constraints.



Source: Tavi Costa, Crescat Capital, Bloomberg



#gold #weekly

Gold had another huge week, rallying to a new record high above \$2330 (spot). The yellow metal posted largest weekly gain since October. Gold is up 9 of the last 10 days and 6 of the last 7 weeks...



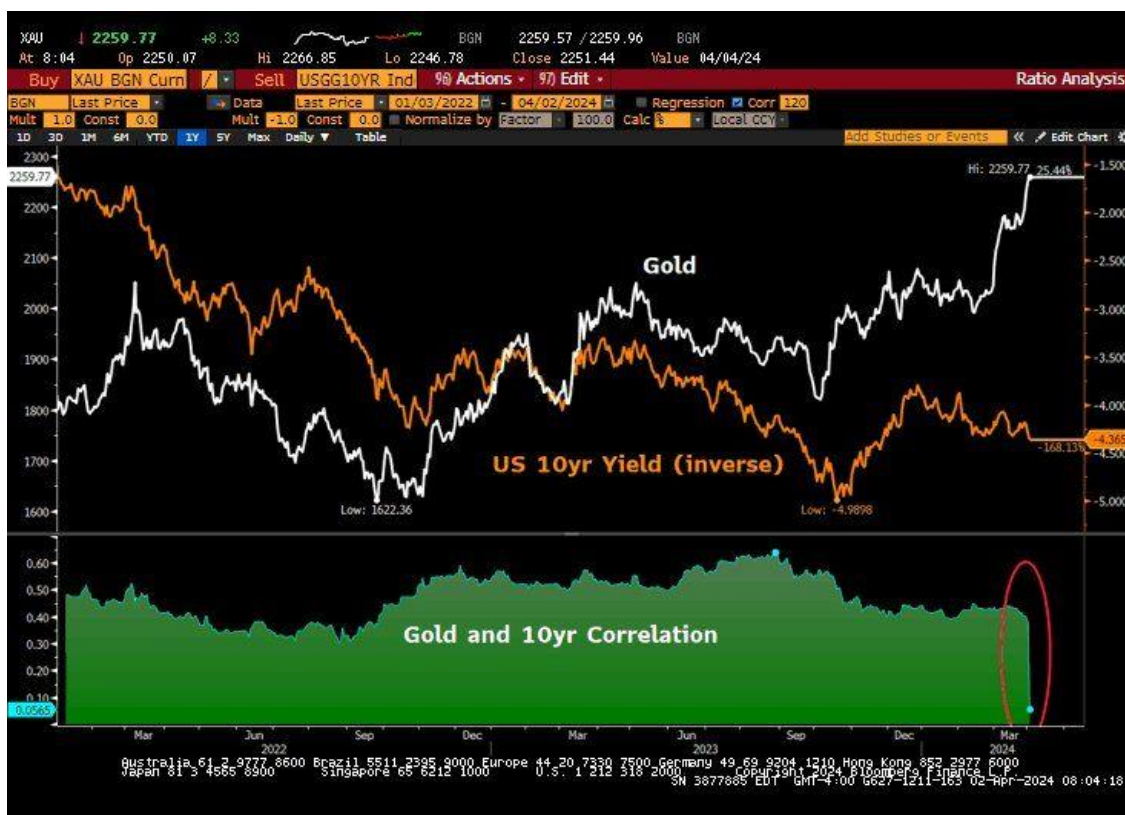
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#gold #bond-yields

Bond yields up and gold up? This looks like a classic 1970s action, with the inverse relationship between gold and 10-year Treasury yields starting to decouple. Gold is at all-time highs in the face of bond market weakness. This, coupled with the rise in commodity prices (especially oil / gasoline), could mean troubles for the FED and the banks.



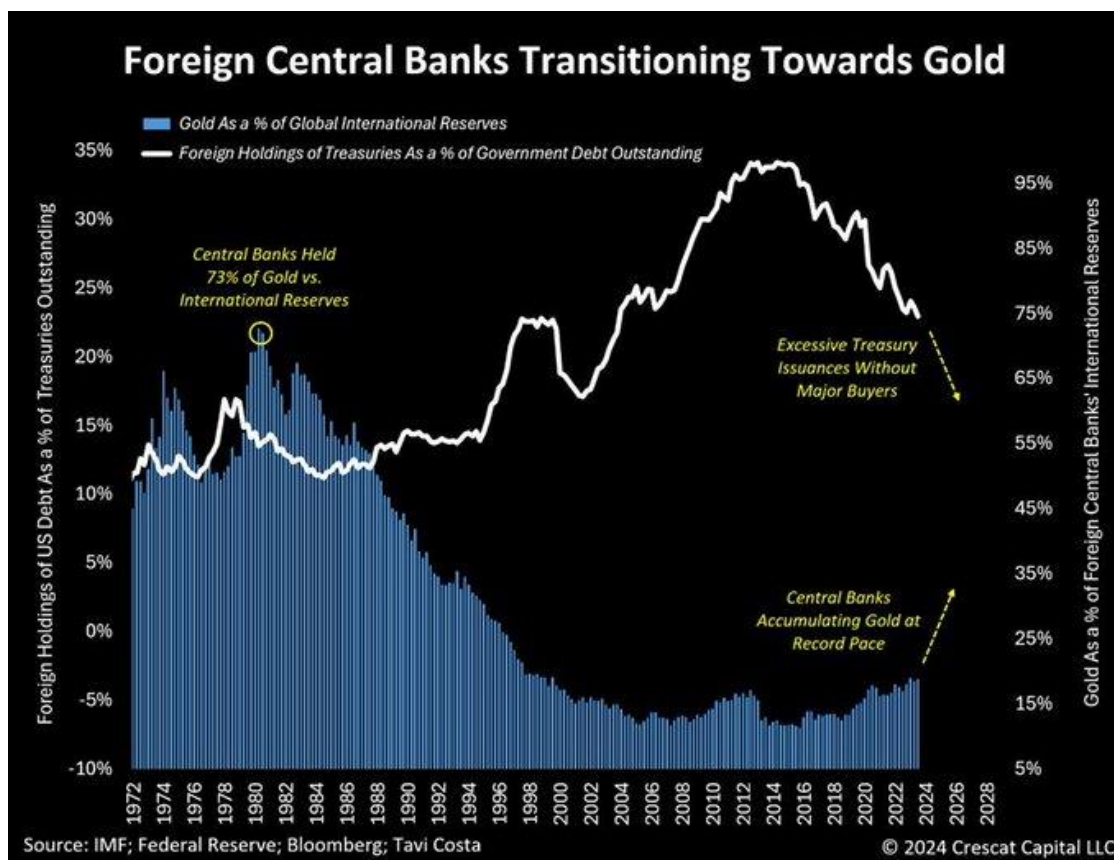
Source: Bloomberg, Lawrence McDonald





#gold #central-banks #cemand

Without a doubt, the most important development unfolding as I type this: Central banks transitioning towards gold.



Source: Tavi Costa, Bloomberg





#gold #china

The Gold price is trading at \$2,335 an ounce in China on Monday or \$70-75 an ounce higher than the west!

The screenshot shows the SMM website interface for gold prices. It features a navigation bar with 'SMM' and various metal symbols (i, Si, RE, Au, Zn, Bi, Se). Below the navigation are 'SPOT' and 'FUTURE' tabs. The main content area is titled 'Gold Bullion' and contains a table with columns for 'Products', 'Avg', 'Change', and 'Unit'. Two rows of data are visible, one for Gold(99.95%) and one for Gold(99.99%).

Products	Avg	Change	Unit
Gold(99.95%)			Apr.01
529.86 ~ 529.86	529.86	+13.86	CNY/g
2,323.22 ~ 2,323.22	2,323.22	+60.77	USD/oz
Gold(99.99%)			Apr.01
532.45 ~ 532.45	532.45	+4.15	CNY/g
2,334.58 ~ 2,334.58	2,334.58	+18.2	USD/oz

Source: Peter Spina ✂ GoldSeek | SilverSeek

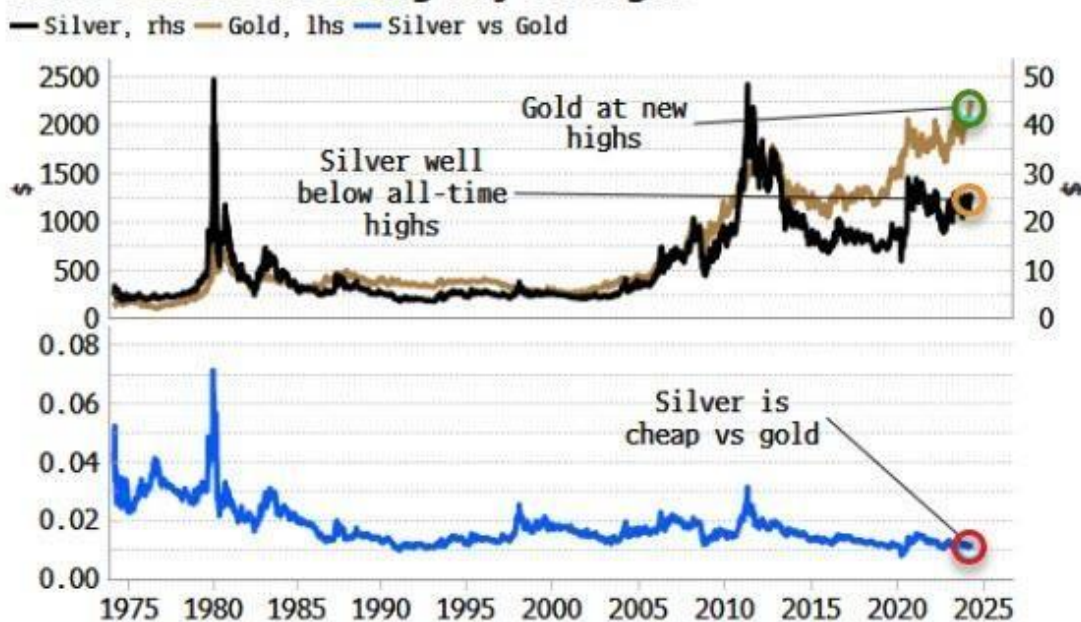




#silver #commodities

Despite recent surge in prices, Silver remains quite cheap compared to gold, and the price of silver is well away from its prior all-time highs. The so-called "silver squeeze" have disappointed many and prior rallies faded. But this time could be different. Industrial utilization is increasing and investor interest is as well... Could silver catch up with Gold?

Silver Prices Still a Long Way Off Highs



Source: Bloomberg

Source: Bloomberg, Markets & Mayhem





#oil #prices

Oil prices also surged, with Brent topping \$90 and WTI topping \$87.50 this week, as geopolitical tensions are on the rise. Since the December 2023 low, oil prices are up over 25% as geopolitical tensions have escalated. This comes as PPI, CPI and PCE inflation all posted year-over-year increases in February. Demand forecasts are being raised and supply disruption risks continue to rise. Higher oil prices are simply just the new normal in the post-pandemic world. Is the fight against inflation really over?



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com

#us #oil-reserves

US cancels latest Oil reserve refill plan amid high prices
The US won't move forward with its latest plans to buy oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve amid rising prices. The Energy Department said it was "keeping the taxpayer's interest at the forefront" in its decision not to purchase as many as 3 million barrels of oil for a Strategic Petroleum Reserve site in Louisiana. The plan for the barrels to be delivered in August and September had been announced in mid-March. The Energy Department has been slowly refilling the emergency oil supply after it reached a 40-year-low following the administration's unprecedented drawdown of a record 180 million barrels in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It currently holds about 363 million barrels, according to Energy Department data, down from almost 600 million at the start of 2022.



Source: bloomberg



#uranium #cameco

Goldman Sachs initiates coverage uranium miner Cameco \$CCJ with a BUY and \$55 Price target: "the shares provide investors with an attractive means to gain exposure to the entire nuclear fuel value chain in an environment where increased demand and higher prices should lead to meaningful consensus estimate revisions"



Cameco Corp. (CCJ): Attractive Exposure to Uranium Supply/Demand Fundamentals Given Integrated Business Across Value Chain; Initiate at Buy

1 April 2024 | 4:02AM EDT

Initiation

We are initiating coverage on CCJ/CCO.TO with a Buy rating and US\$55/C\$74 price targets, implying ~30% upside. Cameco Corporation (CCJ) is one of the world's largest nuclear fuel suppliers, and we believe shares provide investors with an attractive means to gain exposure to the entire nuclear fuel value chain in an environment where increased demand and higher prices should lead to meaningful consensus estimate revisions. We believe uranium prices are likely to average US\$95/lb (spot) and ~US\$68/lbs (realized) on a normalized basis, ~170%/~65% higher than historical averages. We believe this is supported by a combination of meaningful supply deficit and a miscalibration of enrichment requirement assumptions (lower tails assumption) potentially understating demand. We believe this is likely to drive an incremental ~14% demand vs current industry base case estimates. We also believe that there is potential for migration of uranium sourcing requirements from other regions to Canada/Cameco, driven by increasing focus on derisking supply as a result of geopolitical challenges, particularly for the US and France, together comprising ~35% of global demand. As a result, our estimates for EBITDA and EPS are ~15% and ~15% above consensus on average for 2024-2027.

CCJ	12m Price Target: \$55.00	Price: \$43.32	Upside: 27.0%
CCO.TO	12m Price Target: C\$74.00	Price: C\$58.64	Upside: 26.2%

Buy	GS Forecast				
	12/23	12/24E	12/25E	12/26E	
Market cap: \$18.8bn	Revenue (C\$ mn)	2,587.8	3,116.9	3,623.7	3,876.9
Enterprise value: \$19.0bn	EBITDA (C\$ mn)	503.2	1,606.1	2,176.2	2,204.0
3m ADTV: \$230.7mn	EBIT (C\$ mn)	282.9	1,310.1	1,869.0	1,873.3
Canada	EPS (C\$)	0.78	1.43	2.59	2.79
Americas Energy Services	P/E (X)	57.2	41.0	22.6	21.0
M&A Rank: 3	EV/EBITDA (X)	40.9	16.0	11.3	10.6
	FCF yield (%)	2.8	4.5	5.3	5.2
	Dividend yield (%)	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
	Net debt/EBITDA (X)	2.5	0.2	(0.4)	(0.9)
		12/23	3/24E	6/24E	9/24E
	EPS (C\$)	0.21	0.36	0.36	0.24

Source: Company data, Goldman Sachs Research estimates, FactSet. Price as of 28 Mar 2024 close.



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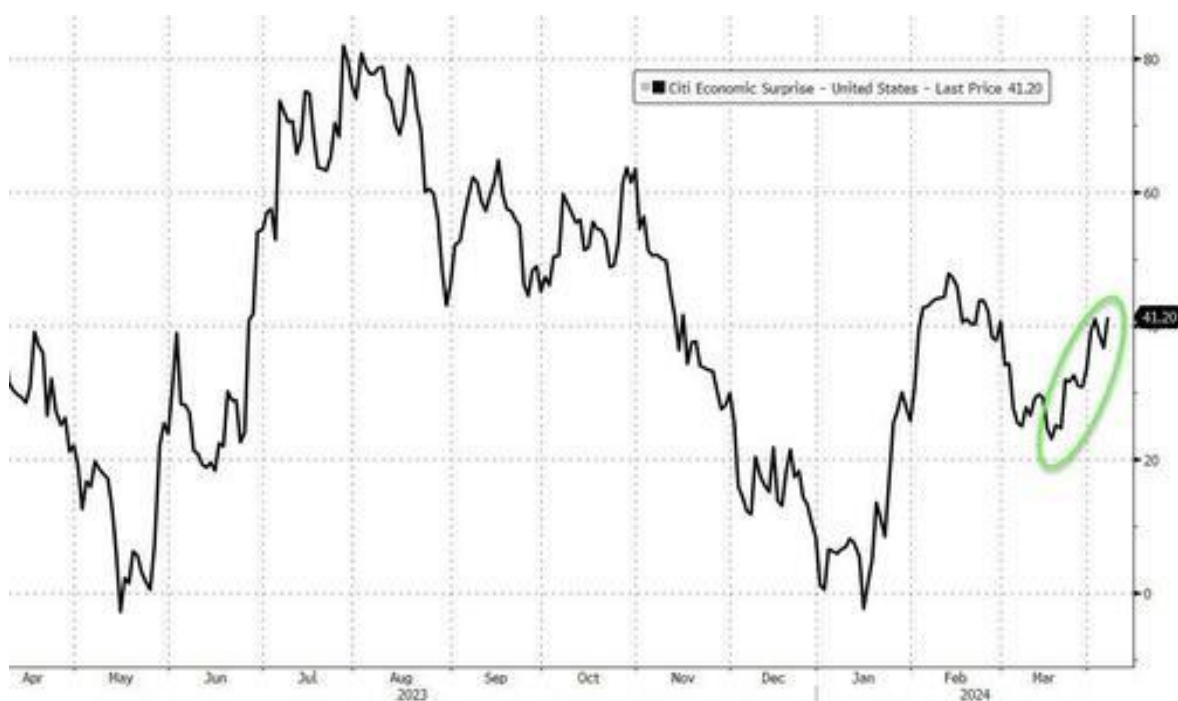
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#macro

#us #macro #surprises

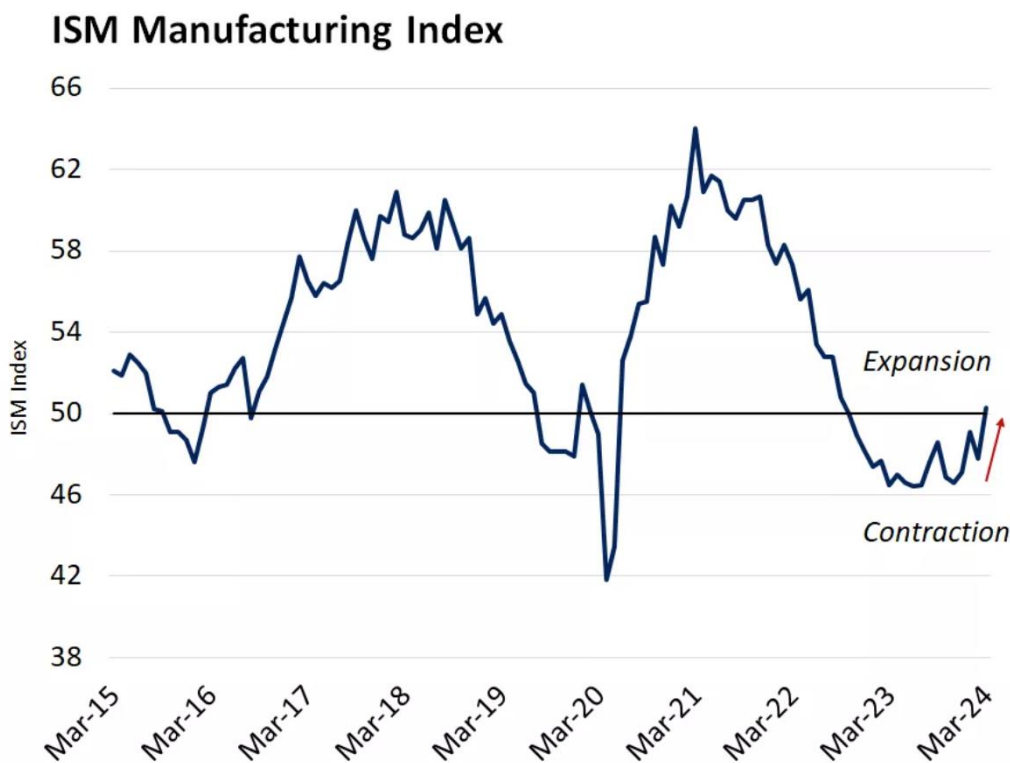
It was a 'good' week for US macro data...





#us #manufacturing

Monday's release of the ISM Manufacturing report that revealed that manufacturing activity has rebounded, returning to expansionary territory for the first time since late 2022. This was emblematic of the good-news-is-bad-news reaction, as investors interpreted this acceleration in economic activity as an indication that the Fed won't be able to cut rates as soon or as much as many are hoping..



Source: FactSet.

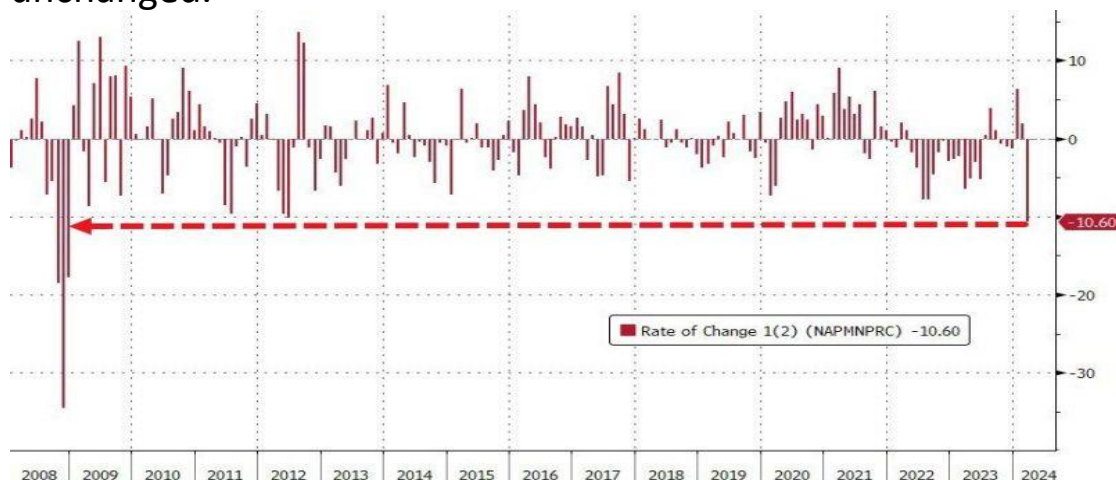
Source: Edward Jones, Factset





#us #ism-service-prices

THE NUMBER THAT SAVED THE DAY. While ADP numbers showed better job gains than expected (with strong wage growth, re-igniting inflation fears), the plunge in PRICES PAID in ISM Services (which literally diverged from all other recent 'prices paid' surveys and the respondents' comments) literally saved the day. Indeed, for context, that is the biggest two-month plunge in ISM Services Prices Paid since Dec 2008... (see chart below). That one datapoint was all the algo's needed and stocks rebounded slightly, the dollar and bond yields dropped, gold spiked to new highs, bitcoin jumped higher, and even rate-cut hopes rose immediately (but still less than 3 total rate-cuts priced in for 2024). Then, at 1515ET, a huge sell program suddenly hit stocks out of nowhere (it seems it was related to some bad news on Apple). Stocks ended the day almost unchanged.



Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg





#us #economic-surprise-index

In the US, soft data (less reliable) has surprised to the upside a lot more than the hard data (more reliable) since the start of the year.



Source: Bob Elliott, The Daily Shot



#us #jobs

A hot US jobs report: US added 303k jobs in March, way higher than Street estimates of +214k. Household survey showed a large 498k MoM jump in the number of employed people too. Unemployment rate ticked down to 3.8% from 3.9%, in line with estimates. Encouragingly, from a wage pressures standpoint, the solid gains came with only a modest increase in average hourly wages, from 0.2% in February to 0.3% in March. Part of the reason may have been a solid rise in the labor force participation rate, suggesting that employers might be enjoying an easier time filling empty slots. Indeed, participation rate rose to 62.7%, above estimates.

United States		Browse	14:39:57	04/05/24	04/12/24					
Economic Releases		All Economic Releases	View Agenda Weekly							
Date	Time	A	M	R	Event	Period	Surv(M)	Actual	Prior	Revised
21)	04/05 14:30				Two-Month Payroll Net Revision	Mar	--	22k	--	--
22)	04/05 14:30				Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Mar	214k	303k	275k	270k
23)	04/05 14:30				Change in Private Payrolls	Mar	170k	232k	223k	207k
24)	04/05 14:30				Change in Manufact. Payrolls	Mar	3k	0k	-4k	-10k
25)	04/05 14:30				Unemployment Rate	Mar	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	--
26)	04/05 14:30				Average Hourly Earnings MoM	Mar	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%
27)	04/05 14:30				Average Hourly Earnings YoY	Mar	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%	--
28)	04/05 14:30				Average Weekly Hours All Employees	Mar	34.3	34.4	34.3	--
29)	04/05 14:30				Labor Force Participation Rate	Mar	62.6%	62.7%	62.5%	--
30)	04/05 14:30				Underemployment Rate	Mar	--	7.3%	7.3%	--



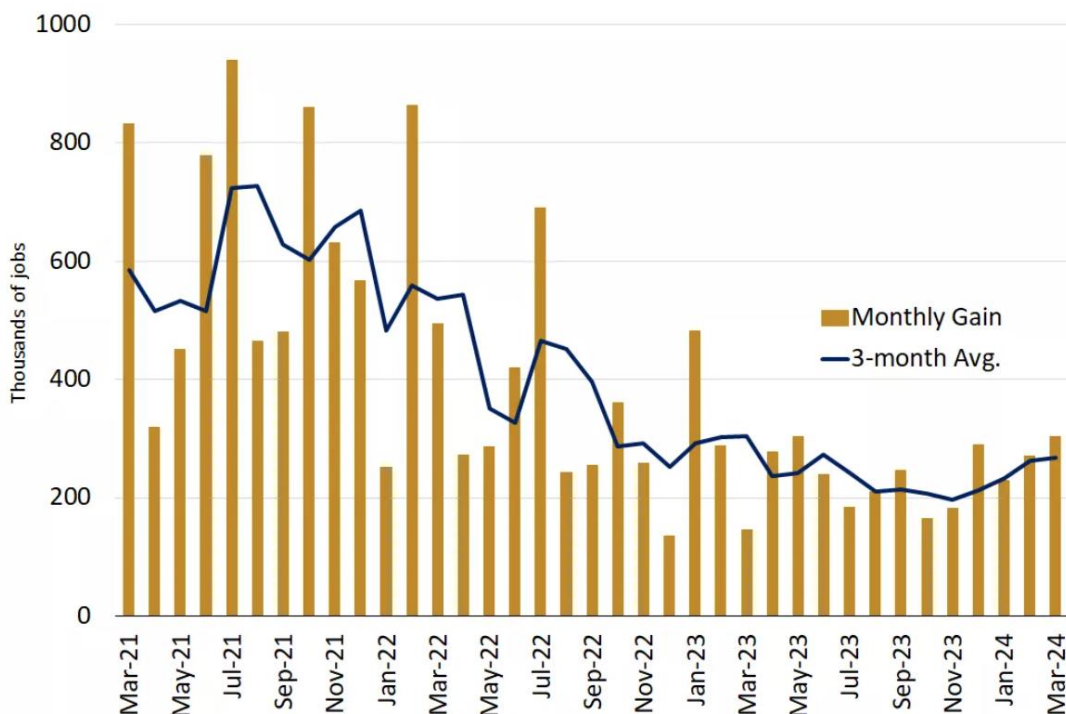
Source: Bloomberg, HolgerZ



#us #jobs

The 303,000 new jobs in March can only be described as impressively strong. This topped consensus expectations for 200,000 and marked the strongest monthly gain in nearly a year. Hiring was most notable in the health care, government, construction and leisure & hospitality sectors, with total employment in the latter now officially back to where it was before the pandemic.

Monthly Job Creation



Source: FactSet.

Source: Edward Jones, Factset

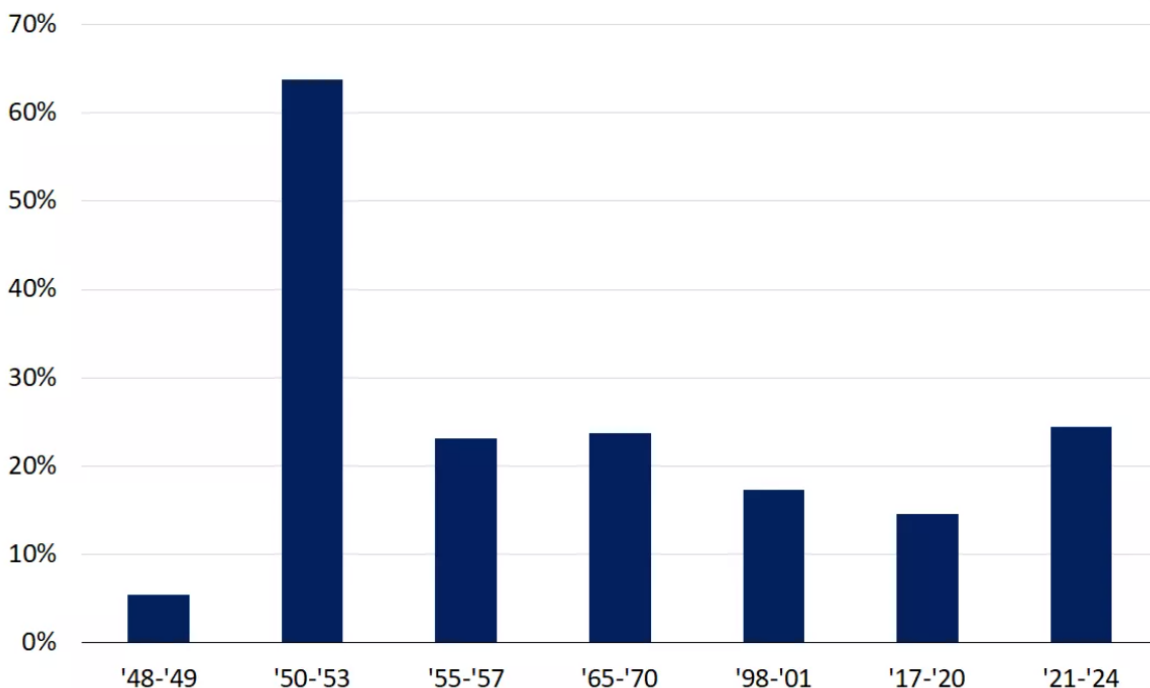




#us #jobs

The unemployment rate ticked down slightly to 3.8%, its 26th consecutive month below 4%.¹ This is the longest such streak since the 27-month stretch between 1967 and 1970.

Stock Market Return When Unemployment is Below 4.5%



Source: Bloomberg, Edward Jones. S&P 500 Index Total Return.

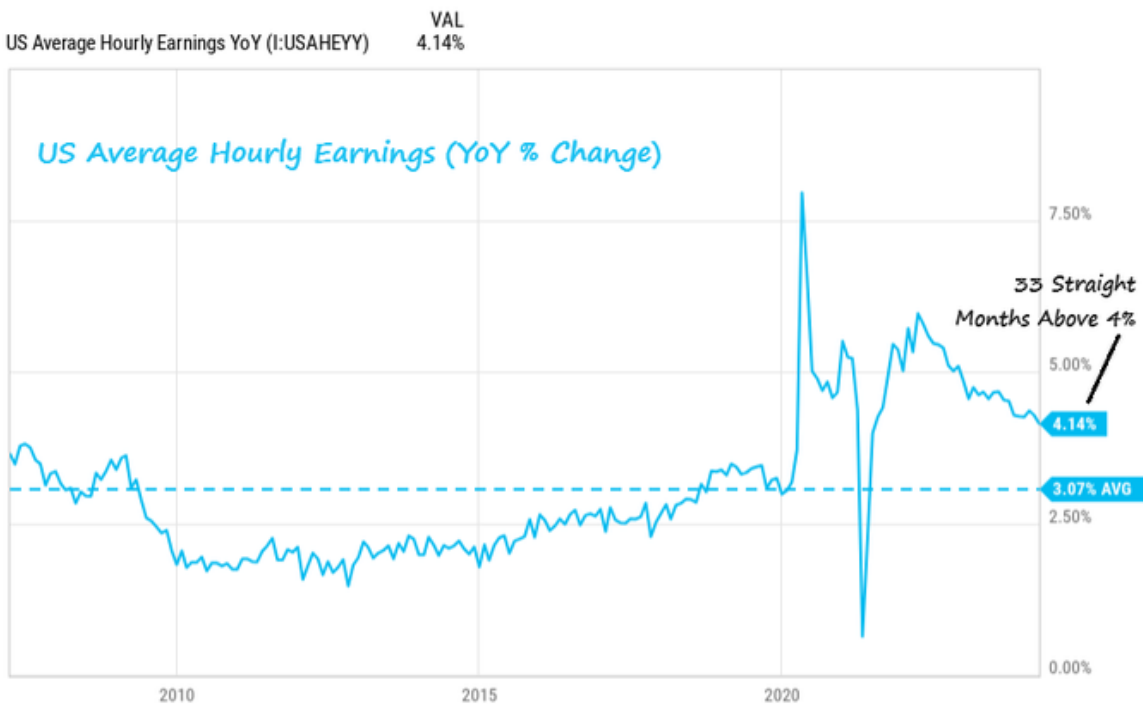


Source: Edward Jones



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US Average Hourly Earnings increased 4.1% over the last year, the 33rd consecutive month above 4%.



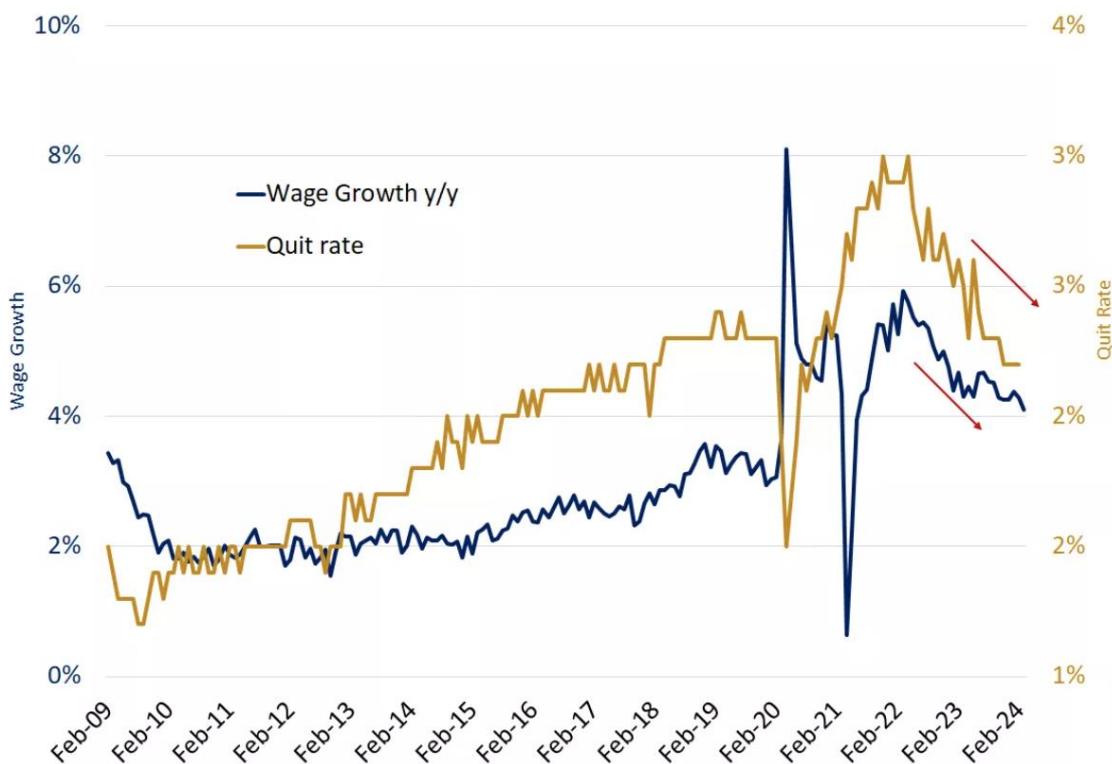
Source: Charlie Bilello



#us #jobs

Wages are helping the inflation outlook, but slowly – Slower wage growth may not feel like something to root for, but given the importance of inflation continuing to move lower, it's a necessary trade-off and a silver lining in a softening labor market. The rate of workers quitting their jobs is falling, signaling less availability and slower wage gains ahead.

Wage Growth vs. Job Quit Rate



Source: FactSet, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

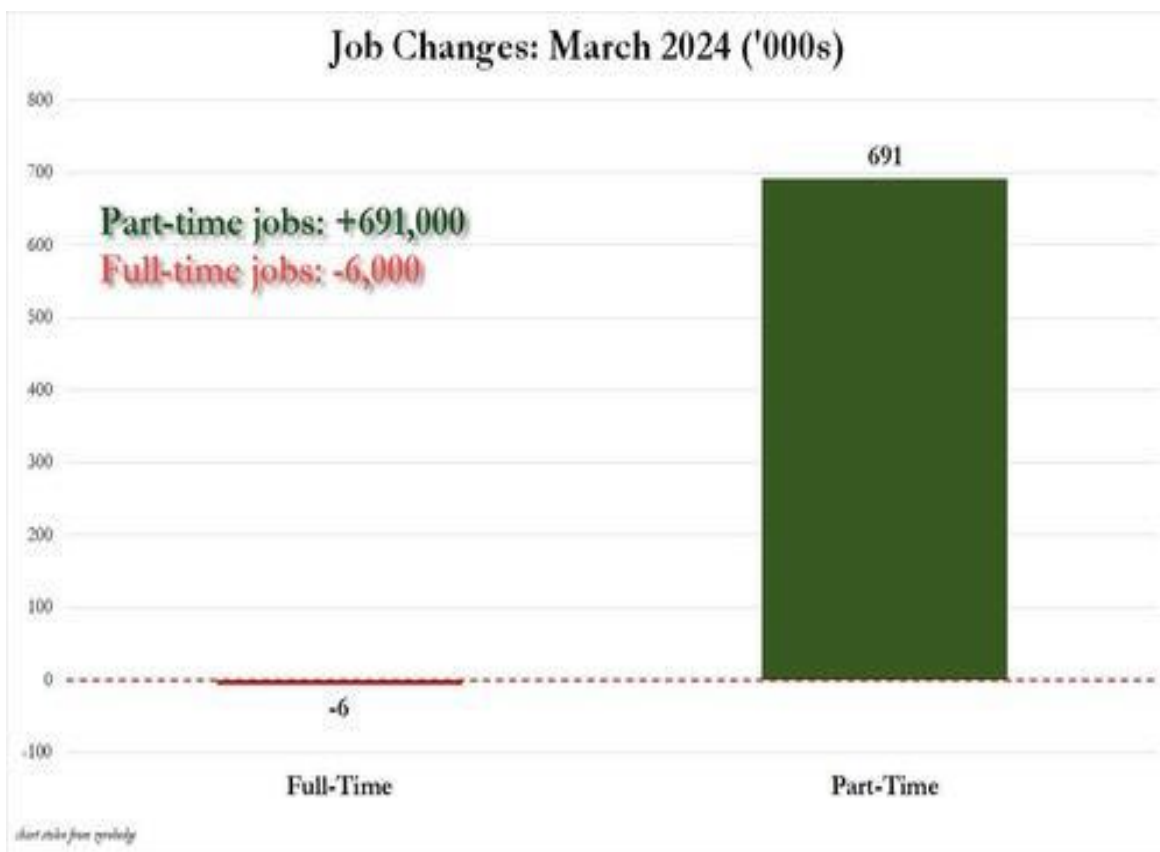
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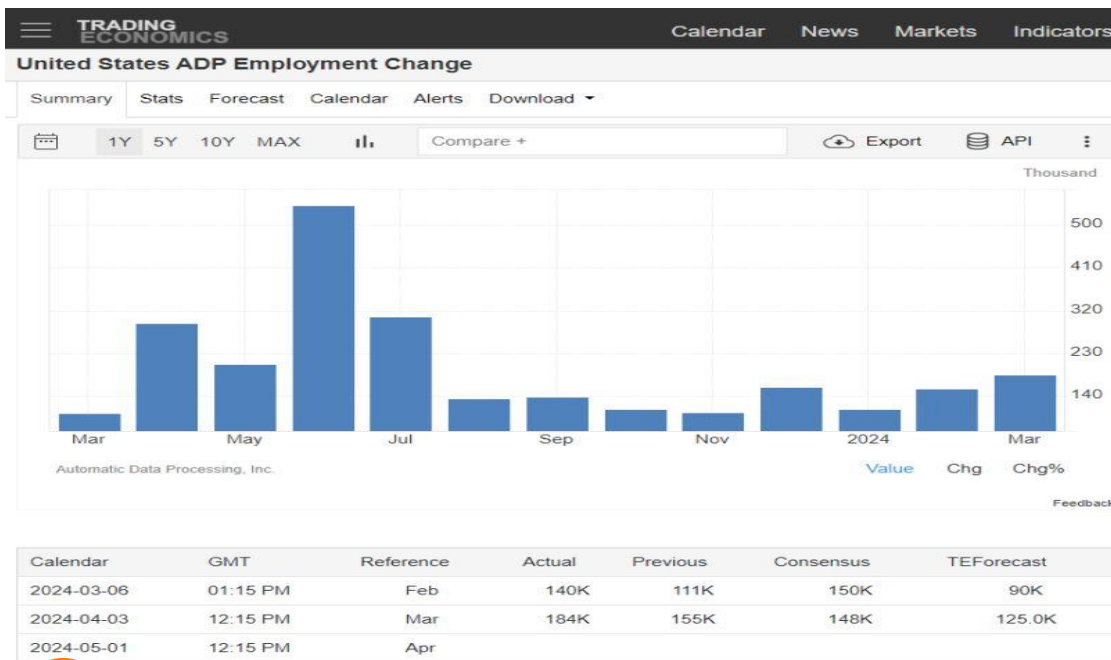
When it comes to the qualitative aspect, it was not as good as the quantitative aspect and this for one simple reason: all the job gains were part time jobs! In March, the number of part-time jobs soared by 691K to 28.632 million, up from 27.941 million while full-time jobs dropped by 6,000, to 132.940 million from 132.946 million.





#us #jobs-report

SUMMARY OF US MARCH ADP JOBS REPORT: 1. The U.S. economy added a higher-than-expected 184,000 jobs in March, as per ADP, easily beating forecasts for +148,000. 2. The number of monthly job gains was the highest in eight months (July 2023). 3. February number was also revised upwards. 4. Wage growth accelerated for those who changed jobs, rising +10% from a year earlier. Key Takeaway: The pickup in jobs growth supports the case that the labor market remains strong, and the economy continues to hold up better than expected. The ADP report does not point to imminent Fed rate cuts as markets continue to push back the timing of the first move.



Source: Jesse Cohen, Trading Economics

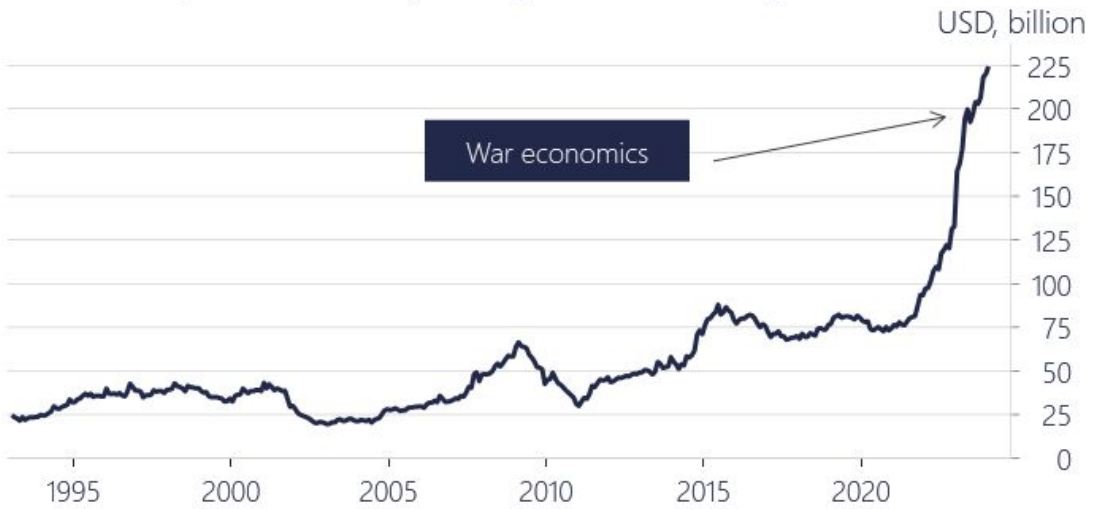




#us #war-economics #spending

War economics in the US.

United States, Construction Spending in Manufacturing



Source: Steno Research, Bloomberg and Macrobond

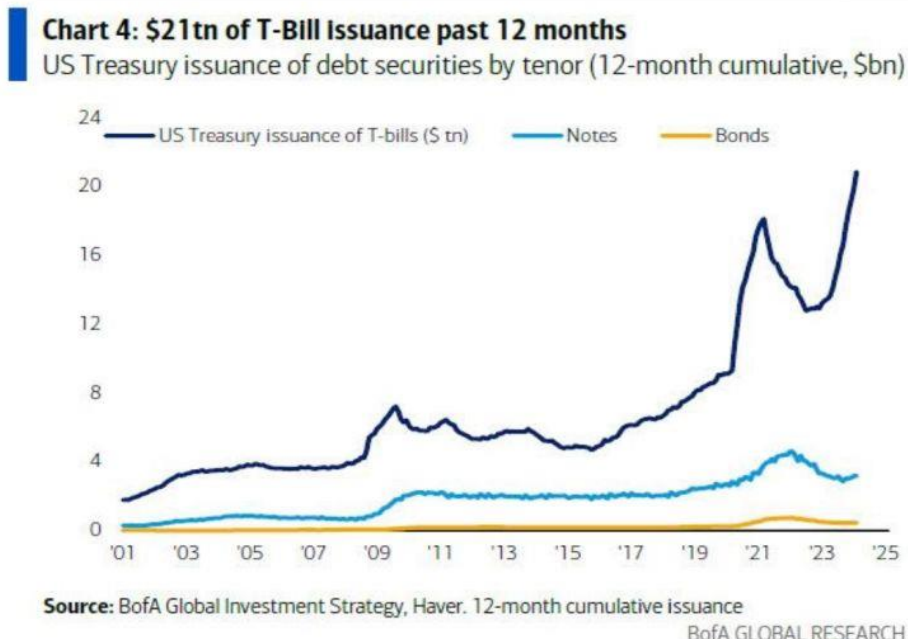


Source: Andreas Steno



#treasury-issuance #fed

The US Treasury is issuing more T-bills at an accelerating pace. In a fiscal dominance regime, the central bank is forced to lower rates to help fund the government deficits. As the CBO projects 5-7% deficits for the next couple decades, the only real lever to pull is to LOWER interest rates on government borrowings as the government continues to shift borrowings to the front end. It seems like gold and digital gold are already starting to anticipate this dynamic as a cutting of interest rates to support government borrowings will lead to currency weakness / monetary debasement and higher inflation over time.

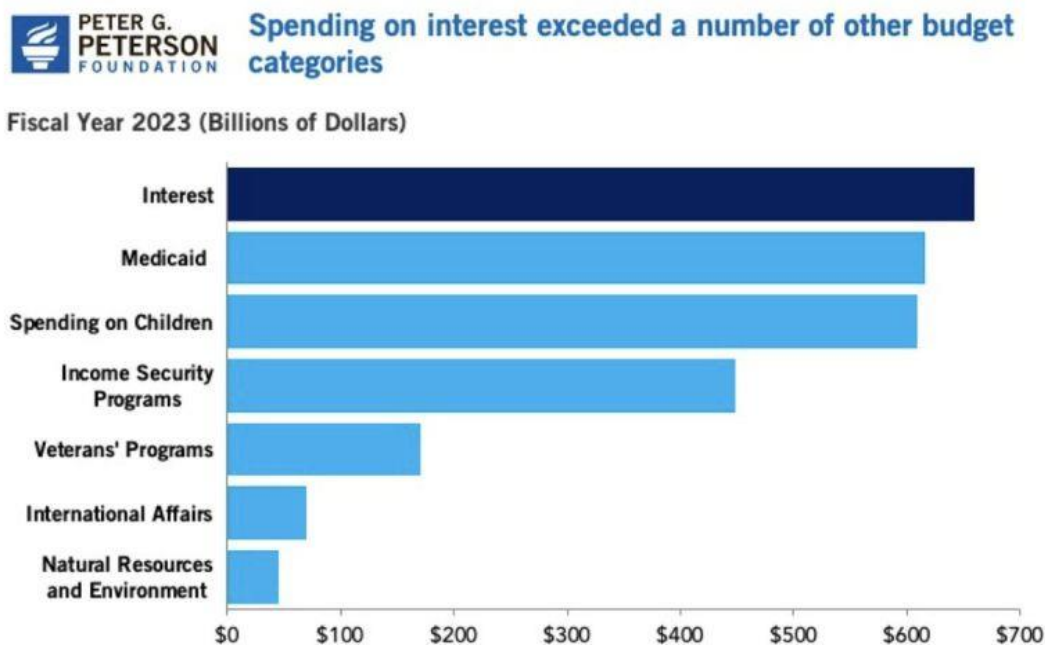


Source: LukeGromen, GraphFinancials, BofA, Craig Shapiro



#us #interest-expense

Interest expense is officially larger than Medicaid in the United States: Net interest costs on US debt hit \$659 billion in 2023. This was more than Medicaid and Spending on Children which both sat around \$600 billion. That's more than TRIPLE the amount spent on Veterans which came in at ~\$180 billion. Veterans' Programs and Income Security Programs COMBINED still cost less than US interest expense. We are only 3 months into 2024 and the US has already spent \$350 BILLION in net interest expense.



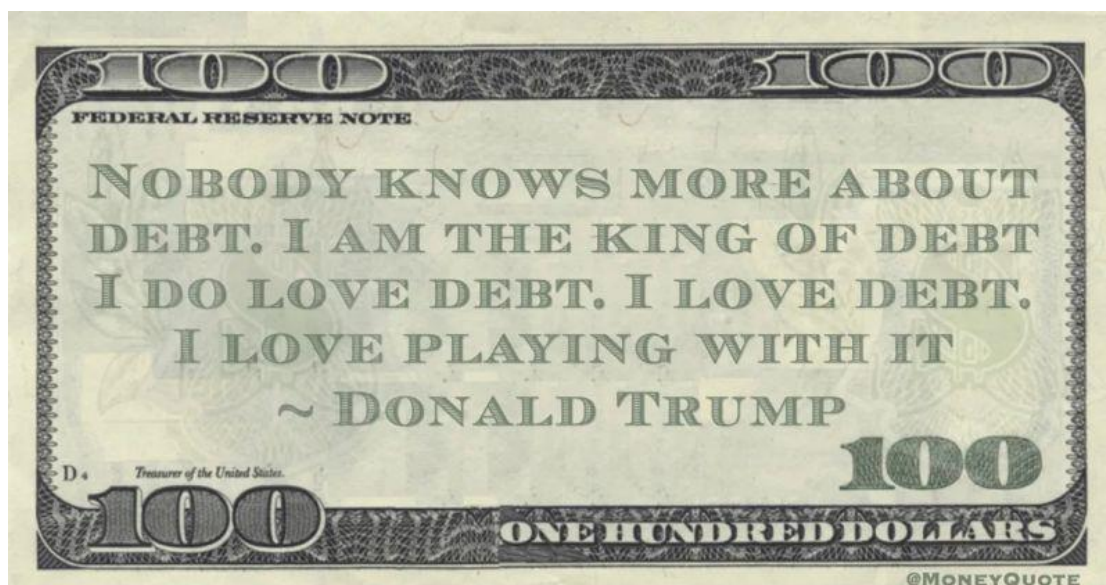
Source: The Kobeissi Letter



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#trump #debt

Is there a chance for the US to start slowing down the pace of debt increase? Well... think about this: "I'm the king of debt. I'm great with debt. Nobody knows debt better than me." - Donald Trump



Source: [Ronald-Peter Stoeferle, CMT, CFTe, MSTA](#)

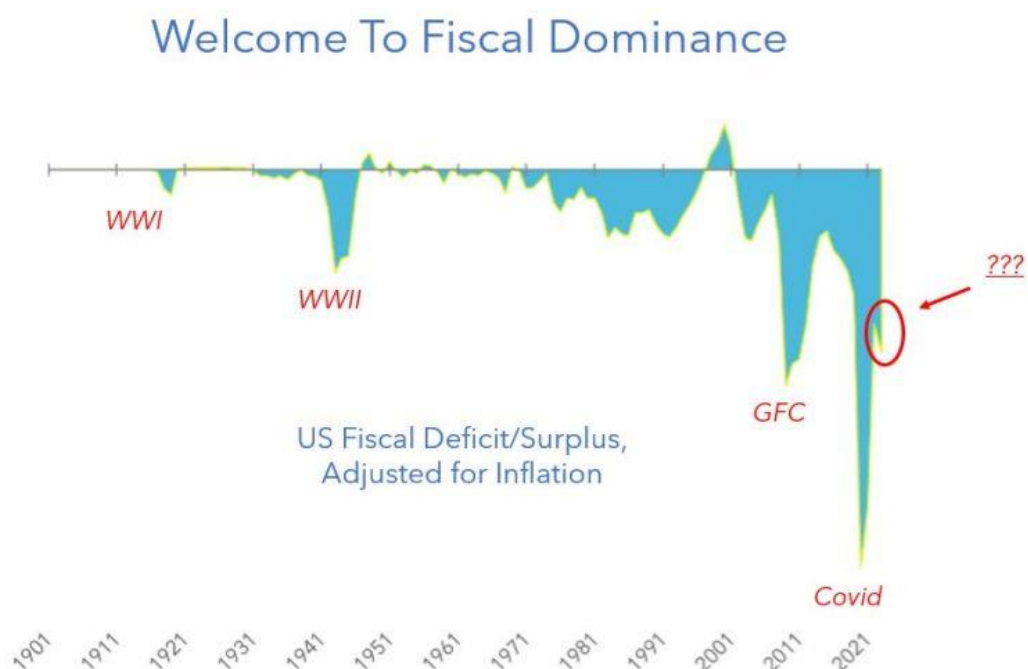
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#us #fiscal-dominance

The era of fiscal dominance - Inflation-adjusted US fiscal deficits popping up at:

- World War I
- World War II
- Great Financial Crisis
- Covid
- 2023

Find the outlier...



Source: MacroAlf



#us #real-estate #crash

New US home price crash in 2024 vs 2008 -The Kobeissi Letter
Since their peak in 2022, new home prices are down ~20% in 16 months. By comparison, new home prices fell 20% in 43 months in the 2008 crisis, according to Reventure. This means that new home prices are officially falling faster now than they were in 2008. As new home prices fall, home builders are offering incentives such as reduced mortgage rates but it doesn't seem to be helping. The reality of the housing market is that demand isn't as strong as it appears. The US simply just doesn't have enough existing home supply.



Source: Reventure, Kobeissi Letter



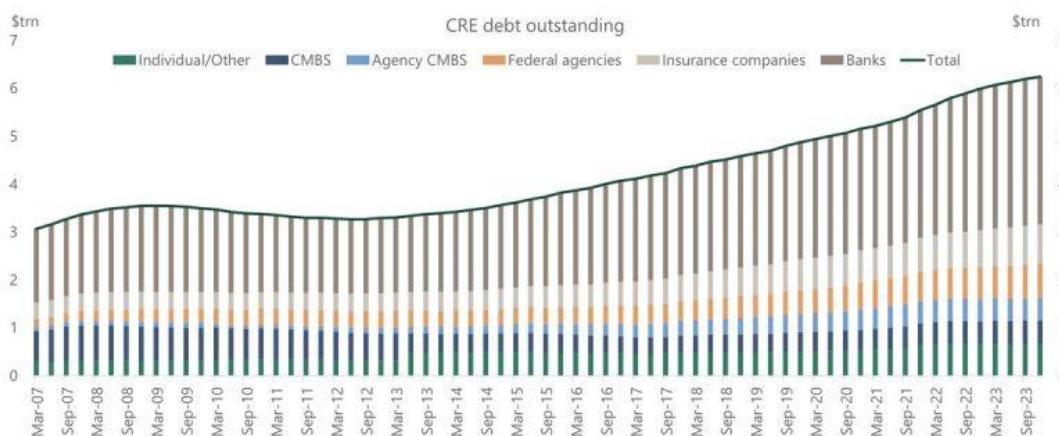


#us #real-estate #debt

Currently, there is roughly \$6 TRILLION of Commercial Real Estate (CRE) debt in the US. Banks hold a whopping \$3 trillion, or 50%, of this outstanding debt. This year, ~\$929 billion, or one sixth of this debt is set to be refinanced, according to Goldman Sachs. Rates on these loans are set to double or even triple since they were taken. All while many of these CRE projects are bankrupt or cash flow negative. Can banks weather the storm?

Banks hold half of CRE debt outstanding

APOLLO



Source: Apollo, The Kobeissi Letter



#banks #unrealized-losses

Just as everyone forgot, banks continue to carry alarming amount of unrealized losses. In Q4 2023, unrealized losses on investment securities for banks hit \$478 BILLION. This compares to over \$100 billion of unrealized GAINS seen in 2020 when the Fed started cutting interest rates. Meanwhile, the Bank Term Funding Program has officially expired. This was the emergency loan program established during the regional bank crisis. Who will step in now?

Unrealized losses on investment securities for banks



Source: The Kobeissi Letter



#eurozone #inflation

Eurozone inflation cools, setting stage for June rate cut: Headline CPI slowed to 2.4% YoY in March from 2.6% in February below consensus forecast of 2.5%. Core CPI slowed to 2.9% from 3.1%, again below economists' expectations to reach lowest level in >2yrs. But there were signs that inflationary pressures have yet to ease in labor-intensive parts: Service Price inflation +4.0% YoY, unch from 4 preceding months.



Source: DJ, Bloomberg thru HolgerZ



#germany #inflation #cpi

German inflation slowed to 2.2% in March from 2.5% in February as expected but core CPI more sticky. Core inflation slowed to 3.3% from 3.4% in Feb.



Source: Bloomberg, HolgerZ



#southern-europe #gdp

Southern European Economies Have Been Outperforming Germany. Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece have collectively added more than €200bn of gross domestic product — more than the entire Portuguese economy — in price-adjusted terms over the past six years, while Germany’s GDP has expanded by only €85bn, according to an analysis conducted by the Capital Economics consultancy for the Financial Times.



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#china #pmi

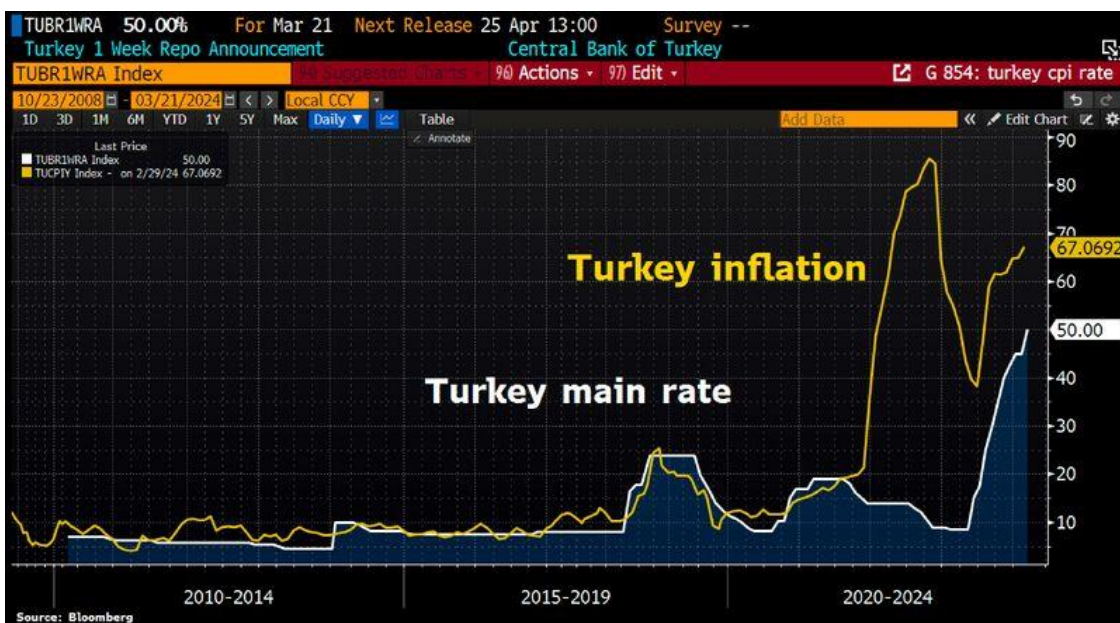
China is improving. Strong PMIs out during Easter. Global melt-up?

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03:30	Manufacturing PMI			
	China			Period: MAR
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#geopolitics

#turkey #elections

Erdogan set for shock defeat in Turkey’s municipal elections. Voters pressed by economic woes punish Turkish president w/inflation at 67% and Turkey Lira near All-Time low. Support for Erdogan’s ruling party is at lowest on record. It will be interesting to see whether Erdogan gives the economic reformer Simsek more power or removes him from power.

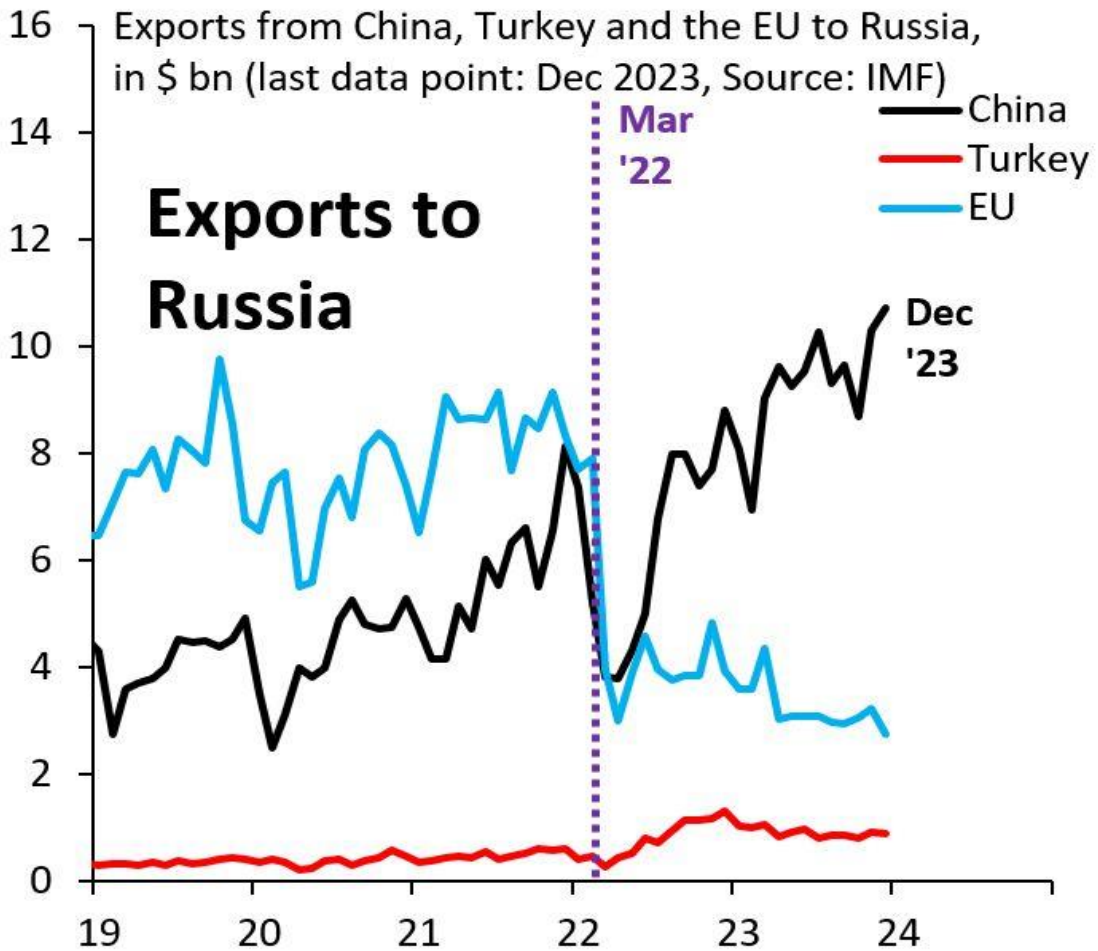


Source: Bloomberg, HolgerZ

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#china #russia #exports

The rise in China's exports to Russia (black) is so big that it has single-handedly more than offset the fall in direct EU exports to Russia (blue). That's why it's so important for the EU to get a handle on all the exports going to Russia via Central Asia and the Caucasus...

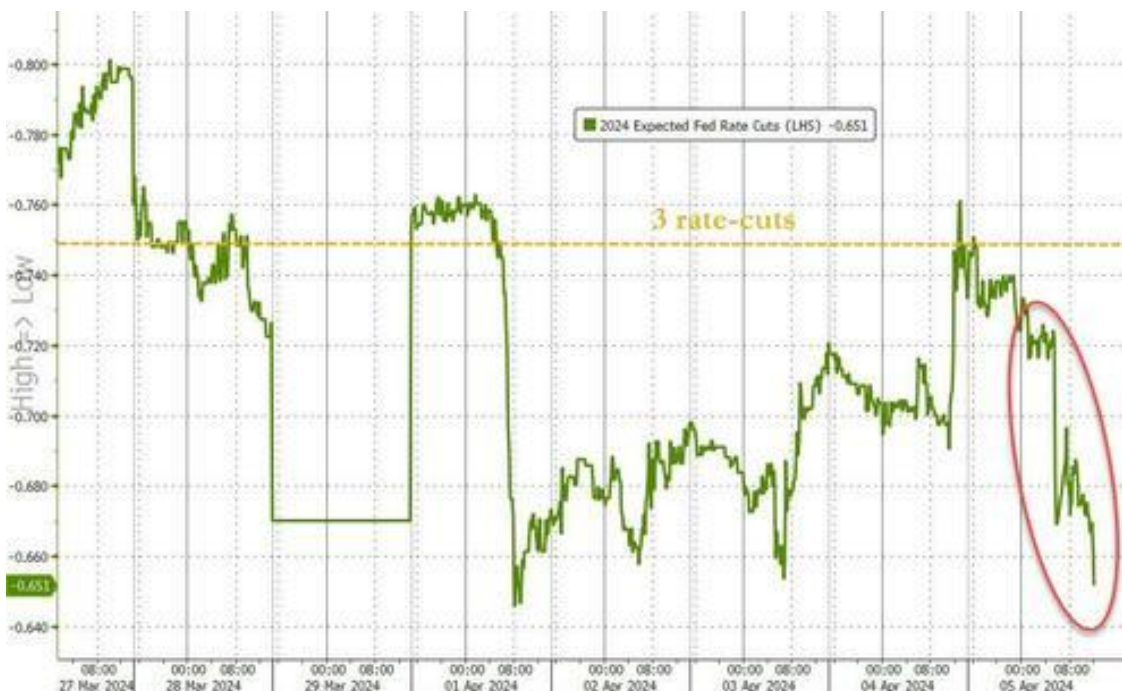


Source: Robin Brooks

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#fed #markets #expectations

Good news is bad news for the doves and rate-cut expectations for 2024 are down (particularly after today's big payrolls headline beat) well below three cuts expected by the 'median' Fed dot...

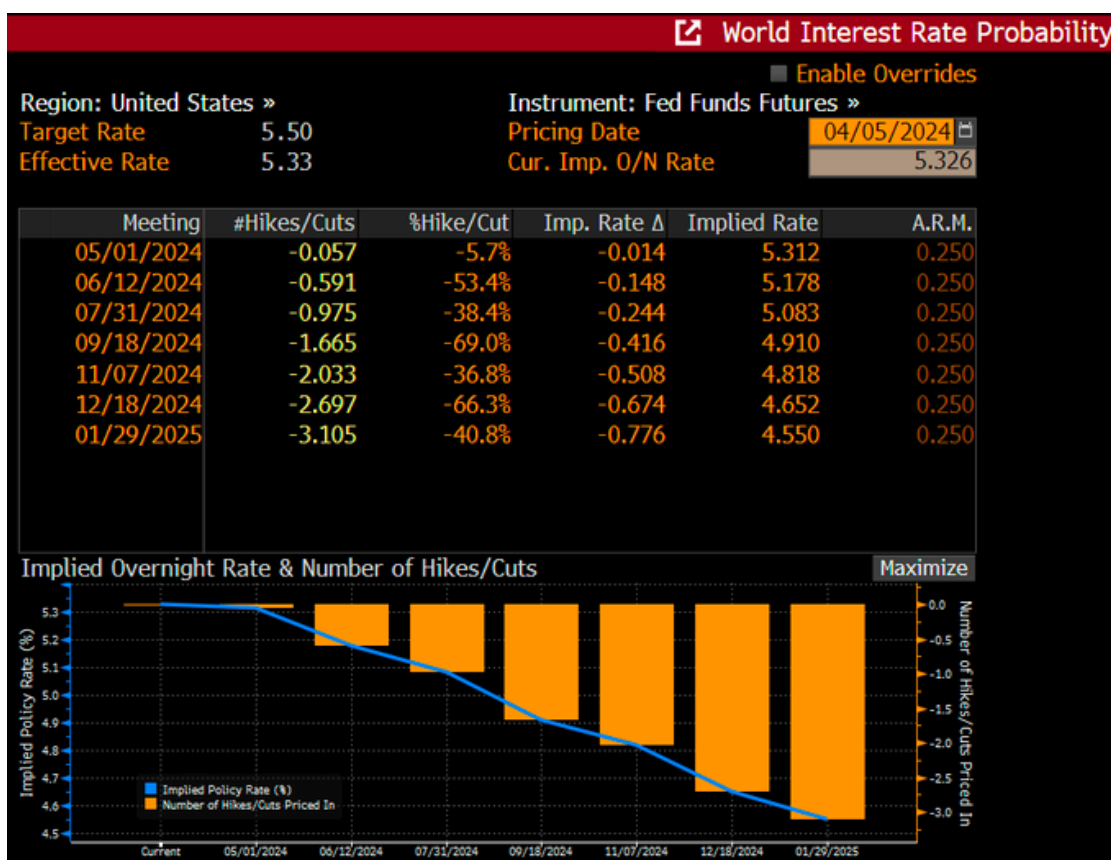


Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com

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#fed #markets #expectations

The odds of a June Fed rate cut are now almost a coin toss (59%) following hot jobs report.



Source: HolgerZ, Bloomberg

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#fed #rate-cut #expectations

Here's when the major banks currently forecast Jerome Powell and the Fed to start cutting rates

Fed call as of 4/2/2024

	First cut	Cuts in 2024	Publish date
Bank of America	June	75 BPS	1/31/2024
Barclays	June	75 BPS	2/16/2024
BNPP	June	100 BPS	2/13/2024
Citigroup	June	125 BPS	1/12/2024
Deutsche Bank	June	100 BPS	2/5/2024
Evercore ISI	June	125 BPS	12/13/2023
Goldman Sachs	June	75 BPS	3/17/2024
HSBC	June	75 BPS	12/17/2023
Jefferies	June	75 BPS	2/12/2024
JP Morgan	June	75 BPS	3/15/2024
LH Meyer	June	75 BPS	12/13/2023
Mizuho	Not 2024	0 BPS	12/5/2023
Morgan Stanley	June	100 BPS	11/12/2023
MUFG	June	125 BPS	4/1/2024
Nomura	July	50 BPS	3/15/2024
Oxford Economics	June	75 BPS	3/14/2024
TD Securities	June	100 BPS	3/20/2024
UBS	June	75 BPS	3/22/2024
Wells Fargo	June	100 BPS	3/13/2024

Source: The Wall Street Journal

Source: wsj, evan



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#fed #powell

NOTHING NEW FROM POWELL ON WEDNESDAY... FED Chairman Powell reiterated the Federal Reserve's cautious stance on interest-rate cuts, stating that they would wait and observe before making any decisions. While Powell didn't introduce any significant changes, his comment provided relief to Wall Street by suggesting that recent inflation data hadn't substantially altered the overall economic outlook. He also reiterated the likelihood of rate reductions at some point during the year.



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#fed #comments

Some hawkish comments by FED officials seemed to be behind Thursday sell-off in stocks. Among the comments: *BARR: BANKS' OFFICE COMMERCIAL REAL-ESTATE ISSUES TO TAKE TIME. *KUGLER: `SOME LOWERING' OF RATES THIS YEAR LIKELY APPROPRIATE. *FED'S HARKER SAYS INFLATION IS STILL TOO HIGH. *BARKIN: FED HAS TIME TO GAIN MORE CLARITY BEFORE LOWERING RATES. *GOOLSBEE: WORTH STAYING ATTUNED TO DETERIORATION IN JOBS MARKET. *MESTER: NEED MORE PROGRESS ON HOUSING, CORE SERVICES INFLATION. But the key market driver (to the downside) was Kashkari - President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis - who hinted at the potential of NO RATE-CUTS. *KASHKARI: QUESTION OF WHY CUT RATES IF ECONOMY REMAINS STRONG. "In March I had jotted down two rate cuts this year if inflation continues to fall back towards our 2% target," Kashkari said in a virtual event with LinkedIn on Thursday. "If we continue to see inflation moving sideways, then that would make me question whether we needed to do those rate cuts at all." His comments seemed to trigger a wave of selling in stocks.

Fed's Kashkari Floats Possibility of No Rate Cuts This Year

- Minneapolis Fed chief says he penciled in two cuts for 2024
- Kashkari questioned need for cuts if inflation moves sideways



Source: Tavi Costa, Bloomberg

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#fed #comments

More rate hikes to come?? Fed's Bowman said that this could be needed if inflation stays high... Remember, at the start of the year the market was expecting not less than rate cuts. Could the market start to shift from 2-3 rate cuts to nothing or even rate hikes?

FEDERAL RESERVE

Fed Governor Bowman says additional rate hike could be needed if inflation stays high



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#fed #financial-conditions

Financial conditions are looser now than they were before the Fed started hiking. It's almost as if the Fed did nothing at all.

Financial conditions are looser now than they were before the Fed started hiking
BBG financial conditions index



Source: Bloomberg, Edward Jones.

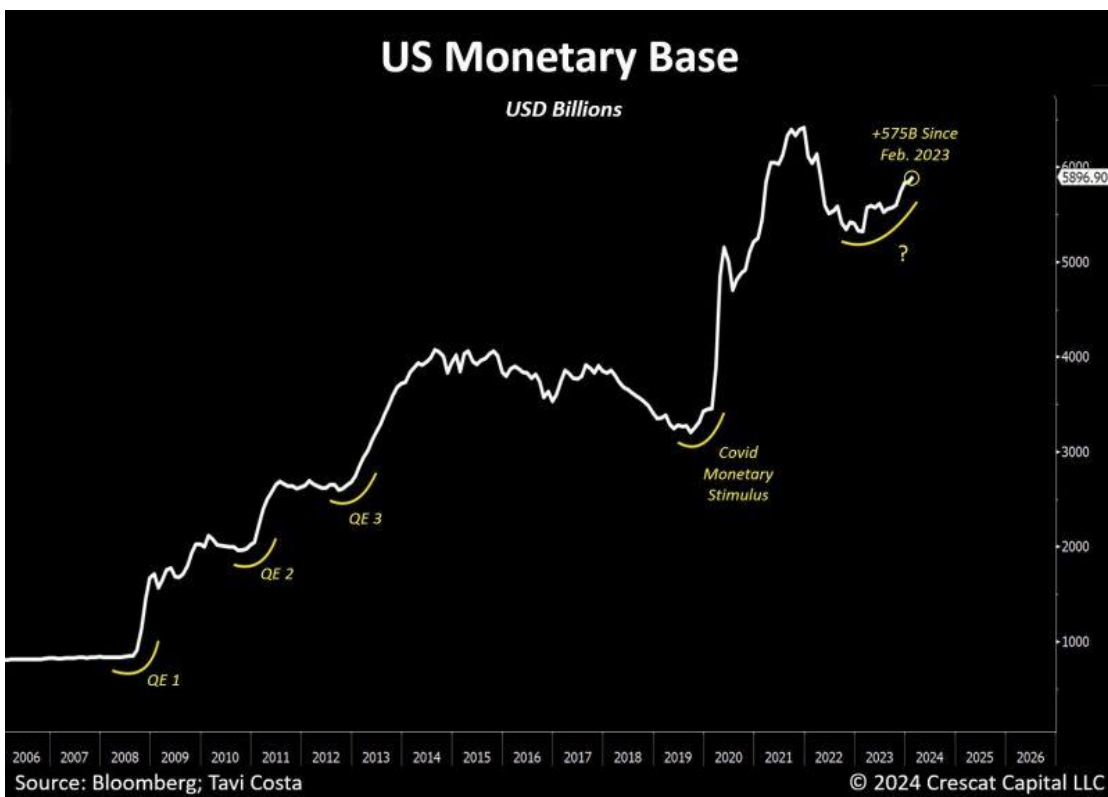
Source: Markets & Mayhem, Edward Jones, Bloomberg



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#us #monetary-base

The US monetary base just increased again by \$53 billion. That is now up \$575 Billion since February 2023. A reminder that this is happening during what is supposed to be one of the most restrictive monetary policies in history.



#japan #boj #bonds

Bank of Japan's bond purchases are on track to fall below total redemptions for the first time since 2008.

BOJ's Stash of Bonds Is Set to Shrink for First Time Since 2008

- Purchases may fall below redemptions as early as third quarter
- Speculation may grow BOJ to slow buying in April: Tokai Tokyo



A street sign outside the Bank of Japan headquarters in Tokyo. *Photographer: Shoko Takayasu/Bloomberg*

By [Masaki Kondo](#) and [Masahiro Hidaka](#)

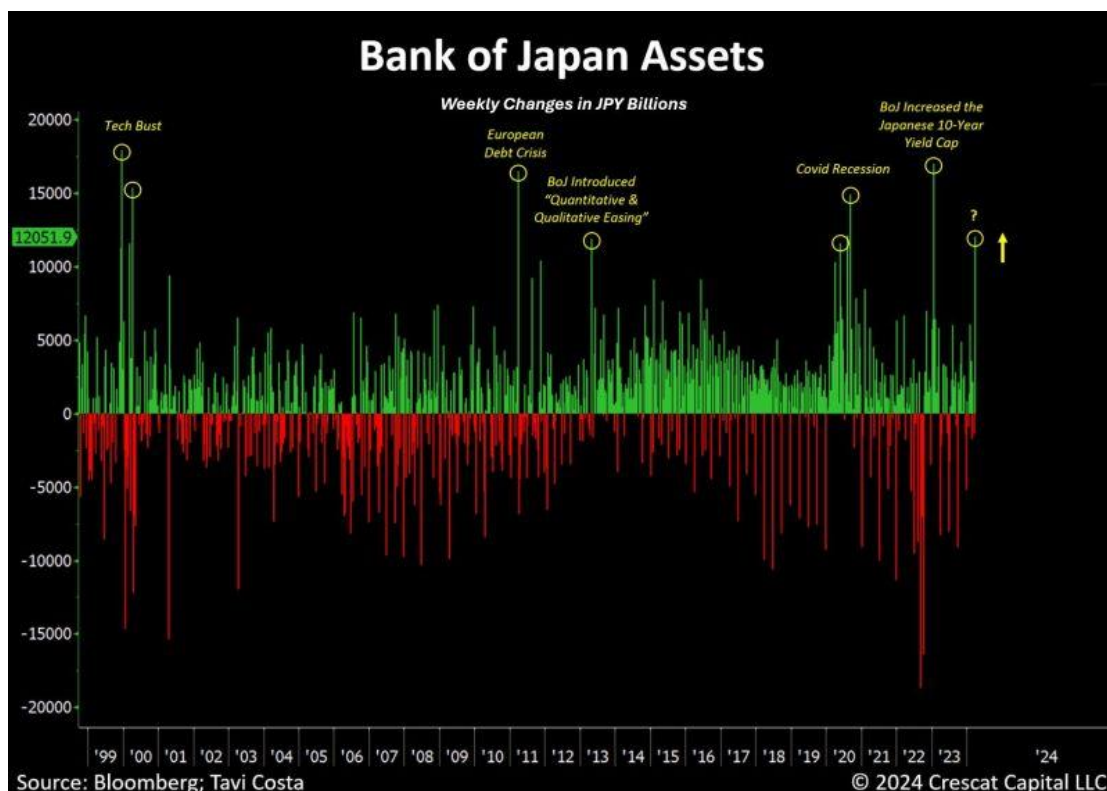
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Source: Barchart

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#japan #boj

The global economy is addict to easy-money policies. While everyone is talking about BOJ hiking rates, we just experienced one of the largest weekly changes in the BoJ balance sheet assets in history. In USD terms, this move accounted for nearly \$80 billion in one week...

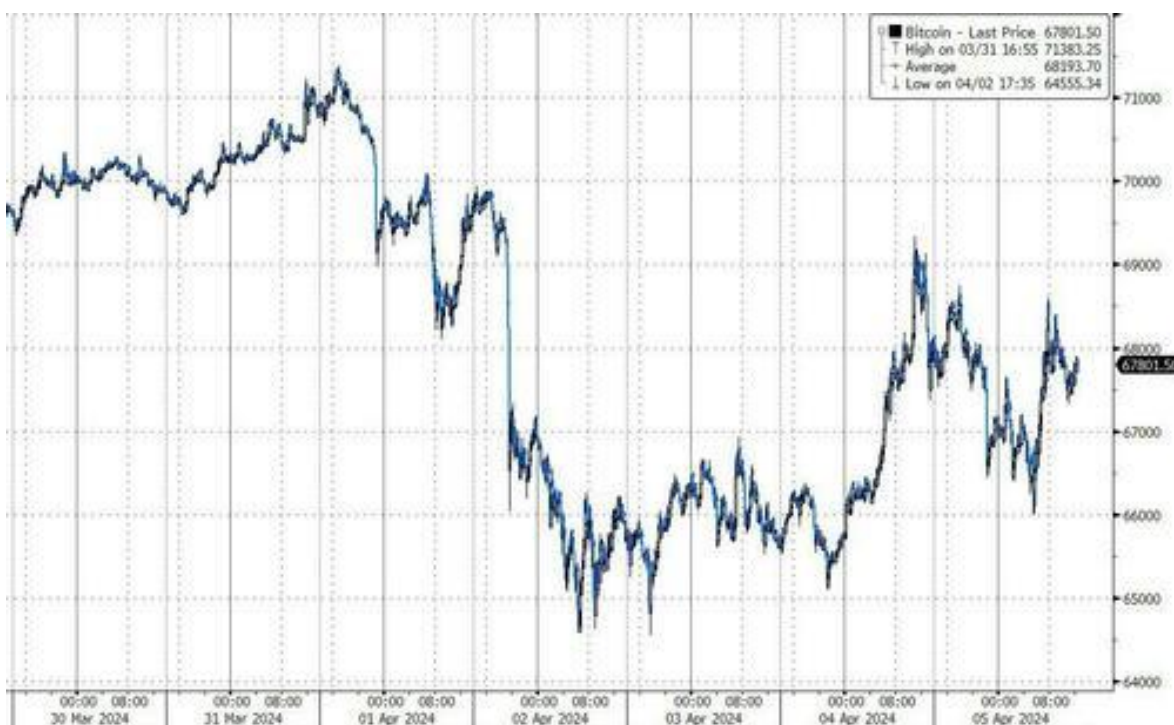


Source: Tavi Costa, Bloomberg



#bitcoin #weekly

Bitcoin was down on the week, but found support at \$65,000 and bounced back amid a re-ignition of net ETF inflows...

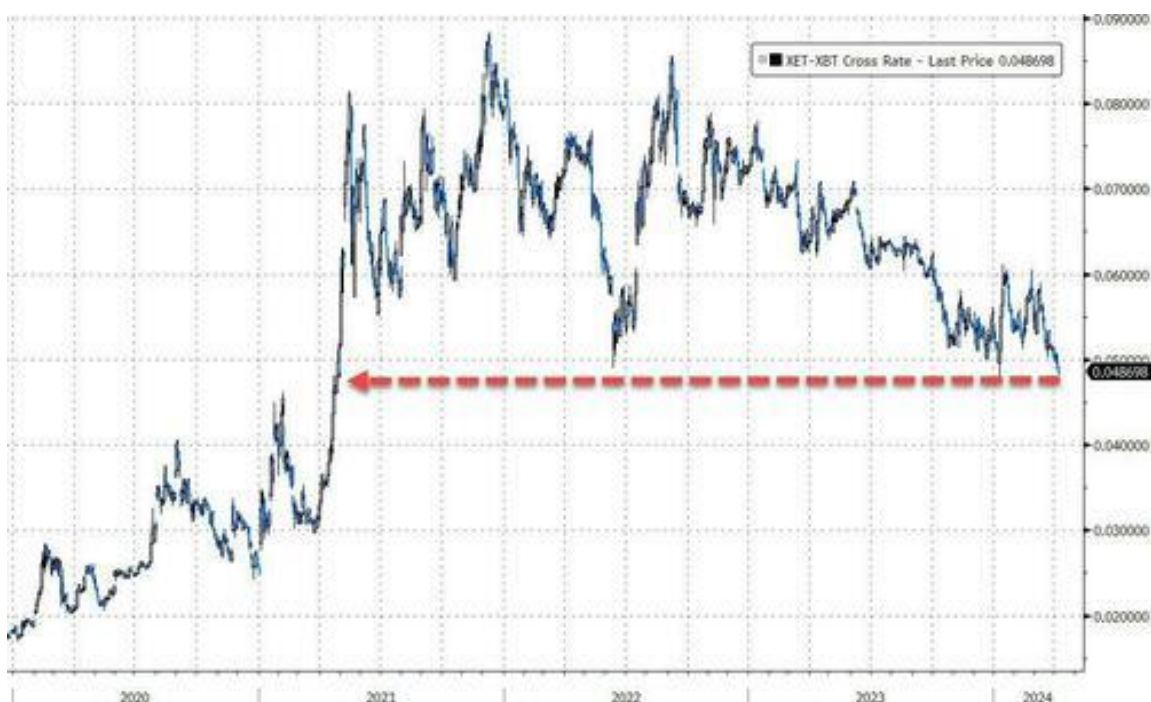


Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg



#ethereum #weekly

Ethereum underperformed on the week, breaking down to its weakest against bitcoin since May 2021...



Source: Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg

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#bitcoin #etf #adoption

JUST IN: BlackRock has added Goldman Sachs, Citadel, and Citigroup as authorised participants for its \$IBIT #Bitcoin ETF. Wall Street is arriving 🙌



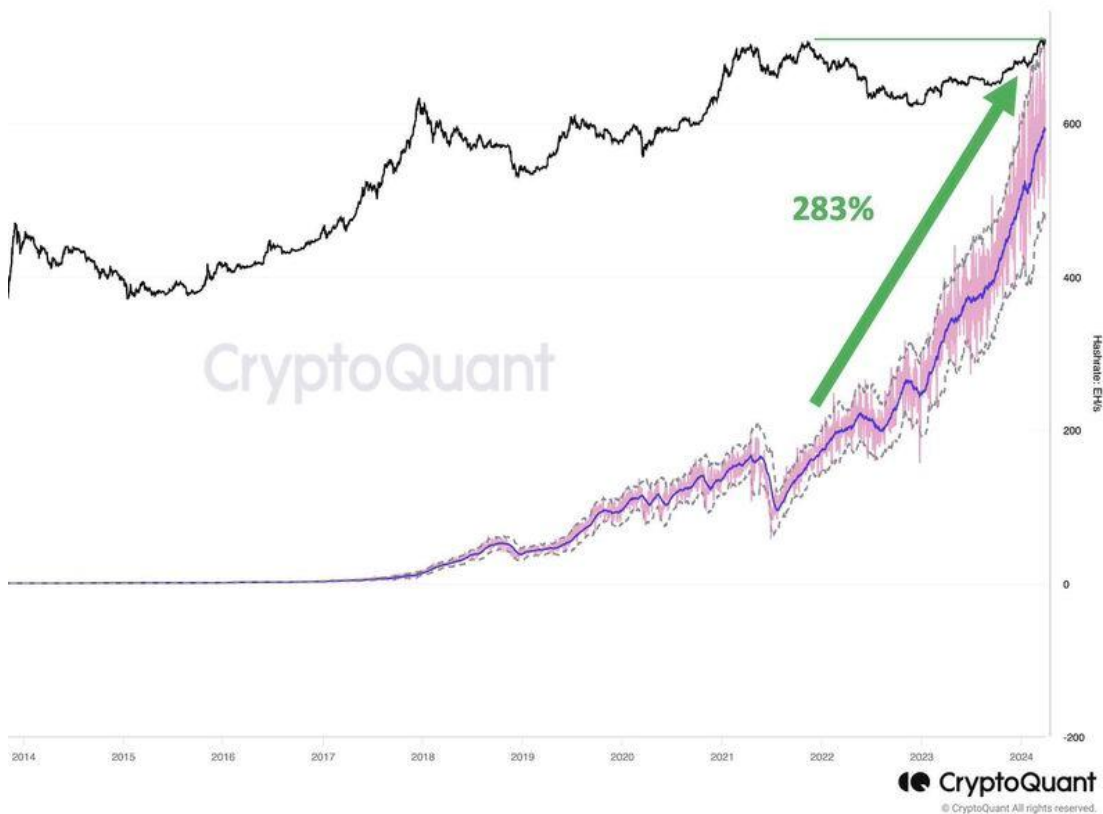


#bitcoin #hash-rate

Bitcoin hash rate has tripled since the last ATH, despite its price remaining the same. Will price follow ? 🚀

Bitcoin: Network True Hashrate (EH/s, daily calculation)

-- Hashrate Lower Band Hashrate True Hashrate -- Hashrate Upper Band — bitcoin_price



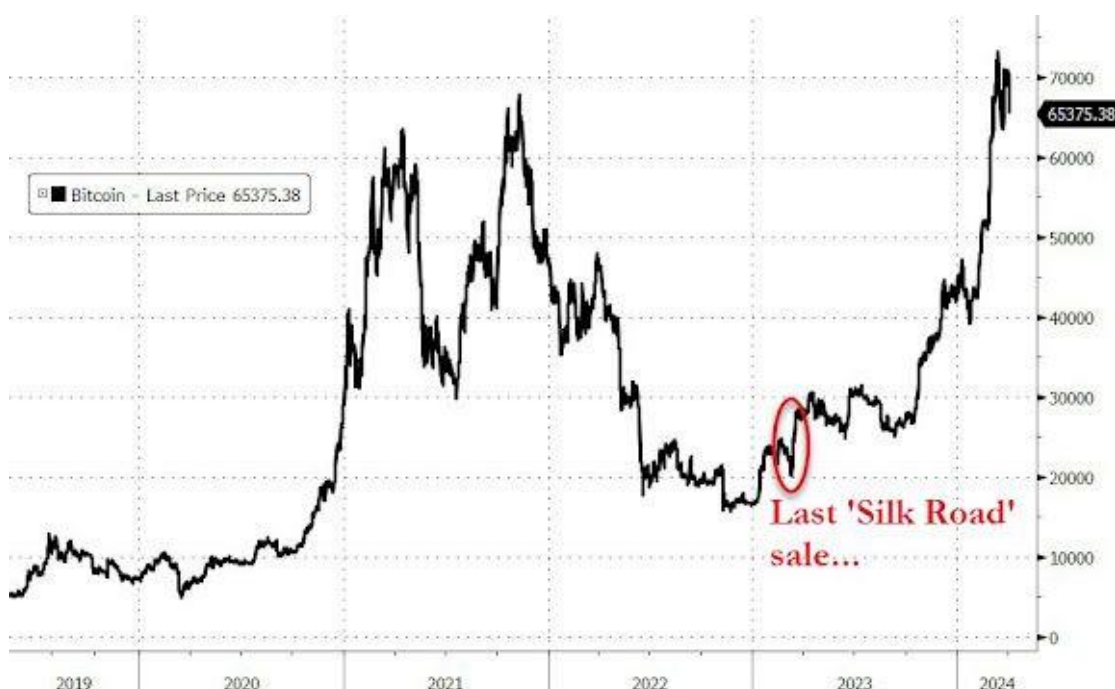
Source: Bitcoin magazine





#bitcoin #silk-road

Here's the (probable) reason for today's sell-off on bitcoin -> *WALLET LABELLED AS 'SILK ROAD DOJ CONFISCATED FUNDS' CONTAINING \$2 BILLION OF BITCOIN INSTIGATES POSSIBLE TEST TRANSACTION FOR 0.001 BTC TO COINBASE PRIME WALLET: ARKHAM DATA AND LABELLING - THE BLOCK PRO. See chart below highlighting the effects on bitcoin of last Silk Road sale...

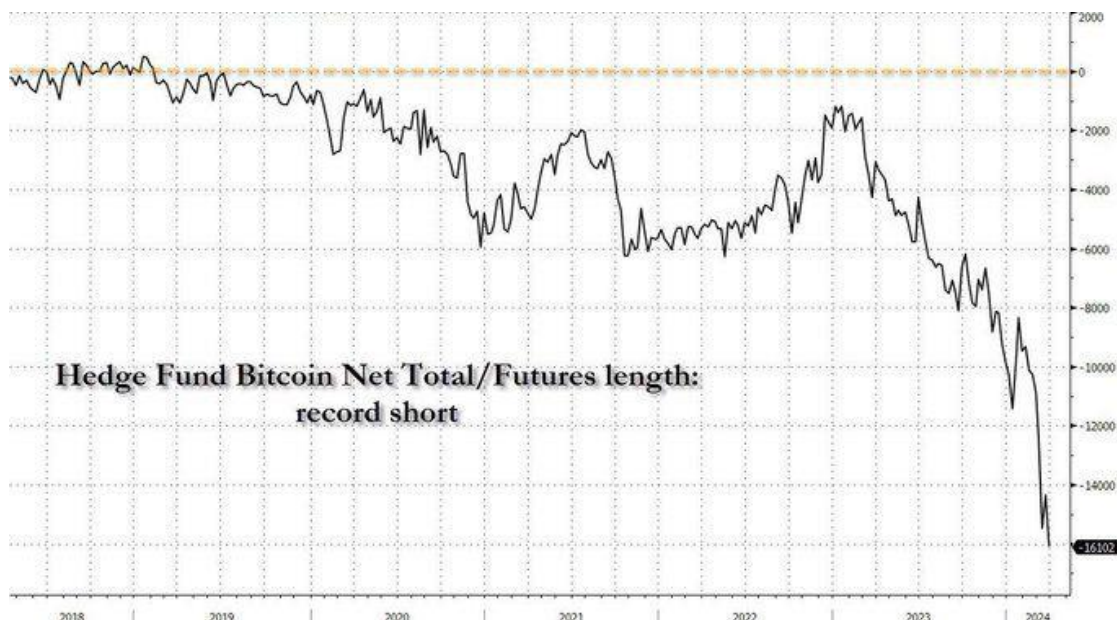


Source: www.zerohedge.com



#hedge-fund #bitcoin

Hedge funds are shorting Bitcoin at record levels. Is another massive short squeeze ahead of us ?



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com



#bitcoin #etf #mining

NEW: us Spot Bitcoin ETFs bought 66,008 BTC in March, while miners only produced 28,513 BTC



Source: Bitcoin Magazine



#bitcoin #etf #leverage

The first ever 2x and -2x spot bitcoin ETFs hit the market yesterday from ProShares. \$BITU and \$SBIT (tickers could have been better). \$BITX is 2x but it tracks futures and \$BITI is -1x but is also futures. Fee 95bps on both. Haven't traded too much so far, under \$1m.

6) Comparative Returns COMP »		Bloomberg Classification		Appropriations		
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		Style	Cryptocurrency	Derivatives Based	Yes	
		Geo. Focus.	Global	Currency Hedged	No	
				Replication Strategy	Full	
				Securities Lending	No	
7) Price		Trading Data		Characteristics		
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Source: Eric Balchunas, Bloomberg



#gold #bitcoin #correlation

Gold is soaring while Bitcoin – digital Gold – is slumping? Bitcoin has shown itself to be more correlated w/risk-sensitive assets. Over the past 3yrs, Bitcoin has the highest monthly correlation w/Mag7 at 0.63. Correlation between Bitcoin and Nasdaq 100 is 0.58, between Bitcoin and S&P 500 is 0.54. Correlation between Bitcoin and Gold is very low at 0.23 - at 1 link would denote the two assets trade in sync

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13) LEGATR	0.312	0.716	1.000	0.561	0.690	0.564	0.610	0.577	
14) XAU	0.226	0.290	0.561	1.000	0.221	0.121	0.153	0.183	
15) NDX	0.575	0.925	0.690	0.221	1.000	0.757	0.767	0.968	
16) GSXUNP	0.411	0.648	0.564	0.121	0.757	1.000	0.765	0.716	
17) RTY	0.453	0.862	0.610	0.153	0.767	0.765	1.000	0.647	
18) UBXXMA	0.625	0.841	0.577	0.183	0.968	0.716	0.647	1.000	

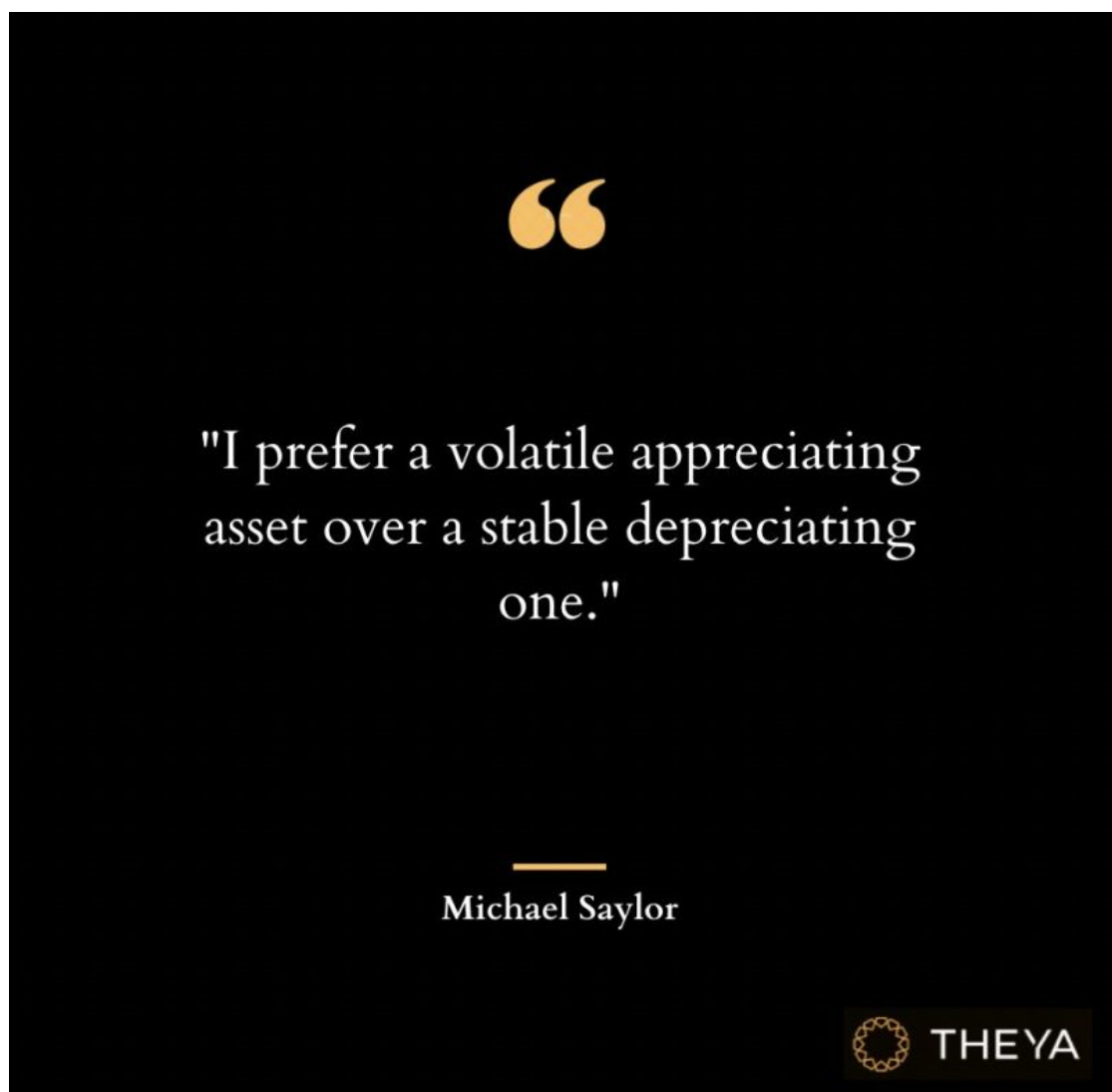
Source: (HT @barronsonline) - HolgerZ, Bloomberg





#bitcoin #saylor #quotes

"I prefer a volatile appreciating asset over a stable depreciating one." Bitcoin - Michael Saylor



Source: smheet_bhatt, THEYA



#bitcoin #larry-fink

Bitcoin: How it started vs. How it's going

The image shows two screenshots of CNBC news articles. The left screenshot is from 2017, with the headline "BlackRock CEO Larry Fink calls bitcoin an 'index of money laundering'" and author Fred Imbert. The right screenshot is from 2024, with the headline "BlackRock's Larry Fink says bitcoin ETFs are just the first step in the technological revolution of finance" and author Tanaya Macheel. Both articles include "WATCH LIVE" buttons.

Source: Win Smart

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#bitcoin #halving

The Bitcoin halving is now only about 16 days away 🕒

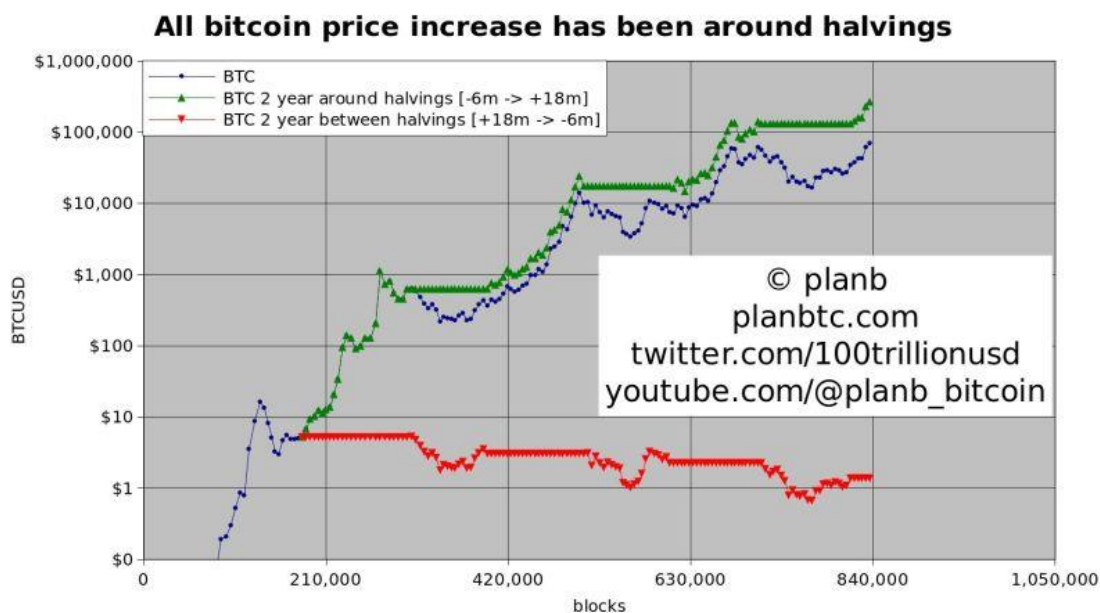


Source: Bitcoin Magazine



#bitcoin #halving

History doesn't repeat but often rhymes... All bitcoin price increase has been around halvings. If you bought BTC 6 months before each halving and sold 18 months after each halving (green line), then you would have 4 BTC instead of 1 BTC buy & hold. Is this spurious/coincidence or pattern/signal, and will it continue?



Source: PlanB

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#ripple #stablecoin

Ripple to launch U.S. dollar stablecoin, taking on a \$150 billion market dominated by Tether, Circle. -> Blockchain firm Ripple said it's launching a U.S. dollar stablecoin, marking an entry into the \$150 billion stablecoin market. -> The move will pit Ripple against stablecoin giants Tether, which is behind the largest stablecoin USDT, and Circle, the issuer of USDC. -> Ripple is first launching its stablecoin in the U.S., but didn't rule out offering additional regional stablecoins in non-U.S. markets like Europe and Asia.

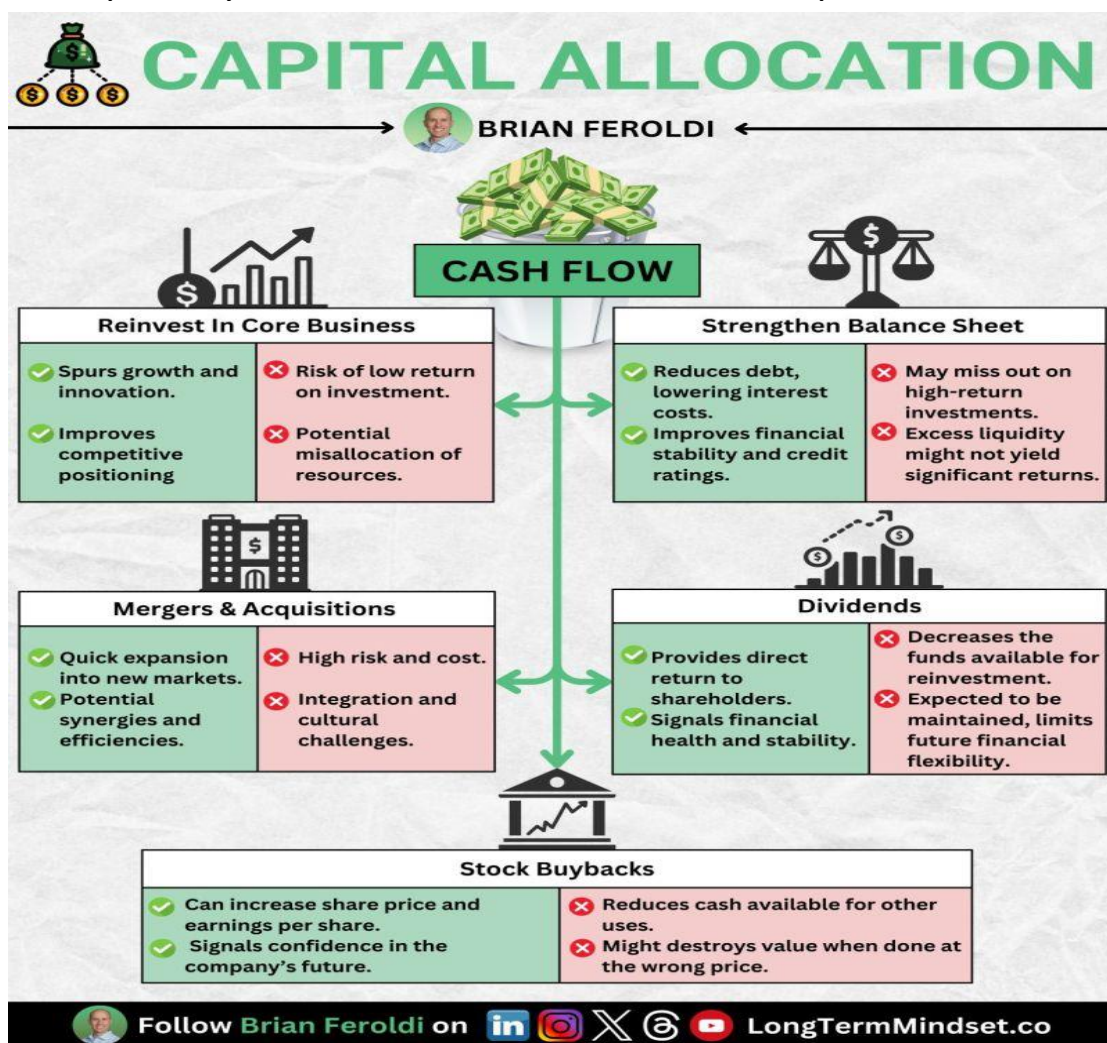


Source: CNBC

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#ceo #capital-allocation

A CEO's most important job: Capital Allocation. When the company has excess capital to deploy, the management team has 5 primary choices. Each choice has its own pros & cons.

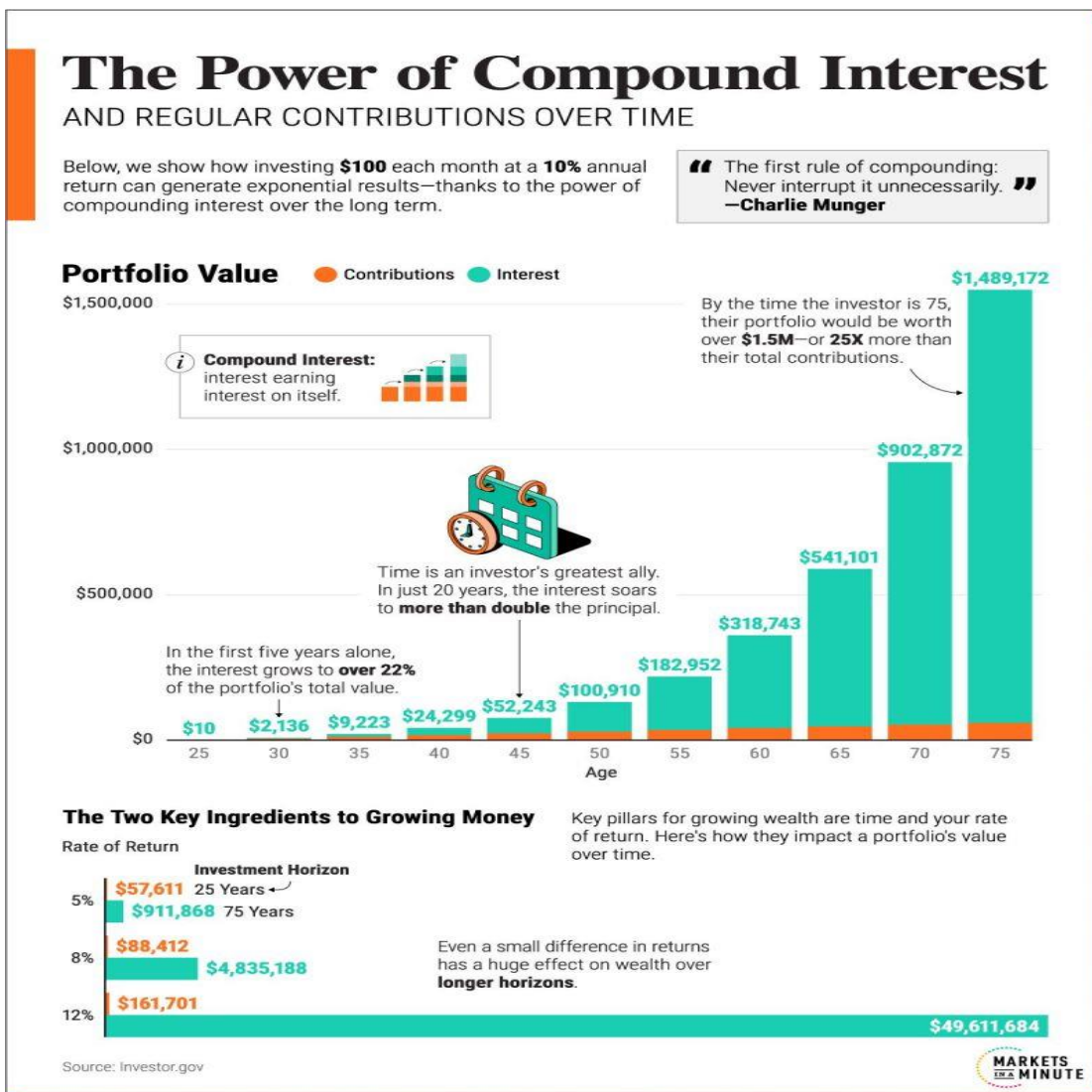


Source: [Brian Feroldi](#)

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#compound-interest #investing

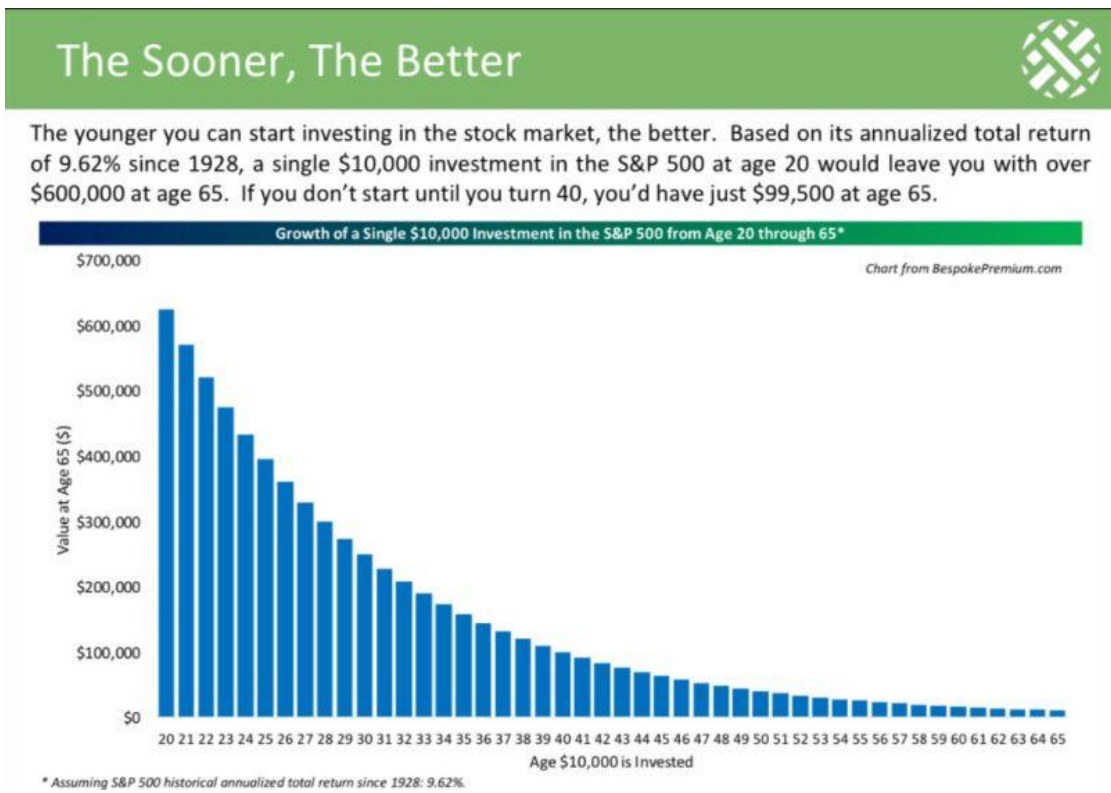
How Small Investments Make a Big Impact Over Time 📈



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#sp500 #investing

The Sooner, The Better ? Using the S&P's annualized return since 1928, here's how much a \$10k hypothetical investment would be by age 65 retirement based on your starting point by age. If you start at 20, you end with \$600k. If you start at 40, you end with less than \$100k.



Source: bespoke



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The earlier you start investing the better

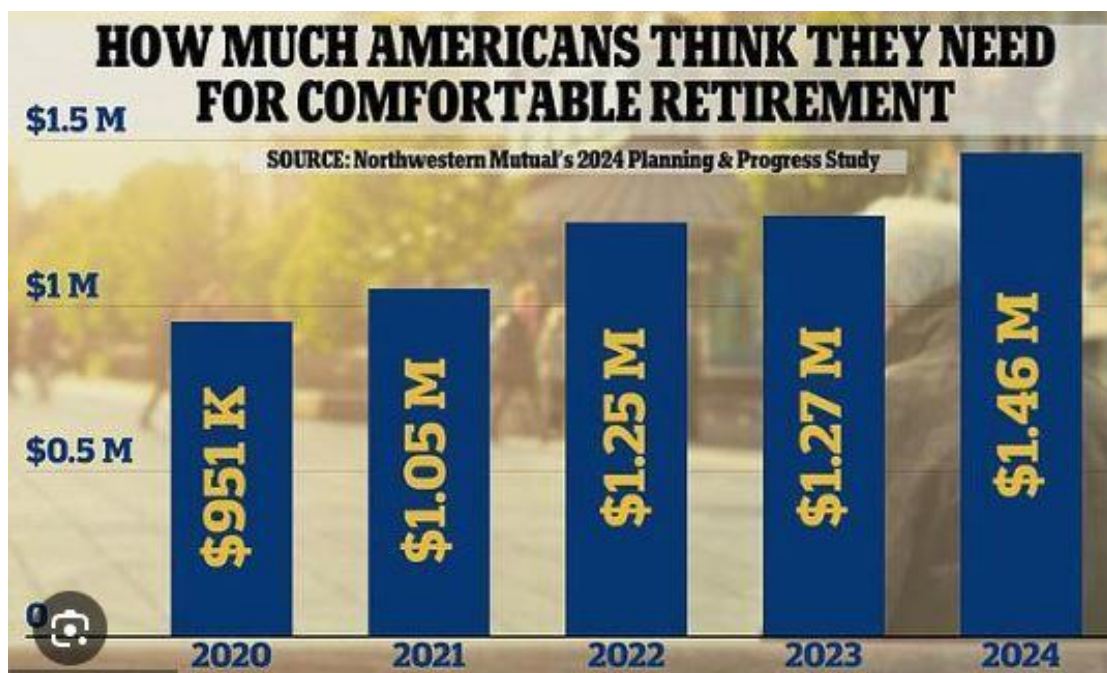
Monthly savings needed to reach \$1,000,000 at age 65 with a 7% return											
Age	Cost per month	Age	Cost per month	Age	Cost per month	Age	Cost per month	Age	Cost per month	Age	Cost per month
1	\$68	12	\$148	23	\$328	34	\$757	45	\$1,920	56	\$6,673
2	\$73	13	\$159	24	\$354	35	\$820	46	\$2,109	57	\$7,800
3	\$78	14	\$171	25	\$381	36	\$887	47	\$2,321	58	\$9,259
4	\$84	15	\$184	26	\$410	37	\$962	48	\$2,563	59	\$11,216
5	\$90	16	\$197	27	\$442	38	\$1,045	49	\$2,839	60	\$13,968
6	\$97	17	\$212	28	\$477	39	\$1,135	50	\$3,155	61	\$18,113
7	\$104	18	\$227	29	\$514	40	\$1,234	51	\$3,521	62	\$25,044
8	\$111	19	\$245	30	\$555	41	\$1,344	52	\$3,947	63	\$38,939
9	\$120	20	\$264	31	\$600	42	\$1,466	53	\$4,451	64	\$80,963
10	\$128	21	\$284	32	\$647	43	\$1,600	54	\$5,051		
11	\$138	22	\$305	33	\$700	44	\$1,751	55	\$5,777		

Source chart: [Brian Feroldi](#)

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#americans #retirement

Americans Believe They Will Need \$1.46 Million to Retire Comfortably. U.S. adults believe they will need \$1.46 million to retire comfortably, a 15% increase over the \$1.27 million reported last year, far outpacing today's inflation rate which currently hovers between 2% and 3%. Over a five-year span, people's 'magic number' has jumped a whopping 53% from the \$951,000 target Americans reported in 2020.



Source: Northwestern Mutual 2024 Planning & Progress Study

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#us-representatives #trading

All these US representatives are outperforming Warren Buffet...



"Warren Buffett, the billionaire head of Berkshire Hathaway, will probably go down as the greatest investor in history... Berkshire shares have seen an average annual return of 20.0%..."

Meanwhile:

	Nancy Pelosi U.S. Representative	▲ 21.8% Yearly avg.
	Dan Meuser U.S. Representative	▲ 40.3% Yearly avg.
	Donald Beyer U.S. Representative	▲ 20.3% Yearly avg.
	Josh Gottheimer U.S. Representative	▲ 25.9% Yearly avg.

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Source: Snowden on X

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#pelosi #humor

Pictured below is the greatest investor of all time. The other is George Soros.



Source: hedgeye

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#gold #purchasing-power

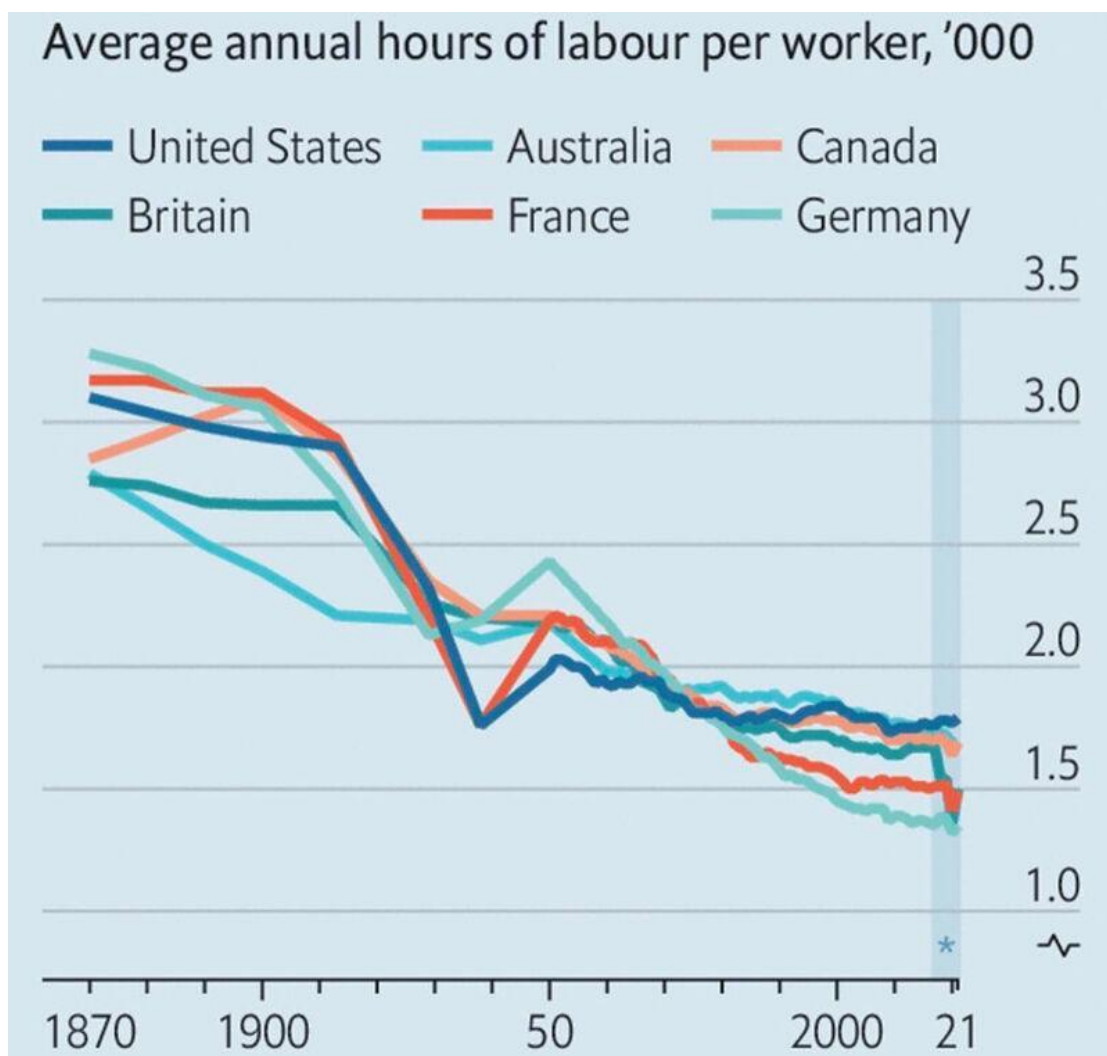


Source: goldseek

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#labour-hours

Americans, Canadians and Australians work about 30% more hours per year than people in Europe. How long will Europe be able to retain this luxury?

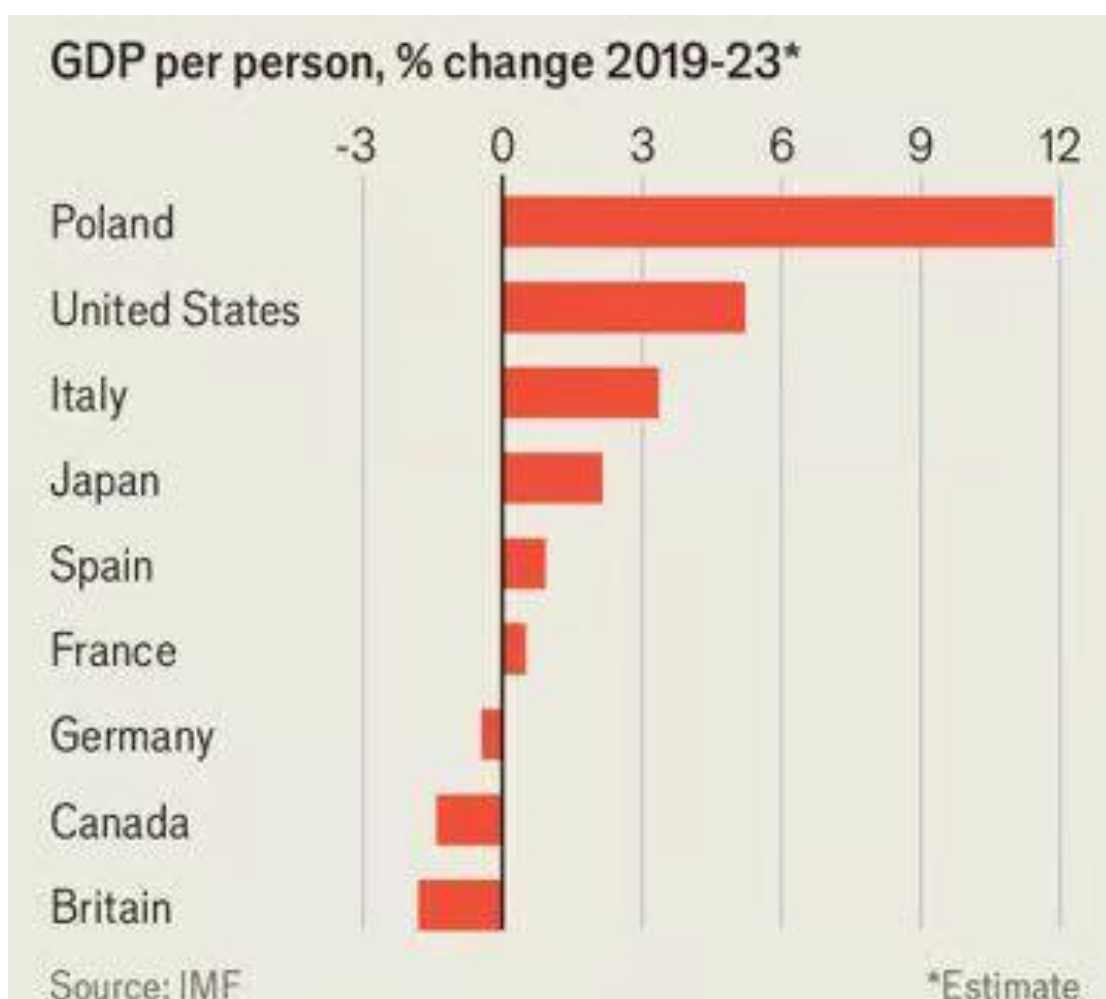


Source: Michel A.Arouet, The Economist

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#gdp-per-person

Any surprises here?



Source: Michel A.Arouet, IMF

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#baltimore #bridge

Will it be ever repaired?

Baltimore bridge rebuild could take up to 10 years

By Daniel Miller | Published March 28, 2024 1:19pm CDT | Maryland | FOX TV Digital Team | [➔](#)



FILE-In an aerial view, cargo ship Dali is seen after running into and collapsing the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26, 2024 in Baltimore, Maryland. (Photo by Tasos Katopodis/Getty Images)

As cleanup and recovery efforts continue after a cargo ship slammed into the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, officials now have to determine how to rebuild the bridge and the length of time it will take.

FOX Television Stations reached out to David Turner, a spokesperson for Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, for comment.

The bridge collapse along I-695 will create logistical problems for months, if not years, in the region, shutting down ship traffic at the Port of Baltimore, a major shipping hub. The accident will also jumble cargo and commuter traffic.

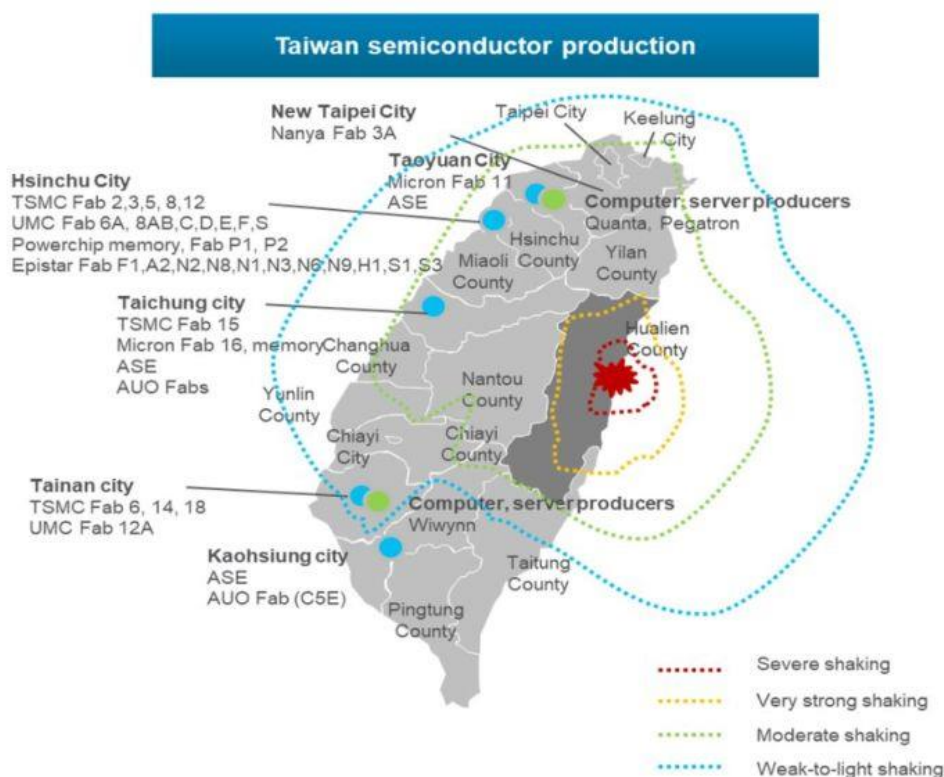
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#taiwan #semiconductor

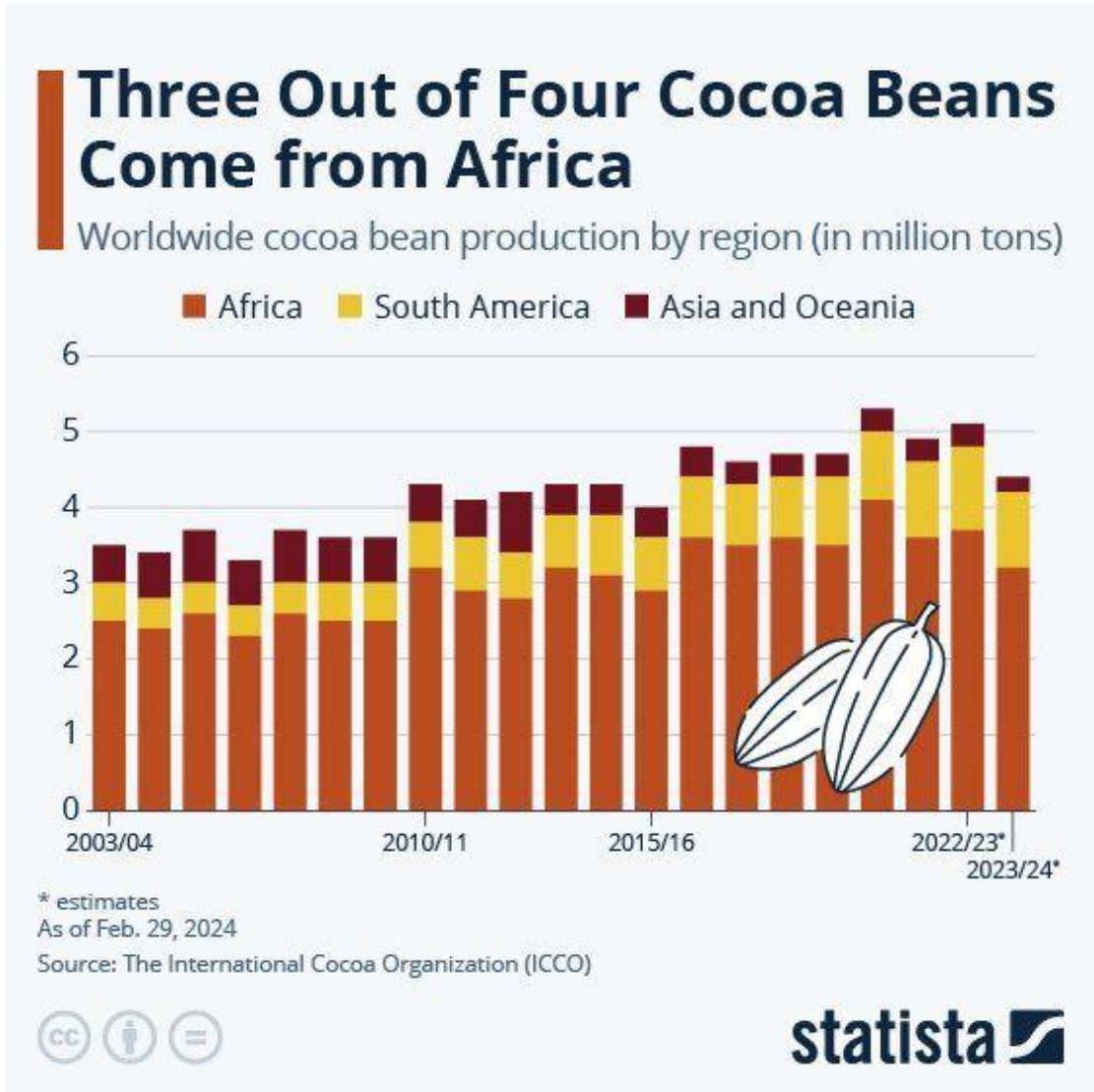
Map of the Taiwan earthquake's impact on semiconductor and electronics production, via Barclays: "We believe this could lead to supply disruptions in the tech supply chain"



Source: Tracy Alloway

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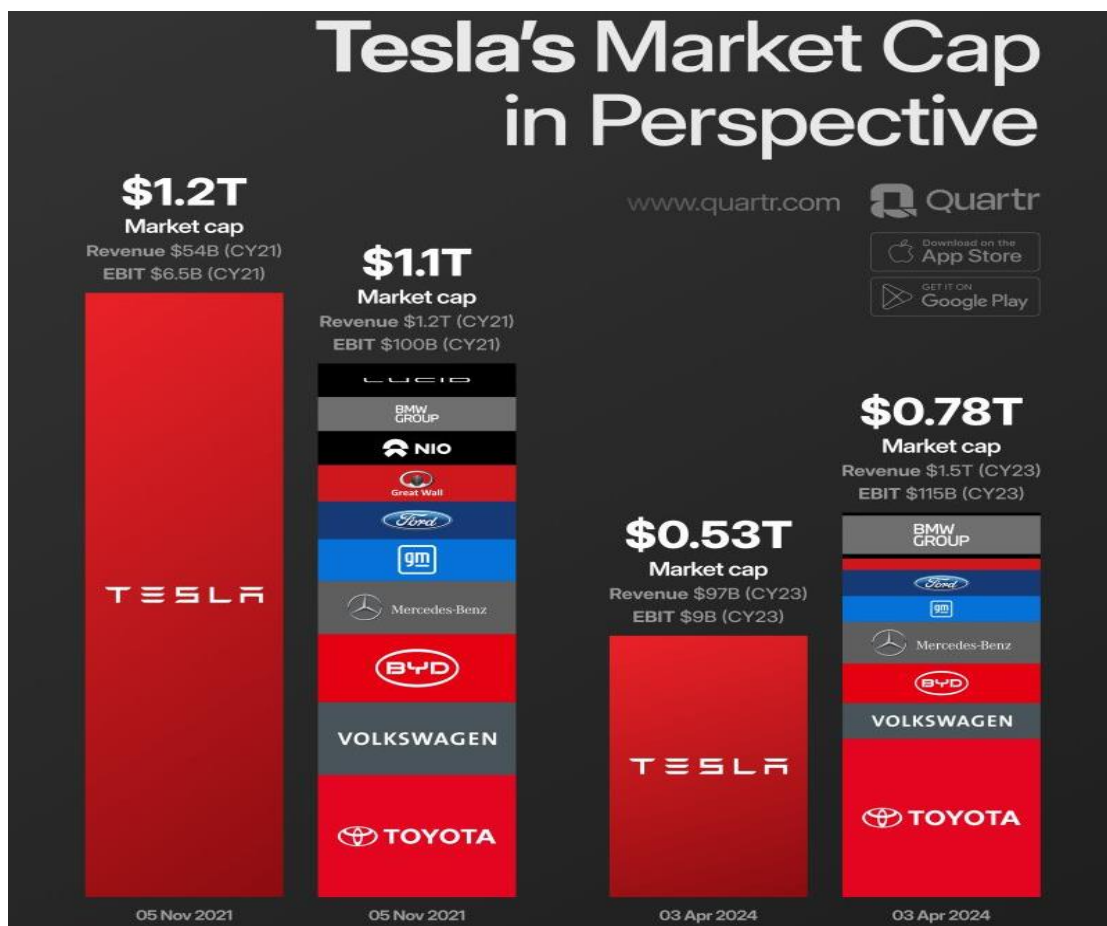
#cocoa #africa



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#tesla #market-cap

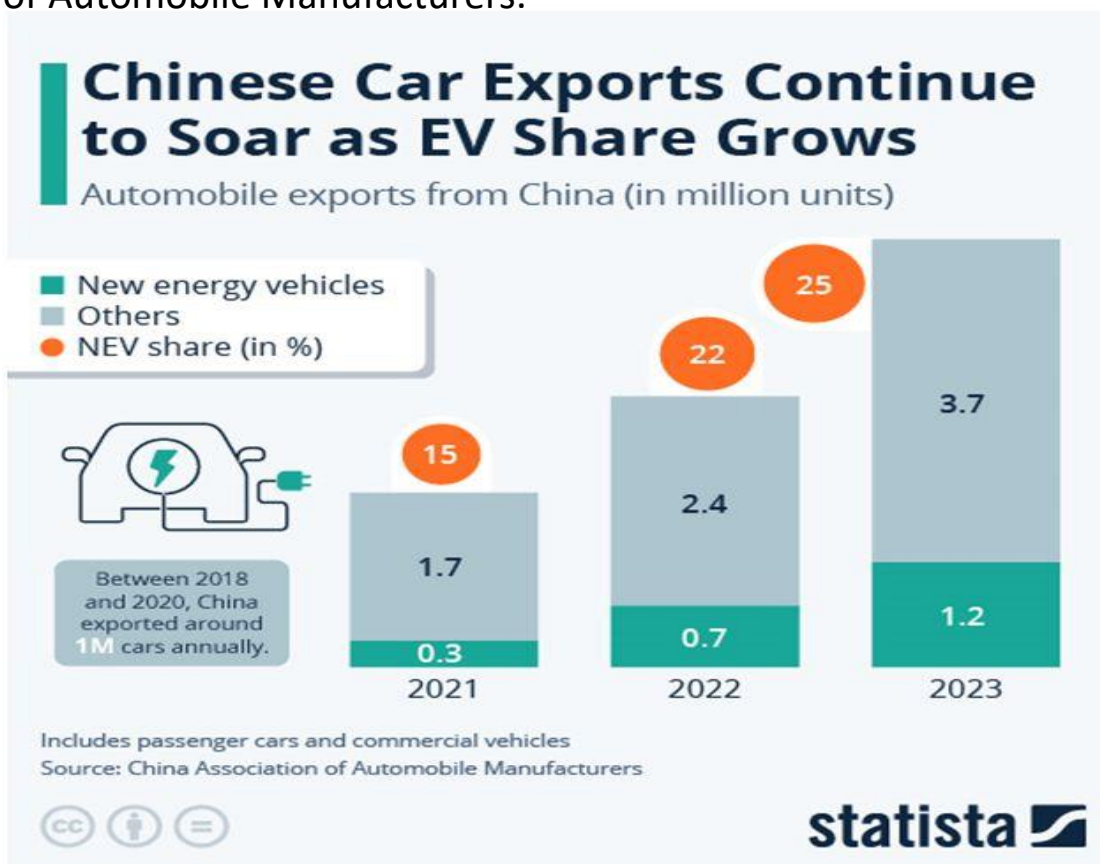
With \$TSLA's stock now having declined ~60% since its all-time high in November 2021, Quartr decided to visualize this drawdown and put the company's market cap in perspective. They did this by contrasting Tesla's market cap with the combined values of several other large and globally recognized automotive brands:



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#china #ev #exports

Chinese EVs for the world? Chinese EVs continuing to make inroads around the world is reflected in the country's car export figures which have been soaring post-pandemic. The export of cars from China increased from around 1 million to 2 million between 2020 and 2021 to much media attention and has since continued to climb even more dramatically. In 2023, it reached almost 5 million, according to data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

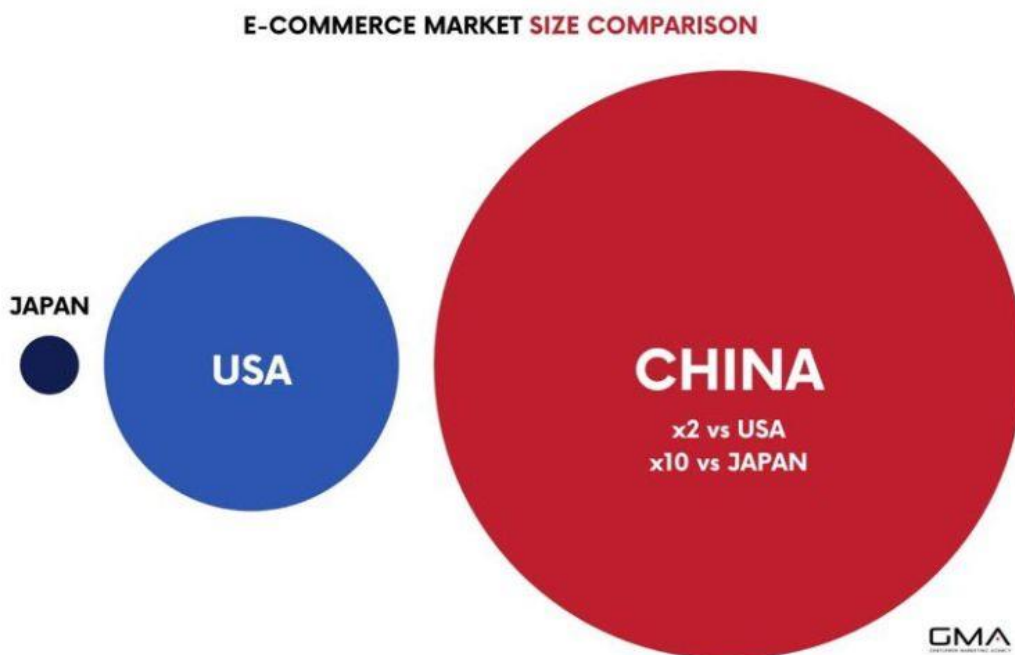


Source: statista

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#alibaba #e-commerce

Alibaba \$BABA bull thesis in one image.



Source: MadCon

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#google #ai

Google is considering charging for new “premium” features powered by generative artificial intelligence, in what would be the biggest ever shake-up of its search business. The proposed revamp to its cash cow search engine would mark the first time the company has put any of its core product behind a paywall, and shows it is still grappling with a technology that threatens its advertising business, almost a year and a half after the debut of ChatGPT.

Google considers charging for AI-powered search in big change to business model

Proposals would mark first time any of the software group's core product falls behind a paywall



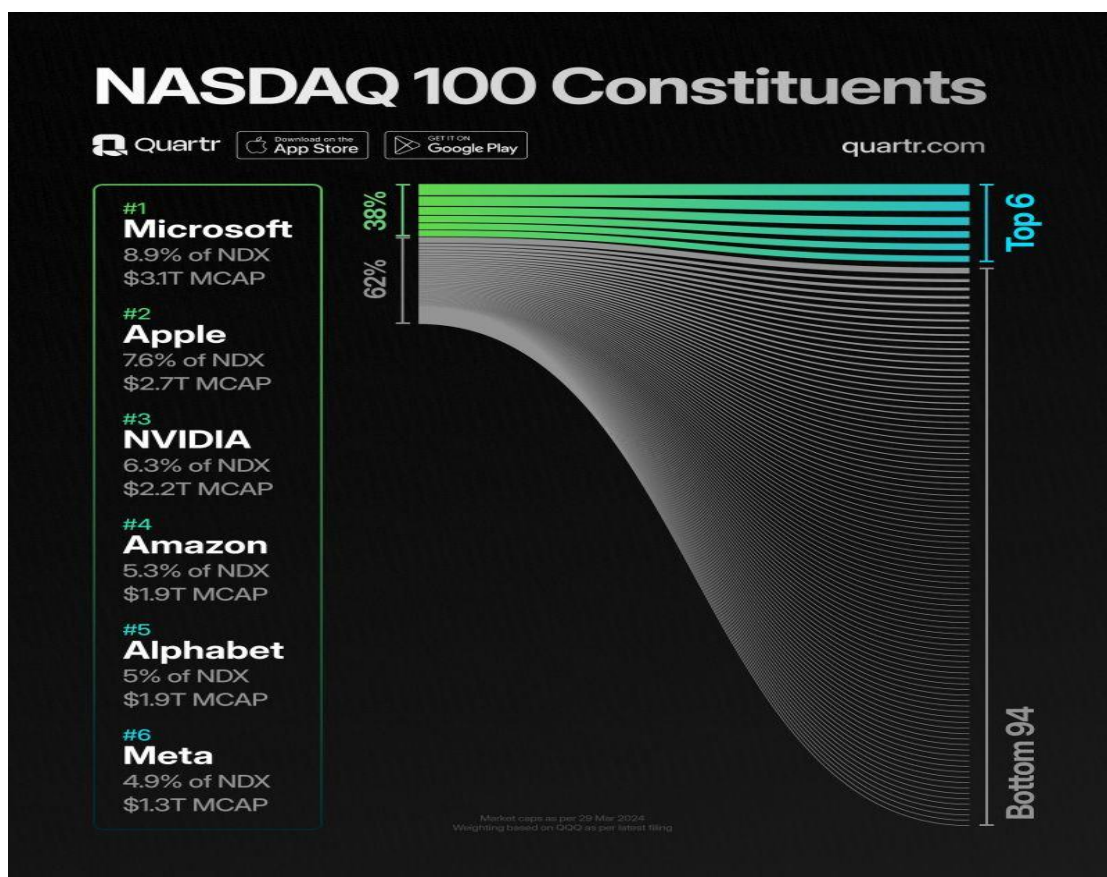
Google began testing an experimental AI-powered search service in May, presenting more detailed answers to queries while continuing to present users with links to further information and advertising © FT montage/Getty Images

Source: FT

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#nasdaq #constituents

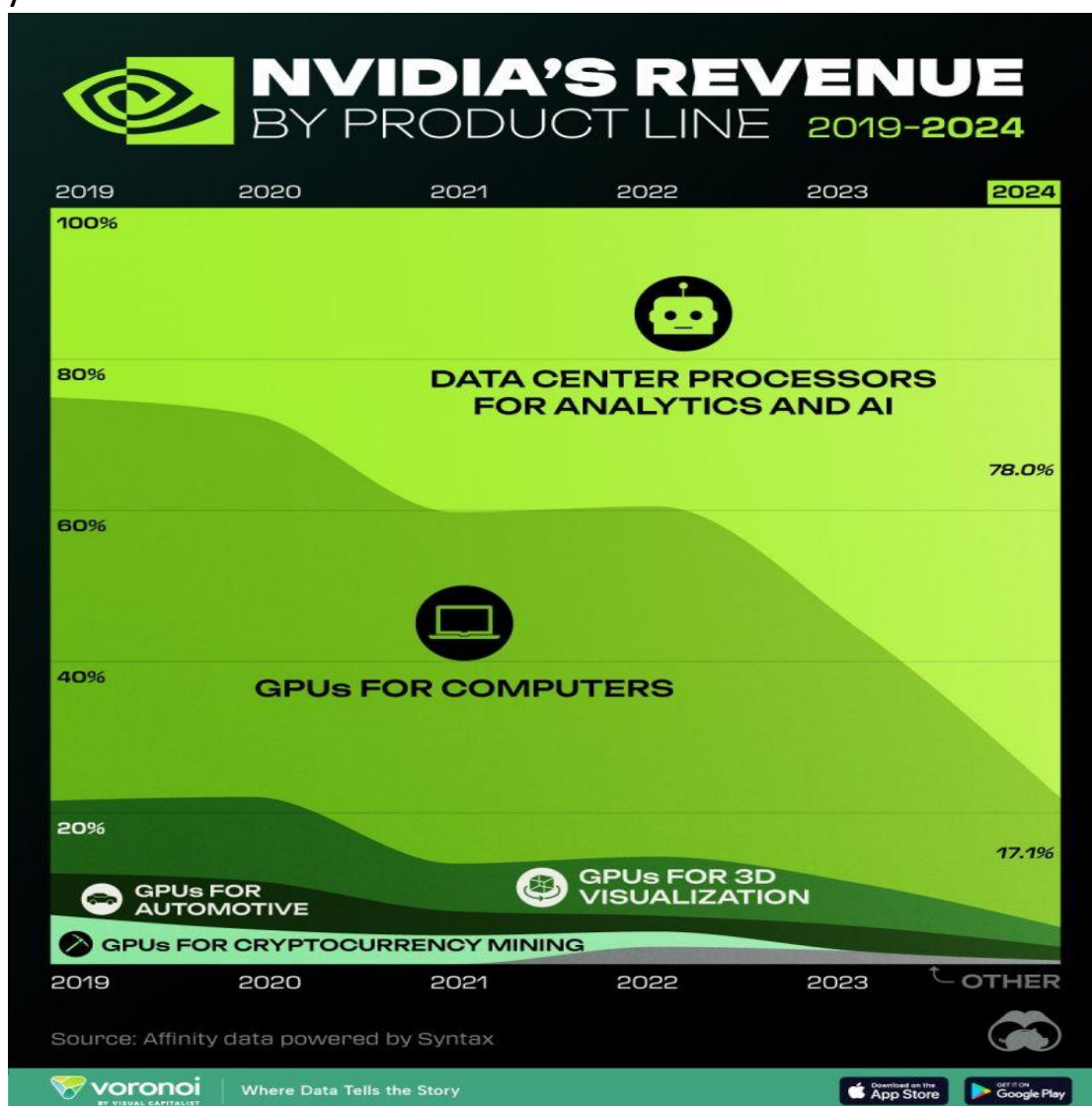
Amazing chart by Quartr. It's quite astonishing: despite the NASDAQ 100's special mid-2023 rebalancing, the combined weight of \$MSFT, \$AAPL, \$NVIDIA, \$AMZN, \$GOOGL, and \$META still constitutes a substantial 38% of the index. Without this rare adjustment, the second of its kind in the last 25 years, these companies would currently represent 58% of the index.



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#nvidia #revenue

Nvidia's \$NVDA Revenue by product segment over the last 5 years.

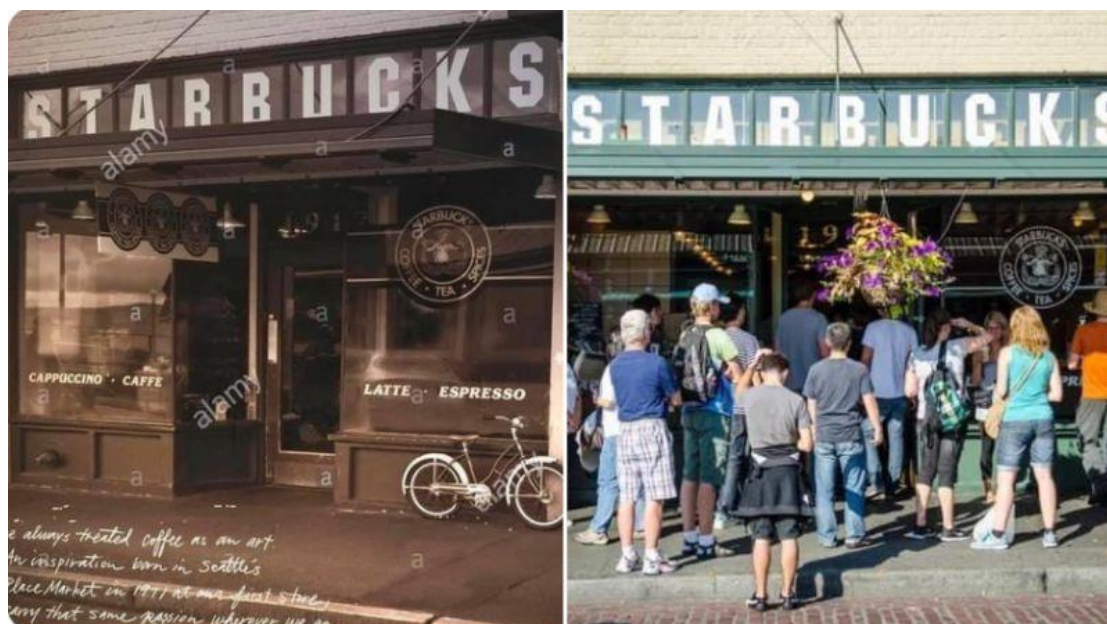


Source: Visual Capitalist

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#starbucks #history

On March 30, 1971, Starbucks opens its first store in Seattle's iconic Pike Place market with a single employee. Sales in the first 9 months? \$46,832. Sales today? \$46,832 every 39 seconds



Source: jonerlichman

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#microsoft #history

On this day in 1975: Microsoft was founded. Microsoft was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen on April 4, 1975, to develop and sell BASIC interpreters for the Altair 8800. It rose to dominate the personal computer operating system market with MS-DOS in the mid-1980s, followed by Windows.



Source: wikipedia

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#big-four #revenue

Visualizing the Revenue of the Big Four Accounting Firms. The Big Four accounting firms, Deloitte, EY, PwC, and KPMG, amassed over \$200 billion in combined revenue in 2023



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#mckinsey #severance

Take Nine Months' Pay and Go Away. McKinsey & Co. has made a unique offer to some of its staff: Take nine months' pay and go away. The management-consulting firm is dangling the pay, along with career-coaching services and other resources, to some UK staff who'd like to leave. The move, first reported by The Times of London, is the latest personnel shakeup inside the storied counselor to CEOs and heads of state and comes soon after McKinsey warned some US consultants that they were running out of time to win promotion. The offer will be made to McKinsey's engagement managers, who run teams of consultants on client projects, and associate partners, the Times said, citing people familiar with the move whom it would not identify. US-based managers have also received similar offers, the Times said. It's unclear how many total staffers will be eligible for the offer.

The image shows the McKinsey & Company logo in a serif font. The word 'McKinsey' is on the top line and '& Company' is on the bottom line. The logo is partially obscured by a dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulder in the foreground.

McKinsey is now offering staff 9 months severance if they agree to leave the company, in a bid to reduce headcount amid a huge downturn in professional services.

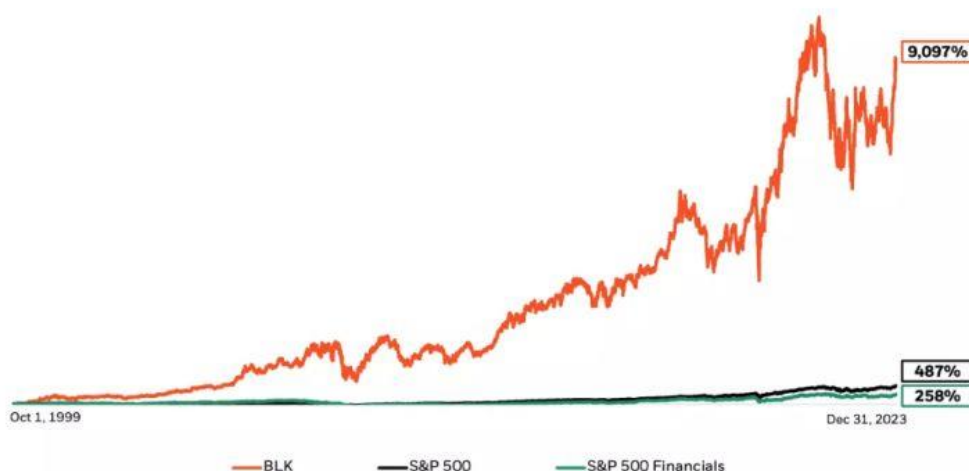
Source: bloomberg

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#blackrock #equity #performance

Blackrock Larry Fink's 2024 Annual Chairman's Letter to Investors: "Our ability to adapt, evolve, and grow has generated a total return of 9,000% for our shareholders since our IPO in 1999. That is well in excess of the S&P 500 return of 490% and representative of a business model serving all our stakeholders".

Total return since BlackRock's IPO through December 31, 2023



S&P Global. The performance graph is not necessarily indicative of future investment performance.

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#charlie-munger #life-lessons

Life Lessons from Charlie Munger. It's so simple. You spend less than you earn. Invest shrewdly. Avoid toxic people and toxic activities. ~ Charlie Munger.

It's so simple.

You spend less than you earn. Invest shrewdly. Avoid toxic people and toxic activities.

Try to keep learning all your life. And do a lot of deferred gratification.



If you do all of those things, you are almost certain to succeed. And if you don't, you're going to need a lot of luck.

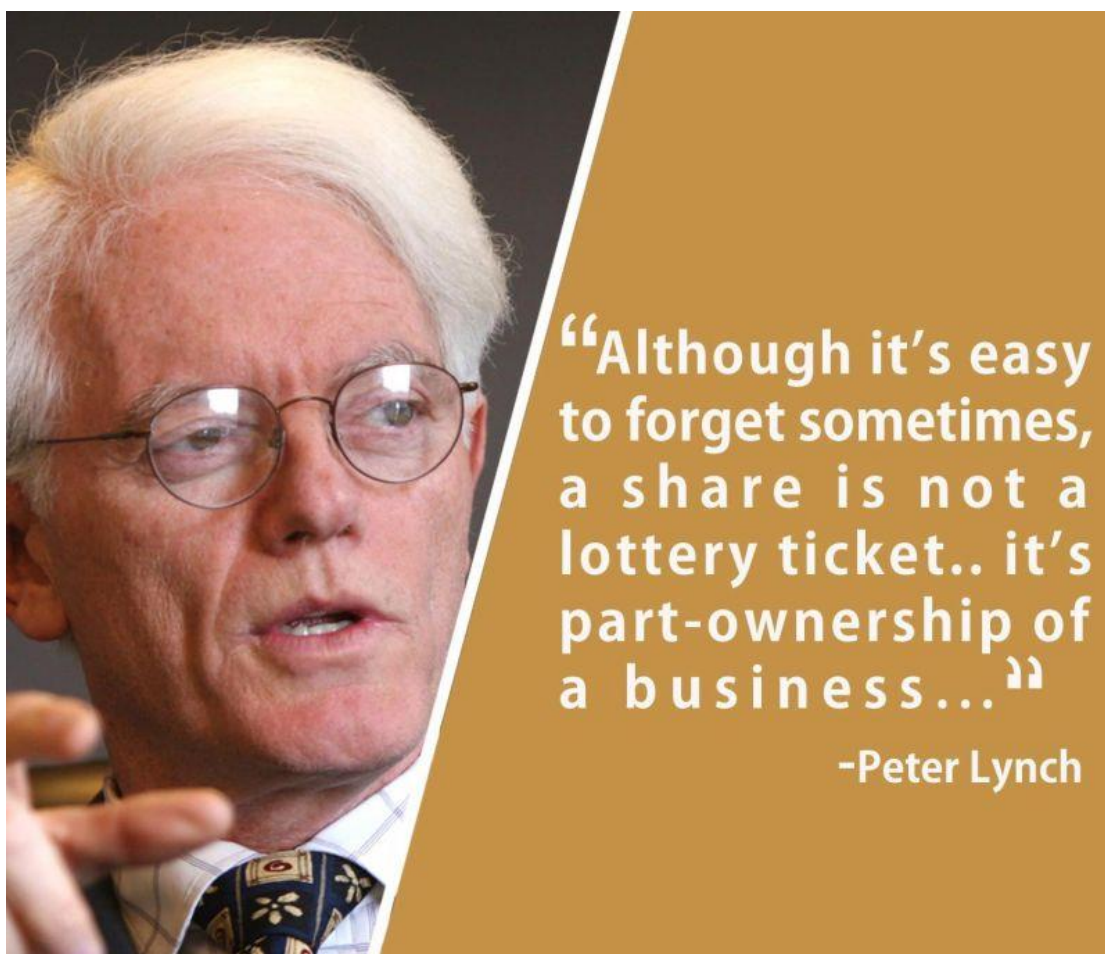
And you don't want to need a lot of luck. You want to go into a game where you're very likely to win without having any unusual luck.

Charlie Munger

Source: Investment Books (Dhaval)

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#investing #quotes



Source: [Compounding Quality](#)

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