

Chart of the week

S&P equal-weight lags the S&P 500 by 17% YTD

S&P 500 Equal Weight Index lost 1.8% this week, while the S&P 500 showed a 1.3% gain. That boost was all thanks to the Magnificent 7, who surged 3.8%. S&P 500 Equal Weight is now down 1.7% year-to-date, 17% less than S&P 500.



Source: HolgerZ, Bloomberg

Big-Tech & Bitcoin Bid; Bonds & Bullion Battered

The major US equity indexes finished mixed for the week. We note however that the S&P 500 Index came close to matching its longest winning streak in nearly two decades. Indeed, on Wednesday, the S&P 500 notched its eighth straight gain, while the Nasdaq marked its ninth. The market's strength was exceptionally narrow, however, with an equally weighted version of the S&P 500 Index lagging its market-weighted counterpart by 190 basis points. Upside earnings surprises from some tech firms appeared to provide support to growth stocks. On Thursday, a \$24 billion auction of 30-year U.S. Treasury bonds, which was met with the weakest demand in two years, triggered some profit taking on stocks as US Treasury yields climbed. On the US macro side, the University of Michigan's release preliminary gauge of consumer sentiment fell unexpectedly to its lowest level in six months. In Europe, the STOXX Europe 600 Index ended 0.2% lower as optimism about a peak in interest rates dimmed. Japan's stock markets rose over the week, with the Nikkei 225 Index up 1.9% and the broader TOPIX Index gaining 0.6%, supported by strong corporate earnings, the government's commitment to additional economic stimulus, and continued currency tailwinds. Oil ended the week on an uptrend with, trading back up towards its 200DMA (around \$78.18). Gold fell for the second week in a row, tumbling almost 3% this week. Bitcoin surged to 18-month highs on the heels of ETF approval hopes.

#GLOBALMARKETS WEEKLY WRAP-UP

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#weekly #stats

INDEX	CLOSE	WEEK	YTD
Dow Jones Industrial Average	34,283	0.7%	3.4%
S&P 500 Index	4,358	5.9%	15.0%
NASDAQ	13,798	2.4%	31.8%
MSCI EAFE*	2,036	0.2%	4.7%
10-yr Treasury Yield	4.61%	0.1%	0.7%
Oil (\$/bbl)	\$77.23	-4.1%	-3.8%
Bonds	\$93.97	-0.2%	-0.7%

Source: FactSet, 11/10/2023. 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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#us #equities #technicals

The S&P closed back above 4400 - closing the gap from the big plunge after September's FOMC.



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com



#sp500 #technicals

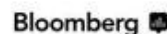
\$SPX crosses 4400 and all three major moving averages. (50d, 100d, 200d).

Technicals in Play

S&P 500 breaches 4,400 and tops 100-day moving average



Source: Bloomberg



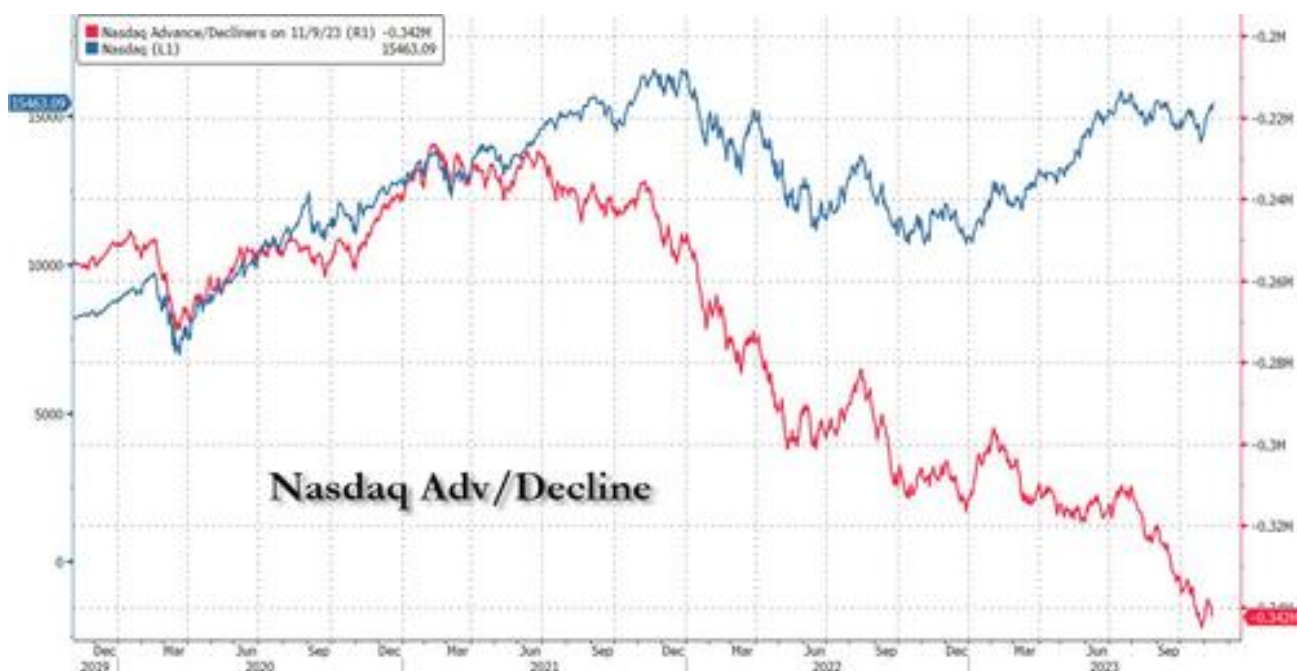
Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com





#nasdaq #breadth

While Nasdaq soared, its breadth continued to plumb new depths..



Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg



#nasdaq #sp500 #relative

Nasdaq is now by far the most expensive its ever been relative to Small Caps...



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com



#magnificent-7

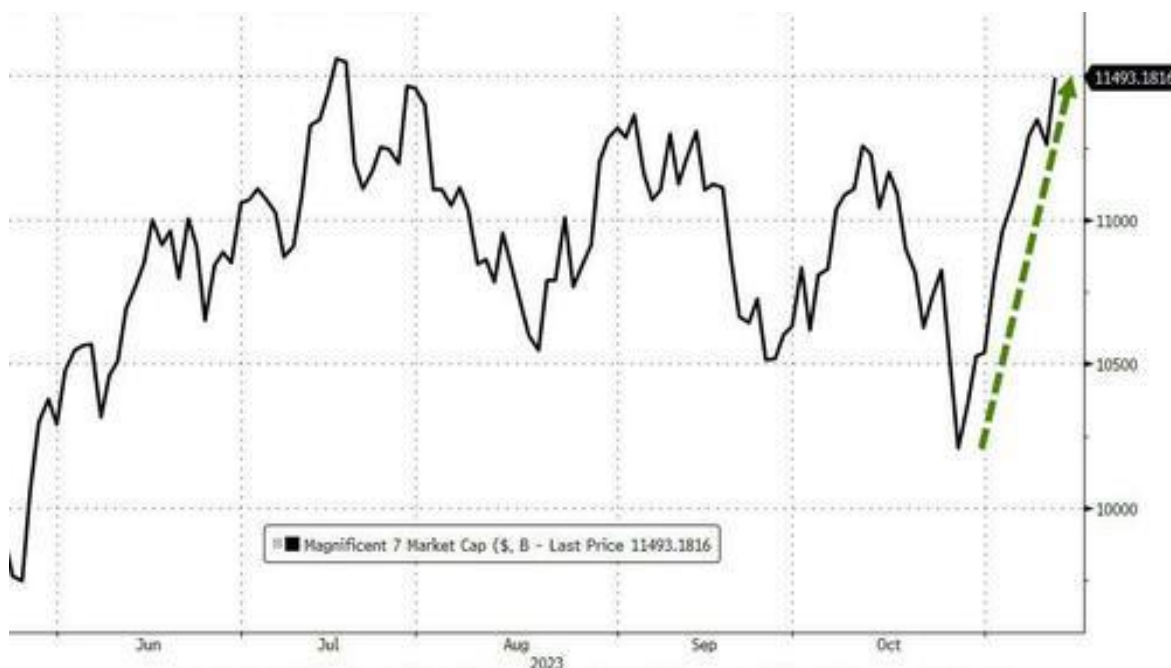
TSLA underperformed on the week as MSFT hit a new record high, closing in on AAPL's market cap..



Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg

#magnificent-7

The Magnificent 7 stocks are up for 10 of the last 11 days, adding a stunning \$1.3 trillion in market cap during that time to the highest since the July highs...



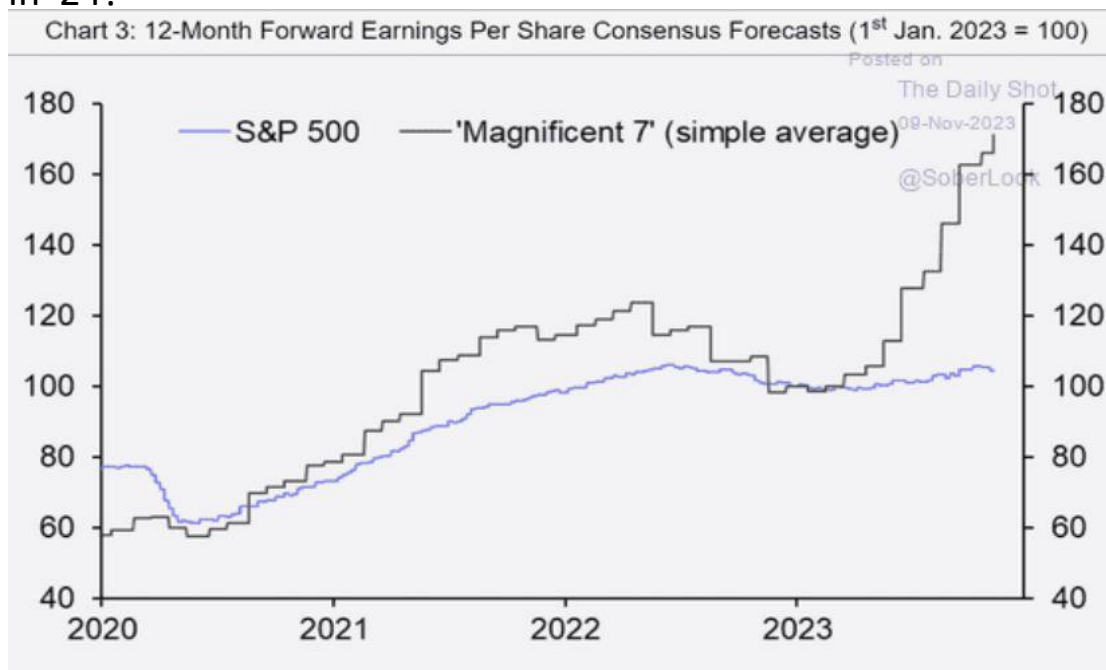
Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg



#us #equities #magnificent-7

The performance of the "magnificent 7" in 2023 relative to the rest of the market is outstanding. But there is a fundamental reason for this which is called 2024 earnings revision. Indeed, the re-rating of the mag7 earnings growth this year has been extraordinary relative to the rest of the market. As shown on the chart below, 2024 analyst earnings expectations for mag7 are up 70% in a few months while the rest of the market flatlines.

What's the likelihood that these have such divergent outcomes in '24?



Sources: Refinitiv, Capital Economics

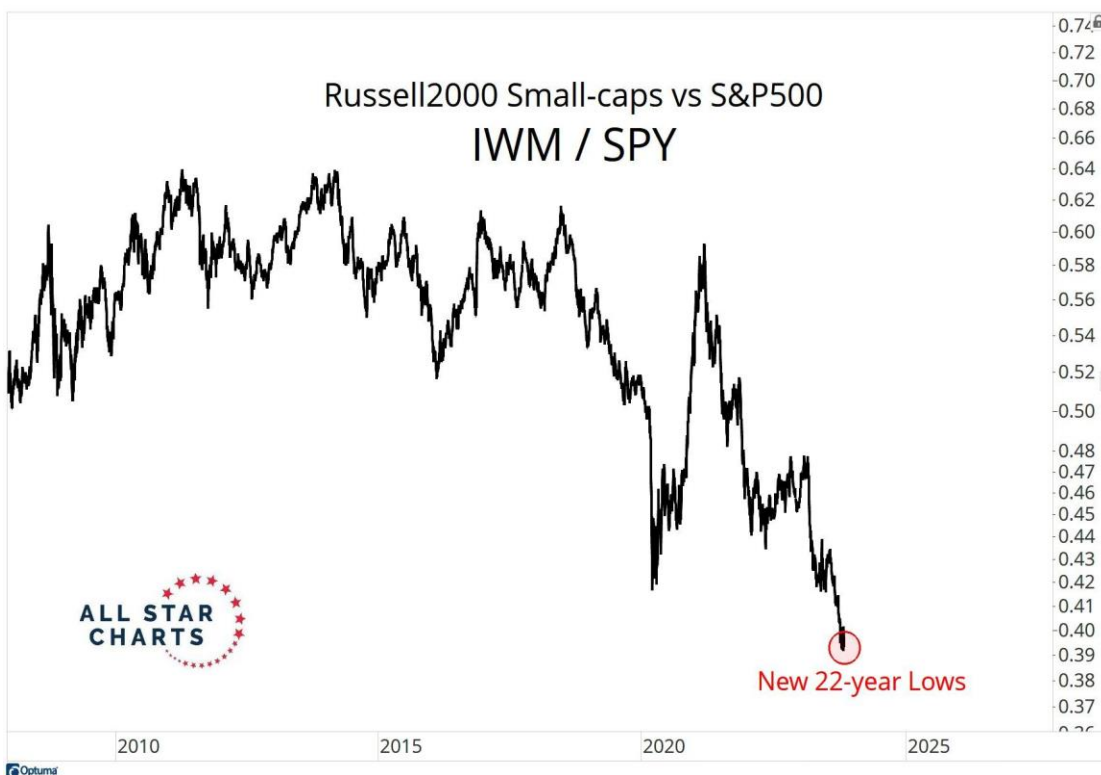
Source: The Daily Shot, Bob Elliott





#us #equities #russell2000 #sp500

The Russell2000 Small-caps is hitting new multi-decade lows today relative to the Large-cap S&P500

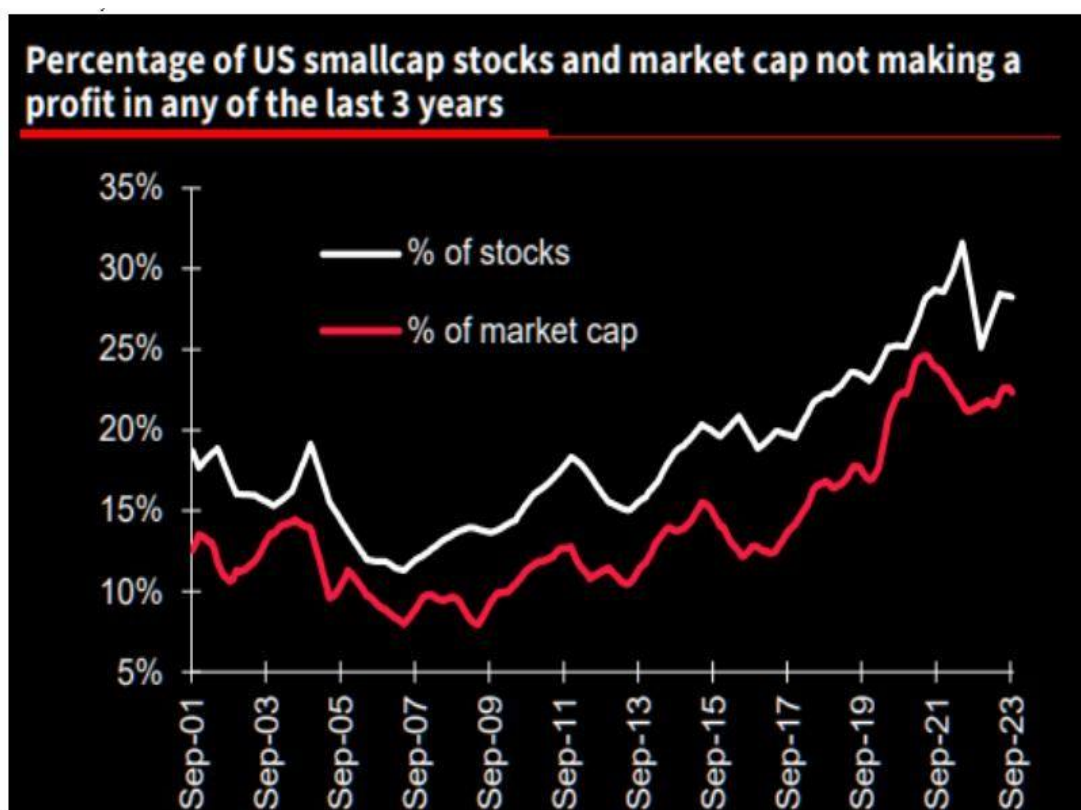


Source: J.C. Parets, Allstarcharts

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#us #equities #small-cap

There are many "zombies" out there...



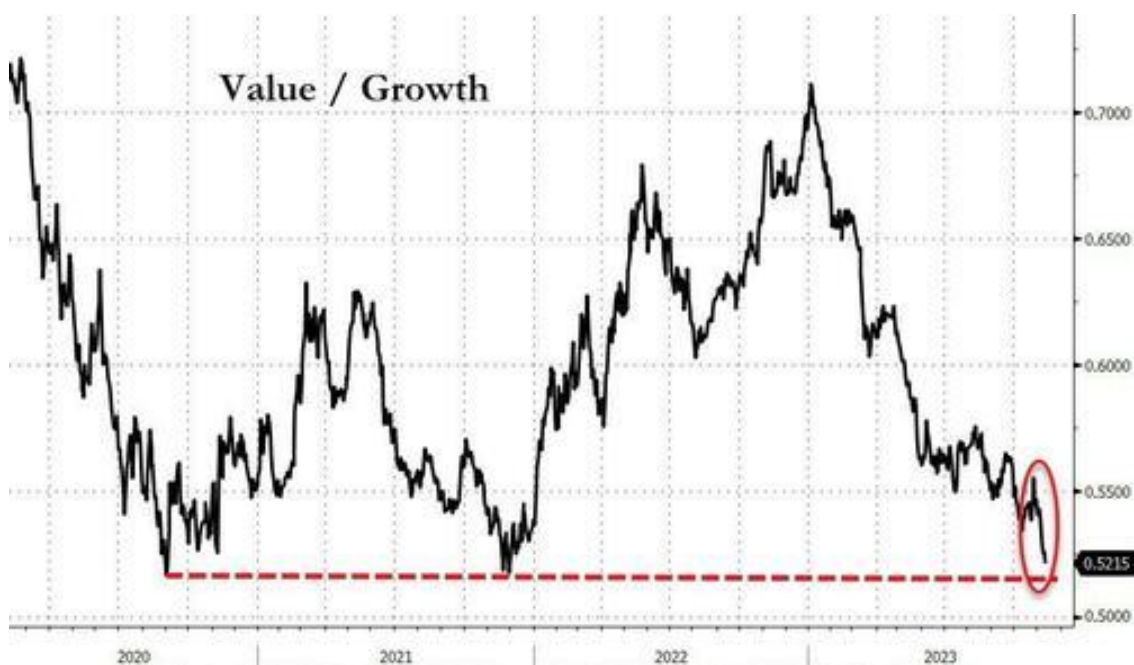
Source: Soc Gen

Source: SocGen, TME

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Value stocks once again underperformed Growth stocks - pushing the pair to what looks like significant support....

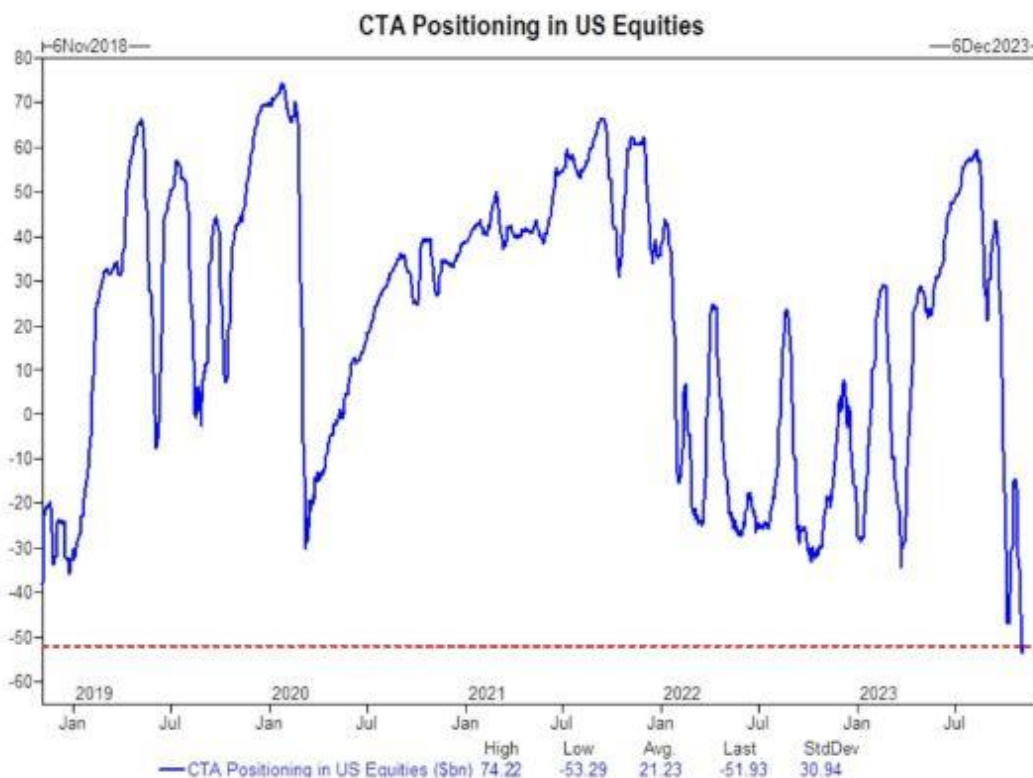


Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com



#us #equities #positioning

CTAs are currently short \$52 billion in U.S. equities, the largest short position in AT LEAST 5 years



Source: barchart



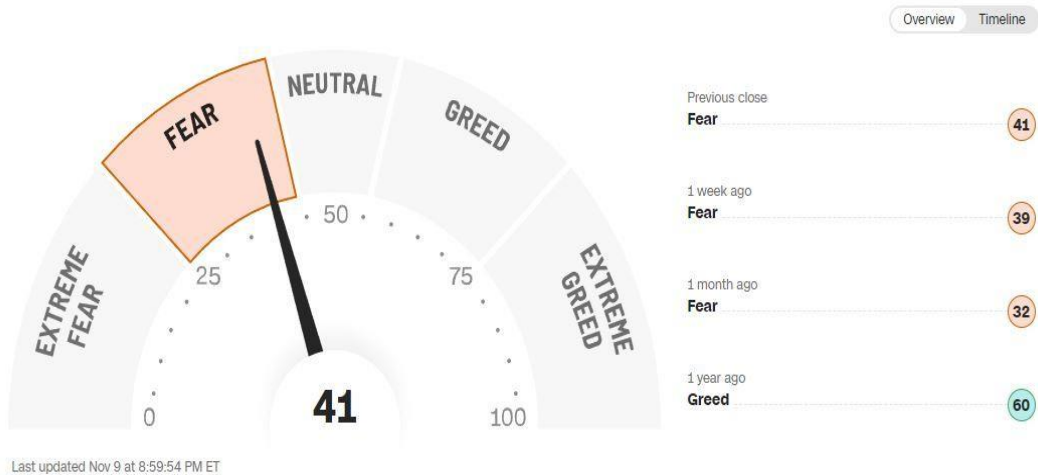
#fear&greed-index #market-sentiment

The markets were in the fear zone for 36 consecutive days, the longest period in the last 12 months.

Fear & Greed Index

What emotion is driving the market now?

[Learn more about the index](#)

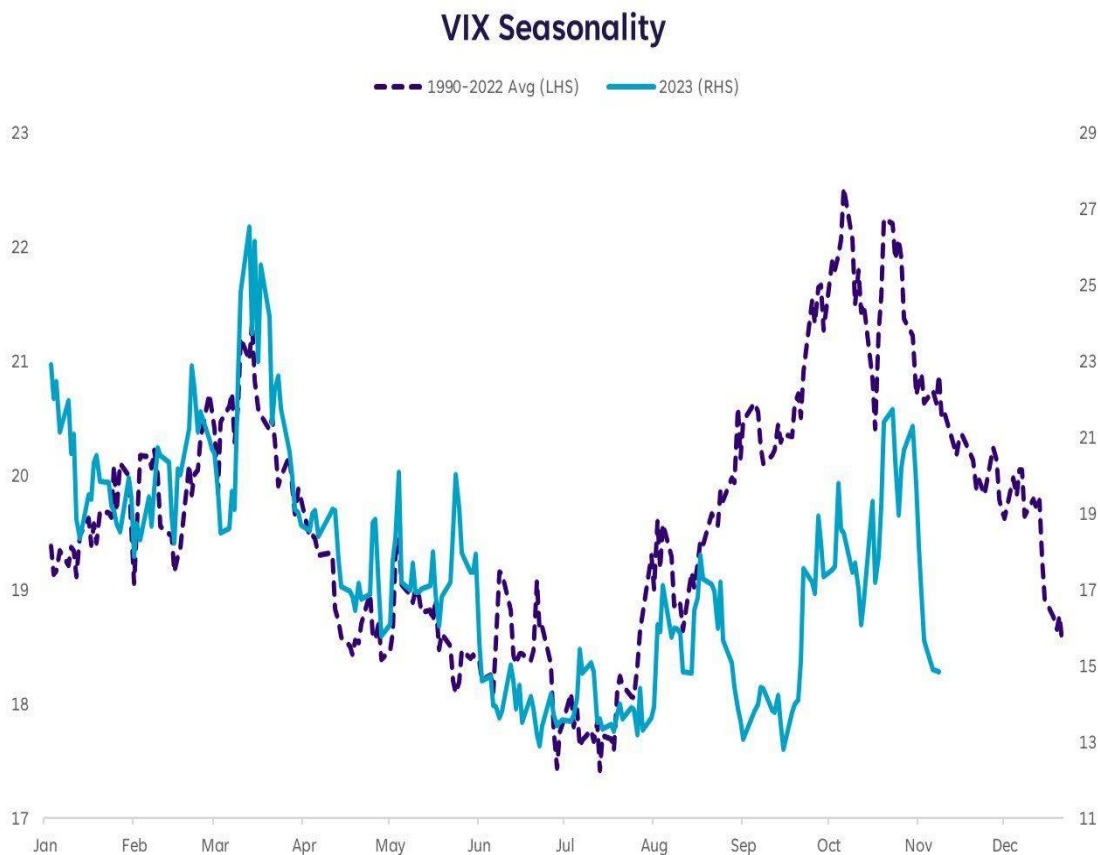


source : cnsentiment



#vix #volatility #seasonality

Here's an updated VIX



Source: SoFi, Bloomberg




Source: Liz Young

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#equities #returns #fed-cutting-rates

The Fed is now expected to start cutting rates in May 2024. Here's how bonds have performed during prior rate-cutting cycles...

US Bond Market Performance During Major US Rate-Cutting Cycles (Since 1980)						
Fed Rate-Cutting Cycle	# Months	Starting Fed Funds Rate	Ending Fed Funds Rate	Change in Fed Funds Rate	Bloomberg US Agg Total Return	Bloomberg US Agg Ann. Return
Apr 1980 - Jun 1980	3	20.00%	9.00%	-11.00%	18.8%	99.1%
Jun 1981 - Dec 1981	7	20.00%	12.00%	-8.00%	5.8%	10.2%
Apr 1982 - Dec 1982	9	15.00%	8.50%	-6.50%	27.6%	38.5%
Aug 1984 - May 1985	10	11.56%	7.75%	-3.81%	23.0%	28.3%
Dec 1985 - Aug 1986	9	8.00%	5.88%	-2.13%	16.2%	22.2%
Jun 1989 - Sep 1992	40	9.56%	3.00%	-6.56%	46.3%	12.1%
Jan 2001 - Jun 2003	30	6.50%	1.00%	-5.50%	24.3%	9.1%
Sep 2007 - Dec 2008	16	5.25%	0.13%	-5.13%	9.2%	6.8%
Aug 2019 - Mar 2020	8	2.38%	0.13%	-2.25%	5.4%	8.3%

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Source: Charlie Bilello



#us #equities #enormous-eight #returns

The ENORMOUS EIGHT 2022-2023 Combined Total Returns...

Nvidia \$NVDA: +56% | Microsoft \$MSFT: +8%

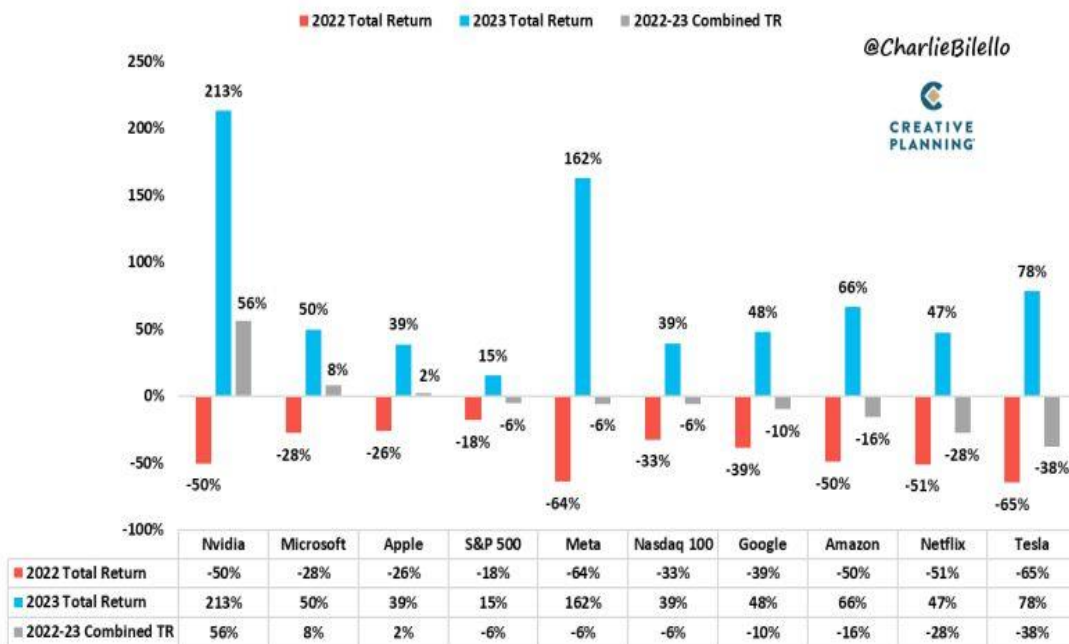
Apple \$AAPL: +2% | S&P 500 \$SPY: -6%

Meta \$META: -6% | Nasdaq 100 \$QQQ: -6%

Google \$GOOGL: -10% | Amazon \$AMZN: -16%

Netflix \$NFLX: -28% | Tesla \$TSLA: -38%

The Enormous Eight: 2022-2023 Total Returns (As of 11/6/23)



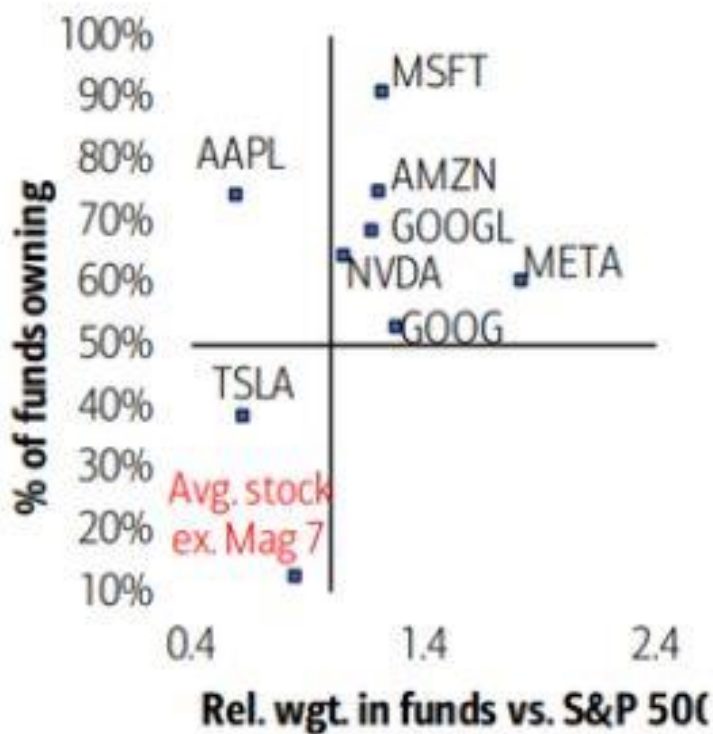


#tesla #magnificent-7

Of the Magnificent 7, Tesla \$TSLA is the most underweight by long only investing fund

Exhibit 12: Just AAPL and TSLA are underweight by active funds

Large cap long only funds holdings in Magnificent 7 (as of 9/30/2023)



Source: FactSet Ownership, BofA US Equity & Quant Strategy
BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Source: Barchart, BoA





#microsoft #performance

Microsoft finishes the day with its highest closing price in history

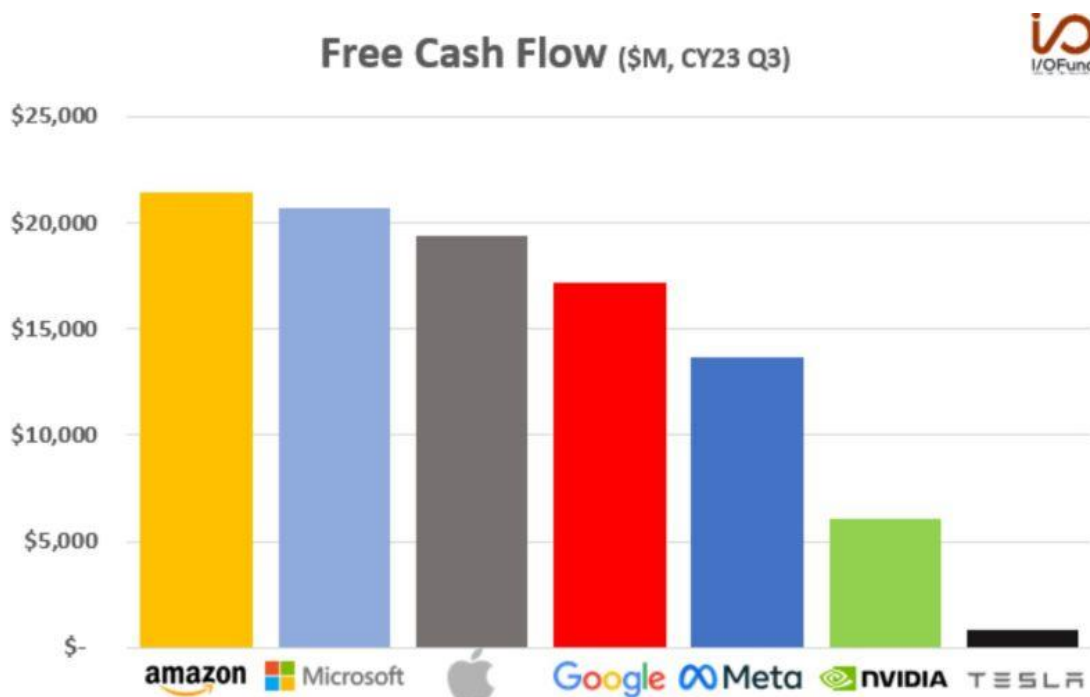


Source: barchart



#tech #fcf

Big Tech posted strong Free Cash Flow figures in Q3, led by Amazon and Microsoft both generating more than \$20B, with Apple close behind.

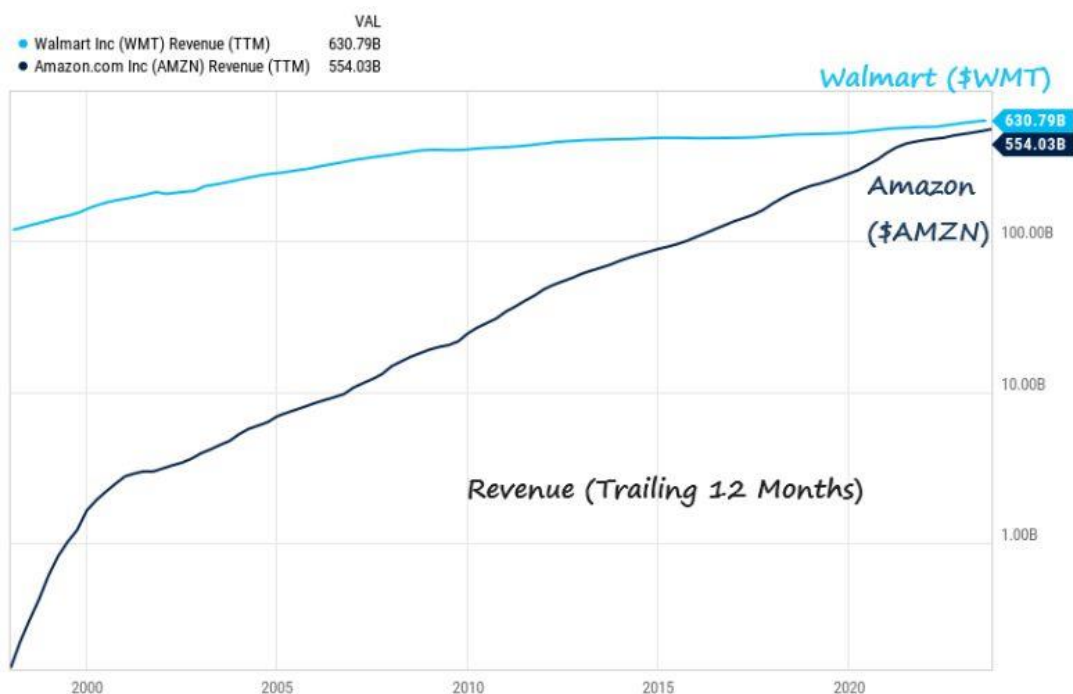


Source: bethkinding, iofund



#walmart #amazon #revenue

25 yrs ago: Walmart revenue 305x larger than Amazon
20 yrs ago: Walmart revenue 51x larger than Amazon
10 yrs ago: Walmart revenue 7x larger than Amazon
5 yrs ago: Walmart revenue 2x larger than Amazon
Today: Walmart revenue 1.1x larger than Amazon



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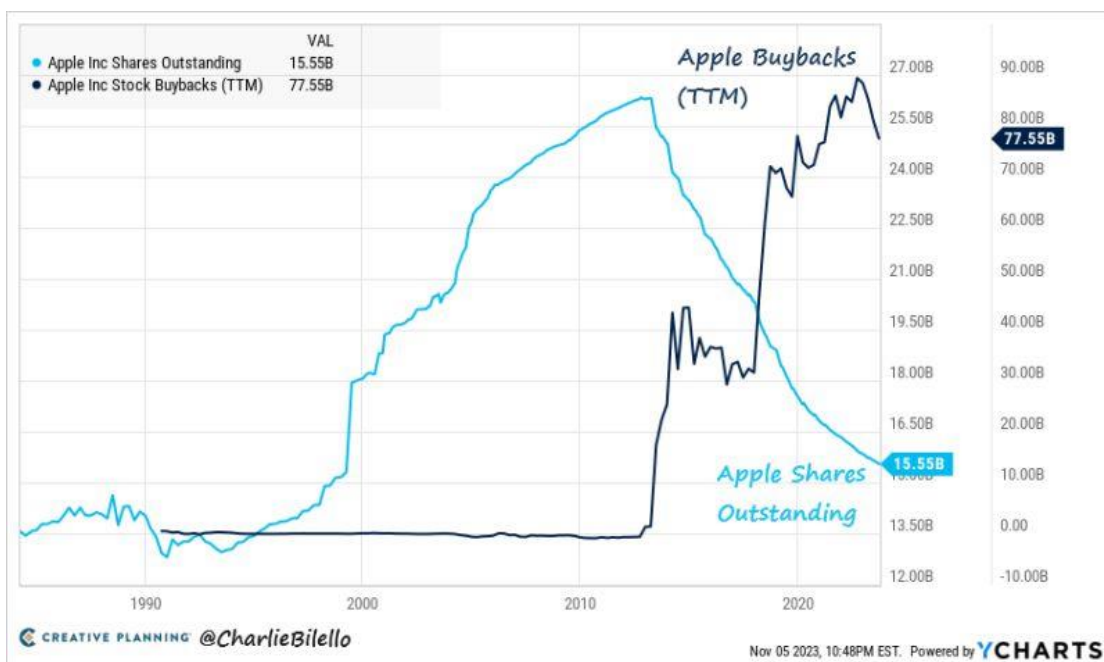
Source: Charlie Bilello





#apple #marketcap #buybacks

Apple has bought back \$604 billion in stock over the past 10 years, which is greater than the market cap of 492 companies in the S&P 500. \$AAPL



Source: Charlie Bilello





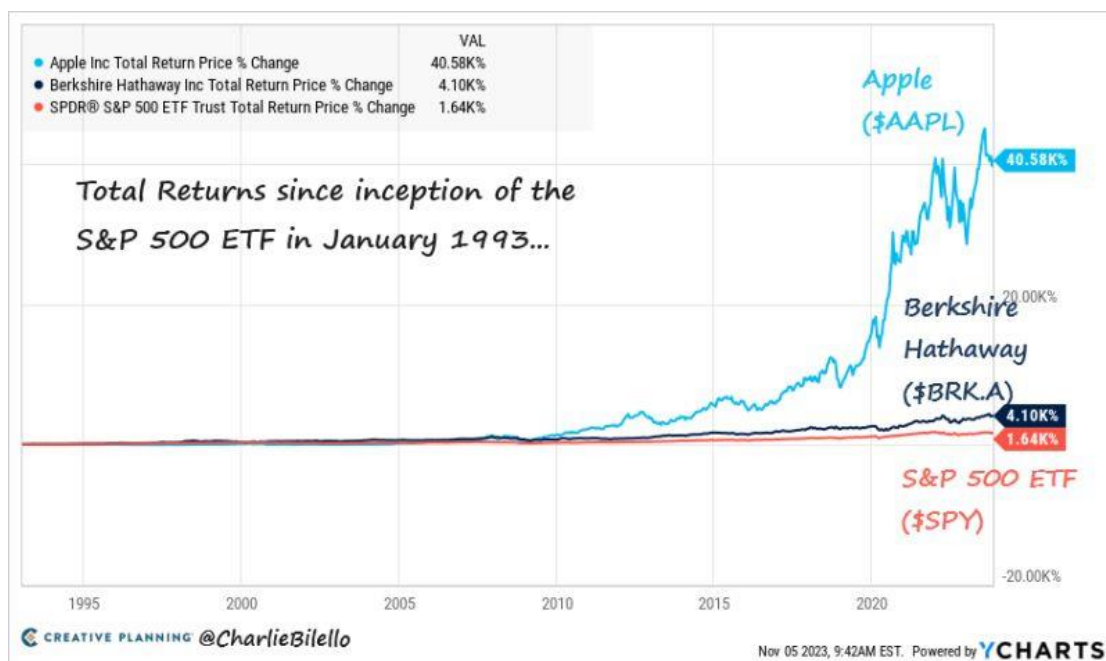
#apple #sp500 #brk.a #returns

Total Returns since inception of the S&P 500 ETF in January 1993...

S&P 500 ETF \$SPY: +1,640%

Berkshire Hathaway \$BRK.A: +4,100%

Apple \$AAPL: +40,580%



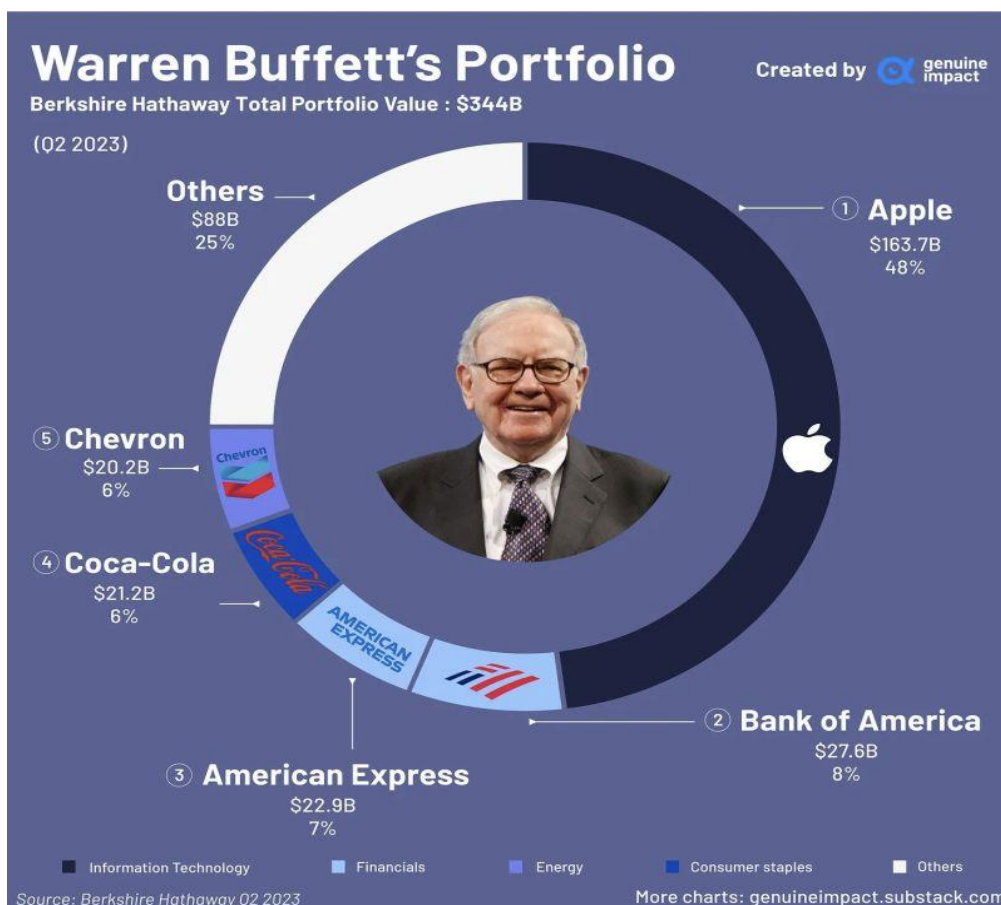
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#berkshire-hathaway #equities

This is how Warren Buffett manages risk. Instead of over-diversifying, he takes big bets on companies / stocks on which he has super-strong conviction and knowledge. Almost half of Warren Buffett's portfolio is made up of Apple at 48% and valued at \$163.7B. The top 5 holdings account for over 75% of the total portfolio...



Source: [Genuine Impact](https://genuineimpact.com)



#berkshire-hathaway #equities

Berkshire Hathaway offloads more than \$5bn worth of US & international shares. Filing indicated the company sold >12mn Chevron shares before it bought Hess for \$53bn in an all-stock deal last month. The value of Berkshire’s portfolio of shares shrank to \$319bn from \$353bn at the end of June.



Source: ft

#south-korea #short #ban

SOUTH KOREA TO RE-IMPOSE STOCK SHORT-SELLING BAN THROUGH JUNE

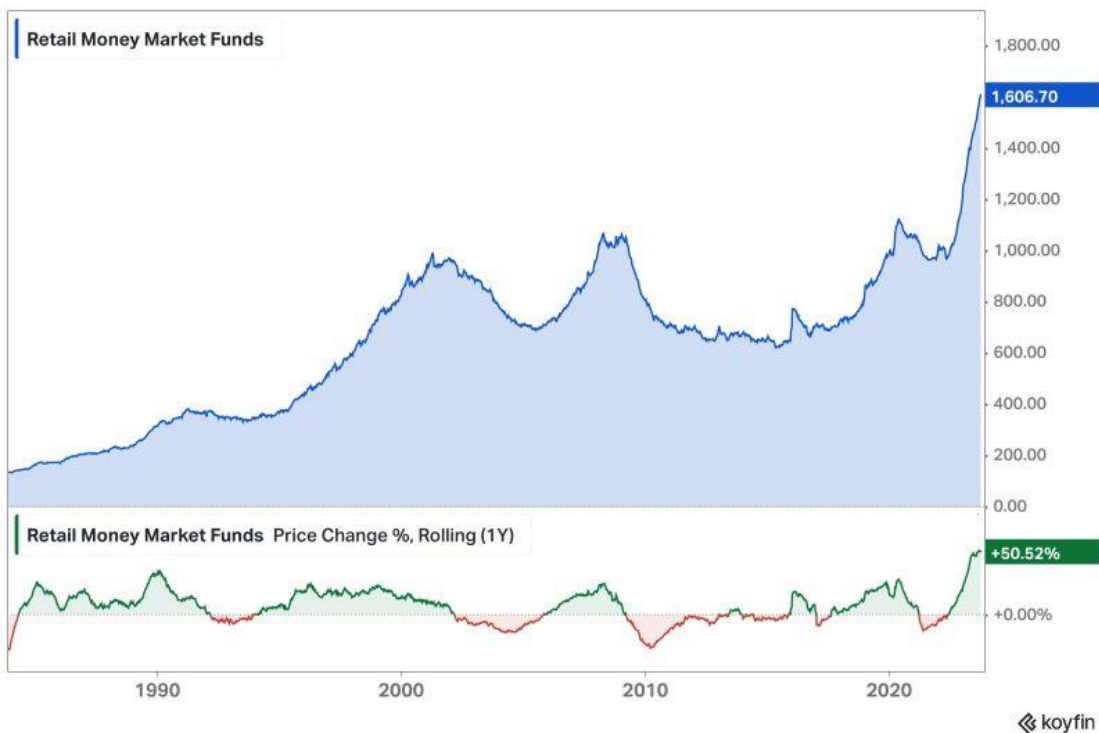


Source: www.investing.com



#moneymarket #growth

The growth rate of capital being poured into retail money market funds (MMFs) is at its highest level in several decades. Retail MMFs recently surpassed \$1.6 trillion; a record high.



Source: Koyfin @KoyfinCharts



#us #treasuries #weekly

Treasuries were mixed with the long-end outperforming (30Y - 3bps on the week), while yields on the rest of the curve were higher on the week, led by the shortest end... The Fed and US Treasury both have a problem. For the Fed, it is stubbornly high inflation. For the US Treasury, massive supply of papers at the time demand is waning. For US Treasuries yields to stay low and move lower, we need the cyclical tailwind (i.e lower growth = lower inflation expectations) offset the secular headwinds (US Treasury over supply and secular inflationary pressures).



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com

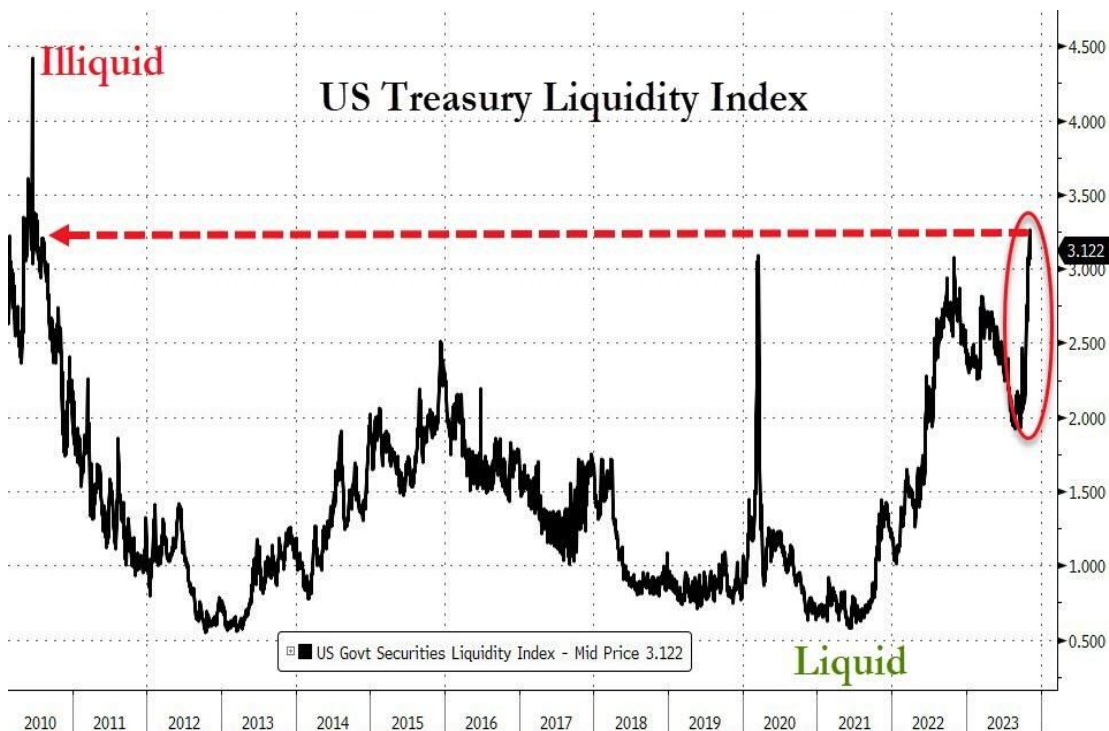




#us #treasury-yields

US 30Y auction was ugly. Treasury yields were higher across the whole curve with the long-end underperforming. It was the biggest daily jump in the 30Y Yield since March 2020. As shown below, the Treasury Liquidity has been a "disaster" this year...

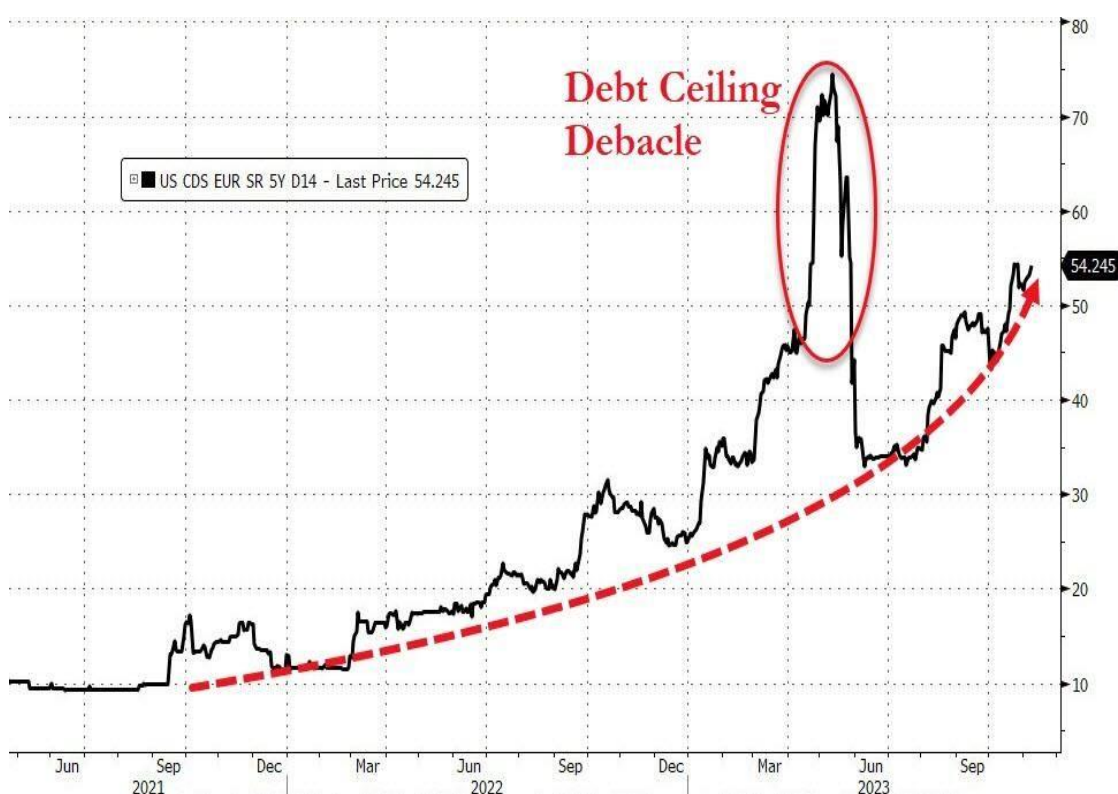
NB: The Bloomberg US Government Securities Liquidity Index, a measure of deviations in yields from a fair value model





#cbs #credit-risk

The sovereign CDS market continues to accelerate its fears about USA credit risk...

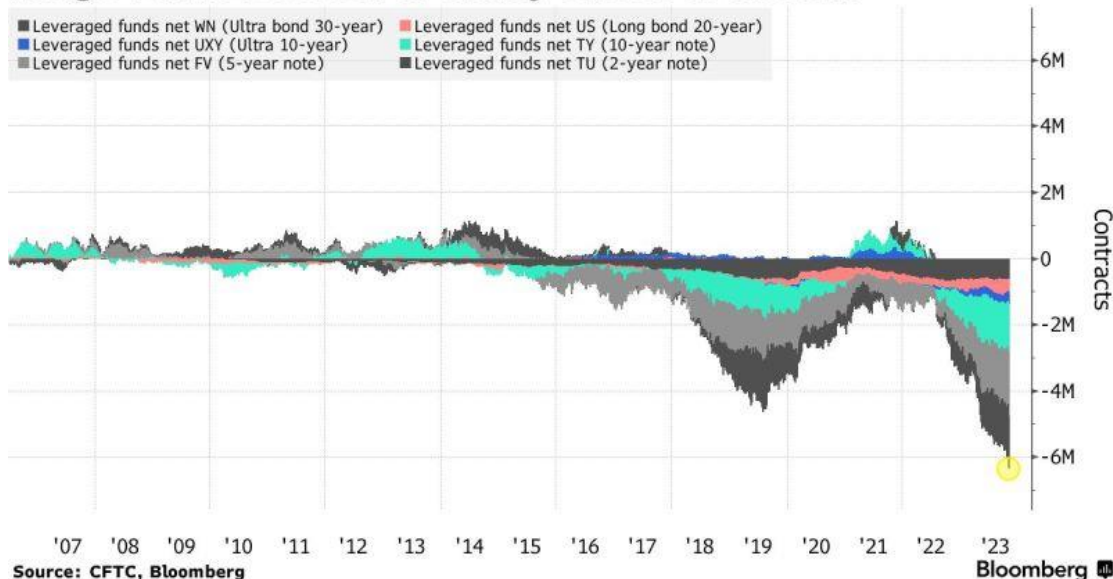




#hedgefund #short #treasury

Hedge Funds extended short positions on Treasuries to a record just before smaller-than-expected US bond sales and weaker jobs data spurred a rally. Leveraged funds ramped up net short Treasury futures positions to the most in data going back to 2006, according to an aggregate of the latest Commodity Futures Trading Commission figures as of Oct. 31. The bets persisted even though the cash bonds had rallied the week before.

Hedge Funds Boosted Treasury Shorts to Record



Source: Bloomberg



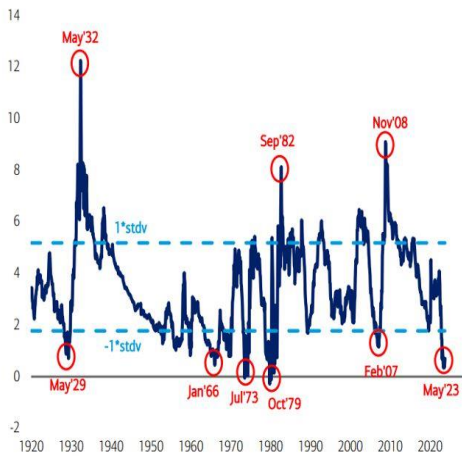


#us #bonds #spread

The corporate bond market in two charts: spreads close to a 43-year low, absolute yields in-line with long-term average.

US corporate bond spreads since 1920

Chart 56: USBBB corporate bond spread up from 43-year low
US BBB corporate bond yield minus 3-month US Treasury Bill yield, %



Monthly data. Moody's BBB corporate bond yields.
Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Global Financial Data, ICE Data Indices LLC.

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US corporate bond yields since 1857

Chart 55: USAAA corporate bond yield highest since 2009
AAA corporate bond yield, %



Monthly data. Moody's AAA corporate bond yields.
Data unavailable during August-November 1914 (WWI)
Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Global Financial Data

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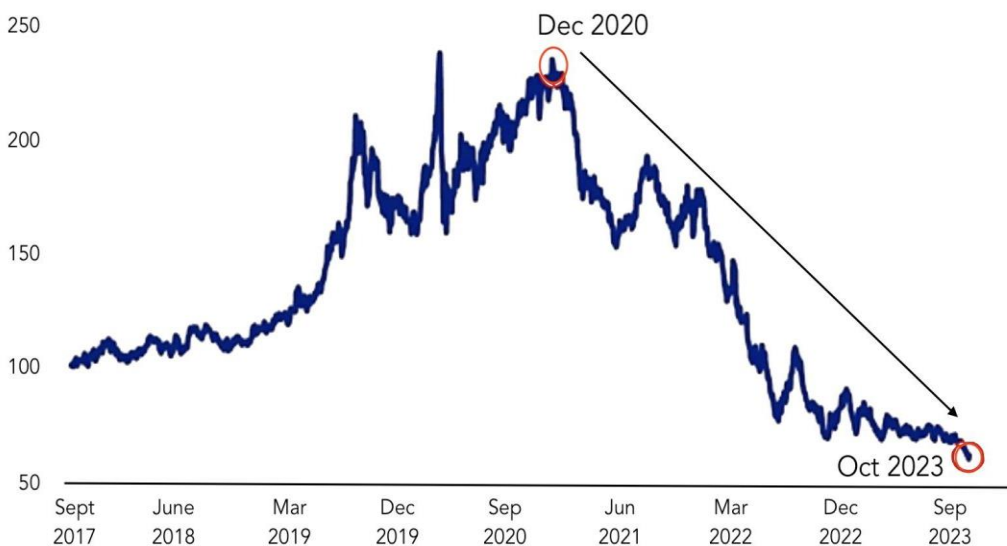
Source: BofA thru Tracy Alloway



#bonds #volatility

Bonds are now experiencing crypto-type volatility. The chart below shows the 75% crash in the 100-year Austrian government bond since December 2020.

75% Crash In 100-Year Austrian Government Bond



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Game of Trades.

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#commodities #crude-oil

Oil ended the week on an uptrend with, trading back up towards its 200DMA (around \$78.18)



Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg



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A sample of articles published 6 weeks ago...

 Euronews
<https://www.euronews.com> › Business › Markets

Oil prices keep rising, experts foresee \$100 a barrel

Sep 25, 2023 — Brent crude futures climbed 71 cents, or 0.76%, to \$93.98 a barrel by

 Reuters
<https://www.reuters.com> › sustainability › europe-can-sli...

Oil could hit \$100/bbl as OPEC+ sticks with supply cuts

Oct 4, 2023 — Global crude oil prices could rise to \$100 a barrel based on the OPEC+ decision on Wednesday to maintain supply cuts, the chief economist of ...

 MarketWatch
<https://www.marketwatch.com> › Markets › The Tell

4 reasons oil prices are surging toward \$100 a barrel

Sep 29, 2023 — Oil futures went on a tear in the third quarter, contributing to volatility in global financial markets. Here are the main drivers.

 CBC
<https://www.cbc.ca> › news › canada › calgary › oil-pri...

Growing number of forecasts predict oil will reach \$100 US

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Sep 20, 2023 — In a research note, Eight Capital analyst Phil Skolnick said for the full year 2024, he continues to forecast an average WTI price of \$86 US per ...

 ET EnergyWorld
<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com> › news


Goldman Sachs says oil's going back to \$100 as rally builds

Sep 21, 2023 — Goldman Sachs says oil's going back to \$100 as rally builds. With prices advancing by more than 30 per cent since mid-June to breach \$95 a ...

 Fortune
<https://fortune.com> › europe › 2023/09/22 › oil-prices-g...

JPMorgan's energy guru warns oil is headed to \$100

Sep 22, 2023 — JPMorgan's energy guru warns oil prices are headed to \$100 per barrel. 'Put your seatbelts on, it's going to be a very volatile supercycle'.

 The New York Times
<https://www.nytimes.com> › business › oil-price-100-barrel

Oil Prices on a March Toward \$100 a Barrel

Sep 27, 2023 — Many energy analysts think that oil prices will soon rise above \$100 a barrel for the first time in more than a year, since the turmoil that ...

source : john arnold



#commodities #cocoa

"Choc" Horror ! Cocoa price closes above 3,900 for the first time since December 1978.

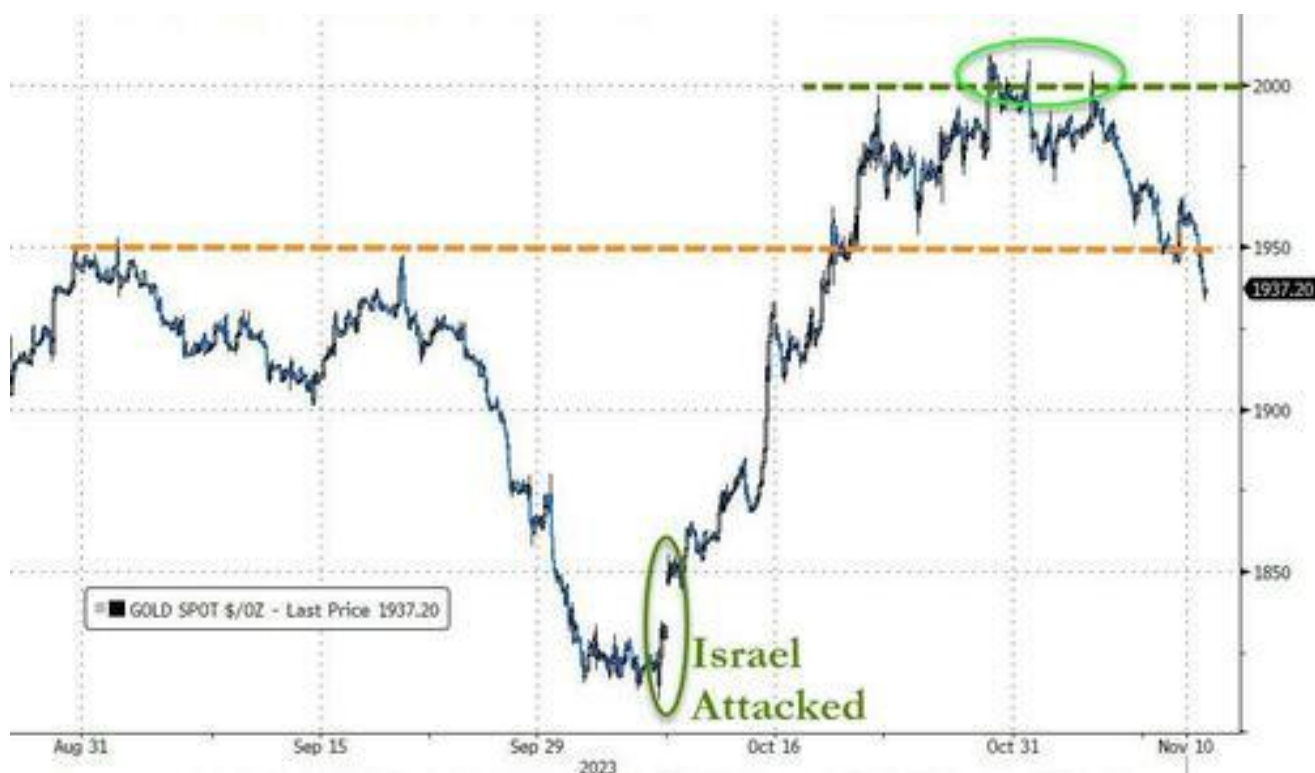


Source: bachart

#markets

#gold #technicals

Gold fell for the second week in a row, tumbling almost 3% this week, the 3rd worst week of the year after spot prices topped \$2,000 but could not hold it....



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com



#gold #technicals

We note that spot gold prices did find support at their 200DMA....



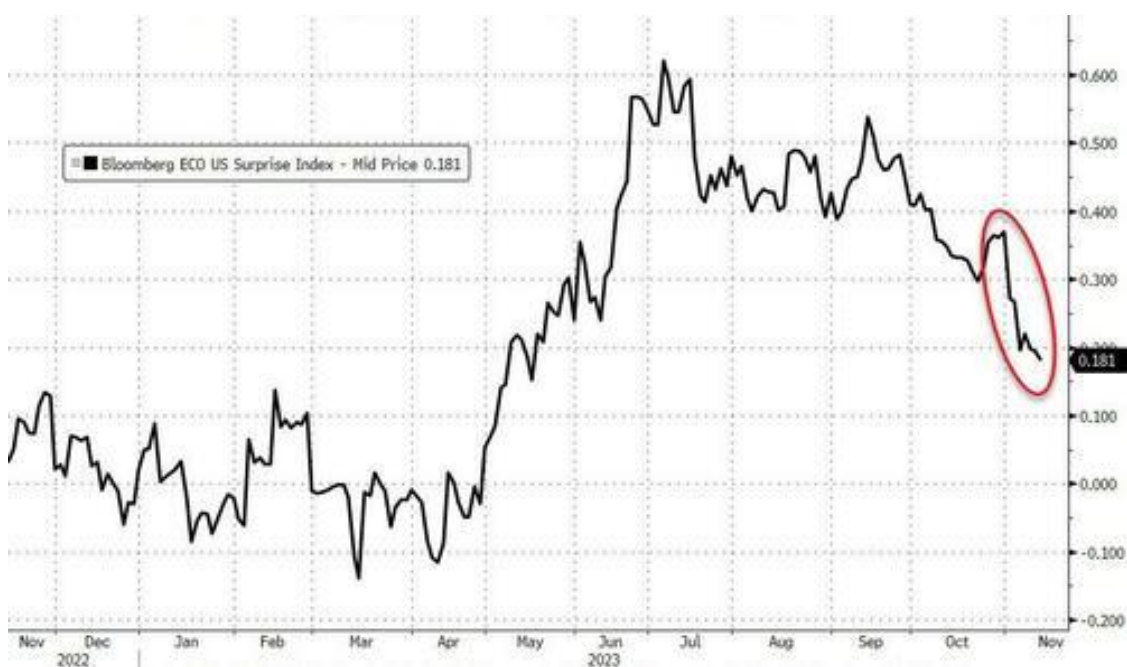
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#macro

#us #economic #surprises

It was a quiet week for macro data, but what there was 'disappointed' - higher continuing claims, worst deficit, slumping sentiment, and soaring inflation expectations.



#macro

#us #inflation #expectations

After soaring in October, University of Michigan surveyed inflation expectations were expected to moderate slightly in preliminary November data. They did not!

12-month inflation expectations shot higher still from 4.2% to 4.4% (exp 4.0%) and 5-10 year inflation exp rose to 3.2% (hotter than the 3.0% prior and expected)....





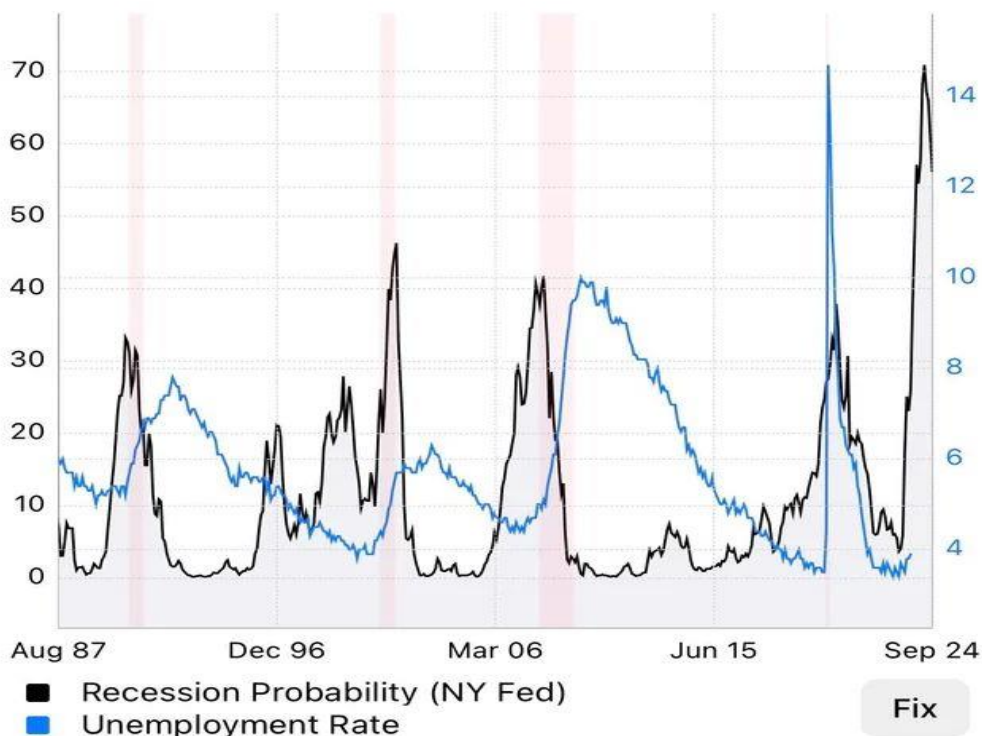
#us #recession #probability

NY FED recession probability is on highs. Unemployment is going up. Similar pattern was right before most previous recessions.

Recession Probability (NY Fed)

56.2 %

3M | YTD | 1Y | 3Y | 10Y | All

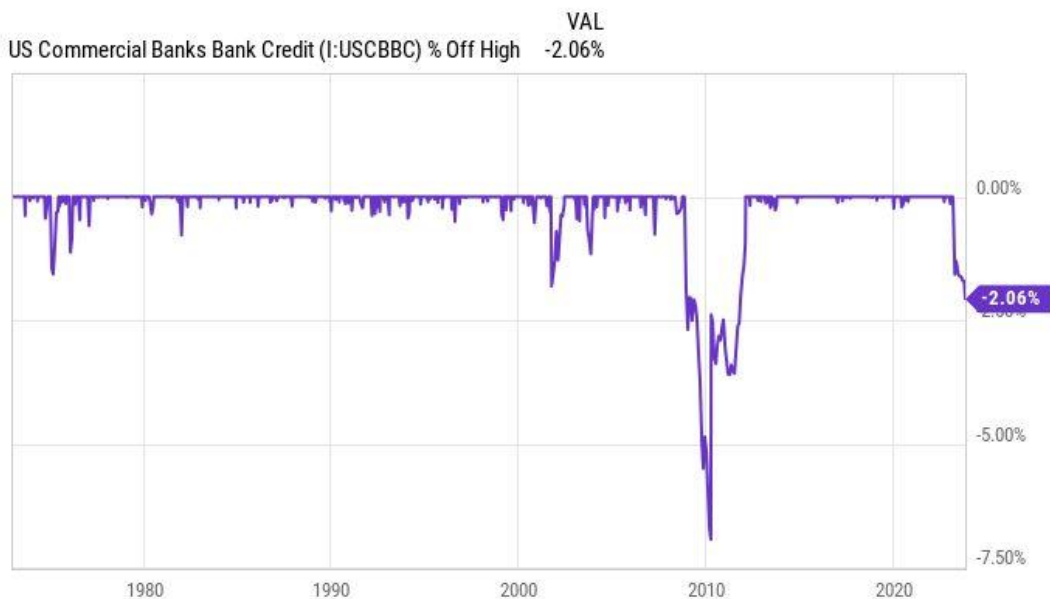


Source: Wall Street Silver



#us #bank #credit

For only the 3rd time in the last 50 years, commercial bank credit has declined by more than 2%. The other 2 times were the peak of the Dot Com Bubble and the aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis.



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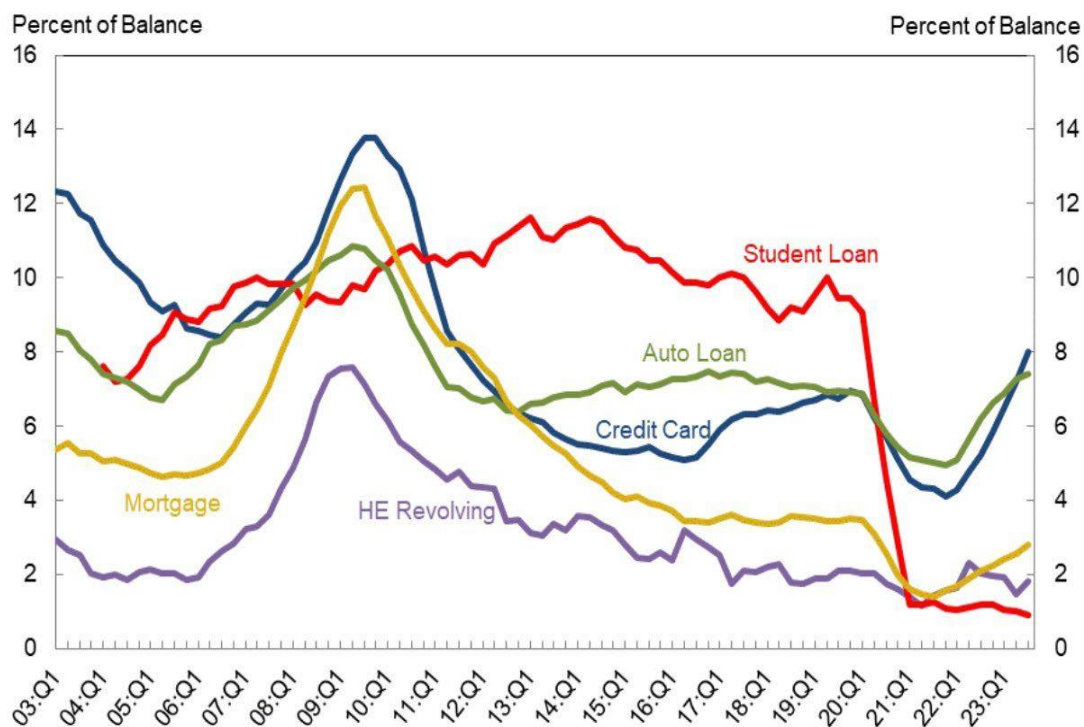
Source: barchart



#us #delinquency-rates #loans

In the US, more people are failing to make on-time auto loan and credit card payments. “Despite sub-4% unemployment, delinquencies on auto loans and credit cards continue to rise sharply:” @Lavorgnanomics writes, citing Q3 data just released by the NY Fed

Transition into Delinquency (30+) by Loan Type



Source: New York Fed Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax

Note: 4 Quarter Moving Sum
Student loan data are not reported prior to 2004 due to uneven reporting



Source: Lisa Abramowicz



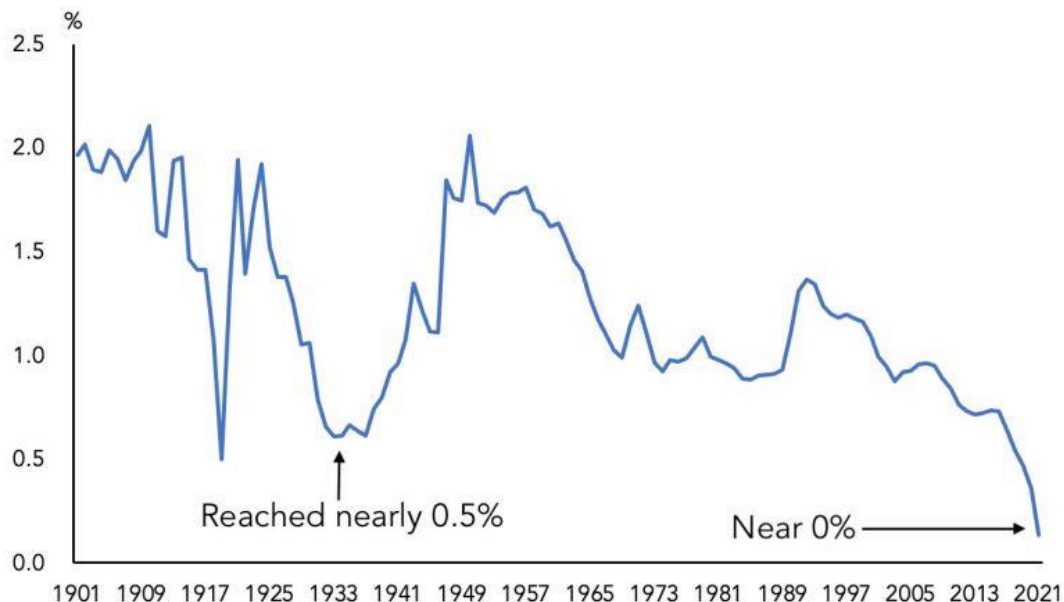
#us #demographics #growth

Demographics is becoming a serious issue for US growth. As shown on the chart below, US population growth has collapsed, reaching levels near 0% indicating almost NO growth. This is actually the worst population growth setup seen in over 100 years of US history. Current levels have NEVER been seen in 100+ years. Even during the Great Depression, population growth bottomed out at around 0.5%

Year-Over-Year Change in the U.S. Population



Year-Over-Year Change in the U.S. Population



Dates: 1900 Through July 2023.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Game of Trades.

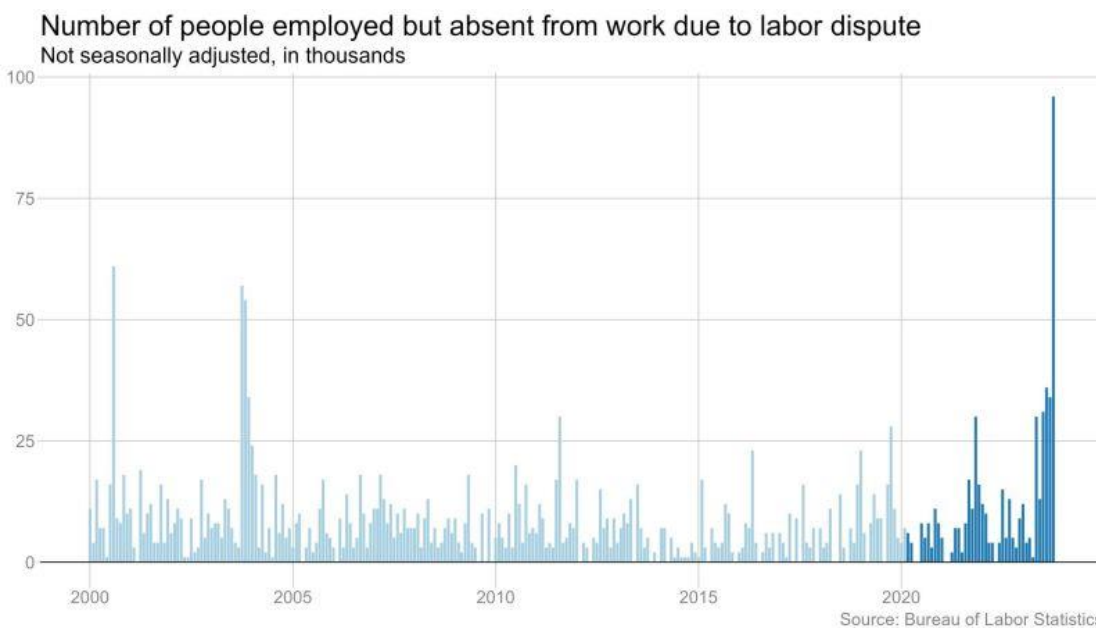
Source: Game of trades





#us #inflation #employment #strikes

A very interesting chart highlighted by Tavi Costa. This is the largest number of workers on strike in the history of the data. As corporate profit margins remain comfortably above their typical averages, it leaves room to absorb increased labor costs. This could contribute significantly to inflation.

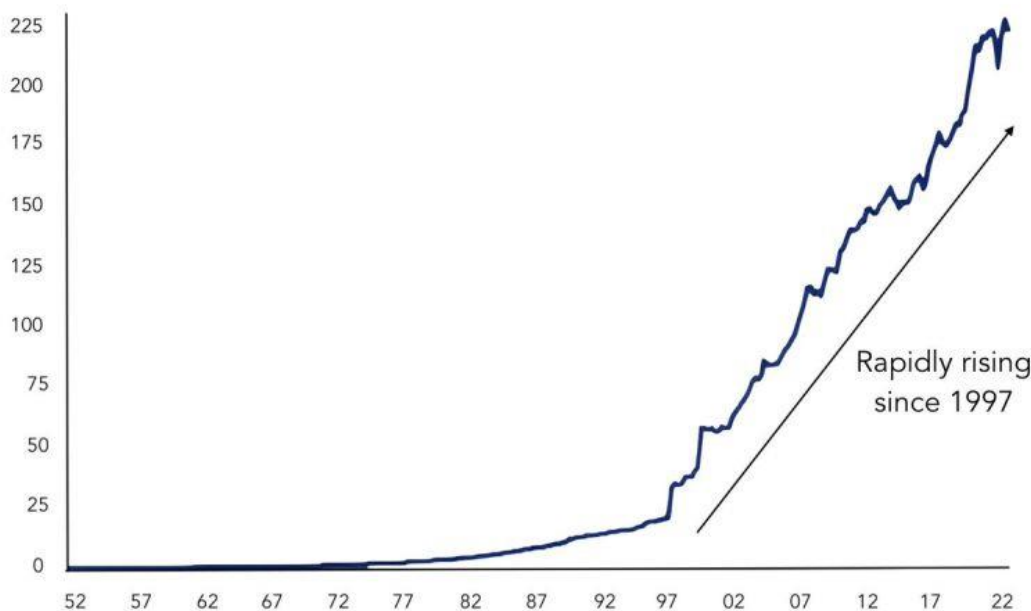




#world #debt

World debt has rapidly increased since 1997. And is now around \$225 trillion. Is it sustainable?

World Debt (in \$ trillion) At Record High



Source: Bloomberg, Game of Trades.

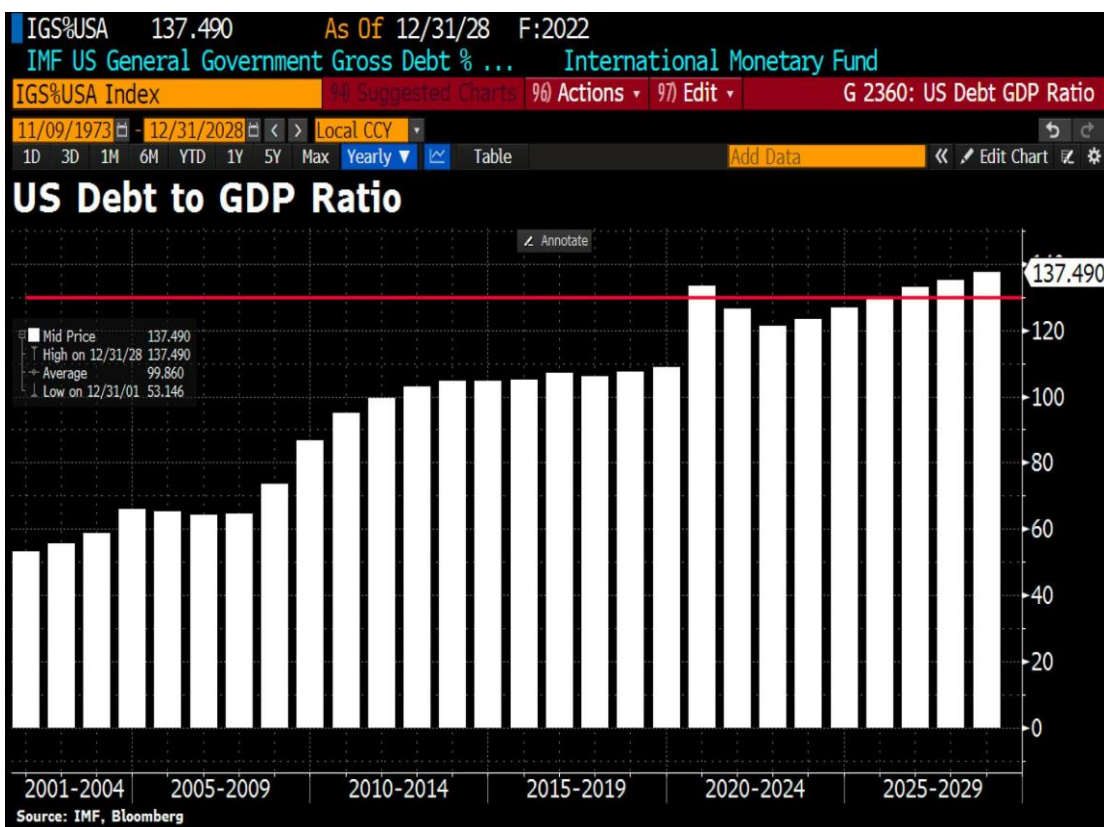
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#us #sovereign-debt #gdp

Over the last 120yrs 98% of all countries where sovereign debt/gdp hit 130% ended up defaulting. It looks very unlikely in the case of the US. But money debasement is probably in the making (and has been already there for some time)

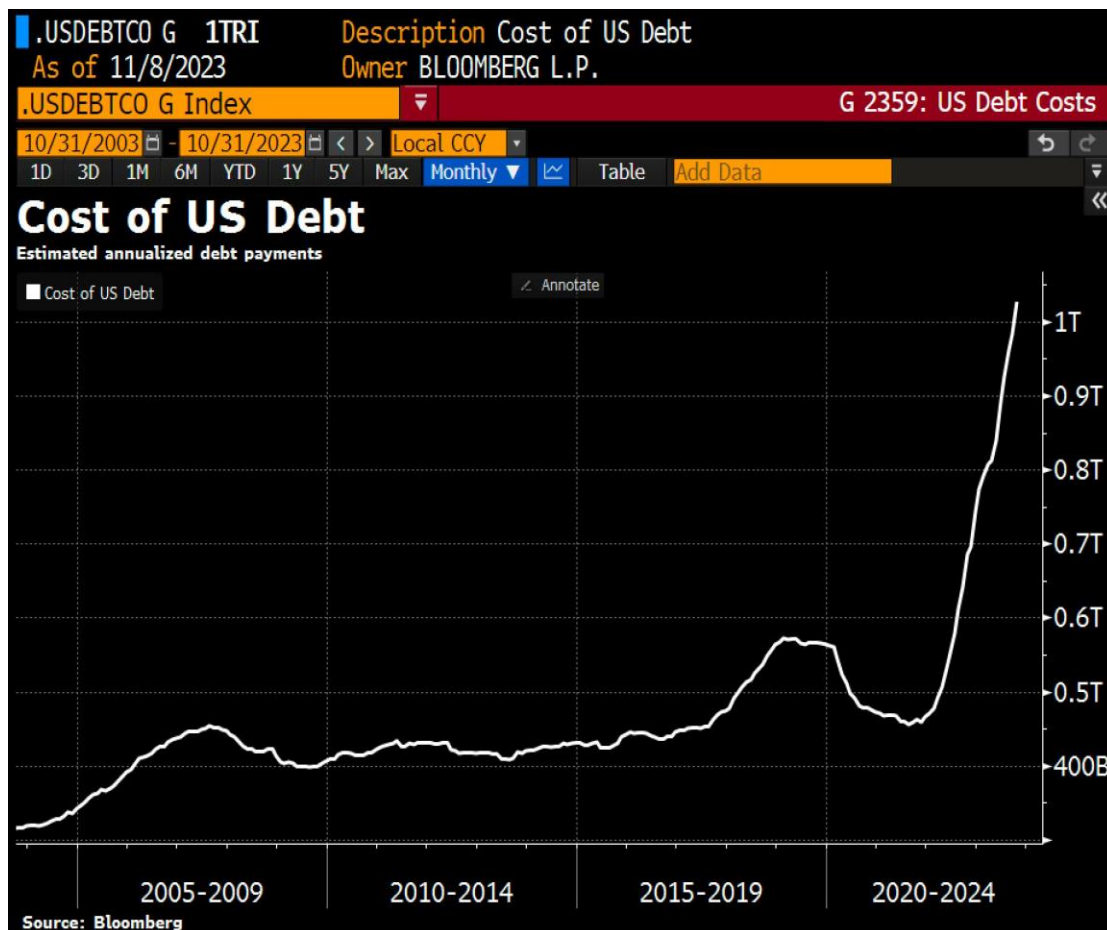


Source: GS, Bloomberg, HolgerZ



#us #cost-of-debt #interest

US debt interest bill rockets past a cool \$1 TRILLION a year. It's 4% of annual US GDP. It has doubled in 19 months. It is equivalent to 16.3% of the entire Federal budget for fiscal year 2022.

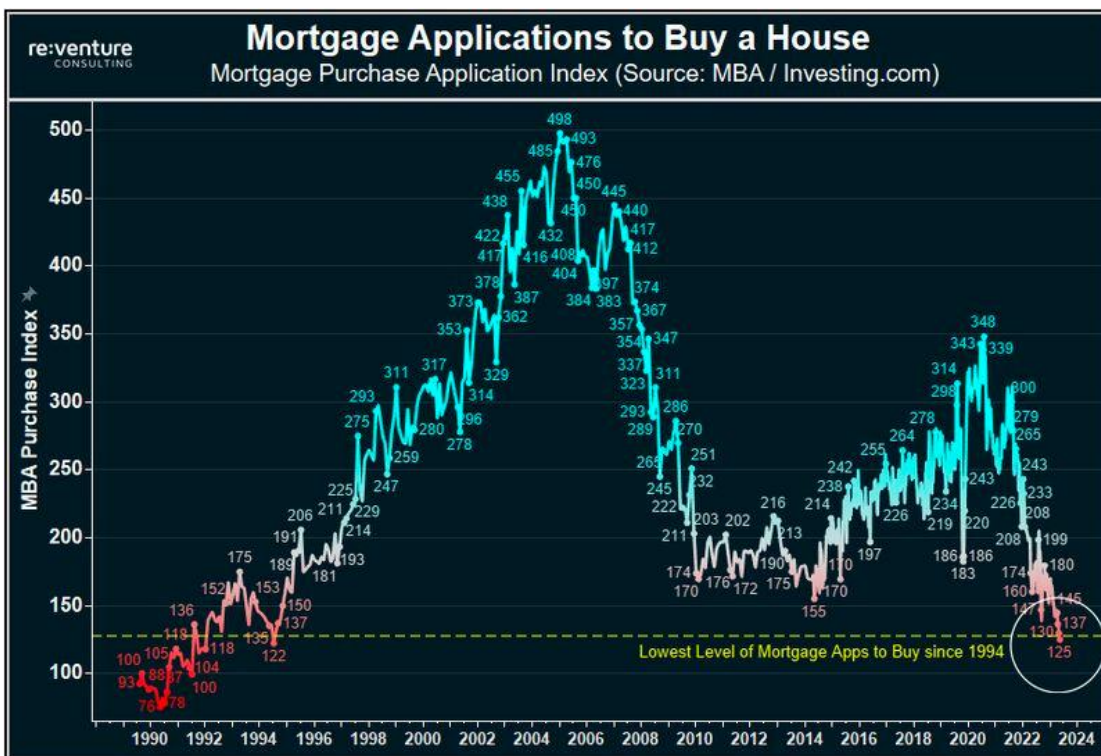


Source: Bianco Research, Bloomberg, HolgerZ



#us #mortgage #real-estate

Mortgage demand is now down 50% from pre-pandemic levels and at its lowest level since 1994. From its peak in 2021, mortgage demand is down ~64%. Current mortgage demand is ~75% below the 2005 peak. The most incredible part of this? Mortgage rates are still only at their historical average. Housing market activity is coming to a halt.



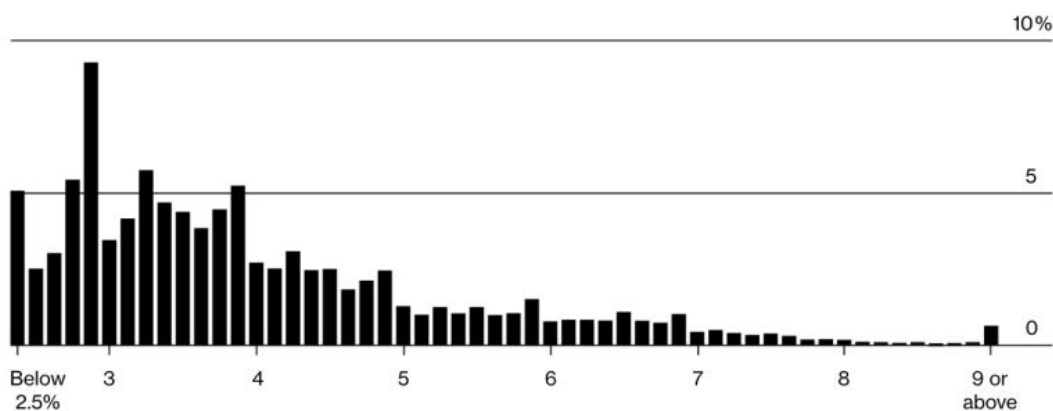
Source: The Kobeissi Letter



#us #real-estate #interest-rates

The chart below shows the distribution of interest rates on outstanding US mortgages. Over 30% of borrowers have rates below 3%, up from just ~5% of borrowers prior to the pandemic. Virtually no new mortgages are being taken out at 7%+ interest rates that we currently see. Real estate market seems to be frozen

Interest Rates on Existing US Loans



Source: ICE, McDash

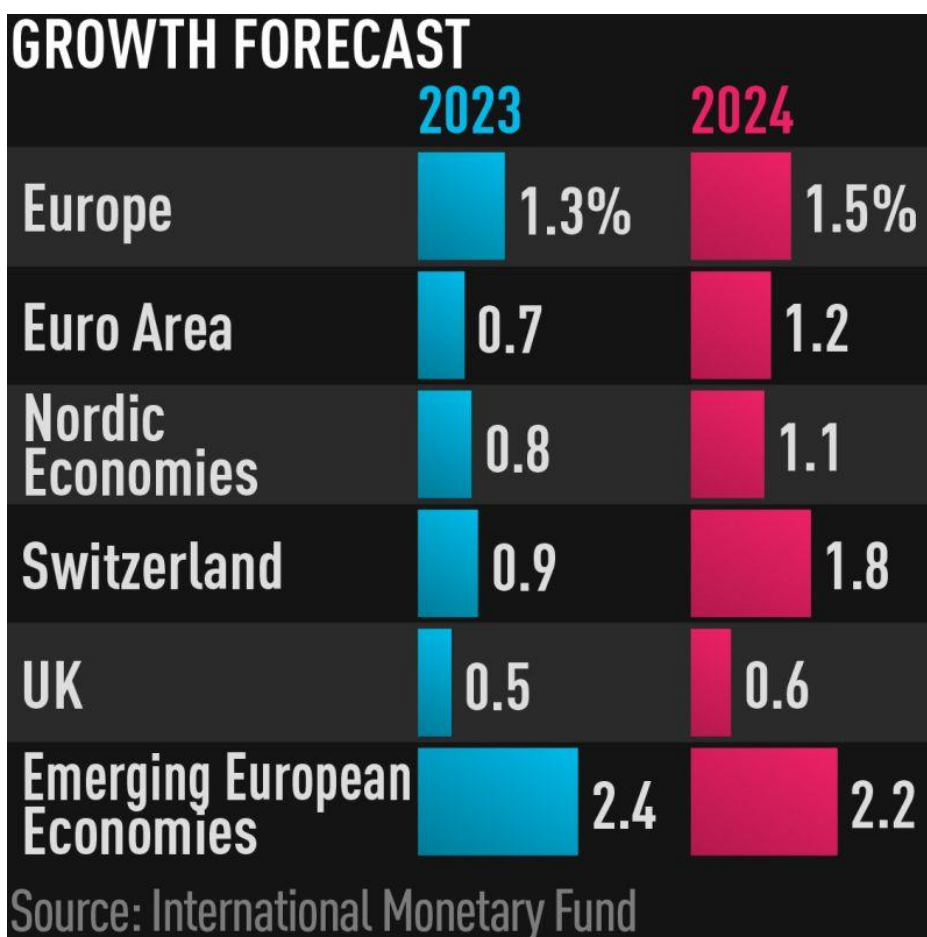
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#europe #growth

Europe Headed for Soft Landing, IMF Says

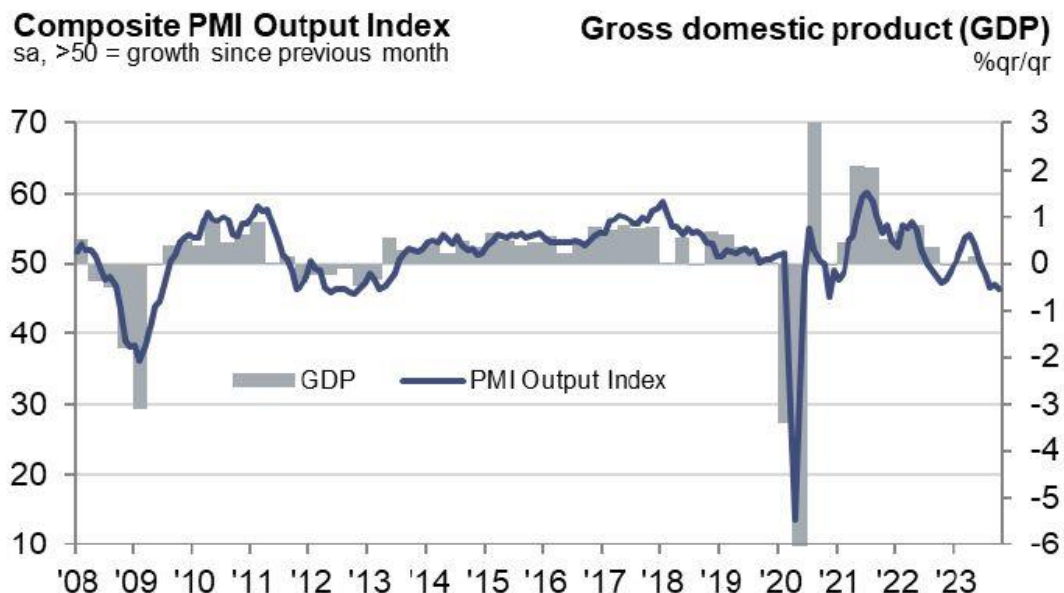


Source: Bloomberg



#europe #pmi #recession

The European composite PMI output index pointed to the sharpest decline in nearly three years. October's data also showed firms in the region cutting staff on a net basis for the first time since early 2021. The region is quite likely to go into a recession.



Source: HCOB, S&P Global PMI, Eurostat via S&P Global Market Intelligence.

#macro

#china #exports

China reported a worse-than-expected drop in exports in October, while imports surprisingly rose for the month from a year ago. China's customs agency said exports in U.S. dollar terms fell by 6.4% in October from a year ago. That's worse than the 3.3% drop predicted by a Reuters poll. Overall, China's exports have fallen on a year-on-year basis every month this year starting in May. The last positive print for imports on a year-on-year basis was in September last year. China's exports to Southeast Asia and the European Union fell by double digits in October, according to CNBC calculations of official data. Exports to the U.S. dropped by more than 8%, the analysis showed. Imports rose by 3% in U.S. dollar terms in October from a year ago. That's in contrast to the Reuters' forecast for a 4.8% drop from a year ago.



Source: CNBC

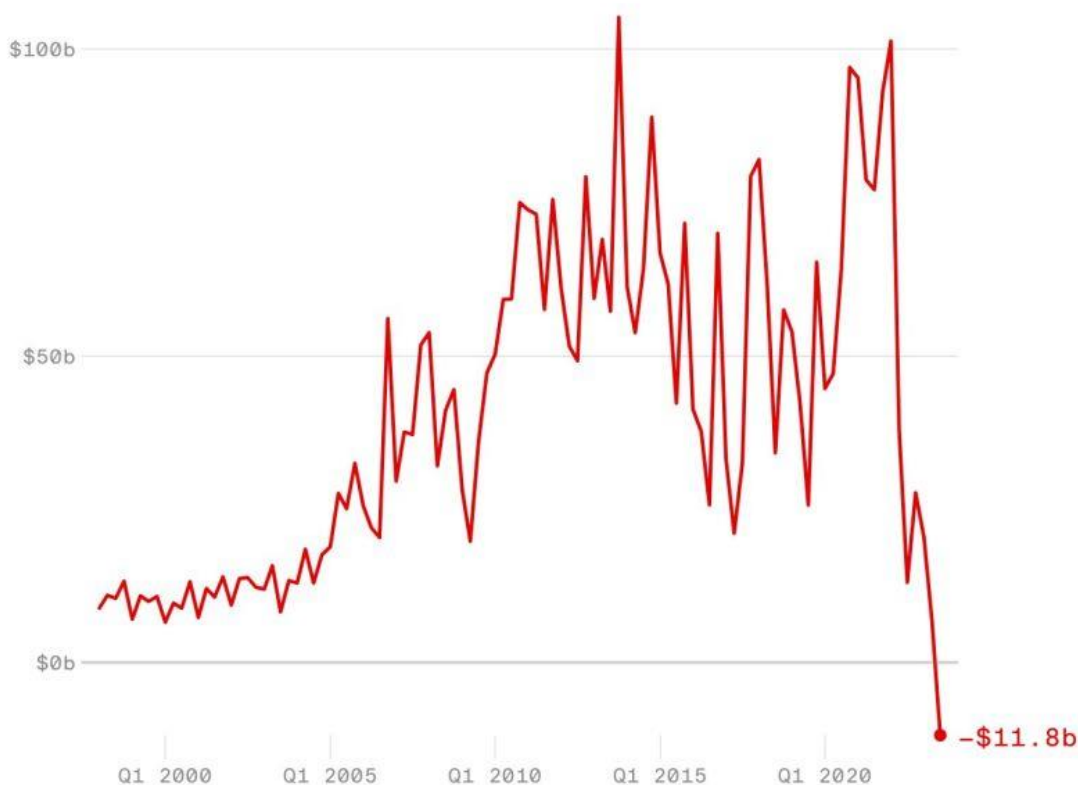


#china #foreign-direct-investment

China's FDI is in the negative for the first time (!) on record. A few years ago, the vast majority of firms in Wall Street were hiring a flurry analysts to cover China. Things can change quite fast...

China inbound foreign direct investment

Quarterly; Q1 1998 to Q3 2023

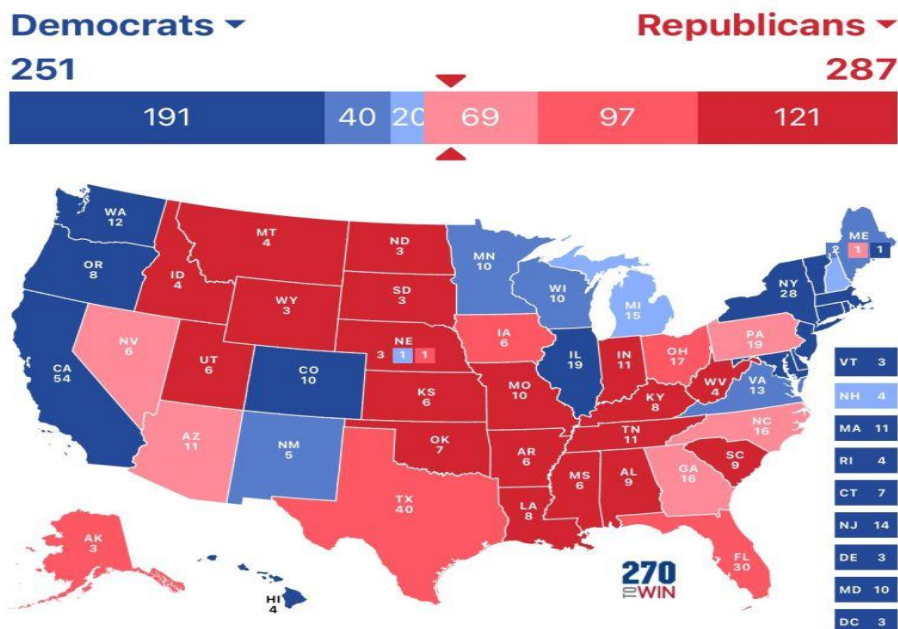


Source: Ian Bremmer

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#us #elections

One year before US elections...President Biden's approval rating is the lowest out of every president one year out from the election since Jimmy Carter. The news comes as a new swing state poll from The New York Times shows Donald Trump defeating Biden in a 2024 matchup. According to the poll, if the election were held today, Trump would beat Biden in Nevada, Georgia, Arizona, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Biden's approval rating is sitting at 37% one year out from the election. Trump and Obama were at 43% at this same point in their presidency while Jimmy Carter was at 32%.



Source: Collin Rugg

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#us #equities #elections

How do us stocks perform in an election year when a NEW President is elected?

Stocks Have Never Been Lower In an Election Year Under a New President

S&P 500 Performance Under New Presidents (1950-Current)

Election Year	President	First Year	S&P 500 Index Returns		
			Midterm Year	Pre-Election Year	Election Year
1952	Dwight D. Eisenhower (Rep)	-6.6%	45.0%	26.4%	2.6%
1960	JFK/LBJ (Dem)	23.1%	-11.8%	18.9%	13.0%
1968	Richard Nixon (Rep)	-11.4%	-0.1%	10.8%	15.8%
1976	Jimmy Carter (Dem)	-11.5%	1.1%	12.3%	25.8%
1980	Ronald Reagan (Rep)	-9.7%	14.8%	17.3%	1.4%
1988	George H.W. Bush (Rep)	27.3%	-6.6%	26.3%	4.5%
1992	Bill Clinton (Dem)	7.06%	-1.5%	34.1%	20.3%
2000	George W. Bush (Rep)	-13.0%	-23.4%	26.4%	9.0%
2008	Barack Obama (Dem)	23.5%	12.8%	0.0%	13.4%
2016	Donald Trump (Rep)	19.4%	-6.2%	28.9%	16.3%
2020	Joe Biden (Dem)	26.9%	-19.4%	?	?
Average		6.8%	0.4%	20.1%	12.2%
Median		7.1%	-1.5%	22.6%	13.2%
% Higher		54.5%	36.4%	90.0%	100.0%

Source: Carson Investment Research, FactSet 11/08/2023
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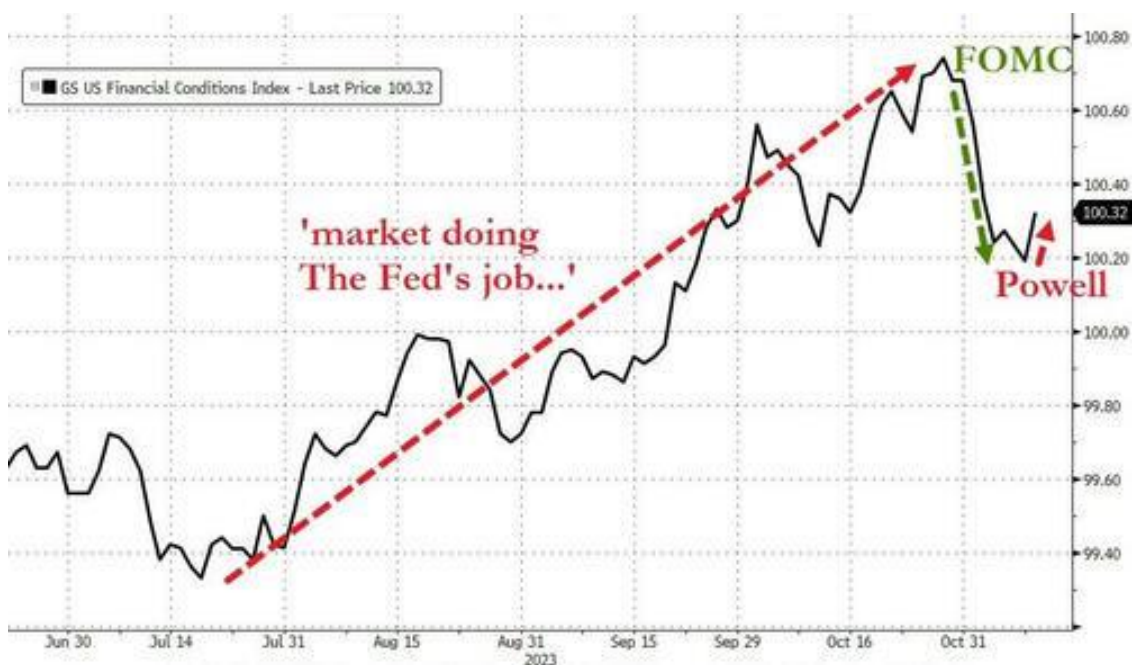
Source: Carson



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#us #financial-conditions

Powell put his foot down on the 'loosening' financial conditions since his FOMC performance...



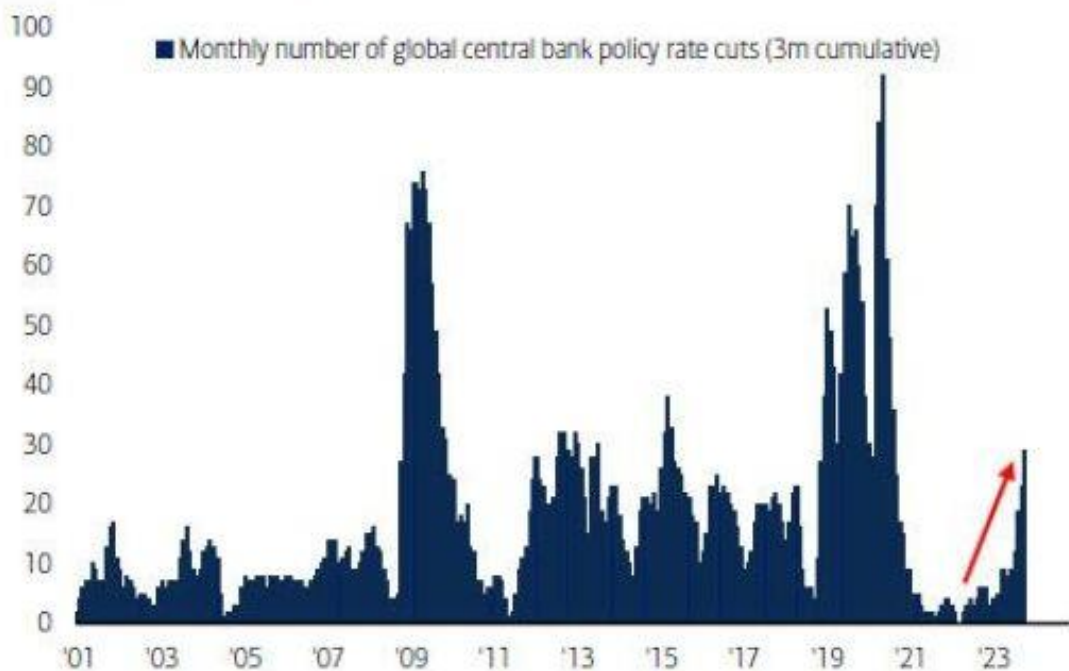
Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg

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#rates #cut

Central Banks around the world are now cutting rates at the fastest pace in more than 3 years. When will the U.S. follow suit?

Chart 6: Central banks now cutting rates at fastest pace since Aug'20
Monthly number of global central bank rate cuts (3m cumulative)



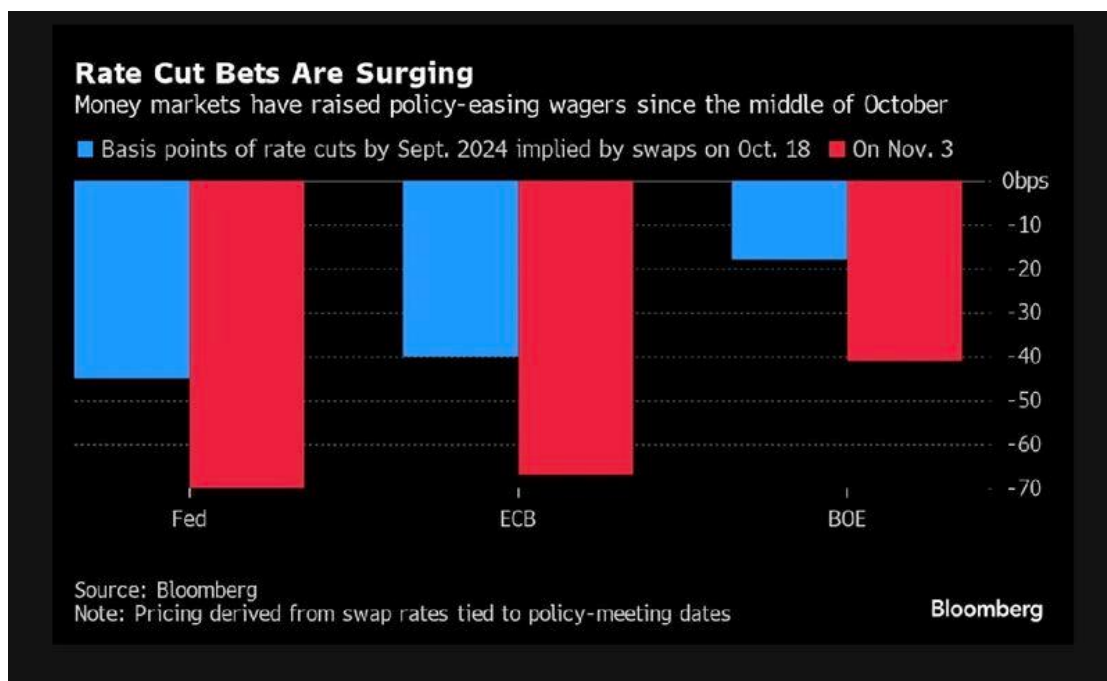
Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg.

Source: Barchart, BofA

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#money-markets #rates #fed

Markets are now betting on big rate cuts next year. This chart shows that money markets have raised policy-easing wagers since the middle of October: by September 2024, the FED should have cut by 70 basis points, the ECB by 65 basis points and the BoE by 40 basis points. (pricing is derived from swap rates tied to policy-meeting dates)



Source: Bloomberg

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#ecb #inflation #rates

Will she get it right this time?

DECEMBER 2021

Christine Lagarde says EU inflation a passing 'hump' and 2022 rate rise 'very unlikely'

ECB chief stresses central bank 'would not hesitate to act' if needed



ECB president Christine Lagarde: 'I see an inflation profile that looks like a hump...and a hump eventually declines' © REUTERS

Martin Arnold in Frankfurt DECEMBER 3 2021

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Interest rate

Lagarde says ECB will get inflation down to 2% target in 2025

Central bank has hit pause on unprecedented campaign of interest-rate hikes as it seeks to wrest back control of inflation



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#ecb #lagarde #rates

Will Lagarde / ECB cut rates sooner than anticipated ?



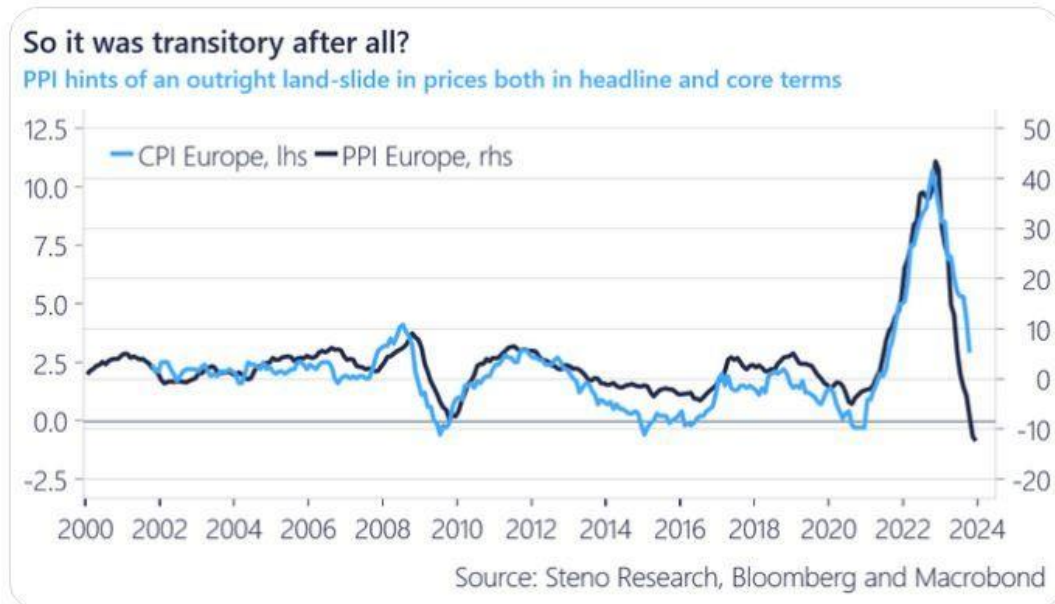
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The final PPI from the Euro-zone was out 45 minutes ago printing at -12.4% YoY

This is consistent with a return to below 2% inflation and maybe even a headline number below 0% temporarily

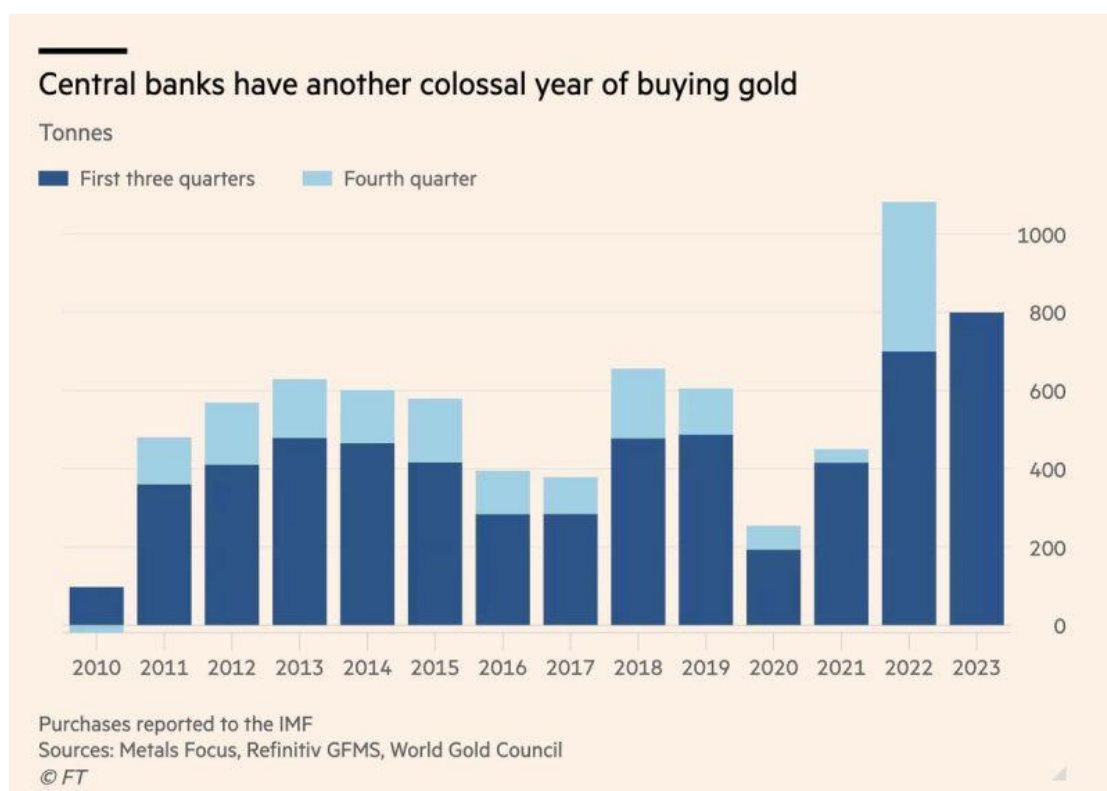
Dovish news, again, from Europe



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#gold #purchases

Even with gold near ATHs, central banks are still buying record tonnage of yellow metal...



Source: FT



#bitcoin #technicals

Bitcoin surged to 18-month highs on the heels of ETF approval hopes, erasing almost 50% of the losses from the record highs (and back above pre-Terra-stablecoin crisis levels)...



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com

#cryptos

#bitcoin #spot-etf

JUST IN: Bloomberg analysts predict a 90% chance that a Bitcoin spot ETF will be approved by SEC within the next 60 days.

Bitcoin ETFs' Approval Opportunity



James Seyffart
Team: Strategy
BI ETF Analyst



Eric Balchunas
Team: Strategy
BI Senior ETF Analyst

Potential Bitcoin ETF Approval Window Opens for BlackRock, Peers

A brief window opens on Nov. 9 for the SEC to potentially approve all 12 US spot Bitcoin ETF applicants, including Grayscale's GBTC. It will be open for at least eight days. Even if approvals don't arrive this month, we still believe there's a 90% chance of approval by Jan. 10. (11/08/23)

Source: WhaleWhire



#bitcoin #market-cap

Bitcoin market cap is now bigger than Tesla.
Charlie Munger and Warren Buffett are next.



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Hathaway

\$754.21 B

10 BRK-B



Bitcoin

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Tesla

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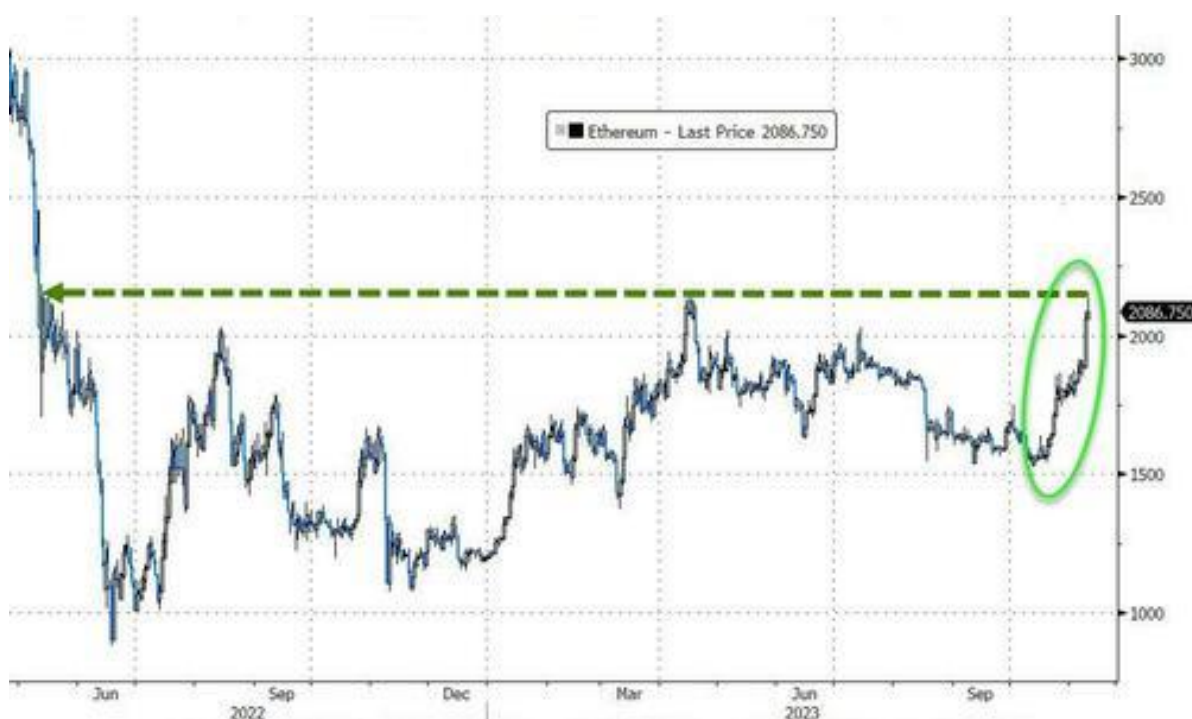
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Source: Bitcoin Archive



#ethereum #technicals

While Bitcoin got all the headlines (and Solana exploded 30% this week, up 145% in the last month), Ethereum's 12% rally was its best week since April...



Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg



#blackrock #ether #etf

BlackRock has made first step towards filing for a spot Ether ETF.

Summers @SummersThings · 1h

The iShares Ethereum Trust has just been registered in Delaware.

For context, BlackRock's iShares Bitcoin Trust was registered in a similar manner 7 days before they filed the ETF application with the SEC. Details below....

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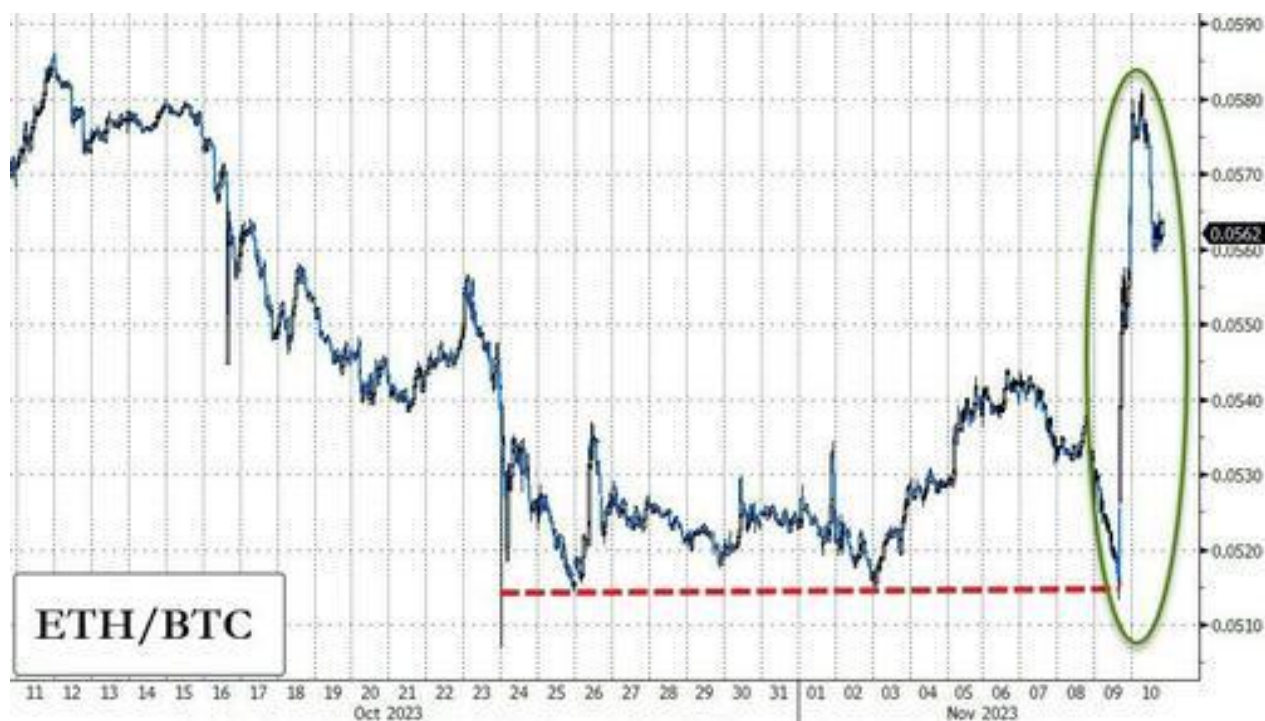
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Source: Eric Balchunas



#eth #btc #ratio

The ETH/BTC cross ripped higher off support, rallying over 8% in the last two weeks...



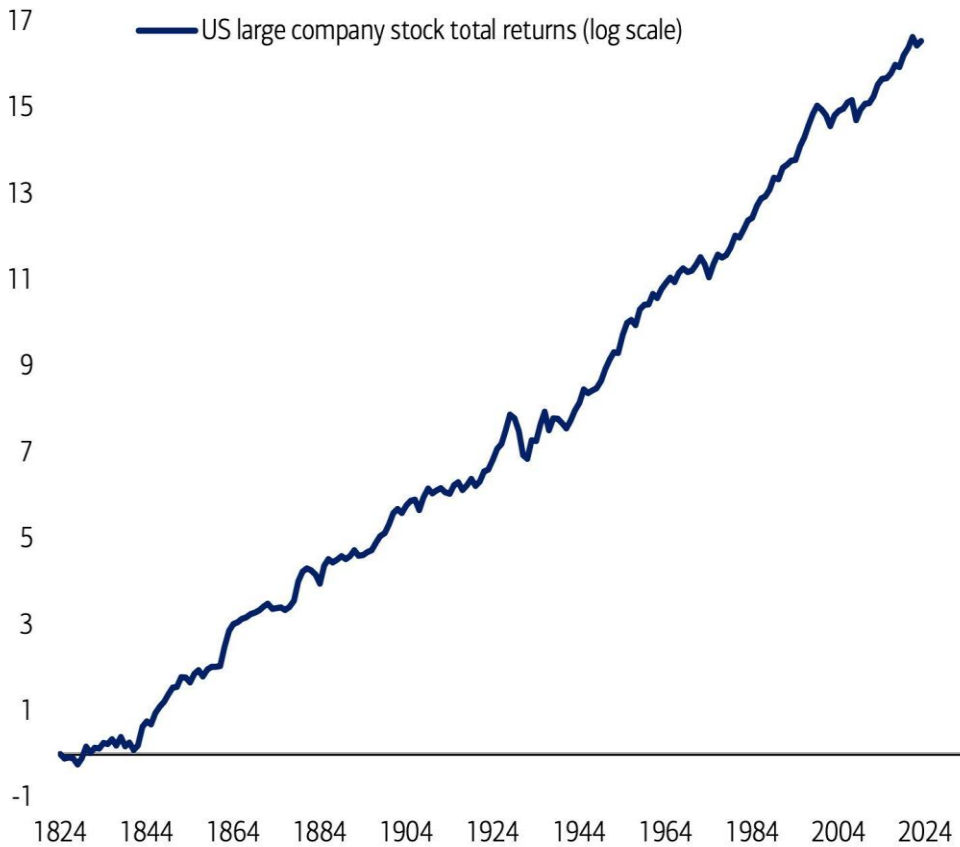
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#equities #long-run

Stock prices in the long-run.

Chart 27: In the long run, stock prices go up
US large company stock total returns, log scale



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Ibbotson, Global Financial Data

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#charlie-munger #investing

Investment Books (Dhaval) -> Charlie Munger's 10 Point checklist for investing

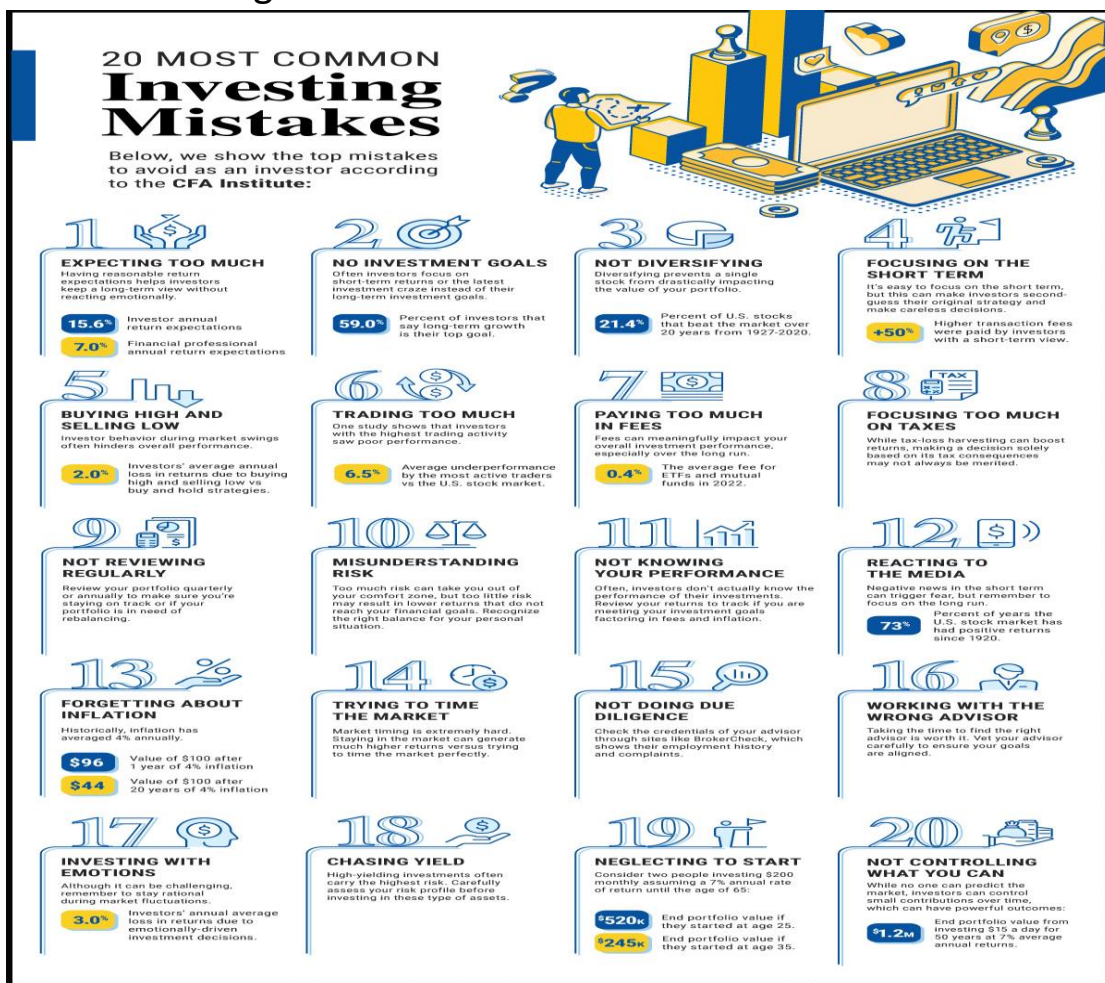
Charlie Munger's 10 point checklist for investing

1. **Measure risk:** All investment evaluations should begin by measuring risk, especially reputational.
2. **Be independent:** Only in fairy tales are emperors told they're naked
3. **Prepare ahead:** The only way to win is to work, work, work, and hope to have a few insights
4. **Have intellectual humility:** Acknowledging what you don't know is the dawning of wisdom
5. **Analyze rigorously:** Use effective checklists to minimize errors and omissions
6. **Allocate assets wisely:** Proper allocation of capital is an investor's No. 1 job.
7. **Have patience:** Resist the natural human bias to act.
8. **Be decisive:** When proper circumstances present themselves, act with decisiveness and conviction
9. **Be ready for change:** Accept un-removable complexity
10. **Stay focused:** Keep it simple and remember what you set out to do.

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#investing #mistakes

The 20 Most Common Investment Mistakes, in One Chart. From emotionally driven investment decisions to paying too much on fees, here are some mistakes that investors commonly make according to the CFA Institute.



Source: CFA Institute, Natixis, NYU, BCG, Dimensional Fund Advisors, Journal of Banking & Finance, Russell Investments, The Journal of Finance, Morningstar, JP Morgan, Oxford Risk, Segall, Bryant & Hamill, U.S. News.

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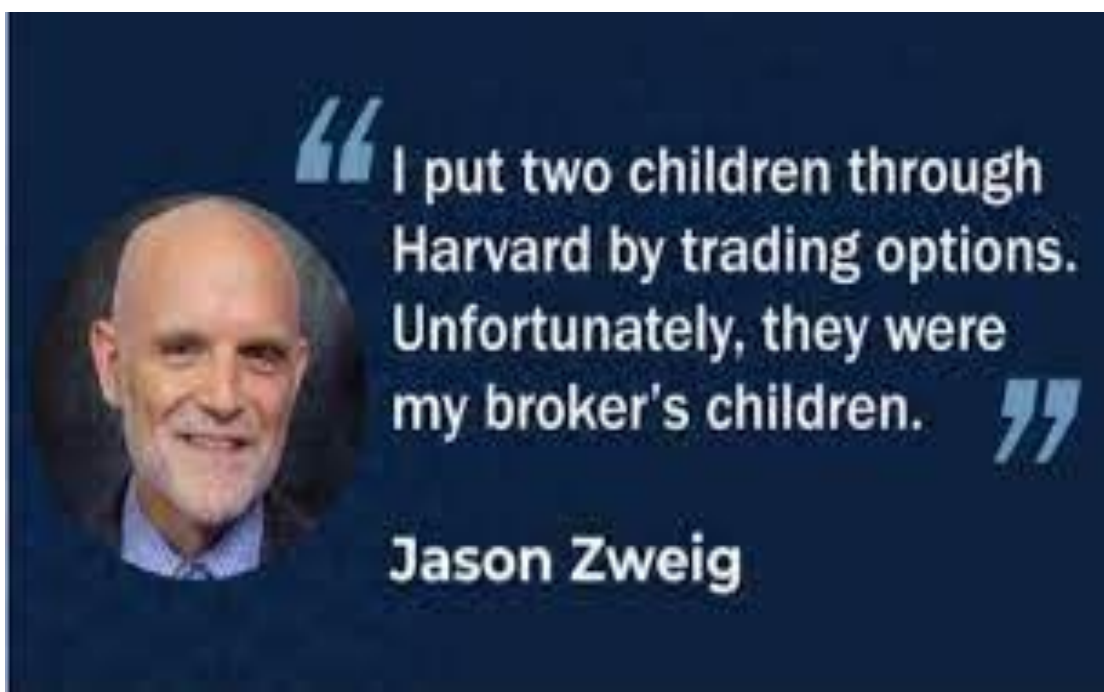
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#trading #broker

Thought of the day...



Source: Barchart

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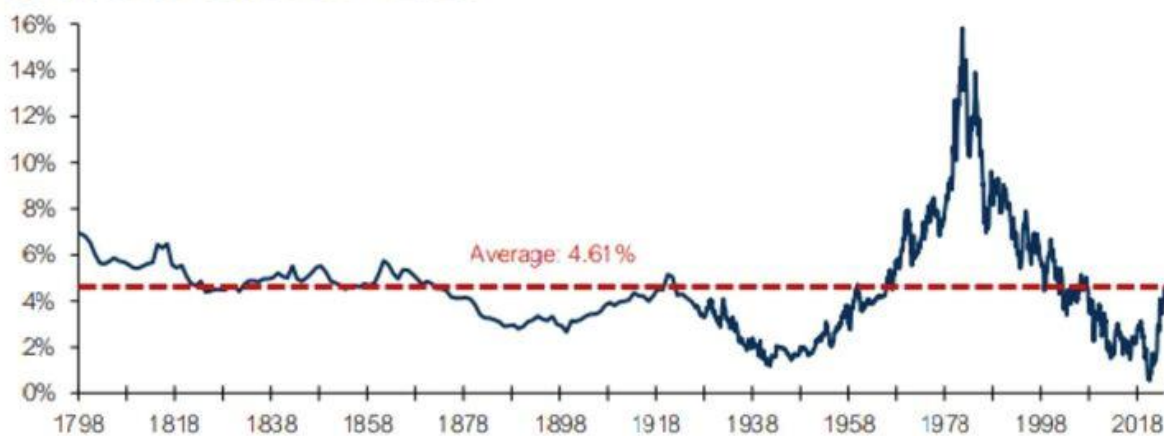
#us #interest-rates

200+ years of US interest rates...

The Long View

@HayekAndKeynes

US Interest Rates 1798 - 2023



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#economic-stability

Most Economically Stable Countries



World of Statistics

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Most economically stable countries:

1. Switzerland
2. UAE
3. Canada
4. Germany
5. Japan
6. Sweden
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8. Netherlands
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11. Saudi Arabia
12. China
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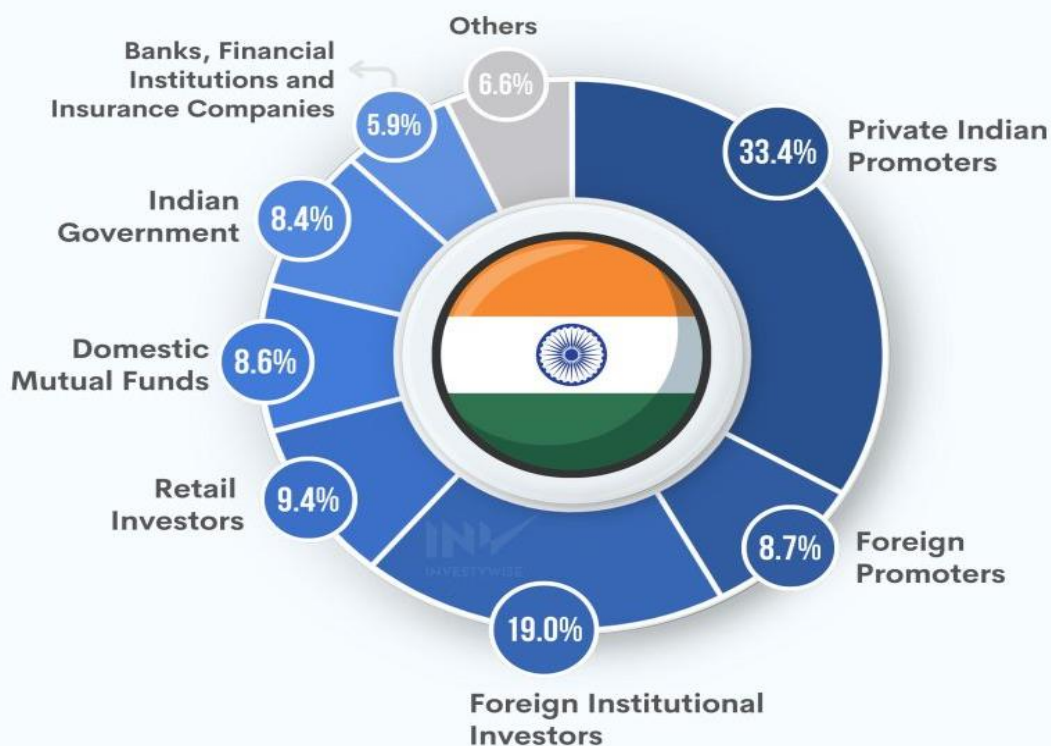
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#india #equities

Retail Investors own 9.4% of the NSE-listed companies.

Who Owns India Inc.?

The chart shows the ownership breakdown of NSE-listed companies as on June 30, 2023.



Source: NSE

Source: investywise

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#aliexpress #e-commerce #europe

Did you know that the biggest e-Commerce app in Asia AND EUROPE trades at 10X earnings? \$BABA

AliExpress becomes Europe's biggest e-commerce site

October 24, 2023 By Miranda Jarrett In News

Alibaba-owned e-commerce site AliExpress has overtaken Amazon to become [Europe's biggest online marketplace](#) according to Cross-Border Commerce Europe (CBCE), a platform dedicated to fostering cross-border e-commerce in Europe.

As part of an [annual study](#) mapping the 100 best global marketplaces operating in the EU-28 (27 current member states plus the UK), CBCE scored sites on four "cross-border performance" parameters: number of countries covered, sales in Europe, SEO indicators, and percentage of cross-border visits to the site.

Source: A.J. Button

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#uae #ai #competition

Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed, Crown Prince of Dubai, has announced plans for a challenge focused on generative artificial intelligence, with the winners set to receive a total of Dh1 million (\$272,290) amid the emirate's shift towards the future economy. The Global Prompt Engineering Championship will be held in May next year at Dubai's Museum of the Future. In the context of AI, a prompt refers to a specific request made to a language model such as ChatGPT, which can in turn provide a response or solution for a user.



Source: The National News

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#grok #ai #x

'Grok' AI. xAI, Elon Musk's new AI venture, launched its first AI chatbot technology named Grok. The prototype is in its first two months of training and is only available to a select group of users before a wider release. Musk is positioning xAI to compete with OpenAI, Inflection, Anthropic and others.



Source: cnbc

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#shein #ipo #valuation

Shein Targets Up to \$90 Billion Valuation in US IPO, Sources Say. Shein has seen big swings in its price tag over the last year. The company has told prospective investors that it's aiming to fetch a valuation of \$80 billion to \$90 billion in a listing, the people said. The timing of the share sale remains uncertain given the market volatility, according to the people. In private trades, Shein's valuation has dropped below the \$66 billion it got in a funding round in May, the people said. Stakes that have recently changed hands in the secondary market valued the company at around \$50 billion to \$60 billion, the people said.



Source: bloomberg

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#wework #bankruptcy #real-estate

From The Kobeissi Letter -> Bankruptcy documents show that WeWork, \$WE, will immediately break 40 office leases in New York City. Documents also show that WeWork plans to break leases on 70 properties in New York City. Note that 40 of these locations are completely empty. Once a \$47 billion company, WeWork still has 700 locations world wide. Could this bankruptcy worsen the commercial real estate crisis?

Bankrupt WeWork to Immediately Dump 40 NYC Office Leases

- Co-working firm entered Chapter 11 protection on Monday
- Loss-making locations helped drive WeWork to bankruptcy



WeWork Files Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in New Jersey

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#vix #credit-risk #tool

Credit VIX

Credit VIX[®]: A New Tool for Measuring and Managing Credit Risk

Introduction

The Credit VIX Indices are a new set of benchmarks that seek to measure the expected volatility of credit spreads in North America and Europe over the next one, three and six months. These indices use a modified methodology based on the Cboe[®] Volatility Index[®] (VIX)¹ applied to swaptions based on S&P Dow Jones Indices' (S&P DJI) iTraxx and CDX indices, European-style credit default swap index options,² aggregating prices across different maturities and strike prices. The result is a number representing expected volatility over different Credit VIX tenors.³

Cboe Credit Volatility Index	Ticker
CDX/Cboe NA High Yield 1-Month Volatility Index (BP Volatility)	VIXHY
CDX/Cboe NA High Yield 3-month Volatility Index (BP Volatility)	VIXHY3M
CDX/Cboe NA High Yield 6-month Volatility Index (BP Volatility)	VIXHY6M
CDX/Cboe NA Investment Grade 1-Month Volatility Index (BP Volatility)	VIXIG
CDX/Cboe NA Investment Grade 3-month Volatility Index (BP Volatility)	VIXIG3M
CDX/Cboe NA Investment Grade 6-month Volatility Index (BP Volatility)	VIXIG6M
iTraxx/Cboe Europe Crossover 1-Month Volatility Index (BP Volatility)	VIXXO
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iTraxx/Cboe Europe Main 1-Month Volatility Index (BP Volatility)	VIXIE
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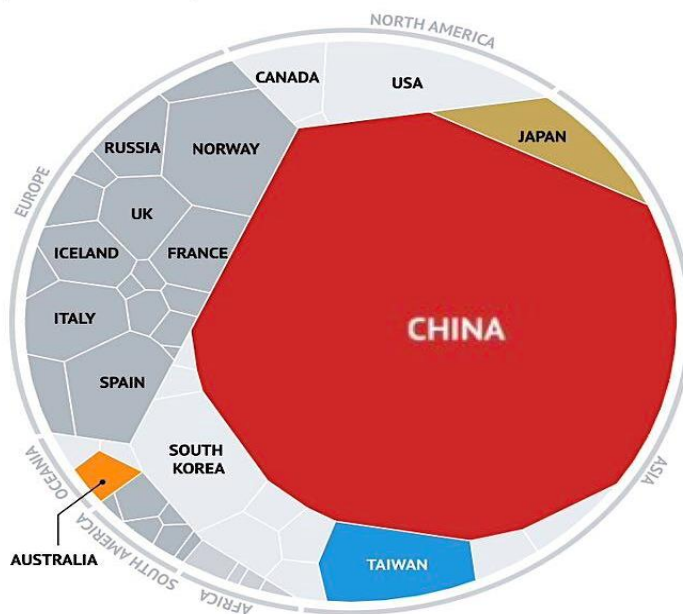
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#china #fishing

Chart of global fish catch per country -> China will account for 37% of the global catch by 2030. Chinese boats have expanded their capacity to harvest staggering amounts of catch in a single voyage. China subsidizes the fuel cost for fishing boats. That's what makes it economical for them to roam the oceans. The Chinese Pacific fishing fleet has grown more than 500 per cent to 564,000 vessels.

China's fishing fleet now dwarfs all other countries'

Proportion of active fishing vessels of top 50 countries comparing Australia against China, Taiwan, and Japan (data from 2020)

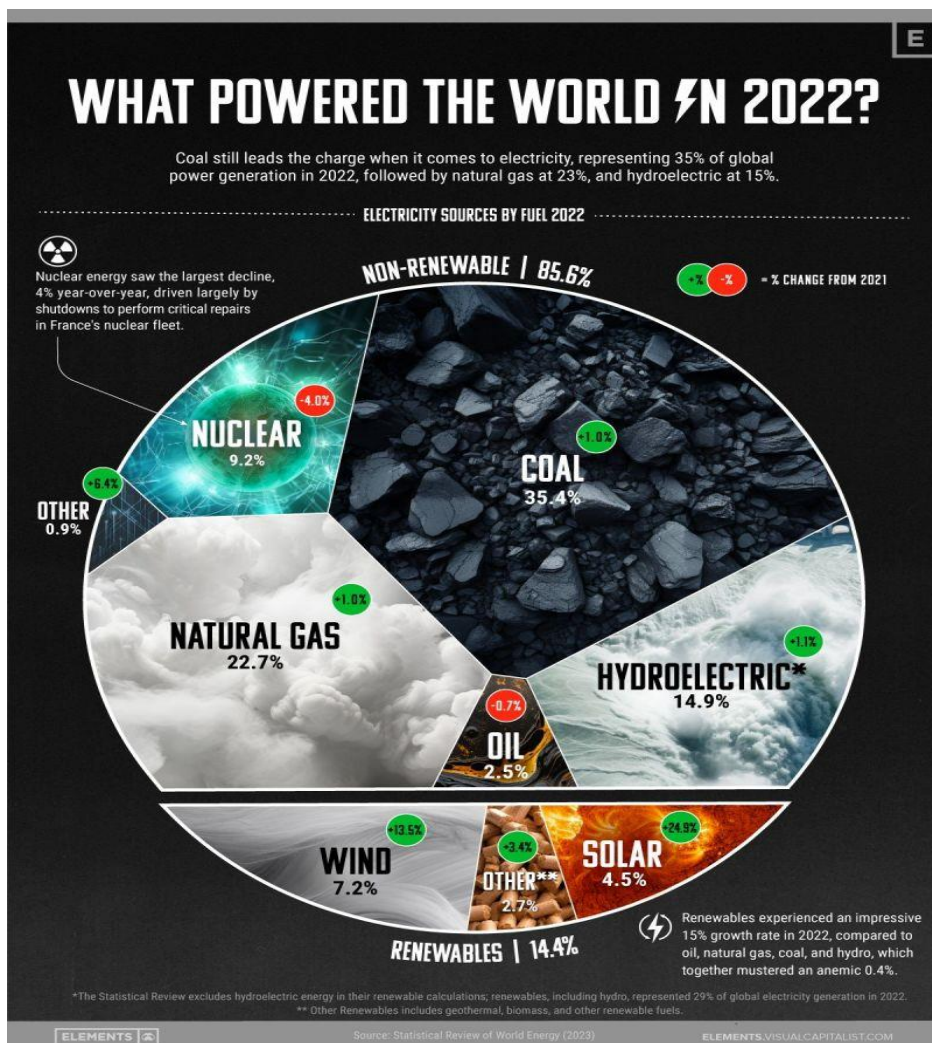


SOURCE: GLOBAL FISHING WATCH GRAPHIC: MATT MALISHEV

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#global #electricity #sources

What powered the world in 2022? Coal still leads the charge when it comes to electricity, representing 35% of global power generation, followed by natural gas at 23% and hydroelectric at 15%.



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#net-zero #esg #emissions

Corporate net zero targets jump, but only 4% meet UN climate goals. The number of companies setting net zero emissions targets has risen over 40% to 1,003 since June 2022, but 4% of the targets meet United Nations criteria for reaching the goal. That's according to the latest analysis from Net Zero Tracker, which examines net zero targets in the Forbes Global 2000 list of the world's largest companies and found the 16-month jump to October brought an aggregate annual revenue which covered such targets, some \$27 trillion. 37% of corporate net zero targets cover Scope 3 emissions, those that are not produced by the company itself but are tied to its value chain, while 13% specified quality thresholds for carbon offsets. This signals an overreliance on low quality offset credits, rather than emissions reductions, per the report that was published Monday.

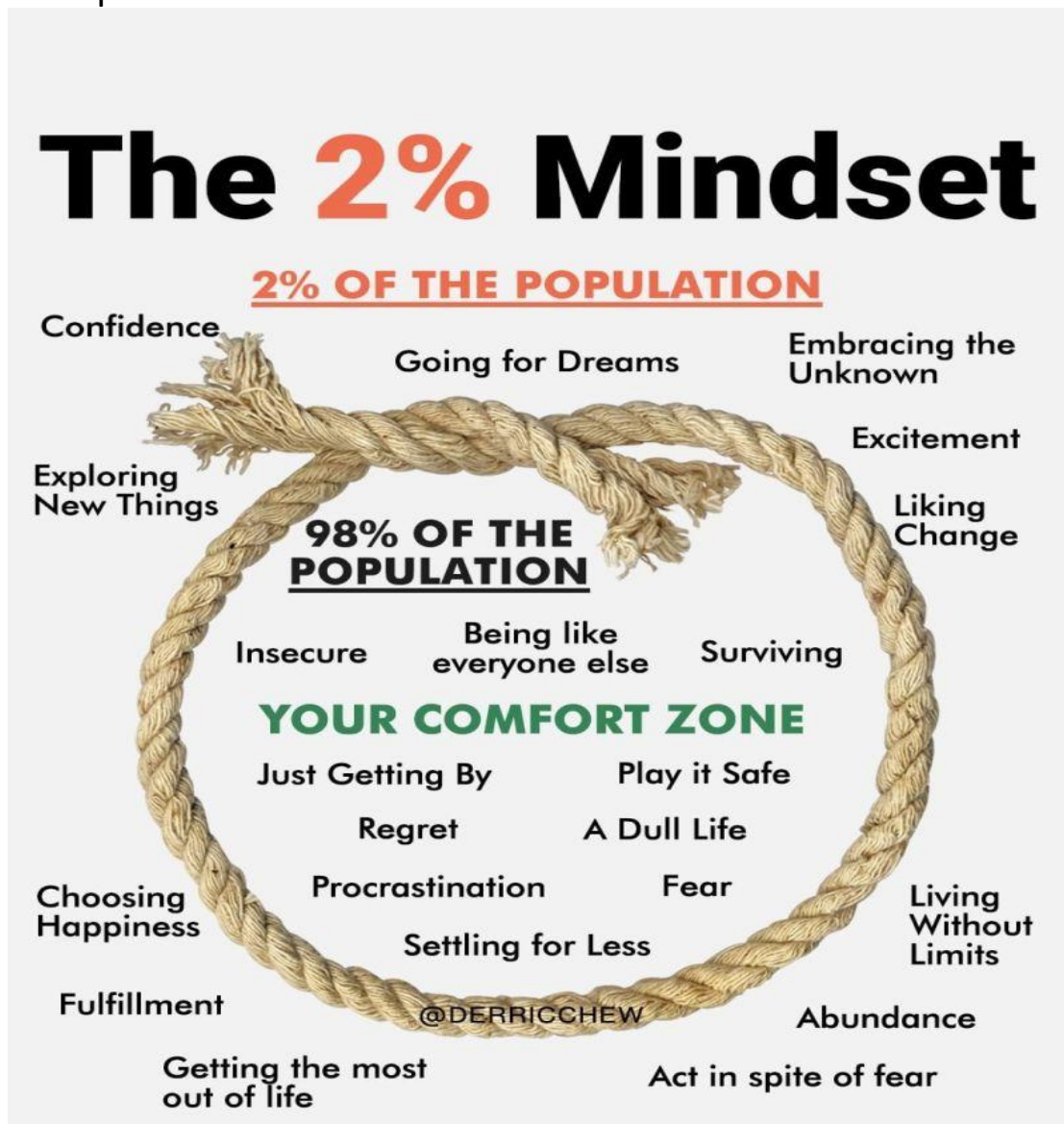


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#mindset #personal-growth

The 2pct mindset

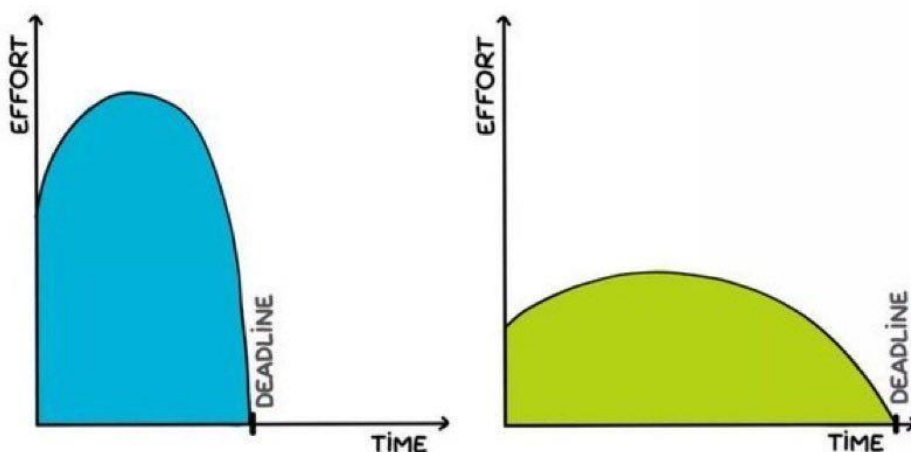


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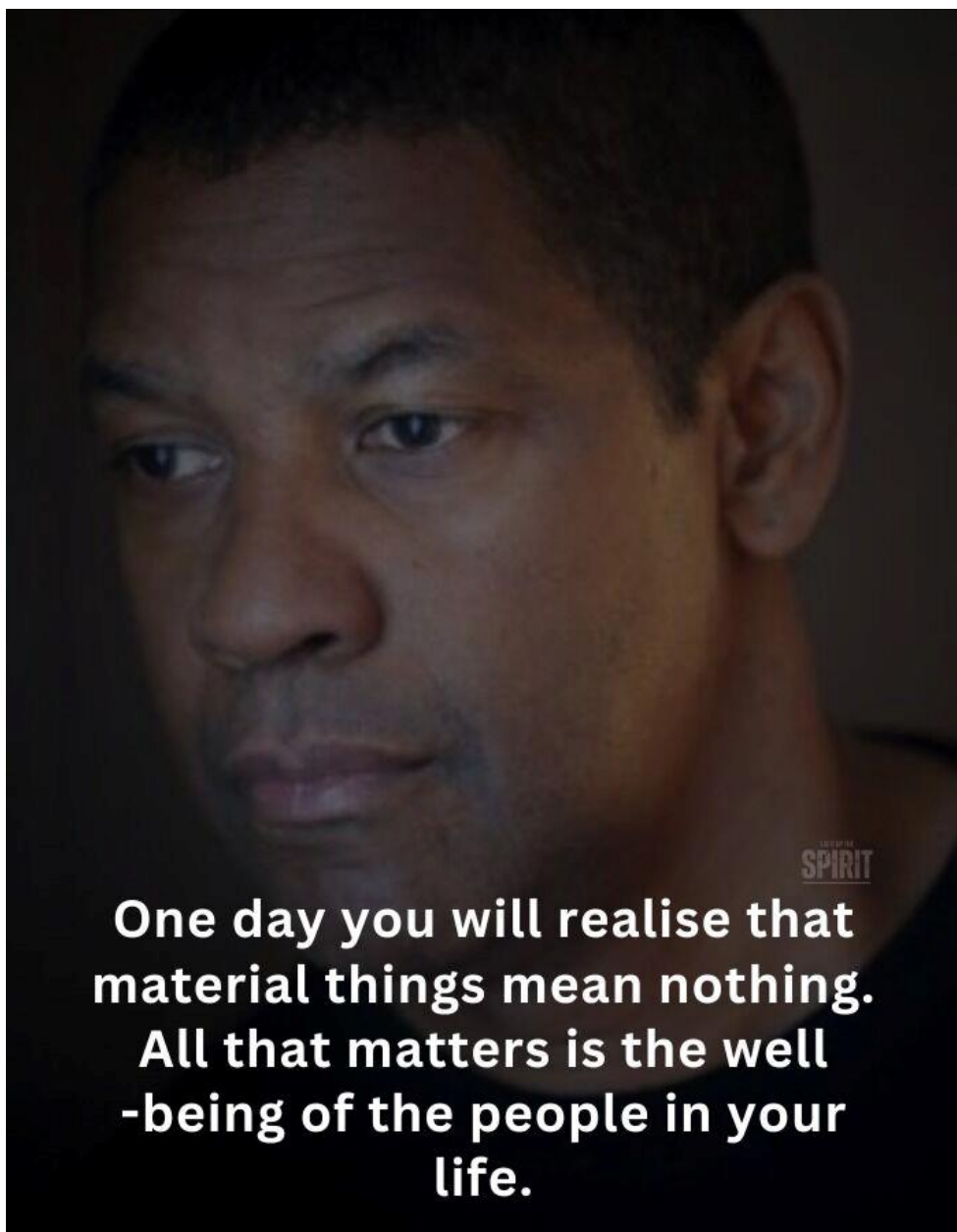
WORK EXPANDS SO AS TO FILL THE TIME AVAILABLE FOR IT'S COMPLETION

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#well-being



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