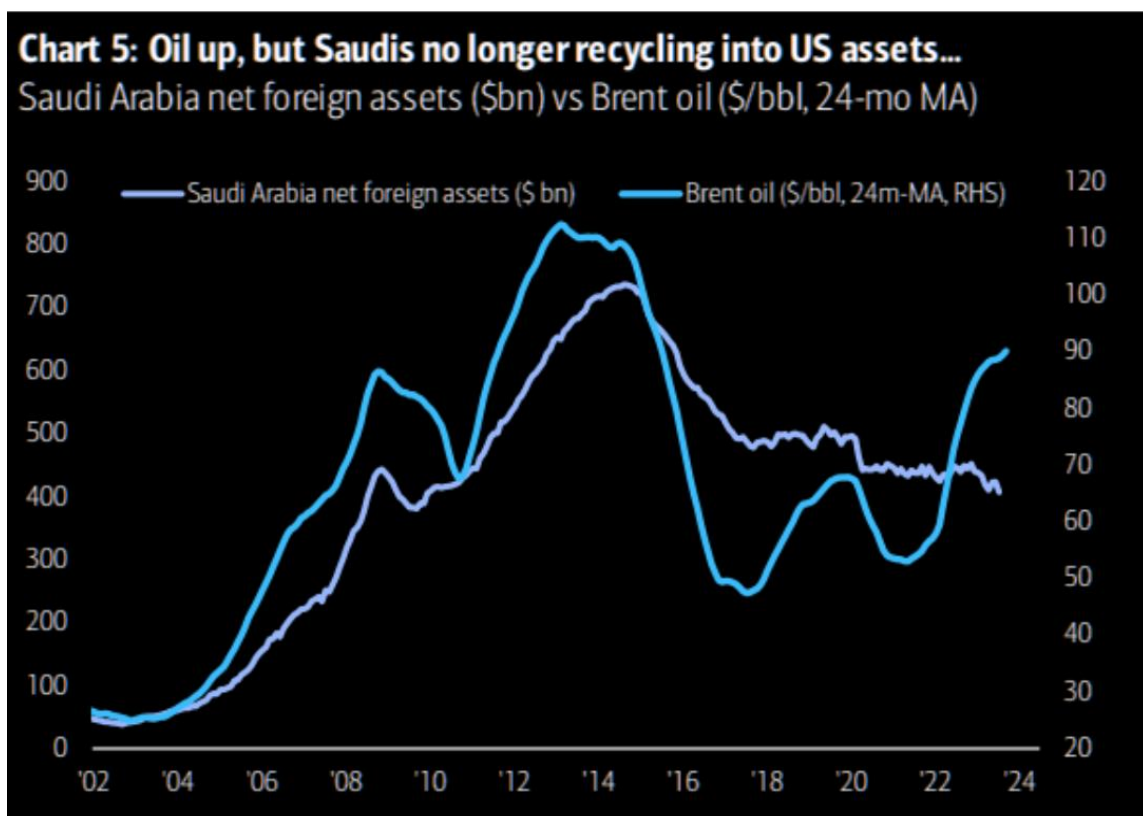


Chart of the week

The Petrodollar deal loses force

Despite the rise in oil prices, the Saudis are no longer recycling into US assets...Indeed, Saudi Arabia US Treasury holdings are down 40% since the February 2022 peak (from \$184bn to \$108bn).



Source: BofA

Good macro news are bad news for the market

Stocks closed lower over the holiday-shortened week as positive economic data drove an increase in bond yields. Growth stocks and large-caps outperformed value and small-caps. Apple was one of the main negative performance contributors after news that Chinese government employees would no longer be able to use iPhones. Declines in NVIDIA and other chipmakers also weighed on the indexes. Macroeconomic data surprised on the upside. E.g the ISM report on August services sector activity jumped unexpectedly to its highest level since February. Meanwhile, Thursday's weekly jobless claims report came in lower than expected; the number of Americans applying for unemployment in the previous week fell to 216,000, the lowest level in six months. The jobless numbers sparked a rise in short-term bond yields, with the yield on the two-year U.S. Treasury note briefly crossing back above the 5% threshold on Thursday afternoon. In Europe, the STOXX Europe 600 Index ended 0.76% lower as a string of economic data provided more signals that the eurozone economy continues to stumble. Chinese stocks retreated as the latest economic indicators reinforced concerns about the country's weakening outlook. Oil prices rallied for the 9th week of the last 11 with WTI pushing up towards \$90 (its highest weekly close since November). The dollar surged to its best week since February and its highest weekly close since December. The dollar has risen for 8 straight weeks.

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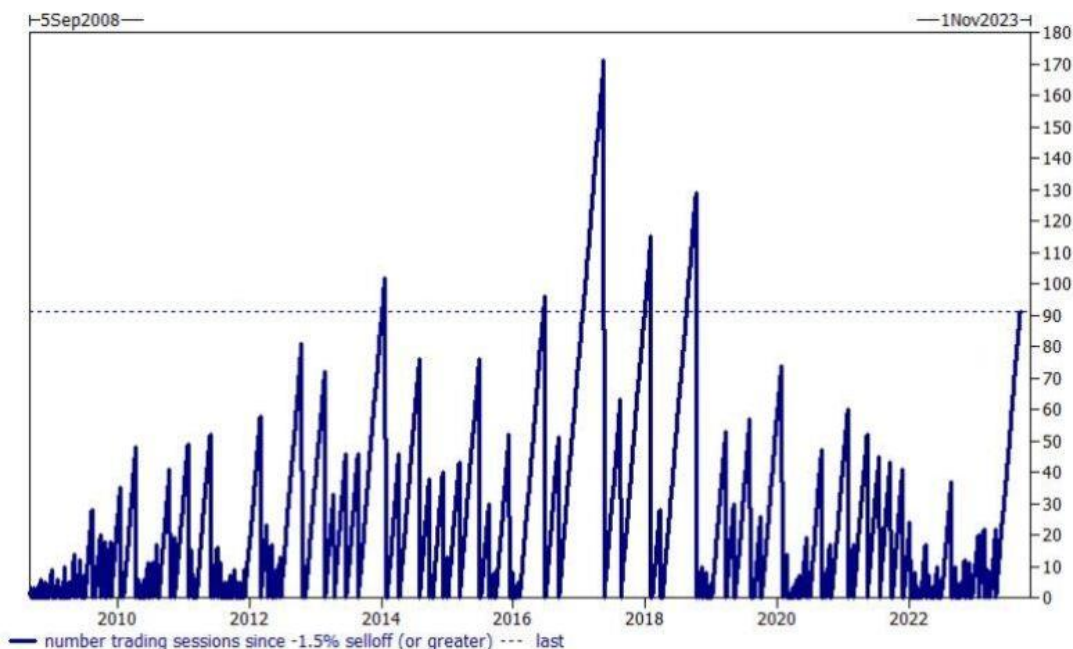
INDEX	CLOSE	WEEK	YTD
Dow Jones Industrial Average	34,577	-0.7%	4.3%
S&P 500 Index	4,457	-1.3%	16.1%
NASDAQ	13,762	-1.9%	31.5%
MSCI EAFE*	2,077	-1.3%	6.9%
10-yr Treasury Yield	4.26%	0.1%	0.4%
Oil (\$/bbl)	\$87.28	2.0%	8.7%
Bonds	\$95.78	-0.3%	0.8%

Source: Factset 09/08/2023. Bonds represented by the iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF. * 4-day performance ending on Thursday.



#sp500 #performance #anomaly

As Goldman's Brian Garrett noted yesterday, it has been 91 days since the sp500 suffered a 1.5% loss or greater in a day... That's unusual - it has happened only 5 times in the last 15 years. As we have discussed recently, Sep + Oct are seasonally-volatile months...



source :: gs ficc and equities // bloomberg // past performance is not indicative future returns

Source: Goldman Sachs

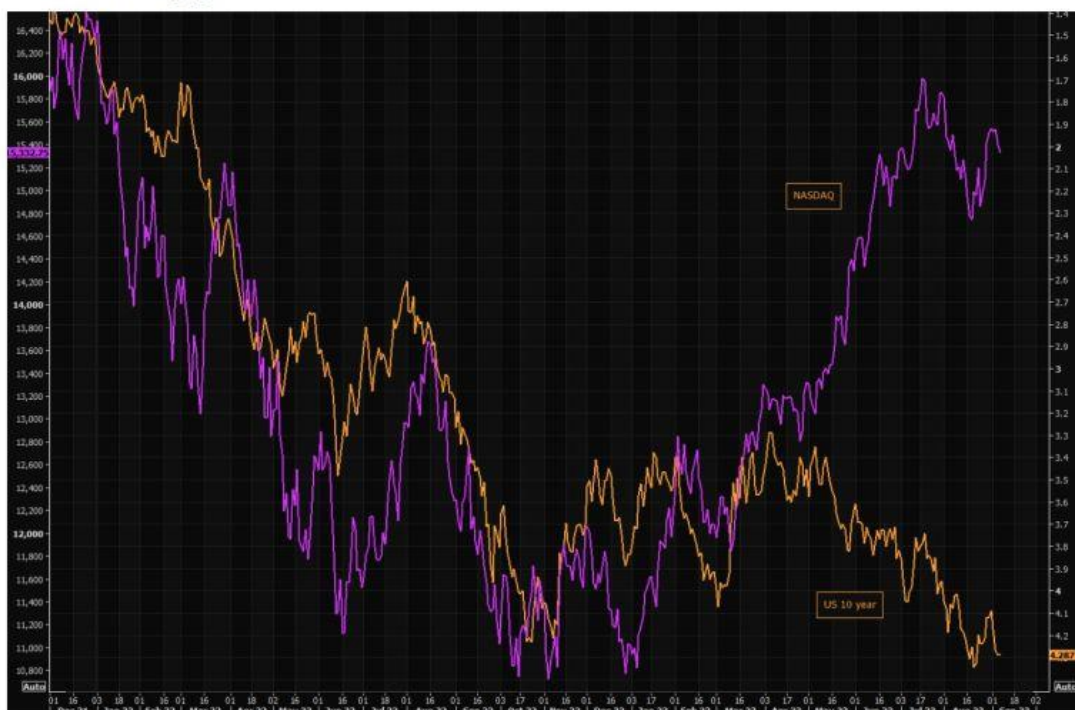




#nasdaq #us #tenyear

The longer-term gap between NASDAQ and the US 10 year remains huge

The crocodile gap



Source: Refinitiv

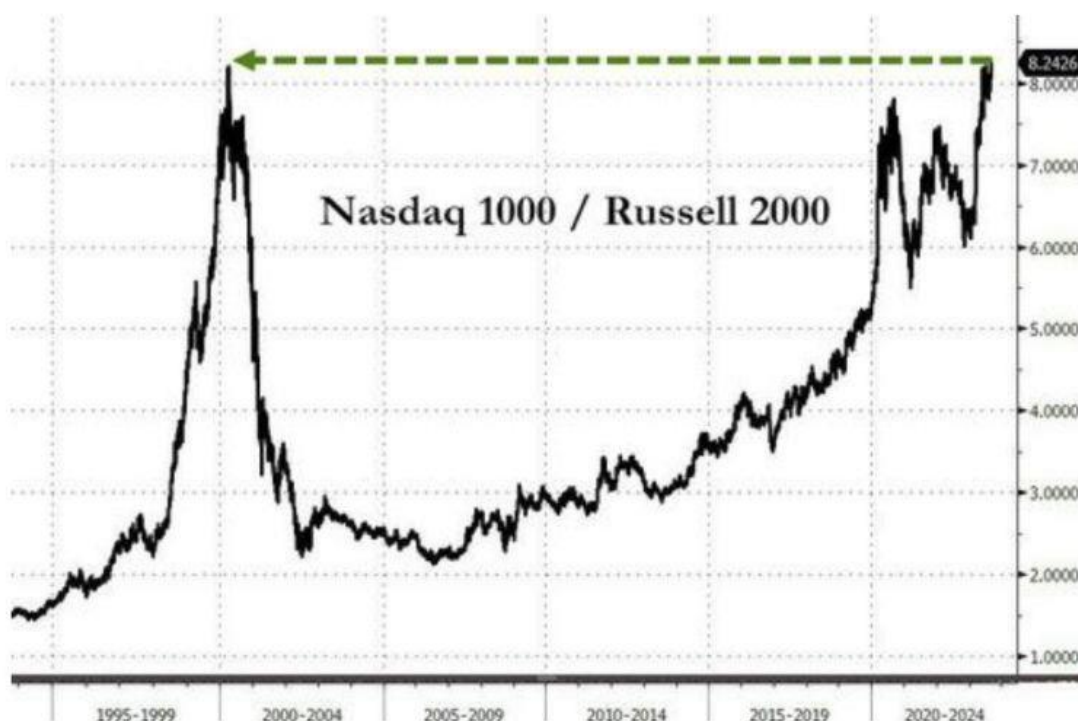
Source: TME, Refiitiv





#nasdaq #russell2000

The Nasdaq relative to the Russell 2000 is breaking out to a new cycle high. The last time Nasdaq/Russell 2000 traded here was March 2000 - the very peak of the dotcom bubble...



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com

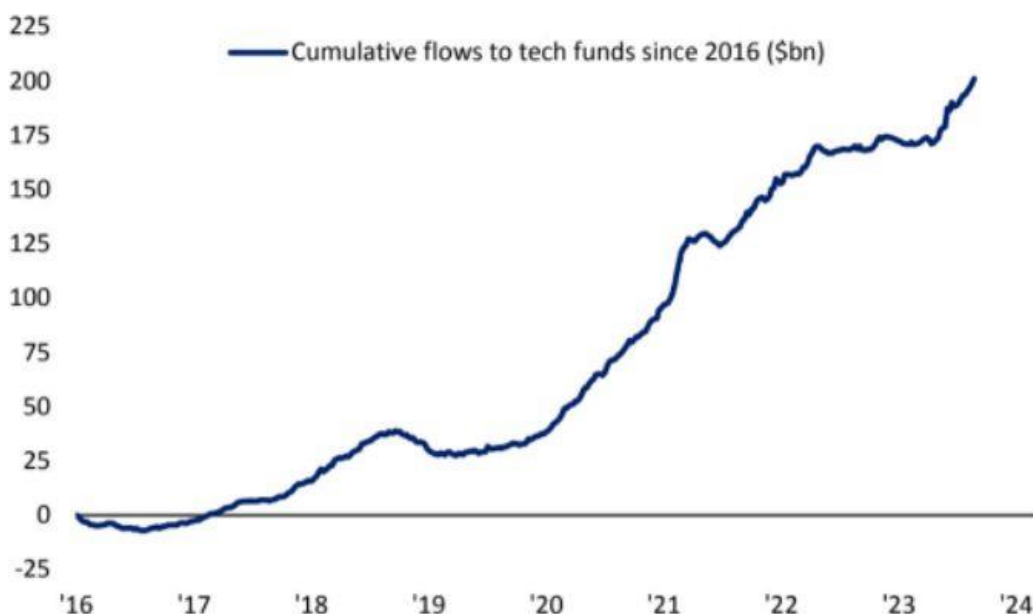


#tech #inflows #funds

Technology Funds have seen capital inflows for 10 consecutive weeks, the longest stretch since September 2021

Chart 12: Longest streak of inflows to tech since Sep'21

Cumulative flows to tech funds since 2016 (\$bn)



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, EPFR

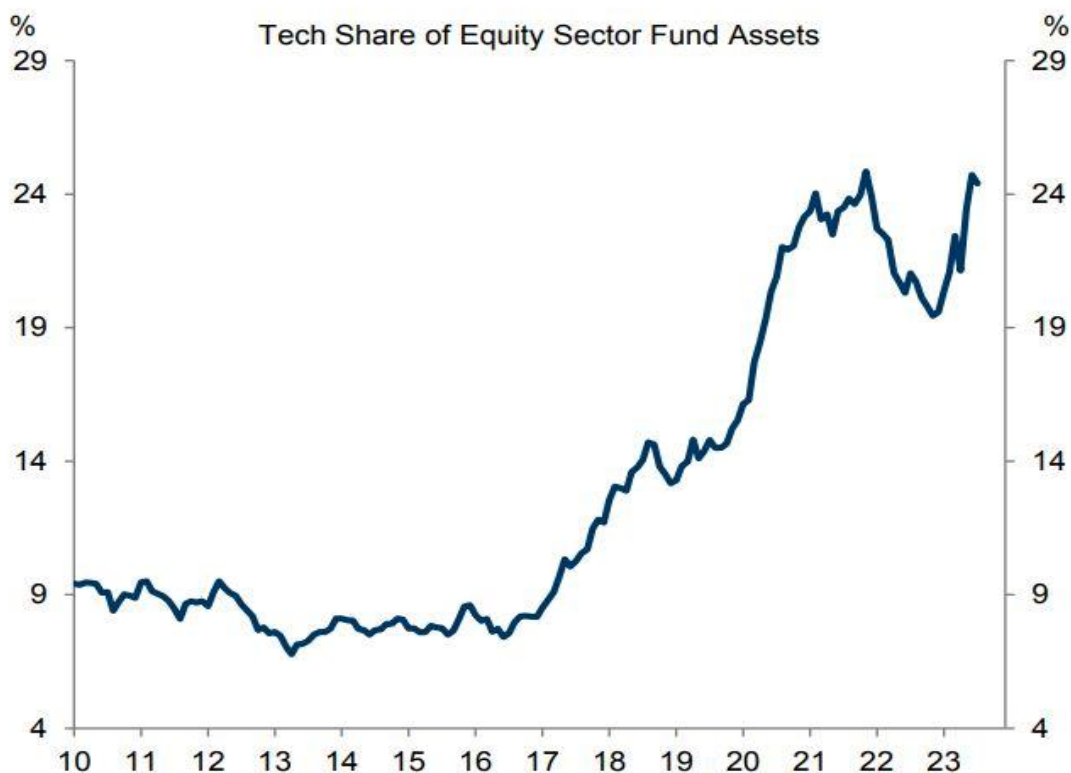
Source: bachard BofA





#tech #equities #fund #assets

Technology stocks now reflect a record ~25% of all equity fund assets. Just 8 years ago, technology stocks only reflected just ~9% of all equity fund assets. Meanwhile, 5 stocks currently account for ~70% of the Nasdaq's gain this year. Technology stocks have become the backbone of the stock market.



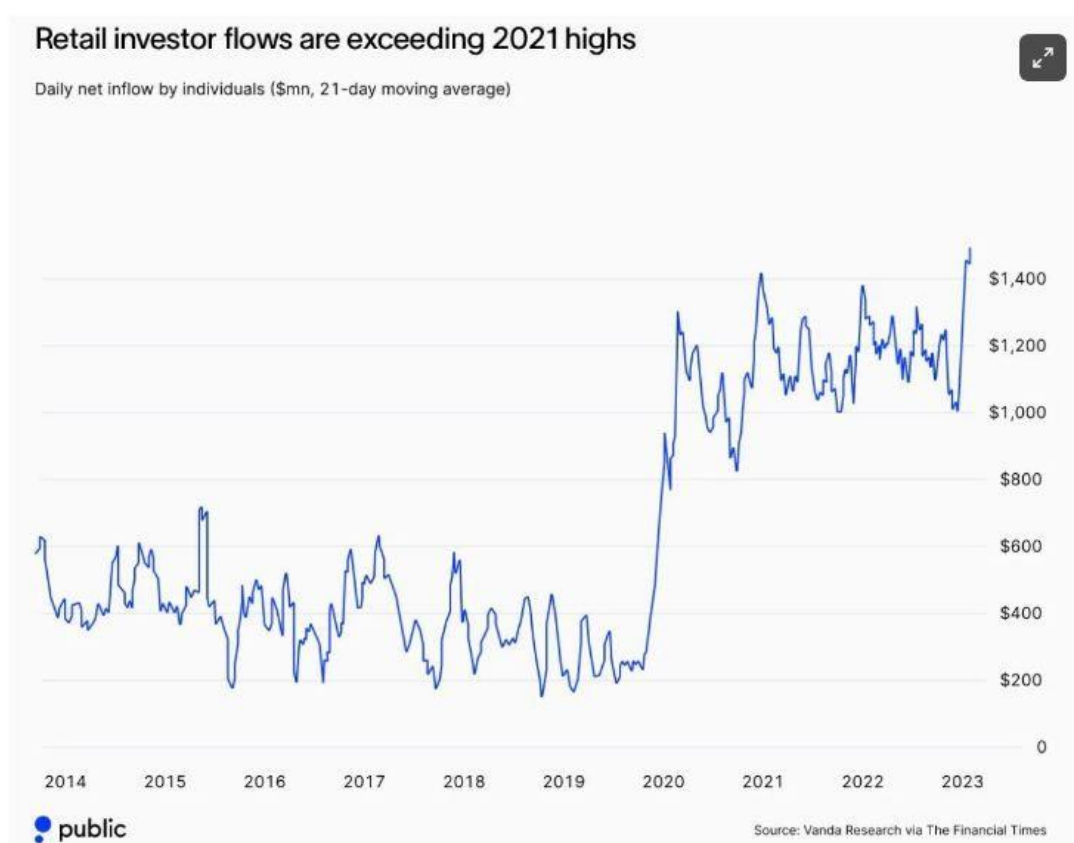
Source: The Kobeissi Letter





#optimism #investor #flows

Is the market too complacent? retail investor flows are exceeding 2021 highs

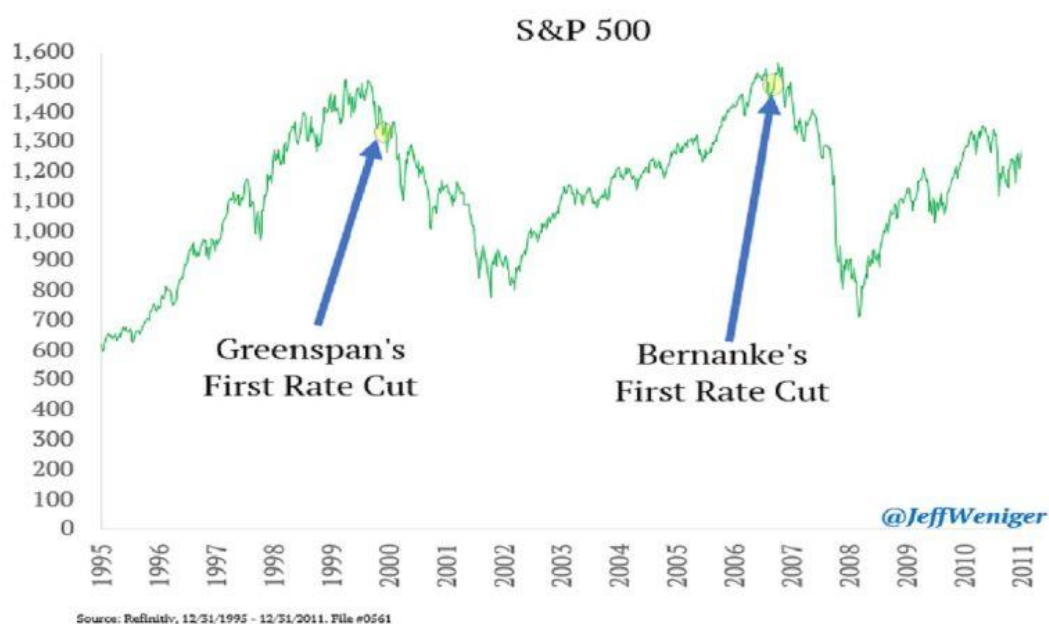


Source: Topdown charts, vanda research via FT



#sp500 fed #rate-cut #outcome

If the Fed cuts rates next year, is that a good thing?

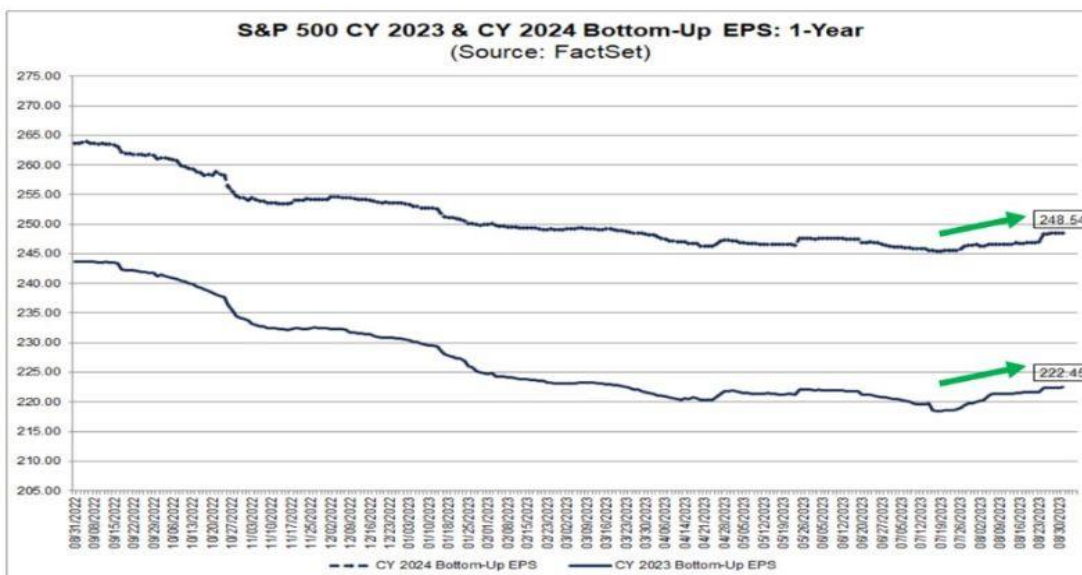


Source: Jeff Weniger



#us #sp500 #estimates #eps

ANALYSTS ARE RAISING QUARTERLY S&P 500 EPS ESTIMATES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE Q3 2021. At the end of the earnings season for the second quarter, have analysts lowered EPS estimates more than normal for S&P 500 companies for the third quarter? The answer is no. During the months of July and August, analysts increased EPS estimates for S&P 500 companies for the third quarter. The Q3 bottom-up EPS estimate increased by 0.4% (to \$56.10 from \$55.86) from June 30 to August 31. While analysts were raising EPS estimates in aggregate for the third quarter, they were also increasing EPS estimates for the fourth quarter. The bottom-up EPS estimate for the fourth quarter increased by 0.6%.



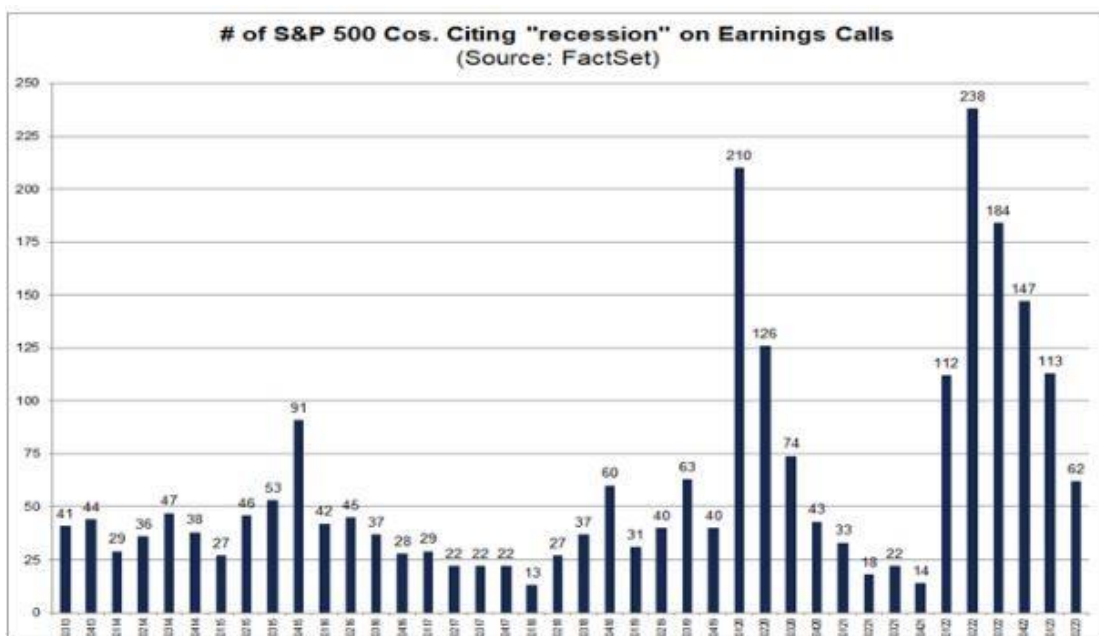
Source: Factset





#recession #earnings #sp500

The number of companies citing "recession" during earnings calls fell for the 4th straight month to 62 in Q2, the lowest since Q4 2021.



Source: factset



#us #inflation #top-line #sp500

Inflation has been a boost to sp500 companies top-line growth. Now that inflation starts to cool down, could it work the other way around? Here's the view from Morgan Stanley: "Our boom/bust framework would suggest inflation as it relates to corporate earnings (i.e., pricing) falls toward zero or even below. This is likely to have a significant impact on sales growth and, consequently, on earnings growth as negative operating leverage takes hold."

Inflation and the earnings connection



Source: MS

Source: TME





#us #equities #relative-valuation

The S&P 500 earnings yield minus risk-free cash rate (3-month treasury bill) has dropped to its lowest level (-90 basis points) in 23 years

Chart 9: 'EY < cash yield' has historically led to equity sell-offs

S&P 500 earnings yield – UST 3-month yield



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg



Source: BofA, Barchart

#sp500 #blackstone #airbnb

Blackstone and Airbnb Set to Join S&P 500. S&P Dow Jones Indices will make the following changes prior to the open of trading on Monday, September 18, to coincide with the quarterly rebalance. US Index Changes: Blackstone and Airbnb will replace Lincoln National and Newell Brands in the S&P 500 respectively, and Lincoln National and Newell Brands will replace UNIQURE and Universal Insurance Holdings respectively in the S&P SmallCap 600. S&P 500 constituent Deere & Co. will replace Walgreens Boots Alliance in the S&P 100. Walgreens Boots Alliance will remain in the S&P 500. STOXX Europe 600 : Additions: Accelleron Industries, Buzzi, CD Projekt, Hochtief, Teamviewer. Deletions: ALK-Abello, Bavarian Nordic, Close Brothers, Corporación Acciona Energías Renovables, Telefonica Deutschland

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Blackstone and Airbnb Set to Join S&P 500; Others to Join S&P 100, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600

NEW YORK, September 1, 2023: S&P Dow Jones Indices ("S&P DJI") will make the following changes to the S&P 500, S&P 100, S&P MidCap 400 and S&P SmallCap 600 indices effective prior to the open of trading on Monday, September 18, to coincide with the quarterly rebalance. The changes ensure each index is more representative of its market capitalization range. All companies being added to the S&P MidCap 400 are more representative of the mid-cap market space, and all companies being added to the S&P SmallCap 600 are more representative of the small-cap market space. The companies being removed from the S&P SmallCap 600 are no longer representative of the small-cap market space.

Source: S&Pglobal



#us #equities #sectors #weekly

Energy stocks dominated the week (and are up for the 9th day in the last 10) and along with Utes were the only sector in the green. Industrials and Materials were the laggards...

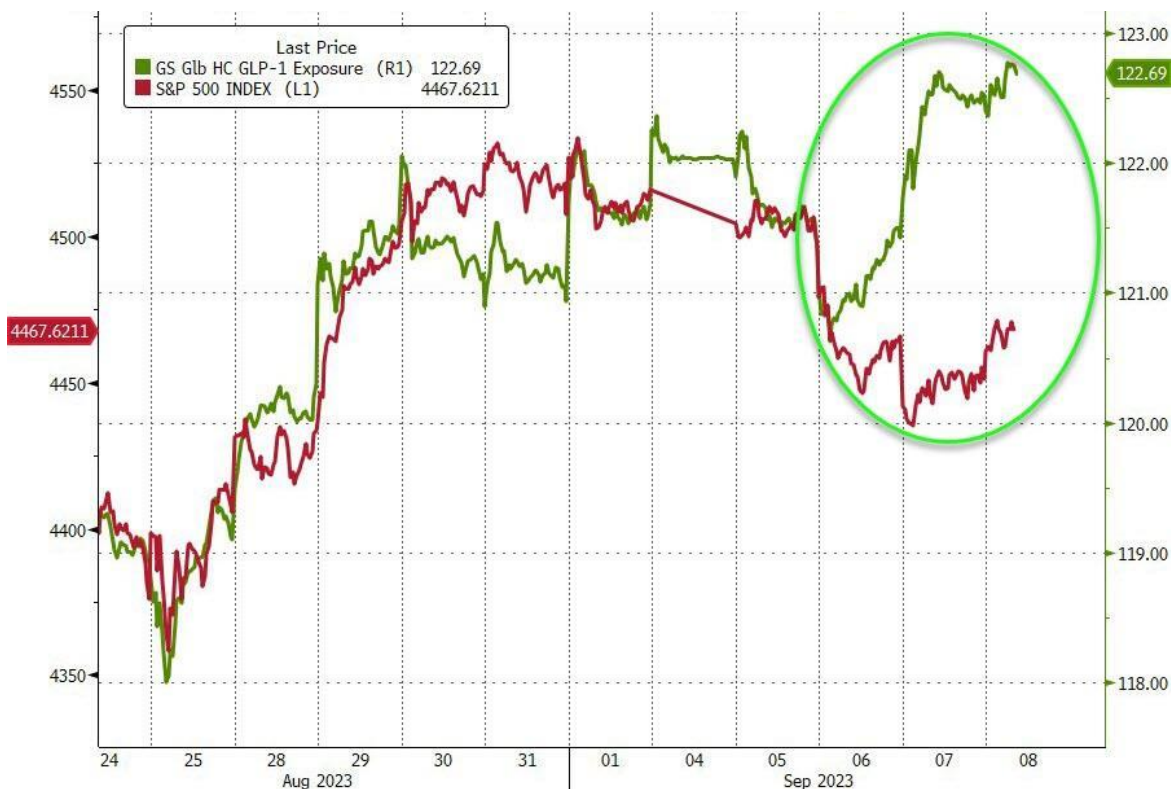


Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com



#weekly #winners

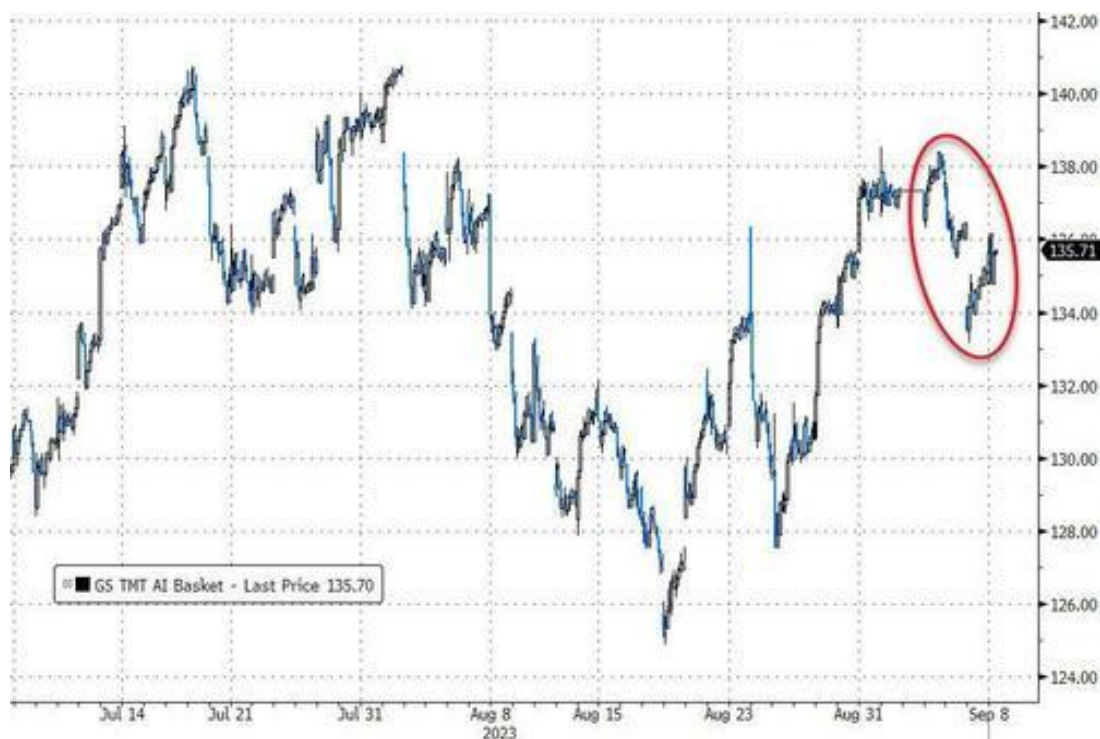
The big winners of the week were fat-loss-drug-peddling companies (GLP-1) which outperformed the market and so-called 'at-risk' companies (healthcare-related firms face pressure from lower obesity, reduced cardiovascular events)...





#ai-beneficiaries #weekly

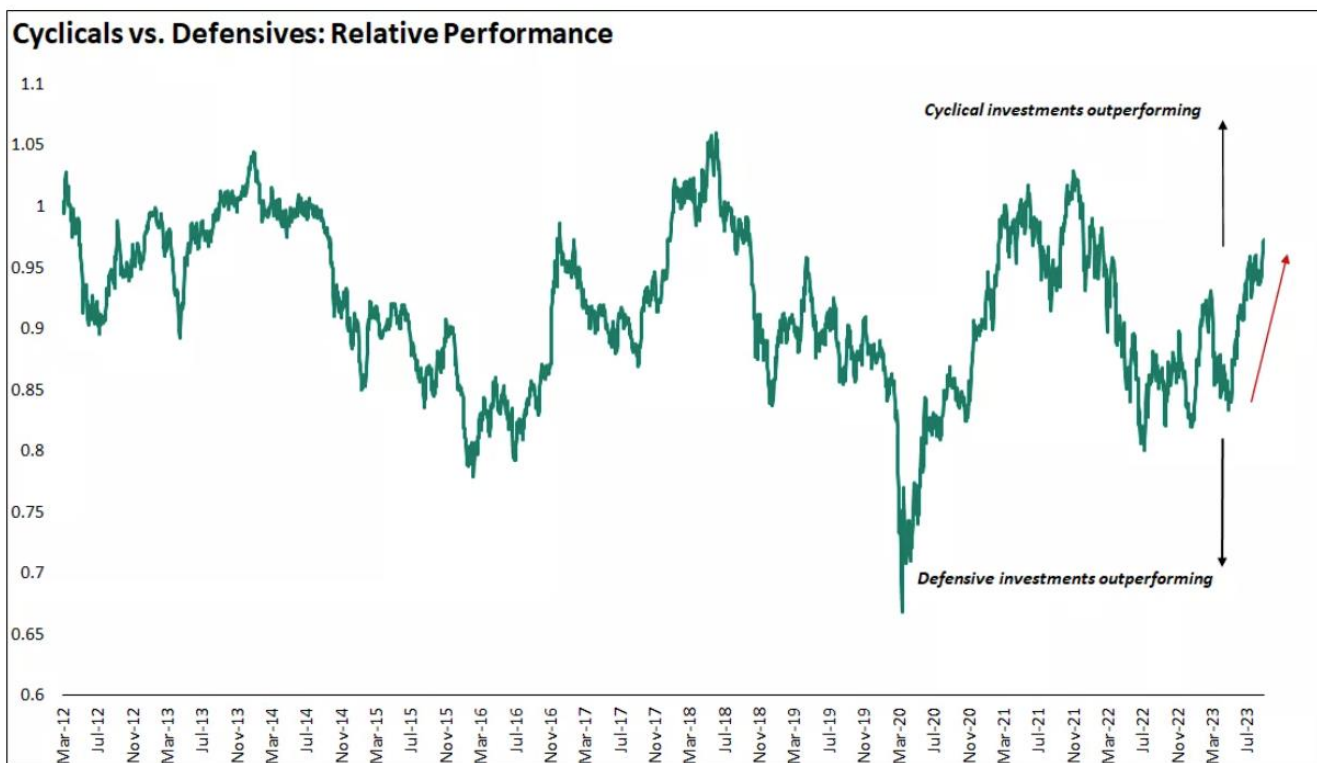
AI Beneficiaries suffered this week as they failed to make a new cycle high and slipped lower...





#cyclicals #defensives #leadership

Cyclical investments have outperformed defensives since March of this year as fears surrounding the banking crisis began to subside.

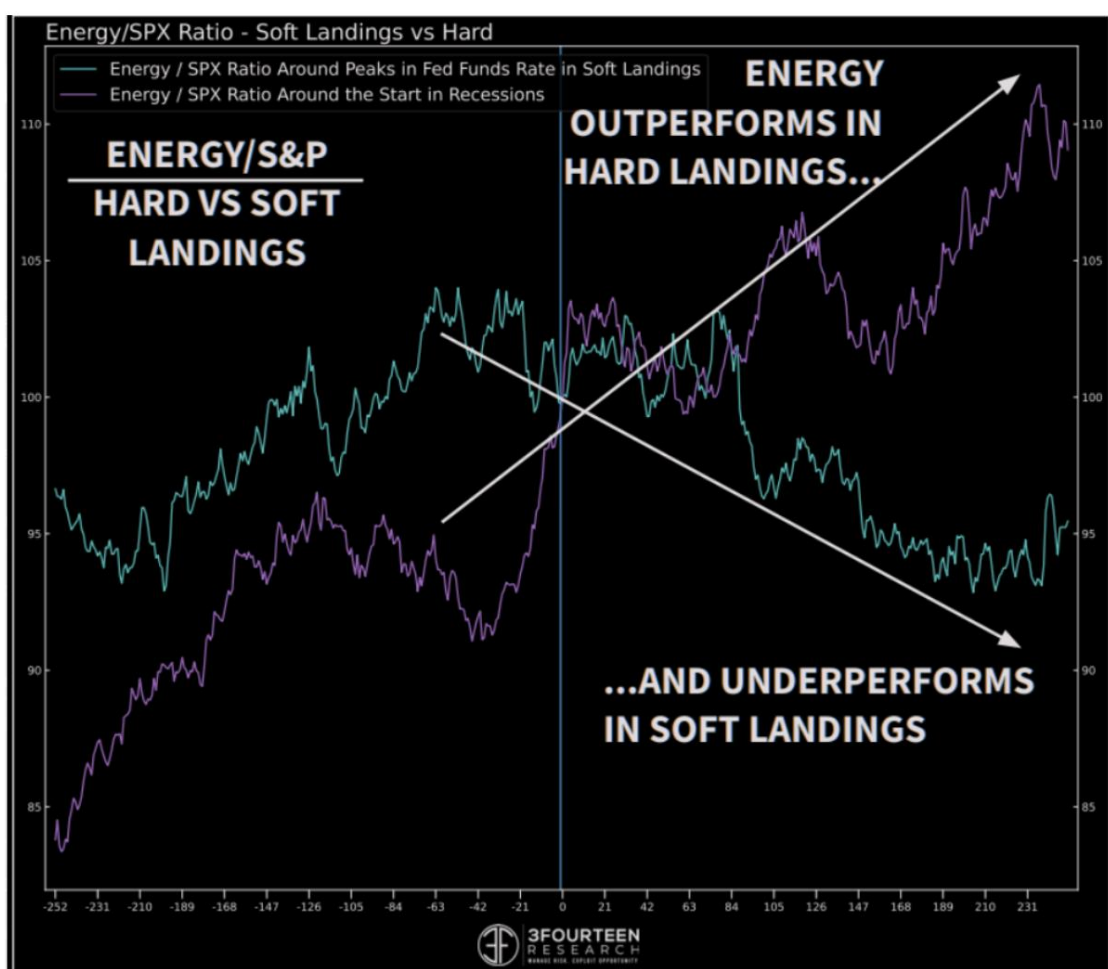


Source: Morningstar Direct, Edward Jones. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Cyclical sectors include financials, materials, industrials, consumer discretionary and energy. Defensive sectors include consumer staples, health care and utilities.

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#energy #hard-landing

Hard landing - energy leads. Soft landing - energy lags.
Go figure...



#china #apple #iphone #ban

China Reportedly Bans Apple iPhones And Other Foreign Devices Among Government Officials according to the WSJ
-> Citing unnamed people familiar with the matter, the Journal said officials at central government agencies had been told of the ban by superiors in recent weeks through workplace chat groups or in meetings.

-> The order also prohibits officials from bringing iPhones and other foreign devices into the workplace.

-> It's not clear how widely the orders have been disseminated across China's government but similar instructions have also been handed down to employees at some central government regulators, according to the Journal.



Source: Forbes

#markets

#apple

Apple suffered its second worst week since November (down 10% from highs in July) as Beijing started to clampdown on iPhone use...





#nvidia #shares #ceo

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang Sells \$42 Million In Shares. New filings from the company showed Huang sold shares over the past several trading sessions. Two separate filings from Nvidia revealed Huang exercised stock options in blocks of 29,688 shares with an exercise price of \$4. Three separate transactions saw this amount of common shares exercised through options from Sept. 1 to Sept. 6. The acquired shares were then sold in three blocks over the same time period with prices of the shares ranging from \$466.13 to \$497.17.

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Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 9)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/01/2023		M ⁽¹⁾		29,688	A	\$4	7,829,813 ⁽⁷⁾	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		700	D	\$482.5329 ⁽³⁾	7,829,113	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		2,674	D	\$483.3338 ⁽⁴⁾	7,826,439	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		4,634	D	\$484.408 ⁽⁵⁾	7,821,805	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		7,605	D	\$485.2885 ⁽⁶⁾	7,814,200	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		5,575	D	\$486.308 ⁽⁷⁾	7,808,625	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		2,600	D	\$487.2835 ⁽⁸⁾	7,806,025	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		2,300	D	\$488.383 ⁽⁹⁾	7,803,725	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		1,100	D	\$489.41 ⁽¹⁰⁾	7,802,625	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$490.615 ⁽¹¹⁾	7,802,425	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		400	D	\$491.6175 ⁽¹²⁾	7,802,025	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		600	D	\$492.7867 ⁽¹³⁾	7,801,425	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		400	D	\$494.4475 ⁽¹⁴⁾	7,801,025	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		500	D	\$495.632 ⁽¹⁵⁾	7,800,525	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		300	D	\$496.9233 ⁽¹⁶⁾	7,800,225	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$497.82	7,800,125	D	
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Common Stock	09/05/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$478.97	7,829,713	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		1,000	D	\$480.482 ⁽¹⁷⁾	7,828,713	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		1,600	D	\$481.4275 ⁽¹⁸⁾	7,827,113	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		3,100	D	\$482.6268 ⁽¹⁹⁾	7,824,013	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		5,100	D	\$483.5934 ⁽²⁰⁾	7,818,913	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		6,084	D	\$484.5783 ⁽²¹⁾	7,812,829	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		5,315	D	\$485.6108 ⁽²²⁾	7,807,514	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		5,008	D	\$486.6393 ⁽²³⁾	7,802,506	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		2,181	D	\$487.6181 ⁽²⁴⁾	7,800,325	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2023		S ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$488.24 ⁽²⁵⁾	7,800,125	D	

Source: benziga, investor.nvidia



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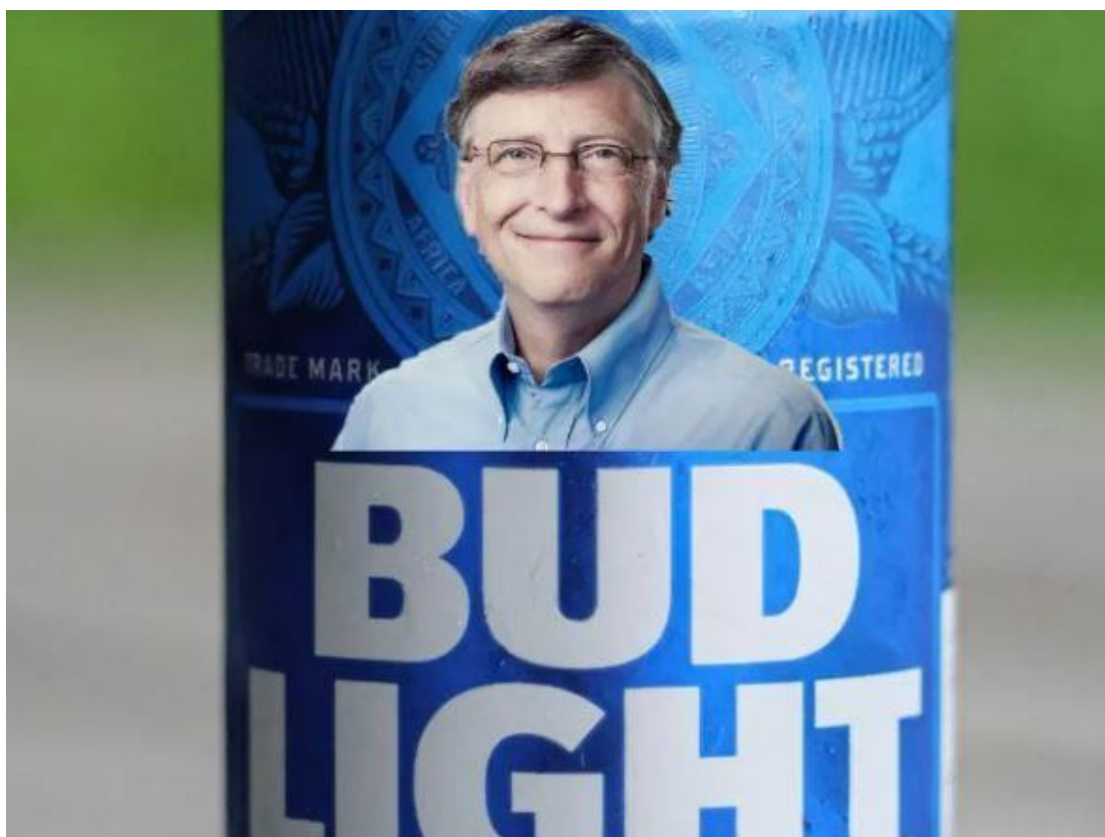
Disney Shares Hit a New 10-Year Low Yesterday. Even with dividends included, those who invested in Disney back in 2013 haven't seen gains. Meanwhile, the stock market has surged by 300% in that same period.



Source: Bloomberg

#anheuser-bush #gates-foundation

Bill Gates' foundation made a nearly \$100 million bet on Bud Light. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Trust last quarter bought 1.7 million shares of Anheuser-Busch, valued at around \$95 million, according to a regulatory filing, signaling that Gates has confidence in the beer company that has been dealing with a steep sales slump of one of its biggest beers.



Source: yahoo!finance



#covid-darling #valuations

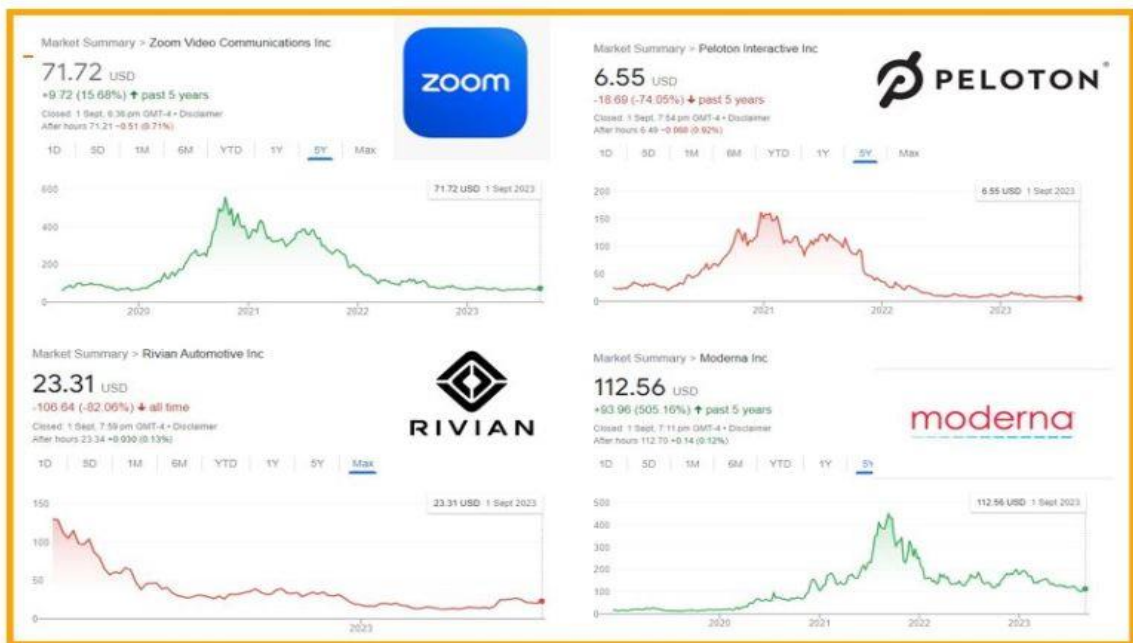
Do you remember these covid darlings? Below 4 examples of "Pandemic boom and bust" companies (they are not necessarily bad companies but they exemplify how extreme valuations get corrected over time and how painful it can be for shareholders who bought at the top)

Zoom \$ZM -> Market capitalization: \$21 billion today vs \$168 billion at the peak.

Peloton \$PTON -> Market capitalization: \$2 billion today vs \$58 billion at the peak.

Moderna \$MRNA -> Market capitalization: \$42 billion today vs \$172 billion at the peak.

Rivian \$RIVN -> Market capitalization: \$22 billion today vs \$123 billion at the peak.



Source: Simple Investing



#tesla #price

Tesla's Many Model S and X Price Tweaks

A recap of changes to the company's high-end cars

	Model S	Model X
Start of the year	\$104,990	\$120,990
Jan. 12	\$94,990	\$109,990
March 5	\$89,990	\$99,990
April 6	\$84,990	\$94,990
April 20	\$87,490	\$97,490
May 11	\$88,490	\$98,490
Aug. 14	\$78,490	\$88,490
Sept. 1	\$74,990	\$79,990

Source: Tesla's website

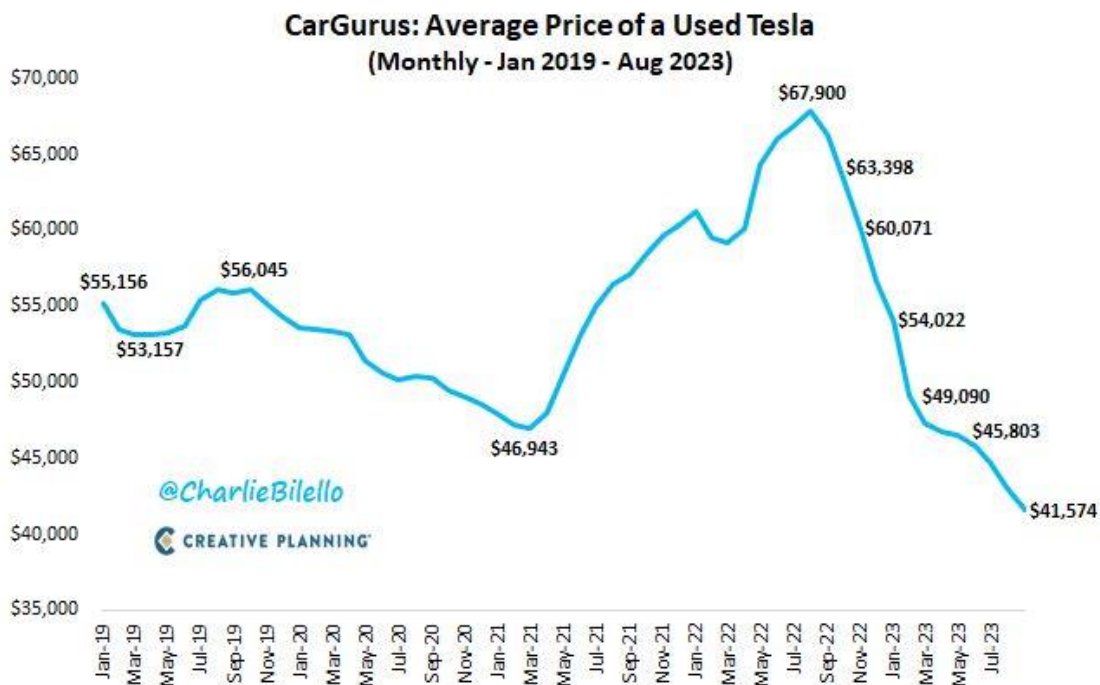
Source: dividendtalks, teslawebsite





#used-tesla #price

At least there is deflation somewhere... The average price of a used Tesla has declined 13 months in a row, moving from a record high of \$67,900 in July 2022 to a record low of \$41,574 in August 2023 (-39%).



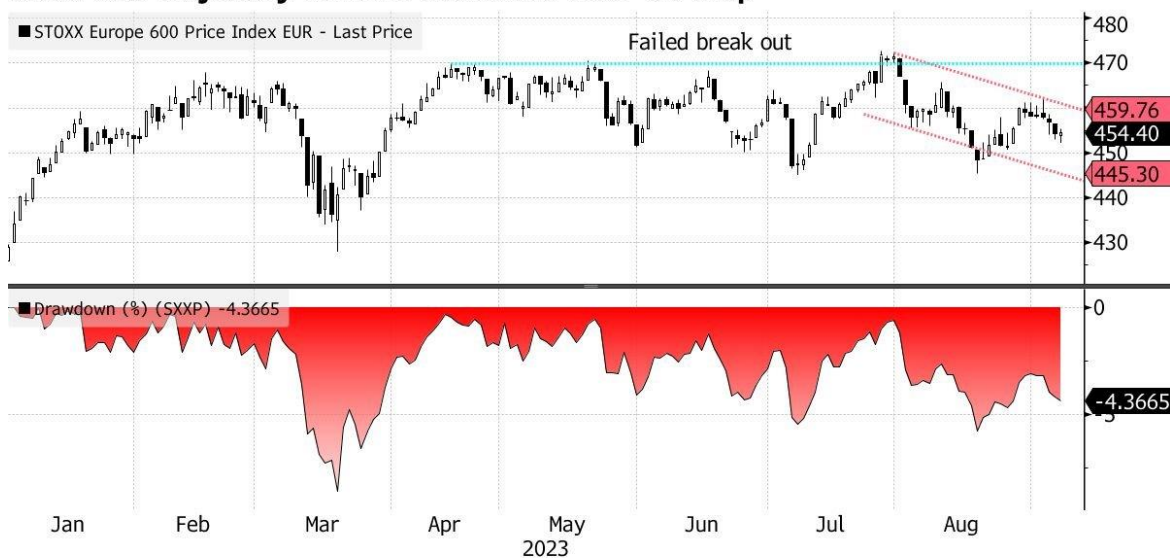
Source: Charlie Bilello



#european #equities

European stocks are having a tough time as the Stoxx Europe 600 Index dropped for 7 consecutive trading days, the index's longest losing streak in 4.5 years. Friday was a slightly positive session hence breaking the losing streak.

Summer Retreat the Second Biggest Correction in 2023 Stoxx 600 trajectory remains downward after 6% drop



Source: Bloomberg



Source: Bloomberg



#europe #equities #pmi

European stocks are becoming very disconnected from macroeconomic data.



Source: Cheddar Flow, Bloomberg



#european #equities #valuations

Relative to other regions globally, Europe is one of few markets trading below its historical valuation. But there are obviously some reasons for this (slumping manufacturing growth, high exposure to China/Asia, rising energy prices, etc.)

Europe the only "cheap" one vs history



Source: FactSet



Source: TME, Facset



#novonordisk #lvmh

The most valuable listed company in Europe now comes from Denmark. Novo Nordisk has overtaken luxury goods group LVMH on the stock market. It is now worth >€400bn, LVMH 'only' €382bn. The Danish drugmaker on Monday introduced Wegovy in Britain after launching it in the US in June 2021. Soaring demand in the world's largest drug market subsequently delayed marketing in Europe. The drug is already available in Norway, Denmark and Germany. The company said on Monday that the drug would be introduced to the UK "through a controlled and limited launch".



Source: FT



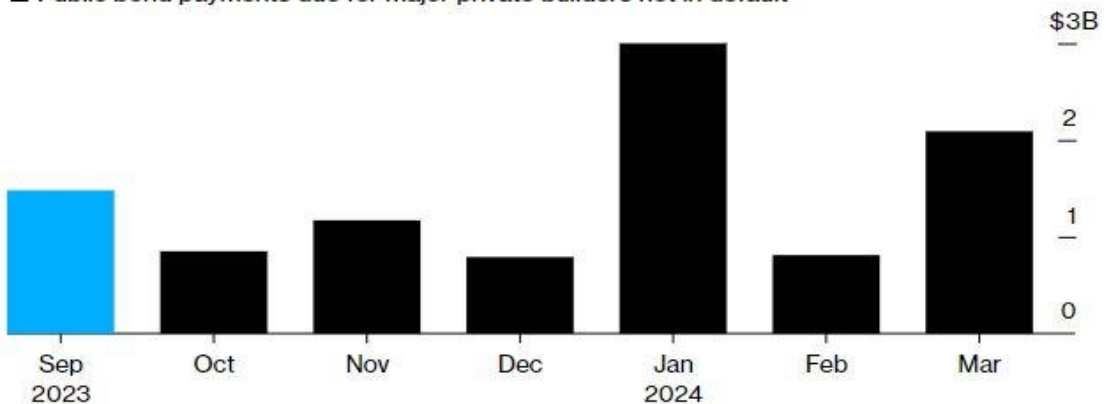
#china #property-developers

Shares of Chinese property developers Evergrande soared as much as 82% on Wednesday. Other stocks like Country Garden Holdings and Logan Group also surged, gaining as much as 26% and 28% respectively. The gains come after Country Garden reportedly managed to pay \$22.5 million in bond coupon payments on Tuesday, narrowly avoiding default. Let's keep in mind though that the sector is far out of the wood. According to Bloomberg, 34 out of the top 50 private real estate developers in China are suffering delinquencies. The remaining 16 developers face a combined \$1.5 billion of bond payments this month. In January 2024, these remaining 16 Chinese developers will face a massive \$3.0 billion in bond payments.

Debt Burden

China's surviving private builders face big payment tests

■ Public bond payments due for major private builders not in default



Source: Bloomberg

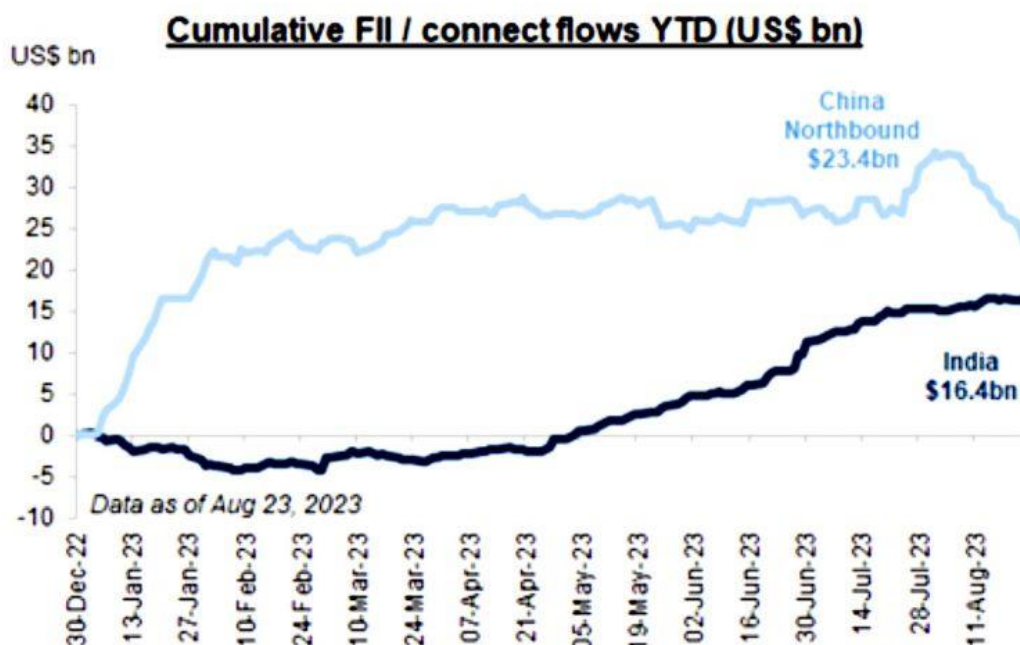
Source: The Kobeisi Letter, CNBC





#china #india #flows

China Northbound has seen sharp outflows this month, while inflows in India remain resilient (\$16.4bn)



Source: GS GMD



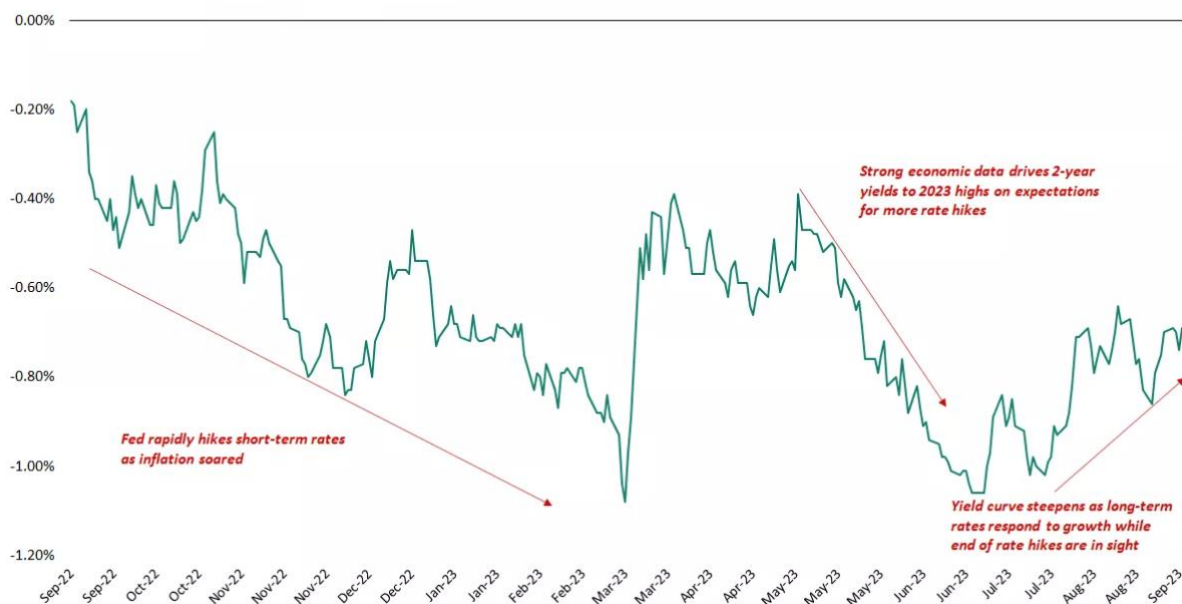
Source: HolgerZ via GS



#us #treasuries #yield-curve

More recently, the yield curve has begun to steepen, with short-term rates falling back slightly as the end of Fed rate hikes grows closer, while longer-term yields ticked higher on economic growth prospects. This is notable, as it reflects two components that we believe will be necessary for a sustained bull market: 1) a growing economy that supports rising corporate profits and 2) an end to the Fed's rate-hiking cycle.

Yield Curve: 10-yr Rates Minus 2-yr Rates



Source: FactSet. 10-year and 2-year U.S. Treasury yields.

Source: Edward Jones





#dollar-spot #index #performance

The dollar surged to its best week since February and its highest weekly close since December. The dollar has risen for 8 straight weeks, its longest winning streak in history (with data going back to 2005).

Bloomberg's Dollar Gauge Extends a Record 8-Week Advance



Source: Barchart, Bloomberg



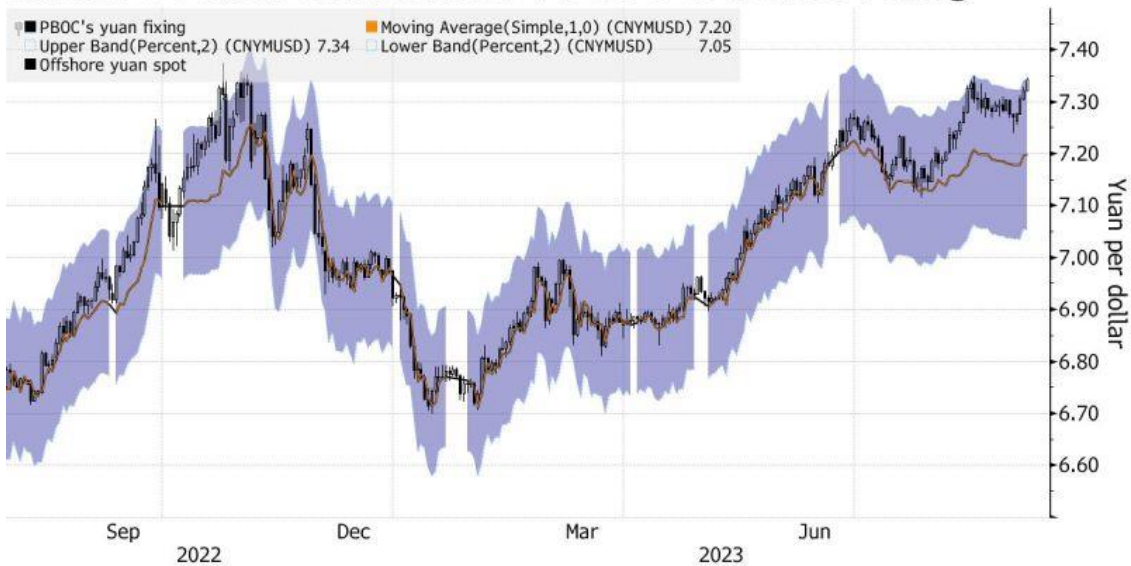


#offshore-yuan

The offshore yuan weakened toward its lowest on record against the dollar, as a cut to the daily reference rate for the managed currency stoked bets China is comfortable with a gradual depreciation.

China's currency declined to about 7.36 per dollar in overseas trading, beyond the psychologically important level of 7.35 and close to the weakest since the creation of the offshore yuan market in 2010. The move came after the People's Bank of China set its so-called fixing at a two-month low on Friday.

Offshore Yuan Declines After PBOC Set Weaker Fixing



Source: Bloomberg

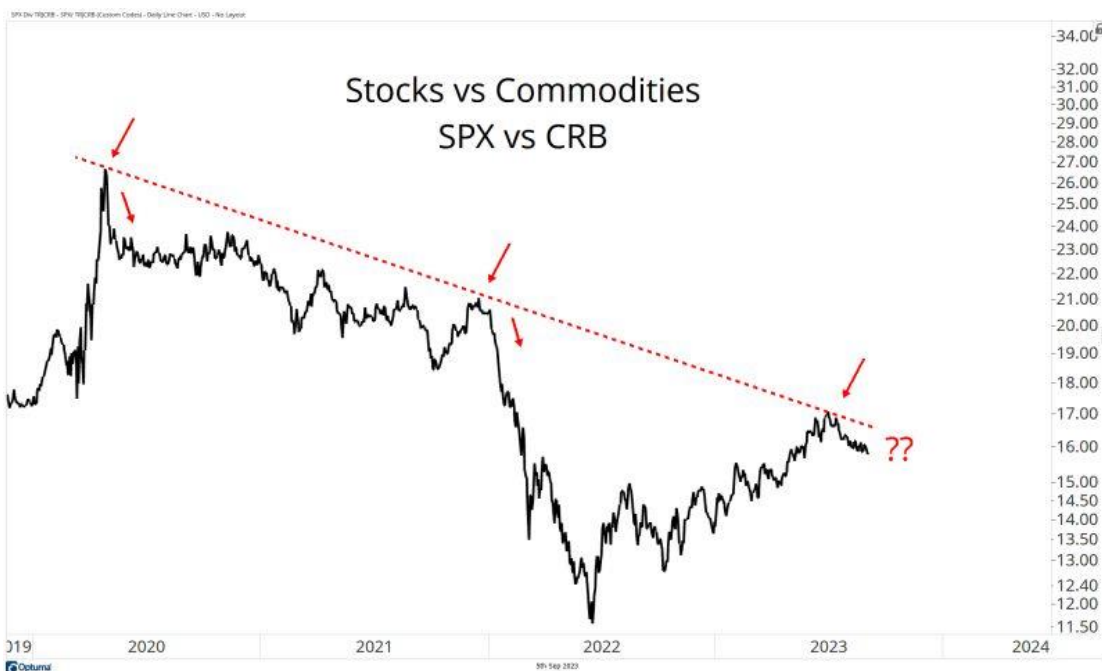


Source: Bloomberg



#stocks #commodities #spx #crb

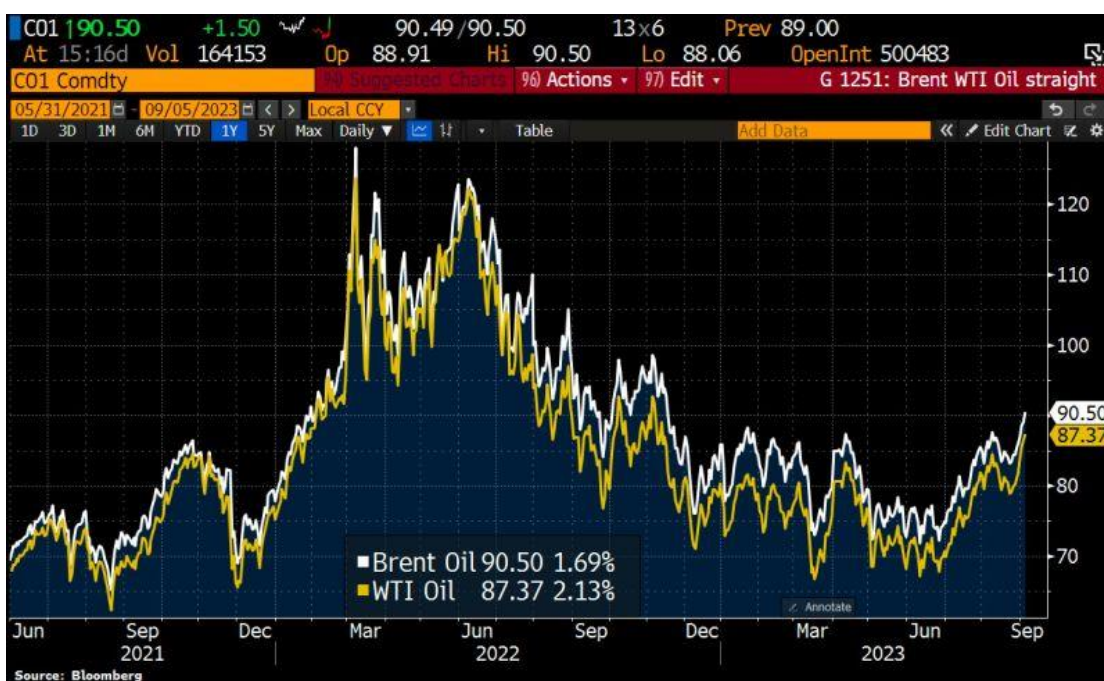
An important chart



Source: J-C Parets

#oil #saudi-arabia #supply

Brent Oil hits \$90/bbl for 1st time since Nov as Saudi Arabia extended its unilateral oil production cut by another three months



Source: Bloomberg, Holger



#us #oil #rig-count

While WTI oil hit \$86, the rig count is still in plunge mode...
*A cumulative \$4.9T of investments in global upstream oil and gas are needed by 2030 to meet market needs and prevent a supply shortfall" ---International Energy Forum (IEF) and S&P Global Commodity Insights.



Source: Lawrence McDonald, Bloomberg



#oil #underinvestment #fragility

Trafigura says ‘fragile’ oil market may be prone to price spikes as higher interest rates and underinvestment squeeze the market according to a Bloomberg article. The consensus view is for prices to remain near current levels, but the market is “more fragile than it looks,” Ben Luckock, the co-head of oil trading said in an interview at APPEC in Singapore. Brent crude is nearing \$90 a barrel after OPEC+ heavyweights reduced supply — curbs that could continue further. “One reason is underinvestment in new oil production,” he said on Monday. “Combined with higher interest rates, which make it more expensive to hold oil in storage, it means there isn’t much slack or flex in the system. Put all together, and you have a market that’s susceptible to price spikes.”

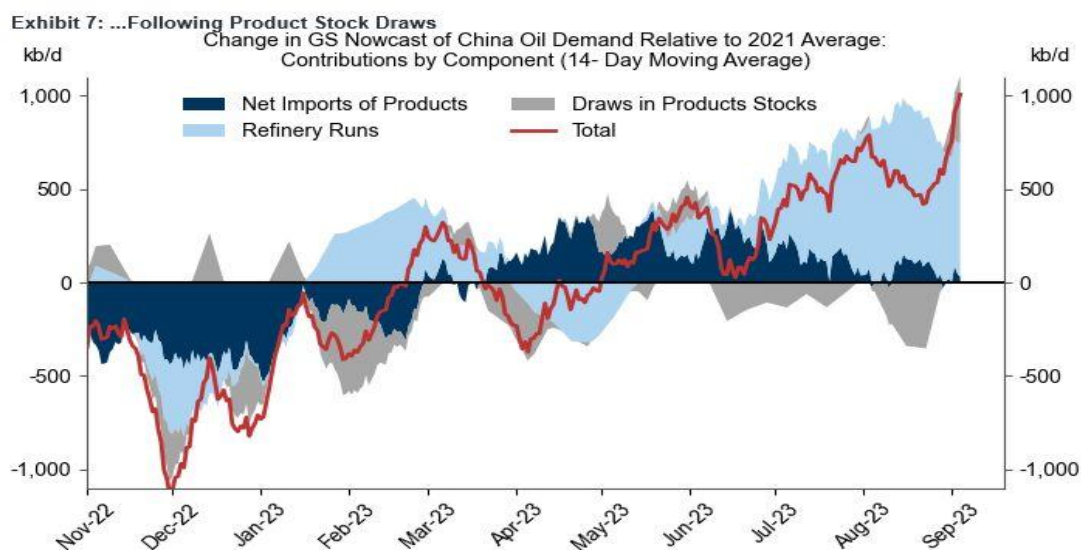




#oil #commodity #supply

Can oil move back to triple-digits? According to the GS commodities team, production cuts by Saudi Arabia and its OPEC+ partners - at the time demand continues to rise - will result into an average 3 MILLION BARREL DAILY SHORTFALL into year end (vs. 2 million barrel previously). This is coming at the time when:

- 1) Not much help is expected from US Strategic Petroleum Reserve (Biden administration has already drained half of the SPR, as such there are virtually no levers left to pull at this point);
- 2) Net speculative positions on WTI Oil futures contract is at the LOWEST since years



Source: IEA, ICIS, Oilchem, Bloomberg, Kpler, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research



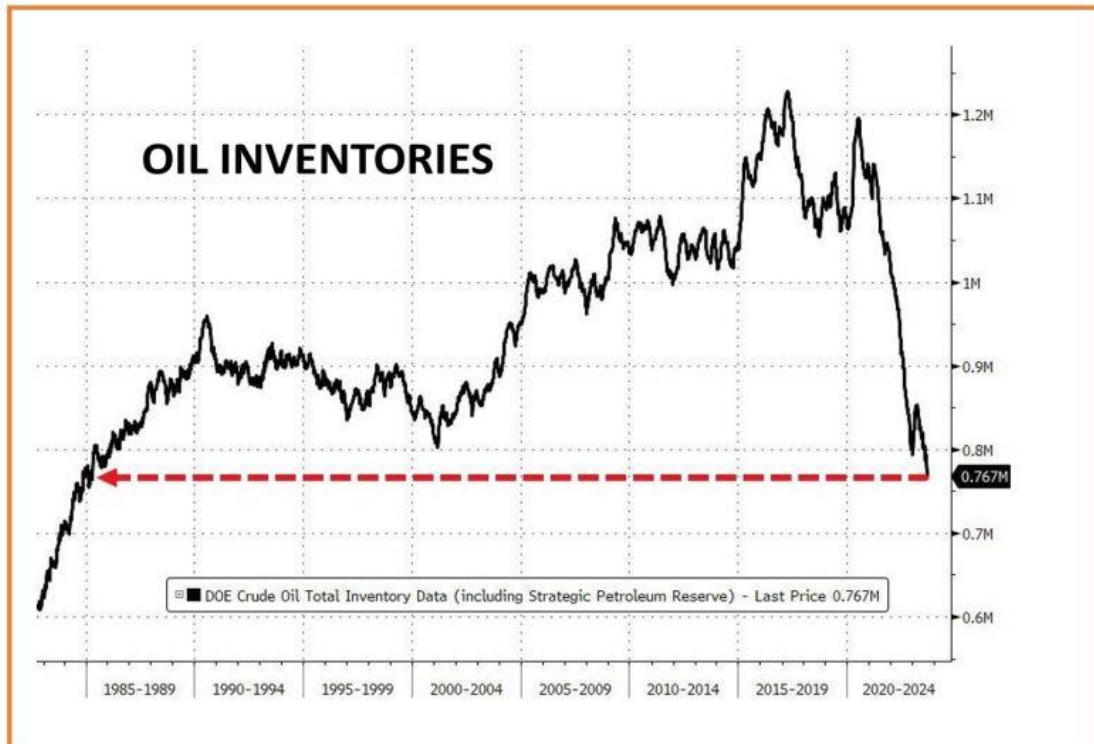
Source: Goldman Sachs, www.zerohedge.com



#us #crude-oil #inventories

U.S Crude inventories fell by WAY more than expected (-6.3mm vs. -2.1mm expected) to their lowest since early December - and are well below their five-year average for this time of year as the summer driving season ends.

Including the SPR (Strategic Petroleum Reserve), this is the lowest level of total crude inventories in America since 1985...



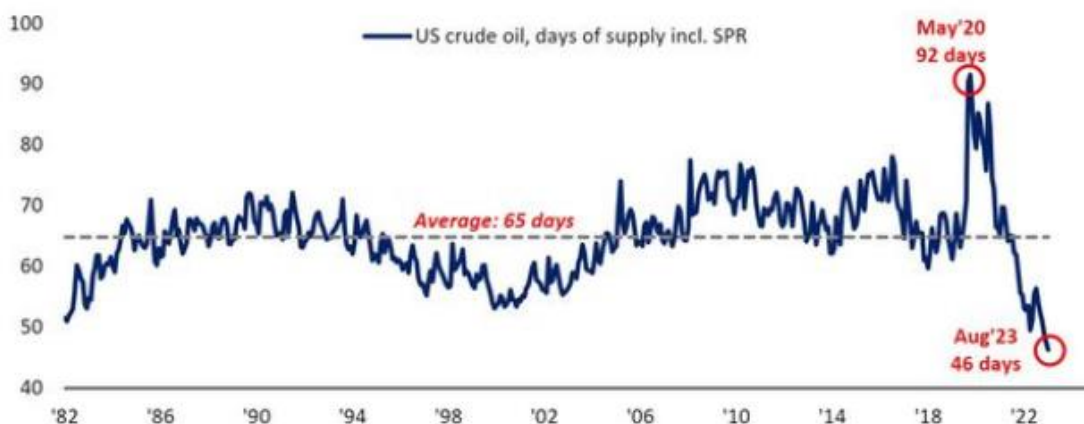
Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg



#us #strategic-petroleum-reserves

Saudi push for \$100 oil brings new headache for Biden administration. Rising energy prices come as president puts economic record at heart of re-election bid. Joe Biden has used the SPR, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, to mitigate price pressures. But the reserves now stand at their lowest since 1983. The SPR now holds just 46 days of supply, by far the lowest on record. In May 2020, before the SPR depletion began, it held a record 92 days of supply. The historical average is 65 days of supply. We are now 50% below the peak and 29% below the average.

Chart 2: Oil price at 10-month high, and US crude inventories at 40-year low
US crude oil, days of supply including Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)



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



Source: The Kobeissi Letter, HolgerZ

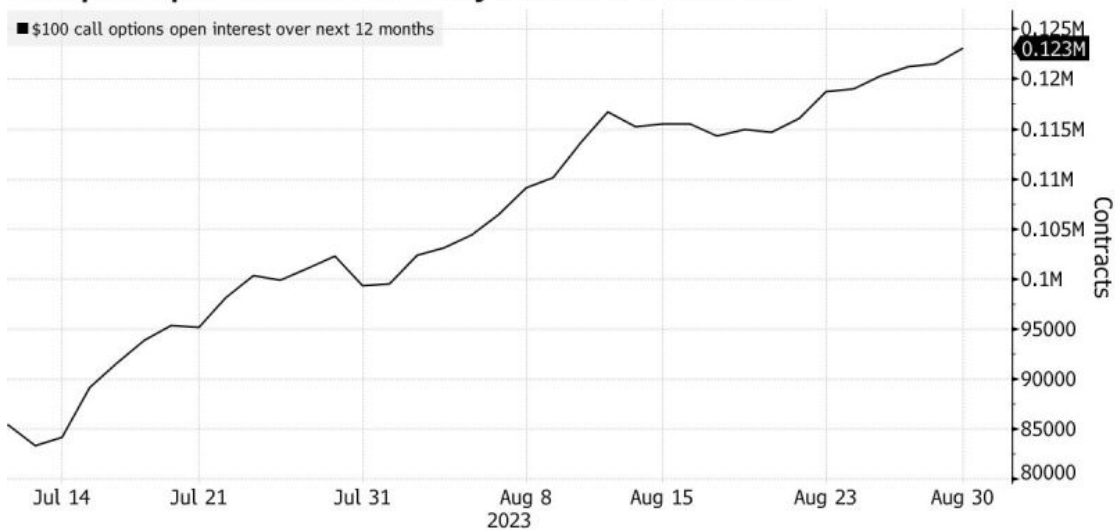


#crudeoil #options #100

Crude Oil \$100 calls over the next year have seen their open interest rise to 120,000 as of Thursday. \$90 and \$100 calls are also the 2 most held strikes over the next 12 months.

\$100 Oil Wagers Grow

Call option open interest has steadily risen over the summer



Source: ICE Futures Europe



Source: Barchart, Bloomberg





#cocoa #commodities #inflation

Cocoa soared to a new 12-year high today and is on the verge of its highest price in more than 4 decades

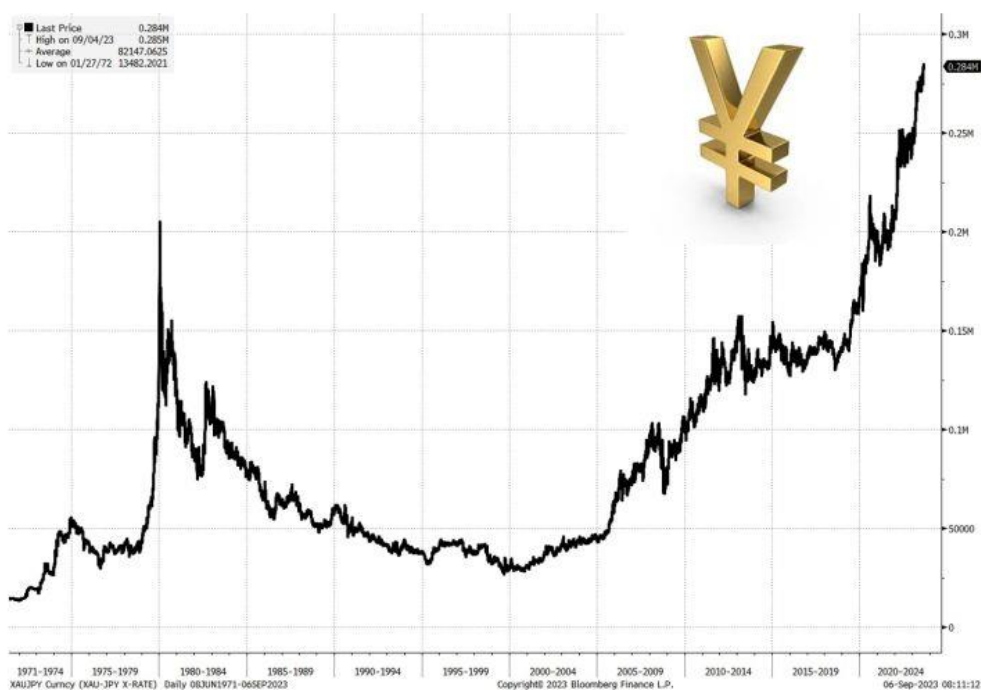


Source: bachart



#gold-in-yen

A new all time high for gold denominated in yen



Source: barchart

#us #ism #services

What we are seeing in the last ISM Services PMI reading may not be the best news for the inflation situation:

- 1) New orders growing faster
- 2) Employment growing faster (from being nearly flat m/m)
- 3) Prices rising faster

Services at a Glance

INDEX	Aug Index	Jul Index	% Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend* (months)
Services PMI®	54.5	52.7	+1.8	Growing	Faster	8
Business Activity	57.3	57.1	+0.2	Growing	Faster	39
New Orders	57.5	55.0	+2.5	Growing	Faster	8
Employment	54.7	50.7	+4.0	Growing	Faster	3
Supplier Deliveries	48.5	48.1	+0.4	Faster	Slower	7
Inventories	57.7	50.4	+7.3	Growing	Faster	4
Prices	58.9	56.8	+2.1	Increasing	Faster	75
Backlog of Orders	41.8	52.1	-10.3	Contracting	From Growing	1
New Export Orders	62.1	61.1	+1.0	Growing	Faster	5
Imports	52.3	52.3	0.0	Growing	Same	3
Inventory Sentiment	61.5	56.6	+4.9	Too High	Faster	4
Overall Economy				Growing	Faster	8
Services Sector				Growing	Faster	8

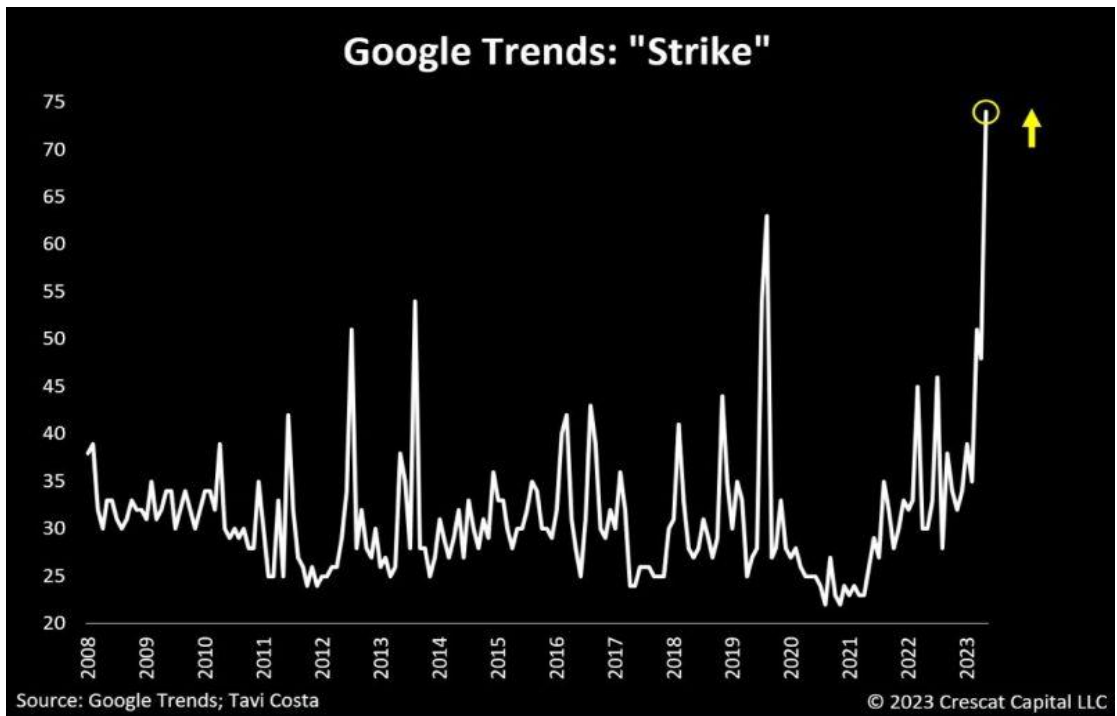
*Number of months moving in current direction. Services ISM® Report On Business® data has been seasonally adjusted for the Business Activity, New Orders, Employment and Prices indexes.

Source: Markets & Mayhem



#us #strike #wage-inflation

Is wage pressure in the US here to stay? A highlighted by Tavi Costa, the word "strike" recently surged to record levels on Google trends. This surge implies a growing pressure among workers to secure improved compensation deals with their employers. Labor strikes are becoming a regular occurrence in society, reminiscent of their prevalence in the 1970s. The rising cost of living is placing significant pressure on wages to rise.



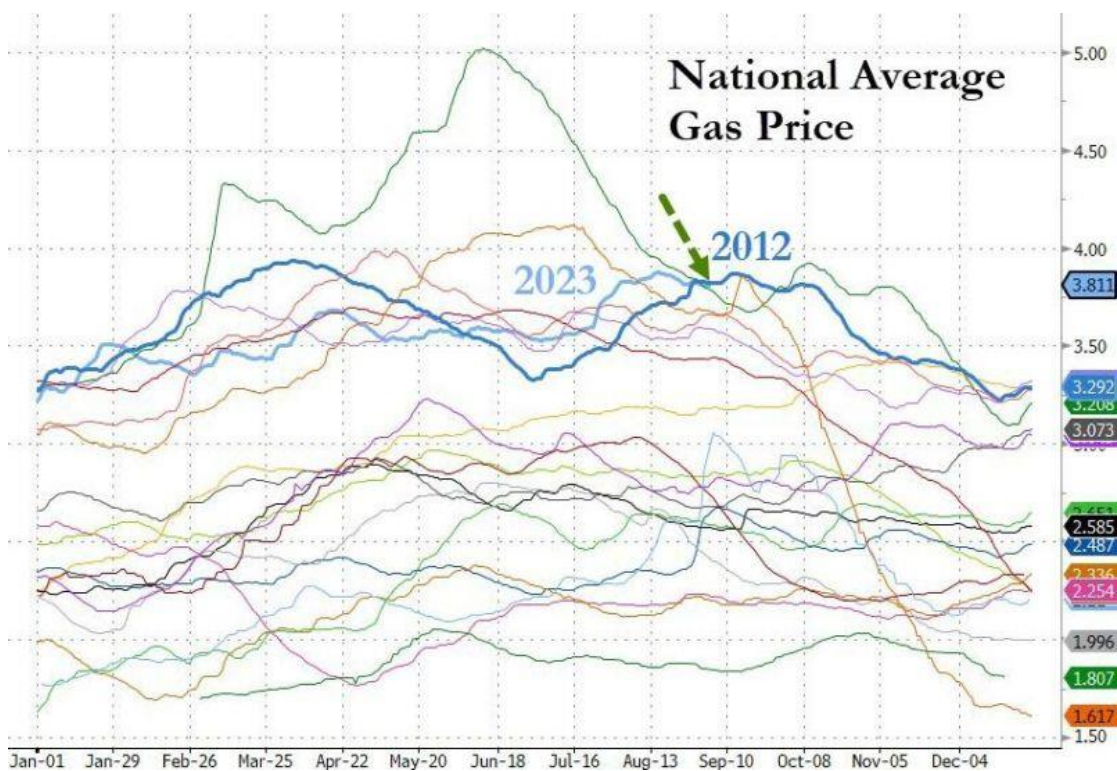
Source: Crescat Capital, Google Trends





#us #gas #inflation

An immediate consequence of soaring oil prices mean -> Soaring gas prices in the US - now at their highest for this time of year since 2012 (and 2nd highest ever)... not great for headline inflation and consumer purchasing power



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com



#us #mortgage-to-income

The US mortgage to income ratio (% of disposable income needed to cover the cost of a mortgage) is at its highest level in history

Percentage of disposable income necessary to cover the cost of rent vs. a mortgage



Source: Goldman Sachs

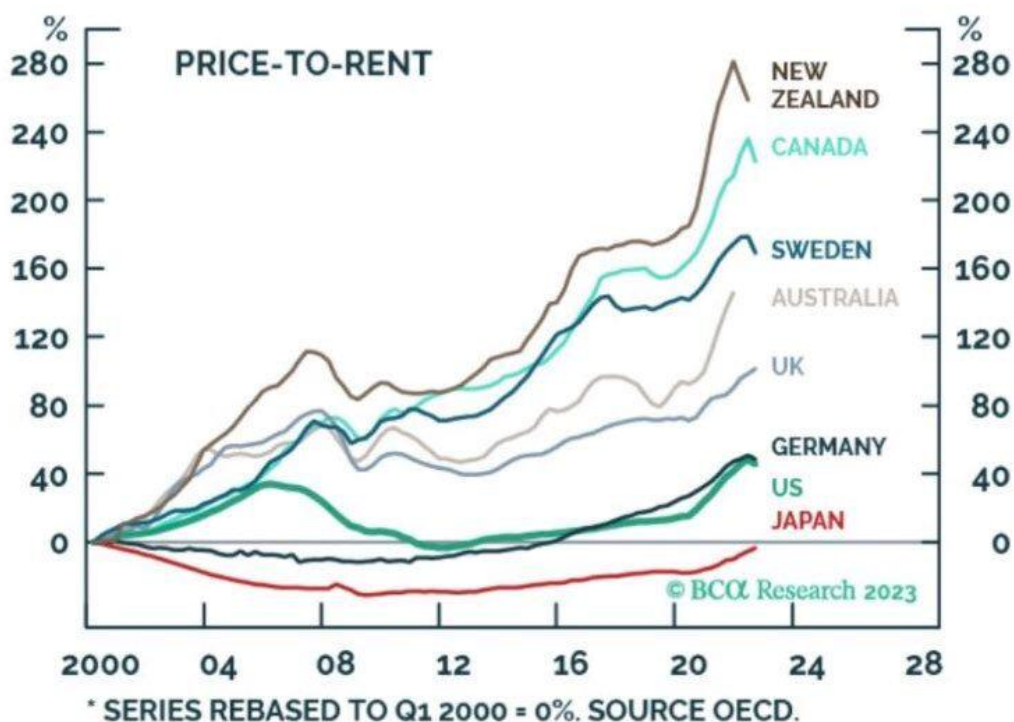


Source: Barchart



#us #housing #affordability

If you think housing in the US is not affordable anymore take a look at New Zealand, Canada and Sweden 🖱️



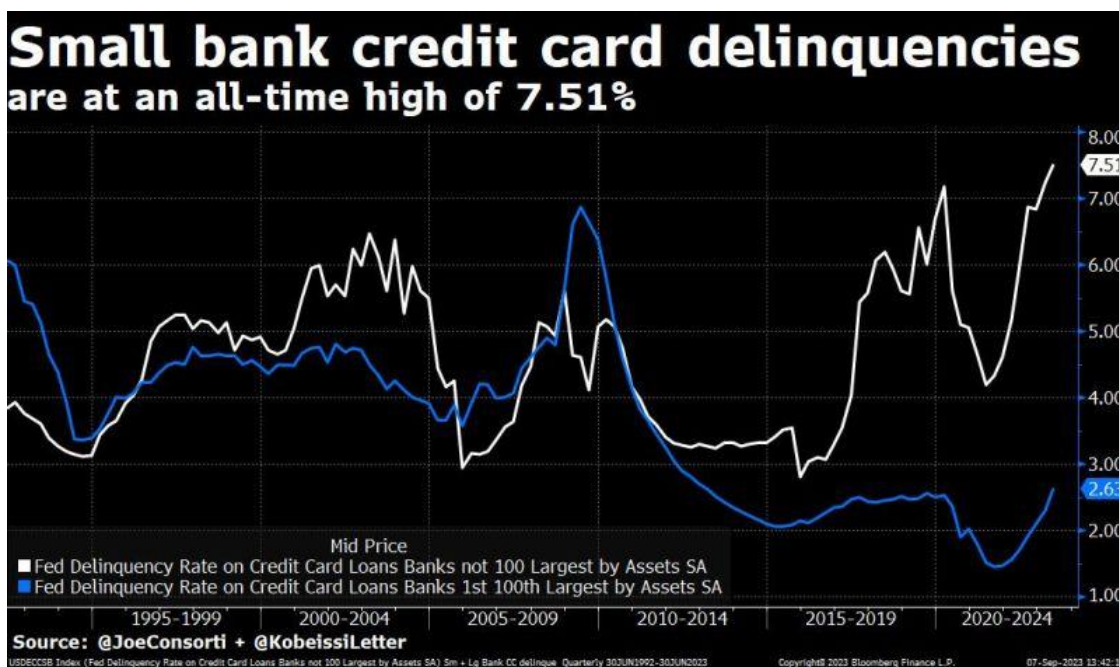


#us #credit-cards #delinquencies

Credit card delinquencies at small banks are at 7.51% — an all-time high.

Small banks almost failed in March, were rescued by the Fed, and hold 71% of CRE loans... 92.3% of which were past-due in July.

It is a worrying to see US Regional banks facing these challenges while we aren't even in recession yet...



Source: Source: Bloomberg, Joe Consorti



#debt #refinancing #recession

A wave of corporate debt refinancing over the next 6 months will spark a recession in 2024 warns Fidelity International

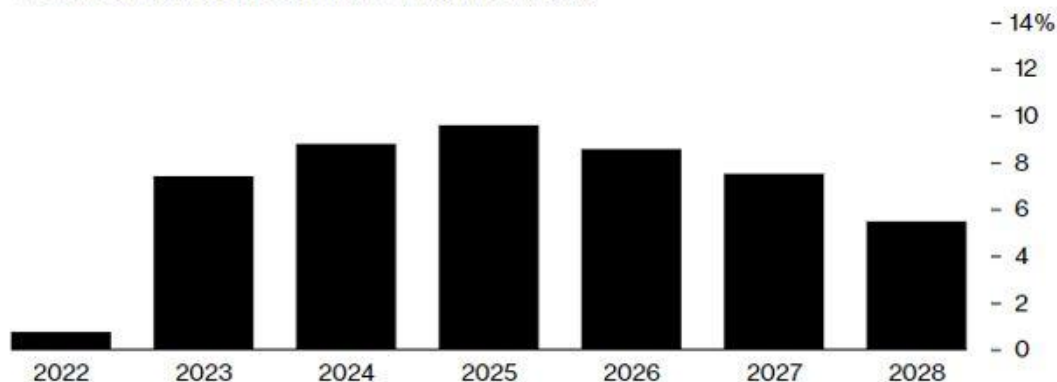
Wall of Corporate Debt to Spark Recession in 2024, Fidelity International Says

- Ahmed sticks by call for downturn amid hopes for soft landing
- Macro strategist says add cash to brace for lagged rate impact

By [Emily Graffeo](#) and [Anya Andrianova](#)
September 1, 2023 at 9:35 AM CDT

Debt Maturity Wall Looming

■ Share of total US IG debt market maturing annually



Source: Fidelity International



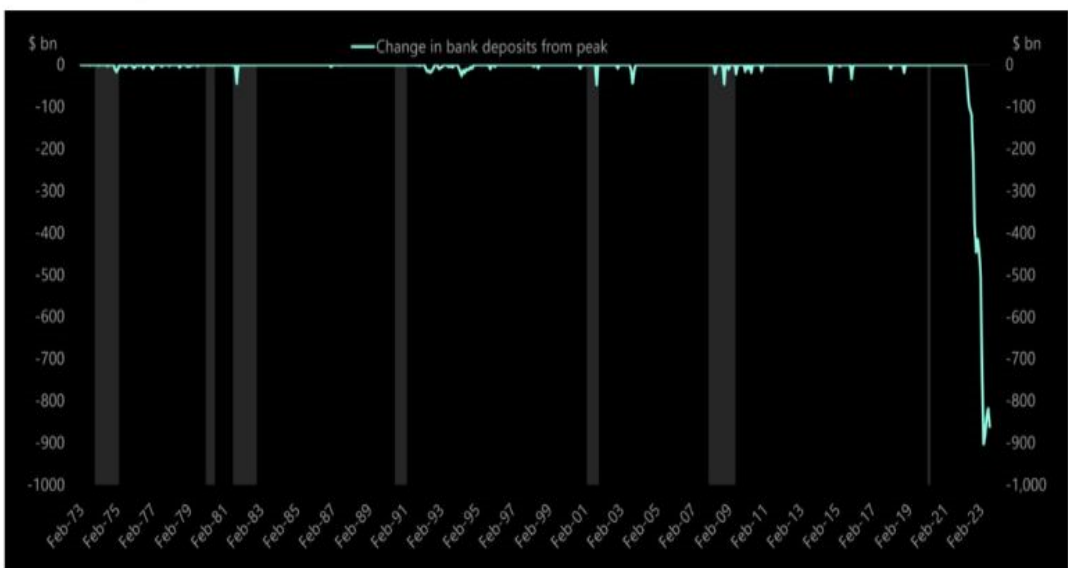
Source: Barchart, Bloomberg



#us #banks #deposits

\$862bn in deposits have left the banks since the Fed began to raise interest rates

The bank run



Source: Apollo

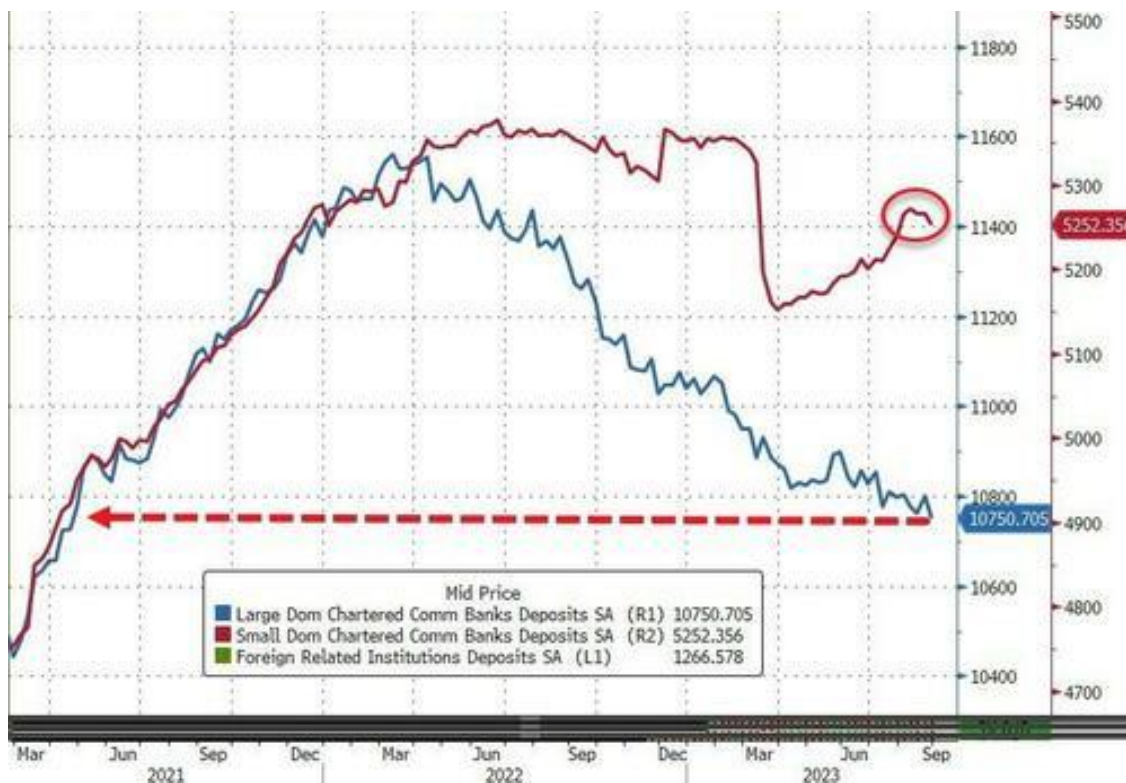


Source: Apollo, TME



#us #banks #deposits

Total bank deposits (on a seasonally-adjusted basis) plunged by \$70BN last week to its lowest since May. Large Bank deposits (Seasonally Adjusted) are at their lowest since April 2021 while Small Bank deposits (SA) are at their lowest since July.



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com



Source: xxx



#us #banks #emergency-funding

Usage of the Fed's emergency bank funding facility jumped by \$328 million last week. It now stands at a new record high of \$108 billion, even as the regional bank crisis is "over." The current rate banks are paying the Fed on these loans is an alarming ~5.5%. i.e . the banks that almost collapsed are now borrowing record levels of expensive debt from the Fed. Is the US regional banks crisis really over?



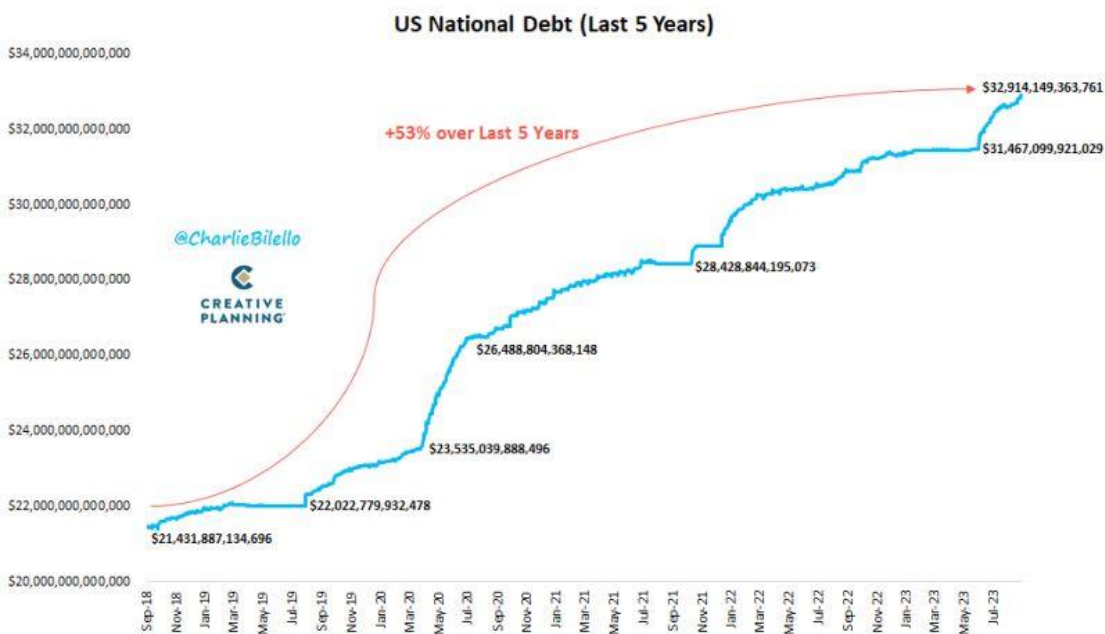
Source: zerohedge, Bloomberg, The Kobeissi Letter





#us #debt #ceiling

US National Debt has now increased by \$1.45 trillion since the debt ceiling was suspended 3 months ago and is fast approaching \$33 trillion. In the past five years the national debt has increased by 53%, from \$21.4 trillion to \$32.9 trillion.



Source: Charlie Bilello

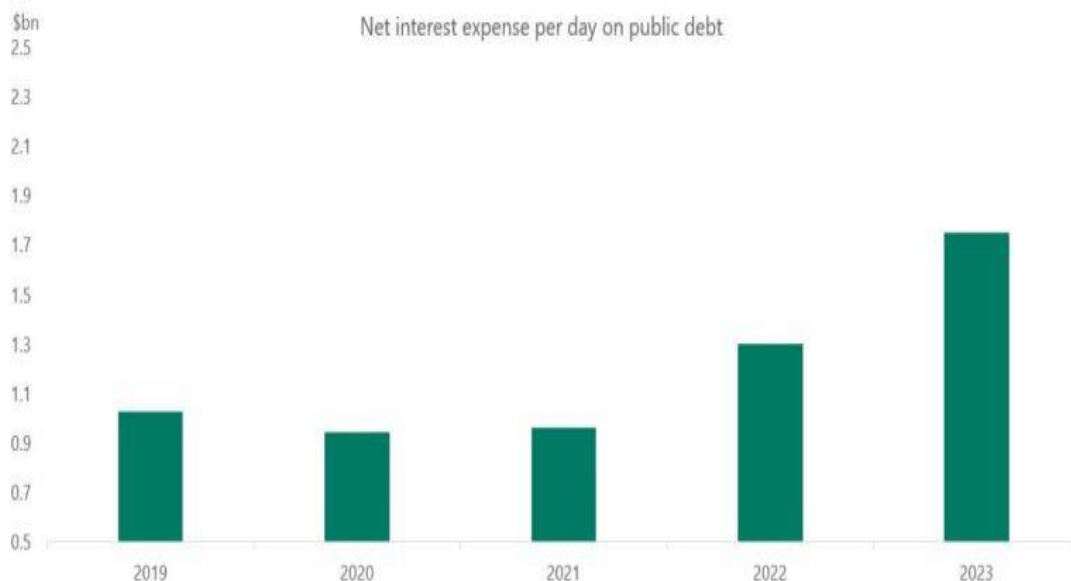


#us #interest-expense #debt #refinancing

The US is now paying ~\$2 billion Per Day in Interest Expense on Federal Debt. This has doubled since the pre-pandemic levels of ~\$1 billion per day. Since 2020, the US has added a historic \$9.1 TRILLION to the national debt. Meanwhile, 31% of outstanding debt is going to mature within the next year. Refinancing this debt will come with much higher interest rates.

APOLLO

US government interest payments per day have doubled from \$1 billion per day before the pandemic to almost \$2 billion per day in 2023



Source: Kobeissi Letter



#macro

#debt #gold-standard

Total Global Debt is now estimated to be over \$300 Trillion and has been rising exponentially since 1971.

World Debt (in \$ trillion) At Record High



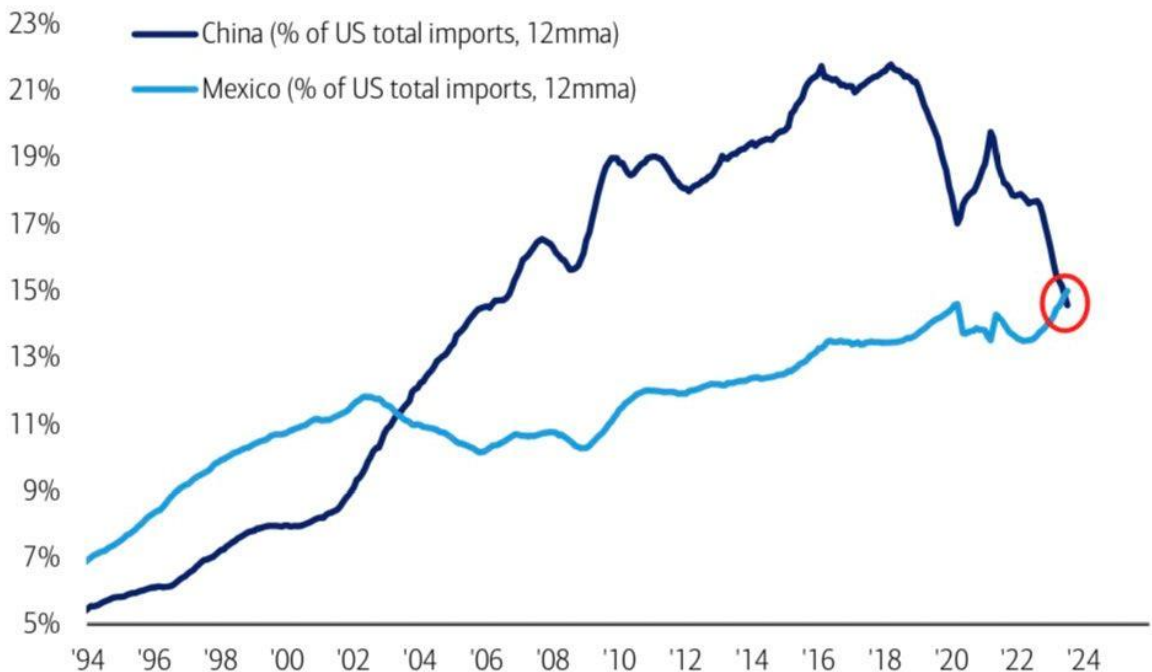
#macro

#us #china #mexico #trade

Nearshoring / friendshoring in action...

Chart 4: US importing more from Mexico than China for first time since 2003

China and Mexico as % of US imports (12-month moving average)

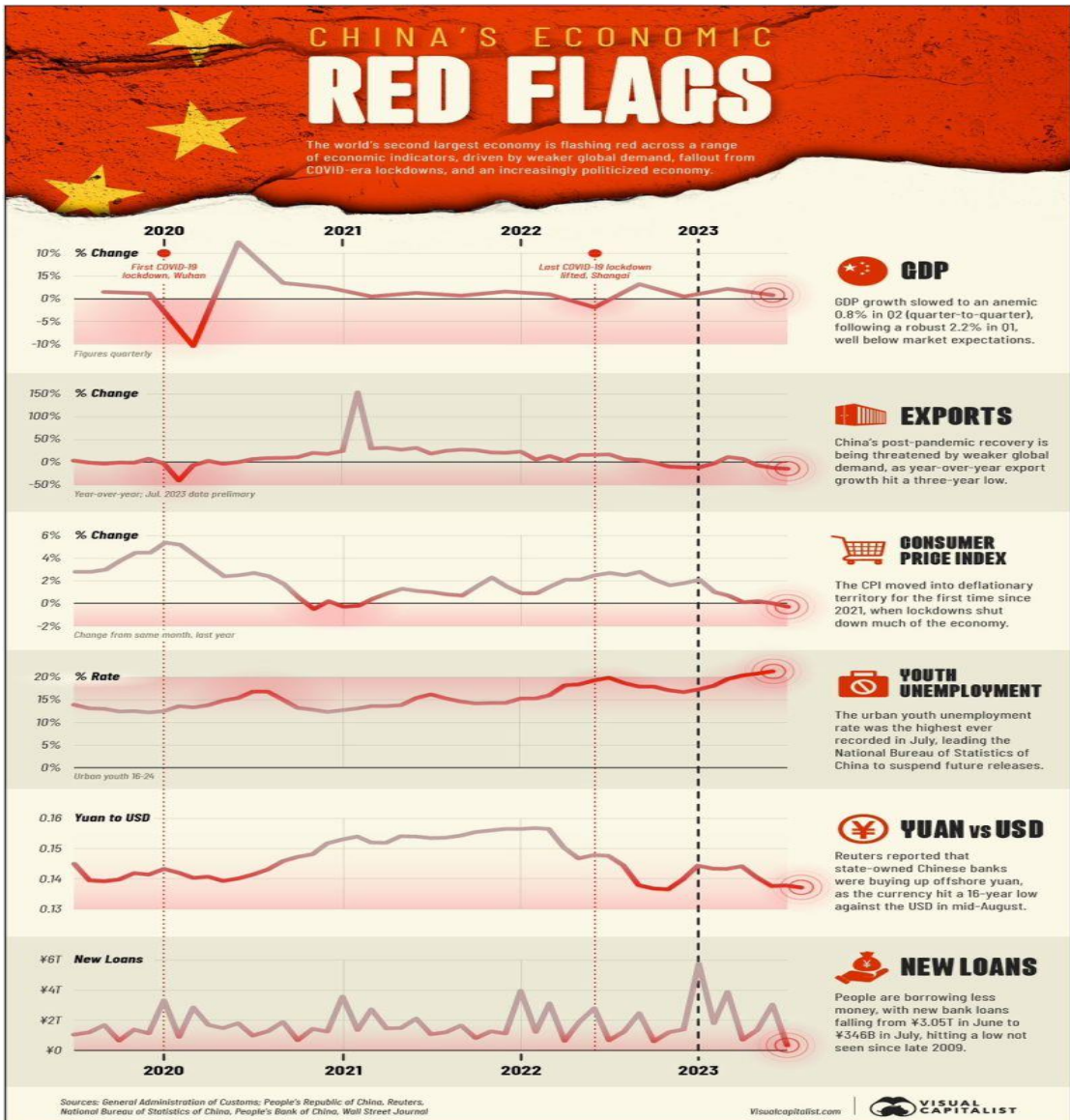


Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg



#china #risks #economy

6 Potential Problems for China's Economy



Source: Barchart

#india #drought #food #exports

India's driest August in more than 100 years may force the country to impose additional export restrictions!

Driest August in More Than 100 Years Threatens India's Growth

- Government might impose food export curbs to preserve supplies
- RBI kept interest rates steady even as inflation accelerates



A man sits in the shade by the banks of the River Ganges. *Photographer: Prashanth Vishwanathan/Bloomberg*

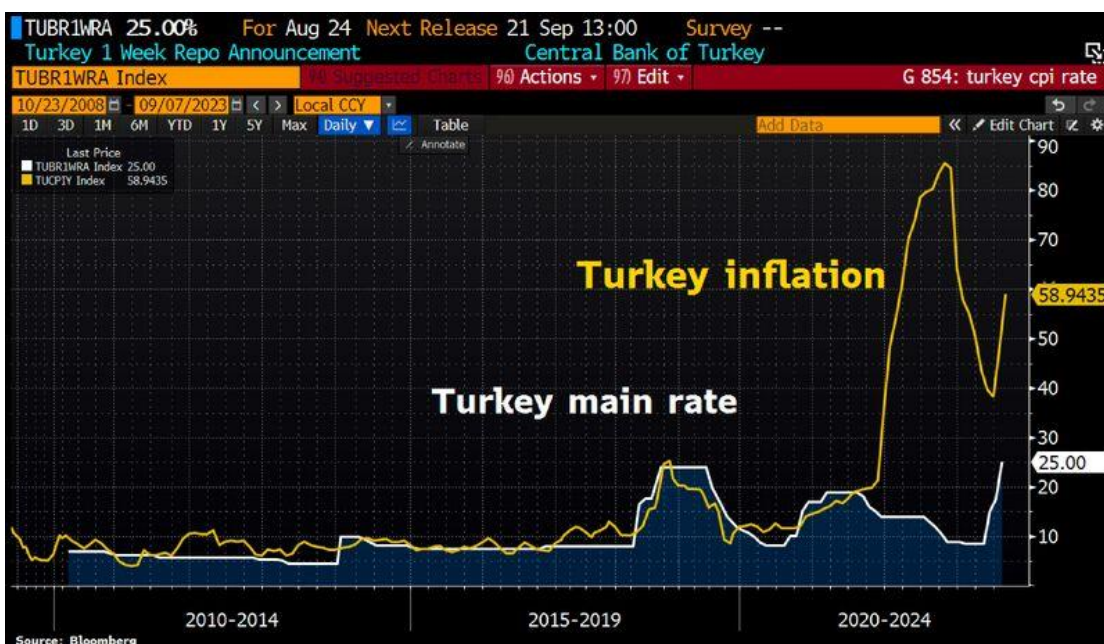
By [Anup Roy](#)
September 1, 2023 at 1:17 AM CDT

Source: Barchart, Bloomberg



#turkey #inflation #rates

Turkey inflation has reaccelerated despite sharply increased key interest rates.





#uk #birmingham #bankruptcy

The UK's second-largest city is bankrupt. Unable to balance its budget as required by law, Birmingham placed itself under the protection of "section 114" on Tuesday. This means that only essential expenditure is covered. The news had all the more resonance because the city council has a million people under its umbrella - the largest local authority in the country, since London is divided into boroughs. And because this failure has raised fears of a domino effect on other struggling English cities.



BREAKING: Birmingham City Council effectively declares bankruptcy after being hit by £760m bill



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#fomc #rate-hike #probabilities

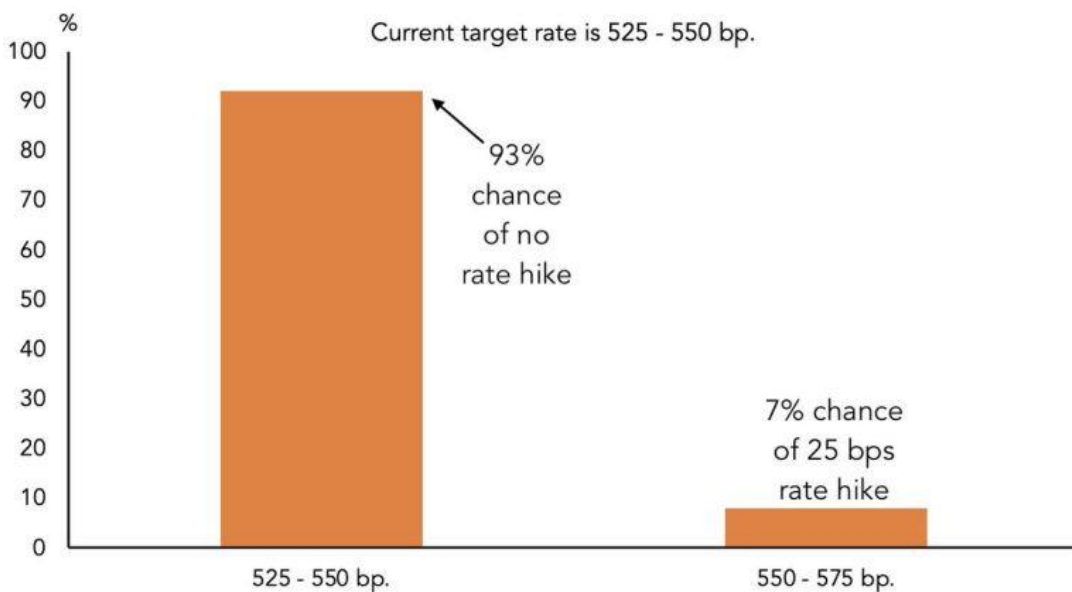
According to markets, next FOMC rate hike probabilities are the following:

No hike → 93%

25 bps hike → 7%

Markets are Not Pricing a Rate Hike Next Meeting

Fed Funds Target Rate Probabilities for Sept 20th 2023 Fed Meeting



Dates: As of September 6th 2023.
Source: CME, Game of Trades.

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#centralbanks

#fomc #rates

HIGHER FOR LONGER - The Federal Reserve may need to raise interest rates again after a September pause warns Fed Reserve Bank of Dallas President Lorie Logan

Logan Says Fed May Need to Hike Rates Again After September Skip

- 'Skipping does not imply stopping,' Dallas Fed president says
- Logan says her base case is that there's more work to do

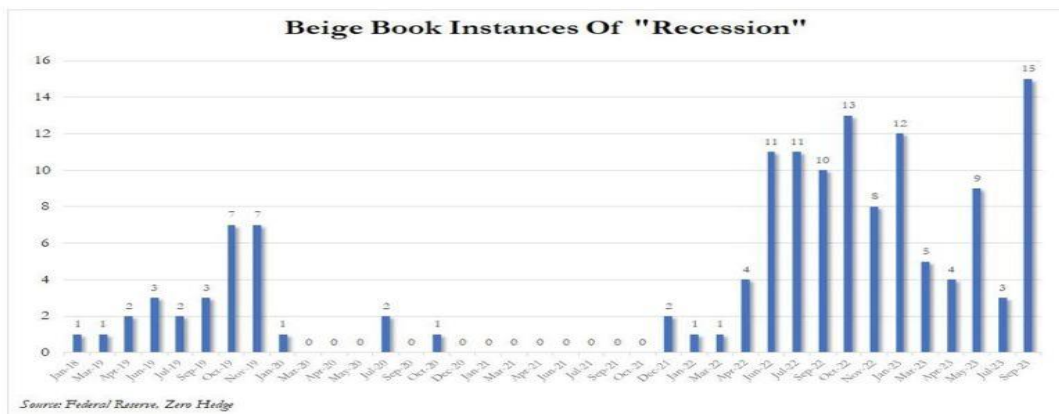
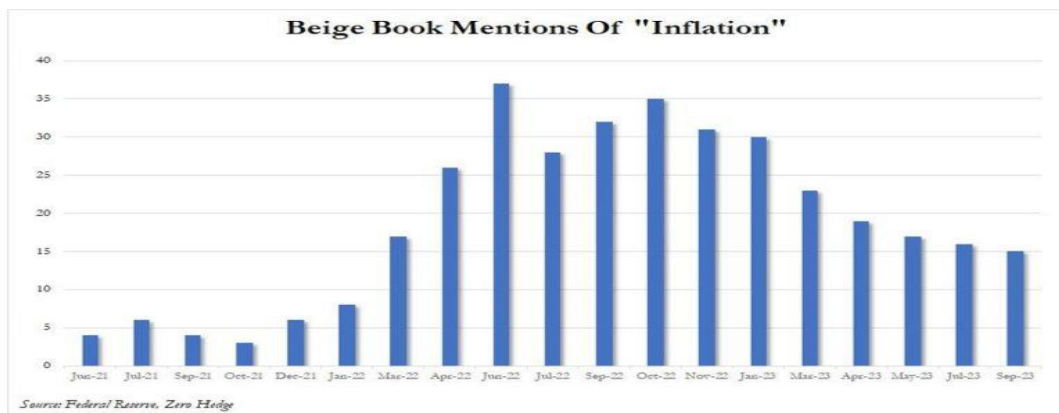
By [Craig Torres](#)

September 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM CDT



#fed #recession #inflation

Are FED priorities shifting? Mentions of inflation in the Fed's Beige book were the fewest since Jan 2022...Meanwhile, mentions of recession jumped to the highest level since at least 2018. The fact that there have been so many mentions of a word which as recently as 2020 and 2021 barely existed in the Beige Book vocabulary could give an indication what the Fed is most worried about today.



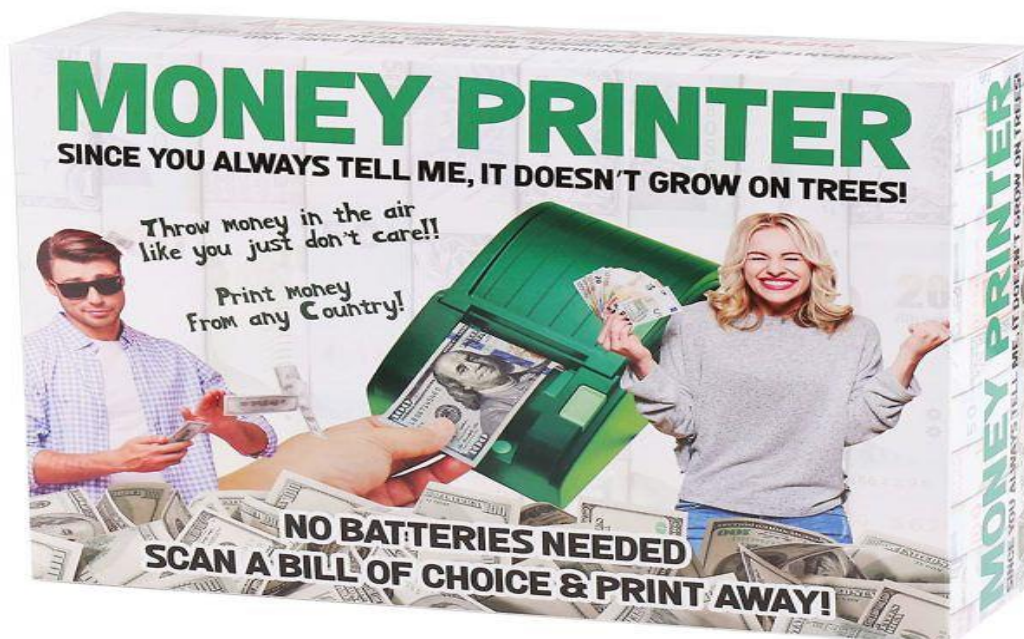
Source: www.zerohedge.com



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#poland #rate #cut #elections

A BAZOOKA CUT BY THE NATIONAL BANK OF POLAND... Is it the most dovish central bank around? Despite roughly 10% inflation, The National Bank of Poland cut rates by 75bp to 6%, versus expectations of a 25bp cut. - Poland's central bank delivered a surprisingly steep interest rate cut in a bid to boost a slowing economy less than six weeks before a tightly-contested election, weakening the zloty and hammering banking stocks. - The decision takes on a political dimension coming so close to the Oct. 15 election and has left investors guessing at the next move, with some predicting that the easing cycle has ended as soon as it began.

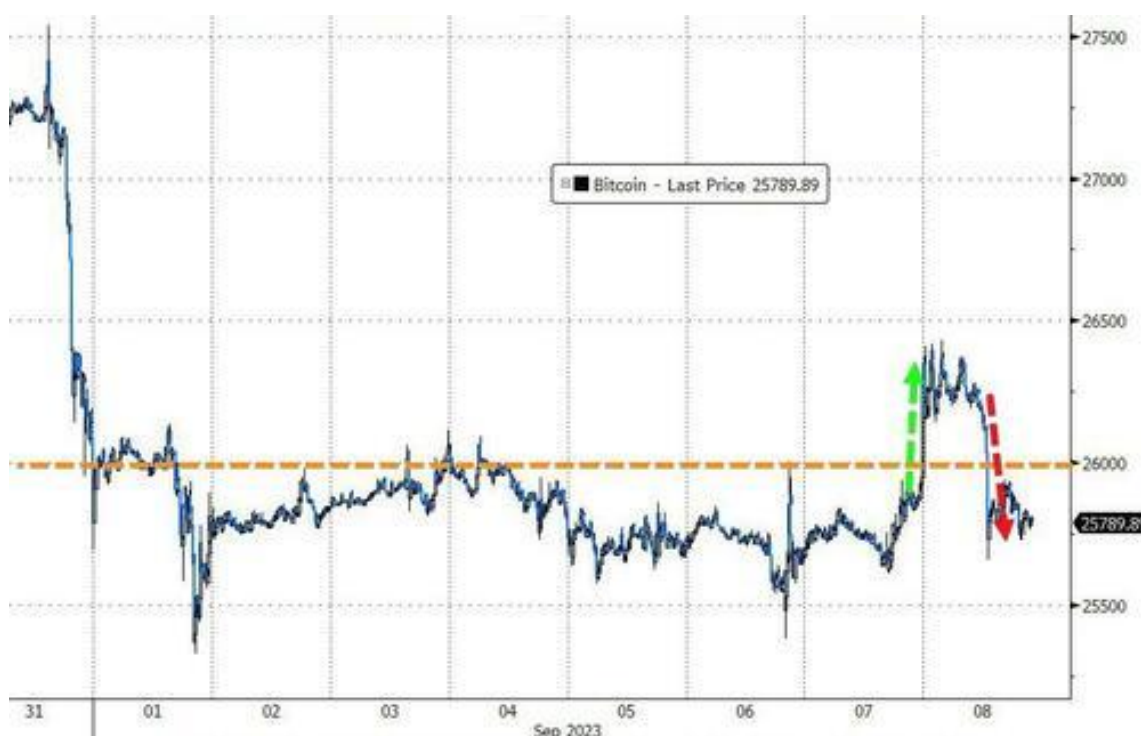


Source: Bloomberg



#cryptos #weekly

Crypto had a quiet week, interrupted by yesterday's pump and dump, with Bitcoin hovering just below \$26,000





#bitcoin #death-cross

Bitcoin : Upcoming Death Cross ?
(50D crossing below the 200D moving average)



Source: barchart



#ark #ethereum #etf

ARK just filed for a Spot Ether ETF, the first one.. it is highly likely that more filing will soon come

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#casio #nft #polygon #ethereum

Casio Dropping Free NFTs to 'Co-Create' Virtual G-Shock Watches. Japanese electronics giant Casio is expanding its sporty G-Shock watch brand into the metaverse with the launch of Virtual G-Shock, a blockchain-based “community co-creation” program in partnership with Polygon Labs. The first step on the roadmap is a collection of 15,000 free-to-mint G-Shock Creator Pass NFTs, which afford holders access to the program’s newly unveiled Discord channel. There they can enter a co-creation competition to create a variant design for the passes. The winner will be decided by community vote. Casio will begin rolling out the NFTs this month via its official website, with an initial claim window available for users who have a Casio ID from September 23-26, and a public mint to follow from September 26-29. The NFTs will be minted on Polygon, an Ethereum scaling network.

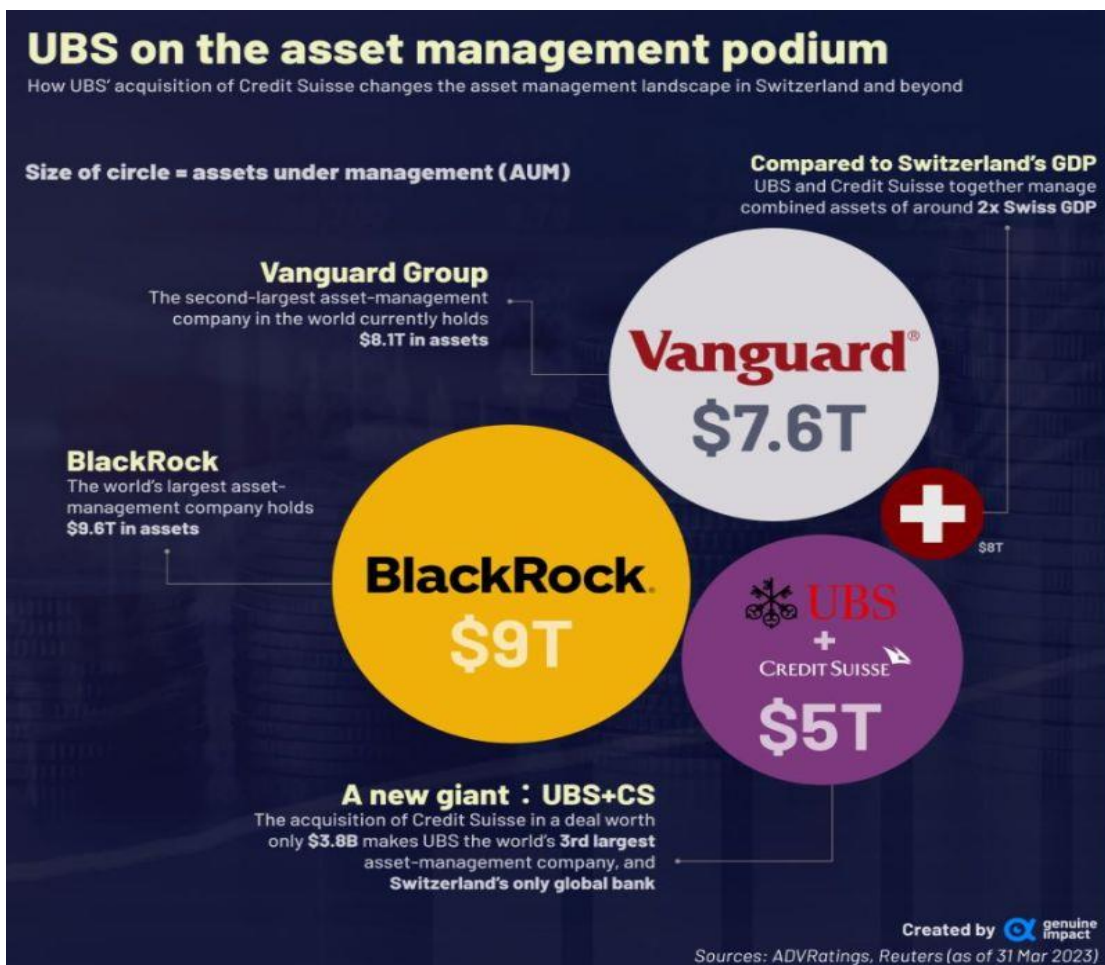


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#ubs #assetmanagement #creditsuisse

How UBS' acquisition of Credit Suisse changes the asset management landscape. UBS now commands roughly \$5 trillion in client assets, cementing its status as a global wealth-management powerhouse

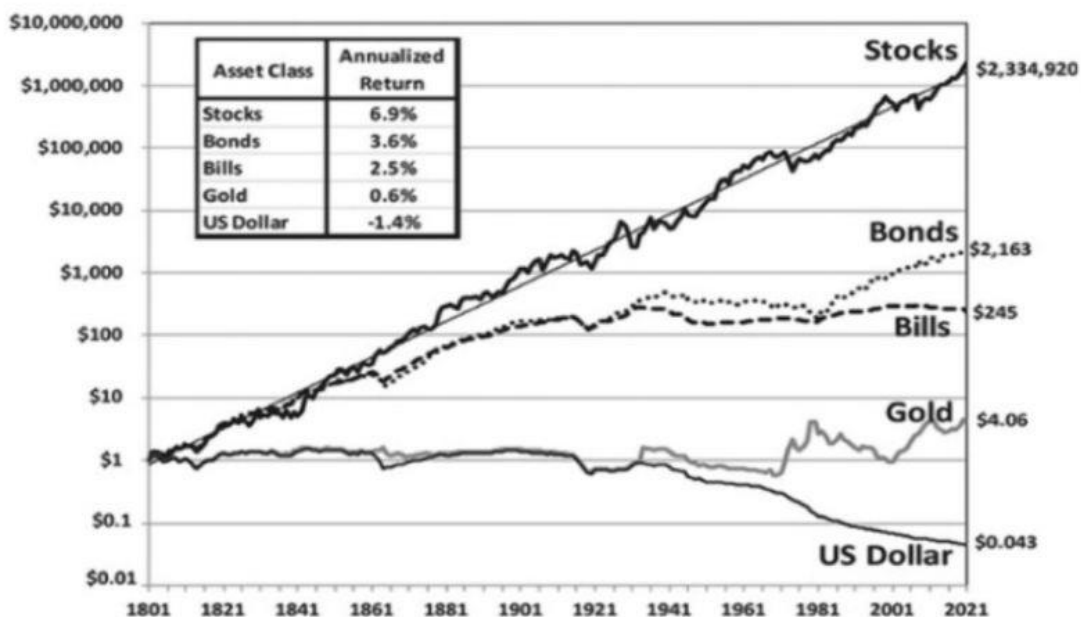


Source: [Genuine Impact](#)

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#saving #investing

One dollar from 1800 is worth just over \$0.04 today, but that same dollar invested in stocks would be worth \$2.3 million after 223 years. In contrast, the value of that dollar in gold would only be around \$4.06 today.



Source: markets&mayhem

#food-for-thought

#us #sp500 #msci #etf

Over the last 15 years, the S&P 500 (\$SPY) has gained over 360% vs. a 58% increase for the MSCI World ex-US ETF (\$ACWX) and just 33% for the Emerging Markets ETF (\$EEM). This is the longest cycle of US outperformance that we've ever seen...



Source: Charlie Bilello



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#investors #performance #all-time-best

The world's best investors

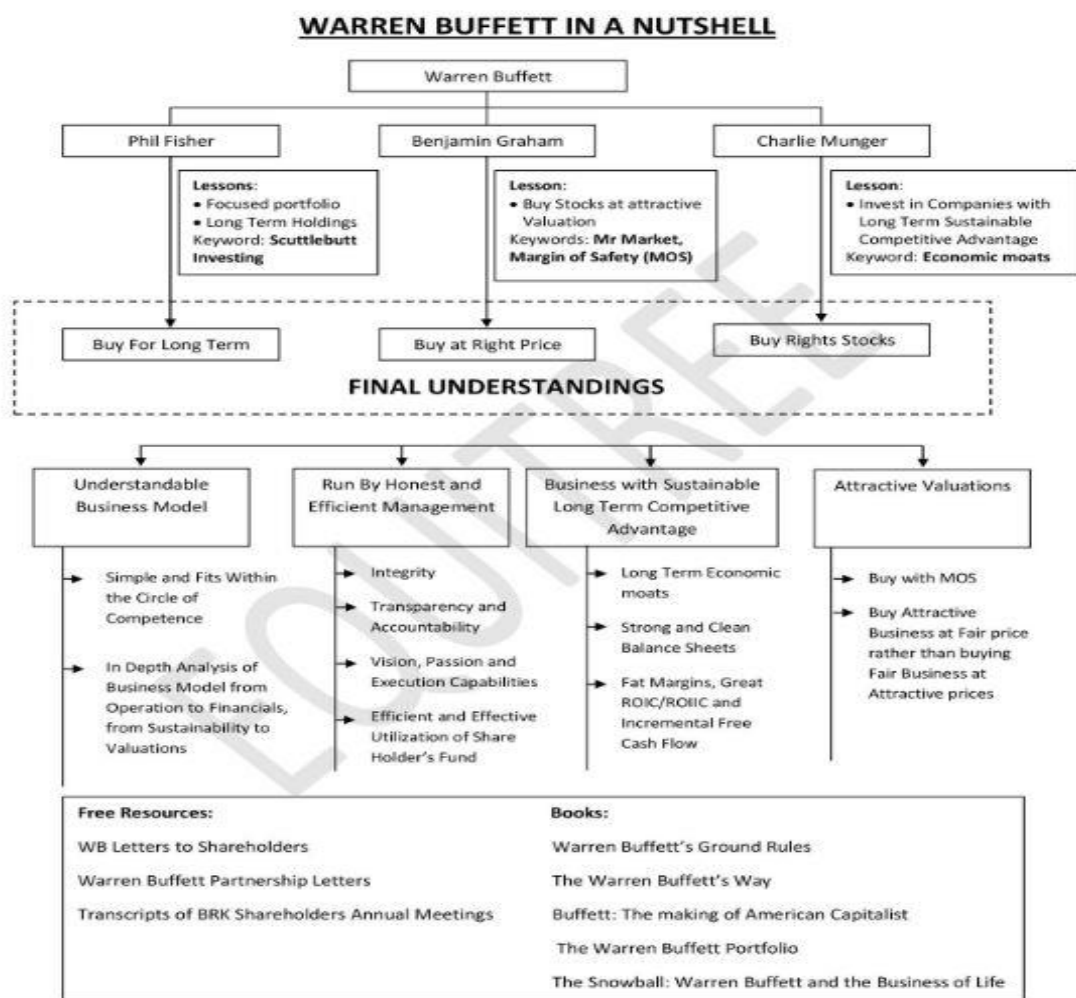
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Richard Dennis	120% (19)	George Soros	29% (34)	Lou Simpson	20.3% (24)
Michael Marcus	120% (10)	Eddie Lampert	29% (16)	W. Schloss	20% (49)
Jaffray Woodruff	118% (10)	P. Tudor Jones	26% (19)	R. C. Perry	20.8% (20)
Bruce Kovner	87% (10)	Scott Ramsey	25.7% (11)	P. Watsa	20% (15)
Randy McKay	~ 80% (20)	Paul Rabar	25.5% (23)	Tom Knapp	20% (16)
V. Sperandeo	72% (19)	Martin Zweig	25% (19)	Edward Thorp	19.8% (29)
Ed Seykota	~ 60% (30)	J. Robertson	25% (20)	B. S. Sherman	19.6% (20)
W. Eckhardt	~ 60% (13)	M. Steinhardt	24.7% (28)	D. Einhorn	19.4% (17)
Gil Blake	45% (12)	C. Munger	24% (12)	Steve Clark	19.4% (11)
J. Greenblatt	45% (19)	Joe Vidich	24% (10)	G. Michaelis	18.4% (15)
William O'Neil	~ 40% (25)	Liz Choval	23.1% (23)	Bill Ruane	18% (14)
Jim Ruben	40% (10)	Warren Buffett	23% (54)	G. Greenberg	18% (25)
Jim Rogers	38% (11)	Bruce Karsh	23% (25)	Jack Dreyfus	17.7% (12)
S. Druckenmiller	37% (12)	S. Perlmeter	23% (18)	Daniel Loeb	17.6% (15)
Robert Wilson	34% (20)	H. Soldor	22.8% (23)	M. J. Whitman	17.2% (21)
James Simons	34% (24)	F. G. Paramés	22.52% (14)	A. Vandenberg	16.6% (33)
Rick Guerin	33% (19)	Jorry Parker	22.2% (23)	S. Klarman	16.5% (25)
Jeff Vinik	32% (12)	Shelby Davis	22% (45)	T. Rowe Price	16% (38)
Louis Bacon	31% (15)	Martin Taylor	22% (11)	Tom Russo	15.8% (24)
David Bonderman	> 30% (20)	S. Abraham	21.7% (19)	Peter Cundill	15.2% (33)
R. Driehaus	30% (12)	Tom Claugus	21% (26)	J. Templeton	15% (38)
Tom Shanks	29.7% (22)	B. Graham	21% (20)	John Neff	14.8% (31)
Peter Lynch	29.2% (13)	A. Bolton	20.3% (27)	Philip Carret	13% (55)

Source: [Compounding Quality](#) / [Chris Quinn](#)

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#warren-buffet #influences

Warren Buffett in a Nutshell

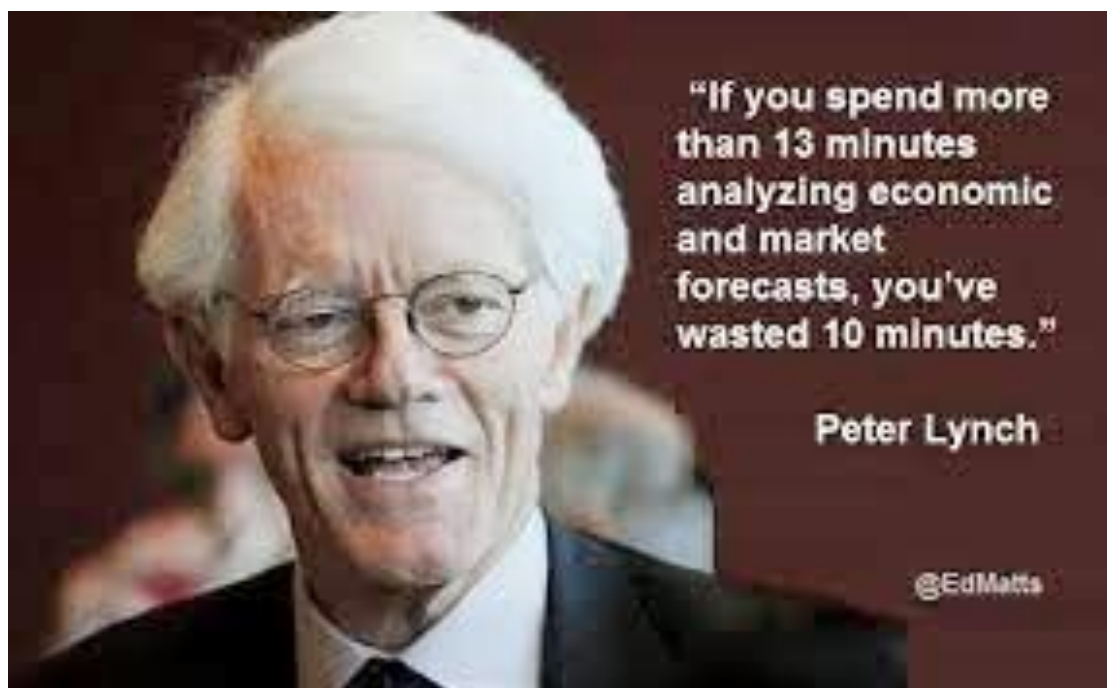


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#investing #useful #advise

Peter Lynch advice was to avoid trying to predict the economy, interest rates or the stock market. "Don't focus on macroeconomic factors to make investment decisions. Focus on the growth of the intrinsic value per share of the companies you own".

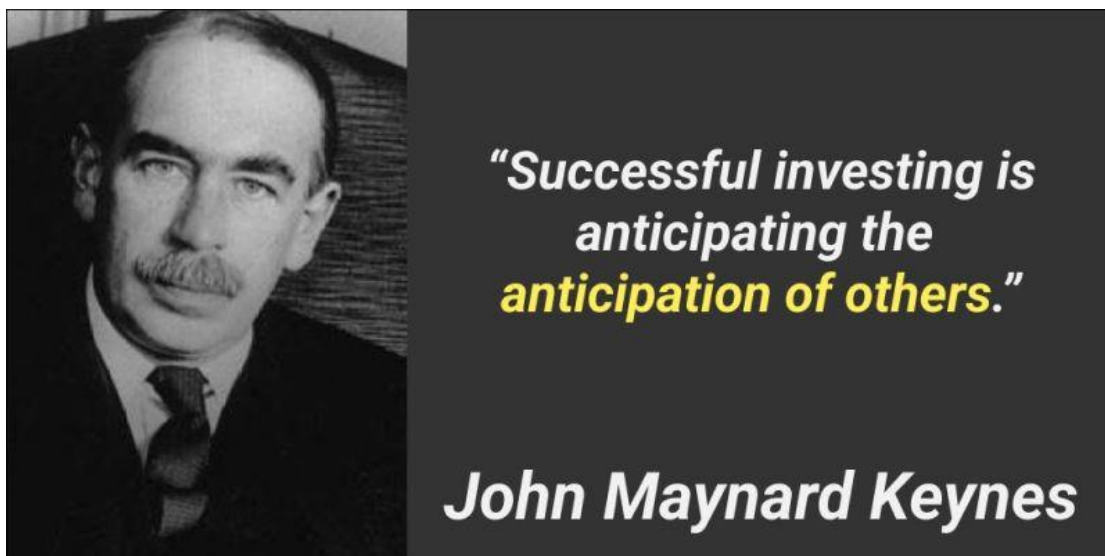


Source: [Compounding Quality](#)

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#quotes #keynes #investing

Keynes on successful investing:



Source: Brian Feroldi

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#us #ceo #wages

Highest paid CEOs in the US.

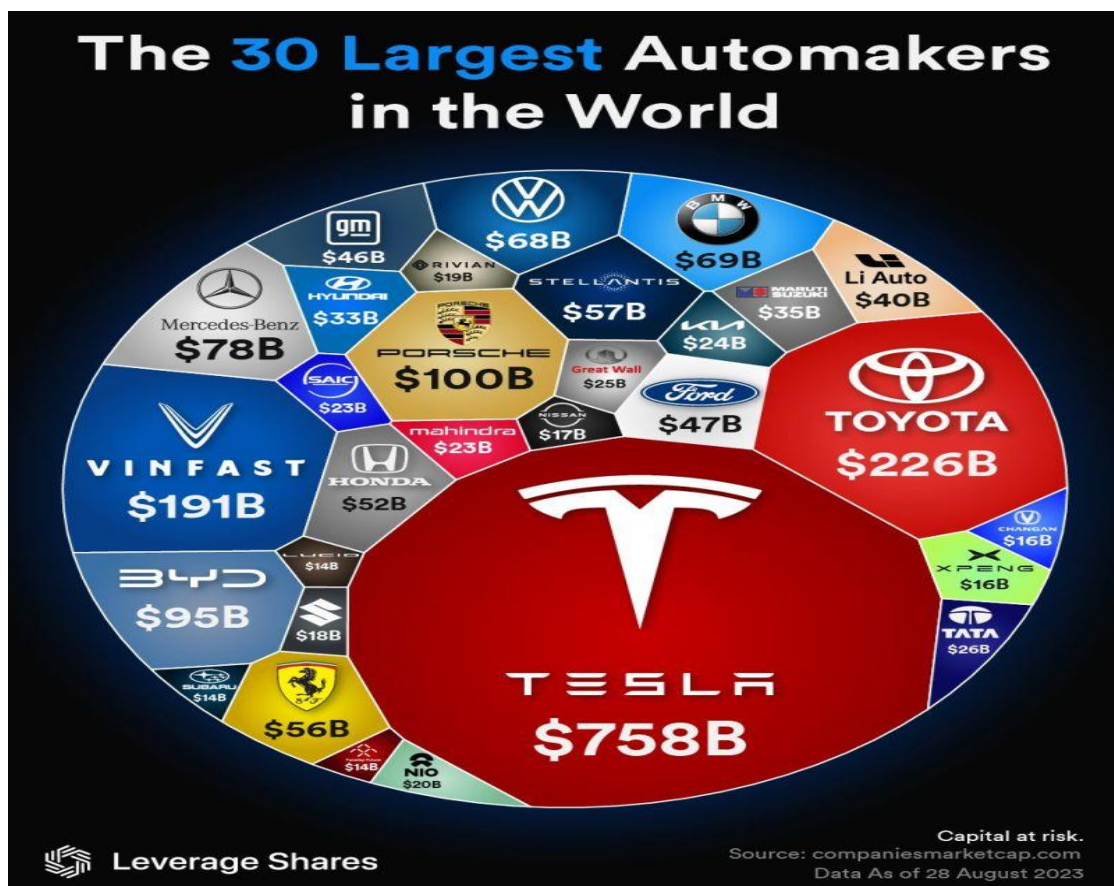


Source: Visual Data, data_rep, u/statZwiki)

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#automakers #marketcap #vinfast

The largest automakers in the world by market cap. The largest US firm is only number 10. There is also an interesting (still relatively unknown) newcomer: VINFAST, a car brand from Vietnam. The stock is up nearly 700% since going public on the Nasdaq. At one point it was worth more than Boeing, Disney and Goldman Sachs. What is also notable is that VINFAST is not profitable yet.



Leverage Shares

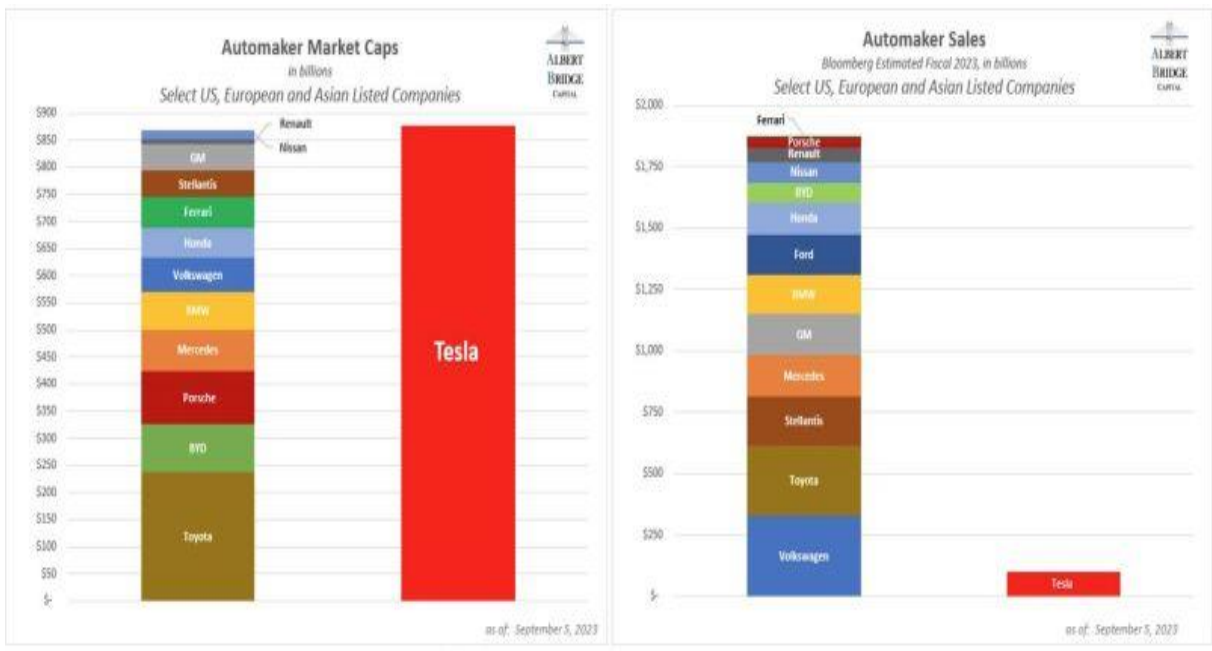
Capital at risk. Source: companiesmarketcap.com Data As of 28 August 2023

Source: [Leverage Shares](#)

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#tesla #marketcap #automotive

Can it last?
\$TSLA 🖱️



Source: Albert Bridge Capital thru Michel A. Arouet

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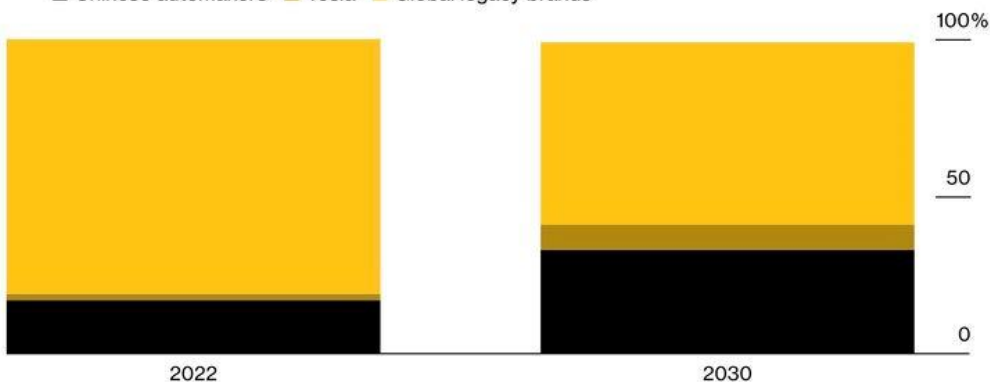
#germany #china #automotive

Should German automotive executives start to panic? While German unions request four days workweek, projections by IHS / UBS show that China automakers are likely to take substantial global market share in the years to come...

China Will Reshape the Global Auto Market

Advantage on cost, pricing, technology helping Chinese brands lead in EVs

■ Chinese automakers ■ Tesla ■ Global legacy brands



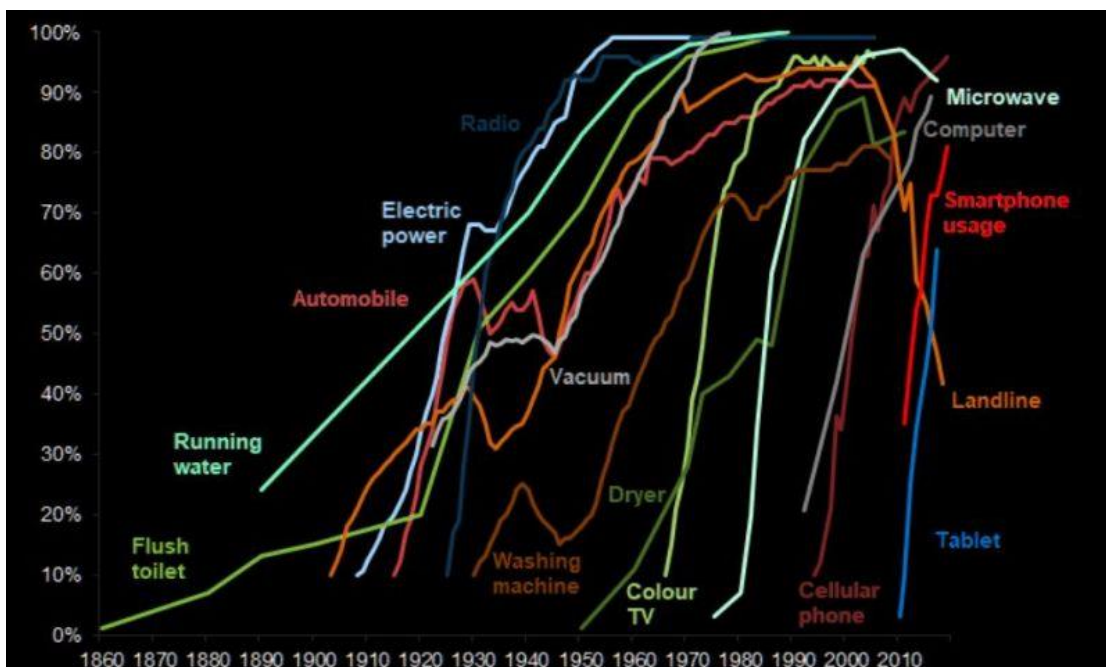
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Source: Michel A.Arouet

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#us #tech #adoption

The speed of technology adoption. Share of US households using specific technologies, 1860 to 2019.



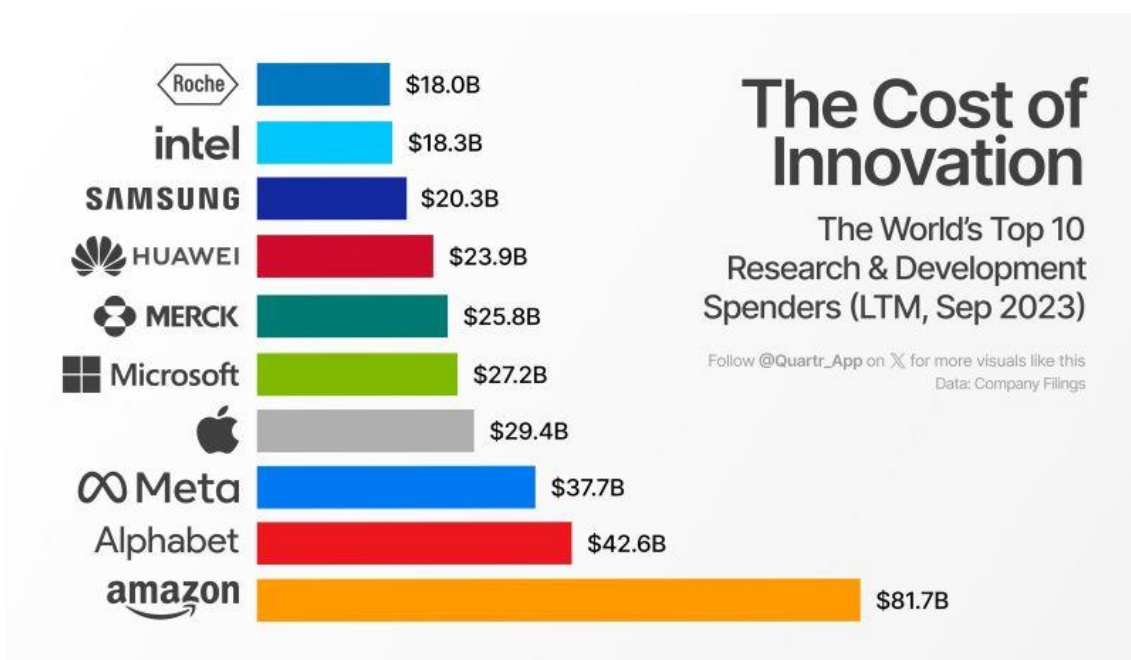
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#innovation #r&d #amazon

The cost of innovation. Did you know that \$AMZN has spent more on R&D over the last twelve months than \$AAPL, \$MSFT, and \$INTC *combined*?

See below the World's Top 10 R&D Spenders by Quartr



Source: Quartr

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#iphone #blackberry #tech

A headline from 2007

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Forget the iPhone: BlackBerry is still the one to beat | Fortune

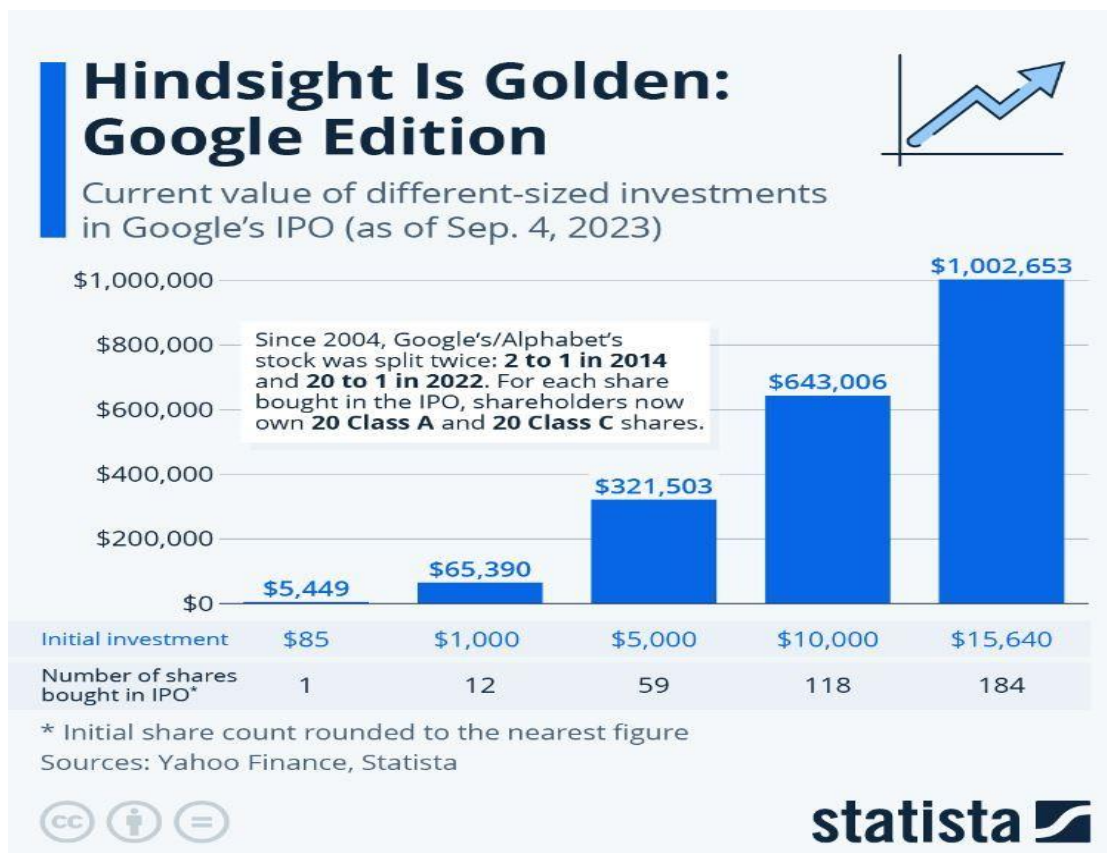


Source: Jon Erlichman

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#google #ipo #hindsight

On September 4, 1998, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, both PhD students at Stanford University at the time, founded a company named Google. As Statista chart shows, an initial investment of \$1,000 at the IPO price of \$85 would now be worth more than \$65,000. Anyone lucky enough to bet a little more than \$15,000 on Google in 2004 is now sitting on \$1 million worth of Alphabet shares. But as we all know: hindsight is golden.



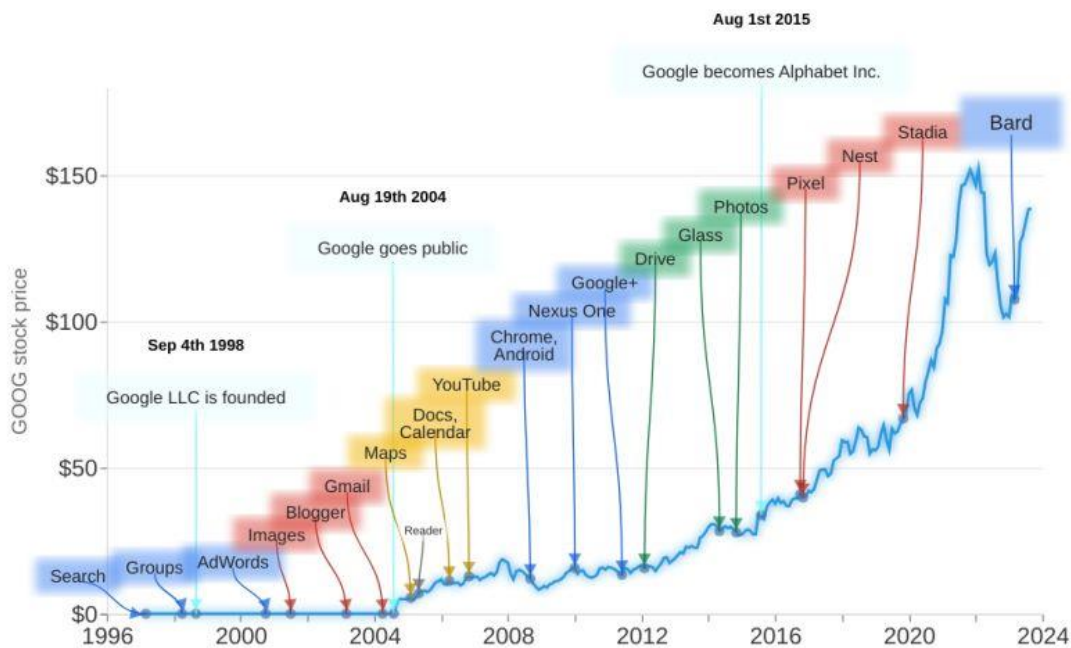
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#ai #google #products #timeline

This is an AI generated chart

A Quarter Century Of Google Product Launches

From a Stanford dorm room project to an empire of 60,000 employees across the globe, Google has deeply influenced technology and is now woven into the fabric of daily life.



Sources: Yahoo Finance, "Outline of Google" (Wikipedia)



Source: [Murilo Pereira](#)



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#google #youtube #acquisition

HAPPY 25 YEARS BIRTHDAY TO GOOGLE. Google buying Youtube is one of the best acquisitions ever:



Source: [Compounding Quality](#)

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#europe #regulation #us #innovation

U.S. tech giants are facing stricter rules in Europe with more regulation (the Digital Markets Act or DMA) announced this week. The European Commission, the executive arm of the EU, named six “gatekeepers” on Wednesday — these are companies that have an annual turnover above 7.5 billion euros (\$8 billion) or 45 million monthly active users inside the bloc. They are Amazon, Alphabet, Apple, Microsoft, Meta and ByteDance, who now have six months to comply with stricter market rules — such as not being able to prevent users from uninstalling any pre-installed software or apps, or treating their own services more favorably.

EU cracks down on 6 Big Tech giants

Dominant players in the bloc will have to comply with the new digital competition rulebook.

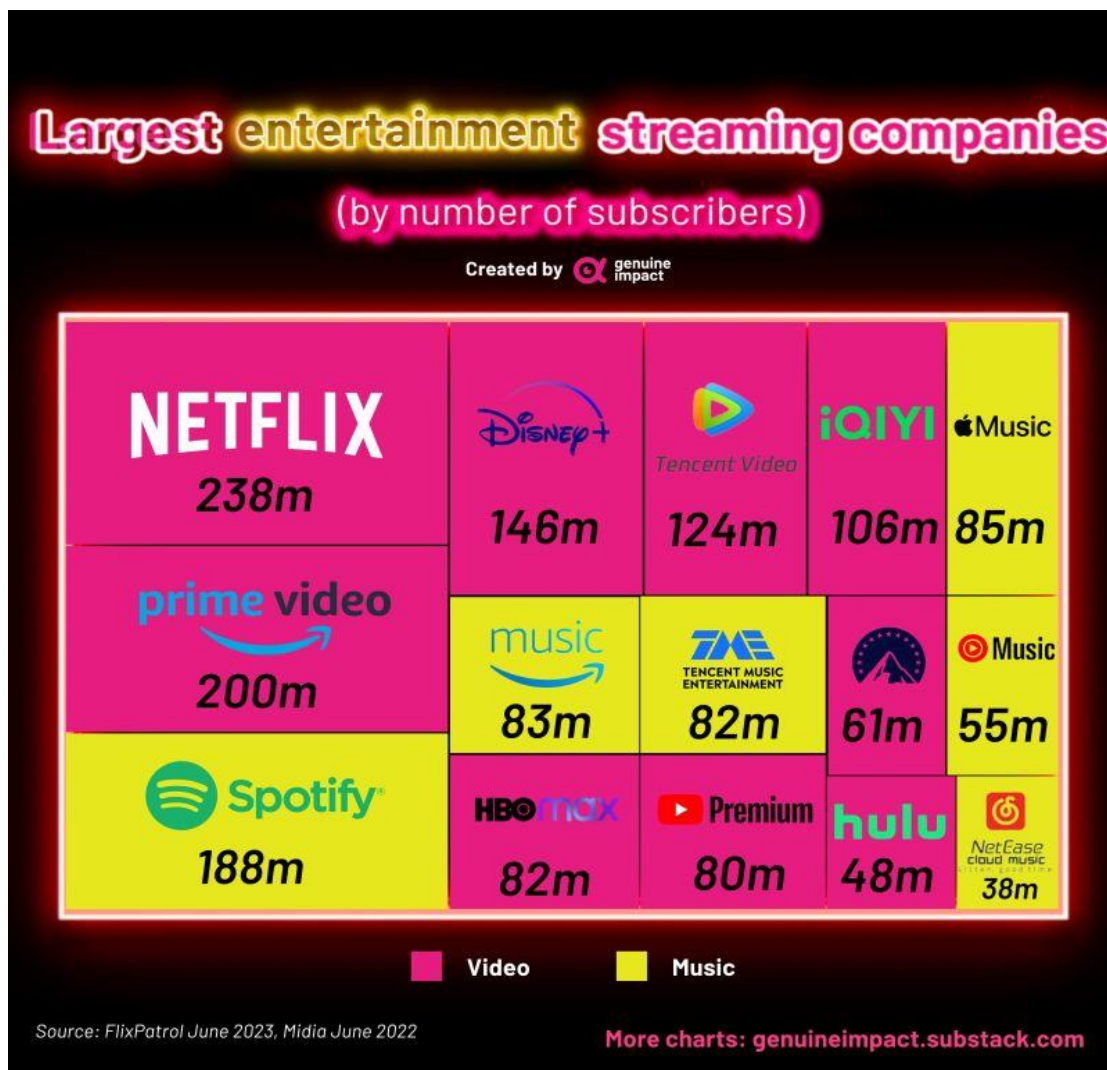


Source: CNBC, [politic.eu](https://www.politic.eu)

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#entertainment #streaming #subscribers

Over the years, 'soft consumption' such as entertainment has gained lots of traction, thanks to on-demand streaming services.



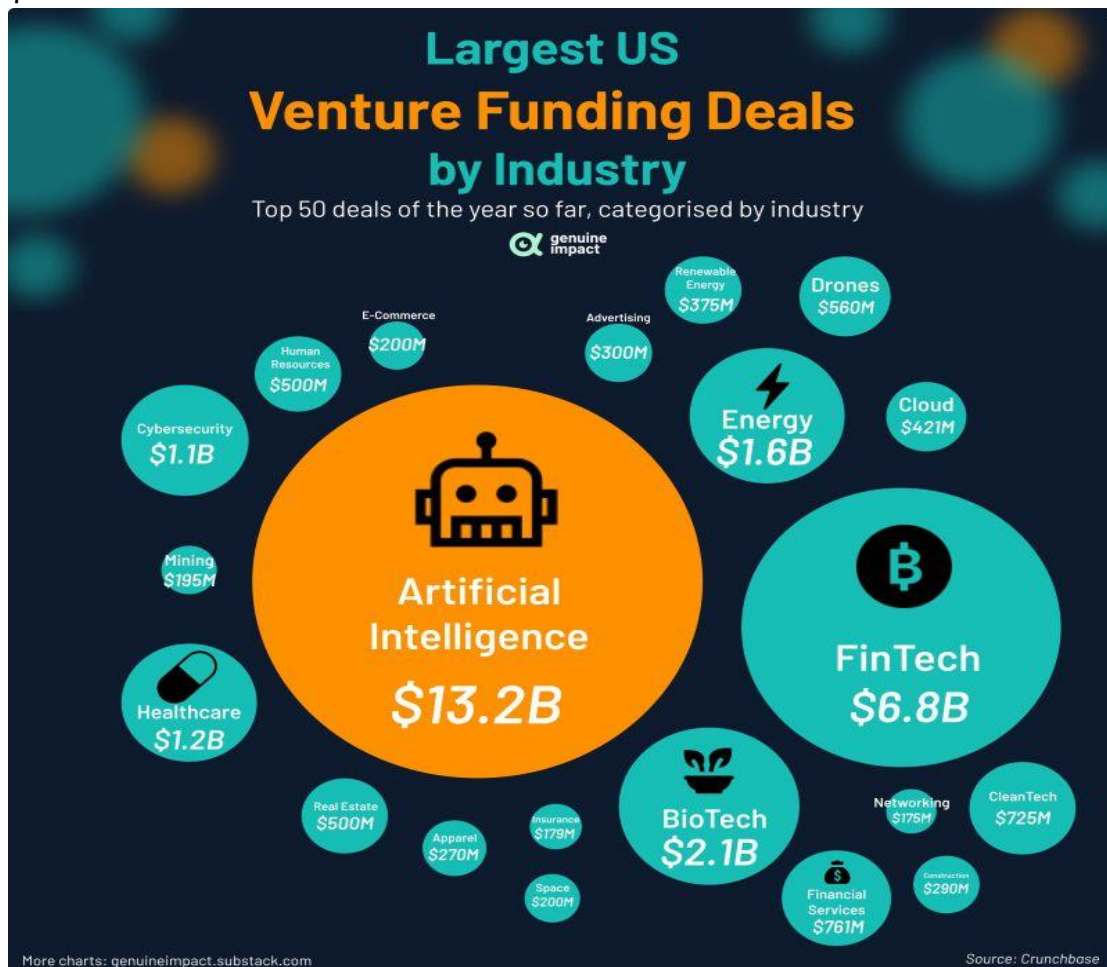
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#venture-capital #deals

💰 50 largest VC funding deals reached \$32B so far in 2023, with \$13.2B of that for AI startups 🤖.

🤖 OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, is currently the recipient of the largest venture funding deal of 2023 so far at \$10B.



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

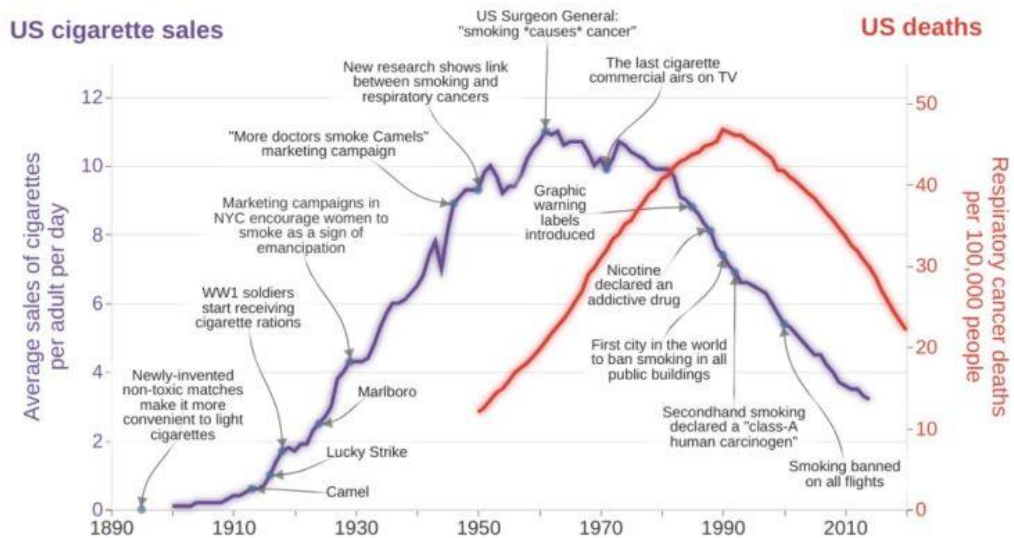
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#ai #us #cigarette #deaths

This is a AI generated annotated chart

A History of Cigarette Sales and Lung Cancer Deaths in the US

Despite early ads glamorizing smoking, 1950s research established it as a cause of lung cancer (LC). Regulations reduced sales, but LC remains a leading cause of cancer death.



Sources: WHO Mortality Database (2022), International Smoking Statistics (2017)

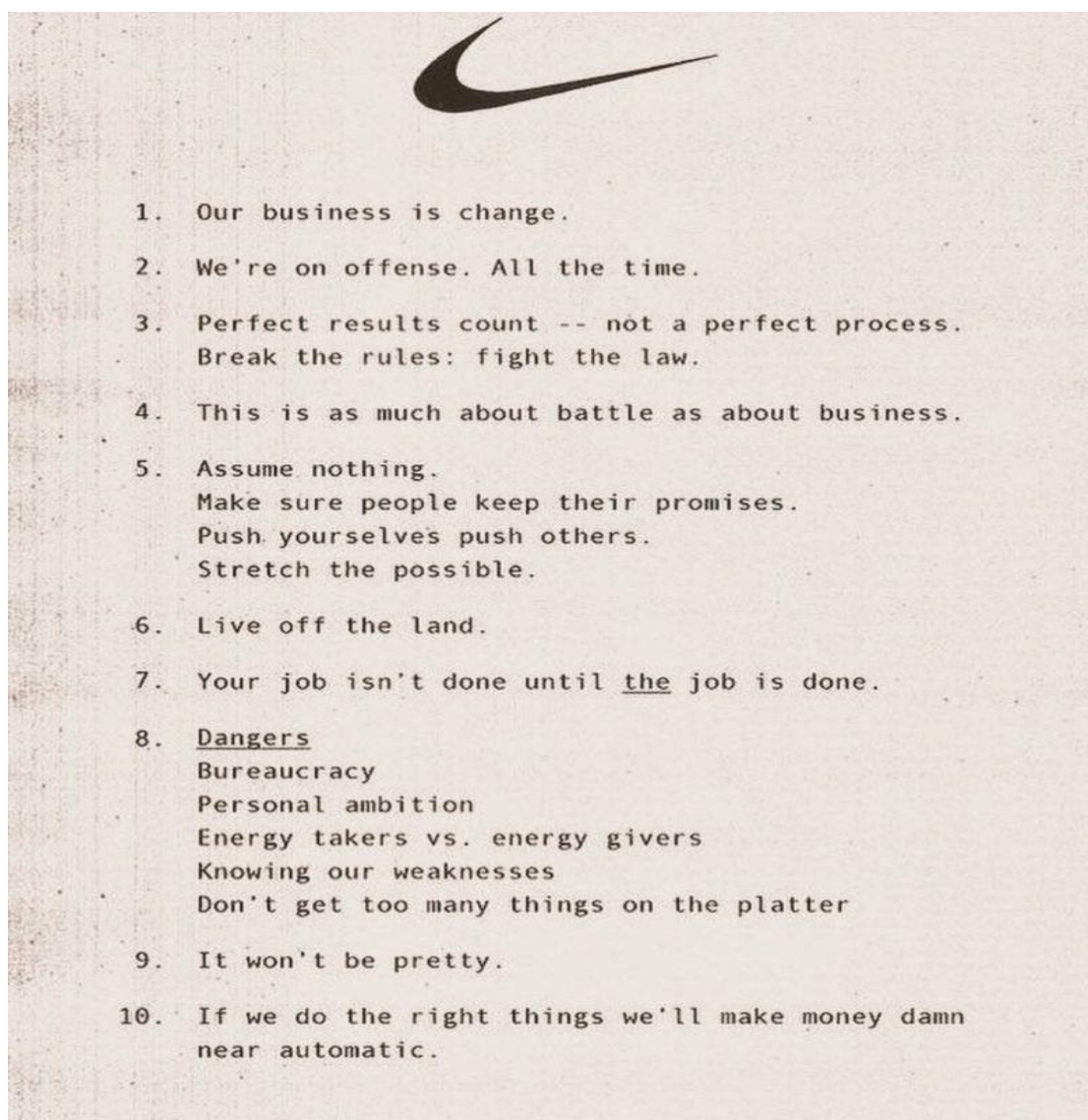


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#nike #leadership

Timeless leadership by Nike

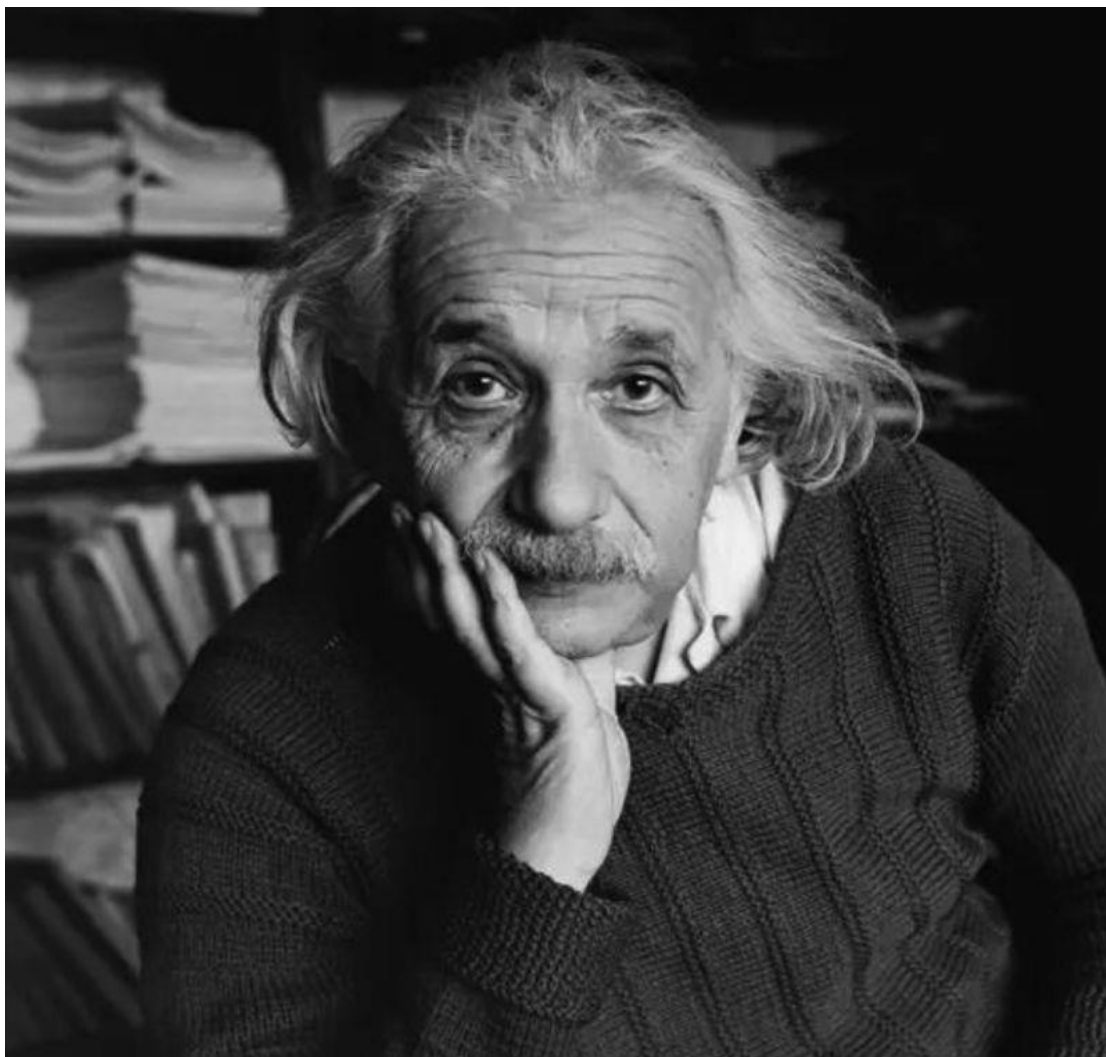


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#einstein #quotes #life

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.”

— Albert Einstein

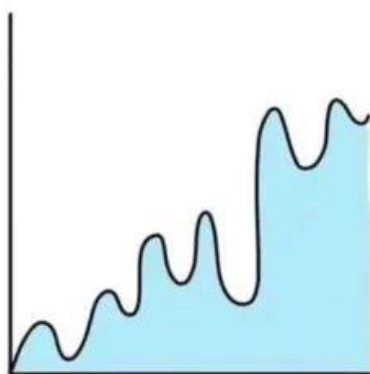


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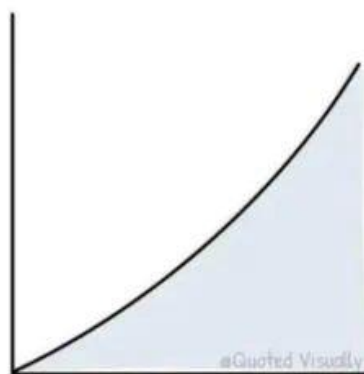
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#confidence #investing #mentality

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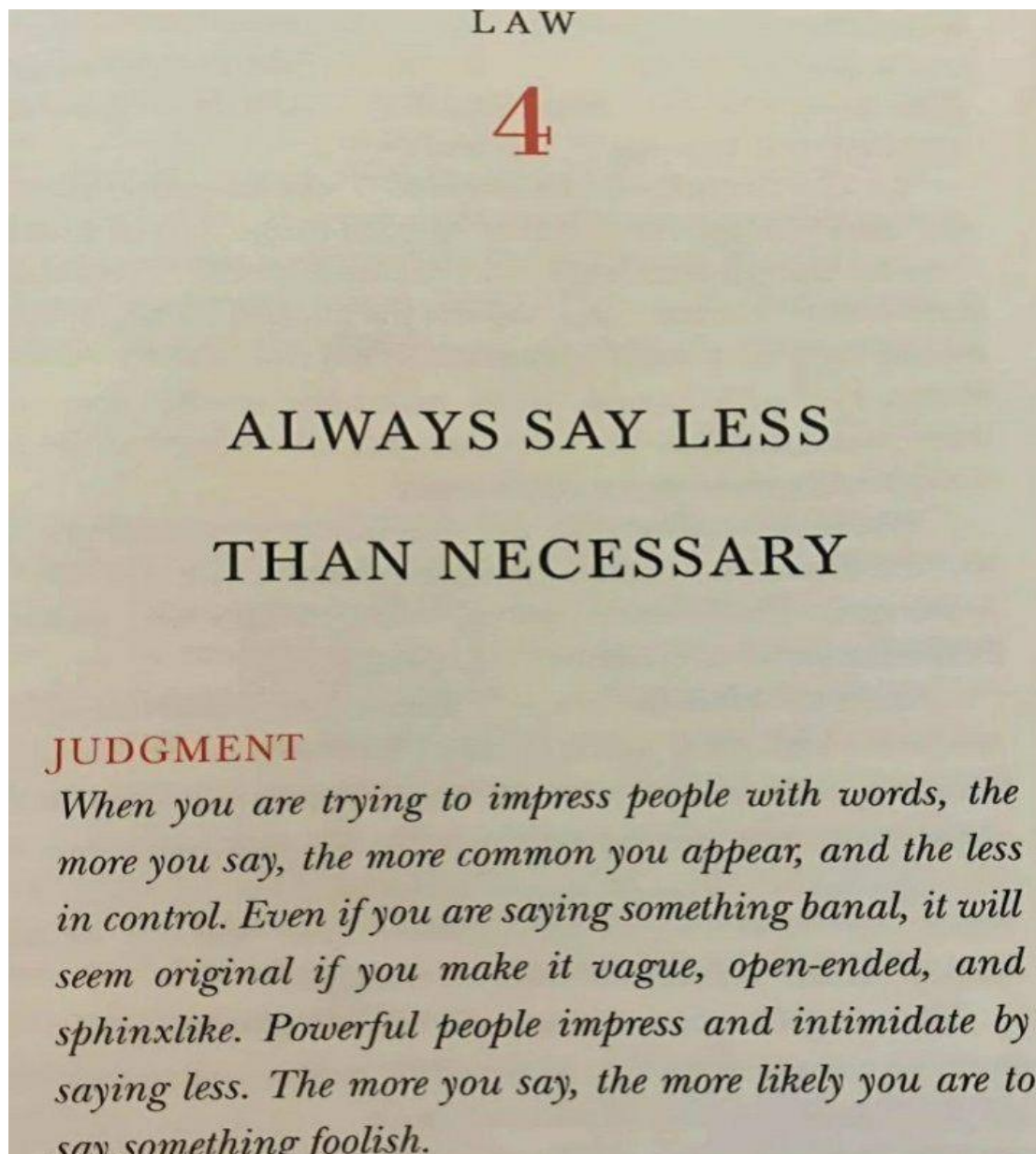
Means deciding
you're unstoppable



Not that you'll
never fail

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#useful #advice



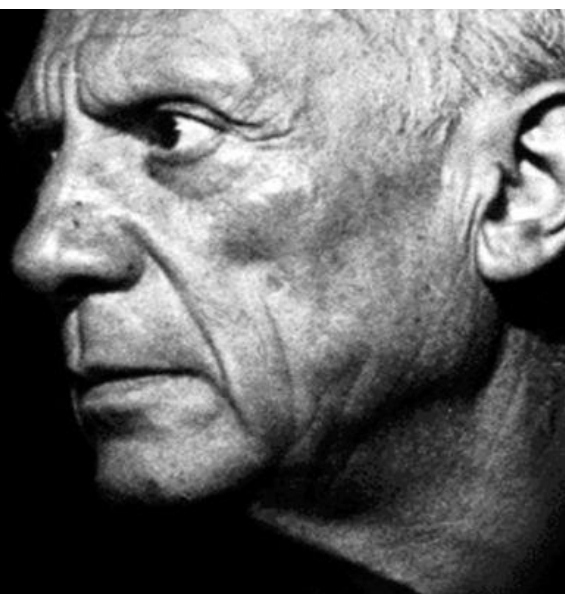
Source: PsycheWizard

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Every child is an
artist. The
problem is how to
remain an artist
once we grow up.

Pablo Picasso



Source: European Leadership

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