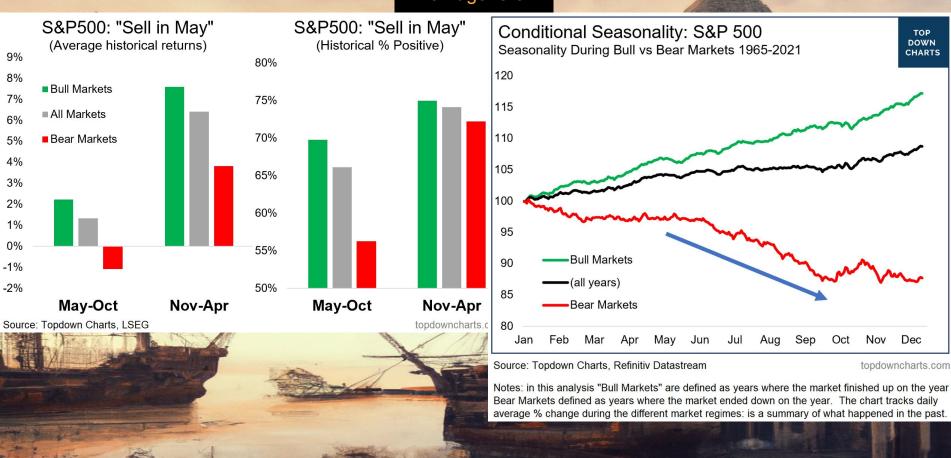
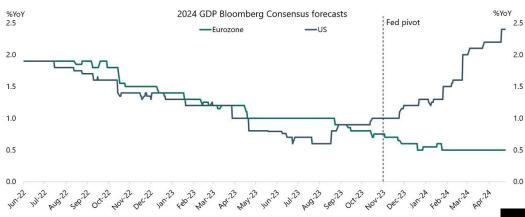


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November Fed pivot boosted the stock market, which raised growth expectations







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"Investors are less uncomfortable buying the Magnificent 7 than they would be shorting them." - @TKL_Adam

Tesla's, \$TSLA, 40% rally in 1 week is a testament to that.

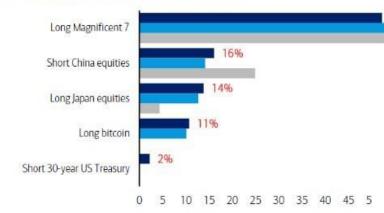
The reality is that this market has every reason to fall, but it simply doesn't.

Market sentiment is the most powerful driver of price.



Chart 13: "Long Magnificent 7" the most crowded trade

What do you think is currently the most crowded trade?



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey





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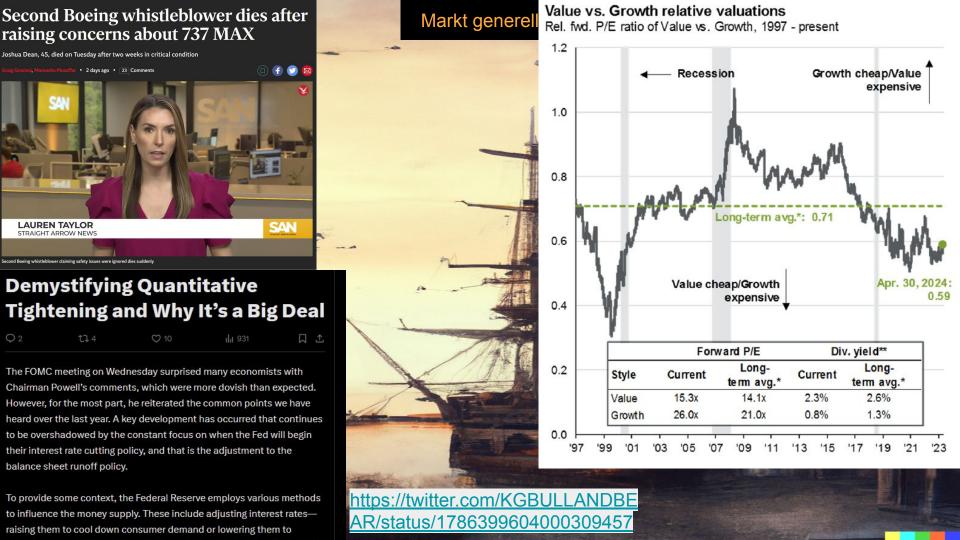
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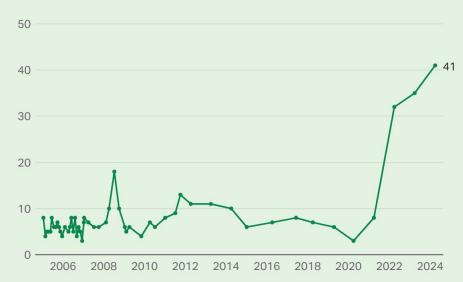
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Trend in Mentions of Inflation as the Most Important Family Financial Problem

What is the most important financial problem facing your family today? [OPEN-ENDED]

- % High cost of living/Inflation



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TLT Owns the Long End Options Market

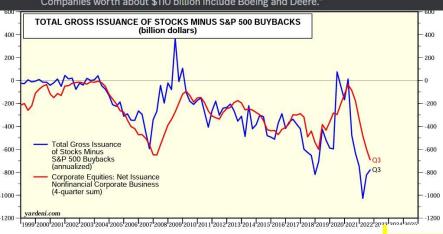
TLT and the CME's ultra-long duration futures contract, or WN, have similar durations of about 16 and 15 years, respectively. Options volumes are another indicator of what instrument traders prefer. In a matchup of TLT versus WN, the ETF is the undisputed winner. WN options volumes are almost nonexistent; TLT trades over 300,000 contracts daily and has open interest in excess of 3.5 million. Looking to the shorter-duration classic bond contract, or US, with an average duration of about 11 years, TLT notional volume has picked up market share at a slow and steady pace. The ratio of TLT notional open interest has grown from 14% in early 2020 to over 50%. Given the different durations, it is unlikely that TLT will supplant US, but it has clearly planted its flag as to the "go to" option to trade the longest end of the curve. (05/02/24)

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"The \$110 billion buyback budget is more than the market capitalization of most S&P 500 constituents. The average market cap at month end was \$88 billion, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. Companies worth about \$110 billion include Boeing and Deere."





Source: Federal Reserve Board and Standard & Poor's Corporation.

*BUYBACKS...Corporates exit buyback blackout this week and the open window runs through 6/14/24. Our desk's executions typically increase by $\sim 30\%$ during open period.





Source: GS FICC and Equities, Bloomberg, Birinyi Associates. As of 04/26/24.

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Promises to train 850,000 workers and build datacenters

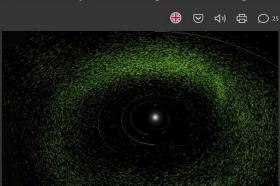
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Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella says the company will invest \$1.7 billion in expanding its presence and building datacenters in Indonesia.

Nadella announced the investment during his grand tour of Southeast Asia, the same region Apple CEO <u>Tim Cook visited</u> earlier this month. During his trip to the island country, Nadella met Indonesian President Joko Widodo and his cabinet to discuss Al. In a <u>blog post</u>, Microsoft said it plans to "transform the nation into a global economic powerhouse."

Dank Google Cloud: Algorithmus findet 27.500 Asteroiden in alten Aufnahmen

Ohne dass dafür eine einzige neue astronomische Beobachtung nötig war, wurden mit KI-Technik jetzt fast 30.000 bislang unbekannte Asteroiden gefunden.



Die Bahnen der ietzt entdeckten Asteroiden (Bild: B612 Foundation)

Catholic Priest AI chatbot is defrocked within a week after taking confession and okaying Gatorade baptisms

Forgive me, Father

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The Committee seeks to achieve maximum employment and inflation at the rate of 2 percent over the longer run. The Committee judges that the risks to achieving its employment and inflation goals are moving into have moved toward better balance over the past year. The economic outlook is uncertain, and the Committee remains highly attentive to inflation risks.

In support of its goals, the Committee decided to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 5-1/4 to 5-1/2 percent. In considering any adjustments to the target range for the federal funds rate, the Committee will carefully assess incoming data, the evolving outlook, and the balance of risks. The Committee does not expect it will be appropriate to reduce the target range until it has gained greater confidence that inflation is moving sustainably toward 2 percent. In addition, the Committee will continue reducing its holdings of Treasury securities and agency debt and agency mortgage-backed securities, as described in its previously announced plan. Beginning in June, the Committee will slow the pace of decline of its securities holdings by reducing the monthly redemption cap on Treasury securities from \$60 billion to \$25 billion. The Committee will maintain the monthly redemption cap on agency debt and agency mortgage-backed securities at \$35 billion and will reinvest any principal payments in excess of this cap into Treasury securities. The Committee is strongly committed to returning inflation to its 2 percent objective.

In assessing the appropriate stance of monetary policy, the Committee will continue to monitor the implications of incoming information for the economic outlook. The Committee would be prepared to adjust the stance of monetary policy as appropriate if risks emerge that could impede the attainment of the Committee's goals. The Committee's assessments will take into account a wide range of information, including readings on labor market conditions, inflation pressures and inflation expectations, and \$55,000 financial and international developments.

Voting for the monetary policy action were Jerome H. Powell, Chair, John C. Williams, Vice Chair; Thomas I. Barkin; Michael S. Barr, Raphael W. Bostic; Michaele W. Bowman; Lisa D. Cook; Mary C. Daly; Philip N. Jefferson; Adriana D. Kugler; Loretta J. \$45,000 Mester; and Christopher J. Waller.



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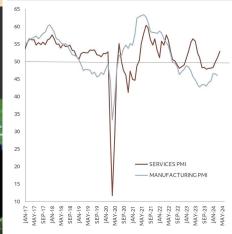
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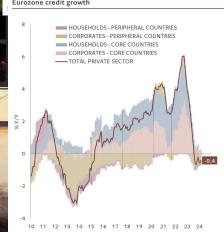
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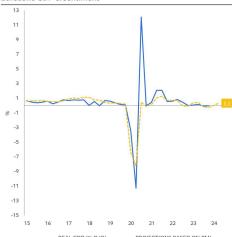


Eurozone credit growth

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Eurozone GDP & sentiment



ECB Bank Lending Survey & credit impulse - corporates & households



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Russische Abwehrmaßnahme schaltet US-Präzisionswaffe aus

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The main reason why opinion in Washington has shifted over Ukraine is the assessment that the country will lose the war because it does not have enough troops on the ground.

We saw a story in Bild yesterday that would confirm this story line. Of all German newspapers, Bild has been the strongest supporter of Ukraine, so we don't think we are dealing with a case of news selection bias. We know about shortages. This story goes further. Ukrainian commanders are saying that the bottleneck is no longer western weapons, but people who can use them.

We should not extrapolate that information. They may overstate their case to force a change in policy. For all we know, Russia may have the exact same problems, or worse.

Many young Ukrainian men have left the country to avoid the draft. President Volodymyr Zelensky has been hesitant to order a general draft of all Ukrainians. His government recently suspended consular services for Ukrainian males aged 18 to 60 years old, and reduced the age for the draft from 27 to 25 years. There is clearly more they can do. Only 15% of its male population is in active service.

But what made us listen up is the assertion about bottlenecks. It quoted one brigadier general as saying that he used to think that the lack of artillery shells was the biggest problem, but now it was the lack of human resources. The question is whether the general mobilization has been delayed for too long. The problem is not only the headline numbers. If you started a general mobilisation today, you would still not have the numbers of people trained to use the weapons.

Bild quoted Roderich Kiesewetter, a CDU defence expert and a former Bundeswehr general, as saying that the best-trained soldiers in Ukraine had been killed or injured, and those still active have been deployed without a break for two years. Exhaustion is becoming a factor in this war. He said Ukraine was lacking a predictable recruitment strategy. Another expert, from the Munich Security Conference, also believes that the right response is to start the draft immediately.

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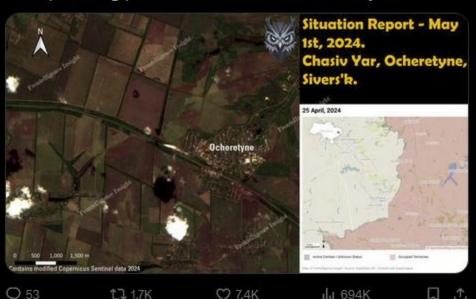
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2/ UKR officials indicated that RU forces in Ukraine have not significantly increased in size in recent months but that the RU military continues to improve its fighting qualities despite suffering widespread degradation, especially among elite units since the start of the war.

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3/ Ukrainian officials indicated that the Russian military will likely maintain its current personnel replacement rate and will not generate the significant number of available personnel needed to establish strategic-level reserves for larger-scale offensive operations in 2024.

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4/ Pavlyuk stated that neither Russian nor Ukrainian forces will be able to achieve victory in Ukraine solely through attritional warfare – a consistent throughline that Ukrainian officials and military analysts have emphasized in recent months.

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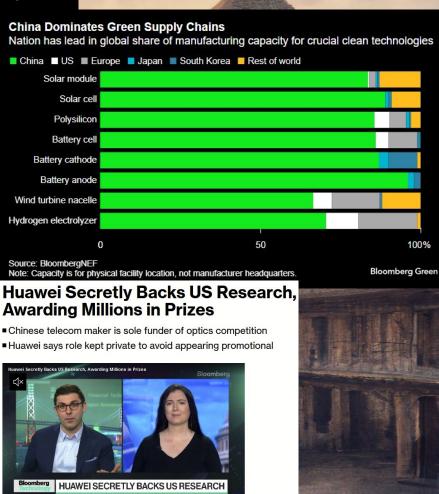






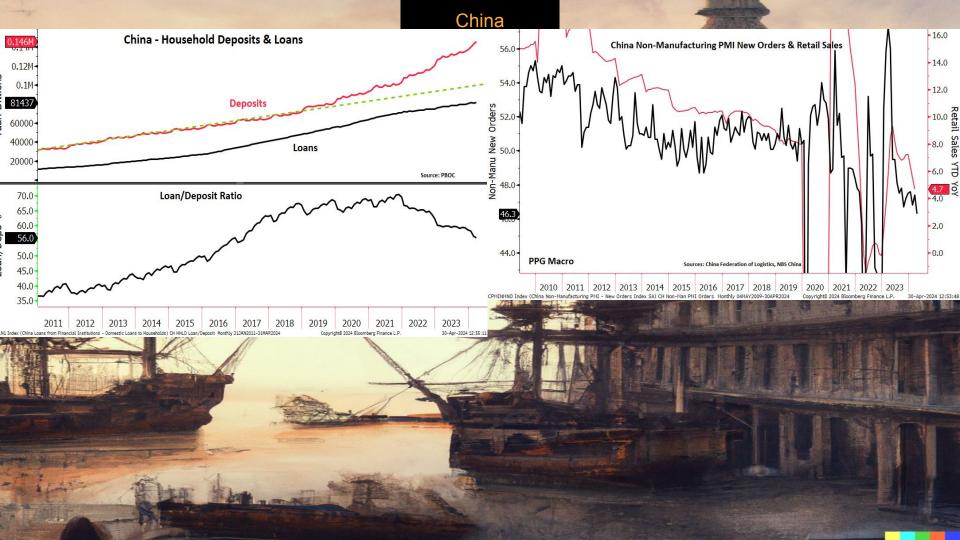
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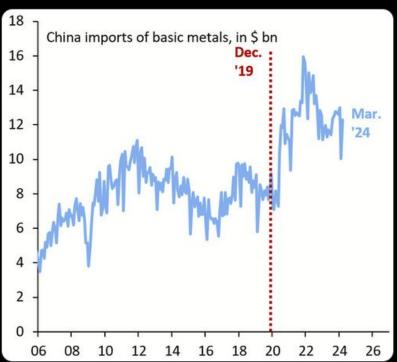


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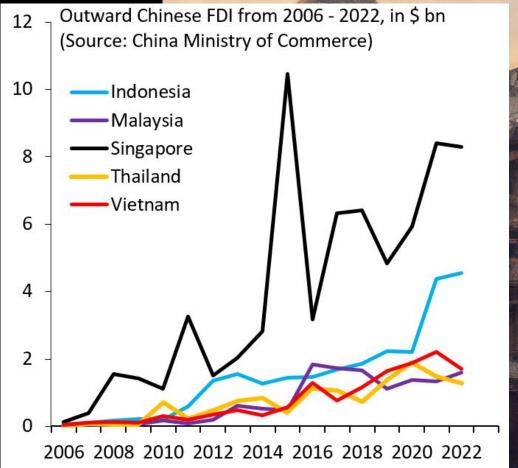
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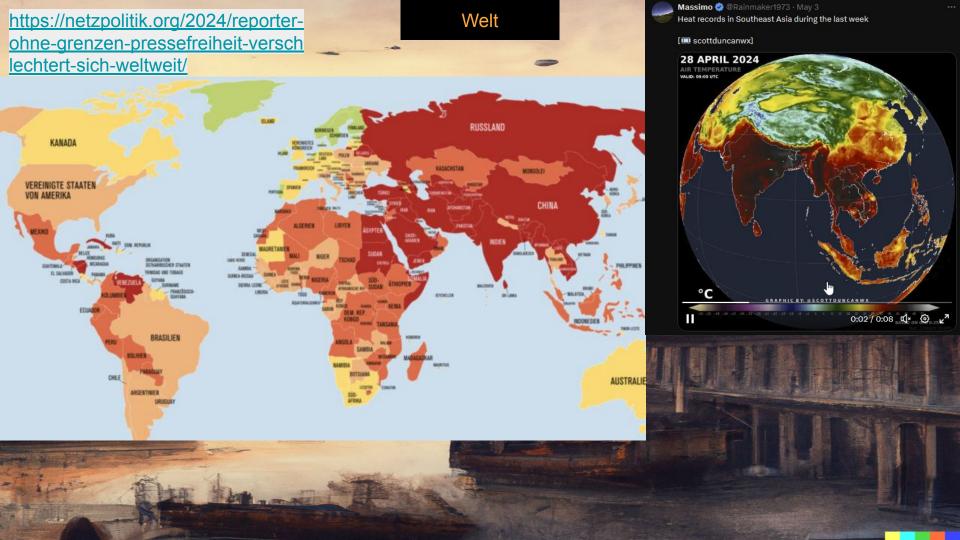
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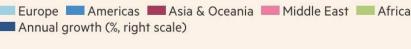
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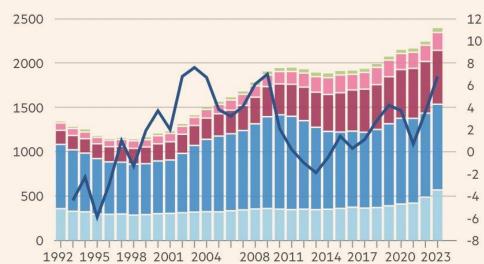


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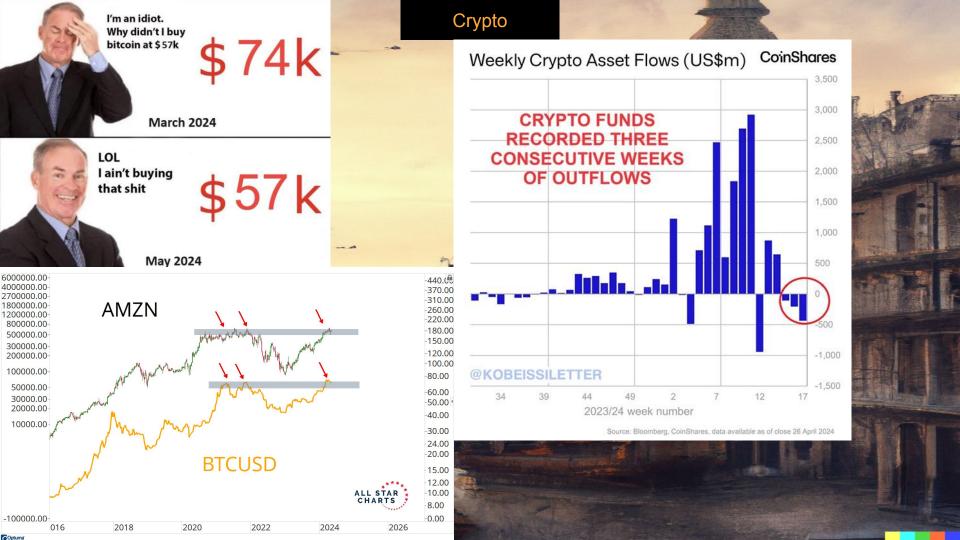


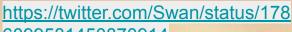
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