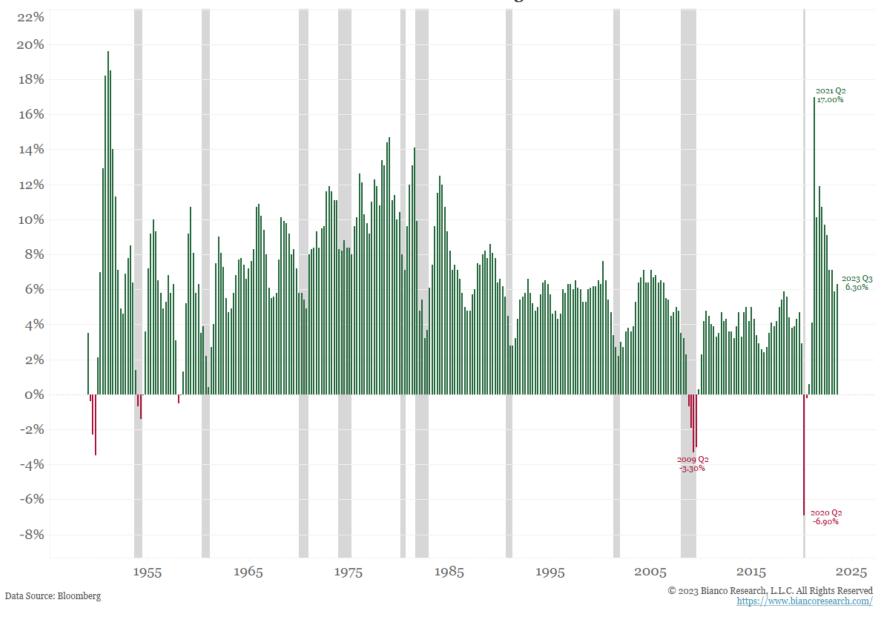
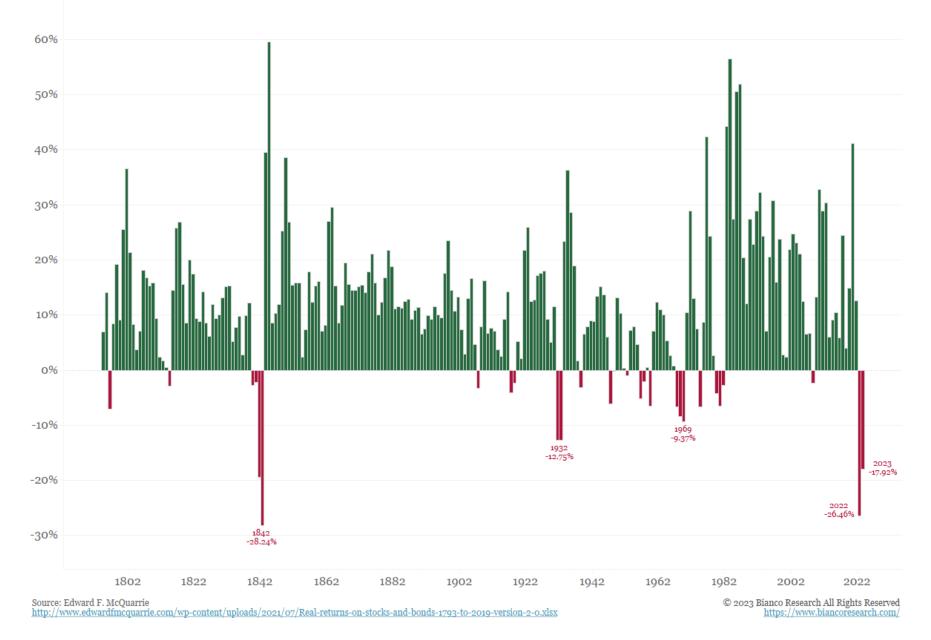


**Nominal GDP** Year-over-Year Change



US 10-Year Yield





## Rolling Three-Year US Long-Term Nominal (Before Inflation) Bond Total Returns

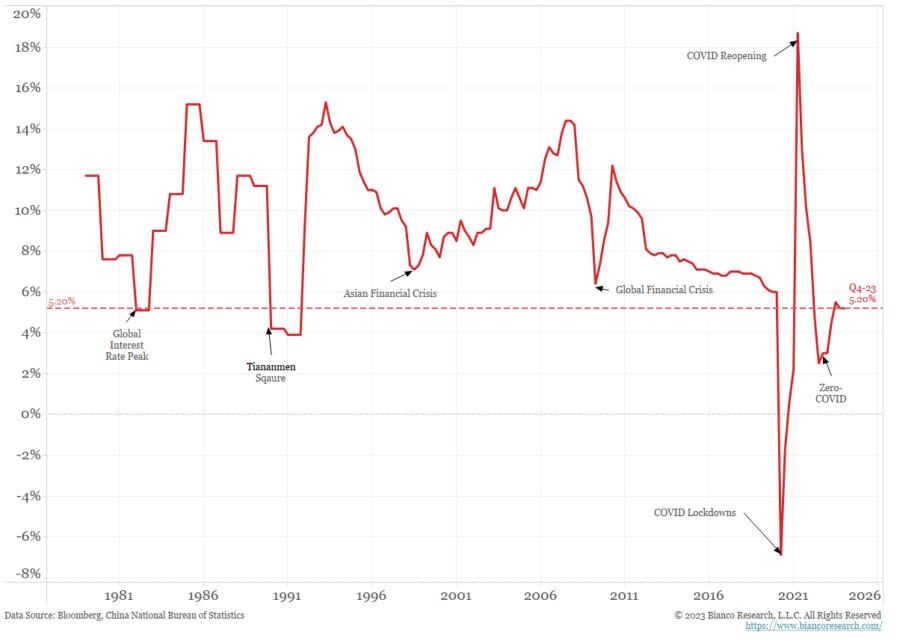
**Stock/Bond Correlation** 



Trade Deficit - China



**China Constant GDP - Year-over-Year** 



## Bloomberg – (November 29, 2023) <u>China Investment</u> Bank Bans Displays of Wealth

CICC asks analysts to avoid negative macro, market commentary

Bankers also discouraged from showing off their wealth: memo

Analysts at China International Capital Corp. are barred from sharing negative comments about the economy or markets in both public and private discussions, according to an internal memo sent to the research department this month and seen by Bloomberg News. Employees should also avoid wearing luxury brands or revealing their compensation to third parties, the memo said.

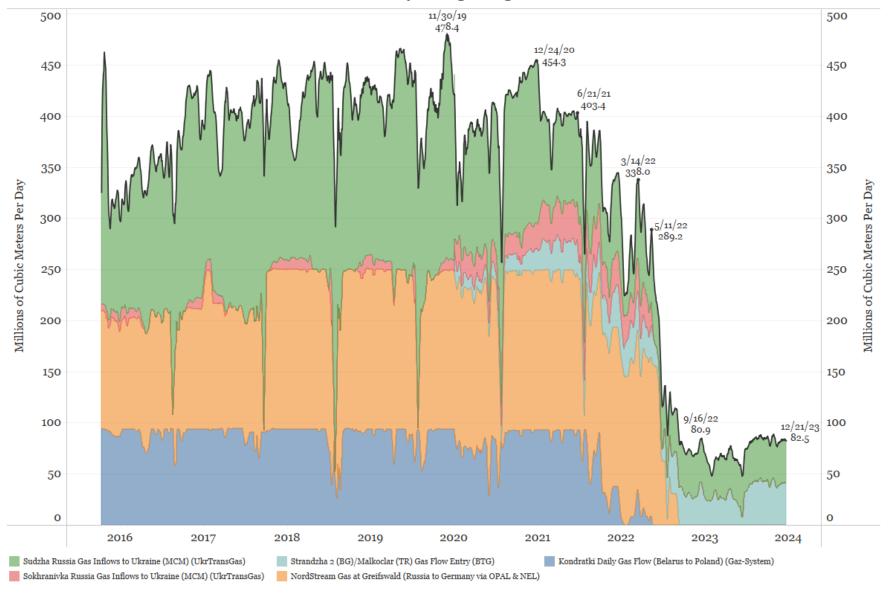
The directive underscores the increasing level of selfscrutiny at Chinese financial institutions after authorities lashed out this year at bankers' "hedonistic" lifestyles, and ordered them to comply with President Xi Jinping's "common prosperity" drive. It also highlights concern among international investors that China is increasingly restricting access to transparent data and research in the world's second-largest economy.





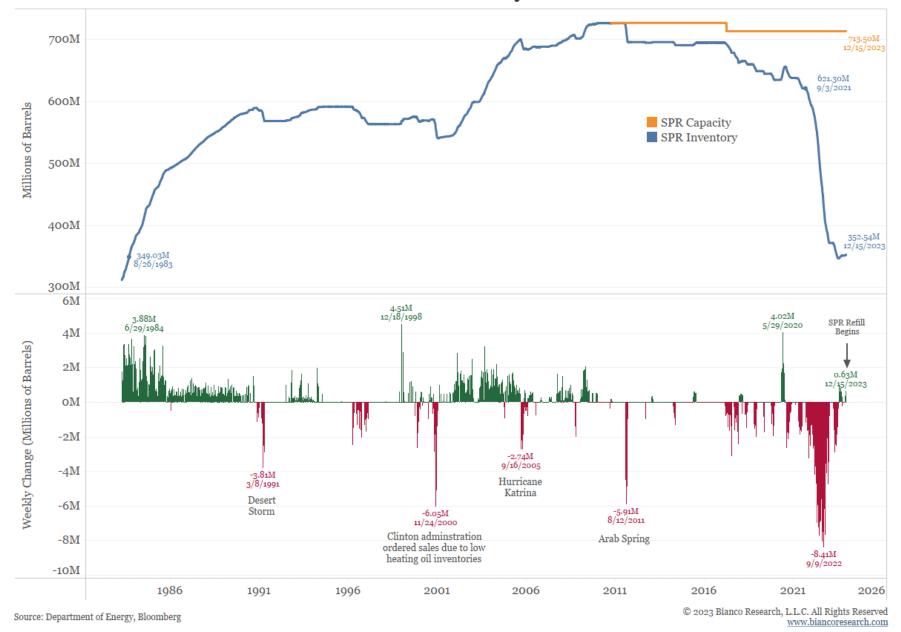
## China CSI 300 Index & S&P 500 Stock Index (Price Only)

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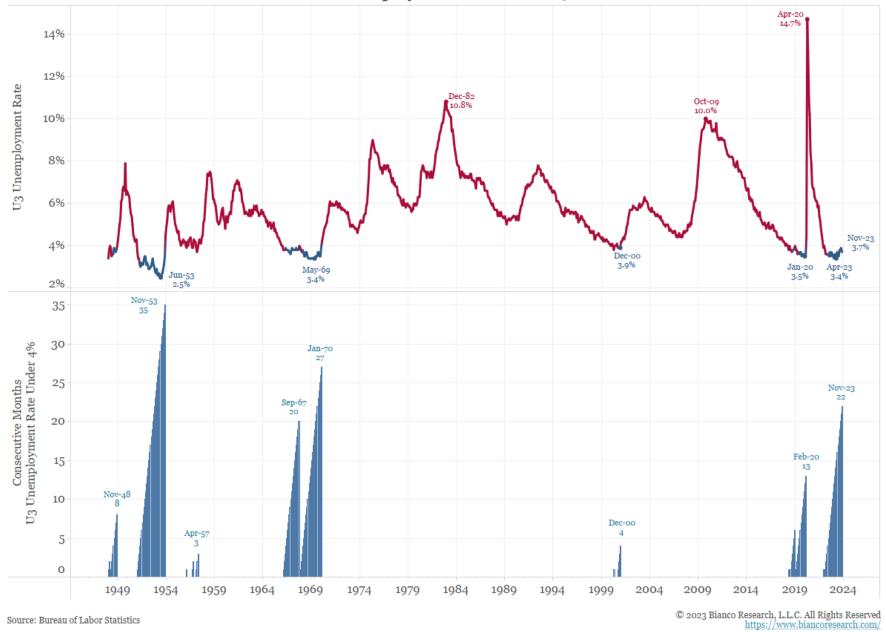


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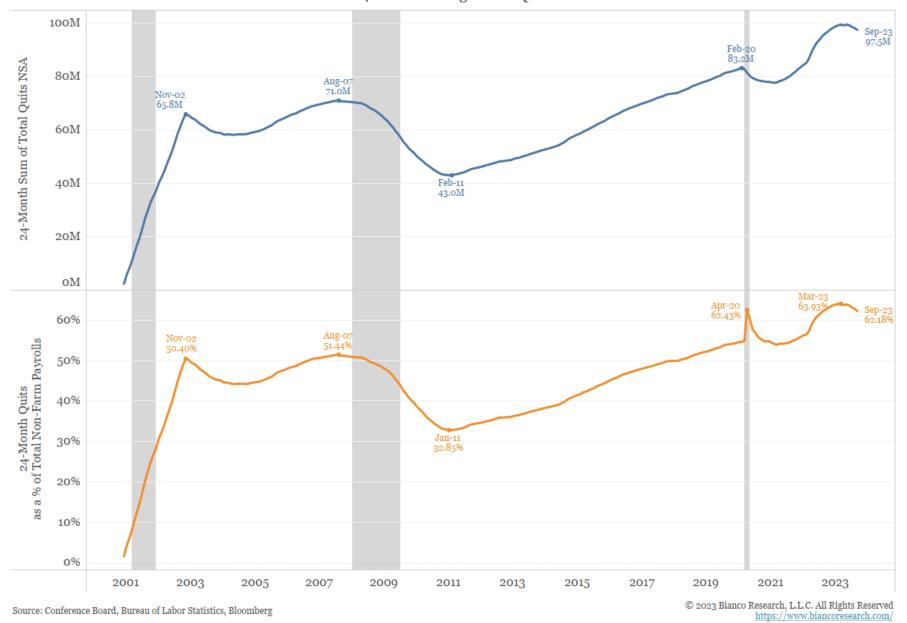
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US Unemployment Rate Under 4%



**Total Quits** 24-Month Rolling Sum of Quits

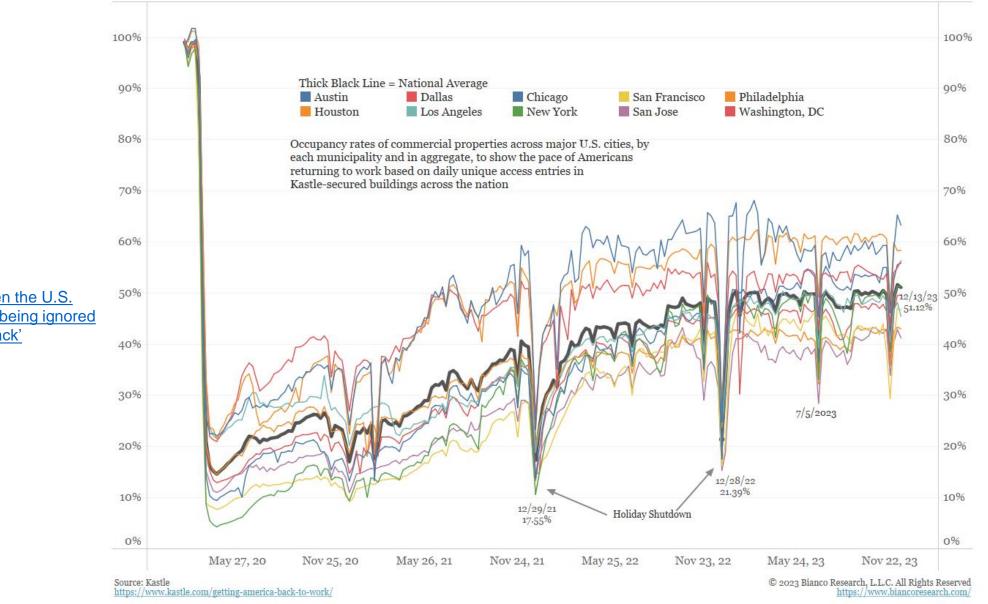




Continuing Unemployment Claims as a Percentage of Total Labor Force

## Kastle Back to Work Indices

Percentage of City Office Space Currently in Use



Fortune – (December 1, 2023) Even the U.S. president's return-to-office push is being ignored by workers: 'They aren't coming back'

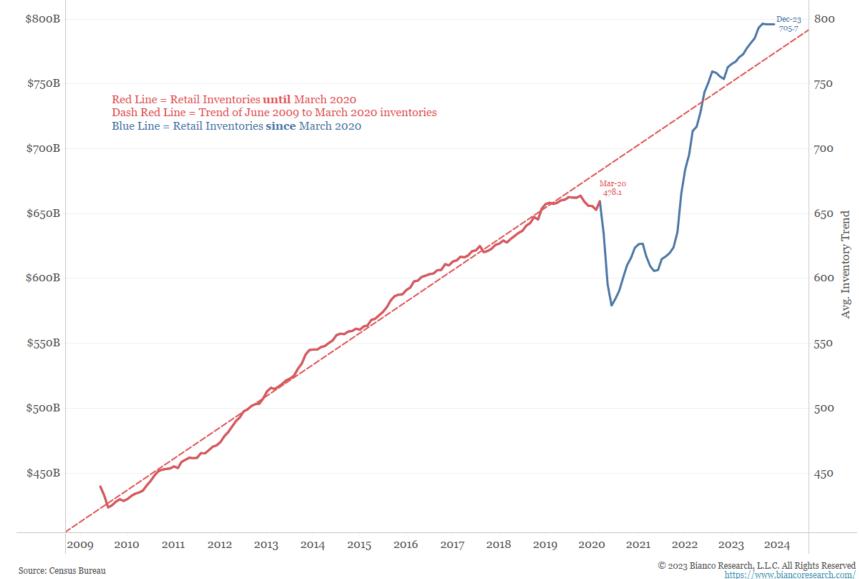
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The Retail Industry Struggles With Inventory Management

## McKinsey & Company – (May 8, 2023) <u>Thinking beyond markdowns to tackle retail's</u> <u>inventory glut</u>

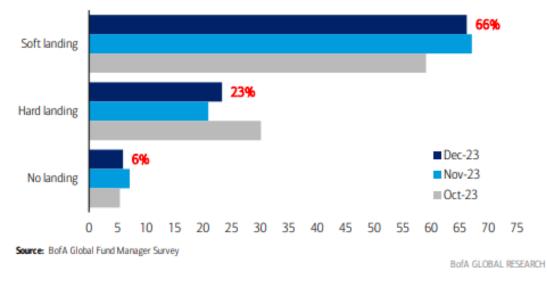
In the United States alone, retailers are sitting on \$740 billion in unsold goods. Clearing inventory and building more resilient and agile supply chains require action across five dimensions.

Over the past 18 months, retail supply chains have experienced unprecedented demand and supply shifts. Pandemic-related disruptions from the end of 2021 to the start of 2022 led to goods arriving late—or, in some cases, after the season. As retailers sought to overbuy inventory to mitigate potential shortages, softening demand and a sudden shift in consumer spending in the middle of last year left them with an inventory glut needing to be marked down or warehoused.



### Chart 6: "Soft landing" the consensus for 2024

What is the most likely outcome for the global economy in the next 12 months?



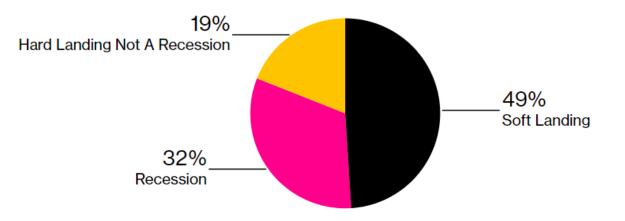
66% of FMS investors expect a "soft landing" for the global economy in the next 12 months.

Expectations for "hard landing" 23%.

When asked about the timing of recession for the US economy, 36% said they expect no recession at all in the next 12 months while 32% expect the US to fall into recession in Q2'24.

# Most Economists Don't Expect Recession Within 12 Months

Fewer than one third of economists forecast a recession



Source: Bloomberg News survey of economists Dec. 1-6 Economists were asked if US would have a recession in the next 12 months.

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### Probability of a Recession in the Next Four Quarters

Compiled by a Quarterly Survey of Professional Forecasters Conducted by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve

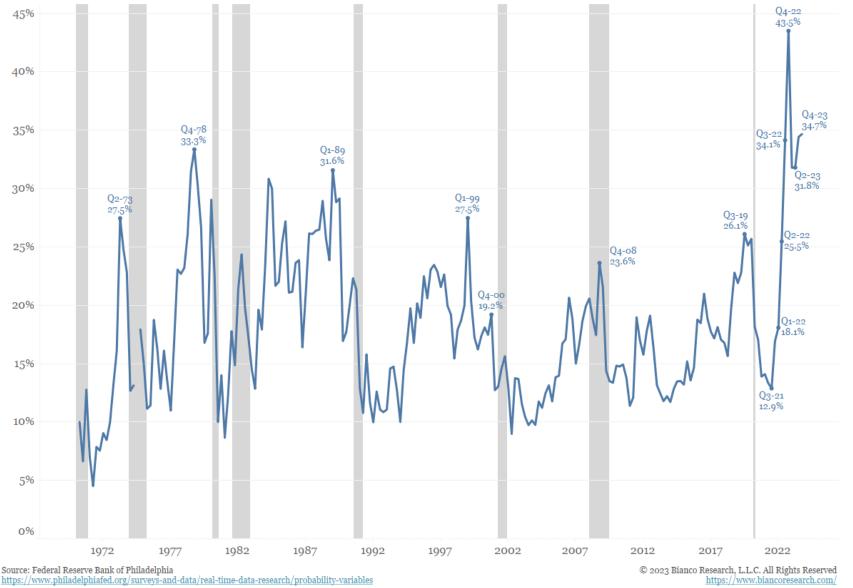
## CNN – (November 29, 2023) Jamie Dimon says to be prepared for recession JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon issued a 40%

stark warning to Wall Street on Wednesday: Inflation could rise further and recession is not off the table.

"A lot of things out there are dangerous and inflationary. Be prepared," he said at the 2023 New York Times DealBook Summit in New York. "Interest rates may go up and that might lead to recession."

I don't think that expansions just die of old age. Two things usually end them. One is financial imbalances and the other is the Fed, and usually, when the Fed ends an expansion, it's because inflation has gotten out of control and the Fed needs to tighten to bring it down. – Janet Yellen, January 4, 2019

But as Janet says, expansions don't die of old age. I'd like to say they get murdered, instead. – Ben Bernanke, January 4, 2019



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US 10-Year Yield



## •Financial Times – (October 2017) Fed has no reliable theory of inflation, says Tarullo

He was particularly doubtful about the weight inflation expectations play in rate-setting policy, given the "range and depth of unanswered questions" about how they are formed and measured. "The substantive point is that we do not, at present, have a theory of inflation dynamics that works sufficiently well to be of use for the business of real-time monetary policymaking," said Mr Tarullo in a speech at the Brookings think-tank in Washington.

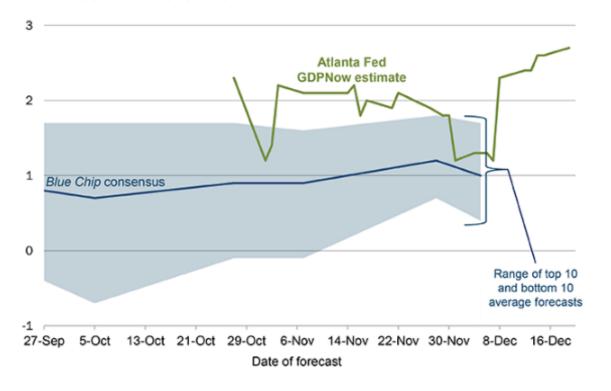
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### Wall Street US Inflation Forecasts Always Return to ~2% Monthly from January 2018 to Date

December 21, 2023

The GDPNow model estimate for real GDP growth (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the fourth quarter of 2023 is 2.7 percent on December 19, up from 2.6 percent on December 14. After recent releases from the US Census Bureau and the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, the nowcast of fourth-quarter real gross private domestic investment growth increased from 0.5 percent to 0.8 percent.

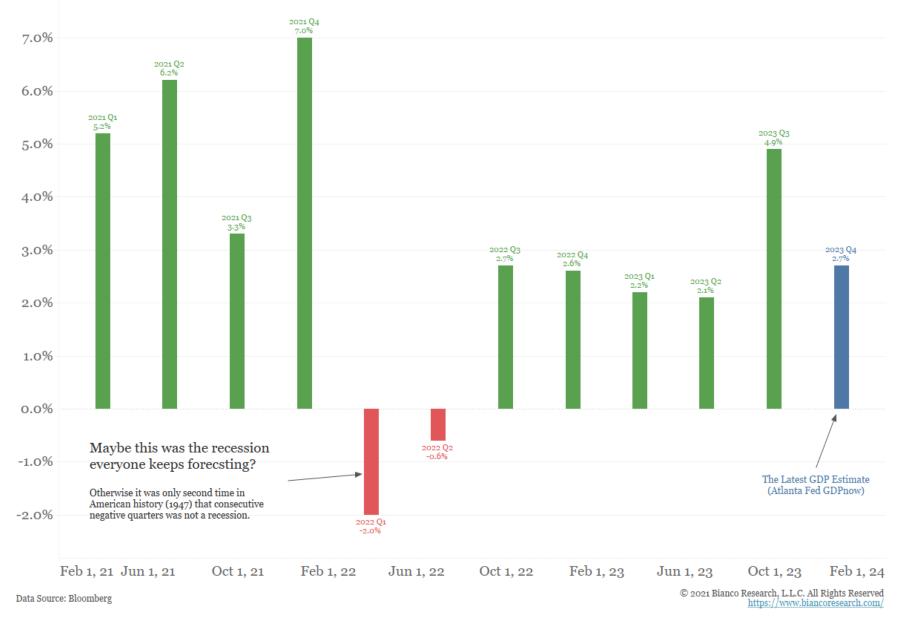
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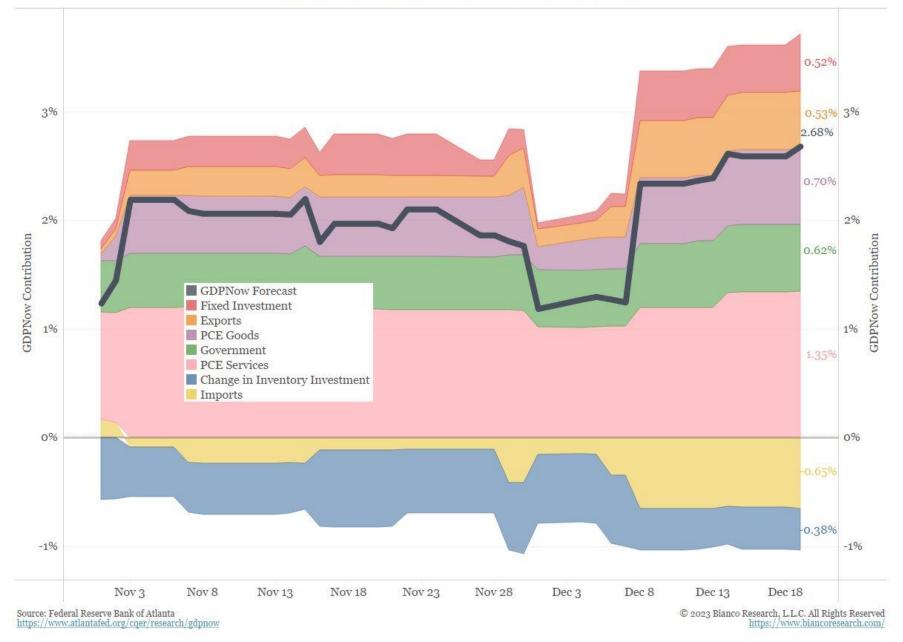
Evolution of Atlanta Fed GDPNow real GDP estimate for 2023: Q4 Quarterly percent change (SAAR)

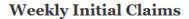
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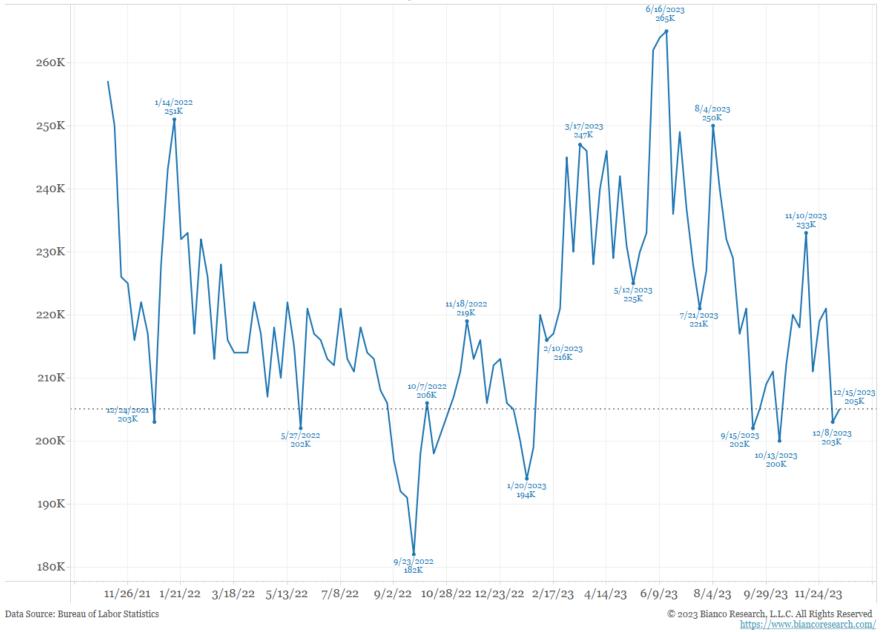
**US Quarterly GDP** 



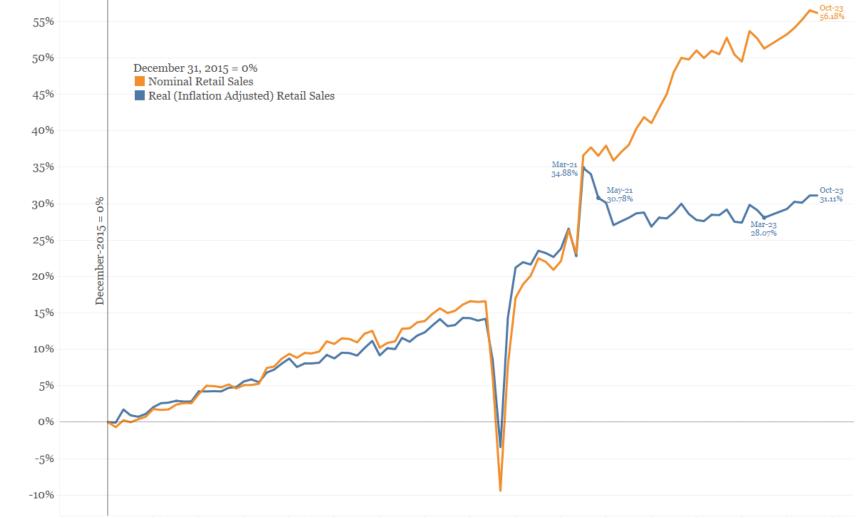
Atlanta Federal Reserve GDPNow Contributions







### The Growth in Nominal and Retail Sales Do Not Confuse Sales with Inflation!



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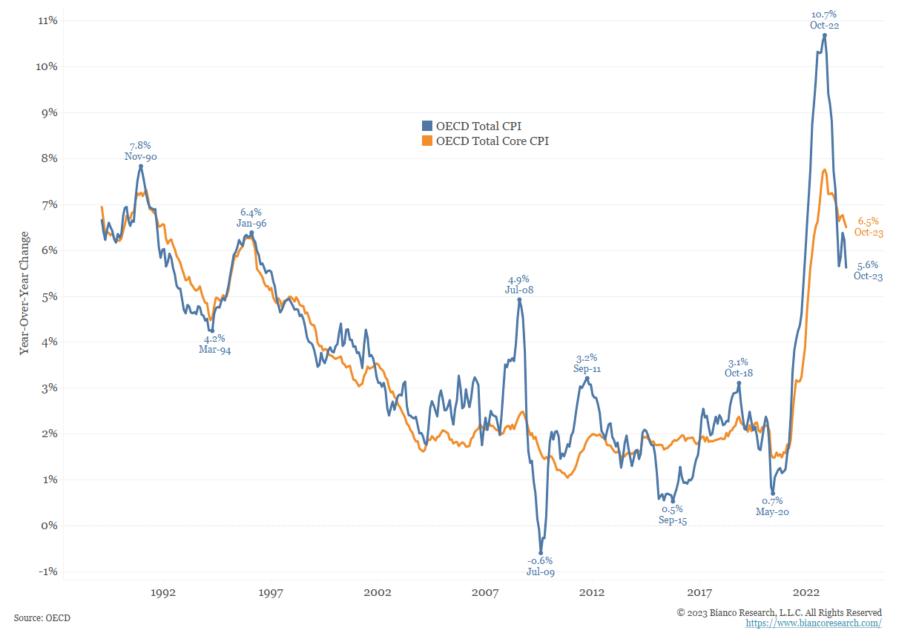
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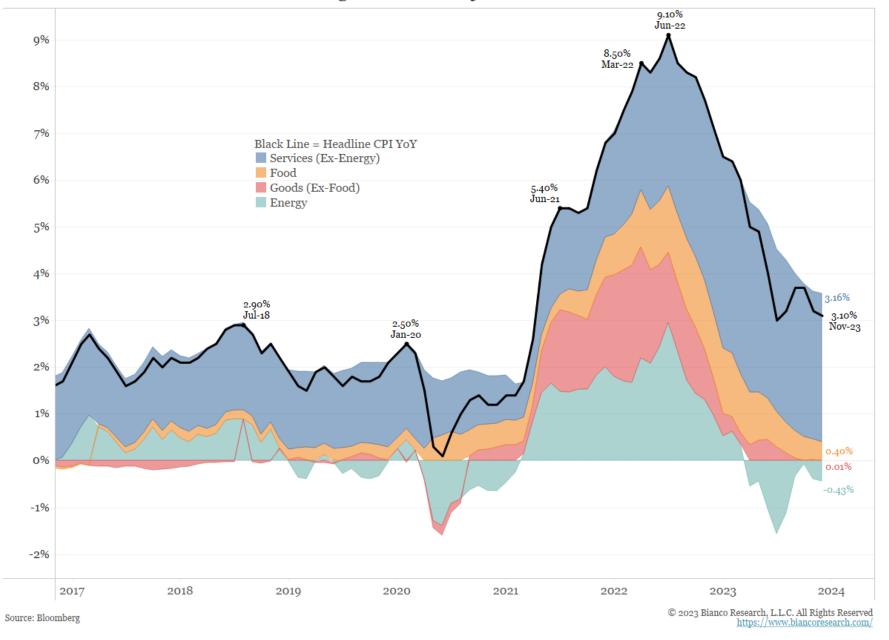
## Reuters - <u>US Thanksgiving weekend sales</u> hit record on big discounts, online boost

Deep discounts on everything from beauty products and toys to electronics during the Thanksgiving weekend enticed U.S. shoppers to splurge about \$38 billion online, signaling a strong holiday shopping season even as economic uncertainty swirled.

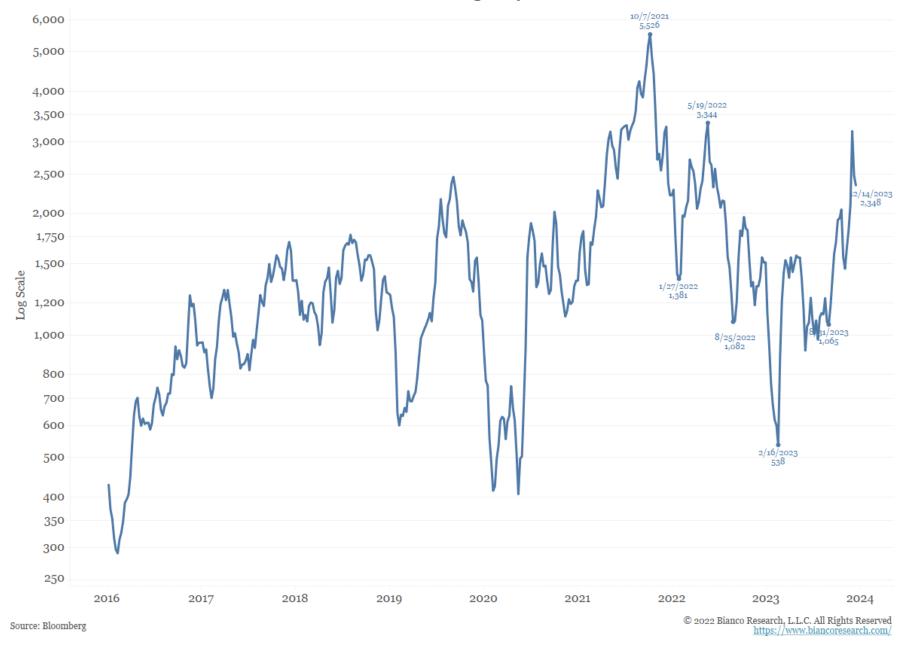
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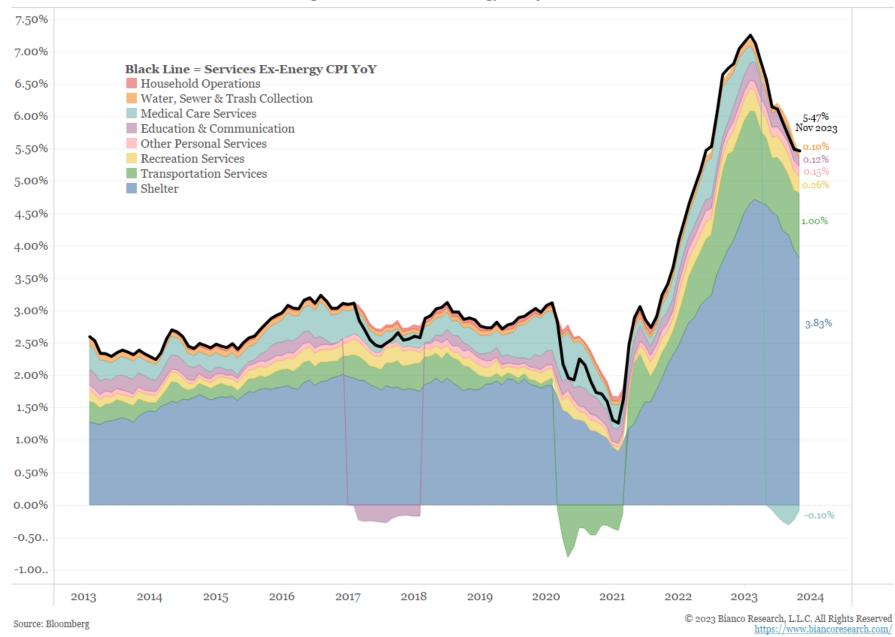


**Breaking Down CPI's Major Contributors** 



BDI Baltic Exchange Dry Index

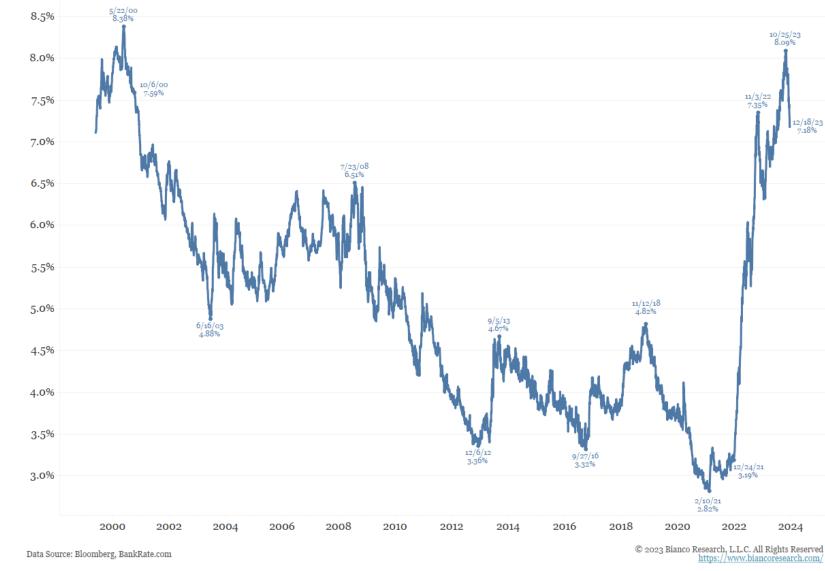




Breaking Down Services Ex-Energy's Major Contributors

## The Financial Times – (October 19, 2023) <u>Blackstone</u> warns of looming hit to consumers from surge in bond yields

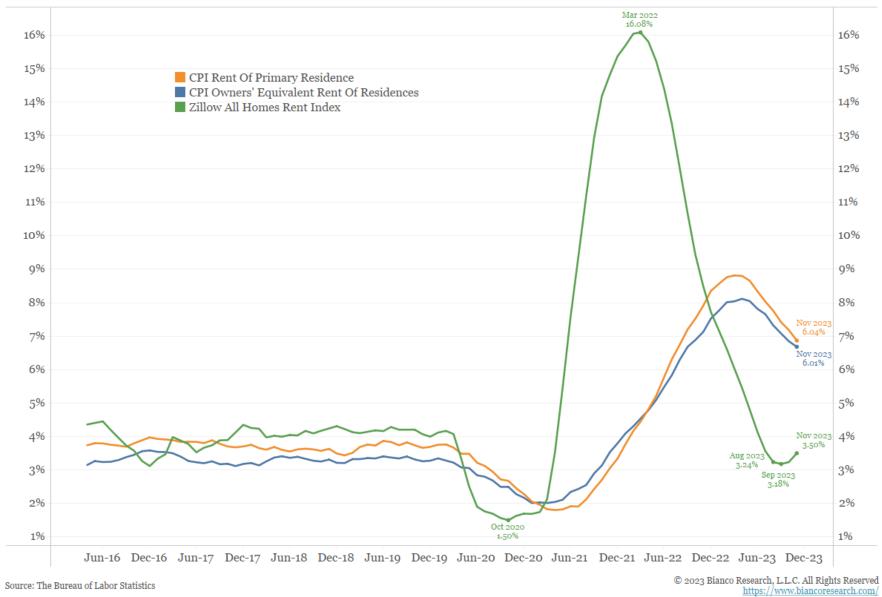
**When 30-year mortgages and car loans cost you 8% it will impact consumer behaviour,' says president** Jonathan Gray, president of Blackstone, said in an interview with the Financial Times that the jump in 10-year Treasury yields would force consumers to tighten their belts. "When 30-year mortgages and car loans cost you 8 percent it will impact consumer behaviour,"



## Bankrate.com US Home Mortgage 30 Year Fixed National Avg

## CPI Rent Of Primary Residence & CPI Owners' Equivalent Rent Of Residences versus Zillow All Homes Rent Index

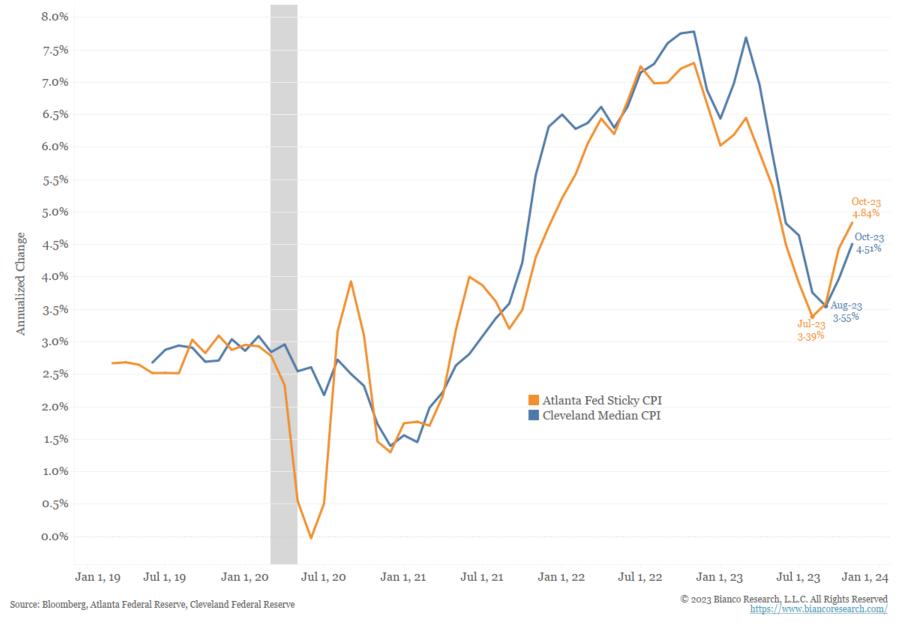
12-Month Annualized Change



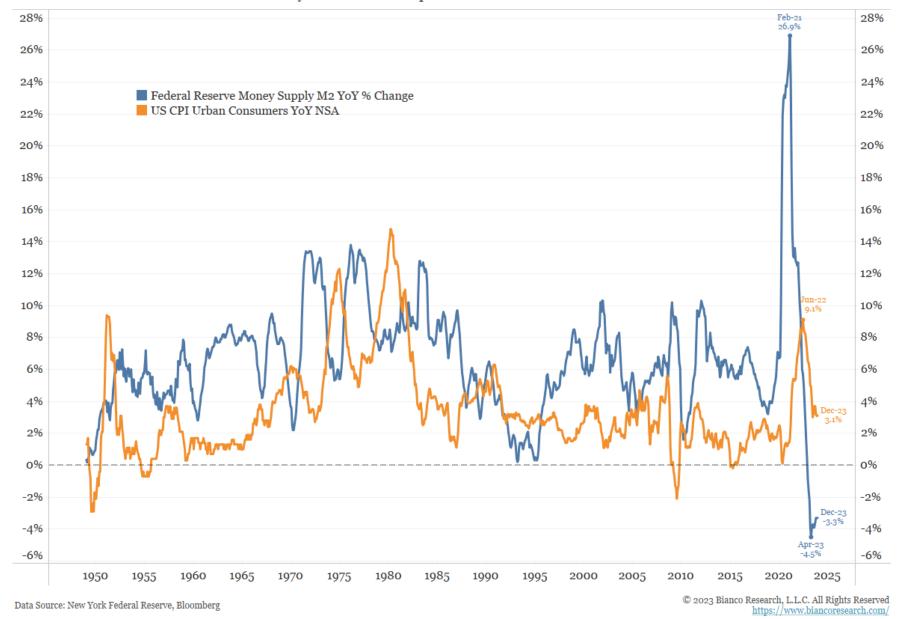
### Mar-21 65% 65% - 62.97% 60% 60% Zillow All Home Rent Index CPI Rent Of Primary Residence Nov-23 52.72% 55% 55% CPI Owners' Equivalent Rent Of Residences 50% 50% <sup>•</sup>Nov-23 47-43<sup>%</sup> 45% 45% 40% 40% Start Date = 0% % 35% 35% ę Start Date Jun 30% 30% 25% 25% 20% -20% 15% -15% 10% 10% 5% 5% 0% 0% 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 © 2023 Bianco Research, L.L.C. All Rights Reserved <u>https://www.biancoresearch.com</u> Source: The Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Does CPI Owners' Equivalent Rent Have More Catch Up To Do? Cumulative Increase

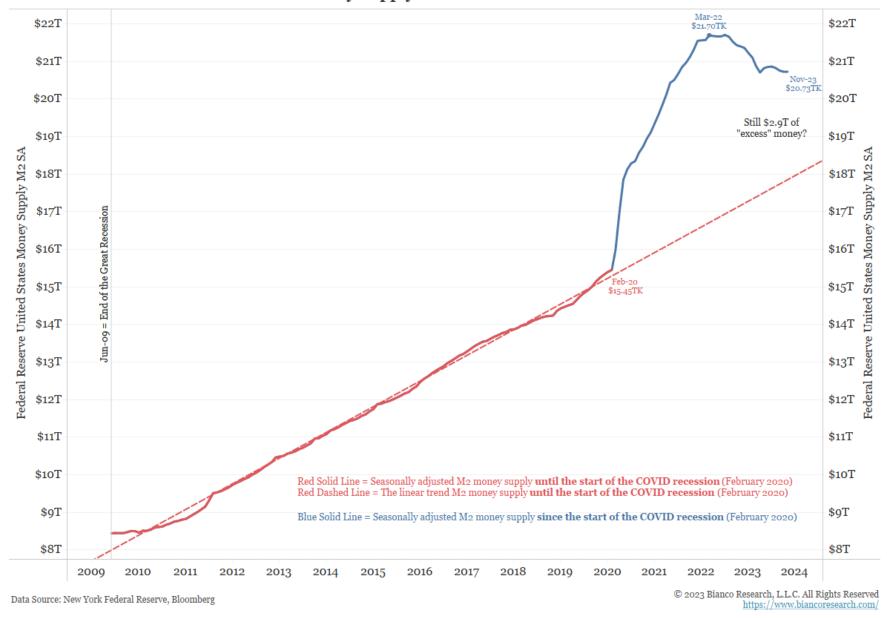
Has Inflation Bottomed? 3-Month Annualized Rate



**Money Supply and Inflation** A Historically Weak Realtionship That Has Grown Weaker Over The Years



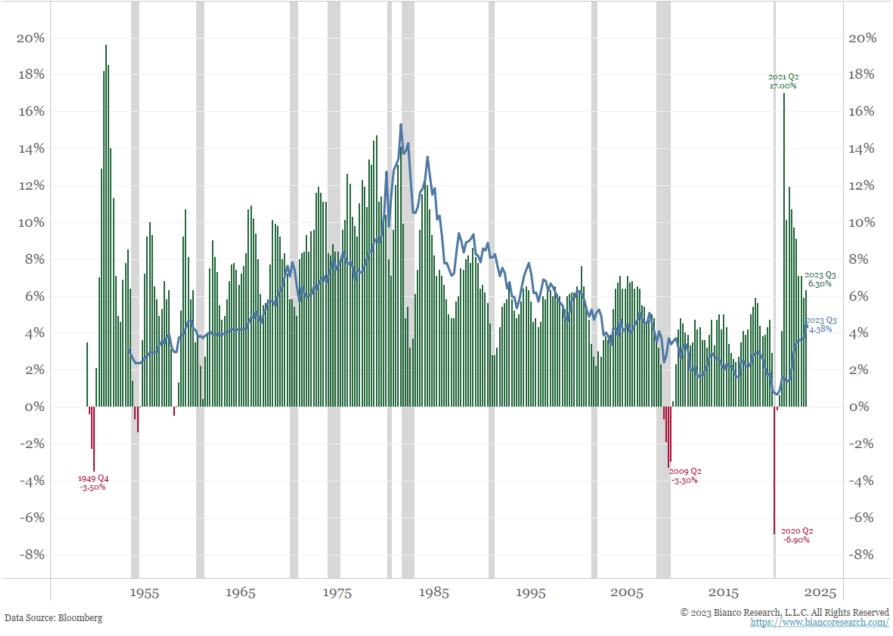
Still Too Much Money Chasing Too Few Goods? M2 Money Supply and its Pre-COVID Trend



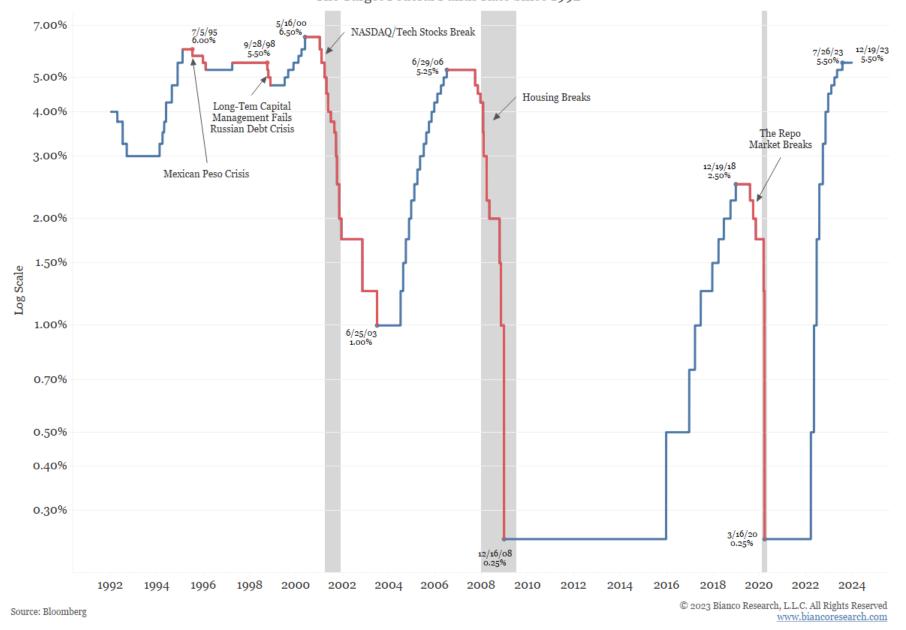
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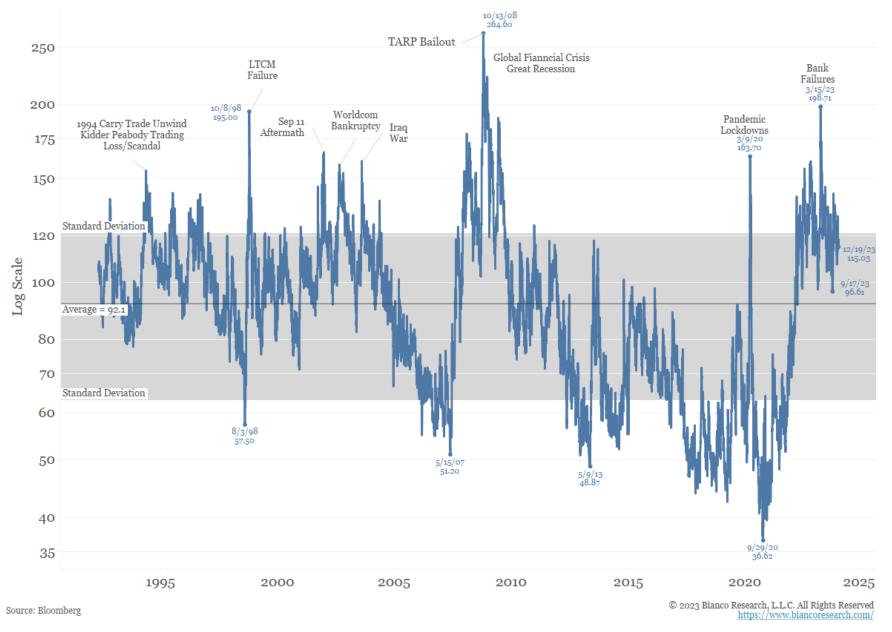
Nominal GDP and 10-Year Yield



#### The Fed Hikes Too Much and Something Breaks The Target Federal Funds Rate Since 1992

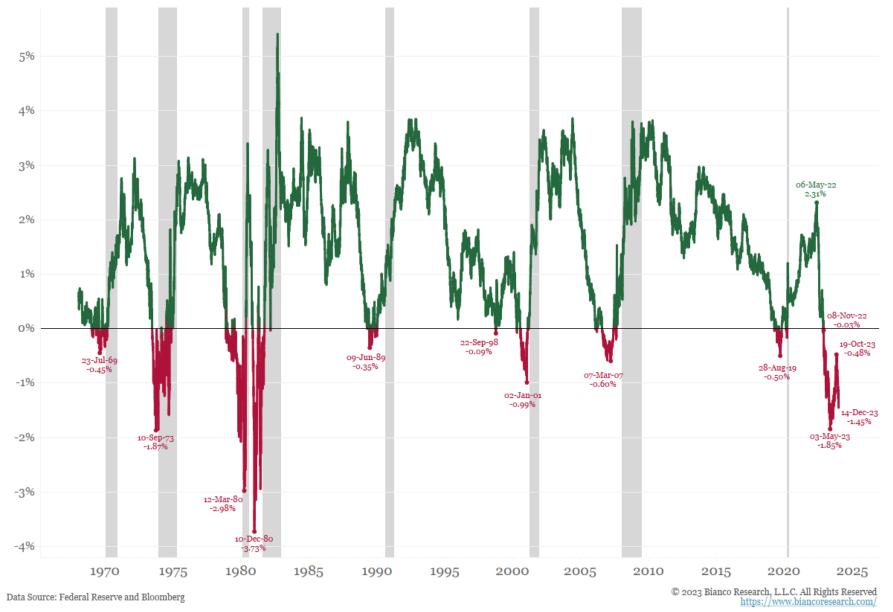


### **MOVE Index**



### **Yield Curve Inversions Lead Recessions**

10-Year less 3-Month Yield Curve



# How Long Until the Recession?

When the 3-month to 10-year yield curve uninverts for 10 consecutive days

| Date of    | Date of     | Days        | Date of               | <b>Calendar Days to Recession From</b> |                        |  |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Inversion  | Uninversion | Inverted    | <b>Next Recession</b> | <b>Inversion Date</b>                  | <b>Universion Date</b> |  |
| 1/10/1969  | 2/21/1969   | 42          | Dec-69                | 325                                    | 283                    |  |
| 6/14/1973  | 9/30/1974   | 473         | Nov-73                | 140                                    | -333                   |  |
| 12/8/1978  | 5/13/1980   | 522         | Jan-80                | 389                                    | -133                   |  |
| 11/7/1980  | 3/31/1981   | 144         | Jul-81                | 236                                    | 92                     |  |
| 6/6/1989   | 9/7/1989    | 93          | Jul-90                | 390                                    | 297                    |  |
| 7/31/2000  | 2/8/2001    | 192         | Mar-01                | 213                                    | 21                     |  |
| 8/1/2006   | 6/11/2007   | 314         | Dec-07                | 487                                    | 173                    |  |
| 6/6/2019   | 10/23/2019  | 139         | Feb-20                | 268                                    | 129                    |  |
| 11/22/2022 | ????        | 394         | ????                  | 394                                    | ????                   |  |
| Average    |             | <b>25</b> 7 |                       | 316                                    | 66                     |  |

**1/10/1969** = Inverted for 24 calendar days, went positive for 33 days, then inverted again for 53 days

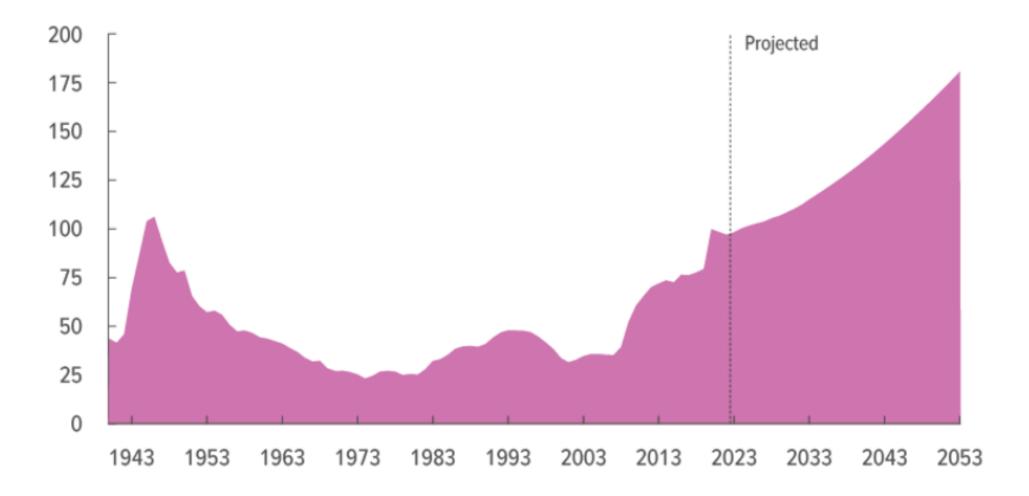
**6/6/1989** = Inverted for 30 calendar days, went postive for 9 days, inverted again for 26 days

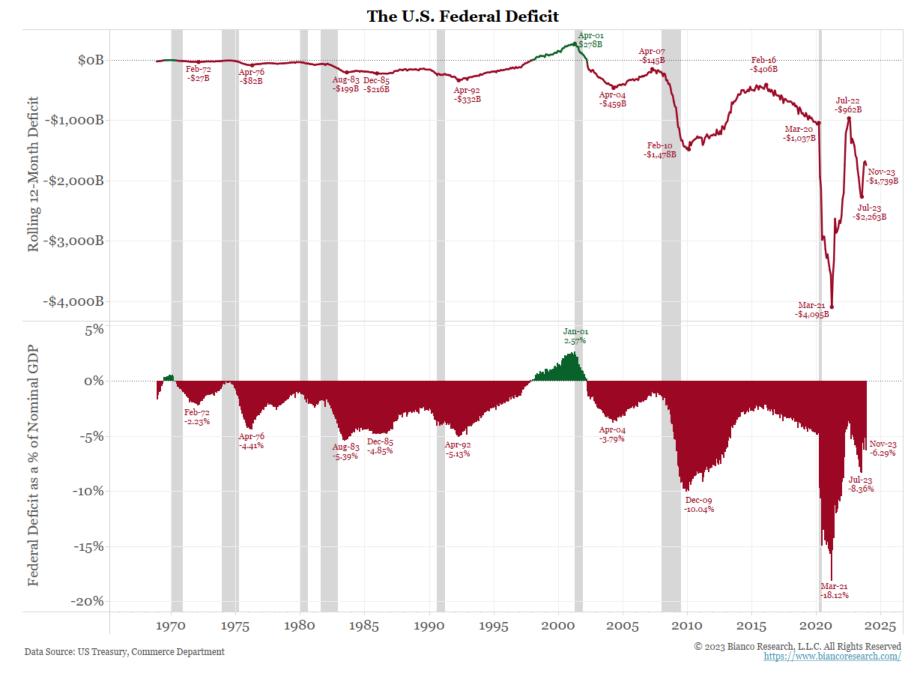
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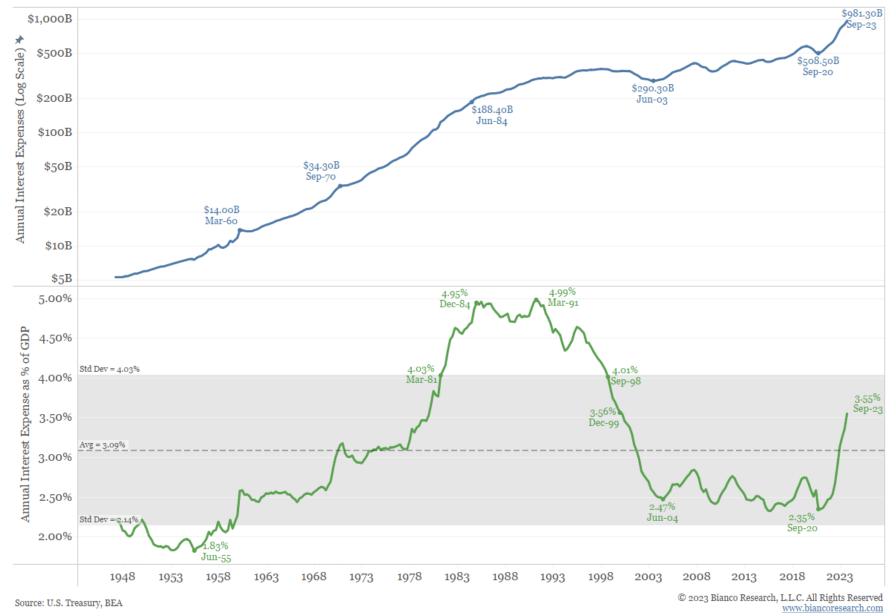
# Federal Debt Held by the Public

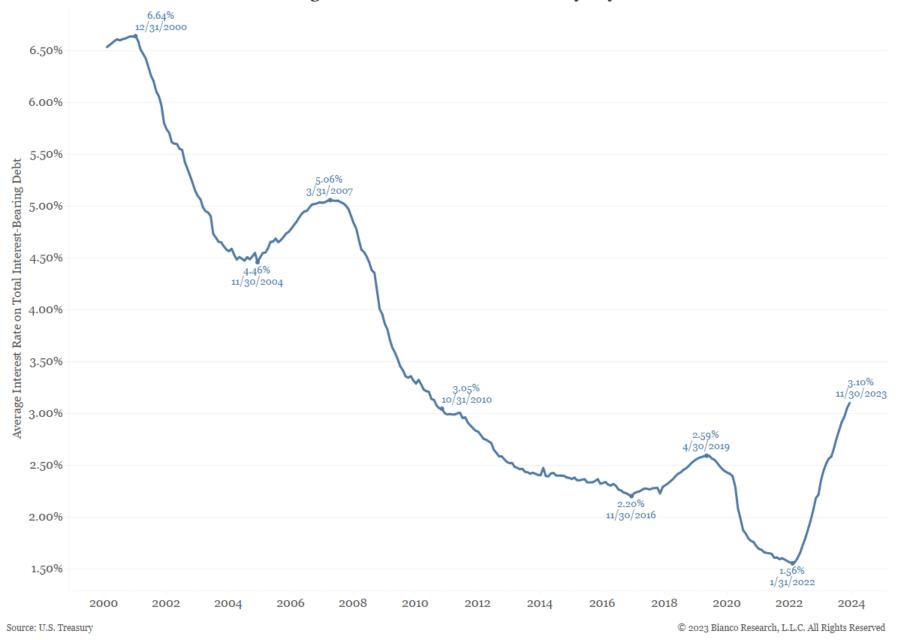
Percentage of GDP





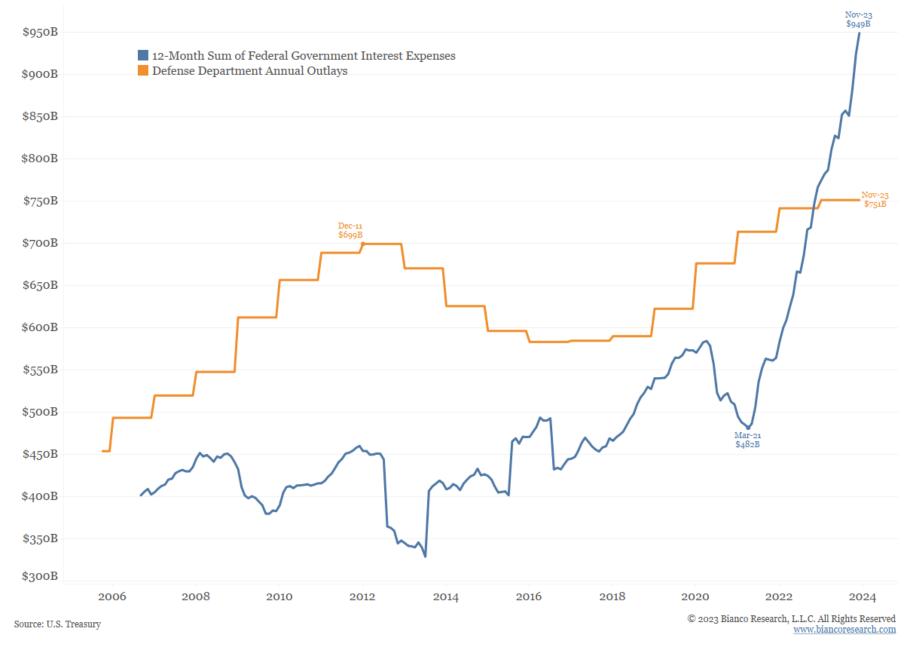
How Much Interest Does the U.S. Treasury Pay on Its Debt in a Year? Nominal Dollars and as Percentage of GDP





#### What Is the Average Interest Rate the U.S. Treasury Pays on Its Debt?

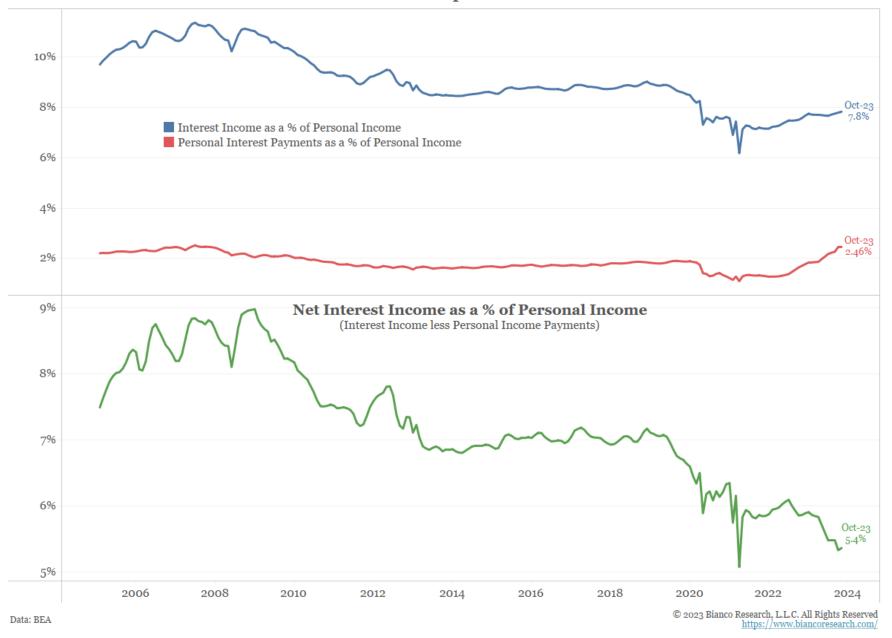
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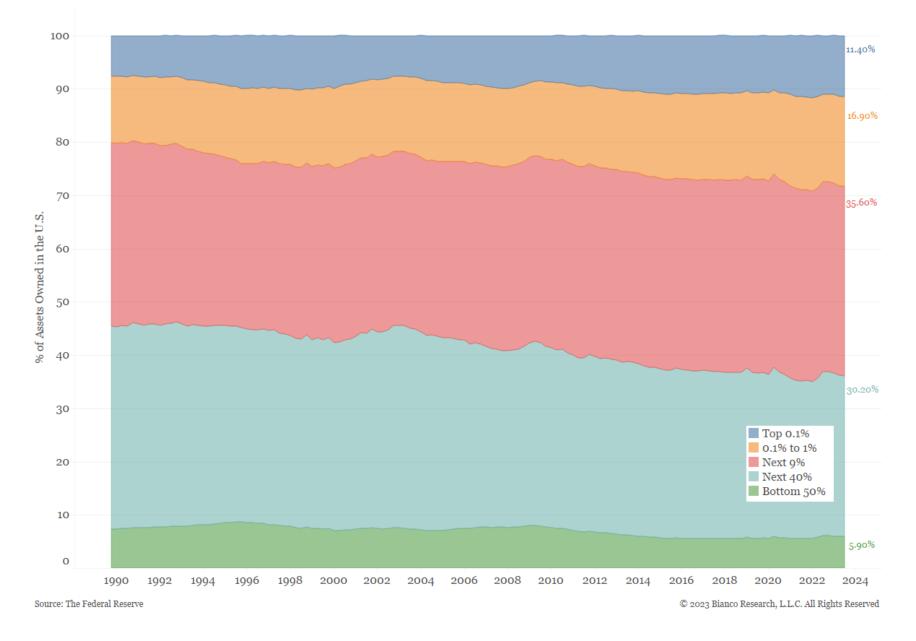
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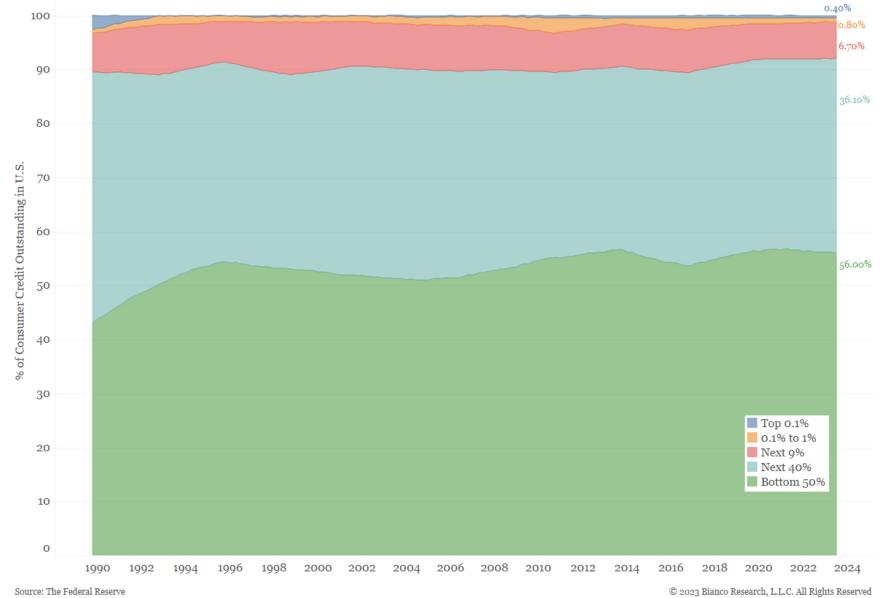
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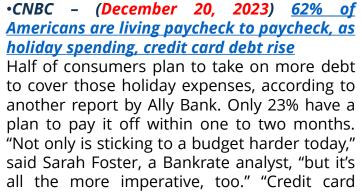


Distribution of Assets in the U.S.



Distribution of Consumer Debt in the U.S.





financing rates have hovered at the highest levels ever recorded since last fall, meaning

carrying a balance could cost a heavy price,"

she said.

US 10-Year TIPS Yield

### Bloomberg – (November 29, 2023) <u>Bill Ackman Bets</u> Fed Will Cut Interest Rates as Soon as First Quarter

What's happening is the real rate of interest, which is what impacts the economy, keeps increasing as inflation declines," Ackman said in an upcoming episode of The David Rubenstein Show: Peer-to-Peer Conversations. Ackman said that if the Fed keeps rates in the roughly 5.5% range when inflation trends below 3%, "that's a very high real rate of interest."

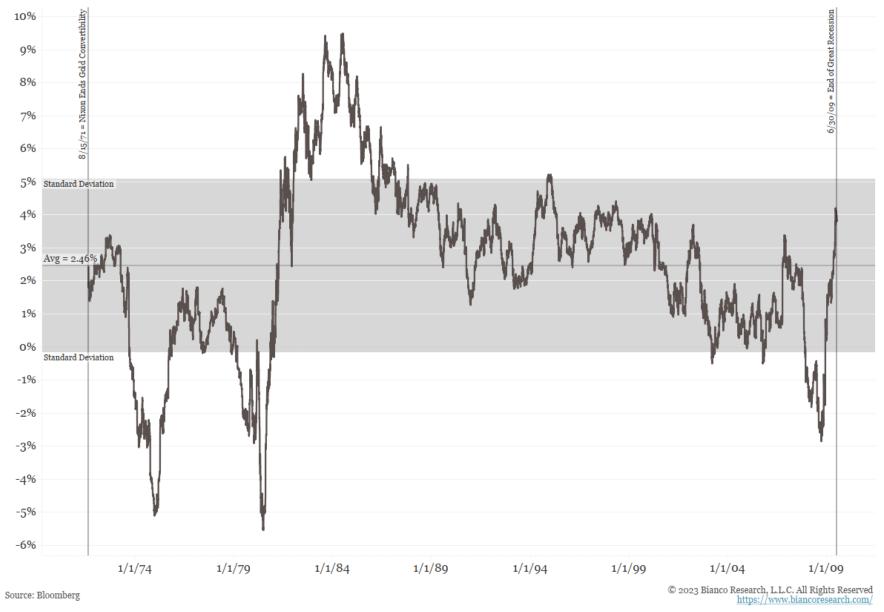
#### The Wall Street Journal – (December 19, 2023) <u>Nick</u> <u>Timiraos: Fed Official Says Rate Cuts Could Be Needed</u> <u>Next Year to Prevent Overtightening</u>

San Francisco Fed President Mary Daly said her outlook for interest rates and inflation was "very close" to the median of projections from 19 Fed officials last week. Most of them penciled in at least three rate cuts next year amid a faster decline in inflation than they anticipated...Daly said that if inflation continues its steady decline of recent months, the Fed's benchmark interest rate "will still be quite restrictive even if we [cut rates] three times next year."

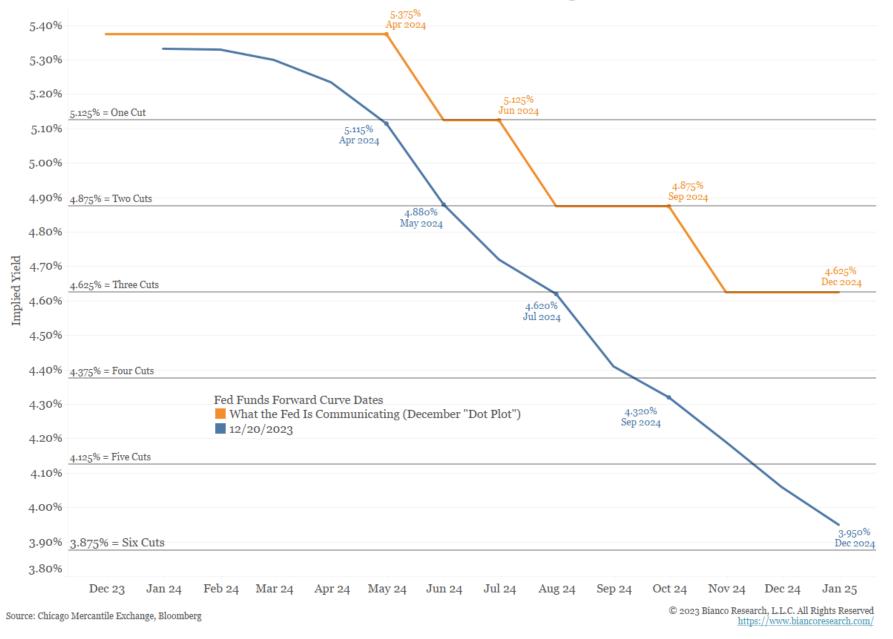


## **United States Real 10-Year Yields**

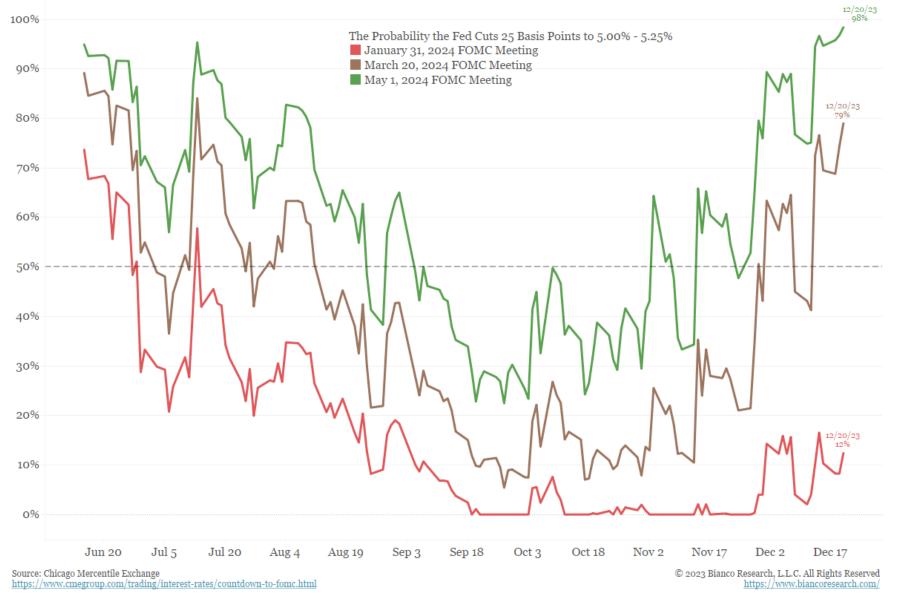
10-Year Yields Deflated by Headline CPI

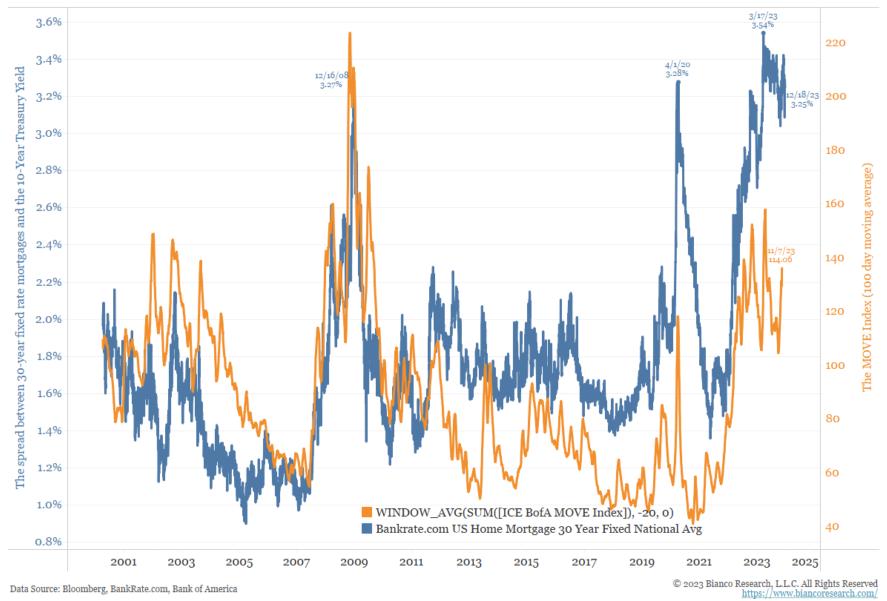


#### What Is the Fed Funds Market Pricing In?



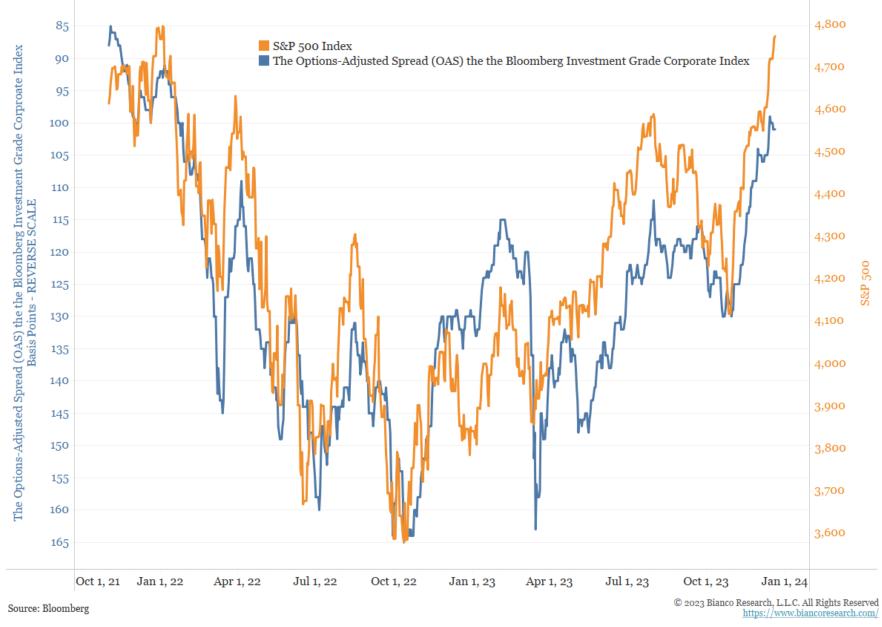
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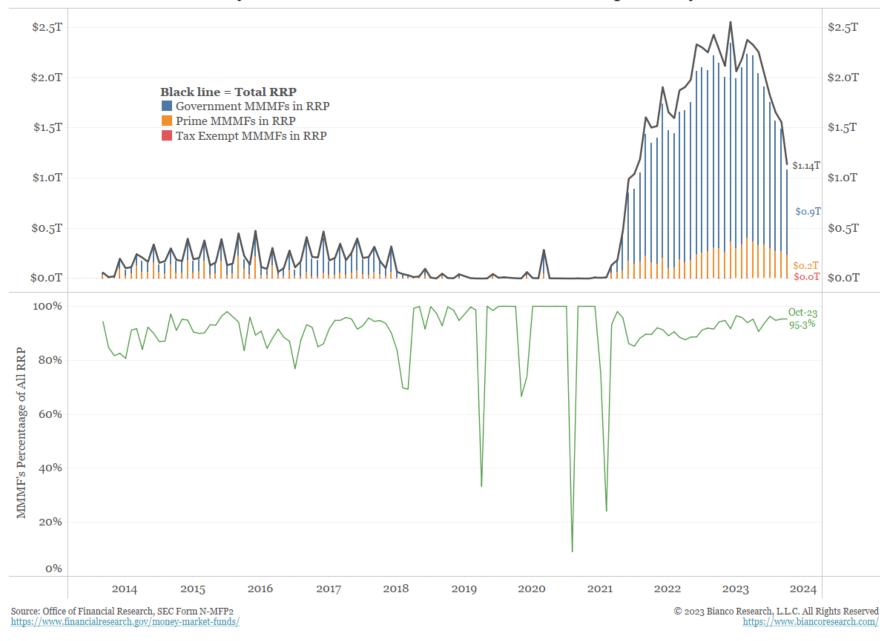




Bankrate.com US Home Mortgage 30 Year Fixed National Avg And the Move Index

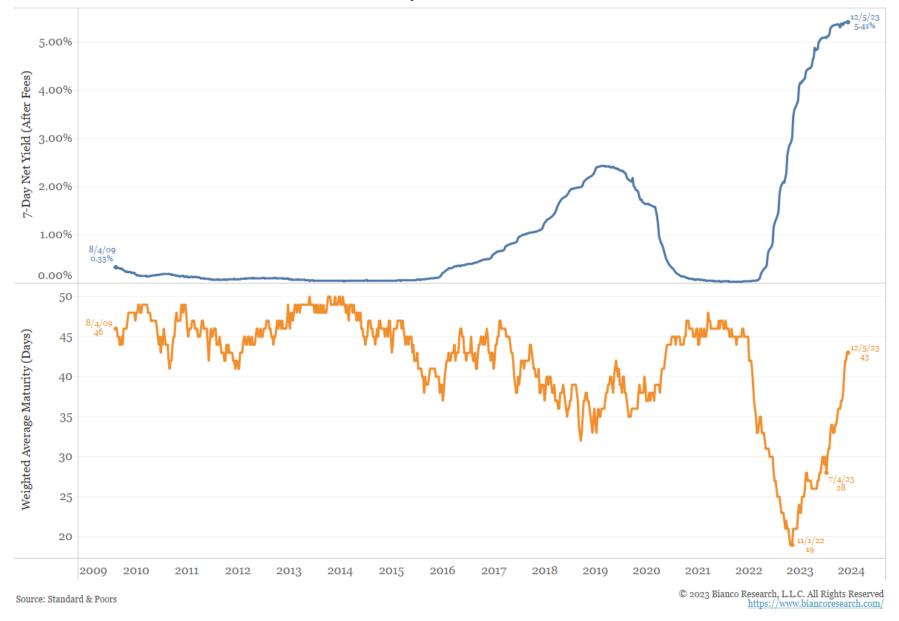
Looking at US Aggregate Credit Index OAS and the S&P 500 Index



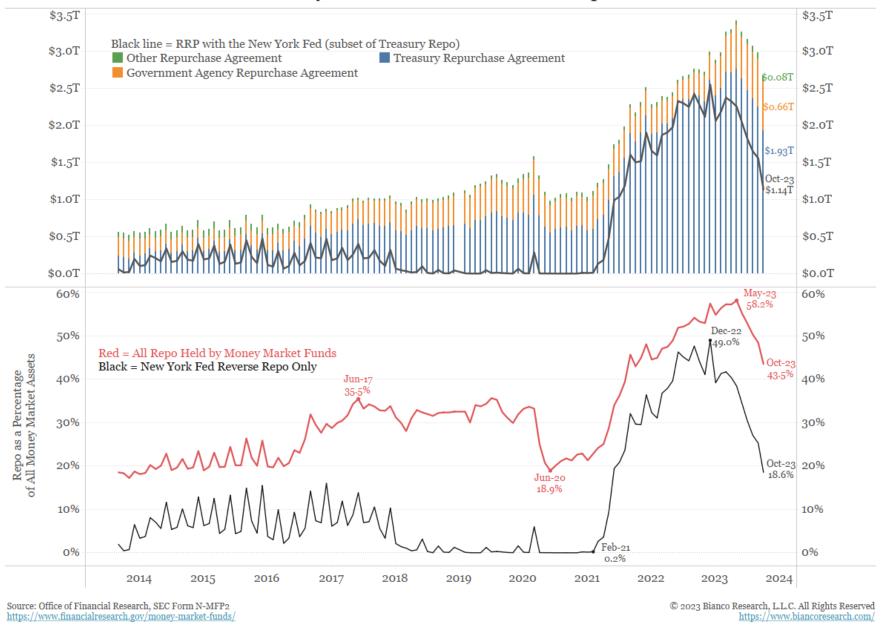


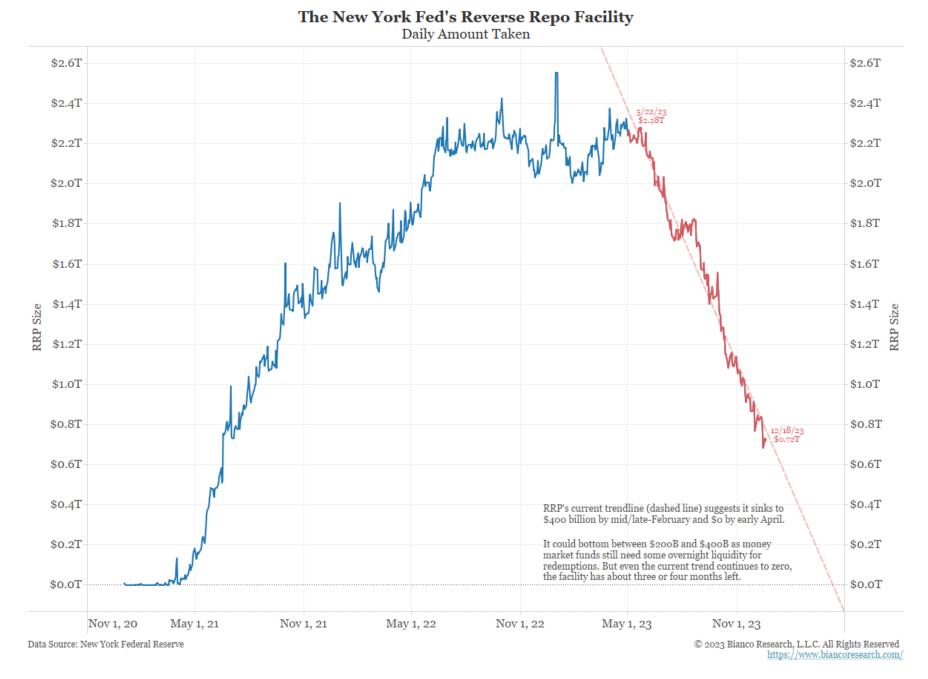
Money Market Funds Dominate the Fed's Reverse Repo Facility

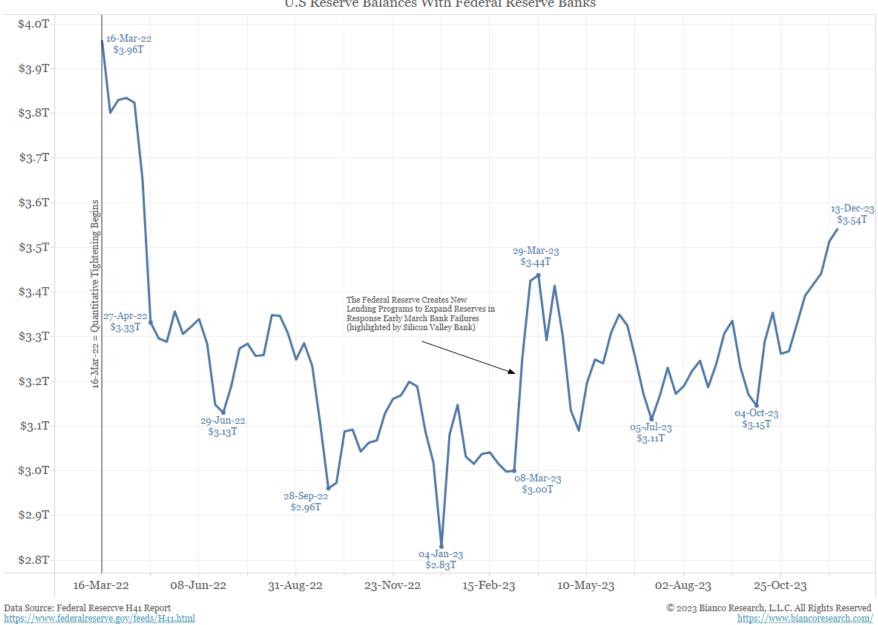
#### S&P AAA - AA Rated Goverment Investment Pools Money Market Funds



Money Market Funds Investments In Repo

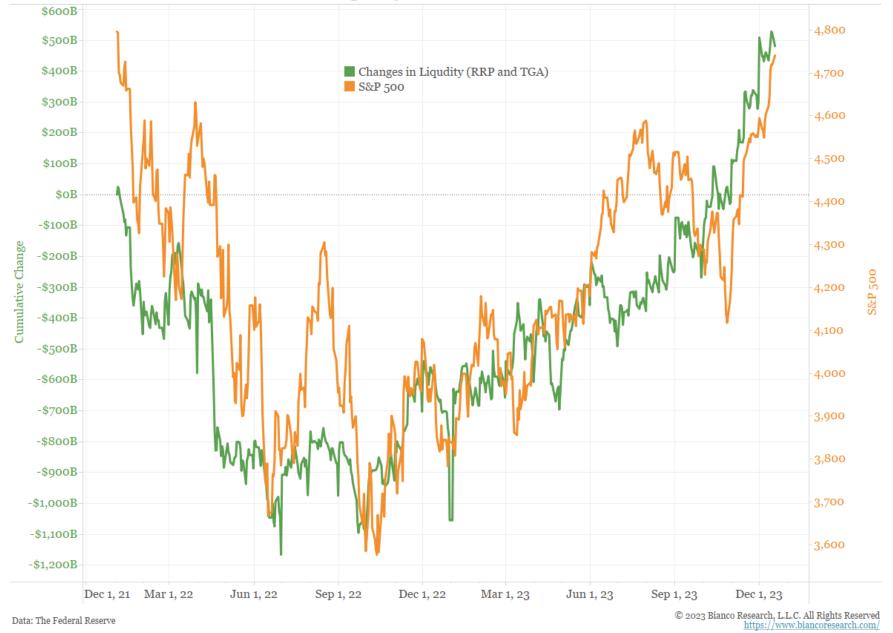






Bank Reserves Are Rising Despite Quantitative Tightening U.S Reserve Balances With Federal Reserve Banks

Liquidity versus the S&P 500



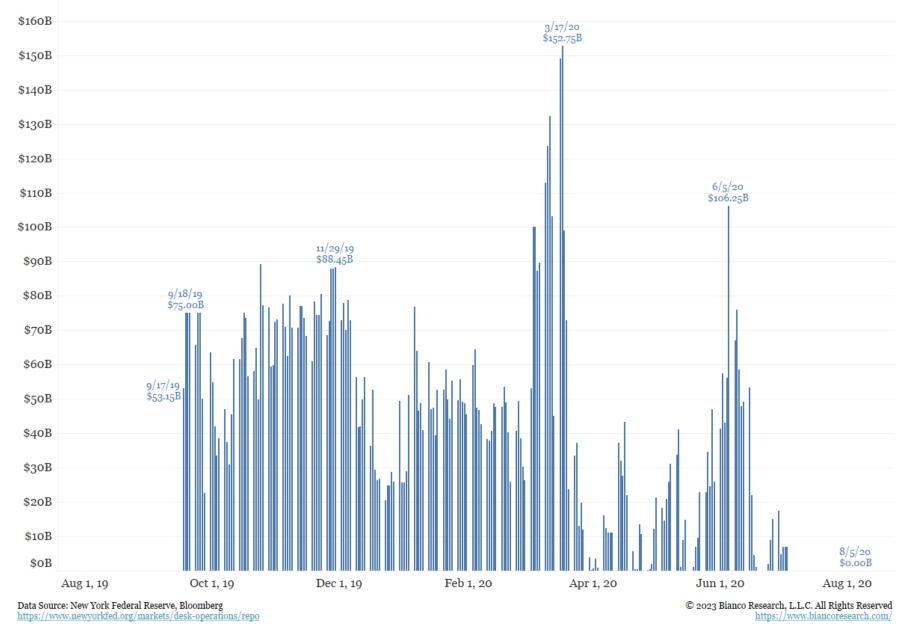
#### Federal Reserve Standing Repo Facility Overnight Value Accepted Total

#### The Financial Times – (December 20, 2023) <u>Spike in</u> <u>US overnight lending rates awakens fears of money</u> <u>market strains</u>

\$220M

A brief spike in US overnight lending rates this month is a likely harbinger of strains in money markets next year as the US government sells more Treasuries to cover its deficits, analysts have warned. Concerns were sparked by a sudden jump early this month in the rate for borrowing cash overnight in the market for shortterm funds, a move that was not mirrored in the rate charged by the Federal Reserve to take in excess cash. A divergence between the two rates, which historically track each other closely, has raised fears over the potential for broader strains in the market lending rates for banks and customers, as cash becomes scarcer after years of excess liquidity...In the move earlier this month, the secured overnight borrowing rate, or Sofr, rose as much as 0.09 percentage points above the 5.3 per cent paid by the Fed to users of its overnight reverse repurchase facility. Analysts put the temporary spike down to a glut of new Treasuries, which briefly outstripped the cash available in the market for lending.

| \$220M         |                         |  |                  |                   |  |                |  | 12/5/23<br>\$203M |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|--|----------------|--|-------------------|
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