

# Testimony From Powell Kills Pivot Hopes

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## The One-Two Punch Knocks Out The Bulls

This past week, the market took a double whammy from Jerome Powell's testimony and concerns about a crack in the regional bank sector. We discussed the latter in yesterday's [Daily Market Commentary](#)(subscribe for daily pre-market delivery).

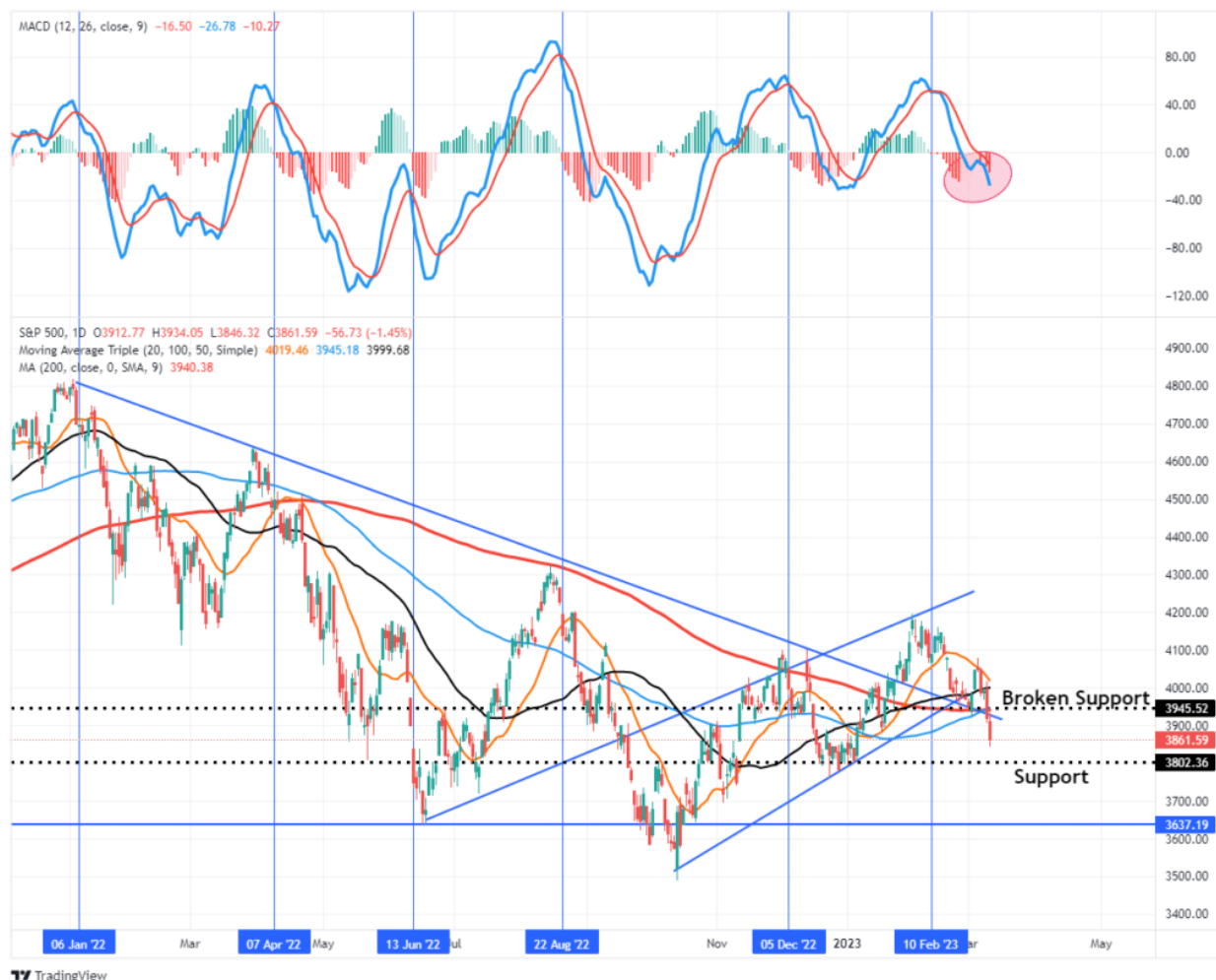
*"Yesterday, news that SVB Financial Group was taking steps to bolster its financial position. That included a highly dilutive stock offering and a panicked asset sale that sparked fears of a liquidity crisis at one of the biggest and original funding providers to the Venture Capital industry. The fear spread through other regional banks as a concern of one roach in the kitchen may mean a lot more at risk. The ETF of Regional Banks (KRE) dropped sharply."*



The crack in regional banks is likely only starting as the Fed continues to hike interest rates, leading to more underperforming loans and reduced funding. Unlike the big banks, which have access to capital markets and trading revenues to offset traditional banking incomes, smaller banks have exposure to real estate, consumer, and small business loans that are more sensitive to increased borrowing costs.

***?Banks ? and especially small banks ? are now sitting with reserves pretty much at their lowest comfort level, There is not much of a cash-to-asset cushion left for small banks as a whole, so a funding crisis can easily get rolling if large depositors decide too many loans in commercial real estate and other areas are about to go bad. The Fed will make funds available to keep these banks afloat, but that alone will get some push-back from Congress because of the increased concentration of bank deposits in an increasingly smaller number of banks.? ? Steven Blitz, TS Lombard***

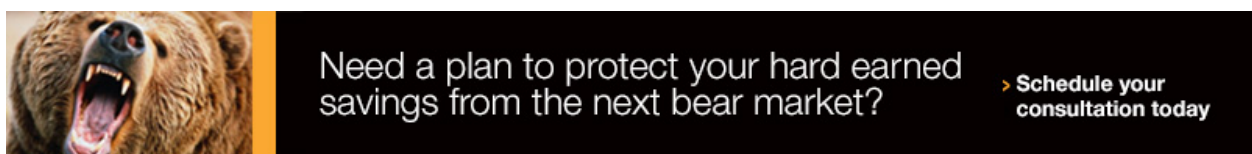
With that, the market took out the support at the rising trend line and the 200-DMA, which violated our stop-loss levels, where we reduced exposure to equities. With all of the previous bullish support levels broken, the next logical level of support is the December lows. A failure there will then set supports at the June and October lows.



The one-two punch of Jerome Powell and SVB has put the bears back in control of the market. Unfortunately, the problem for the regional banks, corporate earnings, and the market was found in Powell's testimony this past week.

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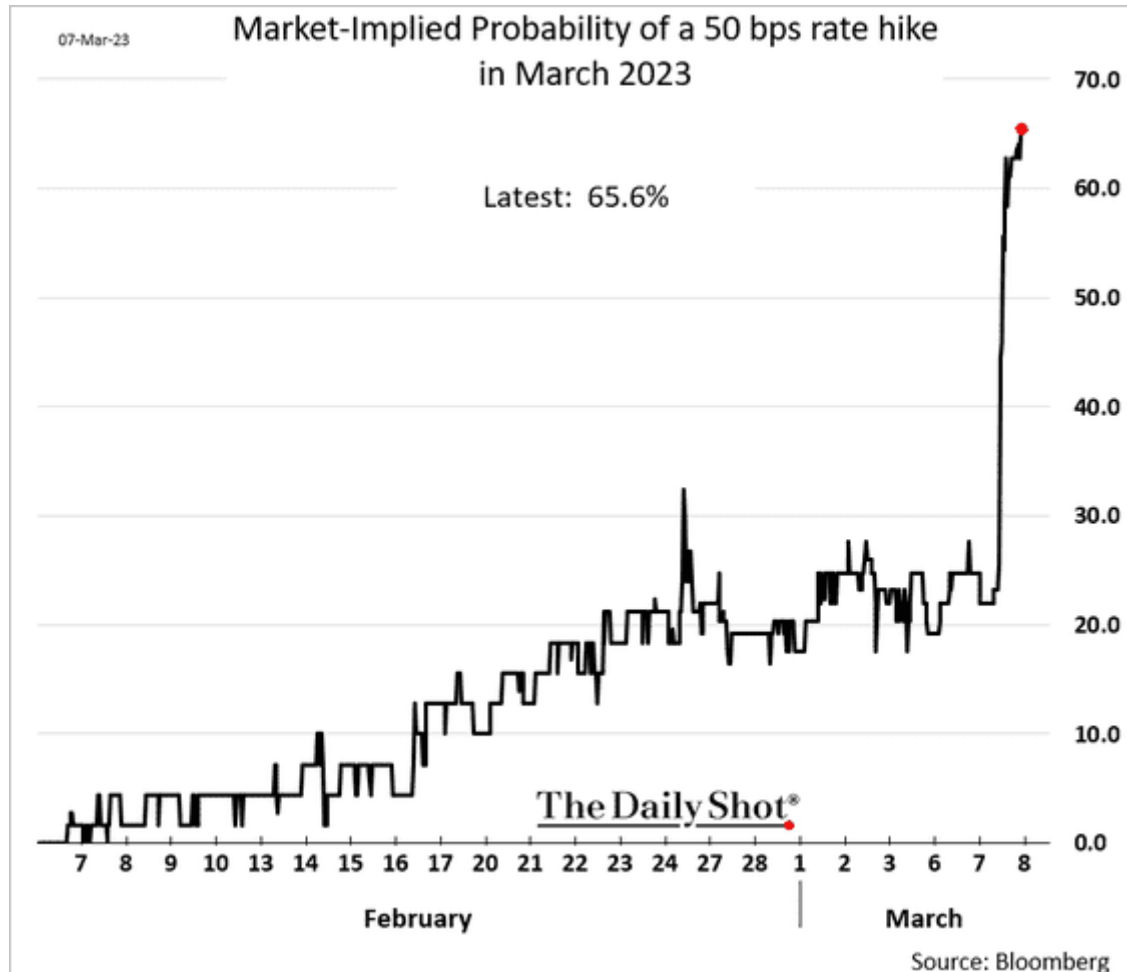
## Powell's Testimony Kills Pivot Hopes

This week was the annual testimony of the Federal Reserve before the Senate Banking Committee, followed by the House Financial Services Committee. As expected, Jerome Powell's testimony tilted to a more "hawkish" posture, given that inflation has not subsided as quickly as hoped.

During his testimony to the Senate Banking Committee, Powell made two critical statements that sent stocks tumbling on Tuesday.

*"If the totality of the data were to indicate that faster tightening is warranted, we would be prepared to increase the pace of rate hikes."*

That statement sent the odds of a 0.50% increase at the March meeting to nearly 70%. Just a month ago, those odds were ZERO.

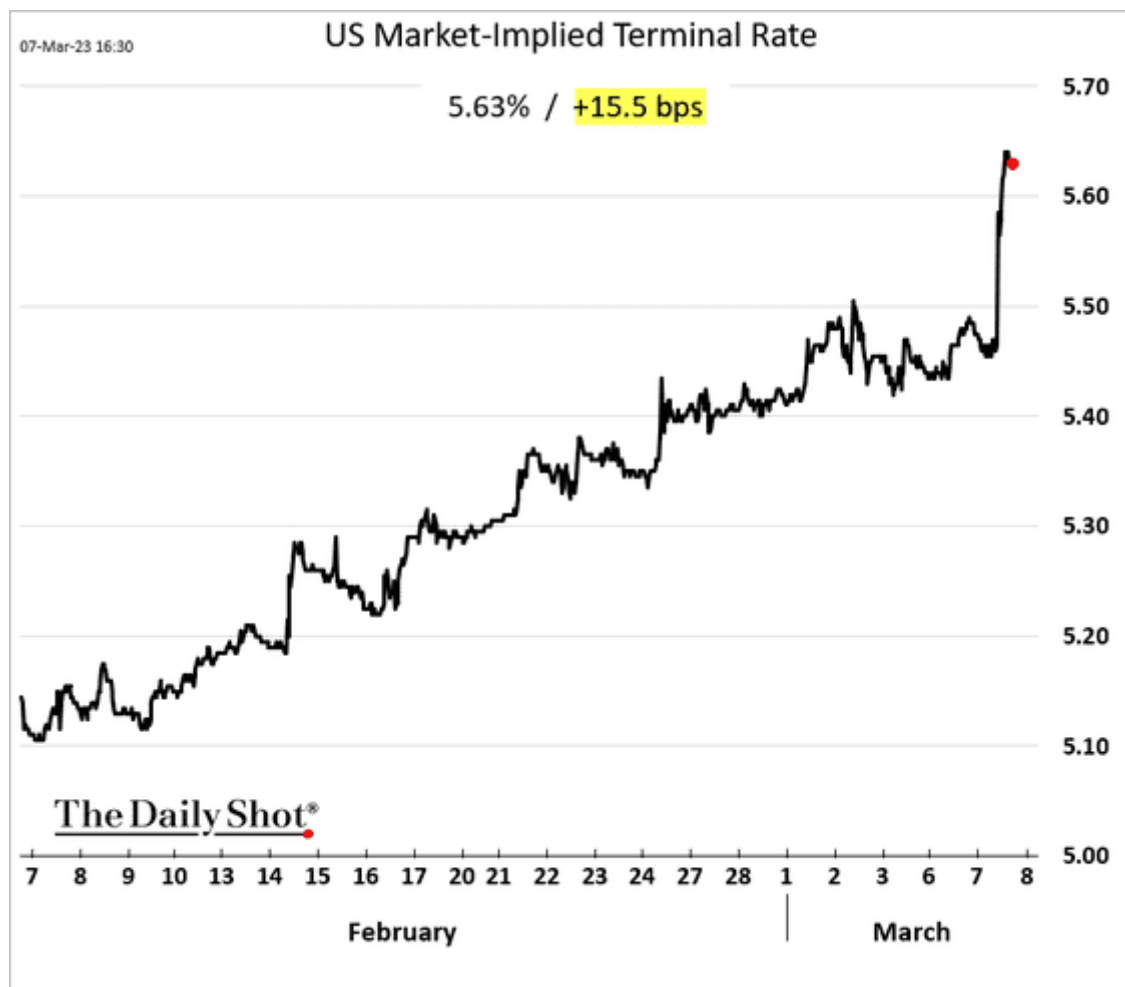


While a more aggressive rate hike in March was certainly not what the markets wanted to hear, the following testimony killed the hopes for a "pause."

*"The latest economic data have come in stronger than expected, suggesting that the **ultimate interest rate level is likely to be higher than anticipated.**"*

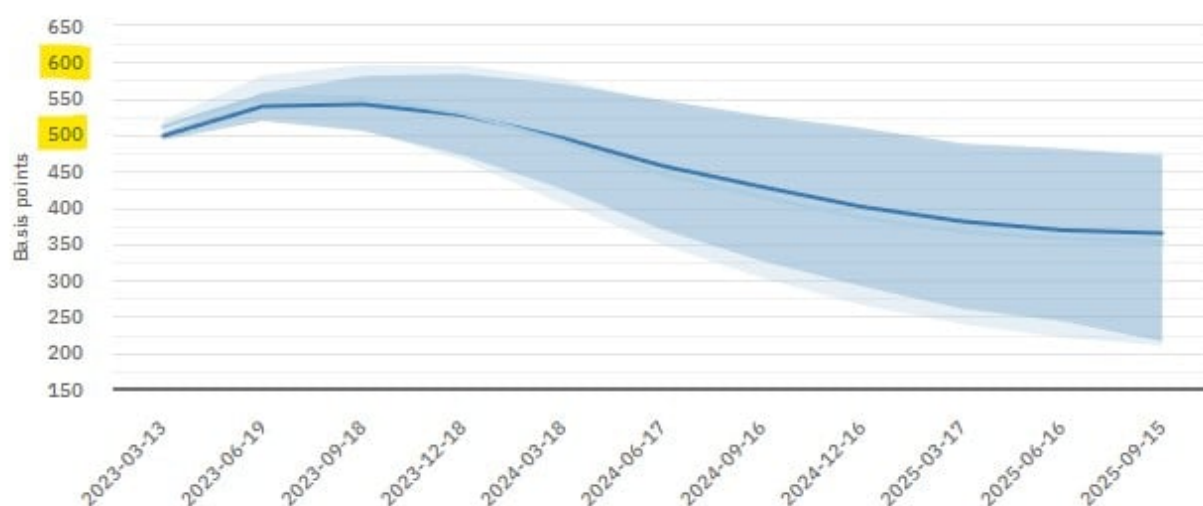
Much of the rally in stocks from the October lows was based on the hope the Fed would cease, or pause, its aggressive rate-hiking campaign. Many investors started to equate a "pause" to an immediate "pivot" where a reversal to monetary accommodation would be equity friendly.

Unfortunately, Powell's testimony demolished that hope, sending "terminal rate expectations," the level where the Fed will cease hiking, to 5.6%.



While that terminal rate and the odds of a 0.50% March rate hike decreased on Friday, the estimates still range between 5.25% and 6%.

### The Expected Future Path of the Three-Month Average Fed Funds Rate



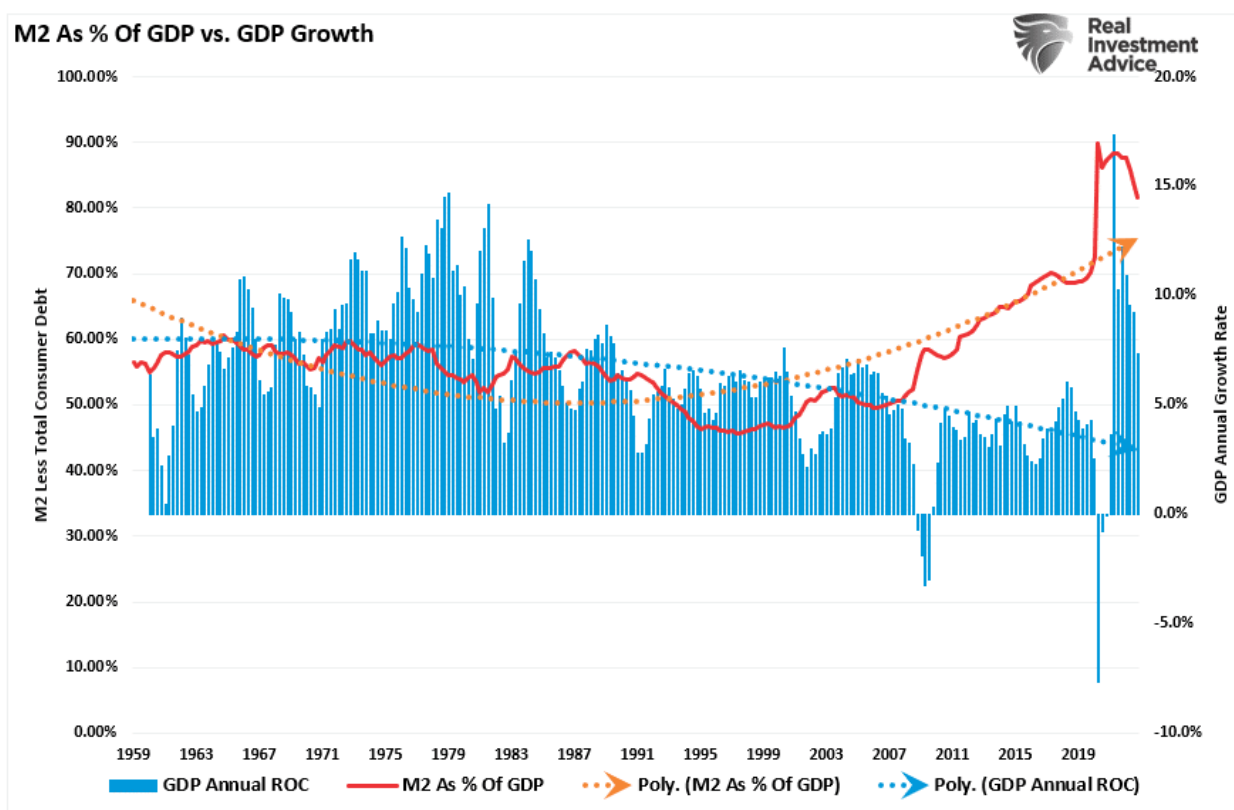
While "video killed the radio star," Powell's testimony, and the SVB debacle, dashed the bullish dreams for now.

# No Recession?

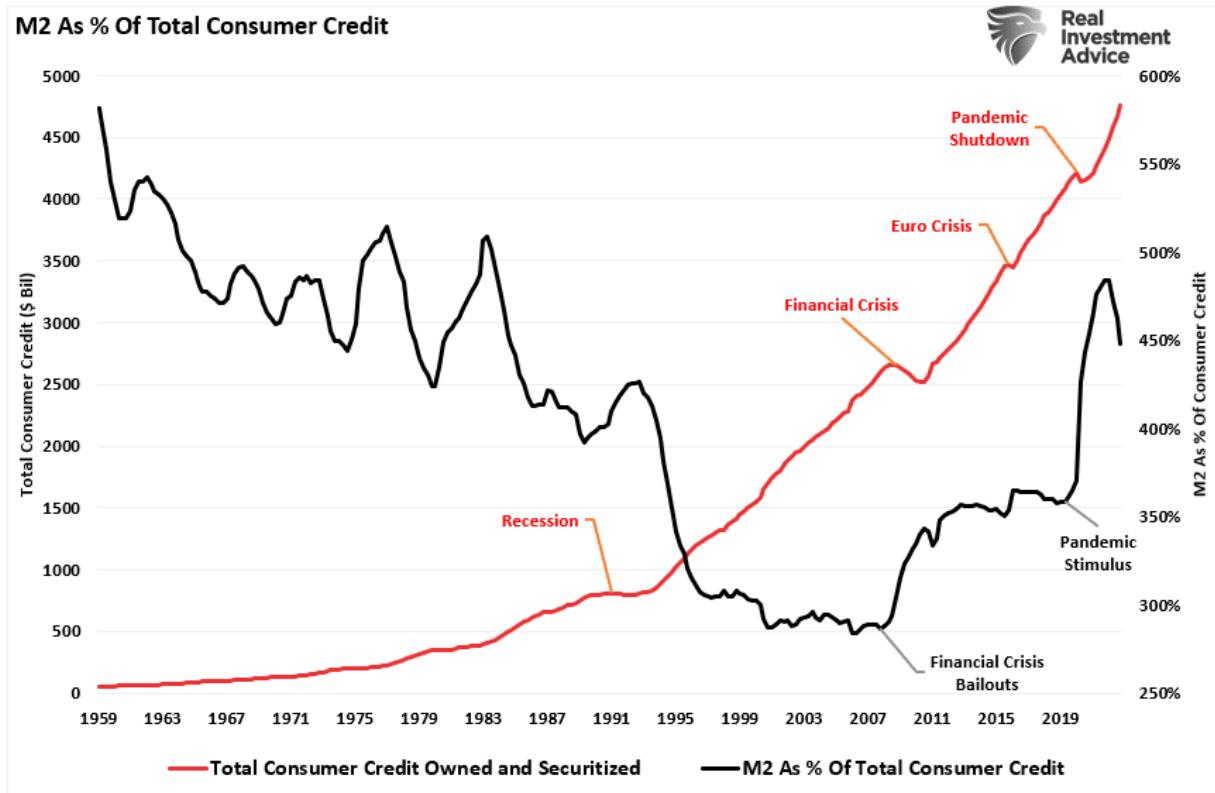
Powell's testimony reaffirms our previous expectations that the Fed would *"break something"* which may have started with SVB. However, it is too soon to tell whether this was an isolated event or the beginning of a credit event.

The problem between the bears and the bulls is that the economy still shows plenty of strength, from recent employment numbers to retail sales. However, much of this *"strength"* is an illusion from the *"pull forward"* of consumption following the massive fiscal and monetary injections into the economy.

As shown, M2, a measure of monetary liquidity, is still highly elevated as a percentage of GDP. This *"pig in the python"* is still processing through the economic system. Still, the massive deviation from previous growth trends will require an extended time frame for reversion. Such is why calls for a *"recession"* have been early, and the data continues to surprise economists.



Given that economic growth is comprised of roughly 70% consumer spending, the ramp-up in debt to *"make ends meet"* as that liquidity impulse fades is not surprising. You will note that each time there is a liquidity impulse following some crisis, consumer debt temporarily declines. However, the inability to sustain the current standard of living without debt increases is impossible. Therefore, as those liquidity impulses fade, the consumer must take on increasing debt levels.



## Monetary & Fiscal Policy Is Deflationary

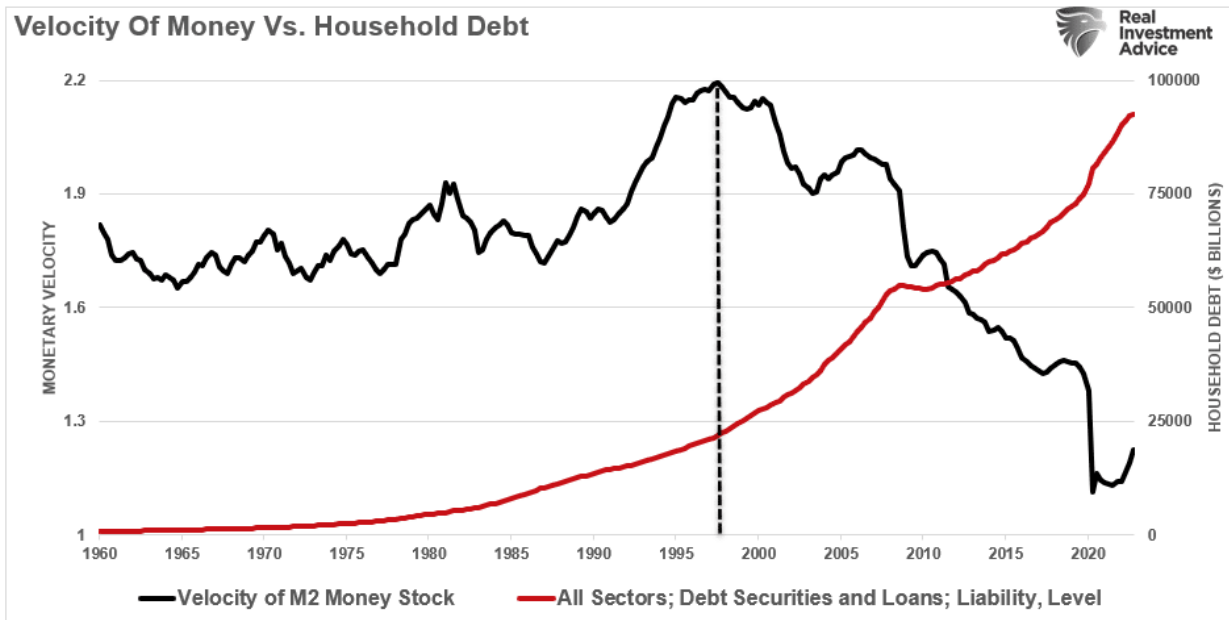
The problem is that the Federal Reserve and the Government fail to grasp that monetary and fiscal policy is "deflationary" when "debt" is required to fund it.

How do we know this? Monetary velocity tells the story.

What is "monetary velocity?"

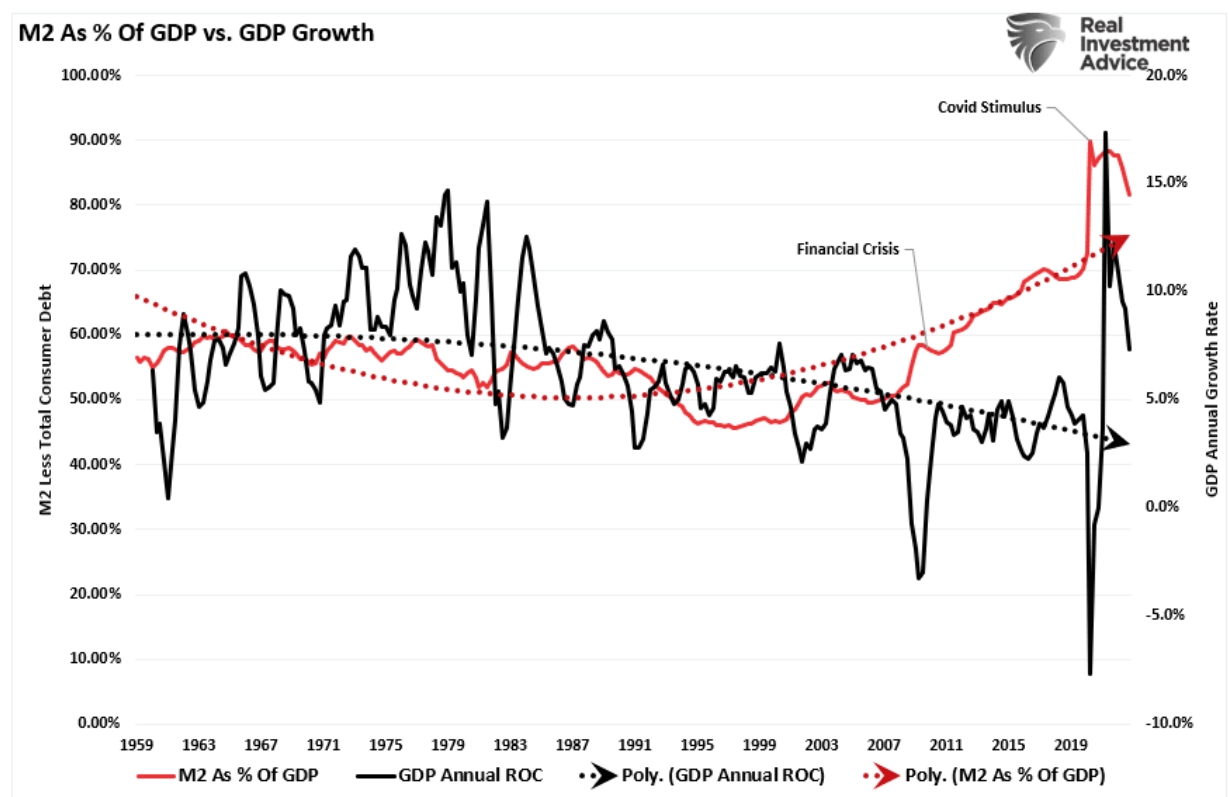
*?The velocity of money is important for measuring the rate at which money in circulation is used for purchasing goods and services. Velocity is useful in gauging the health and vitality of the economy. High money velocity is usually associated with a healthy, expanding economy. Low money velocity is usually associated with recessions and contractions.? ? Investopedia*





With each monetary policy intervention, the velocity of money has slowed along with the breadth and strength of economic activity. While, in theory, "*printing money*" should lead to increased economic activity and inflation, such has not been the case.

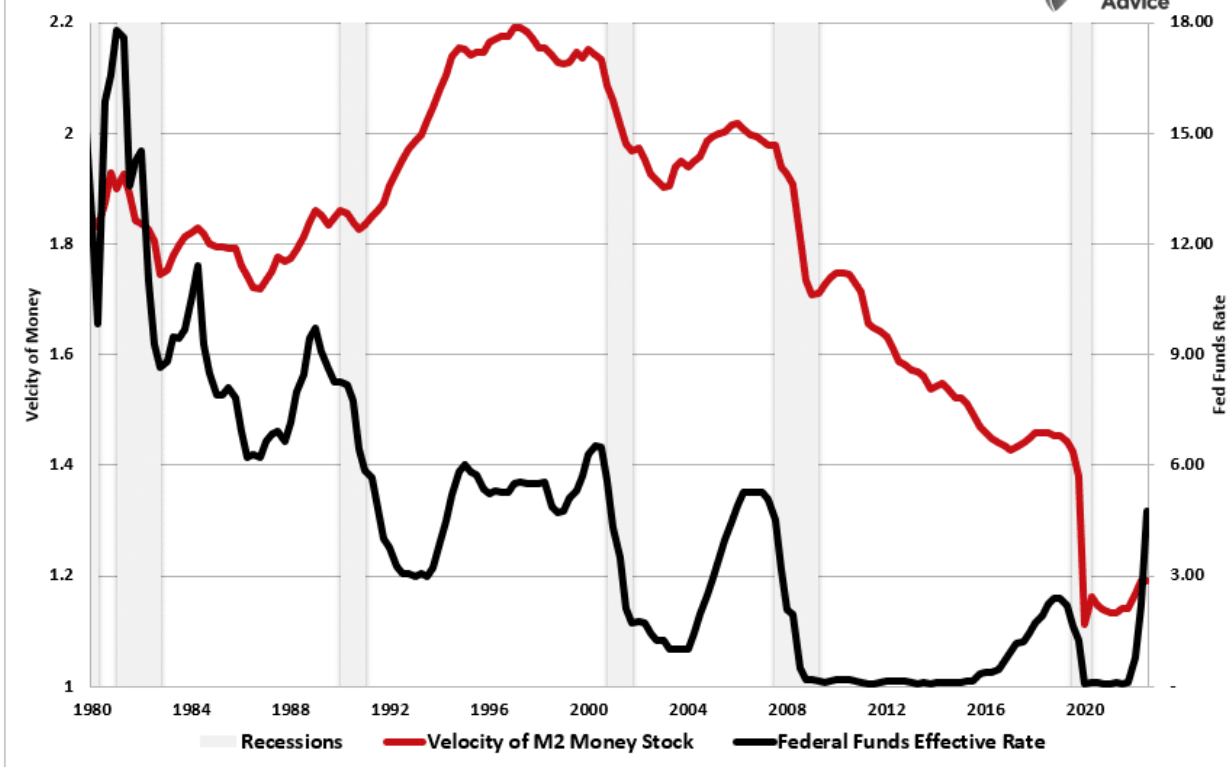
Beginning in 2000, the "*money supply*" as a percentage of GDP exploded higher. The "*surge*" in economic activity is due to "*reopening*" from an artificial "*shutdown*." Therefore, the growth is only returning to the long-term downtrend. The attendant trendlines show that increasing the money supply has not led to more sustainable economic growth. It has been quite the opposite.



Moreover, it isn't just the expansion of M2 and debt undermining the economy's strength. It is also the ongoing suppression of interest rates to try and stimulate economic activity. In 2000, the Fed "*crossed the Rubicon*," whereby lowering interest rates did not stimulate economic activity. Therefore, the continued increase in the "*debt burden*" detracted from it.



## Fed Funds Vs. Monetary Velocity



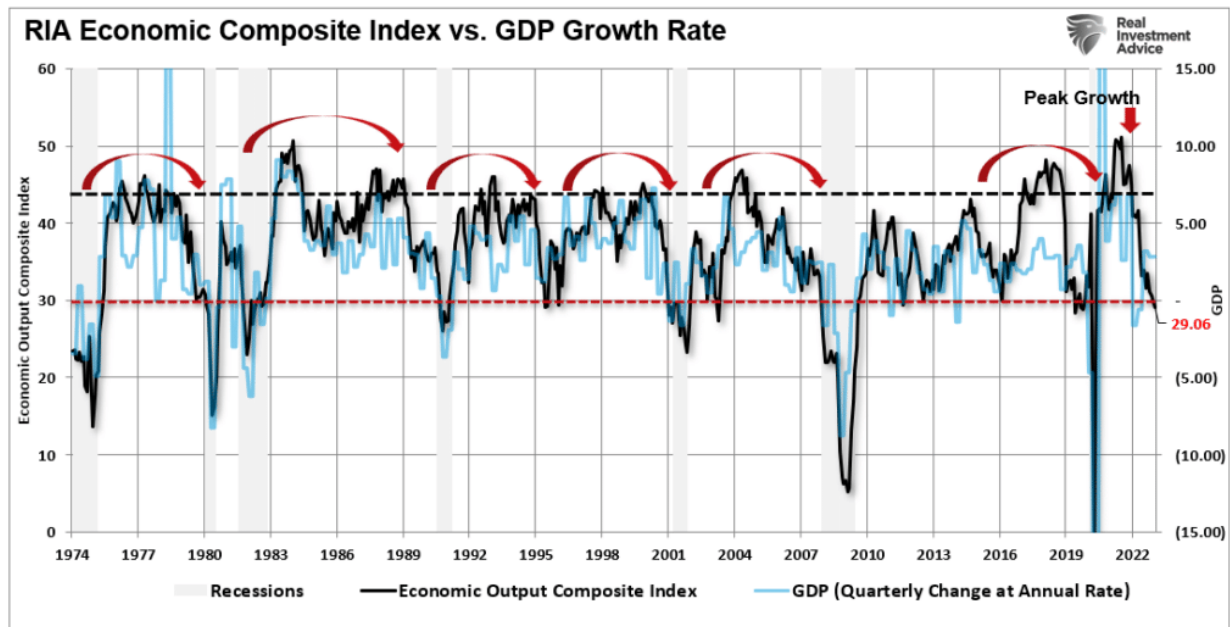
It is worth noting that monetary velocity improves when the Fed hikes interest rates. Accordingly, Powell's testimony says the Fed will do just that.

Interestingly, monetary velocity improves just before the Fed *"breaks something."*

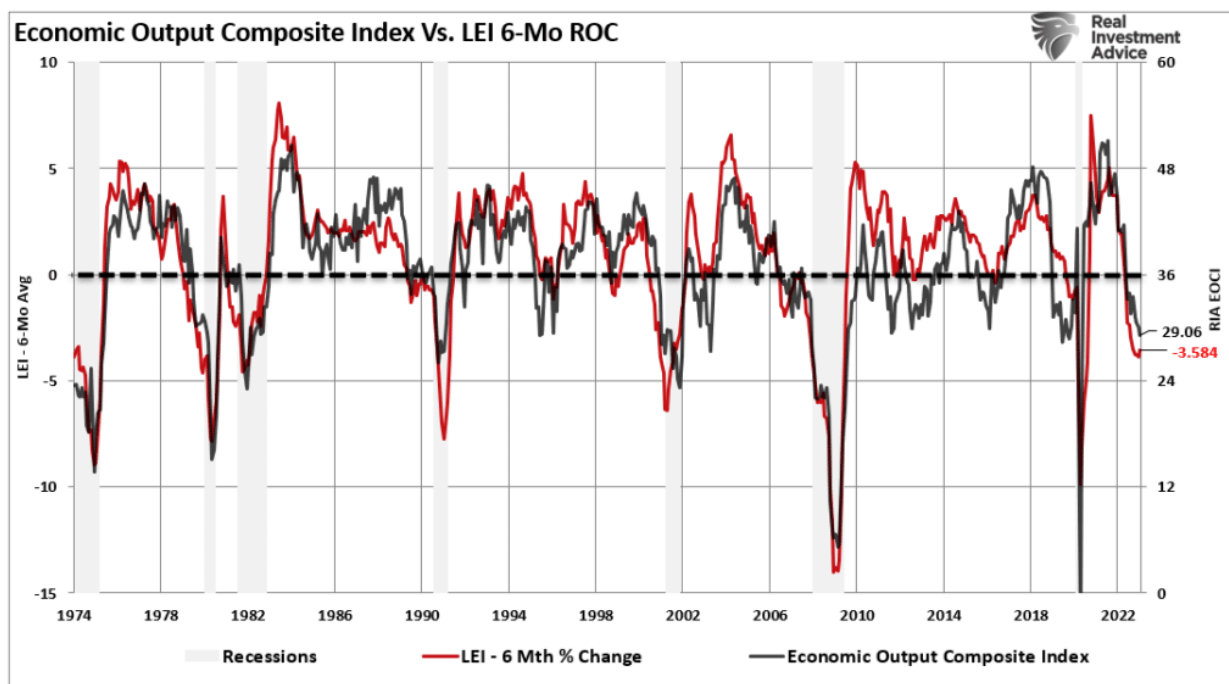
## Recession Risks

Powell's testimony is clear that the Fed will continue hiking rates to combat inflation. However, such will increase the risks that the Fed will eventually *"break something."* Many *"recession indicators"* are already ringing alarm bells, from inverted yield curves to various manufacturing and production indexes. But there are two we watch most closely.

The first is our composite economic index comprising over 100 data points, including leading and lagging indicators. Historically, when that indicator has declined below 30, the economy was either in a significant slowdown or recession. Just as inverted yield curves suggest that economic activity is slowing, the composite economic index confirms the same.



Secondly, the 6-month rate of change of the Leading Economic Index (LEI) also confirms the composite economic index. As a recession indicator, the 6-month rate of change of the LEI has a perfect track record.

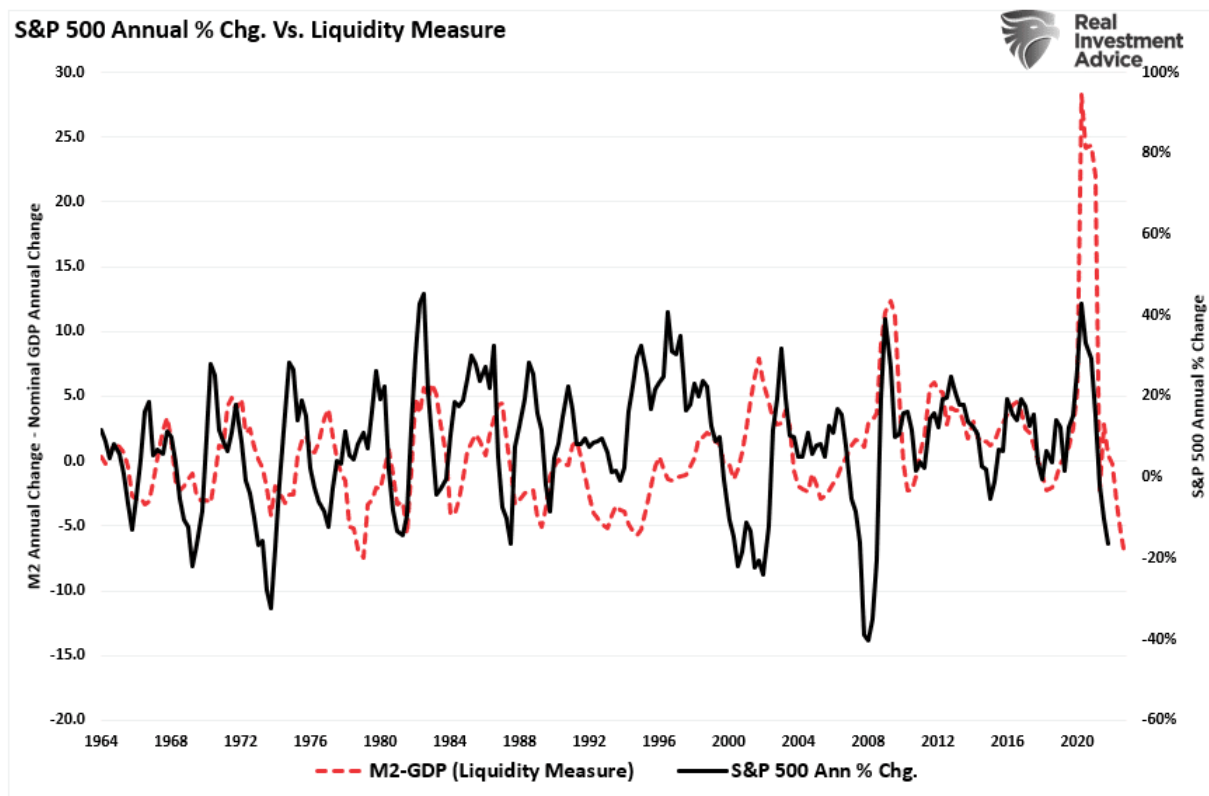


Of course, today's debate is whether these recession indicators are wrong for the first time since 1974. **As stated above, the massive surge in monetary stimulus (as a percentage of GDP) remains highly elevated, which gives the illusion that the economy is more robust than it likely is.**

Those economic data points support the Fed's testimony of keeping rates elevated longer. The risk, however, is **the lag effect of monetary tightening. As previous rate hikes take hold this year, the reversion in economic strength will probably surprise most economists.**

For investors, the implications of reversing monetary stimulus on prices are not bullish. As shown, the contraction in liquidity, measured by subtracting GDP from M2, correlates to changes in asset prices. Given there is significantly more reversion in monetary stimulus to come, such suggests

that lower asset prices will likely follow.



Of course, such a reversion in asset prices will occur as the Fed "*breaks something*" by over-tightening monetary policy.

## How We Are Trading It

As noted last week, from a portfolio management perspective, we are caught between the improving bullish technicals and the bearish fundamentals. That obviously changed this past week, and longer-term, the fundamentals always win out. According to Powell's testimony, it is hard to imagine a scenario where continued rate hikes do not eventually cause an economic recession or further bank failures.

From that view, we remain underweight in stocks and bonds and overweight cash and short-term Treasuries. *(The ETF allocation comprises short-duration Treasury bonds and floating rate Treasuries, with a lesser allocation to long-dated Treasuries. You can view our models in real-time at [SimpleVisor.com](https://www.simplevisor.com))* However, we will now start to increase the duration of our bond portfolio.



As noted last week:

*"There is little reason to chase risk, particularly ahead of the upcoming FOMC meeting later this month. We expect the Fed to hike interest rates by another 0.25%, but their language regarding further rate hikes will remain hawkish. The inflation data remains "sticky," and the employment data, although lagging, remains too strong for the Fed to stop hiking rates.*

*That data has pushed market-based expectations to 5.5% for the terminal rate, and rate cuts are now getting pushed off into the latter part of this year. Such does not bode well for risk assets or economic growth."*

Such is what we saw happen this past week. While the bulls continue to ignore the impact of further rate increases, it is a war the bulls will eventually lose. As such, we suggest using any rallies to reduce equity risk, raise cash levels, and rebalance bond portfolios. The opportunity to increase equity risk will come, but such could be later this year.

While being cautious will likely underperform near term, reducing capital destruction allows for a quicker return to profitability.

Have a great week.

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## Stock Of The Week In Review

[Treasury Bill Replacements](#)

A few subscribers have recently asked if we could screen for stocks offering good dividends and stable stock prices. They are concerned about the broad equity markets but do not want to over-allocate to T-bills or money market funds despite their risk-free status and tempting 5% yields.

To help answer the request, we use Finviz. They provide the ability to screen for volatility. Unfortunately, Finviz only allows us to filter volatility for the last month. To help compensate, we added low Beta to the screen. Lastly, we only include stocks with dividend yields of 3% or greater and added a size requirement.

Here is a link to the full [SimpleVisor Article For Step-By-Step Screening Instructions](#).

#### Unilever PLC (UL) - Household & Personal Products

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Unilever PLC operates as a fast-moving consumer goods company. It operates through Beauty & Personal Care, Foods & Refreshment, and Home Care segments. The Beauty & Personal Care segment provides skin care and hair care products, deodorants, and skin cleansing products. The Foods & Refreshment segment offers ice cream, soups, bouillons, seasonings, mayonnaise, ketchups, and tea categories. The Home Care segment provides fabric solutions and various cleaning products. The company offers its products under the Domestos, OMO, Seventh Generation, Ben & Jerry's, Knorr, Magnum, Wall's, Bango, the Vegetarian Butcher, Axe, Cif, Comfort, Dove, Lifebuoy, Lux, Rexona, Sunsilk, Equilibra, OLLY, Liquid IV, SmartyPants, Onnit, Hellmann's, and Vaseline brands. Unilever PLC was incorporated in 1894 and is headquartered in London, the United Kingdom.

Latest Price (Mar 9, 2023, 12:49:23 PM)  
**\$49.09** ▲ (\$0.24) (0.49%)

Last Close  
\$48.85

Open  
\$49.14

Volume  
854,627

Annual Div.  
\$1.66

Mkt Cap (mn)  
\$126,073.42

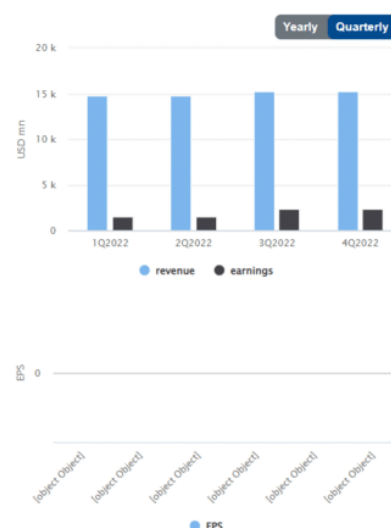
52 Week Range  
\$42.44 - \$52.34

Day Range  
\$48.96 - \$49.17

Avg. Volume (3m)  
1,887,584

Div. Yield  
3.41%

Beta  
0.12



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## Daily Commentary Tidbits

### [Delinquent Consumer Loans On The Rise](#)

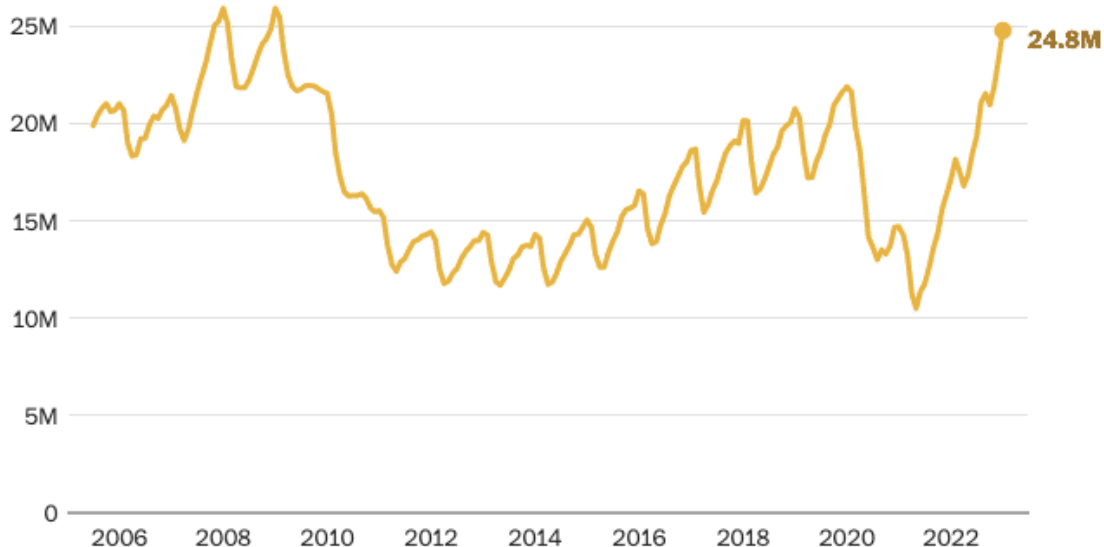
The chart below showing delinquent consumer loans is concerning but misleading. At first blush, the number of delinquent consumer loans is nearing the peak of the 2008 recession. That stat should be very worrisome on its own. However, the amount of consumer loans has more than doubled since 2008. Therefore, the percentage of delinquent consumer loans is only half of the 2008 peak.

While the percentage of delinquent consumer loans is not problematic, the sharply rising trend is. Further, [Heather Long of the Washington Post](#) notes, "Many households are also behind on their utility bills: 20.5 million homes had overdue balances in January, according to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association." Per the

article, the bottom 60% of earners contribute about 40% of GDP growth. People delinquent on loans are likely getting financially squeezed due to falling real wages and will be forced to reduce their consumption. If the unemployment rate rises, the problem will worsen. The article ends as follows: ?The flares are going off. If the economy does fall into a recession, it will only get more perilous for those at the bottom.?

### Total delinquent consumer loans in the United States

Includes credit card, auto loans and consumer finance loans



Not seasonally adjusted

Source: Moody's Analytics, Equifax

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Healthcare					Industrials					Consumer Cyclical					Technology				
ABBV	CI	ZBH	AMGN	GILD	BA	HON	NOC	RTX	LMT	TSLA	ULTA	MCD	TSKO	AZO	INTC	LDOS	CDNS	CSCO	IBM
1.6%	1.36%	0.96%	0.92%	0.7%	0.91%	0.23%	0.16%	0.07%	-0.07%	0.3%	0.24%	0.15%	0.15%	-0.03%	2.95%	-0.26%	-0.37%	-0.51%	-0.56%
MRNA	REGN	JNJ	CVS	VRTX	LHX	ROP	GE	UPS	WM	CMG	POOL	ORLY	NKE	ROL	TER	JNPR	CTSH	ADI	TXN
0.68%	0.44%	0.24%	0.13%	0.13%	-0.5%	-0.58%	-0.67%	-0.73%	-0.86%	-0.03%	-0.18%	-0.29%	-0.32%	-0.4%	-0.83%	-0.84%	-0.87%	-0.98%	-1.04%
MTD	CTLT	RMD	COO	ZTS	ROK	CMI	PH	ALLE	GNRC	DPZ	WRK	CCL	GM	HAS	ORCL	ADSK	DXC	ON	FIS
-2.87%	-2.89%	-3%	-3.56%	-3.94%	-3.3%	-3.5%	-3.55%	-3.73%	-3.94%	-2.9%	-2.93%	-3%	-3.44%	-3.91%	-3.22%	-3.23%	-3.33%	-3.72%	-4.25%
IDXX	DXCM	ILMN	CRL	GEN	IR	GPN	URI	CAT	DE	BALL	KMX	SEE	CZR	VFC	FLT	PAYC	EPAM	CDAY	IT
-3.69%	-3.85%	-4.24%	-5.76%	-6.37%	-4.13%	-4.95%	-5.38%	-5.79%	-6.05%	-3.93%	-3.98%	-4.01%	-4.06%	-5.35%	-4.3%	-4.36%	-4.52%	-4.57%	-5.41%
Financial					Consumer Goods					Utilities					Materials				
JPM	TRV	WFC	SIVB	CB	CLX	DLTR	PG	KHC	CPB	ED	SO	EXC	NEE	CNP	NEM	ECL	DD	APD	PPG
2.54%	1.01%	0.56%	0%	-0.24%	0.52%	0.47%	0.45%	0.4%	0.34%	-0.73%	-0.95%	-1.01%	-1.02%	-1.15%	1.01%	0.27%	-0.68%	-0.99%	-1.1%
BRK-B	PNC	C	AON	BAC	CHD	MDLZ	PEP	CL	WMT	EIX	ATO	PPL	AEP	WEC	LIN	SHW	IFF	CTVA	FMC
-0.39%	-0.51%	-0.53%	-0.85%	-0.88%	0.3%	0.22%	0.13%	-0.04%	-0.15%	-1.15%	-1.24%	-1.24%	-1.39%	-1.45%	-1.27%	-1.42%	-1.66%	-1.72%	-2.19%
ICE	AIG	CMA	RJF	TROW	MKC	TGT	LW	SYT	ADM	LNT	DTE	ETR	PNW	SRE	LYB	VMC	CF	FCX	MLM
-4.71%	-4.75%	-5.01%	-5.26%	-5.65%	-1.46%	-1.53%	-1.58%	-1.59%	-1.71%	-2.09%	-2.11%	-2.18%	-2.18%	-2.38%	-2.45%	-2.75%	-3.25%	-3.29%	-3.72%
LNC	TFC	SCHW	FRC	SBNY	COST	STZ	MNST	EL	NWL	PEG	NI	FE	NRG	AES	CE	ALB	NUE	STLD	MOS
-6.14%	-6.68%	-11.69%	-14.84%	-22.87%	-1.75%	-1.76%	-1.79%	-2.99%	-5.99%	-2.42%	-2.45%	-2.71%	-4.18%	-4.24%	-3.99%	-4.91%	-5.34%	-6.11%	-6.59%
Real Estate					Energy					Communication Services									
AMT	CCI	HST	SBAC	DLR	MPC	PSX	VLO	CVX	OXY	T	VZ	FOX	FOXA	CMCSA					
0.04%	-0.77%	-1.24%	-1.5%	-1.76%	0.13%	0.08%	-0.09%	-0.52%	-1.16%	0.6%	0.36%	-0.39%	-0.39%	-0.45%					
WY	MAA	EQIX	CSGP	IRM	XOM	COP	PXD	WMB	OKE	ATVI	OMC	TMUS	EA	META					
-1.87%	-2.52%	-2.53%	-2.6%	-2.82%	-1.24%	-1.5%	-1.6%	-1.84%	-1.89%	-0.51%	-0.59%	-1.12%	-1.15%	-1.2%					
VTR	EXR	FRT	PSA	SPG	SLB	DVN	EOG	MRO	APA	NWSA	GOOG	TTWO	LYV	DIS					
-4.16%	-4.28%	-4.77%	-4.82%	-4.94%	-2.28%	-2.3%	-2.45%	-2.48%	-2.86%	-1.72%	-1.78%	-2.11%	-2.2%	-2.67%					
WELL	PEAK	ESS	BXP	ARE	HES	FANG	HAL	EGT	BKR	WBD	CHTR	PARA	DISH	LUMN					
-6.38%	-6.67%	-6.7%	-7.27%	-8.67%	-2.86%	-2.88%	-2.92%	-2.97%	-3.29%	-2.84%	-3.94%	-4.65%	-6.73%	-6.94%					

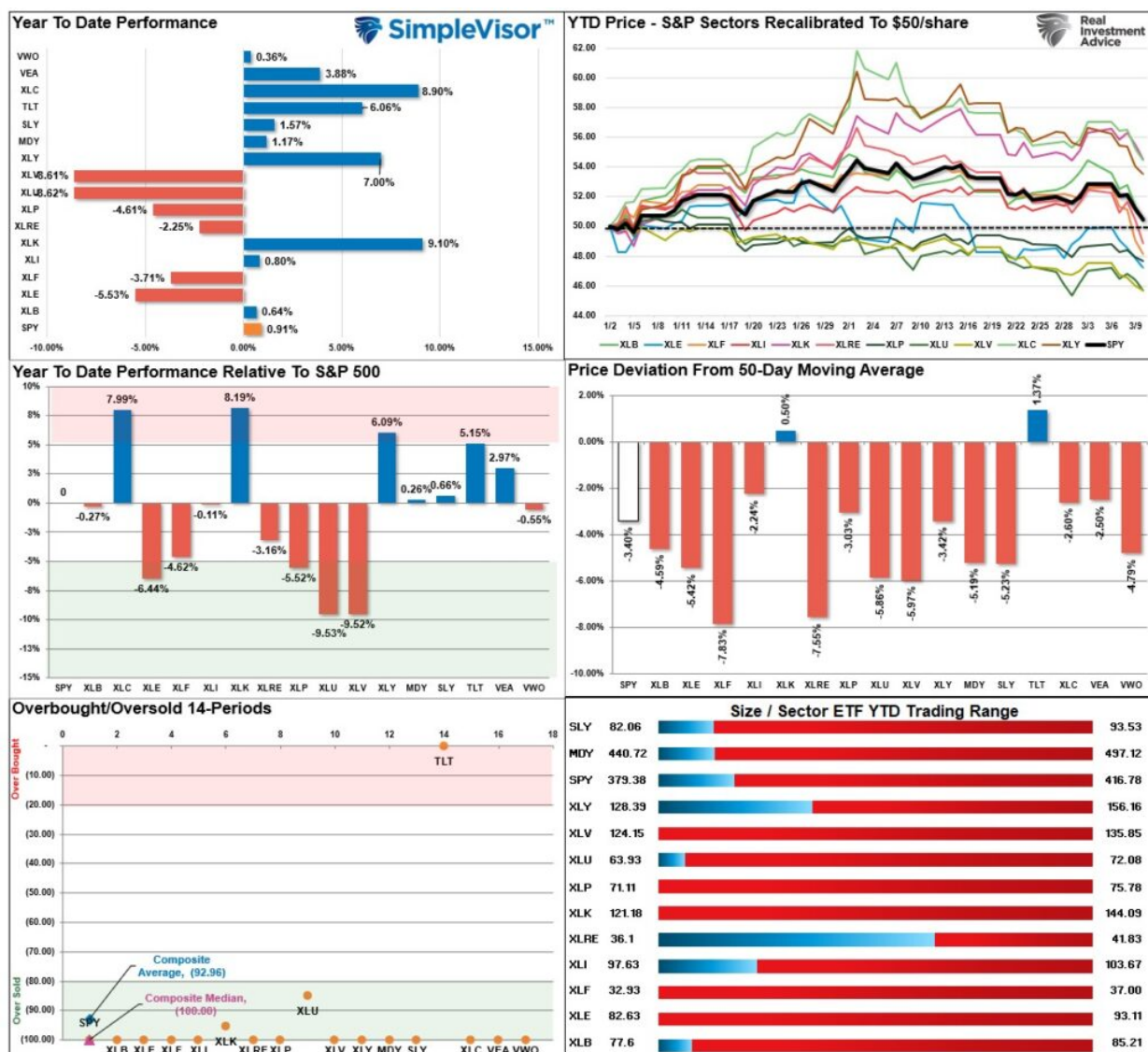
## S&P 500 Weekly Tear Sheet

3 Month SPY Price							RIA SimpleVisor		SPY RISK INFO				
							Item	T 2-Yr	T 1-Yr.	YTD	% Diff YTD/T1-YR		
							Price Return	(0.94%)	(9.30%)	0.91%	(109.78%)		
							Max Drawdown	(27.47%)	(24.66%)	(8.13%)	(67.05%)		
							Sharpe	0.10	(0.26)	0.18	(1.70)		
							Sortino	0.17	(0.50)	0.31	(1.63)		
							Volatility	19.48	23.46	16.76	(0.29)		
							Daily VaR-5%	(28.88)	(44.40)	(22.41)	(0.50)		
							Mnthly VaR-5%	(26.66)	(54.14)	(54.14)	0.00		
S&P 500 Market Cap Analysis													
Item	2 years ago	1 year ago	Current	1 Yr % Change	5 Year High	5 year Low	% From High	% From Low	Item	12-M Ago	Current	% Chg	
Dividend Yield	1.37%	1.32%	1.64%	19.61%	2.14%	1.20%	(23.47%)	36.28%	Shares	3,785.6	3,676.3	(2.89%)	
P/E Ratio	28.42	20.63	17.81	(15.80%)	2727%	1600%	(34.7%)	11.30%	Sales	101,532	110,075	8.41%	
P/S Ratio	4.66	4.34	3.37	(28.64%)	4.96	3.21	(32.04%)	4.89%	SPS	26.8	29.9	11.64%	
P/B Ratio	5.98	6.13	5.27	(16.37%)	6.75	4.30	(21.96%)	22.54%	Earnings	20,220	18,083	(10.57%)	
ROE	20.47%	29.58%	26.05%	(13.53%)	29.58%	18.00%	(11.91%)	44.72%	EPS TTM	5.5	5.7	3.14%	
ROA	4.63%	6.71%	6.01%	(11.67%)	6.71%	4.17%	(10.45%)	44.05%	Dividend	1.5	1.6	6.06%	
S&P 500 Asset Allocation													
Sector	1 Year Price Return	Weight	Beta	P/E	P/E High-5yr (Mo.)	P/E Low-5Yr (Mo.)	P/E % From Peak	ROE	DIV. YIELD	TTM Earnings Yield	Current Forward Earnings	Forward PE	
Energy	7.55%	4.84%	1.40	7.95	93.64	(357.54)	(91.5%)	28.5%	3.1%	12.40%	7.89	9.85	
Materials	(4.05%)	2.77%	1.14	13.83	26.87	11.36	(48.5%)	16.6%	2.0%	7.07%	5.22	17.08	
Industrials	(0.62%)	8.58%	1.15	20.59	55.88	14.68	(63.2%)	21.7%	1.7%	4.77%	6.53	18.70	
Discretionary	(20.33%)	10.40%	1.38	27.94	59.35	21.88	(52.9%)	11.3%	1.0%	3.53%	4.20	25.75	
Staples	(2.06%)	6.65%	0.57	20.84	23.09	17.43	(9.7%)	29.7%	2.6%	4.77%	4.64	20.10	
Health Care	(5.25%)	14.17%	0.69	15.22	19.66	14.80	(22.6%)	37.2%	1.8%	6.52%	7.89	17.00	
Financials	(9.19%)	11.42%	1.17	13.34	18.14	10.60	(26.5%)	10.9%	2.2%	7.45%	7.20	12.80	
Technology	(7.66%)	27.86%	1.18	24.40	32.96	16.66	(26.0%)	68.2%	1.1%	4.04%	6.07	23.67	
Telecom	(28.99%)	7.78%	1.00	16.93	28.04	15.41	(39.6%)	21.5%	0.7%	5.83%	4.65	15.42	
Utilities	(8.14%)	2.85%	0.63	18.54	21.24	15.56	(12.7%)	11.1%	3.4%	5.29%	3.31	17.09	
Real Estate	(22.77%)	2.67%	1.00	16.25	25.63	16.33	(36.6%)	8.5%	3.6%	5.96%	4.81	17.31	
Momentum Analysis													
Item	Price	ROC 50-Days	50-DMA	# Days Since Cross	% Dev 50-Day	200-DMA	# Days Since Cross	% Dev 200-Day	% Dev 50-200 DMA	% From 52-W High	% From 52-W Low	Buy/Sell	
Large Cap	385.91	0.91%	399.85	6	(3.49%)	392.41	36	(1.66%)	1.89%	(16.48%)	10.86%	Buy	
Mid Cap	447.95	1.17%	473.07	46	(5.31%)	448.18	46	(0.05%)	5.55%	(11.59%)	12.52%	Buy	
Small Cap	83.50	1.57%	88.23	44	(5.36%)	84.71	44	(1.43%)	4.15%	(13.74%)	11.16%	Buy	



# Relative Performance Analysis

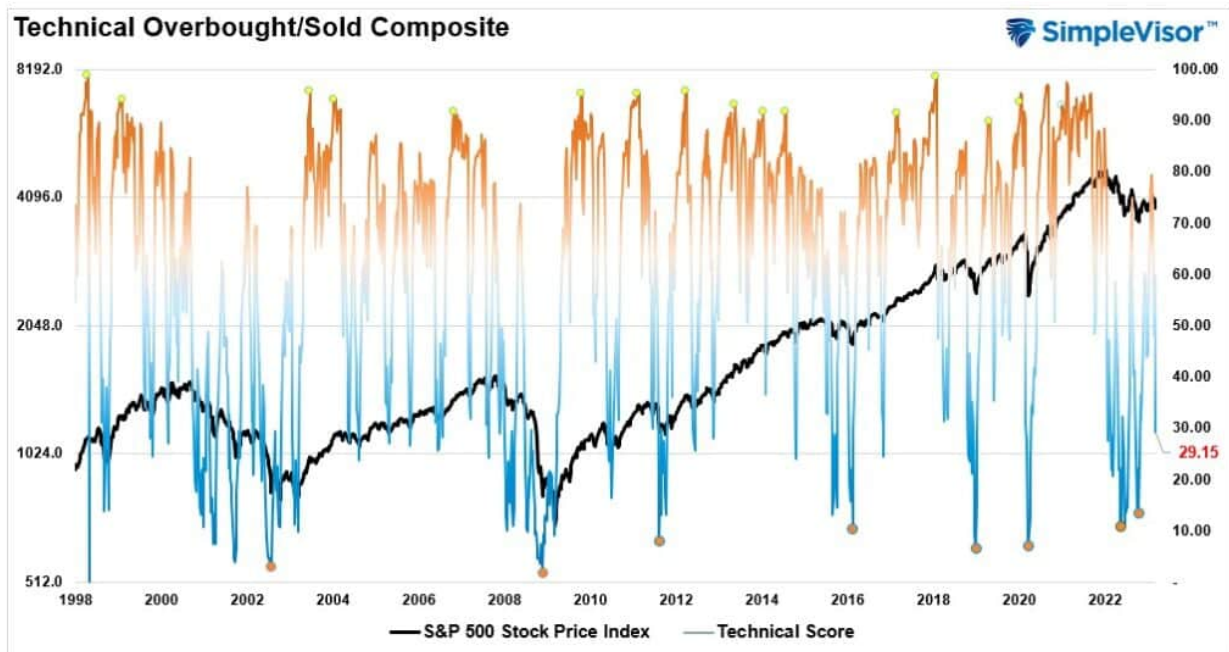
The one-two punch of Powell's testimony and the failure of Silicon Valley Bank to the wind out of the bull market this past week. The market is short-term oversold in every sector except for Bonds which are now very overbought. Look for a reflexive bounce next week to sell into to raise cash and reduce risk until the bullish trends are retaken.



## Technical Composite

The technical overbought/sold gauge comprises several price indicators (RSI, Williams %R, etc.), measured using "weekly" closing price data. Readings above "80" are considered overbought, and below "20" are oversold. Markets peak when those readings are 80 or above, suggesting prudent profit-taking and risk management. **The best buying opportunities exist when those readings are 20 or below.**

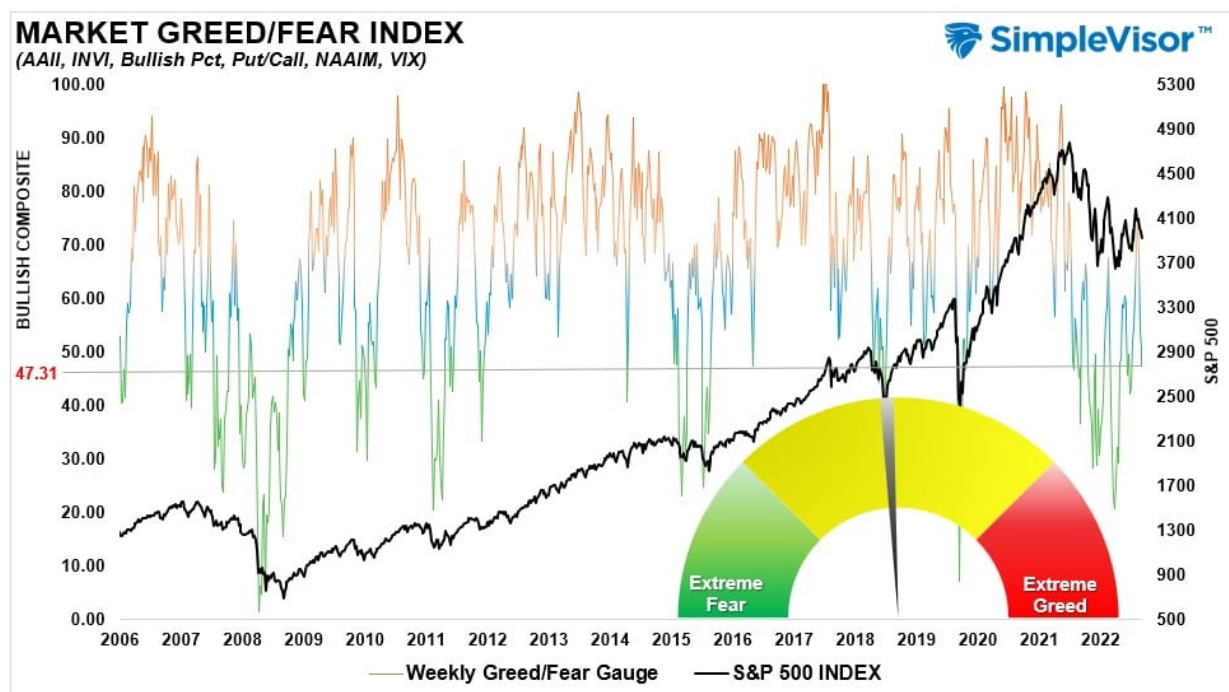
**The current reading is 29.15 out of a possible 100.**



## Portfolio Positioning "Fear / Greed" Gauge

The "Fear/Greed" Gauge is how individual and professional investors are "positioning" themselves in the market based on their equity exposure. From a contrarian position, the higher the allocation to equities, the more likely the market is closer to a correction than not. The gauge uses weekly closing data.

**NOTE:** The Fear/Greed Index measures risk from 0 to 100. It is a rarity that it reaches levels above 90. The current reading is 47.31 out of a possible 100.




## Sector Model Analysis & Risk Ranges

*How To Read This Table*


- The table compares the relative performance of each sector and market to the S&P 500 index.
- "M" XVER" (Moving Average Cross Over) is determined by the short-term weekly moving average crossing positively or negatively with the long-term weekly moving average.
- The risk range is a function of the month-end closing price and the "beta" of the sector or market. (Ranges reset on the 1st of each month)
- The table shows the price deviation above and below the weekly moving averages.

As noted above, the one-two punch of Powell and Silicon Valley Bank pushed all sectors and markets lower this week. While the bears have regained control of the narrative for now, expect a bounce next week, given the current oversold conditions. Bonds are overbought after a big spike on Friday, so some profit-taking there is advised.

RELATIVE PERFORMANCE		Current	PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO S&P 500 INDEX					SHORT		MONTH END		REL S&P	RISK RANGE		% DEV -	% DEV -	M/A XVER
Ticker	ETF NAME	Price	1 Week	4 Week	12 Weeks	24 Weeks	52 Weeks	WMA	LONG WMA	PRICE	BETA	HIGH	LOW	Short M/A	Long M/A	SIGNAL	
IVV	ISHARS-SP500	387.88	(4.48)	(5.39)	0.76	4.43	(8.09)	398.41	395.80	397.97	1.00	407.92	388.02	-3%	-2%	BULLISH	
XLB	SPDR-MATLS SELS	78.18	(3.11)	0.69	(1.90)	9.82	3.60	81.35	78.00	81.83	1.07	84.75	78.91	-4%	0%	BULLISH	
XLC	SPDR-COMM SV SS	52.26	(0.08)	0.47	8.00	1.98	(10.73)	52.46	52.31	53.50	1.01	55.38	51.62	0%	0%	BULLISH	
XLE	SPDR-EGY SELS	82.63	(0.82)	(3.02)	(2.81)	12.81	15.61	87.03	83.86	83.69	1.35	86.91	80.47	-5%	-1%	BULLISH	
XLF	SPDR-FINL SELS	32.93	(4.02)	(4.37)	(3.05)	1.62	(1.45)	35.37	34.24	35.72	1.09	37.00	34.44	-7%	-4%	BULLISH	
XLK	SPDR-TECH SELS	135.77	1.36	2.10	5.74	5.29	2.33	133.41	132.88	136.52	1.13	141.48	131.56	2%	2%	BULLISH	
XLI	SPDR-INDU SELS	99.00	(0.02)	2.31	0.15	12.38	9.17	100.72	96.35	100.97	1.11	104.62	97.32	-2%	3%	BULLISH	
XLPL	SPDR-CONS STPL	71.11	2.51	2.84	(5.77)	(1.94)	7.63	73.75	73.18	72.03	0.58	74.25	69.81	-4%	-3%	BULLISH	
XLRE	SPDR-RE SELS	36.10	(2.36)	(4.63)	(4.50)	(8.06)	(13.21)	38.72	39.21	38.21	0.83	39.48	36.94	-7%	-8%	BEARISH	
XLU	SPDR-UTIL SELS	64.42	1.72	0.53	(9.36)	(14.66)	(0.45)	69.00	70.05	65.00	0.50	66.95	63.05	-7%	-8%	BEARISH	
XLV	SPDR-HLTH CR	124.15	0.60	(0.91)	(9.16)	(3.27)	4.37	133.02	131.14	127.17	0.70	131.24	123.10	-7%	-5%	BULLISH	
XLV	SPDR-CONS DISCR	138.20	(1.06)	(1.33)	2.44	(10.05)	(3.02)	140.77	146.84	145.54	1.18	150.89	140.19	-2%	-6%	BEARISH	
XTN	SPDR-SP TRANSP	73.25	(2.40)	(0.12)	5.57	9.15	(3.56)	74.25	72.87	76.72	1.33	79.66	73.78	-1%	1%	BULLISH	
SDY	SPDR-SP DIV ETF	120.63	(0.79)	(0.50)	(3.65)	0.01	5.86	127.17	124.86	125.87	0.86	130.10	121.54	-5%	-3%	BULLISH	
RSP	INVS-SP5 EQ ETF	140.47	(1.59)	(1.56)	(1.39)	3.22	2.93	146.98	143.12	146.60	1.06	151.82	141.38	-4%	-2%	BULLISH	
SLY	SPDR-SP6 SC	83.50	(3.16)	(1.71)	0.73	4.41	(0.49)	86.97	85.28	88.88	1.15	92.13	85.63	-4%	-2%	BULLISH	
MDY	SPDR-SP MC 400	447.95	(2.88)	(1.55)	1.04	5.40	3.51	466.52	452.60	474.75	1.13	491.96	457.54	-4%	-1%	BULLISH	
EEM	ISHARS-EMG MKT	37.84	0.18	(0.46)	(0.74)	0.74	(3.02)	39.69	38.54	38.23	0.73	39.46	37.00	-6%	-2%	BULLISH	
EFA	ISHARS-EAFE	68.65	1.34	2.53	4.17	16.52	8.09	69.23	64.83	69.35	0.85	71.67	67.03	-1%	6%	BULLISH	
IAU	ISHARS-GOLD TR	35.46	5.25	5.70	3.53	9.30	2.20	35.19	33.59	34.62	0.14	35.53	33.71	1%	6%	BULLISH	
GDV	VANECK-GOLD MNR	27.20	(0.51)	(2.78)	(5.66)	16.78	(20.88)	29.77	27.17	27.51	0.74	28.40	26.62	-9%	0%	BULLISH	
UUP	INVS-DB US\$ BU	28.35	4.62	6.71	(0.62)	(10.93)	15.03	27.94	28.73	28.42	(0.15)	29.09	27.75	1%	-1%	BEARISH	
BOND	PIMCO-ACTV BOND	91.86	5.44	4.66	(1.79)	(3.66)	(2.90)	92.25	92.18	91.47	0.17	93.91	89.03	0%	0%	BULLISH	
TLT	ISHARS-20+YTB	105.59	8.11	7.51	(2.18)	(4.54)	(13.65)	104.17	105.47	101.71	0.04	104.30	99.12	1%	0%	BEARISH	
BNX	VANGD-TTL INT B	48.30	5.80	5.28	(1.59)	(3.93)	(0.81)	48.25	48.68	47.76	0.13	49.01	46.51	0%	-1%	BEARISH	
HYG	ISHARS-HYB HYCB	73.44	2.77	3.59	(2.32)	(2.62)	(1.17)	75.05	74.84	74.53	0.43	76.71	72.35	-2%	-2%	BULLISH	

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ACGL	Financial	10/10	👍	\$67.57	\$159.69(57.69%)	76.73	\$65.97(2.43%)	\$63.74(6.01%)	\$58.01(16.48%)	5	8	2	%
BKNG	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	👍	\$2,511.40	\$6,695.53(62.49%)	67.57	\$2,463.21(1.96%)	\$2,244.64(11.88%)	\$2,044.19(22.86%)	2	6	3	%
BWA	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	👍	\$48.55	\$156.50(68.98%)	71.63	\$48.39(0.33%)	\$44.37(9.42%)	\$40.56(19.70%)	1	7	3	1.37%
CAT	Industrials	10/10	👍	\$233.89	\$278.97(16.16%)	54.36	\$245.13(-4.59%)	\$246.09(-4.96%)	\$230.44(1.49%)	1	7	3	1.95%
DD	Materials	10/10	👍	\$70.50	\$84.51(16.58%)	55.32	\$74.34(-5.17%)	\$72.52(-2.79%)	\$67.53(4.40%)	0	6	3	1.95%
FCX	Materials	10/10	👍	\$39.21	\$106.62(63.22%)	53.03	\$42.28(-7.26%)	\$42.11(-6.89%)	\$38.38(2.16%)	1	8	3	1.44%
FSLR	Technology	10/10	👍	\$209.17	\$173.85(-20.31%)	71.19	\$168.93(23.82%)	\$166.13(25.90%)	\$157.11(33.13%)	5	6	4	%
LVS	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	👍	\$56.53		70.21	\$57.58(-1.82%)	\$53.48(5.70%)	\$47.12(19.97%)	2	5	3	%
MKTX	Financial	10/10	👍	\$353.50	\$173.76(-103.44%)	59.41	\$354.48(-0.28%)	\$313.01(12.94%)	\$277.42(27.42%)	5	4	5	0.83%
NVDA	Technology	10/10	👍	\$232.28	\$169.41(-37.11%)	61.83	\$221.90(4.68%)	\$189.38(22.65%)	\$168.18(38.11%)	0	6	2	0.07%
ODFL	Industrials	10/10	👍	\$342.73	\$389.59(12.03%)	59.05	\$349.73(-2.00%)	\$320.08(7.07%)	\$300.58(14.02%)	6	7	3	0.46%
PHM	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	👍	\$54.39	\$184.49(70.52%)	51.84	\$55.93(-2.75%)	\$51.33(5.96%)	\$46.18(17.78%)	4	7	2	1.13%
RCL	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	👍	\$67.70	\$56.54(-19.74%)	63.73	\$68.87(-1.70%)	\$60.58(11.75%)	\$55.27(22.49%)	1	—	4	%
RE	Financial	10/10	👍	\$362.42	\$1,435.20(74.75%)	69.43	\$365.37(-0.81%)	\$347.75(4.22%)	\$319.78(13.33%)	6	8	1	1.73%
SLB	Energy	10/10	👍	\$51.93		52.37	\$54.72(-5.10%)	\$54.09(-3.99%)	\$50.52(2.79%)	5	7	2	1.79%
STLD	Materials	10/10	👍	\$124.51	\$1,253.85(90.07%)	61.16	\$122.11(1.97%)	\$111.50(16.67%)	\$99.23(25.48%)	—	7	3	1.08%
URI	Industrials	10/10	👍	\$443.86	\$489.46(9.32%)	68.70	\$450.36(-1.44%)	\$398.97(11.25%)	\$352.94(25.76%)	3	8	3	1.27%
WYNN	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	👍	\$110.13	\$34.06(-223.34%)	66.27	\$105.62(4.27%)	\$95.72(15.05%)	\$82.10(34.14%)	1	4	3	%
DXCM	Healthcare	9/10	👍	\$109.98	\$37.10(-196.44%)	63.81	\$111.37(-1.25%)	\$112.23(-2.00%)	\$107.70(2.12%)	1	5	3	%
PCG	Utilities	8/10	👍	\$15.92	\$22.63(29.65%)	54.75	\$15.63(1.86%)	\$15.78(0.89%)	\$15.17(4.94%)	1	5	3	%

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ANSS	Technology	10/10	\$297.82		69.65	\$278.79(6.82%)	\$259.22(14.89%)	\$243.67(22.22%)	7	5	3	%	
BKNG	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	\$2,511.40	\$6,695.53(62.49%)	67.57	\$2,463.21(1.96%)	\$2,244.64(11.88%)	\$2,044.19(22.86%)	2	6	3	%	
FSLR	Technology	10/10	\$209.17	\$173.85(-20.31%)	71.19	\$168.93(23.82%)	\$166.13(25.90%)	\$157.11(33.13%)	5	6	4	%	
GWV	Industrials	10/10	\$686.62	\$631.86(-8.67%)	68.46	\$656.86(4.53%)	\$603.43(13.79%)	\$577.95(18.80%)	5	6	2	1.15%	
MPC	Energy	10/10	\$129.35	\$1,624.00(92.04%)	59.06	\$125.28(3.25%)	\$118.70(8.97%)	\$115.26(12.22%)	—	9	1	2.32%	
NUE	Materials	10/10	\$164.51	\$1,493.36(88.98%)	66.26	\$166.93(-1.45%)	\$153.41(7.24%)	\$140.71(16.91%)	—	7	3	1.25%	
NVR	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	\$5,252.48	\$15,186.92(65.41%)	56.50	\$5,153.10(1.93%)	\$4,918.63(6.79%)	\$4,571.22(14.90%)	1	7	2	%	
PWR	Industrials	10/10	\$158.37	\$172.02(7.94%)	61.28	\$154.60(2.44%)	\$148.81(6.42%)	\$143.62(10.27%)	4	8	3	0.20%	
RE	Financial	10/10	\$362.42	\$1,435.20(74.75%)	69.43	\$365.37(-0.81%)	\$347.75(4.22%)	\$319.78(13.33%)	6	8	1	1.73%	
ROK	Industrials	10/10	\$295.67		61.11	\$288.13(2.62%)	\$273.28(8.19%)	\$258.13(14.54%)	—	5	3	1.61%	
SEDG	Technology	10/10	\$312.15	\$186.49(-67.38%)	54.52	\$313.04(-0.28%)	\$307.75(1.43%)	\$277.54(12.47%)	1	5	5	%	
URI	Industrials	10/10	\$443.86	\$489.46(9.32%)	68.70	\$450.36(-1.44%)	\$398.97(11.25%)	\$352.94(25.76%)	3	8	3	1.27%	
WST	Healthcare	10/10	\$314.63	\$240.90(-30.61%)	73.71	\$283.35(11.04%)	\$257.90(22.00%)	\$248.66(26.53%)	0	8	2	0.24%	
DXCM	Healthcare	9/10	\$109.98	\$37.10(-196.44%)	63.81	\$111.37(-1.25%)	\$112.23(-2.00%)	\$107.70(2.12%)	1	5	3	%	
LIN	Materials	9/10	\$346.79	\$323.75(-7.12%)	66.21	\$334.40(3.71%)	\$329.25(5.33%)	\$320.40(8.24%)	5	7	3	1.46%	
BIO	Healthcare	8/10	\$482.53		64.80	\$473.79(1.84%)	\$444.15(8.64%)	\$423.42(13.96%)	—	4	—	%	
ORLY	Consumer Cyclical	8/10	\$829.59	\$954.40(13.08%)	55.29	\$816.39(1.62%)	\$822.99(0.80%)	\$802.28(3.40%)	5	8	3	%	
AZO	Consumer Cyclical	7/10	\$2,425.82	\$3,081.64(21.28%)	48.25	\$2,461.39(-1.45%)	\$2,444.03(-0.75%)	\$2,400.53(1.05%)	5	7	3	%	
REGN	Healthcare	7/10	\$753.54	\$2,162.25(65.15%)	58.71	\$758.08(-0.60%)	\$738.82(1.99%)	\$739.56(1.89%)	4	6	3	%	
ECL	Materials	6/10	\$160.12		60.60	\$156.07(2.59%)	\$151.56(5.65%)	\$149.32(7.23%)	1	6	5	1.34%	

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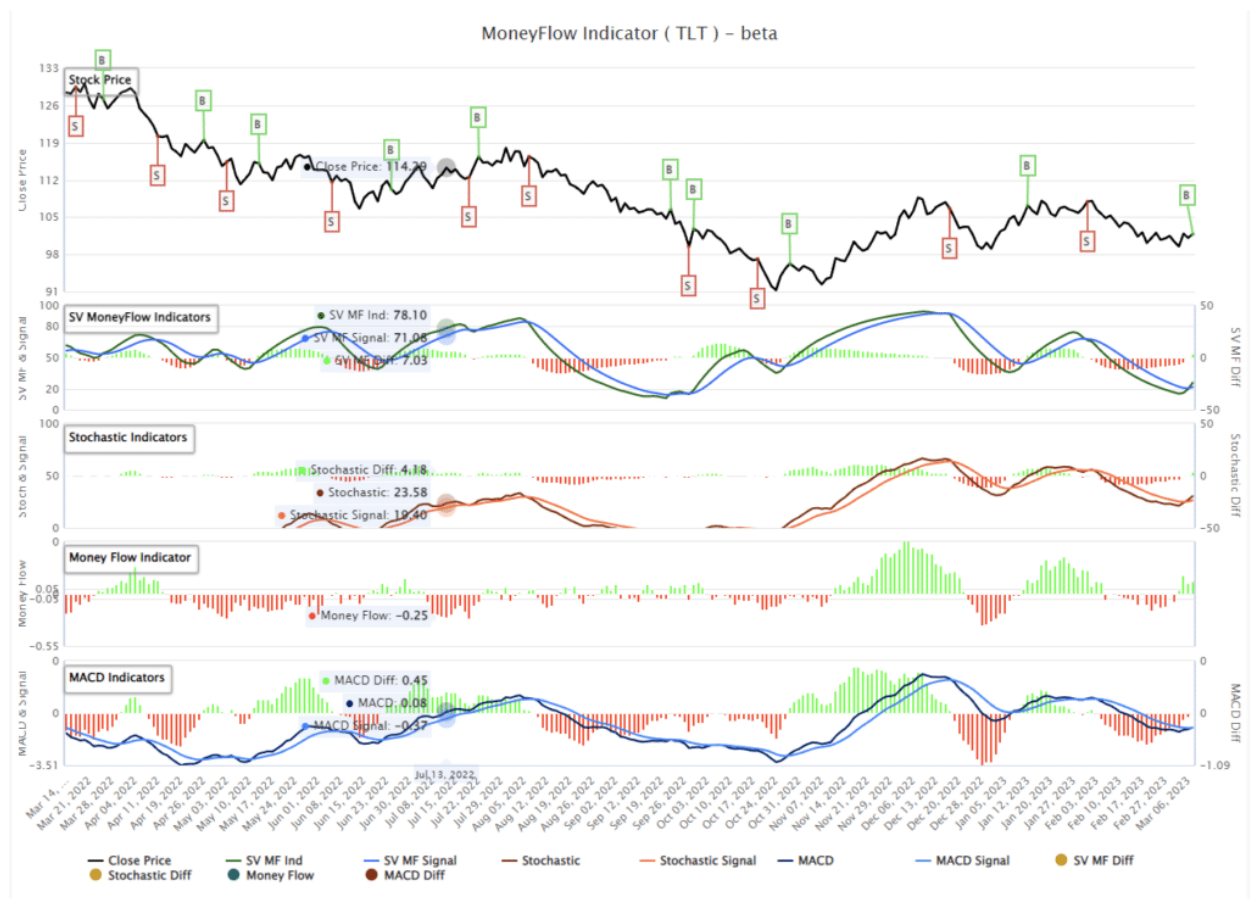
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<b>ALGN</b>	Healthcare	10/10	\$317.61	\$353.47(10.15%)	60.05	\$317.31(0.09%)	\$254.00(25.04%)	\$229.35(38.48%)	6	5	4	%	
<b>BKNG</b>	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	\$2,511.40	\$6,695.53(62.49%)	67.57	\$2,463.21(1.96%)	\$2,244.64(11.88%)	\$2,044.19(22.86%)	2	6	3	%	
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<b>META</b>	Communication Services	10/10	\$182.45	\$326.20(44.07%)	58.95	\$176.33(3.47%)	\$149.01(22.44%)	\$132.51(37.69%)	—	—	—	%	
<b>NVR</b>	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	\$5,252.48	\$15,186.92(65.41%)	56.50	\$5,153.10(1.93%)	\$4,918.63(6.79%)	\$4,571.22(14.90%)	1	7	2	%	
<b>ON</b>	Technology	10/10	\$80.00	\$125.86(36.44%)	50.57	\$79.90(0.12%)	\$70.93(12.78%)	\$69.07(15.82%)	1	7	1	%	
<b>PH</b>	Industrials	10/10	\$345.72	○	62.49	\$342.63(0.90%)	\$316.12(9.36%)	\$296.96(16.42%)	6	9	3	1.51%	
<b>ROK</b>	Industrials	10/10	\$295.67	○	61.11	\$288.13(2.62%)	\$273.28(8.19%)	\$258.13(14.54%)	—	5	3	1.61%	
<b>TDG</b>	Industrials	10/10	\$734.31	○	65.97	\$732.24(0.28%)	\$672.69(9.16%)	\$621.39(18.17%)	5	8	3	%	
<b>ULTA</b>	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	\$528.03	\$403.52(-30.86%)	53.46	\$521.05(1.34%)	\$492.72(7.17%)	\$454.57(16.16%)	4	7	3	%	
<b>WST</b>	Healthcare	10/10	\$314.63	\$240.90(-30.61%)	73.71	\$283.35(11.04%)	\$257.90(22.00%)	\$248.66(26.53%)	0	8	2	0.24%	
<b>WYNN</b>	Consumer Cyclical	10/10	\$110.13	\$34.06(-223.34%)	66.27	\$105.62(4.27%)	\$95.72(15.05%)	\$82.10(34.14%)	1	4	3	%	
<b>ADI</b>	Technology	9/10	\$182.28	\$305.53(40.34%)	61.12	\$180.02(1.26%)	\$171.78(6.11%)	\$160.82(13.34%)	1	7	2	1.88%	
<b>ANET</b>	Technology	9/10	\$147.70	\$141.20(-4.60%)	56.61	\$135.63(8.90%)	\$125.61(17.59%)	\$124.62(18.52%)	1	6	1	%	
<b>AVGO</b>	Technology	9/10	\$619.63	\$1,033.29(40.03%)	56.16	\$594.22(4.28%)	\$575.71(7.63%)	\$528.13(17.33%)	3	8	2	3.06%	
<b>LIN</b>	Materials	9/10	\$346.79	\$323.75(-7.12%)	66.21	\$334.40(3.71%)	\$329.25(5.33%)	\$320.40(8.24%)	5	7	3	1.46%	
<b>SYK</b>	Healthcare	9/10	\$267.42	\$199.91(-33.77%)	51.23	\$264.09(1.26%)	\$254.97(4.88%)	\$236.09(13.27%)	1	9	3	1.06%	
<b>BIO</b>	Healthcare	8/10	\$482.53	○	64.80	\$473.79(1.84%)	\$444.15(8.64%)	\$423.42(13.96%)	—	4	—	%	
<b>ORLY</b>	Consumer Cyclical	8/10	\$829.59	\$954.40(13.08%)	55.29	\$816.39(1.62%)	\$822.99(0.80%)	\$802.28(3.40%)	5	8	3	%	
<b>CRM</b>	Technology	7/10	\$176.98	\$183.61(3.61%)	57.27	\$167.85(5.44%)	\$151.59(16.75%)	\$150.73(17.42%)	6	—	3	%	
<b>HSY</b>	Consumer Goods	6/10	\$239.08	\$230.43(-3.75%)	57.39	\$235.91(1.34%)	\$231.43(3.30%)	\$229.98(3.95%)	—	6	2	1.76%	
<b>CTLT</b>	Healthcare	4/10	\$68.75	\$59.09(-16.34%)	67.33	\$64.28(6.95%)	\$53.86(27.64%)	\$58.85(16.82%)	4	5	3	%	

## SimpleVisor Portfolio Changes

We post all of our portfolio changes as they occur at [SimpleVisor](#):

### March 7th

*We have recently discussed beginning to shift the duration of our bond holdings to a longer-term time frame in anticipation of economic weakness and an eventual reversal of Fed policy. We started by shifting 1-3 month Treasuries (BIL) to 1-3 year Treasuries (SHY). Today, with our [?money flow buy signal?](#) triggering from an oversold level, we are bringing the iShares 20-Year Treasury ETF (TLT) to target weight. We will build on this small move as we continue to slowly lengthen the duration of the overall bond holdings in our portfolios.*



## Both Models

- *Rebalance iShares 20-Year Treasury Bond ETF (TLT) To 10% Of The Portfolio*

## March 9th

*This morning we added 2.5% SPY to both models. We also bought CVS and XLV back up to their model weights.*

*SPY is closing in on a buy signal. We may ultimately buy 5-7.5% over the next week. Given the risk with the employment report tomorrow and CPI on Tuesday, we decided to leg into the trade. Despite Powell's hawkishness, we found it encouraging the market held up yesterday and this morning. If we are wrong, there are clear stop levels in various moving averages and the rising lower trend line.*

## Equity Model

- *Initiate a 2.5% position in the S&P 500 Index ETF (SPY)*
- *Bring CVS Health (CVS) to the model weight of 3% of the portfolio.*

## ETF Model

- *Initiate a 2.5% position in the S&P 500 Index ETF (SPY)*
- *Bring iShares Health Care ETF (XLV) to the model weight of 8% of the portfolio.*

## March 10th

As you may or may not know, the FDIC put **Silicon Valley Bank (SVB)** into **receivership**. Deposits will be moved to another bank, and the FDIC will work off the remaining assets and liabilities.

SVB is the second-largest bank default ever, so yes. Banks are heavily reliant on deposits and capital. If deposits start leaving banks, there may be more failures. A few S&P 500 regional banks (FRC and SBNY) are down more than 20% today, forewarning more potential problems.

This event happened extremely fast. Was the FDIC overly aggressive, or was the situation dire? We don't know much yet. As you can tell, there are a lot of unanswered questions. We will learn a lot more in the coming days.

Bonds are surging today, and quite a few of our conservative stocks are holding up, protecting our portfolios well.

### Equity Model

- Sell 100% of iShares S&P 500 ETF (SPY)
- Sell 100% of T. Rowe Price (TROW)

### ETF Model

- Sell 100% of iShares S&P 500 ETF (SPY)
- Sell 100% of iShares Financial Sector ETF (XLF)



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Have a great week!