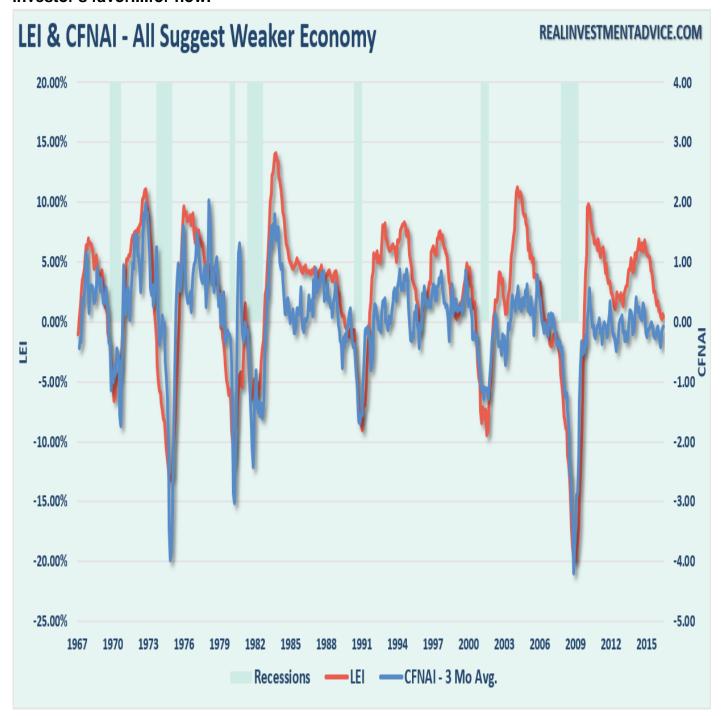




As I noted on Thursday, the Fed non-announcement gave the bulls a reason to charge back into the markets as "accommodative monetary policy" is once again extended through the end of the year. Of course, it is not surprising the Fed once again failed to take action as their expectations for economic growth were once again lowered. Simply, with an economy failing to gain traction there is little ability for the Fed to raise rates either now OR in December. However, it was the docile tones of the once again "Dovish" Fed that saved market bulls from a "bearish" rout. The recent test of the bullish trend line from February lows combined with a move back of the 50-dma clears the way for the markets to retest, and potentially breakout, to new highs.



With economic data remaining extremely weak, and leading indicators continuing to roll over, the "bad news is good news as the Fed stays on hold" scenario continues to play to investor's favor....for now.

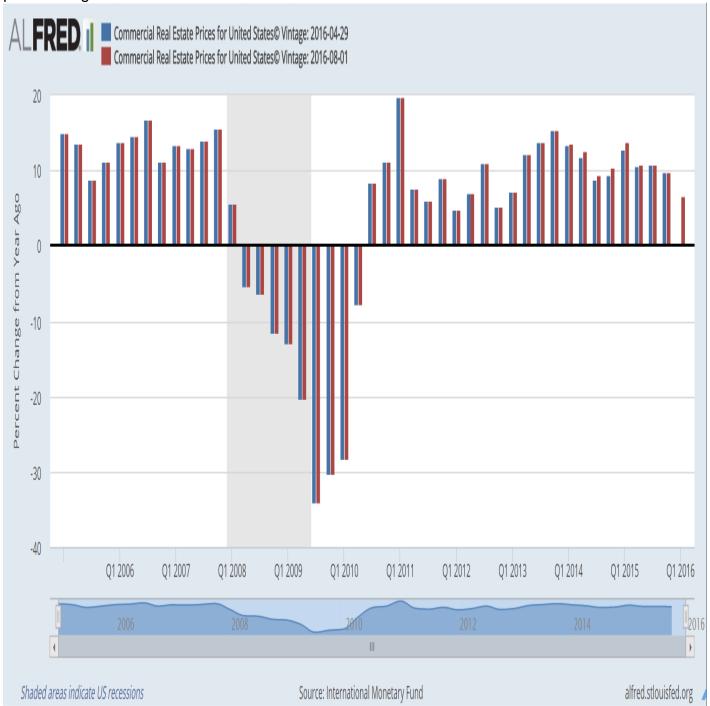


The question that remains, of course, is when does the reality of the weak economic environment begin to impact the fantasy of stock prices. It was interesting that Janet Yellen mentioned "commercial real estate values" in her latest comments to the press. To wit:

"Yes. Of course, we are worried that bubbles will form in the economy and we routinely monitor asset valuations, while nobody can know for sure what type of valuation represents a bubble, that's only something one can tell in hindsight, we are monitoring these measures of valuation and commercial real estate valuations are high. Rents have moved up over time, but still, valuations are high, relative to rents."

DO NOT misunderstand the gravity in her statement. Commercial Real Estate (CRE) valuations are a direct function of the economic cycle. The tenants of CRE buildings are

companies that are affected by the ebb and flow of the economy. The reason that valuations are high relative to rent is due to the fact we are at a peak of an economic cycle. CRE values FALL during an economic recession as tenants give back space and vacate buildings.• What Janet Yellen said, without saying it, is that stock market valuations are high as stock prices have been bid up by investors just as with CRE. When CRE valuations fall, so will asset prices along with valuations.



However, for the moment, none of this matters. Global Central Banks continue to push assets into the market for now in the ongoing "chase for yield." However, it is worth repeating that nothing last forever, but it can, and often does, last longer than you can imagine. Unfortunately, so does the reversion to the mean. But, in the meantime, here is what I am reading this weekend.

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Promise In Sept., Deliver In December by Danielle DiMartino-Booth via Money Strong

- When The Music Stops•by Teddy Vallee via Pervalle.com
- Trump's Guide To Weak Labor Marketby Sarah Ponczek via Bloomberg
- Harvard University Crushes Obama's Recovery Story by Tyler Durden via Zerohedge
- Deutsche Bank: Recession Indicators Are Onby Akin Oyedele via BI
- The Wealth Effect Was Never Validby Jeffrey Snider via Alhambra Partners
- Is The Fed Politically Biasedby Jim Puzzanghera via LA Times
- The Fed Of Yesteryear Is Deadby Robert Samuelson via RCM
- Balance Sheet Anxietyby Scott Sumner via Econolib
- Monetarists Are Out Of Ideasby Noah Smith via Bloomberg
- US Economy Recovering? Hardly! by Jim Clifton via Gallup
- Fed Faces A Credibility Problem by Patrick Gillespie via CNN Money
- The Fed's Growing Economy; Never Mind by Joe Calhoun via Alhambra Partners

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- This Market Sell-Off May Be Different by Mohamed El-Erian via Bloomberg
- The Most Important Chartsby Akin Oyedele via BI
- S&P To Tumble To 20-year Lowsby Sue Chang via MarketWatch
- Goldman: Stocks Could Crash By 25% by Bob Bryan via Business Insider
- The Economy & The Stock Marketby Pater Tenebrarum via Acting Man blog
- How The Fed's Decision Could Affect Stocks by Michael Kahn via Barron's
- Is The Mother Of All Corrections Coming? by Jeremy Warner via The Telegraph
- Oil Prices At \$70? Not A Chanceby Tim Daiss via Forbes
- Inflation! The Good Kind & The Badby Ed Yardeni via Yardeni Research
- Bond Market Will End Badlyby Brett Arends via MarketWatch
- Investors Have No Place Hide by Nigam Arora via MarketWatch
- More Pain For Stocks To Come by Michael Kahn via Barron's
- Most Dangerous Market I've Ever Witnessedby Tyler Durden via ZeroHedge
- The Shrinking U.S. Stock Marketby Political Calculations
- Fed & Stock Market Performance by Mark DeCambre via MarketWatch

Interesting•Reads

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- The Coming Anti-National Revolution by Robert J Shiller via Project Syndicate
- Obama's Victory Lap On Incomes Premature by Stephen Moore via The Washington Times
- The Essence Of Decision by Ben Hunt via Financial Sense
- 7 Lessons People Learn Too Late In Lifeby Nicolas Cole via Inc.
- Everything Paul Krugman Says Is Wrongby Robby Soave via Reason
- WFC TBTF & Too Arrogant To Admit Itby Dana Milbank via Washington Post
- Justify Your Smart Beta Methodology by Rob Arnott & Chris Brightman via ETF.com
- Fed Meetings And The Marketsby Value Walk
- Support Drops Awayby John Hussman via Hussman Funds
- Just Plain Pathetic•by David Stockman via Contra Corner
- Traders Quickly Get Comfortable With Stocks Again by Dana Lyons via Tumblr
- Corporate Buy Back Binge Blows Another Bubble by Jesse Felder via The Felder Report

"Fed Says Economy Is Weaker And Stocks Go Up. If We Get A Depression I Will Be Rich!? ?Richard Rosso, CFP.

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