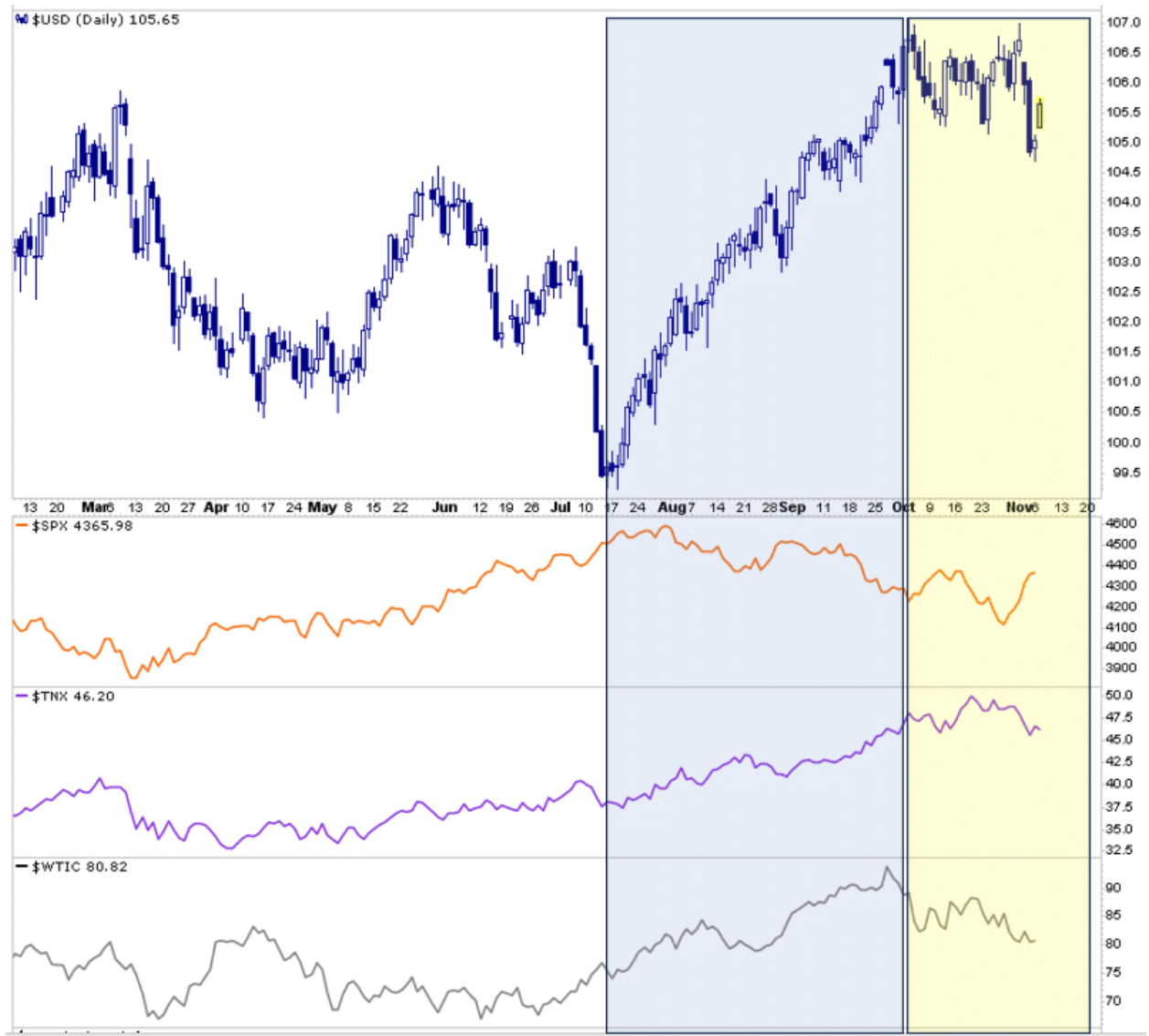




From mid-July through September, the U.S. dollar rose steadily. Over the period, the dollar's value versus a basket of global currencies rose by 7%. Supporting the rally was a very hawkish Fed willing to keep raising rates. Equally important, other central banks were starting to back away from their inflation-fighting, hawkish policies. As we show in today's Tweet of the Day, central banks worldwide are now cutting rates at the fastest pace since 2020. In like manner, the Fed's tone has become a little less hawkish. Many Fed members, including Jerome Powell, now believe that higher long-term interest rates will weigh on the economy and inflation, leaving the Fed likely to pause rate hikes.

Frequently, asset classes take their cue from the dollar. Such makes sense as the dollar is the world's reserve currency. Accordingly, a majority of trade and capital flows around the world are highly dependent on the dollar value. The graph below highlights the recent strong rally of the dollar in blue and the consolidation starting in October (yellow). The graph below the dollar shows that since October, the stock market, after declining with the dollar strength, has gained slightly and appears to be regaining its bullish footing. After steadily rising with the dollar, bond yields have been somewhat lower since the dollar consolidation. Lastly, crude oil has tracked dollar strength and recent weakness closely. Technically, the dollar is consolidating. Therefore, any break lower or a resumption of the upward trend will likely impact the assets shown below.



What To Watch Today

Earnings

Time	Symbol	Company Name	Market Cap ▼	Fiscal Quarter Ending	Consensus EPS* Forecast	# Of Ests	Last Year's Report Date	Last Year's EPS*
🕒	DIS	Walt Disney Company (The)	\$155,659,281,580	Sep/2023	\$0.68	10	11/08/2022	\$0.30
🕒	HMC	Honda Motor Company, Ltd.	\$58,346,109,730	Sep/2023	\$0.69	1	11/09/2022	\$0.80
🕒	SU	Suncor Energy Inc.	\$43,889,108,310	Sep/2023	\$0.88	3	11/02/2022	\$1.44
🌞	TRP	TC Energy Corporation	\$37,568,790,000	Sep/2023	\$0.71	4	11/09/2022	\$0.82
🌞	BIIB	Biogen Inc.	\$36,133,422,082	Sep/2023	\$3.97	27	10/25/2022	\$4.77
🕒	CTVA	Corteva, Inc.	\$35,651,445,720	Sep/2023	(\$0.26)	4	11/03/2022	(\$0.12)
🕒	MFC	Manulife Financial Corp	\$34,105,953,050	Sep/2023	\$0.60	4	11/09/2022	\$0.51
🌞	WBD	Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.	\$28,688,014,388	Sep/2023	(\$0.12)	7	11/03/2022	\$0.17
🕒	FNV	Franco-Nevada Corporation	\$23,947,413,138	Sep/2023	\$0.88	4	11/07/2022	\$0.83
🌞	GIB	CGI Inc.	\$23,781,441,475	Sep/2023	\$1.33	5	11/09/2022	\$1.20
🕒	TTWO	Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc.	\$23,591,192,121	Sep/2023	\$0.62	11	11/07/2022	\$0.72
🕒	FICO	Fair Isaac Corporation	\$23,127,400,477	Sep/2023	\$4.20	3	11/09/2022	\$3.56
🌞	RBLX	Roblox Corporation	\$21,525,277,676	Sep/2023	(\$0.52)	10	11/09/2022	(\$0.50)
🕒	HUBS	HubSpot, Inc.	\$21,150,981,212	Sep/2023	(\$0.42)	11	11/02/2022	(\$0.75)
🕒	AEE	Ameren Corporation	\$20,628,465,992	Sep/2023	\$1.80	5	11/03/2022	\$1.74
🌞	BEKE	KE Holdings Inc	\$19,261,446,680	Sep/2023	\$0.03	2	11/30/2022	\$0.13
🌞	K	Kellanova	\$17,822,568,108	Sep/2023	\$0.91	9	11/03/2022	\$1.01
🕒	FLT	FleetCor Technologies, Inc.	\$17,502,761,597	Sep/2023	\$4.19	8	11/02/2022	\$3.91
🌞	EDR	Endeavor Group Holdings, Inc.	\$16,882,695,233	Sep/2023	\$0.17	5	11/10/2022	\$0.38
🌞	RPRX	Royalty Pharma plc	\$16,820,943,067	Sep/2023	\$0.81	3	11/08/2022	\$0.73
🕒	ATO	Atmos Energy Corporation	\$16,552,082,006	Sep/2023	\$0.74	2	11/09/2022	\$0.51
🕒	APP	Applovin Corporation	\$13,657,934,507	Sep/2023	\$0.27	7	11/09/2022	\$0.06
🕒	MGM	MGM Resorts International	\$13,389,931,681	Sep/2023	\$0.59	8	11/02/2022	(\$1.39)
🕒	BGNE	BeiGene, Ltd.	\$12,321,259,392	Sep/2023	(\$3.16)	3	11/09/2022	(\$5.39)
🕒	U	Unity Software Inc.	\$10,598,760,490	Sep/2023	(\$0.22)	3	11/09/2022	(\$0.67)
🕒	UHAL	U-Haul Holding Company	\$10,315,657,266	Sep/2023	\$1.76	1	11/09/2022	\$1.80
🌞	TEVA	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited	\$10,074,644,812	Sep/2023	\$0.57	6	11/03/2022	\$0.56
🕒	TWLO	Twilio Inc.	\$9,798,403,245	Sep/2023	(\$0.29)	7	11/03/2022	(\$1.33)
🕒	UHALB	U-Haul Holding Company	\$9,743,109,857	Sep/2023		3	N/A	N/A
🌞	PFGC	Performance Food Group Company	\$9,473,153,060	Sep/2023	\$1.11	5	11/09/2022	\$1.08
🌞	CRL	Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.	\$9,326,772,551	Sep/2023	\$2.35	8	11/02/2022	\$2.63
🌞	UWMC	UWM Holdings Corporation	\$8,645,900,884	Sep/2023	\$0.05	3	11/04/2022	\$0.16
🕒	SKM	SK Telecom Co., Ltd.	\$8,367,716,629	Sep/2023		N/A	11/09/2022	\$0.09
🕒	JAZZ	Jazz Pharmaceuticals plc	\$8,337,583,272	Sep/2023	\$4.21	9	11/09/2022	\$4.53
🌞	RL	Ralph Lauren Corporation	\$7,517,056,873	Sep/2023	\$1.92	8	11/10/2022	\$2.23
🕒	CART	Maplebear Inc.	\$7,439,515,753	Sep/2023	(\$17.33)	3	N/A	N/A
🌞	NYT	New York Times Company (The)	\$6,903,888,699	Sep/2023	\$0.29	3	11/02/2022	\$0.21
🕒	KGC	Kinross Gold Corporation	\$6,813,065,004	Sep/2023	\$0.10	8	11/09/2022	\$0.05
🕒	AFRM	Affirm Holdings, Inc.	\$6,713,225,362	Sep/2023	(\$0.24)	3	11/08/2022	(\$0.86)
🕒	DUOL	Duolingo, Inc.	\$6,618,159,996	Sep/2023	(\$0.08)	5	11/10/2022	(\$0.46)
🌞	ICL	ICL Group Ltd.	\$6,437,100,000	Sep/2023	\$0.09	2	11/09/2022	\$0.49
🌞	MIDD	The Middleby Corporation	\$6,293,531,282	Sep/2023	\$2.29	6	11/09/2022	\$2.18
🕒	G	Genpact Limited	\$6,233,716,415	Sep/2023	\$0.65	6	11/09/2022	\$0.67

Economy

Time	Event	Impact	Actual	Dev	Consensus	Previous
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8						
10:15	USD Fed's Cook speech				SPEECH	
12:00	USD MBA Mortgage Applications(Nov 3)		-	-	- -2.1%	
N/A	USD IBD/TIPP Economic Optimism (MoM)(Oct)		-	-	- 36.3	
14:15	USD Fed's Chair Powell speech				SPEECH	
15:00	USD Wholesale Inventories(Sep)		-	-	0% 0%	
15:30	USD EIA Crude Oil Stocks Change(Nov 3)		-	-	- 0.774M	
18:00	USD 10-Year Note Auction		-	-	- 4.61%	

Market Trading Update

After breaking above the 200-and 50-DMA, the bullish tone has returned to the market. The MACD "buy signal" is firmly intact, with plenty of room to move higher soon. The RSI is getting more overbought short-term, which suggests this market may start to see some profit-taking over the next couple of days. As long as the market can hold the 50-DMA for now, the most likely trend is higher. However, the downtrend channel from the July peak remains a formidable challenge in the short term. A break above that channel will suggest a retest of those previous highs as probable. For now, continue to rebalance portfolio risks as needed.





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WeWork Goes WeBroke

Shares in WeWork rose to \$600 after its IPO in the fall of 2021. Now, only two years later, WeWork trades for pennies and filed for bankruptcy with a reported \$50 billion of debts. The bankruptcy filing was widely expected. In 2019, SoftBank valued the company at \$47 billion. At its IPO in 2021, troubles were already mounting as its valuation had fallen to under \$10 billion. WeWork fell victim to poor management and the pandemic. Post-pandemic, there is a glut of office space on the market, which reduces rents and increases vacancies. The company has approximately 19 million square feet of office space in the United States and nearly 50 million square feet in total. Consequently, due to its bankruptcy, it's likely much of this space will come back on the market and add to the problems in the office building market.

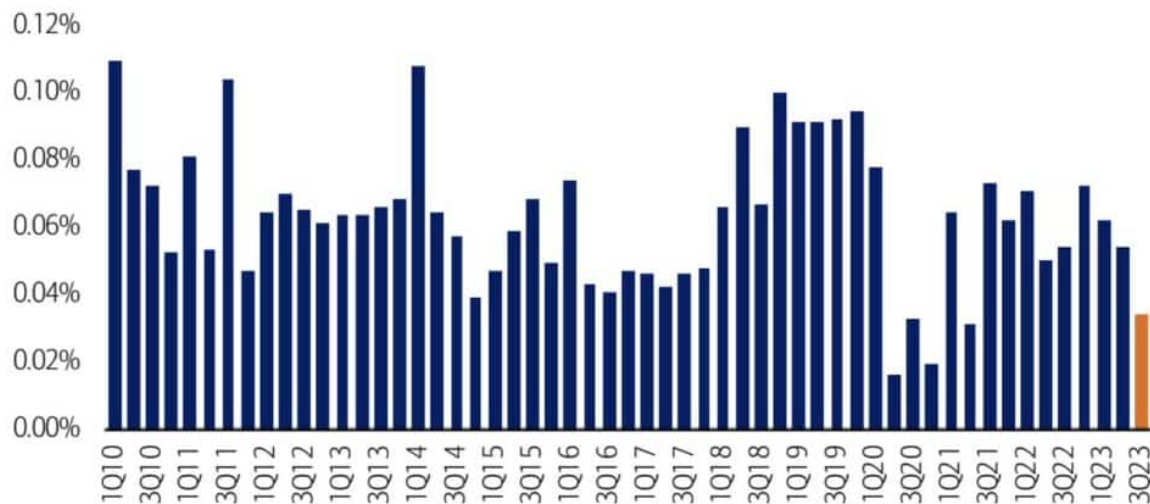


Stock Buybacks Are Slowing

As the BofA graph below shows, stock buybacks last quarter, as a percentage of market caps, were the lowest since the onset of the pandemic. Prior to that, it was the lowest quarterly amount since at least 2010. Why? Because many companies issued cheap debt to buy back their shares. But with interest rates sharply higher, the leveraged buyback trade doesn't make much sense. Buybacks were an important factor driving stock prices higher. The longer interest rates stay high, the less this factor will contribute to stock returns.

Exhibit 82: Buyback slowdown: weakest quarter in 2+ years

BofA corporate client buybacks as a % of S&P 500 avg. mkt. cap by qtr, 2010-3Q23



Source: BofA Securities, Bloomberg.

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The Fed's Coming Dilemma

Our recent article, ['Bond Bear Market. Is It Dead, Or Just Hibernating?'](#) discusses the critical factors driving the recent bond bear market to help better assess if a new bull market has started or if the bear market will reassert itself. In the article, Lance brings up an important factor that has partially driven the recent decline in yields. To wit:

In recent speeches from Federal Reserve officials and Jerome Powell himself, they specifically noted that higher yields on Treasury Bonds are acting as ?defacto rate hikes.? Such is why they have ?paused? on further rate hikes despite inflation still above their 2% target.

However, falling yields and rising stock prices undermine that objective by loosening financial conditions.

To reiterate his last point: If the Fed's backing down from higher for longer continues to drive yields lower and stocks higher, they may have set a trap for themselves. Lower interest rates and stock market optimism may spur economic activity and rekindle higher inflation. This would force them to raise rates, to the chagrin of the stock and bond markets. He ends the article: "*However, I believe that Treasury bonds will be the asset class of choice.*" The graph below from the article shows that, technically, bond yields are grossly overbought, meaning bond prices are likely to rise appreciably.



Tweet of the Day

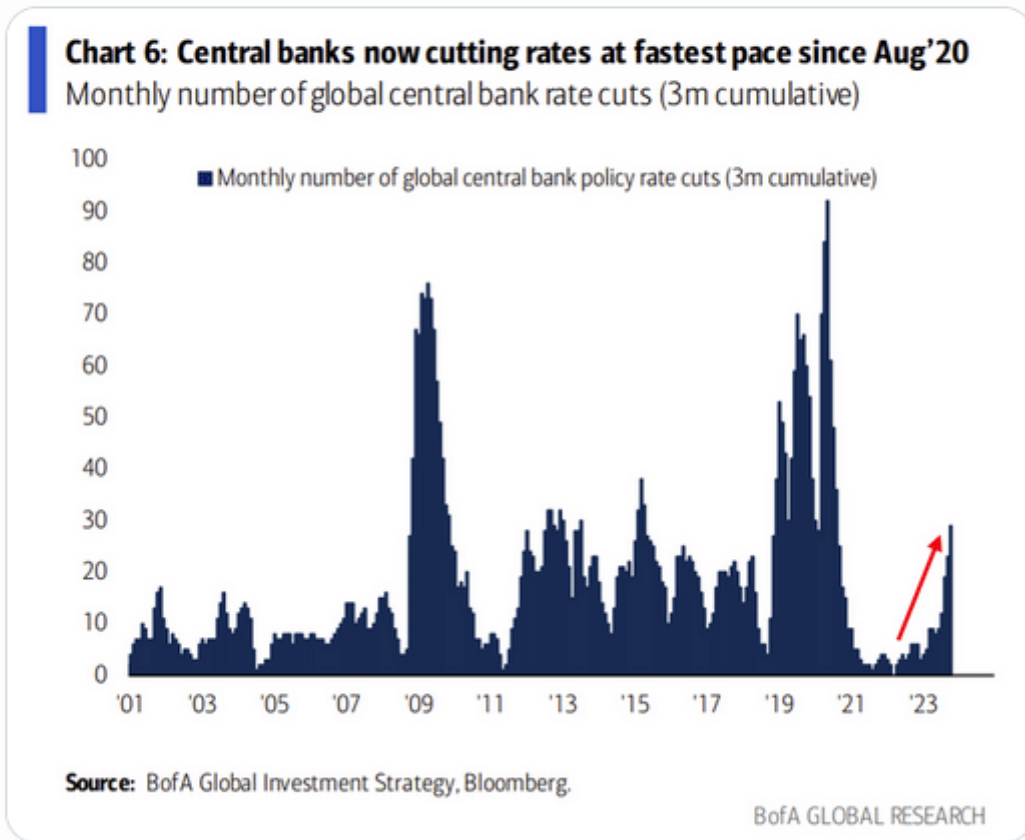


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