

# Global economic, inflation, and market outlook

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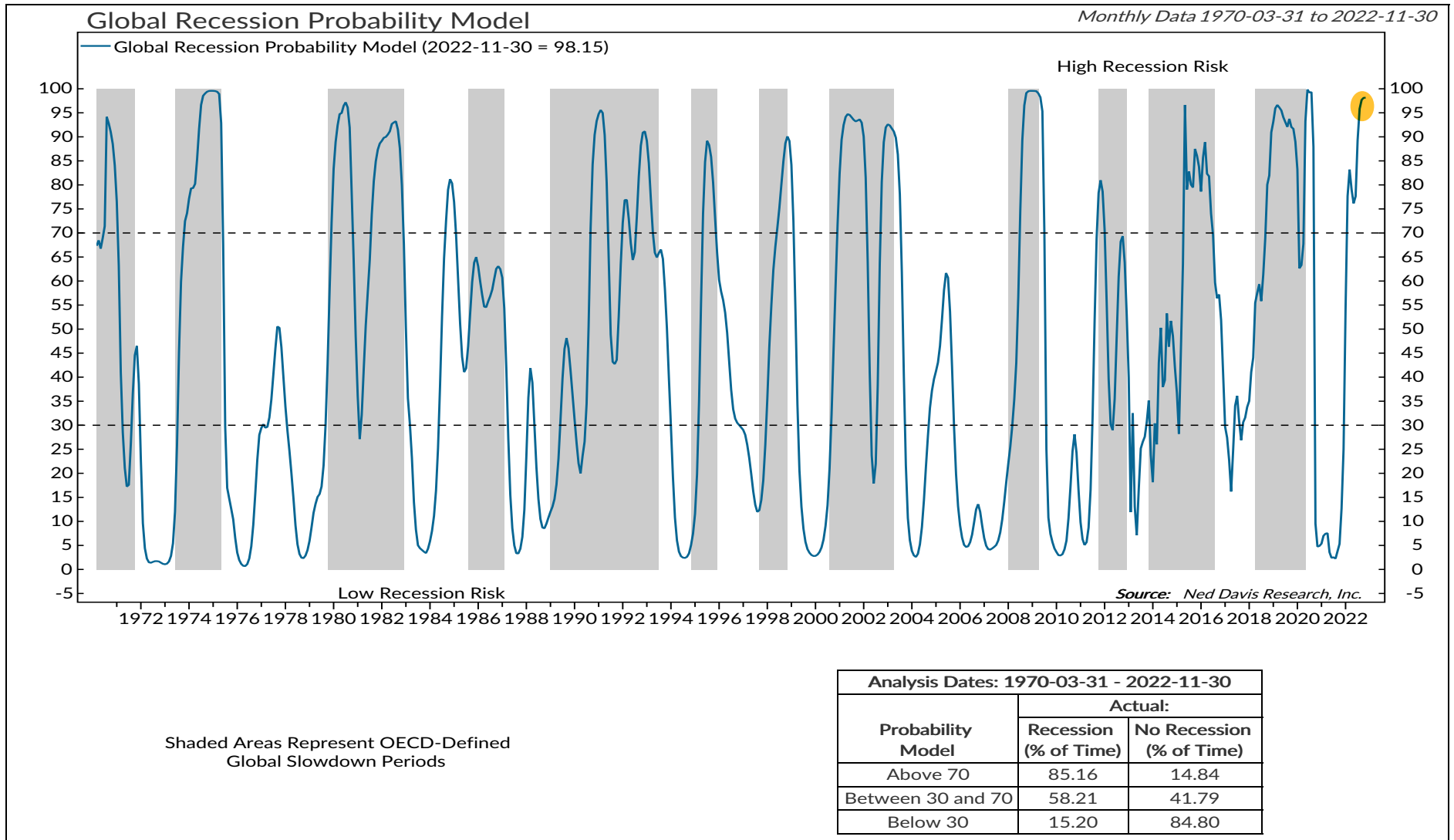
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# Global Global economy is in a sustained slowdown.

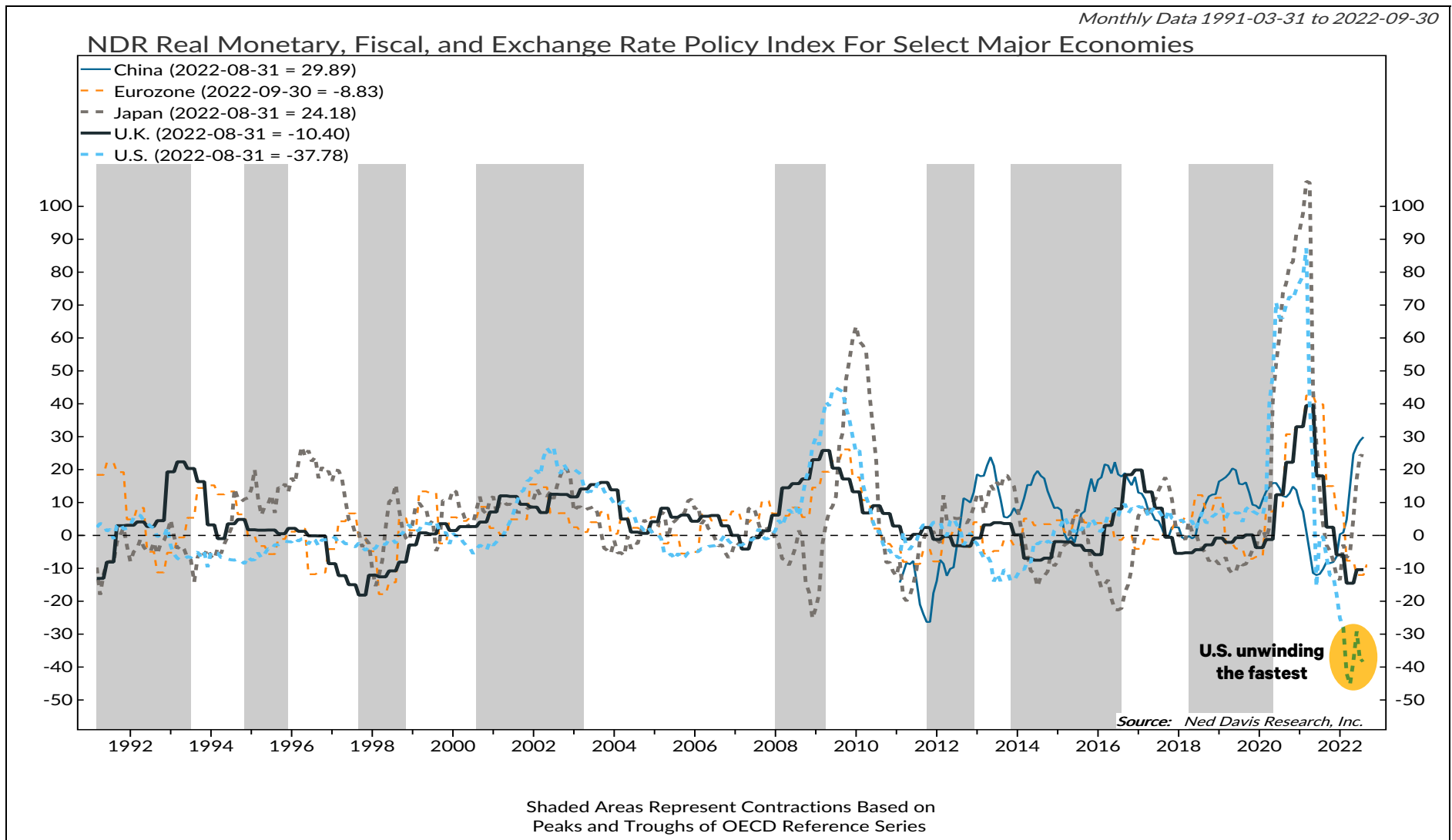


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# Monetary and fiscal support is fading rapidly almost everywhere.

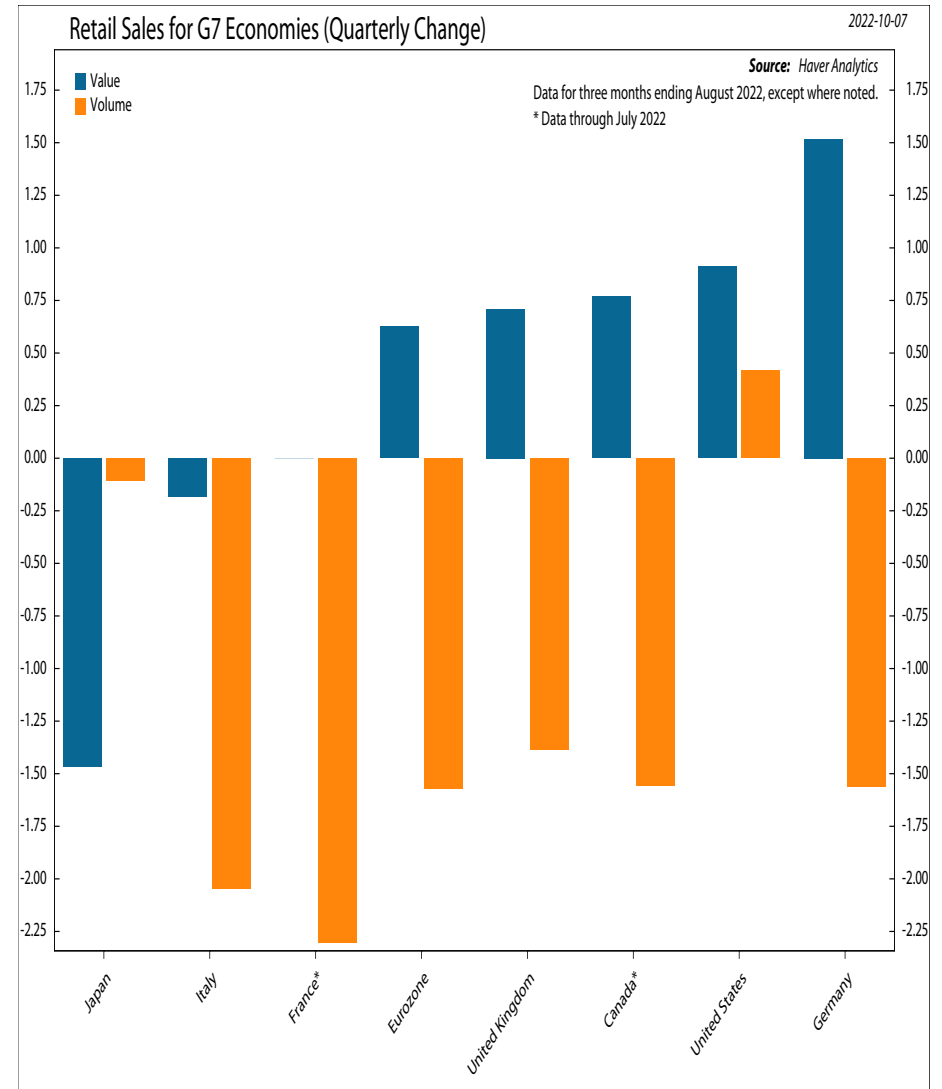
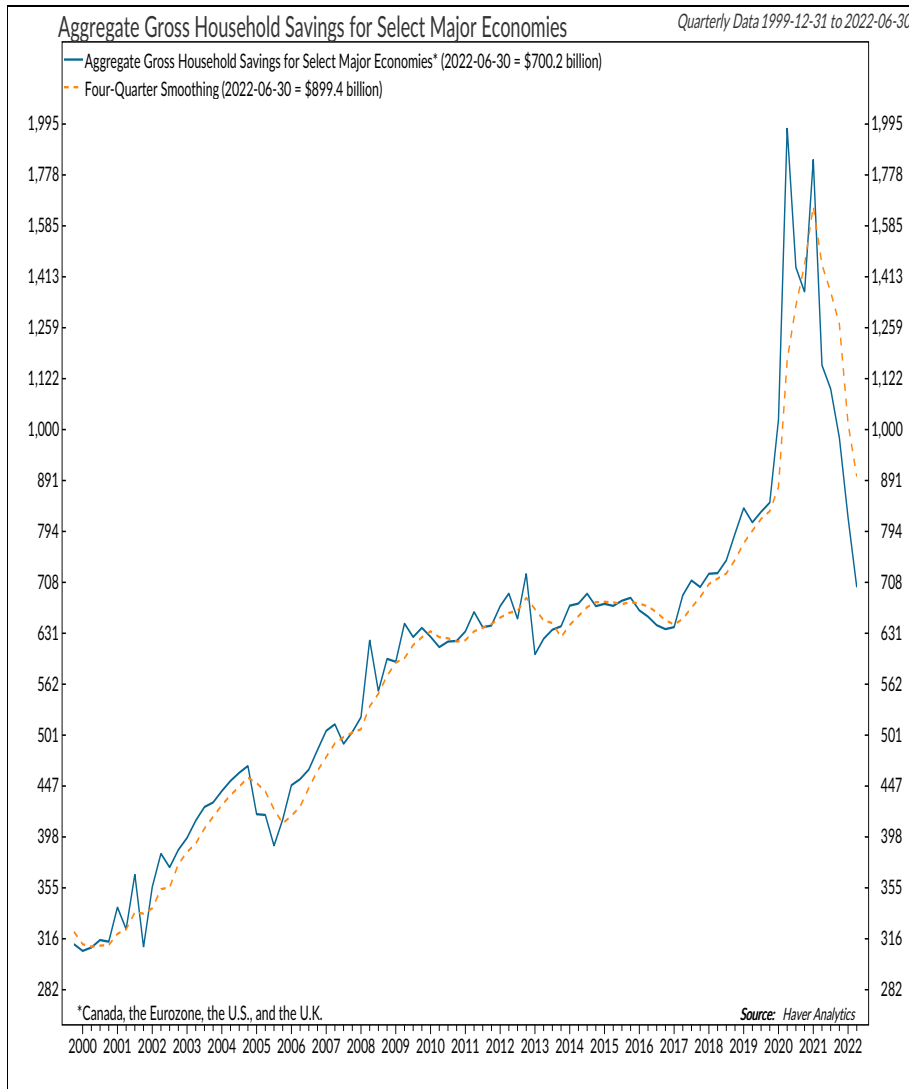


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# Savings still strong, but real spending is falling.



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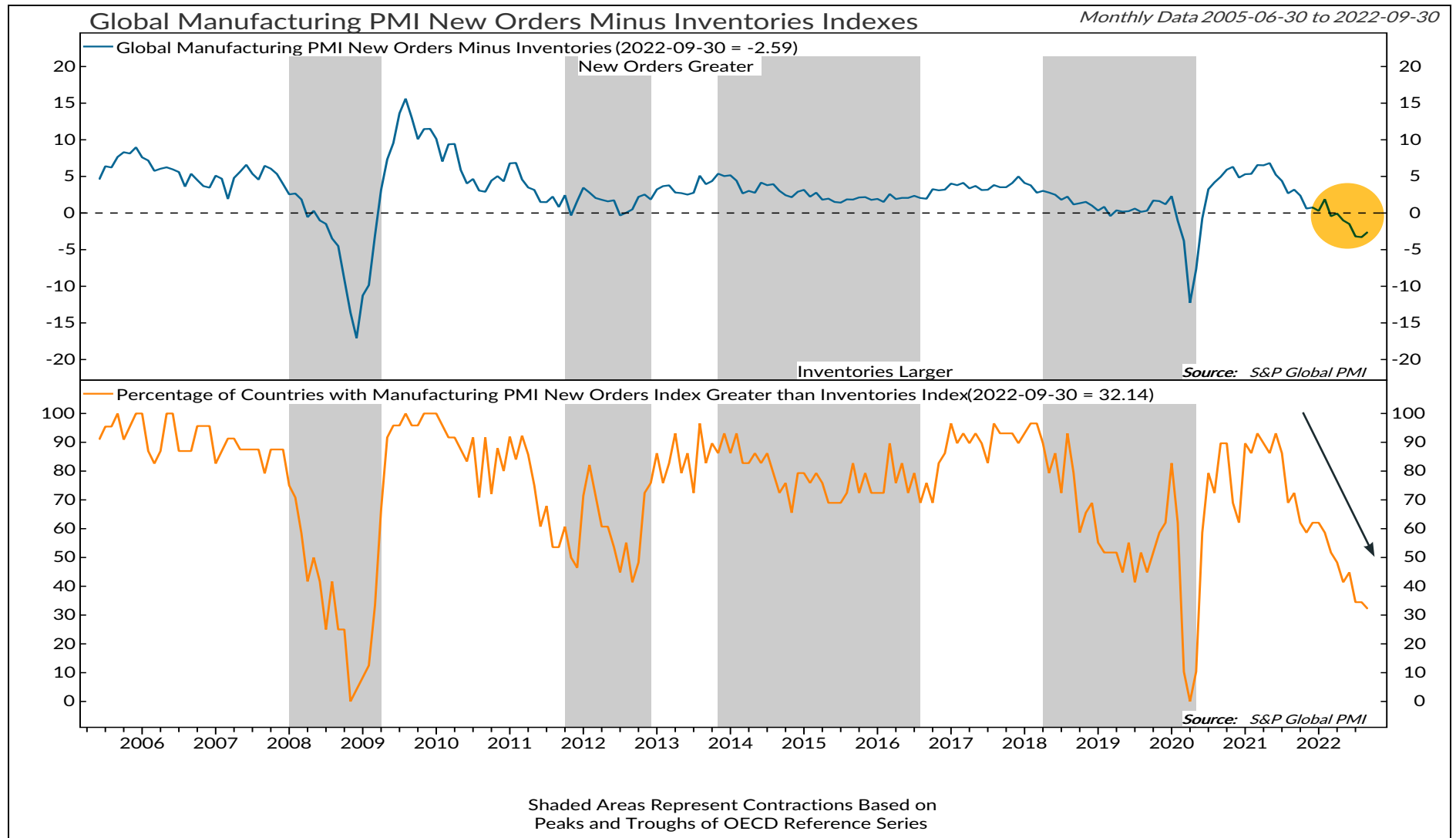


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# Global bullwhip has led to excessive inventories.

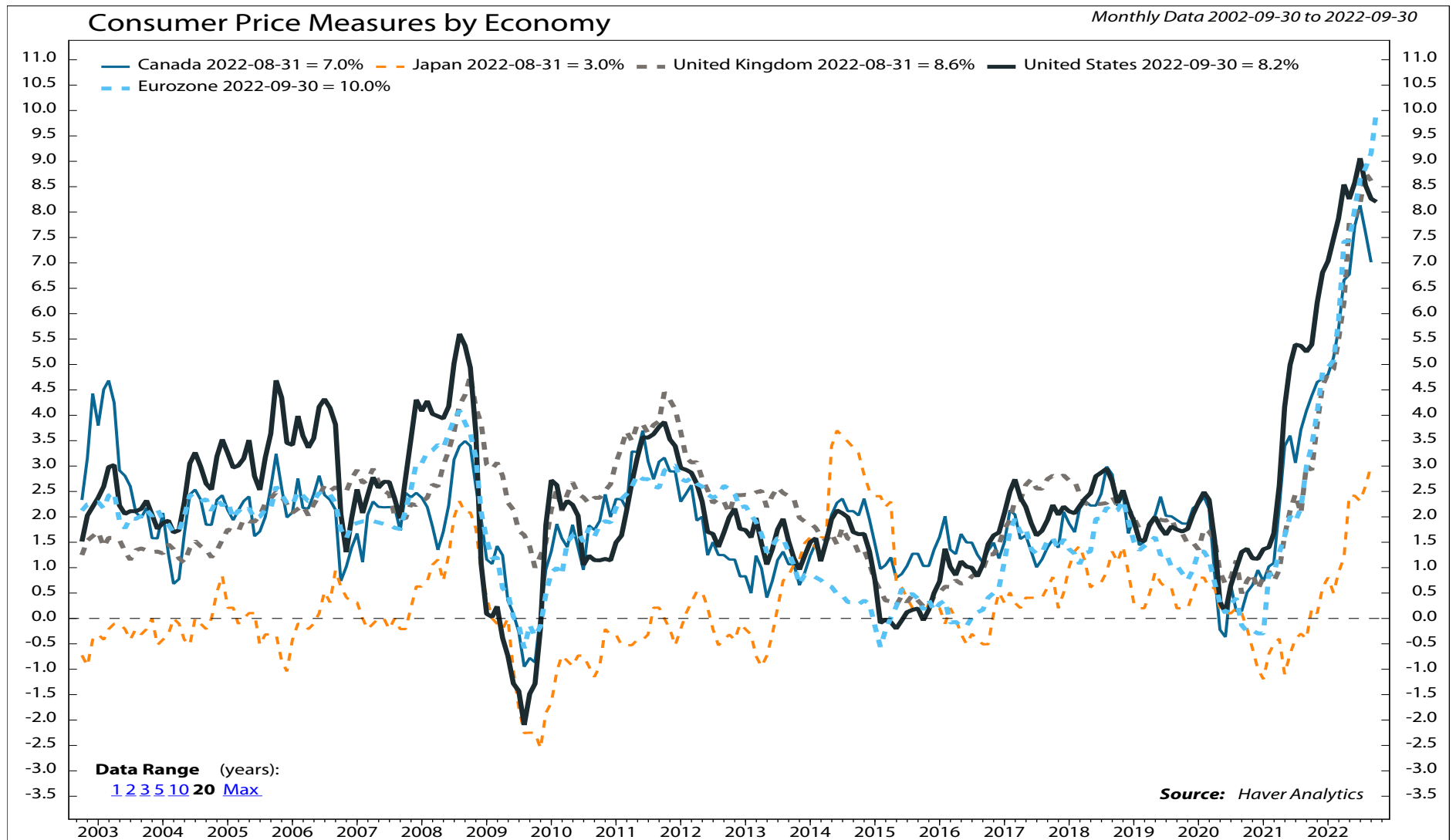


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# Inflation Remains persistently high.

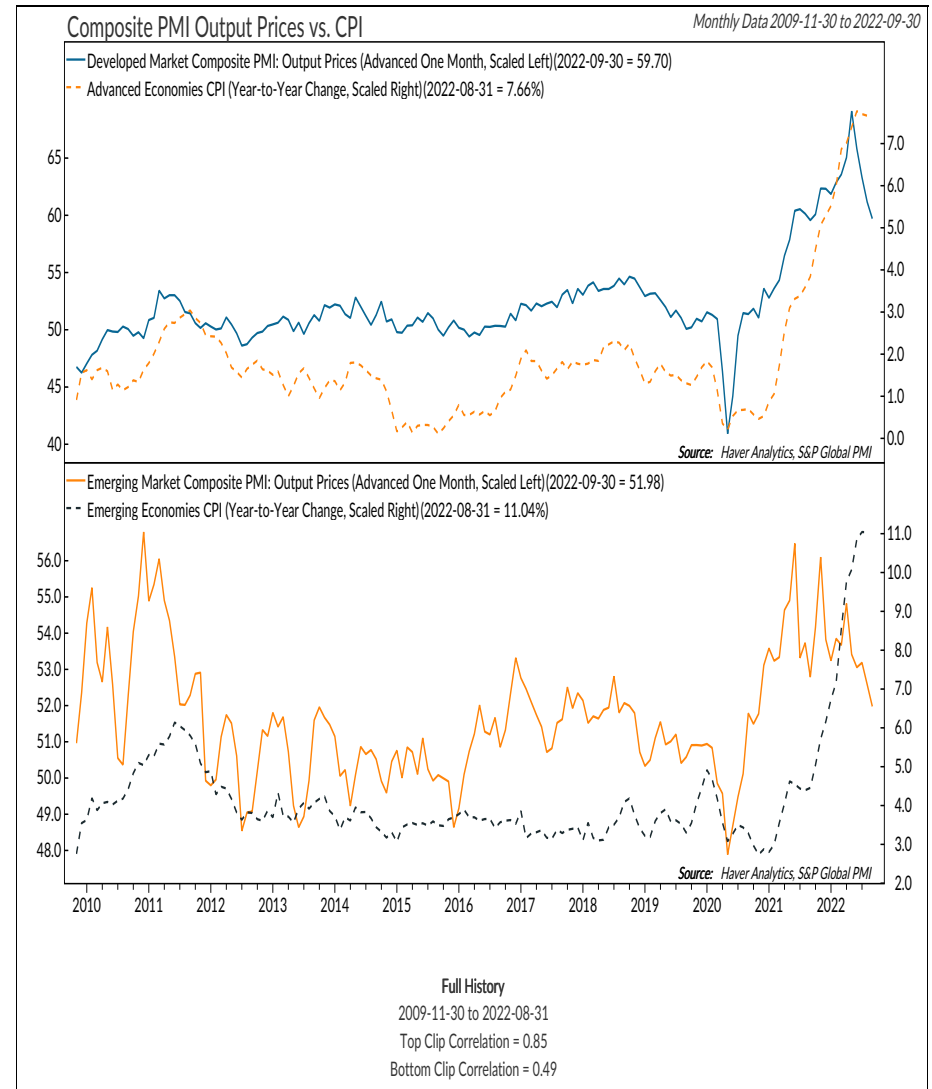
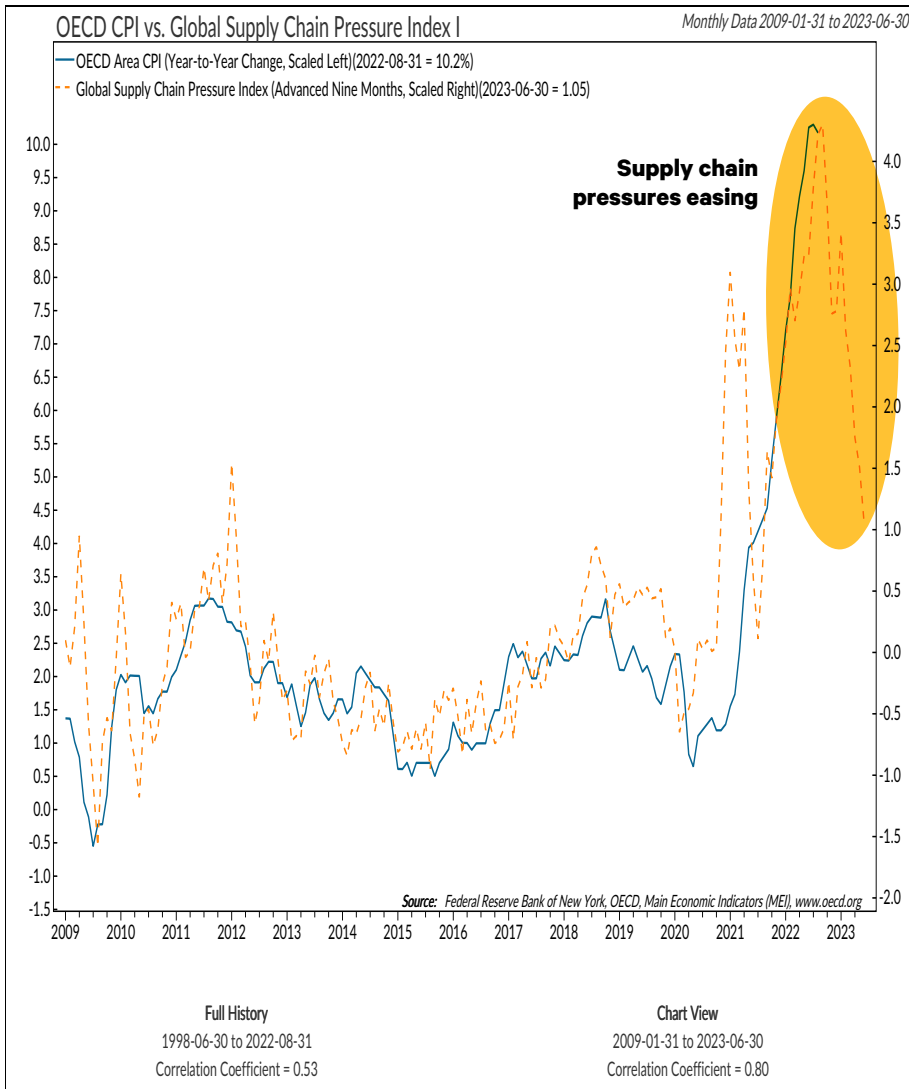


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# There may be some signs of reprieve.



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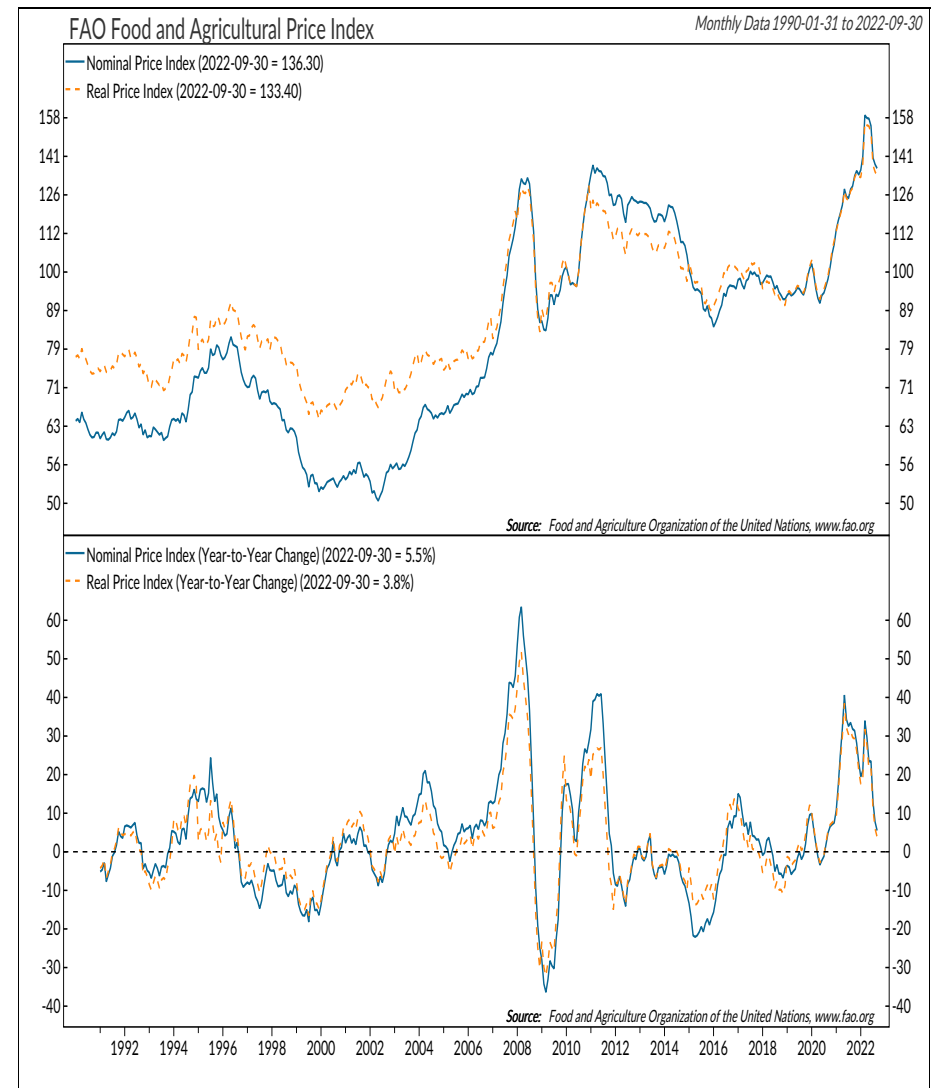
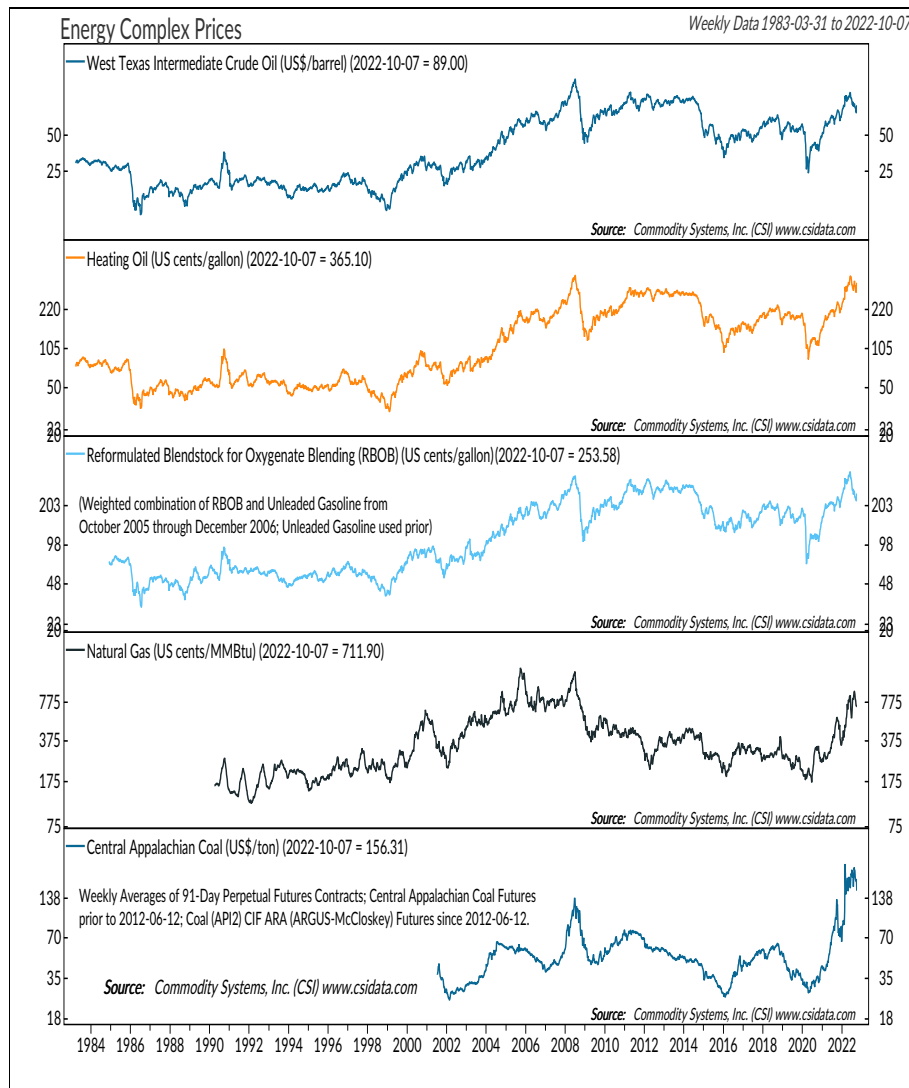
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# Food and energy prices have also peaked... but remain elevated.



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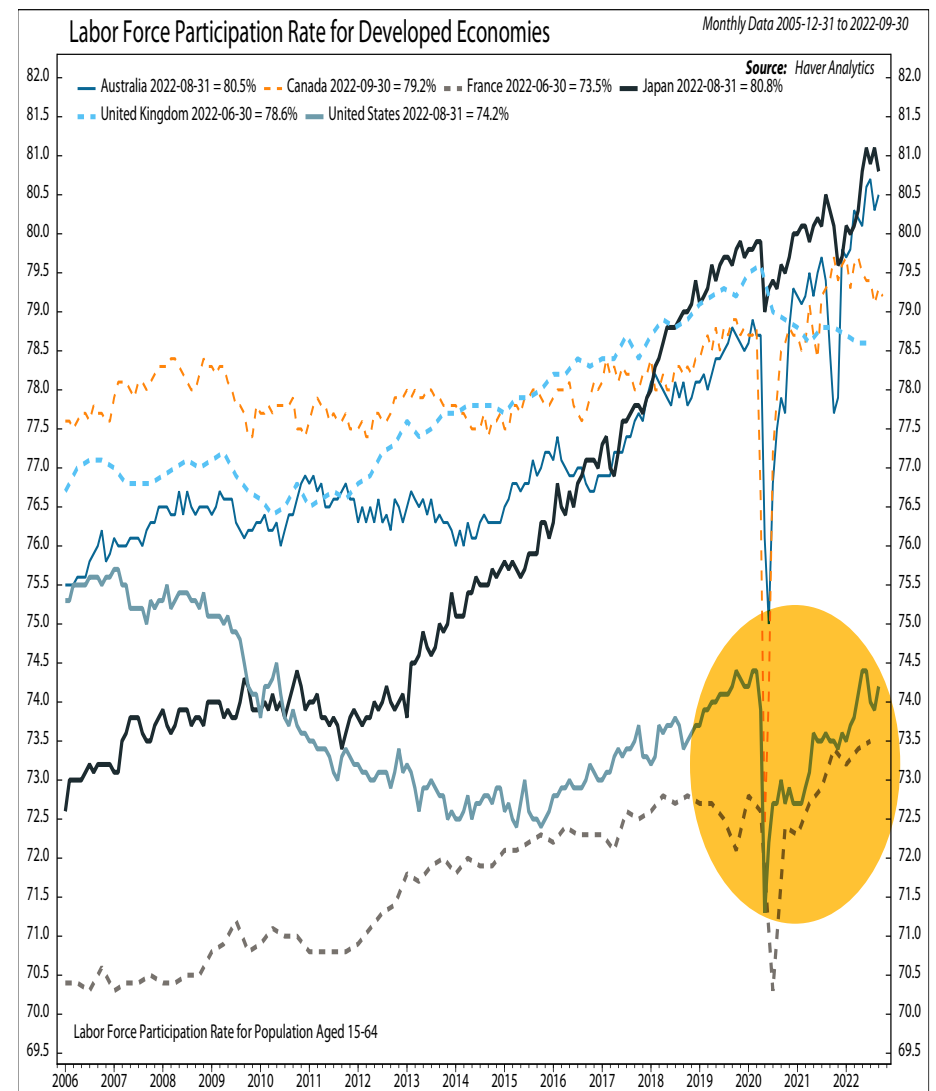
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# Inflation targets won't be met anytime soon.



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# Are secular disinflationary forces still intact?

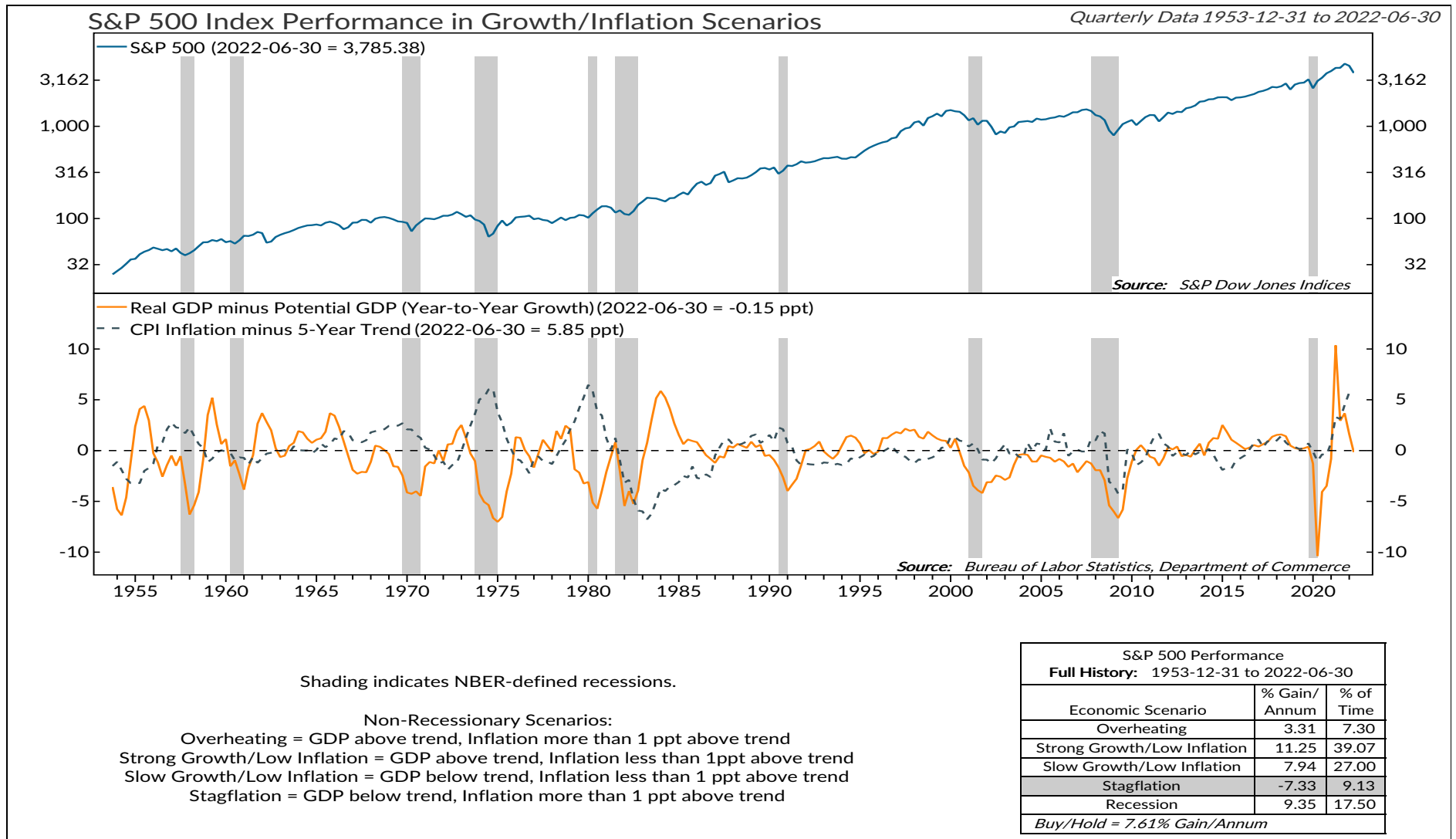


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## Secular Disinflationary Forces

1	Technology	
2	Globalization/Competition	?
3	High private debt	
4	Demographics	
5	Well-anchored inflation expectations	?
6	Rising inequality	

# Central banks Want to avoid a perpetual stagflation scenario.

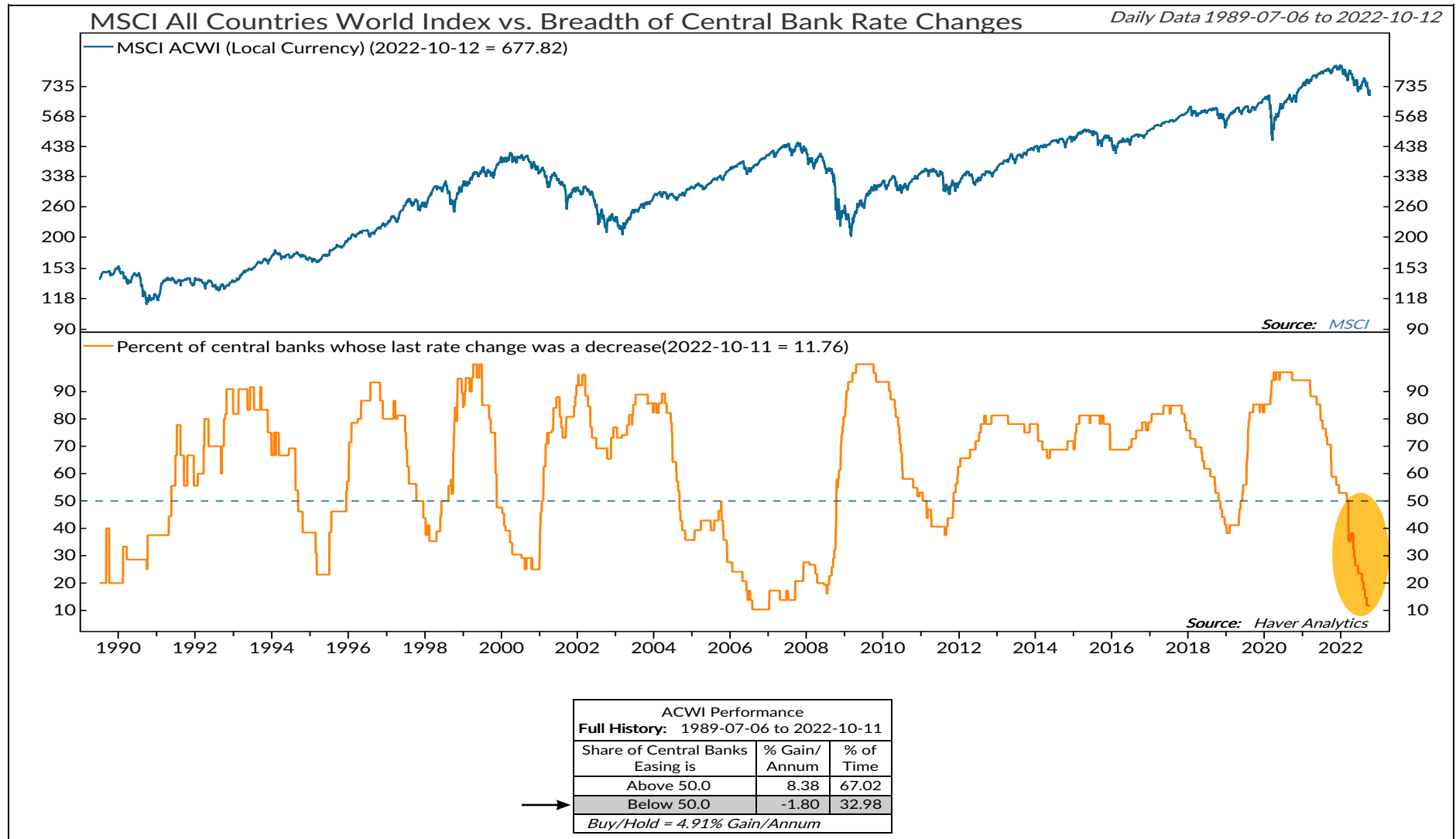


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# Central banks engaging in most broad-based tightening since GFC.

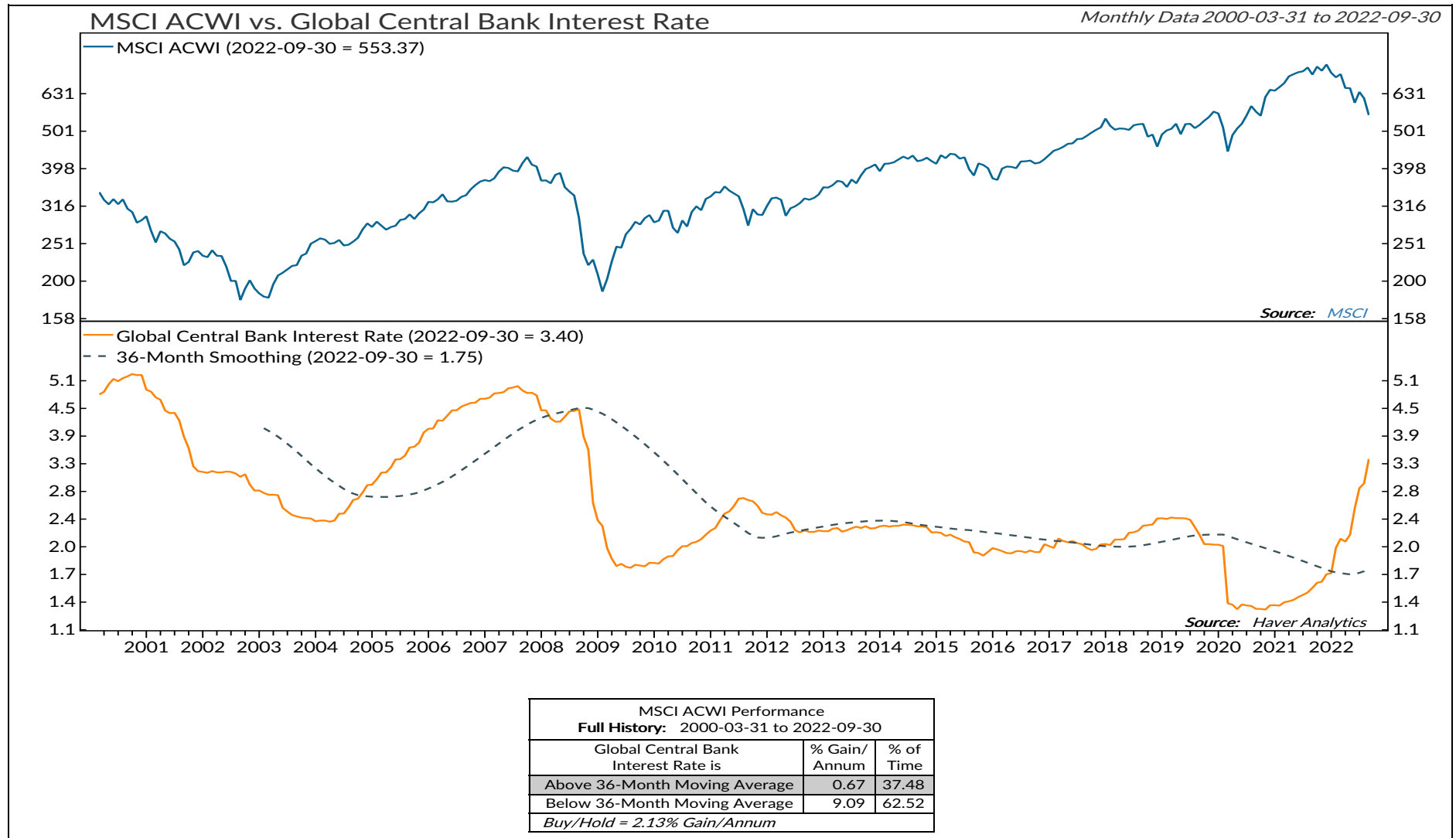


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# Speed also matters.

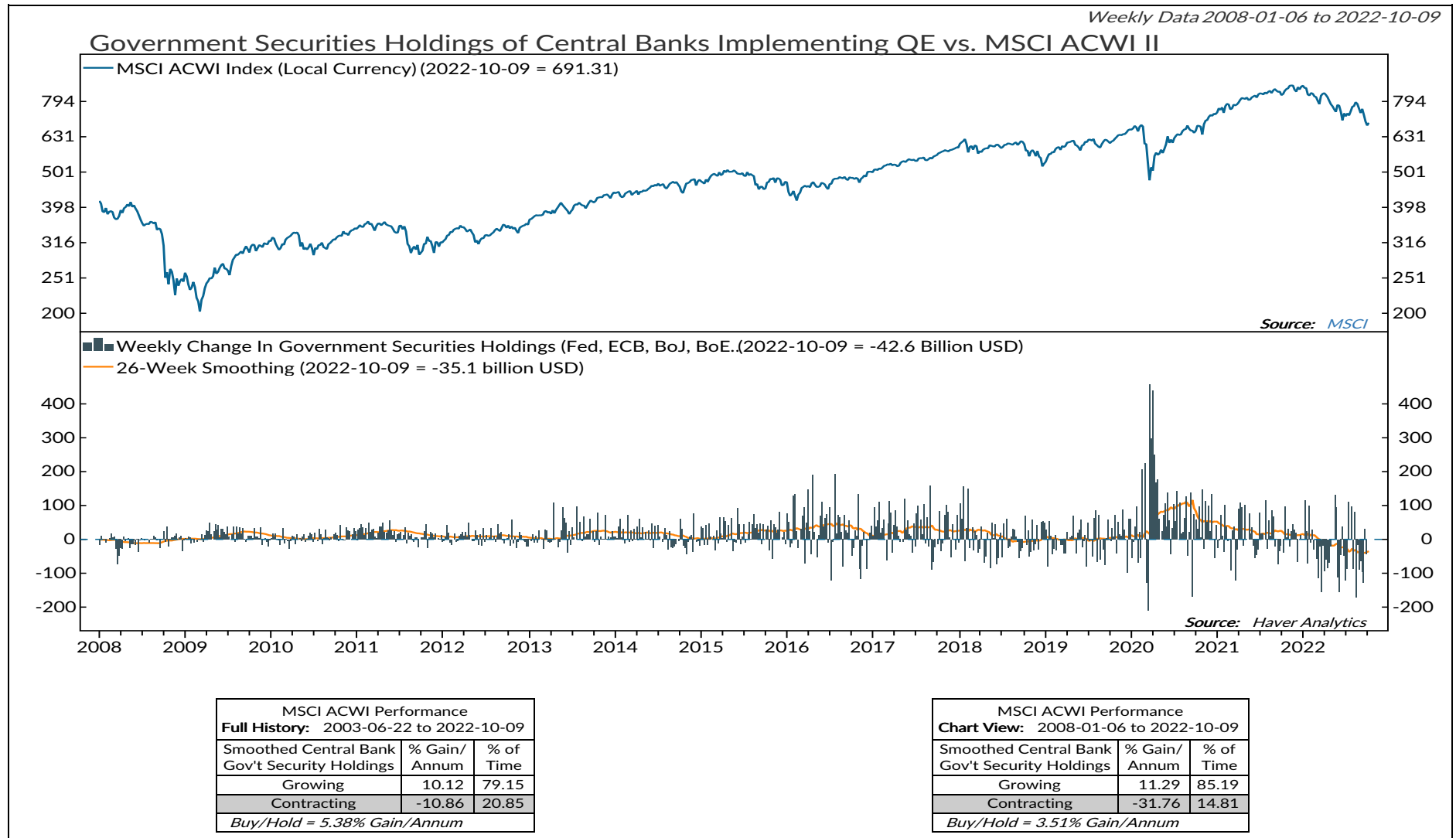


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# QT also presents downside risks.

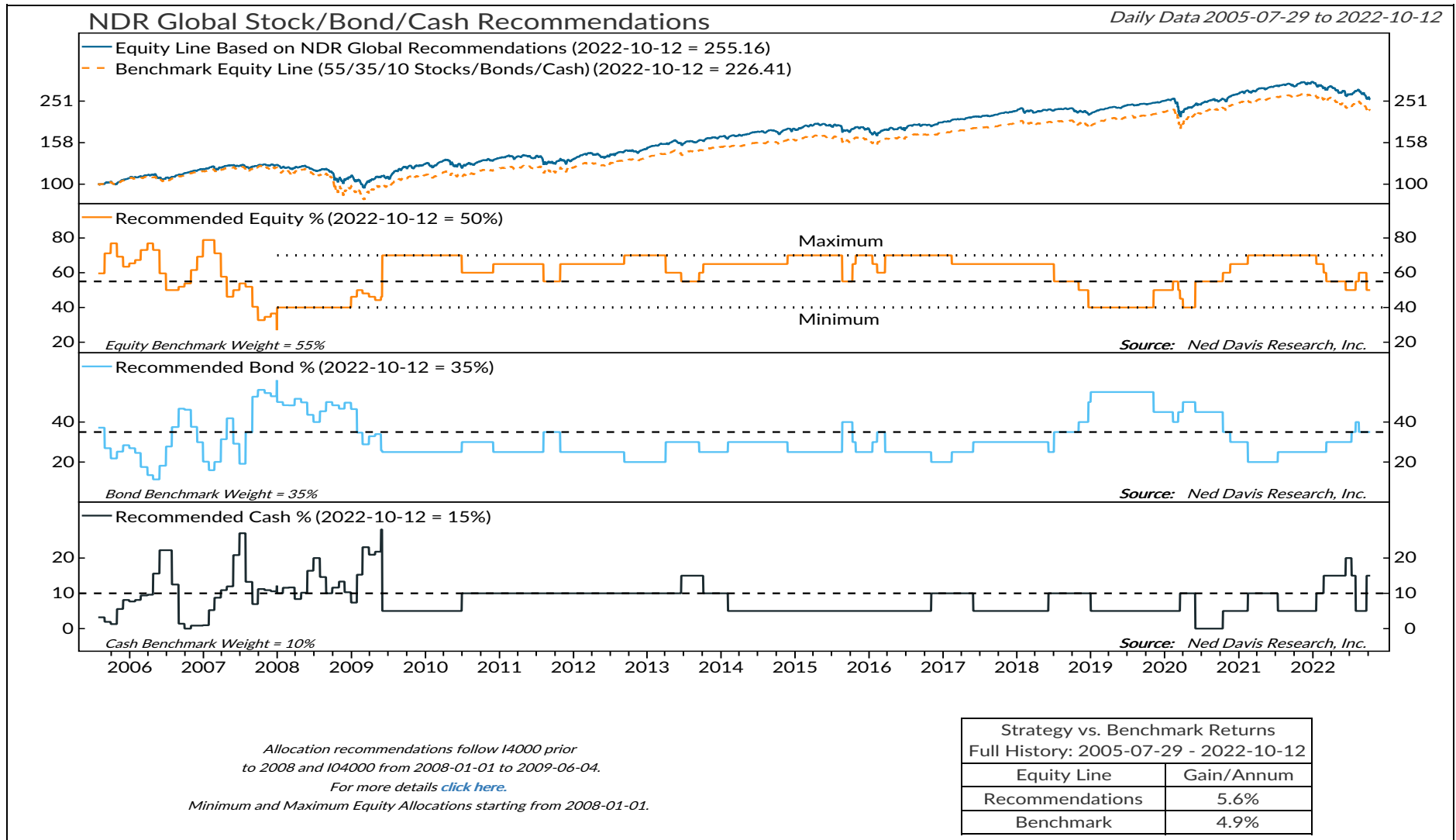


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# Asset Allocation Underweight equities.



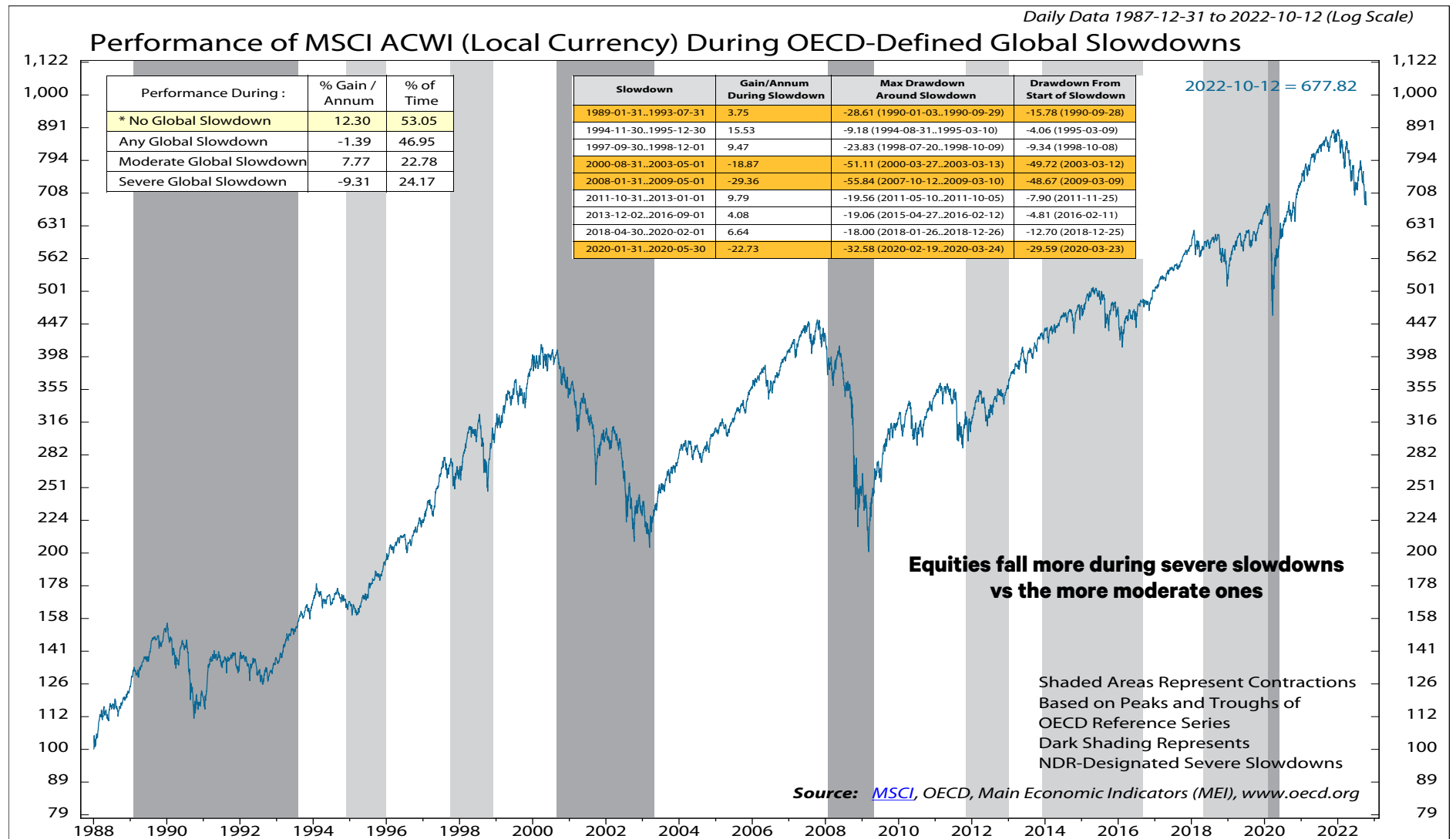
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# Global slowdowns almost always associated with equity bear markets.

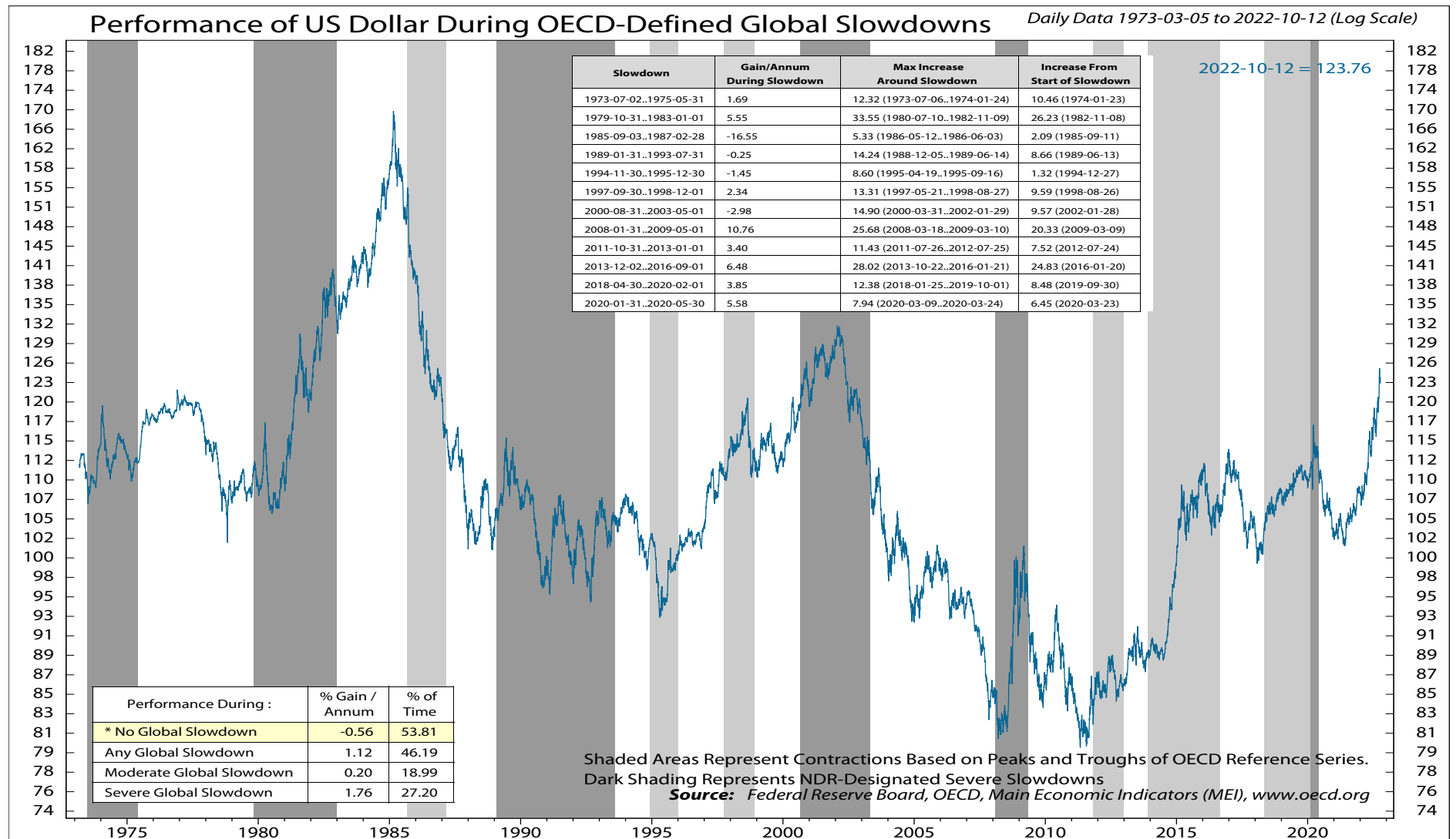


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# The dollar tends to rise during global slowdowns.

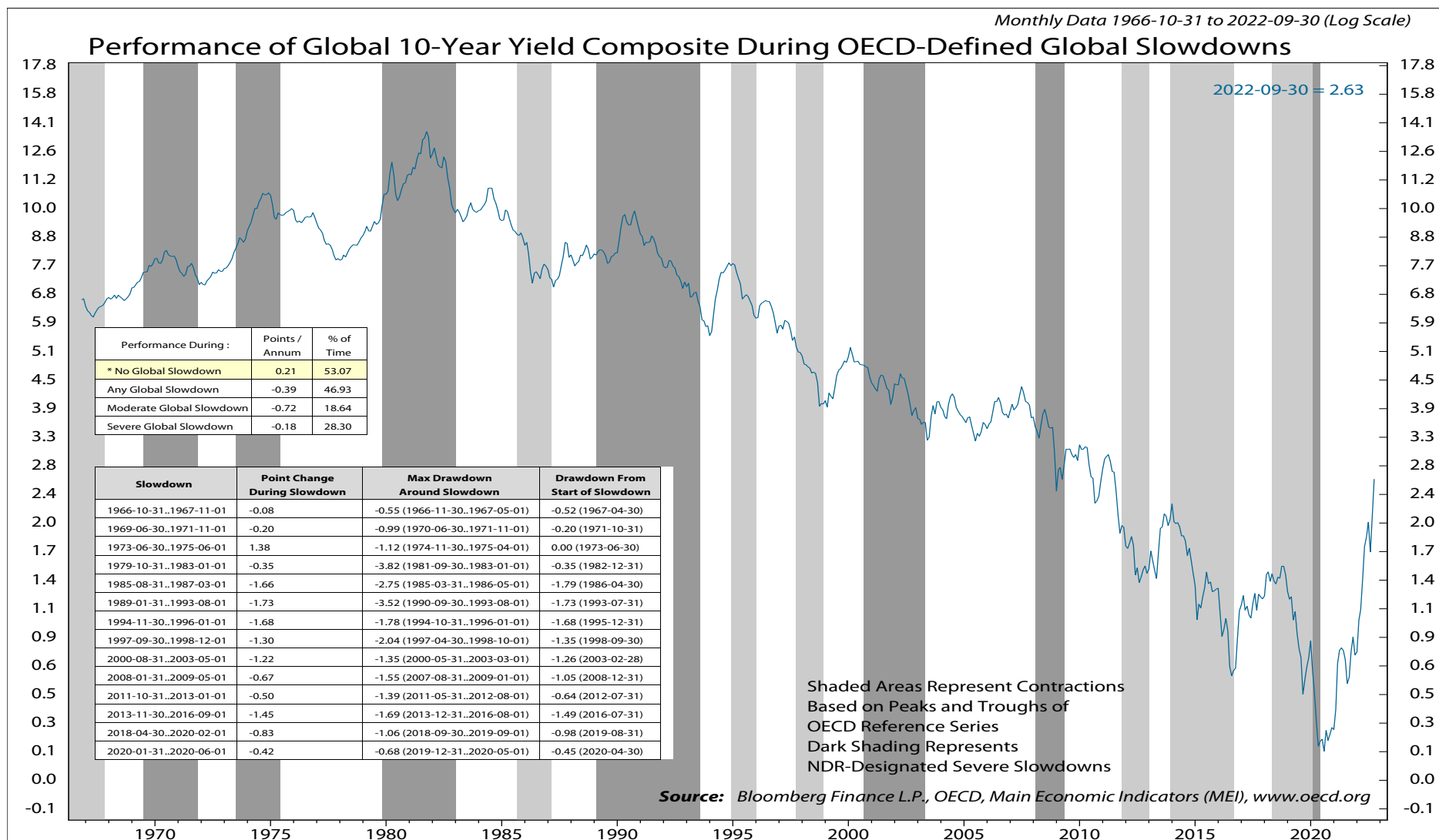


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# 10 year rises in early part of slowdown, then falls.



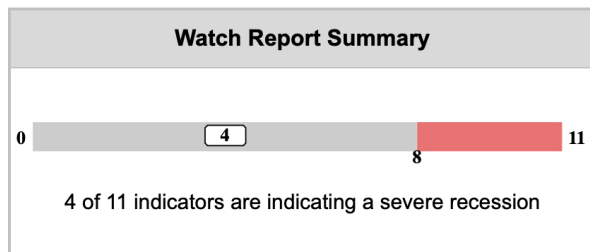
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# Weight of the evidence points to moderate slowdown, but severe recession risk is rising.

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- Run Date: 2022-09-30



Report Notes:

Source: Haver Analytics, Ned Davis Research, Inc., OECD, Main Economic Indicators (MEI), www.oecd.org, S&P Global PMI

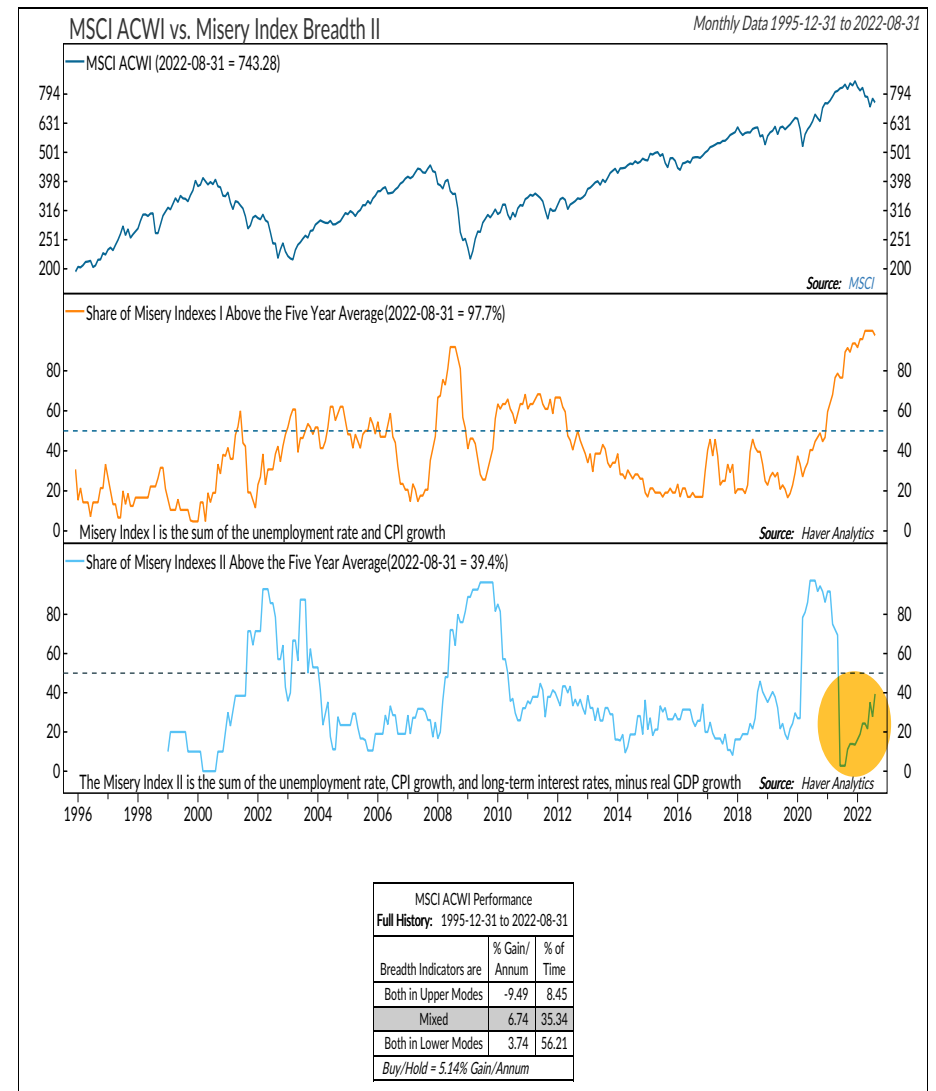
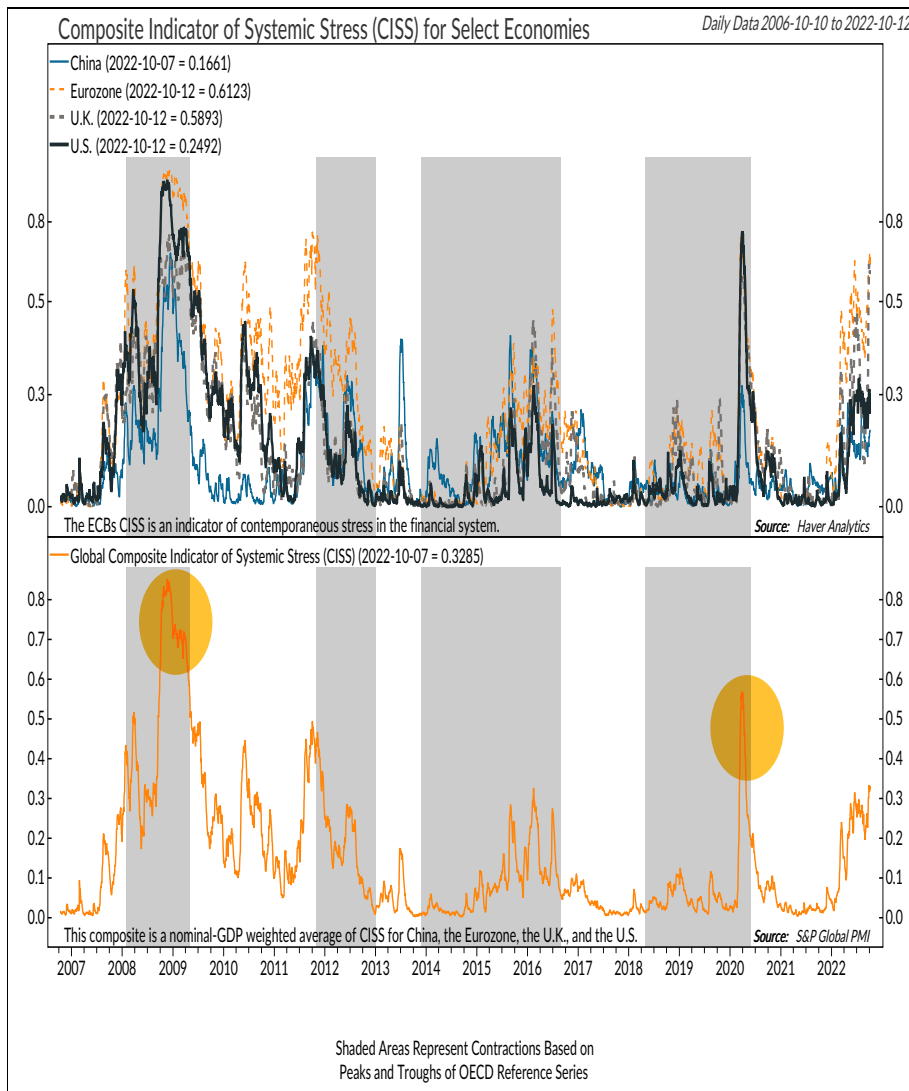
Indicators which have fallen below their key severe recession level are highlighted red.

<sup>1</sup>A rise in this indicator indicates an increased probability of recession.

<sup>2</sup>This indicator must be past the key recession level for three consecutive months to indicate an increased probability of recession

Key Levels	
Indicator	Reading
<b>Global Recession Probability Model<sup>1</sup></b>	0.7 <span style="float: right;">98.1 98.0</span> 99.8
<b>OECD Plus Non-Member Economies Composite Leading Indicator</b>	89.8 <span style="float: right;">98.7 98.9</span> 104.8
<b>Share of OECD CLIs Above 100<sup>2</sup></b>	0.0 <span style="float: right;">17.6 28.0</span> 100.0
<b>Global Manufacturing PMI</b>	33.8 <span style="float: right;">49.8 47.8</span> 57.6
<b>Share of Manufacturing PMIs Above 50<sup>2</sup></b>	0.0 <span style="float: right;">37.1 33.0</span> 100.0
<b>World Trade Volume (Smoothed Year-to-Year % Change)</b>	-18.4 <span style="float: right;">5.5 0.0</span> 21.3
<b>Sentix Economic Expectations Index</b>	-36.2 <span style="float: right;">-23.7 -18.0</span> 37.7
<b>Misery Breadth Index II<sup>1</sup></b>	0.0 <span style="float: right;">39.4 50.0</span> 97.2
<b>Global PMI Bullwhip</b>	-17.1 <span style="float: right;">-2.6 -0.5</span> 15.6
<b>U.S. Recession Probability Model<sup>1</sup></b>	0.0 <span style="float: right;">2.1 50.0</span> 99.9
<b>Global CISS<sup>1</sup></b>	0.01 <span style="float: right;">0.30 0.55</span> 0.83

# Watching financial conditions and misery.



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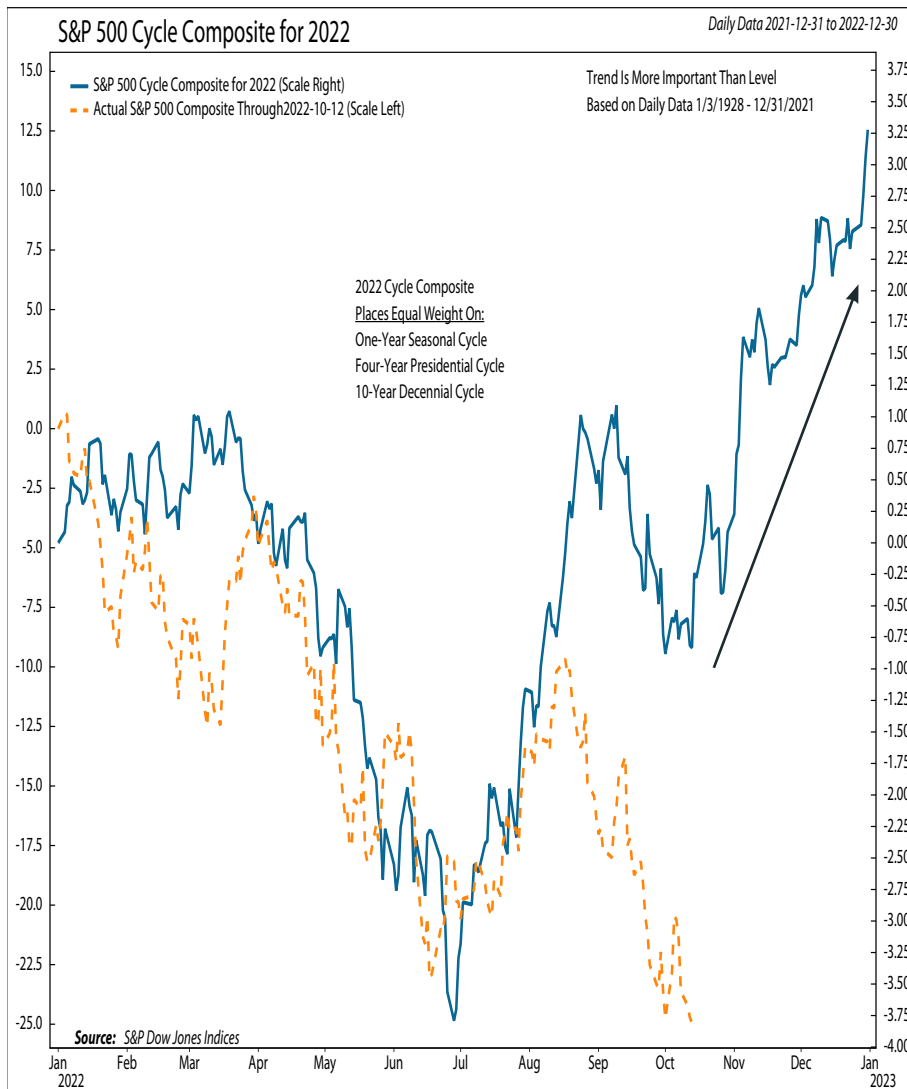
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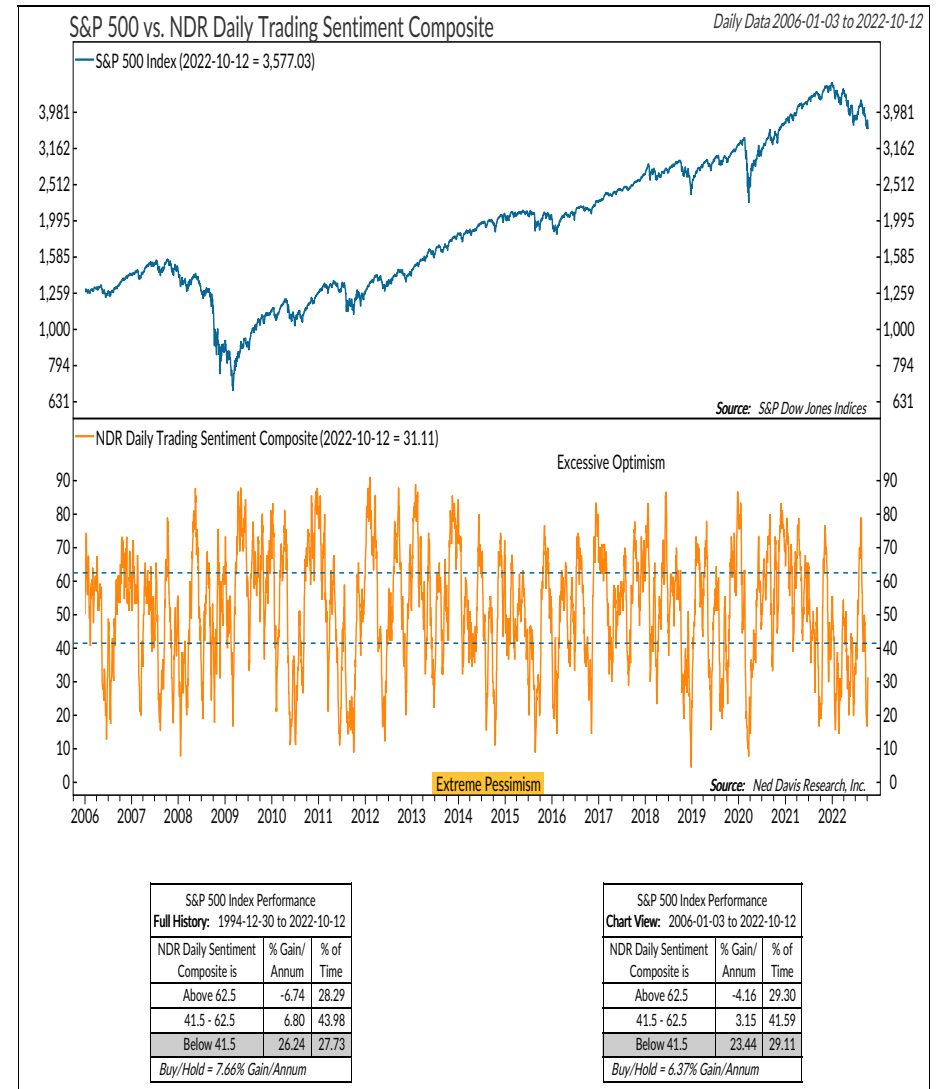
# Cycle composite and pessimism suggest a yearend rally is possible.



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# U.S. Despite two quarters of GDP decline, recession unlikely currently.

## Above-Trend Growth vs. Recession Watch Report

Indicator	Median Lead Time of Peak/ Trough to Slowdown	Months Since Recent Peak/ Trough in Current Expansion <sup>3</sup>	Date
NDR Recession Probability Model	5	25	2022-08-31
Housing Starts (Smoothed 3-Mo Change)	12	20	2022-08-31
NDR Economic Timing Model	9	16	2022-08-31
NDR Composite Leading Index	18	16	2022-08-31
National Financial Conditions Index	11	16	2022-10-07
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (4-wk Avg)	12	6	2022-10-07
Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index	13	15	2022-09-30
Conference Board's CEO Confidence Index	25	18	2022-12-31
ISM Manufacturing Index	18	18	2022-09-30
ISM Services PMI	16	10	2022-09-30

Source: Ned Davis Research, Inc., Department of Commerce, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Haver Analytics, The Conference Board

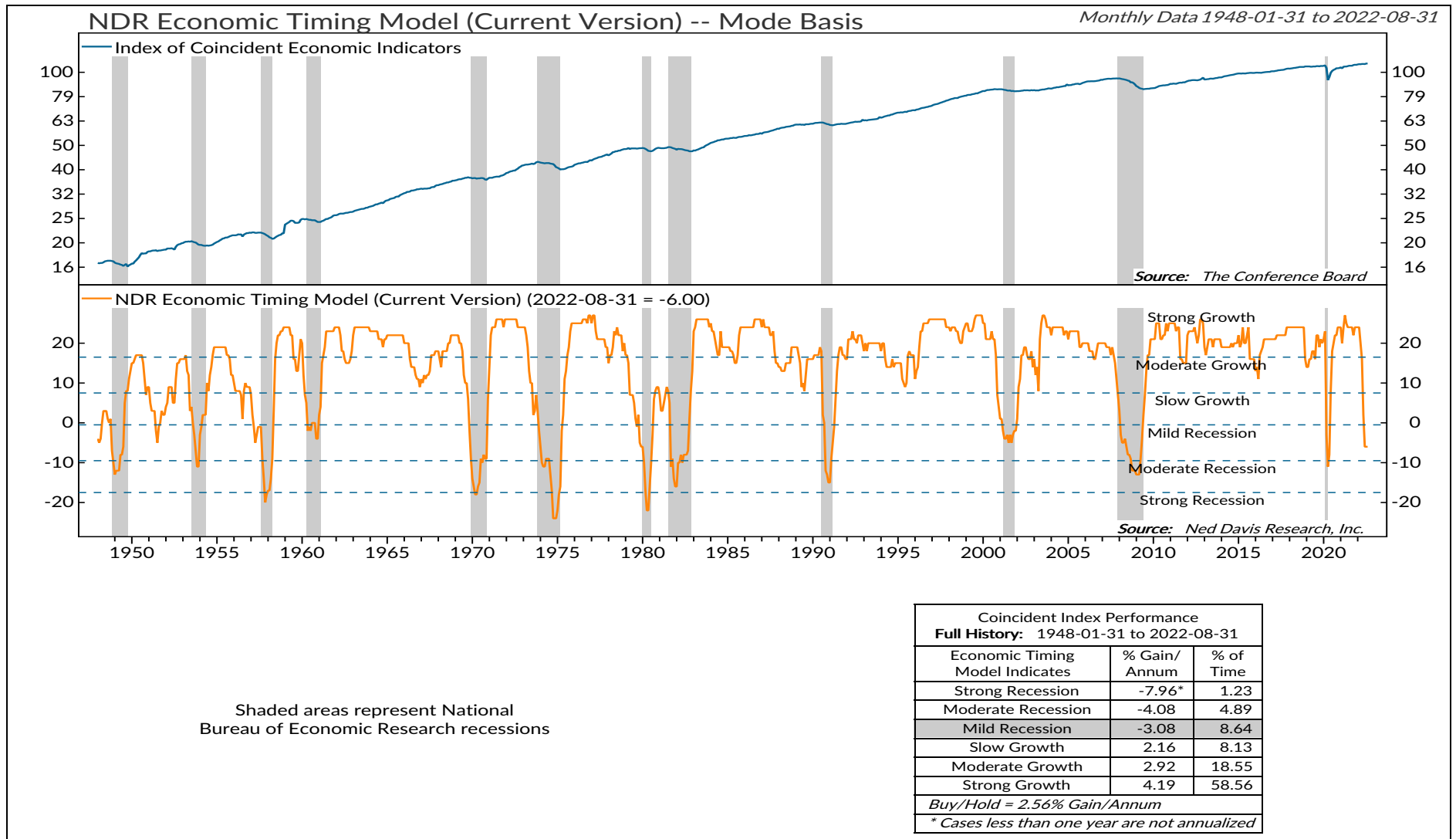
Indicators which have reached their above-trend growth level are highlighted green.

Indicators which have reached their key recession level are highlighted red.

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# But rising risks for 2023.



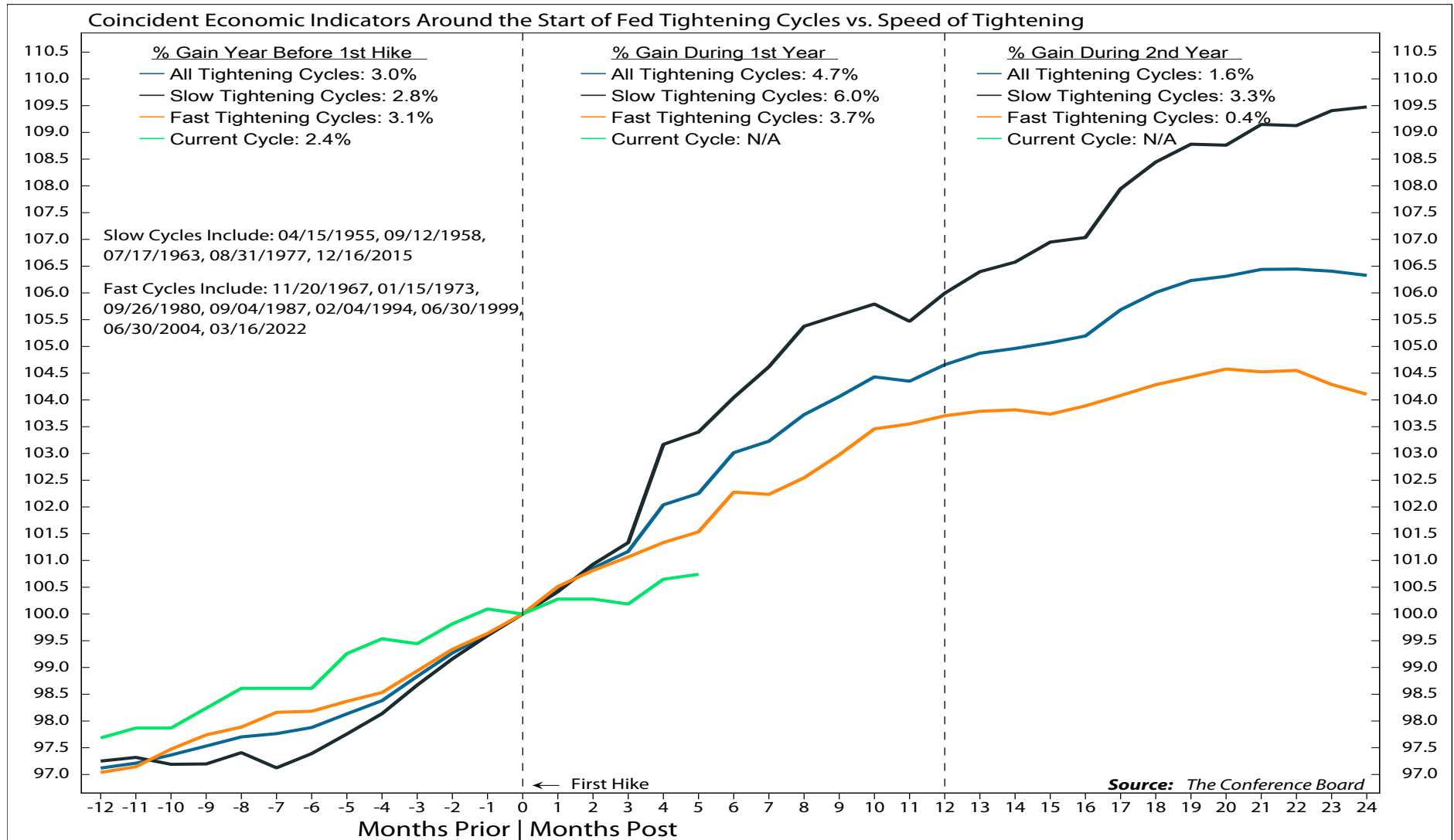
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# Fed policy happens with a lag.

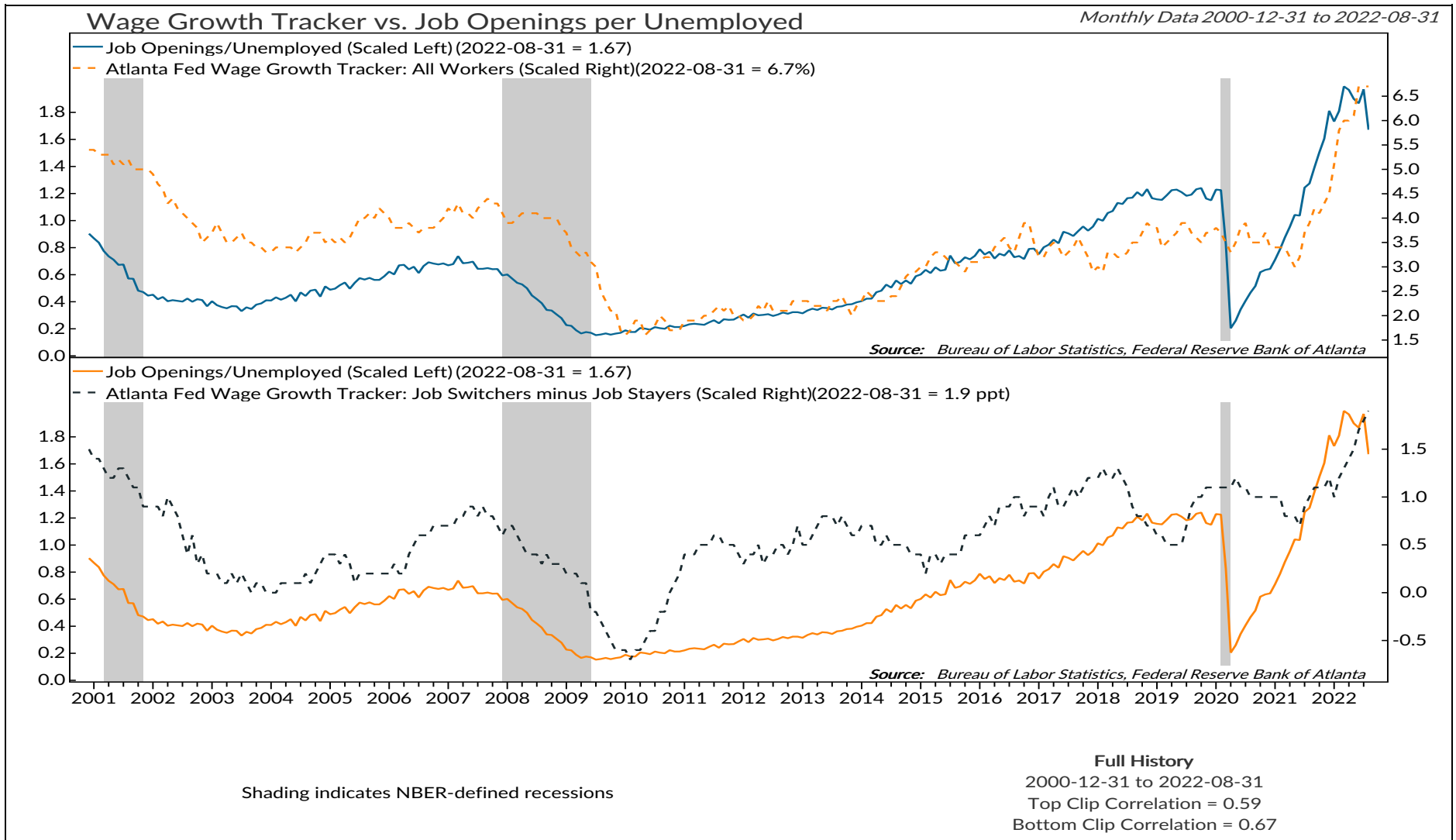


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# Soft landing not completely off the table.

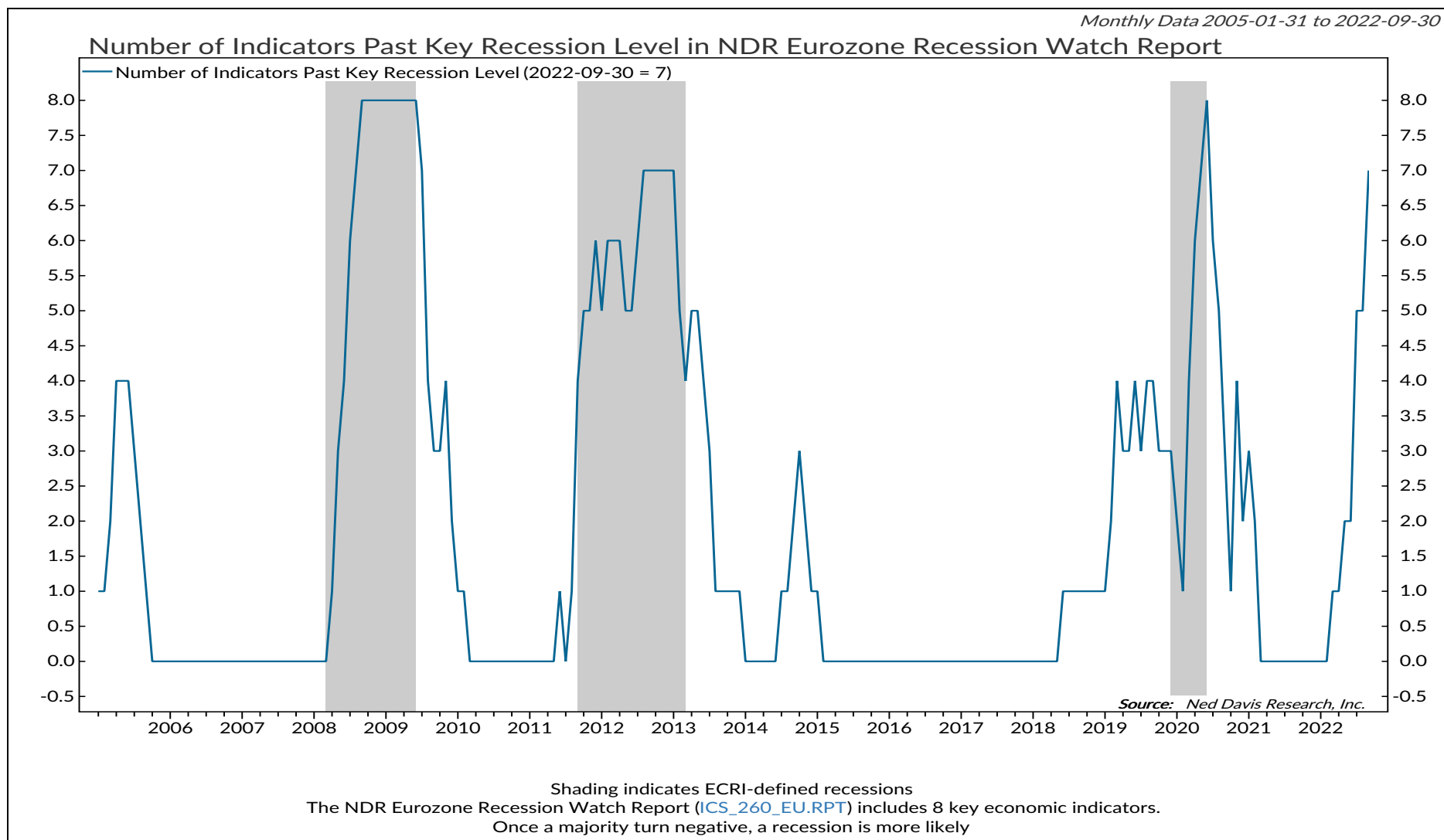


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# Eurozone Can't avoid recession for much longer.

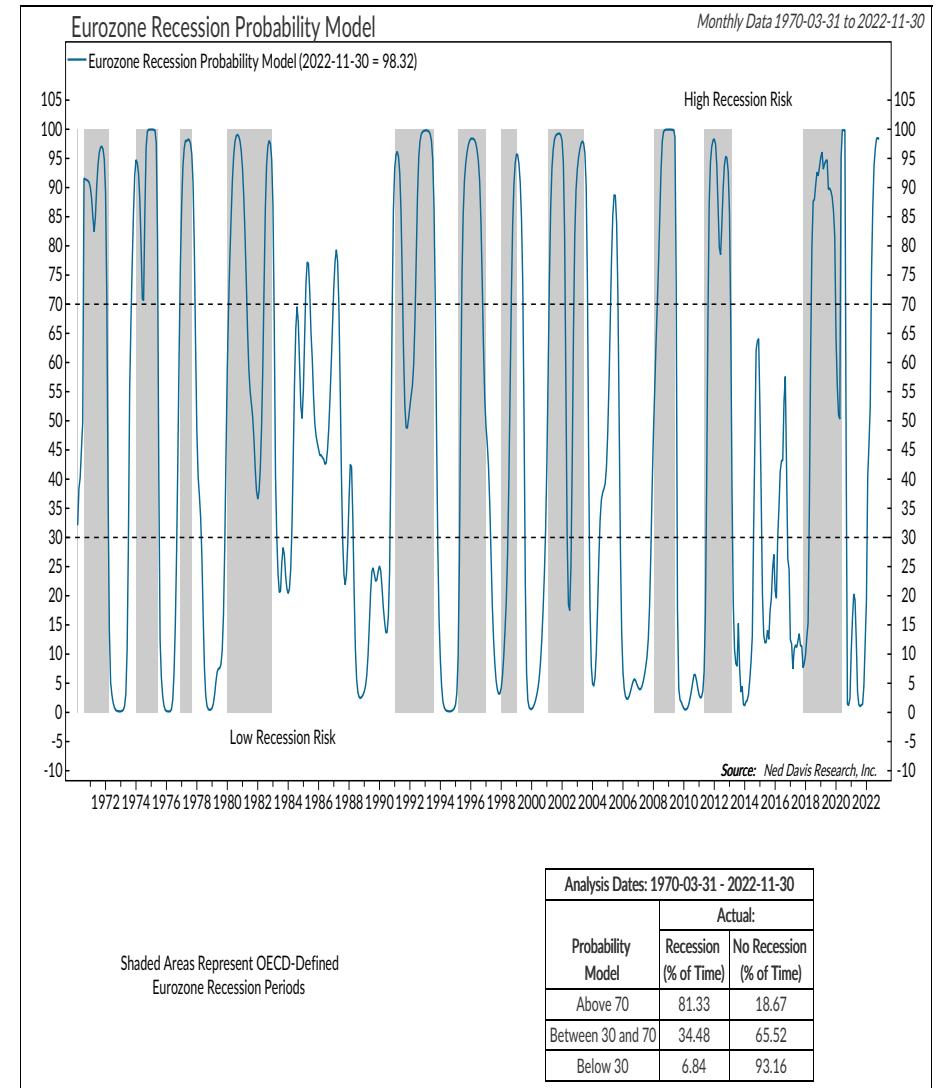
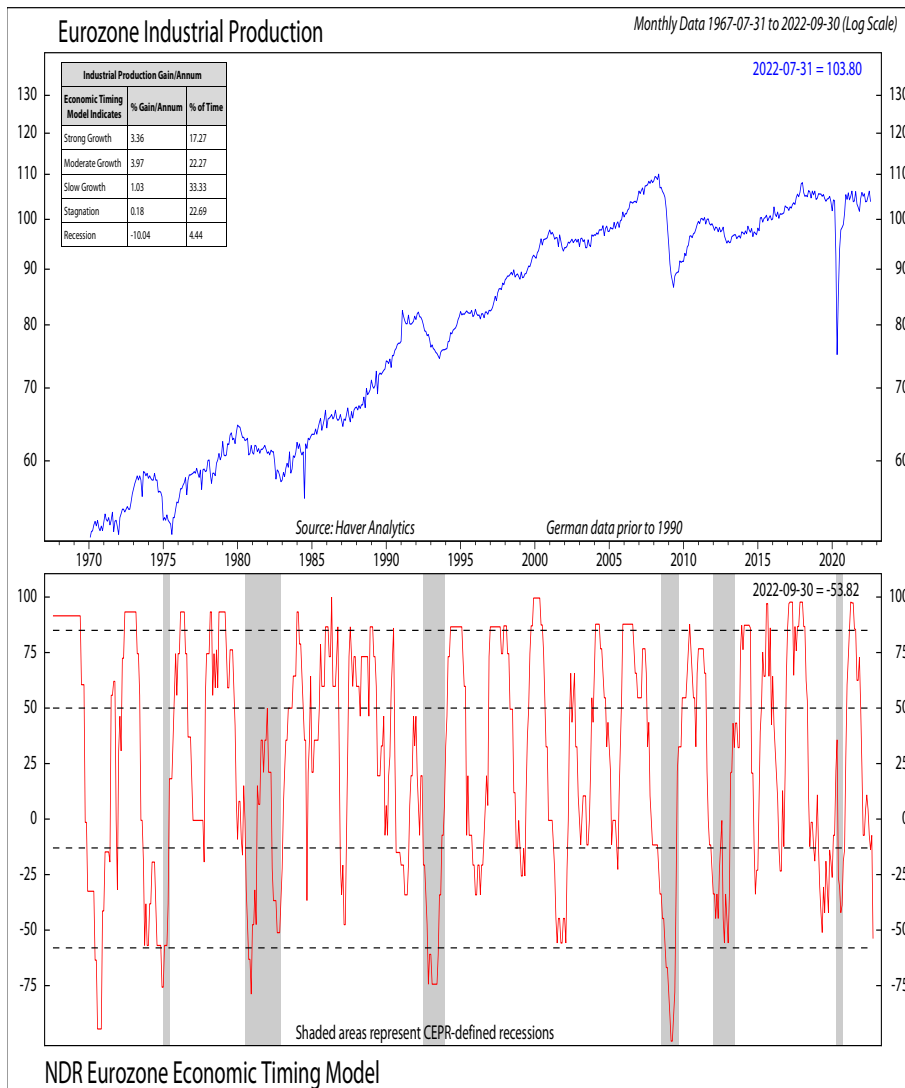


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# Our models are at levels associated with recession.



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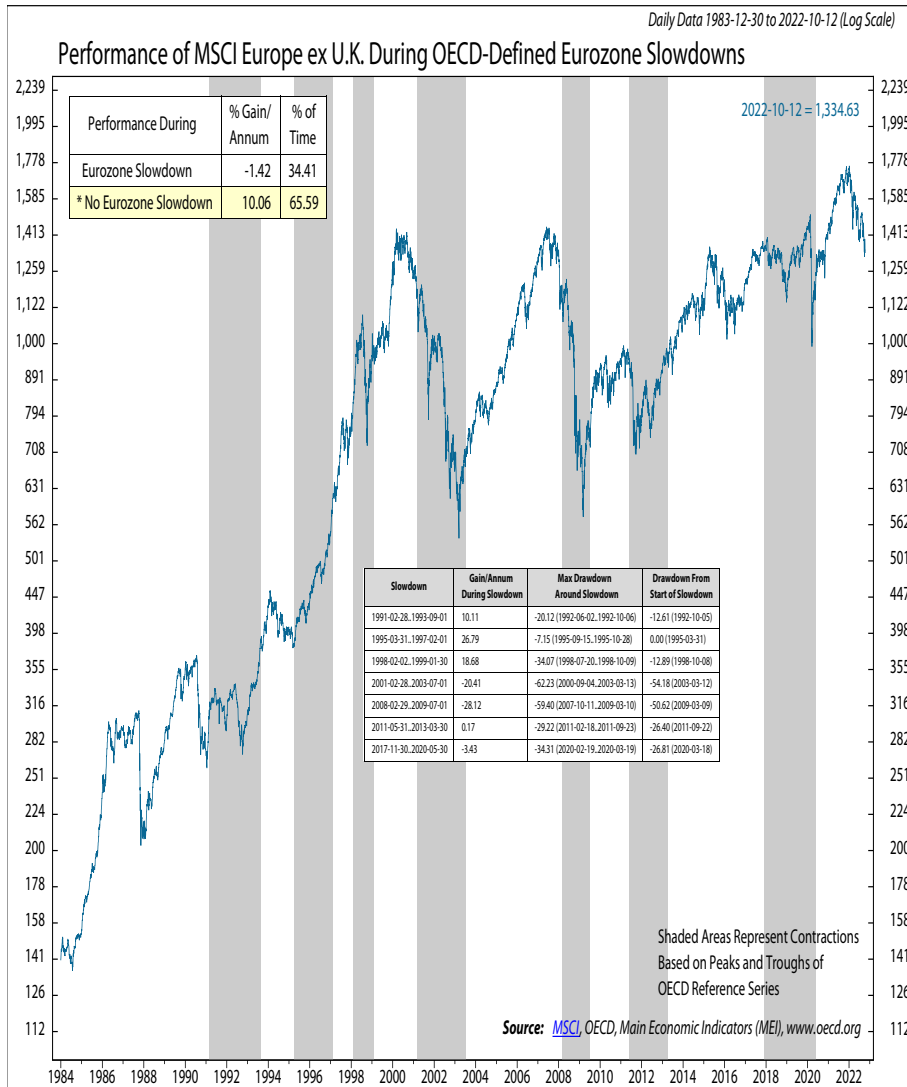
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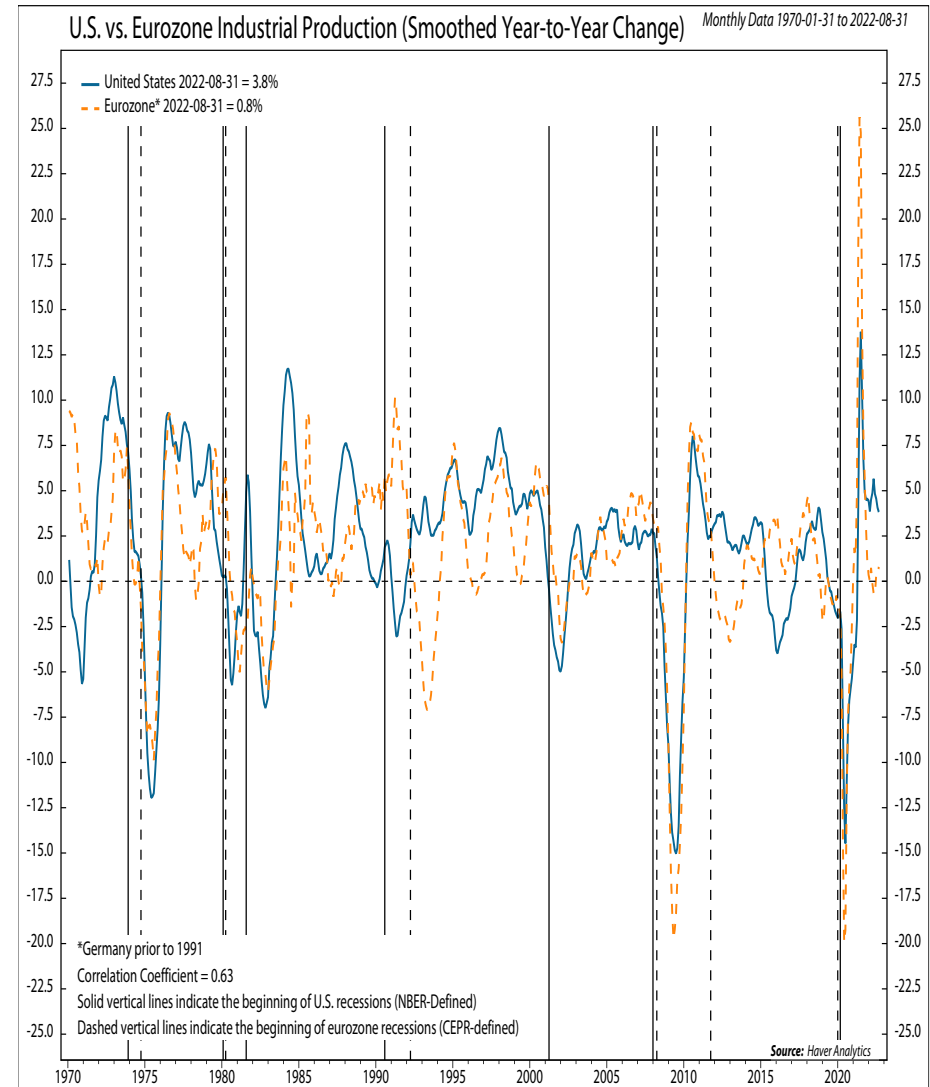
# Will Europe drag the rest of the world down with it?



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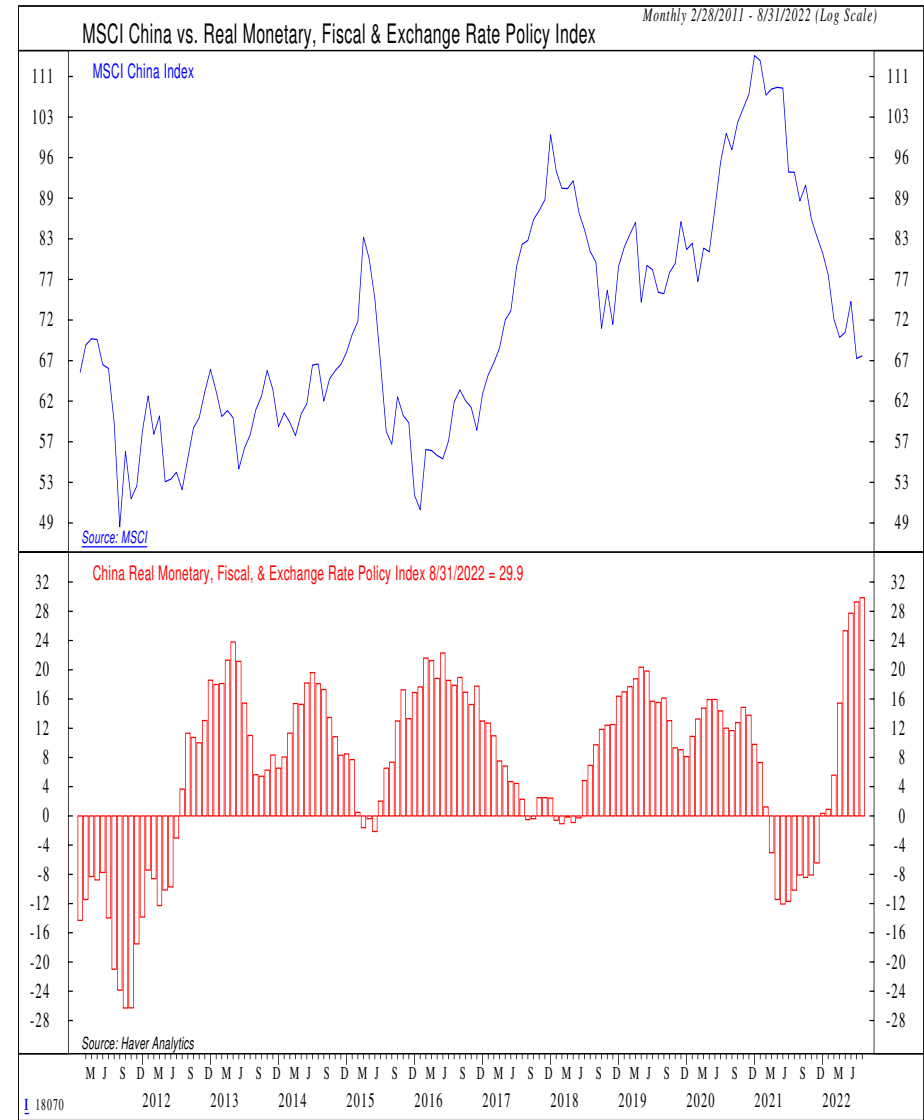
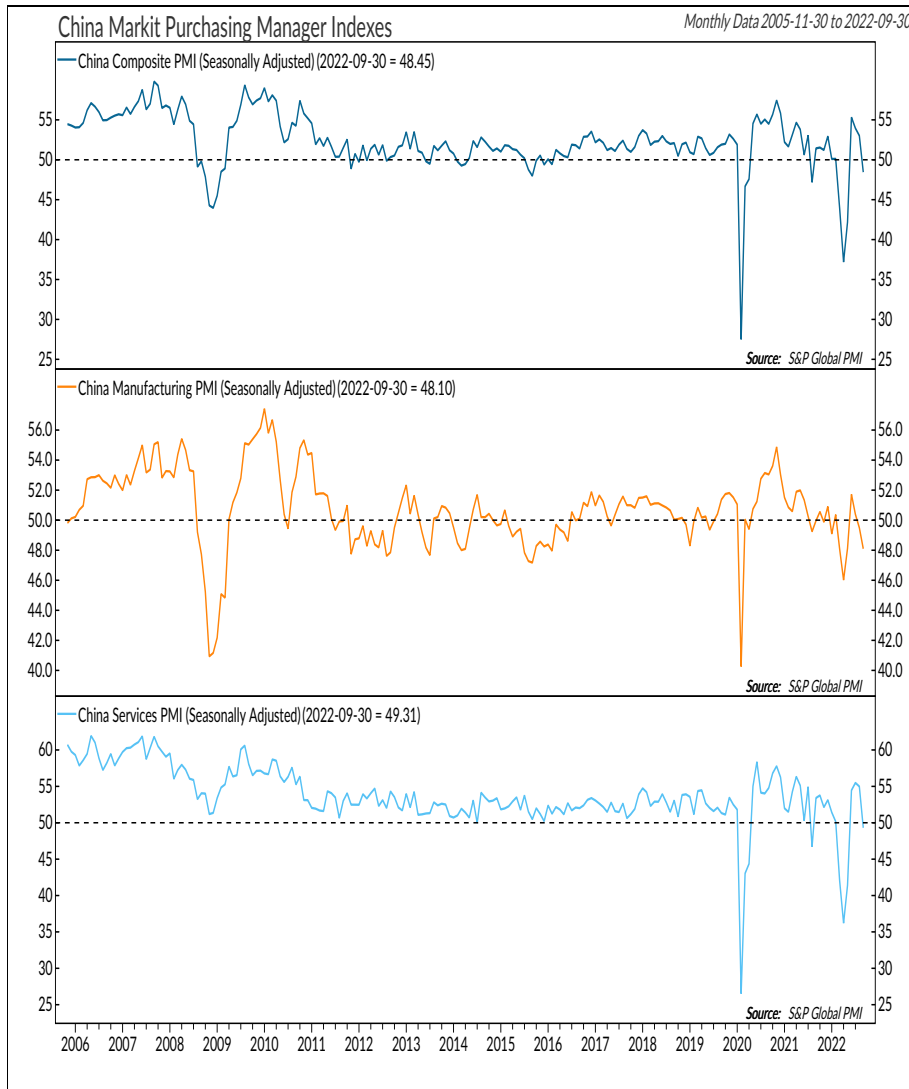


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# China Growth likely to be positive.



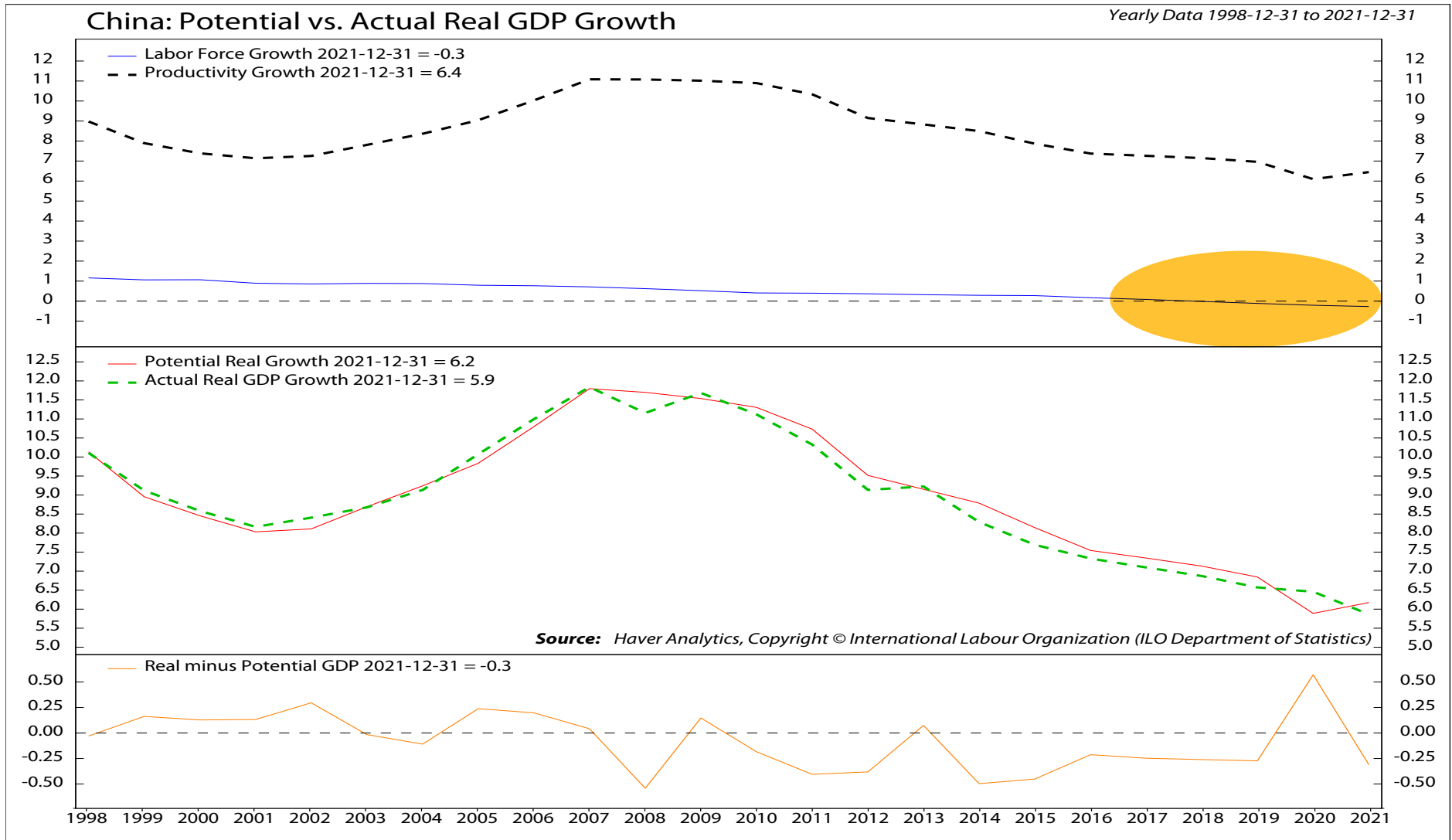
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# China has its fair share of long-term problems.

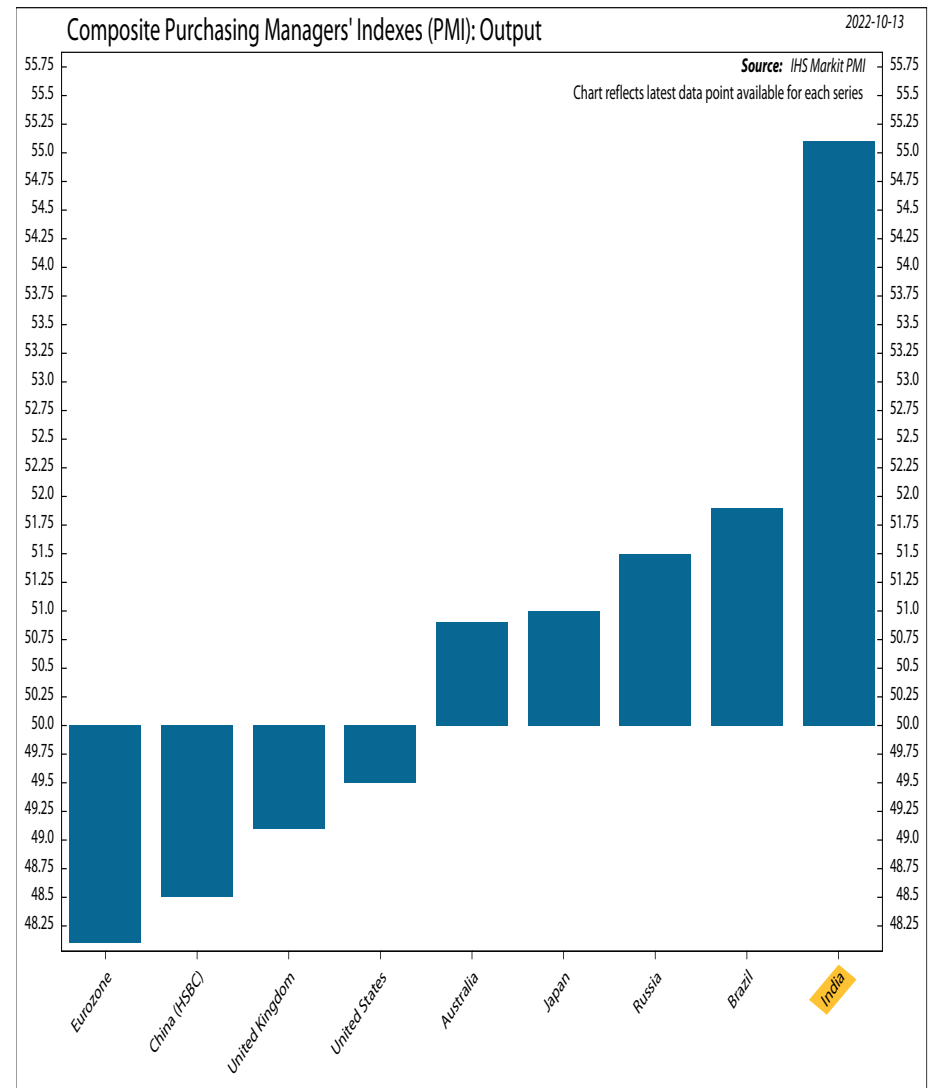
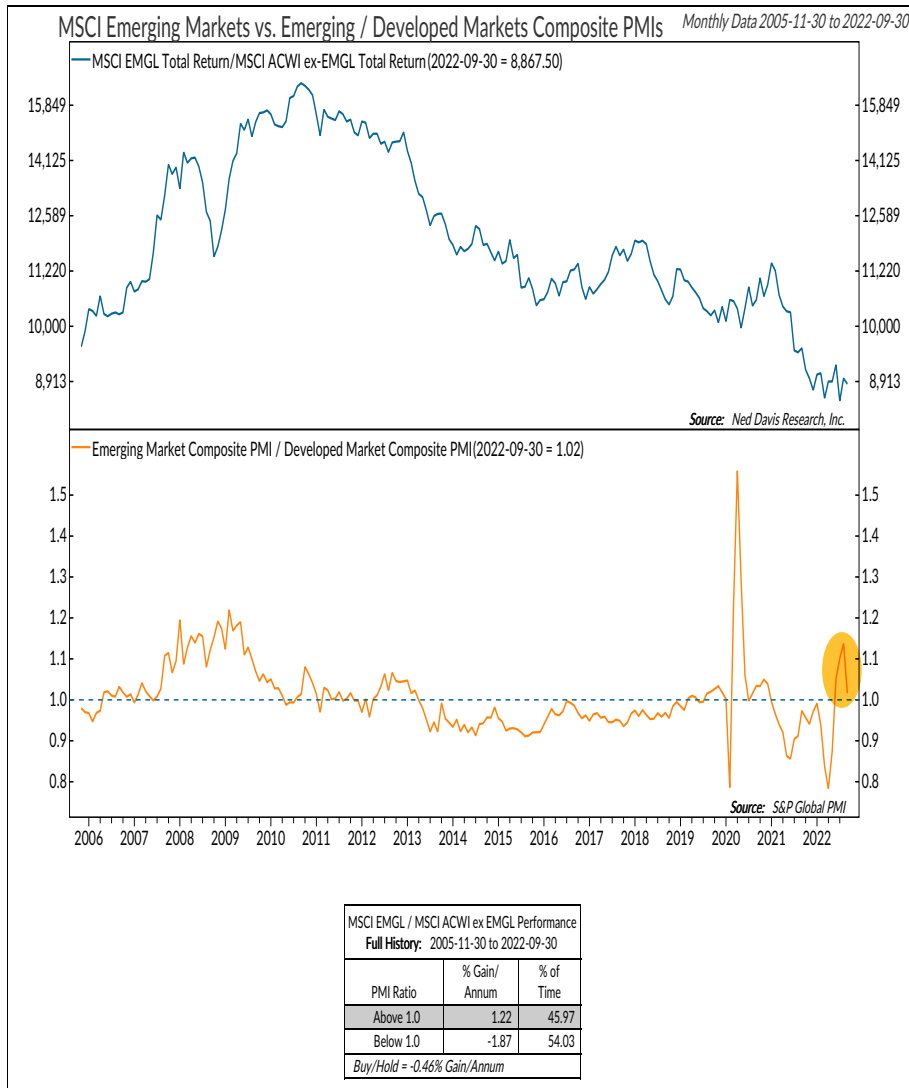


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# Emerging Markets Holding up, led by India.



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# Bottom Line

- Slower global growth and a more difficult year for equities was inevitable this year.
- Stubbornly elevated inflation, waning monetary and fiscal support, the bullwhip effect, and the depletion of excess pandemic-related savings present risks to the outlook. Geopolitical factors amplify these risks.
- There are signs that the inflation rate may peak soon, but will remain elevated for longer.
- Weight of the evidence points to moderate global slowdown, but severe recession risk rising.

For global asset allocation, NDR recommends underweight allocation to stocks, overweight allocation to cash and marketweight allocation to bonds. We are underweight stocks in response to new lows and bearish model readings.

## Equity Allocation

**U.S. |** We are underweight stocks on an absolute basis and relative to bonds and cash. The hawkish Fed has overwhelmed the positive tape development in the summer. We favor small-caps over large-caps and are neutral on Growth versus Value.

**INTERNATIONAL |** We are overweight U.S., underweight Europe ex. U.K., and marketweight on all other regions.

## Macro

**ECONOMY |** The global economy is in a sustained slowdown due to waning monetary and fiscal support, stubbornly high inflation, and rising geopolitical risk. While the slowdown remains moderate, the risk of severe recession increases in 2023. Global inflation pressures are easing but will remain historically elevated in the foreseeable future.

**FIXED INCOME |** We reduced our bond exposure to 95% of benchmark duration and expect the yield curve to flatten. We are overweight Treasurys, MBS, and CMBS and underweight high yield. We are marketweight everything else.

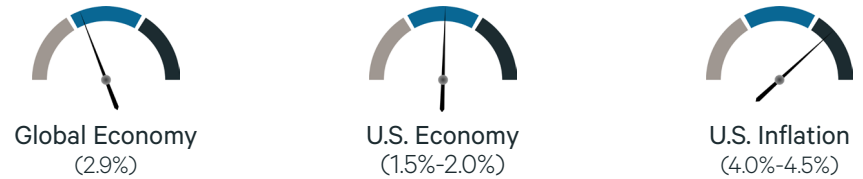
**GOLD |** Downtrend intact with relatively restrictive central bank policies. We are bearish.

**DOLLAR |** Recognizing strengthening trend and positive composite readings, we are bullish.

## Economic Summary

October 10, 2022

Near term activity: ● Accelerating ● Neutral ● Decelerating



Economic gauges reflect changes in near-term economic activity. Numbers in parenthesis refer to NDR 2022 forecasts.

## Global Asset Allocation

● Overweight ● Marketweight ● Underweight

- Cash (15%)
- Bonds (35%)
- Stocks (50%)

Benchmark: Stocks (55%), Bonds (35%), Cash (10%)

### Equities — Regional Relative Allocation

- U.S. (66%)
- Emerging Markets (11%) | Japan (5%) | U.K. (4%) | Pacific ex. Japan (2%) | Canada (3%)
- Europe ex. U.K. (9%)

Benchmark – U.S. (61.1%), Europe ex. U.K. (12.2%), Emerging Markets (11.4%), Japan (5.6%), U.K. (3.7%), Pacific ex. Japan (3%), Canada (3.1%)

### Global Bond Allocation

- Japan (19%)
- U.S. (55%) | Europe (25%)
- U.K. (1%)

Benchmark: U.S. (57%), Europe (25%), Japan (15%), U.K. (4%)

## U.S. Allocation

- Cash (15%) | Small-Cap
- Bonds (35%) | Growth | Value | Mid-Cap
- Stocks (50%) | Large-Cap

Benchmark: Stocks (55%), Bonds (35%), Cash (10%)

### Sectors

- Health Care (17%) | Energy (5%)
- Financials (7%)

Benchmark: Technology (27.5%), Health Care (13.6%), Financials (10.6%), Communication Services (10.0%), Consumer Discretionary (9.5%), Consumer Staples (6.9%), Industrials (7.8%), Energy (3.7%), Utilities (2.7%), Real Estate (2.7%), Materials (2.5%)

### U.S. Bonds — 95% of Benchmark Duration



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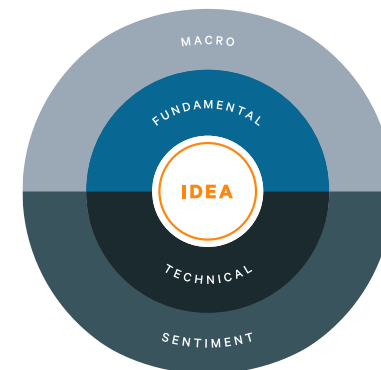
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