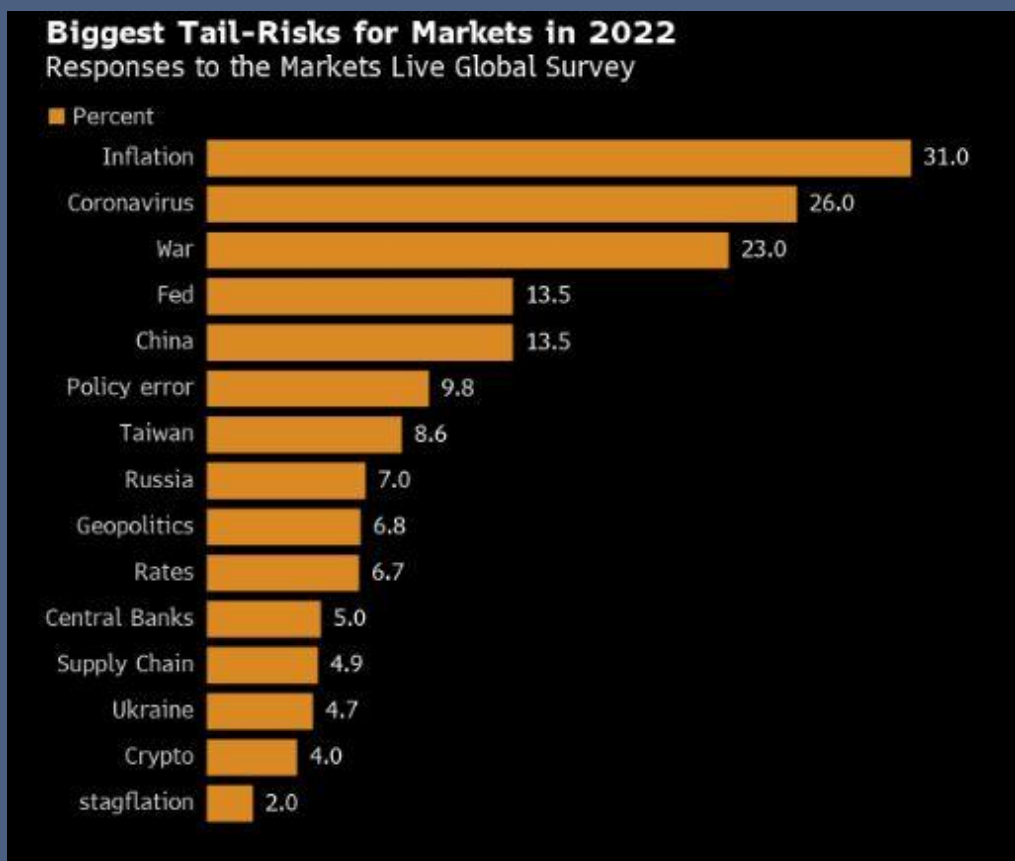


#globalmarkets weekly wrap-up

Chart of the week

MARKETS CONTINUE TO CLIMB THE WALL OF WORRY

So much for concerns about inflation, omicron or the Fed. Markets keep climbing the wall of worry as the S&P 500 closed at an all-time high on Thursday.



Source: Bloomberg

#globalmarkets weekly wrap-up

Another new all time-high for the S&P 500

Stocks rebounded from the previous week's losses on signs that omicron might not be disruptive as feared. Trading volumes were low ahead of the upcoming Christmas holiday, with markets closed on Friday. Consumer discretionary and energy stocks outperformed. Markets started the week on a negative note due to omicron concerns and after Senator Manchin said he will reject the Biden administration's USD 2 trillion "Build Back Better" plan. But some encouraging news on omicron treatment and signs indicating that hopes remained for the US fiscal stimulus plan supported risk assets afterwards. Economic data generally surprised on the upside. US durable goods orders rose 2.5% in November, well above consensus expectations. In Europe, equity markets ended the shortened week firmly higher although Eurozone consumer confidence deteriorated for a 3rd straight month in December. Chinese markets were little changed despite a key rate cut by the central bank for the first time in 20 months. In Fixed income, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose back above 1.50% during the week. The dollar weakened while cryptocurrencies soared on Thursday.

#us #equities

S&P 500 closed at an all-time high for the 68th time this year. Only 1995 has had more all-time highs in a single calendar year.

S&P 500: Number of All-Time Highs (1929 - 2021)									
Note: Closing Prices, as of 12/23/21									
Year	# ATH	Year	# ATH	Year	# ATH	Year	# ATH	Year	# ATH
1929	45	1948	0	1967	14	1986	31	2005	0
1930	0	1949	0	1968	34	1987	47	2006	0
1931	0	1950	0	1969	0	1988	0	2007	9
1932	0	1951	0	1970	0	1989	13	2008	0
1933	0	1952	0	1971	0	1990	6	2009	0
1934	0	1953	0	1972	32	1991	22	2010	0
1935	0	1954	27	1973	3	1992	18	2011	0
1936	0	1955	49	1974	0	1993	16	2012	0
1937	0	1956	14	1975	0	1994	5	2013	45
1938	0	1957	0	1976	0	1995	77	2014	53
1939	0	1958	24	1977	0	1996	39	2015	10
1940	0	1959	27	1978	0	1997	45	2016	18
1941	0	1960	0	1979	0	1998	47	2017	62
1942	0	1961	53	1980	24	1999	35	2018	19
1943	0	1962	0	1981	0	2000	4	2019	36
1944	0	1963	12	1982	2	2001	0	2020	33
1945	0	1964	65	1983	30	2002	0	2021	68
1946	0	1965	37	1984	0	2003	0		
1947	0	1966	9	1985	43	2004	0		



COMPOUND

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Source: Charlie Bilello

#us #equities

US stocks are beating the rest of world by most in 2 decades. The S&P 500 has surged 25% YTD compared with a 3% gain from the MSCI All-Country World ex-US Index, Bloomberg has calculated.



Source: HolgerZ, Bloomberg

#us #equities #dominance

According to Bloomberg market cap readings, as of yesterday's close, the United States had a 44% share of aggregate global stock market cap; topping the next largest country, China, by a factor of over four. As shown below, the US has seen its share of world market cap increase by 2.84 percentage points so far in 2021, which is a huge gain. This shouldn't come as too much of a surprise, though, given that the US has outperformed nearly every major country stock market this year"..

% of World Stock Market Cap by Country *					
Country	Current % of World	End of 2020	COVID Crash Low (3/23/20)	Chg in 2021	Chg Since 3/23/20
United States	44.15	41.31	39.17	2.84	4.97
China	10.94	10.56	10.90	0.38	0.04
Japan	5.58	6.60	7.47	-1.02	-1.89
Hong Kong	5.10	6.32	7.12	-1.21	-2.01
United Kingdom	2.94	3.18	3.28	-0.24	-0.35
India	2.87	2.44	2.12	0.42	0.75
France	2.80	2.85	2.94	-0.05	-0.14
Canada	2.56	2.51	2.36	0.05	0.20
Germany	2.27	2.41	2.39	-0.15	-0.12
Saudi Arabia	2.18	2.36	3.11	-0.18	-0.93
Switzerland	1.92	1.97	2.41	-0.05	-0.49
Taiwan	1.85	1.73	1.58	0.12	0.26
South Korea	1.81	2.04	1.44	-0.23	0.37
Australia	1.43	1.58	1.26	-0.15	0.17
Sweden	1.16	1.10	0.93	0.06	0.22
Netherlands	1.01	0.95	0.86	0.06	0.14
Brazil	0.65	0.88	0.87	-0.23	-0.21
Denmark	0.63	0.64	0.62	-0.01	0.02
Russia	0.63	0.62	0.72	0.01	-0.08
Italy	0.60	0.63	0.70	-0.03	-0.11

* Bloomberg Market Cap Indices

Source: bespoke

#us #equities #volatility

December has actually been the most volatile one-month period for all of 2021. Below Bespoke show how the S&P 500 performed in January following the five prior years listed.

S&P 500 When Dec. Was the Most Volatile Month				
Year	Avg. Absolute Daily Change (%)	Chg (%)		
		December	Next January	Next Year
1973	1.4	1.7	-1.0	-29.7
1978	1.0	1.5	4.0	12.3
1985	0.6	4.5	0.2	14.6
1995	0.5	1.7	3.3	20.3
2018	1.4	-9.2	7.9	28.9
2021	1.1	0.1	?	?
	Average	0.0	2.9	9.3
	Median	1.6	3.3	14.6
	% Positive	83.3	80.0	80.0

Source: Bespoke

#us #equities #santaclaus

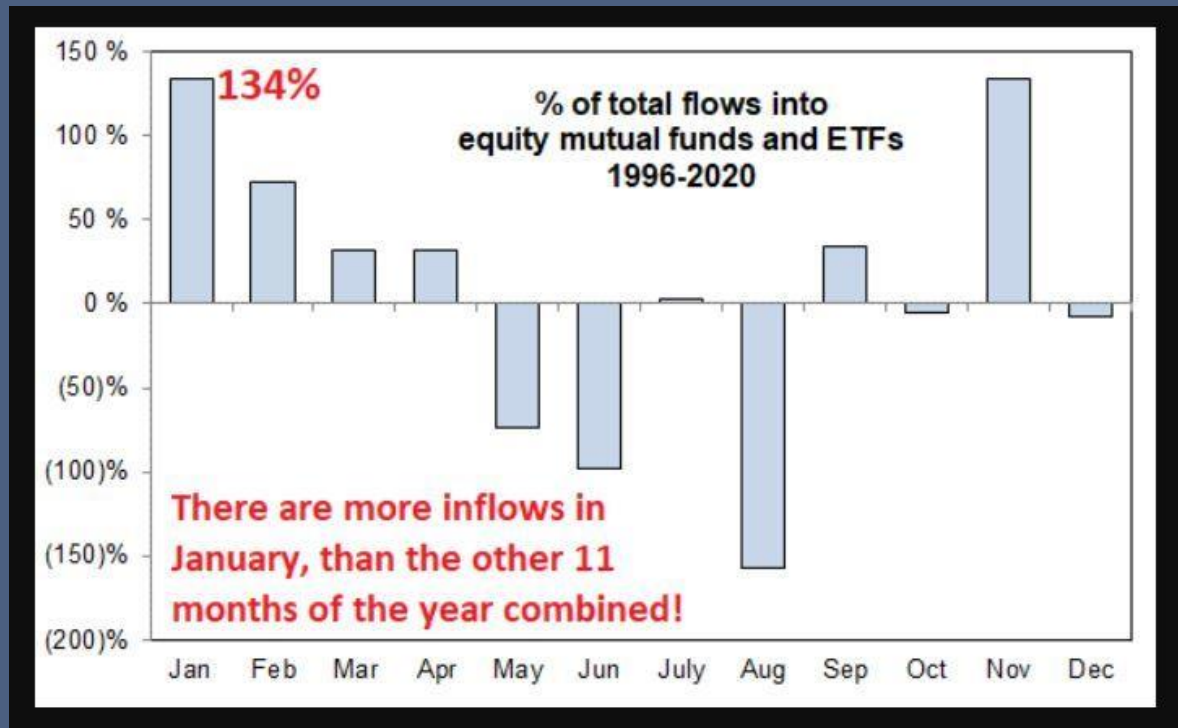
The Santa Claus Rally: since 1950, the S&P 500 has gained an average of 1.3% during Santa Claus rally periods, according to The Stock Trader's Almanac.



Source: xxx

#us #equities #january #effect

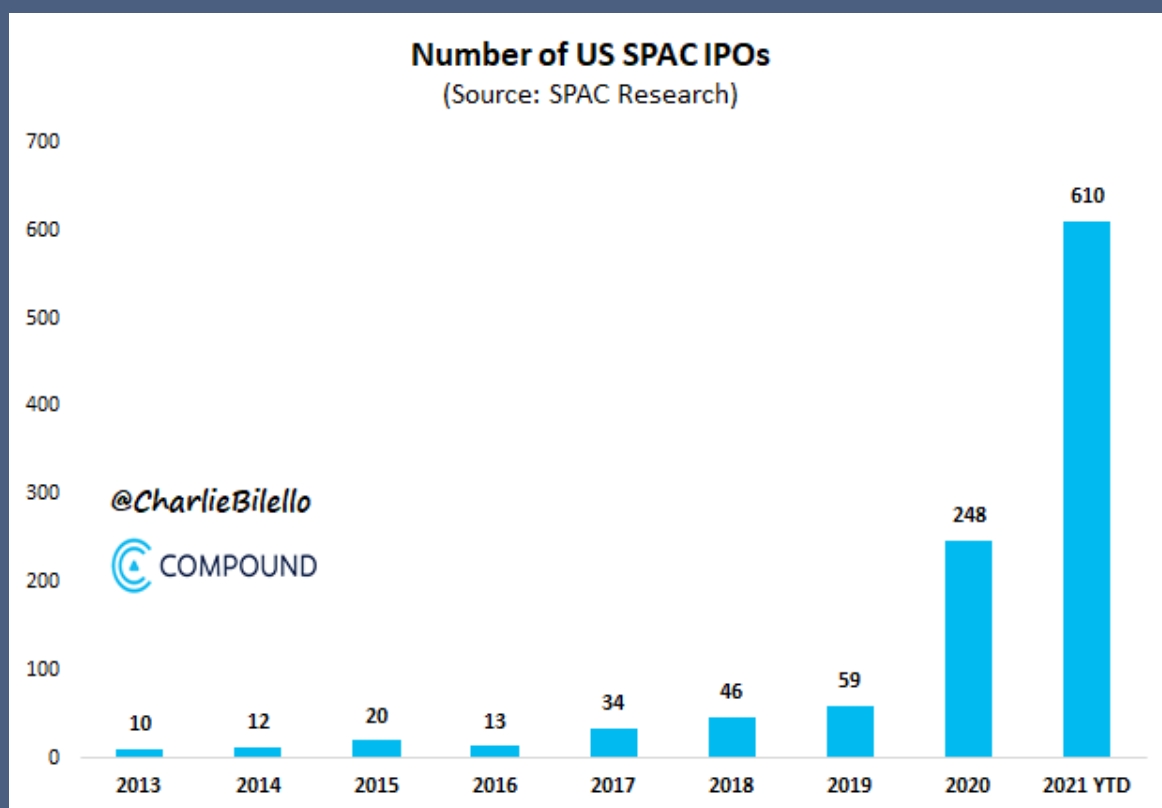
As highlighted by Goldman, January is the month when most of the capital is deployed, i.e., "January typically sees 134% of inflows (the rest of the 11 months -34%)." And with every private wealth manager in the world right now pitching increased allocations into equities (out of cash and out of bonds), Goldman calculates that keeping 2021 pace, "This would be \$125BN worth of inflows quickly in January."



Source: Goldman Sachs

#spacs

Number of SPACs by year...



Source: Charlie Bilello

#rivian

What goes up (sometimes) must go down...Rivian #stock hit a new low yesterday, down 50% from its November high. Its market cap of \$80 billion is now only slightly higher than GM and Ford.

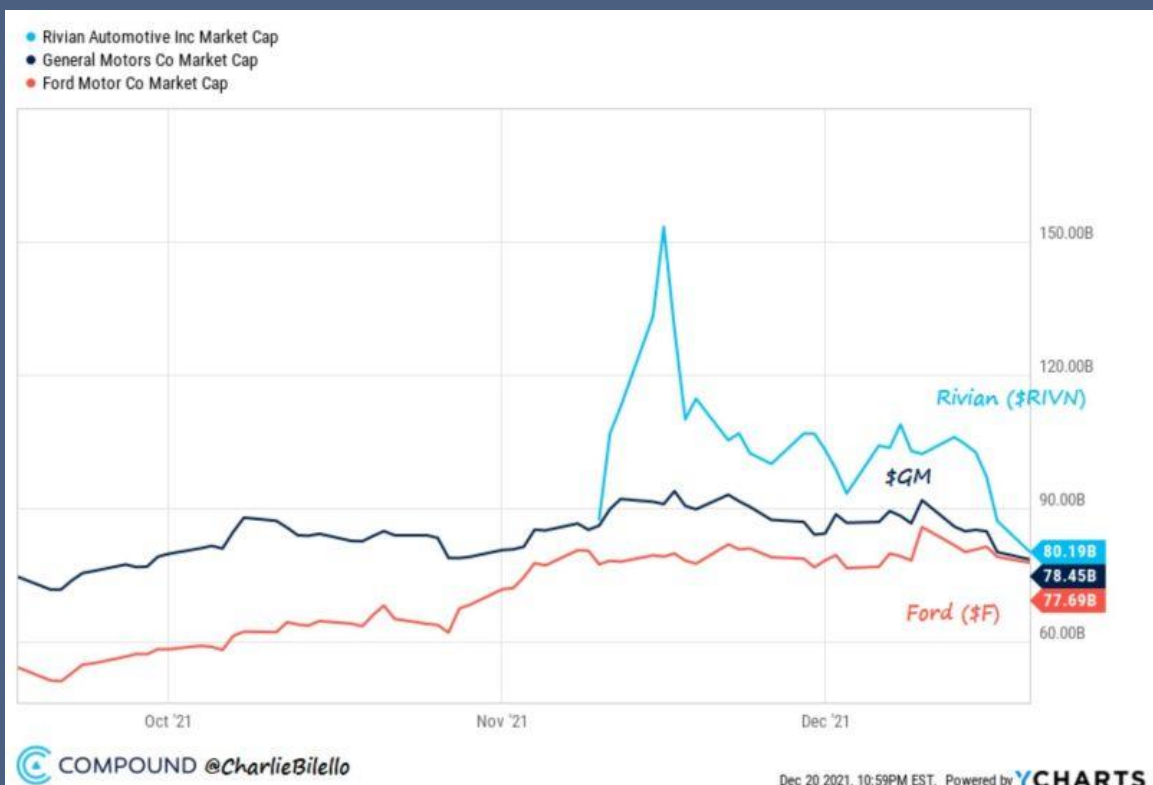
As a remainder:

3rd quarter revenue...

\$RIVN: \$1 million

\$GM: \$27 billion

\$F: \$36 billion

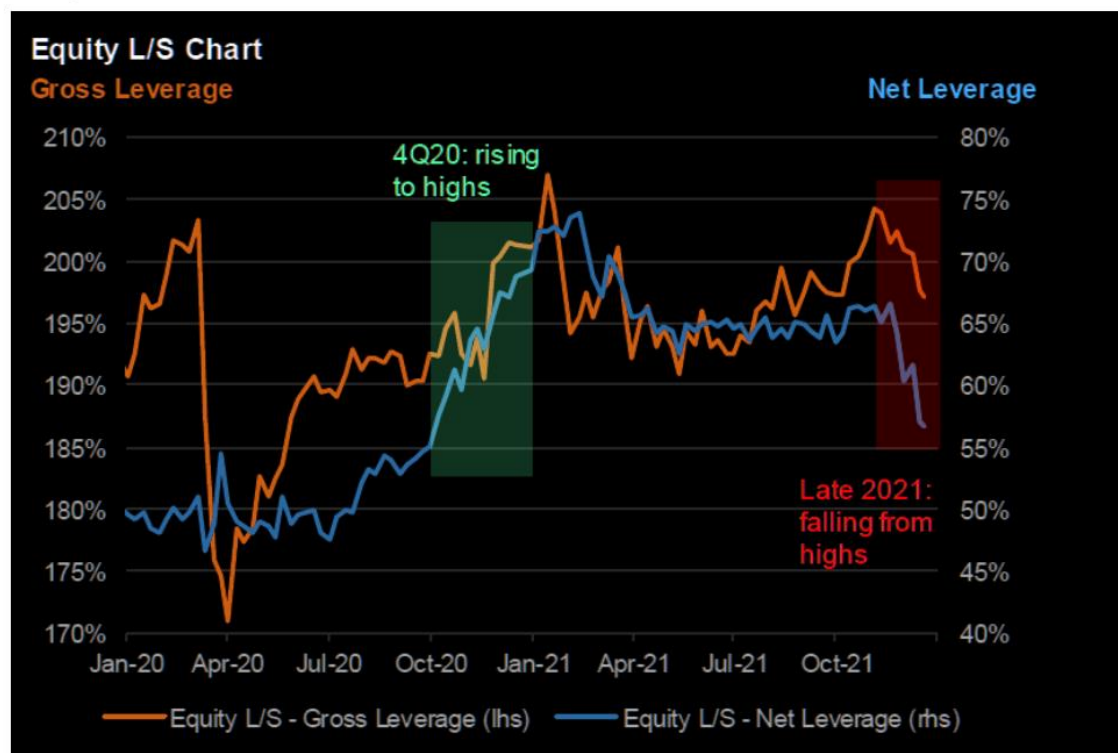


Source: Charlie Bilello

#hedge-funds #positioning

Equity hedge fund net leverage printing decisive "YTD lows". Nets at 0%-tile on a 12m lock-back.

Hedge Funds have sold a lot

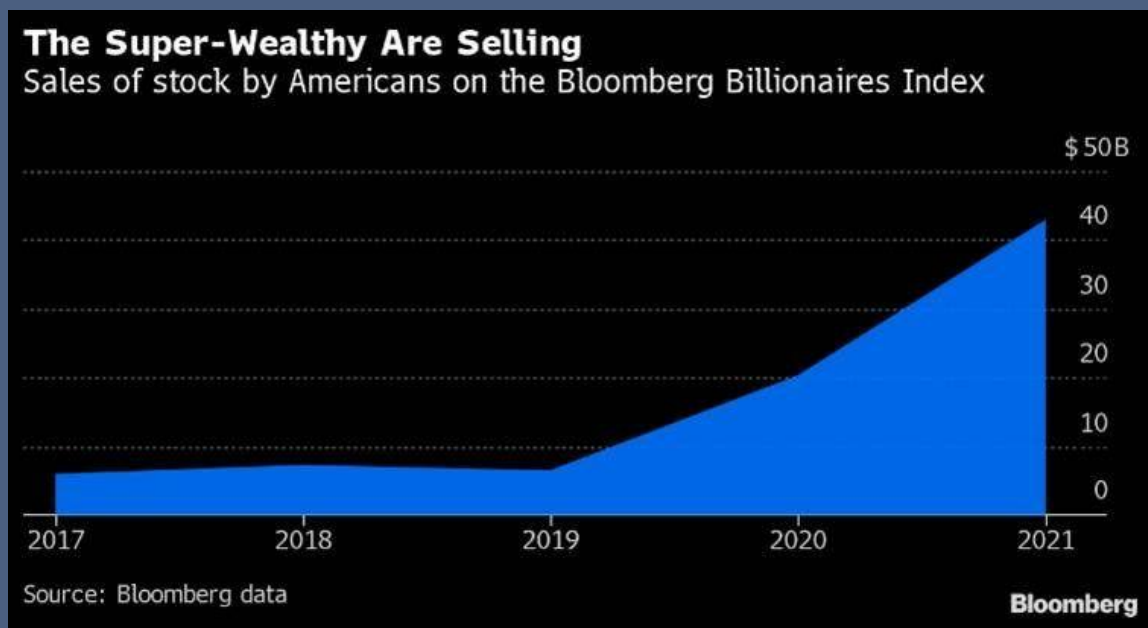


Source: JPM

Source: JPM, TME

#us #equities #sentiment

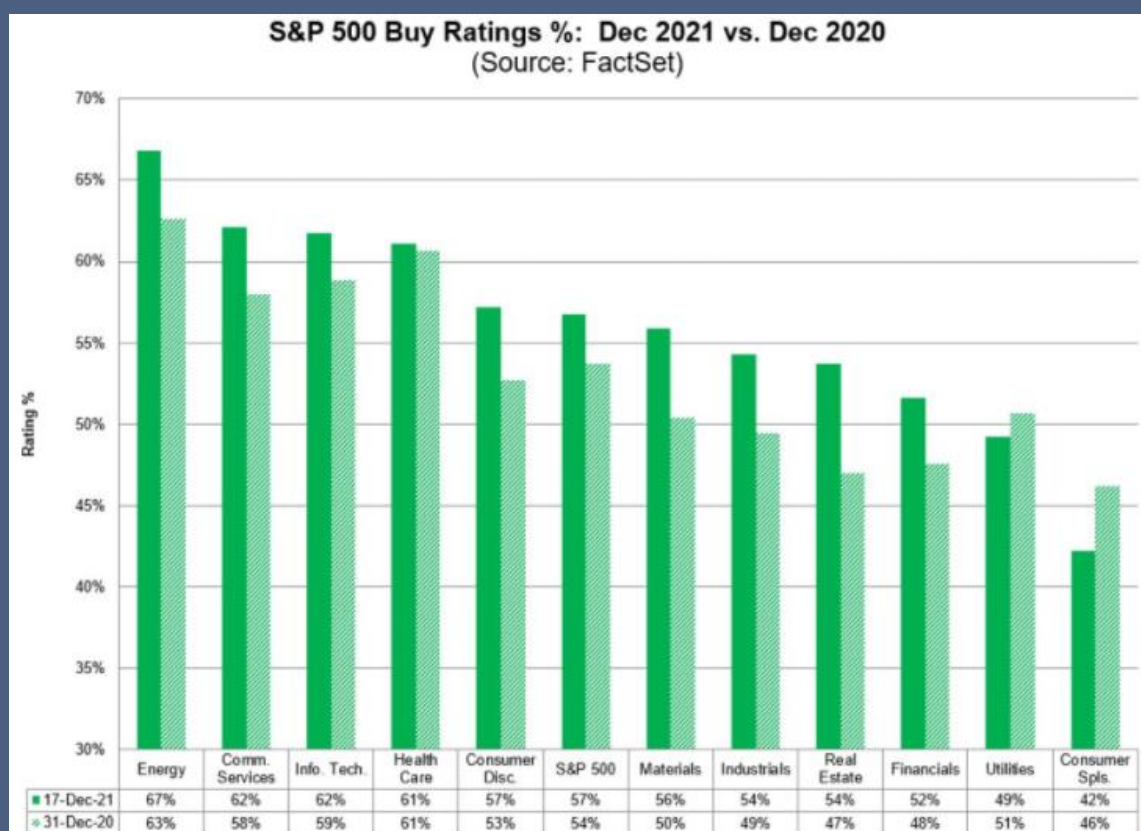
Wealthiest Americans (tracked by Bloomberg Billionaires Index) have unloaded \$42.9 billion in #stock this year through start of December, more than double the \$20.2 billion they sold in all of 2020.



Source: xxx

#us #equities #sentiment

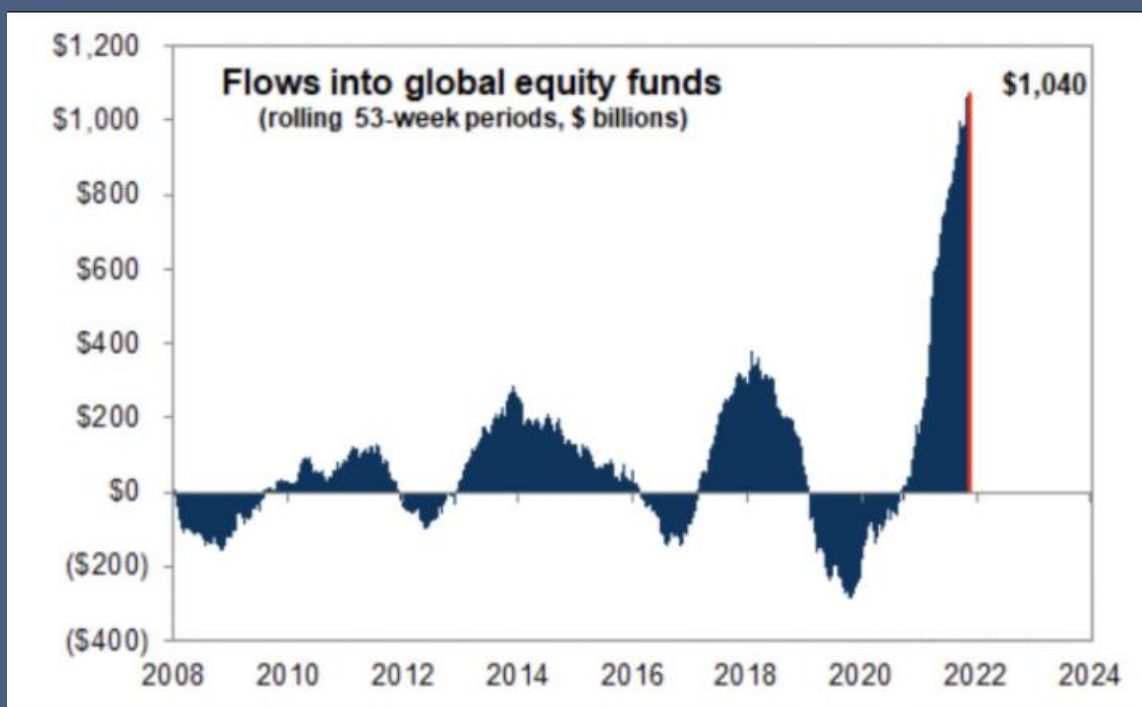
Looking at Sell-side analysts ratings, 9 of 11 S&P 500 sectors have a higher % of “Buy” ratings now compared to December 31, 2020.



Source: Factset

#global #equities #fund #flows

Just to put things into perspective: Global inflows into equities have surpassed \$1tn in the past year, exceeding the combined total from the past 19 years, Goldman has calculated.



Source: Goldman Sachs

#etfs #worst-performance #2021

Here's the list of the worst performing equity ETFs on a year-to-date basis. The Kraneshares CSI China Internet ETF (\$KWEB) is top of the list but is also in the top 15 in terms of inflows (+\$7.8B) as many investors try to buy the dip.

Fund Type: All × Exchange: United States × Leveraged Funds: No ×						
Asset Class: Equity ×						
1830 matching funds, 1830 matching tickers						
Key Metrics	Cost	Performance	Flow	Liquidity	Allocations	Regulatory S
Ticker		30D VolClass Assets (...)	Fund Assets ...	YTD R...	↑ YTD Class Flow (M	
Sum		1.05B	5,359,118.24	5,359,119.83	+18595...	+640,391.28
1) KWEB	US	15.92M	6,999.85	6,999.85	-51.28%	+7,849.22
2) EDUT	US	4.40k	5.99	5.99	-50.98%	+5.76
3) PGJ	US	88.00k	178.65	178.65	-46.86%	+90.56
4) EWEB	US	2.40k	3.60	3.60	-41.57%	+1.11
5) POTX	US	308.34k	99.35	99.35	-36.73%	+203.53
6) MSOS	US	2.55M	1,013.64	1,013.64	-36.25%	+1,442.10
7) EMQQ	US	295.74k	978.40	978.40	-35.62%	+115.26
8) ARKG	US	4.08M	5,390.12	5,390.12	-32.58%	+1,373.42
9) VFIN	US	8.43k	2.31	2.31	-32.46%	+1.90
10) PBW	US	529.57k	1,545.24	1,545.24	-32.32%	+389.35
11) IPOS	US	4.03k	18.61	18.61	-32.09%	-6.32
12) XBUY	US	2.06k	7.01	7.01	-31.92%	-8.28
13) THCX	US	84.66k	69.80	69.80	-31.03%	+103.47
14) CHIC	US	3.33k	11.21	11.21	-30.75%	-1.37
15) CHIQ	US	137.00k	499.11	499.11	-30.64%	+190.03
16) CHIR	US	7.87k	5.27	5.27	-30.11%	-.11
17) KEMQ	US	47.66k	89.05	89.05	-29.75%	+69.54
18) CBTG	US	3.16k	21.29	21.29	-28.94%	+31.49
19) TAN	US	1.66M	2,690.26	2,690.26	-28.22%	+306.44
20) CQQQ	US	274.32k	1,333.58	1,333.58	-27.78%	+507.80
21) ONLN	US	103.29k	617.89	617.89	-27.19%	-14.85
22) IWFH	US	5.63k	6.54	6.54	-27.17%	+2.40
23) ICLN	US	5.96M	5,469.28	5,469.28	-26.84%	+2,844.28
24) CXSE	US	161.59k	1,027.20	1,027.20	-26.30%	+694.99
25) IBUY	US	91.70k	621.14	621.14	-26.06%	-599.15
26) SILJ	US	1.28M	746.92	746.92	-25.75%	+353.50
27) SLVP	US	178.99k	240.48	240.48	-25.75%	+93.29
28) CTEC	US	115.82k	136.24	136.24	-25.71%	+149.06
29) YOLO	US	166.16k	186.75	186.75	-25.53%	+147.81
30) ECH	US	1.04M	440.89	440.89	-25.46%	+97.97

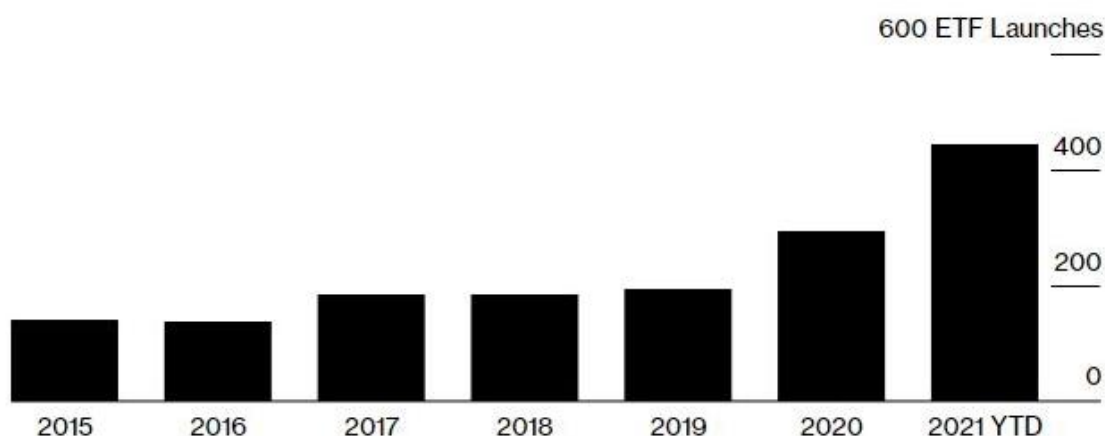
Source: Bloomberg, Athanasios Psarofagis

#etfs #launches

There's been some 445 new ETFs launched this year in the US alone. That's nearly 2/day and 67% beyond the old annual record. Net inflows are 80% beyond their old record.

Launches Take Off

More ETFs debuted in the U.S. this year than ever before



Bloomberg

Source: xxx

#bad #etf

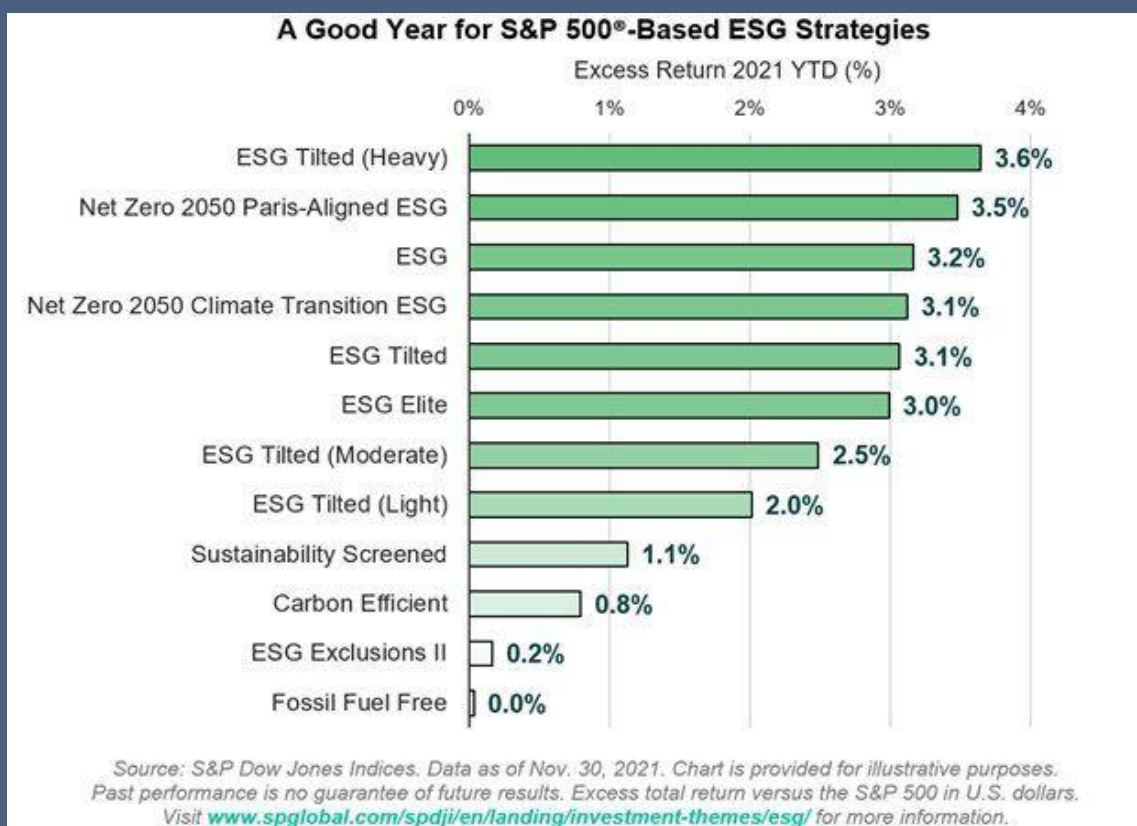
The latest ETF offering - the BAD ETF - "tracks companies that make most of their cash from selling alcohol or cannabis, casinos or gaming, and developing pharmaceutical products". Tommy Mancuso, president and founder of the BAD Investment Company, which owns the EQM BAD Index that BAD will track, said: "We don't think social stigma should be a primary factor when it comes to deciding what's a good investment (...) It's kind of almost up to someone's discretion on what's considered ESG and what's not. We're not trying to hide anything here." The 57 holdings are led by AbbVie (\$ABBV), Ambev (\$ABEV), and Aurora Cannabis (\$ACB).



Source: Yahoo Finance, www.zerohedge.com

#esg #investing

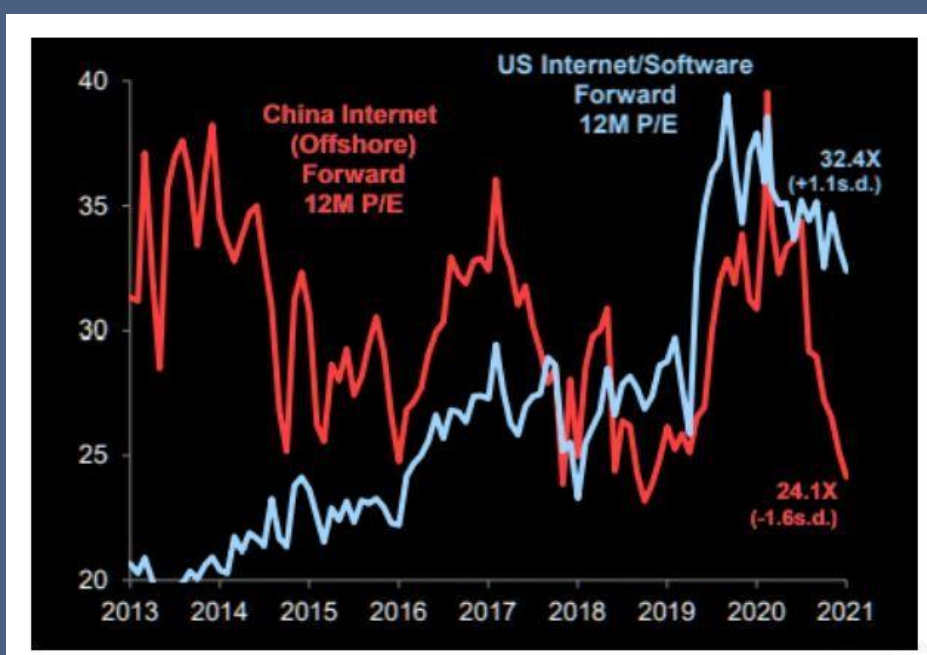
It's been a strong year for ESG investing with many indices outperforming the S&P 500 on a year-to-date basis. As shown on the chart below courtesy of S&P Dow Jones indices, every climate and ESG focused indices have outperformed..



Source: S&P Dow Jones

#china #equities

China internet stocks trade at a significant discount to #us software & internet peers. What could the recovery catalyst(s)? Fiscal & monetary support, less severe regulatory crackdown and renewed appetite by retail #investors. This morning, China announced a cut in its one-year loan prime rate from 3.85% to 3.8% — the first such move since April 2020 (this was expected). This is a small move aimed at stabilizing growth and thus might not be seen as strong enough. But if more aggressive moves come (at the time the US #fed is starting to normalize #monetarypolicy), this could act as a trigger.



Source: MSCI

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#oil

WTI is back at its highest since pre-Omicron.



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com

#us #bonds

Treasury yields were higher on the week. But while stocks are ahead of the pre-Omicron levels, long-bond yields remain lower for now.



Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg

#dollar

The dollar closed at its lowest since 11/18 after rejecting the pre-Omicron highs.



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com

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#hungary #forint

Hungary raised interest rates for 6th time in as many weeks to stem inflation & Forint weakness. Forint has lost 2% YTD vs Euro, and 9% vs Dollar YTD.




Source: Bloomberg

#fed

The Fed in 2021: interest rates at 0% and \$1.3T (+18.9% y/y) added to its balance sheet despite an #inflation rate at 6.8% (highest since 1982) and a 4.2% unemployment rate (vs. 5.8% historical average).

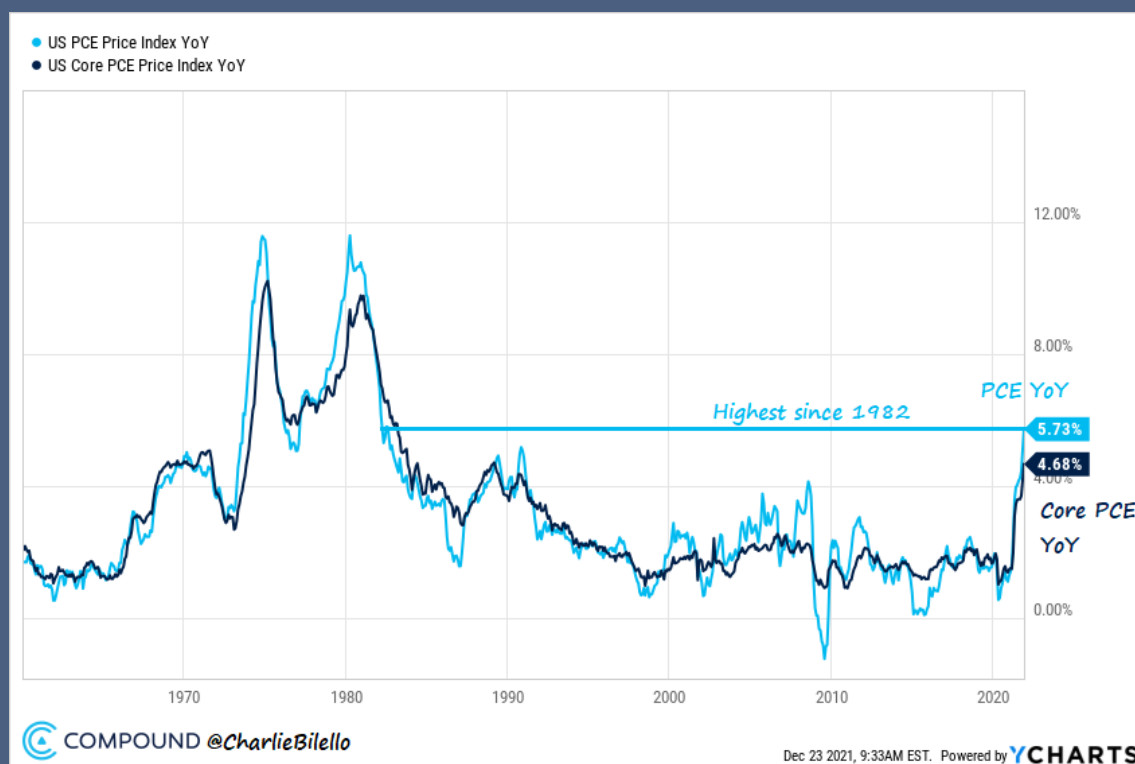
US Federal Reserve - Total Assets			
Year End	Assets (in Billions)	\$ Increase (in Billions)	% Change
2002	732		
2003	772	39	5.4%
2004	811	39	5.1%
2005	848	37	4.5%
2006	870	22	2.6%
2007	891	21	2.4%
2008	2,239	1,349	151.4%
2009	2,234	-5	-0.2%
2010	2,421	187	8.3%
2011	2,926	506	20.9%
2012	2,907	-19	-0.6%
2013	4,033	1,125	38.7%
2014	4,498	465	11.5%
2015	4,487	-11	-0.2%
2016	4,451	-35	-0.8%
2017	4,449	-3	-0.1%
2018	4,076	-373	-8.4%
2019	4,166	90	2.2%
2020	7,363	3,197	76.7%
2021	8,757	1,394	18.9%
	Period	\$ Increase (in Billions)	% Change
	2002-21	8,025	1096%

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Source: Charlie Bilello

#us #inflation

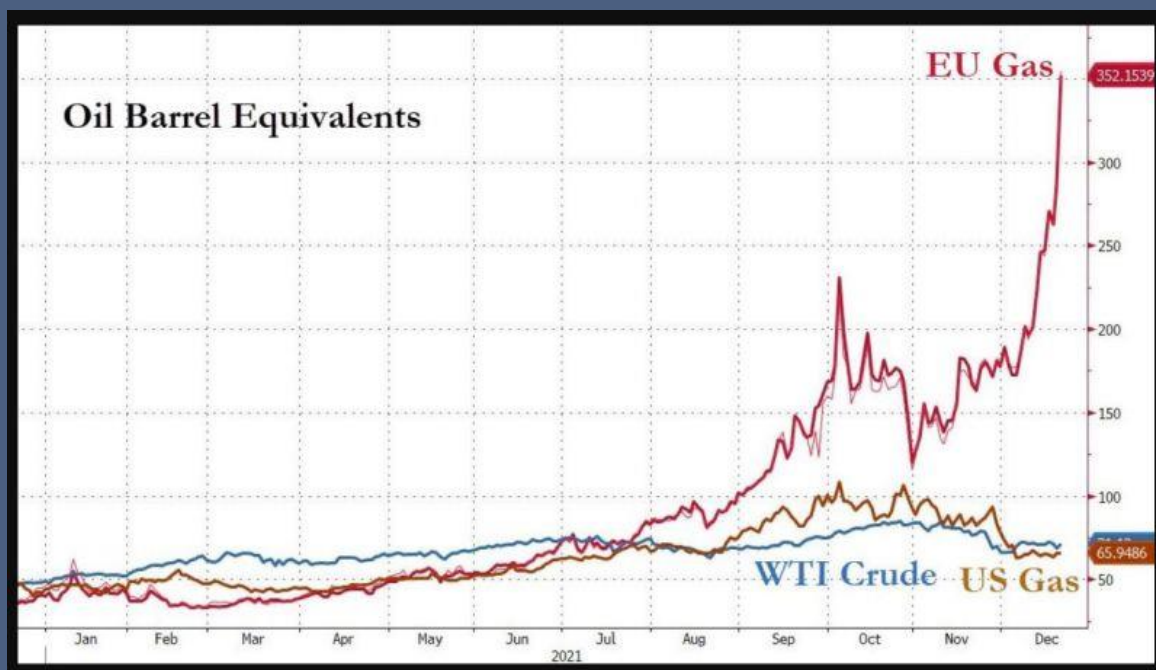
The PCE Price Index rose 5.7% over the last year, the highest US inflation rate since 1982.



Source: Charlie Bilello

#eu #inflation #energy

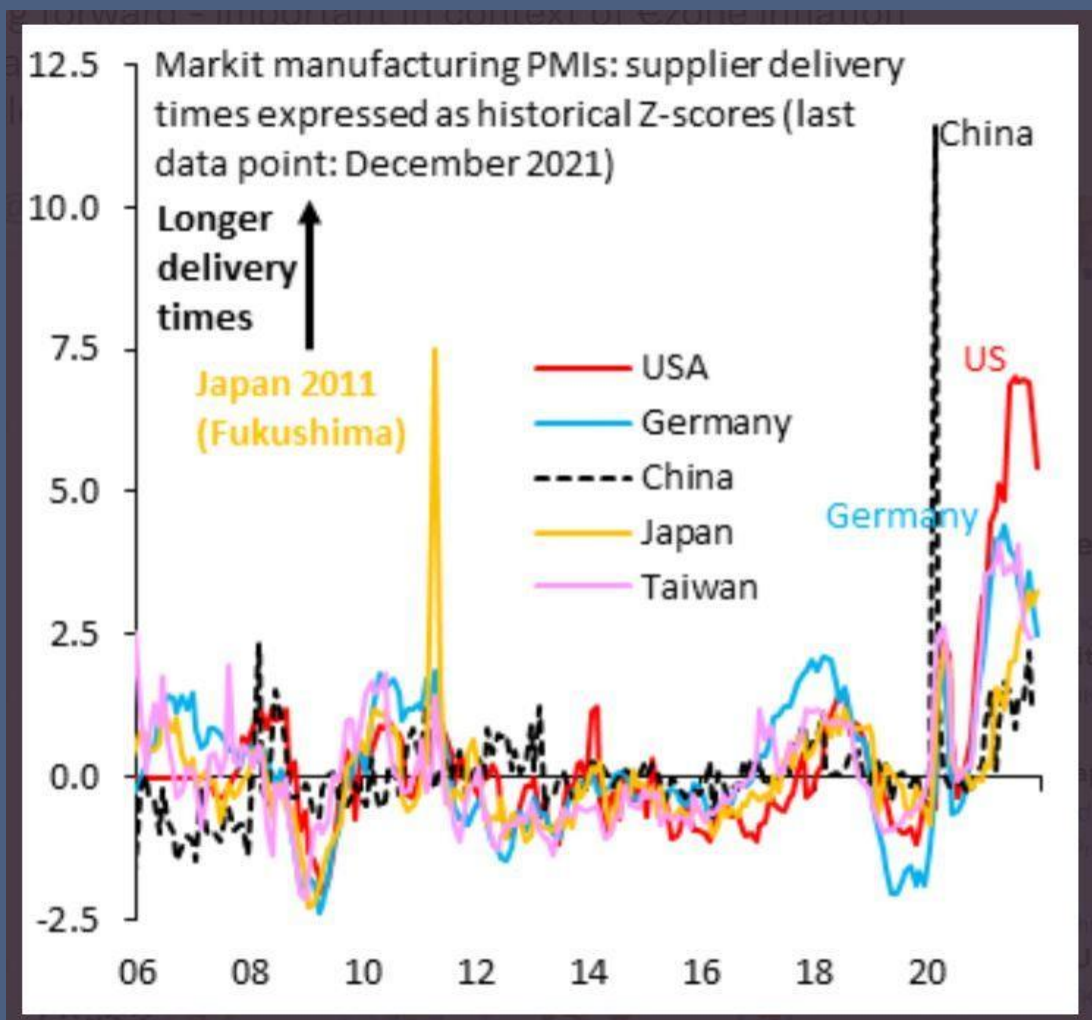
European gas prices exploded to record highs today. They now trade at an unprecedented spread to US NatGas. To put things into context, EU NatGas trades at an oil barrel equivalent price of over \$350...



Source: www.zerohedge.com, Bloomberg

#supply-chain #bottlenecks

Supply constraints have really started to abate, which should ease #inflation pressures due to supply bottlenecks going forward. This would vindicate Lagarde's view on inflation normalizing towards or below ECB target..



Source: Philipp Heimberger

#us #macro

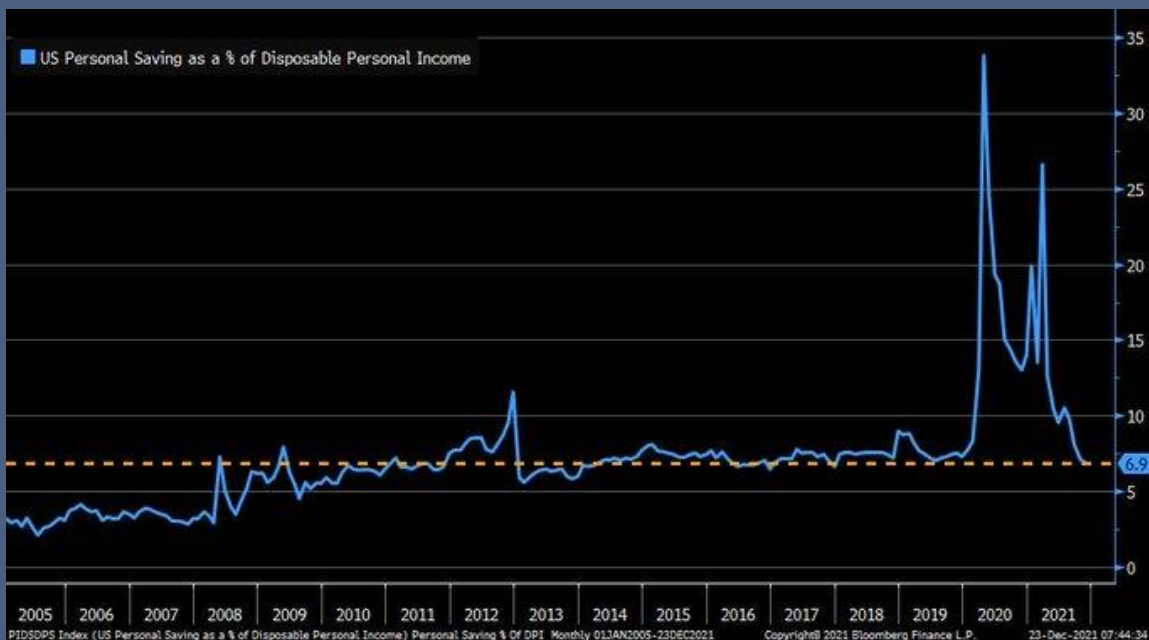
Inflation taking power away from spending ... real personal spending was flat in November vs. +0.2% est. & +0.7% in prior month.



Source: Bloomberg, Liz Ann Sonders

#us #macro

US personal savings rate continues to fall. As of November, it stands at 6.9%, the lowest since December 2017 and down massively from the 30% peak of last year. Indeed, all the savings built post Covid are now gone. The combo lower savings rate + higher inflation could hit US consumer spending next year and thus US and Global GDP growth.



Source: Bloomberg

#turkey #macro

From the Financial Times: “Turkey’s tumbling foreign assets hint at ‘aggressive’ lira intervention: Bankers point to ‘very concerted’ effort to boost currency after Erdogan unveiled savings scheme.”



Source: FT

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#cryptocurrencies

Cryptos had a decent week, rallying hard today.



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com

#bitcoin

Bitcoin surged back up to \$51k, breaking out of its down-channel and off its 200DMA.



Source: Bloomberg, www.zerohedge.com

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#gbtc #bitcoin

Over the last 12 months, the Grayscale Bitcoin Trust (\$GBTC) is lagging the #bitcoin performance by a whopping 94%. The reason behind this massive underperformance? The Trust went from trading with a premium to NAV of 40% (as of 20/12/2020) to a discount to NAV of 20% (as of today)... \$GBTC is a holding of some of Ark Invest #etfs..



Source: Bloomberg

#bitcoin #etf

SEC Rejects Valkyrie, Kryptoin Spot Bitcoin ETF Applications

Crypto asset managers Valkyrie and Kryptoin have both seen their physical Bitcoin ETF proposals disapproved by the SEC.

By [Andrew Asmakov](#)

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Source: Decrypt

#bitcoin #trading

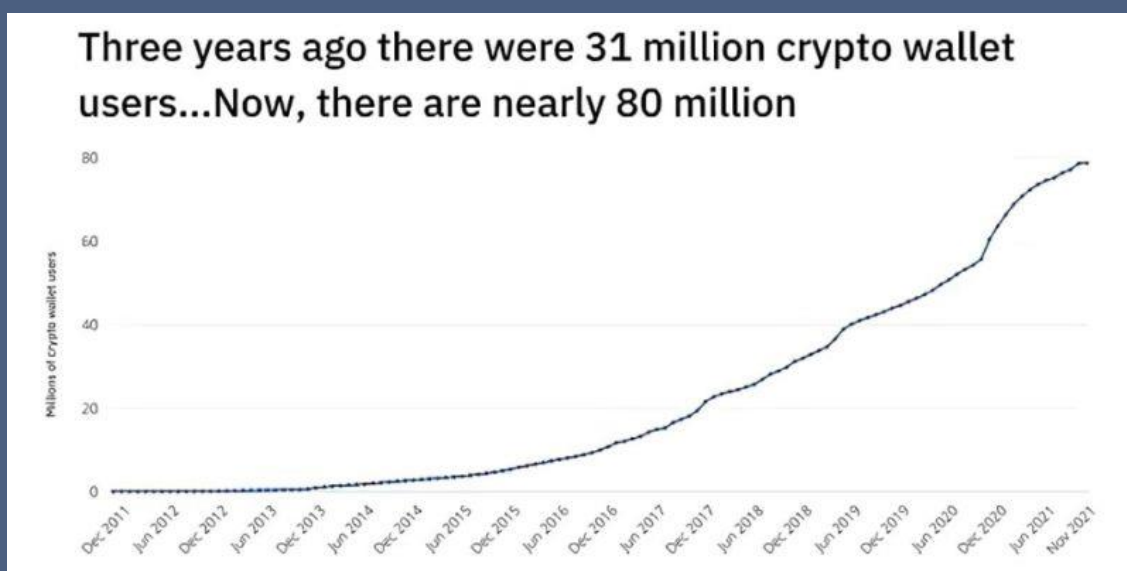
A UBS report studying the hourly crypto price action in the past month shows that Asia has been dumping while US "whales" have been buying. This is interpreted as a bullish signal.



Source: UBS

#cryptowallets

The number of crypto wallets is exploding.



Source: Yang Pang

#nfts

Global search interest for 'NFT' surpasses 'crypto' for the first time ever

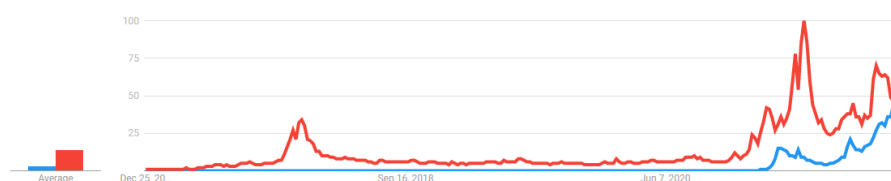
Cointelegraph Research predicts that nonfungible token sales could eclipse \$17.7 billion by the end of 2021.



● nft Search term ● crypto Search term + Add comparison

Worldwide Past 5 years All categories Web Search

Interest over time ?



Source: Cointelegraph.com

#bnpl

"You can now pay back your Dominos pizza over 6 weeks... Nice screenshot by Ritesh Jain showing how the "Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL)" is becoming ruthless... The business model of zilch? Kind of freemium model: as a customer you can pay over 1000's of stores with no fees and 0% APR (that's the "free" part). But everywhere else you can shop for around 11.5% APR with Zilch Anywhere (that's the "mium" part...)



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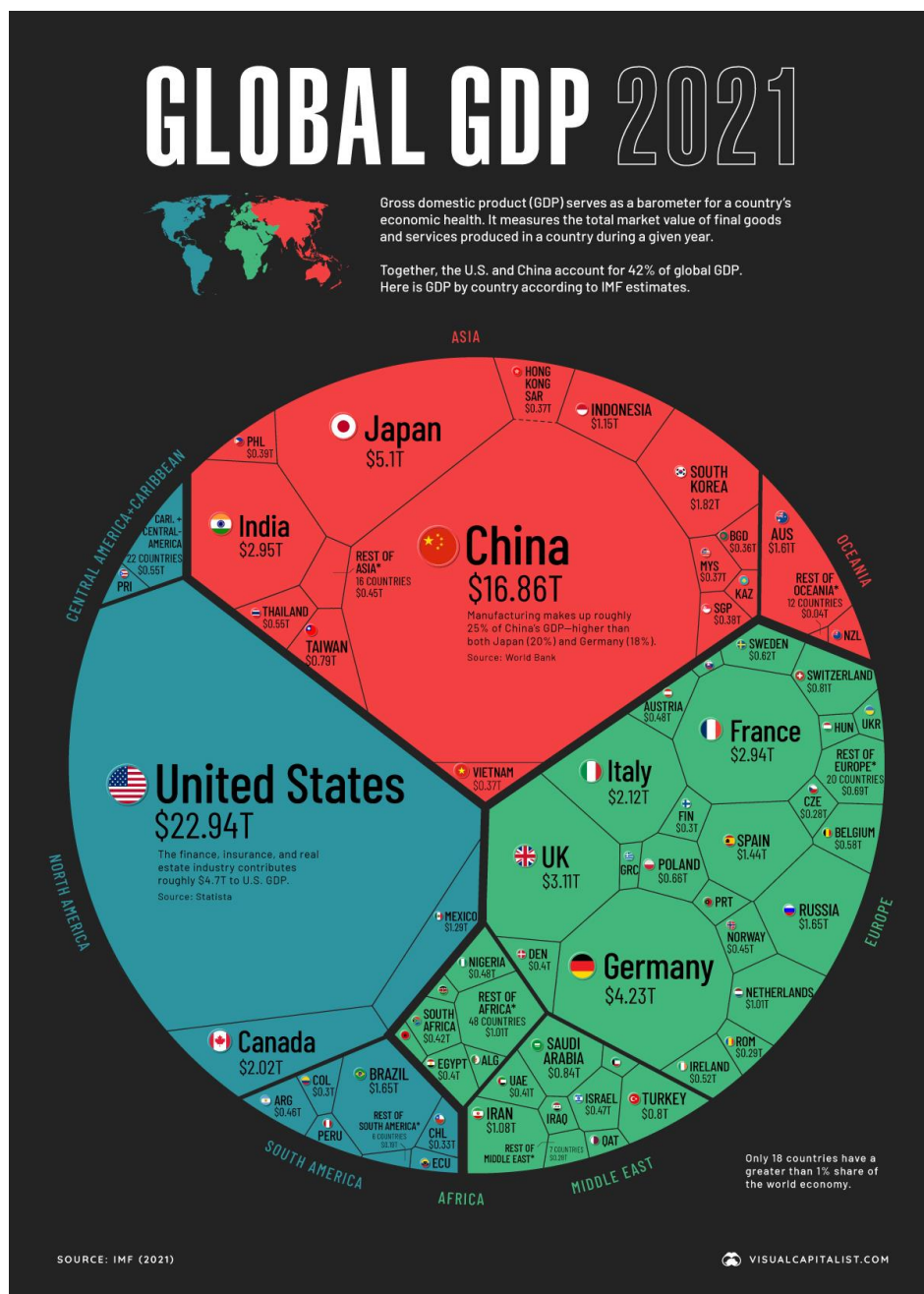
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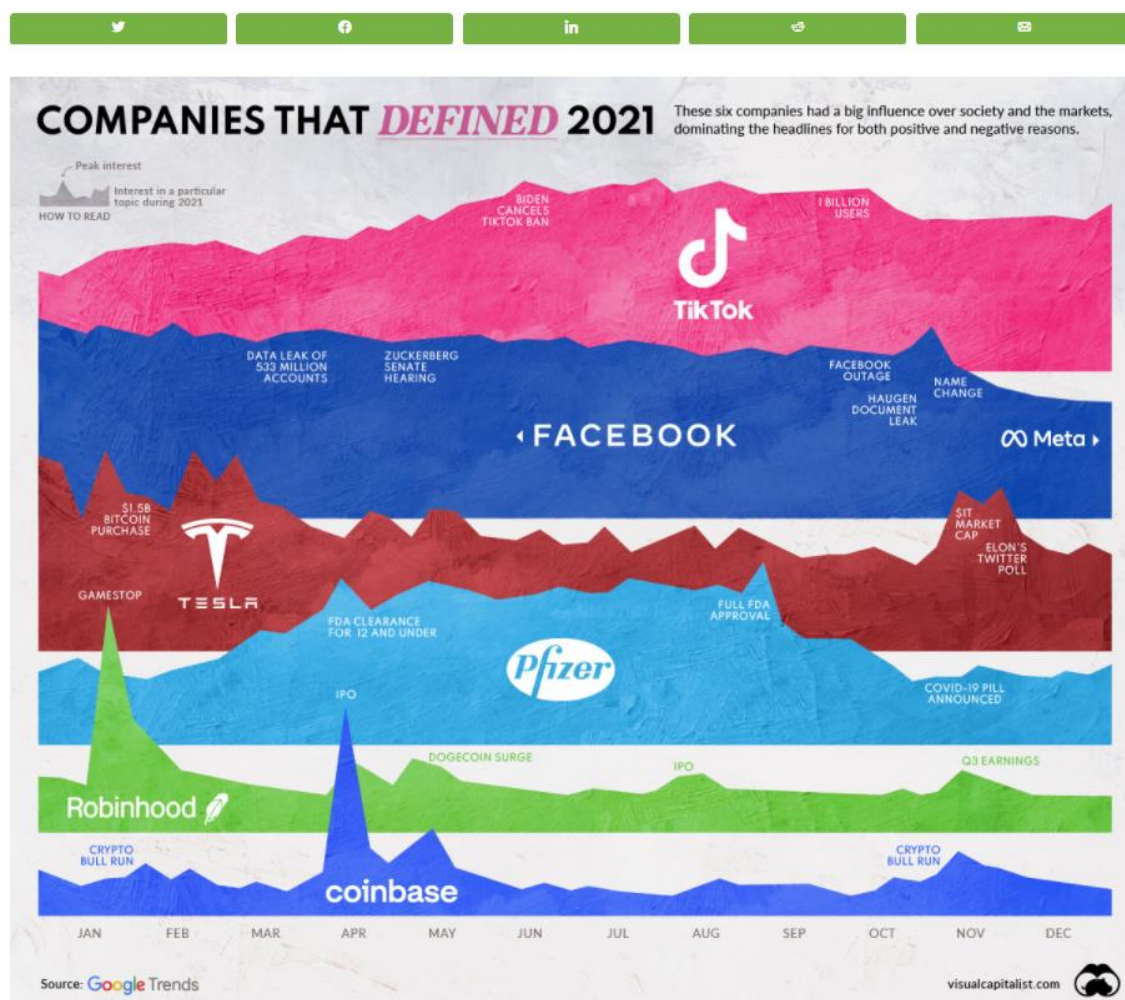
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The Companies that Defined 2021



Published 15 hours ago on December 23, 2021

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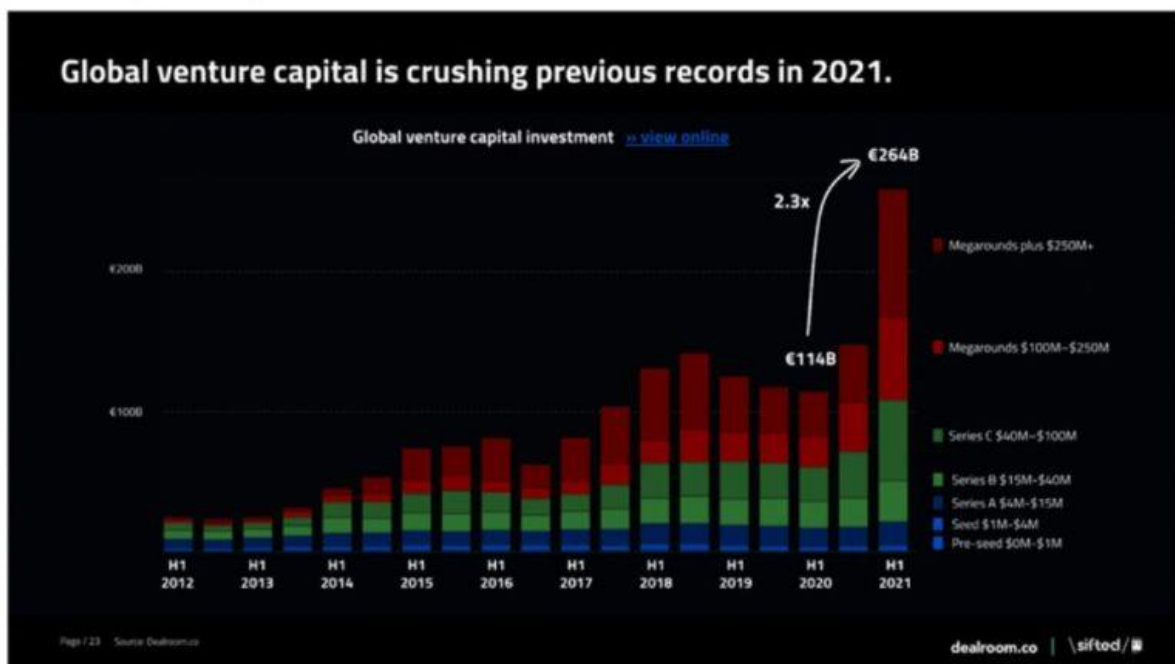


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#2021

The numbers for global #venturecapital in 2021 were off the charts.

VC funding: crushing it

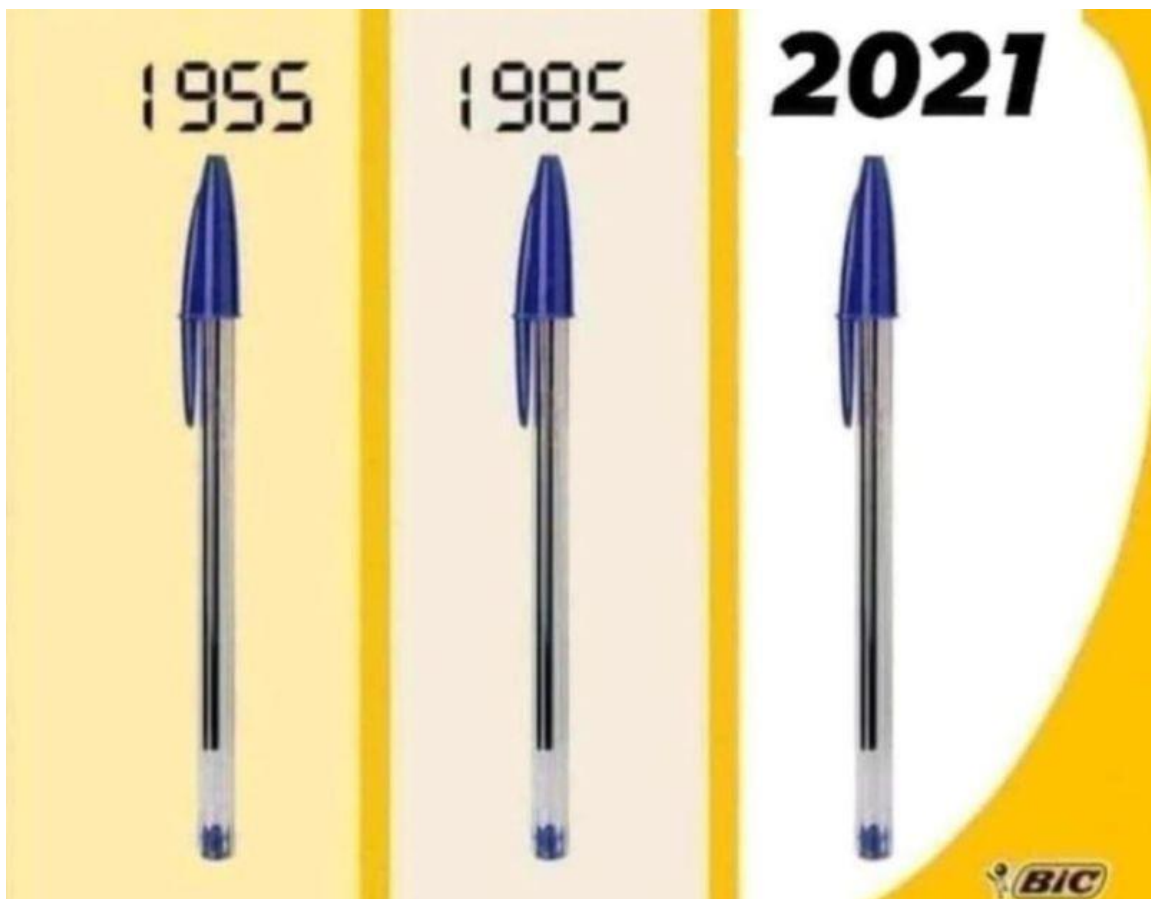


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#food-for-thought

Not all industries are getting disrupted... Disruption starts with unhappy customers, not technology. As long as the product sells at the right price and works, why would the consumer bother?



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