

## Verdict

**Winning Hypothesis:** The market is wrong. The prevailing narrative overreacts to geopolitical risks and hawkish Fed commentary, exaggerating 'Stagflation' fears, while the actual macro reality is transitioning into a 'Soft Landing' phase. The narrowing of the 10-year minus 2-year Treasury yield inversion to 0.4% signals a weakening recession indicator, and Industrial Production (INDPRO) at 102.99 confirms the resilience of the real economy. The Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) at 55.2 reflects psychological contraction but does not imply a collapse in actual consumption, while Initial Jobless Claims (ICSA) at 203,000 represent a normal cooling adjustment in the labor market. Although the market fears the Fed will delay rate cuts by focusing solely on inflation (CPI 332.81), once recession signals become clear, the Fed will pivot to rate cuts (Dovish Pivot), prioritizing recession risks over inflation.

The market anticipates that the combination of a supply shock due to tensions in the Strait of Hormuz (surge in WTI) and the Fed's hawkish signals (high CPI levels) will materialize a stagflation scenario. Consequently, it is preemptively pricing in rising Treasury yields and selling pressure on risk assets. Specifically, the decline in the Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) to 55.2 is interpreted as a threshold preceding a recession, while the possibility of a soft landing is dismissed as overly optimistic.

However, market fear appears to be an overreaction to the supply shock (WTI 1M +20.59%), as actual macroeconomic demand-side data strongly supports a soft landing. Crucially, the 10-year minus 2-year Treasury yield spread (T10Y2Y Spread) has narrowed to 0.4%, weakening recession signals, while Industrial Production (INDPRO) holding at 102.99 confirms the resilience of the real economy. Furthermore, current ICSA (203,000) remains below the labor market collapse threshold (250,000), and the 7.88% decline in VIX suggests market fear is an overreaction. The WTI surge is a temporary supply shock; in the absence of clear demand-driven recession signals, the Fed is more likely to respond sensitively to economic slowdown risks than to delay rate cuts.

**Action:** Overweight SPX and maintain short VIX positions

**Invalidation:** If ICSA exceeds 250,000 for two consecutive weeks

**Risk Factors:** Potential resurgence of the stagflation scenario due to further WTI surge driven by escalating geopolitical risks, Downward pressure on equities caused by a sharp rise in long-term yields (US10Y) due to sustained hawkish commentary from the Fed, Inflation stickiness due to a 'No Landing' scenario if the labor market collapses without a sharp slowdown in real economy indicators (INDPRO)

## Macro Picture

**Regime:** slowdown

**Key Themes:** Geopolitical Risks and Surging Treasury Yields, Sticky Inflation and Fed Patience, Polarized Growth in the AI Semiconductor Sector

**Dominant Narrative:** Escalating tensions in the Strait of Hormuz between Iran and the US have driven a sharp rise in global sovereign bond yields, intensifying selling pressure on risk assets. The Fed, signaling persistent inflationary pressures in the Beige Book, maintains a cautious stance on rate cuts. This, coupled with former President Trump's remarks opposing rate hikes, has amplified policy uncertainty. Markets remain on hold, exhibiting heightened volatility as they weigh the possibility of a soft landing against concerns of resurgent inflation ahead of employment data releases.

**Reality:** As of July 2026, the Industrial Production Index (INDPRO) stands at 102.99, indicating sustained production activity. However, the Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) remains at a low level of 55.2, reflecting concerns of an economic slowdown. While the 10-year minus 2-year Treasury yield inversion has narrowed to 0.4%, signaling a weakening recession signal, initial jobless claims (ICSA) at 203,000 suggest a gradual cooling of the labor market.

Nevertheless, with the CPI at 332.81, inflationary pressures have not fully dissipated, creating a macro environment where the Fed's tightening bias could persist.

## Hypotheses

### A (Market Right)

The market narrative is correct. Geopolitical risks (Strait of Hormuz) combined with the Fed's hawkish signals (Beige Book) are preemptively pricing in a 'Stagflation' scenario. The current stability in industrial production (INDPRO) is merely a temporary phenomenon driven by inventory accumulation or a data lag illusion. The Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) at 55.2 should not be interpreted as a precursor to slowdown but as a critical signal of imminent recession, where high interest rates and rising prices have completely suppressed consumer sentiment. The narrowing inversion in Treasury yields is instead a result of long-term rates surging due to the Fed delaying rate cuts (Yield Curve Steepening due to Inflation Premium), which justifies the selling pressure on risk assets.

Market fear reflects not data lag but a preemptive reaction to supply shocks from geopolitical turmoil and potential policy errors by the Fed. The UMCSENT reading of 55.2 is near the critical threshold of the recession zone (50); historically, accelerated consumption contraction at this level leads to a sharp decline in corporate earnings, making stock market declines inevitable. Thus, the current 'soft landing' possibility represents an overly optimistic overestimation, while the market is appropriately pricing in the worst-case scenario of coexisting inflation and economic contraction.

### B (Market Wrong)

The market is wrong. The market narrative is overreacting to geopolitical risks and the Fed's hawkish rhetoric, exaggerating fears of 'Stagflation,' while the actual macro reality is entering a 'Soft Landing' phase. The narrowing of the 10-year minus 2-year Treasury yield spread to 0.4% indicates a weakening recession signal, and Industrial Production (INDPRO) at 102.99 proves the real economy remains robust. The Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) at 55.2 reflects psychological contraction but does not lead to a collapse in actual consumption, while Initial Jobless Claims (ICSA) at 203,000 represent a normal adjustment as the labor market gradually cools. Although the market is gripped by fear that the Fed will delay rate cuts due to its sole focus on inflation (CPI 332.81), once clear signals of an economic slowdown emerge, the Fed will become more sensitive to recession risks than inflation and pivot to rate cuts (Dovish Pivot).

Market selling pressure is an overreaction based on 'excessive fear.' The narrowing yield curve inversion and sustained industrial production are strong evidence of a soft landing, while UMCSENT at 55.2 should be interpreted as a 'slowdown' phase distinct from past recessions (below 50). Even if CPI has not fully resolved, the Fed will inevitably prioritize economic stimulus over inflation concerns once labor market cooling (rising ICSA) and declining consumer sentiment intensify. Therefore, the decline in risk assets is temporary, and the market will rebound sharply if expectations for rate cuts resurface.

**Key Question:** If Initial Jobless Claims (ICSA) exceed 250,000 within the next two weeks, signaling a labor market collapse, is it more likely that the Fed will ignore inflation (CPI) and pivot to rate cuts, or will supply shocks driven by geopolitical risks persist, realizing the Stagflation scenario?

## Tensions

While the market narrative emphasizes selling pressure on risk assets due to Strait of Hormuz tensions and surging Treasury yields, actual data presents an ambiguous reality: the narrowing 10-year minus 2-year yield inversion suggests a weakening recession signal, and sustained industrial production points to a viable soft landing scenario.

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Narrative: Escalating selling pressure on risk assets due to geopolitical risks and sharp i

Reality: Narrowing inversion in Treasury yields weakens recession signals, with industria

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The narrative highlights the Fed's patience and persistent inflationary pressures, dampening expectations for rate cuts. However, the Consumer Sentiment Index at 55.2 reflects a low level indicative of economic slowdown concerns, creating a tension between the necessity for rate cuts and lingering inflation worries.

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Narrative: Persistent inflationary pressures sustain the Fed's tightening stance and delay

Reality: Low consumer sentiment index reflects concerns over economic slowdown, while unc

The market narrative reflects former President Trump's opposition to rate hikes and expectations of currency depreciation. Yet, with the CPI at 332.81, inflationary pressures remain unresolved, sustaining a macro environment conducive to the Fed's tightening bias and amplifying policy uncertainty.

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Narrative: Growing expectations for interest rate cuts amid political pressure and a declin

Reality: Sustained upward pressure on CPI suggests the Fed may maintain its tightening st

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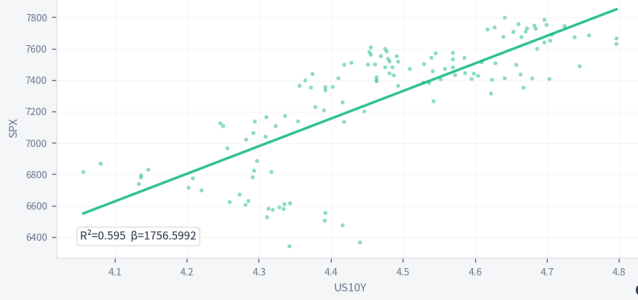
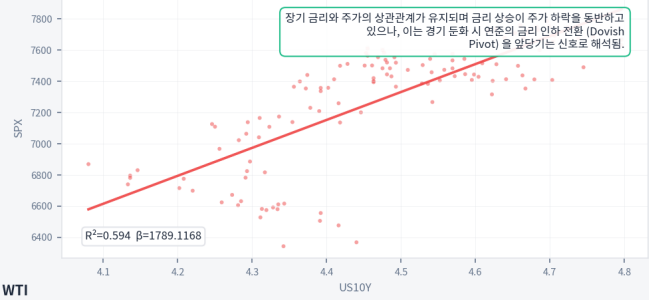
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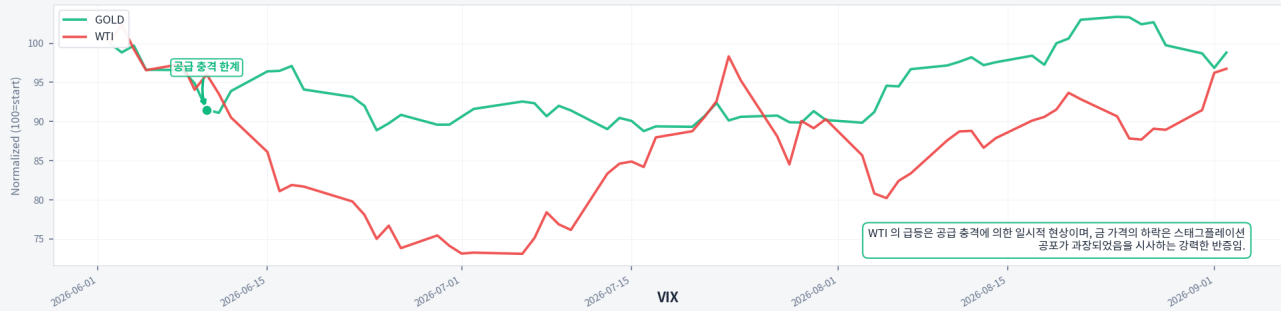
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US10Y vs SPX — 5Y

US10Y vs SPX — 6M ( $R^2$  drop: 0.001)

GOLD, WTI



VIX

