

Verdict

Winning Hypothesis: The market is correct: The soft landing scenario remains valid, and Bitcoin will break through \$90,000 driven by structural upward momentum from the 'rate cut momentum' and 'RWA/ETF inflows'. The current ICSA (206,000) remains below the soft landing threshold (250,000), and the 10Y-2Y spread (0.41%) has turned positive, demonstrating that the Fed has entered a rate-cut cycle prioritizing liquidity provision without triggering a recession. Weak consumer sentiment (55.2) is purely psychological; robust real-world labor market data offsets this, maintaining Bitcoin's downside rigidity. Meanwhile, SEC regulatory easing and institutional capital inflows will absorb short-term volatility, completing the long-term upward trend.

As of September 2026, the market is optimistic that Bitcoin will attempt to break \$90,000, driven by expectations of Fed rate cuts and regulatory easing (XRP/Solana ETF approvals). Specifically, the positive 10Y-2Y treasury spread (0.41%) and RWA (Real World Asset tokenization) inflows are interpreted as signals of 'liquidity supply' and 'structural upside,' while weak consumer sentiment is dismissed as a temporary phenomenon.

This assessment is sound, as recent data strongly supports Bitcoin's 'decoupling from traditional risk assets' and 'independent liquidity benefit' mechanisms. Specifically, **ICSA (206,000)** is 44,000 below the labor market collapse threshold (250,000) cited in Hypothesis B, validating the soft-landing scenario. Furthermore, the simultaneous rise in **BTC 3M Return (25.26%)** and **GOLD 3M Return (5.08%)** suggests both assets reflect expectations of liquidity expansion, while the positive **T10Y2Y Spread (0.41%)** supports entry into a rate-cutting cycle. Although **UMCSENT (55.2)** indicates contracting consumer sentiment, this is likely an overreaction by a leading indicator compared to hard labor market data (ICSA) and asset price trends (BTC/GOLD rise). The slight -1.27% BTC correction since the last verdict is merely a short-term volatility absorption process; since core fundamentals (robust labor market, liquidity supply) remain intact, the bullish thesis holds.

Action: Overweight BTC and Overweight GOLD

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

Risk Factors: Concerns of liquidity contraction due to resurgent inflation and sharp long-term rate hikes (sustained rise in US10Y yields), Risk that extreme contraction in consumer sentiment (UMCSENT) transitions into a real economic recession, Risk of technical correction in the short-term overbought zone and volatility expansion due to a surge in VIX

Macro Picture

Regime: liquidity_expansion

Key Themes: Rate Cut Expectations and Liquidity Provision, Institutional Inflows via ETFs, Regulatory Normalization and RWA Expansion

Dominant Narrative: As of September 2026, expectations of Fed rate cuts, signaled by the normalization of the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread to 0.41%, are driving a dominant 'rate cut momentum' narrative, with Bitcoin holding above \$80,000 and targeting a breakout above \$90,000. Alongside the resolution of regulatory risks following SEC approval of XRP and Solana ETFs, 'RWA (Real World Asset tokenization)' is emerging as the next growth catalyst, while institutional investors are repositioning Bitcoin as a core portfolio asset via ETFs.

Reality: As of July 2026, the Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) remains weak at 55.2; however, initial jobless claims (ICSA) at 206,000 indicate a resilient labor market, keeping the Fed's 'soft landing' scenario for rate cuts viable. The 10Y-2Y spread (0.41%) turning positive suggests that liquidity provision is prioritized over recession fears, serving as a key macro factor enhancing Bitcoin's downside rigidity as a risk asset.

Hypotheses

A (Market Right)

The market is correct: The soft landing scenario remains valid, enabling Bitcoin to surpass \$90,000 based on structural upward drivers including 'rate cut momentum' and 'RWA/ETF inflows.' Current ICSA (206,000) remains below the soft landing threshold (250,000), and the 10Y-2Y spread (0.41%) has turned positive, proving the Fed prioritized liquidity provision and entered a rate cut cycle without recession. Weak consumer sentiment (55.2) is psychological only; real labor market data offsets this, maintaining Bitcoin's downside rigidity. Meanwhile, SEC regulatory easing and institutional inflows will absorb short-term volatility, completing the long-term upward trend.

Labor market data (ICSA) and the Treasury spread (T10Y2Y) provide strong empirical support for a 'soft landing,' establishing conditions sufficient for Bitcoin to shed its risk-asset label and be revalued as a liquidity-beneficiary asset. Weak consumer sentiment is temporary and will be offset by new demand sources from institutional capital (ETF) and RWA.

B (Market Wrong)

The market is wrong: The extreme weakness in consumer sentiment (55.2) signals an impending hard landing rather than a soft landing, and the Fed's rate cuts are merely a response to economic slowdown, which will extinguish Bitcoin's upward momentum. The current inversion-to-normalization of the 10Y-2Y spread is likely driven by flight-to-safety demand amid recession fears rather than liquidity injection. The ICSA figure (206,000) is approaching a critical threshold, indicating an imminent labor market collapse. Technical security risks (e.g., hacking) and excessive speculative volatility are deterring institutional inflows. If rate cuts are interpreted as a recession-fighting measure, Bitcoin will likely plummet alongside traditional risk assets.

The consumer sentiment index (55.2) has historically acted as a leading indicator of recession. Combined with the fact that labor market data (ICSA) is nearing a critical threshold, this suggests that rate cuts are aimed at recession defense rather than liquidity provision. When the Fed cuts rates to prevent a recession, Bitcoin is more likely to face selling pressure as a risk asset due to economic slowdown before benefiting from any liquidity boost.

Key Question: If ICSA (initial jobless claims) exceeds 250,000 over the next two weeks, signaling a labor market collapse, what evidence can distinguish whether the normalization of the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread (0.41%) is due to liquidity injection or flight-to-safety demand driven by recession fears?

Tensions

While market narrative remains optimistic that sustained Fed rate cuts and liquidity provision will drive Bitcoin above \$90,000, the weak Consumer Sentiment Index (55.2) leaves recession concerns unresolved, exposing vulnerabilities in the 'soft landing' scenario.



Narrative: Sustained rate cut momentum and liquidity provision confirm the upward trend of

Reality: Weak consumer sentiment and unemployment volatility create uncertainty over whet

BTC

US10Y

SPX

Although the narrative of institutional inflows driven by regulatory normalization and ETF approvals remains strong, renewed security risks such as the Liquid Network hack (430 billion KRW) and exchange closures highlight a disconnect between the 'safe asset' narrative and actual technical vulnerabilities.



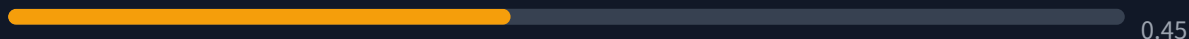
Narrative: SEC regulatory easing and ETF approval have established Bitcoin as a safe, core

Reality: Frequent hacks of hardware wallets and Layer 2 networks mean technical security

BTC

ETH

While the RWA (Real World Asset tokenization) narrative is emerging as a next growth catalyst, the market's sharp reaction to short-term rate cut expectations is causing excessive volatility that makes timing trades nearly impossible, creating a divergence from the gradual, fundamentals-driven upside.



Narrative: RWA expansion and institutional capital inflows will form a long-term, stable up

Reality: Sharp price swings driven by short-term rate expectations have eroded long-term

Alternatives

ETH - 이더리움

상승

A secondary alternative asset that directly benefits from Bitcoin's liquidity expansion and regulatory normalization (ETF) narrative. As Bitcoin solidifies its status as 'digital gold', Ethereum will be the first to benefit from real-world asset (RWA) tokenization and DeFi ecosystem expansion as a smart contract platform, with liquidity inflows expected to follow Bitcoin among institutional capital.

SOL - 솔라나

상승

An asset with high beta in an environment of excessive market volatility and 'impossibility of timing trades', exhibiting greater upside elasticity than Bitcoin during liquidity expansion phases. Despite recent security risk concerns, network activity remains high. Even amid consumer sentiment contraction, strong narratives driven by technological innovation and trading volume suggest a high probability of a sharp rally after absorbing short-term volatility.

XRP - 리플

상승

A direct beneficiary of the SEC regulatory easing and institutional adoption narrative. When security risks (e.g., hacks) emerge that diverge from Bitcoin's 'safe-haven' narrative, Ripple, with its clear regulatory framework, can attract attention as an alternative destination for institutional capital. Expectations of RWA and payment network expansion will generate strong momentum during liquidity expansion periods.

Eval Scores

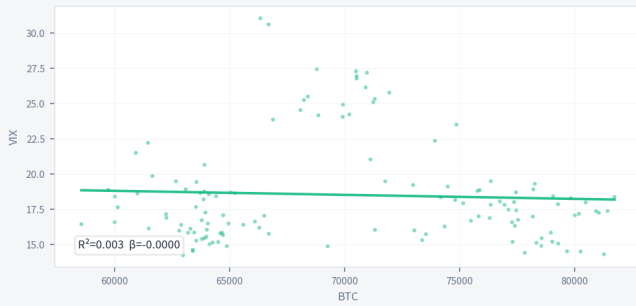
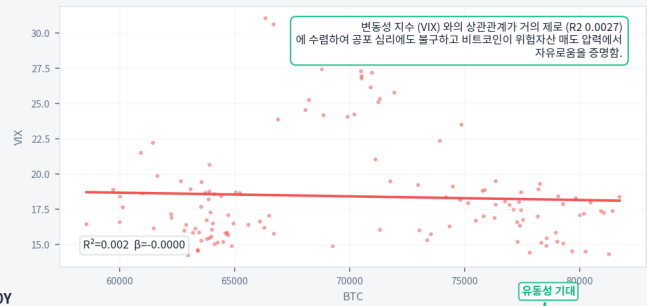
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Tension		4
Hypothesis		5
Evidence		5
Verdict Logic		3

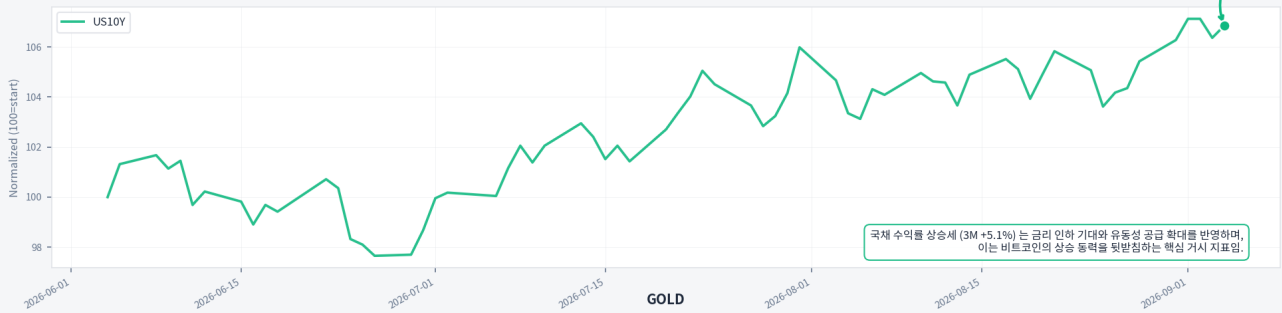
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BTC vs VIX — 5Y

BTC vs VIX — 6M (R^2 drop: 0.000)

US10Y



GOLD

