

Verdict

Winning Hypothesis: Market narratives are overheated, underestimating recession risks signaled by macro realities. The Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) at 49.8, remaining below the 50 contraction threshold, indicates not a temporary dip but the onset of structural consumption weakness driven by high rates and declining real income. The inversion-to-normalization of the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread historically precedes or coincides with recessions, confirming that recession concerns remain unresolved. AI hardware demand cannot offset consumer spending, which accounts for over 70% of the S&P500; weakening domestic sentiment will exert sustained downward pressure on corporate revenues. Thus, recent market highs reflect distorted valuations fueled by AI sector rallies, while a real economy downturn appears inevitable.

Market participants are centering their narrative on surging AI hardware demand and the mitigation of geopolitical risks due to progress in US-Iran ceasefire negotiations. Coupled with expectations of a Fed rate pause, risk-on sentiment is expected to persist. Consequently, the three major indices have reached record highs, interpreted as a bull market reflecting a structural transition in the real economy.

However, UMCSENT (Consumer Sentiment Index) remains below 50 at 49.8, indicating sustained contraction in actual consumer sentiment, suggesting the market narrative is underestimating structural weaknesses in household consumption. This implies the invalidation condition set in the prior assessment ('UMCSENT rises above 52.0 for two consecutive weeks') has not been met. Instead, the data sustaining the 49.8 level strongly supports that consumption contraction driven by high interest rates and declining real income is structural rather than temporary. Furthermore, the widening performance gap between NDX (+10.49% over 1 month) and SPX (+5.15% over 1 month) indicates a distorted rally driven by the AI sector rather than broad market health. Additionally, the positive reversal of the T10Y2Y spread (0.46%) historically signals pre-recession conditions, indicating recession risks remain unresolved. Therefore, recession risks signaled by consumer sentiment, a core real economy indicator, are likely to become a more critical variable than the AI rally narrative.

Action: Reduce NDX overweight and increase SPX overweight

Invalidation: If UMCSENT (Consumer Sentiment Index) rises above 52.0 for two consecutive weeks

Risk Factors: (1) **Macro Risk:** Prolonged high interest rates may increase household debt servicing burdens and reduce real income, accelerating consumption contraction and triggering downward earnings revisions., (2) **Technical/Positioning Risk:** A widening performance gap between SPX and NDX could expose vulnerabilities where overheated positioning centered on the AI sector triggers a sharp correction., (3) **Event Risk:** Delayed Fed rate cuts or resurgent inflation could trigger a sharp surge in long-term rates, increasing valuation pressure on growth stocks.

Macro Picture

Regime: expansion

Key Themes: AI-driven growth and semiconductor concentration, Easing geopolitical risks (US-Iran ceasefire), Concerns over prolonged high rates and Fed policy uncertainty

Dominant Narrative: US equities are showing strength with all three major indices hitting record highs, driven by surging AI hardware demand and growing expectations of progress in US-Iran ceasefire negotiations. Market participants believe that risk appetite will persist as geopolitical risks ease, alongside expectations that the Fed will hold rates steady for the near term.

Reality: The Industrial Production Index (INDPRO) remains at 102.5, indicating resilient production activity. However, the Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) at 49.8 remains in contraction territory, reflecting continued

weakness in domestic demand. While the labor market (ICSA 215,000) remains stable, the 10Y-2Y Treasury yield spread turning positive (0.46%) suggests that recession concerns have not fully dissipated.

Hypotheses

A (Market Right)

The market narrative is correct, while macro data misinterprets a structural transition. The Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) level of 49.8 reflects only temporary psychological contraction under a high-rate regime; meanwhile, surging AI hardware demand and progress in US-Iran ceasefire negotiations are mitigating supply shocks and driving productivity gains that lead qualitative economic growth. The positive turn in the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread signals normalization driven by expectations of a Fed rate pause and long-term growth prospects (AI), not recession. The robustness of the Industrial Production Index (INDPRO) validates the soundness of the real economy ahead of lagging consumer sentiment indicators. Thus, new stock market highs reflect a leading indicator of real growth, while consumer sentiment data presents an exaggerated recession signal due to its lagging nature.

The market narrative appropriately reflects that AI technological innovation and the resolution of geopolitical risks are driving structural changes in the real economy. While sentiment indicators like UMCSENT may temporarily contract in a high-inflation environment, the robustness of INDPRO and the labor market (ICSA) suggests that the foundation of real production and income remains intact. A positive Treasury spread signals the easing of recession fears, not the onset of a downturn. Therefore, the market is accurately pricing the essence of real growth, while macro data is being interpreted excessively negatively.

B (Market Wrong)

The market narrative is overheated and underestimates the recession risk signaled by macro realities. The Consumer Confidence Index (UMCSENT) at 49.8, remaining below the 50 contraction threshold, indicates not a temporary dip but the onset of structural consumption contraction driven by high interest rates and declining real income. The inversion-to-positive flip in the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread represents a 'spread normalization' historically observed just before or during the early stages of recessions, implying recession fears remain unresolved. AI hardware demand cannot substitute for consumer goods demand, which accounts for over 70% of the total market (S&P500); weakening domestic sentiment will exert long-term downward pressure on corporate revenue. Thus, the recent market highs are distorted by an AI sector rally, while a real economy recession is inevitable.

The market narrative emphasizes only optimistic factors such as AI growth and geopolitical easing, overlooking the fragility of the real economy signaled by contracting consumer sentiment and Treasury spread dynamics. The UMCSENT entering contraction territory reflects structural issues stemming from cumulative effects of declining real income and high inflation, which could long-term suppress consumer goods demand, a core driver of corporate revenue. The positive Treasury spread serves as a leading indicator suggesting recession fears are not fully resolved, yet the market underestimates this. Therefore, recent market highs represent a temporary overheating, with a high probability that the recession risks warned by macro realities will materialize.

Key Question: Will the Consumer Confidence Index (UMCSENT) rise above 52.0 for two consecutive weeks, indicating recovery in real consumer sentiment, or will it remain at or below 49.8, signaling persistent structural contraction?

Tensions

While risk appetite persists due to easing geopolitical risks and AI growth expectations, the contraction in consumer sentiment and the positive shift in the Treasury yield spread indicate that recession concerns remain unresolved.

0.70

Narrative: Risk appetite persists amid progress in US-Iran ceasefire negotiations and surging AI growth.

Reality: Concerns over economic contraction persist as the Consumer Sentiment Index remains below 50.

SPX

NDX

US10Y

VIX

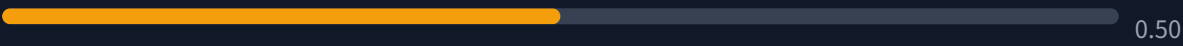
Contrary to market expectations of a near-term Fed rate hold, the 30Y Treasury yield touching 5.2% and concerns over prolonged high rates highlight ongoing uncertainty in Fed policy.

0.60

Narrative: Risk appetite is expected to remain sustained alongside market expectations of a Fed rate pause.

Reality: Fears of prolonged high rates intensify as the 30Y Treasury yield exceeds 5.2% and the 10Y-2Y spread turns positive.

Amid a global equity rally and strong US dollar narrative, the KRW/USD exchange rate exceeding 1,500 KRW signals increased foreign selling pressure and heightened currency volatility.



Narrative: Global capital inflows are anticipated as US equities hit new highs and the US d
Reality: Exchange rate volatility expands as the KRW/USD rate closes at 1,507.9 and forei

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시장의 뷰: 시장 참여자들은 AI 하드웨어 수요 급증과 미·이란 휴전 협상 전전으로 인한 지정학적 리스크 해소를 핵심 내러티브로 삼고 있으며, 연준의 금리 동결 기대와 함께 위험자산 선호 심리가 지속될 것으로 판단하고 있음. 이에 따라 3 대 지수가 사상 최고치를 경신하며, 실질 경제의 구조적 전환기를 반영한 강세장으로 해석하고 있음.

결론: 시장 내러티브가 과열되어 있으며, 매크로 현실이 경고하는 경기 침체 리스크를 과소평가하고 있음. 소비자심리지수 (UMCSENT)가 49.8로 50 미만 수축 구간에 머무는 것은 단순한 일시적 위축이 아니라, 고금리와 실질 소득 감소로 인한 구조적 소비 위축의 시작점임. 10 년물 -2 년물 국채 스프레드의 양수 전환은 과거 역사적 데이터상 경기 침체 직전이나 초기에 발생하는 '스프레드 정상화' 현상으로, 이는 경기 침체 우려가 완전히 해소되지 않았음을 의미함. AI 하드웨어 수요는 전체 시장 (S&P500)의 70% 이상을 차지하는 소비재 수요를 대체할 수 없으며, 내수 심리 위축은 기업 매출의 장기적 하방 압력으로 작용할 것임. 따라서 증시 신고가는 AI 섹터의 밸리에 의한 왜곡된 가격이며, 실질 경제의 침체는 불가피함. [HIGH]

하지만 UMCSENT(소비자심리지수)가 49.8로 50 미만 수축 구간에 머무르며 실질 소비 심리의 위축이 지속되고 있어, 시장 내러티브가 가계 소비의 구조적 약점을 과소평가하고 있음을 시사함. 이는 직전 판정에서 설정한 무효화 조건인 'UMCSENT가 52.0 이상으로 2 주 연속 상승'이 충족되지 않았음을 의미하며, 오히려 49.8 수준 유지라는 데이터는 고금리와 실질 소득 감소로 인한 소비 위축이 일시적이지 않고 구조화되었음을 강력히 지지함. 또한 NDX(1 개월 +10.49%)와 SPX(1 개월 +5.15%) 간의 상승폭 격차는 시장 전체의 건전성보다는 AI 섹터에 의한 왜곡된 밸리임을 방증하며, T10Y2Y 스프레드의 양수 전환 (0.46%) 역시 과거 역사적 패턴상 경기 침체 전조 신호로 해석될 수 있어 침체 리스크가 완전히 해소되지 않았음을 보여줌. 따라서 실질 경제의 핵심인 소비 심리 지표가 경고하는 침체 리스크가 AI 밸리 내러티브보다 더 중대한 변수로 작용할 가능성이 높음.

→ NDX 비중 축소 및 SPX 비중 확대 전환

무효화: UMCSENT(소비자심리지수)가 52.0 이상으로 2 주 연속 상승할 경우

