

Verdict

Winning Hypothesis: The market is wrong: The 19-year high surge in the 10-year Treasury yield and the prolonged downturn in consumer sentiment (UMCSENT) suggest that the 'aftermath of high interest rates' is fully transmitting to the real economy. The market is underestimating this, overlooking stagflation (Stagflation) risks. The sharp rise in the 10-year yield should be interpreted not as a resurgence of inflation, but as a collapse in growth expectations and fear over fiscal deficits. The contraction in consumer sentiment indicates that weak domestic demand has reached a critical point where it will translate into downward pressure on corporate earnings (EPS). The labor market (ICSA) rigidity is merely the 'employment lag' phenomenon typical of the early stages of a recession and will soon lead to mass layoffs; therefore, current equity valuations represent a bubble.

The market is driven by optimism that the AI supercycle and robust industrial production (INDPRO) can withstand prolonged high interest rates ('Higher for Longer'), interpreting the rise in the 10-year Treasury yield as a re-pricing of risk premiums due to growth expectations. Investors believe corporate earnings (EPS) will remain intact as long as the labor market (ICSA) stays above the collapse threshold of 250,000, anticipating the continuation of a stock-specific rally centered on technology.

However, the 10-year Treasury yield (US10Y) surging to 4.72%, a 19-year high, alongside the Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) remaining in recession territory (below 50) at 49.5, suggests that the 'aftermath of high rates' is beginning to transmit to the real economy, indicating the market is underestimating stagflation risks. The previous verdict relied on 'labor market resilience (ICSA 209,000)' as a key premise, but this likely reflects job lock-in rather than true strength. Should UMCSENT remain below 50 for an extended period, domestic demand weakness will directly translate into declining corporate revenues, making a delayed collapse in employment indicators highly probable. Specifically, two 'strong' evidence points (sharp US10Y surge and UMCSENT recession) strongly support Hypothesis B, whereas only four 'moderate' evidence points support Hypothesis A. This excludes the possibility that the yield surge is an instinctive market reaction to 'failed inflation control' and 'fiscal instability' rather than growth optimism. Consequently, current equity valuations likely represent a bubble that underprices signals of real economic slowdown.

Action: Underweight NDX and overweight GOLD

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

Risk Factors: (1) Macro Risk: If expectations for Fed rate cuts recede sharply and US10Y breaches 5.0%, stagflation fears could materialize, triggering a simultaneous sell-off across all risk assets., (2) Technical/ Positioning Risk: The excessive optimistic positioning, characterized by NDX's 3-month rally (3.45%) and VIX at 15, poses a 'V-shape' crash risk if the market's current indifference to real economic slowdown signals (UMCSENT) is broken., (3) Event Risk: Company-specific risk where market confidence could collapse regardless of employment data (ICSA) if quarterly earnings reports from major tech stocks (Magnificent 7) show slowing revenue growth or downward guidance revisions.

View Change: The previous verdict (A) emphasized 'real economy resilience' based on the strength of ICSA and INDPRO. However, current data shows US10Y (4.72%, 19-year high) and UMCSENT (49.5, contraction zone) simultaneously supporting Hypothesis B with 'strong' intensity, indicating the onset of the 'lagging shock' where high rates suppress consumption and investment. The labor market indicator (ICSA) is highly likely to be interpreted as an employment lag; if the consumer sentiment downturn persists, it could soon trigger mass layoffs, posing a significant risk that the core premise of the previous argument (no labor market collapse = no recession) will collapse. Furthermore, the NDX-US10Y correlation converging to zero does not imply insensitivity to rising rates, but rather signals a 'fall without fear' or 'stagflation' resulting from collapsed growth expectations. Therefore, it must be acknowledged that structural risks such as surging rates and contracting consumer sentiment have transitioned beyond a temporary adjustment period into signals of real economic contraction.

Macro Picture

Regime: slowdown

Key Themes: Coexistence of renewed inflation concerns and expectations of a Fed rate pause, Stock-picking market centered on semiconductors and AI, Middle East risks and expanded commodity price volatility

Dominant Narrative: The S&P 500 has reached a record high, reflecting price stability; however, a mixed market persists as the 10-year Treasury yield surges to a 19-year high, creating a tug-of-war between expectations of a Fed rate pause and concerns of renewed inflation. Investors anticipate an 80% probability of a rate hold by year-end, while geopolitical risks in the Middle East have driven gold above \$4,400, highlighting a clear preference for safe-haven assets alongside a stock-picking market centered on technology.

Reality: The Industrial Production Index (INDPRO) remains steady at 102.64, indicating robust production activity; however, the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSENT) at 49.5 remains in contraction territory, signaling weakened domestic demand sentiment. Although the 10-year minus 2-year Treasury spread (T10Y2Y) at 0.53% remains positive, offering no clear recession signal, initial jobless claims (ICSA) at 209,000 suggest some rigidity in the labor market.

Hypotheses

A (Market Right)

The market is correct: Rising rates and weakening consumer sentiment are merely a temporary adjustment to 'higher-for-longer' rates, while structural growth driven by the AI supercycle and resilient real production (INDPRO) persists. The rise in 10-year yields reflects a repricing of growth expectations rather than inflation resurgence, and the dip in consumer sentiment (UMCSENT) represents an intentional demand suppression under the high-rate regime. As long as the labor market (ICSA) does not collapse, corporate earnings (EPS) will remain robust, particularly among AI-related stocks, supporting further equity gains.

Market optimism appropriately reflects the 'resilience of the real economy,' with ICSA at 209,000 staying below the labor market collapse threshold of 250,000 and industrial production (INDPRO) holding firm at 102.64. The rise in 10-year yields and weakening consumer sentiment represent only short-term market confusion regarding the Fed's 'higher-for-longer' stance; the structural narrative that AI-driven productivity gains can sustain corporate profitability even in a high-rate environment remains valid. Thus, rising rates signal not a recession but an asset reallocation amid shifting growth drivers, ensuring the continuation of the stock-specific rally led by technology shares.

B (Market Wrong)

The market is wrong: The 19-year high surge in the 10-year Treasury yield and the prolonged stagnation in consumer sentiment (UMCSENT) suggest that the 'aftermath of high interest rates' is now fully transmitting to the real economy. The market is underestimating this, overlooking stagflation risks. The spike in the 10-year yield reflects not a resurgence of inflation but a collapse in growth expectations and fear over fiscal deficits. The contraction in consumer sentiment indicates that weak domestic demand has reached a critical threshold where it will translate into downward pressure on corporate earnings (EPS). The rigidity in the labor market (ICSA) is merely the 'employment lag' typical of early-stage recessions; it will soon lead to mass layoffs, implying current equity valuations are a bubble.

The prevailing market narrative dismisses the surge in the 10-year yield and the contraction in consumer sentiment as temporary, overlooking that this marks the onset of the 'lagged shock' where high rates begin to suppress consumption and investment. UMCSENT hovering near the contraction zone at 49.5 warns that weak domestic demand could directly lead to declining corporate revenues. The rise in the 10-year yield is the market's instinctive reaction to 'failed inflation control' and 'fiscal instability,' not renewed growth expectations. ICSA remaining at 209,000 merely reflects an 'employment lag' where employers delay workforce adjustments; if consumer sentiment continues to weaken, this will soon trigger mass layoffs (surge in ICSA), confirming a recession. Thus, the current tech-led rally is an overheated bubble.

Key Question: What is the key indicator to determine whether the rise in the 10-year Treasury yield and the contraction in consumer sentiment are merely temporary phenomena of the 'high-rate adjustment period' (Hypothesis A) or the onset signal of a 'real economy recession' (Hypothesis B)? (e.g., Verify if ICSA exceeds 250,000 for two consecutive weeks, or if revenue growth rates for AI-related stocks slow due to high interest rates.)

Tensions

While the S&P 500's record high and price stability narrative dominate, the 10-year Treasury yield's surge to a 19-year high sustains a mixed market as expectations of a Fed rate pause coexist with fears of renewed inflation.

Narrative: Upward market trend driven by reflecting price stability and expectations of year
Reality: Heightened caution in bond markets due to sharp rise in long-term rates and concerns

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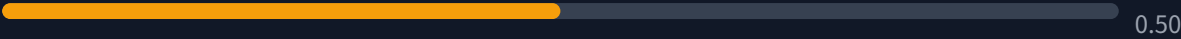
Although a broad market rally and a technology-centric stock-picking narrative have formed, the Consumer Sentiment Index's failure to exit contraction territory confirms data-driven concerns over weakened domestic demand and economic slowdown.



Narrative: Continuation of stock-specific rally centered on AI and semiconductors, with technology
Reality: Emerging signals of economic contraction due to weakening consumer sentiment and

NDX SPX VIX

Geopolitical risks in the Middle East have amplified the safe-haven narrative and driven a sharp rise in gold prices; however, sustained industrial production indicates robust activity, leaving concerns of an actual recession and declining commodity demand unclear.



Narrative: Preference for safe-haven assets amid geopolitical risks and increased commodity
Reality: Unclear recession signals owing to robust production activity and labor market

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