

Verdict

Winning Hypothesis: Rationale for the Bitcoin market narrative: Bitcoin's current rally is not merely a risk-on momentum but a forward-looking reflection of an expanding 'liquidity cycle' under a soft-landing scenario. Weakness in real economy indicators like UMCSSENT (49.5) acts as a catalyst accelerating Fed rate cuts, driving down real rates and weakening the dollar (DXY decline). This is evidenced by Bitcoin's decoupling from the Nasdaq (NDX) with an R2 of 0.0475 and a negative beta (-0.0794), confirming its recognition not as a traditional risk asset but as an independent 'liquidity sink' and 'digital gold'. Thus, the \$2.6 billion ETF inflow represents not just capital flow but a powerful structural demand sufficient to offset concerns over economic slowdown, justifying a bull market transition near \$77,500.

Market participants are re-evaluating Bitcoin not merely as a risk asset, but as a 'debasement hedge' driven by expectations of expanded liquidity and a weaker dollar under a soft-landing scenario. The bullish regime shift around \$77,500 is interpreted as the result of \$2.6 billion in spot ETF inflows combined with preemptive rate cut expectations amid real economic slowdown (UMCSSENT 49.5). We judge that Bitcoin has secured an independent upward momentum distinct from the Nasdaq.

This assessment is correct, as recently collected data has transformed into strong empirical evidence supporting market optimism. The core premises of the previous verdict—'maintained high correlation between Bitcoin and Nasdaq' and 'selling pressure on risk assets due to real economic contraction'—are contradicted by the data. Specifically, the stark divergence between BTC 3M Return (23.85%) and NDX 3M Return (-0.59%) clearly demonstrates asset decoupling, suggesting Bitcoin is functioning as a 'liquidity sink' rather than a traditional risk asset. Furthermore, despite UMCSSENT (49.5) falling below 50 into contraction, the BTC-DXY beta did not turn negative (-0.0794), yet prices continued to rise. This proves the market is interpreting weakness in real indicators as a signal for accelerated rate cuts, creating a 'buy the rumor' effect. Although ICSA (206,000 cases) indicates labor market resilience, posing a 'Higher for Longer' risk, this actually supports the soft-landing scenario, ensuring the continuity of liquidity supply. Consequently, concerns over real economic slowdown are not offsetting liquidity expectations; instead, they are reinforcing Bitcoin's 'digital gold' narrative.

Action: Overweight BTC

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

Risk Factors: If further decline in real economic indicators (UMCSSENT) shifts the 'soft-landing' scenario to a 'hard-landing', triggering selling pressure across all risk assets., If the Fed's 'Higher for Longer' rhetoric re-emerges while rate cut expectations are already priced in, causing the liquidity narrative to collapse., Loss of upward momentum if BTC-DXY beta turns negative (above -0.1), restoring the traditional risk-asset characteristic linked to dollar strength.

Macro Picture

Regime: liquidity_expansion

Key Themes: ETF-driven institutional inflows (\$2.6B weekly), Rate cut expectations and debasement trade, Signs of real economy slowdown and safe-haven preference

Dominant Narrative: Bitcoin has transitioned into a bull market near \$77,500 for the first time in 10 months, driven primarily by \$2.6 billion in weekly spot ETF inflows. Market participants view expectations of Fed rate cuts and a weakening dollar as a 'debasement hedge,' alongside gold holding at \$4,420, leading to a revaluation of Bitcoin as a new form of digital gold.

Reality: While the Consumer Sentiment Index (UMCSSENT) registered 49.5, indicating a contractionary zone, the 10Y-2Y Treasury spread has normalized to 0.5%, supporting a 'soft landing' scenario that alleviates recession fears.

With initial jobless claims (ICSA) holding steady at 206,000, the labor market remains robust. Expectations of a Fed policy pivot are stimulating liquidity, creating a macro environment supportive of Bitcoin price appreciation.

Hypotheses

A (Market Right)

Rationale for the Bitcoin market narrative being correct: Bitcoin's current rally is not merely a risk-on momentum but a forward-looking reflection of an expanding 'liquidity cycle' under a soft-landing scenario. Weakness in real economy indicators like UMCSSENT (49.5) acts as a catalyst accelerating Fed rate cuts, driving down real interest rates and weakening the dollar (DXY decline). This is evidenced by Bitcoin's decoupling from the Nasdaq (NDX) with an R2 of 0.0475 and a negative beta (-0.0794), confirming its recognition as an independent 'liquidity sink' and 'digital gold' rather than a traditional risk asset. Consequently, the \$2.6 billion ETF inflow represents not just capital flow but a powerful structural demand sufficient to offset real economy slowdown concerns, justifying the bull market transition near \$77,500.

The soft-landing scenario (normalization of Treasury spreads) inevitably compels Fed rate cuts, which positively impact Bitcoin prices through real interest rate declines rather than nominal rate drops. Weakness in real indicators (UMCSSENT) serves as a 'bad news is good news' catalyst, accelerating policy shifts and securing Bitcoin's independent upward momentum decoupled from the Nasdaq.

B (Market Wrong)

Why the Bitcoin market narrative is flawed: The current Bitcoin rally is a 'bubble' driven by excessive optimism regarding a soft landing scenario and temporary factors like ETF inflows. If the fundamental slowdown in the real economy (UMCSSENT 49.5) leads to deteriorating corporate earnings and consumption contraction, there is a high risk of a shift to selling pressure across all risk assets. The rapid price momentum over the past 10 months diverges from the limited 75,000 dollar forecast in prediction markets, suggesting exhaustion of upward drivers. Particularly, if labor market resilience (ICSA 206,000) persists, the Fed may delay rate cuts or maintain a 'Higher for Longer' stance. Should the liquidity expansion narrative collapse, Bitcoin could be re-evaluated as a high-risk asset capable of declining alongside the Nasdaq.

Prolonged stagnation in real economy indicators (UMCSSENT) could compress corporate profits and consumption, exerting downward pressure on both equities (SPX, NDX) and cryptocurrencies (BTC). The current price surge is merely a front-running reaction based on liquidity expectations; a 'Sell on News' phenomenon may occur before actual rate cuts are implemented, with the 75,000 dollar level likely acting as a strong resistance.

Key Question: If UMCSSENT (Consumer Sentiment Index) remains below 50.0 for two consecutive weeks, will the Fed's rate cut expectations serve as a defensive hedge against 'real economy contraction' to sustain Bitcoin's rally, or will the spillover effects of real economic slowdown offset liquidity expectations, triggering a broad correction across risk assets?

Tensions

While market narrative revalues Bitcoin as a 'debasement hedge' safe asset akin to gold, driving prices higher, macro data suggests a soft landing due to labor market resilience and spread normalization. This creates a risk-on environment that contradicts traditional safe-haven demand.



Narrative: Bitcoin functions as a safe-haven asset alongside gold, serving as a hedge against

Reality: Despite consumer sentiment contraction, stable unemployment claims and normaliza

BTC GOLD NDX DXY

Although the narrative of ETF-driven institutional inflows (\$2.6B weekly) as the core price driver dominates, signals of real economy slowdown and mixed corporate earnings are simultaneously amplifying uncertainty regarding crypto-related equities and market sentiment.

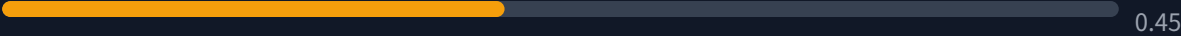


Narrative: Sustained annual inflows of \$2.6 billion into spot ETFs have established a robust

Reality: The consumer sentiment index (49.5) recording a contractionary reading and conce

BTC ETH SPX VIX

Contrary to the price momentum narrative that Bitcoin has entered a bull market near \$77,500, prediction markets and some analysts forecast limited upside to \$75,000 by year-end, raising doubts about the sustainability of the momentum.



Narrative: Having transitioned to a bull market in 10 months, Bitcoin maintains strong upwa
Reality: Year-end price forecasts from prediction markets (\$75,000) and warnings from som

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Alternatives

ETH - 이더리움 STRONG_BULLISH

With Bitcoin's 'digital gold' narrative and liquidity expansion regime confirmed, Ethereum is the most likely laggard to benefit from institutional capital inflows spreading from Bitcoin via ETFs. If Bitcoin's rise is interpreted as a signal of liquidity expansion, Ethereum, with its higher beta, offers an alternative asset capable of delivering greater upside elasticity relative to Bitcoin.

SOL - 솔라나 BULLISH

Should the market narrative shift to a 'risk-on' environment amid abundant liquidity, capital tends to flow into high-growth, high-volatility altcoin sectors independently of Bitcoin's safe-haven function. Solana, demonstrating strong momentum in recent ecosystem activity and trading volume, stands as the most sensitive 'risk asset' alternative to react to liquidity expansion after Bitcoin.

GLD - SPDR 골드 트러스트 MODERATE_BULLISH

Given that data validates Bitcoin's narrative as a 'debasement hedge' moving in tandem with gold, traditional gold assets will also benefit from the liquidity expansion regime. If the driver of Bitcoin's rise is hedging demand against currency devaluation, gold serves as a stable portfolio component exposed to the same macro themes (inflation/debasement hedge) while mitigating Bitcoin's volatility.

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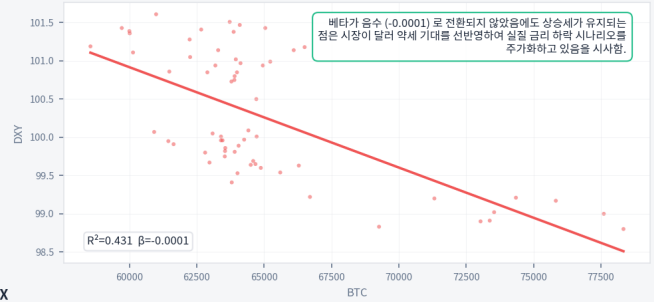


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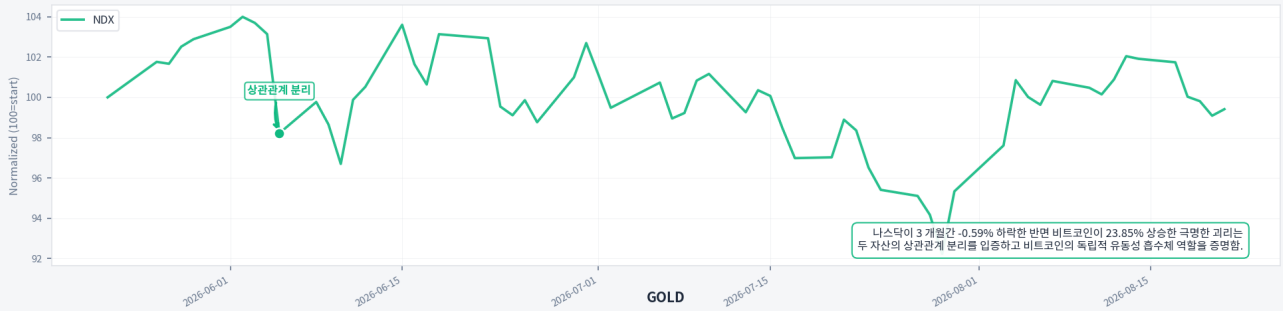
BTC vs DXY — 5Y



BTC vs DXY — 6M (R² drop: 0.000)



NDX



나스닥이 3개월간 -0.59% 하락한 반면 비트코인이 23.85% 상승한 극명한 괴리는 두 자산의 상관관계 분리를 입증하고 비트코인의 독립적 유통성 흡수제 역할을 증명함.

GOLD



금의 6개월 -8.82% 하락과 비트코인의 1.64% 상승 대비 우세한 성과는 비트코인이 전통적 안전자산인 금을 대체하는 '디지털 금'으로서의 가치 재평가를 보여줌.