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Weekly Market Commentary

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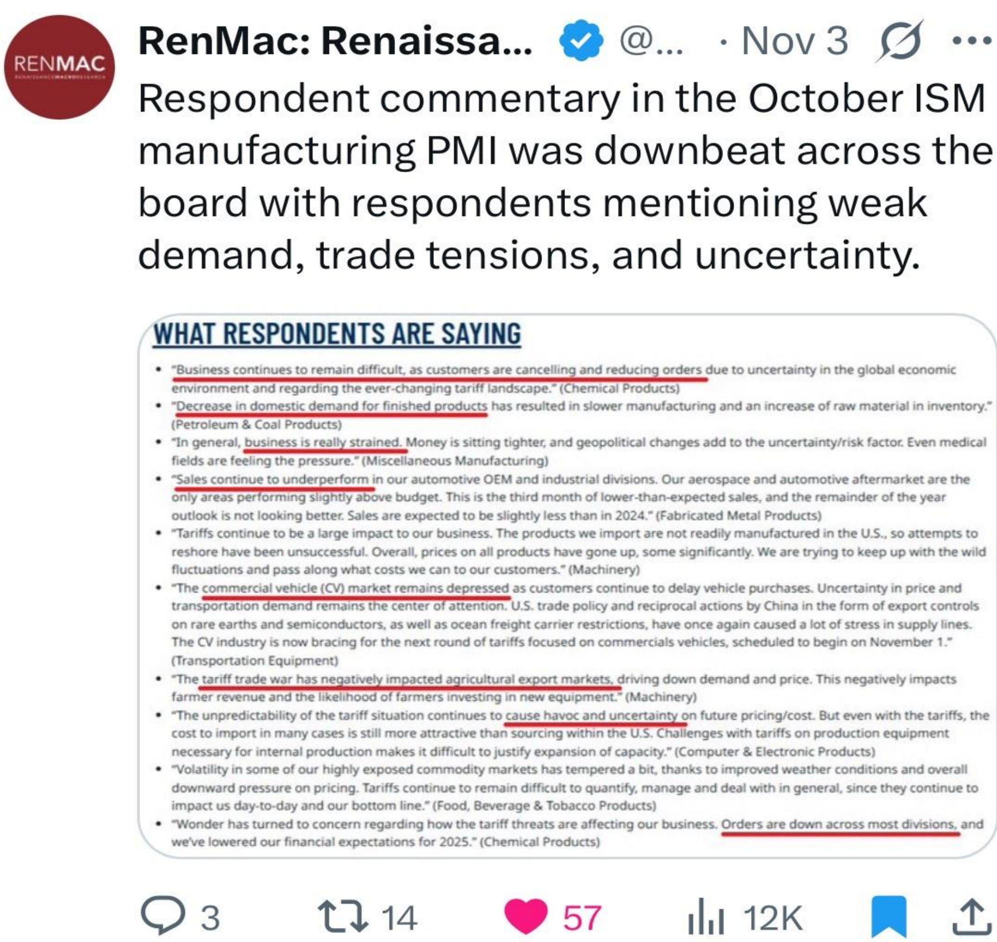
Executive Summary

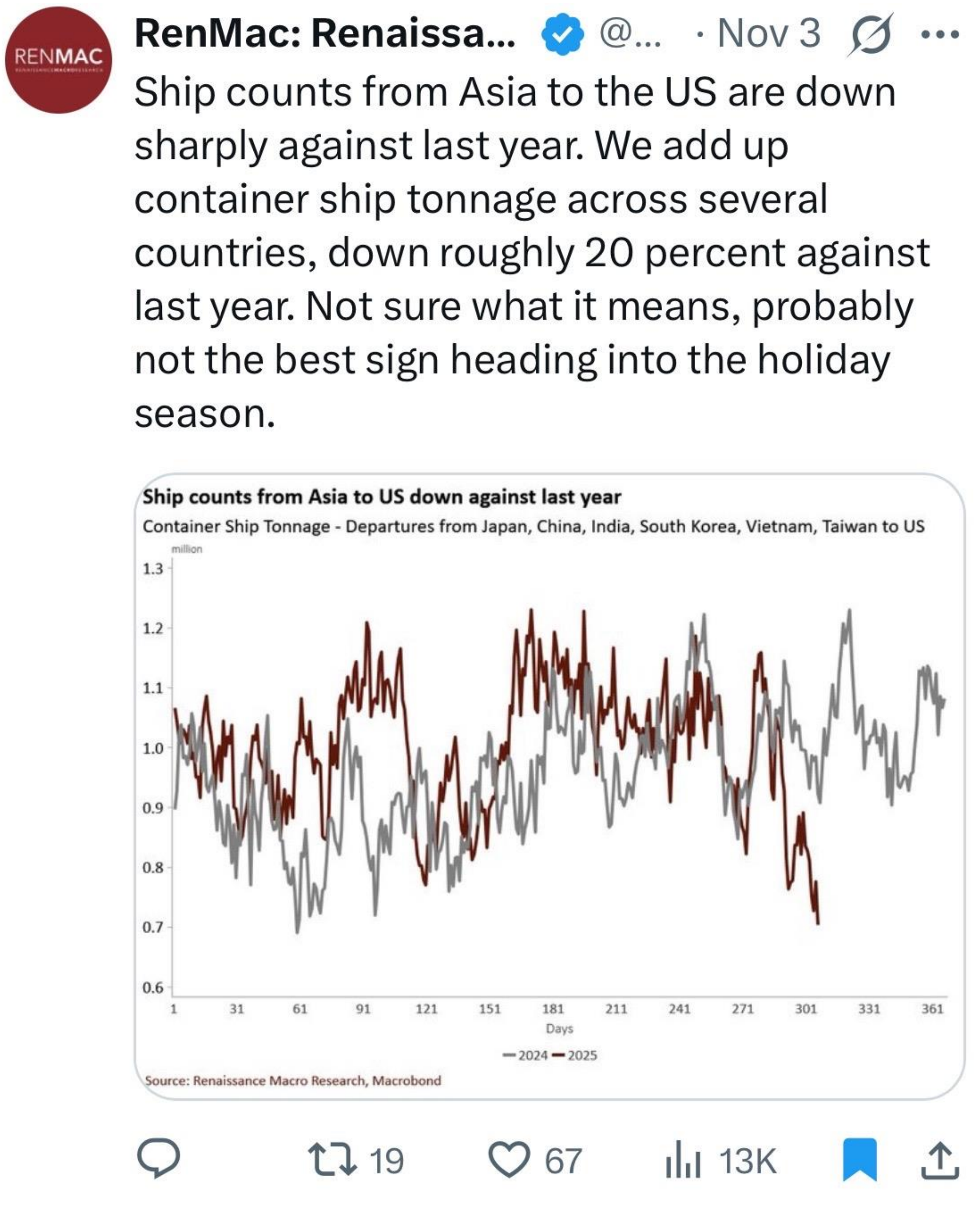
Growth is slowing, inflation pressures are easing, and policy is drifting toward accommodation. Our risk composite remains modestly risk-on, but leadership is narrow and breadth mixed. The inflation nowcast is neutral to disinflationary. Policy makers are signaling more support, raising the question of whether 2026 brings a growth surprise—and if so, whether inflation re-accelerates in a 'run it hot' regime.

G — Growth

High-frequency data signal softer momentum. Job openings have fallen toward multi-year lows, firms report restrained hiring plans, and the October ISM manufacturing survey continued to contract with downbeat respondent commentary. Shipping and freight corroborate the slowdown—container ship departures from Asia to the U.S. are running materially below last year's levels heading into the holiday season.

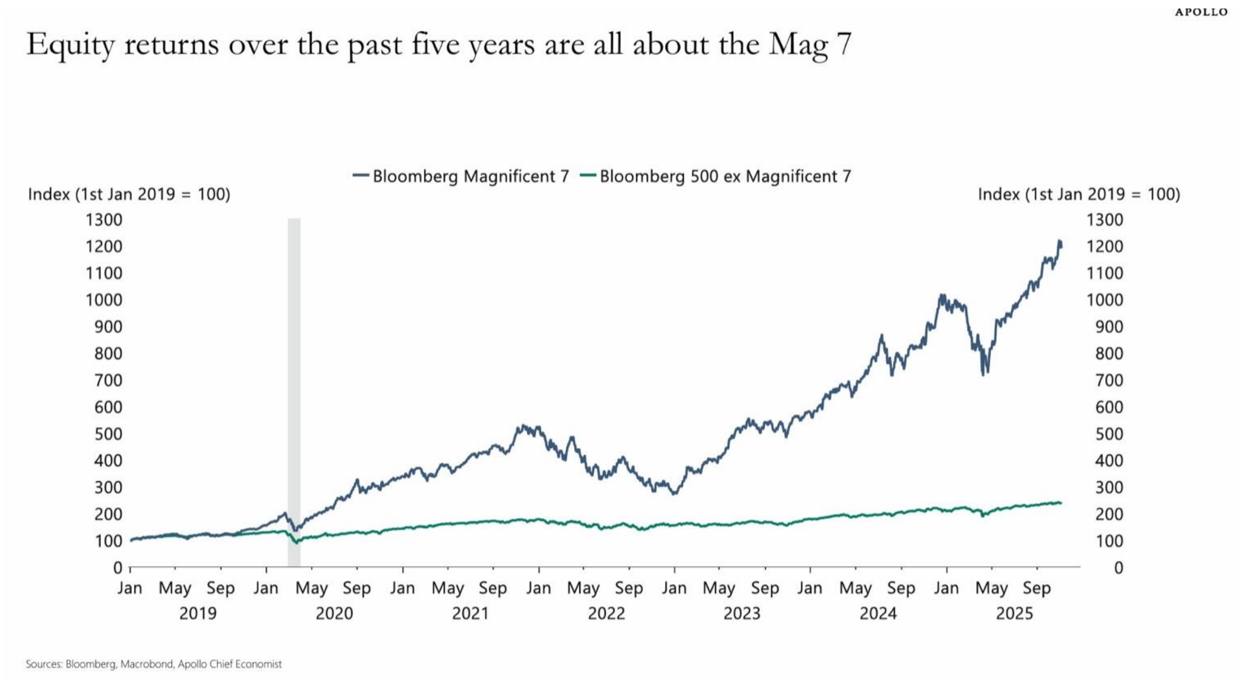


ISM Manufacturing: respondent commentary cited weak demand, trade tensions, and uncertainty.



Container ship tonnage from Asia to the U.S. is running well below 2024 levels.

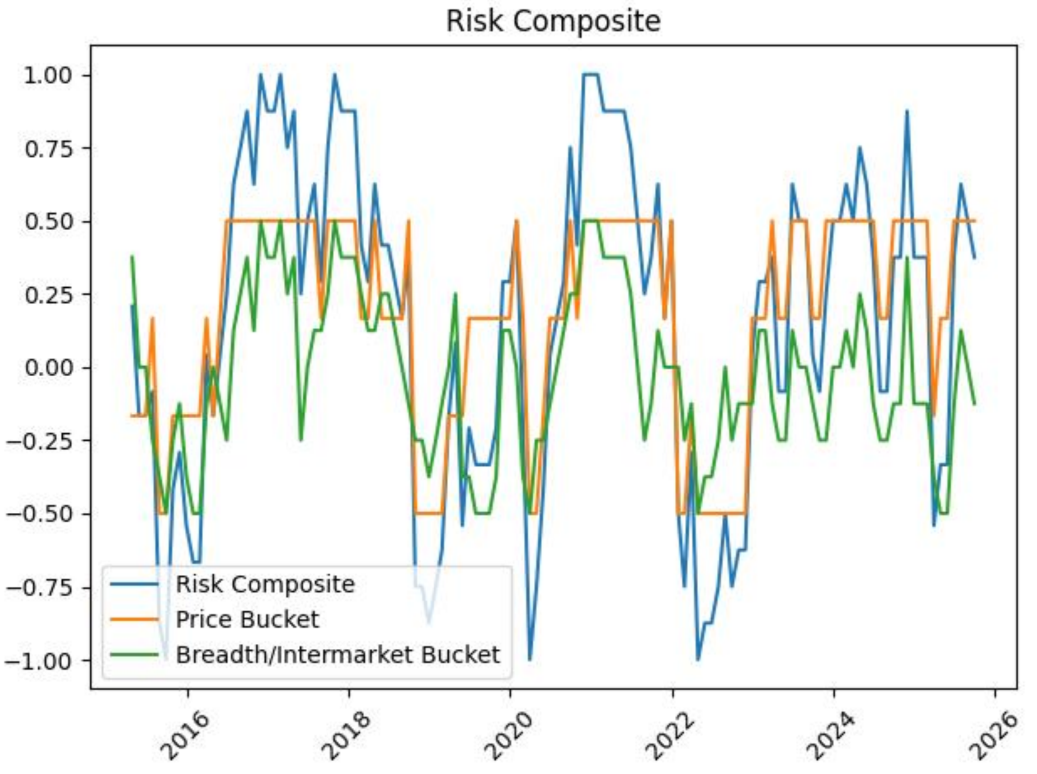
Equity performance underscores the bifurcation in the economy. A narrow cohort of mega-cap technology names has driven the bulk of index gains, while the average stock has lagged significantly.



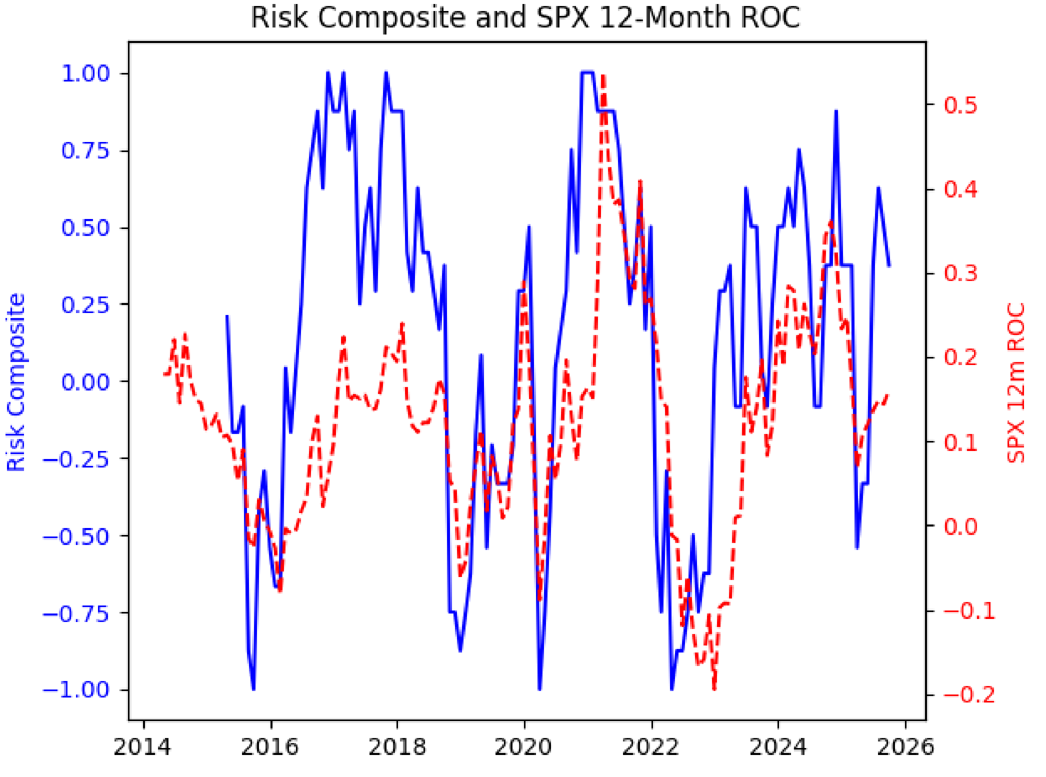
Equity returns over the past five years: Magnificent 7 vs. the rest.

R — Risk Appetite

Our composite blends price trends (HY spreads, Bitcoin, ACWI) with breadth and intermarket relationships (BPI, VTI/GLD, VTI/IEF, SPHB/SPLV, VB/VV, VWO/VEA, Copper/Gold, Lumber/Gold). At month-end October it read modestly risk-on. Credit remains supportive, and cyclicals have shown pockets of strength, but breadth is uneven and leadership narrow.



Risk Composite (−1 to +1).



Risk Composite overlaid with S&P 500 12-month ROC.

Breadth indicators are middling—fewer than two-thirds of issues are in bullish patterns—while high-yield spreads are still historically tight but off the lows. Cross-asset ratios remain mixed: stocks vs. bonds and high-beta vs. low-vol point cautiously positive; small-caps vs. large-caps and cyclical commodities vs. gold lean defensive.

$BPNYA - NYSE Bullish Percent Index

NYSE Bullish Percent Index: breadth remains below prior peaks.

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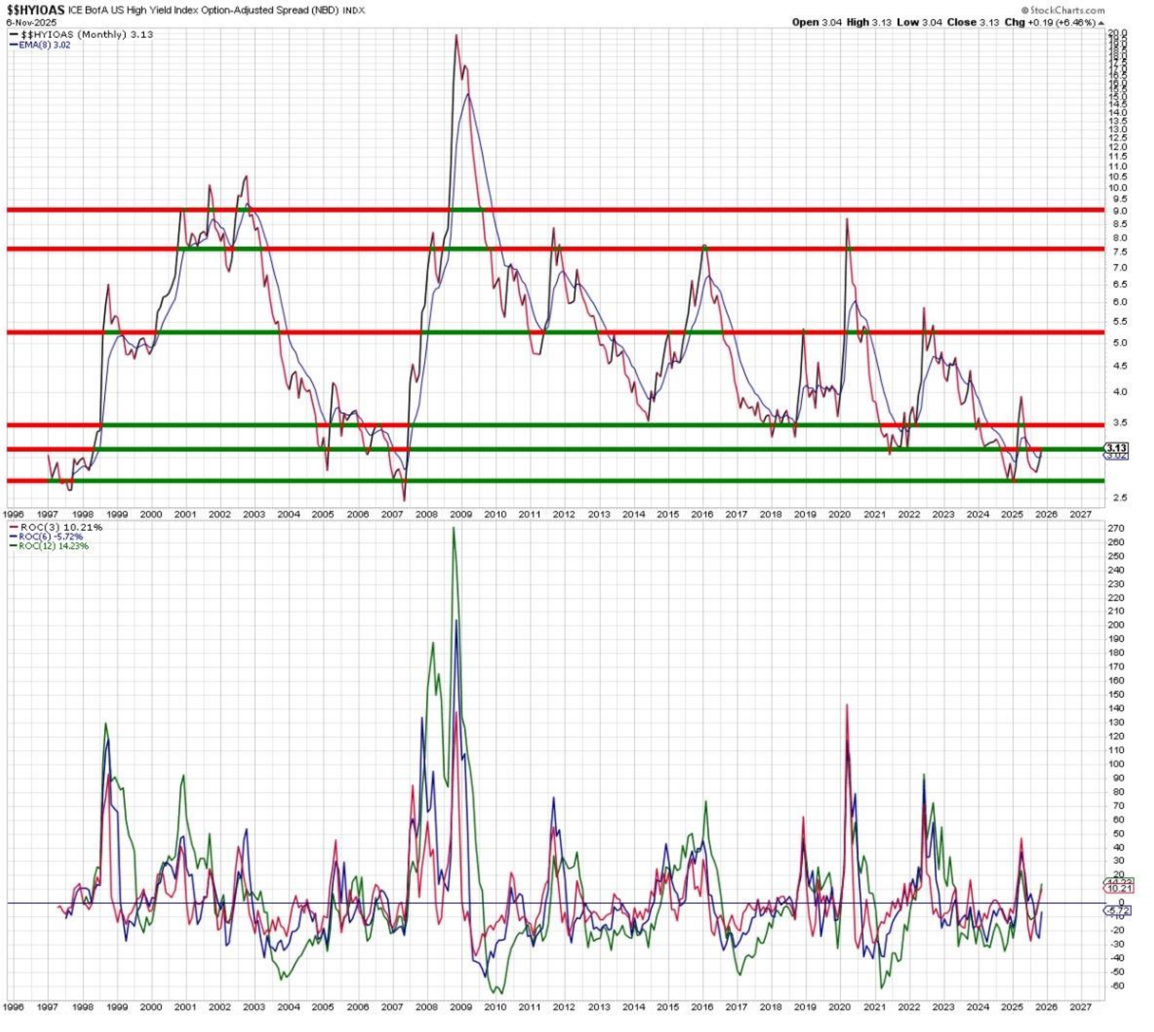
$$HYIOAS - ICE BofA US High Yield Index Option-Adjusted Spread

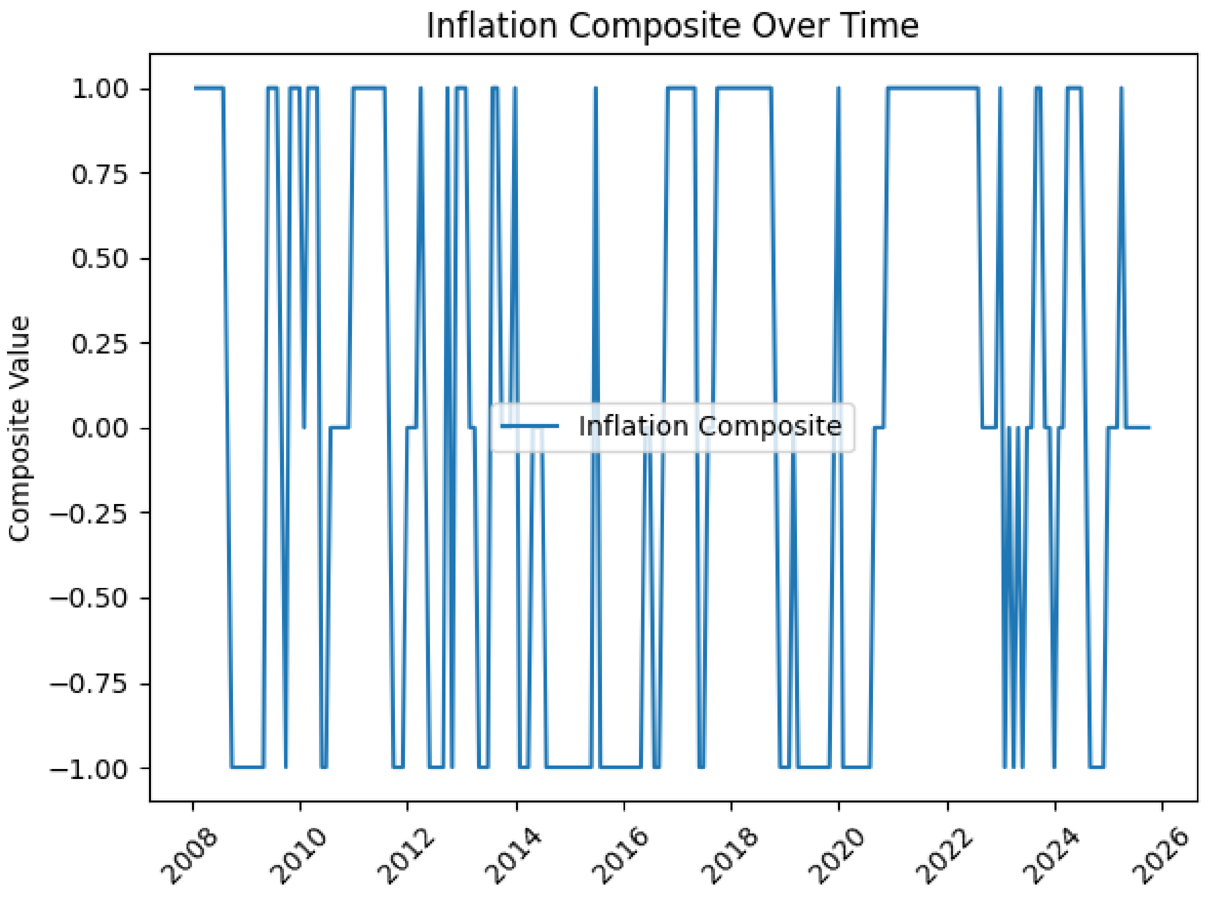


High-yield OAS: still tight vs. history, but above cycle lows.

JNK / IEF ratio: risk appetite in credit vs. duration

I — Inflation

The inflation nowcast remains neutral to disinflationary. Brent crude has rolled over on 3-, 6-, and 12-month horizons, while the TIP:TLH ratio is not signaling an upside inflation break-out. Easing goods prices and stabilizing expectations support the view that inflation pressures are moderating.



Inflation Composite (TIP/TLH and Brent, majority-rule).

P — Policy

Monetary policy is pivoting toward support: the Fed has shifted from tightening to an easing bias, with discussion of additional rate cuts if growth softens further. On the fiscal and industrial fronts, the policy conversation emphasizes stimulus, reshoring, and strategic resources—consistent with a willingness to 'run it hot' if needed.

Luke Gro... @LukeGro... · Nov 6

If "USD dominance" is still a strategic asset, why would the US govt be adding copper, silver, uranium, met coal, potash, lead & other minerals to a list of critical minerals?

Why not just print the USDs & buy the minerals as we need them like we did for the prior 50+ yrs?

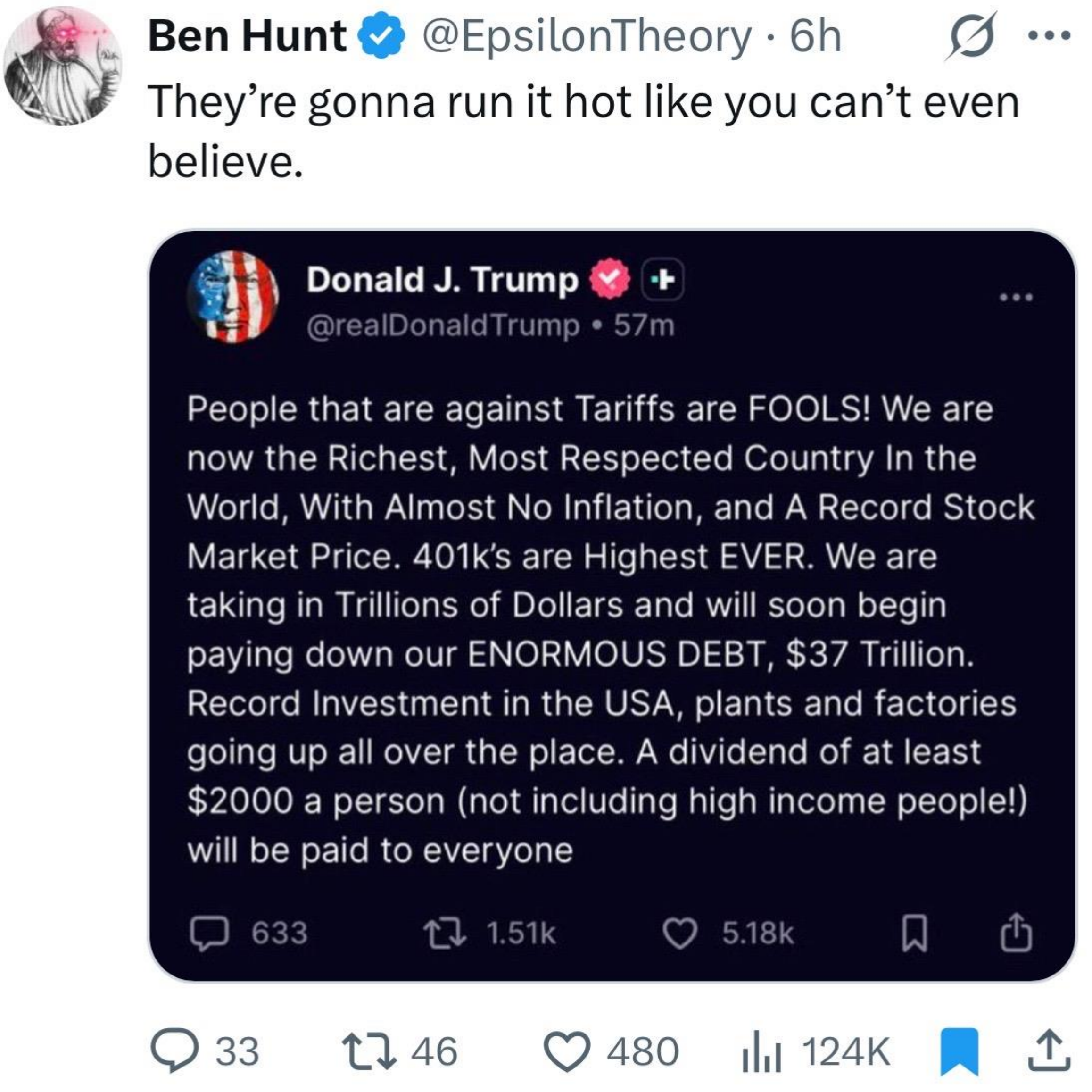
Takeaways by Bloomberg AI Hide

- The US added copper, silver and uranium to a government list of critical minerals, which now totals 60 minerals.
- The list includes 15 rare earth elements and informs investments in mining and resource recovery, as well as tax incentives for US mineral processing.
- The updated list could lead to tariffs and trade restrictions, and has implications for the resource industry and traders, particularly for minerals like copper, potash, and silver.

The US added copper, silver and uranium to a government list of critical minerals as the Trump administration broadens its scope of what commodities it deems vital to the American economy and national security.

The updated US Geological Survey list adds 10 minerals to bring the total to 60, including metallurgical coal, potash, rhenium, silicon and lead, according to a US government site. It includes 15 rare earth elements. The list replaces a 2022 version.

Policy focus on strategic resources: expansion of the U.S. critical minerals list.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They're gonna run it hot like you can't even believe.

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People that are against Tariffs are FOOLS! We are now the Richest, Most Respected Country In the World, With Almost No Inflation, and A Record Stock Market Price. 401k's are Highest EVER. We are taking in Trillions of Dollars and will soon begin paying down our ENORMOUS DEBT, $37 Trillion. Record Investment in the USA, plants and factories going up all over the place. A dividend of at least $2000 a person (not including high income people!) will be paid to everyone

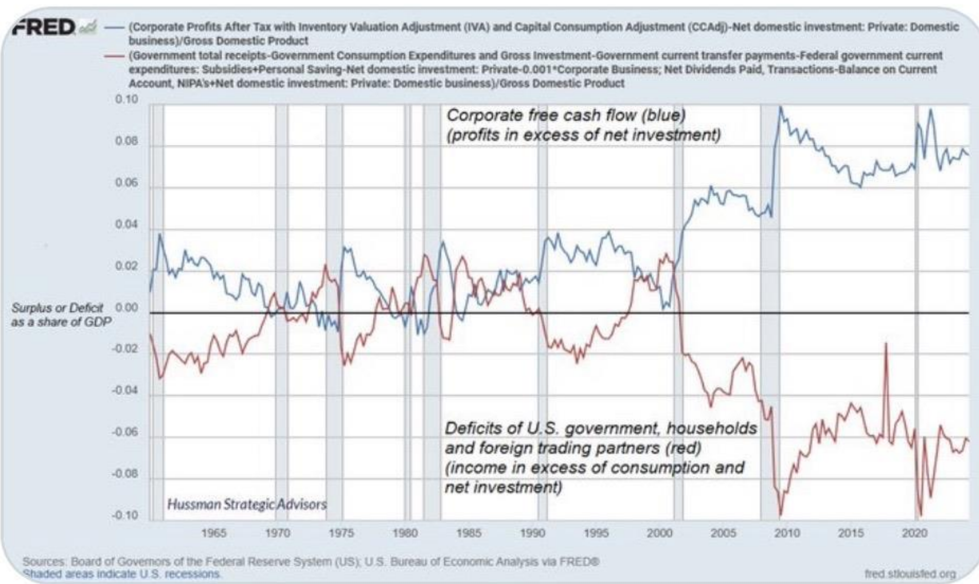
633 1.51k 5.18k

33 46 480 124K

Political rhetoric points to a willingness to 'run it hot'.

John P. Hussma... @huss... · Nov 3

yep - the top 10% own 87% of stocks, the top 1% own 50%, and corporate free cash flow is literally the mirror image of record deficits in the government and household sectors (an accounting identity) because average American families don't have enough to finance basic needs.



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Something something K-Shaped Economy... x.com/KobeissiLetter...

Macro context: concentration of equity ownership and fiscal dynamics.

Outlook

Rates are drifting lower, inflation is easing, and policy is turning more accommodative. With leading indicators deeply depressed, a 2026 growth surprise is plausible. The risk-management question is what that would mean for inflation: if growth re-accelerates, do we transition into a 'run it hot' regime, or does inflation stay anchored? Given mixed breadth and narrow leadership, we favor participating in risk while maintaining disciplined hedges and diversification.

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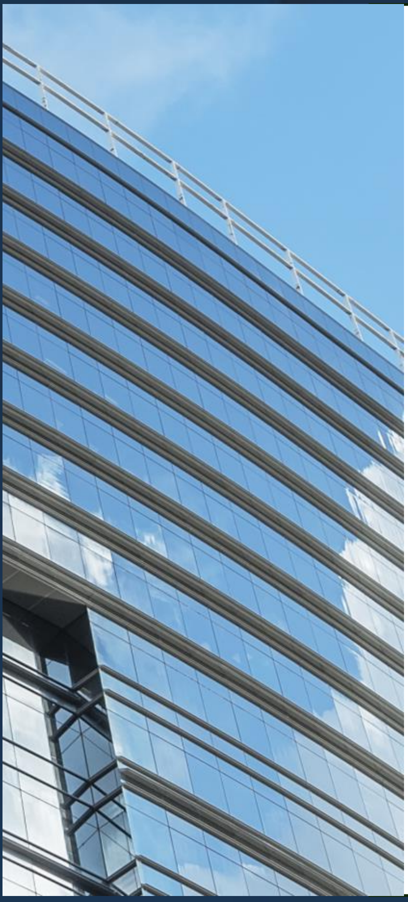

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