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Stocks-Bloom Off Rose-Where to Go Now?



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Thursday; We got more economic news on the Labor Markets. The Claims number came out at way LOW at 190,000.

We are still stuck in STAGE #3 of the process. The first stage was the Inflation that hit. The next stage is the Fed answer with hiking interest rates (still in that one) and the third is SLOWDOWN of economic growth. Labor is last leg to give out. The Fed is hiking at the end of the month and great odd in March as well. This opens up May as a pause potential only. Financial conditions easing defeats their purpose. Global real estate has the potential to RESET further than discounted.

The big stories have been China's reopening & Europe dodging a weather bullet that could have crippled them. China's economic numbers a month ago were STUNNINGLY BAD. Why do you think XI did an about face? Cause he's a nice guy? It's now grow the pie vs. cut up the pie. Stimulus in real estate (big names only) may be offset by falling export demand. THIS WEEKEND kicks off 40 days of celebration of the New Year. Some are approximating that 2 BILLION trips are planned as many will go from the cities to the country to see family unseen for 3 years. PROBLEM is the guess is there are 900,000 Covid positive cases visiting areas with bad medical services. Consumers have been slow to increase spending on dodgy real estate and goods. There will be a spike in GDP (it may be V shaped as ours was). Short Leash.

Our economic number are fading but holiday WEAKNESS in retail sales may be a product of distortion by Covid so eye the JANUARY numbers next month. Also; some believe by the time Q1 EARNINGS are announced in April, EARNINGS will be cut. The end of passing thru high prices is here and margin pressures/volumes (PG) will reset forecasts big time.

The DEBT CEILING drama is a joke but if the morons in Washington grandstand too long; the joke's on us. No Function. Foreign buyers are important (illegal for Fed to buy direct from Treasury). Higher yields & stronger currencies overseas?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?...Good Question....We told people who spoke with us that SPX 4035 was the wall. Should we get thru that level the door opens up to SPX 4150-4400; BUT if we break 3875-3800, stock values big fade? Protecting your January gains made a lot of sense this week. Will we fade this quarter or in April; Q1 earnings suspect?

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Did you have a tough 2022? Are you prepared for potential earnings & real estate resets? Many of you are all being sold the same trades/weak Dollar, China re-open, Energy, Gold, Health Care, Staples, Tech rebound, Bonds, Fed rate cuts ect.

GREAT! We told our readers that the Dollar (115) and Rates (4.45%) were OVERBOUGHT and would REVERT. They have.

This REVERSION to the MEAN has already been substantial & so has the up moves in Asia, Europe, Metals, Crypto ect.

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