

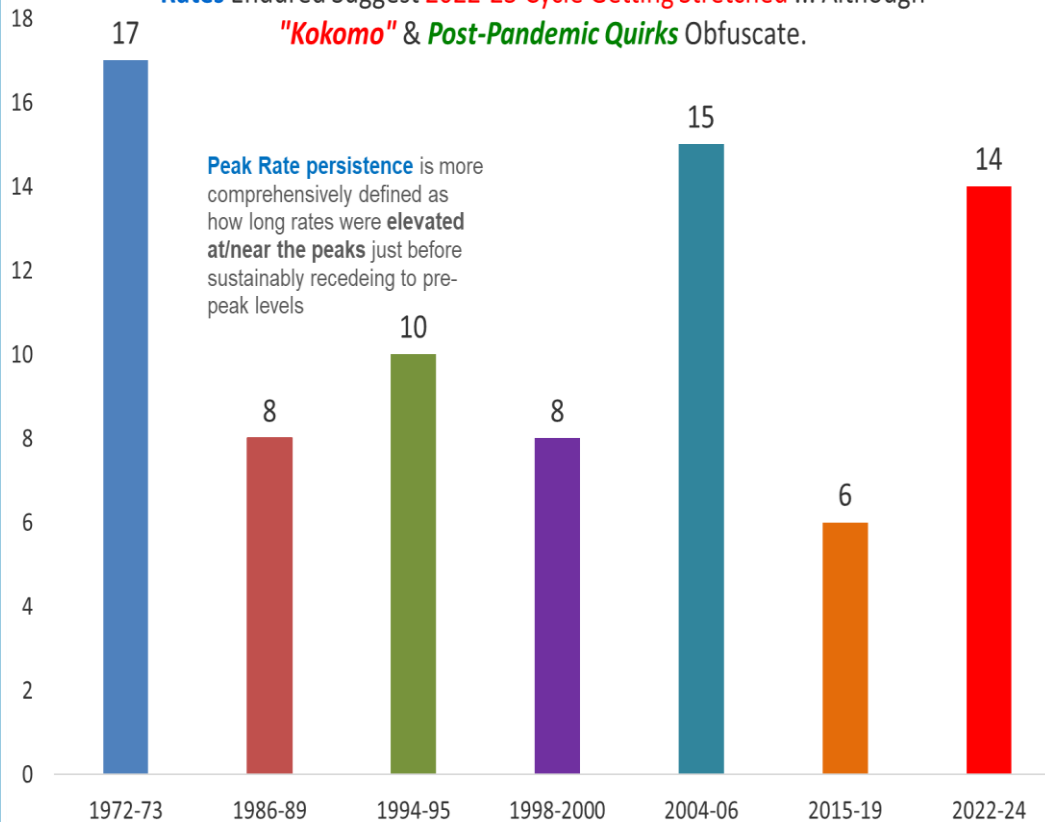
Goldilocks Threatened

Between Pivot Cheer & (Fed) Fumble Fears

Gauging "For Longer" (Number of Months): **Comparative Persistence of Peak**

Rates Endured Suggest **2022-23 Cycle Getting Stretched** ... Although

"Kokomo" & **Post-Pandemic Quirks** Obfuscate.



Sources: Bloomberg, Mizuho

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“A man that flies from his fear may find that he has only taken a short cut to meet it.”

- J.R.R Tolkien

“I find your lack of faith disturbing”

- Darth Vader, Star Wars

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September 2024

Fed Stance: Is Kokomo to Jerry Maguire too Little to Late?

1. Fed's "Type-2" Miscalculation Risk

- a. Cooling Inflation Accentuate **Exceptionally Tight Conditions**
- b. Especially Risky Given **Stress from Tightening US Consumer Cashflows**
- c. & Risk of **Lagging** Jobs Deterioration that May Soon **Demand Sharper Pivot**
- d. Risk View t Fed: **Deeper Cuts by H1 2025!**
- e. Sahm Rule's Recession Gauge Reveals **Fragile "Goldilocks" Assumptions**

2. Spillover Risks ... *via Unintended JPY Shocks*

- a. **Hyper-sensitivity to US Recession Risks** & Attendant FOMC Bets
- b. Between Goldilocks Pivot & Recession Fears is "Risk Off" & Volatility
- c. Box Item: **JPY Carry Unwind Risks**
- d. USD/JPY a *Conduit for Risk Retrenchment*

3. Challenging Received Wisdom on Bearish Pivot USD

- a. **Bearish USD on Peak Fed** is Common, But **Not Without Exception**
- b. USD Retains Some Relative Policy Advantage ...
- c. Not to Confuse Peak USD for Bearish USD

4. Why AXJ Reversion is Not Guaranteed?

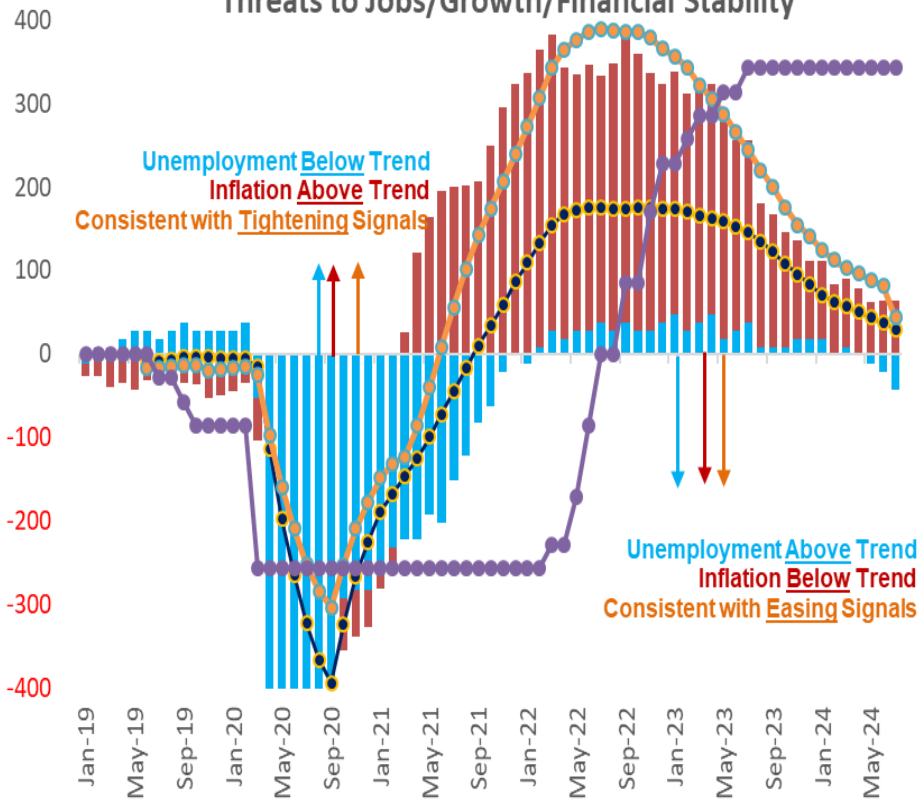
- a. AXJ Relative Under-performance On a Conspiracy of Eroding Advantages
- b. Specific Structural Factors
- c. Carry Unwind Risks on JPY Upside Volatility

5. Especially in the Context of CNH Risks

- a. China & Attendant CNH Risks Loom Large
- b. Exceptional CNY Pressures Amplifies Policy Conundrum ...
- c. CNY Carry Unwind is a Distraction Sympathetic Drag is the Bigger AXJ Threat

1a. Conditions are Exceptionally Tight – Taylor Rule Does Not Require Such Restriction

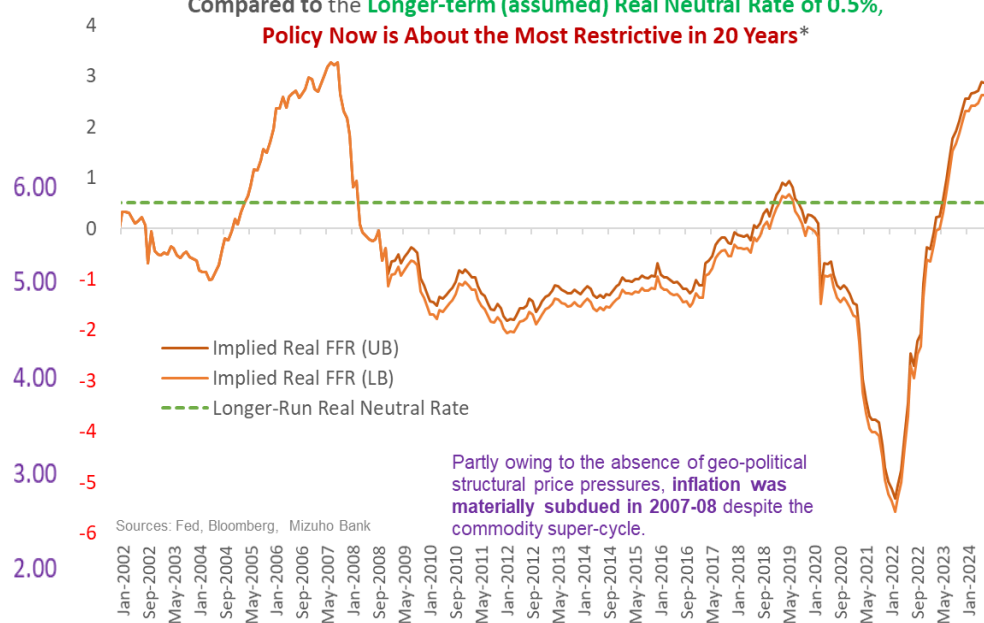
Taylor Rule: Current Setting are Deliberately More Restrictive amid perceptions of inflation risks ... but Response Function could change Fairly Quickly on Threats to Jobs/Growth/Financial Stability



- Inflation Overshoot
- Unemployment Undershoot (vs. 2018-19 Avg of 3.8%; bps)
- Smoothed Taylor Index (Tightening (+ve)/Loosening (-ve) Barometer)
- Smoothed Inflation-Biased Taylor Index
- Fed Funds Target Upper Bound (RHS, %)

Sources: Bloomberg, Mizuho Bank

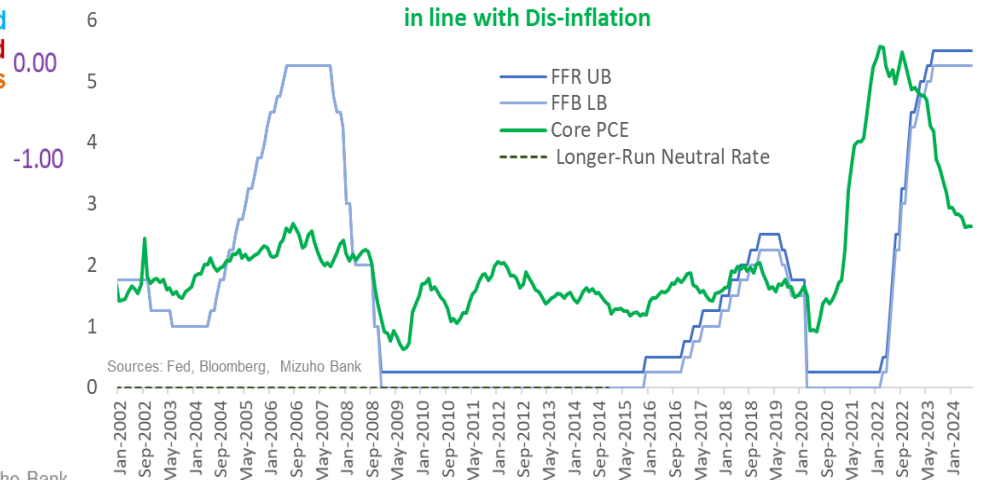
Compared to the Longer-term (assumed) Real Neutral Rate of 0.5%, Policy Now is About the Most Restrictive in 20 Years*



Sources: Fed, Bloomberg, Mizuho Bank

Partly owing to the absence of geo-political structural price pressures, inflation was materially subdued in 2007-08 despite the commodity super-cycle.

2024-25 Rate Cuts Subsumed in the 'Dot Plot' is Overstate Effective Easing ... It is more Calibraton in line with Dis-inflation



Sources: Fed, Bloomberg, Mizuho Bank

1b. Especially as Consumer Cash-flow Constraints Intensify, Threatening Demand Resilience

Chart 1: Aggregate personal savings compared with the pre-pandemic trend

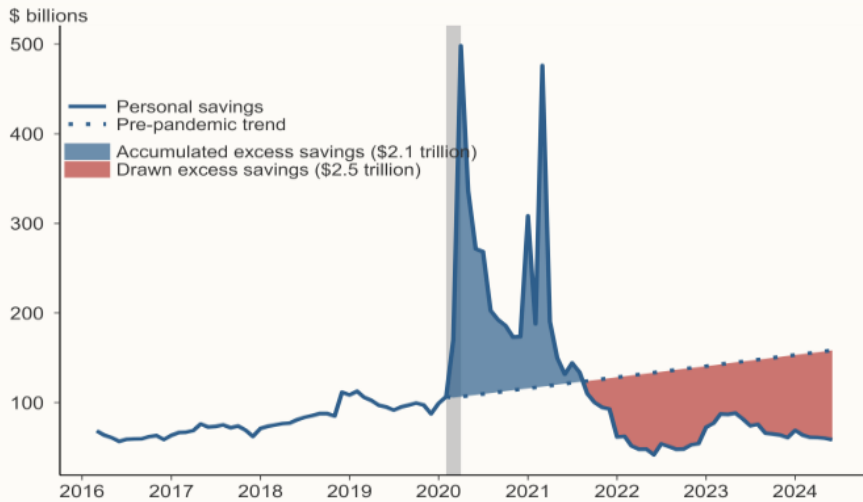
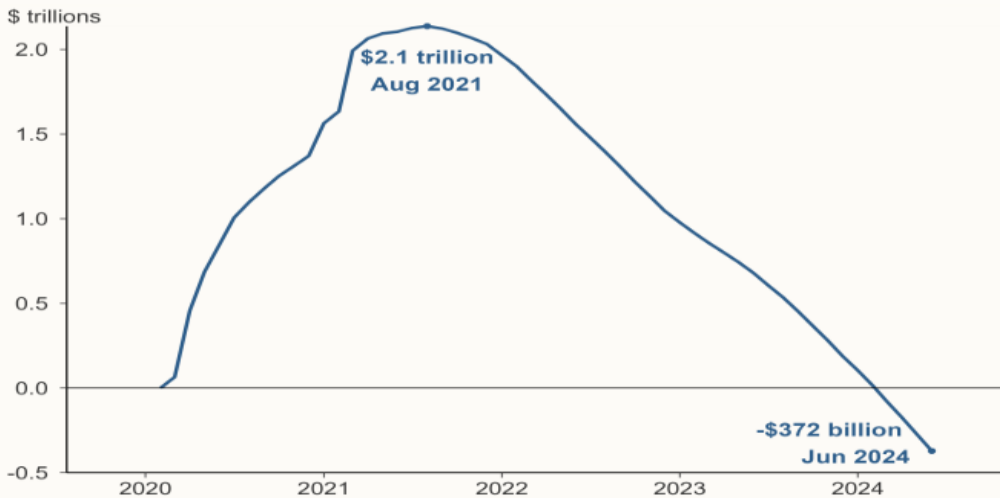
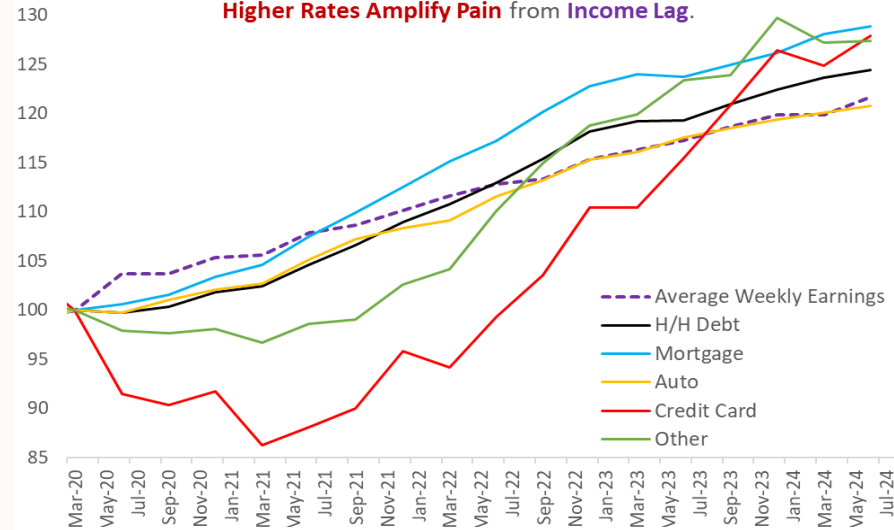


Chart 2: Cumulative aggregate pandemic-era excess savings

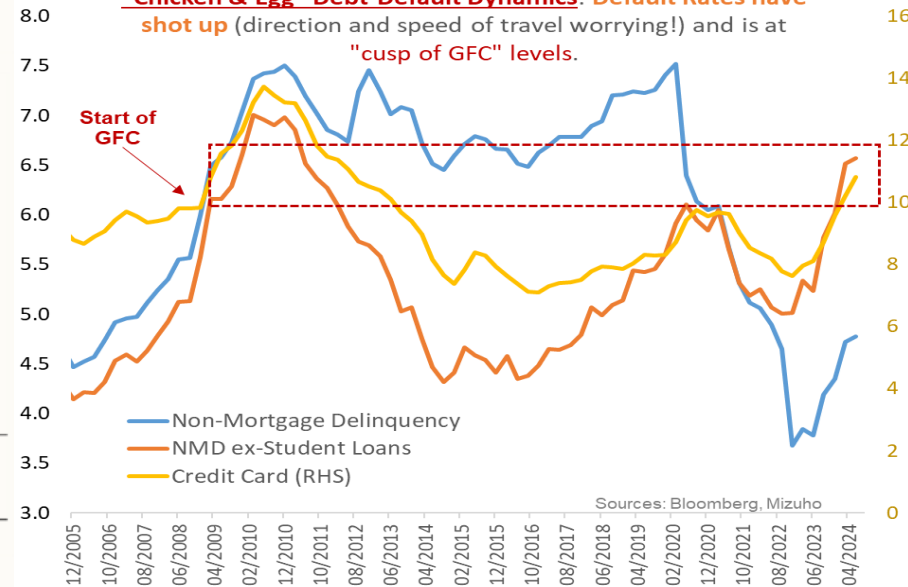


Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and authors' calculations.

Household Debt Since COVID (Mar 2020): **Sharper Surge in Unsecured Debt** (CC & Others) as Pandemic Savings Drawn Down. **Higher Rates Amplify Pain** from **Income Lag**.



"Chicken & Egg" Debt-Default Dynamics: Default Rates have shot up (direction and speed of travel worrying!) and is at **"cusp of GFC" levels.**



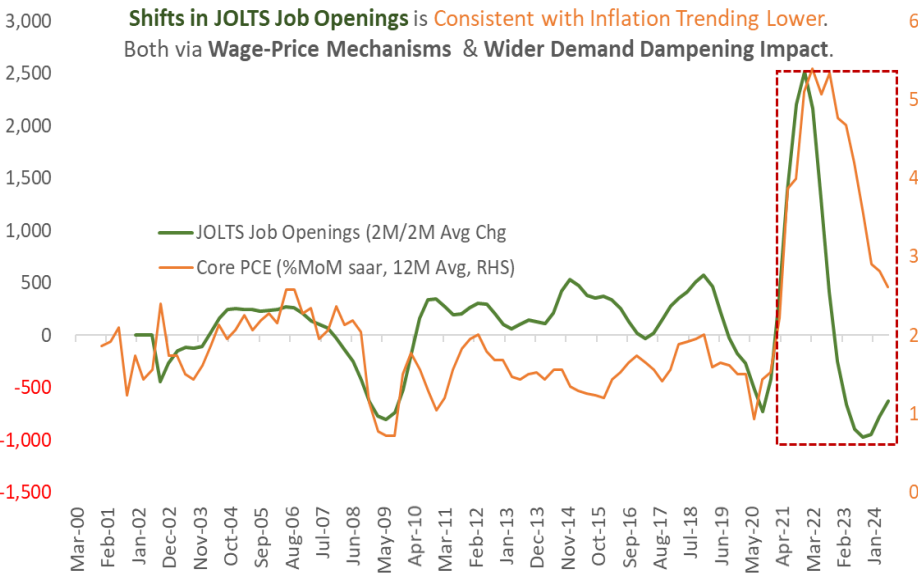
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1c. Alongside Cooling Jobs/Wages, *Type 2 Error* May Abruptly Shift Fed Response

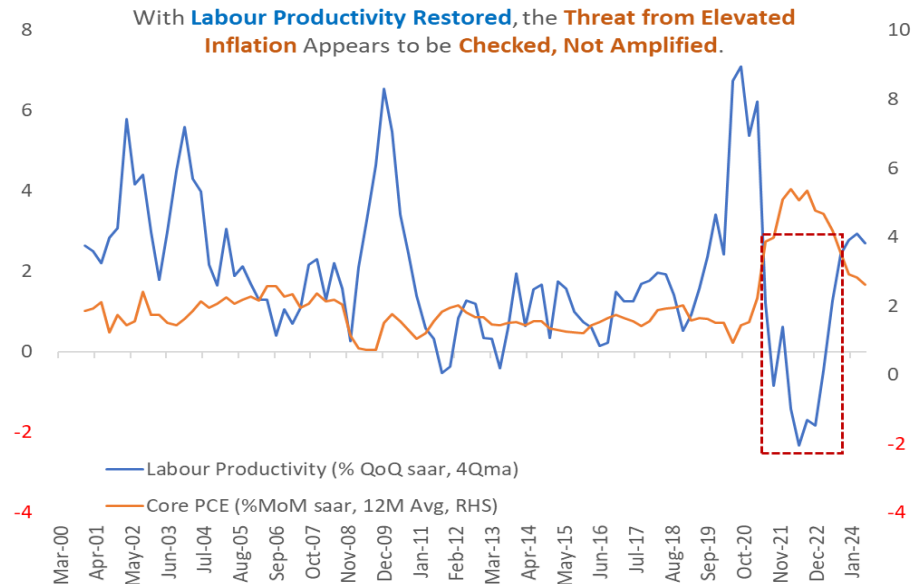
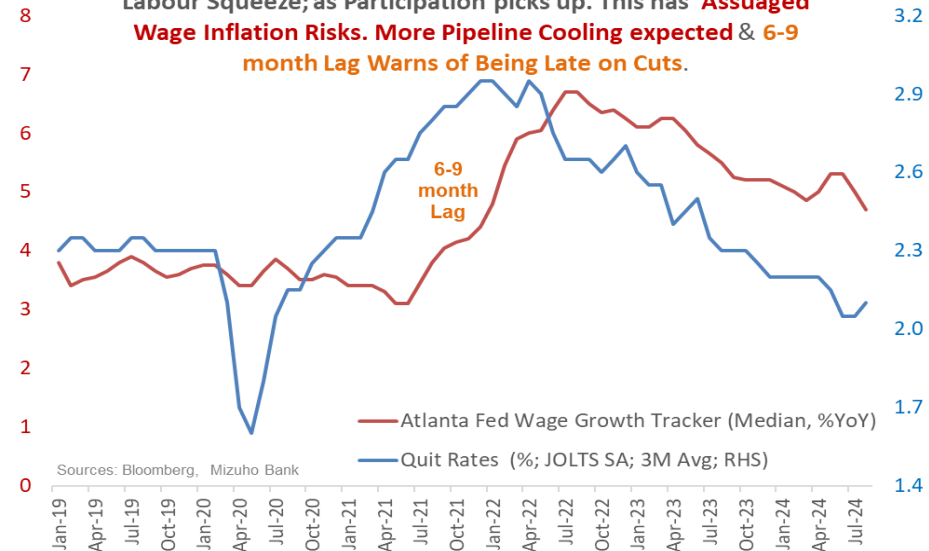
US Consumer - Tightening Cash-flows

- Drawdown of savings, increased credit (and attendant servicing burden) and softening wage gains translate into tighter consumer cash-flows.
- In turn the hit on demand will have negative multiplier effects at the margin, which significantly dampen growth outcomes; even if an outright recession is averted.
- For a Fed that is decidedly not setting out to break something, this will be a jolt out of the Type 2 error resulting from the earlier Type-1 error.

“Type-1” Error: Wrongly rejecting null hypothesis of inflation risks.
 “Type-2 Error: Wrongly failing to reject null hypothesis of persistent inflation risks



Quit Rates Moderating Below Pre-COVID Trend, Suggests Easing Labour Squeeze; as Participation picks up. This has **Assuaged Wage Inflation Risks. More Pipeline Cooling expected & 6-9 month Lag Warns of Being Late on Cuts.**



1d. Fed's "Type-2" Error Risks – Flipping “Higher for Longer” to “Too High for too Long”

	End-2021	End-2022	End-2023	2024				2025				2026		2027	
			Q4 23	Q1 24	Q2 24	Q3 24	Q4 24	Q1 25	Q2 25	Q3 25	Q4 25	H1 26	H2 26	H1 27	H2 27
Fed Funds Target Rate Ceiling	0.25	4.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.25	4.75	3.75	3.25	2.75	2.50	2.50	2.75	2.75	3.00
Fed Funds Target Rate floor	0.00	4.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.00	4.50	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.25	2.25	2.50	2.50	2.75
UST 2Y Yields	0.73	4.43	4.25	4.62	4.75	3.80	3.18	2.70	2.66	2.52	2.21	2.38	2.36	2.44	2.47
UST 10Y Yields	1.51	3.87	3.88	4.25	4.40	3.78	3.56	3.22	3.32	3.30	3.12	3.26	3.28	3.32	3.44

Sources: Bloomberg, Mizuho Forecasts

“Too High for Too Long” Risks Defer but Don’t Diminish Fed Rate Cuts

- The quirks of post-pandemic durability in demand defer Fed rate cuts vis-à-vis past Fed cycles.
- But ‘Type-2’ error (from overcompensating for “transitory”) of “too high, for too long” are accentuated now
- Which accentuates the risks of having to catch-down more hurriedly with belated rate cuts.

“2024 Runway Curtailed, but 2-3 Cuts Likely ...

- Barring a crisis (not our base case), rate cut run-way for 2024 is constrained by data-watching and elections.
- July FOMC virtually ruled out. September, November and December are “live”.
- 50-75 bps of rate cuts still on the table, with 50bp being most likely.

Rate Cuts to Gather Pace in H1 2025

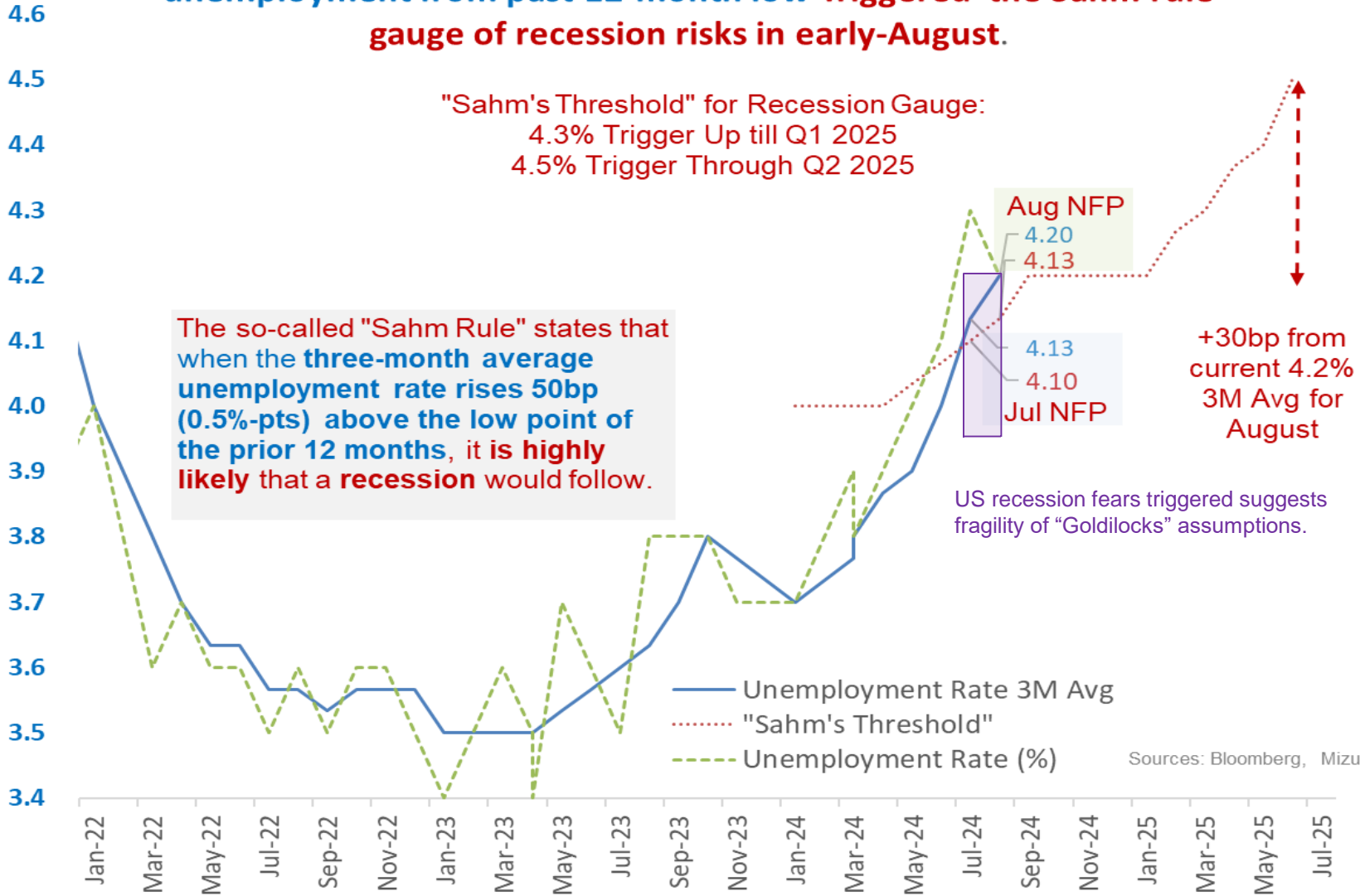
- Sharper demand softening alongside rapid slowdown set to diminish wage-price spiral risks.
- Consequently, Fed rate cuts will gather pace in H1 2025 so as to alleviate acute policy restriction.
- Up to 200bp of rate cuts by mid-2025 is not as outlandish. Fact is, 3.25-3.50% is likely still restrictive.

Consumer Slowdown, Not Crisis

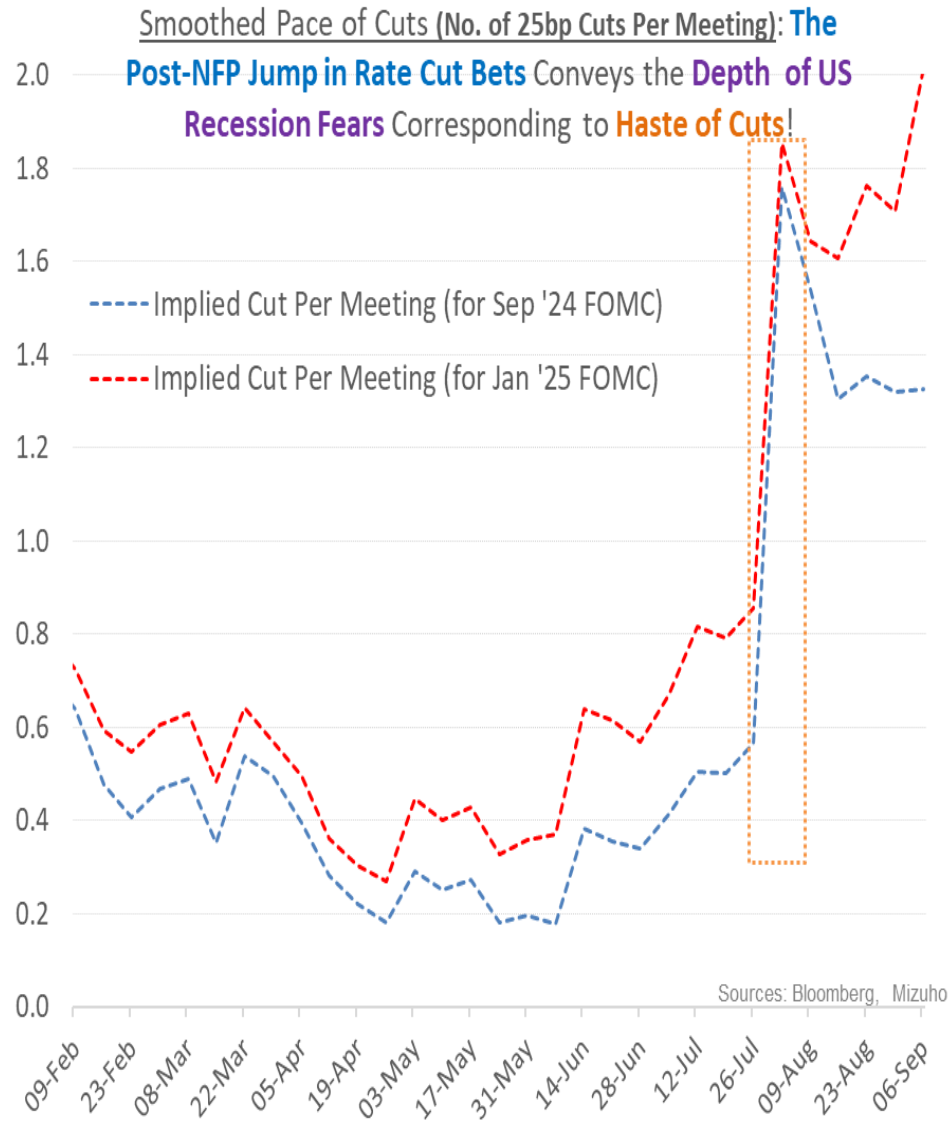
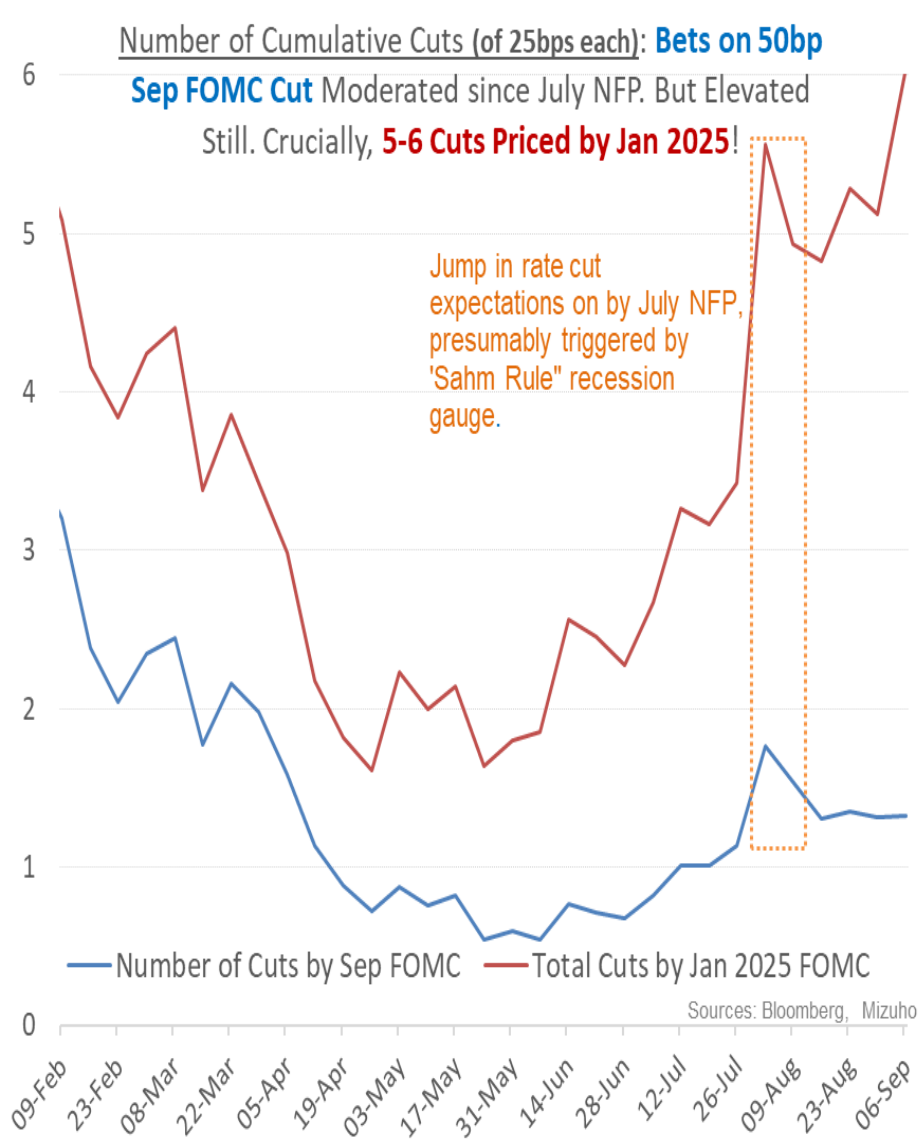
- Brisker cuts are premised on sharper consumption slowdown amid tightening cash-flows → Not so soft landing
- And not a crisis from a balance sheet shock – for which far deeper and larger rate slashing will be required.

1e. US Economy: 'Sahm' Fears About Flawed Soft Landing Assumptions?

US Unemployment Rate (%): July's 53bps rise in 3-mth average unemployment from past 12-month low Triggered the Sahm rule gauge of recession risks in early-August.

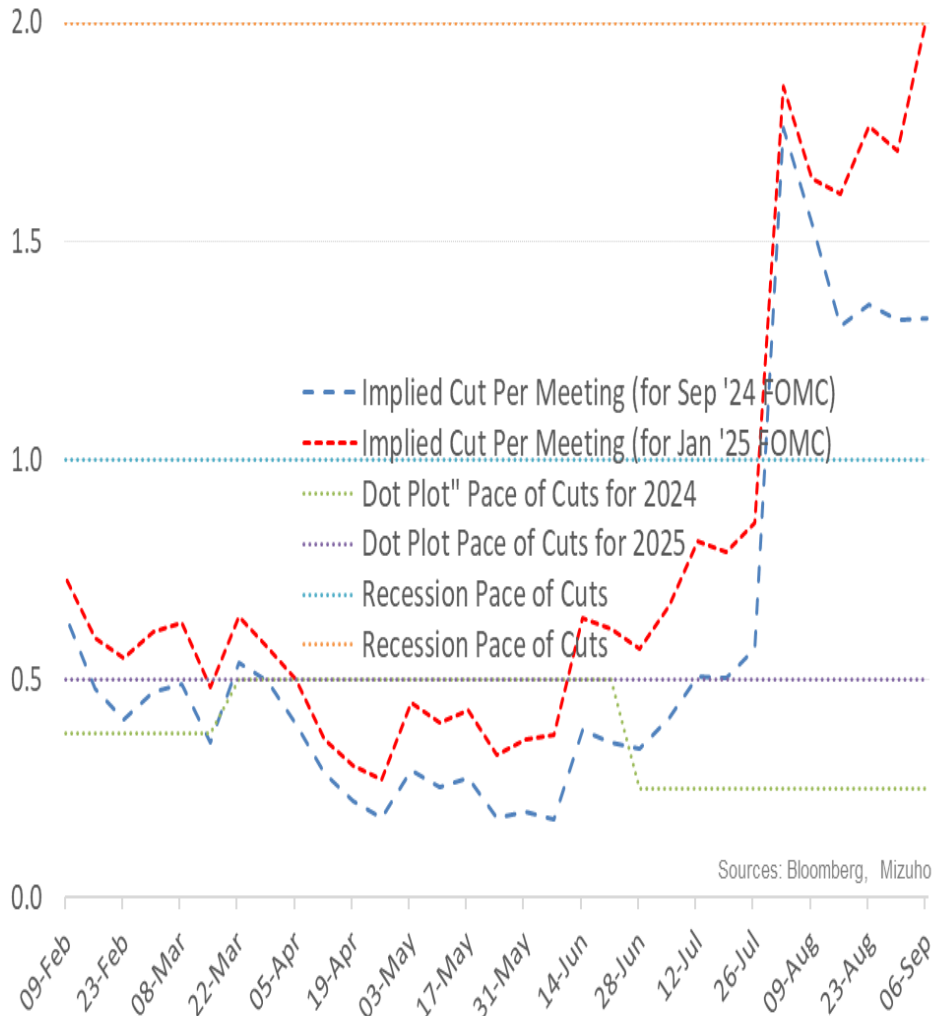


2a. Hyper Sensitivity to US Recession Risks & Fed Response

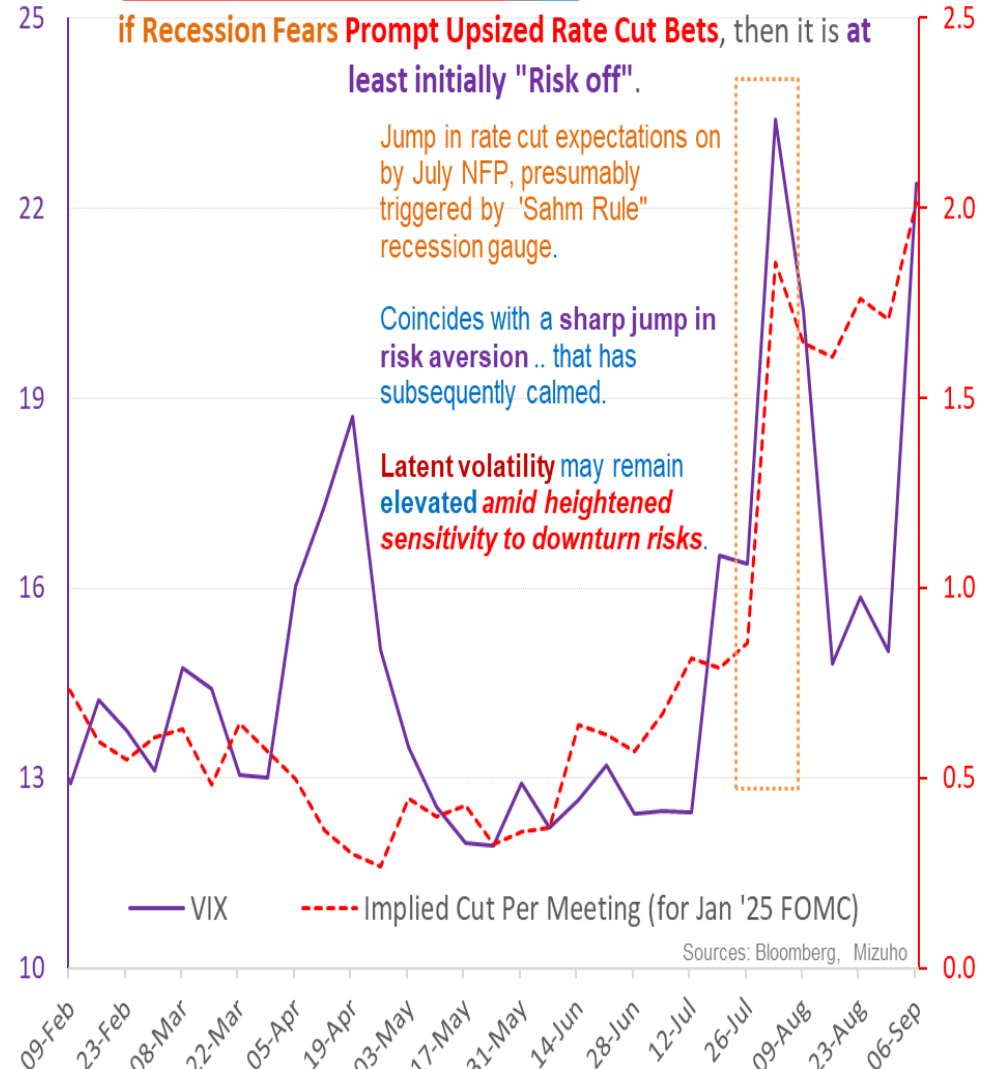


US Jobs – Teetering on US Recession Fears & Attendant Risk Off

Smoothed Pace of Cuts (No. of 25bp Cuts Per Meeting): Well into **Recession-Type Rate Cut Response** Function Being Priced.



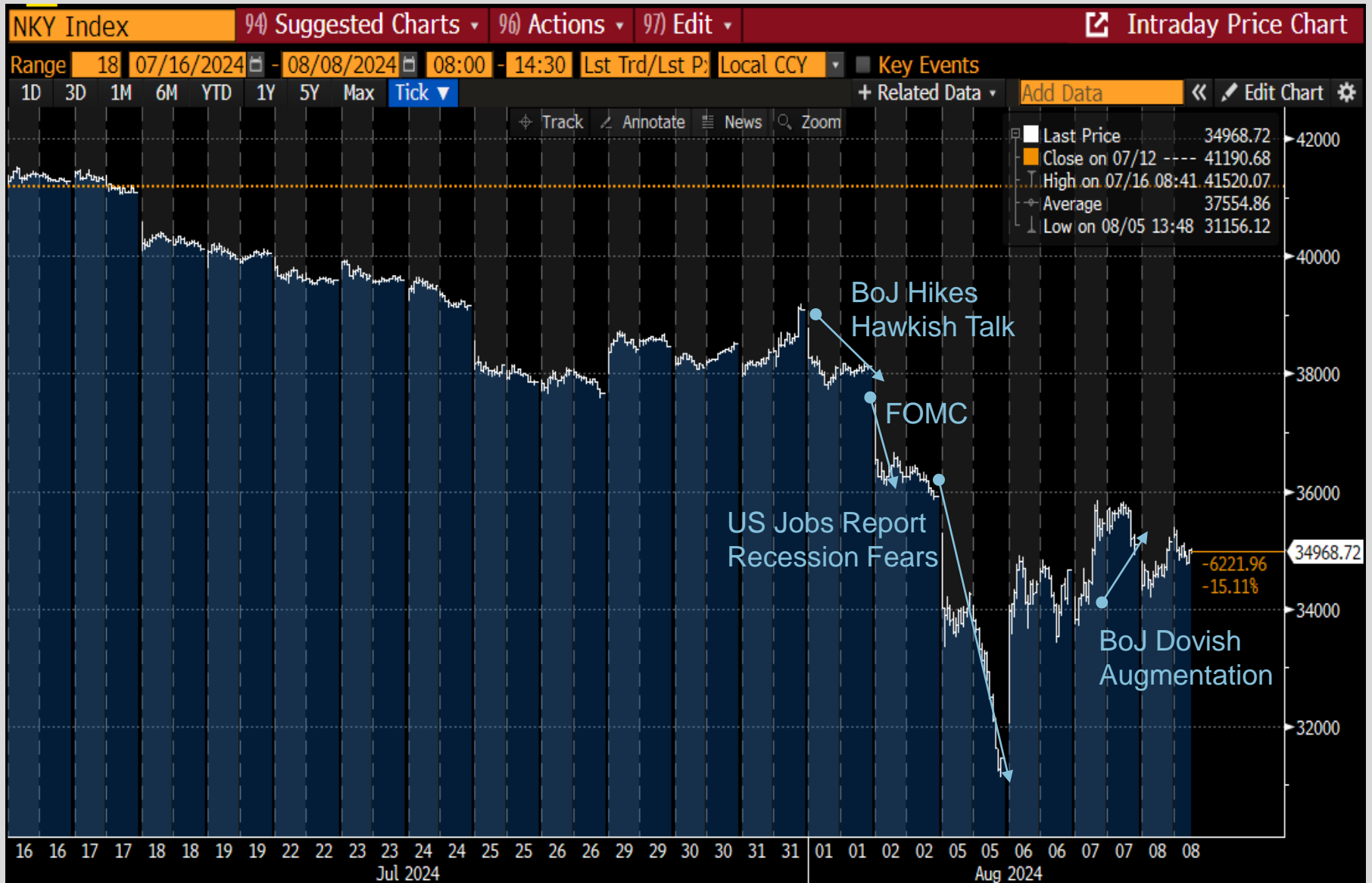
Pace of Cuts (of 25bps each, RHS) vs. VIX: What's Notable is that **if Recession Fears Prompt Upsized Rate Cut Bets**, then it is **at least initially "Risk off"**.



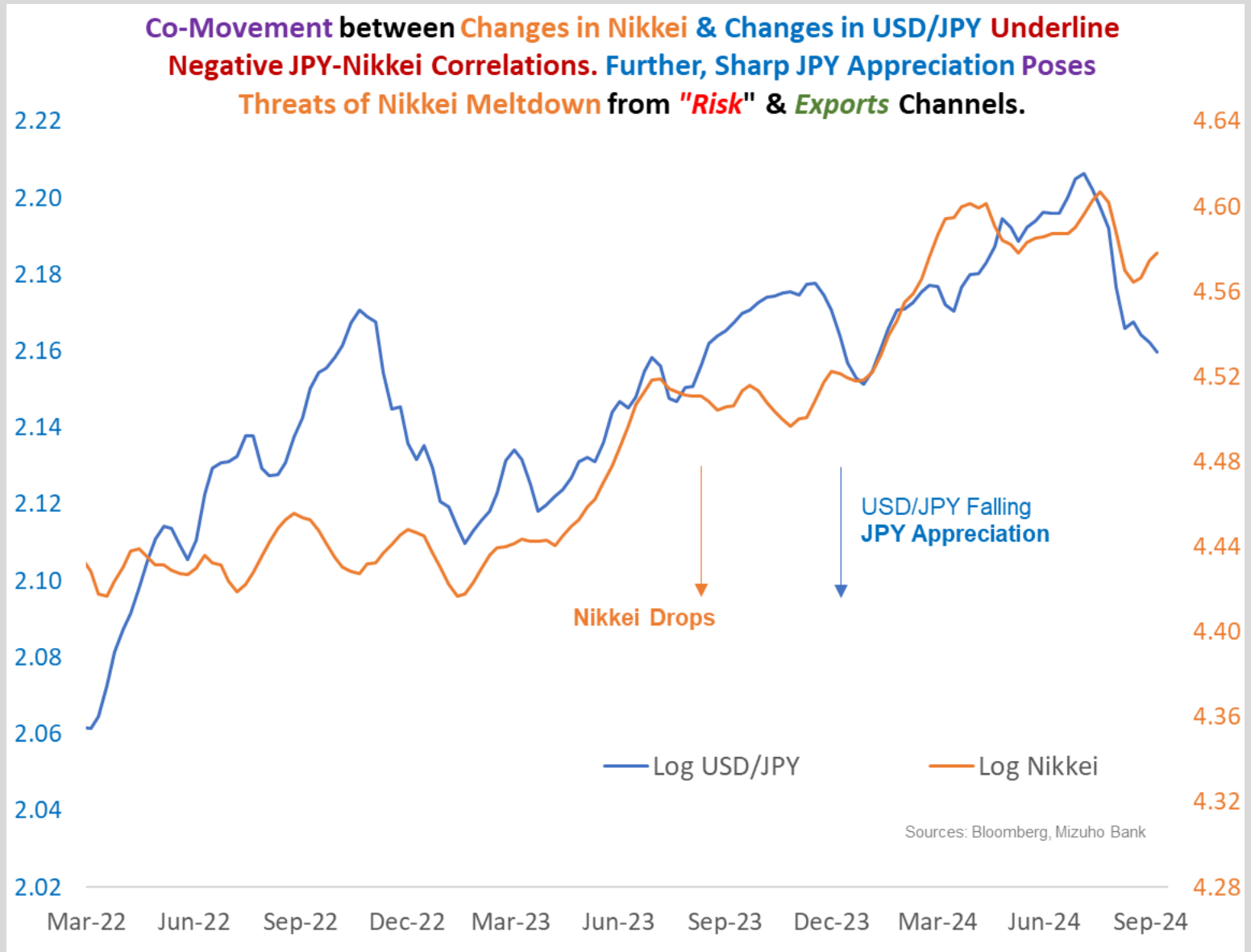
2c. THAT JPY Squeeze – Time-line & Thoughts



2c. & Corresponding Nikkei Plunge



2c. JPY-Nikkei: The BoJ Blame Game



2c. JPY Carry Unwind Risks – Main Take-Aways

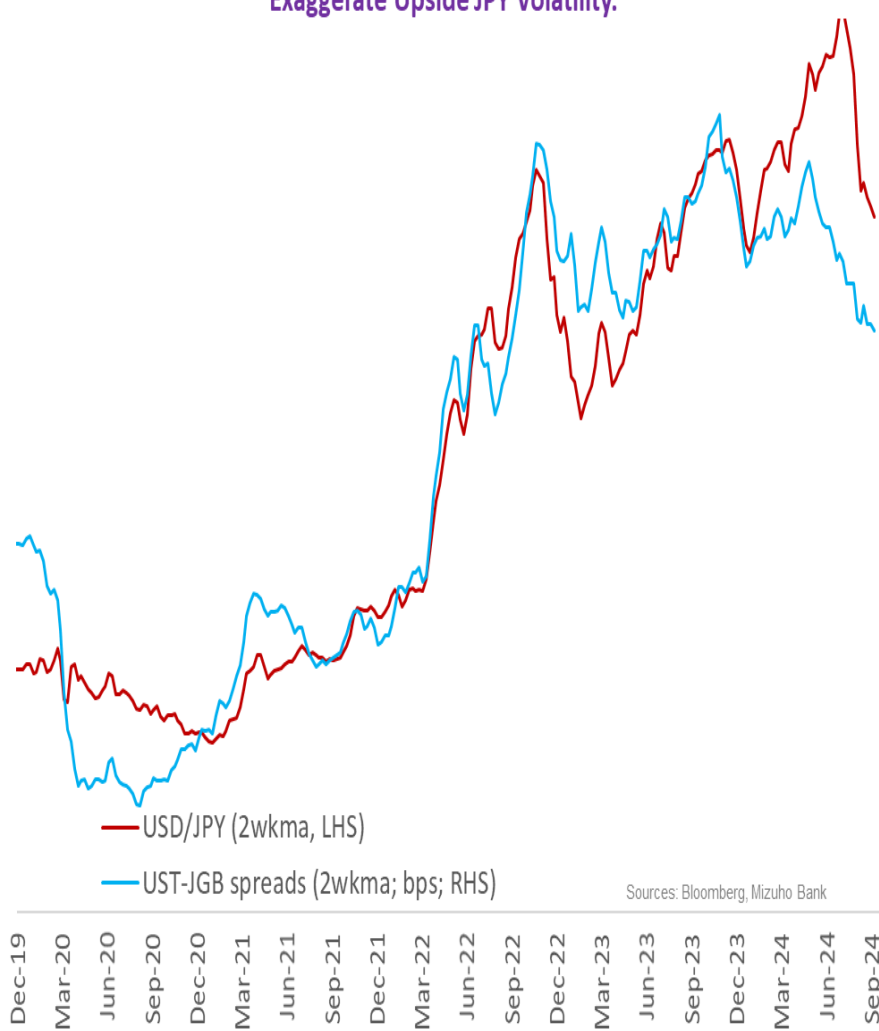
1. **JPY Carry Unwind Risks** are **NOT Exclusively BoJ-Driven**.
2. So, although *BoJ's dovish* caveat (no hikes if markets are unstable) *only partially mitigates JPY carry unwind*.
3. Instead, **Fed pivot expectations** (this time via softer NFP) are a **huge swing factor**.
 - ❖ *This is but a manifestation of our long-held view that (earlier) JPY depreciation pressures were a “BoJ problem with a Fed solution”, with the Fed solution (rate cuts) now posing the other extreme problem of too sharp a surge/rebound in JPY (and attendant JPY carry unwind).*
4. Corresponding **sharp shifts in Fed rate cut bets** impacts *via Fed-BoJ divergence* expectations.
5. Which consequently *compress UST-JGB spreads* and drag *USD/JPY sharply lower*.
6. In turn, this **sudden and sharp JPY surge “squeezes out” concentrated JPY-funded carry trades**.
7. Inevitably, **JPY-funded “carry unwind”** is **most detrimental to high-yielding assets**. But not just.
8. **Negative JPY-Nikkei correlation** from acute JPY squeeze may also **adversely impact global equities**.
9. In all, the **threat of global “risk off” involving adverse feedback loop with carry unwind persists**.

Policy Implications:

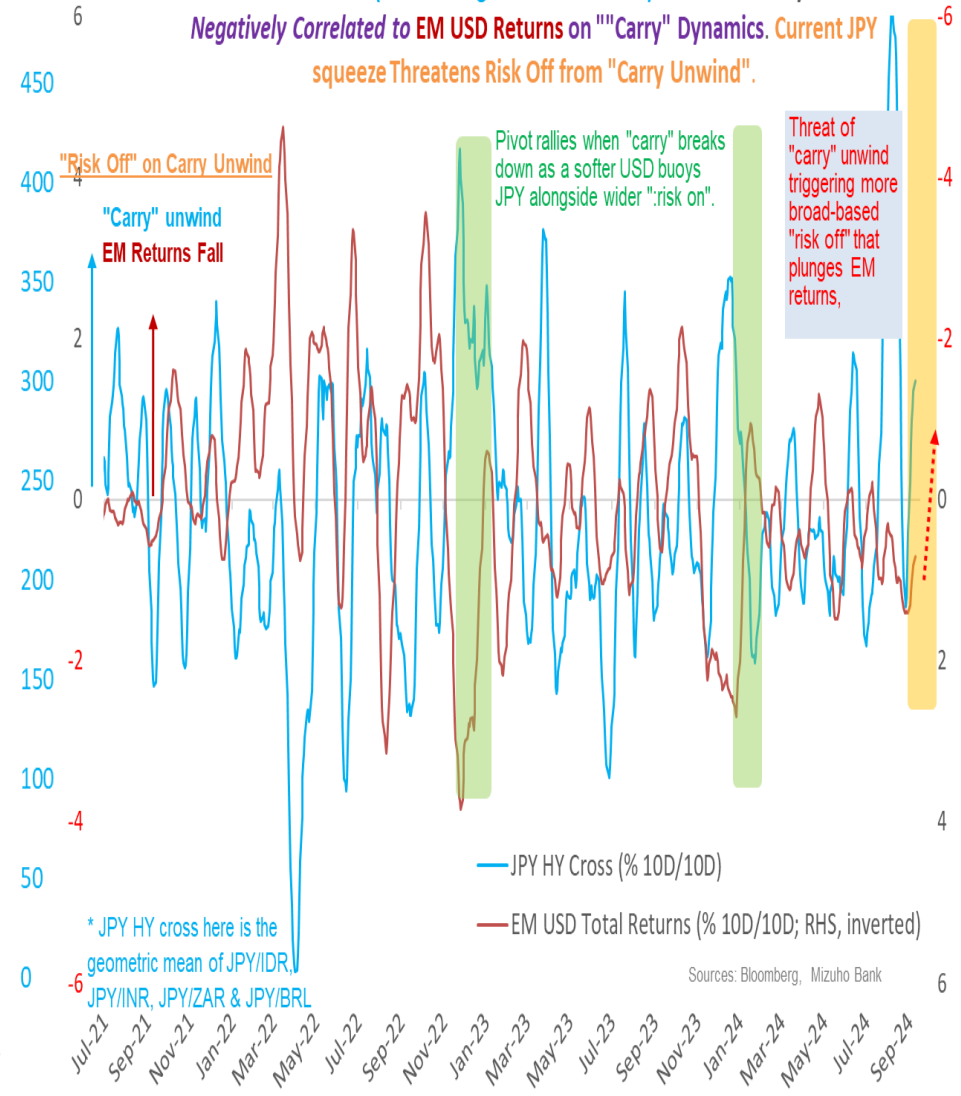
- i. **BoJ**: Dial-back in tightening checks, but doesn't kill adverse (strong) JPY-Nikkei (plunge) spiral.
- ii. **Fed**: Markets become especially sensitized to sharp swings in pivot bets.
- iii. **Fed-BoJ**: Any accentuation of Fed-Boj divergence will amplify JPY volatility risks.

2d. Fed-BoJ & JPY Correlations: Fed's Greater Sway on JPY & "Carry Unwind" Contagion

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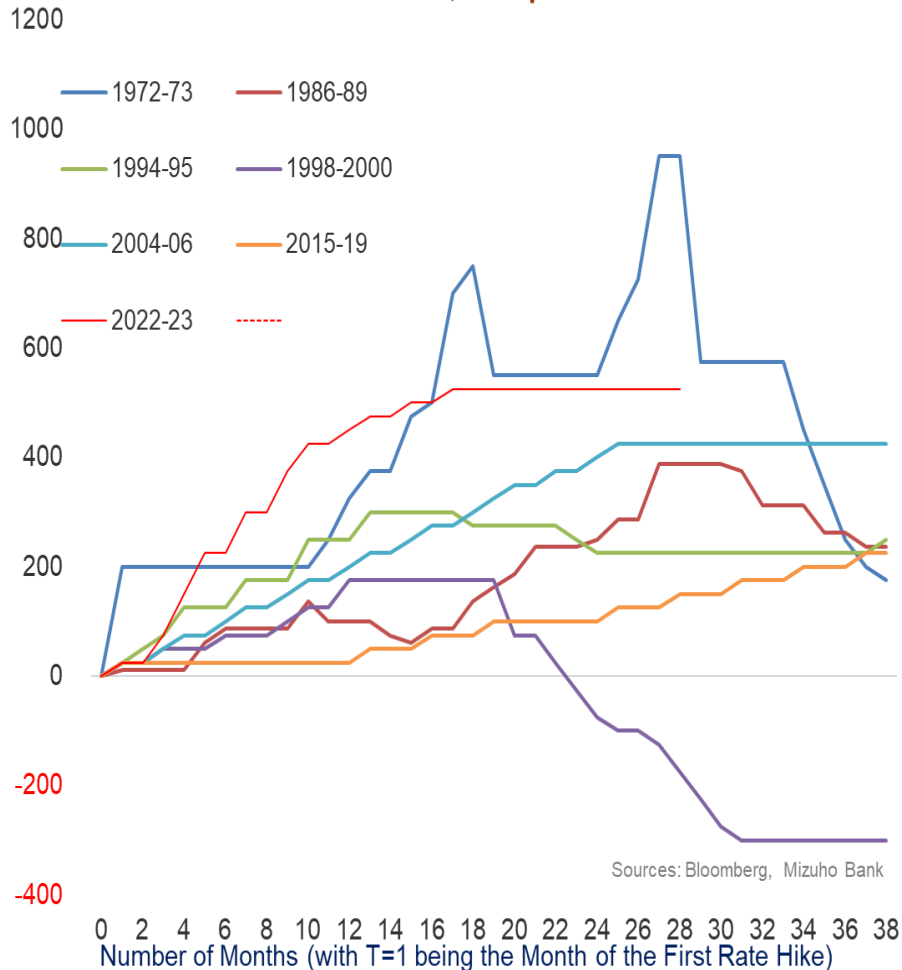


JPY Cross* moves (vis-a-vis High-Beta Currencies) have a Tendency to be Negatively Correlated to EM USD Returns on "Carry" Dynamics. Current JPY squeeze Threatens Risk Off from "Carry Unwind".

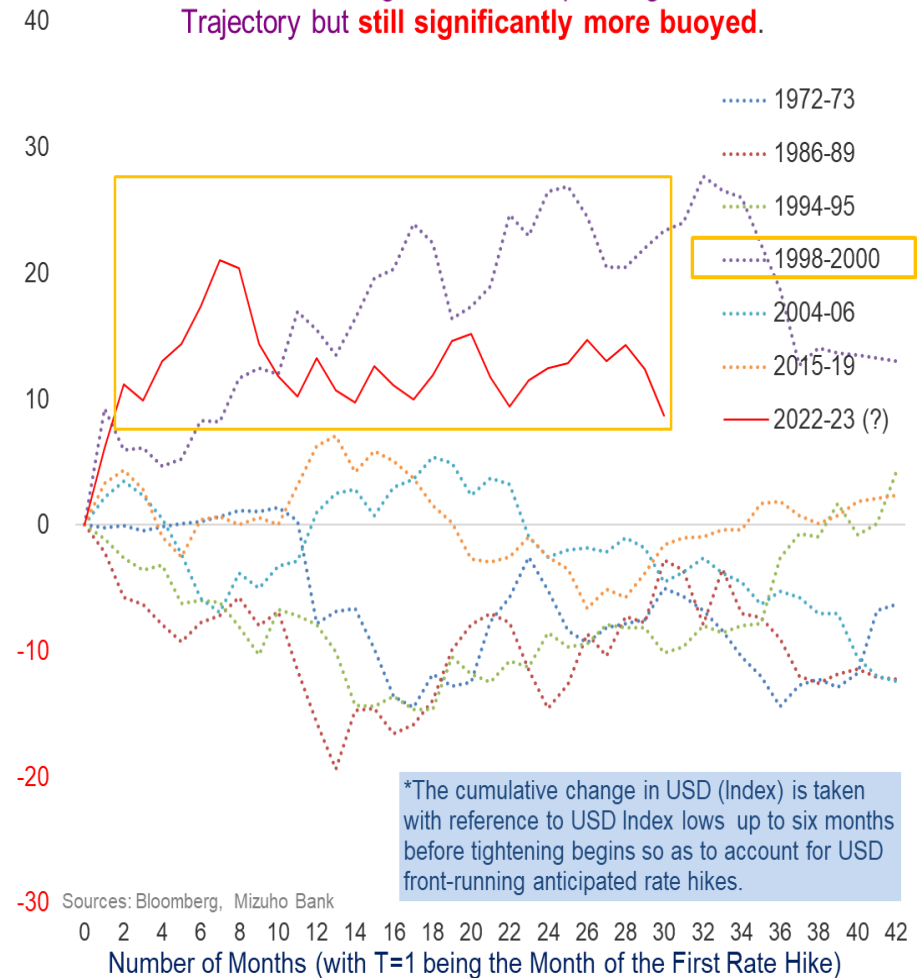


3a. Policy Nuance: Not All Pivots are Created Equal! “Competitive Pivot”/US Exceptionalism

Fed Hiking Cycle (Cumulative Rate Hikes; bp): Although not the Greatest Amplitude of Rate Hikes (1970s More Brutal, with >700bp of Hikes), this Cycle Marks the Fastest Pace of Hikes; 525bps Over 17 Months.

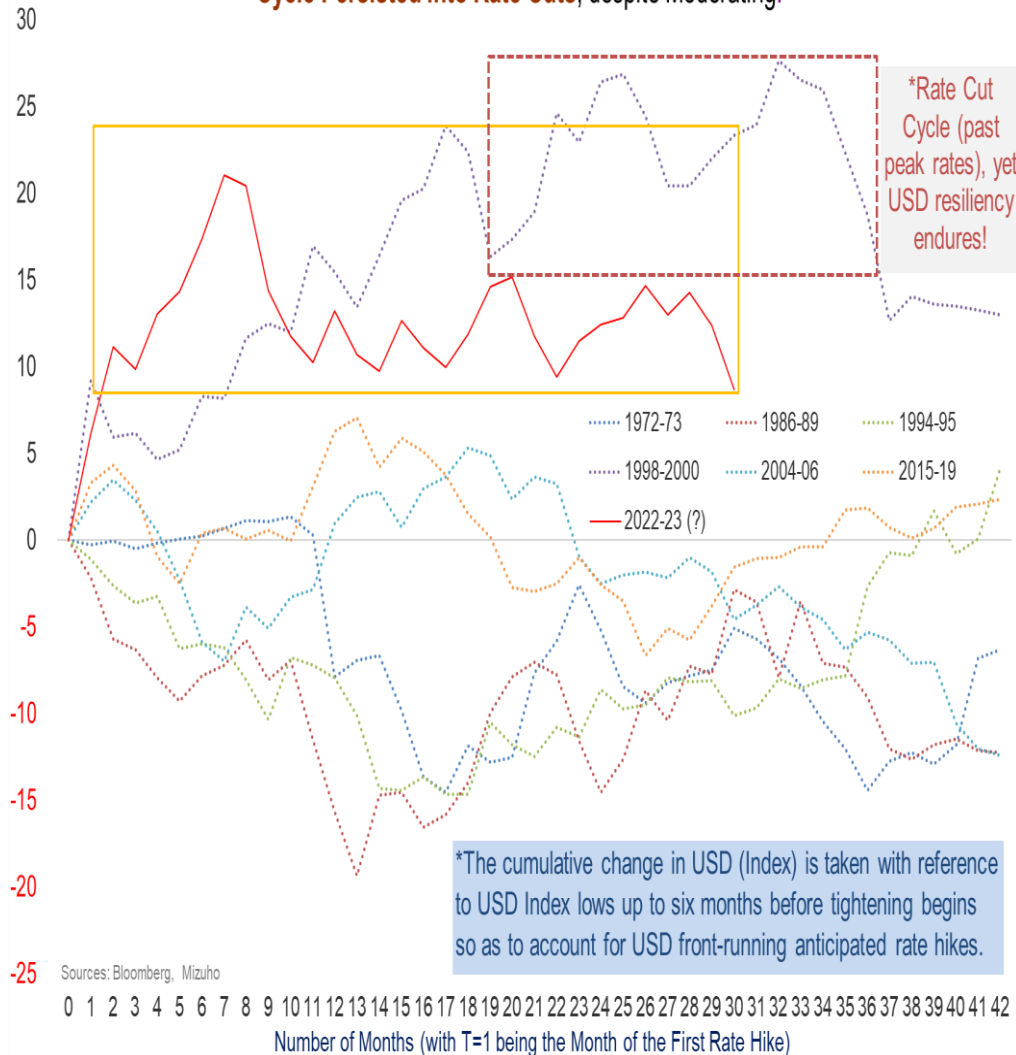


Corresponding USD Performance (Cumulative % Chg*): Notably, the Current Rate Hike Cycle Has Resulted in the Sharpest Phase of USD Strength in the First 8-9 months; moderating below corresponding 1998-2000 Trajectory but still significantly more buoyed.



3a: Corresponding USD Response is Not the Usual “Peak USD ahead of Peak Fed”

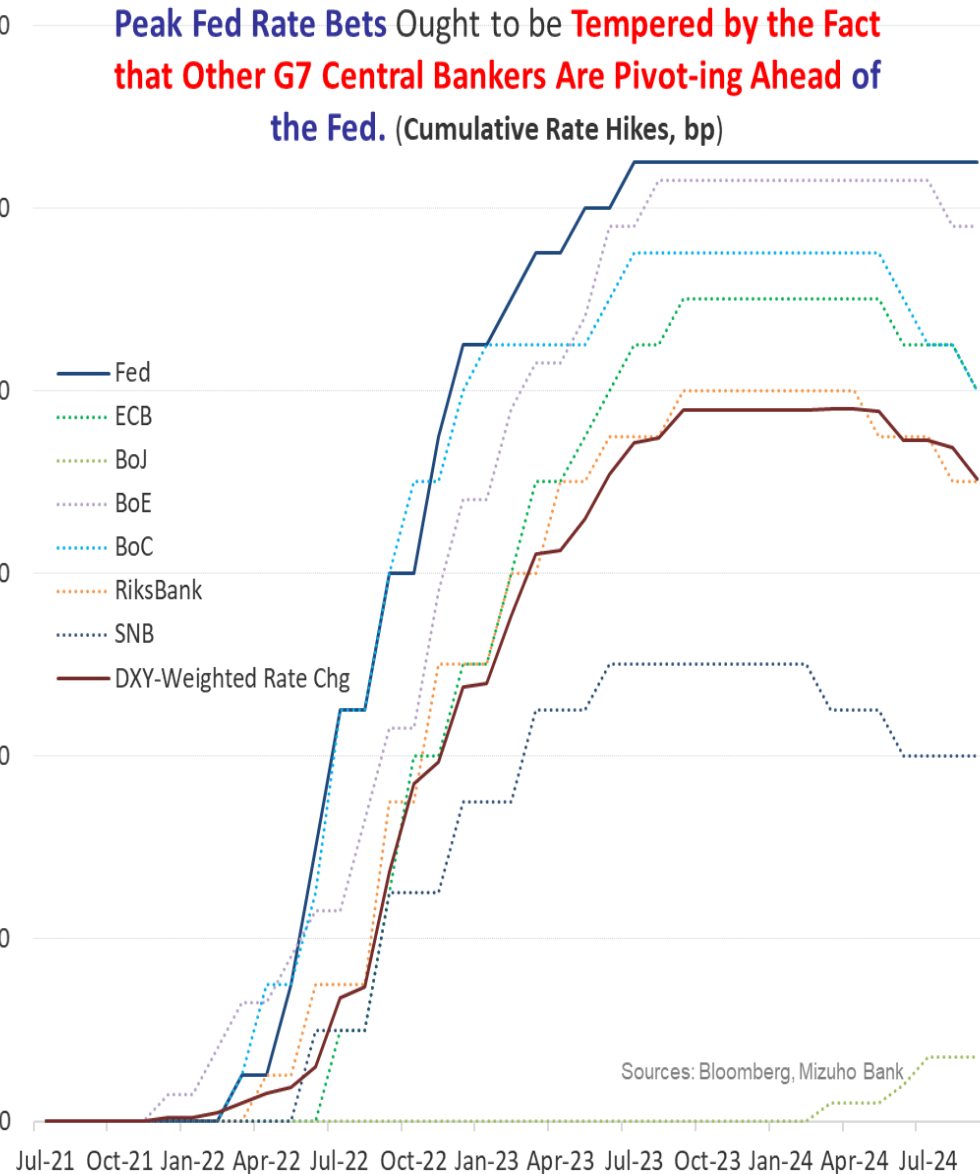
USD Performance (Cumulative % Chg*) From the Start of Hike Cycle: **USD Strength into the Current Tightening is Exceptional.** Notably, **USD Strength in the 1996-98 Cycle Persisted into Rate Cuts**, despite Moderating.



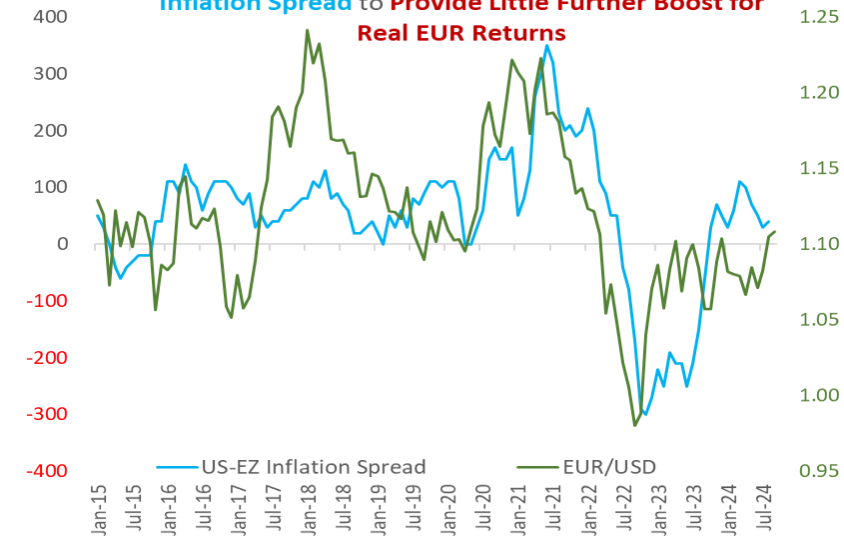
- Arguably, the most **profound challenge to AXJ reversion** (recovering to pre-Fed hike levels) is **persistent, defiant USD strength** in the context of Fed pivot, which is typically consistent with more pronounced USD pullback.
- This **anomalous USD strength so late into the Fed tightening cycle is not merely a cyclical blip but a structural feature of with uncharacteristic USD resilience into Fed easing ahead**; whereby USD may soften (from elevated levels), **but not fully surrender rate hike gains** as relative US exceptionalism and geo-politics conspire.
- **Admittedly, USD peaked** (in October 2022), **ahead of peak Fed rate** (reached in July 2023), consistent with the idea of USD front-running the Fed.
- And to be sure, a **mellower USD as the Fed settles into rate cuts into 2025 is our base case.**
- **Nonetheless, further USD declines anticipating, or coinciding with Fed cuts, may fall significantly short of expectations** pegged to most previous cycles.
- In which case, **commencement of Fed rate cuts alone is not sufficient to fully restore AXJ to pre-2022 levels** given USD dominance be slow to fade.

3b: Relative Rate Strength Understate “Competitive Pivot” Inclination Shifts

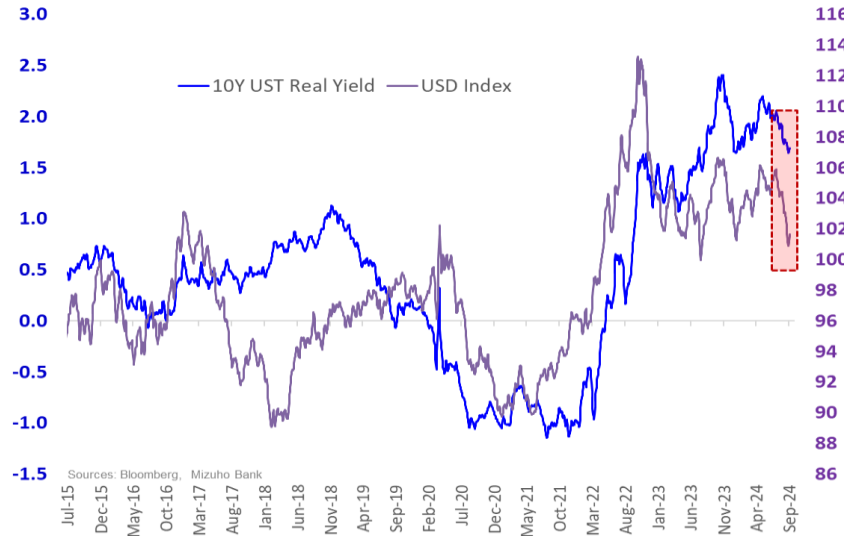
Peak Fed Rate Bets Ought to be **Tempered by the Fact that Other G7 Central Bankers Are Pivot-ing Ahead of the Fed.** (Cumulative Rate Hikes, bp)



US-EZ Inflation Spread (bp): Normalization of US-EZ Inflation Spread to Provide Little Further Boost for Real EUR Returns

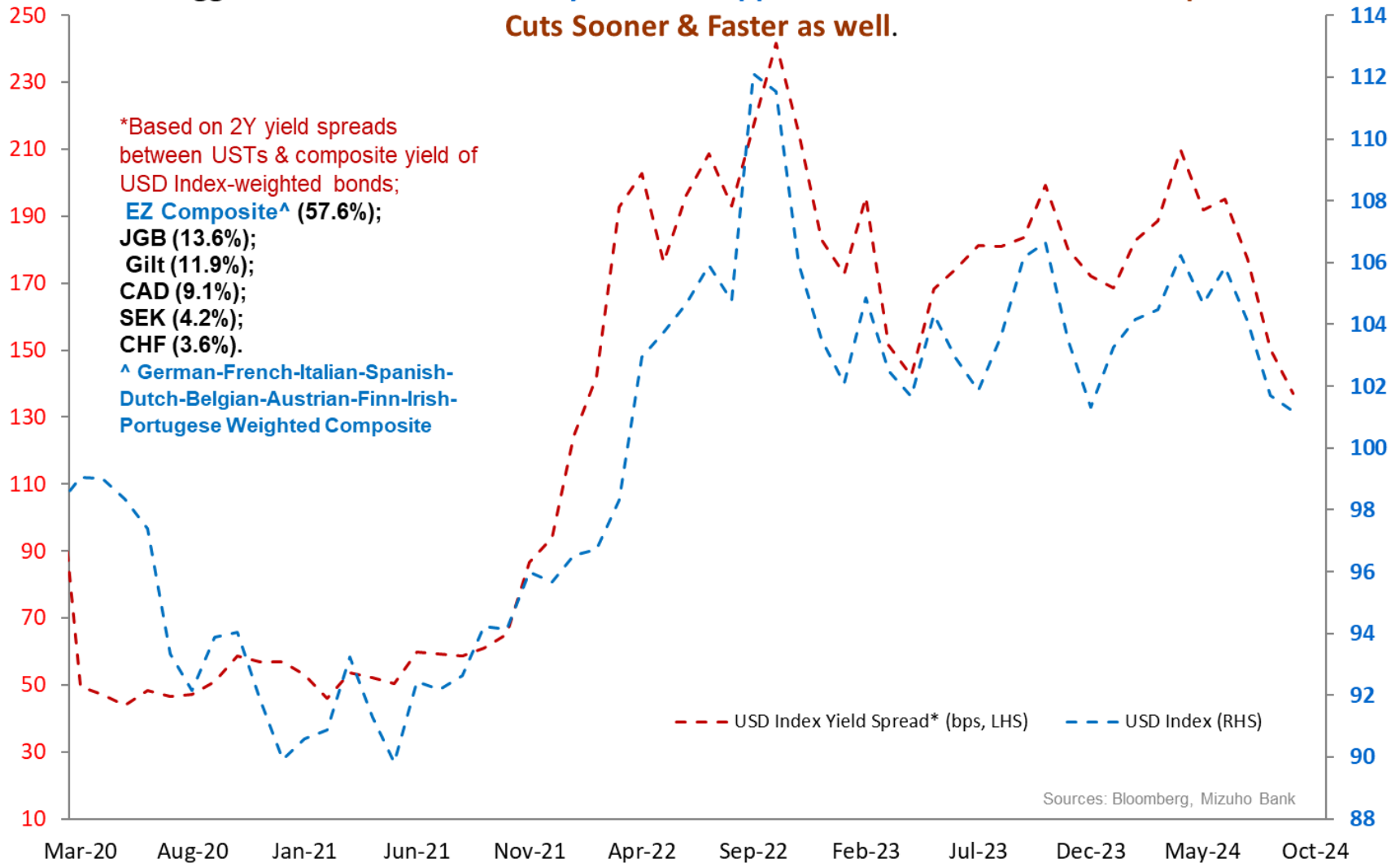


Even with a Dovish Fed, Real UST Yields Are Likely to be have Sympathy for USD Backstops. For now, USD Appears to have Front-Run Dovish Bets.



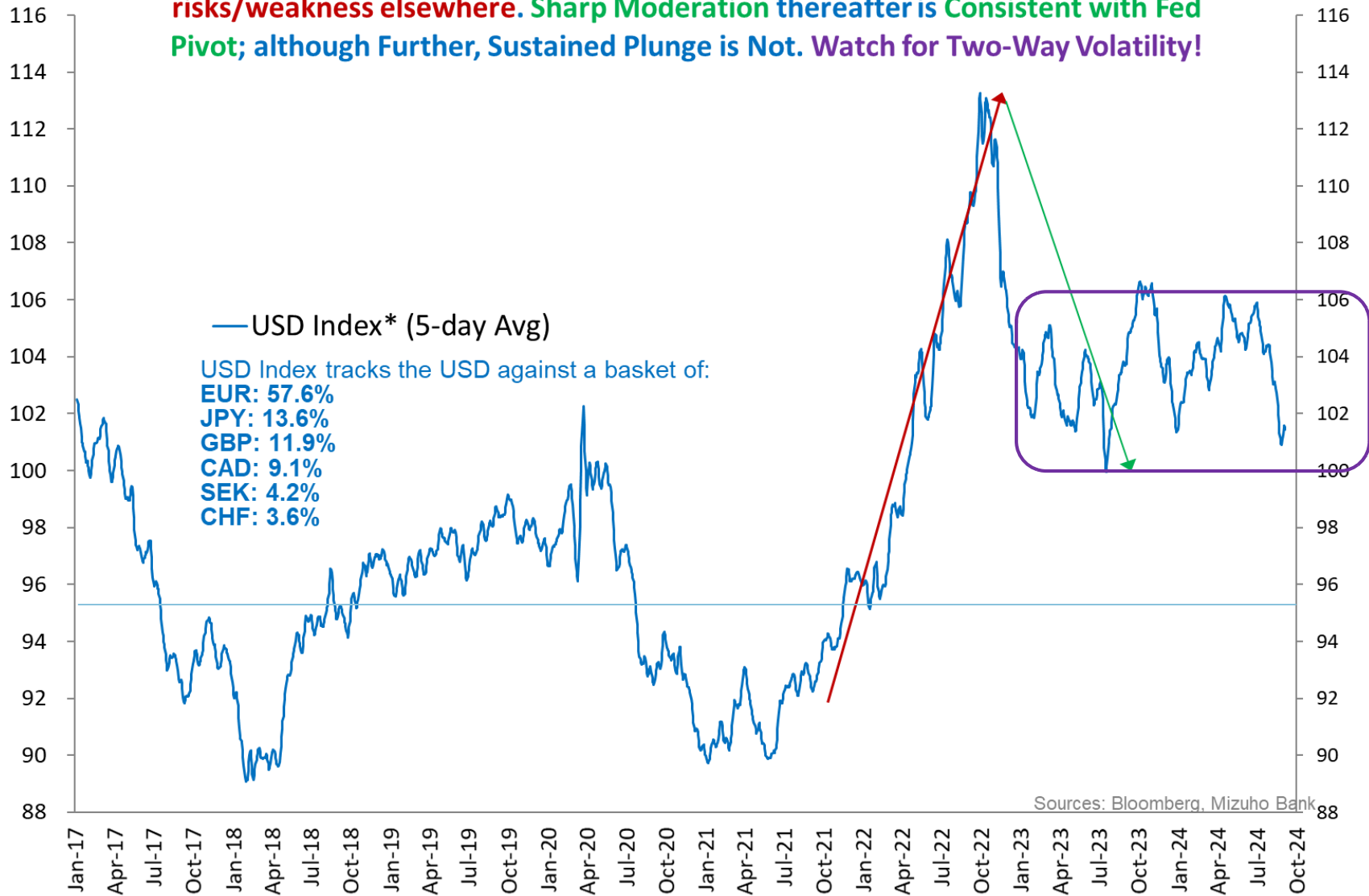
3b: Yield Spreads Better Capture Scope for Backstop .. That Shows Up as USD Resiliency

Fed & USD: 2Y UST yield spreads (vs. a composite of Yields based on the USD Index)
suggest that USD Declines May be Backstopped if other G7 Central Banks Tip to
Cuts Sooner & Faster as well.



3c: Peak USD is Not the Same as a Bearish USD

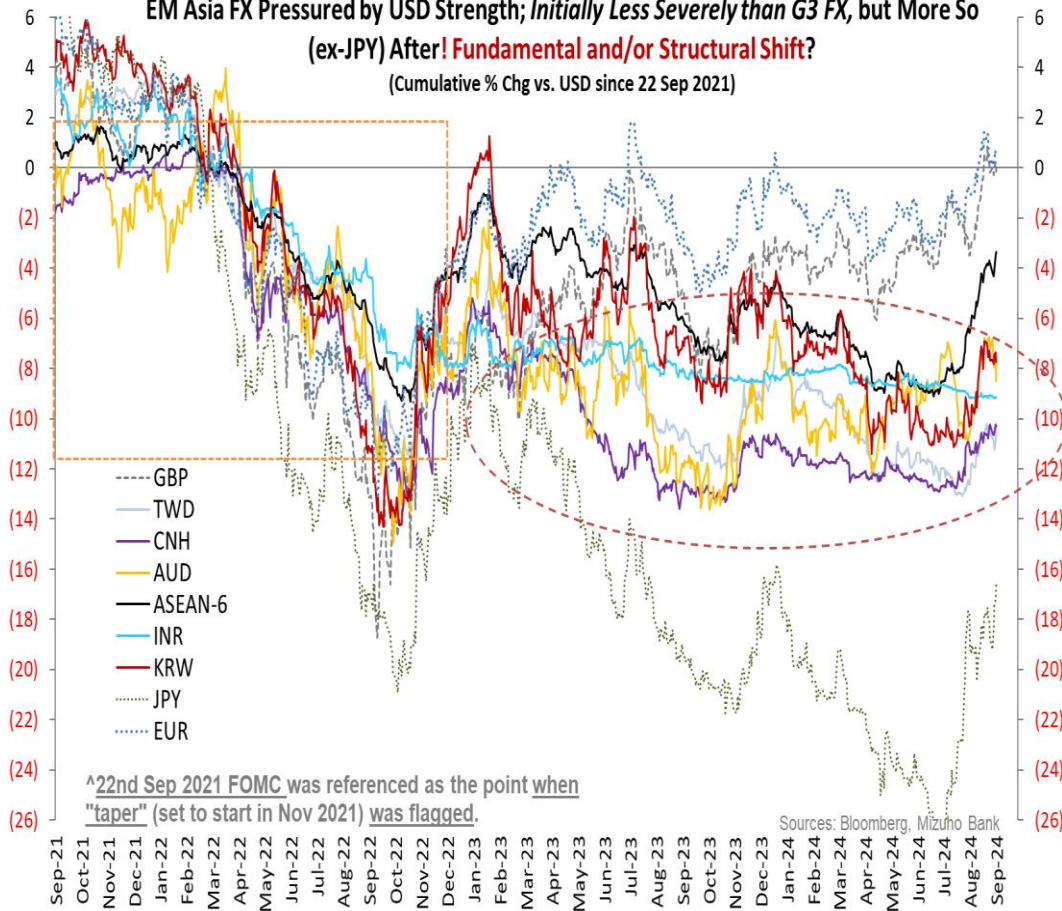
USD Index hit 20-year highs in Oct 2022, Agitated by Fed Hawks and Incited by risks/weakness elsewhere. Sharp Moderation thereafter is Consistent with Fed Pivot; although Further, Sustained Plunge is Not. Watch for Two-Way Volatility!



4a. Relative AXJ Under-performance is Worth Analyzing ... Notable Hysteresis Risks

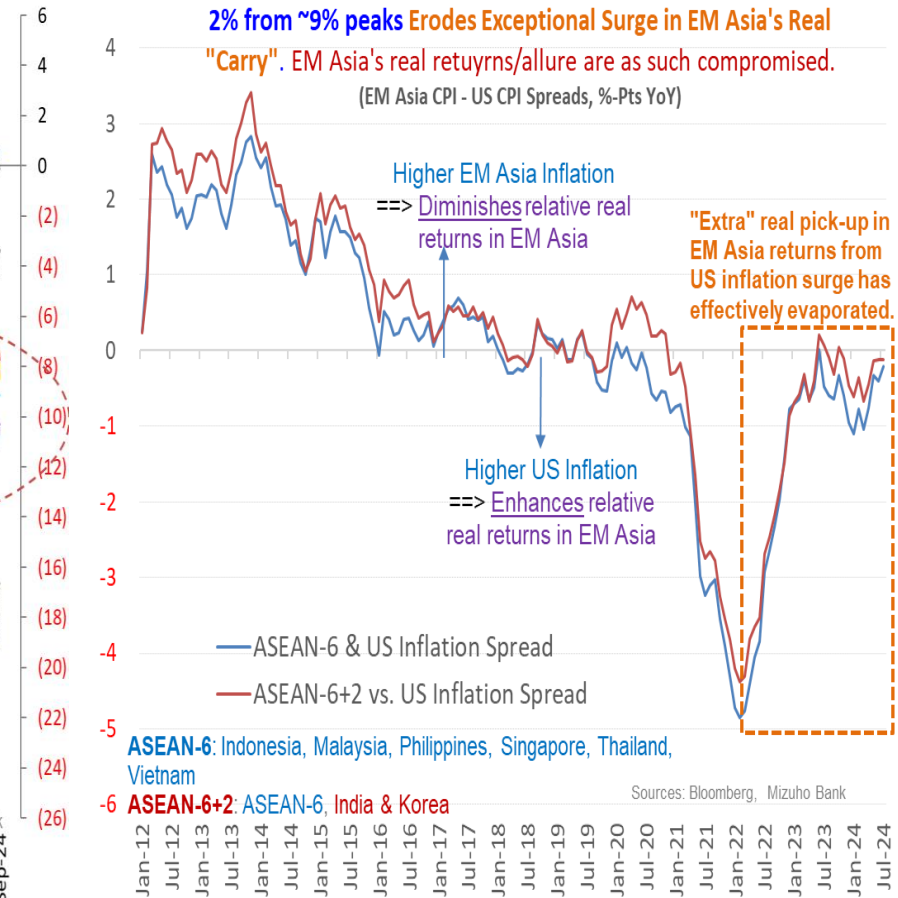
Sweeping, even if Moderated, USD Strength Since Fed's Normalization:

EM Asia FX Pressured by USD Strength; Initially Less Severely than G3 FX, but More So (ex-JPY) After! Fundamental and/or Structural Shift?
(Cumulative % Chg vs. USD since 22 Sep 2021)



Inflation Spreads (vs. US): Reversion of US inflation back towards

2% from ~9% peaks Erodes Exceptional Surge in EM Asia's Real "Carry". EM Asia's real returns/allure are as such compromised.
(EM Asia CPI - US CPI Spreads, %-Pts YoY)



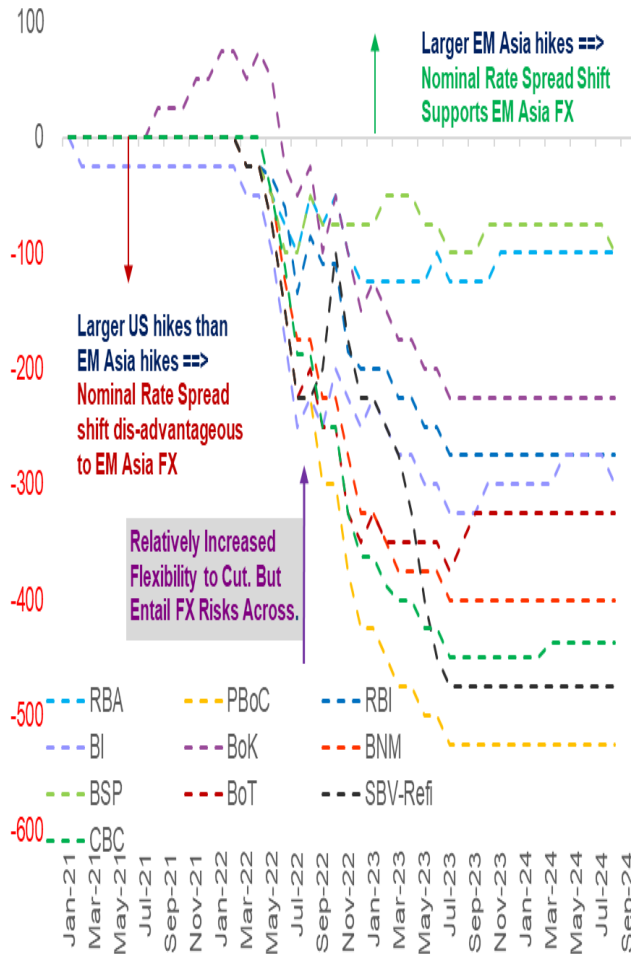
- Received wisdom is that a Fed pivot* is associated with (often anticipatory) USD decline.
- The result is a "pivot USD" primed for a broad-based slide as policy sands begin to shift from tightening to easing.
- And the *assumption of attendant AXJ reversion (to pre-Fed tightening strength) is arguably embedded in this "pivot USD" thesis*. In other words, Asia FX recouping losses over the Fed's tightening cycle (coinciding with reversal of USD gains).

- *But this time, a Fed pivot is no guarantee that AXJ will revert to pre-Fed tightening strength.*
- Instead, AXJ reversion is liable to be **dampened**, **delayed** and **differentiated**. And under certain circumstances possibly even denied for specific Asia FX.
- This owing to a conspiracy of *anomalous USD-Fed cycle dynamics*, accentuated by *unusual policy shifts*, *geo-political disruptions* and *specific CNY risks* compounding *structural cracks*.

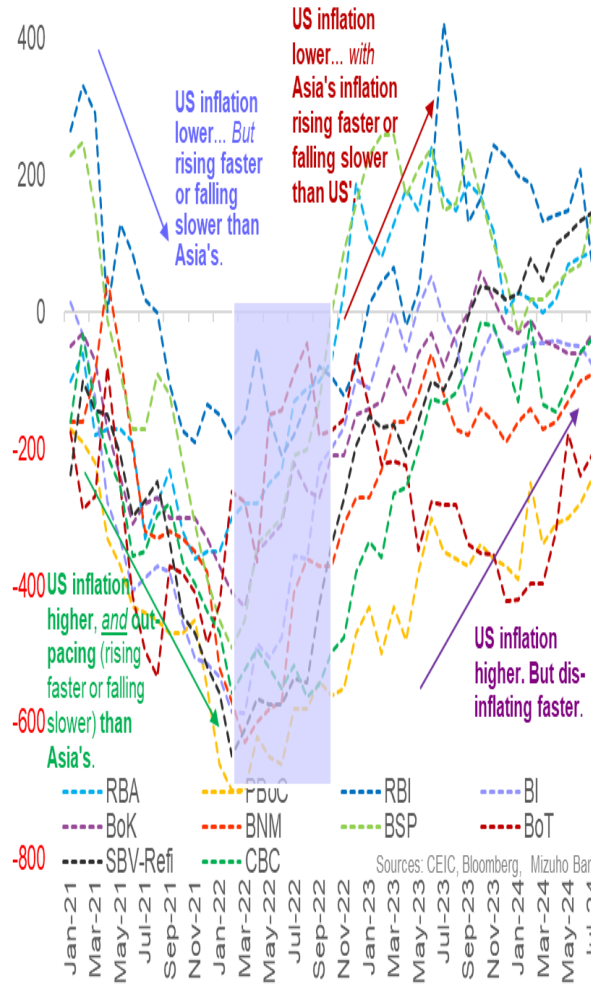
*The reference to Fed policy inflection from tightening/rate hikes to loosening/rate cuts.

4a. Relative Real Yield Advantage Against US is Overstated

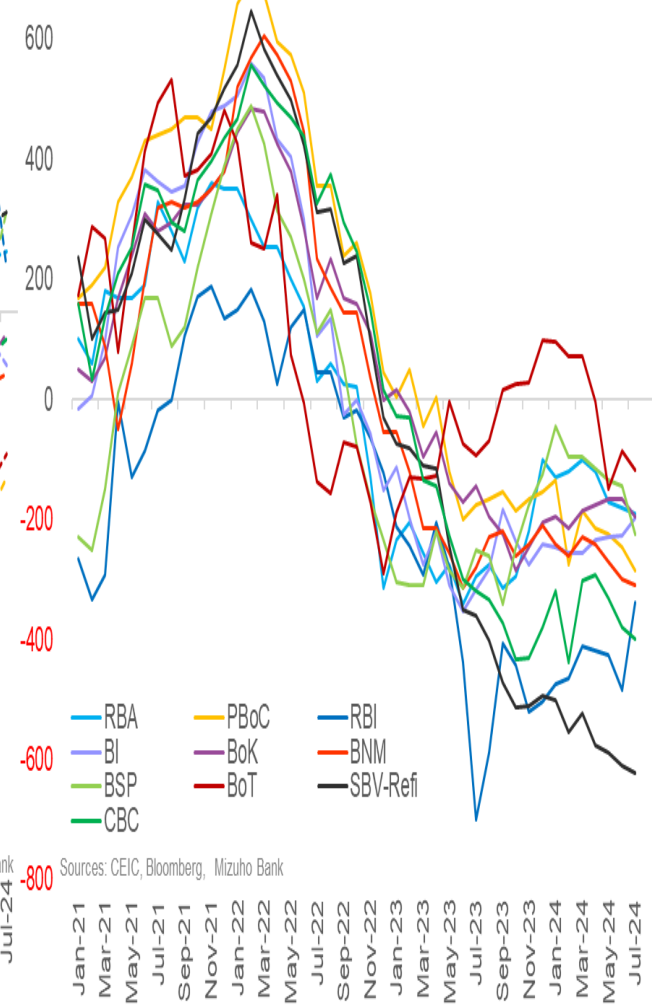
Change in Nominal Policy Rate Spread (vs. Fed; since end-2020; bp): **Nominal Rate Spread Shifts are Negative as Fed Out-Hawked. EM Asia Central Bankers Have Varying Scope to Start Cuts.**



Inflation Spread (vs. US; bp): Since "Infection" since mid-2022, US dis-inflation has out-paced EM Asia's dis-inflation.



Real Rate Spread (vs. Fed; bp): Persistently Negative Real Rate Spreads Demand Interim Restraint on Rate Cuts amid FX Volatility Risks.

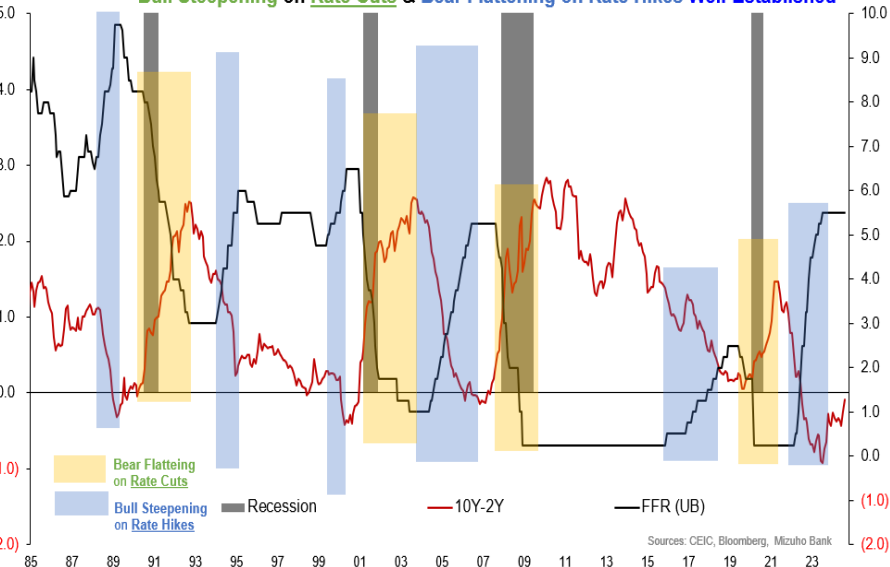


4a. Steeper UST Curve an Additional Interim Risk

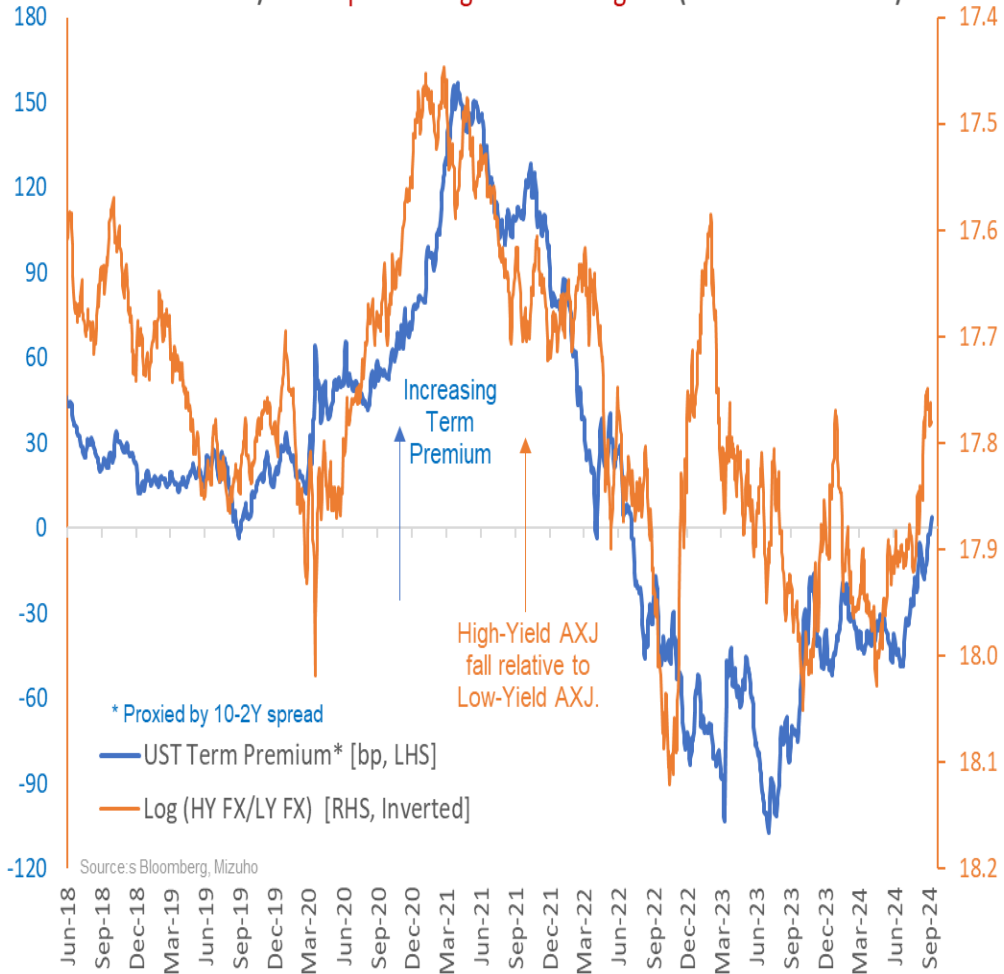
Modelled 10Y UST Term Premia (bp): A Sustained & Structural Pick-up in Term Premium Expected ... Regardless of US Election Outcome.



Bull Steepening on Rate Cuts & Bear Flattening on Rate Hikes Well-Established



Rising UST Term Premium is Consistent with High-Yielding AXJ (INR-IDR-PHP-AUD) Under-performing Low-Yielding AXJ (KRW-TWD-THB-MYR)



4b. Relative AXJ Under-performance: Specific Structural Factors

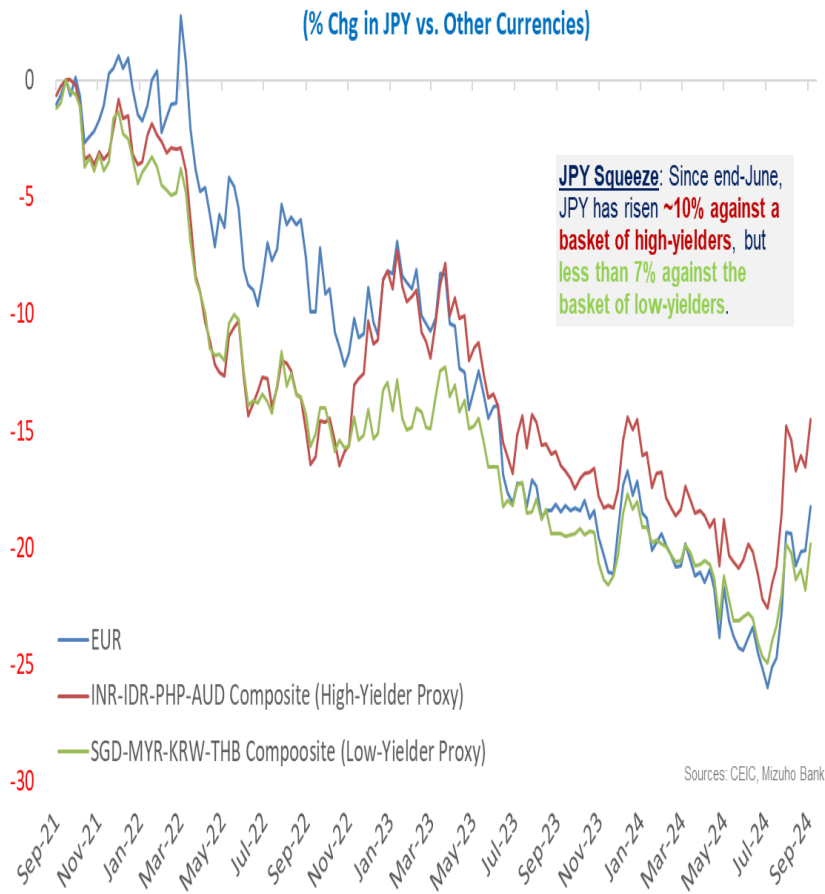
- Finally **structural and (economy-)specific deterioration affecting various AXJ currencies**, to varying degrees, could also **impair pre-Fed hike reversion of AXJ**.
- Some key, but non-exhaustive factors include *property-financial sector stress* (VND) to *political tensions* (VND, THB, KRW) to *accentuated geo-political threats* (TWD, PHP) to as follow.
- And *FX reserves* is notably asymmetric insurance, whereby *inadequacy* imposes a risk premium associated with structurally weaker currencies (e.g. VND) but on other hand, a notable build-up in FX reserves (e.g. INR) is no guarantee of currency boost/recovery
- In fact, *structural reforms* to boost manufacturing under “Make in India” is partly premised on a more competitive rupee, which underpins the case for rupee not reclaiming all of Fed hike losses.
- In any case, with the exception of SGD, which was boosted by an unprecedented magnitude of S\$NEER appreciation (allowing it to keep pace with the USD), **reversion to pre-Fed rate hike levels in AXJ would require substantial AXJ appreciation**.
- Which is a **high bar in the current risk climate**; amid heightened geo-political threats, fragile economic recovery and overarching China/CNH risks.

	DXY	CNH	CNY	KRW	TWD	SGD	THB	MYR	IDR	INR	VND	AUD	PHP
Sep '21 FOMC (Taper Flagged)	93.3	6.47	6.47	1,176	27.7	1.35	33.4	4.18	14,241	73.6	22,770	0.726	50.3
Mar '22 FOMC (Since First Hike)	98.7	6.36	6.35	1,220	28.4	1.36	33.3	4.20	14,321	76.2	22,862	0.735	52.3
Average of Taper Flag & First Hike	96.0	6.41	6.41	1,198	28.0	1.36	33.3	4.19	14,281	74.9	22,816	0.731	51.3
Latest (August Avg)	102.4	7.16	7.16	1,354	32.3	1.32	34.9	4.43	15,812	83.9	25,074	0.663	57.2
% Appreciation for "Reversion"*	-6.3%	11.6%	11.7%	13.0%	15.3%	-2.8%	4.6%	5.9%	10.7%	12.0%	9.9%	10.2%	11.4%

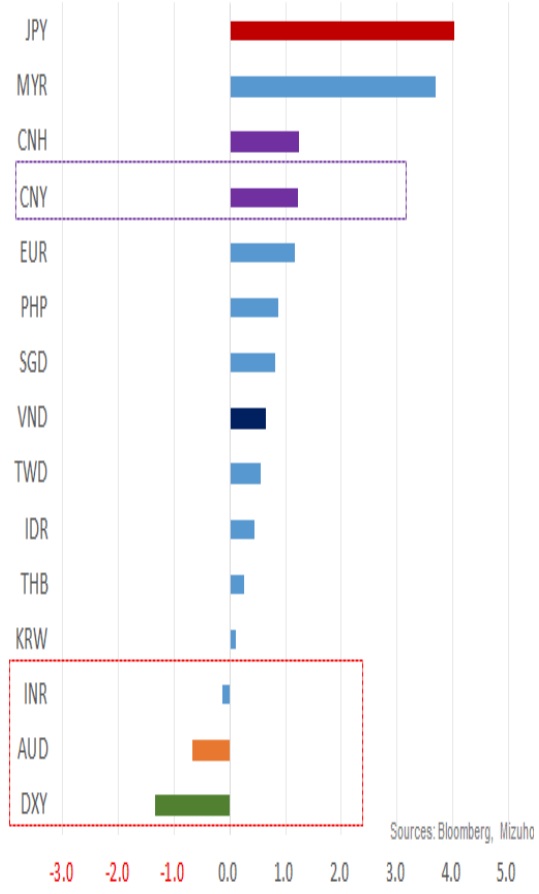
* reversion to average of Sep'21 & Mar'22 Levels

4c. JPY Squeeze & Consequent Carry Unwind is a Lingering Risk for AXJ

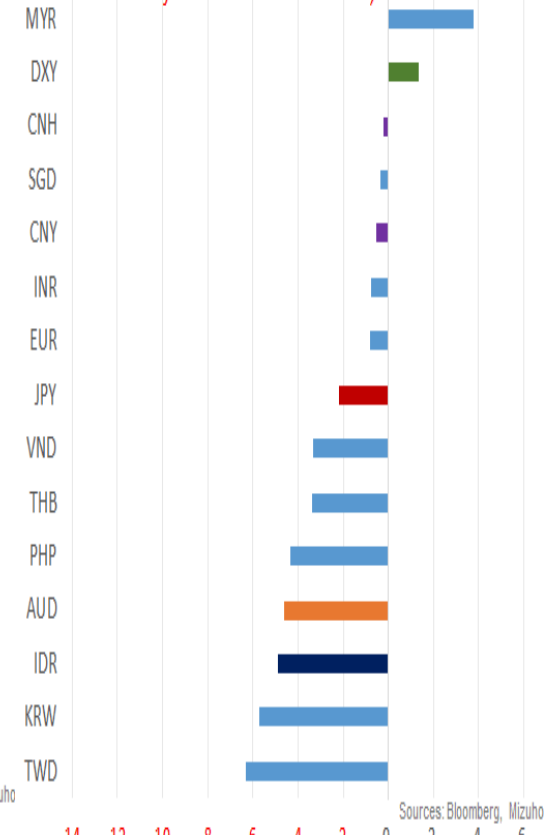
JPY/Cross (since Fed Tightening Signal in Sep 2021): Sharp JPY Squeeze since July from **Multi-Decade (30Y-40Y) Lows Exposed Aspects of "Carry Unwind" Risk-Off. High-Yielders More Vulnerable on Risk Retrenchment.**
 (% Chg in JPY vs. Other Currencies)



BoJ-US Jobs Trigger (End July to 5th Aug): EM Asia FX moves Mostly **Playing off Weaker USD** and **CNH Buoyancy**. But **JPY Carry Unwind a Latent Risk**.

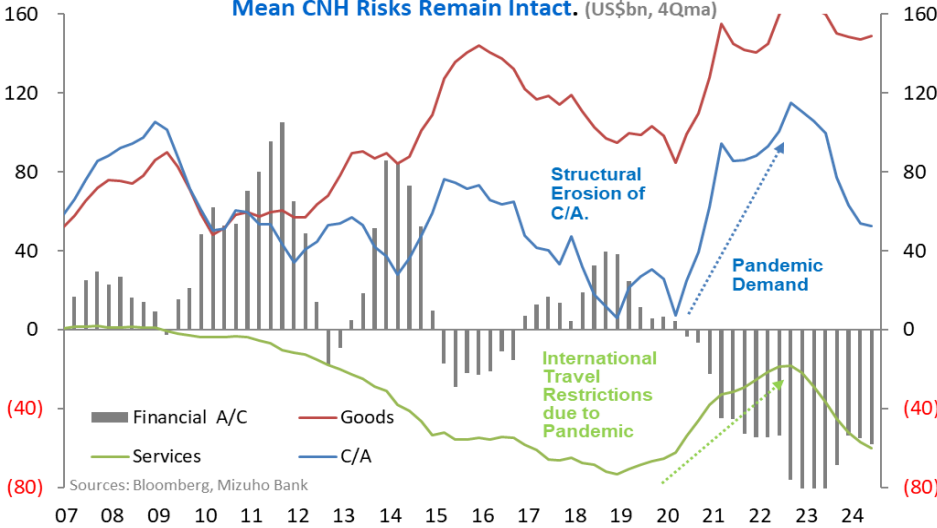


YTD (End-2023 to 5th Aug): But **EM Asia FX Remain Compromised More Broadly**. And **AXJ Pressures Can Re-emerge if JPY Squeeze, which has Reclaimed >80% of its Losses at at mid-2024, Mounts.**

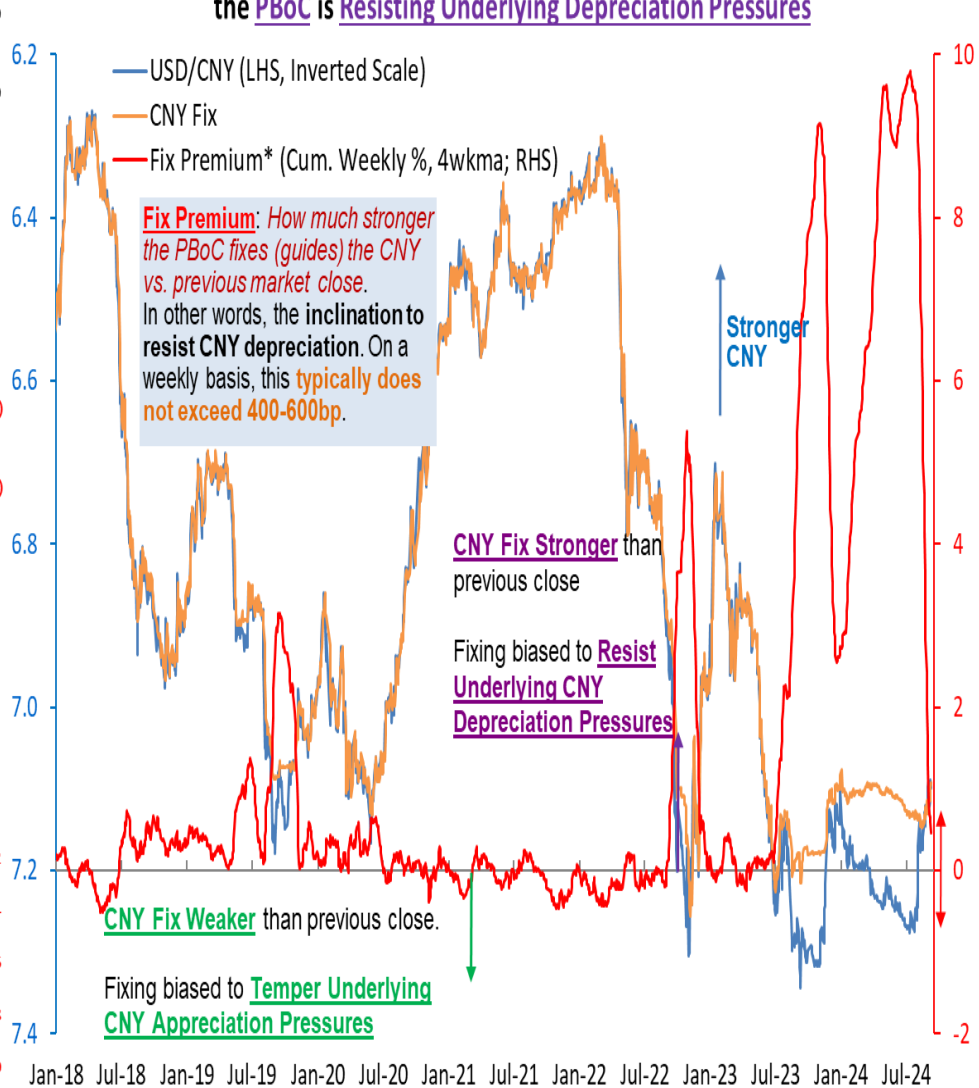


5a. CNH Depreciation Pressures though the Biggest Threat to AXJ

China: Goods Surplus Surge from Pandemic Demand & Diminished Net Tourism Outflows Are Fading Quickly; & Capital Outflows Mean CNH Risks Remain Intact. (US\$bn, 4Qma)



CNY Fixing has at a sharp premium to previous close, suggesting that the PBoC is Resisting Underlying Depreciation Pressures



AXJC: Asia FX ex- JPY & CNY

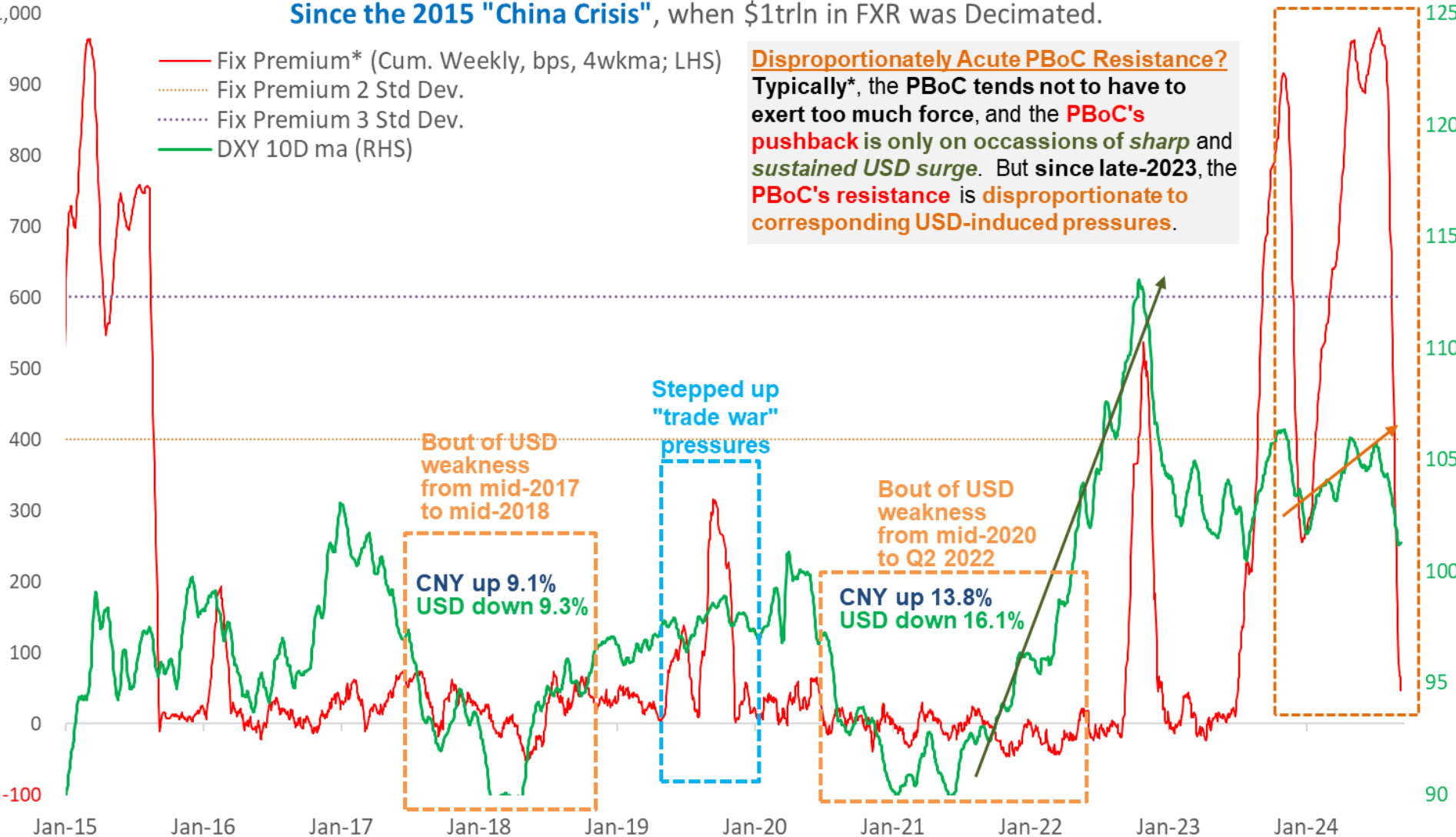
AXJC-CN correlation (blue bars), AXJC/CNH (orange line)

Upshot: **Overwhelmingly Positive CNH-AXJC Correlations Remain Intact.** And so, the **Greater Risks for EM Asia FX** is From **Sudden & Sharp CNH Weakness Dragging AXJC.**

Sources: Bloomberg, Mizuho Bank

5b. China Factor: Disproportionate Pressures a Reflection of China-specific Risk (Spill-over)

Implied PBoC Resistance of Underlying CNY Depreciation Pressures is; i) **Exceptionally Acute (>3 S.D.)**; ii) **Disproportionate to Corresponding Broad- USD Pressures**, and; iii) **Most Intense Since the 2015 "China Crisis"**, when \$1trln in FXR was Decimated.



Disproportionately Acute PBoC Resistance?
 Typically*, the PBoC tends not to have to exert too much force, and the PBoC's pushback is only on occasions of sharp and sustained USD surge. But since late-2023, the PBoC's resistance is disproportionate to corresponding USD-induced pressures.

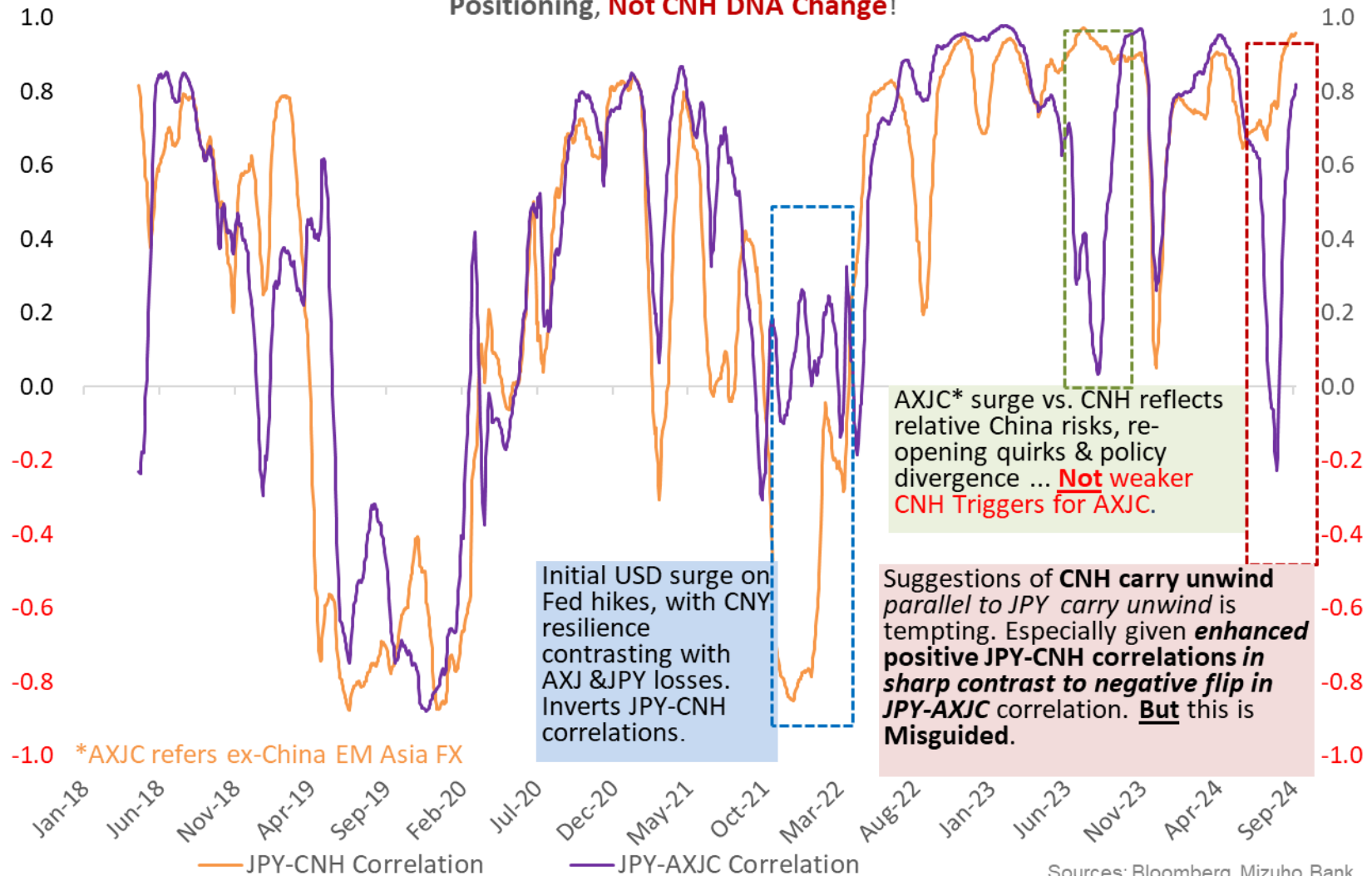
- Fix Premium* (Cum. Weekly, bps, 4wkma; LHS)
- - - - - Fix Premium 2 Std Dev.
- Fix Premium 3 Std Dev.
- DXY 10D ma (RHS)

5c. CNY “Carry” Unwind is a Far Cry from JPY “Carry”

Comparing JPY Correlations (vs. CNH & AXJC*): CNH Tends to Track AXJC vs. JPY.

Current Exception (Positive JPY-CN vs. Negative JPY-AXJC) is a **Quirk of Risk**

Positioning, Not CNH DNA Change!

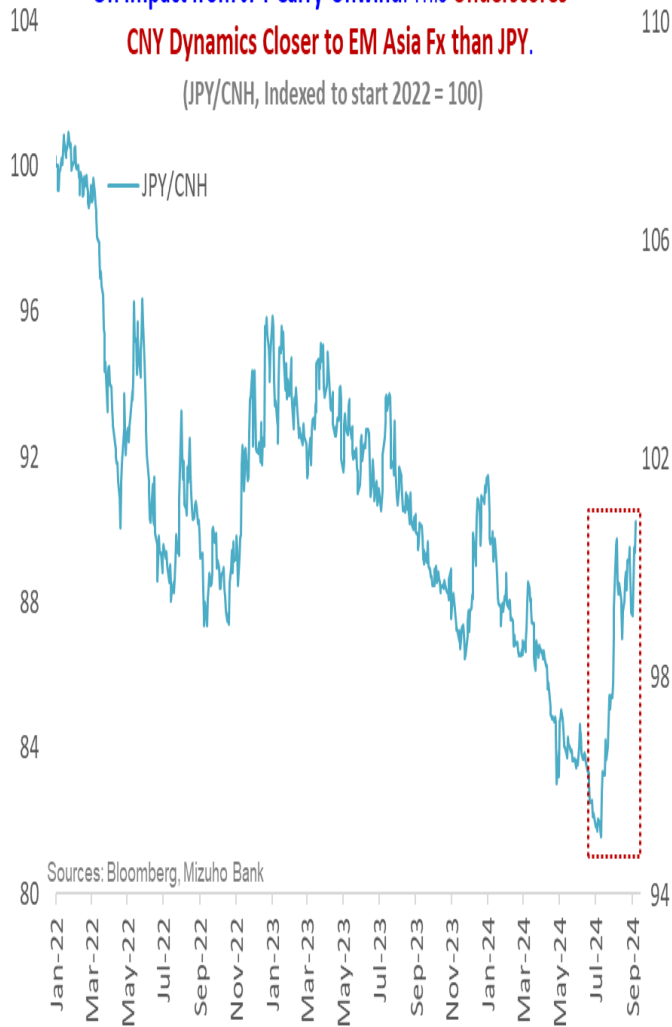


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5c. Mixed CNH Outcomes Speak to Different DNA ... CNH Drag is Still the Bigger Risk

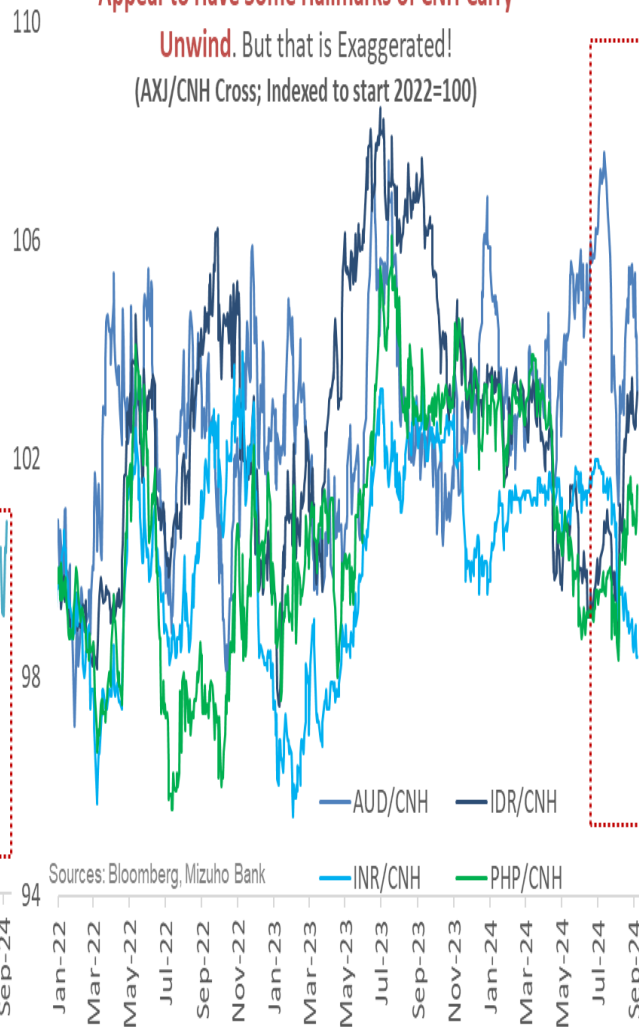
For one, **Sheer Strength of JPY/CNH Squeeze** Suggests **CNH is Not Immune From Adverse "Risk Off" Knock-On Impact from JPY Carry Unwind**. This **Underscores CNY Dynamics Closer to EM Asia Fx than JPY**.

(JPY/CNH, Indexed to start 2022 = 100)



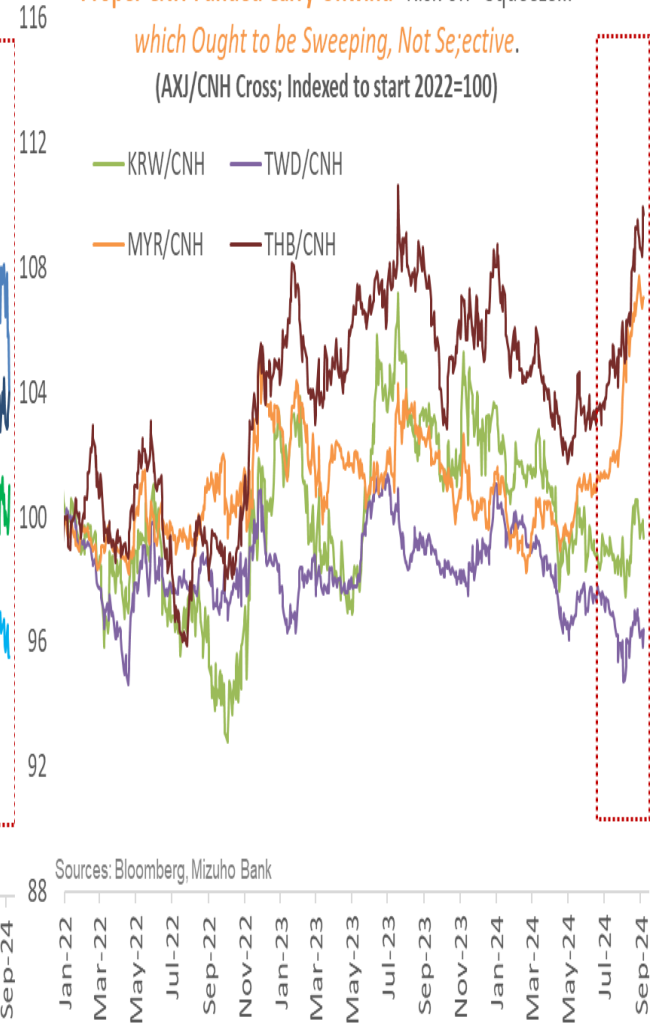
Relative Higher-Yielders vs. CNH: Admittedly, **High Yielders** (typically more prone to JPY carry Unwind) **Appear to Have Some Hallmarks of CNH Carry Unwind**. But that is Exaggerated!

(AXJ/CNH Cross; Indexed to start 2022=100)



Relative Low-Yielders vs. CNH: Notably, CNH performance **vs. Low-Yielders** Far More Mixed. **Rejects Proper CNH-Funded Carry Unwind "Risk off" Squeeze...** *which Ought to be Sweeping, Not Se;ective.*

(AXJ/CNH Cross; Indexed to start 2022=100)



FX: A Bumpy Path for AXJ amid Policy, Elections, Geo-Political & China Risks

FX Forecasts	Sep 24	Dec 24	Mar 25	Jun 25	Sep 25	Dec 25
USD/INR	81.5 - 86.6 (83.8)	80.2 - 87.5 (84.5)	78.4 - 84.9 (82.2)	78.0 - 83.7 (80.9)	78.1 - 83.3 (80.5)	78.5 - 83.3 (80.5)
USD/KRW	1220 - 1440 (1330)	1240 - 1410 (1340)	1220 - 1350 (1280)	1200 - 1350 (1250)	1190 - 1290 (1240)	1190 - 1290 (1240)
USD/SGD	1.277 - 1.340 (1.310)	1.293 - 1.373 (1.342)	1.299 - 1.368 (1.335)	1.294 - 1.353 (1.330)	1.300 - 1.365 (1.325)	1.286 - 1.358 (1.318)
USD/TWD	31.1 - 33.7 (32.1)	30.6 - 33.5 (32.5)	30.3 - 32.9 (31.3)	29.7 - 31.9 (30.6)	29.3 - 31.5 (30.2)	29.3 - 31.4 (30.2)
USD/IDR	15050 - 15990 (15680)	15830 - 17020 (16350)	15840 - 16960 (16200)	15800 - 16640 (16000)	15290 - 16600 (15800)	15000 - 16280 (15500)
USD/MYR	4.27 - 4.67 (4.45)	4.29 - 4.61 (4.52)	4.27 - 4.68 (4.46)	4.20 - 4.63 (4.38)	4.12 - 4.46 (4.32)	4.14 - 4.41 (4.28)
USD/PHP	54.3 - 59.1 (56.5)	55.8 - 59.3 (58.4)	55.0 - 59.5 (57.8)	55.0 - 59.4 (57.2)	54.1 - 59.0 (56.8)	54.6 - 57.7 (56.4)
USD/THB	33.2 - 35.9 (34.2)	33.6 - 36.7 (35.6)	34.0 - 37.2 (35.0)	33.8 - 36.2 (34.8)	33.3 - 35.6 (34.2)	32.6 - 34.8 (33.5)
USD/VND	24400 - 25300 (24900)	24700 - 25600 (25100)	24800 - 25300 (24900)	24600 - 25200 (24800)	24500 - 25100 (24700)	24400 - 25000 (24600)
AUD/USD	0.635 - 0.702 (0.673)	0.625 - 0.689 (0.652)	0.643 - 0.698 (0.673)	0.639 - 0.720 (0.686)	0.682 - 0.740 (0.708)	0.687 - 0.747 (0.715)

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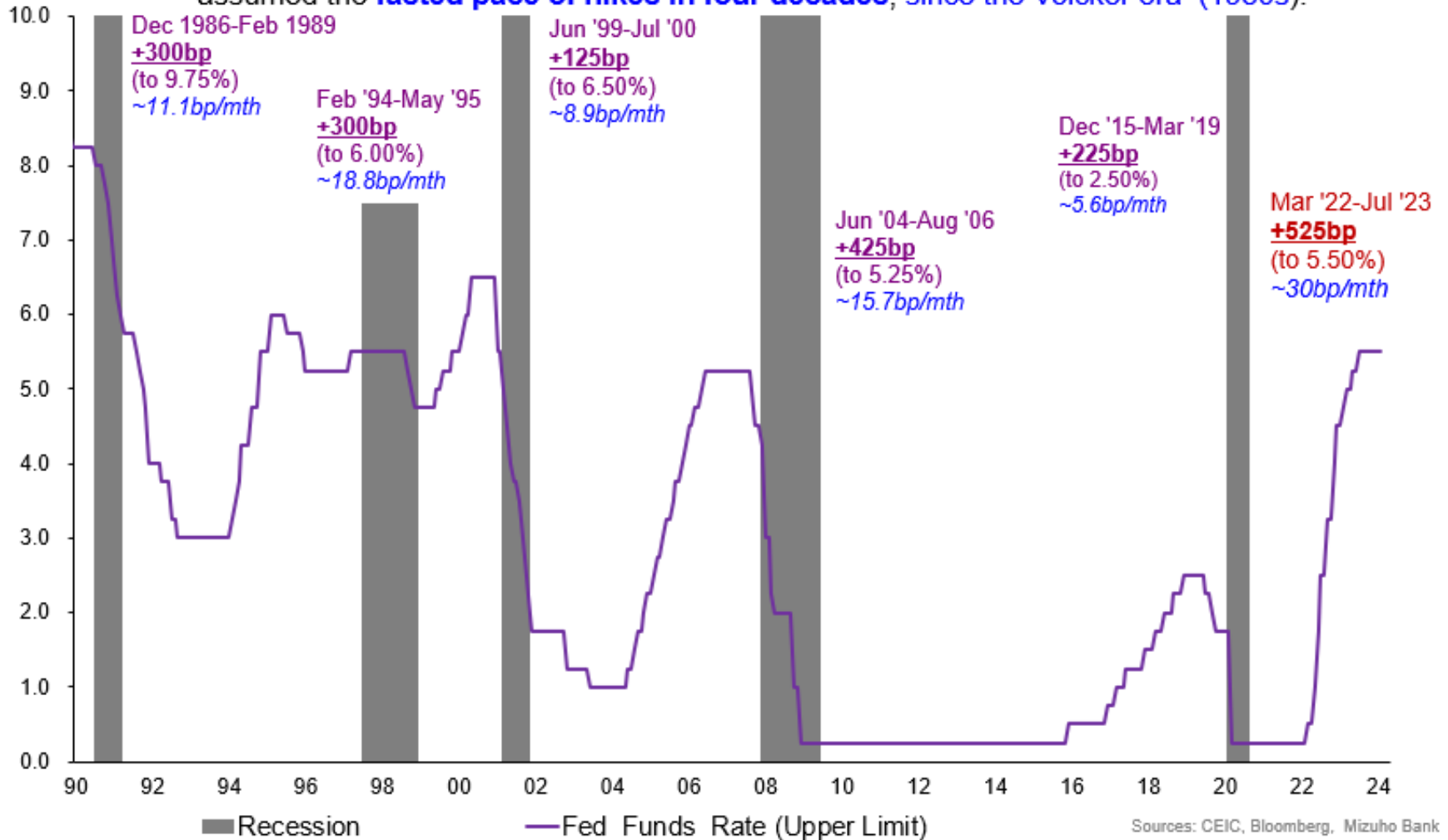
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Appendix - Historically, Aggressive Rate Hikes Have Seldom Been Without Economic Pain

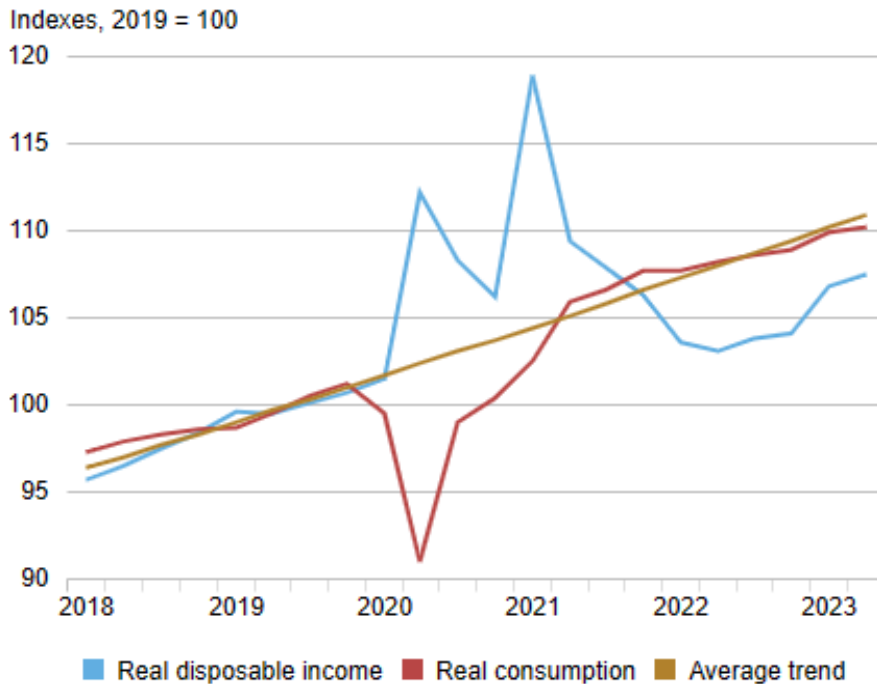
Fed Tightening Cycles & Global Recessions: Few Tightening Cycles by the Fed Have Resulted in "Goldilocks" Outcomes that **Avert a Recession**. And this time, the Fed has assumed the **fasted pace of hikes in four decades**; since the Volcker era (1980s).



Appendix - US (Consumer) Exceptionalism – Exuberance Exhausted?

U.S. Consumption Back to Trend but Income Lags

United States: Real Income and Consumption Indexes

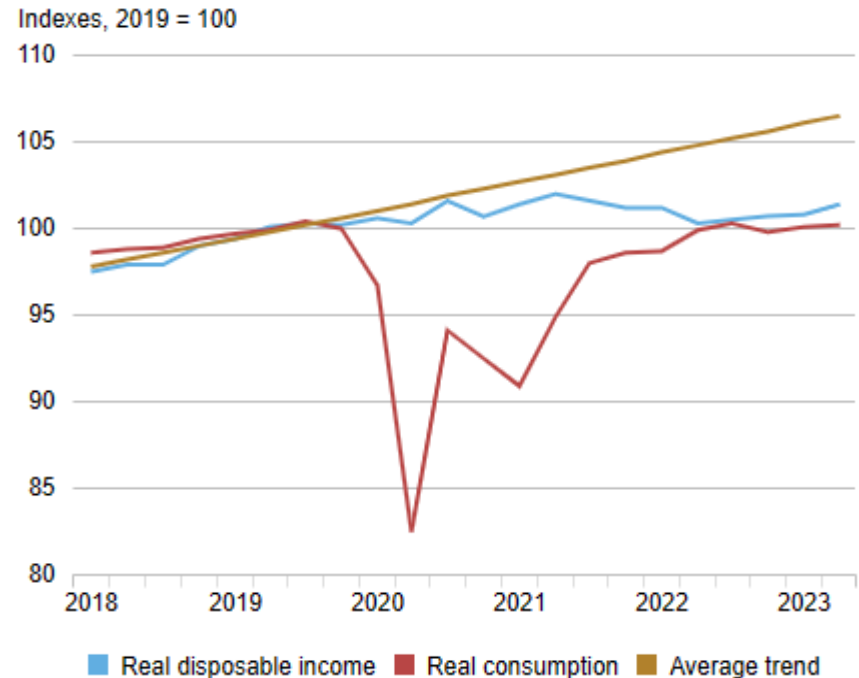


Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Integrated Macroeconomic Accounts; authors' calculations.

Note: The average trend for consumption and income is based on growth from the fourth quarter of 2014 to the fourth quarter of 2019.

Foreign Income and Consumption Tracking Below Trend

Foreign Economies: Real Income and Consumption Indexes

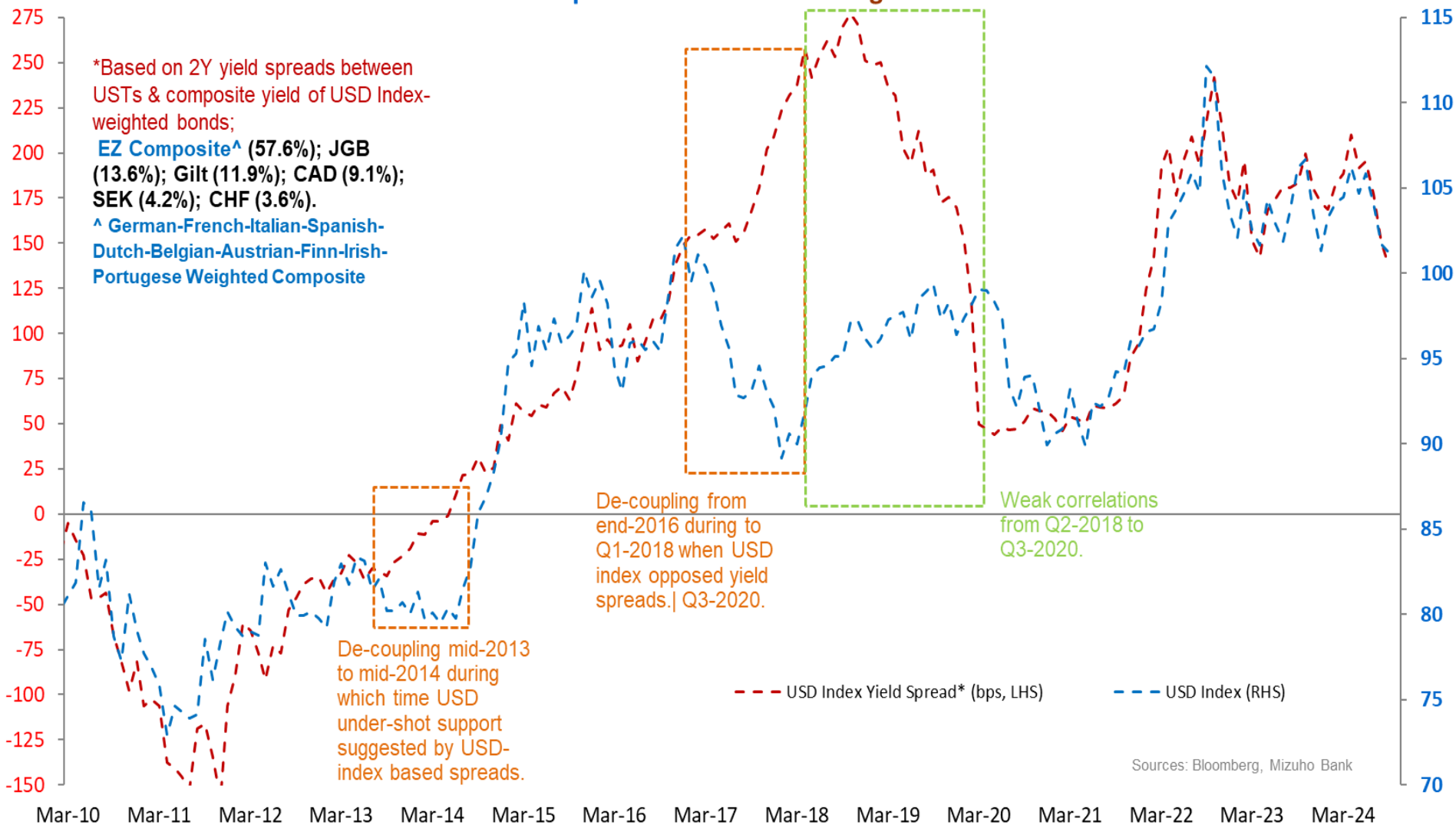


Sources: Eurostat; UK National Statistical Office; Japanese Cabinet Office; Statistics Canada; authors' calculations.

Notes: The foreign high-income series is a GDP-weighted average of the euro area, Japan, the United Kingdom, and Canada. Disposable income data for the second quarter of 2023 in Japan have not yet been released. Income for that quarter is extrapolated from the first quarter of 2023 at the average growth since the first quarter of 2022. Japan represents about 15 percent of the foreign index.

Appendix - USD-Spreads Caveat: Correlation Shifts & De-Coupling Cloud the Outlook!

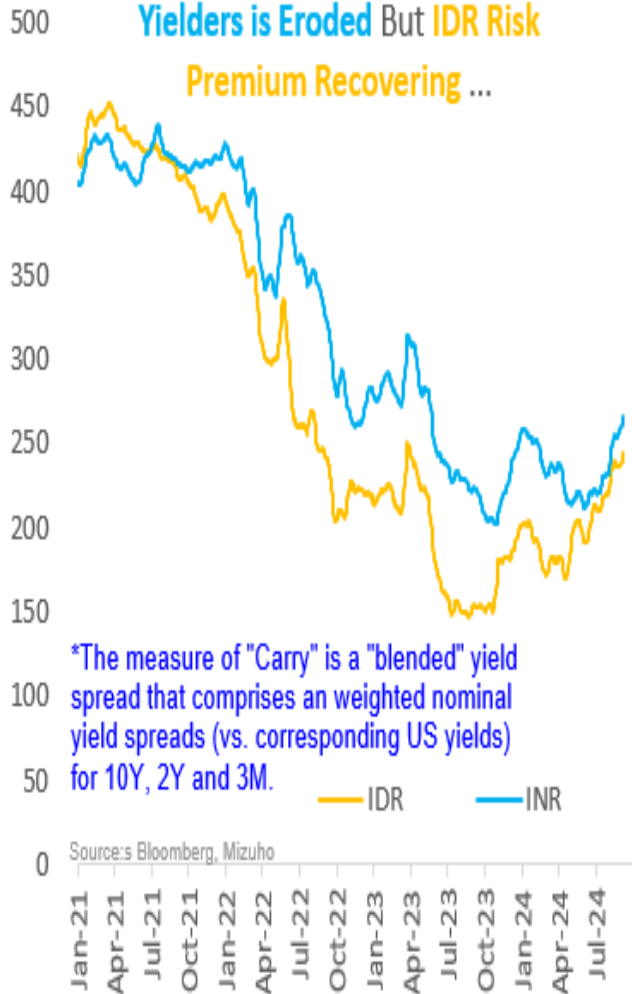
Fed & USD: 2Y UST yield spreads (vs. a composite of Yields based on the USD Index) **suggest that USD Declines Depend on ECB Out-Hawking the Fed.**



Appendix – Carry vs. USD Remains Unconvincing

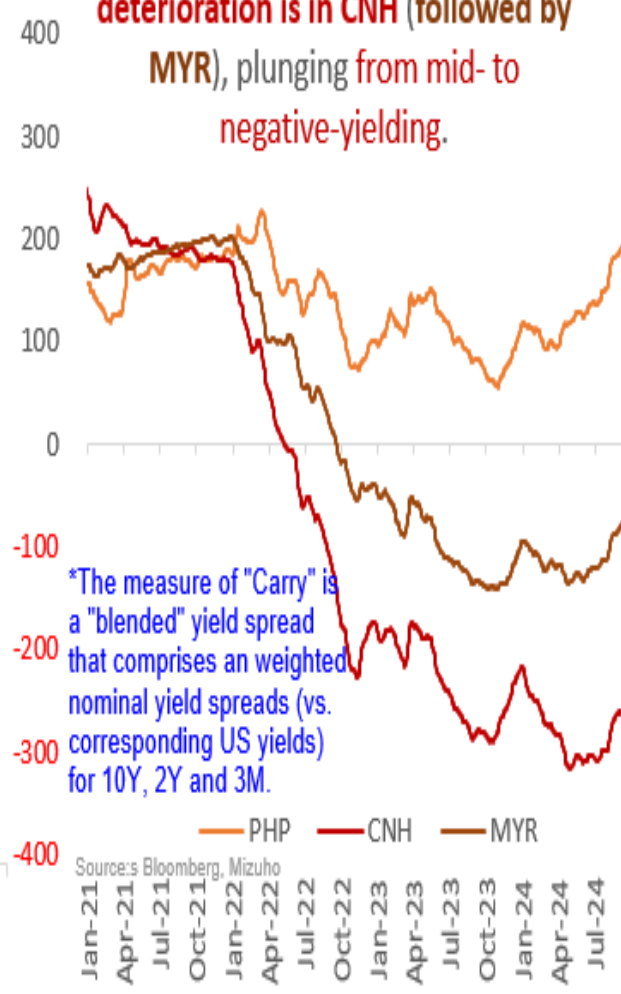
(USD-funded) Nominal "Carry"*

(Spreads, bp): **Absolute Carry for High-Yielders is Eroded** But **IDR Risk Premium Recovering ...**



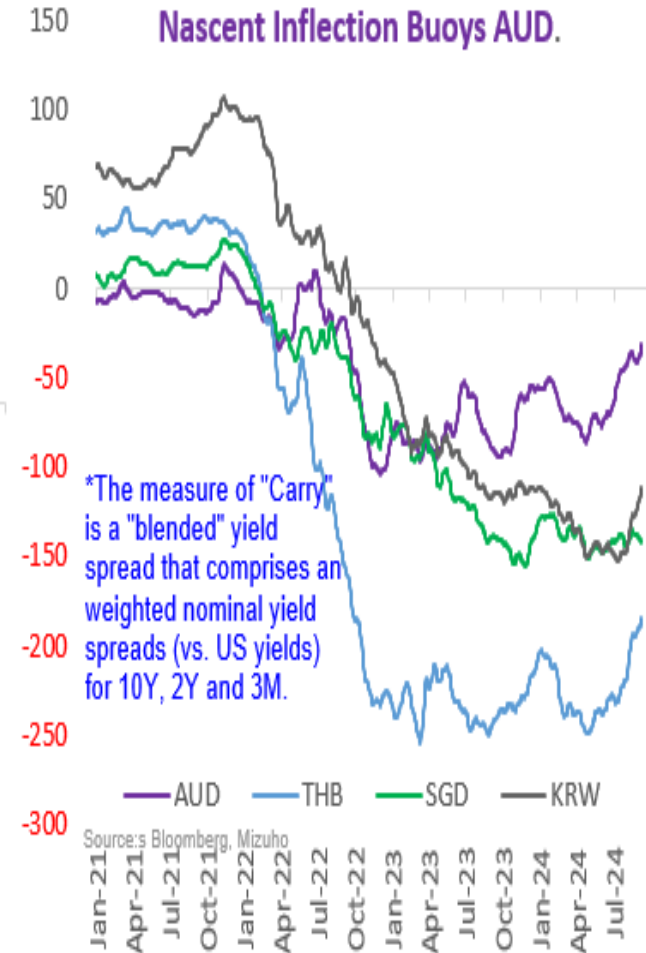
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(Spreads, bp): ... although the **worst deterioration is in CNH** (followed by **MYR**), plunging from mid- to **negative-yielding**.

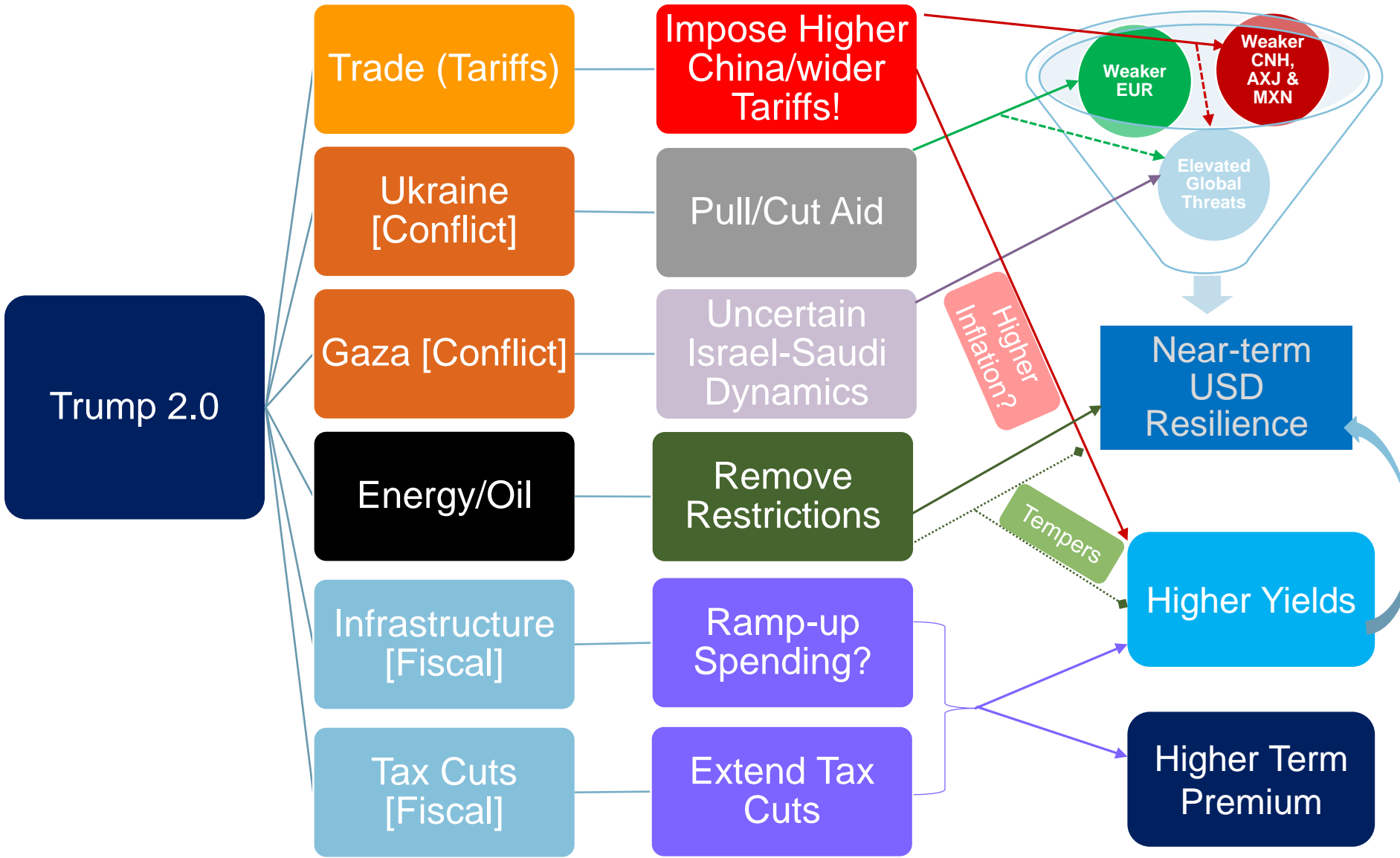


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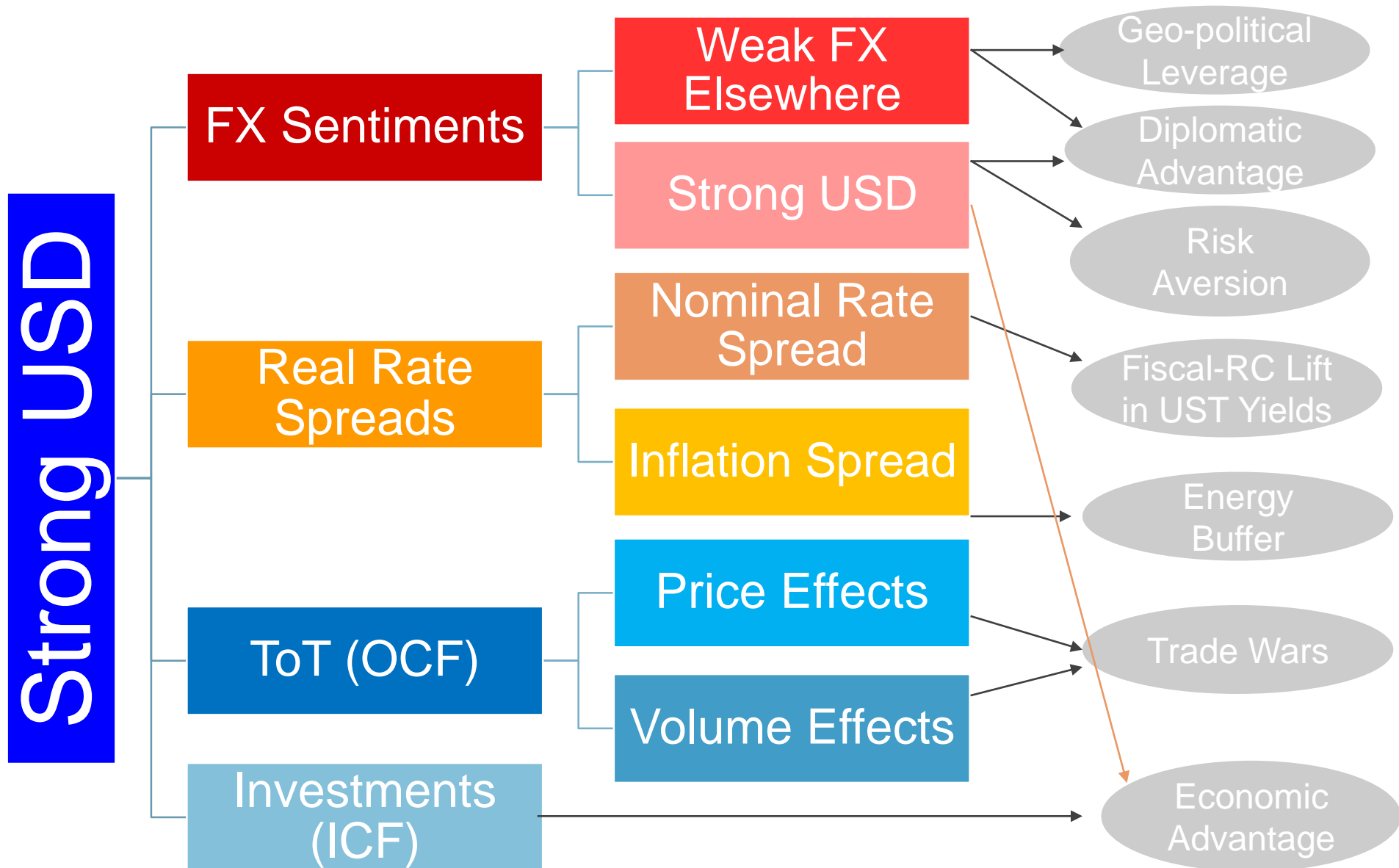
(Spreads, bp): Amongst Low-Yielders, **THB's Low "Carry" is Notable**; while **Nascent Inflection Buoy's AUD**.



Appendix - Politics: Trump 2.0 (US Elections): Bracing for Geo-economic Blows

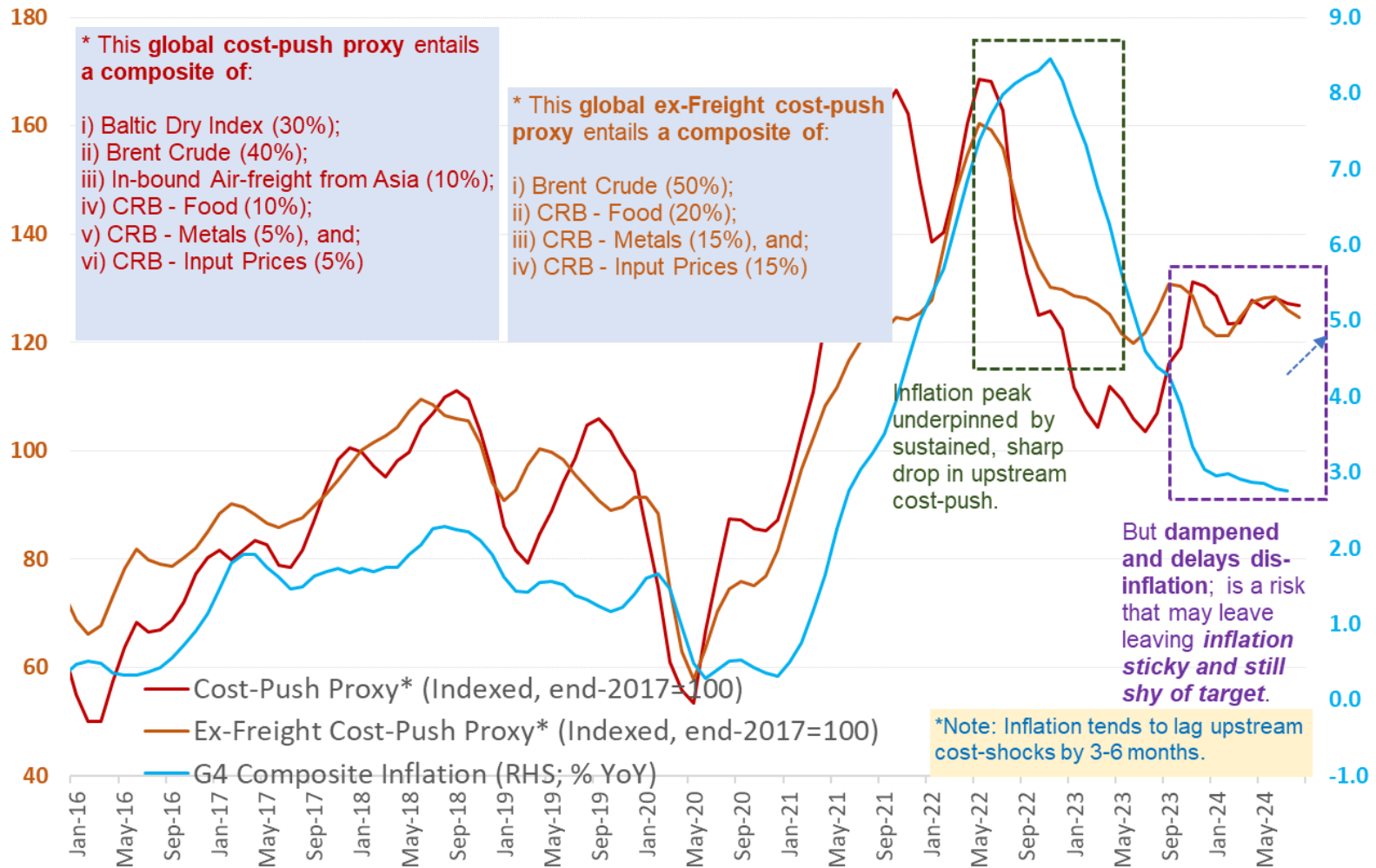


Appendix - Channels of “Dollar Trump”



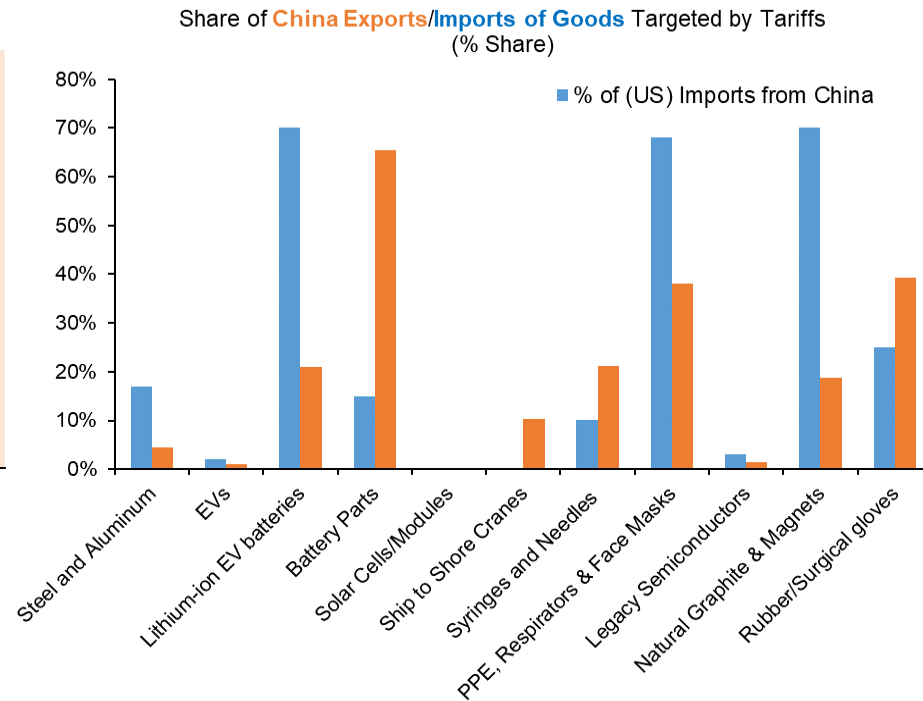
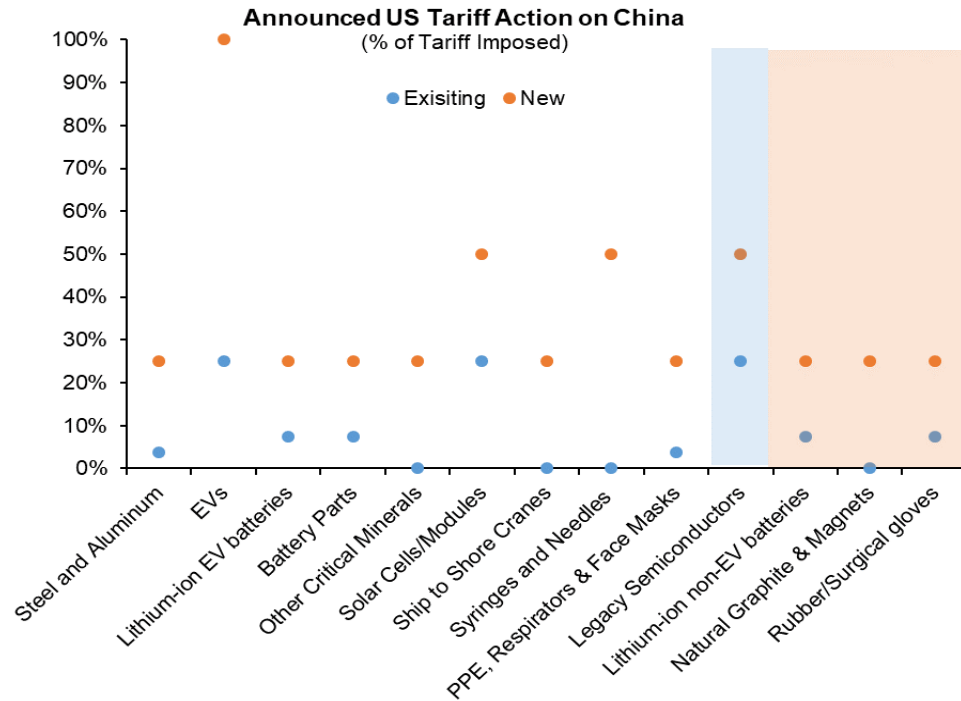
Appendix – Global Cost Push Risks

Global Inflation has Peaked Decisively, but Flares of Upstream Cost-Push Suggest somewhat Impeded, perhaps Interrupted, Dis-inflation. In any case, **Rendered Inconveniently Sticky.** Lagged, Partial, Upturn Not Ruled out.



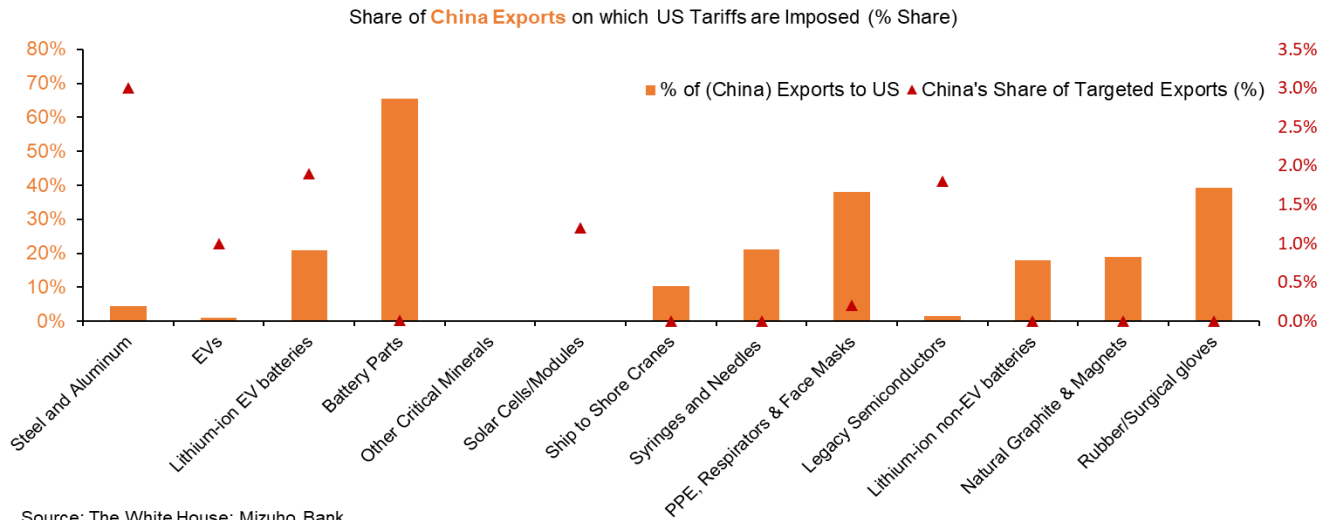
Sources: Bloomberg, Mizuho Bank

Appendix: Geo-Political Flares to Watch



Source: The White House; Mizuho Bank

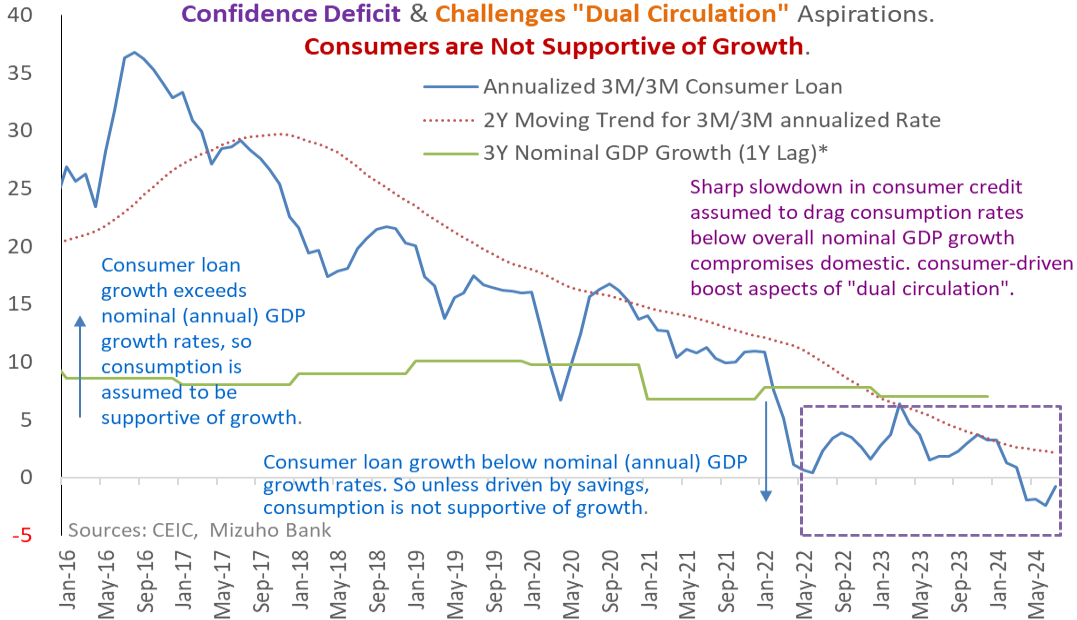
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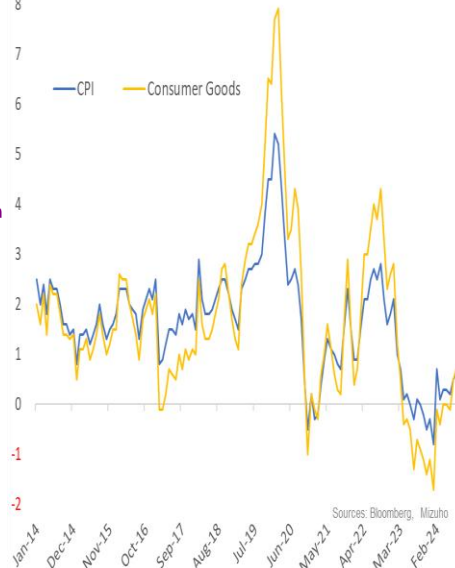
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Appendix: China Consumer Confidence Impaired

China Consumer Loan (% 3M/3M): Entrenched Weakness Reveals Confidence Deficit & Challenges "Dual Circulation" Aspirations. Consumers are Not Supportive of Growth.



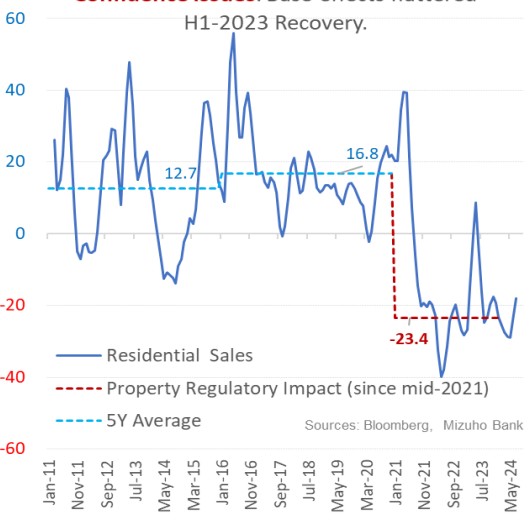
China's Deflation: An Odd Story of Confidence Deficit in Sharp Contrast to the World; with Consumer Goods Deflation Worse than the 2015-16 Crisis or COVID!



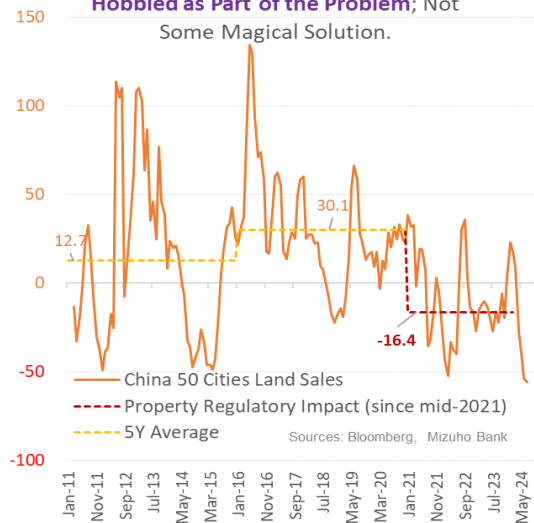
China's Deflation: Services Inflation Has Picked up on Re-opening, But Confidence to Spend on Big Ticket Items Conspicuously Absent.



China Property Sales: Hounded by Confidence Issues. Base effects flattered H1-2023 Recovery.



China Land Sales: Local Government Hobbled as Part of the Problem; Not Some Magical Solution.



Property Sector Liabilities Will Ripple Far Given High-Multipliers via; i) related Industries/Services; ii) Significant Local Government Financing Reliance, & iii) Massive H/H Wealth Effects



Appendix-Geo-Politics: Conflict, Production & Passage

Straits of Hormuz:

Conflict risks

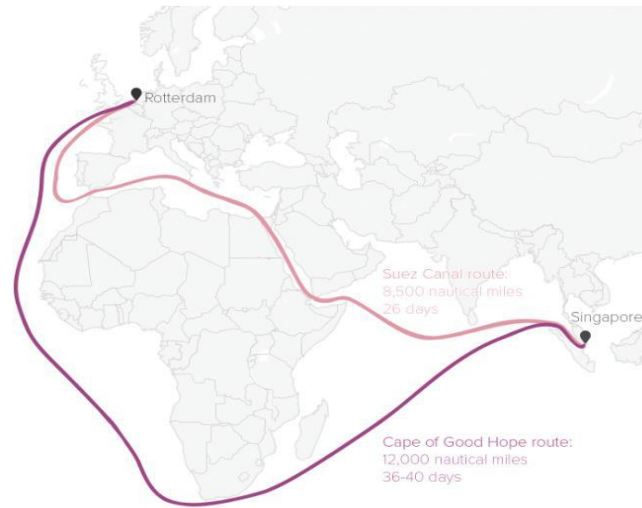
Most critical Oil choke point – Iran risk

20-22MBpD of Oil (~\$1.2b worth)

Most of Saudi's Oil passage

~20-25% of seaborne Oil Passage

➔ as Large as a Doubling in Prices!



Red Sea:

Conflict risks - Houthi Rebels

Could disrupt passage of Oil

~12% of global shipping (~\$1trln)

CoGH detour adds 3-4 weeks to Asia routes

➔ approximated to be 20% of shipping capacity impact



Panama Canal:
Water Crisis
(Non Conflict Risk)

Appendix: “Common Prosperity” is Short-hand for CCP Legitimacy & Control

Demographics:

- Incentives for 3 Children
- **Homes** for families
- For-Profit” Tuition Ban

Inequality/Social Mobility:

- Fair Wage Practices
- “9-9-6” Crackdown
- **Housing** for “living, not speculation”

Financial/Housing Excesses:

- “Three Red Lines”

Economic Progress
Financial Stability

Climate Goals:

- Industrial Leap
- Global Political Leadership

Implicit “Industrial Policy” Bias:

- Boost for children
- **Anti- “Lying Flat”, “Idol”, gaming etc**
- Building High-Tech competencies

“Dual Circulation”/Anti-US:

- **Economic Security**
- **Geopolitical Posturing**
- **Domestic welfare (> consumption)**



Legitimacy of CCP

Social Stability

Data Control | Social Narrative | Moral Authority

- Tech/Platform Regulatory Tightening
- Pressures on **Idol Culture**, “Lying Flat”, **online gaming** etc.
- **Environmental Goals** for Social Welfare

Political Control