

THE GREAT ROTATION:

What Investments Will Do Well in the Trump Era, and What to Avoid

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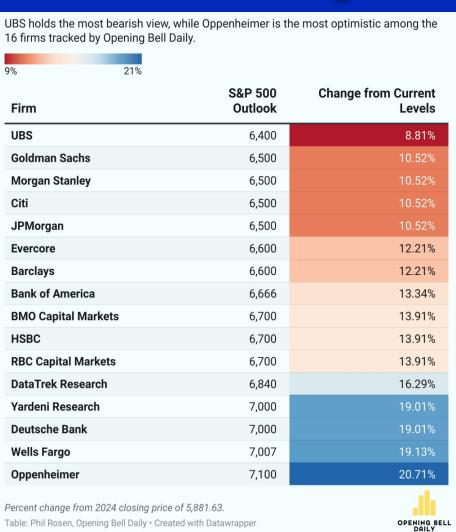
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Wall Street is Optimistic

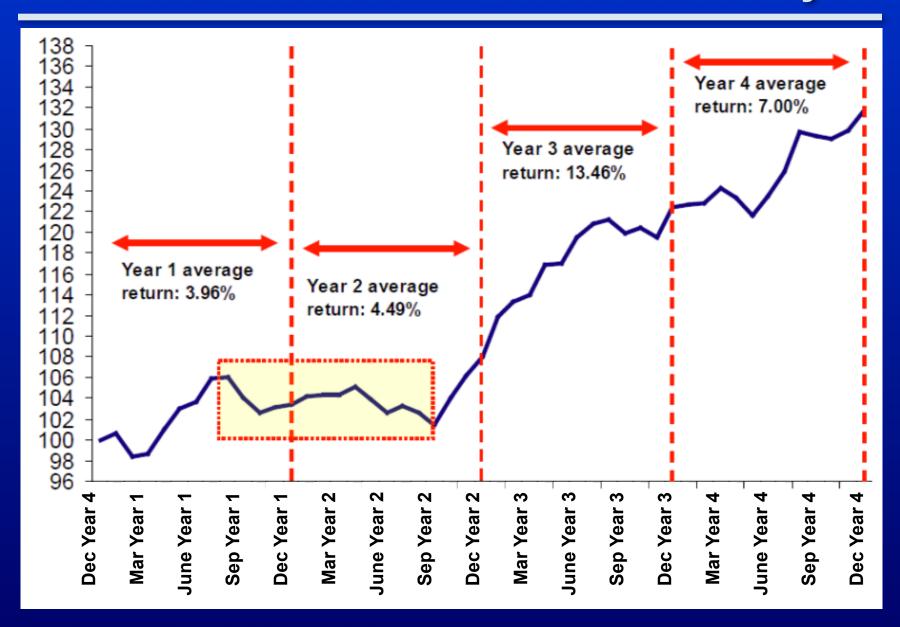
Wall Street's average S&P 500 forecast for 2025: 14%



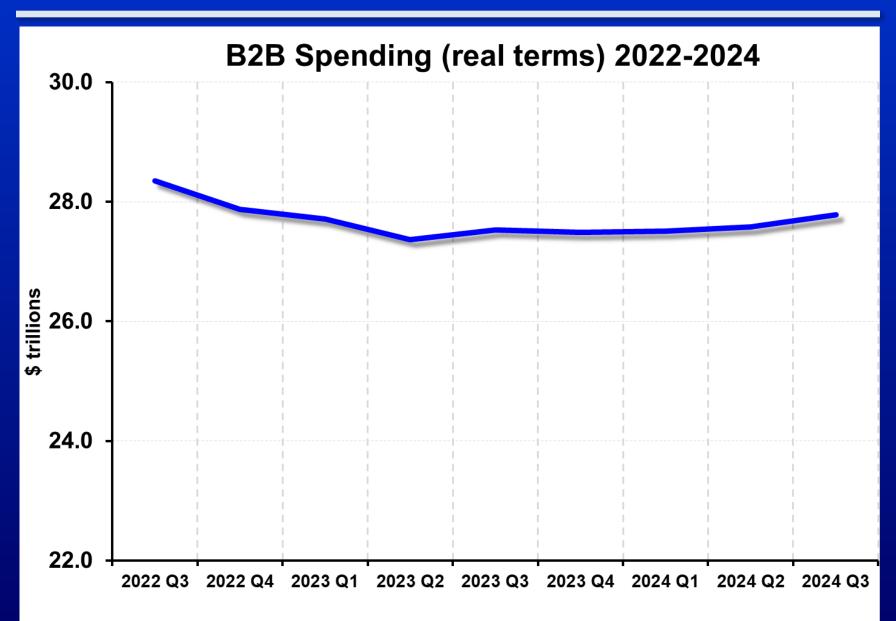
- Increased corporate
 earnings due to potential
 tax cut (15% corporate rate)
- Deregulation under Trump
- Protectionism of US firms against foreign competition
- Higher output may mean lower price inflation, lower interest rates

Graph source:

Four-Year Presidential Stock Market Cycle



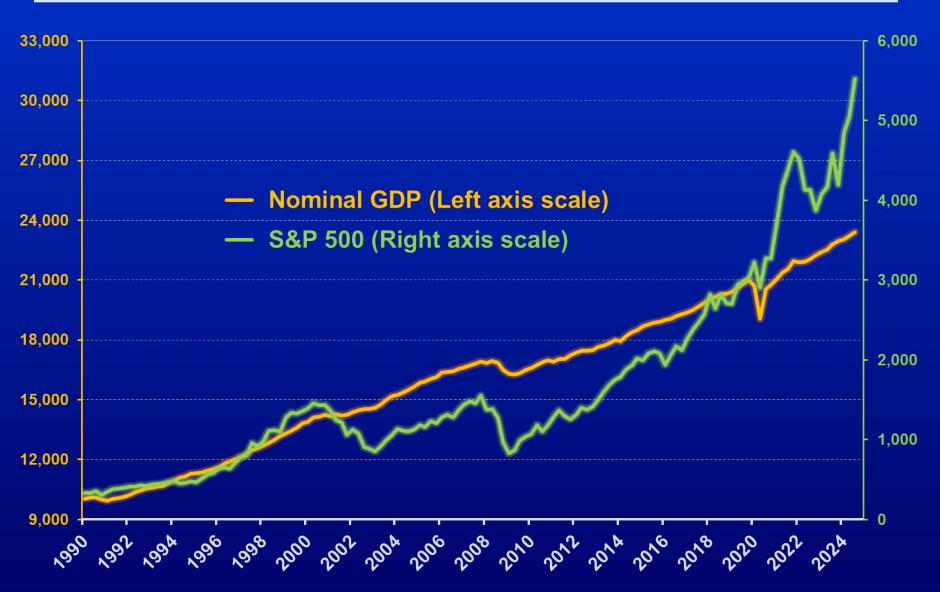
Chances of a Recession in 2025



Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Census Bureau

Graph: **Ned Piplovic**

Wall Street vs. Main Street

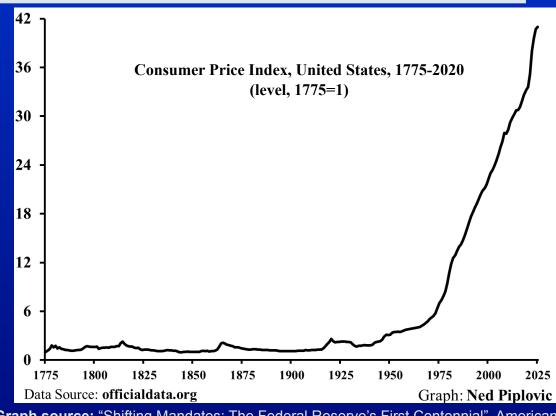


GDP Data Source: BEA; S&P 500 Data Source: Yahoo!Finance

Graph: Ned Piplovic

The Permanent Inflation Hypothesis: The Declining Purchase Power of Money Since WWII

- 1. What is the cause of inflation prior to World War II?
- 2. What is the cause of permanent inflation after World War II?



Graph source: "Shifting Mandates: The Federal Reserve's First Centennial", American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings, **Reinhart and Rogoff** (2013)

- A. Neverending wars
- B. Creation of the Federal Reserve in 1913
- C. Going off the gold standard in 1933 and 1971
- D. Adopting Keynesian economics in 1948
- E. The Bretton Woods Agreement in 1944

Confronting the Inflationist Ben Bernanke at the AEA meetings in 2025

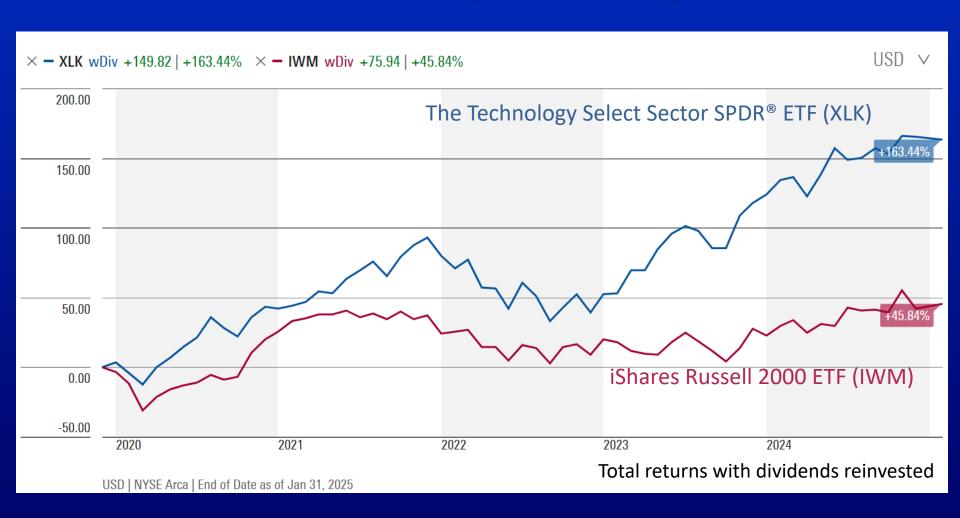
The Fed's new tools for easy money:

- 1. Focus on fed fund rates
- 2. 2% inflation target rate
- 3. Quantitative easing (QE)



What are the Best Inflation Hedges for 2025?

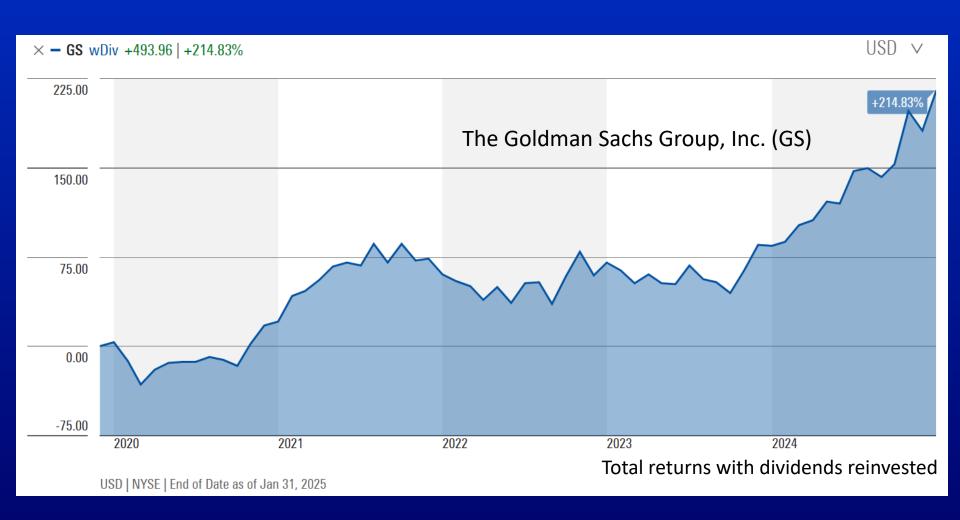
Rotation from the Magnificent Seven tech stocks to small stocks (Russell 2000)?



S&P 500 is Heavily Invested in Tech



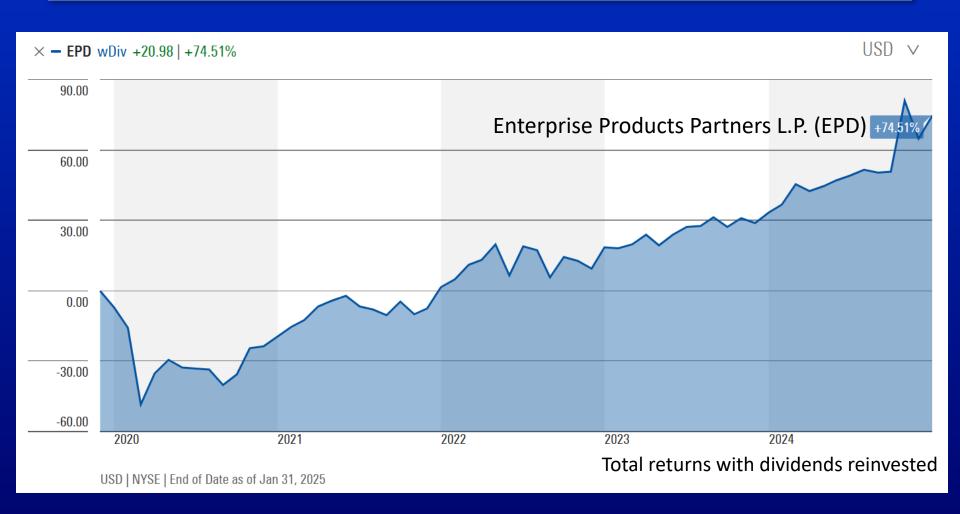
The Booming Financial Stock Market



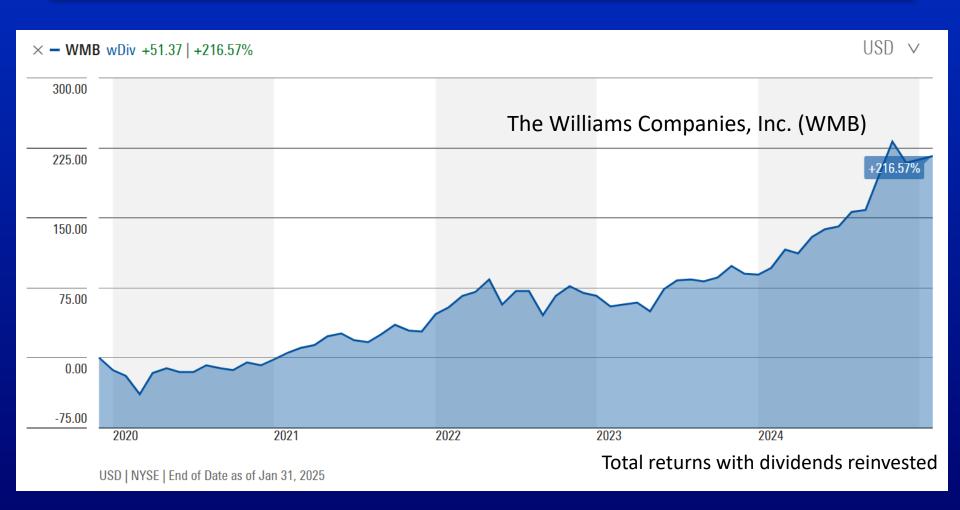
"The gain in MAIN is simply insane"



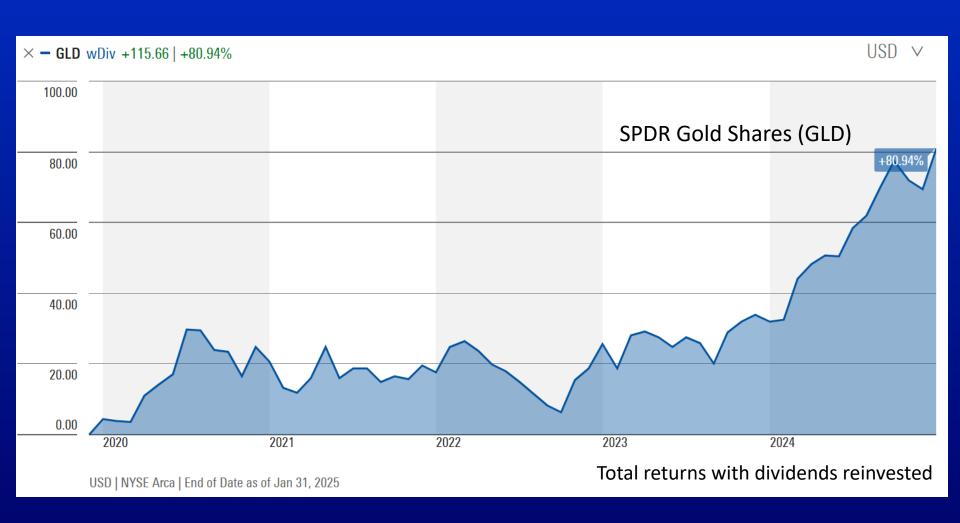
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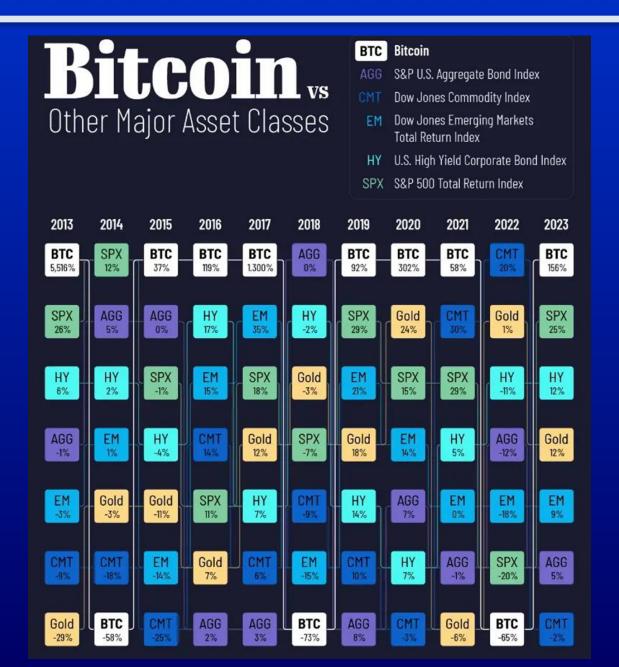
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What about bitcoin and blockchain technology?

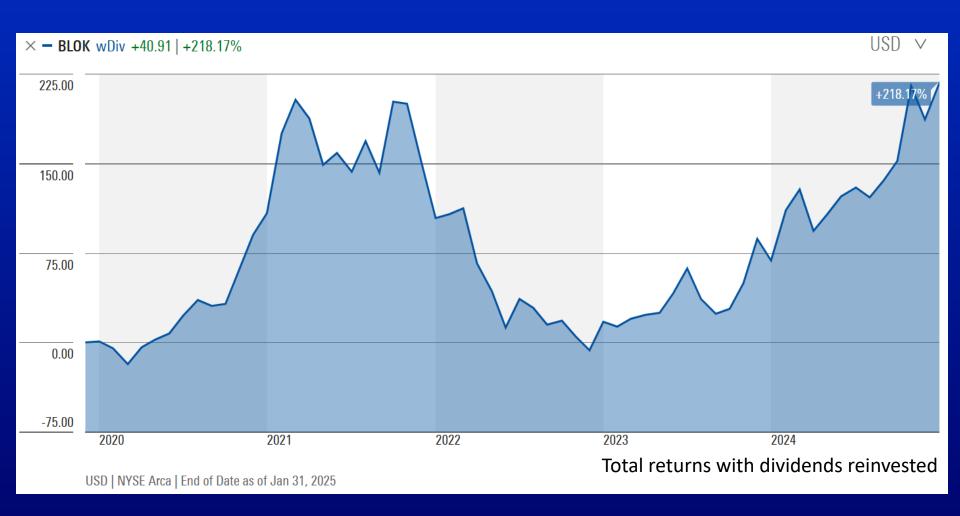


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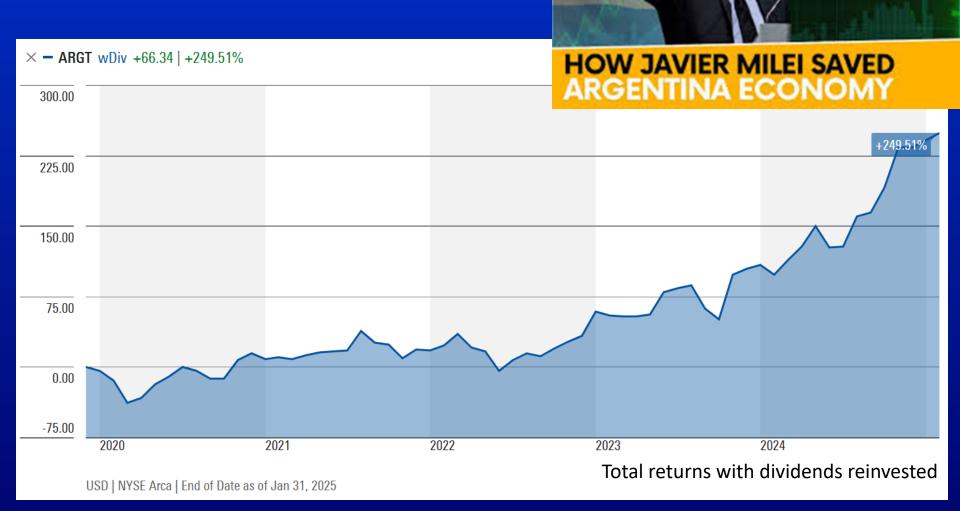
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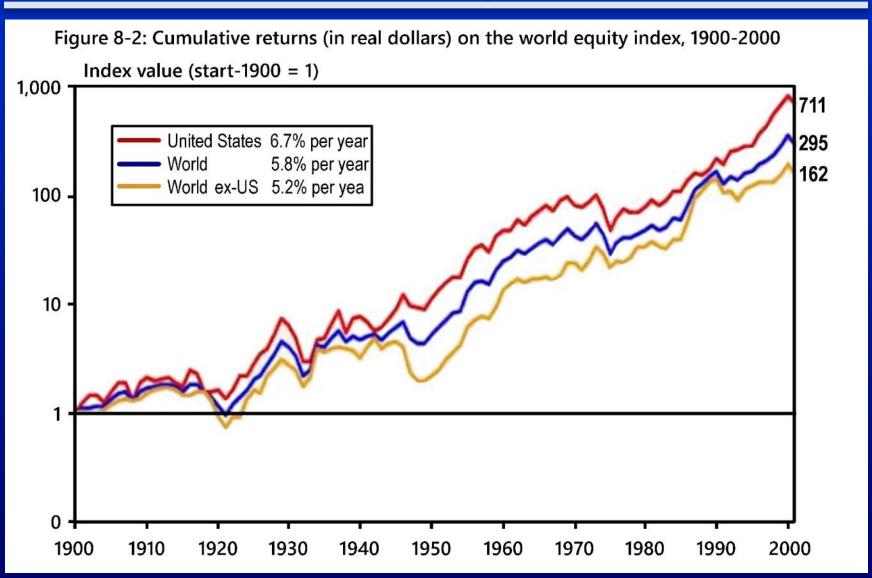
Amplify Transformational Data Sharing ETF (BLOK)



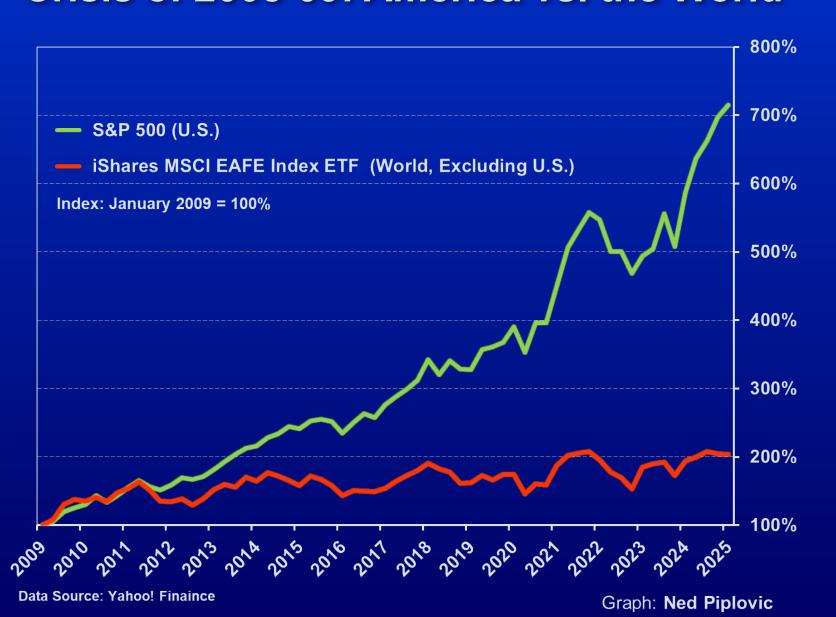
Best Foreign Country Fund



The Triumph of the Optimist: American Exceptionalism

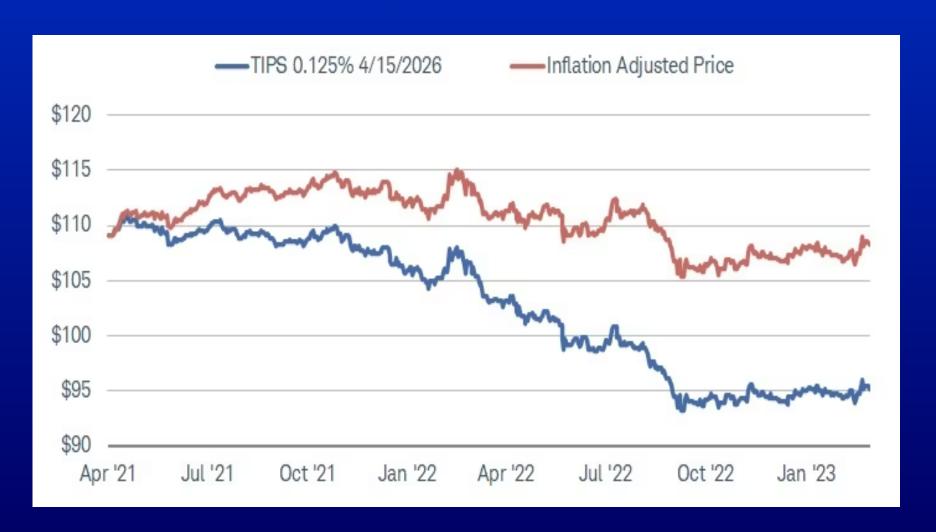


Wall Street Outperforms Since the Financial Crisis of 2008-09: America vs. the World

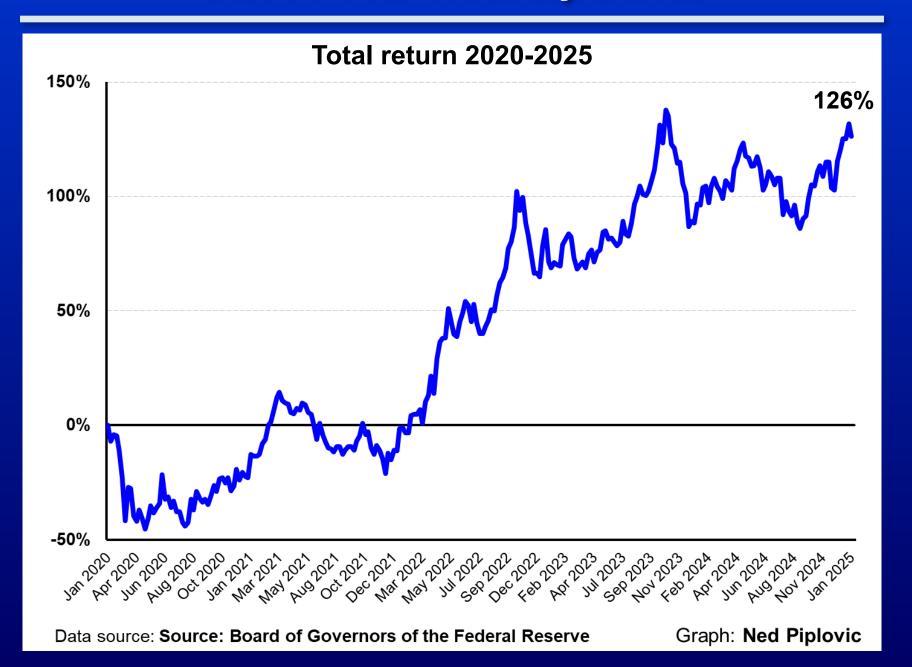


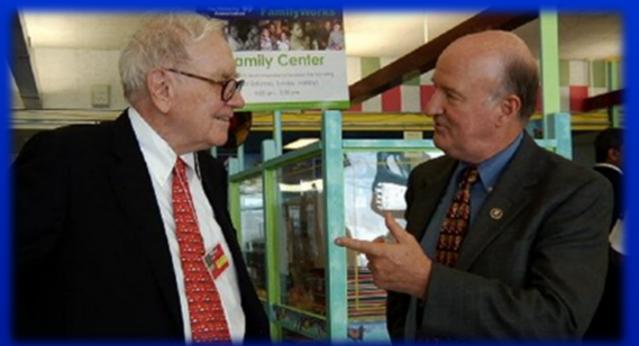
Investments to Avoid

Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) Have Underperformed Since 2022



U.S. 30-Year Treasury Bonds





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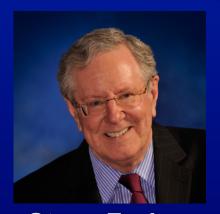
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