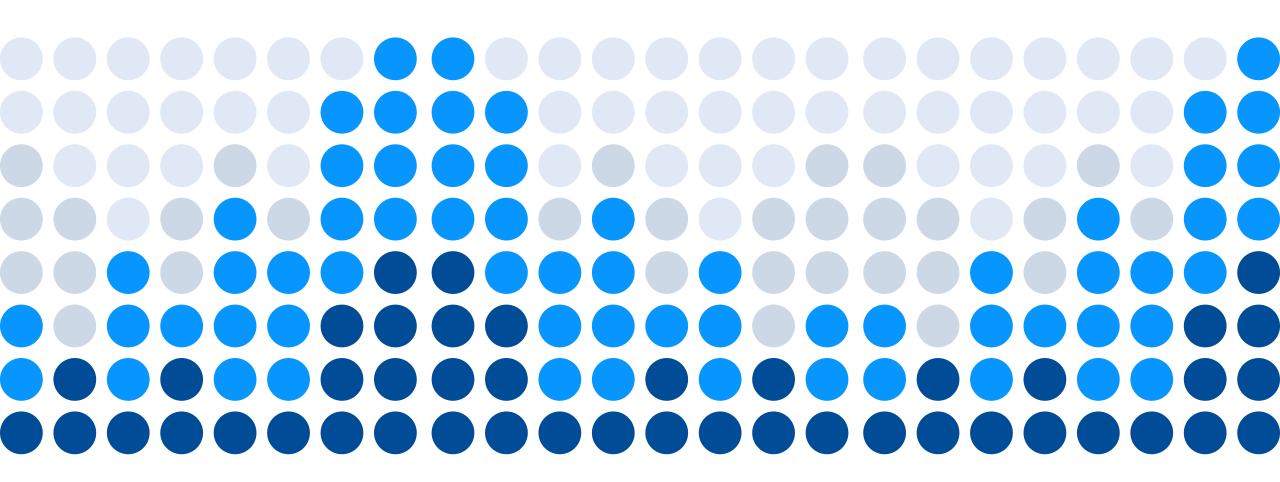
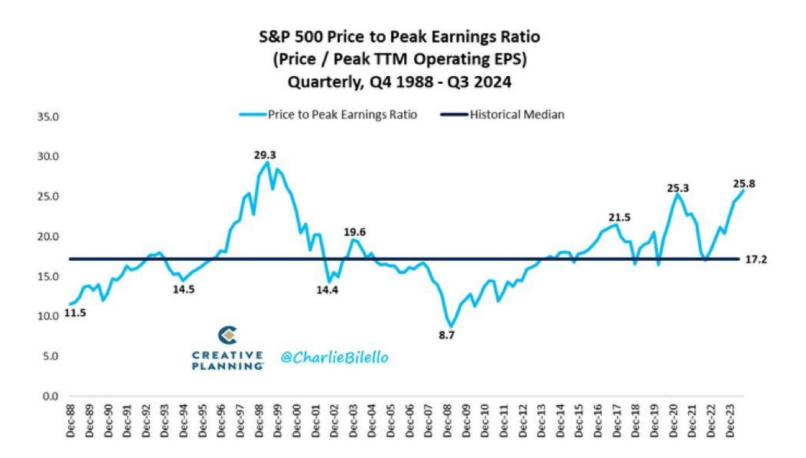
Charts Of The Month

November 2024



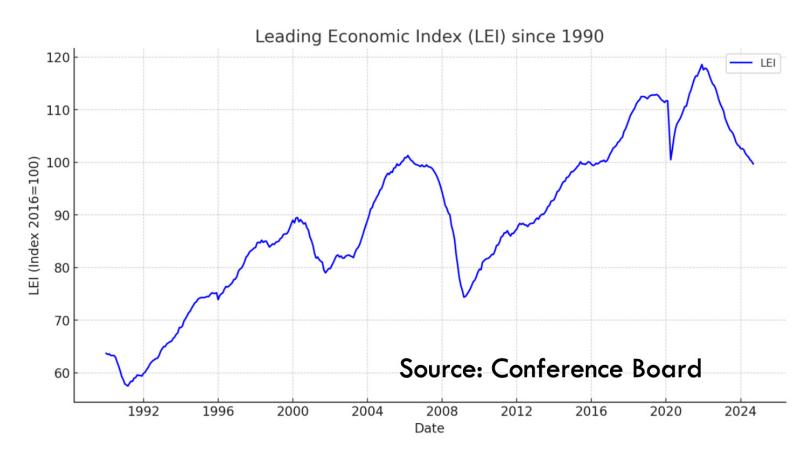




The S&P 500's price-to-peak earnings ratio has reached its second-highest level in history, surpassed only by the dot-com bubble in 2000. Is this an ominous warning or a new paradigm?

For now, the trend in valuations remains positive as sentiment is strong, and market participants appear willing to set aside rational concerns, confident that multiple expansion will persist.





The Conference Board's Leading Economic Index continued its sharp decline last month, dropping below the lows reached during the COVID-19 pandemic. While government spending seems to be propping up the economy on the surface, the leading indicators continue to signal underlying weakness. We remain hopeful that these indicators will soon find a bottom, potentially creating investment opportunities in undervalued segments.





The U.S. 10-year yield has risen back to 4.40%, and interest rate volatility has surged following the Fed's 50 basis point rate cut in September. Now, with another 25 basis point cut expected this month, one has to wonder: has the Fed lost control of the bond market?

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High-yield bond spreads relative to U.S. Treasuries have fallen to a new cycle low, despite a recent pullback in both stocks and high-yield bonds. Is this an all-clear, risk-on signal, or a sign of overbullish sentiment?



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