

With summer unofficially about to turn to autumn, the old adage is that the volatility would be more pronounced till Thanks giving day. However, in this year ,with expectations remaining low, it shouldn't take much for positive surprise to keep rolling in and negate the seasonality. Broadly speaking, seasonal trends help you being cautious but they may not tend to be predictive.

For much of the past three years, AI has been the story in global equity markets more than Fed ,Economy and Geopolitics AI-stocks- megacap hyperscalers - have been the source of market returns.S&P 500 not only hit record high yesterday but also crossed a major milestone when it crossed 6,500.Tailwind was a surprise rise in Q2 GDP estimate.

After Nvidia lifted AI landscape, headlines show Discount retailers are doing well.. Dollar General has always been a curious barometer of the US economy- its strong Q2 results can very well be interpreted as distress signal in disguise.

Pressure on Lisa Cook ramps up after yet another property transaction -In case Trump wins his court battle to fire Cook, Trump would have a majority in FOMC (incl Waller & Bowman)- however ,Bulwark for Fed's political independence has been its network of 12 reserve banks, each with a complex public-private hybrid structure meant to distribute power nationwide.

Come to think of it, the track record of the central banks with less of a perceived independence is much better than the "fiercely" independent Central banks - so is the talk of central bank independence mere hype ?

Tight month-end ranges ahead of Core PCE .Hot number may not block Sept cut, but could limit Dovish intent.PPI readings show PCE to stay 2.6% for headline & higher 2.9% for core.

EU to remove all tariffs on exports from US exchange for 15% US tariffs on European cars and auto parts.Russian missiles pound Ukraine, as hopes of a ceasefire fade.

Bullish stock market in China may not revive the consumption demand & Chinese economy as stock holdings of Chinese households are at miniscule 1.3 % of total assets, while proportion of properties was 60 %.(For context, US households have 65% in equities and 25 % in real assets)

Aldi's 28,000 hourly workers in UK get a second pay rise in two months.Calls for the Treasury to tax the big banks on their QE-related reserves, saying the profits of the big four have more than doubled.

Inflation in Tokyo sharply eased on govt utility subsidies.Possibility of Nippon Ishin no Kai becoming third ruling coalition partner has grown.Japanese importer demand to last post-Tokyo fix.Pair off to 146.66 before steadying

August tendency to record ATH under test today - The current 87.75 reminds one of 39.78 post Pokhran in May 98 - the level that held like a rock before it gave way .