

Despite just about all of leading indicators of growth pointing to a slowdown through this year, the economy has continued to stay resolutely resilient. Nevertheless, slightly more forward-looking data such as Sahm Rule is flashing amber. So you have steady growth trajectory with bumps in between ...

It could be weird - but Breakfast inflation has always been the reliable indicator for future inflation - recall when Fed was in "Transitory" mode in 2021, Breakfast inflation was galloping & asserting "higher for longer" -as of now Orange juice prices at record high, over 100% so far this year. So take a view on the inflation trajectory for CY 2024 -

In summary , market pricing of rate cuts look way too optimistic .

Uptick in initial claims last week, with 231k – up from 218k - highest since August. Continuing claims hit their highest level in nearly two years. IP weak. (Autoworker strikes were a factor, but not the only factor)- if we strip away autos, mfg production eked out scant 0.1% gain, which is not as bad but hardly encouraging

Capital rules for big banks were subject of two days of (metaphorical) brawling on Capitol Hill- have an eye on what's happening there as leverages could come under pressure .

Economic headwinds are so strong that next year will also be challenging - EZ would struggle to expand much more than 1% even with a improbable rebound - short term outlook not great - but terrible. A

stronger currency is untenable. EUR/USD bulls running out of energy ahead of tipped option interest by 1.09. Sell break of 1.0806

Exchange rate defence is not a free lunch - it entails costs - Deflation doom loop taking hold in China as seen in China's new home prices which fell for fourth straight month in Oct

New MPC member Greene has quickly become a leading hawk at BOE. Retail Sales may not make a impact .1.2327, 38.2% of Oct/Nov rise to get tested .

Ueda's testimony continues: nothing that market does not know - **says cannot say right now when BOJ will change ultra-easy policy. USDJPY** content to wait it out until the weekend.

No respite yet - if such a massive trade deficit (second largest in the world) does not put fear of God, then what can ever change ?