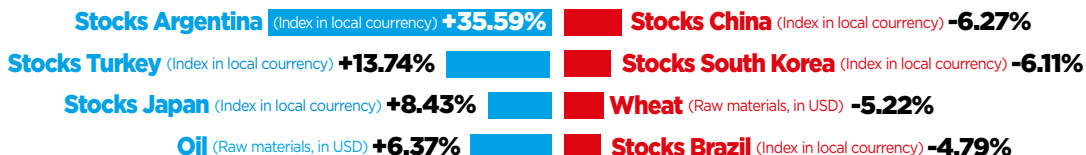


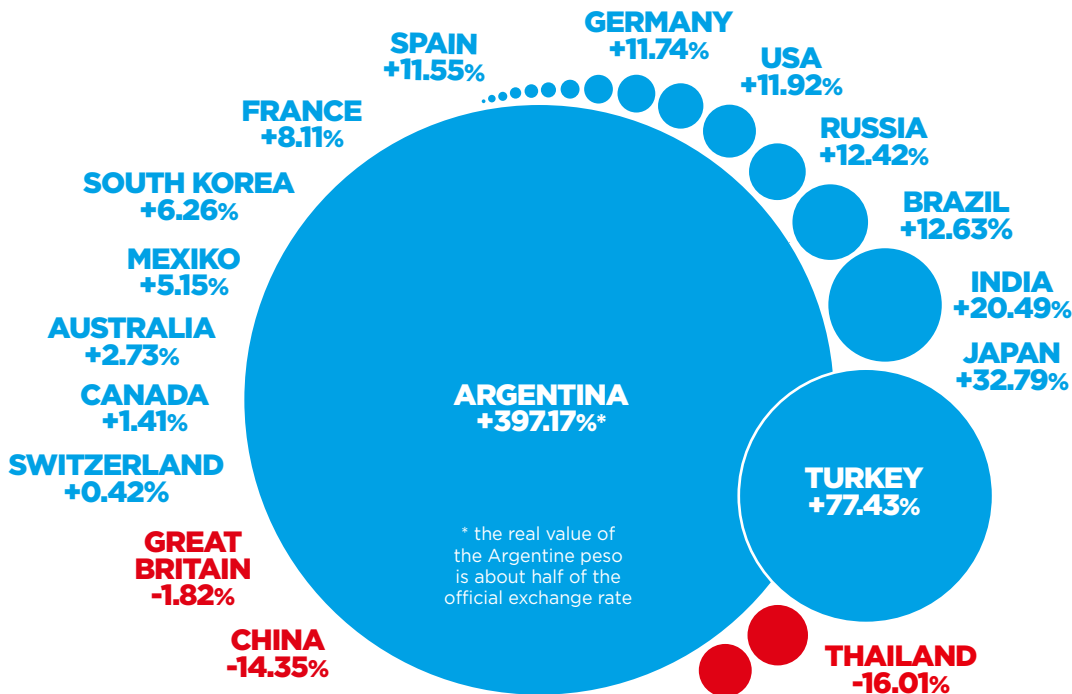
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Winners and losers in January :



Fluctuations of Stock Exchange Indices during 1 year period

31.01.2023 - 31.01.2024 (in local currencies)

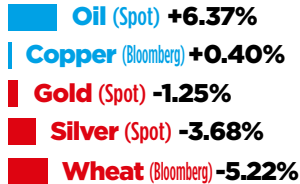


“Progressive income and inheritance taxes, (were) once considered gross violations of the rule of law.” **Roger McKinney**

Price fluctuations of Commodities and Currencies 2023-2024

Year to Date
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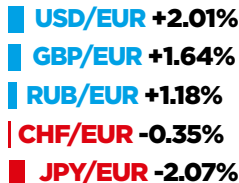
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Raw materials indices (in USD)

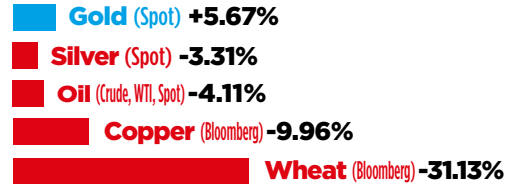


Currencies



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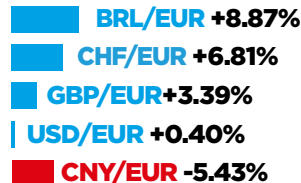
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Raw materials indices (in USD)



Currencies



Selection of global news events

January 1, 2024

The BRICS grouping expands to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates

January 5, 2024

Islamic State claims responsibility for bomb attack in Iran with over 100 dead

January 9, 2024

Gabriel Attal is appointed as the new Prime Minister of France

January 12, 2024

Tax evasion trial: Hunter Biden pleads not guilty

January 14, 2024

Frederik X becomes the new King of Denmark

January 15, 2024

Farmers' protests in Germany: large rally in Berlin

January 16, 2024

Landslide victory for Donald Trump in the Iowa primaries

January 17, 2024

France does not take part in the US attacks on the Houthis in the Red Sea

January 18, 2024

Pakistan attacks military targets in Iran

Great Britain: Sunak wins vote on the deportation of migrants to Rwanda

January 21, 2024

Historic moon landing by the Japanese

Selection of global news events

January 24, 2024	Longest rail strike in history has begun
January 25, 2024	USA attacks positions of Iranian fighters in Iraq
January 26, 2024	Ukrainians shoot down Russian military transport carrying Ukrainian prisoners of war
	The International Court of Justice calls on Israel to prevent genocide in the Gaza Strip and to ensure access to humanitarian aid for the Palestinian population.
January 29, 2024	to the Palestinian population.
	Three US soldiers killed in drone attacks in Jordan
January 30, 2024	Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso leave West African Economic Community
	French farmers blockade Paris for a second day - In Hamburg, farmers blockade the port area.
February 8, 2024	Azerbaijan: Aliyev wins the presidential elections
February 9, 2024	Ukrainian President Zelenskyy appoints Oleksandr Syrskiy as the country's new head of the country's army
	Nevada: Trump wins third primary in a row
February 14, 2024	Republican leader in the US House of Representatives blocks aid for Ukraine

Upcoming significant events

March 2024	Presidential elections in Russia
May 2, 2024	British general election
May 2024	European elections
June/July 2024	European Football Championship in Germany
July/August 2024	Summer Olympics in Paris
Autumn 2024	State elections in Brandenburg and Saxony
November 5, 2024	Presidential election in the U.S

Potential risks to look out for

- Dangers of (World) war
- Energy Blackout
- Disruptive technologies
- Target balances
- EU becoming a transfer union
- Banking crisis
- Reduction of quantitative easing
- Italian sovereign debt crisis
- EU bad debts of above 300 B
- Greek sovereign debt crisis
- Brexit
- Refugee crisis
- Costs of German energy transition
- Chinese debt crisis
- South American crisis, Venezuela, Mexico
- Cash ban, special taxes
- Natural disasters (Earthquakes)
- Black Swan events (monster waves)
- War risks (Iran)
- Turkey (instability, currency crisis)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC NEWS

Selected **Headlines** and **Articles**

“Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.”
Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

Who Owns the Gold?

<https://www.lewrockwell.com/2024/02/aldasair-macleod/who-owns-the-gold/>

How Governor Whitmer Doomed Detroit Autoworkers

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The Myth of the Unchanging Value of Gold

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Four Charts That Show Cantillon Effects

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A Fateful Error, George F. Kennan NYT (NATO, Ukraine)

<https://www.nytimes.com/1997/02/05/opinion/a-fateful-error.html>

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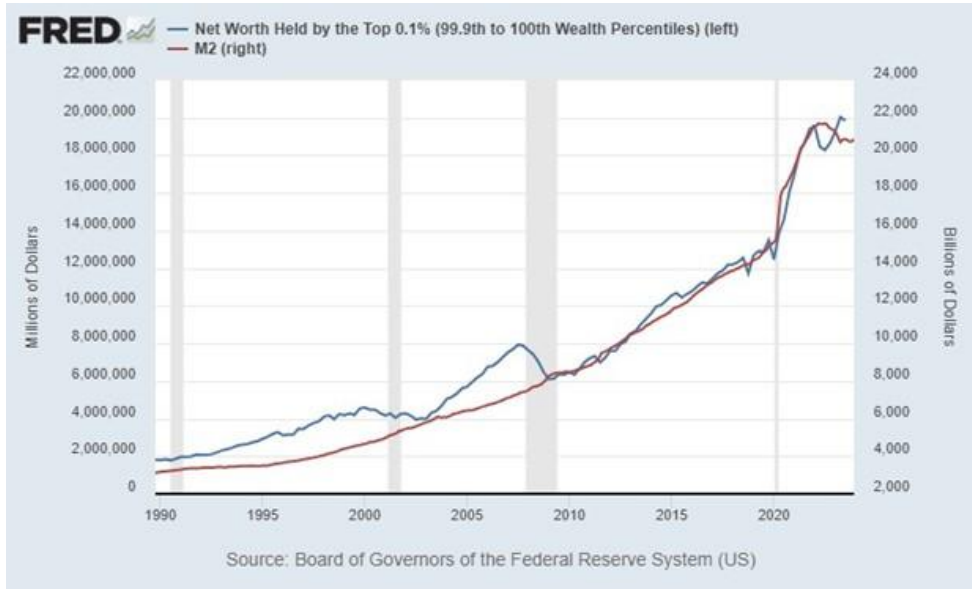
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THE CANTILLON EFFECT IN PICTURES MORE MONEY PRINTING, MORE INEQUALITY



In a paper money world, printing money creates winners and losers, and constant money printing creates big winners and big losers. Winners: government, banks and privileged financial institutions. Losers: people on fixed incomes and those who have no assets, such as real estate, companies, shares.

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Soft Landing or Hard Crash?

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In a World Fraught With War and Danger Signs of Hope

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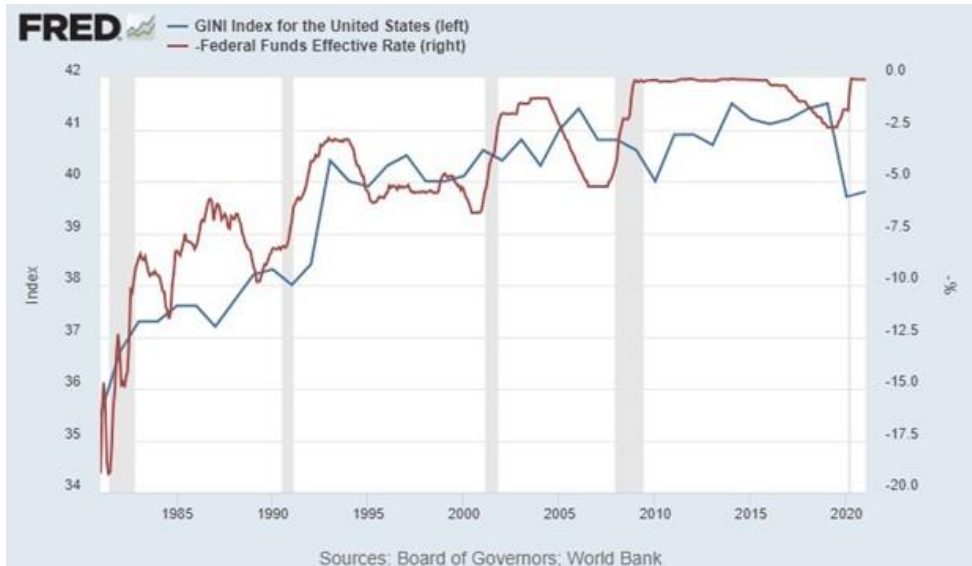
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*"If all that Americans want is security, they can go to prison. They'll have enough to eat, a bed and a roof over their heads. But if an American wants to preserve his dignity and his equality as a human being, he must not bow his neck to any dictatorial government." **President Dwight D. Eisenhower***

THE CANTILLON EFFECT IN PICTURES INTEREST RATE MANIPULATION BY THE CENTRAL BANK (DOWNWARDS) INCREASES INEQUALITY



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Follow Up on the Attack On U.S. Troops in Jordan

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The United States Is a Colonial Empire, and an Extremely Successful One

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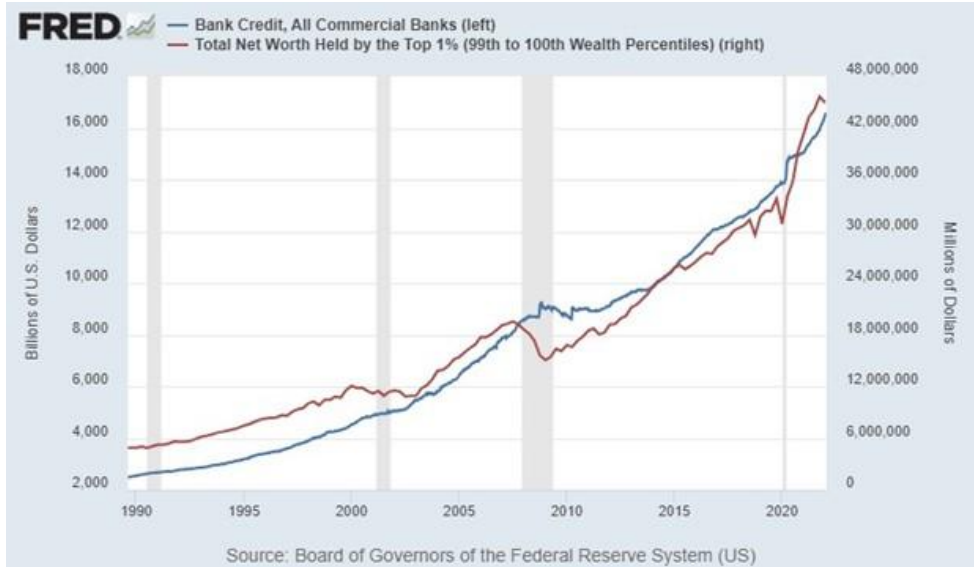
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"The peculiar evil of silencing the expression of an opinion is, that it is robbing the human race; posterity as well as the existing generation; those who dissent from the opinion, still more than those who hold it. If the opinion is right, they are deprived of the opportunity of exchanging error for truth: if wrong, they lose, what is almost as great a benefit, the clearer perception and livelier impression of truth, produced by its collision with error."

John Stuart Mill, On Liberty

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“This Power Elite directly employs several millions of the country’s working force in its factories, offices and stores, controls many millions more by lending them the money to buy its products, and, through its ownership of the media of mass communication, influences the thoughts, the feelings and the actions of virtually everybody. To parody the words of W. Churchill, never have so many been manipulated so much by so few.” **Aldous Huxley**
(Robert S. Baker, James Sexton, Complete Essays: 1956-1963)

THE CANTILLON EFFECT IN PICTURES RISING GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND PUBLIC DEBT DRIVE ASSET PRICES



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Macroeconomic global SWOT analysis SWOT: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats

- Strengths

Technological progress (artificial intelligence, robots, energy storage, alternative energies, pharmaceuticals, 3D printers) Internet - faster global exchange of knowledge, acceleration of technological progress
Theoretical models for a meaningful social and economic structure are available (liberalism, capitalism) only need to be implemented.

- Threats

Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, other natural disasters, Wars / Civil Wars
Protectionism, tariffs, restriction of international trade
Credit defaults (China, banks, Italy...) with rising interest rates
Decay of the Euro with corresponding turbulences
Uncontrollable migration of peoples
«Black Swans» in general

- Weaknesses

High government and private sector debt
Interventionist states (welfare state, overregulation, redistribution, basic socialist ideas), increasing interventionism, e.g. in Germany
Necessary reforms in many countries are not taking place (e.g. Southern Europe)

Lack of integration of foreigners in Europe (Germany, France...) with corresponding risks of social unrest
Pension systems often underfunded

- Opportunities

Peace (dividend) - Korea, Iran, Syria, Ukraine, Africa
Problems of energy storage technology are solved
Economic growth, rising corporate profits
Opportunities of globalization
Liberalism / Capitalism (if ideology were to become more widespread), the result would be a major increase in international prosperity in the long term

Up until now, the world has recovered again and again even after very major crises and in the long term, share prices, for example, have always risen. Gold has maintained its value over time. From the investor's perspective, this means that one should buy after a major price slump and view the low prices then available as an entry opportunity. In order to have capital to get in at this time, you should never be over-invested - even if you are currently extremely positive about the future. And one should also see the chances of speculating for falling prices at the right time or hedging oneself with hedge positions.

"If wars can be started by lies, they can be stopped by truth." **Julian Assange**

"The only freedom which deserves the name, is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it."
John Stuart Mill, On Liberty

"I know not what others may choose but, as for me, give me liberty or give me death. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past. For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth, to know the worst and provide for it."
Patrick Henry (1736-1799)



What's the Source of the Astounding 50% Boost in Corporate Profits?

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Hugo Gurdon

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World indices 1 year period and current year

Stock Indices	Price January 31, 2024	Price ending 2023	Price January 31, 2023	Change in %	
Each in country currency				YTD	1 Year
Argentina	1,260,562.63	929,704.19	253,548.48	35.59	397.17
Turkey	8,496.66	7,470.18	4,788.75	13.74	77.43
Japan	36,286.71	33,464.17	27,327.11	8.43	32.79
Russia	1,125.63	1,083.48	1,001.23	3.89	12.42
Switzerland	11,333.38	11,137.79	11,285.78	1.76	0.42
France	7,656.75	7,543.18	7,082.42	1.51	8.11
Australia	7,680.70	7,590.80	7,476.70	1.18	2.73
USA	38,150.30	37,707.59	34,086.89	1.17	11.92
Germany	16,903.76	16,751.64	15,128.27	0.91	11.74
Canada	21,060.00	20,958.44	20,767.38	0.48	1.41
Mexico	57,372.76	57,386.25	54,564.27	(0.02)	5.15
Spain	10,077.70	10,102.10	9,034.00	(0.24)	11.55
India	71,752.11	72,240.26	59,549.90	(0.68)	20.49
Great Britain	7,630.57	7,733.24	7,771.70	(1.33)	(1.82)
Thailand	834.02	875.25	992.95	(4.71)	(16.01)
Brazil	127,752.00	134,185.00	113,431.00	(4.79)	12.63
South Korea	2,536.71	2,701.73	2,387.23	(6.11)	6.26
China	2,788.55	2,974.93	3,255.67	(6.27)	(14.35)
Raw Materials Indices	Price January 31, 2024	Price ending 2023	Price January 31, 2023	Change in %	
Prices in USD				YTD	1 Year
Commodity Index	98.5602	98.6460	111.8001	(0.09)	(11.84)
Agriculture Subindex	61.5151	62.4567	70.1154	(1.51)	(12.27)
Raw materials	Price January 31, 2024	Price ending 2023	Price January 31, 2023	Change in %	
Prices in USD				YTD	1 Year
Oil (Crude, WTI, Spot)	75.78	71.24	79.03	6.37	(4.11)
Copper	341.18	339.82	378.93	0.40	(9.96)
Gold (Spot)	2,037.19	2,062.94	1,927.88	(1.25)	5.67
Silver (Spot)	22.92	23.79	23.70	(3.68)	(3.31)
Wheat	5.24	5.53	7.61	(5.22)	(31.13)
Currencies	Price January 31, 2024	Price ending 2023	Price January 31, 2023	Change in %	
Value of foreign currency in Euros				YTD	1 Year
Brazil BRL/EUR	0.18660	0.18670	0.17140	(0.05)	8.87
Switzerland CHF/EUR	1.07280	1.07660	1.00440	(0.35)	6.81
Great Britain GBP/EUR	1.17240	1.15350	1.13400	1.64	3.39
USA USD/EUR	0.92420	0.90600	0.92050	2.01	0.40
Canada CAD/EUR	0.68790	0.68380	0.69170	0.60	(0.55)
India INR/EUR	0.01114	0.01089	0.01126	2.30	(1.07)
China CNY/EUR	0.12890	0.12760	0.13630	1.02	(5.43)
Australia AUD/EUR	0.60670	0.61710	0.64930	(1.69)	(6.56)
Thailand THB/EUR	0.02602	0.02633	0.02803	(1.18)	(7.18)
South Korea KRW/EUR	0.00069	0.00070	0.00075	(0.86)	(7.23)
Japan JPY/EUR	0.62910	0.64240	0.70740	(2.07)	(11.07)
Russia RUB/EUR	0.01027	0.01015	0.01301	1.18	(21.06)
Turkey TRY/EUR	0.03040	0.03070	0.04890	(0.98)	(37.83)
Argentina ARS/EUR	0.00112	0.00112	0.00492	-	(77.24)



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