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***Monetary Showdown
Fasten Your Seat Belts!***

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1987



Expert advice on Investing

From his office overlooking Whitefish Lake in the Rocky Mountains of Montana, Jim Stack foresaw the stock market crash of Oct. 19.

On Sept. 30, his newsletters told investors to move to 94% cash and leave the rest in a precious metals fund.

In 1988, Stack saw a mild bull market potential for another round of fireworks we saw in October.

Investors must have a football running back for 1988: \$100 million with 50% of your money in stocks or mutual funds. Leave 50% in cash and be ready to move.

Forget about the term. "That was anytime in the past," he says. "Today's Monetary policy and a recession too low a policy of benign neglect."

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On Sept. 30, his *InvesTech* newsletters told stock investors to move to 94% cash. Mutual fund investors were advised to go to 75% cash and leave the rest in a precious metals fund.

2000

The Dallas Morning News

From afar, an analyst gets it right



*InvesTech Research editor James Stack
Whitefish Lake in the shadows of*

The view
It's clearer t

By **BILL DEENER**
Staff Writer

WHITEFISH, Mont. — Just over
ago, James Stack stood before 5,000
at an investment trade show in Las
and warned of the coming stock
collapse.

Many investors have taken le
their senses, he told the attendees
May 16, 2000, conference at Bally
the "losses will change their lives
prediction, which proved accurate,
the more remarkable because none
160 other market experts who spoke
show agreed with Mr. Stack's r
sentiment.

"I was the only bear at this conf
and the Nasdaq had already droppe

MAY 2000

Prediction: Stood before 5,000 attendees at an investment conference in Las Vegas and warned that the market was on the verge of collapse.

Reality: When the dust finally cleared late last year, the Nasdaq had dropped 60 percent.

July 2007

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4 Weeks Ending July 20, 2007

	High	Low	Last
Federal Funds	5.34%	5.22%	5.25%
30yr T-Bonds	5.28%	5.06%	5.06%

	High	Low	Last	2000 M.A.
DJIA	14000.41	13337.66	13851.08	12733.78
DJUA	520.77	487.84	511.85	481.29
NASDAQ	2720.04	2574.16	2687.60	2483.74
S&P 500	1553.08	1492.89	1534.10	1446.95

S&P 500 P/E Current: 16.9 70 yr Avg: 15.6

BEAR MARKET WARNING FLAGS!

Since our last issue, the DJIA has hit nine new record closing highs. Yet, at the same time, two of our primary indicators have turned bearish, our Housing Bubble Index has dropped into a freefall that rivals the dot-com bust of the late 1990s [see graphic], and breadth has taken a decisive turn for the worse – as noted by these developments...

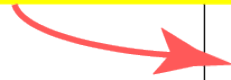
- The DJIA has closed higher in 5 of the past 8 trading days, but declining stocks outnumbered advancing stocks in 7 of those 8 sessions. That type of negative breadth divergence has occurred only 15 times in 75 years – the majority of which were in bear markets.
- On Monday of last week, the DJIA hit a record high

has slipped lower. If that isn't a sign to quantify, we don't know what is!

As a consequence, we are moving to a full bear market defensive mode. Inside this issue, we discuss what that means for our already conservative portfolio, and reveal which warning flags to watch closely in the coming weeks and months ahead...

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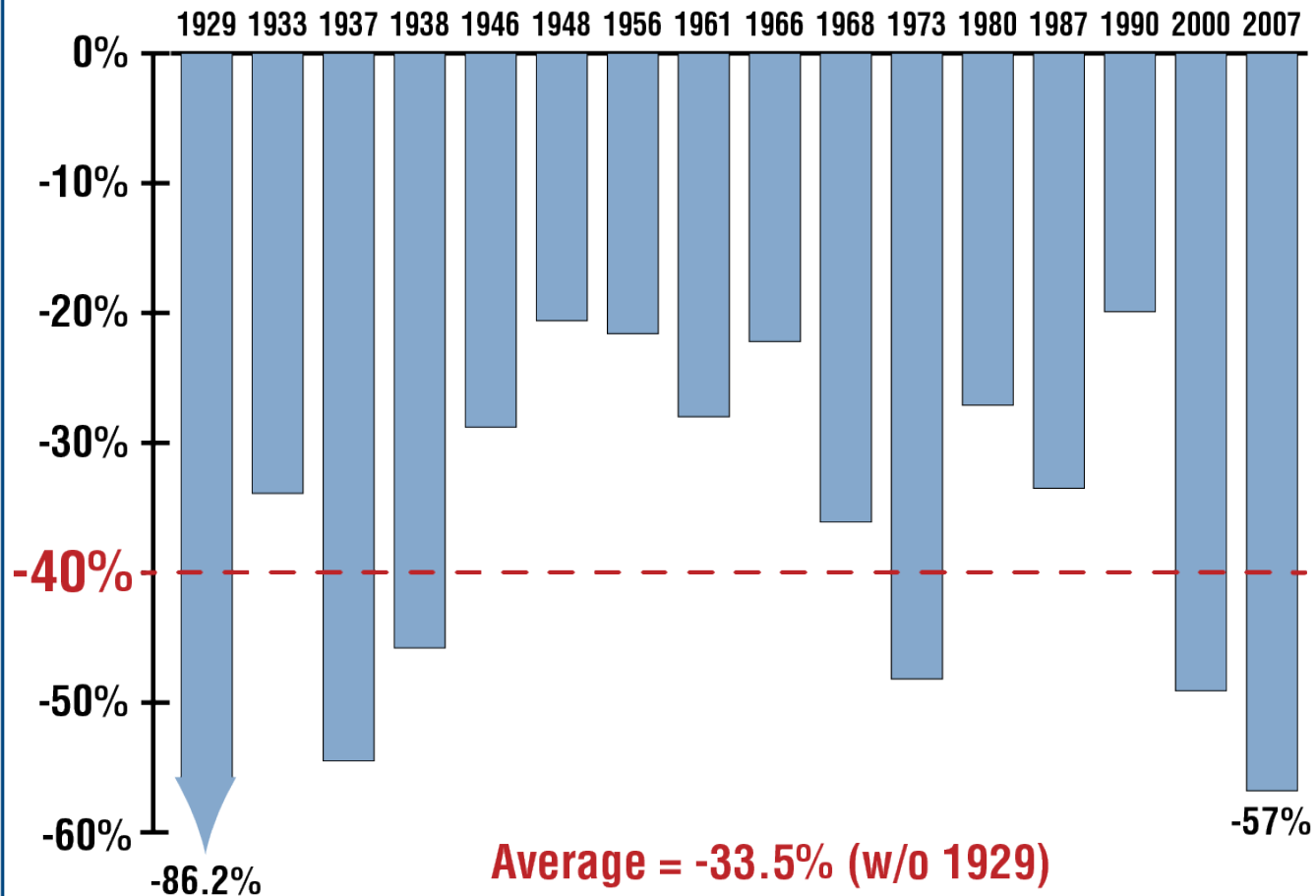
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A Buying Opportunity of a Lifetime?

... it is a historically indisputable fact that we are heading toward a buying opportunity of a lifetime.

Bear Market Declines

Percent Decline From Peak to Bottom (S&P 500)



Wall Street's 2023 Forecasts

Firm	S&P 500
Yardeni Research (Ed Yardeni)*	4,800
Deutsche Bank (Binky Chadha)**	4,500
BMO***	4,300
Nuveen (Saira Malik)*	4,300
Jefferies***	4,200
JPMorgan (Dubravko Lakos-Bujas)*	4,200
RBC Capital Markets (Lori Calvasina)*	4,200
Wells Fargo (Chris Harvey)*	4,200
Credit Suisse***	4,050
Bank of America**	4,000
Goldman Sachs***	4,000
HSBC***	4,000
State Street (Guarav Mallik)*	4,000
BlackRock (Gargi Chaudhuri)*	3,930
Citi***	3,900
Morgan Stanley (Mike Wilson)**	3,900
UBS***	3,900
Capital Economics***	3,800
Societe Generale**	3,800
Barclays***	3,675
Average:	4,083
2022 Year-end Value:	3,840
Forecast Return for 2023:	6.3%

* Barron's, ** Bloomberg, *** Yahoo Finance

Business Week 2008 Forecasts

Firm	S&P 500
Garzarelli Capital (Elaine Garzarelli)	1,780
Birinyi Associates (Laszlo Birinyi)	1,700
Schaeffer's (Bernie Schaeffer)	1,700
UBS (David Bianco)	1,700
Strategas (Jason Trennert)	1,680
Citigroup (Tobias Levkovich)	1,675
BNY Mellon (Leo Grohowski)	1,675
Banc of America (Thomas McManus)	1,625
AG Edwards (Stuart Freeman)	1,575
NY Institute of Finance (Ralph Acampora)	1,530
UMB Financial (William Greiner)	1,520
GMO (Ben Inker)	1,440
Research Affiliates (Robert Arnott)	1,350
Average:	1,612
2007 Year-end Value:	1,468
Forecast Return for 2008:	9.2%

Credit: Bespoke Investment Group

The "Nifty Fifty"

1973-1974 Bear Market Losses

	% loss		% loss		% loss
IBM	-58.8%	Westinghouse Elc	-83.1%	Atlantic Richfield	-35.3%
Xerox	-71.2%	DuPont	-58.4%	Digital Equipment	-58.8%
General Motors	-65.8%	Mobil Oil	-59.8%	Deere & Co.	-57.6%
Exxon	-46.9%	3M	-51.3%	Sperry Rand	N/A
Eastman Kodak	-62.1%	MGIC Investment	-93.8%	Northwest Airlines	-71.0%
General Electric	-60.5%	Texas Instruments	-57.7%	Honeywell	-87.5%
Philip Morris	-50.3%	Kerr Mc-Gee	-50.9%	Motorola	-54.3%
Ford	-64.8%	CBS	-51.9%	Aetna Life & Cas	-63.0%
Burroughs	-74.5%	Warner-Lambert	-68.8%	PepsiCo	-67.0%
AT&T	-27.9%	RCA	-79.4%	Schering Plough	-52.5%
Polaroid	-90.2%	Union Carbide	-38.7%	Goodyear Tire	-63.0%
Texaco	-53.6%	Traveler's	-62.2%	Procter & Gamble	-44.2%
Avon Products	-86.7%	Sony	-80.9%	Eli Lilly	-39.7%
Intl T & T	-81.4%	Continental Oil	-36.5%	Imperial Oil	-61.1%
SS Kresge	N/A	RJ Reynolds	-33.9%	Phillips Petroleum	-55.1%
Sears Roebuck	-66.2%	First National City	N/A	Seaboard Coast Ln	N/A
McDonald's	-72.4%	Standard Oil of CA	N/A		

AVERAGE LOSS -61%

"Recession-Proof" Stocks?

<i>Stock</i>	<i>1973-1974</i>	
	<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Bear Mkt Loss</i>
Coca-Cola	+ 34%	- 70%
General Electric	+ 31%	- 60%
General Motors	+ 3%	- 66%
Pepsico	+ 48%	- 67%
Philip Morris	+ 34%	- 50%
Walt Disney	+ 30%	- 85%

In spite of higher revenues...these "bear-proof" stocks fell 50-85%

"Recession-Proof" Industries?

<i>Industry</i>	<i>1973-1974 Bear Mkt Loss</i>
Drugs	- 57.6%
Electric Utilities	- 58.4%
Food Wholesalers	- 49.1%
Medical Supplies	- 66.4%
Natural Gas-Dist	- 50.8%
Oilfield Services	- 40.3%
Petroleum Producing	- 55.4%
Toy & School Supplies	- 84.5%

Compiled from: Value Line Groups

*“It’s not how much you make in
the bull market that counts...
It’s how much you keep after the
bear has done its damage.”*

James Stack

InvesTech graphics from early last year...

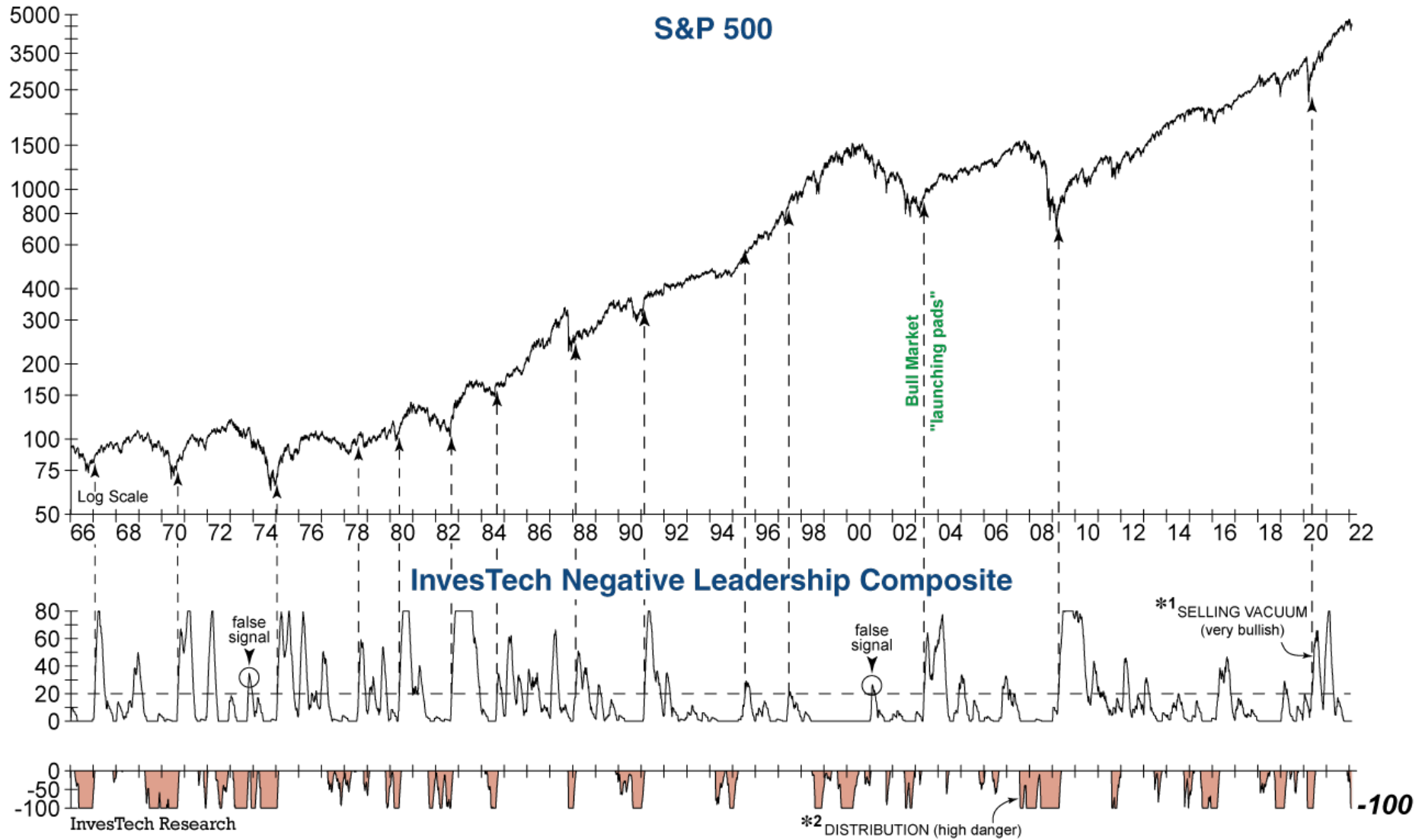
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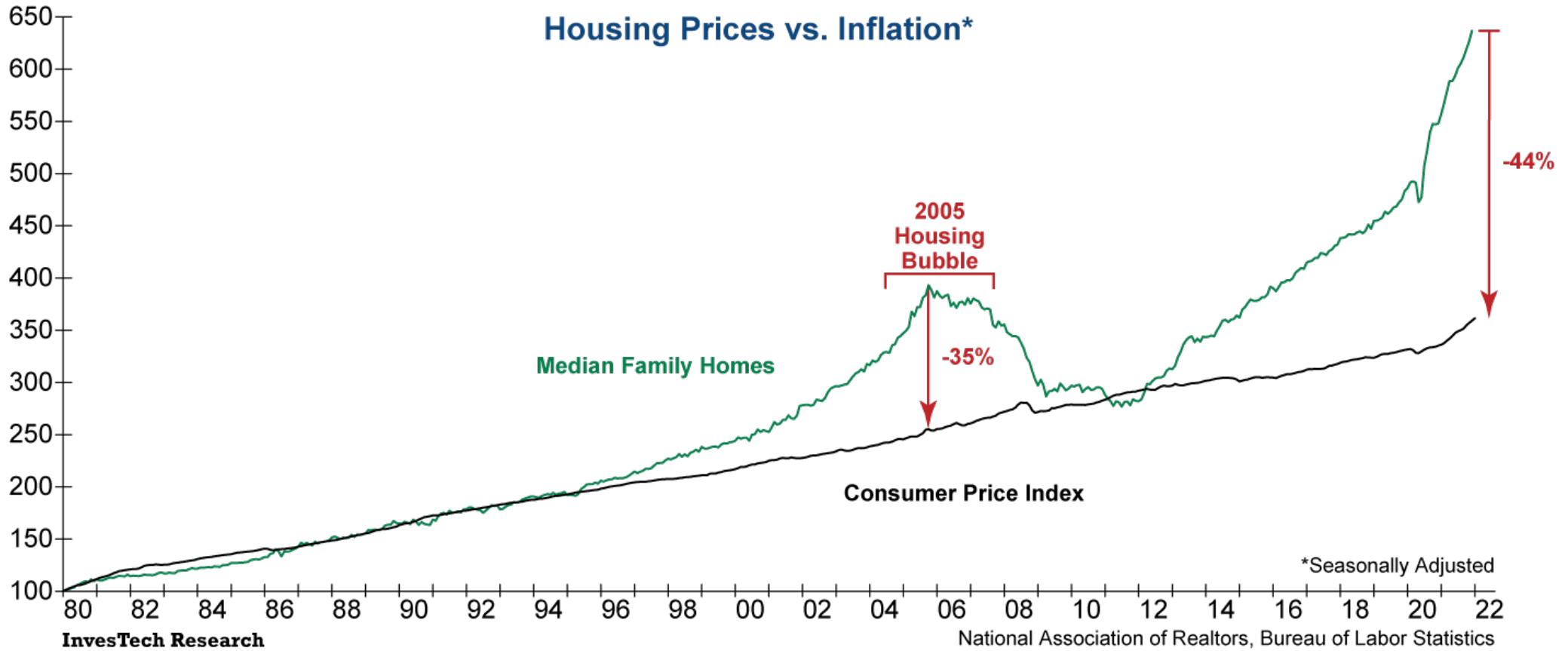


New Gorilla Index vs. Original Gorilla Index

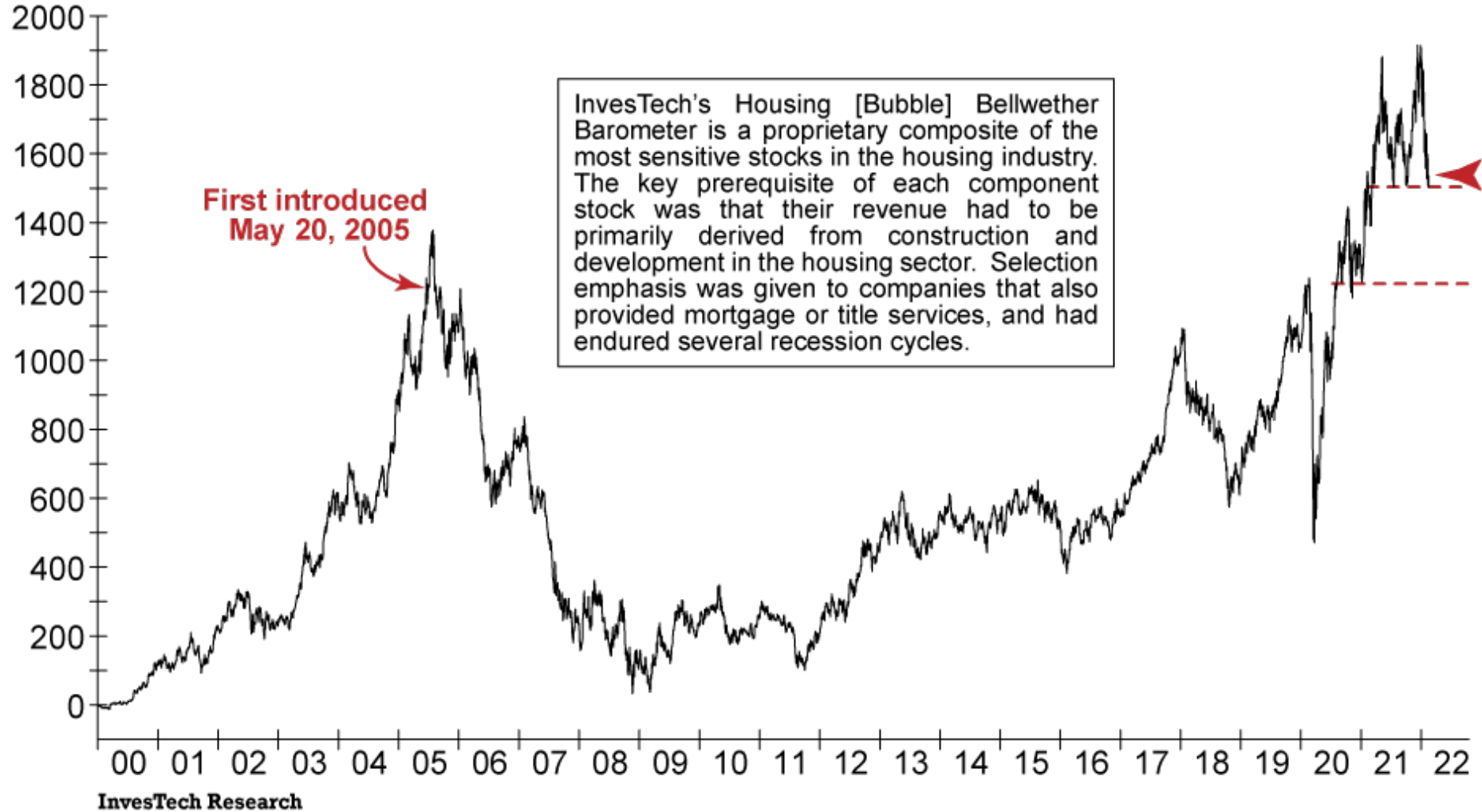


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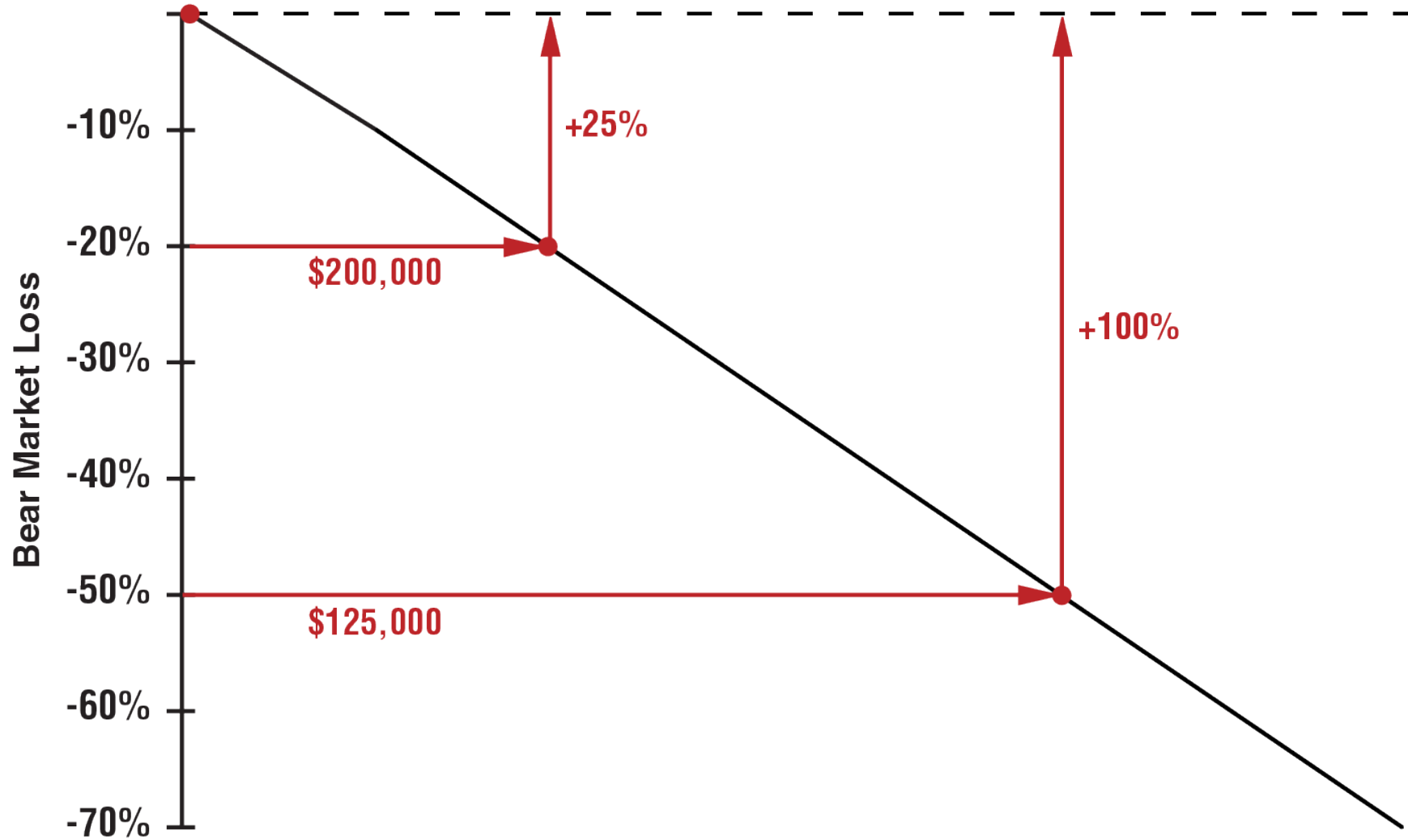


**Risk Management is NOT
market timing**

There are only 3 ways to manage risk

- **1) Portfolio Allocation**
- 2) Sector Weighting**
- 3) Stock Selection**

Recapturing Bear Market Losses

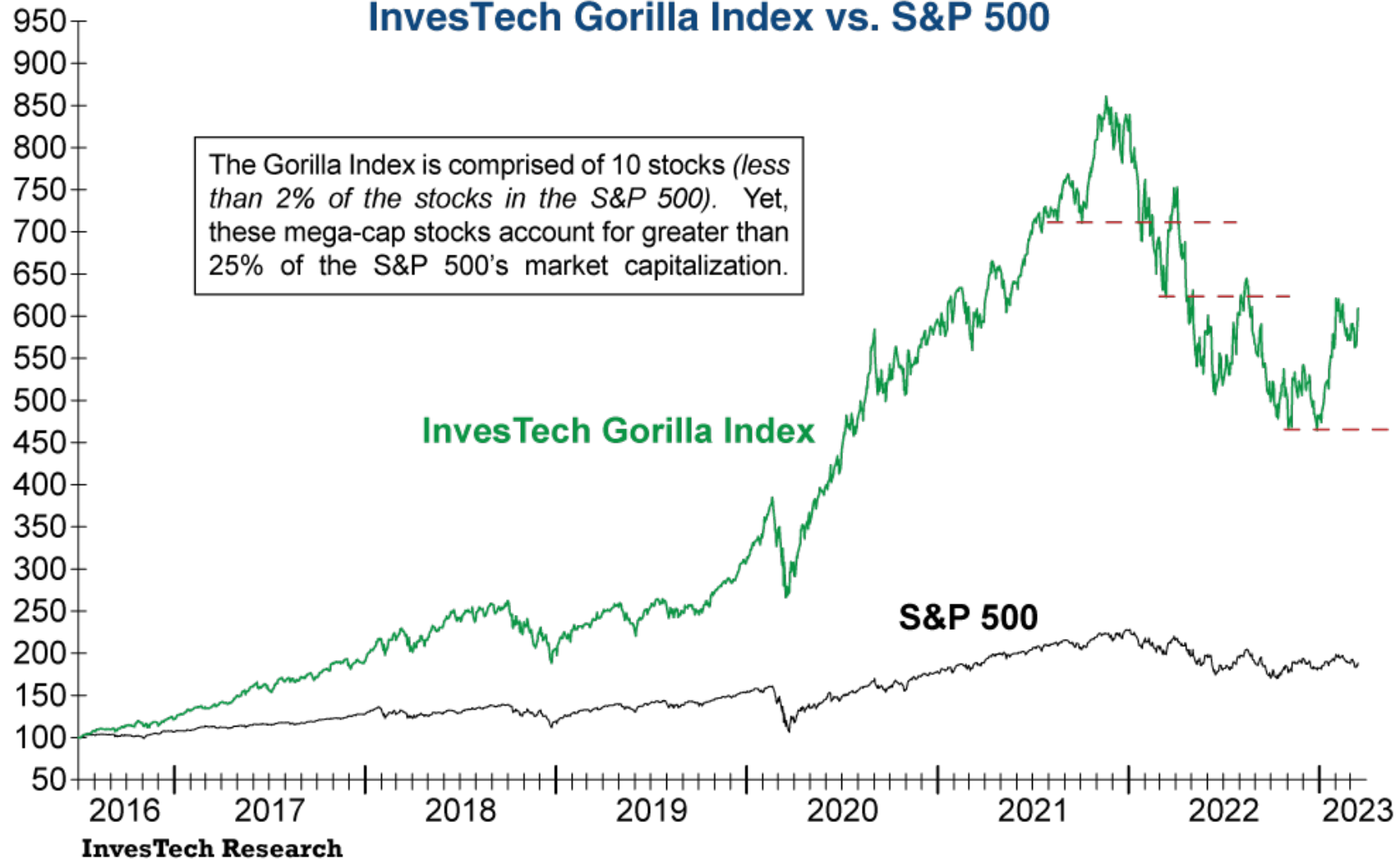


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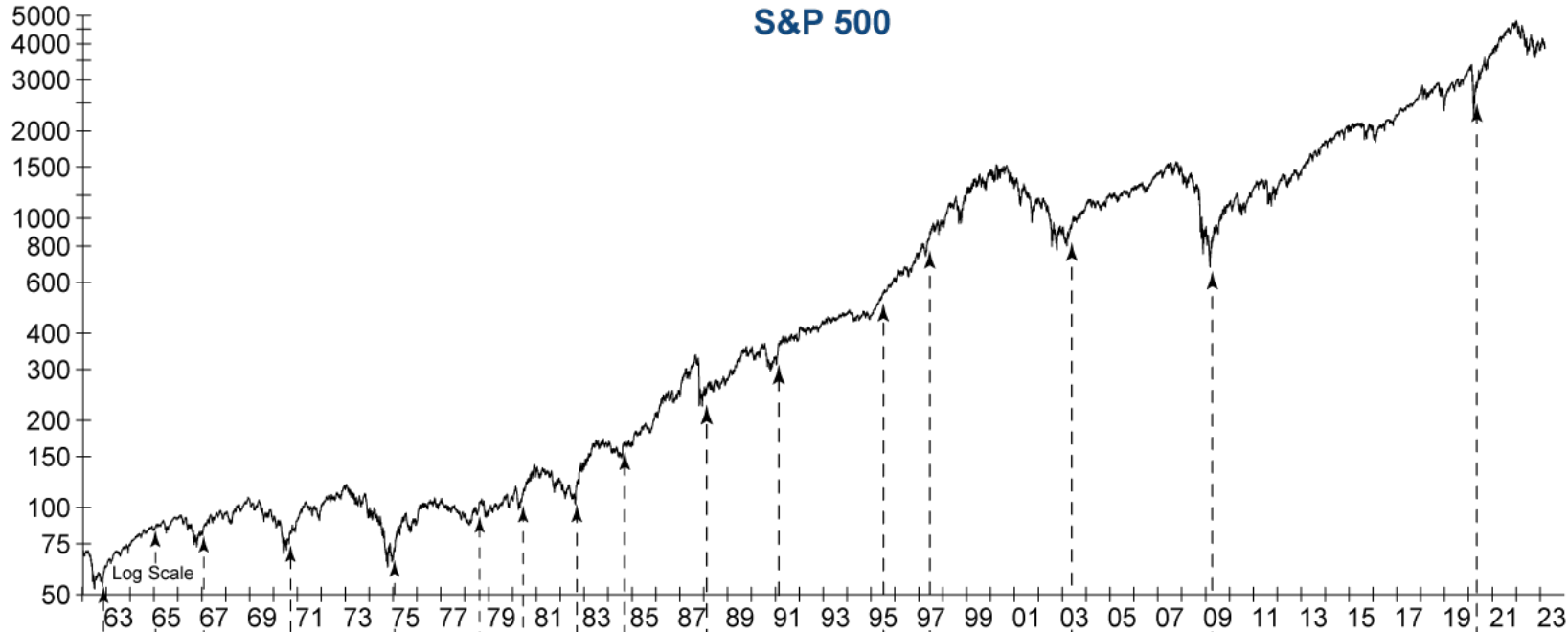
InvesTech Canary (in the coal mine) Index



InvesTech Gorilla Index vs. S&P 500



S&P 500

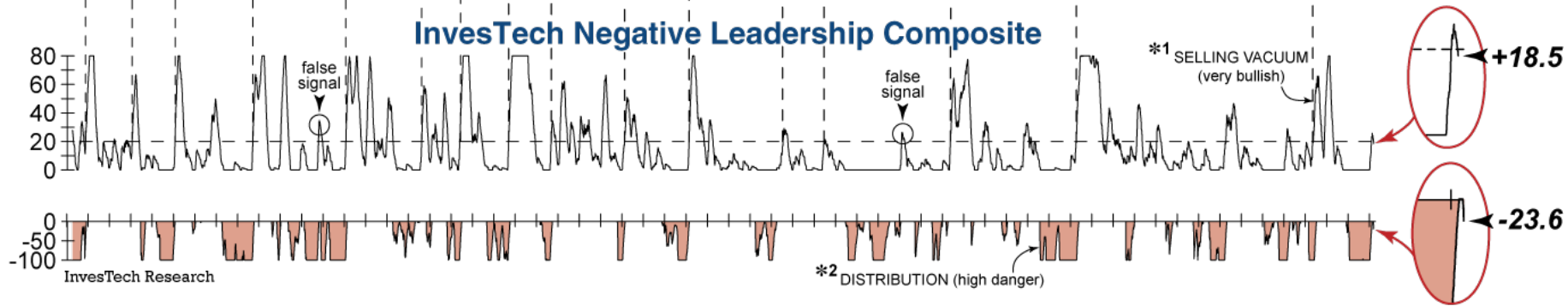


Negative Leadership Composite
“Selling Vacuum” Hits +20
 (1960 – Current)

S&P 500 Gain/Loss				
	1mo	3mo	6mo	12mo
Average:	2.0%	3.8%	8.2%	12.5%

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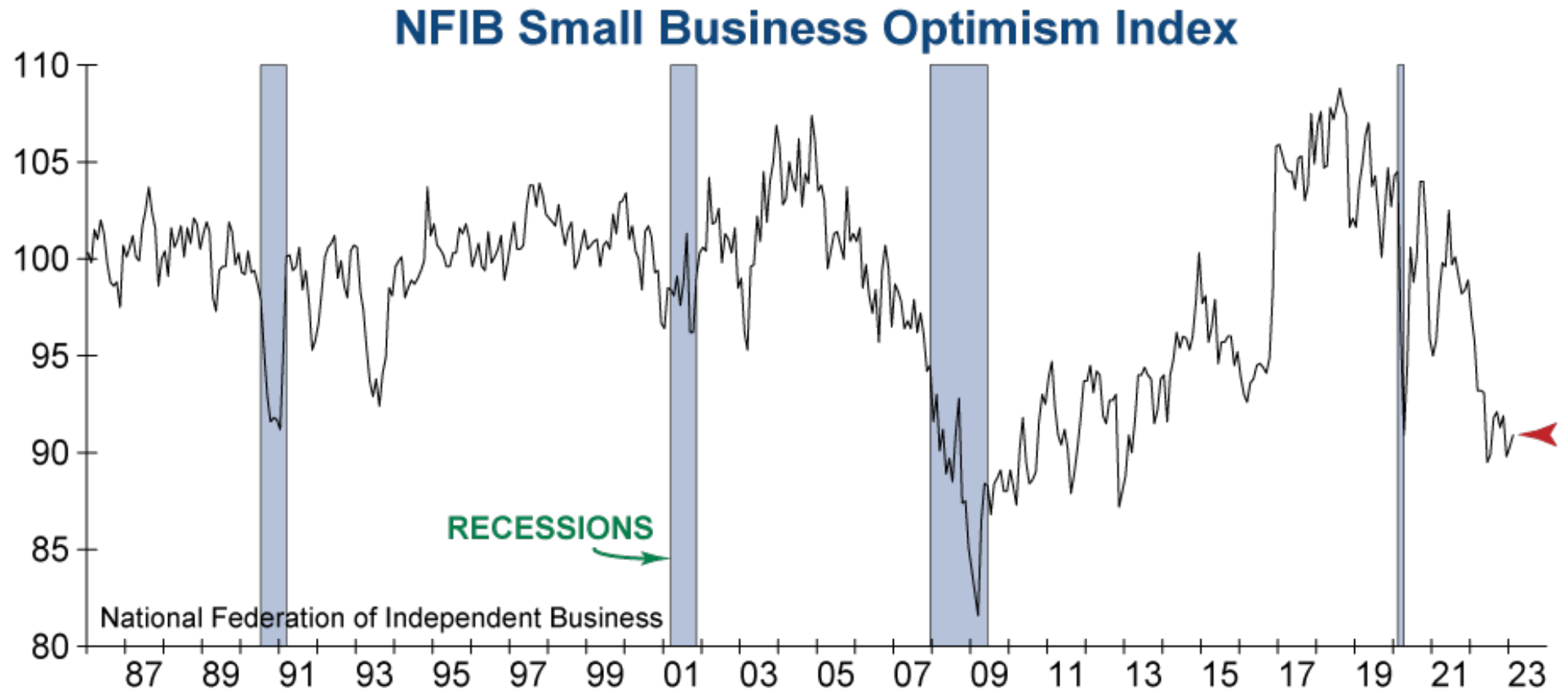


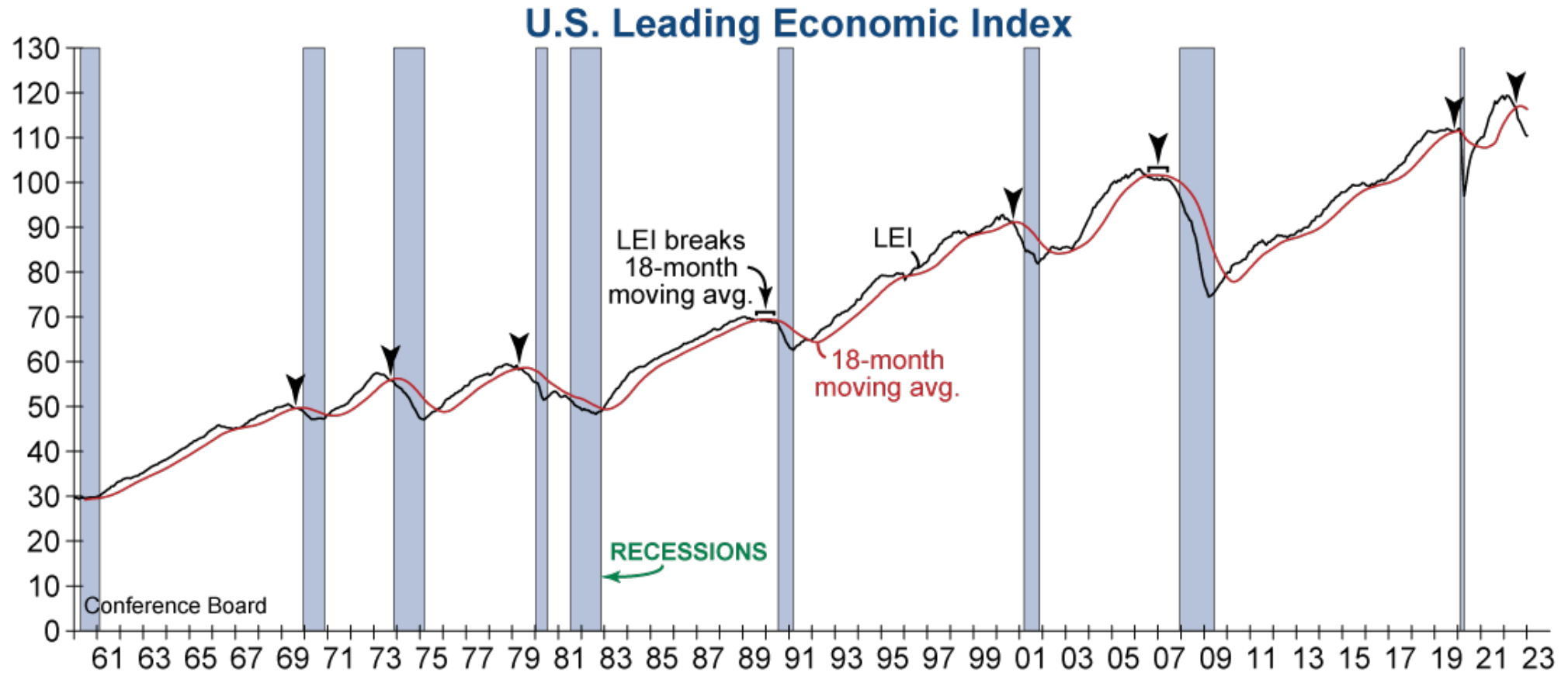
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Status of Recession Warning Indicators

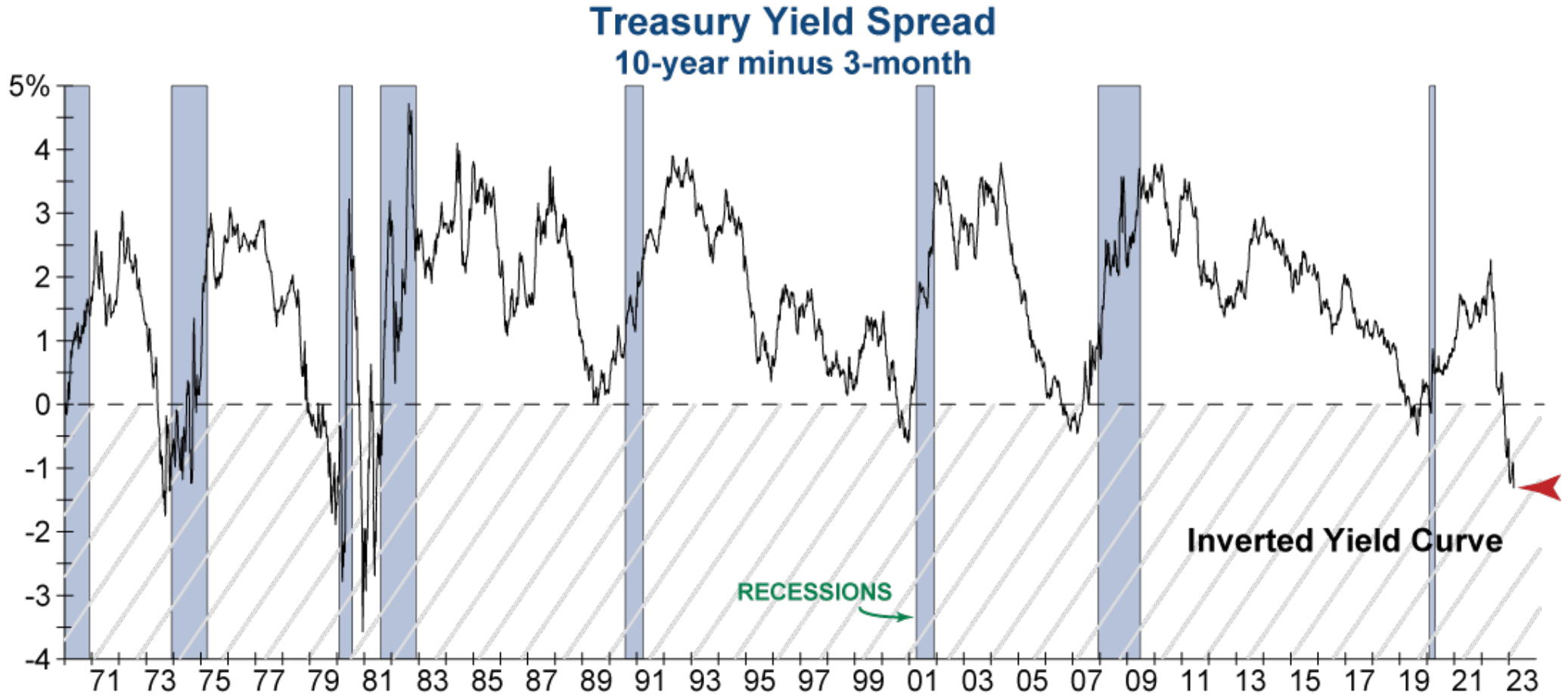
Indicator		Jan 2022	May 2022	Aug 2022	Jan 2023
Sentiment	CEO Confidence	▲	▲	▼	▼
	Consumer Confidence	●	▼	▼	▼
	Consumer Sentiment	▼	▼	▼	▼
	NFIB Small Business Optimism	●	▼	▼	▼
Housing	New Home Sales	▲	▼	▼	▼
	Existing Home Sales	▲	▲	▼	▼
	NAHB Builder Confidence	▲	▲	▼	▼
	NAHB Traffic of Prospective Buyers	▲	▲	▼	▼
	Housing Starts	▲	▲	▲	●
	Building Permits	▲	▲	▲	▼
Leading Models	Leading Economic Index (LEI)	▲	▲	▼	▼
	LEI Rate of Change	▲	▲	▼	▼
	ECRI Weekly Leading Index	▲	▼	▼	▼
Leading Data	ISM Manufacturing Index	▲	●	●	▼
	ISM Services Index	●	●	●	▼
Monetary	Credit Spreads	▲	▲	▲	●
	Fed Yield Spread Model	▲	▲	▼	▼
	Inverted Yield Curve	▲	▲	▼	▼
Labor	Consumer Confidence – Jobs Plentiful	▲	▲	●	▼
	Job Openings	▲	▲	▼	▼
	Jobless Claims	▲	▲	●	●

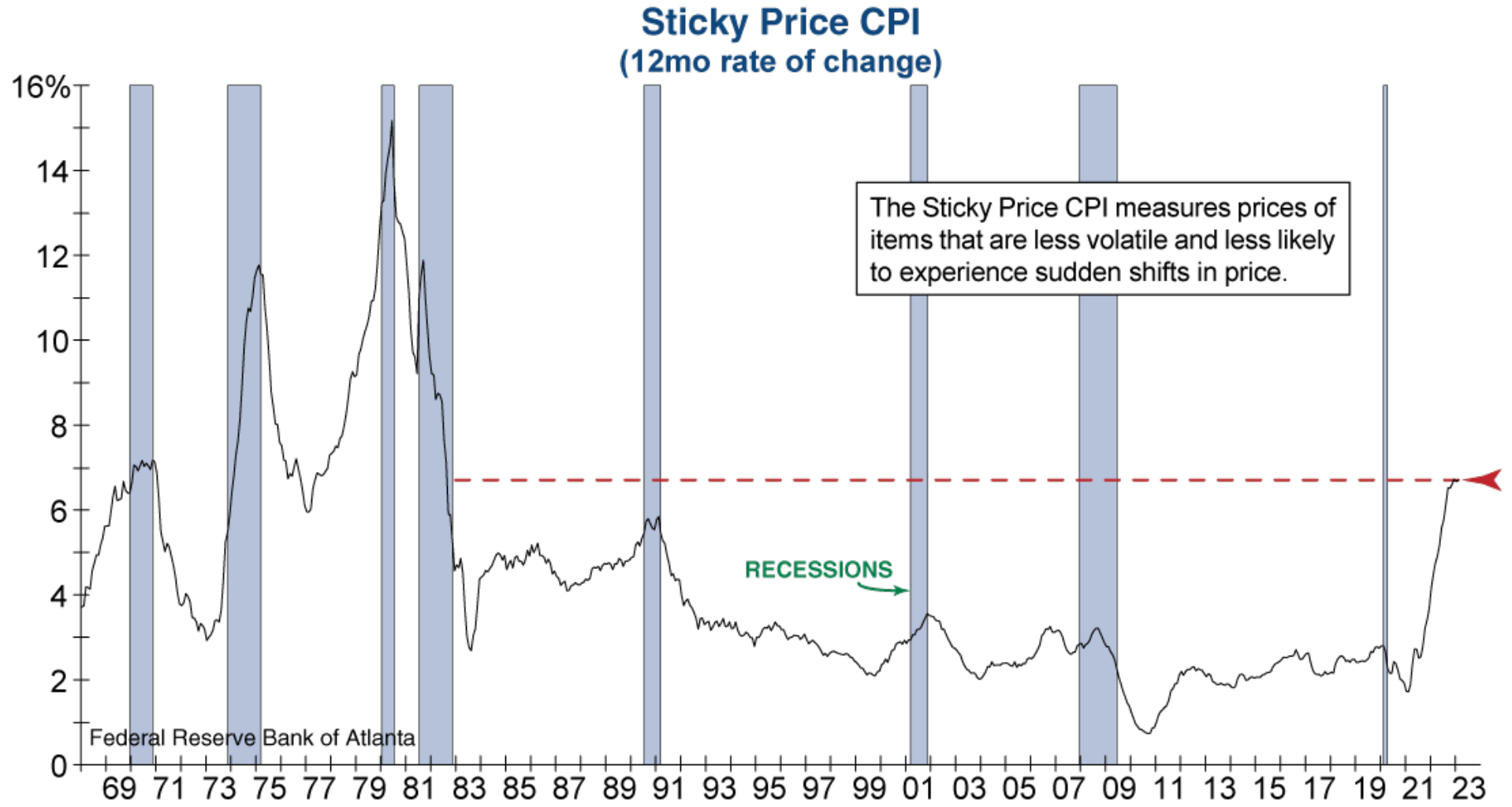
▲ Stable ● Caution ▼ Warning

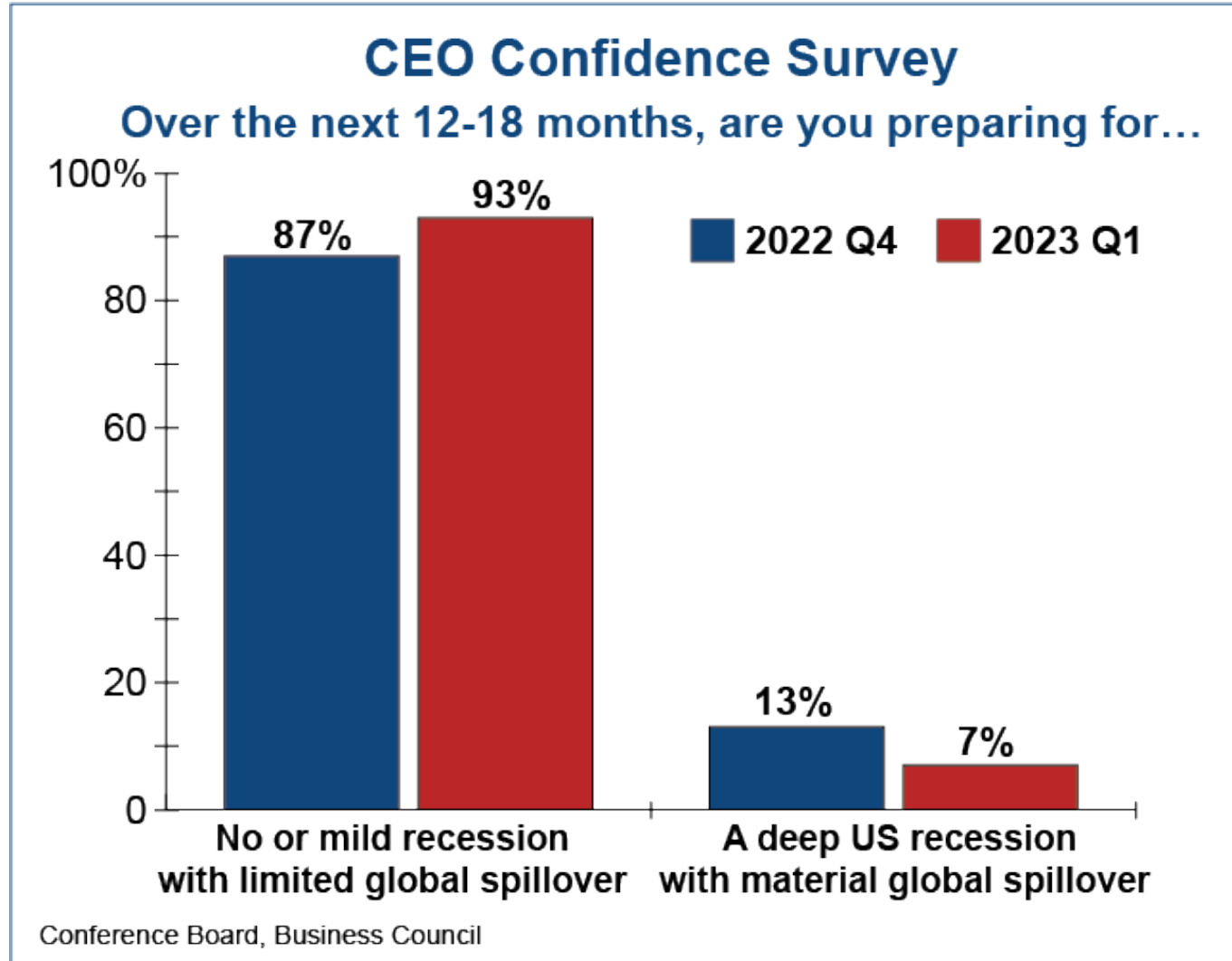




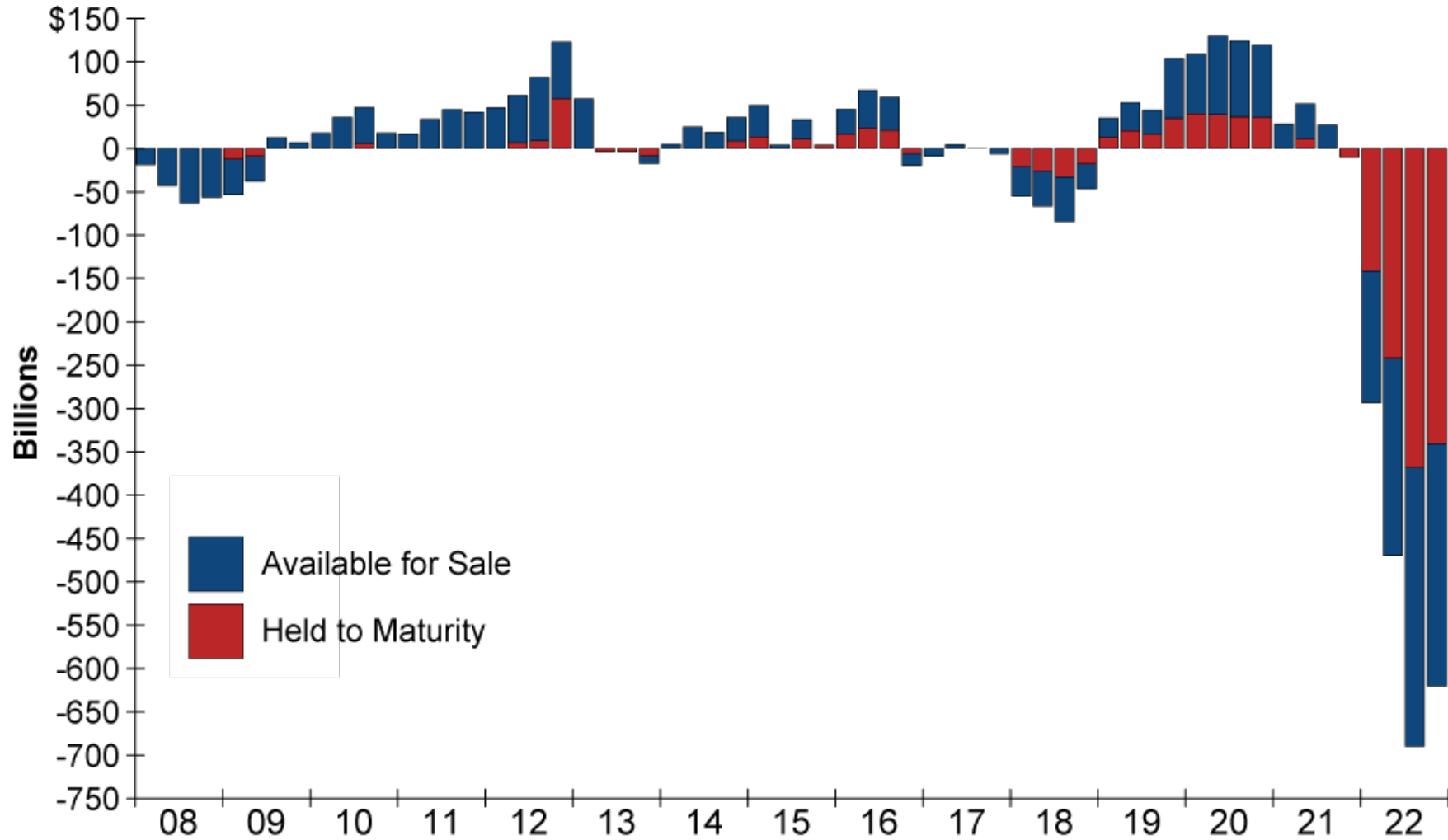
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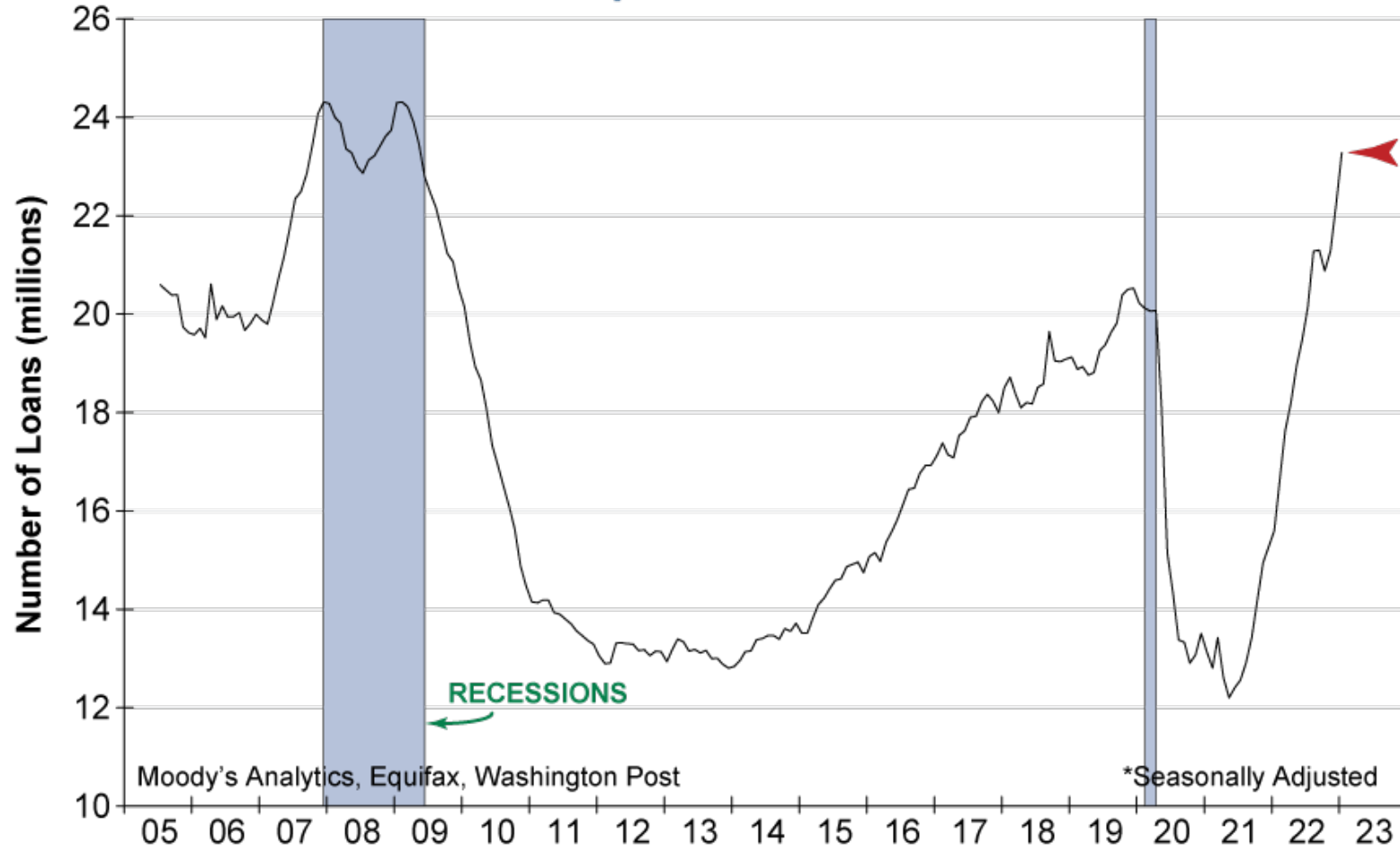




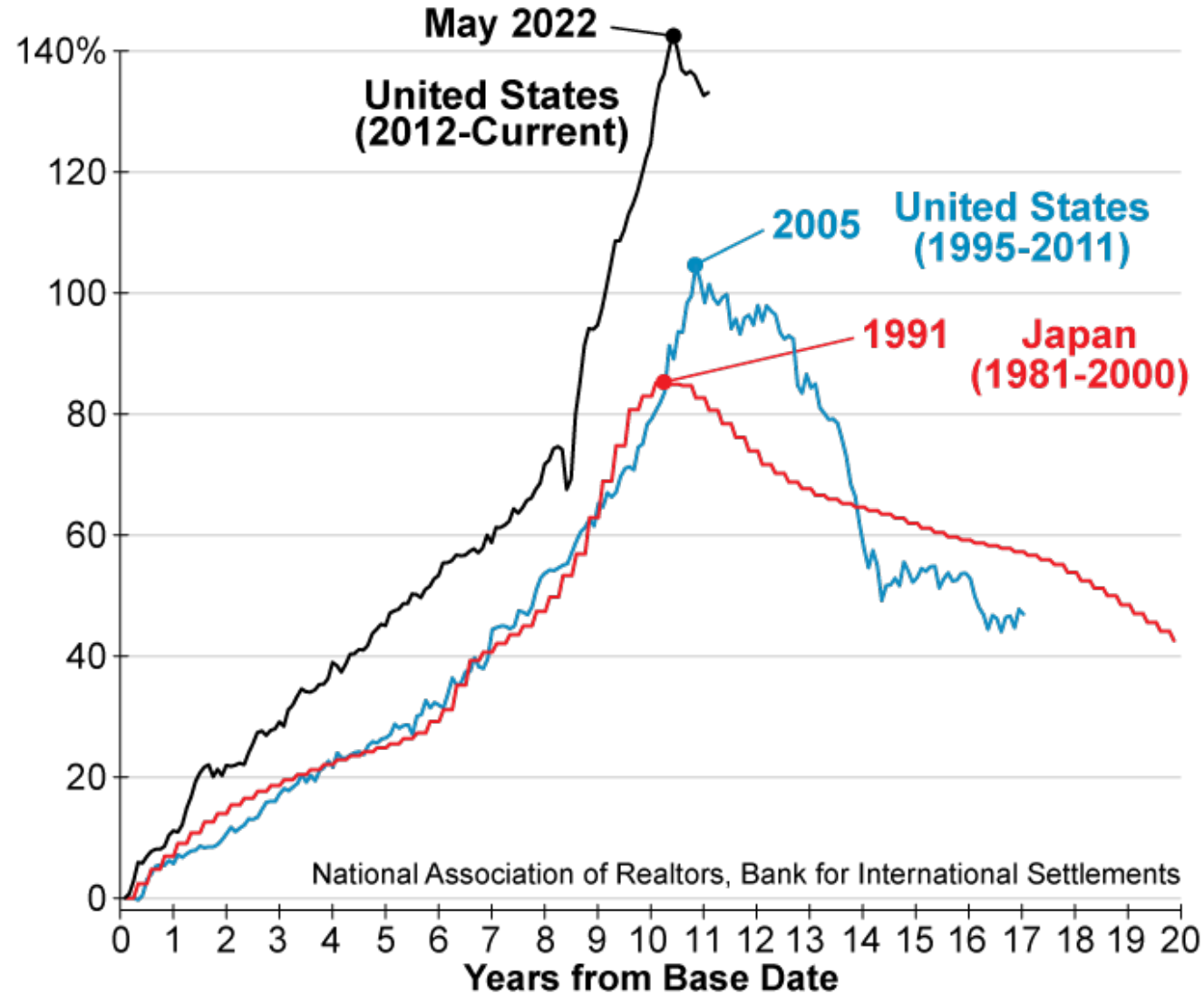
FDIC Reported Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investment Securities



Total Delinquent U.S. Consumer Loans*



Historic Housing Bubbles versus Today



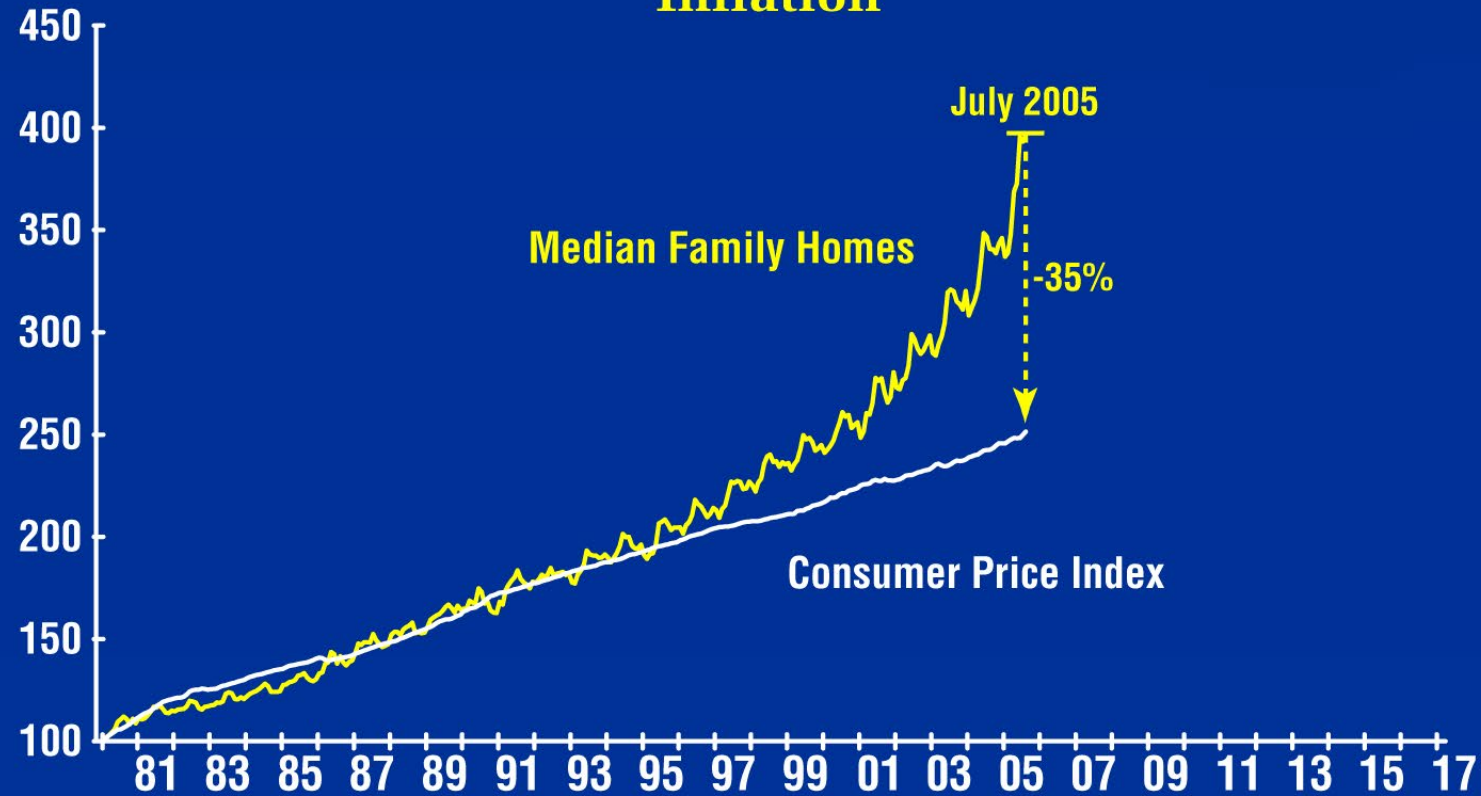
Housing *Achilles Heel*

July 1, 2005

“[We] see a Trillion+ dollar government bailout of the mortgage industry at some point over the next decade... There’s going to be a lot of anger and finger-pointing in the washout, just as there was on Wall Street in 2002.”

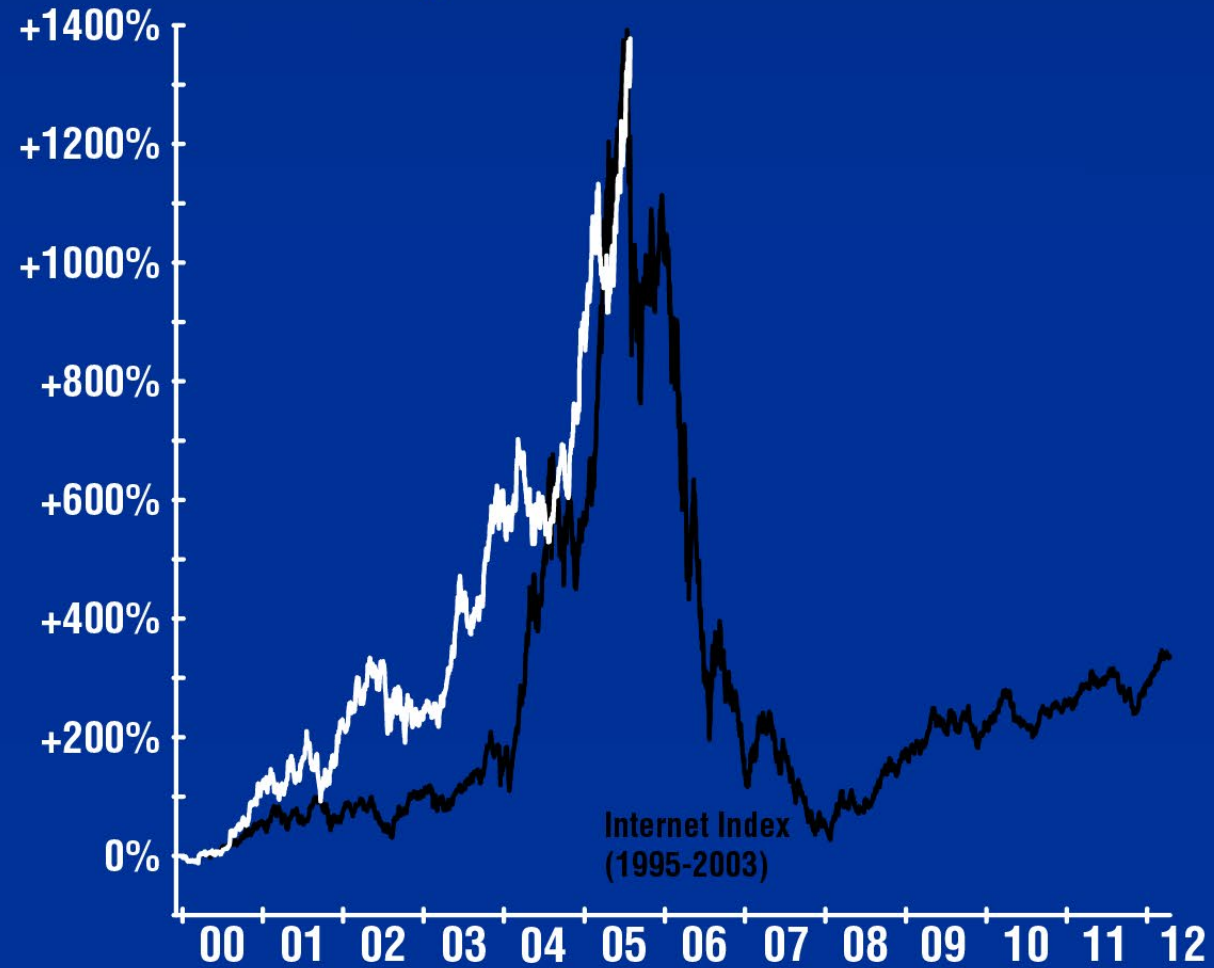
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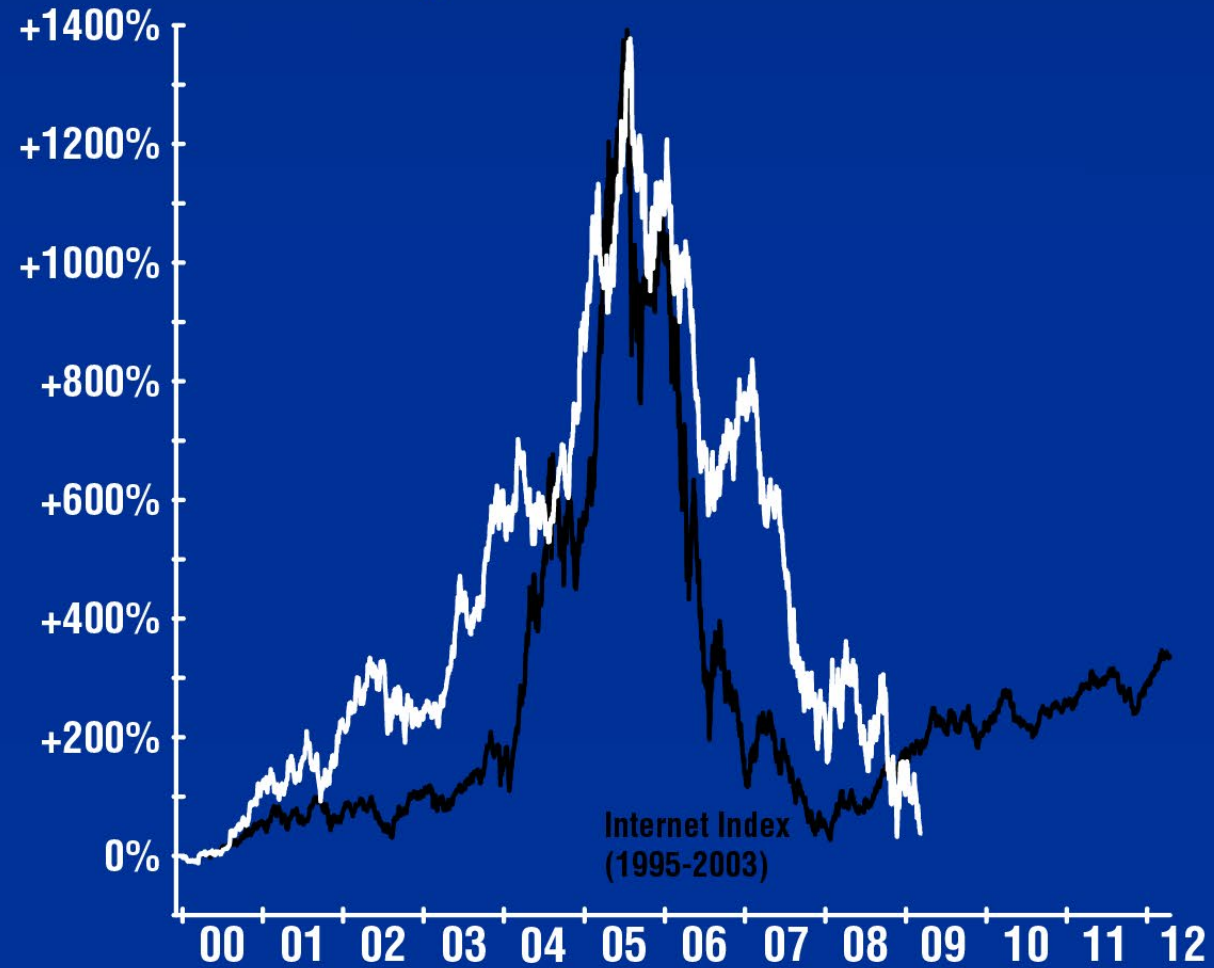


Source: National Association of Realtors, Bureau of Labor Statistics

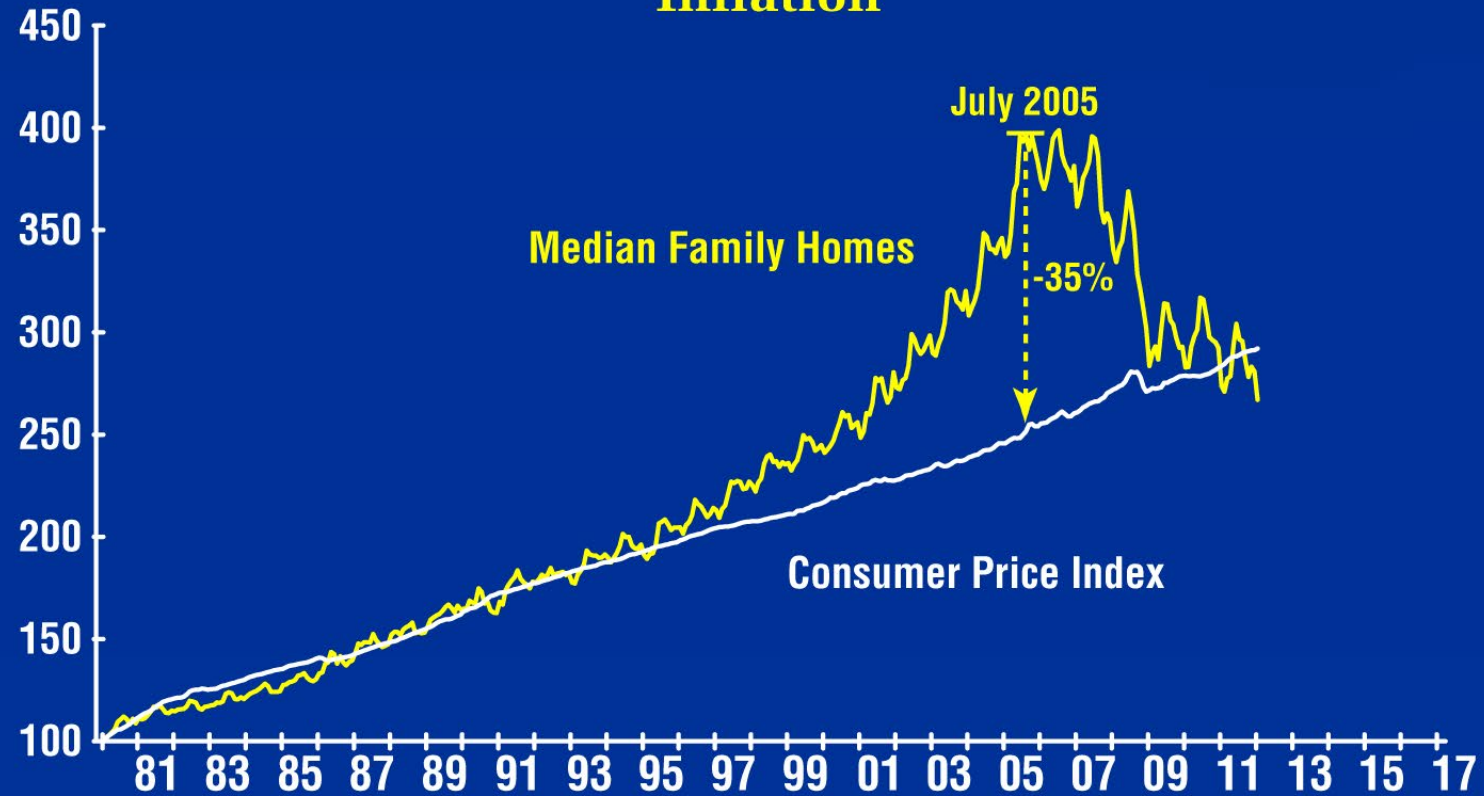
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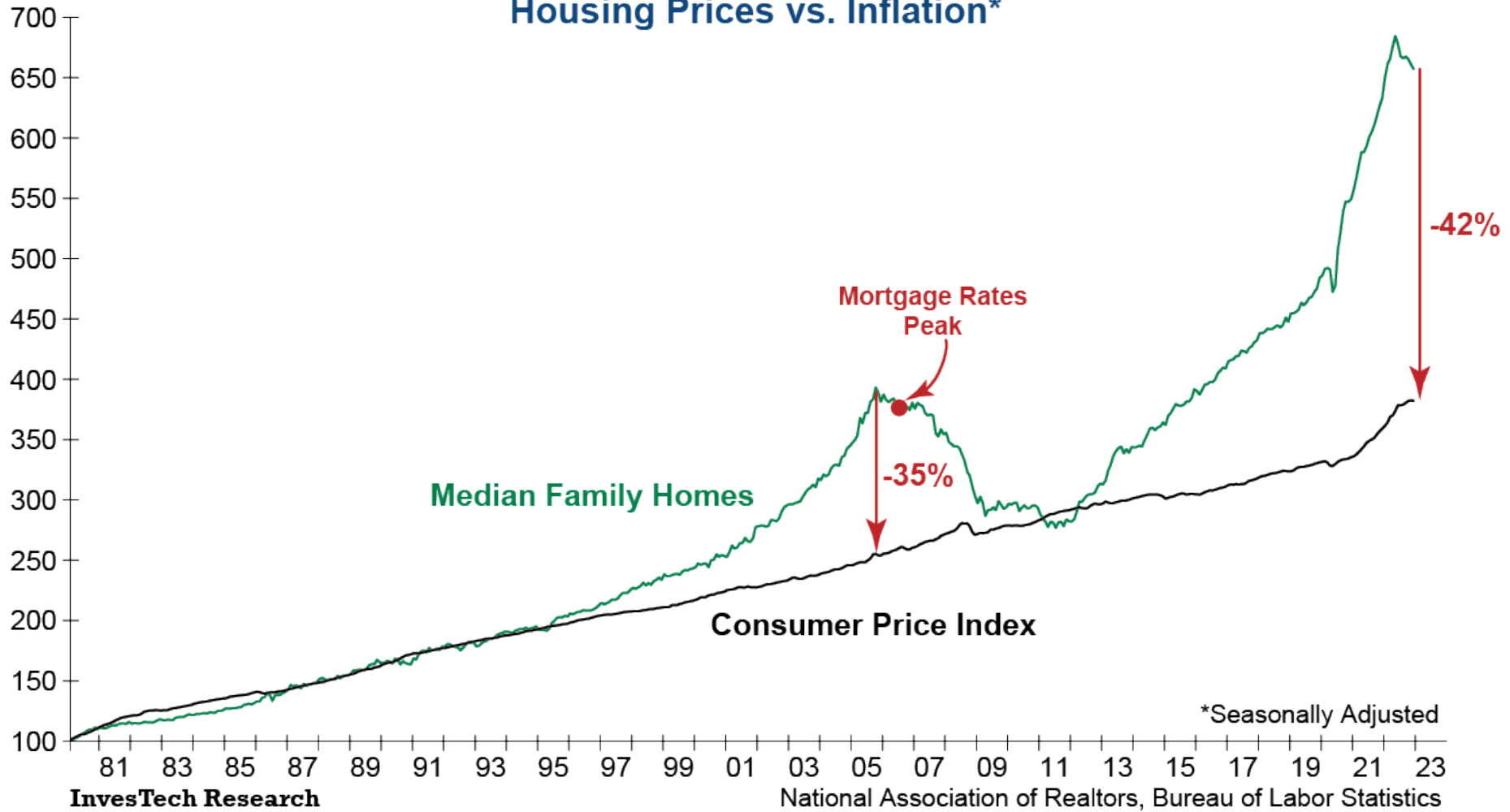


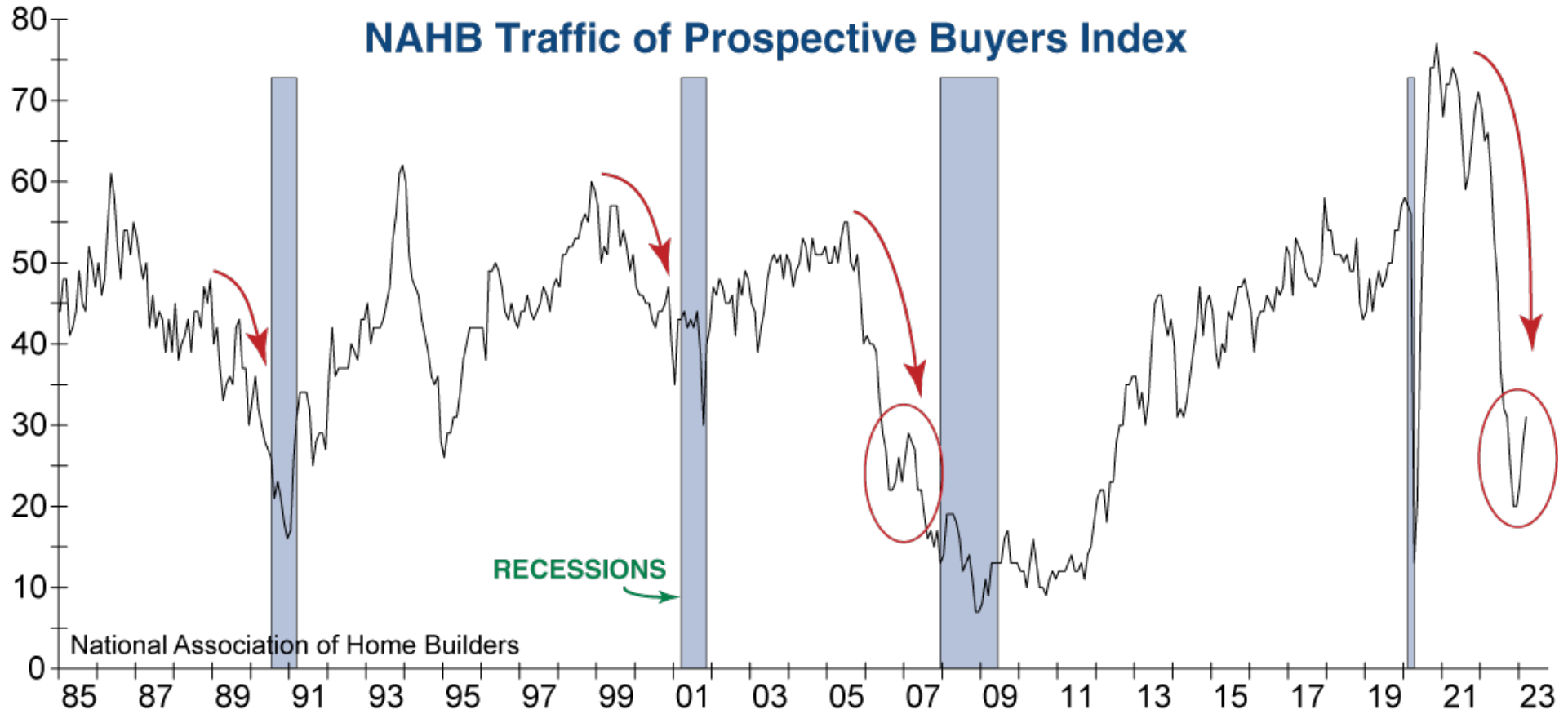
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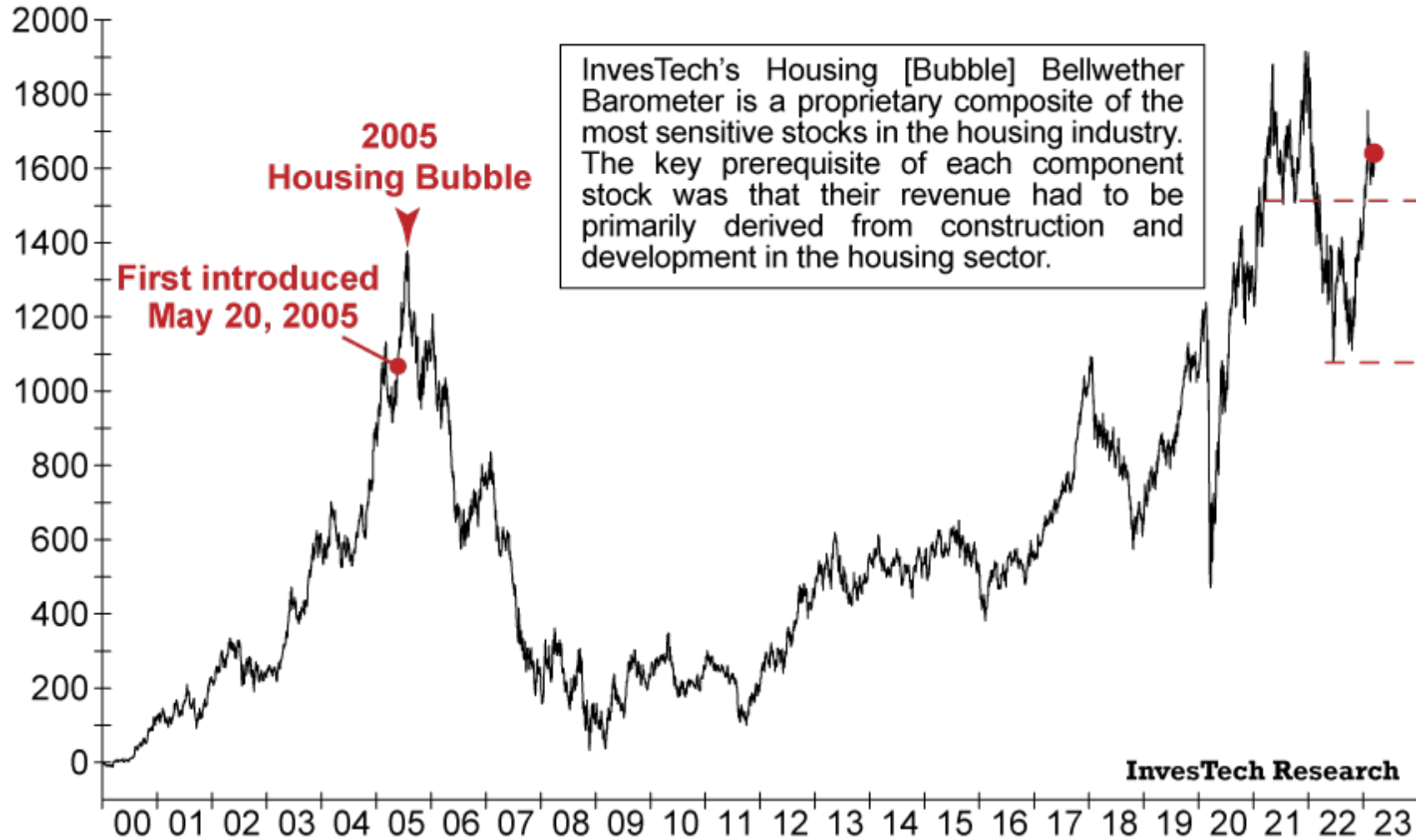
Mortgage Purchase Application Index



Mortgage Bankers Association

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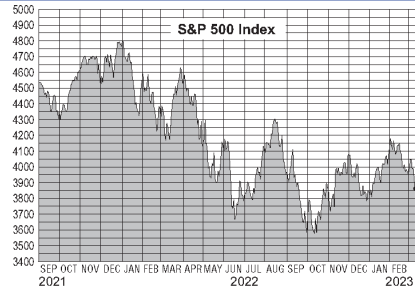
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Gold (London PM)	\$1862.80	\$1808.80	\$1861.25

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DJIA	34245.93	31909.64	31909.64	32392.35
DJUA	953.61	887.55	887.55	963.29
NASDAQ	12070.59	11138.89	11138.89	11401.81
S&P 500	4147.60	3861.59	3861.59	3940.38

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Technical and Monetary Investment Analysis

**Warnings from Wall Street: Reemergence of the Bear?
...and the problem with icebergs**

This year unfolded with a strong rally on Wall Street, including a Breadth Thrust that typically only occurs at the start of a new bull market... or new bull market leg. Investors' unfettered exuberance had many believing the worst of the bear market was over...

Retail investors are pouring a record \$1.5 billion per day into the stock market – Yahoo! Finance, 2/16/2023

Inside this issue, you'll see that the two most compelling bullish technical arguments entering 2023 have since turned south – or are at least signaling that Wall Street has entered uncharted waters. That is also true on the monetary side as interest rates rise and the Federal Reserve's battle with inflation starts to take its toll...

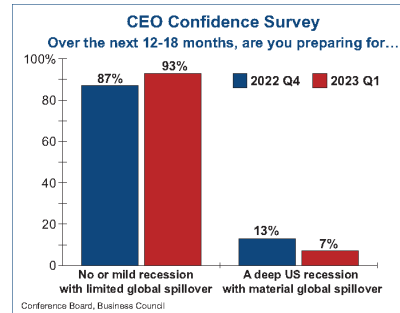
Silicon Valley Bank Closed by Regulators, FDIC Takes Control – Wall Street Journal, 3/10/2023

Signature Bank becomes next casualty of banking turmoil after SVB – Reuters, 3/13/2023

Our January issue of *InvesTechResearch* contained an updated table of 21 Recession Warning Flags, of which 85% were in full red-warning status. That has not changed significantly and, in fact, evidence inside only increases our conviction that the U.S. economy is already in recession – despite last Friday's hopeful employment report.

What is perhaps most surprising is the apparent complacency toward the possibility of a more severe economic downturn or broadening contagion. This survey from the Conference Board reveals that 93% of corporate CEOs expect either "no recession or mild recession" with limited global spillover.

That, unfortunately, leaves a great deal of room for unpleasant surprises. And with a number of potential icebergs floating around, it would seem prudent for conservative investors to have a lifeboat at hand just in case...



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