# Predicting the Markets: Chapter 13 Charts: Predicting Corporate Earnings

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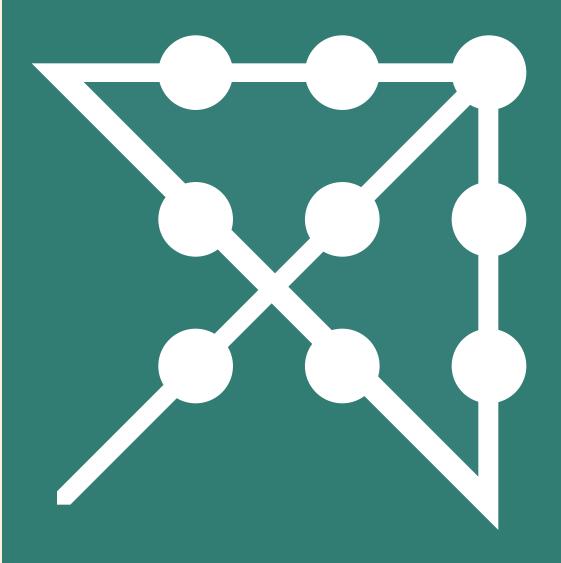
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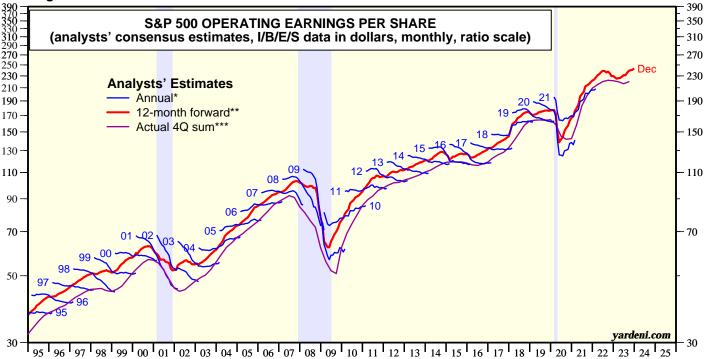
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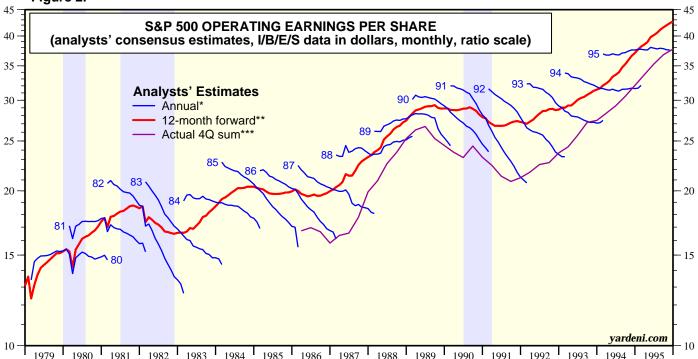




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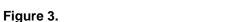
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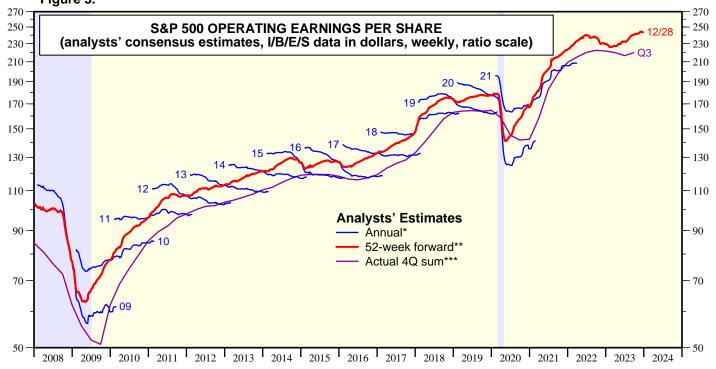
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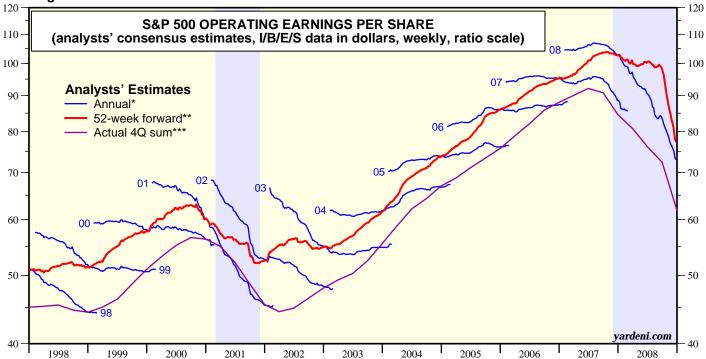




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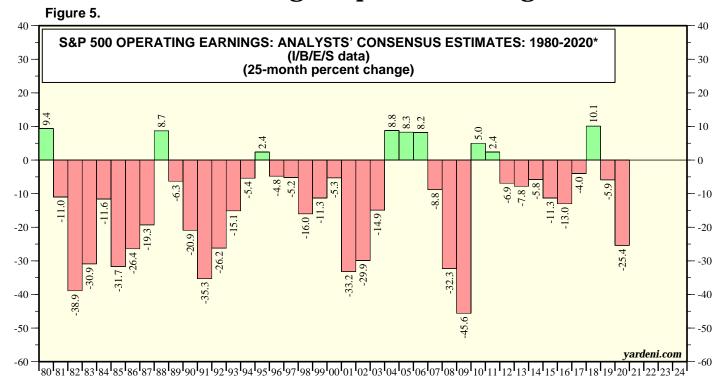


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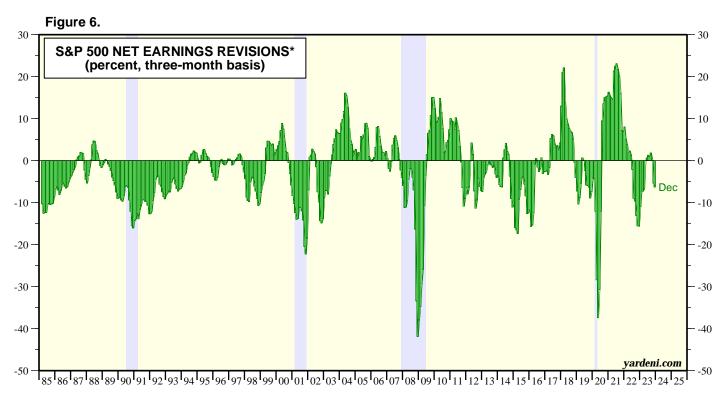
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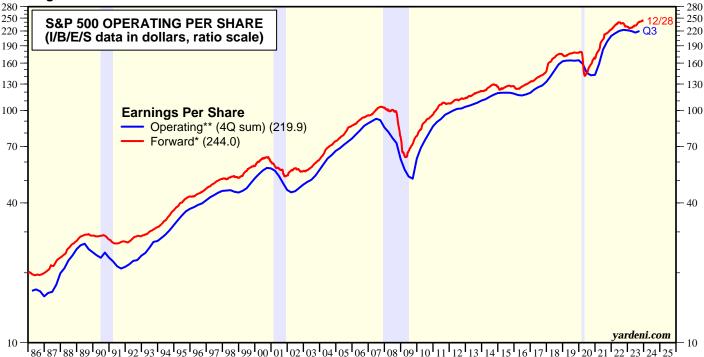


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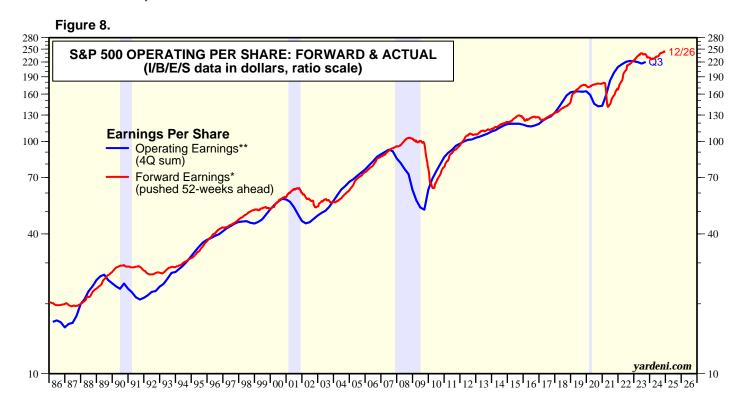
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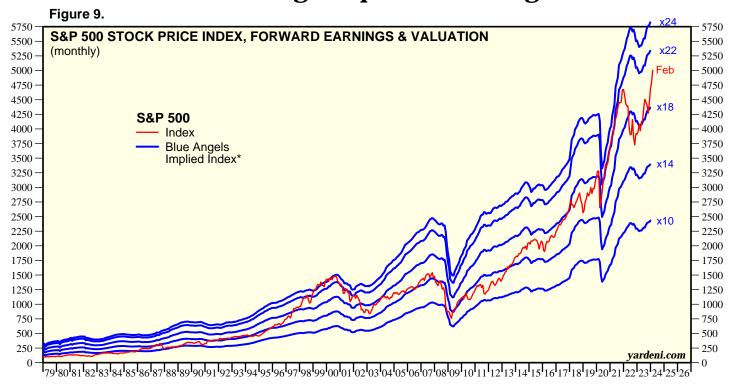
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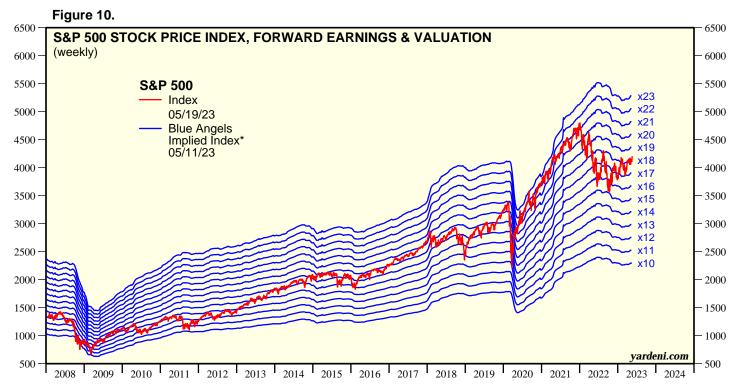


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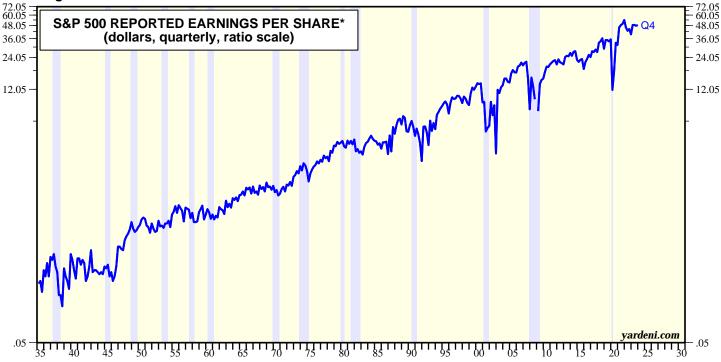


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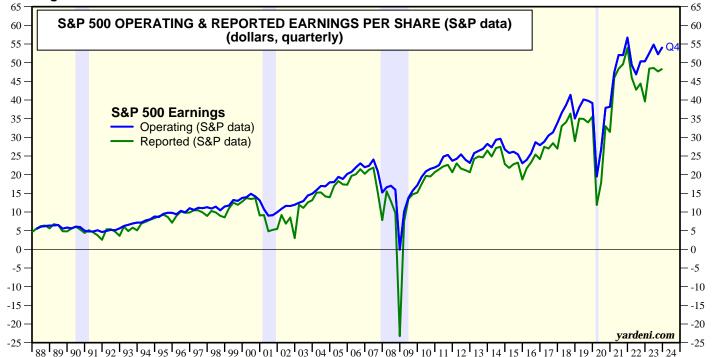
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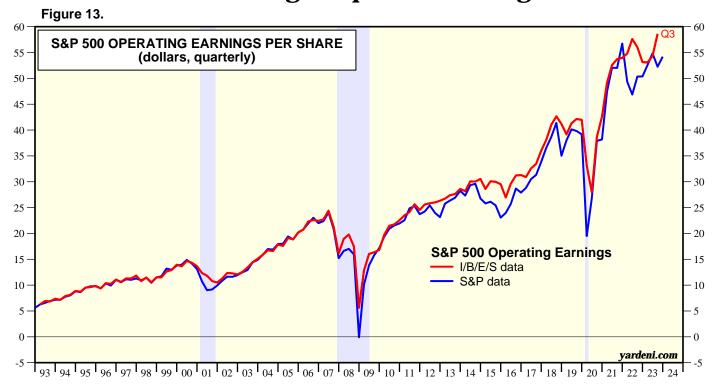


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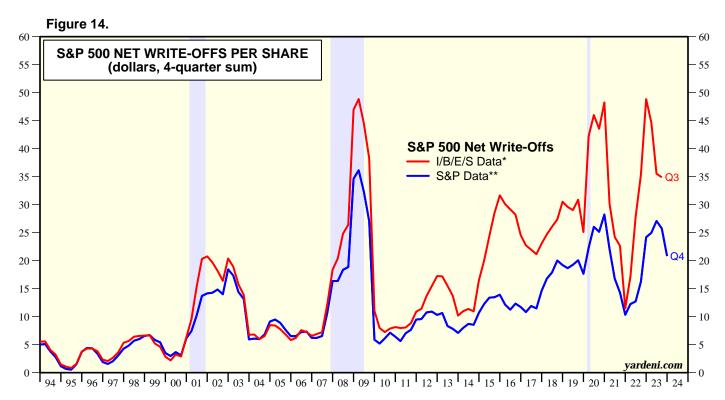




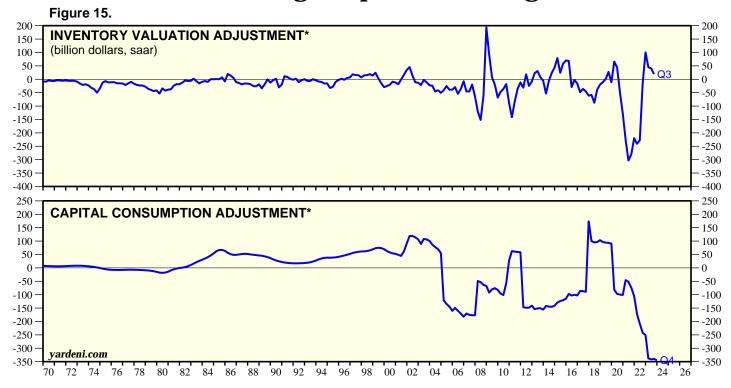
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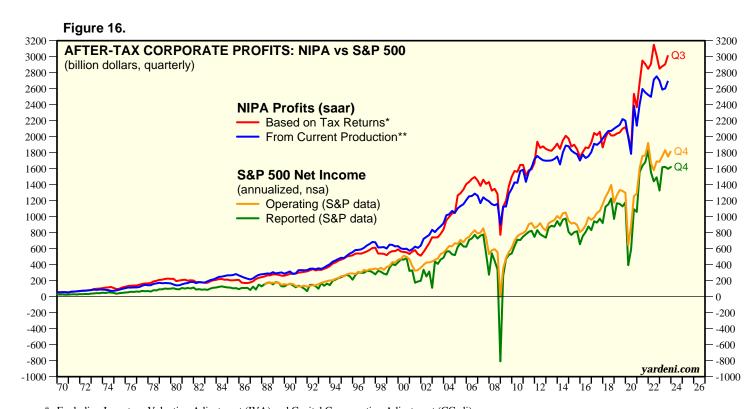
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I/B/E/S operating less S&P reported earnings per share.
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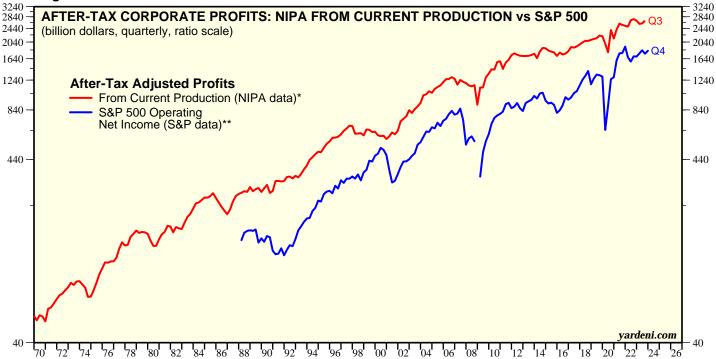


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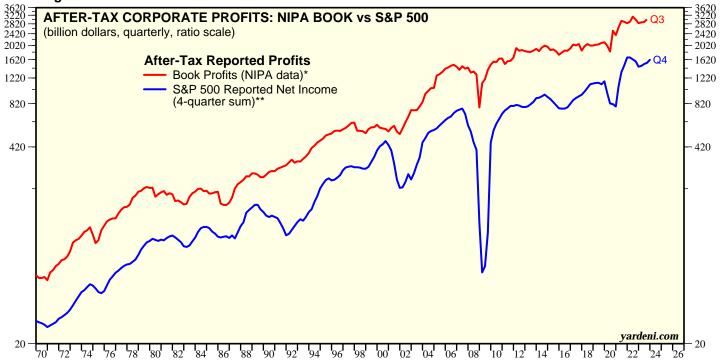
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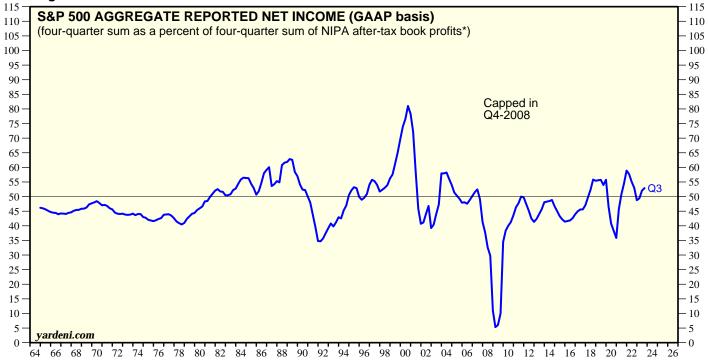


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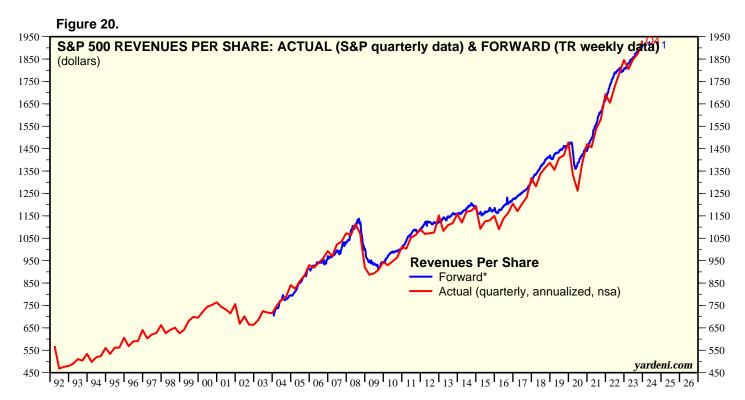
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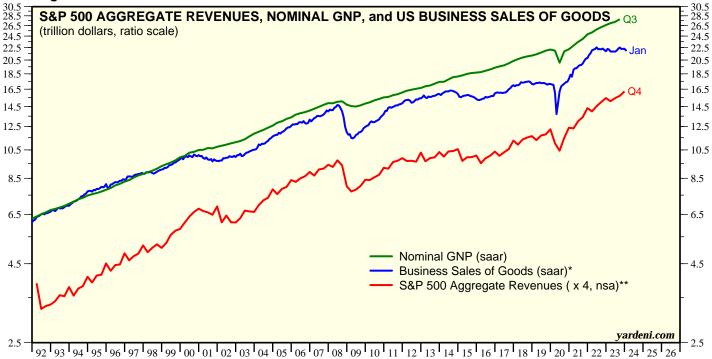


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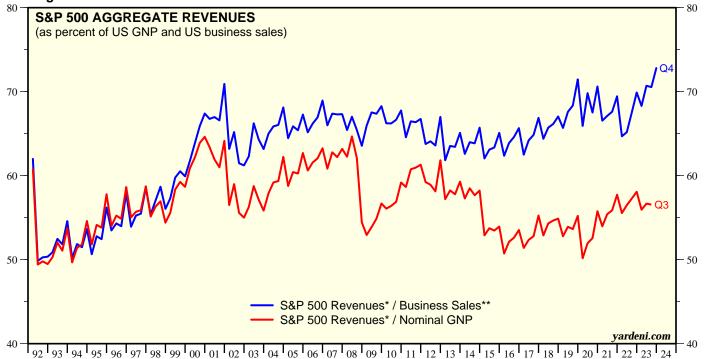
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Manufacturing and trade sales. Revenues are derived by multiplying S&P 500 revenues per share by the S&P 500 divisor for each quarter. Source: Bureau of the Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Standard & Poor's.





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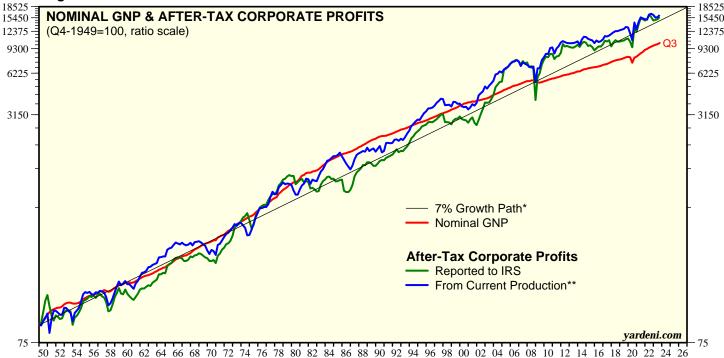
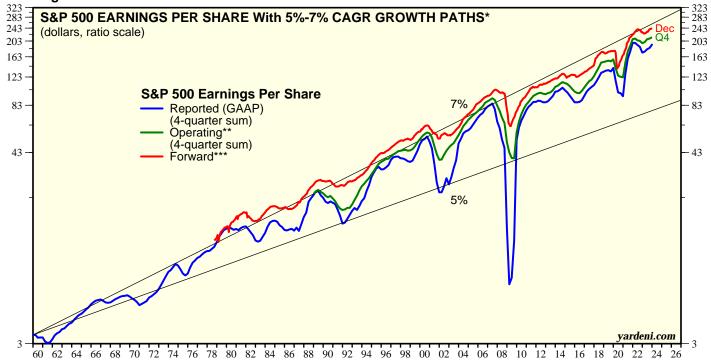


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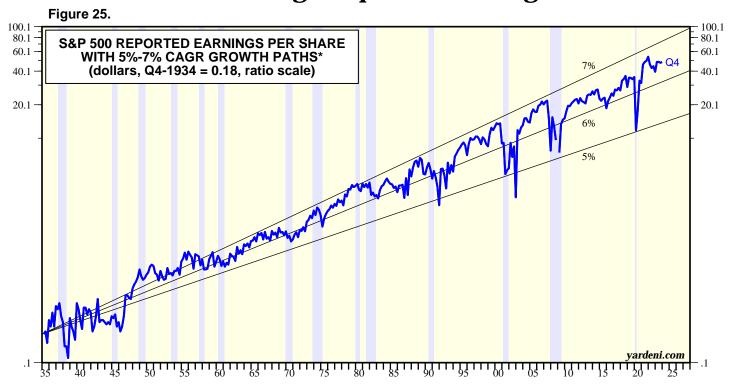


Compounded monthly to yield 5% and 7% annually. Excluding write-offs. Thomson Reuters data.

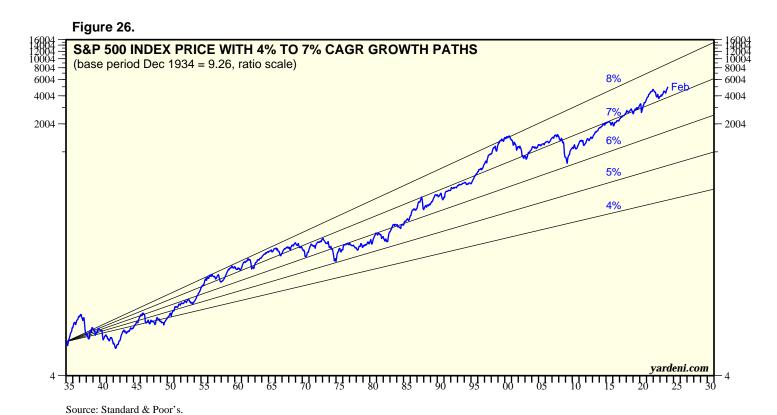
Source: Standard & Poor's and Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

Compounded monthly to yield 7% annually. Including Inventory Valuation Adjustment and Capital Consumption Adjustment, which restate the historical cost basis used in profits tax accounting for inventory withdrawals and depreciation to the current cost measures used in GDP. Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

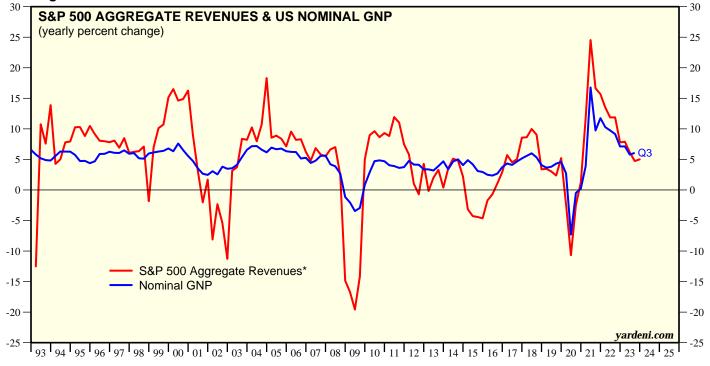
S&P 500 12-month forward consensus expected operating earnings per share. Time-weighted average of consensus estimates for current year and



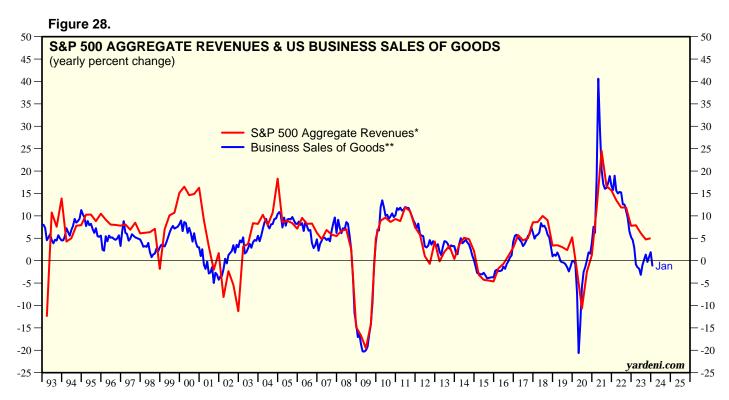
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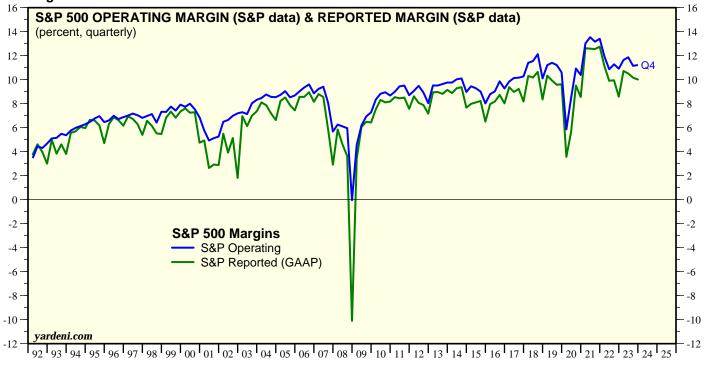
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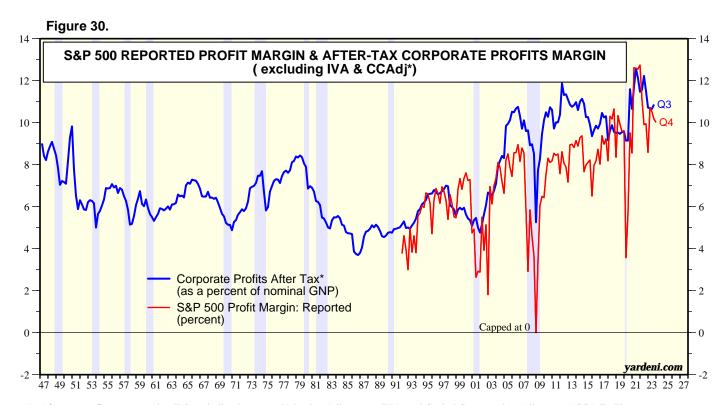
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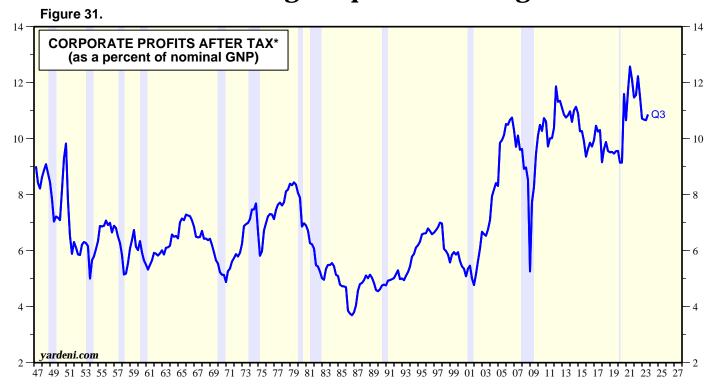


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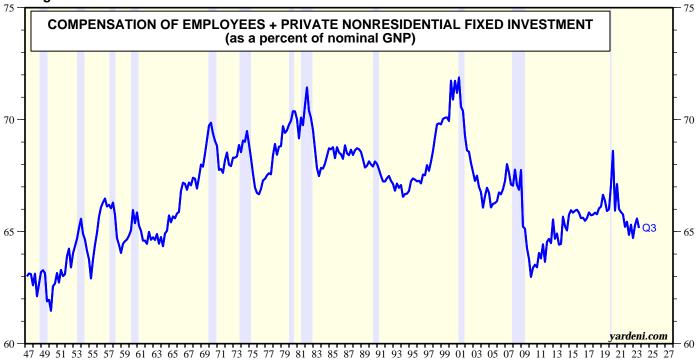
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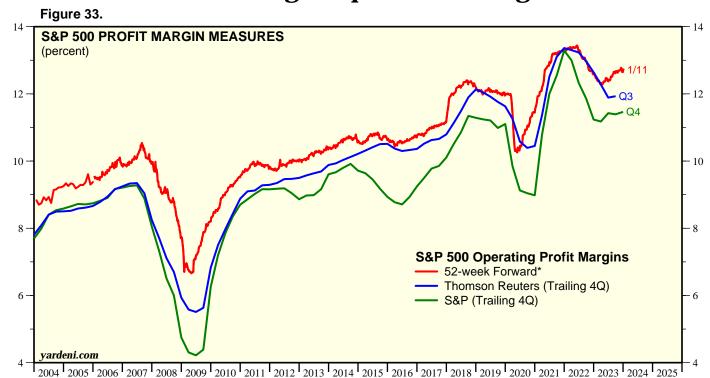
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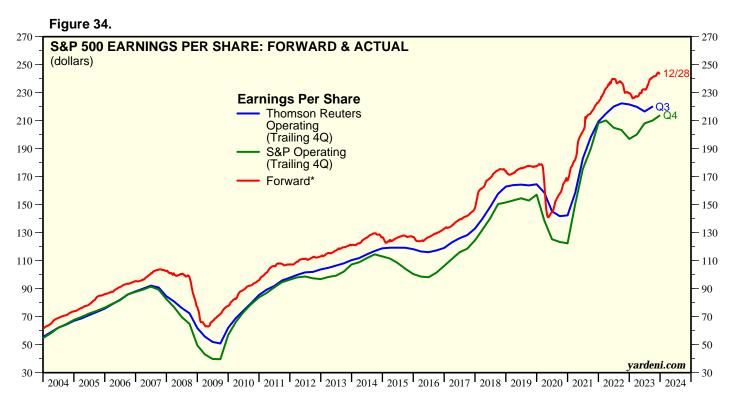
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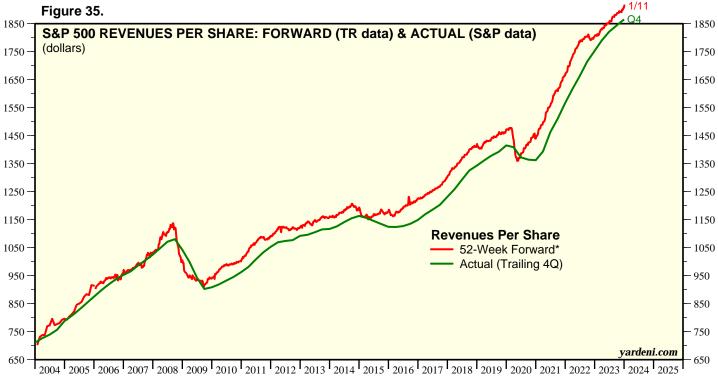


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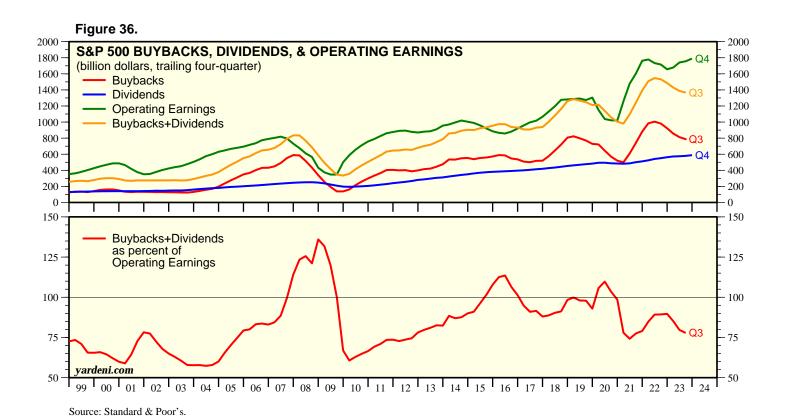
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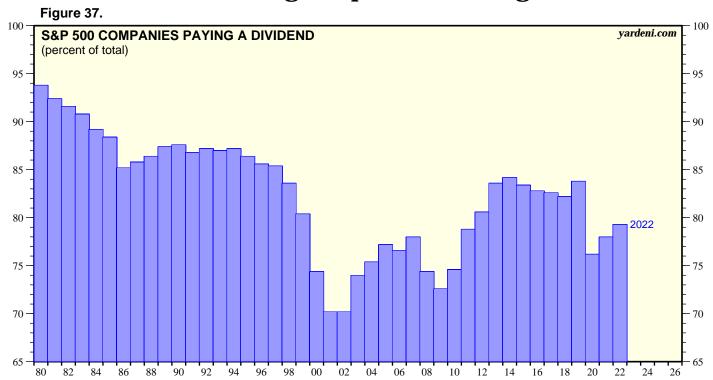


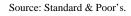


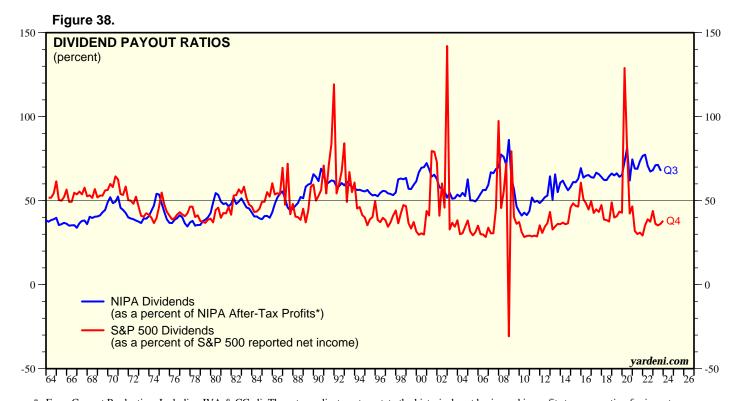
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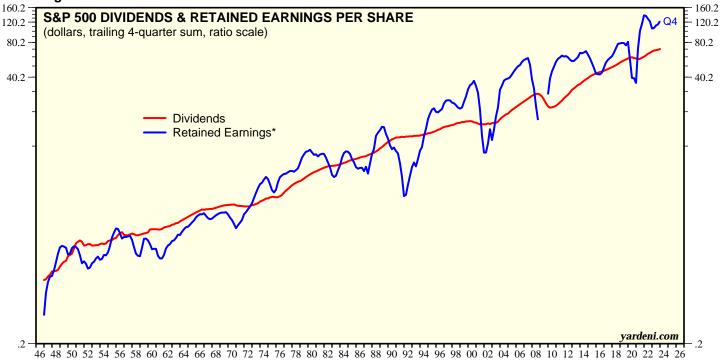






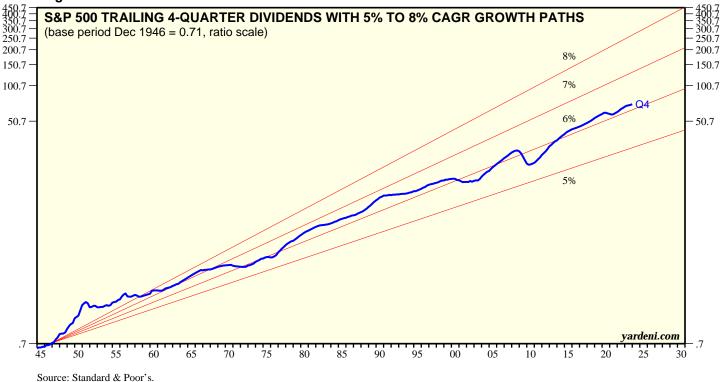
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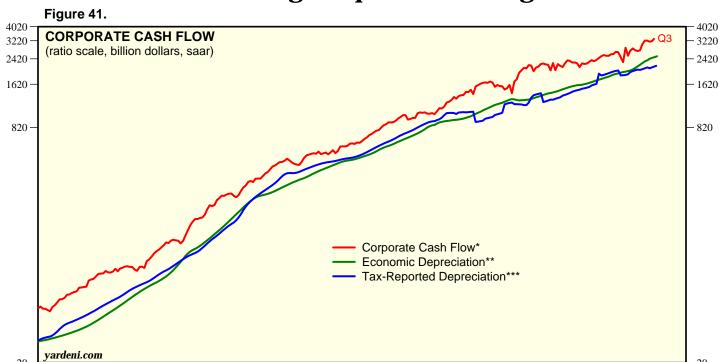




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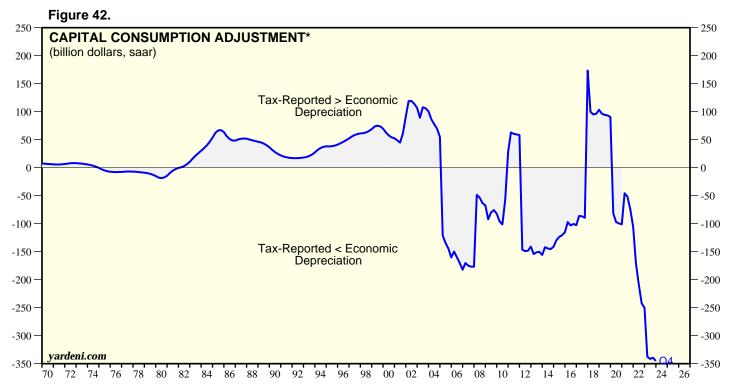
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Corporate capital consumption allowances with capital consumption adjustment. Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis.



This adjustment is used to restate the historical cost basis used in profits tax accounting for depreciation to the current cost measures used in GDP. Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

After-tax retained earnings plus tax-reported depreciation. Corporate capital consumption allowances.



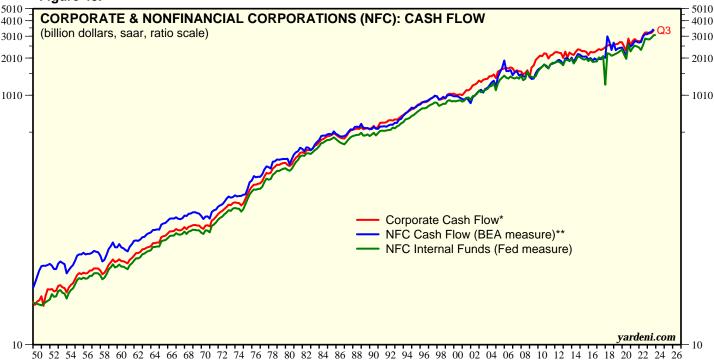
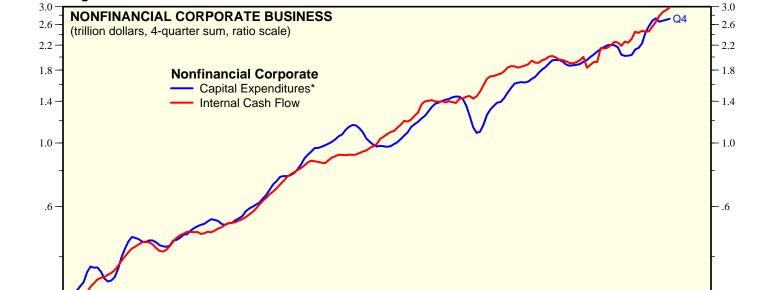


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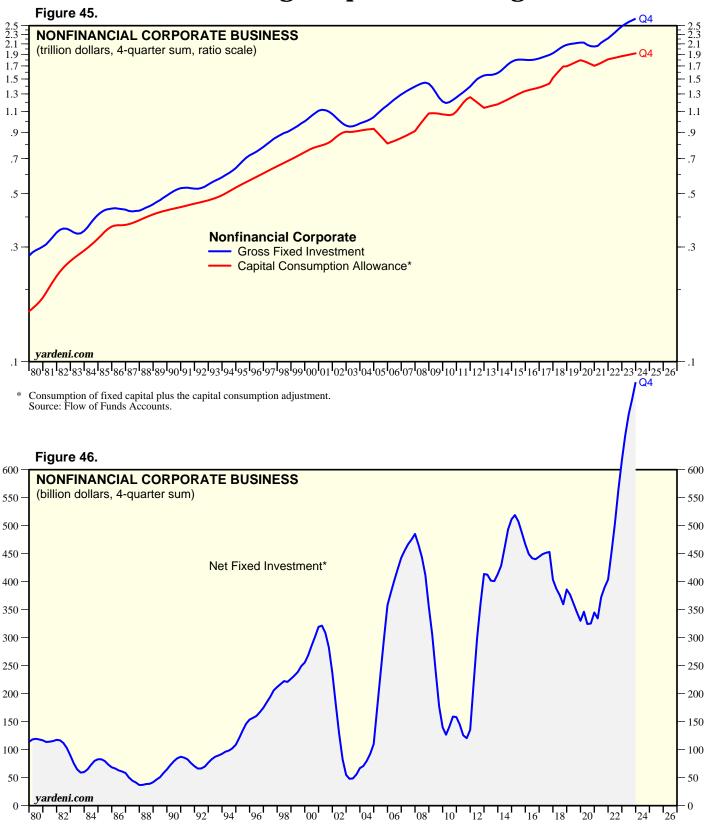
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After-tax operating retained earnings plus tax-return-based depreciation. Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Flow of Funds Accounts.



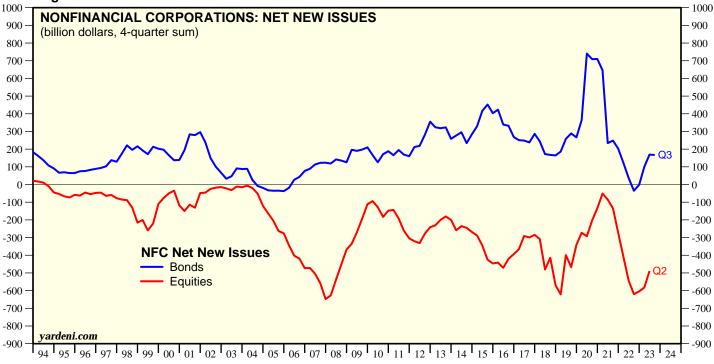
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Includes nonresidential fixed investment plus residential fixed investment, and inventory change with IVA. Source: Flow of Funds Accounts.



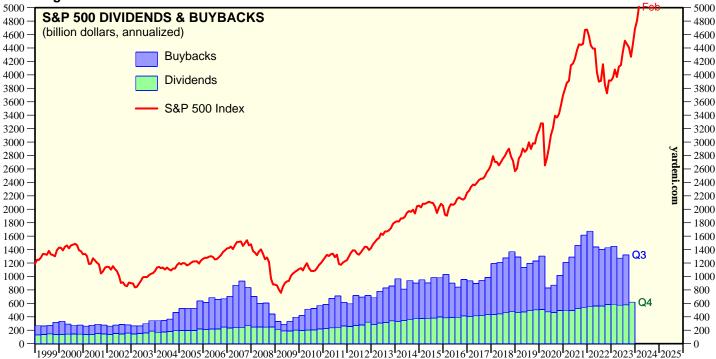
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