

### THE GREAT ROTATION:

## What Investments Will Do Well in the Trump Era, and What to Avoid

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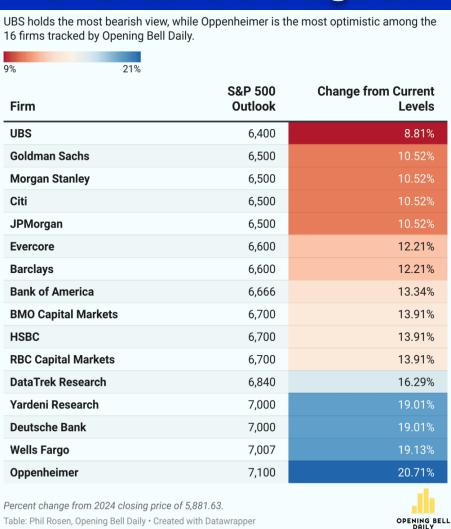
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### Wall Street is Optimistic

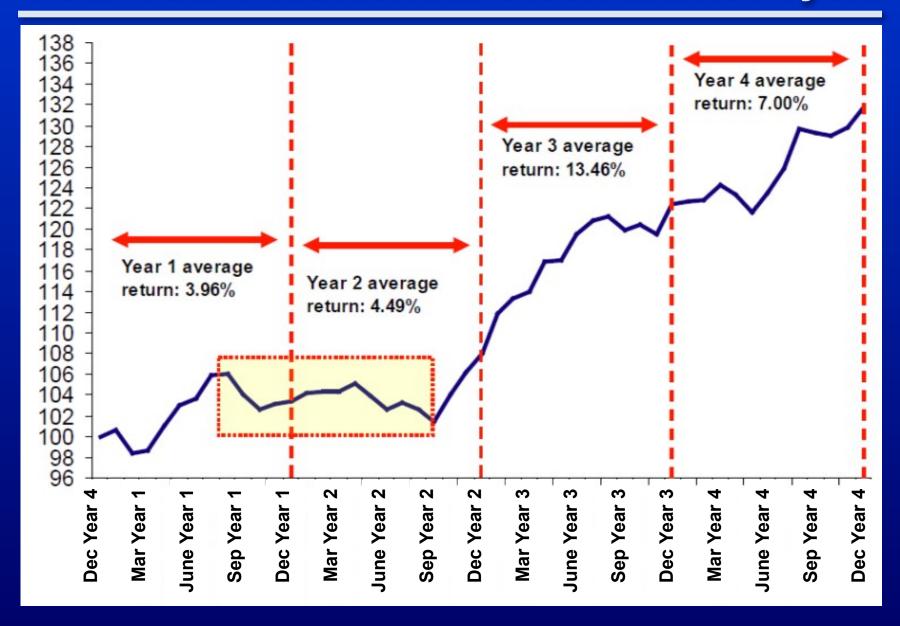
### Wall Street's average S&P 500 forecast for 2025: 14%



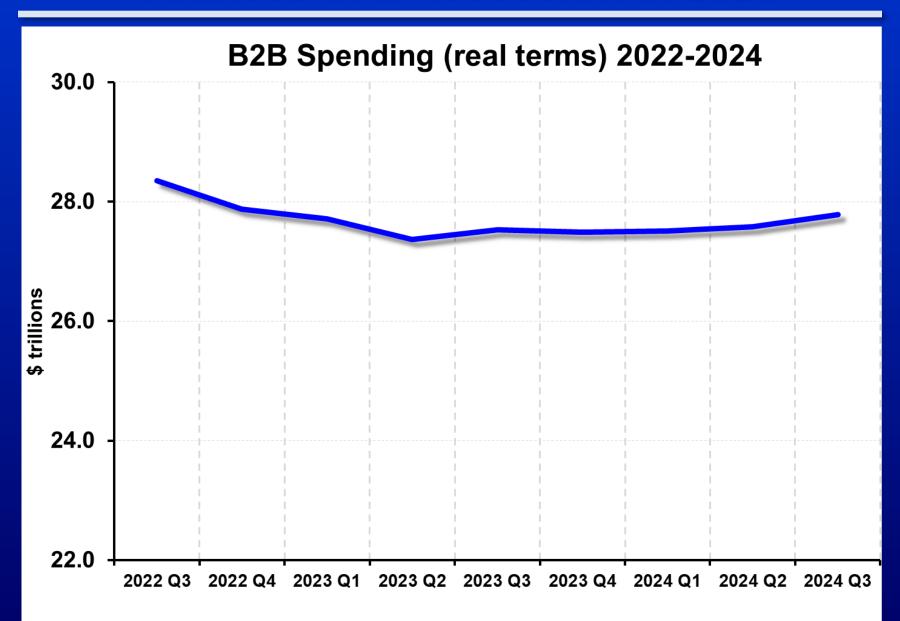
- Increased corporate
   earnings due to potential
   tax cut (15% corporate rate)
- Deregulation under Trump
- Protectionism of US firms against foreign competition
- Higher output may mean lower price inflation, lower interest rates

#### **Graph source:**

### Four-Year Presidential Stock Market Cycle



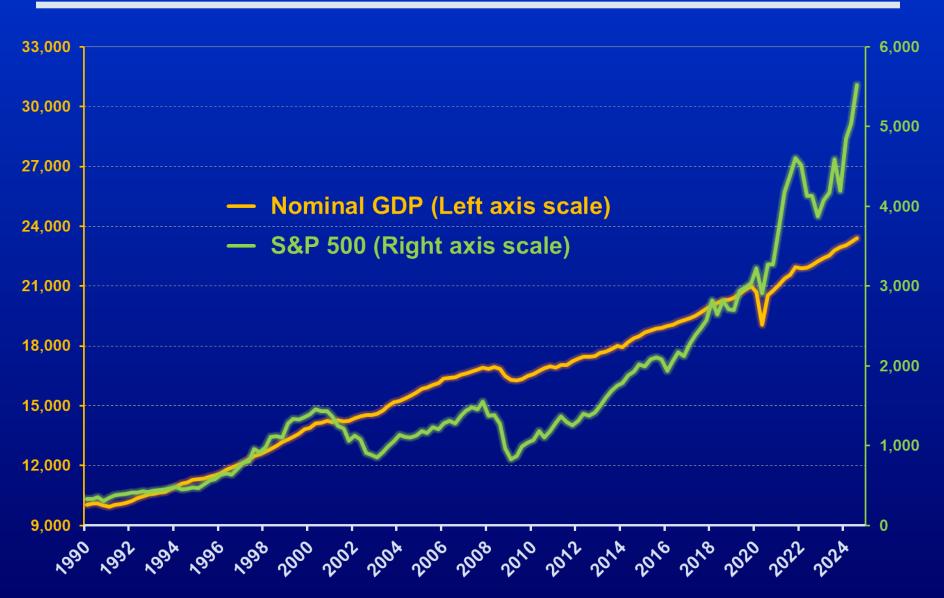
### Chances of a Recession in 2025



Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Census Bureau

Graph: **Ned Piplovic** 

### Wall Street vs. Main Street

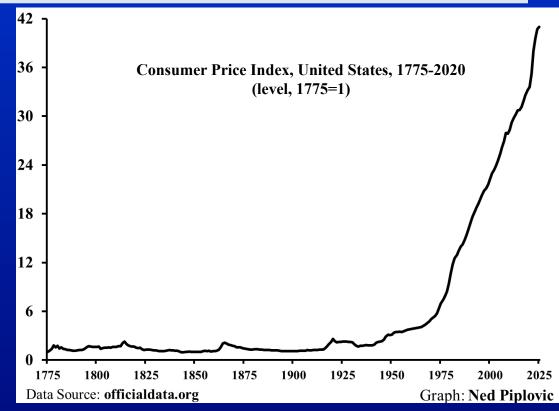


GDP Data Source: BEA; S&P 500 Data Source: Yahoo!Finance

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### The Permanent Inflation Hypothesis: The Declining Purchase Power of Money Since WWII

- 1. What is the cause of inflation prior to World War II?
- 2. What is the cause of permanent inflation after World War II?



**Graph source:** "Shifting Mandates: The Federal Reserve's First Centennial", American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings, **Reinhart and Rogoff** (2013)

- A. Neverending wars
- B. Creation of the Federal Reserve in 1913
- C. Going off the gold standard in 1933 and 1971
- D. Adopting Keynesian economics in 1948
- E. The Bretton Woods Agreement in 1944

# Confronting the Inflationist Ben Bernanke at the AEA meetings in 2025

### The Fed's new tools for easy money:

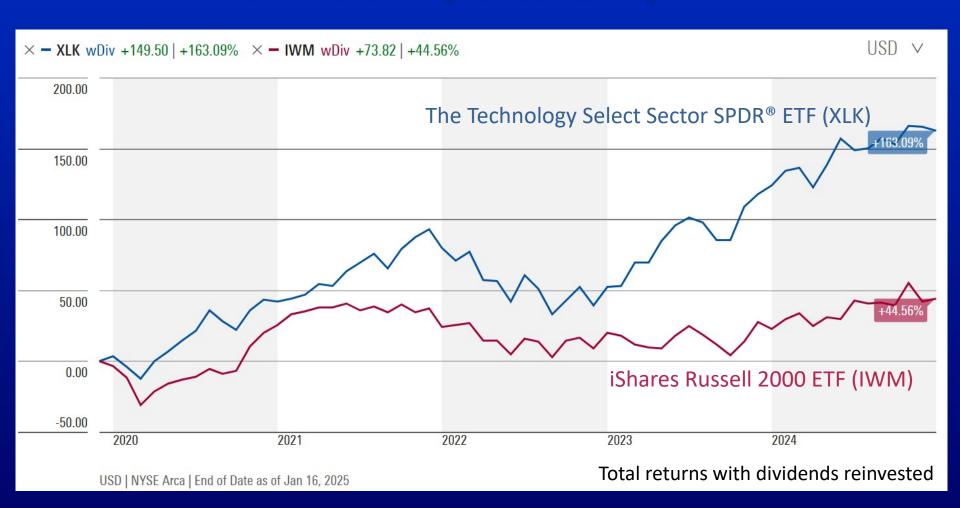
1. Focus on fed fund rates

2. 2% inflation target rate

3. Quantitative easing (QE)

### What are the Best Inflation Hedges for 2025?

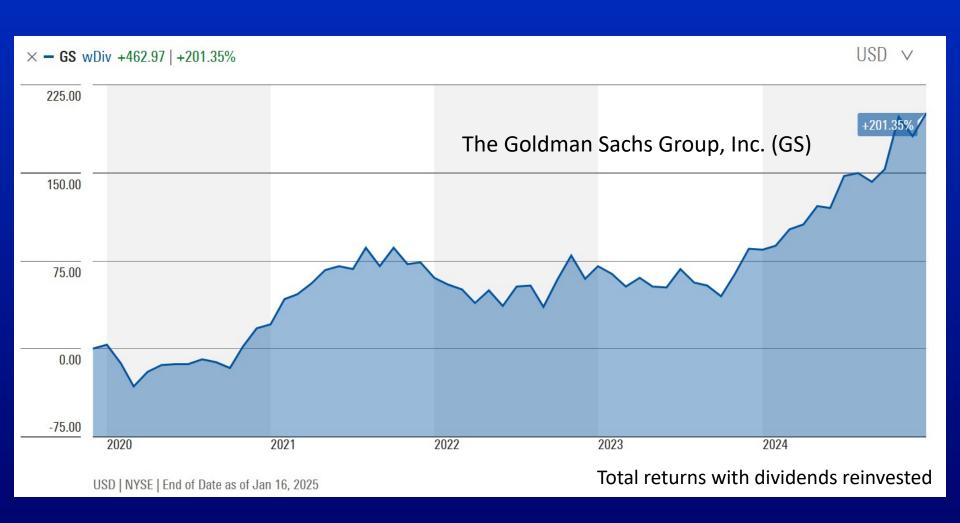
### Rotation from the Magnificent Seven tech stocks to small stocks (Russell 2000)?



### S&P 500 is Heavily Invested in Tech



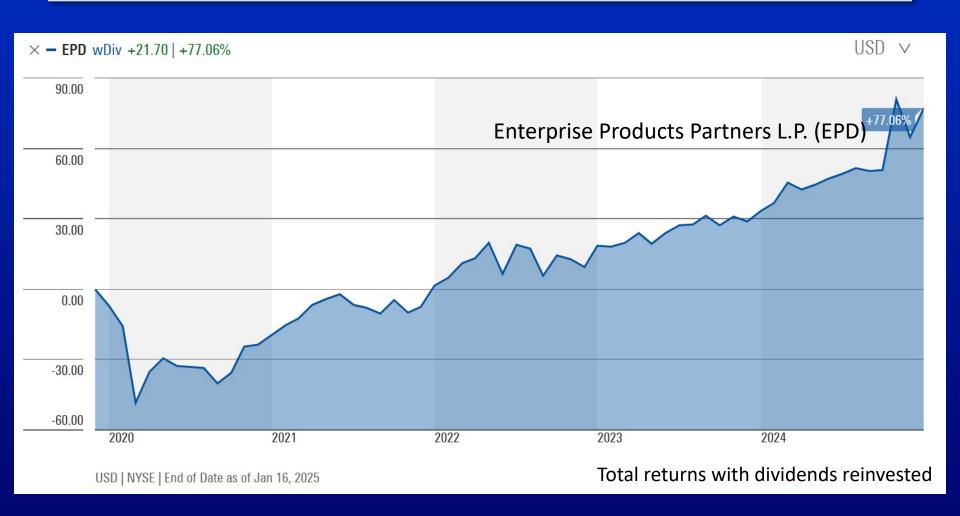
### **The Booming Financial Stock Market**



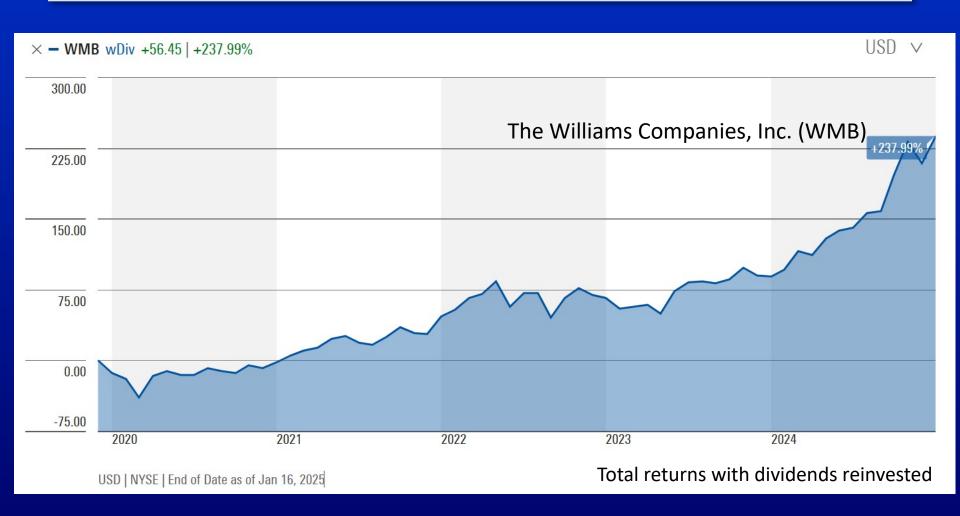
### "The gain in MAIN is simply insane"



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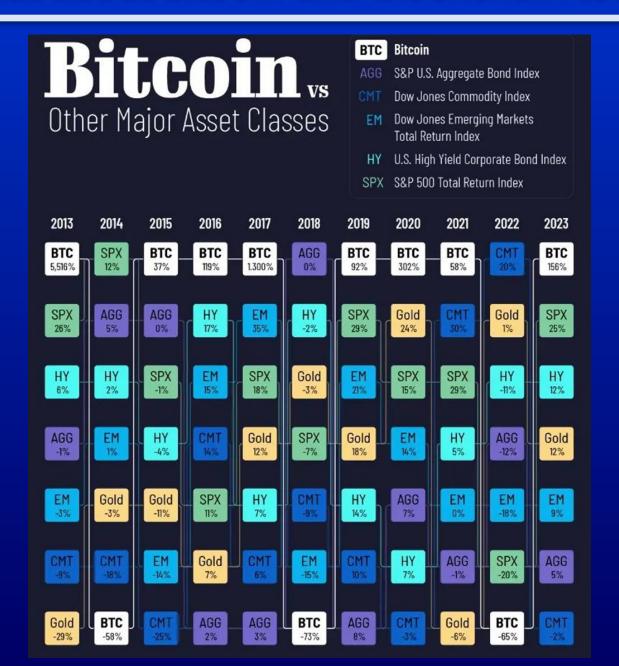
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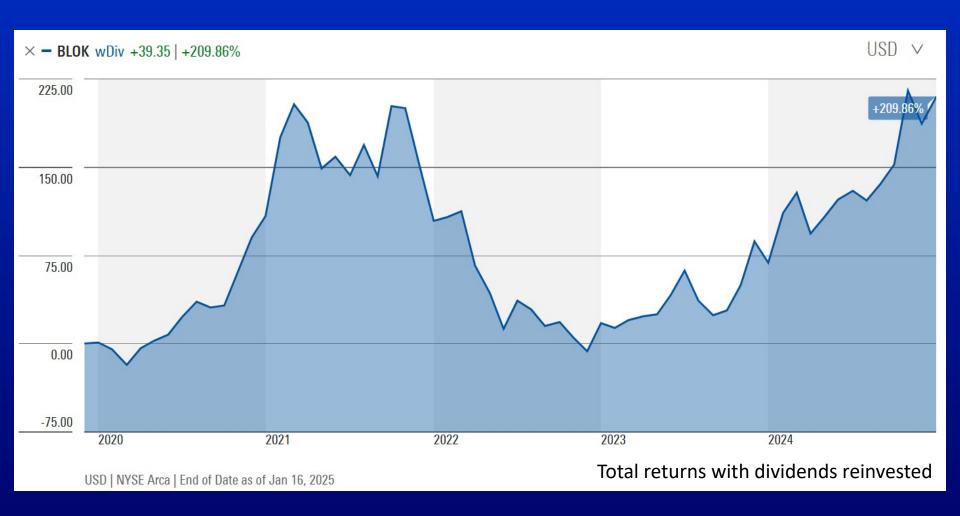
#### What about bitcoin and blockchain technology?



Data source: iShares



### **Amplify Transformational Data Sharing ETF (BLOK)**



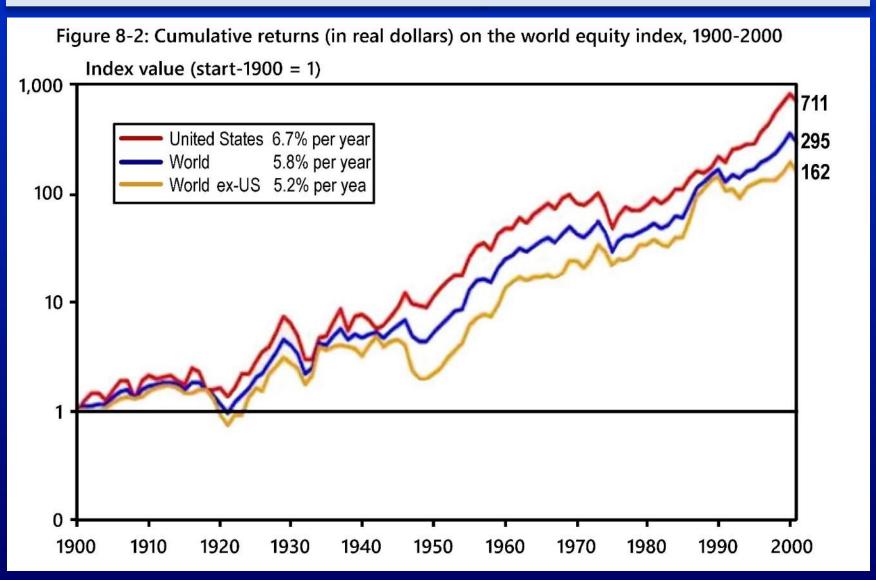
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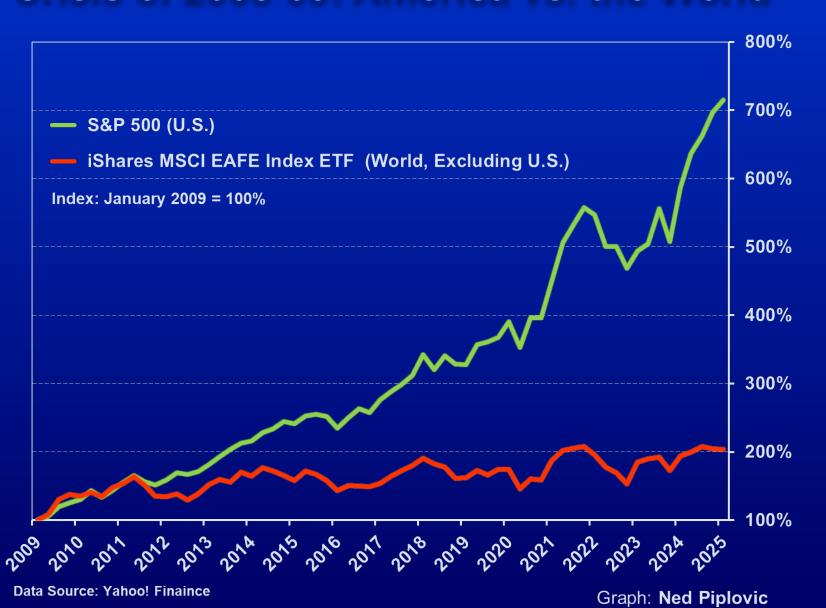
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### The Triumph of the Optimist: American Exceptionalism

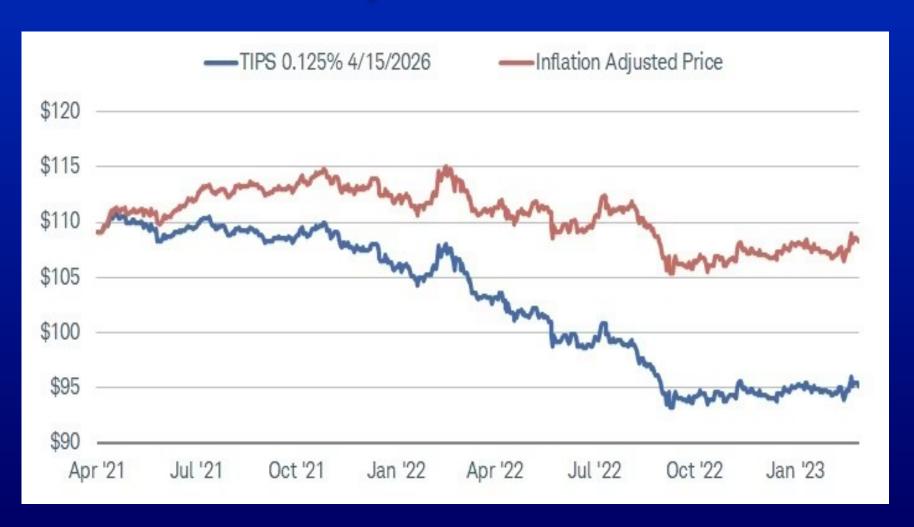


### Wall Street Outperforms Since the Financial Crisis of 2008-09: America vs. the World

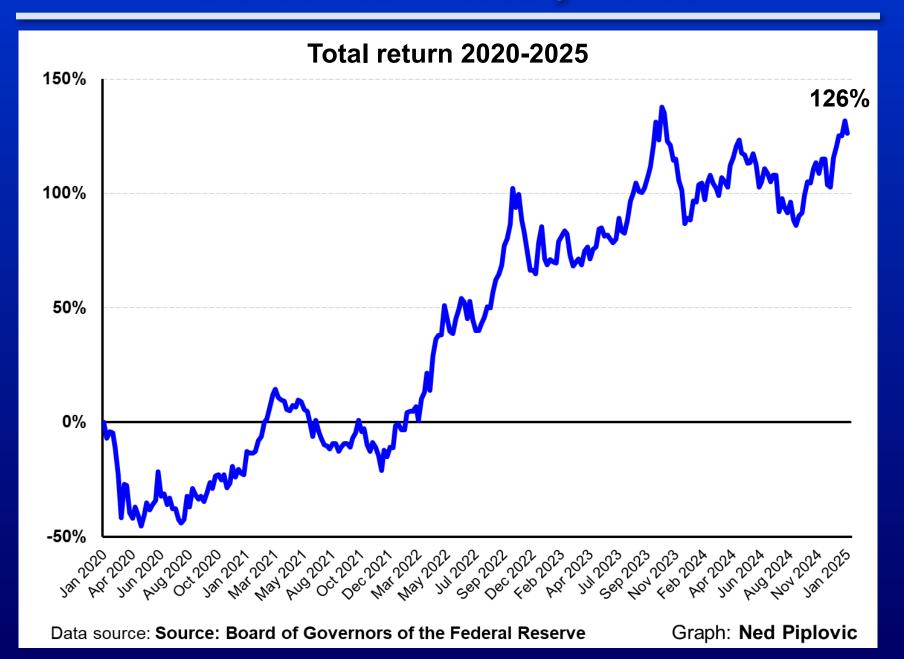


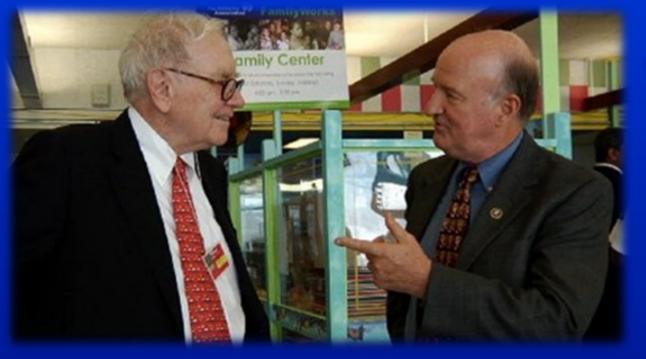
### **Investments to Avoid**

### Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) Have Underperformed Since 2022



### **U.S. 30-Year Treasury Bonds**





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