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# Nvidia options at root of much of volatility?



Source: Saxo

#### Saxo equity themes performance overview

Sorted on month-to-date return (updated as of 24 Aug 2023)

| Theme                         | 1D   | 1W   |   | MTD   | YTD   | 1Y    | 5Y    |
|-------------------------------|------|------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Nuclear power                 | -1.0 | 3.5  |   | 1.5   | 9.2   | 8.6   | 121.7 |
| Defence                       | -0.8 | 0.6  |   | -2.8  | 18.7  | 28.0  | 79.2  |
| Commodities                   | -0.5 | -0.1 |   | -4.6  | 5.0   | 7.3   | 99.1  |
| MSCI World (USD)              | -1.1 | 0.2  |   | -5.0  | 13.0  | 8.0   | 46.1  |
| Mega Caps                     | -0.8 | 0.1  |   | -5.1  | 26.2  | 17.5  | 129.2 |
| Cyber security                | -1.4 | 2.5  |   | -5.8  | 21.1  | -1.0  | 92.3  |
| MSCI EM (USD)                 | 1.3  | 0.9  |   | -6.0  | 4.8   | 2.4   | 5.8   |
| Construction                  | -1.2 | -1.3 |   | -6.8  | 17.0  | 25.5  | 76.8  |
| Logistics                     | -0.4 | -0.9 |   | -6.9  | 12.5  | 8.4   | 122.4 |
| Transportation infrastructure | 0.0  | -1.2 |   | -7.2  | -2.0  | -3.0  | 21.5  |
| Travel                        | -1.3 | -1.8 |   | -8.0  | 23.9  | 22.7  | -0.1  |
| China consumer & technology   | 2.1  | -0.4 |   | -8.3  | 0.6   | 4.2   | 92.1  |
| Luxury                        | -0.7 | -3.7 |   | -8.3  | 15.7  | 22.4  | 31.0  |
| Semiconductors                | -2.5 | 1.5  |   | -8.6  | 33.4  | 20.7  | 190.3 |
| Renewable energy              | -0.8 | -0.8 |   | -10.7 | -18.3 | -25.9 | 193.5 |
| Gaming                        | -1.5 | 0.0  |   | -11.8 | 14.4  | 14.6  | 68.1  |
| New biotech                   | -2.2 | -0.8 |   | -12.8 | -5.9  | -23.5 | 61.5  |
| Payments                      | -1.6 | -0.8 |   | -13.2 | 5.5   | -10.1 | 20.5  |
| E-commerce                    | -1.1 | -1.8 |   | -13.7 | 12.0  | 1.1   | 10.5  |
| Bubble stocks                 | -2.1 | 1.0  | 4 | -17.7 | 19.9  | -11.0 | 100.1 |
| Energy storage                | -1.2 | -3.9 |   | -18.9 | -13.0 | -38.7 | 316.3 |
| Green transformation          | -2.2 | -4.0 |   | -21.1 | 2.9   | -36.1 | 139.5 |

Source: Bloomberg and Saxo



# Nvidia and the options circus...







# **Jackson Hole...Jim Bianco research on Twitter/X**



One thing that may come up tomorrow in Powell's speech is the oftenheard idea that the Fed has to stop hiking and may even have to cut rates soon because interest expense on the debt outstanding is soaring (see the two charts attached).

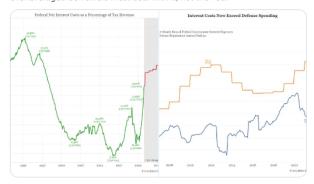
The idea that they need to change policy because of interest payments is called fiscal dominance.

If so, expect him to say that the Fed is independent and the amount of money it takes to service the debt plays no role in setting monetary policy. If rate hikes cause burdens on servicing debt, then it is up to Congress (or the business or household in the private sector) to figure out how to deal with it.

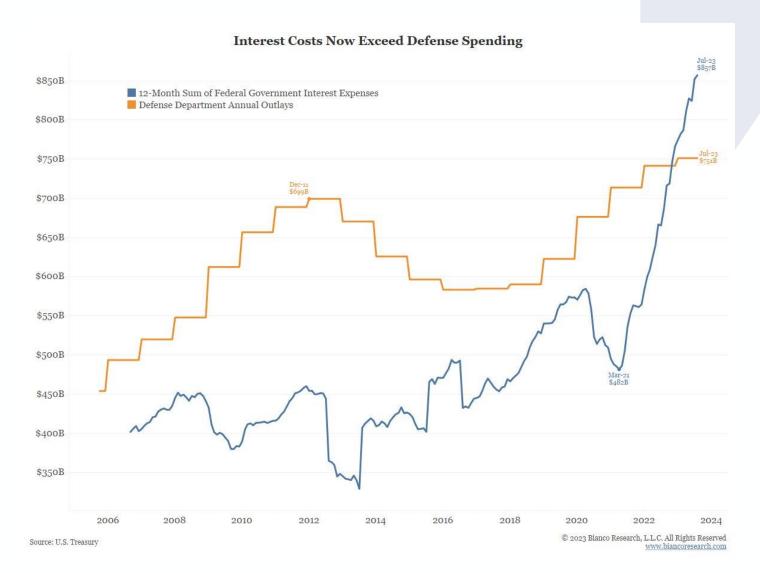
This is not dismissing the issue. It is an important issue. Rather, it is about who's problem it is. The Fed says it is not their problem, and the debt issuer (Congress) must address it, not them.

On this score, I agree with the Fed. They cannot let irresponsible government policy (or reckless private sector borrowing) prevent them from setting monetary policy.

If they decide to keep hiking and interest expense keeps rising, not only don't expect the Fed to address it, don't even ask. Congress and other overleveraged borrowers must deal with it, not the Fed.

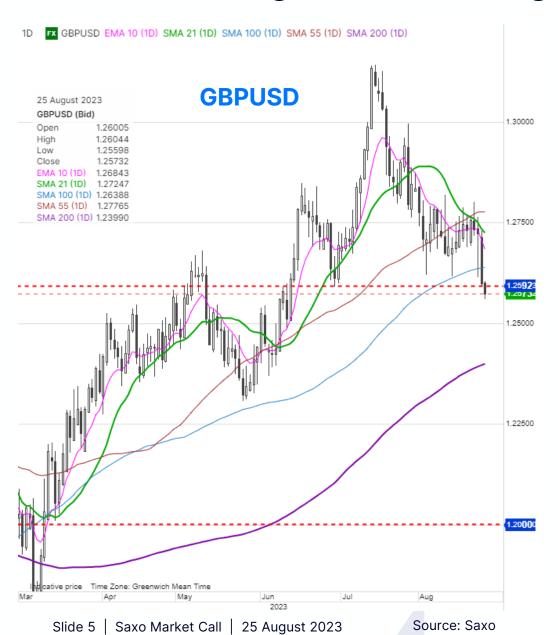


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# FX: USD resurgent on swooning sentiment. Cue Powell/Lagarde



| FX Board - Tree Evolution for G10 + CNH        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | Friday, August 25, 2023 |      |      |      |      | AXO  |  |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| Aggregate                                      | EUR  | USD  | CNH  | JPY  | GBP  | CHF  | AUD  | CAD                     | NZD  | SEK  | NOK  | XAU  | XAG  |  |
| Trends ->                                      | 0.1  | 4.0  | 2.3  | -0.3 | 0.6  | 1.8  | -1.3 | 0.0                     | -2.0 | -2.2 | -2.8 | 2.5  | 5.4  |  |
| 2D Change                                      | -0.2 | 0.8  | 1.6  | 0.3  | -2.1 | -0.7 | 0.5  | 0.5                     | -0.2 | 0.1  | -0.5 | 2.1  | 1.5  |  |
| 5D Change                                      | -1.6 | -0.5 | 1.8  | 0.7  | -3.5 | -1.2 | 2.4  | 0.1                     | 1.4  | 0.6  | -0.3 | 3.9  | 7.3  |  |
| ↑ Momentum  Trend readings for last five weeks |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                         |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| Date   | EUR  | USD  | CNH  | JPY  | GBP  | CHF  | AUD  | CAD                     | NZD  | SEK  | NOK  | XAU  | XAG  |  |
| 25-Aug   | 0.1  | 4.0  | 2.3  | -0.3 | 0.6  | 1.8  | -1.3 | 0.0                     | -2.0 | -2.2 | -2.8 | 2.5  | 5.4  |  |
| 24-Aug   | 0.2  | 3.5  | 1.6  | -0.3 | 1.4  | 2.1  | -1.5 | -0.3                    | -1.8 | -2.2 | -2.7 | 1.8  | 5.1  |  |
| 23-Aug   | 0.4  | 3.1  | 0.7  | -0.6 | 2.7  | 2.5  | -1.8 | -0.5                    | -1.8 | -2.3 | -2.3 | 0.5  | 3.9  |  |
| 22-Aug   | 1.1  | 3.8  | 0.7  | -1.3 | 3.7  | 2.8  | -3.0 | -0.3                    | -2.6 | -2.4 | -2.3 | -0.7 | 1.2  |  |
| 21-Aug   | 1.9  | 4.1  | 0.9  | -1.4 | 4.1  | 3.1  | -3.5 | -0.2                    | -3.3 | -2.8 | -2.4 | -1.1 | -0.1 |  |
| 18-Aug   | 1.7  | 4.5  | 0.5  | -1.0 | 4.1  | 3.1  | -3.7 | -0.1                    | -3.4 | -2.8 | -2.5 | -1.3 | -1.9 |  |
| 17-Aug   | 1.7  | 4.5  | 0.0  | -1.9 | 4.0  | 3.7  | -3.7 | 0.0                     | -3.5 | -2.4 | -2.1 | -1.4 | -2.7 |  |
| 16-Aug   | 2.0  | 4.6  | -0.6 | -2.2 | 3.4  | 3.5  | -3.1 | 0.2                     | -3.4 | -2.0 | -2.0 | -1.1 | -3.7 |  |
| 15-Aug   | 2.0  | 4.1  | -0.3 | -2.1 | 2.2  | 3.4  | -2.8 | 0.2                     | -3.6 | -1.6 | -1.3 | -0.8 | -3.9 |  |
| 14-Aug   | 2.0  | 3.7  | 0.5  | -2.3 | 1.4  | 3.1  | -2.8 | 0.1                     | -3.5 | -1.3 | -0.6 | -0.8 | -4.1 |  |
| 11-Aug   | 2.4  | 3.1  | 0.6  | -2.1 | 0.9  | 2.8  | -3.0 | -0.3                    | -3.3 | -1.2 | 0.4  | -0.8 | -4.3 |  |
| 10-Aug   | 2.1  | 2.6  | 0.6  | -2.0 | 0.4  | 2.3  | -3.3 | -1.0                    | -2.8 | -0.6 | 1.8  | -1.3 | -4.7 |  |
| 9-Aug  | 1.4  | 2.4  | 0.6  | -1.2 | 0.6  | 2.0  | -3.7 | -1.2                    | -2.5 | -0.9 | 2.5  | -1.1 | -4.8 |  |
| 8-Aug  | 1.0  | 2.2  | 0.6  | -0.8 | 0.6  | 2.3  | -3.7 | -1.3                    | -2.3 | -1.0 | 2.4  | -0.4 | -4.0 |  |
| 7-Aug  | 0.8  | 1.6  | 1.0  | -0.6 | 0.0  | 2.1  | -4.0 | -1.3                    | -2.3 | -0.4 | 3.1  | -0.2 | -2.9 |  |
| 4-Aug  | 0.7  | 1.8  | 1.6  | -0.4 | -0.4 | 2.2  | -4.3 | -0.9                    | -2.5 | -0.9 | 2.9  | 0.2  | -1.5 |  |
| 3-Aug  | 0.3  | 2.3  | 2.2  | -1.1 | -0.3 | 2.4  | -4.2 | 0.0                     | -2.3 | -1.6 | 2.2  | 0.4  | -0.8 |  |
| 2-Aug  | 0.1  | 1.9  | 1.8  | -1.7 | 0.0  | 2.0  | -3.7 | 0.3                     | -1.7 | -1.4 | 2.3  | 0.6  | 0.4  |  |
| 1-Aug  | -0.6 | 0.7  | 1.4  | -2.0 | -0.1 | 1.7  | -2.6 | 0.3                     | -1.0 | -0.7 | 2.8  | 0.7  | 1.7  |  |
| 31-Jul   | -1.4 | -0.3 | 1.2  | -1.1 | -0.3 | 1.9  | -1.8 | 0.2                     | -1.2 | -0.4 | 3.0  | 0.9  | 2.1  |  |
| 28-Jul   | -1.3 | -0.4 | 0.9  | 0.3  | -0.3 | 2.7  | -2.4 | -0.3                    | -2.0 | -0.2 | 3.1  | 0.5  | 1.4  |  |
| 27-Jul   | -1.8 | -1.2 | 0.0  | 0.5  | -0.9 | 3.1  | -1.2 | -0.6                    | -1.9 | 0.6  | 4.1  | -0.1 | 1.7  |  |
| 26-Jul   | -1.1 | -1.9 | -0.5 | -1.3 | -0.4 | 3.7  | -0.9 | -1.0                    | -2.2 | 1.6  | 4.3  | 0.6  | 3.1  |  |
| 25-Jul   | -1.0 | -2.0 | -0.7 | -2.2 | -1.3 | 3.2  | -0.6 | -0.5                    | -2.2 | 2.2  | 5.3  | 0.1  | 2.6  |  |
| 24-Jul   | 0.4  | -1.8 | -1.9 | -2.2 | -1.6 | 3.2  | -1.4 | -0.5                    | -2.5 | 2.5  | 6.0  | 0.1  | 2.7  |  |



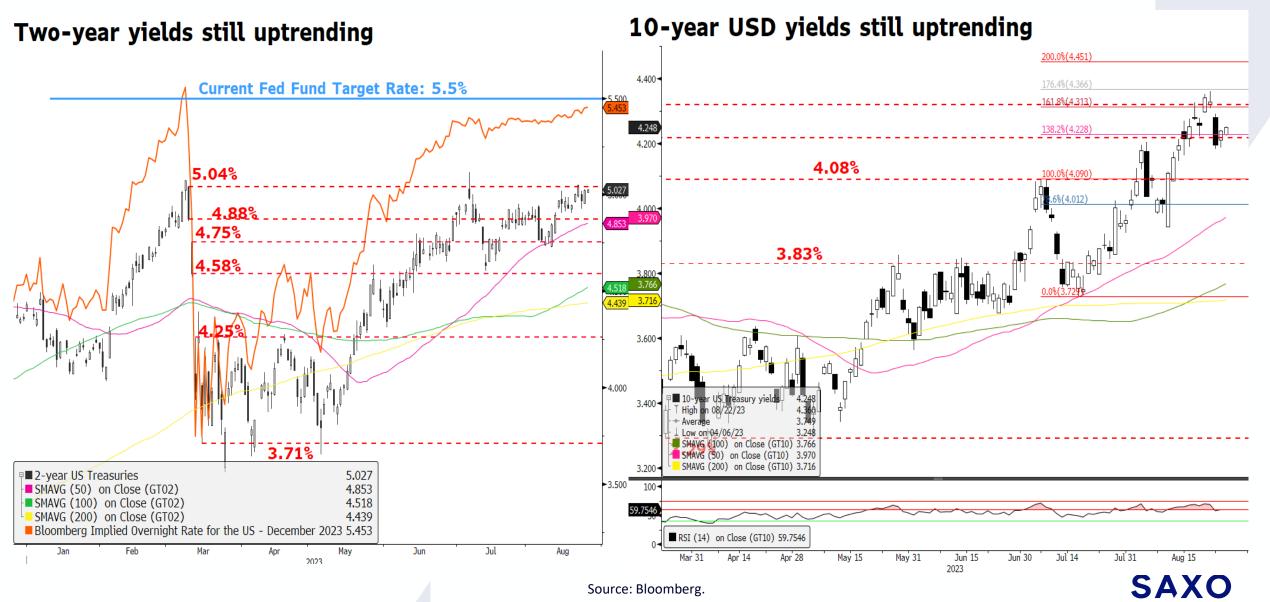
# Bad 20-year auction, good 30-year TIPS sale.

### US 20-year auction: what to watch out for?





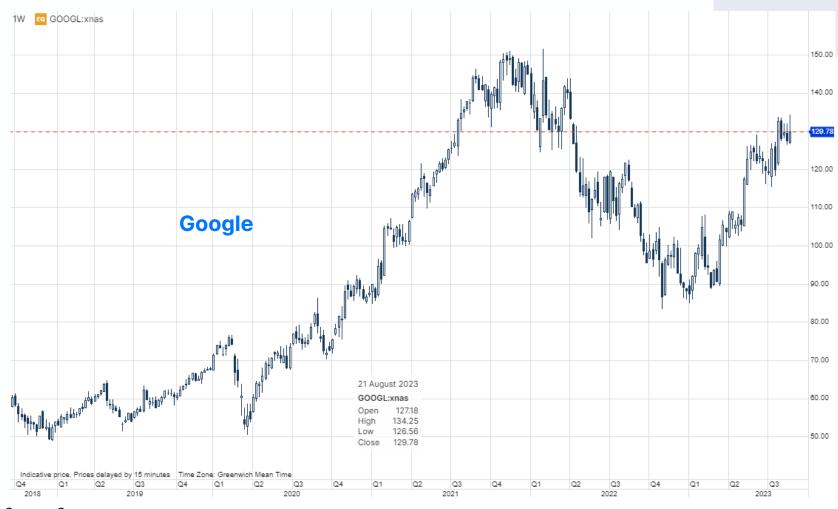
# Front-term yields remain supported in "higher for longer" sign



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### Stocks to watch today...

 Advertising stocks – the EU Digital Services Act goes into effect today forcing many advertising firms adjust their operating models dialing down on personal ads.



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## **Earnings Watch**

Next week's earnings releases

Monday: Fortescue Metals, HEICO

**Tuesday:** PDD Holdings, **HP**, Hewlett-

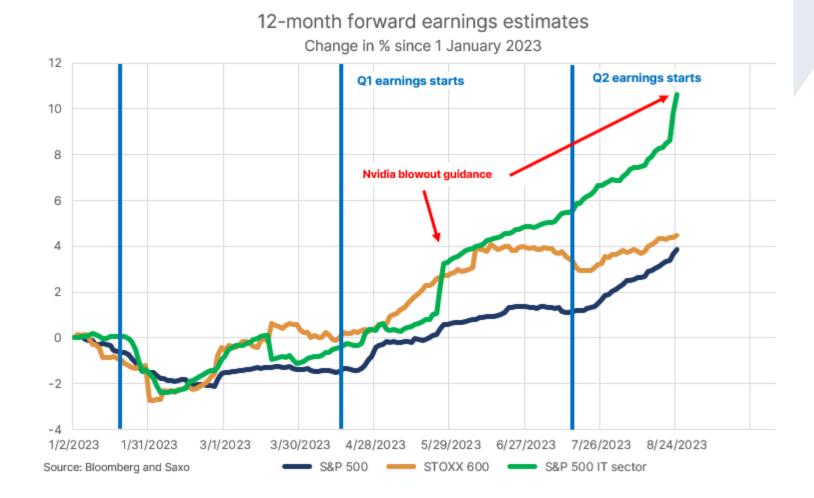
Packard Enterprise, NIO

Wednesday: Prudential, Salesforce,

**Crowdstrike, Pure Storage** 

**Thursday: UBS**, **Broadcom**, VMware, **Lululemon Athletica**, Dell Technologies, Dollar General,

MongoDB





# Macro - calendar highlights (all times GMT)

#### **Today's Calendar Highlights**

0800 - Germany Aug IFO

1400 – US Final University of Michigan Sentiment

1405 – Fed's Powell Speaks at Jackson Hole

1900 - ECB's Lagarde Speaks at Jackson Hole

US Jul Pending Home Sales, **THURS**: Jap Jul Retail Sales, Jap Jul Industrial Production, China Aug Mfg PMI, EU Aug CPI, Ger Job Report, Eurozone Aug CPI & Unemployment Rate, US Initial Jobless Claims, US Jul PCE Deflator, **FRI**: China Caixin PMI, UK Aug House Prices, US Aug Job Report

### **Upcoming Calendar Highlights**

MON: AUS Jul Retail Sales, Dallas Fed Manufacturing Activity, TUES: Japan Jul Jobless rate, US Conf. Board Consumer Confidence, WED: Aus Jul Building Approvals, UK Jul Mortgage Approvals, Eurozone Aug Consumer Confidence, Ger Aug CPI, US Aug ADP Employment Change, US Q2 GDP,

**Longer Term Highlights** 

Sep 14 – ECB Meeting Sep 20 – FOMC Meeting



**Appendix: S&P 500 5-year chart** 1W FU ESc1 SMA 200 (1W) SMA 40 (1W) S&P 500 futures (cont.) 4,500.00 4,389.00 4,000.00 3,500.00 3,000.00 21 August 2023 2,500.00 Close SMA 200 (1W) 3,885.96 SMA 40 (1W) 4,179.25 Indicative price. Prices delayed by 10 minutes Time Zone: Greenwich Mean Time Q2 Q3 Q1 2020 2022 2023 2018 2019 2021 SAXO

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## Appendix: Where do you find the equity theme baskets?

