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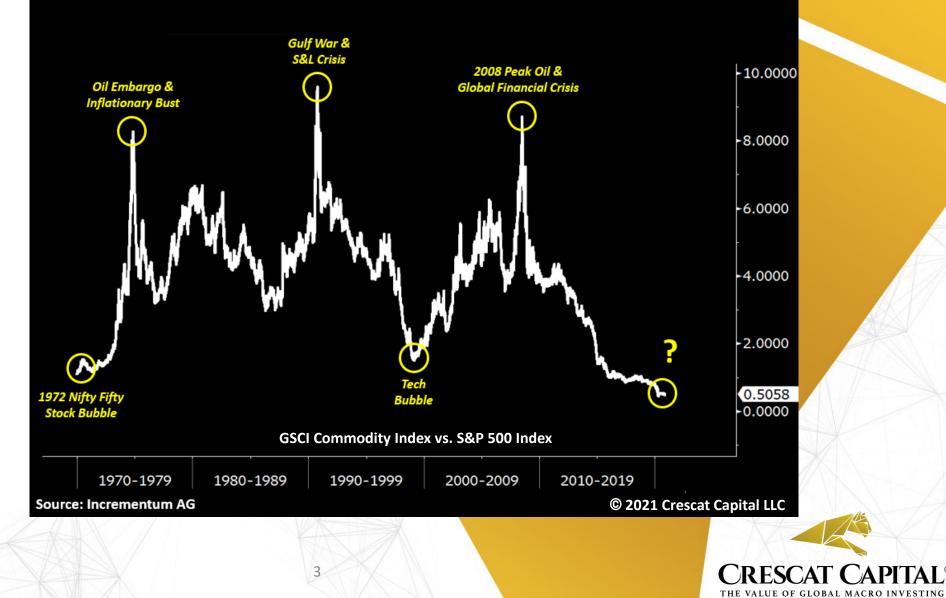
# MACRO PRESENTATION



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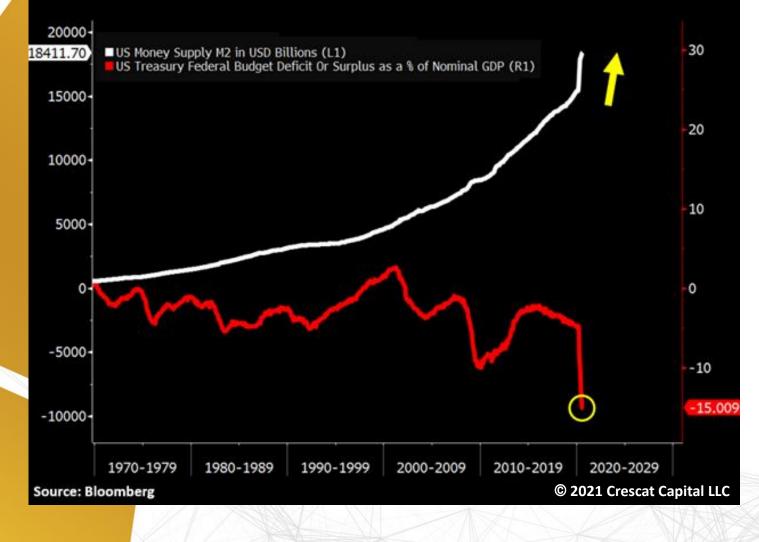
# **Commodities to Equities Ratio**



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The commodityto-equity ratio is at a 50-year low.

# Money Supply vs. Fiscal Deficit



Monetary and fiscal disorder have perhaps gone too far this time around and significant monetary debasement is, in our view, inevitable.



### Twin Deficits vs. Gold-to-S&P 500 Ratio

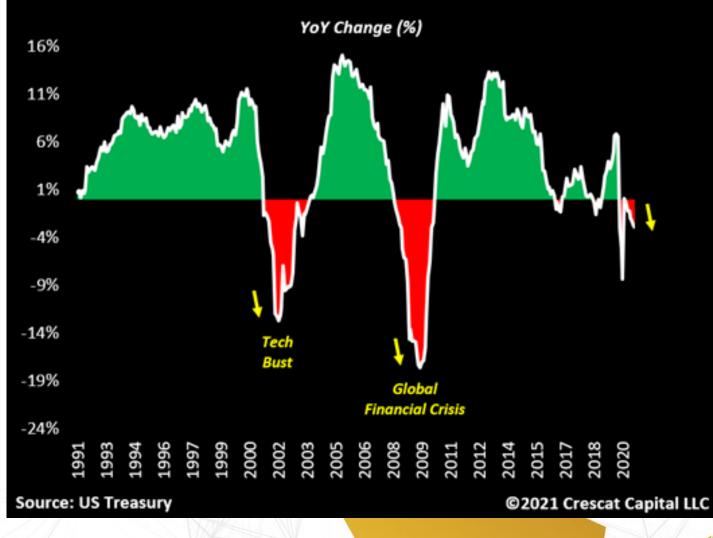
Twin Deficits Calculation: Annual Change in US Public Deficit + Current Account Balance -24% Twin Deficits to GDP (Inverted) Twin Deficits to GDP (%) - Inverted 4.0 Gold-to-S&P 500 Ratio -19% Ratid 2.0 500 -14% -S&P 1.0 Gold--9% 0.5 0.3 -4% 0.1 1996 1998 2004 2006 2008 2010 2015 2019 1994 2000 2002 2012 2021 2017 © 2021 Crescat Capital LLC Source: US Treasury, Bloomberg

History has proven during times of fiscal disorder gold tends to outperform equities. Inverted twin deficits suggests a massive upward move in the gold to S&P 500 ratio is still ahead.



Not only is fiscal spending surging but US Federal net receipts are also starting to turn lower again. As of January 2021, US federal receipts are down -3% on a year over year basis.

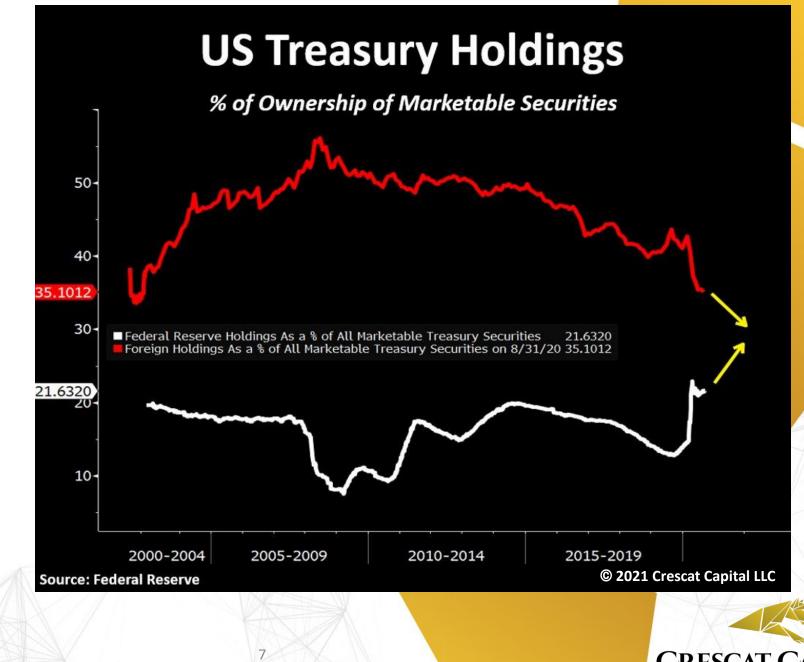
### US Federal Budget Net Receipts







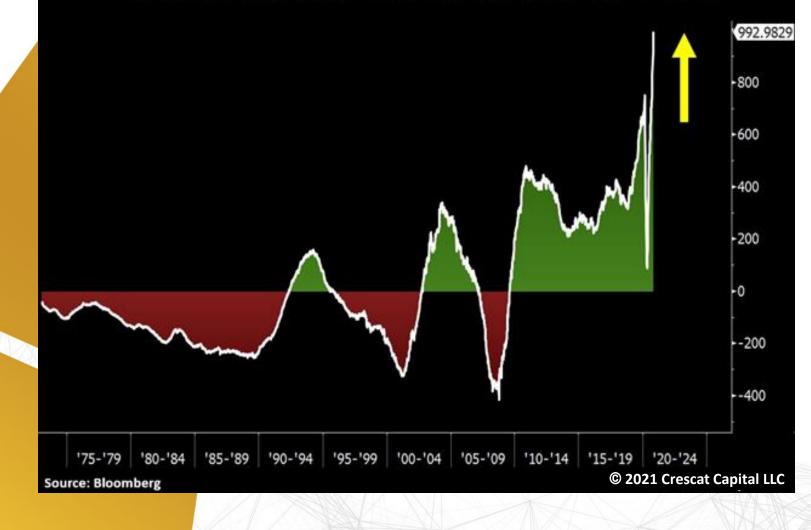
Foreign investors are currently holding the lowest percentage of marketable US Treasuries in 20 years. The Federal Reserve is becoming the buyer of last resort.



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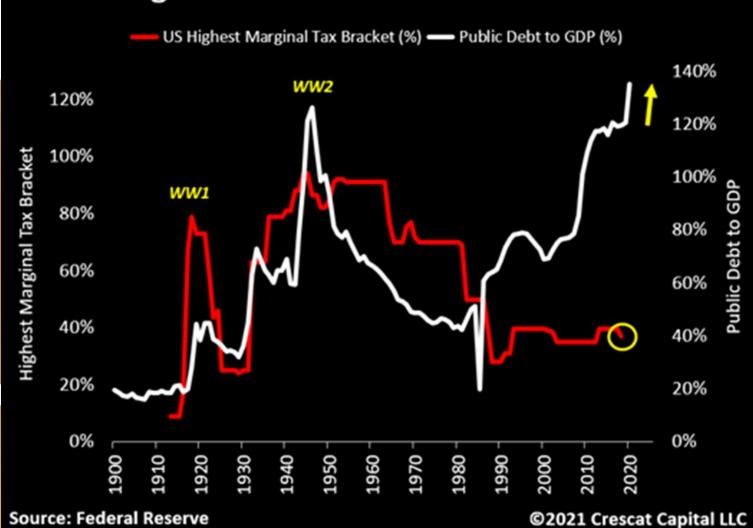
# US Banks Treasury Holdings vs. C&I Loans

Calculation: Treasury Holdings – Commercial & Industrial Loans in USD Billions



US banks now have \$993 billion more of US treasury holdings than the combined value of commercial and industrial loans.

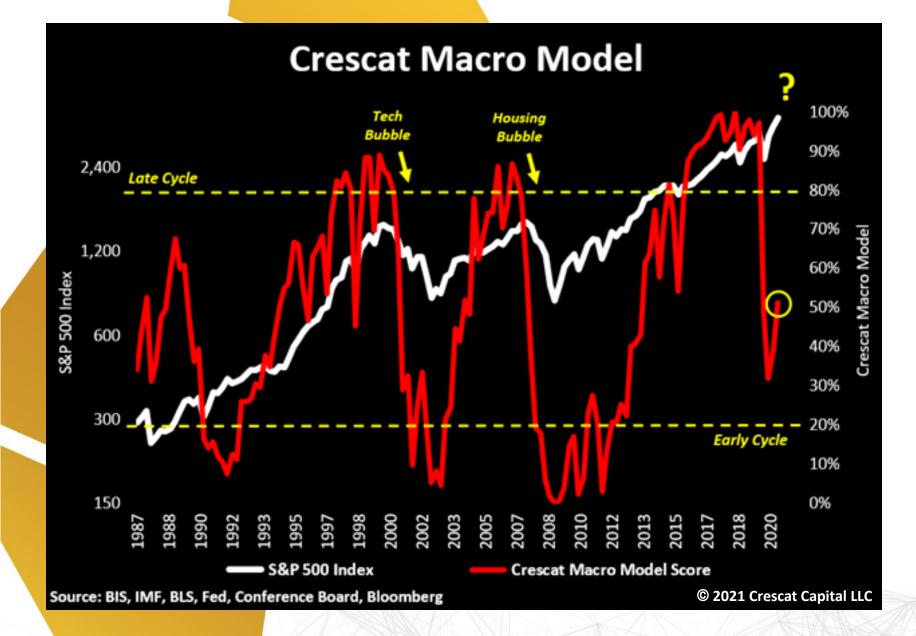




#### US Marginal Tax Bracket vs. Government Debt

For people calling for the Roaring 20's, back then not only was inflation falling but tax rates were also in a downtrend. There is no way either of those factors will be in play today.





Our recently plunging macro model from an extreme is signaling a major disconnect with current stock prices.

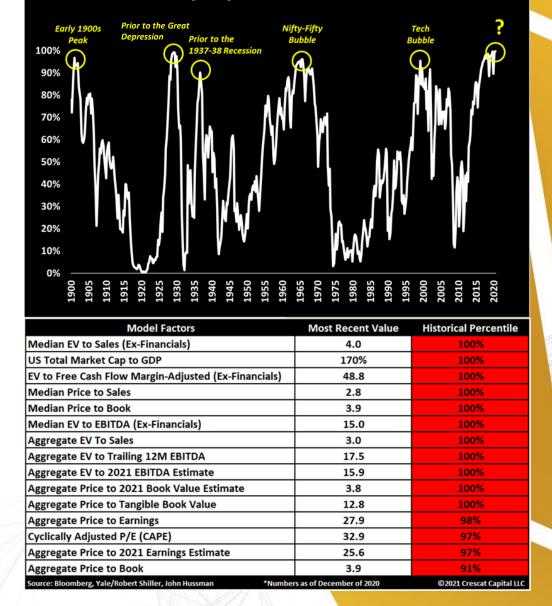


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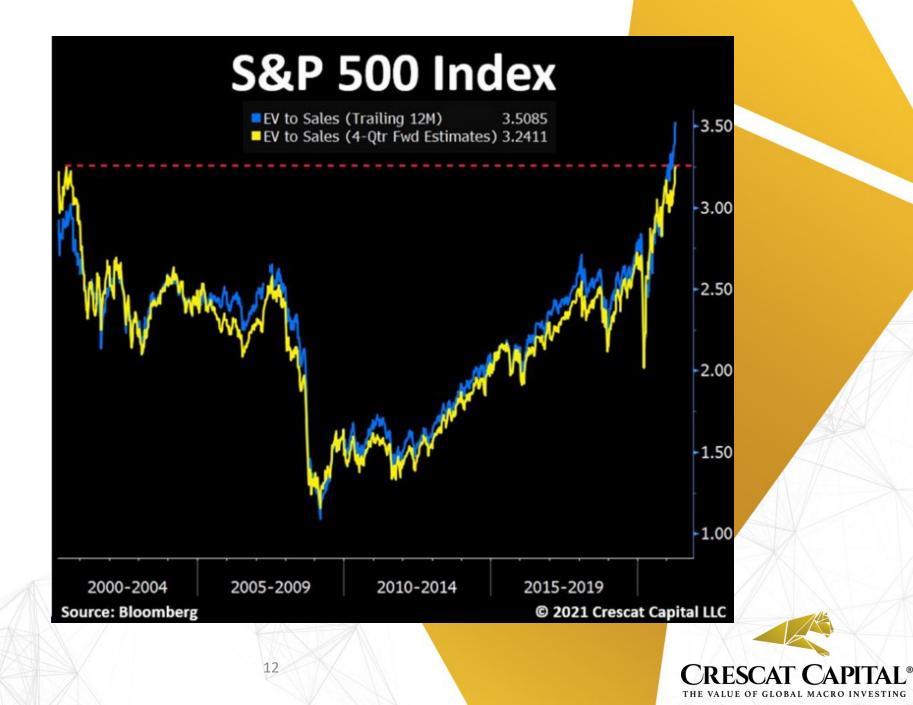
Crescat's 15-factor valuation model is at record levels with 11 out of 15 fundamental metrics in the 100<sup>th</sup> percentile historically.

#### **Crescat US Equity Market Valuation Model**



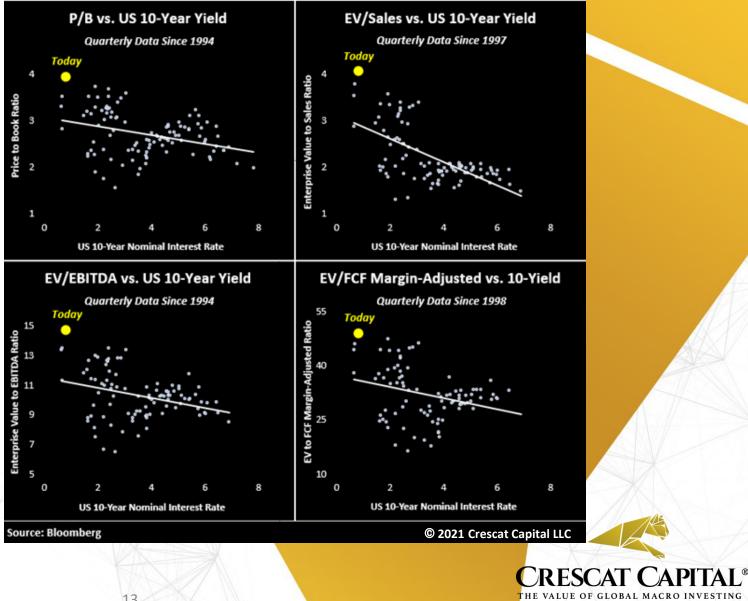


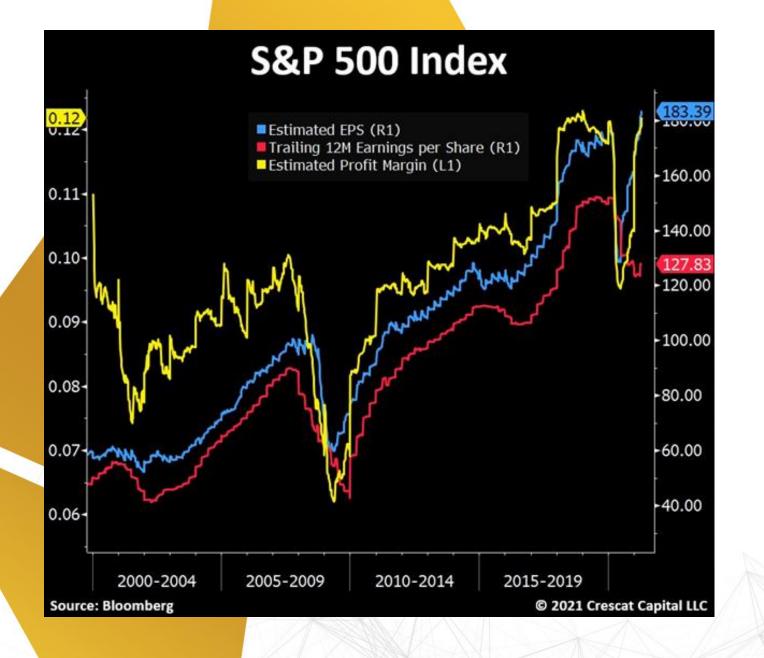
S&P 500 valuations are higher today than the peak of the tech bubble in 2000. Speculation is raging and risks are high due to ultraeasy financial conditions and record leverage. The stock market is priced for a future that is impossible to live up to.



Four different valuation metrics using median S&P 500 company data. Today's stock market multiples are the most extreme relative to interest rates in the last 25 years.

#### S&P 500 Median Valuation Metrics vs. US 10-Year Nominal Rates





Wall Street analysts predict profit margins will return to all-time pre-Covid highs but ignore rising inflation due to structural shortages and deglobalization across the entire supply chain.

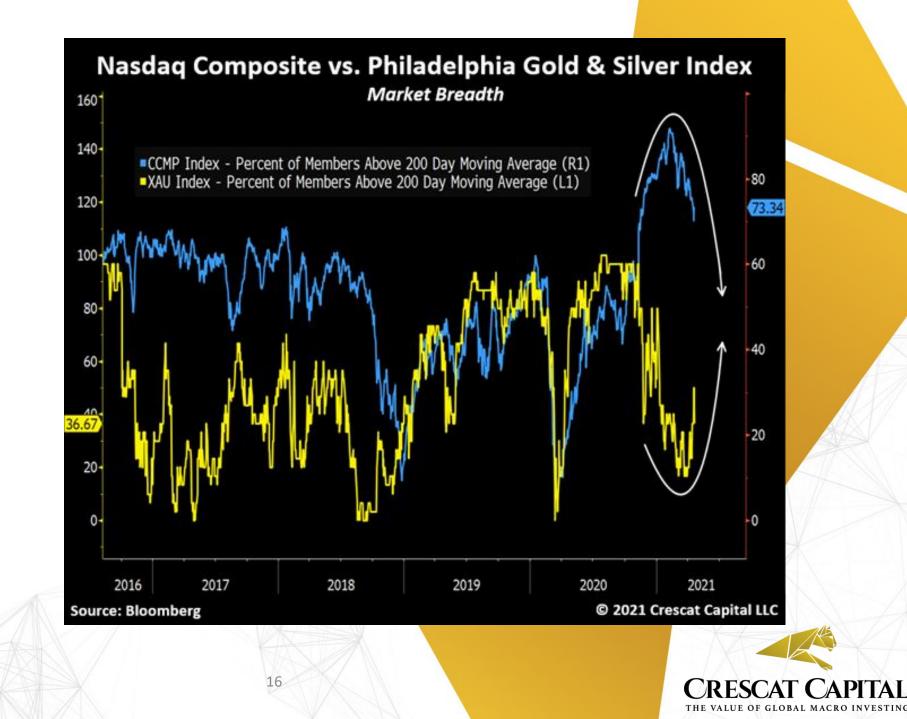


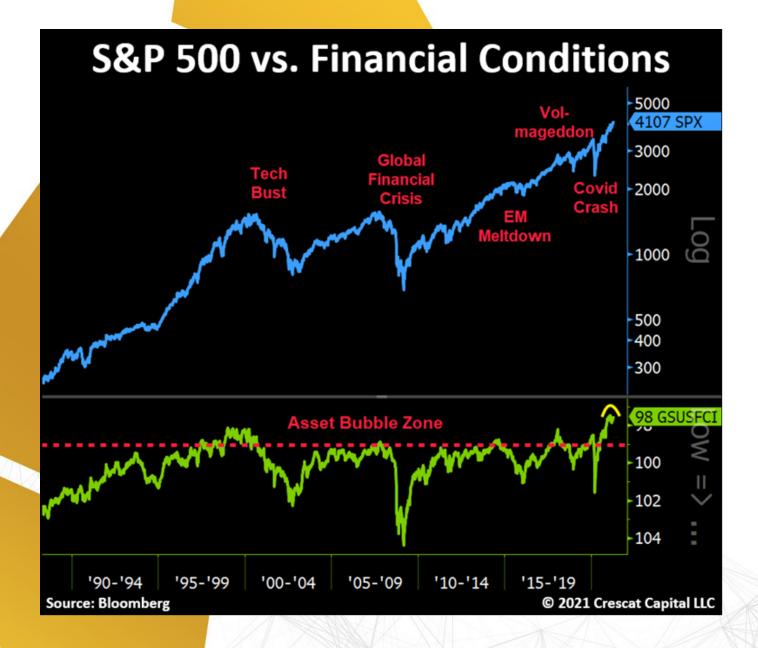


The stock market is still near record highs, but internals are deteriorating. The breadth of the NASDAQ Composite has diverged to the downside since February. The faltering leadership of the widely owned tech sector presents contagion risks.



We believe it is the dawn of the Great Rotation where investors will be selling overvalued, long duration financial assets and buying undervalued hard assets, including scarce resource stocks with high nearterm growth fundamentals.



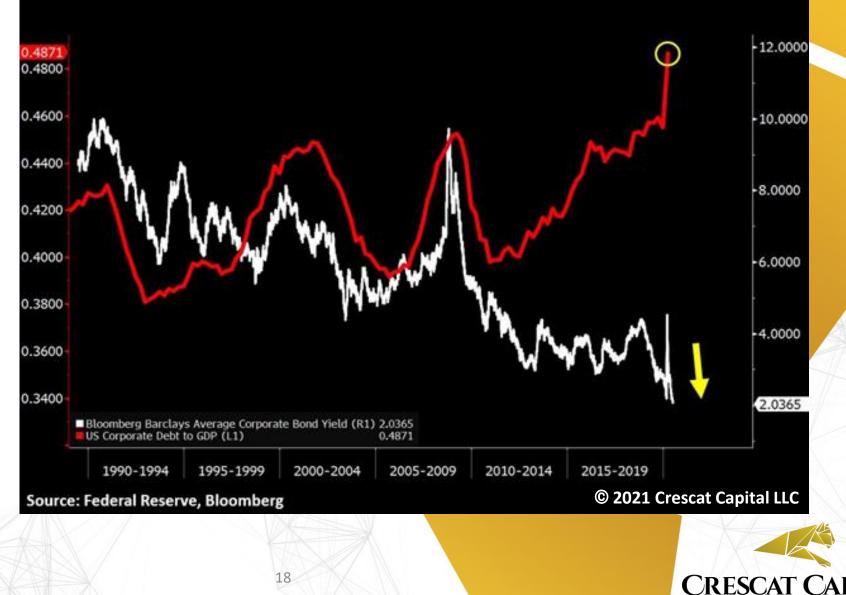


The yield curve is steepening, long-term nominal rates are rising, and stocks, which are long duration assets, are now in danger.



The US corporate bond market has become one the most central bank dependent parts of financial markets today.

# US Corporate Debt vs. Bond Yields



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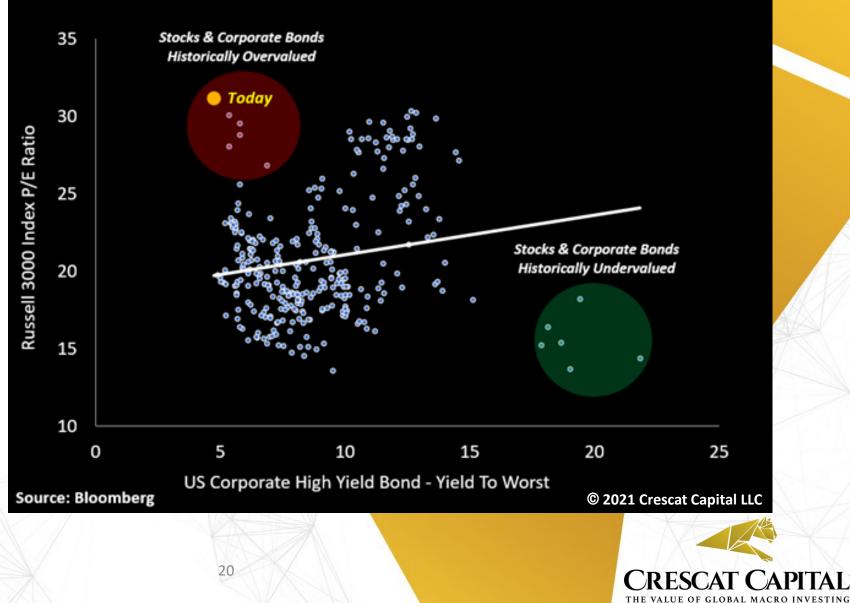
**US Corporate Bonds Yield – Inflation Expectation** Bloomberg Barclays US Agg Corporate Yield To Worst – 10-Year Breakeven Rate 8.00 6.00 4.00 M.W. 2.00 -0.0252 2020-2024 2000-2004 2005-2009 2010-2014 2015-2019 © 2021 Crescat Capital LLC Source: Bloomberg 19 RESCAT

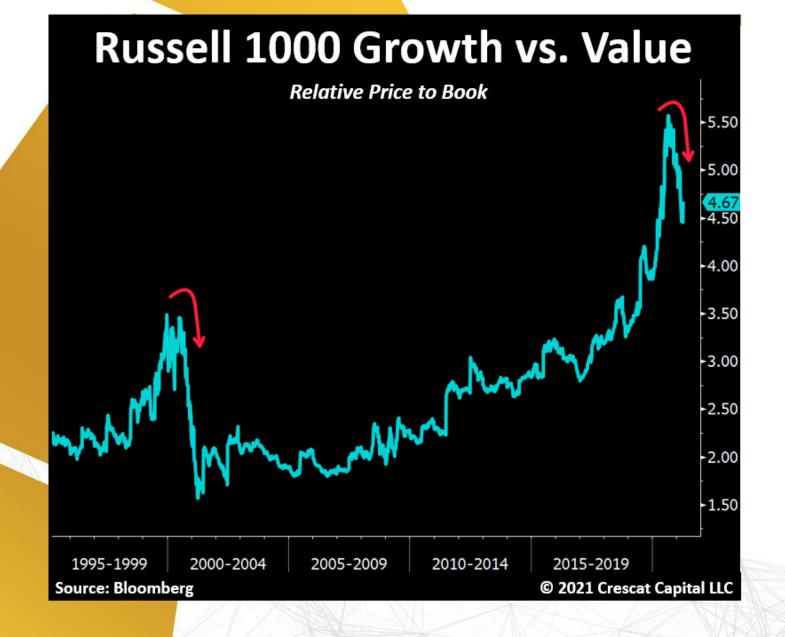
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Corporate bonds now yield less than inflation expectation for the first time in history. For the first time in history, junk bonds and stocks are record overvalued in tandem.

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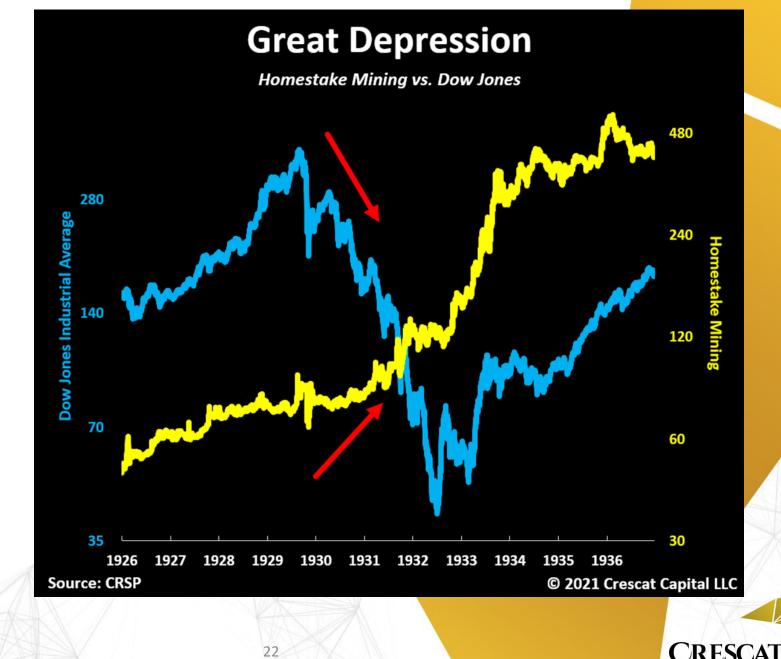
# Valuation of US Stocks vs. Junk Bonds





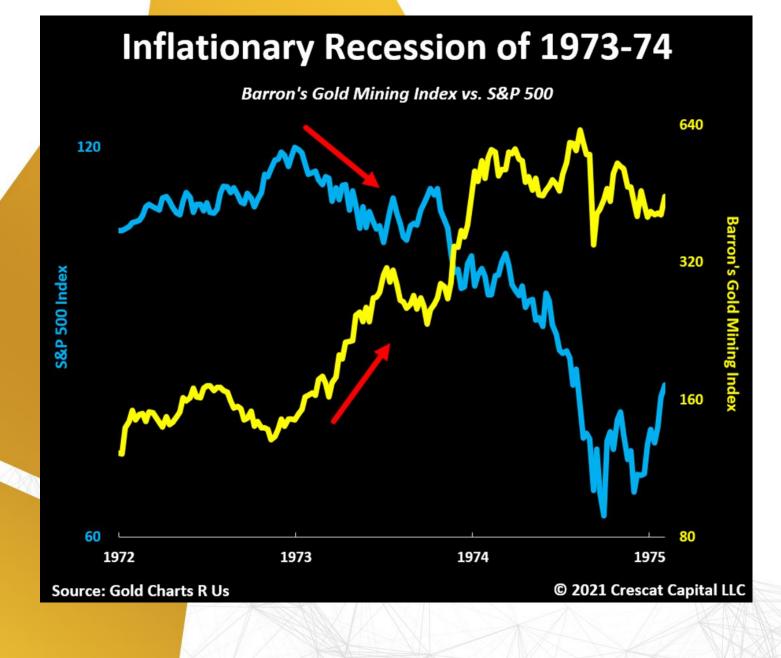
Notice how large cap growth stock performance relative to their value counterparts appears to have just rolled over and likely has much further downside from here.





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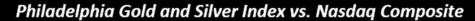
Gold mining companies acted in counter cyclical fashion to create wealth during the credit deflationary bust of the Great Depression.



The Barron's Gold Mining Index increased 5-fold during the 1973-74 Stagflationary Recession.



## **Tech Bust**

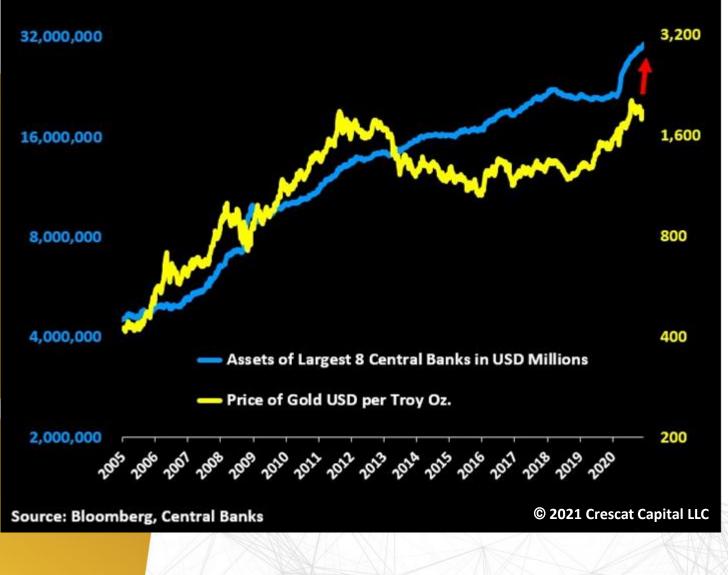




The Philadelphia Stock Exchange Gold and Silver Index increased five-fold from 2000 to 2008 while the Nasdaq composite declined 78% from 2000 to 2002.



# **Global Central Bank Assets vs. Gold**

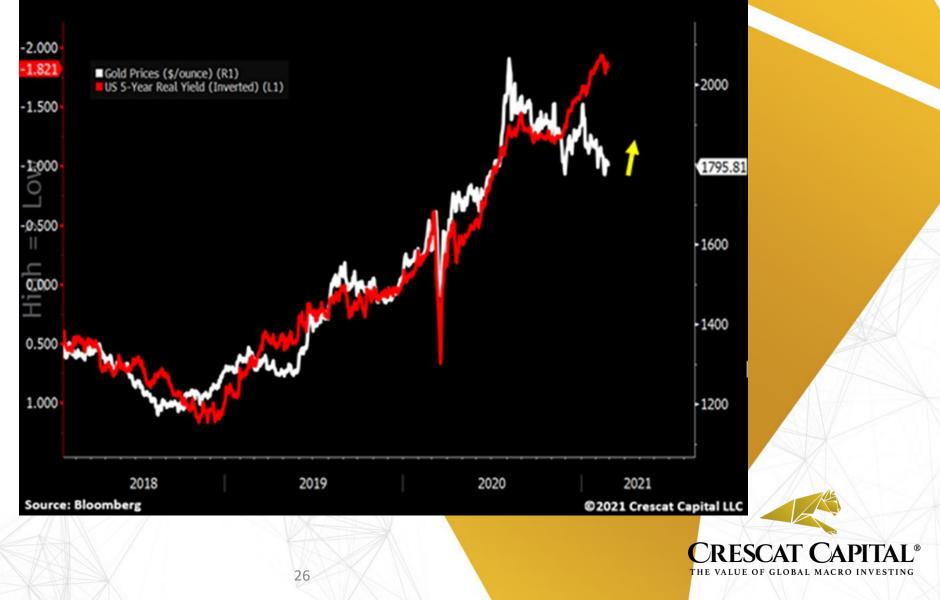


Money printing only supports financial asset bubbles for so long. Ultimately, QE drives flows out of overvalued stocks and credit and into undervalued precious metals.

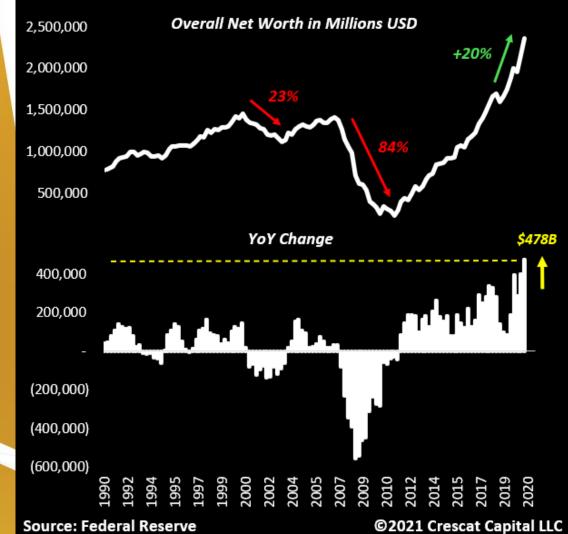


Real rates tend to lead the way for precious metals, particularly gold.

# Gold vs. Real Rates



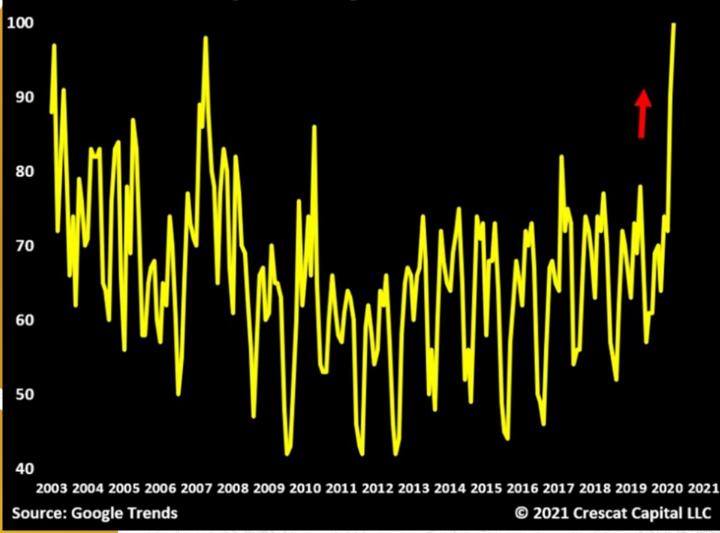
### US Bottom 50%



The lower classes just increased their wealth to the highest annual amount in the history of the data.



# Search Popularity Rank: "Inflation"



The popularity of the word "inflation" in Google searches has recently spiked to alltime highs as the monetary debasement narrative continues to gain momentum.

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### **US Private Investments in Mining Exploration**

Fixed Investments in Mining Exploration Shafts & Wells in USD Billions

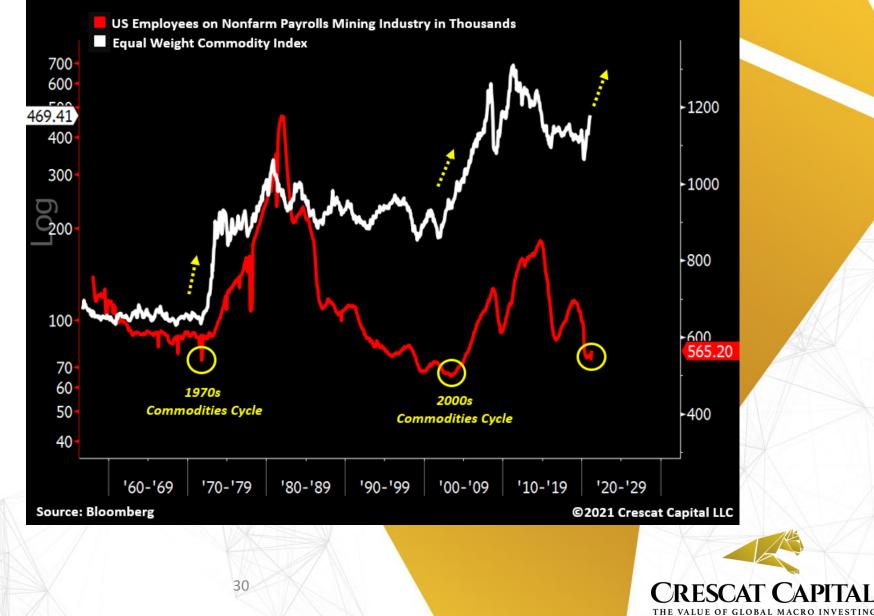


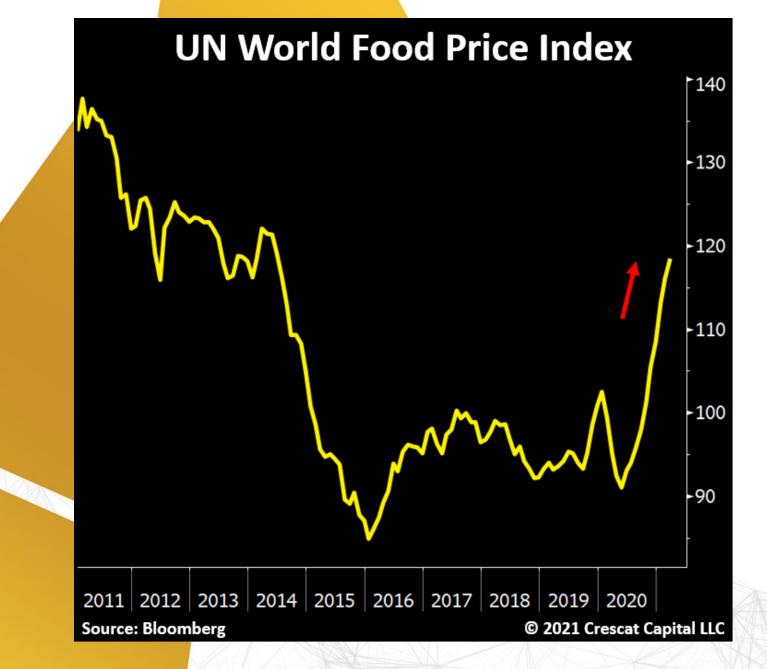
Investments in mining exploration are at a 62-year low! We strongly believe that there will be major supply/demand imbalances in the next years as part of the current macro environment.



A classic early sign of a commodity cycle. Mining industry nonfarm payrolls near historical lows. Labor & capital constrains are the amplifiers of bull market in resource stocks.

# **Commodities vs. Mining Labor Market**





Global food prices up 30% in the last year.



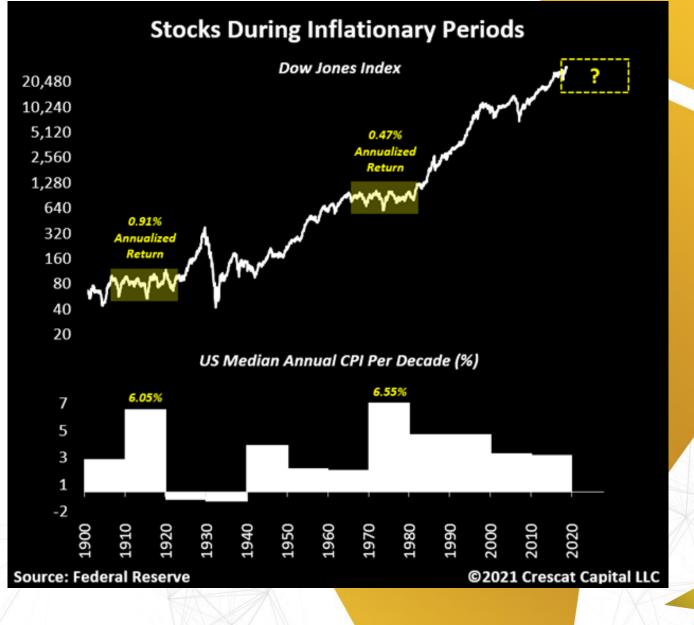
# **Commodities vs. Inflation Expectation**



Commodity prices have largely impacted inflation expectations over time, suggesting that 10-year breakeven rates are ripe to move significantly higher.

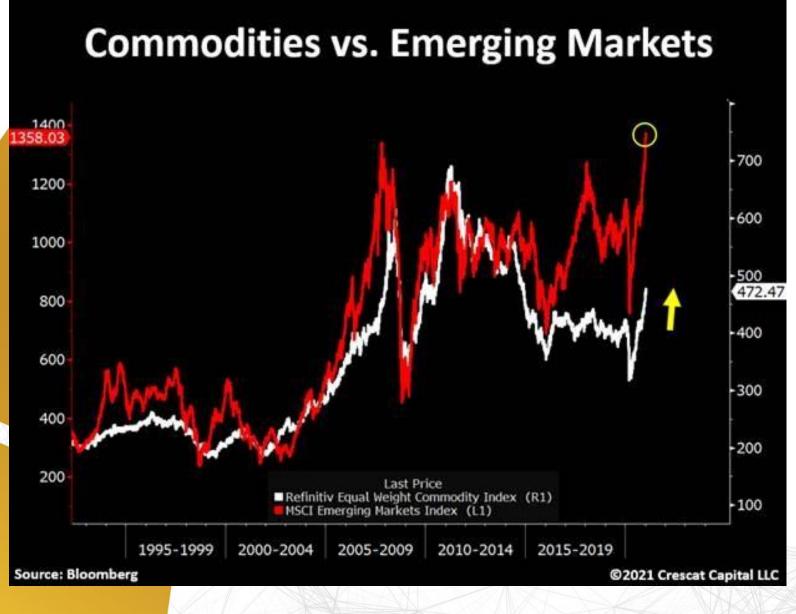


With today's mix of QE to infinity, "helicopter money", 0% shortterm interest rates, and World War II sized deficits, our base case is that this is the dawn of another long-term inflationary cycle. To recall, even though equities did not perform as well during the 10s and 70s, commodities did exceptionally well.



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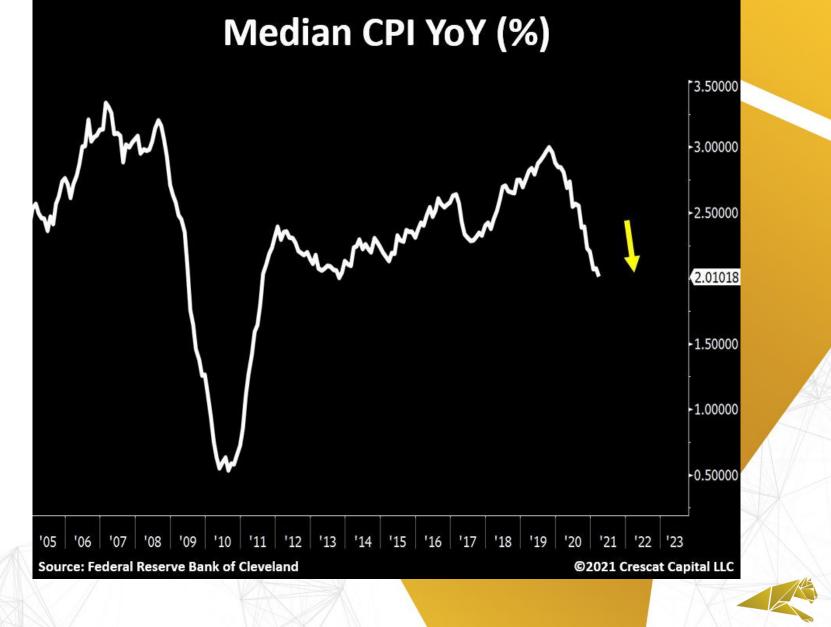
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This divergence puts into perspective how only one of those two assets looks to be an asymmetric opportunity for the years ahead – commodities.



Here is the Federal Reserve's own calculation of inflation. At a 7-year low. There is absolutely no rush to cease monetary stimulus.



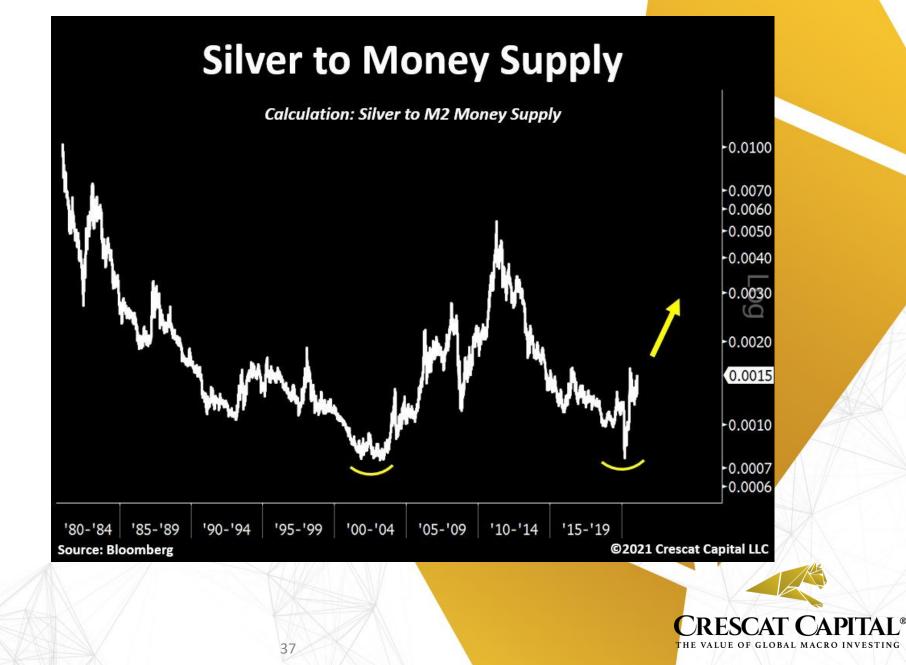
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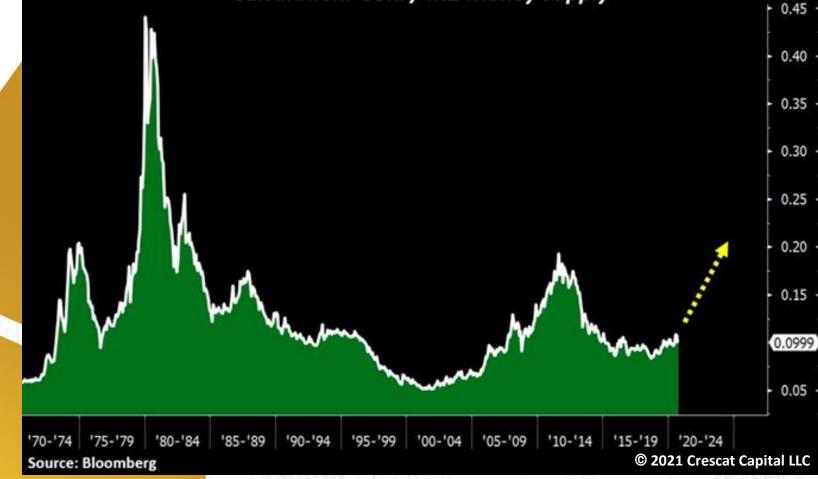
Looking back in history, periods of extreme monetary policies are followed by strong rallies in silver.



Silver remains historically undervalued relative to money supply.

# Gold vs. Money Supply

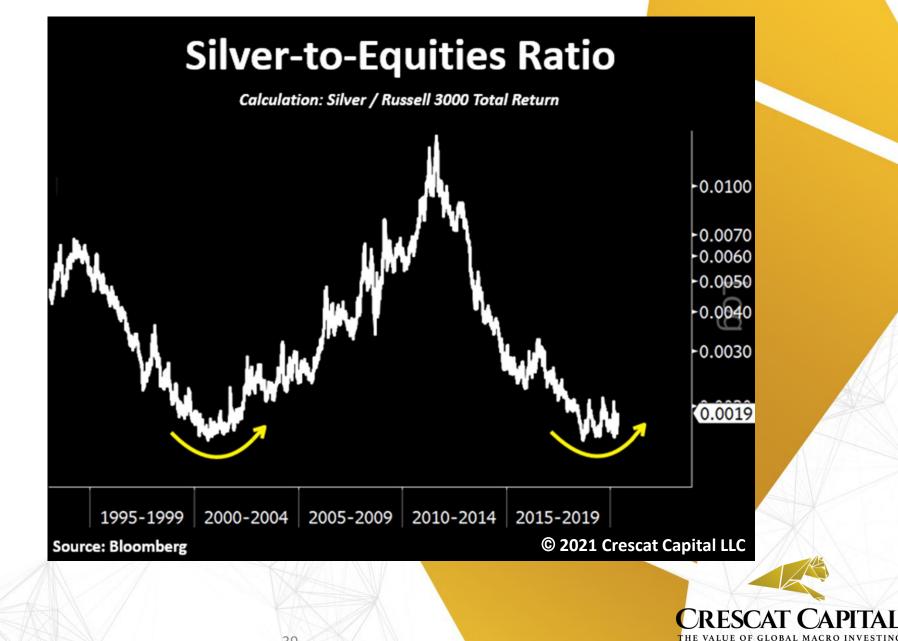
#### Calculation: Gold / M2 Money Supply

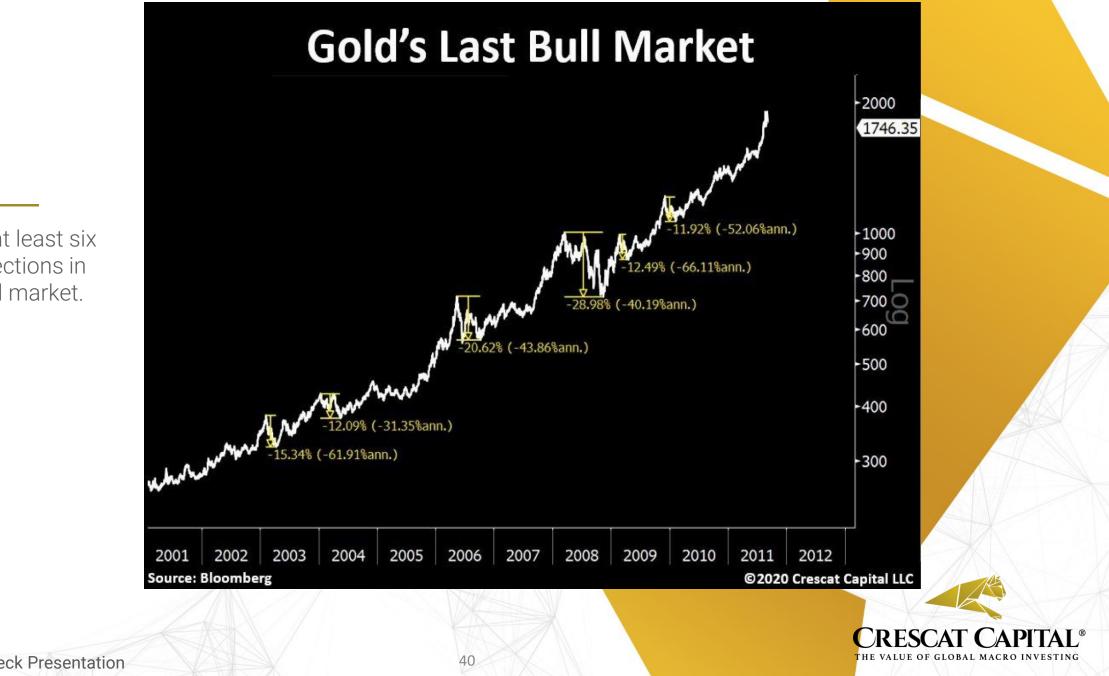


Price of gold relative to M2 money supply still looks historically attractive with significant upside likely ahead.

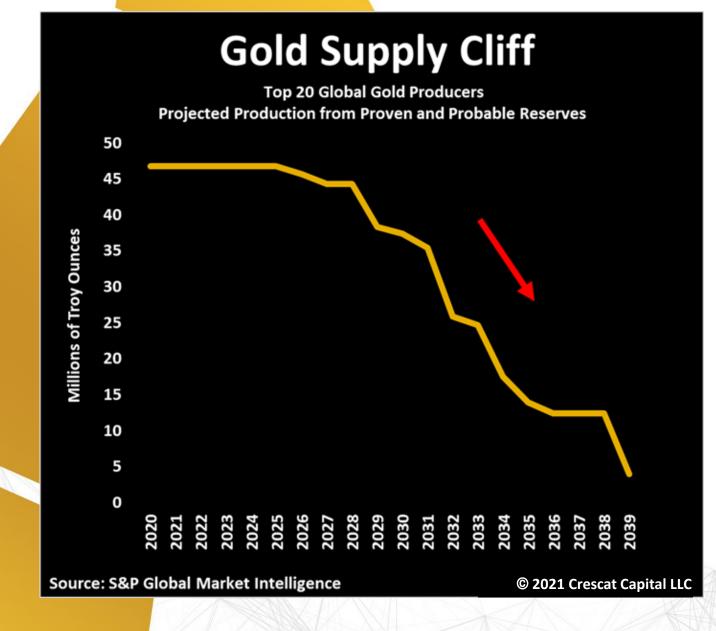


The silver-to-equities ratio is a clean looking double bottom, a battle of two extremes.





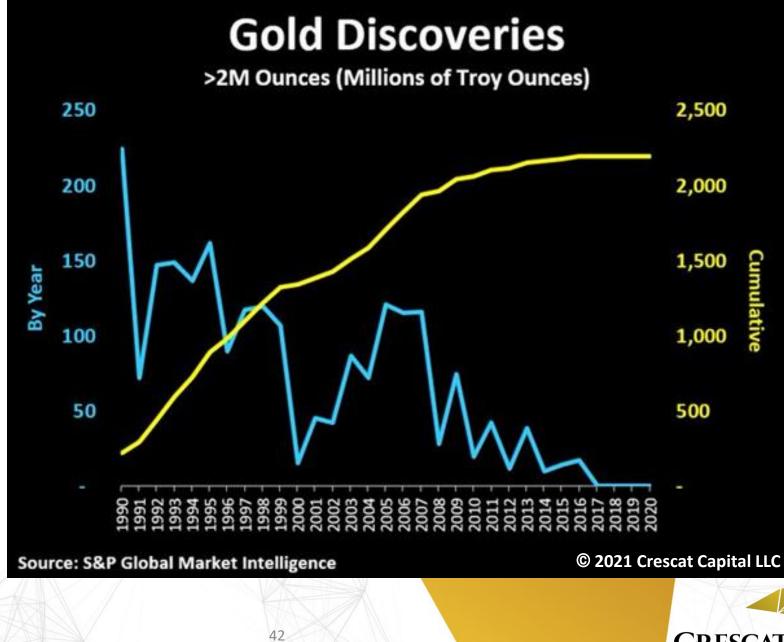
Gold had at least six large corrections in its last bull market.



Majors have underinvested in exploration and must replace their reserves. Supply shortfall a macro positive for gold prices. Extremely bullish for junior explorers.







### **Gold Price vs. Exploration Budgets**

12,000 2,000 1,800 10,000 1,600 1,400 **Exploration Budgets** 8,000 (USD Million) 1,200 6,000 1,000 800 4,000 600 400 2,000 200 0 0 008 009 010 2012 2013 2018 2019 2020 011 4 5 6 7 007 201 01 Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence © 2021 Crescat Capital LLC

Exploration budgets and gold prices have been diverging for over 8 years.

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## **Gold vs. Miners' CAPEX**

Top 50 Miners by Market Cap in the Canadian & US Stock Exchanges

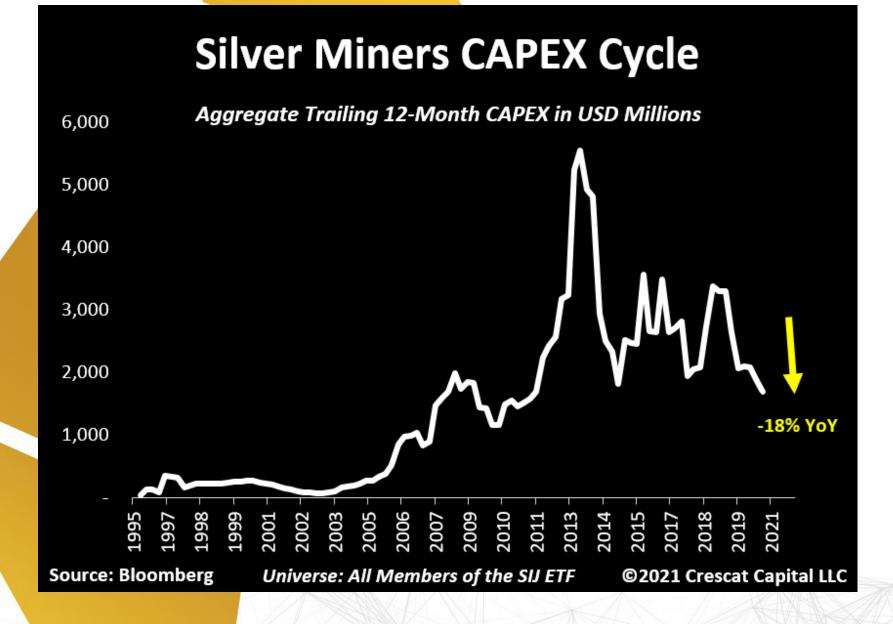
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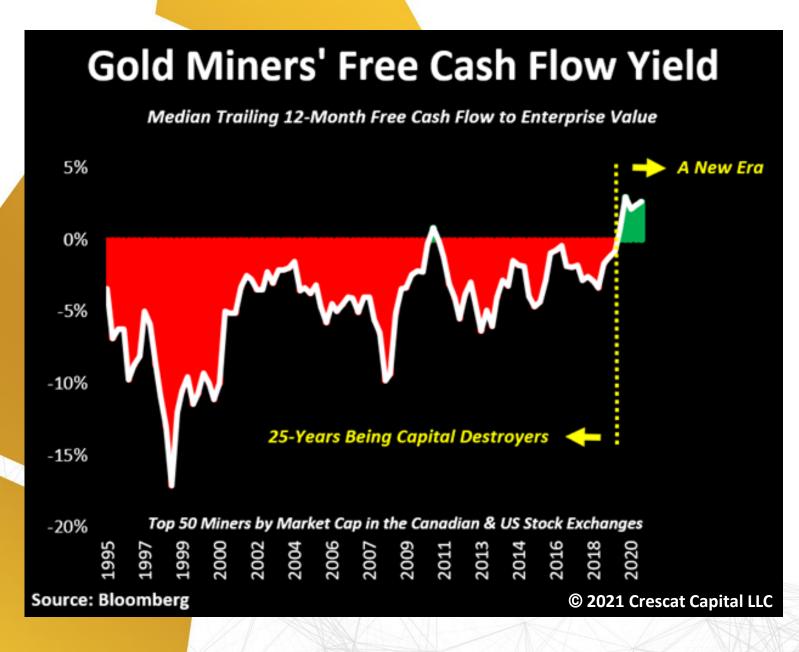
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Miners have been reluctant to spend capital even though gold prices have been moving higher. Thus, supply is constrained, an incredibly bullish fundamental backdrop for gold and silver.



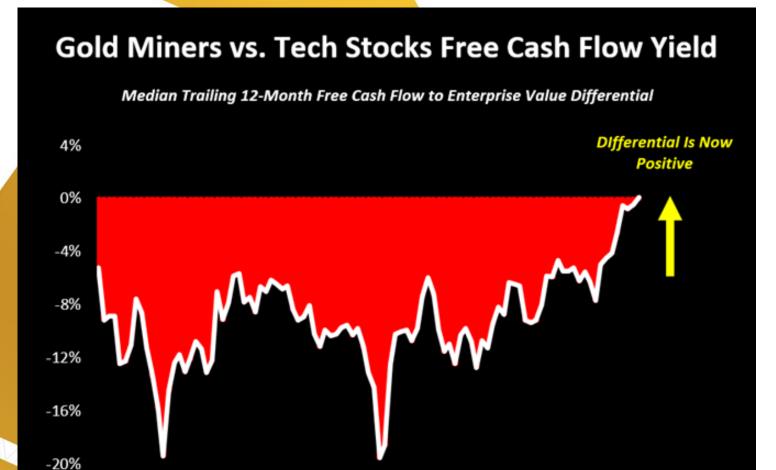
Silver miners CAPEX is at a decade low while, in the last 12 months, \$25T of newly issued debt worldwide, \$9T of monetary stimulus by central banks, and \$18T of negative yielding bonds.





Gold and silver mining companies are the real beneficiaries of today's macro environment with strong balance sheets, high growth, and still incredible undervaluation.





Top 50 Tech & Gold Mining Companies by Market Cap

This is the first time in the last 30 years that miners trade at a higher free cash flow yield than tech companies.



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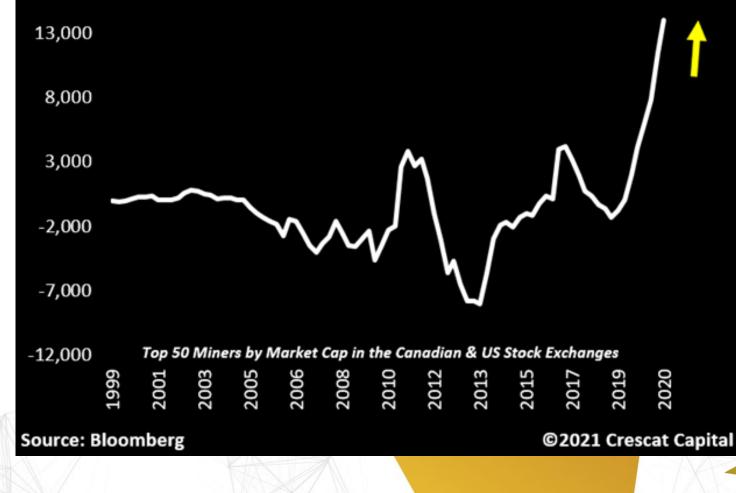
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We believe the recent pull back in gold, silver, and miners since August just gave us the perfect opportunity and timing to continue to raise capital and build a portfolio of companies with exceptional properties in strategic geologic locations worldwide.

### **Gold & Silver Miners**

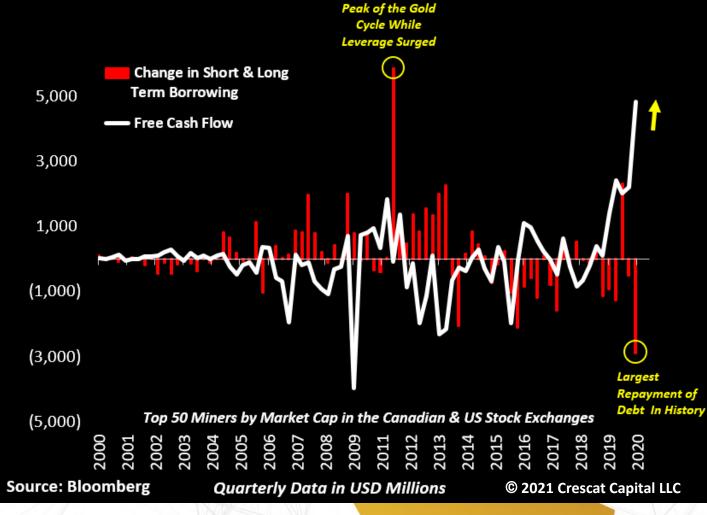
Aggregate Trailing 12-Month Free Cash Flow in USD Millions



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Gold & silver stocks just did their largest repayment of debt in history. They have never generated this much FCF in a quarter.

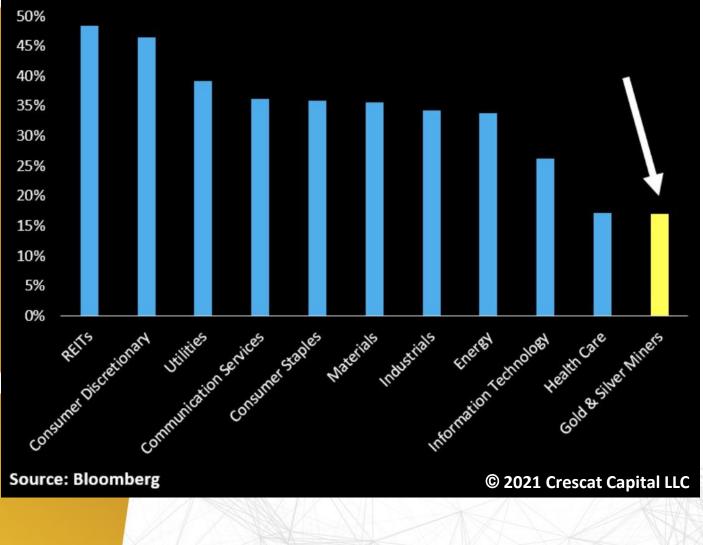
### **Gold & Silver Miners**





#### **Median Total Debt to Assets Ratio**

Russell 3000 Index & Top 50 Precious Metals Miners By Market Cap

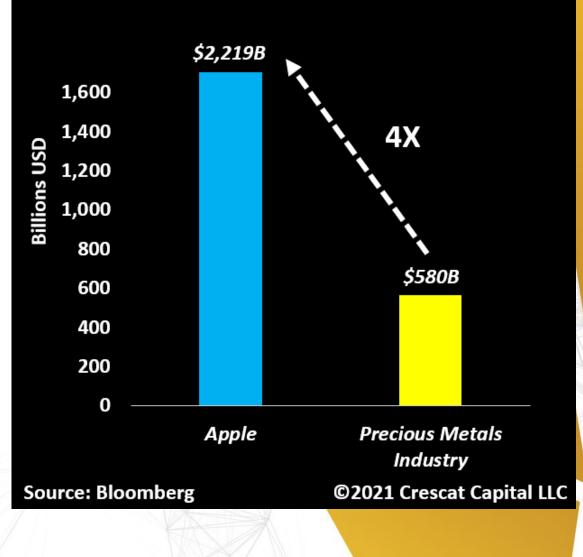


If precious metals stocks were a sector, they would have the cleanest balance sheets of them all.



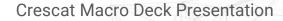
The entire precious metals industry is dirt cheap. Apple's market cap is 4 times the size of the whole precious metals industry.

### **Total Market Cap**

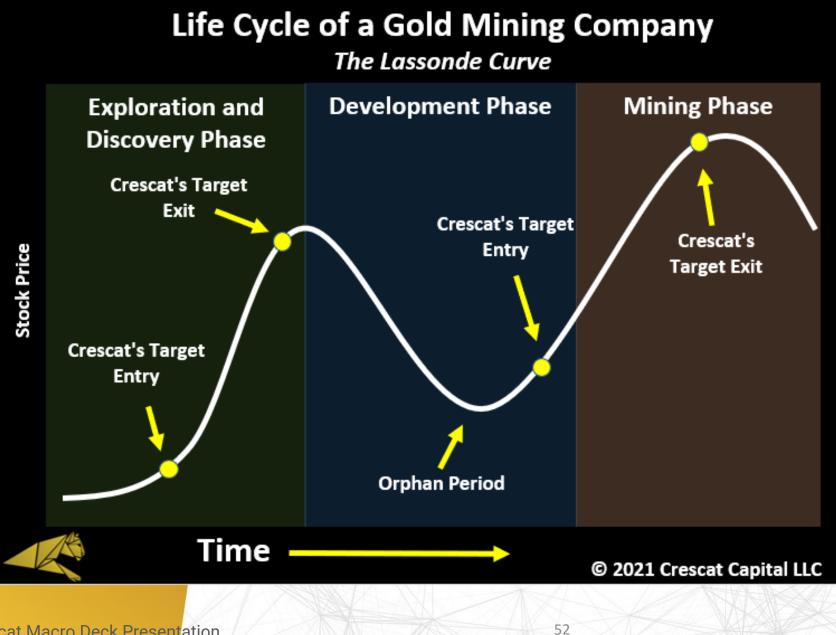


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Crescat's Lassonde Curve displays our positioning in the precious metals mining industry. We seek to exploit mispriced opportunities on the exploration and discovery stage.





Eloro sits on top of a deeper tin-silver-gold porphyry.



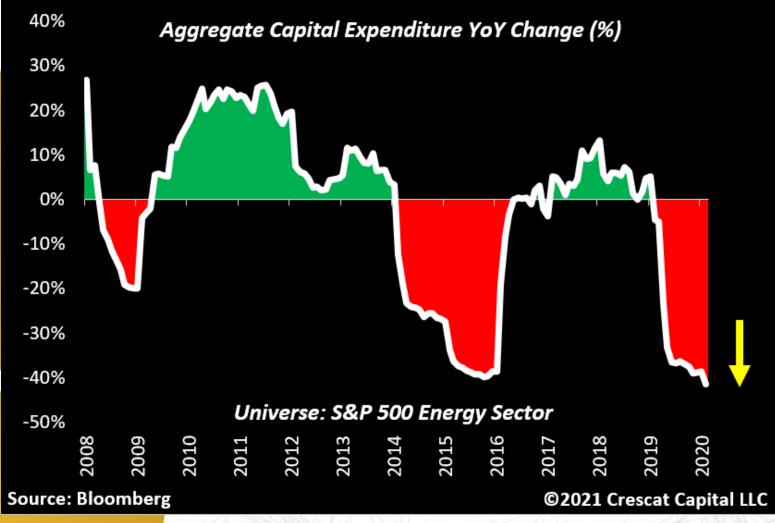
There could be a supply shortage in oil setting up for the next several years after the most drastic capex cuts in infrastructure and exploration we have seen in the history of this industry.

### Oil vs. Rig Count



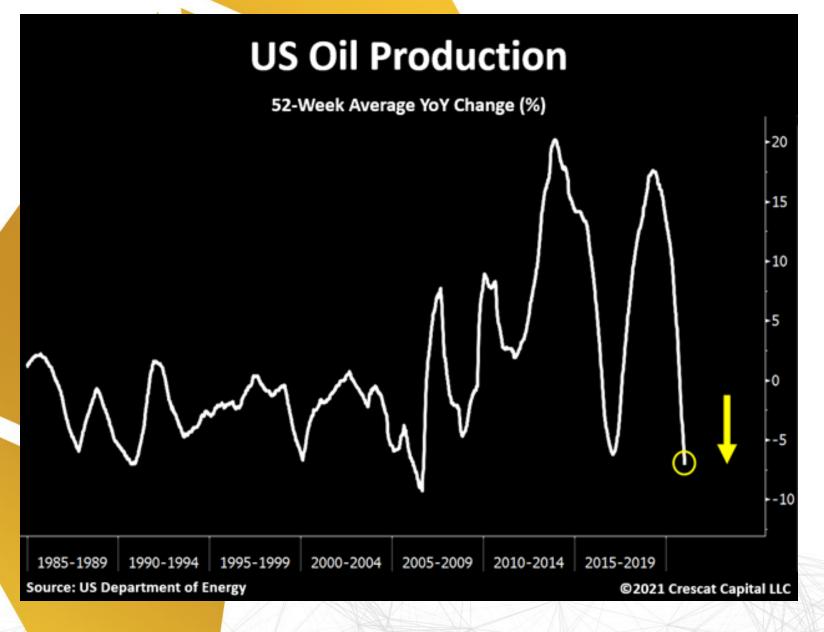
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## **Energy Sector Capex Cycle**



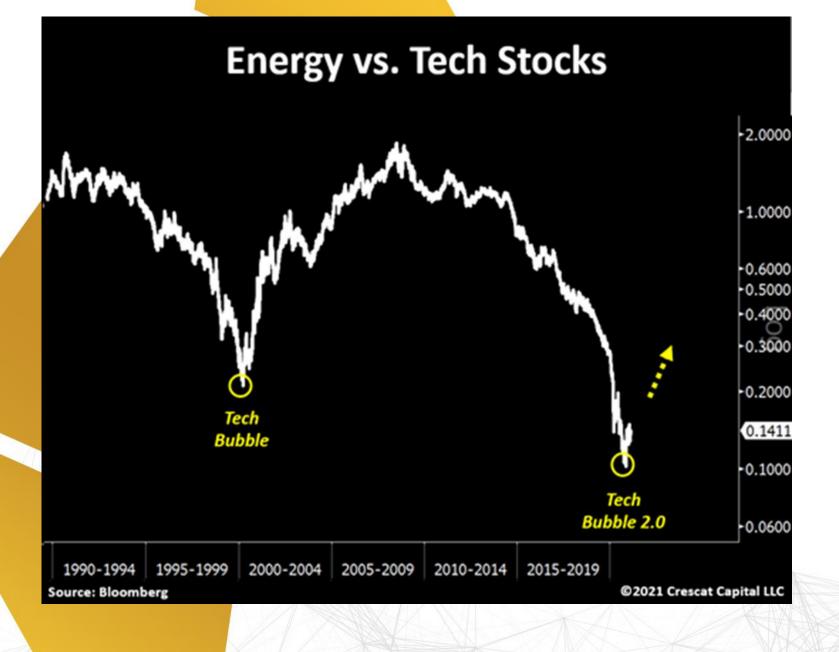
The same way the precious metals mining industry is reluctant to spend capital, oil companies are perhaps even more so. CAPEX for the S&P 500 energy sector is now falling at its steepest level in the last 12 years.





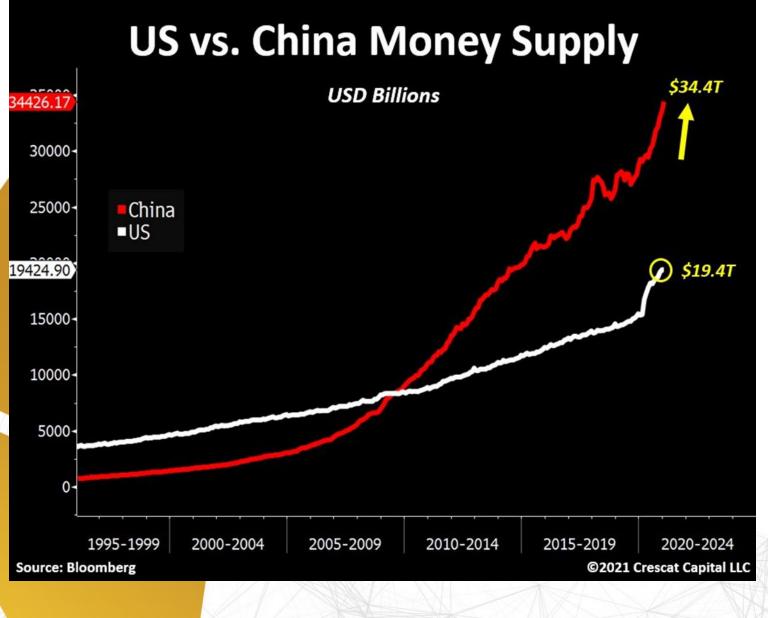
Along with the recent production cuts by OPEC of 1 million barrels a day, US oil production is also in free fall.





The value proposition for buying still historically undervalued oil companies relative to high-flying tech names remains incredibly attractive.





China's money supply is now 81% higher than the US.



# **Gold vs. Fiat Currencies**

Fiat currencies around the world are in a race to the bottom. The price of gold has been rising across all of them.





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