# Interest How it Affects Everything Everywhere All at Once 

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10-Year Treasury Yield, Jan. 1871 to March 2023


At all times, in all markets, in all parts of the world, the tiniest change in rates changes the value of every financial asset."

Warren Buffett

## Imbibe or save...



A roman soldier is contemplating saving one denarii instead of going to the pub in year zero (although not defined as such at the time). Assuming you could find a bank to last 2023 years, at $3 \%$ interest, how much would that be worth today?

## If only your ancestor didn't go to the pub...



Now worth $\$ 90,545,809,100,365,500,000,000,000$ or around $\$ 90$ septillion.

That's approximately $\$ 11$ quadrillion for every person on the planet.

However, if it was invested in a cheap bank at $1 \%$, only worth $\$ 552$ million.

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## Interest rates effect your 401k



## Source: Finviz.com

## Yields and PEs



## are highly related

10-yr T-note Yield vs Earnings Yield (1/PE)


## TINA Arrived in late 2008

## GLOBAL INTEREST RATES Yields as of August 2021

| Negative yields |  | Yields between $0 \%$ and 1\% |  |  | Yields between 1\% and 2\% |  |  | Yields between $2 \%$ and $3 \%$ |  |  | Yields greater than 3\% |  |  |
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|  | 1 Y | $2 Y$ | 3 Y | 4 Y | 5 Y | 6 Y | $7 Y$ | 8 Y | 9 Y | $10 Y$ | 15 Y | $20 \%$ | 30Y |
| U.S. | 0.06 | 0.18 | 0.34 |  | 0.69 |  | 1.00 |  |  | 1.22 |  | 1.80 | 1.89 |
| Canada | 0.24 | 0.45 | 0.54 | 0.74 | 0.81 | 0.90 | 0.98 | 1.04 | 1.14 | 1.20 |  | 1.61 | 1.76 |
| Australia | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.24 | 0.45 | 0.59 | 0.75 | 0.87 | 0.98 | 1.11 | 1.18 | 1.57 | 1.85 | 2.04 |
| Italy | -0.52 | -0.45 | -0.29 | -0.18 | -0.05 | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.36 | 0.50 | 0.62 | 1.10 | 1.33 | 1.63 |
| Greece | -0.28 | -0.47 | -0.38 | -0.26 | -0.17 | -0.04 |  |  |  | 0.60 | 0.73 | 0.94 | 1.39 |
| UK | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.26 | 0.35 | 0.41 | 0.51 | 0.59 | 0.56 | 0.87 | 0.98 | 0.99 |
| Spain | -0.59 | -0.59 | -0.50 | -0.49 | -0.39 | -0.24 | -0.16 | 0.01 | 0.12 | 0.27 | 0.72 | 0.87 | 1.17 |
| Portugal | -0.62 | -0.64 | -0.62 | -0.55 | -0.48 | -0.32 | -0.22 | -0.13 | 0.02 | 0.17 | 0.47 | 0.50 | 1.10 |
| Sweden | -0.22 | -0.33 |  | -0.30 | -0.20 |  | -0.08 | 0.01 |  | 0.09 |  | 0.43 |  |
| Japan | -0.13 | -0.13 | -0.14 | -0.14 | -0.13 | -0.13 | -0.12 | -0199 | -0.05 | 0.02 | 0.20 | 0.39 | 0.64 |
| Ireland | -0.67 | -0.68 | -0.66 | -0.65 | -0.60 | -0.51 | -0.41 | -0.31 |  | -0.07 | 0.16 | 0.43 | 0.64 |
| France | -0.64 | -0.72 | -0.70 | -0.68 | -0.53 | -0.53 | -0.40 | -0.30 | -0.20 | -0.11 | 0.18 | 0.39 | 0.68 |
| Slovakia |  | -0.85 | -0.66 | -0.61 |  | -0.56 | -0.47 | -0.42 | -0.23 | -0.12 | 0.24 |  | 0.68 |
| Belgium | -0.64 | -0.75 | -0.74 | -0.70 | -0.64 | -0.53 | -0.47 | -0.36 | -0.27 | -0.12 | 0.04 | 0.39 | 0.66 |
| Finland | -0.67 | -0.77 | -0.79 | -0.71 | -0.70 | -0.59 | -0.49 | -0.40 | -0.30 | -0.21 | 0.04 | 0.14 | 0.31 |
| Austria | -0.73 | -0.75 | -0.73 | -0.72 | -0.64 | -0.60 | -0.52 | -0.40 | -0.32 | -0.22 | 0.03 | 0.23 | 0.39 |
| Netherlands |  | -0.82 | -0.81 | -0.76 | -0.72 | $-0.66$ | -0.65 | -0.57 | -0.41 | -0.33 | -0.06 | -0.06 | 0.10 |
| Switzerland | -0.80 | -0.78 | -0.79 | -0.75 | -0.71 | -0.63 | -0.58 | -0.52 | -0.45 | -0.40 | -0.23 | -0.16 | -0.16 |
| Germany | -0.67 | -0.77 | -0.82 | -0.81 | -0.74 | -0.70 | -0.64 | -0.61 | -0.55 | -0.46 | -0.20 | -0.23 | 0.02 |

# As interest rates fell to zero, the new theme was There Is No Alternative to stocks 

S\&P 500


20-30 yr T-bonds


## Your budget doesn't like this...

Consumer Price Index, 2011-2023


Price level is up $15 \%$ in the last two years. It took the previous 10 years to increase that much.

Since 2010, price level is up 39\%. Inflation may decrease, but prices always keep rising with few exceptions.

## TARA crashed the party!




## Your retirement savings didn＇t like that．．．



S\＆P $=\mathrm{E}_{1} /\left(1+\mathrm{k}_{1}\right)^{1}+\mathrm{E}_{2} /\left(1+\mathrm{k}_{2}\right)^{2}+\mathrm{E}_{3} /\left(1+\mathrm{k}_{3}\right)^{3}+\ldots+\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{n}} /\left(1+\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)^{\mathrm{n}}$ or to super simplify， $\mathrm{S} \& \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{E}_{1} /(\mathrm{k}-\mathrm{g})$

20－30 yr T－bonds


Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank didn't like that...


Yield Curve, 3/9/23 and 3/17/23



## Home Buyers/Sellers Don't Like this:

## FRED $\approx=30$-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage Average in the United States



30-year mortgage rates have gone from under 3\% in Aug. 2021 to over 6\% in 2023.

On a $\$ 300,000$ mortgage, monthly payments were $\$ 1,265$, now \$1,800+.

Conversely, \$1,500 a month could have bought you a \$355,784 house, now \$250,187.

## And nobody likes this...*

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US FEDERAL DEBTTO GOP RATIO-

U.S. tax receipts are $\$ 3.2$ trillion. $44 \%$ of U.S. debt has an average maturity of 3.4 years. Most was financed at near zero rates, not anymore. One-year T-bill yields 4.3\%.

FBD - Federal government current expenditures: Interest payments

Interest on debt, 1950 to 2022
$\begin{array}{llllllllllllll}1950 & 1955 & 1960 & 1965 & 1970 & 1975 & 1980 & 1985 & 1990 & 1995 & 2000 & 2005 & 2010 & 2015\end{array}$


On the other hand,


Stocks are on sale and bonds pay interest again.

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