

Global recession in the third quarter of this year?

The recent report on recession for the US suggests a global one told by Peter Cardillo, Chief Market Economist, Spartan Capital Securities. According to Cardillo, the global market, leaving only some emerging markets, will see a recession. Cardillo considers that inflation might settle at the more familiar past rate of 4%. The Fed's continuous hike in rate to reach their targeted 2% inflation rate seems quite far-fetched. Pointing the targetted 2% inflation rate as a remedy for the government's misinterpretation of the overspending of billions during Covid-19.

The hiked interest rates will palpably affect consumer spending, crucially straining their debt servicing.

The Covid-19 bottleneck again strikes, jamming economic activities due to increased consumer spending. The see-saw effect in motion since Covid-19 indicates how excessive consumer spending in the past is giving a down-run to the entire world economy.

The ADP's report shedding a ray out of this crisis stated the private sector's creation of 242,000 jobs, higher than estimated, sternly to be turned down by the future full-effect of hiked rates.

Financial services company JP Morgan, Ajay Bagga, Chairman, Elyments Platforms and Brian Moynihan, CEO of Bank of America, all point towards a leading recession.

JP Morgan predicts the intraday rate to fall to 5%, alerting its clients to underweight investment and to stay away from intraday trading. Despite improving inflation rates, the financial services company also reflects on predictions for a recession to take its higher turn in the second half of the year. The company further estimates the US market to shrink by 25%.

Moynihan comments the same, stating US market to go into recession in the third quarter, and only gain its flare back in the second quarter of 2024.

Ajay Bagga further predicts RBI rates to flash a pointer high in April due to the high dollar rate.

"If - and I stress that no decision has been made on this - but if the totality of the data were to indicate that faster tightening is warranted, we would be prepared to increase the pace of rate hikes," Jerome addressed.

This statement by Jerome Powell further worsened matters for the US, tapping its oil prices to a significant low, causing uproar amongst the traders, with the current price at the time of writing for West Texas Intermediate, at 75.46, and Brent Crude Oil at 82.09.

The prices had hit such hard margins for the first time in 5 weeks, only to worsen with the Fed's more increased hike in interest rate, likely to go half a point with frequent volatility.

There also arises hesitation regarding the Fed's decision to hike rates, affecting consumers adversely in the wake of slower economic activities due to borrowing struggles and lowered production.

Alan S. Blinder, former Vice Chair of the Federal Reserve, has a mellow take on the present-day situation. He suggests Powell look at the bigger picture. He advises pivotal hikes if February and March data depict the same trend.

Blinder's tolerant point also affirms the Federal Open Market Committee and Powell to exert the variables faintly, if circumstances remain viable.