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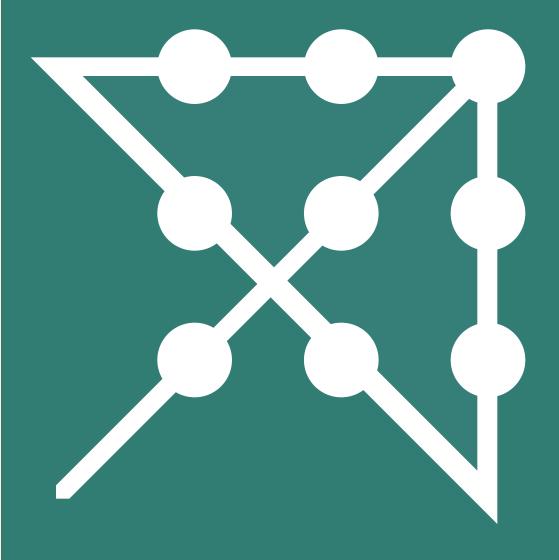
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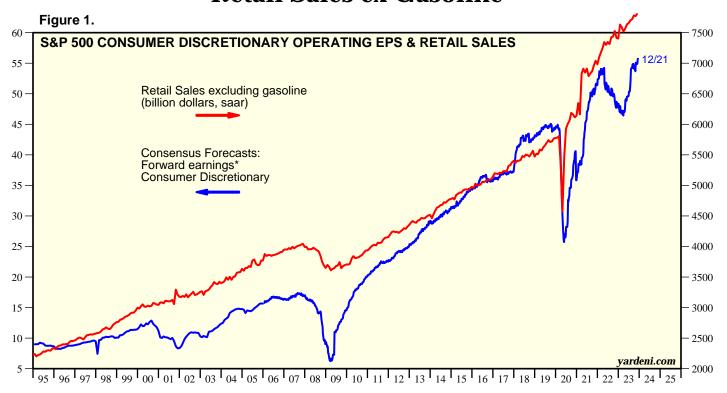


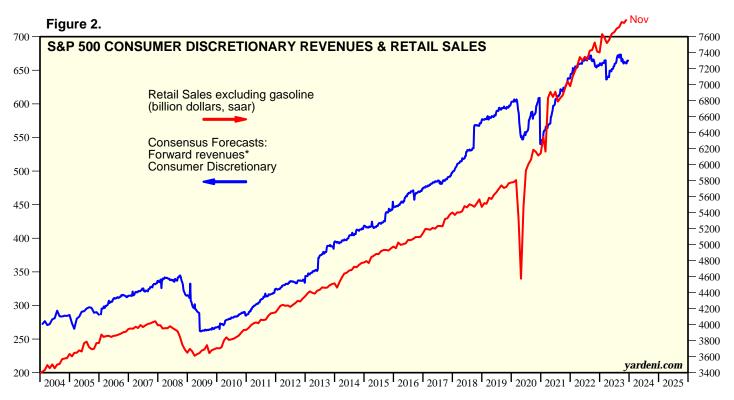
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Retail Sales ex Gasoline

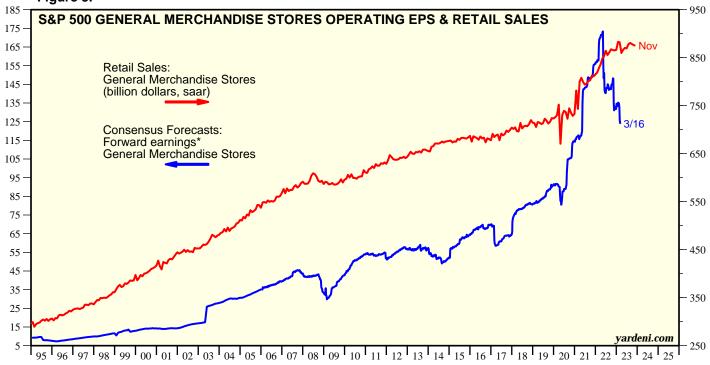


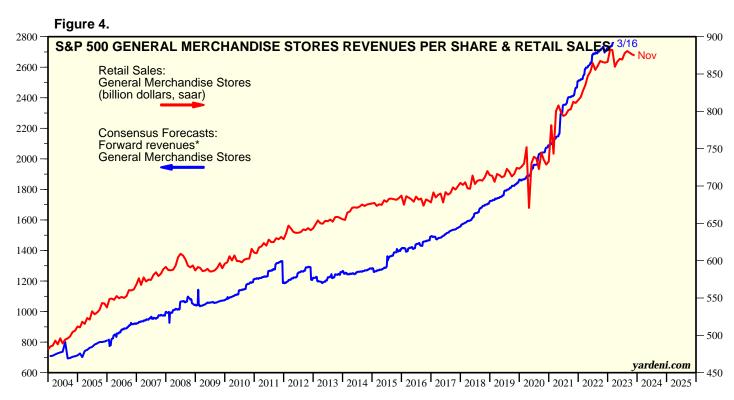


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Merchandise Stores

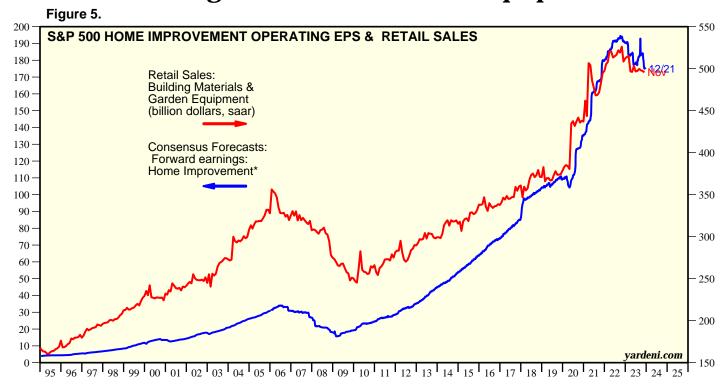


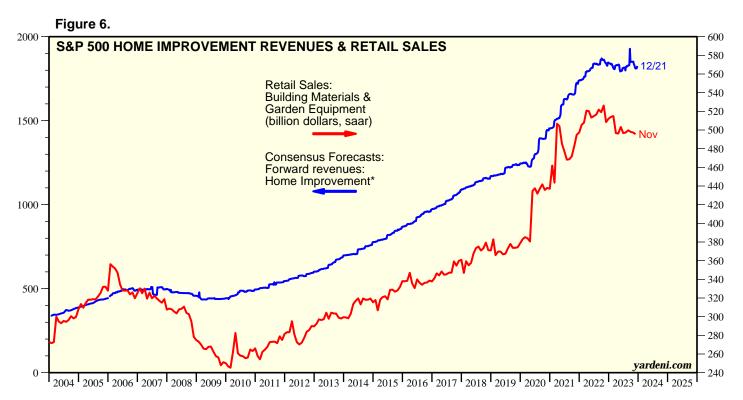




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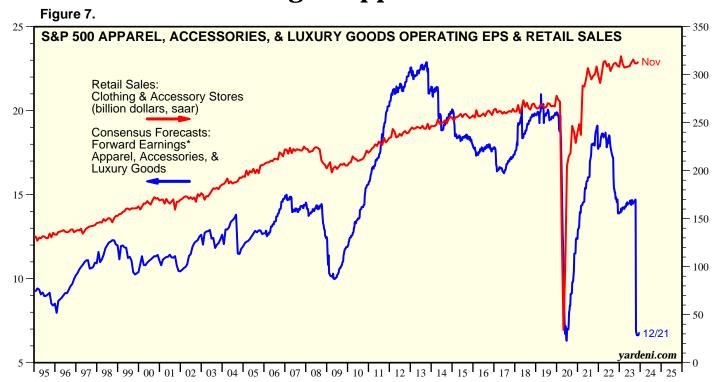
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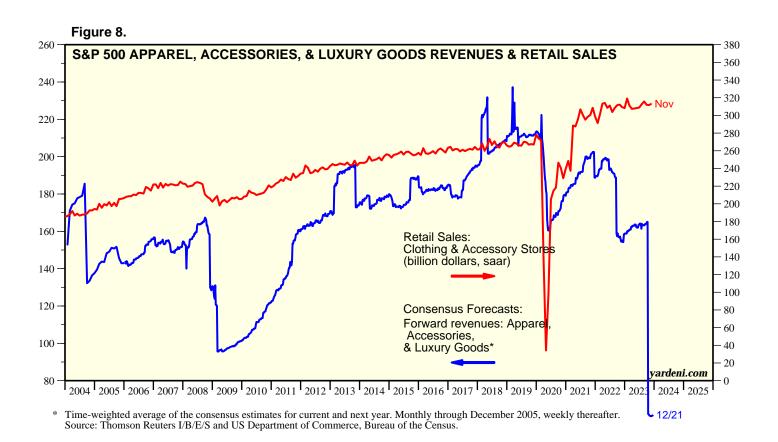




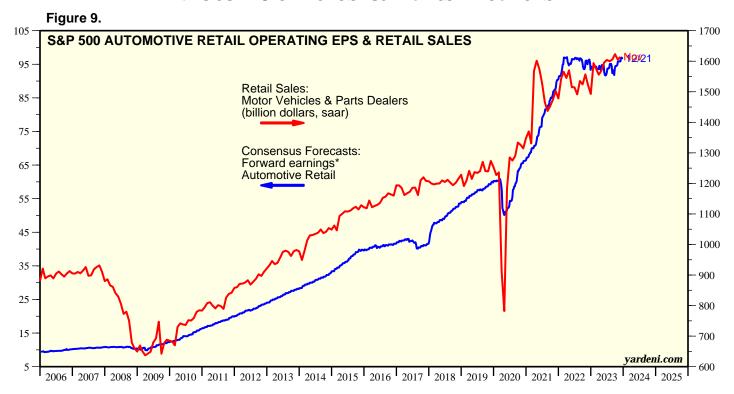
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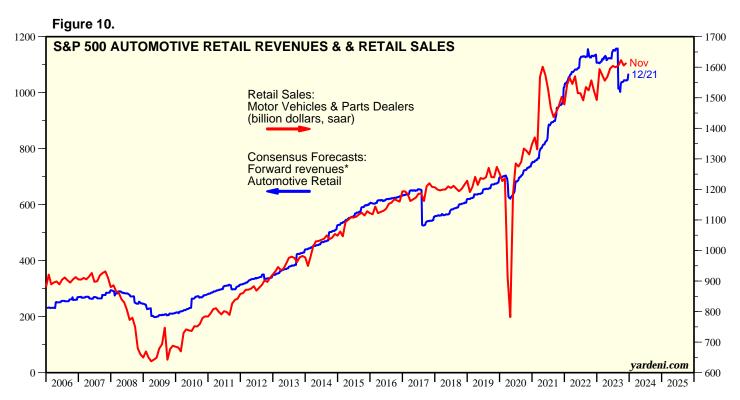
Clothing & Apparel Stores





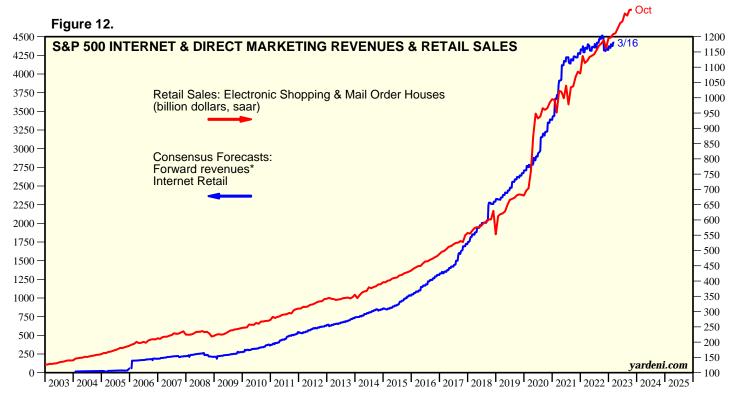
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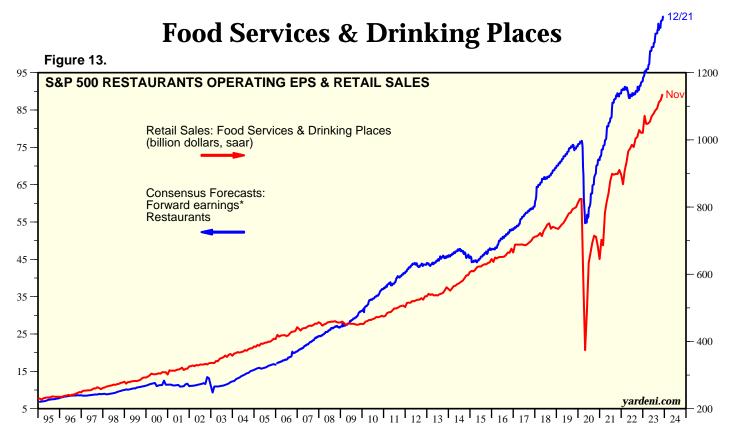


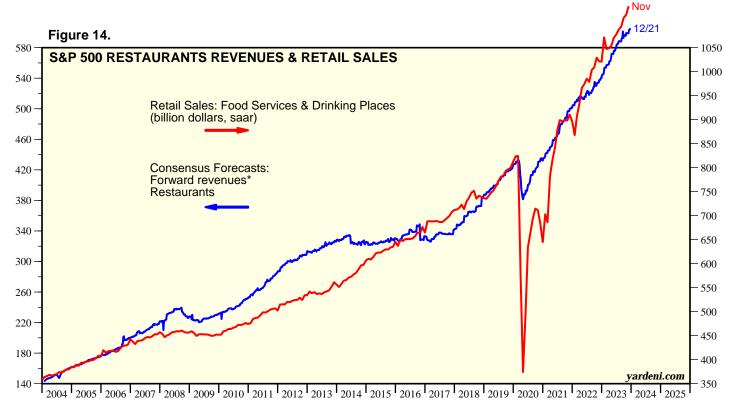
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