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THE BITCOIN MONTHLY

NEW YEAR, NEW MARKET DYNAMICS

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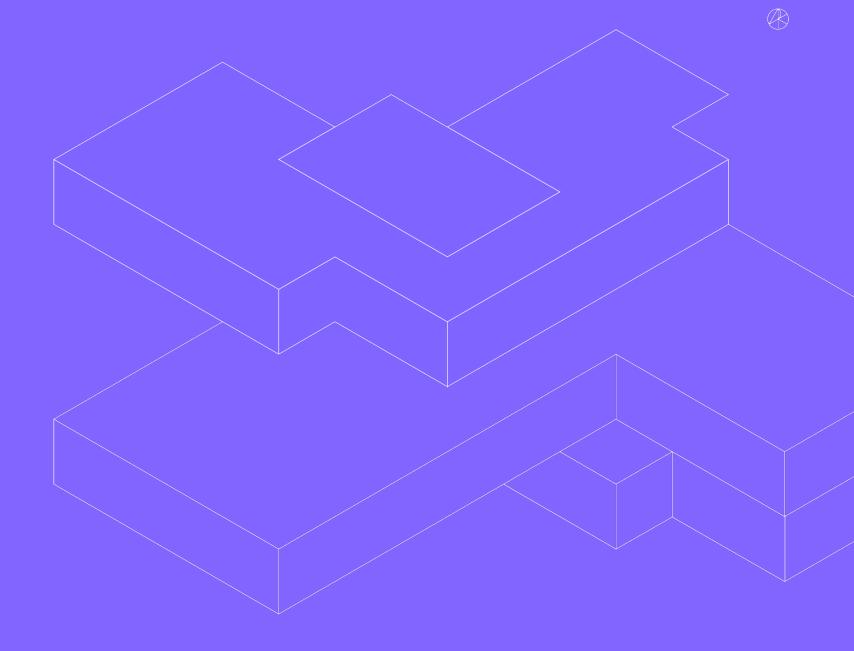


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Market Summary



Bitcoin Begins 2023 With A Boom

New On-Chain Dynamics

- In the fourth quarter, bitcoin found strong support at its investor cost basis, then broke out above its total market cost basis and its 200-day moving average on January 13.
- After experiencing historical on-chain losses in November that were caused by the fall of FTX/Alameda, bitcoin rebounded, rewarding strong holder behavior in the latter half of last year.
- Bitcoin now faces a crucial inflection point: resistance at the 200-week moving average.

A Focus On Macro

- As contagion in the crypto markets dissipates, all eyes turn to the uncertain macro environment led by a drop in US money supply and an inverted yield curve. That said, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) is beginning to recognize that inflation metrics are improving.
- Many inflation measures, including the Producer Price Index (PPI), suggest that inflation has peaked and is decelerating rapidly.
- Now bitcoin's negative correlation to the US dollar has resurfaced, as BTC's price increased while the dollar declined in January.

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ARK'S KEY TAKEAWAY

- Bitcoin increased 39.9% in January, closing the month at \$23,130, and traded above its market cost basis, which closed the month at \$19,800.
- Crypto lender Genesis filed for bankruptcy. Based on bitcoin's price action, the market already had discounted it. Although the fallout could impact Gemini and others, market contagion starting after the Terra/Luna collapse seems to have run its course.
- From an on-chain perspective, bitcoin is showing clear signs of recovery after posting historical losses.
- From a macro perspective, bitcoin and other risk-on assets still face the uncertainty of a drop in US money supply and an inverted yield curve.

News Of The Month

ARK Publishes Annual Crypto Big Ideas 2023 Report	
Crypto Lender Genesis Global Files For Bankruptcy	
Digital Currency Group To Shutter Wealth Management Unit	
Gemini Lays Off 10% Of Staff Amid Troubles At Genesis	
CoinDesk Explores Full Or Partial Sale To Attract Growth Capital, CEO Says	
Bankman-Fried Pleads Not Guilty To Criminal Charges	
Binance, Mastercard Issuing Prepaid Card In Brazil As Regional Crypto Interest Grows	
Binance CEO Outlines Ambitions To Grow Headcount By Up To 30% In 2023	
Uniswap On BNB Chain: Wormhole Wins Bridge Selection Vote	
Silvergate Shares Plunge As Company Cuts Workforce Amid "Transformational Shift"	
ConsenSys Confirms 11% Staff Cut	
Coinbase To Pay \$100 Million Over Failure To Scale AML As Business Boomed	
Bitcoin Developer Claims Loss Of \$3.3 Aillion After PGP Exploit	
Indonesia Plans To Launch Its Own Crypto Exchange	
SEC Bats Down ARK's And 21Shares' Second Bitcoin ETF Proposal	

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With Rising Prices, Network Activity And Holder Behavior Saw A Boost

	Bitcoin Metrics ¹	Unit	January 2022	1M Change	1Y Change	ARK's View	Upgrade/ Downgrade ³
Network Security	Mining Difficulty	Exahash/sec ¹ (Thousands)	169	+11.2%	+47.6%	Bullish	1
	<u>Miner Revenue</u> (7-Day Moving Average)	USD (Millions)	\$22.2	+43.7%	-34.3%	Bullish	1
Network Usage	<u>Active Owners</u> ² (Active Entities, 7-Day Moving Average)	Thousands	267.8	+16.2%	+2.7%	Bullish	11
	<u>Transaction Volume</u> ² (7-Day Moving Average)	BTC (Thousands)	128.3	-2.5%	-20.8%	Neutral	No Change
Holder Behavior	Long-Term-Holder Supply ² (Coins Held for 155 Days+)	BTC (Millions)	14.06	+0.3%	+5.3%	Bullish	No Change
	Locked Supply ² (Illiquid Supply)	BTC (Millions)	15.11	+0.6%	+7.7%	Bullish	No Change
	<u>Time-Weighted Turnover</u> ² (Coindays Destroyed, 7-Day Median)	Coindays (Millions)	9.11	-21.6%	+7.3%	Bullish	t t

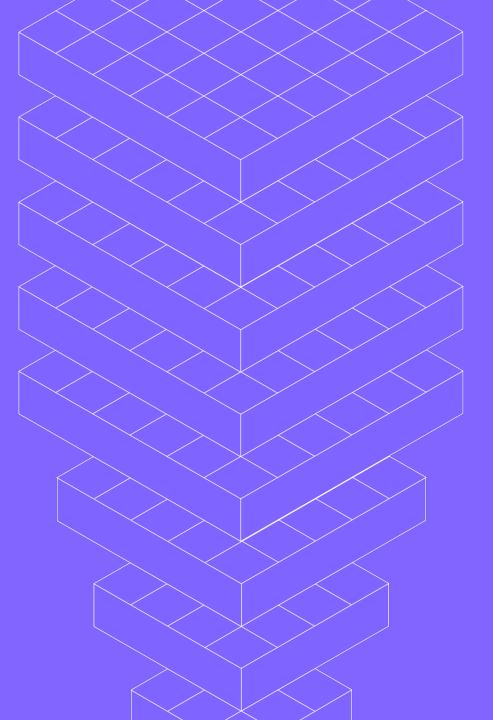
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Bitcoin Now Stands Above Its Market Cost Basis

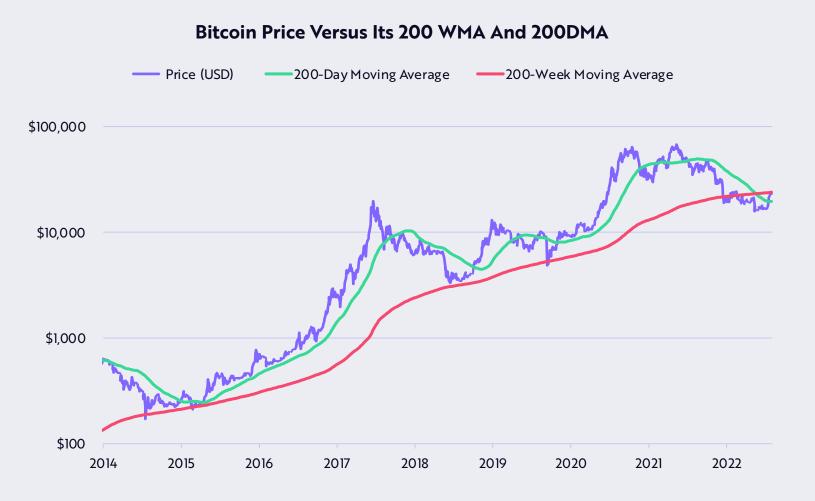
	Bitcoin Metrics ¹	Unit	January 2022	1M Change	1Y Change	ARK's View	Upgrade/ Downgrade ³
Long-Term Valuation	<u>Market Cost Basis</u> (Realized Price)	USD	\$19,794	+0.3%	+5.3%	Bullish	No Change
	Percent Supply In Profit	рр	71%	+22.8 pp	+1.5 pp	Bullish	No Change
Short-Term Valuation	<u>Short-Term-Holder Cost Basis</u> ² (STH Realized Price)	USD	\$18,993	+5.7%	-61.1%	Bullish	No Change
	<u>Realized Market Returns</u> ² (SOPR-1, 7-day moving average)	рр	2.1%	+13.1 pp	+7.4 pp	Bullish	1
Market Sentiment	<u>Perpetual Futures Basis</u> (Binance, Estimated, 7-Day Exponential Moving Average)	рр	-0.02%	+0.02 pp	+0.03 pp	Bullish	No Change
	Expirational Futures Basis (Quarterly, All Exchanges, Annualized)	рр	3.4%	+4 pp	-1.8 pp	Bullish	No Change

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New On-Chain Dynamics



After Regaining Its 200-Day Moving Average, Bitcoin May Find Resistance At Its 200-Week Moving Average



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ARK'S VIEW: NEUTRAL

- In the aftermath of extensive contagion during 2022, bitcoin is trading above its 200-day moving average for the first time since December 2021.
- On a 30-day basis, bitcoin closed up 39%, the highest percent change since October 2021.
- Bitcoin now stands near critical resistance: the 200-week moving average. At \$23,930, the 200week moving average has been above the daily price for 30 weeks, the longest such period in history.

\$0

\$0

2012

2014

The Market Overcame Seller Exhaustion In January

Seller Exhaustion Constant

 Price (USD) Seller Exhaustion Constant \$100,000 10.000 \$10,000 1.000 \$1,000 \$100 \$10 \$1 0.010

Constant Seller Exhaustion 0.100

2020

0.001

2022

ARK'S VIEW: BULLISH

- An ARK original metric, the "seller exhaustion constant" measures the convergence of two market factors: high losses denoting capitulation and low volatility denoting market exhaustion.
- The metric is calculated by multiplying the percentage of bitcoin supply in profit by the 30-day price volatility. Values at or below 0.01 tend to be bullish markers.

 The seller exhaustion constant produced two of these signals in the fourth quarter, one in October and another in December after the fall of FTX. These stand as the first instances below 0.01 since July 2020, after which the price appreciated 441% within the next nine months.

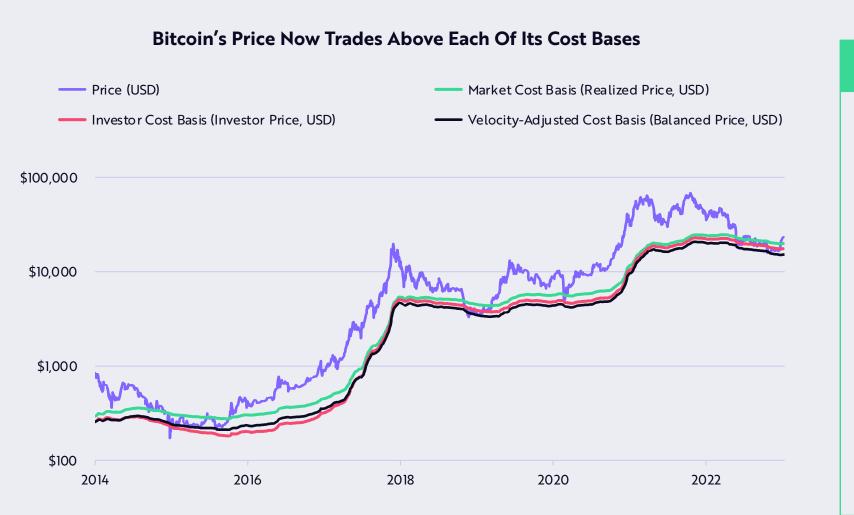
• In January, this metric rebounded from 0.01, as the percentage of supply in profit increased from 48% to 71%.

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Bitcoin Surpassed Multiple Cost Bases In January

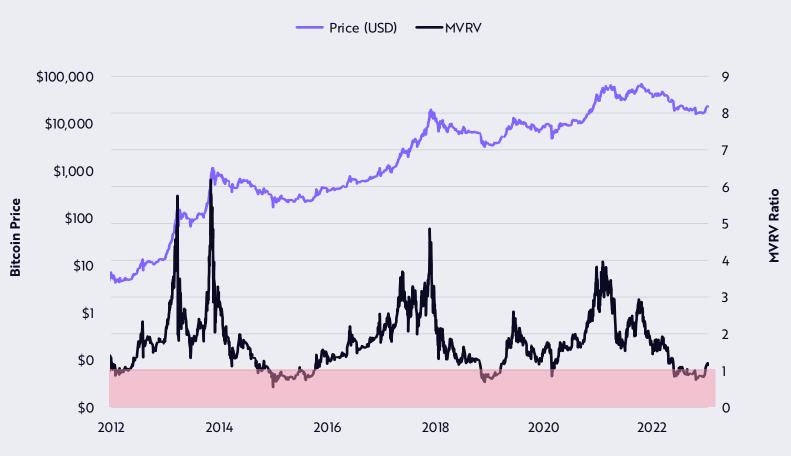


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ARK'S VIEW: BULLISH

- For the first time since dropping below its market cost basis (realized price) last June, bitcoin is now back above it convincingly in January, marking the second longest period below its general cost basis in history.
- Bitcoin also seems to have found two other floors—at its investor costs basis (investor price) and its velocity-adjusted costs basis (balanced price).
- Based on our research, these adjusted cost bases indicate that market exuberance has dissipated, suggesting fair market value.

Bitcoin's MVRV Crossed Above 1 For The First Time Since August 2022



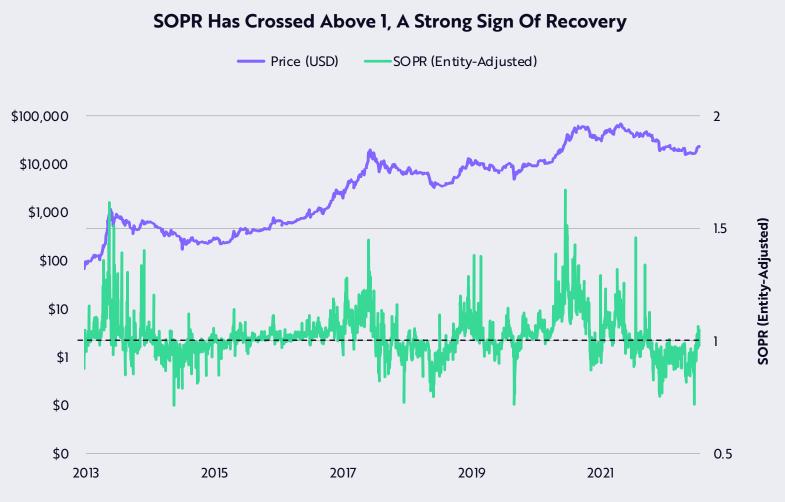
Bitcoin MVRV

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ARK'S VIEW: BULLISH

- Another illustration of bitcoin relative to its market cost basis, the market-value-to-realizedvalue (MVRV) ratio showcases historical zones of under- or over-valuation. Whenever MVRV is below 1, the market in aggregate is at a loss, suggesting periods of deep value.
- An MVRV consistently above 1 this quarter (Q1) and into Q2 2023 would suggest that the capitulation is complete.
- The last half of 2022 and January of 2023 mark the fifth time in history when bitcoin has been "oversold" (MVRV below 1) from this on-chain perspective.

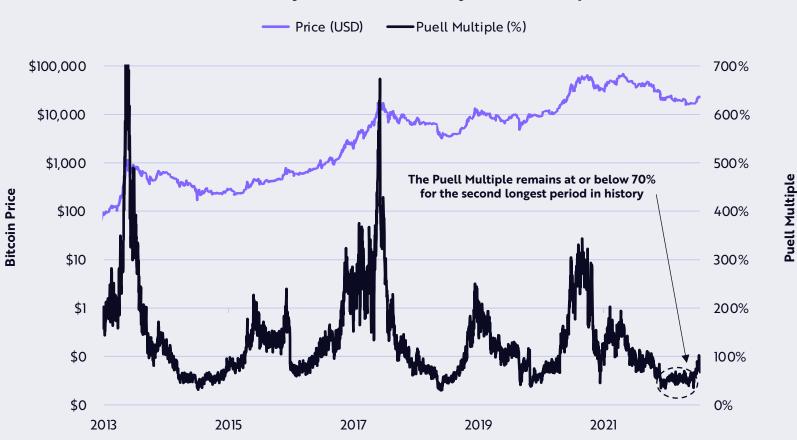
SOPR Shows Net Profits In The Market For The First Time Since April 2022



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ARK'S VIEW: BULLISH The "spent output profit ratio" (SOPR) has risen above 1 for the first time since April 2021. • Also, known as "realized returns," this metric calculates the ratio between the average purchase price and sale price of a coin, measuring the realized profits of coins transacted on any given day. According to our research, a SOPR at I suggests a market at breakeven, providing tops during bear markets and bottoms during bull markets. If SOPR tests and holds above 1, the bull market will be confirmed in our view.

Relative Yearly Miner Profitability Improved From 62% To A Peak of 101% During January



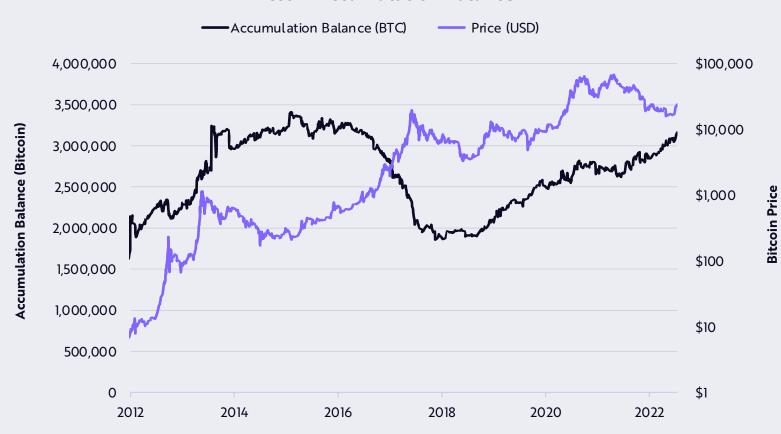
Relative Yearly Miner Profitability (Puell Multiple)

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ARK'S VIEW: BULLISH

- The Puell Multiple measures the daily miner revenue in USD against its trailing 365-day average.
- This metric saw miners at ≤70% of their yearly average income for the second most prolonged period in history—from June to December 2022—suggesting a sustained hostile environment for bitcoin producers.
- After a trying period starting in June 2022, January gave miners some relief, as daily revenue hit 101% of its trailing 365-day average.
- Further, sustained miner profitability is another major sign that would confirm that there is less stress on the ecosystem and, therefore, a lower probability of increased selling pressure.

The Number Of Bitcoin In Accumulation Addresses Is Approaching Its 2015 All-Time High



Bitcoin Accumulation Balance

ARK'S VIEW: BULLISH

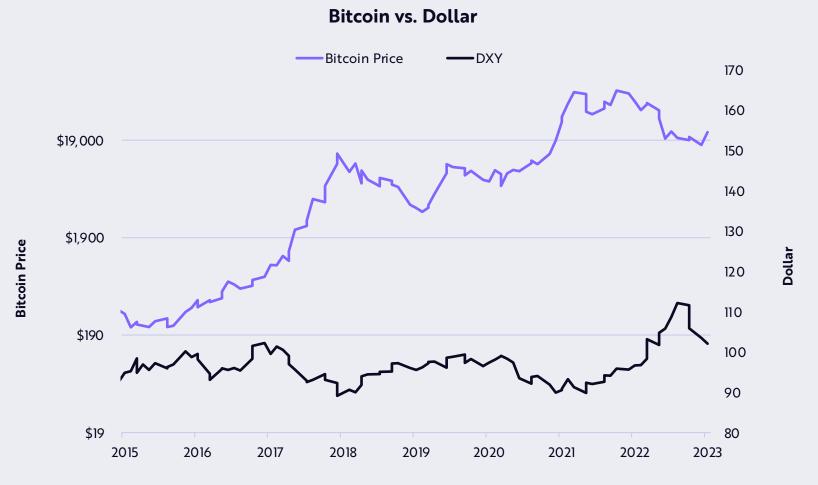
- Nearly eight years since its alltime high in 2015, the number of bitcoin in accumulation addresses is just 7.5% away from reaching that high again.
- Accumulation addresses are defined as addresses that have received at least two deposits and have never spent the funds.
- In our view, the consistent rise of this metric since June of 2018 suggests that the focus of bitcoin holders has been longterm despite extreme market volatility and contagion.

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A Focus On Macro

The Negative Correlation Between Bitcoin And The Dollar Resumed In January

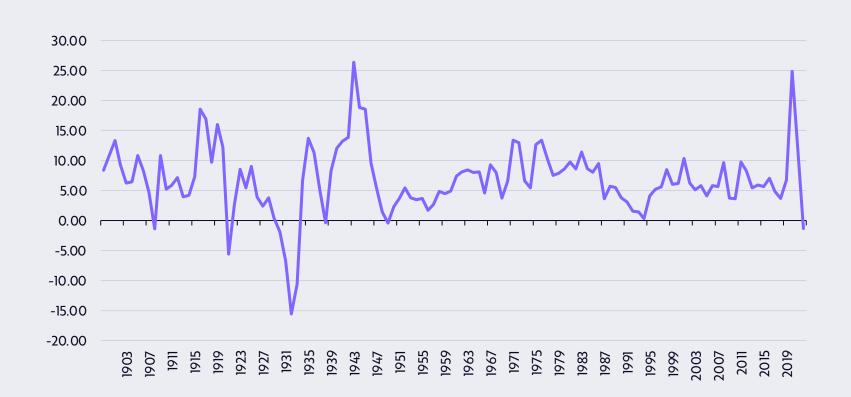


ARK'S VIEW: NEUTRAL

- After a sustained negative correlation during 2021 and most of 2022, bitcoin and the US dollar decoupled during the FTX implosion.
- After the trade-weighted dollar (DXY) peaked in September, bitcoin did not trough until November.
- As the bitcoin price rose nearly 40% during January, the negative correlation between bitcoin and the dollar resumed.

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M2¹ Is Dropping On A Year-Over-Year Basis For The First Time Since The Great Depression Era And The Post-WWII Period



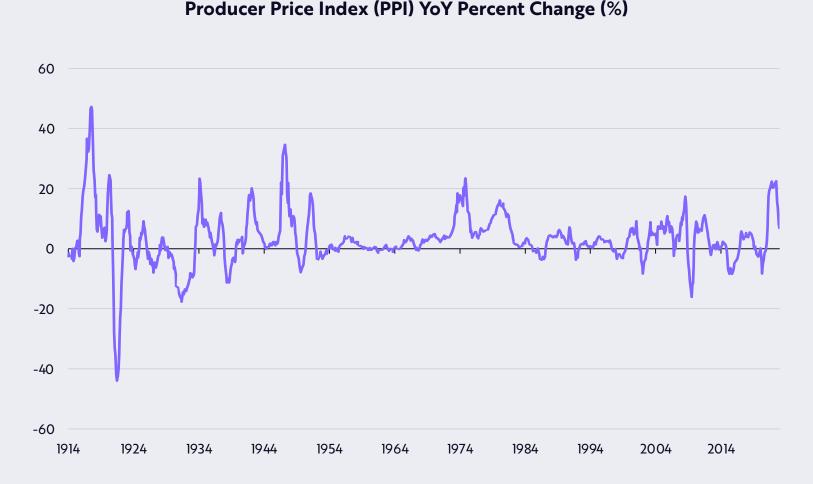
US M2 YoY Percent Change (%)

[1] M2 is a measure of the US money stock that includes currency and coins held by the non-bank public, checkable deposits, and travelers' checks (M1) plus savings deposits (including money market deposit accounts), small time deposits under \$100,000, and shares in retail money market mutual funds. Source: ARK Investment Management LLC, 2023. Data from US Census Bureau (https://www.census.gov/library/publications/1975/compendia/hist_stats_colonial-1970.html) and FRED (https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/M2SL#0). Information as of January 31, 2023. For informational purposes only and should not be considered investment advice or a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any particular security or cryptocurrency. Forecasts are inherently limited and cannot be relied upon.

 If money supply as measured by M2 were to continue falling, riskon assets in capital markets could be constrained during 2023.

ARK'S VIEW: BEARISH

The Producer Price Index¹ Is Pointing To A Rapid Decline In Inflation



[1] The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures the average change over time in the prices US domestic producers receive for their output. It is a measure of inflation at the wholesale level. Source: ARK Investment Management LLC, 2023. Data from FRED (<u>https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/PPIACO#0</u>). Information as of January 31, 2023. For informational purposes only and should not be considered investment advice or a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any particular security or cryptocurrency. Forecasts are inherently limited and cannot be relied upon.

ARK'S VIEW: NEUTRAL

- As measured by the Producer Price Index (PPI), inflation has dropped from 22.6% on a yearover-year basis in November 2021, a 47-year high, to 6.9%.
- Measuring wholesale inflation, the PPI is a leading indicator of broad-based inflation.
- In our view, a further decrease in PPI would increase the likelihood of a Fed pivot and renewed monetary expansion.

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The Yield Curve¹ Has Not Been This Inverted In 42 Years

US Yield Curve (10-Year Minus 2-Year, %)

3 2 0 -1 -2 -3 1976 1980 1984 1988 1992 1996 2000 2004 2008 2012 2016 2020

[1] The US Yield Curve shows the interest rate associated with different contract lengths for a particular debt instrument, in this case the US 10-year and the 2-year Treasury Bills. Source: ARK Investment Management LLC, 2023. Data from TradingView. Information as of January 31, 2023. For informational purposes only and should not be considered investment advice or a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any particular security or cryptocurrency. Forecasts are inherently limited and cannot be relied upon.

ARK'S VIEW: BEARISH

- The US yield curve still suggests uncertainty at the start of 2023.
- After inverting last July, the curve is pointing to recession, which would be consistent with a pivot to monetary expansion.

Appendix: Glossary Of Terms

Glossary Of Terms

Accumulation Addresses: Defined

as those addresses that have received two or more economically meaningful transactions (non-dust transactions) and have never spent funds. Exchange and miner addresses are discarded. Coins held in these addresses is named accumulation balance.

Active Owners: An individual or organization managing the same set of addresses sending and receiving funds. Also known as active entities.

Backwardation: Describes when futures trade at a price lower than spot, denoting bullish market sentiment.

Contango: Describes when expirational futures contracts are trading at a price higher than spot, suggesting a bearish market environment.

Delta Cost Basis: An adjusted version of the market cost basis. It is calculated by subtracting the life-to-date moving average of bitcoin's price from its realized price. The measure is used to gauge the downside risk of a bear market. Also known as delta price or delta cap.

Difficulty: Computational power required to validate transactions in the network. "Exa-" and "tera-" hashes per second refer to units of account to a factor of 10¹⁸ and 10¹², respectively. Higher difficulty implies higher network security. **Exchange Supply:** The number of bitcoins held in addresses controlled by exchanges.

Expirational Futures Basis: The difference between the price of spot and the price of expirational futures contracts.

Futures Basis: The difference between the price of spot and the price of a perpetual or expirational contract.

Investor Cost Basis: An adjusted version of the market cost basis. It is calculated by subtracting the life-to-date cumulative miner revenue in USD (thermo cap) from realized price. Also known as investor price or investor cap.

Locked Supply: The supply held by entities that have <25% probability of spending, as per their historical behavior. Also known as illiquid supply.

Long-term Holding and Holders (LTH): Related to supply last moved 155 days ago or more, the threshold at which the possibility of a bitcoin remaining unmoved increases drastically.

Market Cost Basis: The on-chain volumeweighted average price of the market, calculated by aggregating the value of all bitcoins in circulation at the time when they last moved. Also known as realized price or realized cap.

Miner Revenue: The number of bitcoins (in USD value) block miners obtain for securing the network.

MVRV Ratios: Market cap divided by different on-chain cost bases of the market, such as realized cap or short-term-holder realized cap.

Net Realized Profit/Loss (NRPL): The difference between realized profit and realized loss, normalized by market cap.

Net Unrealized Profit/Loss (NUPL): The difference between unrealized profit and unrealized loss, normalized by market cap. It measures current value relative to the aggregate cost basis (realized cap) of the market to determine how much the network is in profit or loss.

On-Chain: Refers to metrics or economic activity occurring on the blockchain ledger of most cryptocurrencies.

Patoshi: Entity estimated to be Satoshi Nakamoto, the creator and first miner of bitcoin.

Perpetual Futures Basis: The difference between the price of spot and the price of non-expirational futures contracts.

Puell Multiple: Miner revenue (USD) divided by the 365-day moving average of miner revenue (USD). It measures miner earnings relative to their yearly average.

Realized Returns (SOPR): The ratio reached by dividing the average price of bitcoins spent that day by the average price when they last moved. In essence, it is the ratio of price sold and price bought for the coins that moved that day. Also known as spent output ratio, or SOPR. **Regional Cumulative Price Change**: The sum of month-over-month (30-day) price action during the business hours of the major financial hubs worldwide: New York for the US, London for Europe, and Hong Kong for Asia.

Seller Exhaustion Constant: A metric created by ARK to measure the convergence of two market factors: high losses denoting capitulation and low volatility denoting market exhaustion.

Short-term Holding and Holders (STH): Related to supply that moved in the last 155 days, the threshold at which the potential for a bitcoin to move again increases drastically.

Supply in Profit (Percentage): The percentage of bitcoins currently at a higher price compared to the price at which they last moved.

Time-weighted Turnover: The number of bitcoins traded that day, multiplied by the amount of time each coin had remained dormant. Also known as coindays destroyed.

Transaction Volume: The number of bitcoins that changed hands on any given day.

Velocity-Adjusted Cost Basis: It subtracts the cumulative dollar value of coins spent over time from the general cost basis of the market (realized price). Also known as balanced price.

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