

Has the rise in interest rates peaked? Yesterday, the Federal Reserve raised the Fed Funds rate .25% to a target of 5.25-5.5%, as expected, taking rates to their highest levels in more than 22 years. Chair Powell said the central bank would continue to make data-driven decisions (every time I hear that, I think, "thank goodness the Fed isn't making decisions based on emotions") and is keeping options open for another rate increase in September. The markets seem to be anticipating a soft landing (higher rates bringing inflation down without causing a recession), something that was touted as highly improbable a year ago. The Dow just beat its longest winning streak (13 days) since 1987.

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