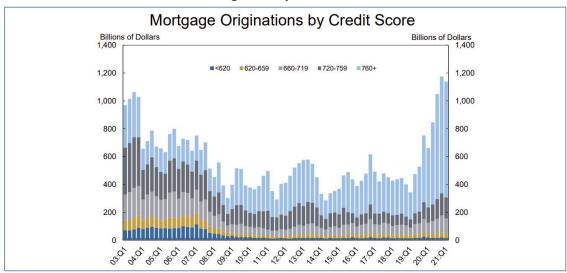
Market Recap



Housing: Frothy or a Bubble?



Source: New York Fed Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax

Crypto's Energy Conundrum



Source: Cambridge University

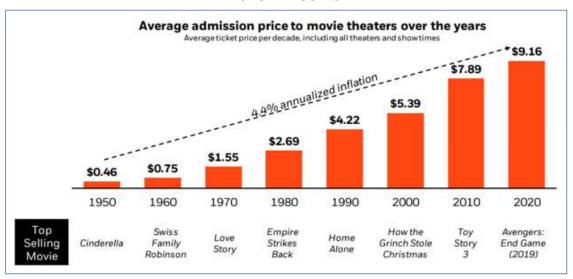
- Recent double-digit increases in the housing market have drawn comparisons to the fever pitch environment of 2006-2007. However, with the current supply of single-family homes at 30year lows, it's hard to say that we are in the middle of another housing bubble when there's such a considerable gap between supply and demand.
- Unlike the early 2000s, when lenders eased standards and removed the impediments to getting a mortgage, in the current boom lenders have maintained prudent credit standards banks aren't just giving loans to anybody.

- Thanks to an energy-intensive mining process, Bitcoin has drawn increased scrutiny as it grows in popularity. Indeed, using roughly 120 terawatt-hours (TWh) per year, the cryptocurrency's energy consumption is nearly on par with Sweden!
- However, Bitcoin does have an advantage it can be mined anywhere in the world. Miners can capitalize on power sources that are inaccessible for other applications, such as in southwest China. The region contains some of the most stranded energy sources on the planet (renewable hydroelectric) and it's no accident the area became a hub for Bitcoin mining. The region is reportedly responsible for 10% to 50% of global mining during the dry and wet seasons, respectively.

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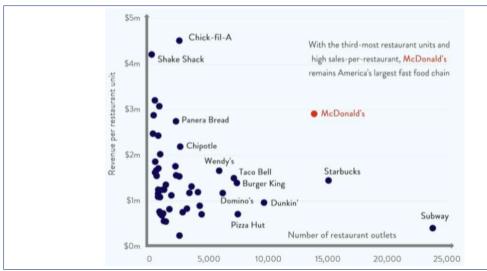


Inflation in Context



Source: BlackRock

The Golden Arches Raise the Bar



Source: QSR

- Inflation is often defined as the erosion in purchasing power of a currency over time. Yet with varying benchmarks and discrepancies amongst specific baskets of goods, inflation can sometimes feel like a nebulous concept.
- A look at the upward trajectory in movie ticket prices provides a more tangible, real-world window into the long-term impact of inflation on an everyday consumer good. Over the past 70 years, annual ticket prices have risen by 4.4%, on average. While the year-to-year movement may seem small, over time things add up... Ticket prices over the past decade are nearly 19x the 1950s average!

- McDonald's, America's largest fast-food chain, has announced plans to raise wages by roughly 10% over the next few months. The move may trigger broader wage pressure across the quick service restaurant (QSR) industry, where the economic playing field is not level.
- There is quite a bit of variance in per-unit revenues from one chain to another. If accelerating wage growth becomes a more common theme in the QSR industry, wages may eat away more margin than some chains can comfortably handle.



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