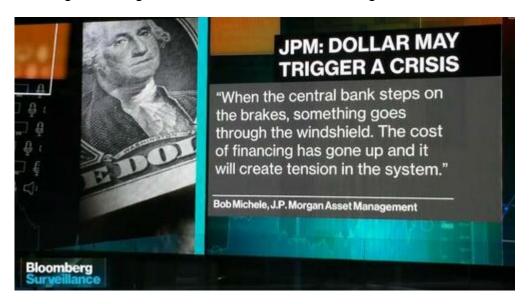


The "Economy Is Starting To Go Through The Windshield" – El-Erian Blames The Fed For "Totally Avoidable" Crisis

Description

"The economy is starting to go through the windshield, the financial system is starting to go through the windshield," warned Mohamed El-Erian during an interview with Bloomberg TV this morning, following remarks from JPM Asset Manager CIO Bob Michel's comments:



The chief economic adviser at Allianz SE has been a frequent critic of The Fed in recent years for refusing to see the non-transitory nature of inflation and worse still, refusing to start tightening policy sooner – even after they admitted it was not so transitory after all.

Central banks made the mistake of holding on too long to the notion that inflation would be transitory, El-Erian said.

And "when they retired that word from their vocabulary, they didn't act. They didn't act in any meaningful way."



The rapid pace of interest-rate hikes in response to inflation "is not stepping on the brakes, this is slamming the brakes," El-Erian exclaimed.

"This is the most front-loaded interest-rate cycle that we have seen in a very long time, and it didn't need to be this."



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While admitting the US economy is on "a bumpy journey to a better destination," the president of Queens' College, Cambridge, told CBS News that:

"Not only does [The Fed] have to overcome inflation, but it has to restore its credibility," adding that:

"So yes, I fear we risk a very high probability of a damaging recession that was totally avoidable."

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