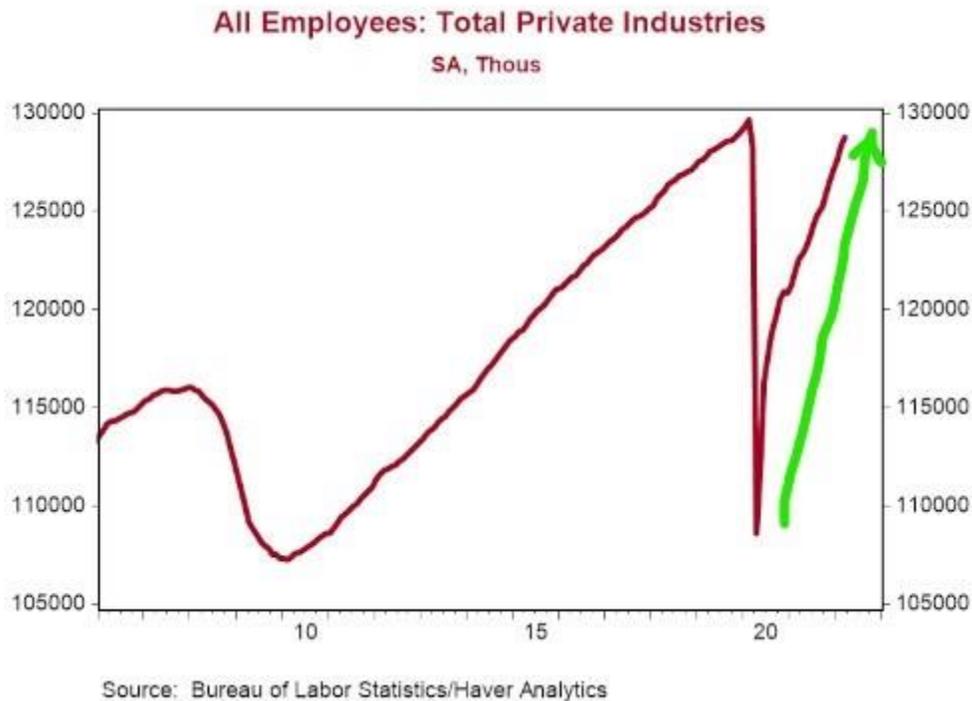


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Broad Shoulders on Main Street.

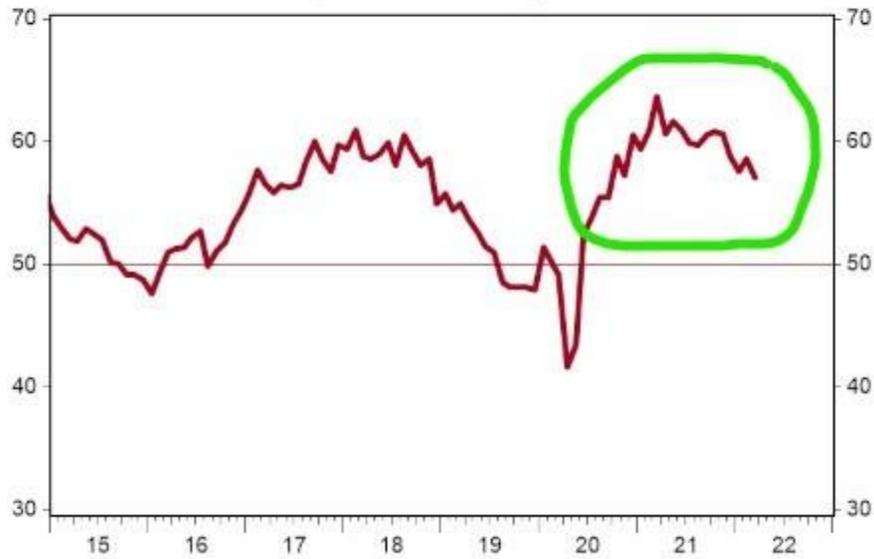
“We have a lot to worry about,” we commented a few days ago, summing up the Big Picture for the market these days. “And we also have some pretty broad shoulders to carry the burden of all those worries.”

The economy flexed its broad shoulders this week, reminding us of its strength. These pictures are the U.S. economy performing: doing pushups, pullups and Olympic lifts. First, job growth just won’t quit. Second, the manufacturing sector has been growing strongly for almost 2 solid years. Third, personal spending growth has been well above its historical norm for a year.



ISM Mfg: PMI Composite Index

SA, 50+ = Econ Expand



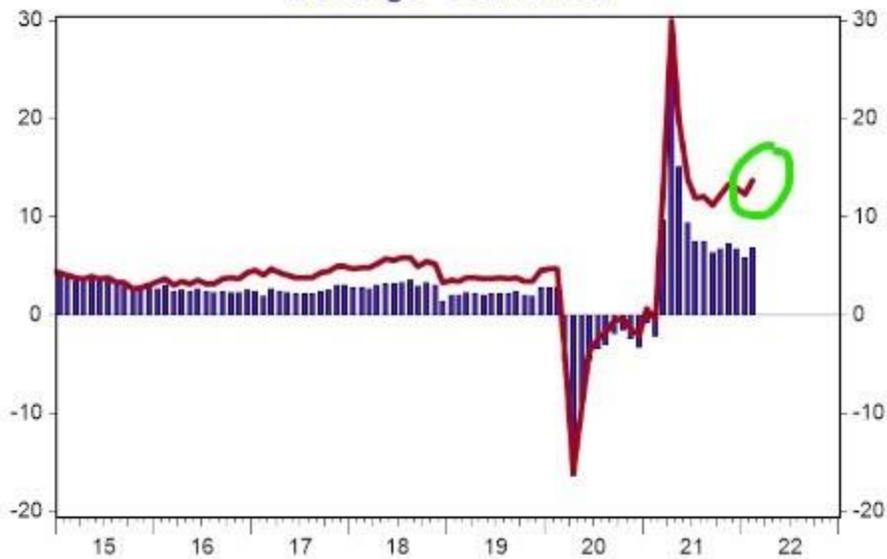
Source: Institute for Supply Management/Haver Analytics

Personal Consumption Expenditures

% Change - Year to Year

Real Personal Consumption Expenditures

% Change - Year to Year



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis/Haver Analytics

These three pictures cover a lot of the foundation of the economy. Fundamentally, they've been doing so well because of the financial strength that households, businesses and factories brought into the Virus and Lockdown Calamity. Strength bears heavy burdens and keeps going. Weakness buckles under the

burdens. “We have a lot to worry about,” indeed. But we do not have to worry about financial fragility. That is why all those worries keep trying to knock the market down . . . but can’t keep it down.

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