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Calm Week to End Not-So-Calm Year

While this week was uneventful and while 2022 was more volatile in terms of movement in the housing/mortgage market, we can still reflect on 2023 as a year of extremes.

Incidentally, that thesis is supported by some of the only economic data released this week. Pending Home Sales came out perfectly unchanged from last month, but still at the lowest levels in a long time (not counting the 2020 lockdowns). Note that most of the move down to these lows occurred in 2022, before extending just a bit more in 2023.



It's a similar story for interest rates. 2022 was marked by the largest change in mortgage rates in a single year since 1981, but 2023 took the outright levels just a bit higher.

National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
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30YR Fixed	7.51%	+0.01	0.00
15YR Fixed	7.04%	+0.01	0.00
30YR FHA	7.08%	+0.03	0.00
30YR Jumbo	7.52%	+0.02	0.00
7/6 SOFR	7.12%	-0.01	0.00
30YR VA	7.10%	+0.03	0.00

Rates as of: 11/16

MBS and Treasury

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	98.73	+0.03
10 YR Treasury	5.1255	-0.0087
30 YR Treasury	5.4736	-0.0022

Pricing as of: 11/16 7:38PM EST

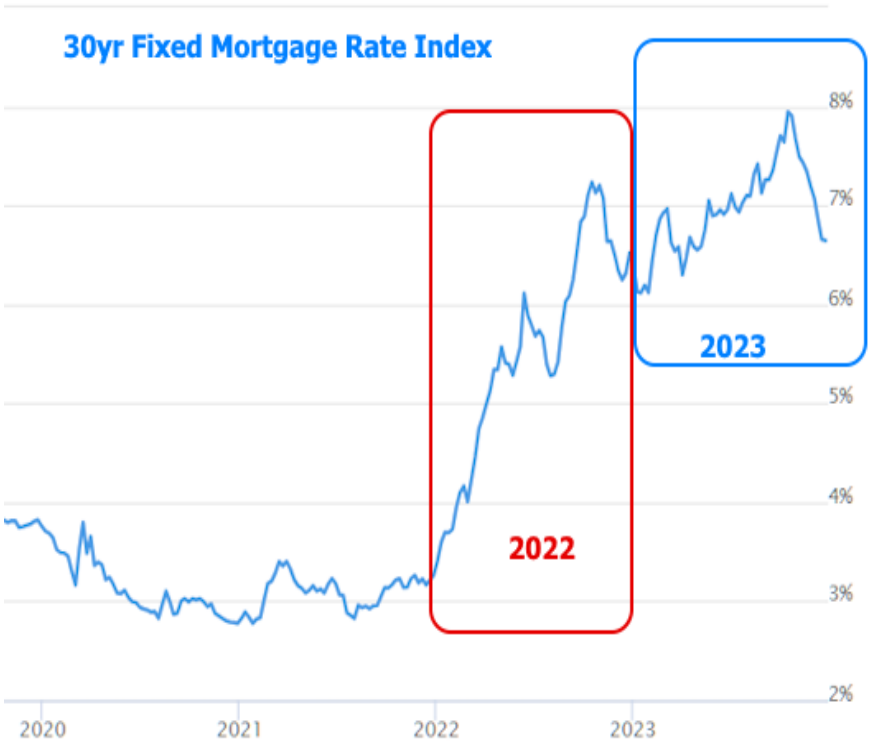
Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Nov 4	204.6	+6.23%
Building Permits	Sep	1.4M	+0.43%
Housing Starts	Sep	1.22M	-4.24%
New Home Sales	Sep	676K	-1.17%
Pending Home Sales	Aug	71.2	0%
Existing Home Sales	Oct	3.99M	+0.25%
Builder Confidence	Oct	29	-9.38%

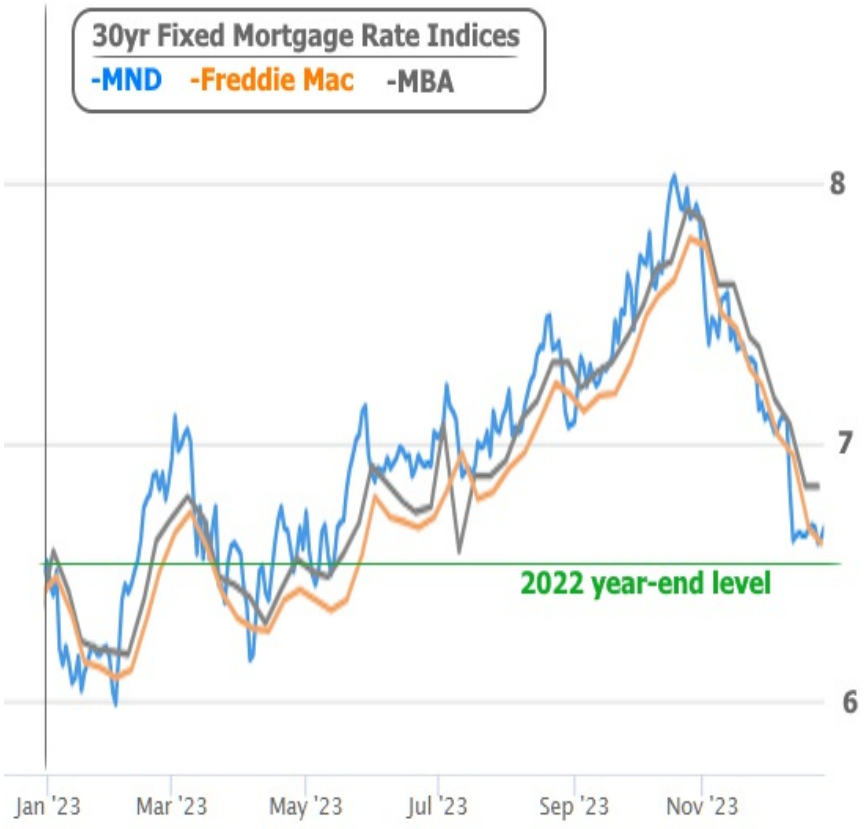
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On a more hopeful note, 2023 may end up being remembered not only for the extremes, but also by the start of the potential shift in rates and housing metrics. Strikingly, by the end of the year, mortgage rates nearly made it back to levels seen at the end of 2022.



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It was a similar story for the broader bond market, as seen in 10yr Treasury yields below. Stocks, meanwhile, mostly moved higher.

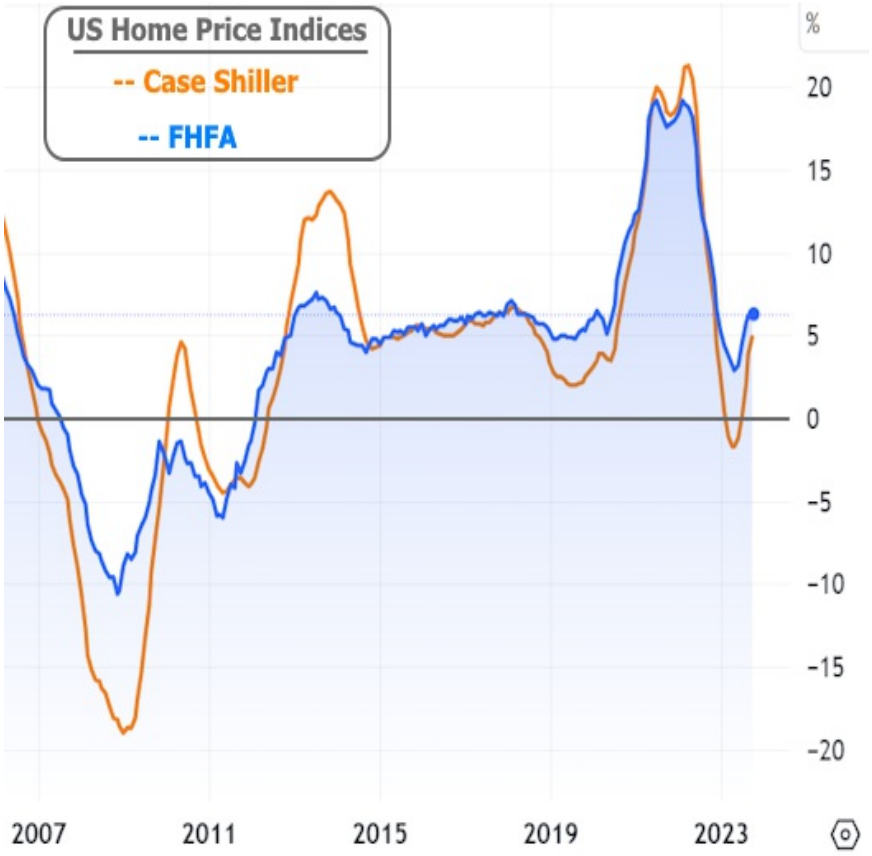


In terms of home prices, 2023 was notable in that Case Shiller's price index hit negative territory in year-over-year terms, but more notable because forecasts called for deeper, longer-lasting losses in late 2022. In other words, there's been an impressive ability to hold ground, even if a lot of the credit goes to a lack of inventory and a low transaction count.

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It will be interesting to see how the inventory situation is impacted by lower interest rates (IF rates are able to continue moving lower). That's a big and important "IF." It will be resolved by economic data in the first quarter of 2023. The first batch of important data arrives next week with several key reports starting Wednesday. Friday's jobs report is the most important report.

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Recent Economic Data

Date	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Tuesday, Dec 26				
9:00AM	Oct FHFA Home Price Index m/m (%)	0.3%		0.6%
9:00AM	Oct FHFA Home Prices y/y (%)	6.3%		6.1%
9:00AM	Oct CaseShiller 20 mm nsa (%)	0.1%		0.2%
9:00AM	Oct Case Shiller Home Prices-20 y/y (%)	4.9%	4.9%	3.9%
Thursday, Dec 28				
8:30AM	Dec/23 Jobless Claims (k)	218K	210K	205K
8:30AM	Nov Wholesale inventories mm (%)	-0.2%		-0.4%
10:00AM	Nov Pending Home Sales (%)	0%	1%	-1.5%
Friday, Dec 29				
9:45AM	Dec Chicago PMI	46.9	51	55.8
Tuesday, Jan 02				

Event Importance:

No Stars = Insignificant
☆ Low
★ Moderate
★★ Important
★★ Very Important

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Date	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
9:45AM	Dec S&P Global Manuf. PMI	47.9	48.2	49.4
Wednesday, Jan 03				
7:00AM	Dec/29 MBA Purchase Index	140.7		148.7
7:00AM	Dec/29 MBA Refi Index	358.2		437.6
10:00AM	Dec ISM Manufacturing PMI	47.4	47.1	46.7
10:00AM	Nov USA JOLTS Job Openings	8.79M	8.85M	8.733M
2:00PM	FOMC Minutes			
Thursday, Jan 04				
7:30AM	Dec Challenger layoffs (k)	34.817K		45.51K
8:15AM	Dec ADP jobs (k)	164K	115K	103K
8:30AM	Dec/30 Jobless Claims (k)	202K	216K	218K
Friday, Jan 05				
8:30AM	Dec Non Farm Payrolls	216K	170K	199K
8:30AM	Dec Unemployment rate mm (%)	3.7%	3.8%	3.7%
10:00AM	Dec ISM N-Mfg PMI	50.6	52.6	52.7

The Solution to Aspire

From the Founders:

Aspire Mortgage Solutions was founded in 2023 with the main focus of Aspiring people. The vast majority of the business world is driven by making as much money as possible. However, we at Aspire Mortgage Solutions believe that there is much more to life than profit. This passion is why we are committed to being the best possible solution, and we will accomplish this by putting your dreams and goals first. We want to come alongside you and use our expertise in products and mortgage solutions to make sure that you are equipped with the best tools to help you achieve your financial goals. No matter what story you are writing, whether it's your first house, dream house, or building wealth, we want to be the experts that help you aspire to reach your dreams.

- Steve & Zach

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