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The Stock Market's Rebound Fizzled Again. Why a Real Bottom Could Form Soon.



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The stock market is starting to acknowledge that the Federal Reserve will indeed raise interest rates as much as needed to tame inflation.

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Consider: This past Thursday, September's consumer inflation report came in much hotter than expected, with the core CPI hitting a 40-year high. The initial response was exactly what

you'd expect—the S&P 500 SPX -2.37% ▼ traded down as much as 2.4%—but then it started rallying...and rallying. The index finally finished the day up 2.6%, the first time that's happened since 2008.

was not to be. A rise in inflation expectations that showed up in the University of Michigan's consumer sentiment survey on Friday pushed Treasury yields to their highest levels since 2008.

As a result, the S&P 500 fell 1.6% this past week, while the Nasdaq Composite COMP -3.08% ▼ dropped 3.1% to close at its lowest level since July 2020. The Dow Jones Industrial Average DJIA -1.34% ▼, thanks to some solid earnings from Walgreens Boots Alliance WBA -1.22% ▼ (ticker: WBA), UnitedHealth Group (UNH), and JPMorgan Chase JPM +1.66% ▲ (JPM), finished the week up 1.2%.