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What Can We Do About The Central Bank Bubble?

In the middle of a prolonged period of negative real interest rates and loose monetary policy aimed at managing inflation and helping economies, **fears are rising** that **asset bubbles** are being created.

"We've lost our way so we look to central banks, who give us massively loose monetary policy and that's the little bubble we're living in," David Bloom, head of currency strategy at HSBC, told CNBC.

New records are constantly being set in the markets, with Thursday's close of the S&P, up 0.47 percent at 2,185.79, yet another new top. This is happening despite low productivity and growth in the U.S. economy.

Analysts at UBS see "scope for the markets to run **further still** over the near-term" because of central banks' policies in the developed world.

And it's not just their own economies which are being helped by these actions. **Emerging markets are benefitting too**, as investors search for better returns on their money than in the low-growth developed economies and safe havens like U.K. bonds (gilts) and U.S. bonds (Treasurys).

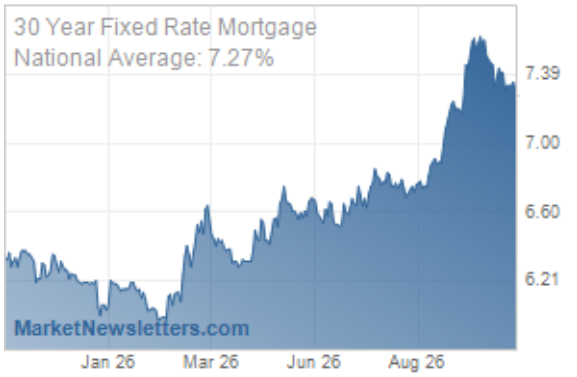
"All markets are running – that's what happens when you have ultra-loose monetary policy and the central banks are handing over money," Bloom said. "QE distorts markets completely."

Asset classes which are usually closely correlated have **lost their usual connections**. Examples include cash and equities, both at record highs despite one usually being strong while the other is weak, and oil and gold, which usually move together as they are both pegged to the U.S. dollar, but have diverged as investors pile in to gold.

Next week, minutes from both the July European Central Bank (ECB) meeting and the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) should give **greater insight** into the thinking of two of the Western world's most important central banks' thinking.

Most investors **don't expect an interest rate hike by the Fed until December**, despite the world's most influential central bank talking for years about normalizing monetary policy. And the ECB is also believed to be unlikely to make a move, as new economic figures confirm the picture of tepid growth in the euro zone.

National Average Mortgage Rates



Mortgage News Daily	Rate	Change	Points
30YR Fixed	7.27%	-0.02	0.00
15YR Fixed	6.92%	-0.03	0.00
30YR FHA	6.90%	-0.01	0.00
30YR Jumbo	7.55%	0.00	0.00
7/6 SOFR	6.78%	-0.10	0.00
30YR VA	6.91%	-0.01	0.00

Rates as of: 10/30

MBS and Treasury

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.83	+0.01
10 YR Treasury	4.9073	-0.0226
30 YR Treasury	5.2740	-0.0342

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Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Oct 21	195	+3.39%
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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"They've completely failed us and the market doesn't believe them," Bloom said.

"A quarter point (interest rate rise) every December is not going to hurt anybody."

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