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Now, despite the PM's 'vote of confidence', many see The Chancer as short-dated; re-reshuffled-out, at the 1st chance.

I won't waste time on Rach's dud CV, or to molten her claim to be made of IRON. My focus is the question, "has RR either inherited the embers of a recession she has fanned, or caused one where there was no real threat of it striking?"

My answer is yes, we could record recession, but very small fractions of GDP decline; % rounding errors in the context of old, when the quantum of reversal was so much larger, & the whole sorry UK state went on for longer. In short, any Reevecession will thankfully pass the vast majority by.

No doubt cynics will employ Keynes's Paradox of Thrift, & claim a DEEP & DURABLE UK recession is a dead cert. Their reasoning will be RR has SO talked UP how bad things are, she has sharply sent DOWN biz & household confidence to induce paralysis: excess saving, much reduced spending, & investment; a collapse in recruitment, followed by outright redundancies; Reevecession worse than had she simply mentioned & done nothing concerning filling fiscal black holes. All this said, I am steadfast in expecting the UK will see out a short period of economic malaise.

We must remind ourselves the UK's labour, property & banking sectors are robust; with generous fiscal cushions in each to absorb the latest raft of daft Chancellorial changes.

Less we forget the UK enjoyed a protracted period of near ZIRP; post the GFC, then the Brexit Referendum, & again through, & too long post lockdown. The result is a housing market where like never before homes are owned outright (over 10m in England) & where those who are carrying a lien, have in aggregate never enjoyed lower LTV's. Indeed, after its poorly handled tightening, the MPC is AGAIN delivering looser money & will continue to (mistakenly) cut.

One can argue the MPCs recent easing against the backdrop of the Govs multi-fronted inflationary policies, was a big reason the rug got pulled from under the £ & Gilts. For a large part of RR policy is to boost public sector wages & employment. As it was put to me by an academic in whom I hold great store, "The Budget means the NHS will be able to more easily recruit porters to push patients on gurneys, who'd otherwise have been pulling trolleys filled with Tesco & Amazon products." His point was perfectly clear to me, the UK labour market will see rotation in roles, NOT net redundancies in employment; & if the market for jobs is ok, so too MUST THE UKECONOMY.

So, Yeap, certainly blame Rach of the Rubbish CV, for the £s trauma, but please hold Balls-up Bailey as complicit. Be assured Gilts & sterling will stabilise, just as they did post the UnTruss'ted time, & all poor UK politics before.

This is NOT 1976, & please don't let anyone take you back to that sorry time or mislead you into believing we are in the same UK State we were when it suffered REAL pains from 1979, 1989 & 2008. The UK is thankfully NOW so VERY different.

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Table 1: Forecasts for a new normal monetary future - higher YES, alarmingly so, NO

	Q4 '98 - Q4 '07 average	Q4 '08 - Q1 '22 average (%)	Now	'25 - '29 forecasts (%)
Metric	(%)			
UK Base rate	4.9	0.5	4.75	3.50 - 4.50
US Fed rate	3.6	0.6	4.50	5.00 - 6.00
UK Real Interest rate	3.3	-1.7	2.70	0.00 - 2.50
US Real Interest rate	1.0	-1.3	2.15	0.00 - 2.75
5 Year Gilt yield	4.9	1.2	4.51	3.00 - 3.50
10 Year Gilt yield	4.8	1.9	4.80	3.25 - 3.75
5 Year Treasury yield	4.4	1.5	4.61	5.00 - 6.00
10 Year Treasury yield	4.8	2.3	4.79	5.50 - 6.50
UK Fixed rate mortgage	5.7	3.2	4.82	4.00 - 4.50
UK House prices, yoy	12.9	3.0	3.30	2.00 - 5.50
UK CPI	1.6	2.3	2.50	3.00 - 4.25
UK Goods CPI	-0.1	1.7	0.70	2.00 - 4.00
UK Services CPI	3.7	2.9	4.40	4.00 - 5.50
UK Rent CPI	2.9	1.2	7.60	3.50 - 5.50
US CPI	2.7	1.9	2.75	4.00 - 5.50
UK Real GDP growth yoy	2.0	1.9	1.00	1.80 - 2.10
UK Implied Deflator GDP yoy	4.3	2.2	3.20	3.00 - 3.30
UK Nominal GDP growth yoy	6.4	4.0	4.00	4.80 - 5.40
UK Wage growth	4.3	2.3	6.33	3.50 - 5.50
US Wage growth	3.1	3.0	3.80	4.25 - 5.75
UK Unemployment	5.3	5.9	4.30	4.00 - 4.50
\$/£	1.69	1.46	1.22	1.60 - 1.70
€/£	1.52	1.19	1.19	1.30 - 1.40
UK Construction wage inflation	4.8	2.0	7.97	3.30 - 4.70
UK Construction materials cost inflation:				
New housing		3.5	1.32	(1.80) - 1.20
CRE/Infra		3.9	-1.16	(2.80) - 0.20
Repair and Maintenance		3.8	0.66	(1.90) - 1.10
All Work		3.7	0.00	(2.30) - 0.70

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