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Fed Hikes & Zombie Funerals - Nucleus 195 TV

We joined Brian Pellegrini, CFA of Intertemporal Economics on Nucleus 195 TV on Monday, January 31 to discuss:

- yield curve effects on "zombie" firms with weak fundamentals
- fantasy scenarios needed to keep Tesla (TSLA) and Netflix (NFLX) stock prices from crashing
- how steady, unexciting firms, such as Owens Corning (OC) are a much better choice for smart money

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Key quotes from the paper:

- "[New Constructs'] *Total Adjustments* differs significantly from the items identified and excluded from Compustat's adjusted earnings measures. For example... 50% to 70% of the variation in *Total Adjustments* is not explained by *S&P Global's (SPGI) Adjustments* individually." pp. 14, 1st para.
- "A final source of differences [between New Constructs' and S&P Global's data] is due to data collection oversights...we identified cases where Compustat did not collect information relating to firms' income that is useful in assessing core earnings." pp. 16, 2nd para.

Superior Models

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Key quotes from the paper:

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- "The majority of the difference...comes from New Constructs' machine learning approach, which leverages technology to calculate ROIC by applying accounting adjustments that may be buried deeply in the footnotes across thousands of companies." pp. 4, 2nd para.

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