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China's Troubled Economic Restart

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WeWork founder Adam Neumann is back on track with real estate start-up, Flow



Index Recap The index fell following news that the Fed will continue to raise interest rates until inflation cools down substantially.

Our top 3 scoops this week

1. China is lowering rates to stimulate activity

The world's second largest economy is struggling to find footing, hit by scattered lockdowns and a deepening real estate crisis. Upto 70% of household wealth in China is held in real estate. So a crisis in real estate is everyone's crisis. Some bank's have frozen withdrawals of deposits due to housing loans gone bad. China's central bank cut its one-year medium-term lending rate by 10 basis points to 2.75%. The cut reveals Beijing's growing uneasiness as it attempts to revive credit demand in the face of 20% youth unemployment.

Will China's economy take years to come back roaring GDP growth?

2. WeWork founder gets backing for new real estate project

Adam Neumann, infamous for his rise and fall at WeWork (Ticker : WE), is making a comeback with a new unicorn. Neumann received <u>\$350M</u> in funding from venture capital powerhouse, Andreessen Horowitz, for his new real estate company, Flow. The start-up provides community-focused services in apartment buildings as part of an effort to address the housing crisis in America. This investment is his largest since January 2019, when SoftBank valued WeWork at \$47 billion. WE is currently trading at a \$3.5 billion market cap. Will there be a WeCrashed part 2?

3. 'Bed Bath & Beyond' meme stock hype could be shortlived

Meme stock trading could be a pandemic bug that's here to stay. Bed Bath & Beyond (Ticker : BBBY) and Gamestop (Ticker : GME) surged as retail traders bought shares in droves, driven by chatter on /wallstreetbets reddit. The stock leapt from trading under \$5 to a high of \$30 last week, and now trading at \$12. Despite all the excitement, Bed Bath & Beyond is still losing money as it tries to survive in the post-pandemic retail environment. According to the company's most recent quarterly earnings, it had \$108M in cash, compared to \$1.1B a year ago. Is the periodic retail meme stock frenzy here to stay?

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| O Extending President Xi's power | Encouraging borrowing |
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| O Boosting investment | O Motivating economic recovery |
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