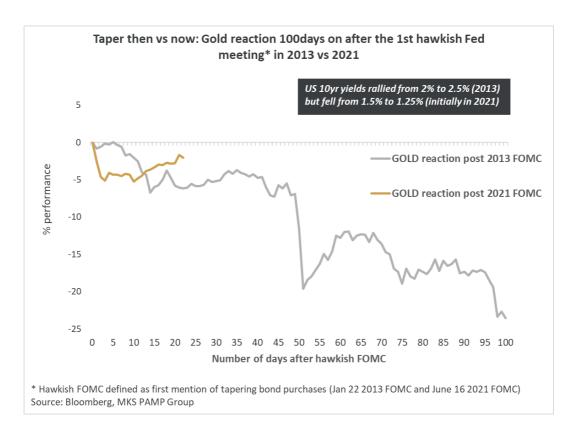
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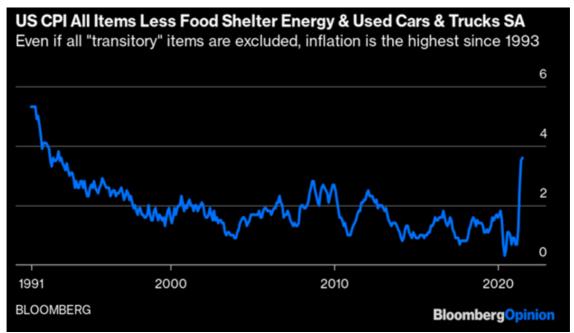
As gold grapples with some structurally bullish drivers, lack of real conviction, Powells dovish comments, while fending off the headwinds from the physical & other drivers (see yesterdays Gold summary table), the 3 charts below summarize the current stance, through historical comparison vs 2013s taper (graph 1), macro / inflation view (graph 2) and short-term technicals (graph 3)

Graph 1: taper then vs now updated shows this tie around is different and not a 2013 tantrum. That should not change unless the Feds narrative changes. Golds post hawkish FOMC fall this time, has proved to be shallower, shorter-lived and has put in a bounce (vs 2013 where price action was 1 directional and never revisited 2013 levels for 7 years)



Inflation: The US has the highest inflation of the developed world. Even if the Fed insinuates that CPI ex-food, ex-energy, (ex-goods, ex-restaurants, ex-rent, ex-lodging/restaurants, ex-travel, ex-services ex-<anything>) is 0%, the data speaks otherwise. Chart below from Bloomberg OpEd piece shows that even excluding all "transitory items", inflation is the worst in 3 decades. Stay long inflation hedges

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GLD stuck at key inflection point: If the view is that the tail (GLD) wags the dog, then GLD is at an important inflection technical point currently. There has been no *new* catalyst to warrant a breakup/out in the old pre-FOMC ranges (\$1850-1900), and price action remains contained as it struggles with the outlook on whether bond yields will continue to bleed lower to finally reprice higher as was the case 2013.



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