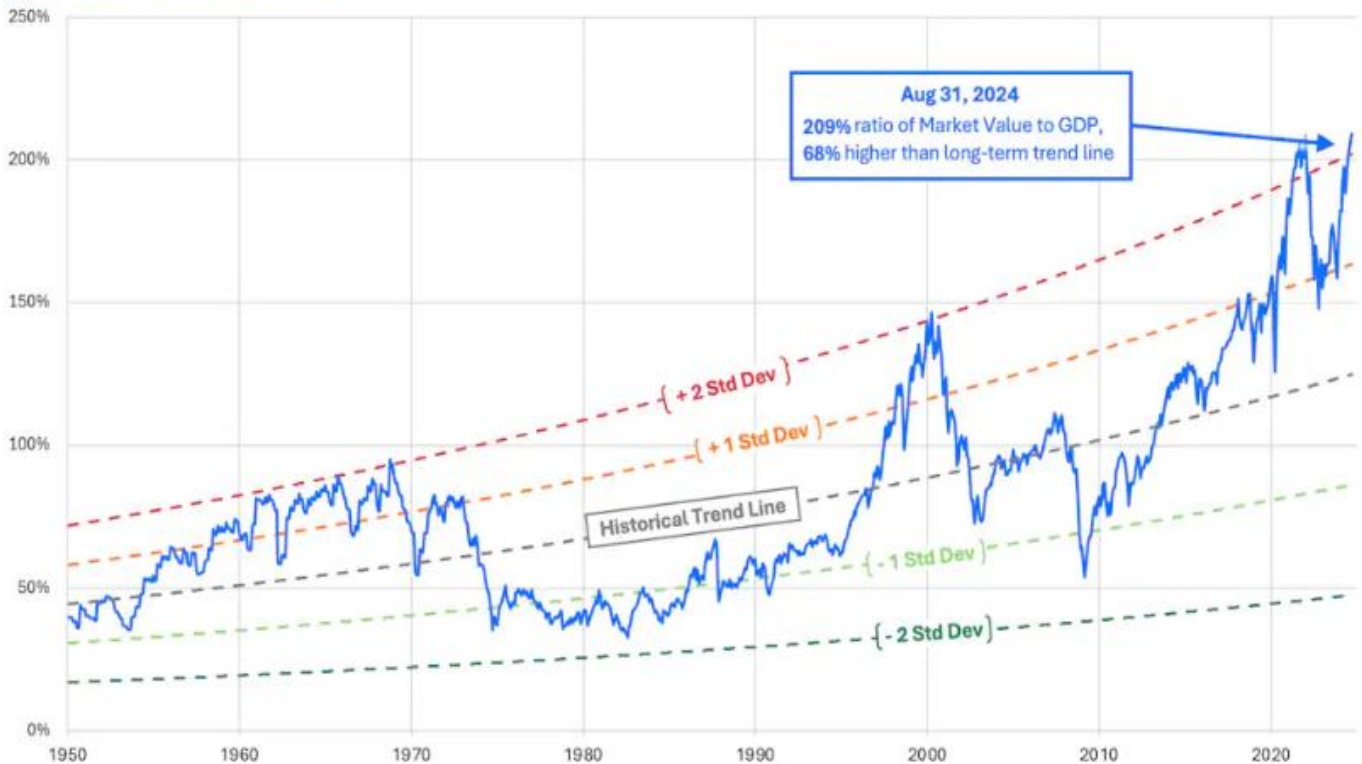**I have for some time been warning readers that global share markets are peaking and that 2025 is likely to be marked by a protracted decline. Now new research data by US analysts Current Market Valuation has produced the following graph of the 'Buffet Indicator' which is the ratio of total US stock market value divided by US GDP.**
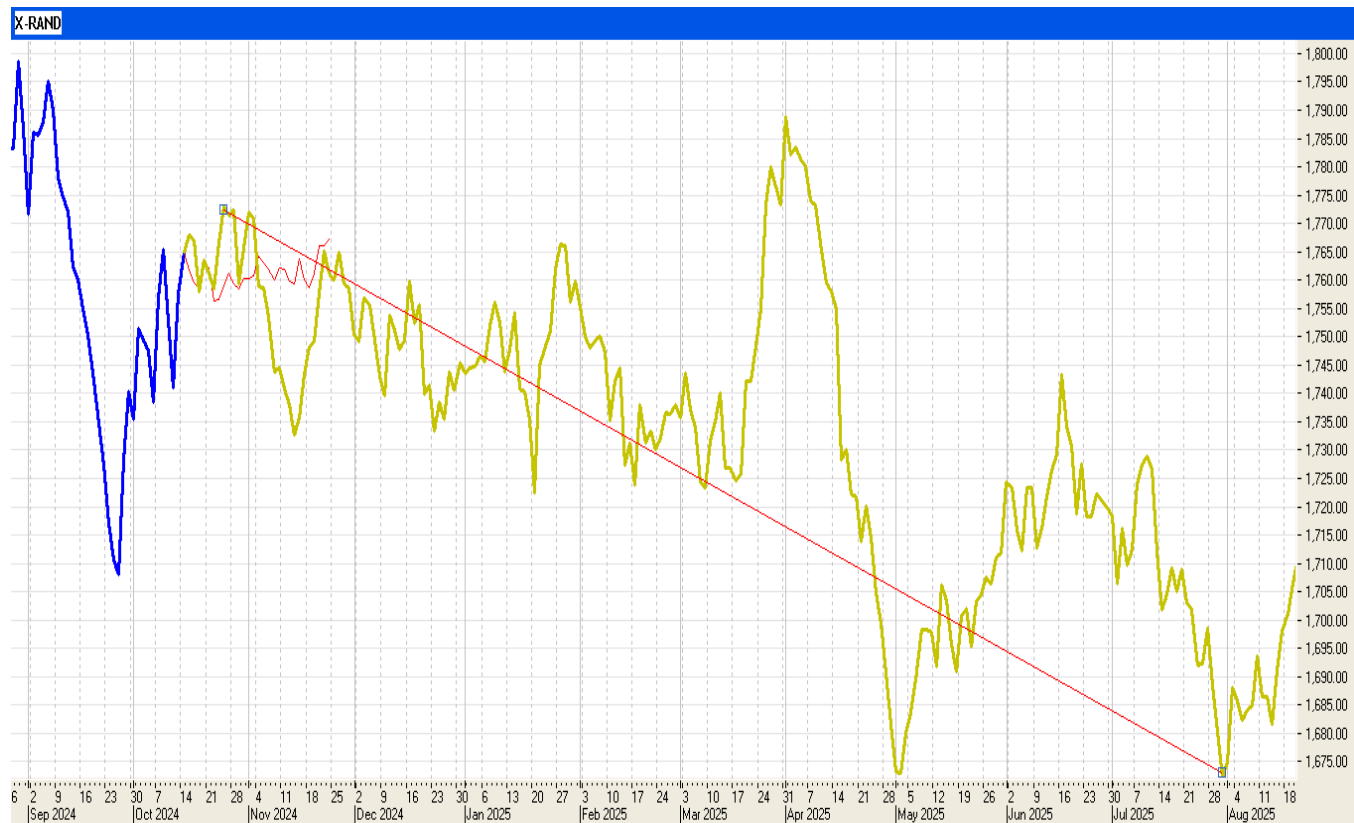

What the graph tells us is that the US market is over 68 percent higher than its long-term trend line. With 3 months remaining in this year, the S&P500 Index is already up 22%. In the last 75 years, only seven other years were higher after the first 9 months than we are now. ('54, '58, '75, '87, '89, '95, '97). Of those seven strong years, six had a great Q4 and returned average 6.4% more in the last three months of the year. The outlier year was 1987, which saw a full-blown-crash and 40% loss in Q4.

Meanwhile ShareFinder's AI projection model has for many months been telling us that the S&P500 will top out on Monday, November 4: the day before the US goes to the polls to elect its next president. In the following graph you can see its latest prediction which suggests, at best, a declining trend at an annualised rate of eight percent until early May.

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In South Africa's case, a steadily-strengthening Rand is likely to continue shielding us from the worst of the market impact with the trend line in the following graph suggesting that the Rand will continue strengthening at a compound annual rate of 7.3 percent until August at which point we might be able to look forward to a R16.72 rate to the US$.

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However, even that positive factor cannot shield our market from the probability of a JSE All Share Index 12.6 percent decline between now and the end of March as projected in the following graph:

As followers of my Prospects Portfolio's will; be well aware, I have been anticipating this down-trend in recent months by selling off our weakest performers, switching to a series of top-performers selected by the new ShareFinder unit trust algorithm, and building in a war chest of cash in all four Prospects portfolios which should allow me to pick up bargains around next April.

I urge you all to do the same!

The month ahead:

New York's SP500: I correctly predicted a modest dip ahead of a month-long October upsurge to a final peak on November 4 ahead of six months of weakness. Other than the peak moving to the 4th the prediction remains intact!

Nasdaq: I correctly predicted that losses could continue into the second week of October ahead of a sharp gain to November 4 and then a decline likely to last until late next year.

London's Footsie: I also correctly predicted the start of a lengthy decline that should continue to late January despite a brief recovery in mid-December. In the interim, like the present, there will be a series of short up-ticks like the present which is likely to last until November 8 ahead of the next mini-decline until December 12. The final decline is likely to be reach its final bottom around January 30.

France's Cac 40: I correctly predicted last week's decline would precede gains until November. Now I see a decline starting on November 1 through to January 3 before a sustained recovery sets in.

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HongKong's Hangsen: I correctly projected a continuation of the current decline but have now amended the bottoming date to October 25 instead of October 24. Thereafter I still see a recovery to a final peak on December 10. Though early January through to mid-March is likely to see some modest gains, I thereafter see weakness for most of the year.

Japan's Nikkei: I correctly predicted the recovery which I still expect to continue to the end of November though brief weakness is likely around November 13. Thereafter I see a long decline for most of 2025.

Australia's All Ordinaries: I wrongly saw the start of losses – but I still expect them now - followed by a very bumpy recovery likely to last until month-end ahead of losses to mid-December. Thereafter I see a VERY volatile recovery until mid-May.

JSE Top 40 Index: I correctly warned that weakness would begin now and I expect it to last until around November 8 ahead of five months of decline.

ShareFinder JSE Blue Chip Index: I correctly predicted the recovery would top out now followed by losses until December month-end. After that I still see six weeks of gains to mid-February and then a volatile decline to early May.

Rand/Dollar: I correctly predicted brief weakness which I still see continuing until October 25th and then a continuation of the recovery until the end of April.

Rand/Euro: I correctly predicted a weaker phase which I still expect to be over around the 24th followed by gains to next June at least! Early December, mid-January and late February March should, however, offer brief weakness!

The Predicts accuracy rate on a running average basis since January 2001 has been 87.38 percent. For the past 12 months it has been 95.57 percent.

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