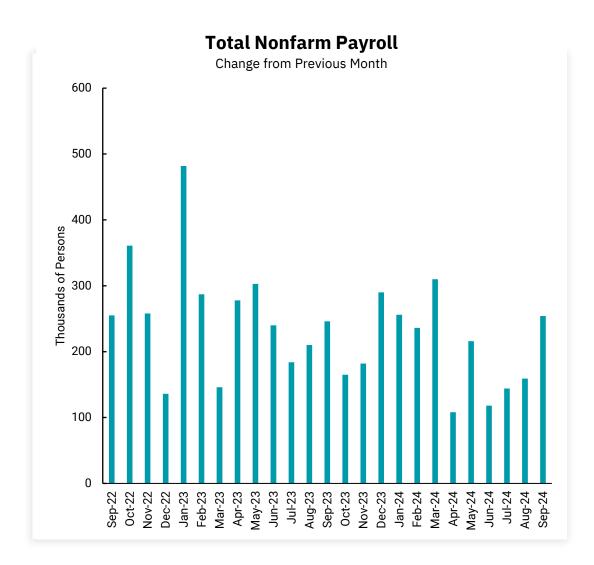
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Weekly market update

Chart of the week (Oct. 4, 2024)





The highly anticipated September jobs report did not disappoint. Expectations going into the report were for job gains of 150,000, and the headline number handily beat expectations, adding 254,000 jobs to the U.S. economy in September, showing a labor market that continues to support the consumer. July and August jobs growth were also revised significantly higher, with an additional 17,000 jobs added for August and 55,000 additional jobs added to July's total. It wasn't very long ago that many investors were very concerned about the labor market. The strength seen in this report should put those concerns to rest for now.

The September jobs report also revealed that the unemployment rate fell from 4.2% to 4.1%. After the Sahm rule was recently triggered, many analysts feared the worst regarding the unemployment rate. So far, those concerns remain unfounded.

Average hourly earnings, however, came in a bit warmer than estimates at 0.4% versus 0.3% expected on a monthly basis. This serves as a reminder that inflation may still be an issue and means the Federal Reserve is more likely to cut by 0.25% than 0.50% in November. However, if the economic data continues to remain this strong, then a 0.25% cut should be warranted instead of a 0.50% cut. This collective data should be considered with the view that the domestic economy remains on solid footing.

We view a soft landing as the base case scenario as the Federal Reserve has managed a very difficult task to date. Remarkably, with unemployment remaining below 5%, the Fed has brought inflation down almost to target while maintaining a healthy labor market. In fact, if you remove the effects of shelter inflation from overall inflation, the Federal Reserve is below its 2% target.

Looking to the markets, the S&P 500 is supported by a healthy economy and a Federal Reserve amid a rate-cutting cycle. Geopolitics remains a challenge, but the market fundamentals are showing strength.

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Commentary (Oct. 4, 2024)

Domestic Equities

- U.S. stocks took a breather this week after headline indices hit multiple record highs in September. The S&P 500 Index was about flat for the week.
- A better-than-expected jobs report lifted stocks on Friday. The report is further evidence that the Fed can achieve a soft landing, where inflation comes down without a significant decline in economic activity.
- The small-cap Russell 2000 Index outperformed large caps on the jobs report news. Small caps typically outperform when rates fall but have underperformed since the September cut as investors have been concerned about an economic slowdown and/or a resurgence of inflation. This jobs report eased these fears.

Bonds

- U.S. Treasury yields moved higher on stronger-than-expected employment data and falling rate cut expectations. The yield curve also flattened, with yields at the front end leading the market higher.
- The broad investment grade market, as measured by the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, was negative for the week, with more durationsensitive areas of the market weighing most heavily on returns.
- U.S. credit spreads narrowed across both the I.G. and H.Y. markets
- Global bonds underperformed domestic bond markets driven by the U.S. dollar strengthening.
- Japan's new Prime Minister, Shigeru Ishiba, announced that the economy isn't ready for additional rate cuts, sending the Yen lower and longer-term JBG yields higher.

International Equities

- Foreign stocks fell this week as investors feared an escalation in the Middle East conflict that Israel may decide to strike Iranian petroleum facilities, sending oil prices higher.
- Developed markets faltered this week as most European markets tumbled.
 The geopolitical tensions overshadowed relatively good economic news
 out of Europe as the region's inflation rate fell to 1.8%, below the central
 bank's target. Meanwhile, unemployment data held steady at 6.4% in
 August.
- Emerging markets struggled to find direction this week as the primary
 Chinese stock markets were closed for a week-long holiday. Manufacturing
 activity within Mexico continues to decline as the manufacturing and new
 orders PMI data continue to fall over rising cost pressures, the uncertainty
 of the U.S. election and competition with Chinese products.

Economics

- September's employment report showed that U.S. employers added 254,000 new jobs last month, which was well above expectations of an increase of 150,000 jobs. This increase caused the unemployment rate to drop from 4.2% to 4.1%.
- Jobless claims for the week came in at 225,000. This was slightly higher than last week's revised number of 219,000 and fell in line with the consensus estimate.
- The Core Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be released on Thursday, and the Core Producer Price Index (PPI) will be released on Friday. This will be an important release as the Fed continues to monitor the path of inflation and weigh future rate cuts.



Weekly Market Update

For Week Ending October 04, 2024

Markets	Equity Style												Economic Data			
			Change From		6,20	nn -									Lest Balance	V A
Capital Markets	Last Price	Prior Week	Year End	Year Ago				S&P 500						Inflation	Last Release	Year Ago
Dow Jones Industrial Avg	42,352.75	0.1%	14.0%	30.4%	5,70						~~~	my my	,,,,,,	CPI Headline Inflation	2.5%	3.7%
S&P 500 Index	,		21.9%		5,20	00 -			my	~~~	-	. 0		CPI Core Inflation		
	5,751.07	0.3%		36.9%	4,70	nn -	-	~~~	•						3.2%	4.39
NASDAQ Composite	18,137.85	0.1%	21.5%	38.1%										Personal Consumption Exp (PCE) Core	2.7%	3.8%
S&P 400 Midcap Index	3,118.26	0.0%	13.4%	29.8%	4,20	00 / 4										
S&P 600 Smallcap Index	1,407.46	-0.7%	8.2%	28.1%	3,70	00 -								Jobs		
MSCI EAFE	8,597.68	-3.7%	10.5%	26.2%	3,20	20								Unemployment Rate (U3)	4.1%	3.89
MSCI Emerging Markets	628.40	0.4%	17.7%	30.4%										Broader Unemployment Rate (U6)	7.7%	7.0%
Bloomberg US Agg	2,235.47	-1.2%	3.4%	11.4%	2,70	00 -								JOLT Survey (in millions)	8.04	9.3
Bloomberg Municipal 5 Yr	499.72	0.0%	2.2%	7.7%	2,20	00 +				-	+ +			Jobless Claims (000's)	225	216
Bloomberg US Corporate	3,363.34	-1.0%	4.4%	14.5%		Oct-23	Dec-23	Feb-2	4 Apr-24	Ju	ın-24	Aug-24	Oct-24	Change in Non-Farm Payroll (000's)	254	24
Bloomberg Glb Agg ex US Hdg	586.85	-0.3%	3.9%	10.1%								Ü		Average Hourly Earnings (Y/Y % Change)	4.0%	4.59
Bloomberg High Yield	2,673.86	-0.1%	7.8%	17.1%			1 Month	*			v	ear to Da	*			
MSCI US REIT Index	2,414.45	-1.5%	12.3%	33.0%	1 Month				Teal to Date				e	Consumer & Spending		
Bloomberg Commodity Index	243.96	1.9%	7.7%	5.9%		Value	Core	Growth			Value	Core	Growth	Consumer Confidence (Conf Board)	98.7	104.3
					m					m				Consumer Spending (\$ Bil)	19,897	18.91
	Last Price/Yield	Prior Week	Year End	Year Ago	Large	1.73	4.31	6.28	> 10%	arge	15.06	21.86	28.04	Consumer Credit (\$ Bil)	5.094	4.999
Key Rates	240111100/11014			. ou. r.go	Ľa			00	- 1070	P	.0.00		_0.0.	Retail Sales (\$ Bil)	711	696
Fed Funds Target	5.00%	5.00%	5.50%	5.50%			1							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		000
3-Month Treasury	4.61%	4.60%	5.33%	5.50%	Mid	3.22	4.03	4.80	0% - 10%	Mid	9.65	13.42	16.99	Housing		
1-Year Treasury	4.17%	3.92%	4.76%	5.42%	Σ	3.22	4.00	4.00	0% - 10%	Σ	3.03	13.72	10.55	Housing Starts (000's)	1.356	1.305
2-Year Treasury	3.92%	3.56%	4.25%	5.05%			_							Case-Shiller Home Price Index	325.78	310.39
	3.80%	3.51%	3.85%	4.72%	_ g	1.97	2.98	4.02	.00/	Small	4.55	8.22	11.88	Case-Stiller Hottle Frice Index	323.70	310.33
5-Year Treasury 7-Year Treasury	3.86%	3.61%	3.88%	4.72%	Small	1.97	2.90	4.02	<0%	Ϋ́	4.55	0.22	11.00	U.S. Productivity		
						*S&P Indic								•	00.004	00.500
10-Year Treasury	3.97%	3.75%	3.88%	4.73%		S&P Indici	es							Real Gross Domestic Product (\$ Bil)	23,224	22,539
30-Year Treasury	4.25%	4.10%	4.03%	4.86%	Five		Chile							Quarter over Quarter Change	3.0%	2.4%
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Consumer Rates					5.7	5% ¬			Yield Curve					ISM Manufacturing	47.20	48.60
30-Year Mortgage	6.96%	6.69%	6.99%	5.83%	5.5				ricia Garve					Capacity Utilization	77.96	78.88
Prime Rate	8.75%	8.75%	9.25%	9.25%	5.2									Markit US Composite PMI	54.00	50.20
SOFR	4.83%	4.84%	5.38%	5.32%												
					5.0									U.S. General		
Commodities					4.7									Leading Economic Indicators	100.2	105.5
Gold	2,653.60	2,658.24	2,062.98	1,821.36	4.50%				Current					Trade Weighted Dollar Index	121.4	123.3
Crude Oil (WTI)	74.38	68.18	71.65	74.27	4.2	5% -							_	EUR / USD	1.10	1.05
Gasoline	3.18	3.22	3.12	3.77	4.0	0% -			——1 Yea	ar Ago)			JPY / USD	148.70	149.12
Natural Gas	2.85	2.90	2.33	3.75	3.7	5% -								CAD / USD	0.74	0.73
Copper	4.57	4.60	3.89	3.67	3.5									AUD / USD	0.68	0.63
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	P/E	P/E	Price to	Current Div	3.0	0%	3 Mo	2 Yr	5 Yr	7 Y	'r 1	0 Yr	30 Yr	S&P 500 Sector Returns		
	Forward	Trailing	Book	Yield			3 IVIO	2 11	3 11	/ 1	' '	0 11	30 11	Car out Could Rotaine	1 Month	YTD
Index Characteristics		19	2001				1 Month	*			Y	ear to Da	te*	Utilities	6.54%	31.50%
Dow Jones Industrial Avg	21.42	21.69	5.31	1.76		Short		Long			Short	Interm.	Long	Communication Services	9.08%	30.64%
S&P 500	23.78	24.67	5.12	1.76		0		_og			J		209	Information Technology	7.13%	29.65%
S&P 500 Value	18.14	18.49	2.94	2.32	Govt	0.01	-0.47	-2.68	> 10%	Govt	3.65	3.33	0.21			
	30.52	32.52	11.42	0.63	တိ	0.01	-0.47	-2.00	> 10%	ő	3.03	3.33	- 0.21	Financials	0.87%	22.89%
S&P 500 Growth									•					Industrials	5.66%	20.24%
NASDAQ	35.15	34.53	6.88	0.73	٩	0.00	0.00	0.45		<u>e</u>	4.70	F 0.4	2.40	Consumer Staples	-2.02%	16.78%
S&P Midcap 400	17.68	17.54	2.62	1.74	Corp	0.26	0.08	-0.15	0% - 10%	Corp	4.72	5.04	3.18	Energy	7.32%	15.01%
S&P Smallcap 600	16.75	16.68	1.88	2.48	ľ					_				Consumer Discretionary	7.57%	12.81%
MSCI EAFE	15.00	15.70	1.99	3.15	١.									Health Care	-2.82%	12.64%
MSCI Emerging Markets	14.08	15.98	1.92	2.65	±	1.60	1.43	1.68	<0%	₹	8.17	7.84	6.79	Materials	4.02%	12.60%
										-				Real Estate	0.10%	11.35%
Source: Bloomberg						1-3 Yrs	1-10 Yrs	+10 Yrs			1-3 Yrs	1-10 Yrs	+10 Yrs			

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