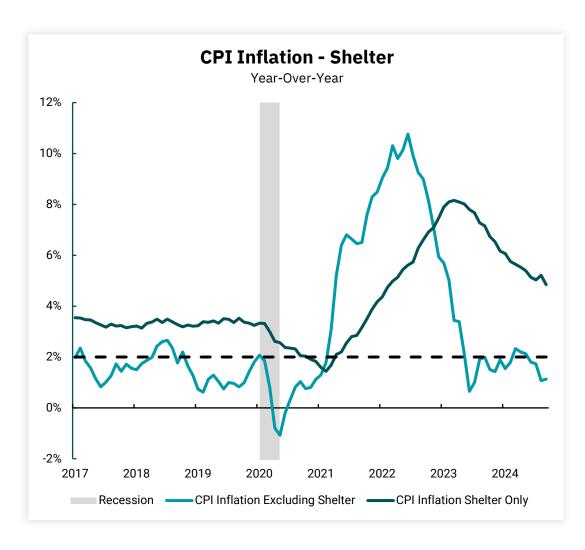
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Weekly market update

Chart of the week (Oct. 11, 2024)





The Federal Reserve recently shifted some of its focus from inflation to the labor market. That's not to say they were ignoring one of their two mandates before, rather that they had been communicating that inflation was the bigger risk to the economy than the labor market. Then, a move higher in unemployment, along with some weakening trends in open jobs and turnover rates, led the Fed to state that they "did not welcome or seek further weakness in the labor market." These figures also played a key role in the Fed's decision to reduce rates by 0.50%.

Yet the much-stronger-than-anticipated <u>September jobs report</u>, which included a hotter-than-expected measure of wages for the second consecutive month, reminds us that inflation may not go away quietly. Since the jobs report was released on Oct. 4, expectations for Fed easing have declined, which has led market participants to pay particular attention to this month's <u>Consumer Price Index (CPI)</u> and <u>Producer Price Index (PPI)</u> readings. In both cases, the data on core inflation were about 0.1% higher than expected. This is probably not enough to keep the Fed from reducing rates by another 0.25% at the next meeting, but it significantly reduces the chances of another 0.50% move.

This week's chart breaks down inflation in a way that illustrates the bifurcated nature of the problem for the Fed. The light blue line shows inflation without housing, while the darker line is housing-related CPI inflation. We went back to the pre-pandemic period because this shows that inflation is back to pre-pandemic levels (and back to the Fed's target) in many ways—but not all. Housing, for instance, is a material part of the inflation picture within CPI and for consumers, and clearly it is not back to pre-pandemic levels. The direction of the move is lower, and real-time measures of rents would lead us to expect this trend to continue. However, the massive supply shortage in housing might mean the trip back to the levels we saw before the pandemic will not happen quickly or smoothly. The disruptions from two major hurricanes might also make overall inflation measures a bit bumpy over the next few months. It remains too early for the Fed to declare victory over inflation.

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Commentary (Oct. 11, 2024)

Domestic Equities

- The S&P 500 Index hit new highs this week as big banks kicked off the third-quarter earnings season on a positive note.
- The Consumer Price Index came in slightly higher than expected on Thursday, raising fears that inflation may not be under control. The Producer Price Index, out Friday, was better than expectations, calming fears and driving stocks higher.
- JP Morgan and Wells Fargo both reported that profit fell from a year earlier, but by less than analysts feared. The reports showed increased profits from higher credit card balances, meaning consumers continue to spend and pay their bills. JP Morgan's CFO said their results were "consistent with a soft landing." CEO Jamie Dimon was a bit more cautious with his comments, noting they hope for the best but still see risks in the economy.

Bonds

- U.S. Treasury yields were higher for the week on the release of the Fed
 minutes and stronger-than-expected inflation data. Treasury auction
 results were mixed for the week, with yields stopping through at the threeand 30-year auctions, while the 10-year auction tailed.
- Investment-grade corporate bonds were negative for the week, but spreads made new lows. In particular, the option-adjusted spread (OAS) on the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Bond Index fell to its lowest level since June 2021.
- Money market fund assets made another new high, with \$11 billion flowing into the sector for the week ending Oct. 9th, according to ICI.
- In international markets, South Korea's central bank and New Zealand's central banks cut policy rates this week.

International Equities

- Foreign stocks struggled to gain traction during the week as investors digested new economic data and the start of a new earnings season, while grappling with the persistent geopolitical risks.
- Developed markets struggled as stocks in Hong Kong and the largest markets across Europe faltered. That's as New Zealand cut its policy rate by 0.50% and Sweden's core inflation rate fell to 2% for the first time since 2001.
- Emerging markets gave back some of their recent gains with weakness
 across key Asian and Latin American markets. Chinese stocks have fallen
 as investors' enthusiasm for the recent economic stimulus measures has
 eroded due to concerns about whether the policy support is large enough
 to revive growth. Investors expect an announcement over the weekend
 outlining a new stimulus package to boost China's economy.

Economics

- Year-over-year CPI was released on Thursday and came in slightly higher than expected. The CPI report showed inflation rose 2.4%, which was below last month's reading of 2.5% but higher than the consensus estimate of 2.3%. Core CPI, which excludes food and energy, rose 3.3%, which was higher than last month's reading of 3.2%. Investors will watch inflation to help determine the path for future rate cuts.
- Jobless claims came in at 258,000, which was higher than the consensus estimate of 226,000. Analysts estimate that the recent hurricanes drove the increase in claims.
- On Thursday, jobless claims and U.S. retail sales will be released.



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For Week Ending October 11, 2024

Markets					Equ	ity Styl	е							Economic Data		
	Last Price	Change From Prior Week	Change From Year End	Change From Year Ago	6,2	00 ¬		000 500							Last Release	Year Ago
Capital Markets					5,7	00 -	,	S&P 500						Inflation		
Dow Jones Industrial Avg	42,352.75	0.1%	14.0%	30.4%						-	بهممسمه		•	CPI Headline Inflation	2.5%	3.7%
S&P 500 Index	5,751.07	0.3%	21.9%	36.9%	5,2			~~~	www			W		CPI Core Inflation	3.2%	4.3%
NASDAQ Composite	18,137.85	0.1%	21.5%	38.1%	4,7	00 -		~~						Personal Consumption Exp (PCE) Core	2.7%	3.8%
S&P 400 Midcap Index	3,118,26	0.0%	13.4%	29.8%	4,2	nn - 🖴	-							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,-	0.07.
S&P 600 Smallcap Index	1,407.46	-0.7%	8.2%	28.1%										Jobs		
MSCI EAFE	8,597,68	-3.7%	10.5%	26.2%	3,7									Unemployment Rate (U3)	4.1%	3.8%
MSCI Emerging Markets	628.40	0.4%	17.7%	30.4%	3,2	00 -								Broader Unemployment Rate (U6)	7.7%	7.0%
Bloomberg US Agg	2,235.47	-1.2%	3.4%	11.4%	2,7	00 -								JOLT Survey (in millions)	8.04	9.36
Bloomberg Municipal 5 Yr	499.72	0.0%	2.2%	7.7%										Jobless Claims (000's)	225	216
Bloomberg US Corporate	3,363.34	-1.0%	4.4%	14.5%	2,2							·		Change in Non-Farm Payroll (000's)	254	240
						Oct-23	Dec-23	Feb-2	4 Apr-24	Ju	ın-24 <i>F</i>	Aug-24	Oct-24			
Bloomberg Glb Agg ex US Hdg	586.85	-0.3%	3.9%	10.1%										Average Hourly Earnings (Y/Y % Change)	4.0%	4.5%
Bloomberg High Yield	2,673.86	-0.1%	7.8%	17.1%			1 Month	•			Ye	ar to Dat	e*			
MSCI US REIT Index	2,414.45	-1.5%	12.3%	33.0%			_					_		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
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	Last Price/Yield	Prior Week	Year End	Year Ago	Large	1.73	4.31	6.28	> 10%	arc	15.06	21.86	28.04	Consumer Credit (\$ Bil)	5,094	4,999
Key Rates														Retail Sales (\$ Bil)	711	696
Fed Funds Target	5.00%	5.00%	5.50%	5.50%	_					_ '						
3-Month Treasury	4.63%	4.61%	5.33%	5.49%	Mid	3.22	4.03	4.80	0% - 10%	Mid	9.65	13.42	16.99	Housing		
1-Year Treasury	4.18%	4.17%	4.76%	5.36%	_					~				Housing Starts (000's)	1,356	1.305
2-Year Treasury	3.96%	3.92%	4.25%	4.98%	_									Case-Shiller Home Price Index	325.78	310.39
5-Year Treasury	3.90%	3.80%	3.85%	4.58%	Small	1.97	2.98	4.02	<0%	Small	4.55	8.22	11.88	Case Chine Preme Price MacA		
7-Year Treasury	3.99%	3.86%	3.88%	4.59%	က်				1070	က်		,		U.S. Productivity		
10-Year Treasury	4.10%	3.97%	3.88%	4.56%		*S&P Indice	10			-				Real Gross Domestic Product (\$ Bil)	23,224	22,539
30-Year Treasury		4.25%	4.03%			our maior								Quarter over Quarter Change	,	,
30-real freasury	4.41%	4.25%	4.03%	4.69%	Eiv.	ad Inaa	me Style							Year Over Year Change	3.0%	2.4%
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Consumer Rates					5.7	′5% ¬			Yield Curve	4				ISM Manufacturing	47.20	48.60
30-Year Mortgage	6.99%	6.96%	6.99%	5.83%		50%								Capacity Utilization	77.96	78.88
Prime Rate	8.75%	8.75%	9.25%	9.25%		25%					0			Markit US Composite PMI	54.00	50.20
SOFR	4.81%	4.83%	5.38%	5.31%		00%					Current					
										_	—1 Year	Ago		U.S. General		
Commodities						75% -			<u> </u>				_	Leading Economic Indicators	100.2	105.5
Gold	2,656.59	2,653.60	2,062.98	1,874.36		50% -							_	Trade Weighted Dollar Index	121.4	123.3
Crude Oil (WTI)	75.56	74.38	71.65	75.63		25% -								EUR / USD	1.09	1.06
Gasoline	3.20	3.18	3.12	3.65	4.0	00% -		<u> </u>						JPY / USD	149.13	149.17
Natural Gas	2.63	2.85	2.33	3.91	3.7	75% -								CAD / USD	0.73	0.74
Copper	4.49	4.57	3.89	3.71	3.5	50%								AUD / USD	0.68	0.64
				-		25%									0.00	0.0 .
						00%										
	P/E	P/E	Price to	Current Div	3.0		3 Mo	2 Yr	5 Yr	7 Y	·- 40) Yr	30 Yr	S&P 500 Sector Returns		
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· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	21.42	21.69	5.31	1.76		SHOTE	miciili.	Long			SHOIL	milemi.	Long	Communication Services	8.98%	28.98%
S&P 500	23.78	24.67	5.12	1.33	Ž	0.04	0.47	2.00	400/	Ž	2.05	2.22	0.24	Utilities	3.21%	28.15%
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	Financials	5.35%	25.12%
S&P 500 Growth	30.52	32.52	11.42	0.63					•	•				Industrials	8.23%	22.77%
NASDAQ	35.15	34.53	6.88	0.73	д					م				Consumer Staples	-0.98%	17.19%
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	11.12%	14.39%
S&P Smallcap 600	16.75	16.68	1.88	2.48						U				Health Care	-0.55%	14.28%
MSCI EAFE	15.00	15.70	1.99	3.15	1									Materials	5.91%	13.74%
		45.00	1.92	2.65	₹	1.60	1.43	1.68	<0%	¥	8.17	7.84	6.79	Consumer Discretionary	0.000/	11.86%
MSCI Emerging Markets	14.08	15.98	1.92	2.00		1.00				т.	0.17	7.04	0.10	Consumer Discretionary	3.63%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	14.08	15.98	1.92	2.05		1.00	1.40		2070	I	0.17	7.04		Real Estate	-2.43%	11.14%

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