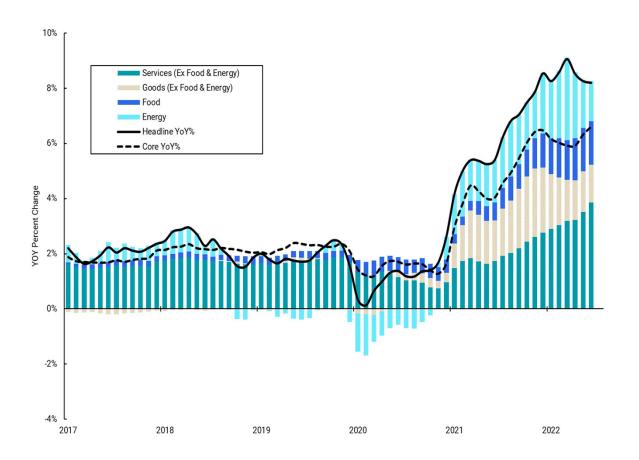
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Weekly market update

Chart of the week (Oct. 14, 2022)

Consumer Price Index Headline vs. Core





The inflation numbers reported this week did nothing to discourage the Fed from thinking they need to continue aggressively raising rates for the next few months.

While this week's chart focuses on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Producer Price Index (PPI) would be similar. In both cases, we see some relief as the headline rate of inflation has slowed month-over-month and declined on a year-over-year basis, but the core rate of inflation continues to accelerate as rents and wages remain hot.

To be sure, both measures are still far above the Fed's goal of 2%, but the more important of the two is core inflation. Recent measures of strength in the labor market continue to have the Fed on edge about inflation becoming ingrained in longer-term expectations, leading the market to now expect another 0.75% increase in rates in November and a better than 50/50 chance of a 0.75% hike in December. Before the CPI release, the market was building in a 0.50% increase in December and another 0.25% in early 2023.

We should begin to see some relief in the cyclical areas of inflation, including some commodity markets and areas such as used cars, where prices have declined. However, rents are still in an uptrend and wage pressures are still evident. The Fed has committed to "stay at it" until they see clear evidence inflation is retreating towards their 2% target. Currently, there is scant evidence that we are close to seeing such a trend.

As the Fed raises rates and shrinks its balance sheet, the economic and market risks are elevated. Our outlook remains on the cautious side while maintaining our long-term optimism on the U.S. economy.

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Commentary (Oct. 14, 2022)

Domestic Equities

- The S&P 500 Index reached new year-to-date lows this week, and closed the week with negative returns.
- Equity indices fell at the start of the week through Thursday morning and accelerated to the downside after the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) report showed inflation rose more than expected. Then stocks surged to finish Thursday with gains. The move was likely driven by short covering. The gains were erased Friday morning.
- Earnings season kicked off this week with big banks reporting mixed results. JP Morgan and Wells Fargo reported better-than-expected revenue. Morgan Stanly missed expectations and reported a year-to-year decline in revenue, primarily on a decline in investment banking. While increasing interest rates are good for banks' net interest margin, it also slows loan growth.

Bonds

- U.S. Treasury yields moved higher across the curve following hotter-thanexpected inflation data, with the font-end experiencing the biggest jump in yields. The 2-year to 10-year part of the curve inverted further, falling below -0.5%, its lowest level since the early 1980s. Negative sentiment across the Treasury market was further compounded by weak auctions results, with yields stopping above market expectations at the 3-, 10- and 30-year auctions.
- Investment grade corporate spreads were higher for the week, with optionadjusted spread on the ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Index exceeding 1.70%, a new high for the year.
- U.K. Gilt yields fell following news the Bank of England would be purchasing additional bonds and the British government would be scrapping part of its tax cuts that initially triggered the recent volatility.

International Equities

- Investors faced another volatile week as they grapple with a renewed riskoff sentiment amid concerns about global central bank policy-tightening efforts and their impact on the global economy.
- Foreign developed markets endured another volatile week driven by bearish economic data and erratic shifts in global currencies. Markets in the Asia-Pacific region were hit the hardest, with some markets dropping over 4%. U.K. stocks found some support after the country's administration reportedly may abandon portions of its tax-cutting agenda.
- Emerging markets reversed some of last week's gains as markets in Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America all fell. The biggest losses came from Asia after the U.S. Commerce Department unveiled regulations that limit the sale of semiconductors and chip-making equipment to Chinese customers, sending Chinese stocks lower.

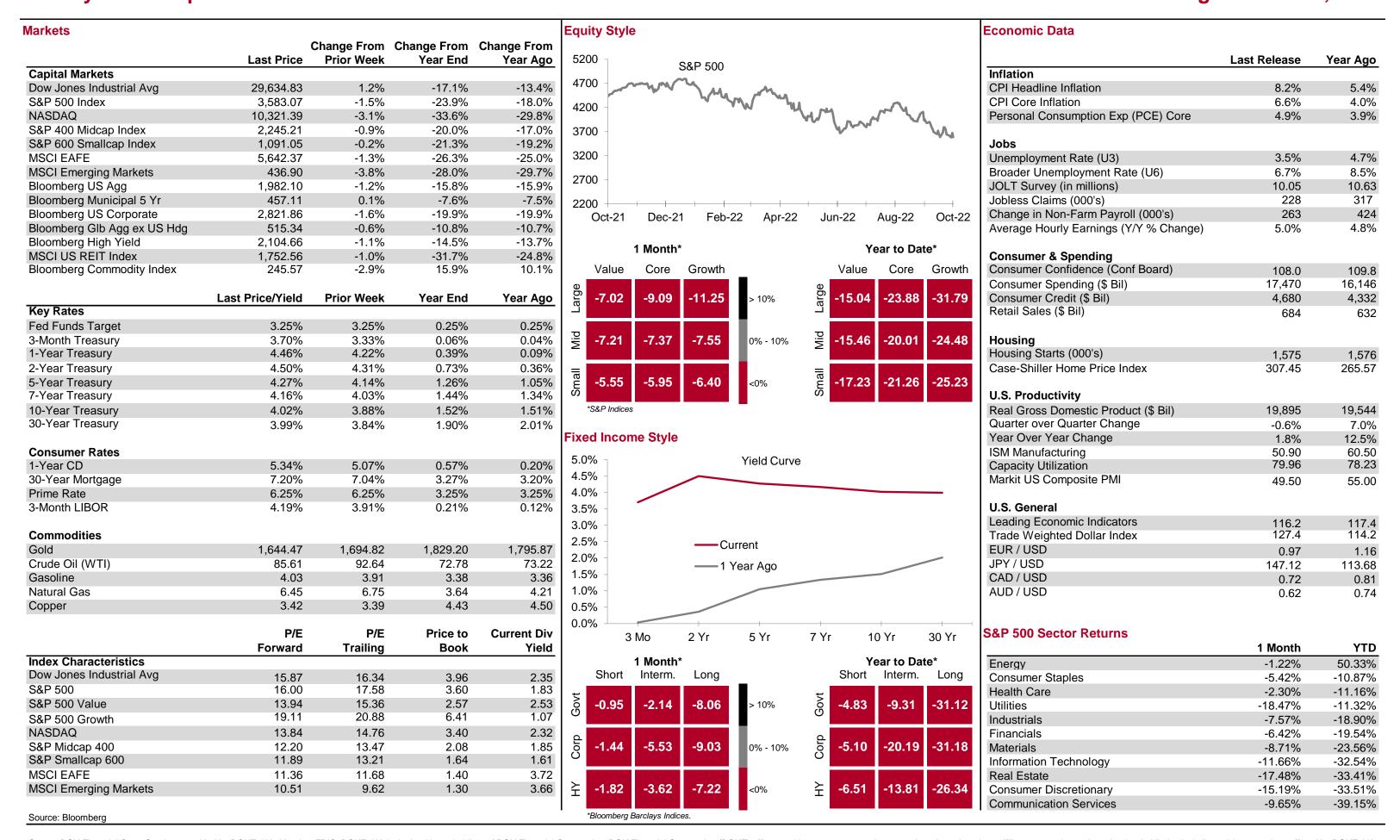
Economics

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) rose 0.4% in September and 8.2% over the prior 12 months. Most of the increase was due to rising prices in shelter, food and medical care indexes. Core CPI (excludes food and energy) rose 0.6% in the month and 6.6% over the prior 12 months.
- Additionally, the BLS reported the Producer Price Index (PPI) for final demand rose 0.4% in September. The increase was equally distributed across goods and services.
- The Census Bureau reported monthly retail sales were unchanged in September at \$684 billion. Across subcategories, spending on autos declined but was offset by increased spending on general merchandise.
- Industrial production will be released on Tuesday, housing starts on Wednesday, and existing home sales on Thursday.



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