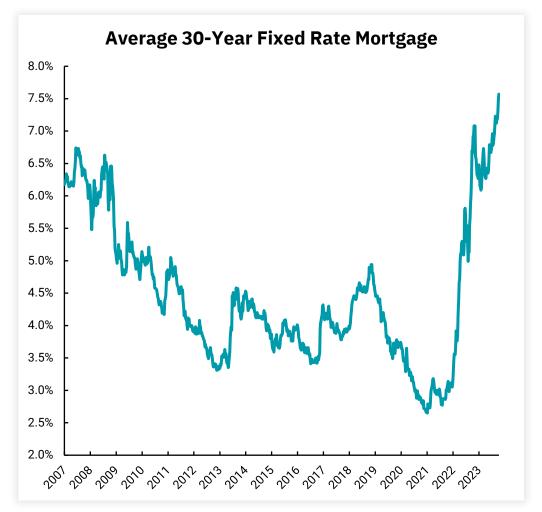
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Weekly market update

Chart of the week (Oct. 20, 2023)





The housing market has been one of the more confounding areas of the domestic economy this year. As interest rates have moved higher, taking mortgage rates with them, one might expect this to have the impact of falling home prices. Higher financing rates directly increase the monthly cost of housing, meaning consumers can afford less house for the same monthly payment. Over the course of the last 18 months, the monthly cost of principal and interest for the median-priced U.S. home has increased by \$1000.

However, instead of falling, nationwide housing measures show home prices have INCREASED this year, the exact opposite of what we might expect. As with most national statistics, there are specific regions where home prices have declined based upon overall valuation or declining population trends. There also are areas where price growth is higher based on those same trends. Yet overall, national price levels are up.

How is this possible? On one hand, it is true that higher rates have reduced the pool of qualified buyers. Incomes have been increasing but not nearly as fast as financing costs. The offset to this lower demand, however, has been an even bigger decrease in the supply of homes for sale. We have been under-investing in housing since the 2008-2009 financial crisis. The number of new homes being built fell behind the rate of household formation for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was the memory of the housing bust. This extended period of underinvestment then ran into an explosion of demand as fixed-rate mortgage rates fell during and after the onset of the pandemic. This cocktail of higher demand and low rates led to a rapid increase in home prices and a rush for existing homeowners to refinance at ultra-low rates.

Now as rates have moved up, we see most homeowners with mortgage rates lower, in some cases much lower, than current financing rates. The effect of this is a massive decline in the number of existing homes for sale to near-record lows, as current homeowners are not going to let go of low mortgage rates. This has left new homes as the only source of homes for sale, and these numbers remain smaller than the reduced pool of home buyers, which means prices have remained firm.

Yet as we approach 8% mortgage rates, we may be starting to see a change. The number of homes with listing price cuts is increasing, sales are taking a bit longer and the supply of homes for sale is inching higher. One could argue current mortgage rates are close to the longer-term average, and they are, but the housing market might have a bit more rebalancing to do as we consider the idea of financing rates not going back to the levels they were only a couple of years ago.

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Commentary (Oct. 20, 2023)

Domestic Equities

- U.S. stocks were negative this week as the conflict in Gaza and increasing borrowing costs weighed on sentiment. Growth was hit harder than value this week, and the difficulties continue for small caps with the Russell 2000 Index turning negative for the year.
- American Express reported record revenue as consumers continue to spend, but the company also noted it is bracing for defaults, and its stock declined sharply on the news.
- AT&T—which fell to \$13.45 of in mid-July, its lowest level since 1993—rose sharply this week on upbeat news of cellphone customer growth and its outlook for free cash flow.

Bonds

- U.S. Treasury yields continued their relentless move higher, with the yield curve bear-steepening on heightened geopolitical risks and comments from several Fed officials. Most notably, on Thursday Fed Chair Powell delivered a speech to the Economic Club of New York, during which he signaled that the Fed is inclined to keep rates unchanged at the FOMC's upcoming meeting but left open the possibility for another rate hike in December. Although Powell's comments were initially taken as hawkish, the market closed the week pricing in a less-than-25% probability that the Fed hikes again in December.
- Mortgage rates made new highs this week, with the national average on a 30year, fixed-rate mortgage breaking above 8% for the first time in over 23 years.
- Inflation expectations also rose this week, with U.S. Treasury breakevens moving higher across the curve. The move higher was most acute at the front end of the curve, with the yield on the 1-year breakeven rising over 0.7%.

International Equities

- Global stocks fell as investor sentiment soured following Hamas's attack on Israel. Investors remain focused on monitoring the diplomatic efforts to defuse the crisis while also assessing new economic and earnings data.
- Foreign developed markets fell this week, with losses seen across European and Pacific markets. European stocks sold off this week as Middle East tensions sent oil prices higher. Additionally, several of the largest European growth companies reported disappointing financial results, dampening returns in the broad market and growth stock indexes.
- Emerging markets wiped out last week's gains as the major markets across
 Asia and Latin America tumbled. Chinese stocks fell this week to levels that
 almost erased all the gains seen during its massive reopening rally that took
 off late last year, as persistent concerns about the health of the property
 sector are dampening investor sentiment.

Economics

- The Census Bureau reported monthly retail sales increased 0.7% totaling \$705 billion, well above expectations of a 0.1% increase. All major categories increased in the month.
- The Federal Reserve's Industrial Production and Capacity Utilization report indicated industrial production increased 0.3% in September. Output rose 0.4% and utilization increased 0.2%.
- The Department of Labor reported initial claims for unemployment were 198,000 for the week ending October 14, the lowest level since the week ending January 21, 2023. The four-week moving average of claims declined to 205,750.
- The first estimate of third quarter GDP will be released on Thursday.
 Consumer spending and personal income will be released on Friday.



Weekly Market Update

For Week Ending October 20, 2023

Markets					Equ	ity Styl	е							Economic Data		
	Last Price	Change From Prior Week	Change From Year End	Change From Year Ago	520	00 ¬		000 500							Last Release	Year Ago
Capital Markets								S&P 500						Inflation		
Dow Jones Industrial Avg	33.127.28	-1.6%	1.7%	11.6%	470	00 -					-000	٠		CPI Headline Inflation	3.7%	8.2%
S&P 500 Index	4.224.16	-2.4%	11.5%	17.2%	420	20				ped	~~	and the said	~~	CPI Core Inflation	4.1%	6.6%
NASDAQ	12,983.81	-3.2%	24.9%	23.4%	420	JU -	~^~	~~~	~ ~~~~~	~~~				Personal Consumption Exp (PCE) Core	3.9%	5.2%
S&P 400 Midcap Index	2,393.28	-2.0%	-0.2%	7.5%	370	n -M		-d-	(Jan					1 010011a1 00110a111p11011 2xp (1 02) 0010	0.070	0.270
S&P 600 Smallcap Index	1,093.47	-1.7%	-4.2%	1.1%	370	,								Jobs		
MSCI EAFE	6,805.30	-2.6%	3.4%	18.6%	320	00 -								Unemployment Rate (U3)	3.8%	3.5%
MSCI Emerging Markets	480.97	-2.7%	-1.0%	9.9%										Broader Unemployment Rate (U6)	7.0%	6.7%
Bloomberg US Agg	1,984.56	-1.7%	-3.1%	1.3%	270	00 -								JOLT Survey (in millions)	9.61	10.20
Bloomberg Municipal 5 Yr	463.40	-0.6%	-1.1%	1.3%										Jobless Claims (000's)	198	198
		-0.6%			220				_							350
Bloomberg US Corporate	2,901.38		-2.3%	3.9%		Oct-22	Dec-2	22 Feb-2	23 Apr-23	. J	un-23	Aug-23	Oct-23	Change in Non-Farm Payroll (000's)	336	
Bloomberg Glb Agg ex US Hdg	533.82	-0.7%	2.4%	3.4%										Average Hourly Earnings (Y/Y % Change)	4.2%	5.1%
Bloomberg High Yield	2,271.41	-1.2%	3.9%	7.6%			1 Month	*			Ye	ear to Dat	e*			
MSCI US REIT Index	1,785.04	-3.8%	-6.8%	-0.3%										Consumer & Spending		
Bloomberg Commodity Index	240.39	0.6%	-2.2%	-0.2%		Value	Core	Growth	_		Value	Core	Growth	Consumer Confidence (Conf Board)	103.0	107.8
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	Last Price/Yield	Prior Week	Year End	Year Ago	Large	-5.13	-3.94	-2.95	> 10%	Large	5.29	11.45	17.09	Consumer Credit (\$ Bil)	4,969	4,779
Key Rates				,	ا تـ					ت				Retail Sales (\$ Bil)	705	679
Fed Funds Target	5.50%	5.50%	4.50%	3.25%	l i											
3-Month Treasury	5.45%	5.48%	4.34%	3.96%	Mid	-6.90	-5.86	-5.05	0% - 10%	Mid	-3.61	-0.21	2.94	Housing		
1-Year Treasury	5.38%	5.38%	4.69%	4.60%	_					_				Housing Starts (000's)	1.358	1.463
2-Year Treasury	5.07%	5.05%	4.43%	4.61%	l _ i					_				Case-Shiller Home Price Index	310.16	307.14
5-Year Treasury	4.86%	4.64%	4.00%	4.44%	Small	-6.90	-6.13	-5.36	<0%	Small	-6.09	-4.17	-2.32	Case Crimer Home Fried Index		
7-Year Treasury	4.92%	4.65%	3.97%	4.35%	တ်	0.00		0.00	1070	ഗ്	0.00			U.S. Productivity		
10-Year Treasury	4.91%	4.61%	3.87%	4.23%		*S&P Indice	is.							Real Gross Domestic Product (\$ Bil)	22,225	21,708
30-Year Treasury							-							Quarter over Quarter Change	2.1%	,
30-Teal Treasury	5.08%	4.75%	3.96%	4.22%	Eivo	d Inco	me Style							Year Over Year Change		-0.6%
0					FIXE	u ilicoi	ille Style	;							2.4%	1.9%
Consumer Rates	0.040/	7.000/	0.000/	5.000/	6.0	% ¬			Yield Curve	9				ISM Manufacturing	49.00	51.00
30-Year Mortgage	8.01%	7.80%	6.66%	5.83%										Capacity Utilization	79.68	80.84
Prime Rate	9.25%	9.25%	8.25%	7.00%	5.5	% -								Markit US Composite PMI	50.20	49.50
SOFR	5.30%	5.31%	4.77%	3.03%	5.09	% -							_			
														U.S. General		
Commodities					4.5	% -		/						Leading Economic Indicators	104.6	113.5
Gold	1,981.40	1,932.82	1,824.02	1,628.02	4.0	% -							_	Trade Weighted Dollar Index	124.0	127.7
Crude Oil (WTI)	88.08	86.35	80.26	74.81										EUR / USD	1.06	0.98
Gasoline	3.55	3.61	3.21	3.82	3.5	% -	Current							JPY / USD	149.86	150.15
Natural Gas	2.90	3.24	4.48	5.19	3.0	%			437					CAD / USD	0.73	0.73
Copper	3.56	3.57	3.81	3.38					—1	1 Year	Ago			AUD / USD	0.63	0.63
					2.5	% -										
					2.0	0/										
	P/E	P/E	Price to	Current Div	2.0		3 Mo	2 Yr	5 Yr	7 Y	'r 1/	0 Yr	30 Yr	S&P 500 Sector Returns		
	Forward	Trailing	Book	Yield			OIVIO	2 11	5 11	/ 1	1 10	0 11	30 11	car coo codor retarno	1 Month	YTD
Index Characteristics	1 Ol Wala	Truiling	Book	Ticia			1 Month	*			v	ear to Dat	^*	Communication Services	0.77%	43.88%
Dow Jones Industrial Avg	40.44	40.00	4.00	0.40		Short	Interm.				Short	Interm.	Long			
S&P 500	18.11	19.03	4.30	2.16	Ι.	SHOIL	micini.	Long			SHOIL	micini.	Long	Information Technology	-1.43%	34.60%
S&P 500 S&P 500 Value	19.06	19.21 17.02	4.02 2.66	1.69 2.19	ΙĮ	0.40	0.00	0.40	400/	Ž	4.00	0.47	40.44	Consumer Discretionary	-9.11%	19.90%
	16.47				Govt	0.46	-0.60	-9.46	> 10%	Govt	1.92	-0.17	-13.41	Energy	-0.35%	5.59%
S&P 500 Growth	21.86	22.03	7.20	1.26	-				•	-				Industrials	-4.90%	1.81%
NASDAQ	27.87	31.46	5.25	0.87	ا م					<u>a</u>				Material	-5.96%	-1.64%
S&P Midcap 400	14.26	13.04	2.05	2.24	Corp	0.17	-4.12	-8.11	0% - 10%	Corp	2.36	-2.60	-7.37	Financials	-6.60%	-4.45%
S&P Smallcap 600	12.70	12.29	1.58	2.00	"					J				Health Care	-2.66%	-4.56%
MSCI EAFE	12.64	11.95	1.59	3.50	1.1									Consumer Staples	-5.76%	-6.78%
MSCI Emerging Markets	12.83	12.98	1.48	3.22	±	-0.98	-2.64	-5.87	<0%	₹	6.48	4.03	-0.32	Real Estate	-9.15%	-9.09%
3 3					-					_				Utilities	-9.46%	-15.72%
Source: Bloomberg					•	*Bloomberg	Indices		_						2270	

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