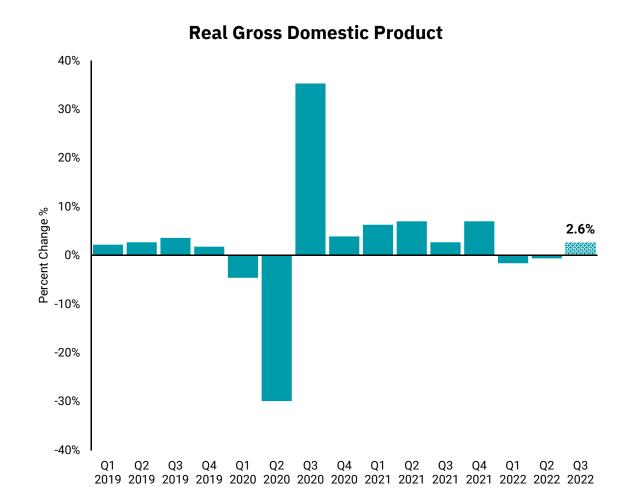
### **INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**

# Weekly market update

# **Chart of the week** (Oct. 27, 2022)





After first and second quarter measures of U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) showed declines in economic growth, the focus on the first look at third quarter GDP was more intense than normal. Economic growth of -1.6% for the first quarter and -0.6% for the second quarter were followed by a reading of +2.6% for the third quarter. While this number is subject to revision, a positive reading helps lessen questions about whether or not we are currently in a recession. Our stance has been we are not, but two negative readings in a row have corresponded with recessions in the past.

Factors which had led to the declines early in the year, including trade and inventories, were less impactful this quarter. Non-residential investment and consumer spending, along with government expenditures, overcame the drag of slowing residential investment as the housing market feels the full impact of the Fed's move to raise interest rates to cool inflation.

Speaking of inflation, the headline measure of inflation within the GDP report slowed to 4.2% while the core number also slowed to 4.5%. The core number is most important from a monetary policy standpoint and remains well above the Fed's stated target of 2%. Still, a slowing in the rate of increase in inflation is a positive development.

As the Fed meets this week, there is nothing in this report that would slow the Fed from raising rates by an expected 0.75%. Further, they remain on track to increase interest rates again in December and early next year.

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# **Commentary** (Oct. 27, 2022)

## **Domestic Equities**

- U.S. stocks saw another positive week despite some headline earnings misses. Equity indices have recovered significantly from mid-month lows as the earnings season generally came in better than expected.
- Earnings season is almost half over, with about 70% of S&P 500
  companies reporting better-than-expected earnings. 26% of companies
  have reported misses, which is higher than usual. Stocks that beat
  expectations are slightly outperforming, but stocks that missed are being
  penalized more than average.
- Big tech was among the big misses this week. Facebook parent, Meta, fell over 25% after reporting a drop in revenue, rising costs and accelerating losses in its metaverse initiatives. Amazon reduced expectations for the upcoming holiday season. Apple also expects 4th quarter weakness but reported record revenue for Q3.

#### **Bonds**

- U.S. Treasury yields fell following weaker inflation data and rising uncertainty over the Federal Reserve's policy path. Longer-term bonds experienced the biggest drop in yields, with the 10-year closing below 4% after briefly touching 4.3% at the start of the week.
- The broad investment grade market, as measured by the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, posted strong returns for the week, with longerduration U.S. Treasuries and corporate bonds leading the market higher.
- Following the rally in risk assets, both mortgage and credit spreads narrowed
- As expected, the European Central Bank (ECB) hiked the deposit rate by 0.75% to 1.50%. However, the governing council indicated a potential slowdown in the pace of hikes moving forward. The market interpreted this news as dovish, with sovereign bond yields falling across the market.

### **International Equities**

- Global investor sentiment seems to be improving as investors digest some positive corporate earnings news and signals that some global central banks might pursue less aggressive monetary policy changes in the future.
- Foreign developed market stocks surged higher across all regions, with the largest gains coming from many European markets, while returns from Asian markets were more muted. European stocks rallied even though the European Central Bank hiked policy rates by 0.75%, but policymakers sent signals that the pace of future rate hikes might slow down.
- Overall, emerging markets failed to gain traction this week as the largest markets across Asia and Latin America struggled, while some smaller markets posted gains. Stocks in Mexico moved higher after the country's economic activity expanded in August on a year-over-year basis, suggesting that its economy could be more resilient than expected.

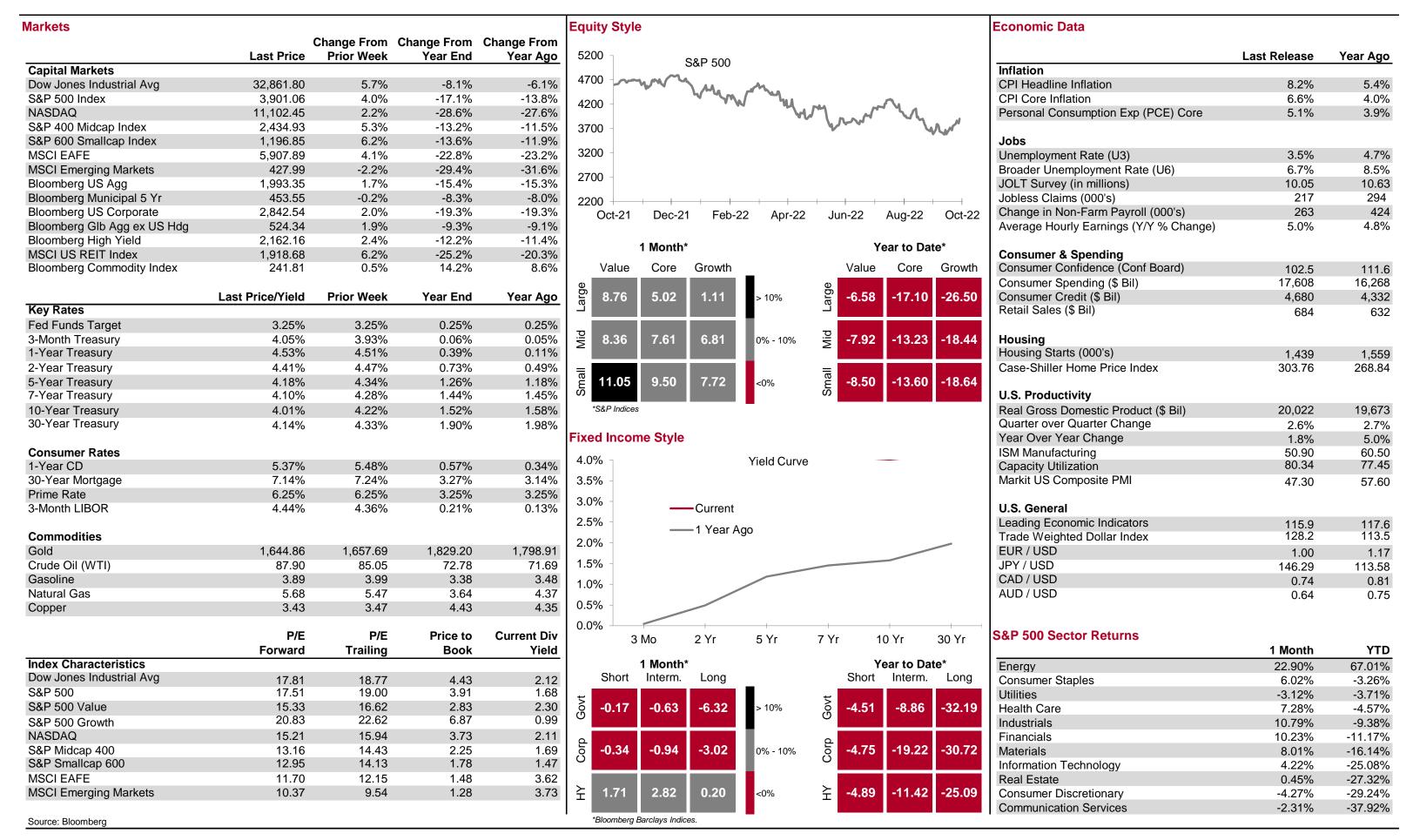
#### **Economics**

- The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) reported third quarter real GDP increased 2.6% at an annualized rate, reversing the negative growth rates of the prior two quarters. The increase in GDP was mostly due to a rise in net exports and an increase in federal government spending.
- Additionally, the BEA reported personal income increased 0.4% in September, mostly due to increased wages and salaries. Consumer spending rose 0.6% for the month, with both goods and services expenditures increasing. Finally, the personal savings rate declined to 3.1% in the month.
- The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Summary (JOLTS) will be released on Tuesday. The FOMC meets on Tuesday and Wednesday. ISM will report manufacturing and service PMIs on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively. Finally, the October jobs report will be released on Friday.



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