Weekly Market & Economic Highlights



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The Week's Highlights

August core PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditure) increased 0.1%, slightly below 0.2% consensus and July's 0.2%. On an annualized basis, core PCE increased 2.7%, in line with consensus and ahead of July's 2.6%. Headline PCE rose 0.1%, in line with consensus but just below July's pace. Year/year headline up 2.2%, a bit below 2.3% consensus and July's reading of 2.5%. August personal spending up 0.2%, below 0.3% consensus, while personal income was 0.2%, below 0.4% consensus (both decelerated this month). Prices for goods decreased 0.2% and prices for services increased 0.2%. Food prices increased 0.1%.

September consumer confidence index printed at 98.7, below consensus for 104.0 and August's revised 105.6 (was 103.3). Largest decline since August 2021. Labor market differential deteriorated with 30.9% of consumers said jobs "plentiful," down from 32.7%, while 18.3% of consumers said jobs "hard to get," up from 16.8%. 12-month inflation expectations up to 5.2%.

August new home sales fell 4.7%, ahead of consensus and below July's upwardly revised rate. Median sales price of new houses sold in August was \$420,600, while average sales price was \$492,700. Mortgage rates declined to 6.13% last week, lowest in two years. US mortgage applications were up 11.0%.

Chart of the Week - Consumer Confidence - US



	_	•	Total Retu	rns (%)			Index Ch	naracteristi	cs	
Equities	Last	1 Week	MTD	YTD	1 YR	% of 52 Wk High	P/B	P/E	NTM P/E	Div. Yld.
Dow Jones Industrial Average	42,313	0.59	1.92	13.89	28.63	99.26%	5.31	22.94	19.58	1.76
S&P 500	5,738	0.64	1.70	21.55	36.20	99.49%	5.10	26.19	21.71	1.28
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	18,120	0.96	2.36	21.37	39.51	97.05%	6.87	40.60	28.42	0.75
Russell 2000 Index	2,225	-0.13	0.41	10.85	26.90	96.73%	2.23	42.49	26.81	1.42
Russell Growth Index	3,763	0.37	2.33	23.94	42.51	97.65%	12.98	34.80	28.02	0.61
Russell Value Index	1,865	0.88	1.10	16.34	27.40	99.48%	2.70	20.23	17.23	2.01
MSCI EAFE Index	2,507	3.76	2.52	15.30	28.43	99.85%	2.06	17.22	14.64	2.99
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	1,175	6.18	7.01	17.50	27.42	99.69%	1.92	16.29	12.56	2.47

n	Fixed Income	Last	1 Week	MTD	YTD	1 YR
р	U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2,263	-0.01	1.58	4.69	12.07
	U.S. Treasury Index	2,370	-0.02	1.44	4.08	10.30
	U.S. Corporate Index	3,398	-0.01	1.95	5.51	14.54
	U.S. MBS Index	2,233	0.00	1.50	4.82	12.91
	U.S Municipal Bond Index	1,351	0.07	0.93	2.24	10.05
	U.S. High Yield Index	2,678	0.13	1.59	7.98	15.96
	Emerging Markets USD Index	1,266	0.12	1.74	8.15	16.72

Alternative Assets	Last	1 Week	MTD	YTD	1 YR
LBMA Gold Price PM USD	2,661.9	2.15	5.91	28.07	41.04
LBMA Silver Price/USD Index	31.9	1.92	8.30	34.15	40.04
Bloomberg Commodity Index	100.3	2.14	4.34	1.64	-5.21
Alerian MLP Index	284.8	-0.36	-0.59	17.96	24.28
Dow Jones Equity REIT Total Return Index	2,804.9	-0.24	2.38	13.37	35.51
S&P 500 Real Estate Index	278.3	-0.17	2.44	13.34	36.52

	Current	12/29/23	12/30/22	12/31/21			
Currencies		Exchange Rate					
\$ per €	1.12	1.10	1.07	1.14			
\$ per £	1.34	1.27	1.21	1.35			
¥ per \$	142.21	141.04	131.12	115.08			

Commodities		Price (\$)					
Oil WTI	68.18	71.65	80.26	75.21			
Natural Gas	2.90	2.51	4.48	3.73			
Gold	2.658.24	2.062.98	1.824.02	1,829,20			

Interest Rates	Rate (%)					
Fed Funds Target	5.00	5.50	4.50	0.25		
2 year Treasury	3.56	4.25	4.43	0.73		
10 year Treasury	3.75	3.88	3.88	1.51		
15 year Mortgage	5.16	5.93	5.68	2.44		
30 year Mortgage	6.08	6.61	6.42	3.23		
Prime Rate	8.00	8.50	7.50	3.25		
SOFR	4.84	5.38	4.30	0.05		

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. & FactSet as of September 27, 2024

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