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Unemployment: Jobs data was mixed this week. Initial Jobless Claims climbed from 205K to 210K. Continuing Jobless Claims rose from 1,851K to 1,819K, the lowest in nearly two years.

Consumer Goods & Materials: Producer Price Index (PPI) rose 0.7% in February (MoM), higher than forecast and the top reading since last July. The annual measure increased 3.4%. PPI is a leading indicator of consumer price inflation.

Consumer Price Index: Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.3% in February (MoM), which was up from January and in line with the forecast. The annual measure rose 2.4%.

Housing and Building: Pending Homes Sales rose 1.8% in February (MoM), following a decline in January. Building Permits declined in January (MoM) but were better than expected at 1.386M annualized.

Yield Curve: The yield curve steepened this week. The 2-year yield remained steady at 3.88%. The benchmark 10-year yield rose from 4.39% to 4.44%.

M2 Money Stock: The money supply rose \$210B to 22.65T (MoM) (Feb), now roughly 72% of current GDP.

Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI eased slightly from 52.6 to 52.4 (MoM)(Feb), but still beat the forecast. Services PMI rose from 53.8 to 56.1 (MoM)(Feb), the highest since 2022. 50 is the contraction / expansion line.

S&P 500: The index declined for the fifth consecutive week, falling 137.63 points to close at 6,368.85 (down 6.96% YTD). The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) rose from 23.8 to 25.7, reflecting elevated uncertainty amid geopolitical risks.

U. Of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Revised Consumer Sentiment confirms a decrease from 56.6 (Feb) to 53.3 (Mar).

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