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Unemployment: Jobs numbers were a key focus in this week's economic headlines. Nonfarm payrolls (Jan) indicated the U.S. economy added 143k jobs, fewer than expected. The unemployment rate (Jan) ticked lower, from 4.1% to 4.0%.



Consumer Goods & Materials: U.S. Core PCE Price Index (MoM) (Dec), the Fed's preferred inflation gauge, ticked up from 0.1% to 0.2%, in line with expectations.



Durable Goods: Durable Goods (MoM) (Dec) dropped -2.2%, missing expectations. Advance GDP (Q4) rose 2.3%, below the expected 2.7%.



Housing and Building: Building Permits fell slightly from 1.493M to 1.482M. However, new home sales (MoM) (Dec) increased from 674K to 698K, beating estimates.



Yield Curve: Yields were mixed this week. 2-year yields rose from 4.22% to 4.29%. 10-year yields decreased from 4.58% to 4.49%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.



M2 Money Stock: The money supply, including time deposits, rose \$8B to \$21.53T (Dec). Money supply is running at 73% of current GDP.



Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI (Jan) increased from 49.2 to 50.9, the highest reading since August 2022. ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI (Jan) dipped from 54 to 52.8. 50 marks contraction / expansion.



S&P 500: The S&P 500 fell -14.54 points, closing at 6,025.99 (up 2.45% YTD). Market volatility, as measured by The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX), increased from 15.35 to 16.5 this week.



U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Preliminary Michigan Consumer Sentiment is expected to decline, falling from 71.1 (Jan) to 67.8 (Feb).

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