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Unemployment: Initial Jobless Claims jumped from 236K to 263K, the highest level since January 2022. Continuing Jobless Claims were unchanged at 1,939K.

Consumer Goods & Materials: Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.4% (MoM)(Aug), higher than expected. The annual measure ticked up from 2.7% (Jul) to 2.9% (Aug). Producer Price Index (PPI) fell unexpectedly by 0.1% (MoM)(Aug), following a sharp increase in July.

Retail Sales: CB Consumer Confidence (Aug) fell to 97.4 (Aug) from 98.7 (Jul), though still higher than forecast. It measures the level of consumer confidence in economic activity.

Housing and Building: MBA 30-Year Mortgage Rate fell from 6.64% to 6.49%, the lowest level since September 2024.

Yield Curve: The yield curve flattened this week. The 2-year yield was up from 3.51% to 3.56%. The 10-year yield decreased from 4.10% to 4.06%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.

M2 Money Stock: The money supply rose 100B to \$22.12T (Jul). Money supply is running at 73% of current GDP.

Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI rose from 48.0 (Jul) to 48.7 (Aug). Non-Manufacturing (Services) PMI increased from 50.1 (Jul) to 52.0 (Aug). 50 marks contraction / expansion.

S&P 500: The S&P 500 rose 102.79 points this week, closing at 6,584.29 (up 11.95% YTD). The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) dropped this week from 17.2 to 15.55.

U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Preliminary University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment numbers project a decline from 58.2 (Aug) to 55.4 (Sep).

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