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Unemployment: Jobs data were generally positive this week. Initial Jobless Claims fell from 207K to 206K. Continuing Jobless Claims 1,775K to 1,774K.
Consumer Goods & Materials: Inflation Data was front and center this week. Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.4% in August (MoM), in line with the forecast. The annual measure remained steady at 3.4% (Aug).
Durable Goods: Durable Goods orders climbed 1.1% in July (MoM), which was stronger than expected.
Housing and Building: Existing Homes Sales fell 2% in August (MoM). The annualized number of residential buildings sold last month dropped from 4.06M (Jul) to 3.98M (Aug)
Yield Curve: The yield curve flattened this week. The 2-year yield jumped from 4.37% to 4.63%. The benchmark 10-year yield climbed from 4.78% to 4.96%.
M2 Money Stock: The Money Supply rose $70B to 23.22T. Money Supply is running at 71% of current GDP. Second Release Q2 GDP numbers remain at 1.5%.
Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI eased slightly in August, falling from 55.6 (Jul) to 54.6. Non-Manufacturing (Services) PMI rose from 54.1 (Jul) to 55.4 (Aug). 50 marks expansion / contraction.
S&P 500: The index fell 61.62 points to close at 7,656.98 (up 11.85% YTD). The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) rose from 16.05 to 16.6.
U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Preliminary Consumer Sentiment numbers project a decrease in sentiment from 51.7 (Aug) to 47.8 (Sep).

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