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Unemployment: Jobs data were generally positive this week. Initial Jobless Claims fell from 198K to 197K. Continuing Jobless Claims increased from 1,717K to 1,719K, less than the 1,750K forecasted.



Retail Sales: Retail sales data reflected underlying consumer durability. August Retail Sales rose 1.2% (MoM), beating expectations and marking the best month-over-month increase since March.



Durable Goods: Durable Goods preliminary orders were flat (MoM) from July to August. The reading was down from the 0.9% increase in July, but still better than expected.



Housing and Building: New Home Sales surprised to the upside in August, rising 6.4% (MoM) from 643K (Jul) to 684K, annualized.



Yield Curve: The yield curve steepened this week. The 2-year yield rose from 4.76% to 4.81%. The benchmark 10-year yield climbed from 5.01% to 5.17%.



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: S&P Global preliminary Manufacturing PMI numbers project an increase in September from 53.9 (Aug) to 57.0. Non-Manufacturing (Services) PMI is expected to grow from 56.5 (Aug) to 58.7 (Sep). 50 marks expansion / contraction.



S&P 500: The index rose 92.91 points to close at 7,743.41 (up 13.12% YTD). The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) increased slightly from 14.8 to 15.7.



U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Revised Consumer Sentiment numbers confirmed a decrease in sentiment from 51.7 (Aug) to 48.1 (Sep).

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