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Unemployment: Jobs data was incomplete this week due to the government shutdown. The Nonfarm payrolls report (Sep) wasn't released on Friday as the result of impacts at Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Consumer Goods & Materials: Core PCE Price Index (PCE) rose 0.2% (MoM)(Aug), matching expectations. On a year-over-year basis, inflation held steady at 2.9% (Aug).

Retail Sales: The September Retail Sales report was missed due to the continued government shutdown.

Housing and Building: New Home Sales rose from 664K (Jul) to 800K (Aug), better than expected. Existing home sales were down slightly from 4.01M (Jul) to 4.00 (Aug) but were better than expected.

Yield Curve: The yield curve steepened slightly this week. The 2-year Treasury slipped from 3.52% to 3.46%, while the benchmark 10-year eased from 4.05% to 4.02%, marking its lowest level since last October. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.

M2 Money Stock: The money supply rose 80B to $22.20T (Aug). Money supply is running at 73% of current GDP. Gross Domestic Product (GDP)(QoQ) final numbers rose from -0.5% (Q1) to 3.8% (Q2).

Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI rose from 48.7 (Aug) to 49.1 (Sep), but remained in contraction territory. Non-Manufacturing (Services) PMI dropped from 52.0 (Aug) to 50.0 (Sep). 50 marks contraction / expansion.

S&P 500: The S&P 500 rose 111.50 points this week, closing at 6,664.01 (up 13.30% YTD). The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) rose from 17.7 to 22.

Consumer Sentiment: U. of Michigan Preliminary Consumer Sentiment is expected to decrease from 55.1 (Sep) to 55.0 (Oct), slightly higher than forecast.

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