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Unemployment: Jobs data was incomplete this week due to the government shutdown.

Consumer Goods & Materials: Inflation pressures eased slightly in September as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.3%, below the 0.4% forecast. The annual inflation rate ticked up to 3.0% (Sep) from 2.9% (Aug).

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

Housing and Building: Pending Homes Sales were unchanged in September (MoM), missing expectations. The MBA 30-Year Mortgage Rate fell to 6.30%, the lowest level in over a year.

Yield Curve: The yield curve steepened this week. 2-year yields fell from 3.60% to 3.55%. 10-year yields remained steady at 4.11%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.

M2 Money Stock: The money supply rose 100B to \$22.21T (Sep). The advanced estimate for Q3 GDP (QoQ) is delayed from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) due to the government shutdown.

Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI fell from 49.1 (Sep) to 48.7 (Oct) contracting for the eighth consecutive month. Non-Manufacturing (Services) PMI climbed from 50.0 (Sep) to 52.4 (Oct). 50 marks contraction / expansion.

S&P 500: The S&P 500 dropped 111.40 points this week, closing at 6,728.80 (up 14.40% YTD). The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) rose from 18.5 to 21.2.

U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Preliminary University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment numbers project a decline from 53.6 (Oct) to 50.3 (Nov), the lowest level since June of 2022.

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