## Leading Indicator Watch





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numbers will be watched closely as rising rates run their course Consumer Goods & Materials: Headline news for the week included CPI numbers for October. Core CPI rose 6.3% vs forecast of 6.5%. Month over month increased .3% (Oct). Durable Goods: Core Durable Goods Orders slowed (MoM)(Sep), falling -.5%. GDP (QoQ)(Q3) is projected at 2.6%, following 2 down quarters. Housing and Building: New Home Sales reversed course from August's positive swing. September sales dropped -10.9% for the month. MBA 30-year Mortgage Rate touched 7.16%. Yield Curve: 2's & 10's expanded this week. 2-year yields fell to 4.34% from 4.66%; 10-year yields fell to 3.82% from 4.17%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions. M2 Money Stock: The money supply, including time deposits, fell \$208B to \$21.503T (Sep). Money supply is currently running 83.8% of current GDP. Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI (Oct) fell to 50.2 from 50.9 (Sep), while ISM Services fell to 54.4 from 56.7. 50 marks contraction vs expansion. S&P 500: The S&P 500 rose 222.38 points ending at 3,992.93 and is down -16.22% YTD. The boost was spurred on from lower CPI numbers, marking the best week since June. The

**Unemployment:** Initial Jobless claims rose to 225k from 218k. Continuing Jobless Claims rose to 1,493k from 1,487k. Job

VIX (CBOE Volatility Index) fell to 23.6 from 24.75 **U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment:** Preliminary Michigan Consumer Sentiment (Nov) fell lower to 54.7 from 59.9 (Oct). Holiday spending and inflation will be top of mind through Dec.

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