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Unemployment: Initial Jobless Claims rose from 219K to 223K, in line with expectations. Continuing Jobless Claims fell from 1,893K to 1,850K, lower than forecast.

Consumer Goods & Materials: Core consumer prices, excluding volatile food and energy, rose just 0.1% in March—below expectations and the smallest monthly increase since June 2024. On a yearly basis, core consumer prices were up 2.8%, marking the slowest pace in over four years.

Retail Sales: Retail Sales (MoM)(Feb) ticked up just 0.2%, falling short of the 0.6% forecast.

Housing and Building: The U.S. MBA 30-Year Mortgage Rate fell from 6.70 to 6.61%, the lowest level since last October.

Yield Curve: Yields jumped this week. 2-year yields increased from 3.68% to 3.98%. 10-year yields climbed from 4.01% to 4.48%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.

M2 Money Stock: The money supply rose \$11B to \$21.67T (Feb). Money supply is running at 73% of current GDP. 4th Quarter GDP was adjusted up to 2.4% (QoQ).

Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI decreased from 50.3 (Feb) to 49.0 (Mar). 50 marks contraction / expansion.

S&P 500: The S&P 500 increased 289.28 points last week, closing at 5,363.36 (down 8.81% YTD). The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) decreased from 35 to 31.

U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Preliminary Michigan Consumer Sentiment is expected to decline from 57.0 to 50.8, the lowest reading since June 2022.

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