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**Unemployment:** The JOLT's job opening report showed 7.367M openings (Feb). Weekly Initial Jobless Claims unexpectedly rose to 744K from 728K.



**Consumer Goods & Materials:** Factory orders fell 0.8% (Feb) after rising 2.7% in January.



**Non-Defense Capital Goods:** Core durable goods orders fell 0.9% (Feb), missing the 0.6% increase expected.



**Housing and Building:** Home prices increased 12% YoY (Jan).



**Yield Curve:** 2's & 10's narrowed last week. 2-year yields fell to .16% from 0.19% & 10-year yields fell to 1.67% from 1.72%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.



**M2 Money Supply:** The money supply, including time deposits, fell to \$19,514.3B (Feb).



**Manufacturing & Services:** ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI rose to 63.7 (Mar) from 55.3. 50 marks the contraction/expansion line.



**S&P 500:** The S&P 500 rose last week 108.93 points, ending at 4,128.80 and is up 9.92% YTD while the VIX (CBOE Volatility Index) fell to 16.5 from 17.34.



**U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment:** CB Consumer Confidence rose to 109.7 (Mar) from 90.4. This is the highest level since the start of the pandemic.

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