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Unemployment: Continuing Jobless claims rose to 1,437k from 1,430k while Initial Jobless Claims fell to 250k from 252k. The Fed's dual mandate includes healthy employment levels.



Consumer Goods & Materials: The CPI Index (YoY) (Jul) declined from 9.1% to 8.5%. The cooler reading on inflation drove markets higher for the week. Core CPI (Jul) held at 5.9%



Retail Sales: Core retail sales (excludes automobiles) finished above forecasts but was still lower compared to June. July's figures came in at 0.4%.



Housing and Building: Three primary indicators reported for housing— Building Permits, Housing Starts, and Existing Home sales -- fell -1.3%, -9.6% and -5.9%, respectively, in July.



Yield Curve: 2's & 10's both narrowed this week. 2-year yields remained flat at 3.25% while 10-year yields rose to 2.98% from 2.84%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.



M2 Money Stock: The money supply, including time deposits, fell by \$87B to \$21.667T (June). Money supply is currently running 87% of current GDP.



Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI (Jul) fell to 52.8 from 53 but beat forecasts. ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI surprised and rose to 56.7 from 55.3 (Jul) 50 marks contraction vs expansion



S&P 500: The S&P 500 fell 51.67 points, ending at 4,228.48 and is down 11.28% YTD. The VIX (CBOE Volatility Index) rose to 20.7 from 19.2



U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Preliminary Michigan Consumer Sentiment (Aug) rose to 55.1 from 51.5 (Jul) which coincided with falling energy prices.

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