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**Unemployment:** Continuing jobless claims fell to 1,702k from 1,711k. Initial Jobless fell 230k from 240k



**Consumer Goods & Materials:** The Consumer Price Index (CPI)(Jul)(YoY) rose 3.2% (compared to a 3% increase in June) which is the first increase in 12 months. Core CPI (Jul)(YoY) rose 4.7% but was lower for the month.



**Durable Goods:** Durable Goods Orders (MoM)(Jul) fell -5.2% indicating a slowing in business purchases.



**Housing and Building:** Existing Home Sales (MoM)(Jul) fell lower by -2.2% with MBA Mortgage applications falling -4.2% for the week. New Home Sales (Jul), however, rose 4.4%.



**Yield Curve:** 2's & 10's remain inverted. 2-year yields rose to 5.03% from 4.92% and 10-year yields fell to 4.25% from 4.26%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.



**M2 Money Stock:** The money supply, including time deposits, rose \$13B to \$20.902T (Jul). Money supply is running 78% of current GDP.



**Manufacturing & Services:** ISM Manufacturing PMI is still in contraction territory (9<sup>th</sup> consecutive month) but rose slightly to 46.4 (Jul) from 46 (Jun) and ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI (Services) fell to 52.7 (Jul) from 53.9 (June) 50 marks contraction/expansion territory.



**S&P 500:** The S&P 500 rose 36.00 points on the week, closing at 4,405.71 and is up 14.75% YTD. The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) fell to 16.5 from 18.5.



**U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment:** Michigan Consumer Sentiment (Aug) fell to 69.5 from 71.6 (Jul). Student loan interest resumes on Sept 1, 2023, potentially shifting consumer mindset as payments impact household budgets in October.

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