



Weekly Recap

U.S. equities sold off early in the week, marking a retreat for major indices after a five-week rally. Technology sector lagged early in the week, contributing to the broader market declines. The economic calendar for the week featured several key reports. In the employment sector, JOLTS Job Openings for October came in at 8.73 million, the lowest since March 2021, and below the consensus of 9.3 million. ADP private payrolls increased by 103K in November, falling short of the 120K consensus; however, November saw stronger nonfarm payroll growth compared to October, with 199,000 jobs added. The unemployment rate improved to 3.7%, down from October's 3.9%, defying expectations of no change. The ISM Services index for November came in at 52.7, which surpassed expectations of 52.0, signaling a greater-than-expected expansion in the non-manufacturing economy. In other news, updates from the Goldman Sachs Financial Services Conference were generally received well by investors. Major banks, including JPMorgan, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo, expressed optimism, supporting the soft-landing narrative and highlighting robust consumer trends. Credit commentary remained positive, attributing a slower normalization to a strong labor market and lingering pandemic savings. U.S. equities ended the week slightly higher, despite initial weakness with the rebound in the technology sector. The major indices closed higher with S&P 500 +0.21%, Dow +0.01%, and the Nasdaq +0.69%. Communication services was the best performer, while energy was the worst performer due to Brent and WTI crude oil price declines. Growth outperformed value.

Key Thought for The Week

The Bureau of Labor Statistics released its jobs report on Friday. Total nonfarm payroll employment in the United States increased by 199,000 last month. These figures included a rebound from the auto strike and reflected a revision of -35,000 to September's figures (October was unchanged), bringing the three-month average payroll increase to 204,000. Noteworthy in the report was a decline in the unemployment rate by -0.2% points month-over-month to 3.7% and that the labor force participation rate increased to 62.8%. Investors and economists found the data encouraging and supportive of a soft landing for the U.S. economy, whereby inflation retreats to the Fed's 2% target without the economy tipping into recession. The report did, however, contain some concerning items – temporary employment remains in a downtrend, private payrolls ex-education and healthcare have slowed for 6 months, and the unemployment rate for those with less than a high-school diploma increased. All this information suggests that the labor market is normalizing and that the weakness in October could be strike-related rather than a sudden economic shift. Market participants in turn reduced their expectations for a quarter point interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve in March to 47% from a probability of 55%.

12/8/2023	Wk	Wk	YTD	12 Mos
	Net	%	Div	%
	Change	Change	Yield	Change
<b>STOCKS</b>	Close			
DJIA	36,247.87	2.37	0.01	2.02
S&P 500	4,604.37	9.74	0.21	1.52
NASDAQ	14,403.97	98.94	0.69	0.77
S&P MidCap 400	2,632.09	6.51	0.25	1.73
EAFE	2,138.29	7.80	0.37	3.26
Emerging Market	970.12	-12.02	-1.22	2.90

	Yield	FOREX	Price	Wk
			Change	%
<b>TREASURIES</b>				
1-Year	5.13	USD/EUR	1.08	-1.11
2-Year	4.72	JPY/USD	144.95	1.29
5-Year	4.24	USD/GBP	1.25	-1.27
10-Year	4.23	CAD/USD	1.36	-0.63
30-Year	4.30			

Source: FactSet/Bloomberg

Sector - Large Cap

	Close	Wk	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD
		Net				
		Change				
<b>Defensive</b>						
Staples	737.75	-9.30	(1.2%)	(0.9%)	1.4%	(5.3%)
Health Care	1,535.68	3.11	0.2%	0.6%	2.3%	(3.1%)
CommServices	237.50	3.27	1.4%	1.2%	6.9%	49.0%

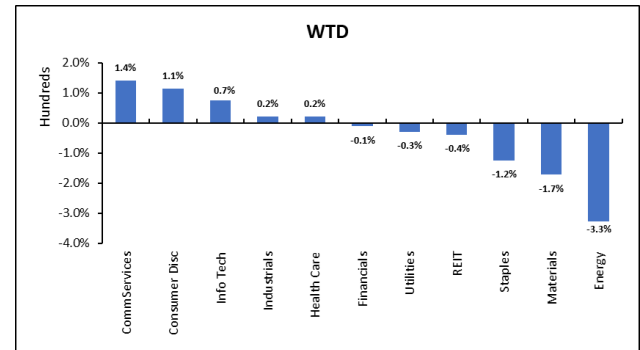
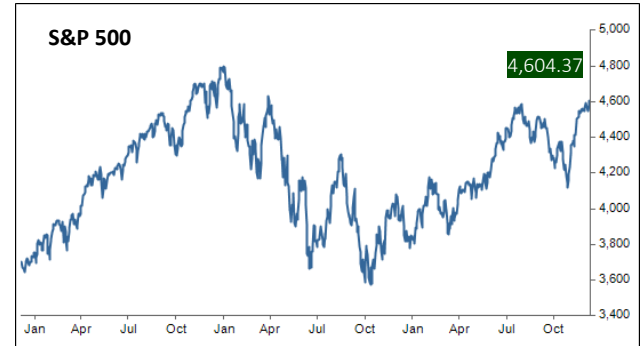
Eco Sensitive

Consumer Disc	1,369.43	15.49	1.1%	2.4%	8.3%	36.2%
Energy	623.22	-21.14	(3.3%)	(2.8%)	(10.2%)	(7.3%)
Industrials	918.97	1.90	0.2%	1.8%	7.2%	10.5%
Info Tech	3,302.74	24.12	0.7%	0.9%	13.7%	52.0%
Materials	513.85	-8.99	(1.7%)	(0.6%)	3.9%	5.0%

Interest Rate Sensitive

Financials	598.79	-0.68	(0.1%)	0.6%	8.4%	5.1%
Utilities	319.56	-0.95	(0.3%)	0.9%	6.8%	(10.9%)
REIT	236.99	-0.94	(0.4%)	1.7%	10.8%	2.0%

COMING UP NEXT WEEK		Consensus	Prior
12/12 CPI ex-Food & Energy SA M/M		(Nov) 0.25%	0.20%
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12/12 CPI NSA Y/Y		(Nov) 3.2%	3.2%
12/13 PPI ex-Food & Energy SA M/M		(Nov) 0.25%	0.0%
12/13 PPI SA M/M		(Nov) 0.0%	-0.50%
12/13 Fed Funds Target Upper Bound		-	5.50%
12/14 Retail Sales ex-Auto SA M/M		(Nov) -0.20%	0.10%
12/14 Retail Sales SA M/M		(Nov) -0.05%	-0.10%
12/15 Capacity Utilization NSA		(Nov) 79.1%	78.9%
12/15 Industrial Production SA M/M		(Nov) 0.30%	-0.60%



Russell Style Return

WTD	Value	Blend	Growth	YTD	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	(0.31%)	0.25%	0.72%	Large	6.46%	21.76%	38.18%
Medium	0.17%	0.01%	(0.38%)	Medium	6.68%	10.86%	18.82%
Small	1.11%	1.00%	0.88%	Small	6.39%	8.30%	9.68%

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