

# WeeklyMarket Update



## General Market News

- Despite seeing some recent data that potentially points to a slowing pace of inflation, there is still tightening to be done. Core Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for October increased 0.3 percent month-over-month, but Federal Reserve (Fed) officials have indicated that this better-than-expected result should not be seen as a sign that the inflation fight is over. St. Louis Fed President James Bullard noted, "Thus far, the change in monetary policy stance appears to have had only limited effects on observed inflation ..." He went on to say, "To attain a sufficiently restrictive level, the policy rate will need to be increased further." The U.S. Treasury curve twisted slightly last week. The 2-year and 5-year gained 17 basis points (bps) (to 4.5 percent) and 4 bps (to 3.98 percent), respectively. The 10-year and 30-year fell 2 bps (to 3.79 percent) and 13 bps (to 3.89 percent), respectively.
- Equity market performance was mixed last week as we saw varied commentary from Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) members. FOMC Vice Chair Lael Brainard echoed the sentiment of James Bullard in that the Fed was potentially looking at slowing the pace of future rate hikes. The Fed's continued hiking cycle saw inflationary plays such as consumer discretionary, energy, REITs, and materials sell off. The Nasdaq Composite also underperformed its Dow Jones and S&P 500 counterparts as growth stocks continued their underperformance in the face of higher costs of capital going forward. International markets fared a bit better with the MSCI Emerging Market Index up 79 bps as China has showed signs of easing some Covid-19 policies despite rising infection rates. Consumer staples, health care, and utilities outperformed, led by earnings from Walmart (WMT) as the store benefits from its food/staples business.
- Last week's data was focused on retail sales and the housing market, starting with the release of October retail sales data on Wednesday. Both headline and core retail sales growth came in above expectations, signaling continued resilience for the American consumer.
- The week wrapped with the release of existing home sales for October. Existing home sales fell less than expected. This does mark 10 consecutive months with declining home sales, however, as rising prices and mortgage rates continue to cool the housing sector.

## Market Index Performance Data

### EQUITIES

Index	Week-to-Date	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	12-Month
S&P 500	-0.61	2.56	-15.60	-14.24
Nasdaq Composite	-1.51	1.55	-28.23	-30.03
DJIA	0.11	3.29	-5.41	-3.25
MSCI EAFE	0.26	9.97	-15.51	-15.74
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.79	11.23	-21.50	-23.59
Russell 2000	-1.70	0.27	-16.63	-19.98

Source: Bloomberg, as of November 18, 2022

### FIXED INCOME

Index	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	12-Month
U.S. Broad Market	2.40	-13.69	-13.64
U.S. Treasury	1.48	-13.03	-12.93
U.S. Mortgages	2.95	-12.38	-12.42
Municipal Bond	3.66	-9.67	-9.31

Source: Morningstar Direct, as of November 18, 2022



## What to Look Forward To

This week's data will be light as a result of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wednesday will see the release of durable goods orders and the FOMC meeting minutes from November.

Business spending is set to increase for the third consecutive month in October. Economists and investors will look to the minutes for any hints on the future path of monetary policy.

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