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## Its October -Greater Uncertainty Spooks Markets

It's been an eventful October. Let's check in on how the financial markets are performing, review the increasing uncertainties at home and abroad, and determine whether changes to our outlook and recommended portfolio allocations are in order. [Market Perspectives: Greater Uncertainty Spooks Markets | City National Rochdale](#)

What's driving market dynamics? How should investors think about short-term market swings? Here's our best think



Most major financial markets are down month-to-date, as resurgent yields, dysfunction in Washington, the Israel-Hamas war, and other outside stresses raise investor uncertainty.

U.S. large cap stocks have fared relatively well. The S&P 500 is down about 1.5% month-to-date, while small cap stocks (considered to be more exposed to economic uncertainty) are down more than 6%, hitting a 12-month low, and international stocks are down over 3% month-to-date.

Earnings season is in full swing, and so far, results are largely in line with expectations. In the aggregate, companies are reporting earnings of 6.6% above consensus and estimates, and that are equal to the 10-year average.

However, we are hearing more concerns about the economy from company guidance. Some of the tech titans have reported. Microsoft's results were impressive; Meta's and Netflix's were good; Alphabet's and Tesla's were not so great; and as of filming, we're still awaiting Amazon's report. Apple and NVIDIA do not report until November. Most major bond indices are down as well, as yields have risen.

Here are a few articles that can provide additional insights and news! Be well until we connect again.

Thanks,

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