

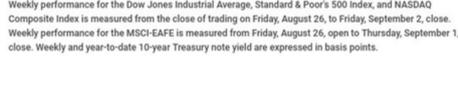


The overhang of Fed Chair Powell's Jackson Hole speech the previous week carried over into last week as investors recalibrated stock valuations amid a seemingly more assertive monetary policy stance.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 2.99%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 stumbled 3.29%. The Nasdaq Composite index lost 4.21%. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, slid 4.90%.^{1,2,3}

MARKET INSIGHTS

Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	31,318.44	-2.99%	-13.81%
NASDAQ	11,630.86	-4.21%	-25.66%
MSCI-EAFE	1,790.17	-4.90%	-23.37%
S&P 500	3,924.26	-3.29%	-17.66%



Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
10-Year Note	3.20%	+0.16%	+1.68%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, September 2, 2022; Treasury.gov, September 2, 2022
Weekly performance for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Standard & Poor's 500 Index, and NASDAQ Composite index is measured from the close of trading on Friday, August 26, to Friday, September 2, close. Weekly performance for the MSCI-EAFE is measured from Friday, August 26, open to Thursday, September 1, close. Weekly and year-to-date 10-year Treasury note yield are expressed in basis points.

Stocks Extend Losses

Investors remained unnerved by the aggressive tone of Jerome Powell's speech and subsequent comments from Fed officials suggesting a higher rate hike than the market expected at the Fed two-day meeting ending September 21. The probability of a 75 basis point hike in September rose to nearly 65%, up from just 28% a month ago.⁴

Stocks moved steadily lower before finding some footing on Thursday. Friday's employment report appeared to strike a "goldilocks" note (i.e., labor gains not so strong that it might trigger greater Fed hawkishness but robust enough to allay imminent recession fears). After early gains, stocks turned lower ahead of the holiday weekend.

Employment Shines

Employers added 315,000 jobs in August, maintaining the labor market's remarkable resiliency amid a contracting economy. The unemployment rate rose to 3.7%, up from last month's 3.5%. The gain followed an uptick in the labor participation rate, which expanded from 62.1% to 62.4%. Wages continued to grow, rising 0.3% in August and 5.2% from 12 months ago.⁵

Sectors seeing the most significant increases in new jobs were professional and business services, healthcare, and retail. Lagging sectors were manufacturing, financial, and wholesale trade.⁶

This Week: Key Economic Data

Tuesday: Institute for Supply Management (ISM) Services Index.

Thursday: Jobless Claims.

Source: Econoday, September 2, 2022

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This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

Thursday: Zscaler, Inc. (ZS), Docusign (DOCU).

Friday: The Kroger Co. (KR).

Source: Zacks, September 2, 2022

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Education is the transmission of civilization."

– Will Durant

TAX TIP

What to Do If You Get an Identity Theft Letter From the IRS

The IRS can scan tax returns for potential fraud, and if a tax return seems suspicious, they will flag it for further review. In these cases, the IRS will send the taxpayer a letter notifying them of potential identity theft. Because the tax return won't be processed until you respond to the letter, it's essential to follow the steps outlined. The letter will likely have everything you need to know.

The three different types of identity theft letters that the IRS may send out include:

1. A letter that asks the taxpayer to verify their identity online
2. A letter that asks the taxpayer to call the IRS to verify their identity
3. A letter that asks the taxpayer to verify their identity in person.

* This information is not intended to be a substitute for specific, individualized tax advice. We suggest that you discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax professional.

Tip adapted from IRS.gov⁷

HEALTHY LIVING TIP

Zentangles Are a Fun and Creative Way to Destress

Doodling is a great way to relax and destress for a few minutes, and Zentangles take doodling to the next level. They are fun and easy to learn. You can create some fantastic little pieces with just a few techniques.

Zentangles are made from smaller patterns pieces together. The designs can be as simple as little circles, lines, and curves. Together, they can make a whole picture! You can add shading and contrast to accentuate your design. The idea behind Zentangles is to decompress and relax while creating an excellent, unique layout.

Tip adapted from Zentangle⁸

WEEKLY RIDDLE

A sudden noise startles a gopher, an owl, and a skunk at the edge of a forest. The owl flies off and the gopher retreats into his burrow, but the skunk runs for the trees. How far can that skunk run into the forest?

Last week's riddle: *What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never eats, has a head but never thinks, and has a bed but never sleeps?* **Riddle answer: A river.**

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Limestone Karsts, Phang Nga Bay, Thailand

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