

The stock market edged lower last week as it digested a crosscurrent of conflicting economic data and contrasting comments from Fed officials.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was flat (-0.01%), while the Standard & Poor's 500 declined by 0.69%. The Nasdaq Composite index lost 1.57% for the week. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, fell 0.88%.^{1,2,3}

MARKET INSIGHTS



Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	33,745.69	-0.01%	-7.13%
NASDAQ	11,146.06	-1.57%	-28.76%
MSCI-EAFE	1,901.59	-0.88%	-18.60%
S&P 500	3,965.34	-0.69%	-16.80%



Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
10-Year Note	3.82%	+0.00%	+2.30%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, November 18, 2022; Treasury.gov, November 18, 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, November 11, to Friday, November 18, close. Weekly performance for the MSCI-EAFE is measured from Friday, November 11, open to Thursday, November 18, close. Weekly and year-to-date 10-year Treasury note yield are expressed in basis points.

Stocks Slip

Stocks took a spill after Fed officials' comments cast uncertainty about future rate hikes. The more hawkish comments soured investor hopes of an imminent easing in Fed rate hikes, a prospect that had helped fuel the market rally the previous week.

Concerns over the hawkish comments raised investor worries over recession risks, anxiety exacerbated by weak housing data and layoff announcements from major technology companies. The economic picture, however, included some encouraging news as retail sales rose and producer price increases moderated.

Producer Prices Ease

The Producer Price Index (PPI), which reflects the costs paid by domestic producers, seen as an indicator of future consumer prices, is not typically a market-moving event. That was not the case last week.

October's PPI rose a modest 0.2%, well below the 0.4% consensus estimate. The year-over-year increase moderated to 8.0%, compared to 8.4% in September and the peak of 11.7% in March. The eye-catching element may have been the 0.1% service decline, representing the first decline since November 2020. Excluding food and energy, the PPI was flat for the month and up 6.7% from a year ago.⁴

A Final Word

We wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving and express our gratitude for the privilege of working with you. Happy Thanksgiving!

This Week: Key Economic Data

Wednesday: Durable Goods Orders. Jobless Claims. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) Composite. New Home Sales. Consumer Sentiment. FOMC Minutes.

Source: Econoday, November 18, 2022

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This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

Monday: Dell Technologies, Inc. (DELL), Zoom Video Communications, Inc. (ZM).

Tuesday: Best Buy Co., Inc. (BBY), Dollar Tree, Inc. (DLTR), Autodesk, Inc. (ADSK), Analog Devices, Inc. (ADI).

Wednesday: Deere & Company (DE).

Source: Zacks, November 18, 2022

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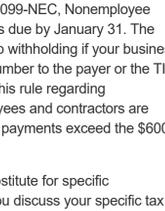
FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him or her."

— David Brinkley

TAX TIP



What to Know About Nonemployee Compensation

If you hire an independent contractor for your business, you are generally not responsible for withholding income taxes, Social Security, or Medicare taxes from their compensation. However, by law, business taxpayers who pay nonemployee compensation of \$600 or more must report these payments to the IRS.

You can report these payments using Form 1099-NEC, Nonemployee Compensation. Generally, Form 1099-NEC is due by January 31. The compensation you report is subject to backup withholding if your business has not provided a Taxpayer Identification Number to the payer or the TIN doesn't match. It's important to be aware of this rule regarding nonemployee compensation because employees and contractors are taxed differently, but you need to note if your payments exceed the \$600 limit.

* 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.gov⁵

HEALTHY LIVING TIP



How to Use Coffee Grounds in Your Garden

Not only does coffee give us the caffeine we need to power through the day, but it can also give your garden the boost it needs to grow and thrive! Coffee grounds can improve your soil, deter pests, and give your plants the necessary nutrients.

To add coffee grounds to your garden, you can add them to your existing compost material or directly to the soil itself. Coffee grounds are "green" composting materials that are rich in nitrogen. Because of this, ensure you balance your compost with brown materials such as newspaper, cardboard, or dead plant material.

If you add the grounds directly to the soil, sprinkle them evenly rather than dump them in piles so they can expel nitrogen into the soil.

Tip adapted from The Spruce⁶

WEEKLY RIDDLE



It has no crown, yet when the chips are down it is more powerful than a king or queen. What is it?

Last week's riddle: I'm usually standing on a city sidewalk, and I'll always stand by your car. But if you don't feed me, you may get into trouble. What am I? Answer: A parking meter.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Hot air balloons at sunrise, Cappadocia, Goreme, Turkey

Footnotes and Sources

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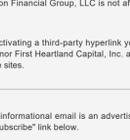
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