

Global equities fell last week, on concerns of potential tax hikes, and mixed economic data. Per Goldman Sachs, prediction markets indicate there's 64% chance the U.S. corporate tax rate will rise to between 25% and 28%. U.S. retail sales beat expectations, but U.S. Industrial Production missed estimates. Core consumer prices rose 0.1% in August, below consensus expectations and the smallest increase since February. Year-over-year headline CPI stayed above 5% for the fifth straight month, but core CPI has dropped to 4.0% from 4.5% in June. Consistent with the Fed's stance that price inflation is transitory, used auto prices fell, potentially indicating some supply constraints are clearing. In addition, hotel room rates, airfares, and car-rental prices pulled back, likely a result of delta variant effects on travel, leisure, and hospitality. The Federal Reserve meets on Wednesday this week, and we would expect monetary stimulus to be withdrawal at a gradual pace.



Economic Review*

- Headline CPI: 5.3% y/y
- Core CPI: 4.0% y/y

- Initial claims increased to 332,000
- Retail sales rose 0.70% m/m

Spotlight: FOCUS PLUS™



The Focus PLUS models are designed for investors who seek concentrated exposure to strategies within our lineup. Each model in this series is uniquely constructed to include a blend of strategic managers using active security selection, and/or tactical strategies where asset allocation is proactively adjusted. TPFG adjusts these models to emphasize strategies we believe are best positioned for the current market environment. Our current positioning is allocated with an overweight to tactical and active security selection. We currently offer five models in this series that range from Conservative to Aggressive.

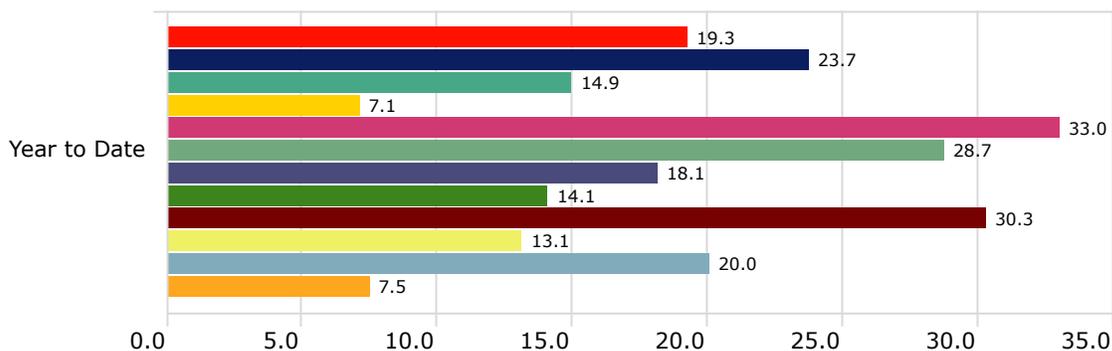
Several PFG strategies have been outperforming their benchmarks year-to-date. Earlier this year, tactical strategies increased allocations to more cyclical areas of the market, such as energy and financials, both of which have been some of the top performing sectors. Strategic managers have performed well partially due to an overweight in growth stocks, and partially due to active stock picking in the underlying fund holdings. The combination of outperformance in both tactical and strategic managers has resulted in the Focus PLUS models outperforming their respective benchmarks year-to-date as of last month-end.

Trailing Major Index Returns

	1 Week	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year
S&P 500	-0.54	-0.20	5.36	34.04
S&P MidCap 400 TR	-0.27	-0.41	0.88	43.68
S&P SmallCap 600 TR USD	0.37	0.72	-2.10	53.92
MSCI ACWI NR USD	-0.97	0.25	2.50	29.97
MSCI EM NR USD	-2.20	2.07	-5.35	17.89
Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD	-0.03	0.01	1.17	-0.32

YTD S&P Sector Returns

- S&P 500 TR
- Communication Services
- Consumer Discretionary
- Consumer Staples
- Energy
- Financials
- Health Care
- Industrials
- Real Estate
- Materials
- Technology
- Utilities





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Trailing Major Index Returns and YTD S&P Sector Returns are sourced from Morningstar Direct.

* Sourced from JPMorgan Asset Management, publicly available at <https://am.jpmorgan.com/us/en/asset-management/adv/insights/market-insights/market-updates/weekly-market-recap/>

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