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Growth stocks led U.S. equities, especially mid-caps. Technology far outperformed other sectors, followed by energy; healthcare and financials lagged. Emerging markets outperformed developed markets, though both fell modestly. Fixed income favored shorter maturities and investment-grade corporates over high yield, with the Treasury curve generally upward sloping. Sugar gained nearly 6%, while corn and silver had the steepest losses. Bitcoin was mostly flat.

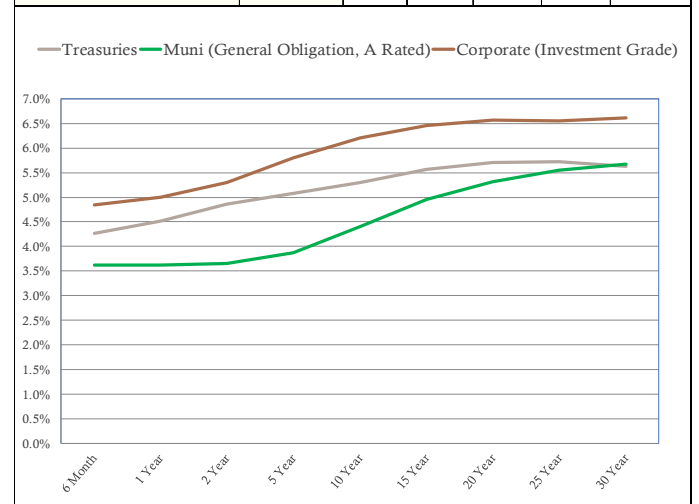
Beneath those market moves, economic growth remained resilient, but labor conditions softened. Low unemployment masked a tougher job market, as slower hiring lengthened searches and limited opportunities for people seeking new positions. Inflation added another strain. August core PCE rose 3.0% year over year, though measurement changes complicated the reading. Average hourly earnings matched that 3.0% pace, sharpening concerns about household purchasing power.

Softer hiring and persistent inflation divided Fed officials on further tightening. Williams and Jefferson favored gathering data after September's hike; Williams saw no need to rush. Logan urged another 50 basis points to curb stubborn inflation. Weak payrolls bolstered expectations of an October pause, though a year-end hike remained possible. Markets priced in only about 19 basis points of December tightening.

Geopolitical tensions added risk. Goldman Sachs said Middle Eastern crude exports recovered to about two-thirds of prewar levels as Saudi Arabia increased Strait of Hormuz shipments. Iran loaded no crude in September amid a U.S. naval blockade, keeping Gulf supply well below prewar volumes. Damaged refineries and high transport costs constrained fuel supplies, while diesel shortages increased freight costs and widened inflationary pressures. Meanwhile, heavy AI investment and government borrowing intensified competition for capital, prompting corporate issuers to reconsider bond timing and maturities.

Have a great week!

As of 10/02/26		Total Returns				
Equity Markets	Closing	1 Week	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
Dow Jones	51176.96	-1.3%	-3.5%	-2.3%	10.2%	11.4%
S&P500	7722.72	-0.3%	0.8%	2.7%	17.2%	15.5%
NASDAQ	27190.86	0.5%	3.8%	3.3%	23.4%	18.8%
Styles	Closing	1 Week	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
Large Cap (Russell)		-0.2%	0.7%	2.3%	16.6%	14.9%
Small Cap (Russell)		-0.1%	-3.9%	-6.5%	12.5%	16.5%
Value (Russell)		-1.0%	-2.7%	1.9%	16.2%	23.7%
Growth (Russell)		0.6%	4.1%	1.9%	17.0%	7.4%
International (MSCI)		-1.9%	-3.4%	0.0%	6.5%	14.1%
Emerging Markets (MSCI)		-1.3%	0.7%	-0.1%	18.8%	29.1%
Currency/Commodities	Closing	1 Week	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
US Dollar Index	101.93	0.9%	2.3%	1.0%	1.9%	4.1%
Gold	4162.30	-3.4%	-5.5%	-0.3%	-12.8%	3.5%
Bitcoin	84,451	-0.1%	9.1%	37.3%	26.2%	-30.0%
Natural Gas	3.035	-5.7%	-1.6%	-8.1%	-15.0%	-28.5%
Oil	91.11	-0.9%	3.7%	33.7%	25.1%	52.7%



		Historical Readings				
Economic Data	Last	Trend	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
Unemployment %	4.2%	-	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%
Jobless Claims	197	-	204	217	211	225
GDP Q/Q Annualized	2.2%	-	N/A	2.5%	0.2%	4.0%
Headline CPI Y/Y	3.4%	~	3.4%	4.2%	2.4%	2.9%
Core CPI Y/Y	2.4%	-	2.5%	2.9%	2.5%	3.1%
FHFA Price Index Y/Y	2.6%	+	2.3%	2.1%	2.0%	2.6%
Existing Home Sales Y/Y	-1.2%	-	0.7%	3.7%	-0.5%	2.3%
NAHB Homebuilder Index	32	-	35	36	38	32
Retail Sales Y/Y	5.4%	+	4.5%	6.7%	3.5%	4.4%
Consumer Confidence	81.9	-	88.6	92.2	92.2	95.6
ISM Manufacturing Index	54.5	-	54.6	53.3	52.7	48.9

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