

MARKET WEEKLY

PlainsCapital Bank
The Private Bank



October 9, 2026

U.S. equity leadership broadened, with equal-weighted stocks outperforming the broader index and large-cap value ahead of growth and small caps. Energy and defensive sectors led, while technology lagged. Internationally, Latin America stood out as emerging markets outpaced developed markets. Fixed income favored longer maturities over shorter bonds and investment-grade credit over high yield. Natural gas led commodities; REITs outperformed bitcoin.

The U.S. economy continued to grow, though renewed inflation weighed on households. Corporate earnings offered a stronger picture: Goldman Sachs projected third-quarter S&P 500 earnings growth of 27% year-over-year, driven by AI infrastructure spending, while management guidance remained elevated. Growth was less robust abroad, as political uncertainty delayed French business investment and weak consumption and a property slump weighed on China.

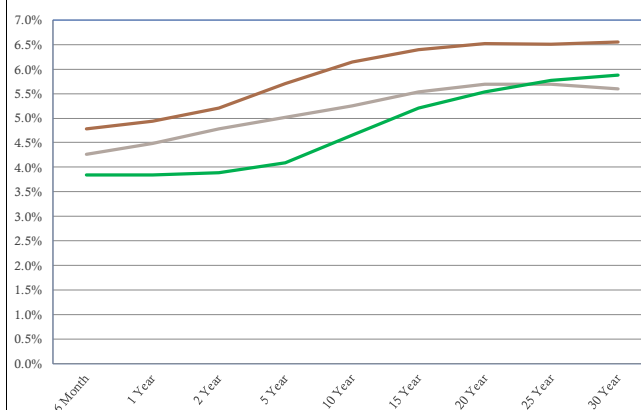
September's Fed minutes reinforced expectations for another rate increase this year, with little urgency for October, allowing more time to assess economic conditions. Treasury buybacks aimed to smooth disorderly trading amid substantial government and corporate borrowing. Strong demand at the 10-year Treasury auction helped temper rising long-term yields amid fiscal and geopolitical uncertainty, while higher coupons provided a larger cushion against potential bond price declines.

Financing pressures remained uneven: credit stress was concentrated among the lowest-rated borrowers, while AI investment continued to generate substantial borrowing needs. AI-related companies accounted for 49% of the S&P 500's market value, highlighting concentration alongside that capital demand. Fuel supply remained constrained despite recovering Gulf crude shipments, as diesel shortages persisted and narrower U.S. shipping waivers restricted domestic deliveries, sustaining inflation pressures.

Have a great week!

As of 10/09/26		Total Returns				
Equity Markets	Closing	1 Week	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
Dow Jones	51654.95	1.0%	-1.3%	-1.8%	7.8%	11.7%
S&P500	7811.54	1.2%	2.4%	4.1%	15.1%	16.3%
NASDAQ	27366.17	0.6%	4.3%	5.3%	20.5%	18.7%
Styles	Closing	1 Week	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
Large Cap (Russell)		1.2%	2.3%	3.8%	14.6%	15.6%
Small Cap (Russell)		-0.9%	-3.8%	-5.1%	7.4%	14.0%
Value (Russell)		1.6%	0.0%	2.9%	14.1%	24.9%
Growth (Russell)		0.6%	4.2%	4.0%	14.6%	7.6%
International (MSCI)		-1.2%	-4.6%	-0.4%	2.3%	12.4%
Emerging Markets (MSCI)		-0.6%	-3.1%	1.8%	11.7%	26.5%
Currency/Commodities	Closing	1 Week	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
US Dollar Index	102.21	0.3%	3.5%	1.3%	3.5%	2.7%
Gold	4216.30	1.4%	-5.4%	0.4%	-14.4%	1.7%
Bitcoin	82,279	-4.1%	5.1%	30.1%	13.6%	-32.1%
Natural Gas	3.220	5.3%	8.3%	0.4%	-9.1%	-24.8%
Oil	91.85	0.6%	-1.3%	28.8%	21.7%	51.4%

— Treasuries — Muni (General Obligation, A Rated) — Corporate (Investment Grade)



		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	-	207	217	218	233
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

The data and commentary provided herein is for informational purposes only. No warranty is made with respect to any information provided. It is offered with the understanding that Hilltop Holdings Inc., PlainsCapital Corporation, Hilltop Securities and PlainsCapital Bank (collectively "PCB") are not, hereby, rendering financial and/or investment advice, and use of the same does not create any relationship with PCB. This is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities that may be described or referred to herein. PCB does not provide tax or legal advice. Please consult your own tax or legal advisor regarding your specific situation. Whether any of the information contained herein applies to a specific situation depends on the facts of that particular situation. Investment and estate planning and management decisions may have significant financial consequences and should be made only after consulting with professionals qualified to offer legal, accounting and taxation advice. Neither this document nor any portion of its content's supplements, amends or modifies any account agreement with PCB. Unless otherwise noted:

*All economic release data referenced from public sources believed to be accurate

*The source of data for all charts/graphs included in this presentation is Bloomberg LP.

*Figures quoted represent monthly changes (m/m) and are seasonally adjusted