

WEEKLY COMMENTARY

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U.S. Equities

Another round of strong economic data helped propel the US averages higher. The S&P 500 climbed 1.1% this past week, narrowly missing a record close. The Nasdaq Composite gained 0.9% and the Dow Jones rose 0.65% to a new high.

Treasuries

Treasury yields moved higher last week driven by strong economic reports. The 10- and 30-year yields posted a second straight week of gains with the 10-year yield up 1.4 basis points and the 30-year bond yield up 3.5 basis points. The Fed sensitive 2-year note yield climbed 4.1 basis points on the week.

Dollar

The US dollar index moved slightly higher over the week continuing the rally it has been on since the start of the year. The DXY is up 2.1% year to date.

Gold

The price of gold fell again this week losing about 0.5% as risk assets continue to draw investors' attention.

Oil

Oil prices recorded weekly gains supported by US production outages, strong economic data, and geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. WTI gained 6.5% for the week and Brent rose 6.1%.

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Ticker	Last	%WEEKLY	%YTD
INDICES			
AMERICAS			
S&P 500 Index	4890.97	1.057	2.5397
DOW JONES INDUS	38109.43	0.649	1.1141
NASDAQ COMP INDX	15455.36	0.943	2.9578
EMEA			
Euro Stoxx 50 Pr	4635.47	4.195	2.522
STXE 600 (EUR) Pr	483.84	3.111	1.0125
FTSE 100 INDEX	7635.09	2.321	-1.2692
CAC 40 INDEX	7634.14	3.561	1.2059
DAX INDEX	16961.39	2.454	1.2521
IBEX 35 INDEX	9936.6	0.794	-1.6383
UAE INDEX	9567.68	-1.490	-0.1062
EGYPT HERMES INDEX	3400.366	4.778	13.7975
TADAWUL INDEX	12161.56	1.693	1.6225
ASIA/PACIFIC			
NIKKEI 225	35751.07	-0.590	6.8339
HANG SENG INDEX	15952.23	4.204	-6.4242
S&P/ASX 200 INDEX	7555.363	2.843	-0.4671
SHANGHAI SE COMPOSITE	2910.223	2.752	-2.1752
S&P BSE SENSEX INDEX	70700.67	-0.683	-2.1312

BONDS

US BENCHMARK			
US 2 Year	4.3489	-0.812	2.3295
US Generic Govt 5 Yr	4.0366	-0.3481	4.9258
US Generic Govt 10 Yr	4.1373	0.3566	6.6562
UK BENCHMARK			
UK Gilts 2 Year	4.352	0.764	9.2369
UK Gilts 5 Year	3.894	1.09	12.4459
UK Gilts 10 Yr	3.964	0.891	12.0724
EU BENCHMARK			
EURO 2 Year	2.633	-3.835	9.5258
EURO 5 Year	2.198	-3.639	12.8337
EURO 10 Year	2.299	-1.836	13.587
JP BENCHMARK			
Japan Govt 2Y Simple Yield	0.052	48.571	-1.8868
Japan Govt 5Y Simple Yield	0.304	18.75	46.8599
Japan Govt 10 Yr	0.717	7.335	16.7752
COMMODITIES			
ENERGY			
WTI CRUDE FUTURE Mar24	78.01	6.498	8.5885
BRENT CRUDE FUTR Mar24	83.55	6.352	8.4502
METALS			
GOLD 100 OZ FUTR Apr24	2036.1	-0.610	-2.6628

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