

Weekly Market Update



Market Data as of Week Ending: 9/19/2025 unless noted otherwise

Major equity indexes continued to reach new highs last week as the Federal Reserve lowered short-term interest rates for the first time in nine months. Small-caps, which are typically more sensitive to interest rates, rallied and outperformed mid and large-caps. Growth stocks extended their year-to-date lead over value stocks. Five of the eleven sectors in the S&P 500 finished higher, led once again by information technology and communication services. Foreign markets were mixed, with developed markets edging lower and emerging markets finishing higher despite a fading rally in Chinese stocks.

The Treasury yield curve steepened as money market rates declined in response to monetary policy, while longer-term yields moved higher. The two-year Treasury yield was little changed at 3.57 percent, while the ten-year Treasury yield rose to 4.14 percent. Long-duration bonds traded lower as a result of the rate moves, except in high yield, where spreads that were already historically narrow tightened further. Investment-grade corporate yields increased to 4.76 percent, while high-yield bond yields declined to 6.98 percent.

Economic data during the week centered on monetary policy. As expected, the Federal Reserve cut the target range for the federal funds rate by 0.25 percent. Chair Jerome Powell noted that risks to the labor market now outweigh risks to inflation. The updated Summary of Economic Projections showed modest increases in short-term median projections for GDP and inflation, while unemployment projections declined. Even so, the policy outlook remains uncertain, highlighted by the wide dispersion of mid and long-term rate estimates on the dot plot. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that retail sales rose 0.6 percent in August, a 4.8 percent gain from a year earlier. Although the report was mixed, results exceeded expectations and point to continued consumer strength. By contrast, housing activity softened, with building permits and housing starts falling more than anticipated at 3.7 percent and 8.5 percent, respectively.

U.S. Equity Returns (Size & Style - Russell)

	Value	Week Core	Growth	Value	MTD Core	Growth	Value	QTD Core	Growth	Value	YTD Core	Growth
Large	0.52%	1.26%	1.92%	1.04%	3.25%	5.31%	4.86%	7.77%	10.50%	11.16%	14.36%	17.24%
Mid	-0.06%	0.04%	0.34%	0.58%	0.76%	1.29%	5.46%	5.19%	4.38%	8.75%	10.28%	14.59%
Small	1.26%	2.19%	3.07%	2.19%	3.57%	4.86%	12.81%	12.89%	12.96%	9.24%	10.88%	12.42%

U.S. Fixed Income Returns (Quality & Duration - Bloomberg)

	Short	Week Interim	Long	Short	MTD Interim	Long	Short	QTD Interim	Long	Short	YTD Interim	Long
Govt	0.00%	-0.08%	-0.84%	0.27%	0.36%	2.74%	1.18%	1.33%	2.16%	4.67%	5.36%	5.30%
Corp	0.08%	0.02%	-0.44%	0.49%	0.85%	3.33%	1.68%	2.16%	3.95%	5.54%	6.70%	7.73%
HY	0.34%	0.33%	0.53%	0.74%	0.84%	5.79%	2.45%	2.53%	8.92%	6.64%	7.21%	14.04%

Index Returns

	Week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Equities (Stocks)				
S&P 500	1.25%	3.25%	7.71%	14.39%
S&P MidCap 400	0.11%	1.04%	6.16%	6.37%
Russell 2000	2.19%	3.57%	12.89%	10.88%
MSCI EAFE	-0.18%	1.23%	4.06%	24.30%
MSCI Emerging Markets	1.19%	6.70%	10.17%	26.99%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	-0.31%	1.05%	5.64%	27.71%
Fixed Income (Bonds)				
Bloomberg Int Gov/Credit	-0.05%	0.51%	1.59%	5.79%
Bloomberg US Agg	-0.19%	1.15%	2.09%	6.20%
Bloomberg US High Yield	0.34%	0.93%	2.65%	7.34%
Other				
Bloomberg Commodity	-0.71%	0.42%	1.89%	7.52%
S&P Dev Property	-1.20%	0.13%	3.51%	10.74%

S&P 500 Sector Returns

	Week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Consumer Disc	1.45%	4.49%	10.89%	6.60%
Consumer Staples	-1.17%	-0.89%	-1.69%	4.60%
Energy	-0.02%	-1.97%	4.57%	5.38%
Financials	0.84%	0.48%	3.57%	13.13%
Health Care	-0.61%	-0.10%	1.84%	0.72%
Industrials	0.98%	0.71%	3.74%	16.94%
Info Technology	2.10%	5.47%	11.32%	20.28%
Materials	-0.87%	-1.06%	4.18%	10.45%
Real Estate	-1.12%	-1.03%	1.03%	4.58%
Communication Svcs	3.37%	9.56%	16.24%	29.18%
Utilities	-0.64%	0.76%	4.06%	13.85%

Bond Yields

	9/19/25	8/31/25	6/30/25	12/31/24
SOFR 3Mo Swap	4.01%	4.16%	4.30%	4.30%
2Yr Treasury	3.57%	3.59%	3.72%	4.25%
10Yr Treasury	4.14%	4.23%	4.24%	4.58%
2-10 Slope	0.57%	0.64%	0.52%	0.33%

Commodities and Currency

	9/19/25	8/31/25	6/30/25	12/31/24
Oil (\$/barrel)	62.68	64.01	65.11	71.72
Gold (\$/oz.)	3685.3	3447.95	3303.14	2624.5

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