



## THINGS TO WATCH

–FOMC MINUTES: Tomorrow afternoon, minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee's (FOMC) October 31-November 1 policy-setting meeting will be released. Investors and commentators will look for clues as to why Fed Chairman Powell seemed in his November 1 press conference to downplay recent instances of resilient economic data, including the stronger-than-expected 4.9% initial estimate of 3Q23 U.S. GDP on October 26.

–NVIDIA EARNINGS: After the market closes tomorrow, the world's leader in high-end graphics processing units (GPUs) will report results for its August-to-October quarter. The median analyst estimate for revenue in the period is \$16.09 billion, a stunning 170% increase from a year ago. The company's sales explosion in recent quarters has been driven by white-hot demand for its products that power large language model-based processing required for generative artificial intelligence applications. Management's commentary regarding the impact of U.S. curbs on chip exports to China will likely be the most closely examined component of NVDA's quarterly results.

–DEERE'S GUIDANCE: Agricultural equipment giant Deere & Co (DE) delivers fiscal 4Q23 results Wednesday morning. Plenty of focus will be on management's initial financial guidance for fiscal year 2024 given expectations of softer demand for tractors, combines, and harvesters in 2024 amid weaker commodity prices, lower farmer incomes and rising inventories. With analysts' expectations relatively downbeat, any upside surprise in guidance could be greeted with investor enthusiasm.

–GERMAN IFO SURVEY: Early Friday morning, the ifo Business Climate Index for November will be released. The survey is viewed as one of the better indicators of the export-driven German economy's growth trajectory. Investors and policymakers will look for signs the world's fourth-biggest national economy might be stabilizing after a 0.1% contraction in the third quarter against a backdrop of higher energy prices, tight financial conditions, and a lackluster post-pandemic recovery in China.

LAST WEEK'S ECONOMIC DATA	LATEST	3MO PRIOR	CHANGE
Consumer Price Index (Y/Y)	3.2%	3.2%	-
Core Consumer Price Index (Y/Y)	4.0%	4.7%	▼
Producer Price Index (Y/Y)	1.3%	1.2%	▲
Retail Sales (M/M)	-0.1%	0.6%	▼
Housing Starts (Millions Annualized)	1.37	1.45	▼
Building Permits (Millions Annualized)	1.49	1.44	▲

INDEX	LEVEL	WEEK	YTD	12 MO
DJ Industrial Average	34947.28	1.94%	5.43%	4.18%
NASDAQ	14125.48	2.37%	34.96%	26.74%
S&P 500	4514.02	2.24%	17.57%	14.38%
MSCI EAFE	2079.51	3.36%	6.97%	9.36%
BB U.S. Aggregate	2056.60	1.21%	0.38%	1.03%

KEY BOND RATES	WEEK	1MO AGO	1YR AGO
3-Month T-Bill	5.38%	5.49%	4.20%
10-Year Treasury	4.44%	4.83%	3.77%

REPORTS DUE THIS WEEK	LATEST
Existing Home Sales (Millions Annualized)	3.96
Durable Goods Orders (M/M)	4.6%
U. of Mich. Consumer Sentiment	60.4
U. of Mich. 1-year Inflation Expectations	4.4%
U. of Mich. 5-10 year Inflation Expectations	3.2%

Price returns are as of 11/17/23. Source data: Bloomberg and Morningstar are believed to be correct but not verified.

## NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

1.865 million

The number of continuing weekly applications for unemployment insurance in the U.S. for the week ended November 4, the highest level since December 2021. The trend could suggest a durable softening in the labor market, something Federal Reserve policymakers have been striving to achieve for 18 months. To provide a longer-term/pre-pandemic point of reference, the average continuing weekly unemployment claims in the five years spanning 2015 through 2019 was 1.96 million.

19.2%

The year-over-year amount of motor vehicle insurance inflation last month according to the October consumer price index (CPI) released last week. This was the largest annual increase in auto insurance premiums since the inception of the data in 1985.



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