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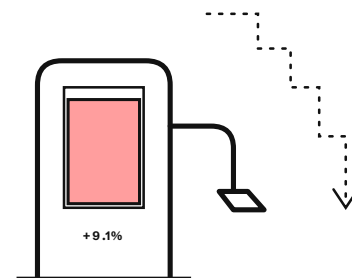
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Hot inflation, lower yields.

CPI and PPI both ran hot, and Treasury yields still fell on the week. Gasoline did most of the inflating and a tech sell-off did most of the buying. The Fed went quiet on Saturday, ten days before it meets.

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FRONT PAGE • RATES

Two hot prints, and the curve rallied anyway.

The 10-year Treasury yield ended Friday, Oct. 16 at 5.09% in the Treasury's 3:30 p.m. ET par curve, a basis point under Thursday and 15 basis points under the 5.24% of a week earlier. The two-year finished at 4.74%, down three on the day and six on the week; the 30-year held at 5.43%, 17 basis points below the prior Friday's 5.60%. It came in a week that should, on the data alone, have gone the other way.

U.S. Treasury

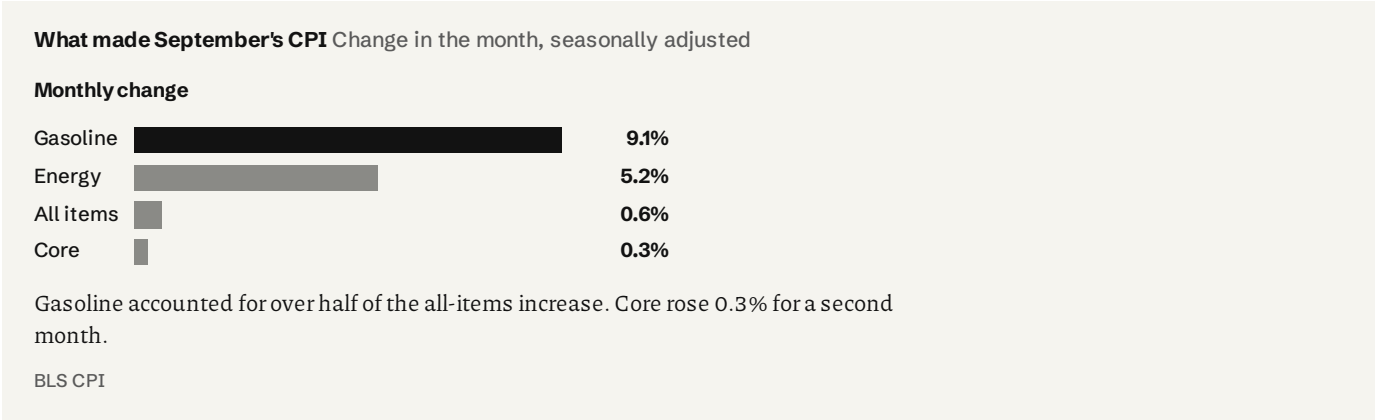
The curve, Friday against a week earlier Treasury par yields, 3:30 p.m. ET quotes

Oct. 16		Oct. 9	
2-year	4.74%	2-year	4.80%
10-year	5.09%	10-year	5.24%
30-year	5.43%	30-year	5.60%

All three tenors ended the week lower; the long end fell most.

U.S. Treasury

The data were hot. September's consumer price index, out Wednesday, Oct. 14, rose 0.6% on the month and 3.7% over the year, up from 3.4% in August. Gasoline rose 9.1% in the month and accounted for over half the monthly increase; the energy index is up 20.4% over 12 months. Core prices rose 0.3%, the same as August, and 2.6% over the year. Thursday's producer price index was hotter still: final demand up 1.3% in September and 6.3% over the year, with energy goods up 10.8% in the month and the measure that strips out food, energy and trade services up 0.5%.



Yields fell despite both. The likelier reading, by this issue's arithmetic, is that the market separated the number from the cause. **The pump drove the headline while the core sat still:** core held at 0.3% for a second month. At the same time the stock market sold its biggest names: the S&P 500 lost 1.1% on Friday and the Nasdaq 2.1%, its worst week since June, as AP's market report put it, with chipmakers leading. This issue's reading is that money leaving technology shares went looking for a safer place to sit, and a 10-year above 5% was it.

The Fed is the other half of the story. The committee raised its target range a quarter point in September, to 3.75% to 4.00%, which AP notes was its first increase in three years; the effective rate printed 3.88% on Thursday. Traders expect no change at the Oct. 27–28 meeting. What moved this week was December: AP, citing CME Group data, puts the odds of a December increase at 74.3%, up from 50.2% a month earlier. Chair Kevin Warsh, in Bangkok for a meeting of financial leaders, gave no new signal, and as of Saturday he cannot: the committee's blackout began at midnight on Oct. 17 and runs to the end of Oct. 29.

Oil is why the pump matters. Brent for December settled at \$109.86 a barrel on Friday, up \$3.94 or 3.7%, and briefly touched \$110 for the first time since May; November WTI settled at \$101.41, up \$3.44. The Saudi-led coalition said it had intercepted a ballistic missile aimed at Yanbu, the Red Sea port through which the kingdom exports crude without passing the Strait of

BLS CPI • BLS PPI

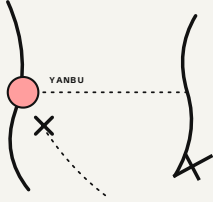
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Hormuz, which Reuters reports Iran has largely throttled since February. The national average for gasoline stood at \$4.33 a gallon, per AAA, against \$3.06 a year ago.

The route around the strait



Reuters via GMA News

Yanbu lets Saudi crude reach the sea without the Strait of Hormuz. A missile aimed there, even one shot down, is a threat to the bypass.

For today, the question is whether Friday's split holds. If oil stays above \$100 through the month, headline inflation keeps running ahead of core and the December pricing has room to rise further; if the stock sell-off deepens, the bid for Treasuries can outlast the inflation prints for a while, as it did last week. Either way the Fed is silent for the next 11 days, so the data and the auctions do the talking: housing starts on Tuesday, a 20-year bond on Wednesday, and 13- and 26-week bills this morning.

Treasury auction schedule • Census calendar • FOMC communications policy

TODAY'S NUMBERS

The tape before the open

As of the Friday, Oct. 16 close unless shown; Treasury yields are the 3:30 p.m. ET par curve

MARKET	LEVEL	CHANGE	AS OF • SOURCE
2-year Treasury	4.74%	-3 bp	3:30 p.m. ET, Oct. 16 • U.S. Treasury
10-year Treasury	5.09%	-1 bp	3:30 p.m. ET, Oct. 16 • U.S. Treasury
30-year Treasury	5.43%	unch.	3:30 p.m. ET, Oct. 16 • U.S. Treasury
2s10s spread	35 bp	+2 bp	3:30 p.m. ET, Oct. 16 • U.S. Treasury
Fed funds effective	3.88%	unch.	Oct. 15, published Oct. 16 • New York Fed
EUR/USD	1.1253	+0.0045	ECB reference rate, Oct. 16 • ECB
Brent crude, Dec.	\$109.86	+\$3.94	Settlement, Oct. 16 • Xinhua via The Star
WTI crude, Nov.	\$101.41	+\$3.44	Settlement, Oct. 16 • Xinhua via The Star
Gold	\$4,168	+\$21	9:05 a.m. ET, Oct. 16 • Fortune
Nikkei 225	64,916.70	-0.62%	Tokyo close, Oct. 19 (2:30 a.m. ET) • Nikkei • JPX

Fed funds effective is Thursday's print. Gold is a morning quote, not a settlement; no public primary page carried a Friday close. There is no dollar index row because no public primary source publishes one; the ECB's euro rate stands in. The Nikkei change is against Friday's close of 65,324.29.

The morning in four

1 • RATES

The long end led the week's rally.

The 30-year fell 17 basis points on the week to 5.43% and the 10-year 15 to 5.09%, while the two-year gave up six. The 2s10s spread widened two basis points to 35 on Friday.

U.S. Treasury

2 • CREDIT

AI borrowing gets repriced.

Reuters reports insuring CoreWeave's roughly \$50 billion of debt now costs about 1,000 basis points, a near 63% five-year default probability by LSEG's data, up from about 30% a year ago.

Reuters via WSAU

3 • ECONOMY

Spending and output held up.

September retail and food services sales rose 0.8% on the month and 6.3% on the year; gasoline stations were up 28.1% on the year. Industrial production rose 0.7% and capacity utilization hit 76.9%.

Census Bureau • Federal Reserve G.17

4 • WORLD

Tokyo lower, the euro firmer.

The Nikkei 225 closed Monday at 64,916.70, off 0.62% from Friday. The euro's ECB reference rate rose to \$1.1253 on Friday from \$1.1208.

Nikkei • ECB

THE DAY AHEAD • MONDAY, OCT. 19

What to watch

MON 10/19

Treasury sells 13- and 26-week bills

Both were announced Thursday, Oct. 15 and settle Thursday, Oct. 22. With the front end at 4.26% for three months, the bill stop-outs are the cleanest read on where cash wants to sit before the meeting.

MON 10/19

No Fed speakers: the blackout is on

The committee's rule starts the quiet period at 12:00 a.m. ET on the second Saturday before a meeting and ends it at 11:59 p.m. the day after. For the Oct. 27–28 meeting that is Oct. 17 through Oct. 29.

TUE 10/20

Housing starts and permits, 8:30 a.m. ET

September's new residential construction report from the Census Bureau: a read on how a 10-year above 5% is reaching builders and buyers.

WED 10/21

20-year bond auction

Announced Oct. 15, settles Oct. 23. The long end did the rallying last week; this is the first test of whether that demand shows up at a sale.

TUE-WED 10/27-28

FOMC meeting, no projections

The October meeting carries no Summary of Economic Projections; the next one with projections is Dec. 8–9.

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