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WEEKLY
MARKET INSIGHTS

THE WEEK'S BIG THEMES

ECONOMY

- **UNITED STATES – The Fed left rates unchanged at 3,75%-4,00,** highlighting resilient economic activity and labour market conditions alongside still-elevated inflation. **September headline and core PCE inflation rose,** standing at 3,6% and 3,1% YoY, respectively. **Q3 GDP growth was estimated at 3,4%,** up from 2,2% in Q2, supported by robust domestic demand. **Consumer spending increased** by 3.8%, while **investment surged** 19.4%, supported by information-processing equipment. The **Conference Board's consumer confidence index improved**, reflecting more favourable assessments of current and expected business conditions.
- **EURO AREA – The ECB held its policy rate at 2,50%,** although a rate increase was discussed, adopting a wait-and-see approach. **Growth in the area remained resilient,** with Q3 GDP growing by a stronger-than-expected 0,4% QoQ. Germany expanded by 0,2%, Spain by 0,6%., while Italy stagnated and France unexpectedly contracted by 0,1%. Fitch cut its outlook on France to negative. **Preliminary October estimates pointed to higher inflation in France and Italy**. France's annual rate reached 3.4%, from 3.1% a month earlier, its highest reading since late 2023, while Italy' annual price growth increased to 5.4%. **Consumer confidence deteriorated** sharply in Germany, France, and Italy. **Unemployment rate rose to 6.5%**, compared with its 2024 low of 6,2%.
- **UNITED KINGDOM – J. Healey's first Budget as Chancellor of the Exchequer introduced tax increases**, including a temporary doubling of the bank corporation tax surcharge to 6%, **while retaining the objective of a current budget surplus in 2029–30**.
- **JAPAN – The BoJ maintained its key rate at 1,25%. Tokyo's core inflation eased to 2.6% in October** from 2.7% in September, with electricity and gas subsidies helping to contain price pressures. S**eptember retail sales growth slowed to 2.3% YoY**, below the 3.3% consensus forecast. **Industrial production recovered** by a stronger-than-expectedd 2.2% MoM.
- **CHINA – T**he **Fifth Plenum** reaffirmed support for domestic demand, macroeconomic policy implementation and innovation-led growth. **Industrial profit growth accelerated to** 14,4% YoY in September from 4,2% in August, although performance varied across sectors.

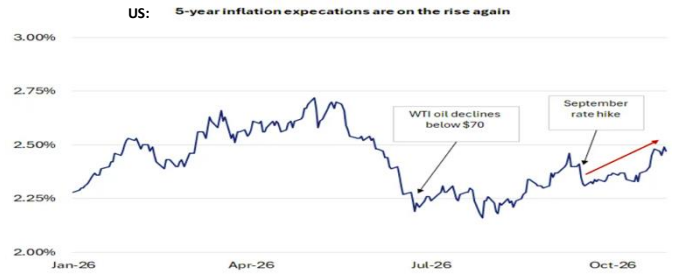
GEOPOLITICAL TENSION

- **Middle-East –** Repeated attacks near the Strait of Hormuz and the prospect of further US military action after the midterm elections kept tensions elevated.
- **Ukraine-Russia –** Long-range strikes continued, including attacks on energy infrastructure.

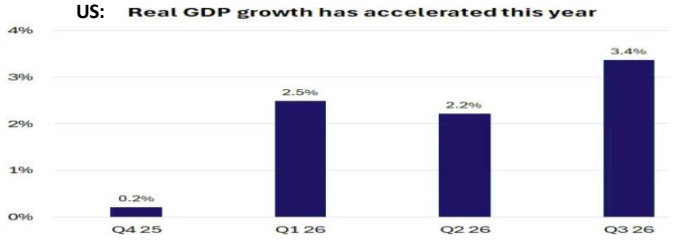
EARNINGS SEASON

- According to Facset, Q3 earnings have broadly exceeded expectations. With 60% of S&P 500 companies having reported, 82% beat EPS forecasts and 70% surpassed revenue estimate. Blended earnings growth, combining reported results with estimates, stands at 30.2% YoY.

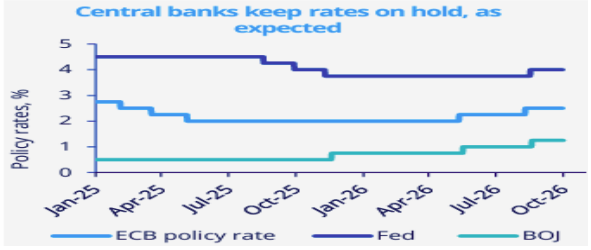
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ECONOMIC EVENTS TO WATCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
• Manufacturing PMI (ID, JP, KR, CN) • ISM (US)	• Inflation, PPI (TR) • **Midterms election,** Jolts, Durable Goods **(US)** • PMI (AU)	• Service PMI (CN) • PMI (UK) • PMI, Flash inflation (EA) • ADP, Serrvices PMI (US)	• **BoE rate decision** (UK) • Claims, Unit labor costs (US) • PMI (JP)	• Retail sales(EA) • Non-Farm Payrolls, Unemployment rate, Average Hourly earnings, Michigan indices (US)

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MARKET'S REACTION

EQUITY

- **Global equities edged lower as the AI sell-off continued**, while major central banks kept policy unchanged, broadly as expected. The MSCI World derclined 0,5%, while the MSCI Emerging Markets index fell 1,6%.
- **US equities weakened as investors continued to reduce risk and rotate out of technology shares**. Intel, Amazon and Alphabet came under pressure as revenue concerns and rising expenditure intensified scrutiny of cash generation. Alphabet reported negative free cash flow for only the second time in its history. Microsoft's more balanced growth and spending profile proved relatively resilient, limiting its share-price decline. Investors became increasingly selective, with strong growth alone no longer sufficient to support valuations. The Nasdaq index fell 2,0%, while the small-cap index gained 1.3%. The equal-weighted S&P 500 rose +0,8%, outperforming the market-cap-weighted index, which declined 0,6%. Large-cap value stocks outperformed their growth counterparts for a fourth consecutive week.
- **European equities outperformed,** with the STOXX Europe 600 advancing 1.7%,. France's CAC 40 gained 2.4%, Germany's DAX rose 2,3% and the UK's FTSE 100 added 0,4%.
- **Asian equities were mixed.** Japan's Nikkei gained 1.0%. China's Shanghai index lost 2,5%, while Hong Kong equities rose 0,9%.

FIXED INCOME

- **Government bonds rallied this week again**. Bonds extended their rally as demand for safe-haven assets pushed yields lower. With the Fed not reinforcing its tightening bias, the U.S. 10-year Treasury yield fell 7 bps to 4,93%, taking its decline since end-September to almost 40 bps. The UK 10-year Gilt also dropped 7bps to 5,28%. France 10-year benchmark yield closed below the 5% threshold at 4,97%. The German 10-year Bund yield ended at 3,32%.
- **Credit markets ended the month slightly positive,** with EUR denominated credit outperforming. Disappointing results from Alphabet and Amazon, alongside S&P's revision of Meta's rating outlook to negative, weighed on sentiment. Primary-market demand nevertheless remained strong for Microsoft, whose $25 billion bond offering attracted $115 billion in orders.

COMMODITIES

- **Oil rose for a fourth consecutive week** amid concerns over renewed military action against Iran after the US midterm elections. Brent crude reached $118/bbl, with both Brent and WTI gaining 0,8% over the week. Natural gas prices surged 9,8% to a year-to-date high.
- **Precious metals declined again,** with gold down 2,7%, dropping below $3'886 per ounce. Silver underperformed, losing 8,6%.

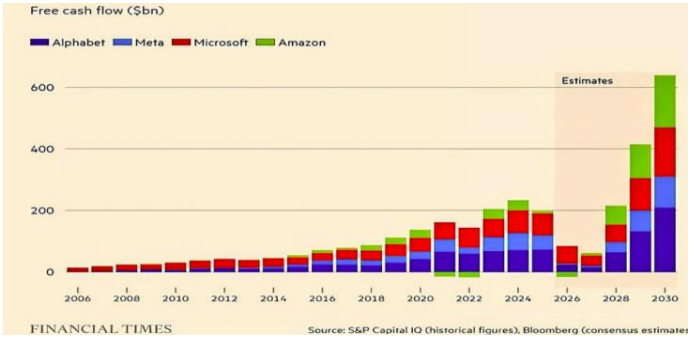
CURRENCIES & CRYTO

- **The US Dollar posted a modest gain of 0,1%.** The yen weakened sharply against the U.S. dollar early in the week, before recovering.
- **Cryptocurrencies extended their losses,** as technology-sector weakness weighed on risk appetite. Bitcoin declined 4,8%, while Ethereum and Ripple fell 6,0% and 3,1%, respectively

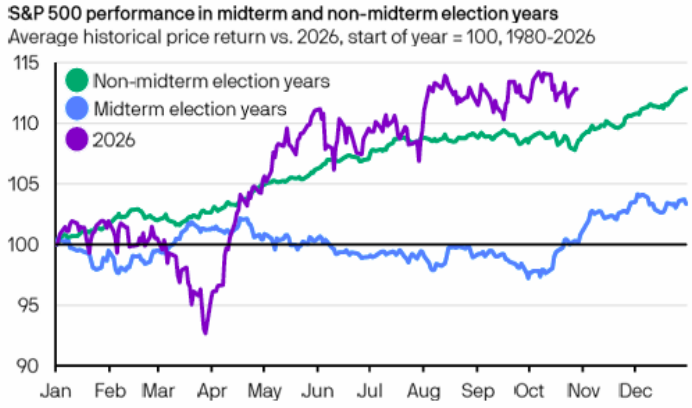
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WEEKLY MARKETS REVIEW (As of 30 October 2026)

EQUITY MARKETS

	WoW	MTD	YTD
MSCI World (USD)	-0.5%	+0.6%	+11.0%
MSCI Emerging (USD)	-1.6%	+1.7%	+13.9%
S&P 500 (USD)	-0.6%	-0.5%	+10.2%
NASDAQ 100 (USD)	-2.0%	-1.4%	+10.9%
RUSSELL 2000 (USD)	+1.3%	-0.2%	+13.1%
STOXX 600 (EUR)	+1.7%	+0.4%	+9.6%
DAX (EUR)	+2.5%	+0.6%	+6.1%
CAC 40 (EUR)	+2.4%	+1.0%	-1.2%
FTSE 100 (GBP)	+0.4%	+0.3%	+8.4%
NIKKEI (JPY)	+1.0%	-0.3%	+25.3%
SSE (CNY)	-2.5%	+1.1%	-8.3%
BOVESPA (BRL)	-18.1%	+0.0%	+4.2%
HANG SENG (HKD)	+0.9%	+0.4%	-8.7%

FIXED INCOME MARKETS

	WoW	MTD	YTD
Global Aggregate USD (Hedged)	+0.2%	+0.3%	+0.2%
Global Aggregate EUR (Hedged)	+0.2%	+0.3%	-1.1%
US Investment Grade	+0.4%	-0.5%	-2.5%
US High Yield	+0.5%	-0.7%	-0.3%
EU Investment Grade	+0.6%	+0.1%	-0.3%
EU High Yield	+1.1%	+0.1%	-0.4%
EM Local Ccy. Gov (Unhedged)	-1.0%	+0.3%	-0.4%
EM Hard Ccy. Aggregate (Unhedged)	+0.5%	+0.2%	-0.3%

CRYPTO CURRENCY MARKETS

	WoW	MTD	YTD
Bitcoin	-4.8%	-0.7%	-12.4%
Ethereum	-6.0%	+0.3%	-24.2%
Ripple	-3.1%	-0.5%	-32.2%

COMMODITY MARKETS

	WoW	MTD
Gold	-2.7%	+1.8%
WTI Crude	+0.8%	-7.4%
Brent Crude	+0.8%	-10.9%
Silver	-8.6%	+3.3%
Natural Gas	+9.8%	-1.4%
Copper	-0.3%	+1.3%

CURRENCY MARKETS

	WoW	MTD
US Dollar Index (DXY)	+0.1%	-0.1%
EURUSD	-0.3%	-0.2%
GBPUSD	-0.2%	+0.1%
AUDUSD	+0.1%	+0.0%
USDCHF	+0.5%	+0.1%
USDJPY	+0.8%	-0.1%

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