

A cooling inflation number ignited a powerful rally on Thursday, sending stocks to strong gains for the week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 4.15%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 added 5.90%. The Nasdaq Composite index rose 8.10% for the week. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, picked up 5.72%.<sup>1,2,3</sup>



# **Stocks Surge**

A lower-than-expected inflation report triggered the biggest one-day stock market gain in more than two years as the news raised investors' hopes that the Fed might consider easing the pace of future rate hikes. The day's gains were pronounced in the hard-hit technology sector, as the tech-heavy Nasdaq added 7.35%.<sup>4</sup>

Stocks initially rallied to start the week, but gave up some of the gains on Wednesday following a muddy and indecisive outcome to the midterms. Friday saw stocks build on their gains to close out an exceptional week.

### **Inflation Moderates**

Consumer prices rose slower in October, increasing 0.4% for the month and 7.7% from 12 months ago. Both numbers were below market expectations of 0.6% and 7.9%. The core CPI (excludes energy and food sectors) rose a more modest 0.3% on a monthly basis and 6.3% from a year ago.<sup>5</sup>

The deceleration in prices was mainly attributable to price declines in used cars (-2.4%), apparel (-0.7%), and medical care services (-0.6%). Despite the progress, inflation remains well above the Fed's 2% target rate. A look behind the numbers shows that October's 7.7% CPI was fueled by the largest monthly jump in shelter costs since 1990 (+0.8%). Shelter costs account for one-third of the CPI. Energy was up 1.8%, while food costs rose 0.6% for the month.<sup>6</sup>

## This Week: Key Economic Data

Tuesday: Producer Price Index (PPI).

Wednesday: Retail Sales. Industrial Production.

Thursday: Housing Starts. Jobless Claims.

Friday: Existing Home Sales. Index of Leading Economic Indicators.

Source: Econoday, November 11, 2022

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## This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

Monday: Tyson Foods, Inc. (TSN).

Tuesday: Walmart, Inc. (WMT), The Home Depot, Inc. (HD).

**Wednesday:** Nvidia Corporation (NVDA), Cisco Systems, Inc. (CSCO), Target Corporation (TGT), Lowe's Companies, Inc. (LOW), The TJX Companies, Inc. (TJX).

**Thursday:** Applied Materials, Inc.(AMAT), Palo Alto Networks, Inc. (PANW), Ross Stores, Inc. (ROST).

Source: Zacks, November 11, 2022

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"To expect truth to come from thinking signifies that we mistake the need to think with the urge to know."

#### – Hannah Arendt



## Meet the Taxpayer Advocate Service

Did you know that an independent organization within the IRS is fighting for your rights as a taxpayer? The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) protects taxpayers' rights by ensuring that all taxpayers are treated fairly and know and understand their rights under the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. Here are some things to know about TAS:

- TAS can help taxpayers resolve problems they haven't been able to settle with the IRS on their own.
- The service is free.
- TAS helps all taxpayers and their representatives, including individuals, businesses, and exempt organizations.
- If taxpayers qualify for TAS help, an advocate will be with them at every turn and do everything possible to assist throughout the process.
- TAS also handles large-scale problems that affect many taxpayers.

\* This information is not intended to be a substitute for specific individualized tax advice. We suggest that you discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax professional.

Tip adapted from IRS.gov<sup>7</sup>



## What is Compostable?

Composting is a great way to go green and keep more waste out of landfills that don't need to be there. Composting has many benefits, including waste management and reduction, soil enhancement, reduction

of greenhouse gasses, and many more.

Plus, composting doesn't have to be hard! Let's break down what is compostable to help you understand where to start. There are two types of compostable waste, green and brown:

- **Green materials** are nitrogen-rich materials like live plant material (ex: grass clippings) and fruit/veggie waste.
- **Brown materials** are carbon-rich materials like dead plant matter, bread, cardboard, or wood.

As you can see, it's easy to get started with composting. You don't need a complicated setup or special process to get started. These two compost categories provide the foundation of everything you need to know.

Tip adapted from Sustainable Jungle<sup>8</sup>



I'm usually standing on a city sidewalk, and I'll always stand by your car. But if you don't feed me, you may get into trouble. What am I?

Last week's riddle: Create a 13-letter word using all 13 of the following letters: O A I I S T T R R D N A M. Answer: ADMINISTRATOR.





Preening flamingo, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador.

## **Footnotes and Sources**

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