

Weekly Economic Update for 11/4/2024

Stocks slid last week as mixed economic data and strong-but-not-spectacular Q3 corporate reports failed to inspire investors.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell 1.36 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite Index declined 1.50 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average edged down 0.15 percent. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, slid 0.96 percent.^{1,2}

Q3 Reports Uninspired

Stocks rallied early Wednesday after the gross domestic product report showed a strong economy that appeared on the path to a soft landing. However, stocks moved lower throughout the day as investors digested mixed Q3 reports from a few mega-cap tech names.^{3,4}

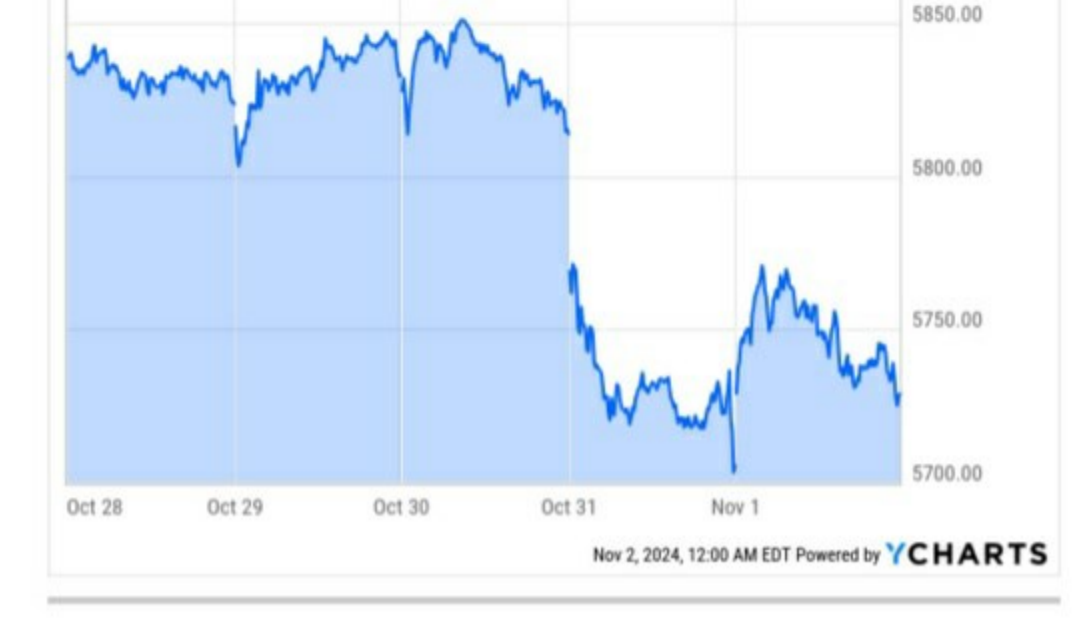
Stocks were under more pressure Thursday as disappointing outlooks for some key tech companies pulled the market down. A softer-than-expected jobs report on Friday unsettled investors, but stocks picked up as the day progressed, and attention shifted to how the Fed may interpret the jobs data.⁵

By Friday, the Nasdaq's eight-week winning streak had ended, and the S&P fell for the second week.



YCHARTS Weekly Market Insights (WMI)

Name	1M TR	YTD TR	1Y TR	5Y TR
Dow Jones Industrial Average	-1.26%	12.50%	28.85%	71.33%
MSCI EAFE	-5.42%	7.34%	23.56%	38.66%
Nasdaq Composite	-0.49%	21.24%	41.87%	127.1%
S&P 500	-0.91%	20.37%	38.02%	103.5%



Indicator Name	Latest Value	1M Ago	1M Change
10 Year Treasury Rate	4.37%	3.74%	16.84% ▲
1101124		3.99%	9.52% ▲
		4.77%	-8.39% ▼

Source: YCharts.com, November 2, 2024. Weekly performance is measured from Monday, October 28, to Friday, November 1. TR = total return for the index, which includes any dividends as well as any other cash distributions during the period. Treasury note yield is expressed in basis points.

Fed Back in Focus After Jobs Report

At its most recent meetings, the Fed has made it clear that it needed to balance the risks of both inflation and employment.

So Friday's jobs report that showed 12,000 jobs created in October caught some by surprise. Economists expected the Labor Department to report 100,000, down from September's 223,000 jobs.⁶

Investors parsed the data and determined the strike at a major aircraft manufacturer and two hurricanes caused the jobs report to fall short of estimates. Investors also appeared to believe the jobs report would prompt the Fed to move on rates at its two-day policy meeting, which ends on November 7.

- This Week: Key Economic Data**
- Monday:** Motor Vehicle Sales. Factory Orders.
 - Tuesday:** Election Day.
 - Wednesday:** FOMC Meeting – Day 1. EIA Petroleum Status Report.
 - Thursday:** FOMC Meeting – Day 2. FOMC Announcement. Fed Chair Press Conference. Productivity and Costs.
 - Friday:** Consumer Sentiment. Fed Official Michelle Bowman speaks.

Source: Investors Business Daily - Econoday economic calendar; November 1, 2024

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- This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings**
- Monday:** Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (VRTX)
 - Tuesday:** Apollo Global Management Inc. (APO)
 - Wednesday:** Qualcomm Incorporated (QCOM), Gilead Sciences, Inc. (GILD)
 - Thursday:** Arista Networks, Inc. (ANET), Duke Energy Corporation (DUK), Airbnb, Inc. (ABNB)

Source: Zacks, November 1, 2024.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"It is not the position, but the disposition."

– Susan Sontag

TAX TIP

Military Members and Their Families Can Receive Free Tax Advice

The IRS created the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to provide free tax advice, preparation, return filing help, and other assistance to military members and their families. This also includes specific tax advice for military members on combat zone tax benefits, special extensions, and other special rules. VITA has convenient locations on and off base and even has offices overseas.

These offerings are just one way the IRS strives to make tax information available to all. It also offers other free assistance programs to taxpayers who qualify, including the elderly, through its Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program.

This information is not a substitute for individualized tax advice. Please discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax professional.

Tip adapted from IRS⁷

HEALTHY LIVING TIP

Indoor Exercises to Stay Active

It might be hard to get outside often for walks and exercise in the winter, but you can do plenty of indoor exercises, even when the weather outside is not cooperating. Here are some simple moves to get you exercising indoors:

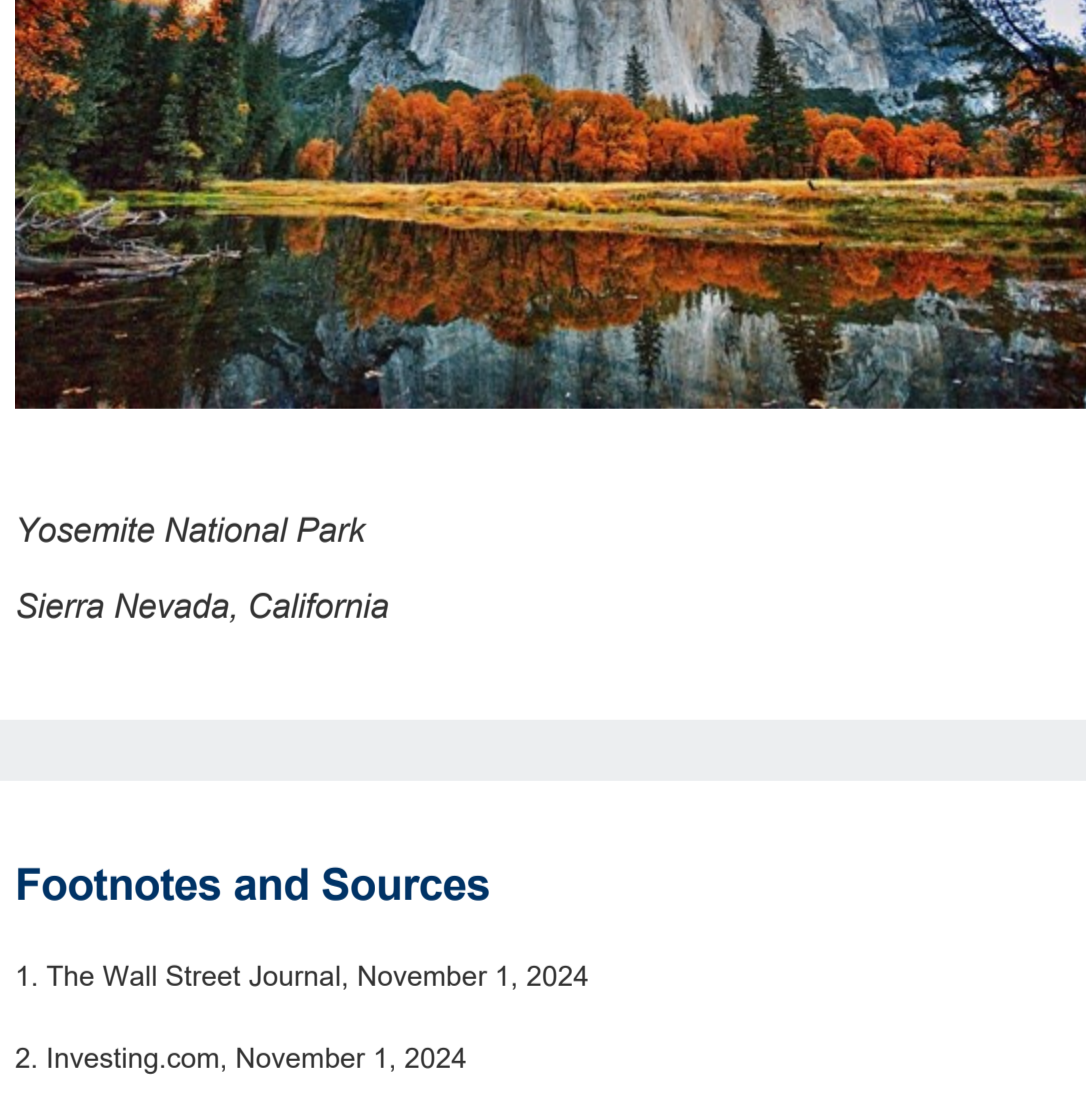
- Start with your core. Do 30 crunches followed by a minute-long plank. Repeat for three sets.
 - Do two sets of mountain climbers: 60 seconds on, 30 seconds rest.
 - Do push-ups (either on your knees or your toes), and hold a plank for a minute on your last rep. Rest for 20 seconds, then repeat three more times.
 - Do a standing, reverse lunge, 20 reps on each side. Complete three sets.
 - Do regular squats, but hold at the lowest point for three seconds. Complete 20 reps three times.
- Tip adapted from Active⁸

WEEKLY RIDDLE

I am only one syllable long and too heavy for one person to lift, but if you reverse me, I am not. What am I?

Last week's riddle: How many times can you subtract the number 75 from 7,500? *Answer:* Once, because after the first subtraction, you will subtract 75 from 7,425.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Yosemite National Park
Sierra Nevada, California

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