US Economy and Credit Markets			
Yields and Weekly Changes:			
3 Mo. T-Bill:	4.222 (12.7 bps)	Bond Buyer 40 Yield:	5.48 (0 bps)
6 Mo. T-Bill:	4.441 (19.4 bps)	Crude Oil Futures:	88.56 (-2.27)
1 Yr. T-Bill:	4.593 (28.4 bps)	Gold Spot:	3,884.49 (-186.31)
2 Yr. T-Note:	4.842 (33.0 bps)	Merrill Lynch High Yield Indices:	
3 Yr. T-Note:	4.906 (32.5 bps)	U.S. High Yield:	8.52 (12 bps)
5 Yr. T-Note:	4.962 (31.7 bps)	BB:	7.14 (9 bps)
10 Yr. T-Note:	5.135 (27.8 bps)	B:	8.77 (14 bps)
30 Yr. T-Bond:	5.466 (20.1 bps)		

Treasury yields rose sharply across the board this week as hot inflation data and hawkish Fed comments left a December rate hike all but certain. October consumer prices rose 0.4% (versus the 0.3% forecast), lifting the year-ago comparison to 4.1%. Energy led the way, up 0.7% on the month and 21.5% on the year, while food rose 0.5%, its biggest jump in six months, to 3.0% annually. Core CPI, which strips out food and energy, rose 0.3% for the third straight month and is up 2.8% from a year ago. October existing home sales fell to their lowest level since 2010 as mortgage rates, which track Treasury yields, kept buyers on the sidelines. The 30-year mortgage rate hit 7.5% in October and has been hovering around its highest level since 2000. Activity has been stuck in low gear near a 4.0 million annual pace since the pandemic, similar to the post-financial-crisis period and well below the roughly 5.25 million pre-COVID norm (and 6.5 million during COVID). Affordability is the main problem, and it has worsened as global conflicts push up energy costs and short-term inflation. October producer prices rose 0.3%, lifting the annual rate to 6.5%, the highest in almost four years, and nothing in the report is likely to deter a December Fed hike. Goods prices rose 0.5% and are up 10.2% on the year, with core goods accounting for more than 60% of the monthly increase. Electronic components (+31.7%) and communications equipment (+11.9%) posted record annual gains on data center demand, and diesel (+115%) and gasoline (+75.9%) remain far above year-ago levels. Services rose 0.2%, led by a 2.0% jump in transportation and warehousing. Major economic reports (related consensus forecasts, prior data) for the upcoming week include Monday: November Empire Manufacturing (17.9, 25.5); Tuesday: October Retail Sales Advance MoM (0.2%, 0.8%), October Industrial Production MoM (0.1%, 0.7%); Wednesday: November 13th MBA Mortgage Applications (N/A, 6.2%), October Housing Starts (1250k, 1221k); Thursday: November 14th Initial Jobless Claims (198k, 200k), October Leading Index (0.0%, 0.0%); Friday: November Final University of Michigan Sentiment (52.0, 51.0).

US Equities			
Weekly Index Performance:		Market Indicators:	
The Dow®	52,347.55 (2.13%)	Strong Sectors:	Energy, Industrials, Communication Services
S&P 500®	7,561.67 (2.54%)		
S&P MidCap 400®	3,681.87 (2.24%)	Weak Sectors:	Materials, Real Estate, Information Technology.
S&P SmallCap 600®	1,709.07 (2.13%)		
Nasdaq Composite®	25,136.27 (2.28%)	NYSE Advance/Decline:	1,446 / 1,351
Russell 2000®	2,790.49 (1.37%)	NYSE New Highs/New Lows:	128 / 419
		AAII Bulls/Bears:	30.8% / 51.4%

Stocks traded higher last week, with the S&P 500 gaining 2.54% as all eleven sectors posted positive returns. The index's weekly gain was the first since early October. Technology stocks, driven by AI names, were among the top-performing names in the index despite the headline-grabbing **Nvidia** news. The chip giant's CEO, Jensen Huang, admitted to multiple affairs, leading to his resignation. The company named CFO Colette Kress interim CEO and appointed former **Synopsys** chief Harvey C. Jones Chair of the Board. The shift in leadership in the chip space accelerated gains in **Advanced Micro Devices** and **Broadcom Inc**. throughout the week before they pulled back on Friday. The two companies led the S&P 500 with gains of about 18% last week. AI cloud name **CoreWeave** released its quarterly earnings report, and the stock gained more than 24% on Wednesday. The AI rally helped increase the company's backlog from $104 billion to $132.5 billion, with demand coming from the AI buildout. Power demand continues to be strong, as nuclear energy producer **Constellation Energy** raised its annual profit forecast, driven by 20-year power purchase agreements with **Alphabet** and **Amazon**. The best performing sector in the index was Energy, with a return of over 5% after President Trump said no Iran deal is needed. Late Friday, the Federal Aviation Administration cited "extraordinary circumstances" and "reasons of safety" in issuing a nationwide ground stop that affected all US airports. Next week brings data on retail sales, housing starts, building permits, and sentiment, along with the minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee's late-October meeting, due Wednesday.

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