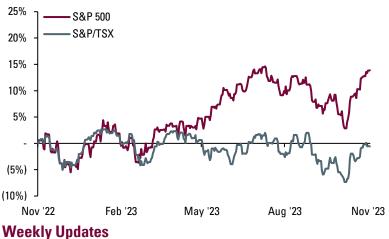
DFIC Newsletter

Equity Returns: Last Twelve Months



Economics

• Canada's annual inflation rate fell to 3.1% in October from 3.8% in the previous month, just below market expectations of 3.2%. The decline in prices for transportation, particularly a 7.8% drop in gasoline prices, played a significant role. Lower inflation suggests that the Bank of Canada may not implement another rate hike in the near future.

• The Federal Reserve opted to keep the federal funds rate steady at 5.25% -5.5% in November, maintaining a high rate to address inflation while avoiding excessive tightening.

• The University of Michigan's November survey indicates that Americans expect a 4.5% rise in prices over the next year, showing concerns about potential inflation resurgence. Despite easing fuel prices, expectations for one-year gas prices reached their highest since June 2022.

Politics

 Canada has won a dispute resolution panel ruling in an ongoing disagreement with the US over access to Canada's dairy market. The panel rejected complaints from the US Trade Representative's office regarding how Canada allocates its dairy import quotas. This marks the second panel in three years addressing US concerns about Canada favoring processors over producers.

• Pressure is increasing on the Canadian government to block the proposed merger between RBC (TSX: RY) and HSBC (LON: HSBA). The "Stop the RBC Takeover Campaign" argues that the merger would lead to higher rates, fewer financial choices, and increased market dominance for Canada's largest bank.

Markets

 Cobre Panama, a substantial copper mine contributing about 1% to the global copper supply, has been at the center of controversy. Panama's top court is expected to commence deliberations to make a decision on the constitutional challenges to First Quantum Minerals' contract for the Cobre Panama mine. This outcome could have economic repercussions for Panama, given that the mine accounts for about 5% of the nation's GDP.

• Cineplex Inc. (TSX: CGX) is selling its arcade game business to an international investment company, Player One Amusement Group, for \$155 million in cash. The deal includes a long-term agreement for Player One to continue supplying and servicing games in Cineplex's venues. Cineplex expects its Player One deal to close in its first quarter, pending approval from regulators.

 Mastercard (NYSE: MA) has received approval to expand its offerings in China's payments market. Mastercard will now be able to issue Chinese yuandenominated bank cards under its brand, gaining direct market access and the ability to process and collect fees on more transactions.

 Microsoft's (NASDAQ: MSFT) shares have increased by 58% year-to-date, raising its market capitalization to over \$2.8 trillion. This is highly accredited to the announcement about Sam Altman joining Microsoft, following his dismissal as the CEO of OpenAl. However, Altman announced his return to OpenAl three days later.

| Changes | & Ranges |
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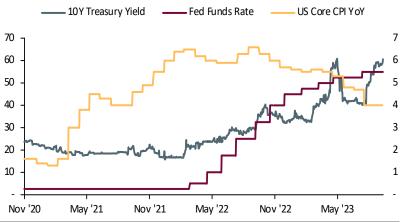
| Security | Price | Weekly Δ | | 52 Week Range | |
|-----------|----------|-----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| S&P 500 | 4,559 | 1.0% | | | |
| | | · | 3,783 | | 4,589 |
| S&P/TSX | 20,103 | (0.4%) | | - E | |
| | | | 18,737 | | 20,767 |
| 10Y Yield | 4.47% | +3 bps | | | |
| | | | 3.31% | | 4.99% |
| 10Y TIPS | 2.21% | +5 bps | | | |
| | | | 1.05% | | 2.52% |
| USD Index | 103.4 | (0.5%) | | 1 | |
| | | | 99.8 | | 107.2 |
| VIX Index | 12.5 | (1.3) | | | |
| | | | 12.5 | | 26.5 |
| WTI | 75.5/bbl | (0.5%) | | 1 | |
| | | | 66.74 | | 93.68 |
| Gold | 2,001/oz | 1.01% | | | 1 |
| | | | 1,740.3 | | 2,050.3 |

Recent Transaction Activity

| Name | Туре | Value | Notes |
|----------------------------|------|--------|---|
| Martin Manetta | M&A | \$2.1B | CRH PLC (NYSE: CRH) to acquire cement and ready-mixed concrete assets from Martin Marietta Materials Inc. (NYSE:MLM). |
| KHOEMACAU COPPER MINING | M&A | \$1.9B | RCF Management LLC to sell Cuprous Capital Ltd to MMG Ltd, the parent company of the Khoemacau copper mine in Botswana. |
| SUMMIT RIDGE ENERGY | M&A | \$0.3B | MUFG Bank Ltd (NYSE: MUFG) to aqcuire a minority stake in Summit Ridge Energy. |

Chart of the Week: Inflation Hits 2-Year Low

The annual inflation rate in the US hits a two-year low of 4%, while the 10-Year Treasury yield surges, signalling that the Fed may no longer hike rates.

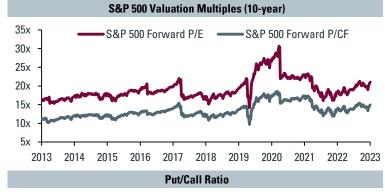


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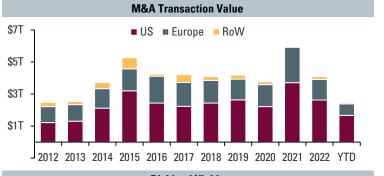
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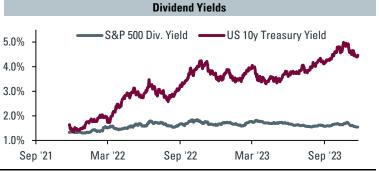
Equities

| | | Performance | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Description | Price | 1w | 1m | 3m | Qtd | Ytd | 1y | 2у | 5y |
| United States | | | | | | | | | |
| Equity Indices | | | | | | | | | |
| S&P 500 Index | 4,559 | 1.0% | 7.3% | 4.2% | 6.3% | 18.7% | 13.2% | (3.0%) | 73.2% |
| NASDAQ Composite Index | 14,251 | 0.9% | 8.5% | 5.8% | 7.8% | 36.2% | 26.3% | (10.1%) | 105.4% |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 35,390 | 1.3% | 6.8% | 3.8% | 5.6% | 6.8% | 3.5% | (1.2%) | 45.7% |
| CBOE SPX Volatility Index | 12.5 | (2.3) | (7.5) | (5.7) | (6.1) | (10.2) | (9.0) | (7.1) | (10.1) |
| US Dollar Index | 103.4 | (0.5%) | (2.7%) | (0.6%) | (2.6%) | (0.1%) | (2.5%) | 6.7% | 6.7% |
| S&P 500 Sector Performance | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Discretionary | 1,334 | 0.8% | 10.1% | 3.9% | 5.5% | 32.7% | 20.6% | (19.5%) | 66.3% |
| Consumer Staples | 743 | 1.4% | 3.8% | (1.7%) | 2.1% | (4.6%) | (6.5%) | (2.1%) | 32.6% |
| Energy | 645 | 0.2% | (3.8%) | (2.1%) | (7.1%) | (4.1%) | (8.3%) | 47.8% | 37.3% |
| Financials | 587 | 1.0% | 9.6% | 4.5% | 6.3% | 3.1% | (1.6%) | (11.8%) | 36.4% |
| Healthcare | 1,525 | 2.2% | 2.6% | (1.1%) | 1.6% | (3.8%) | (3.8%) | (1.0%) | 47.3% |
| Industrials | 898 | 0.8% | 7.2% | 0.7% | 4.7% | 8.0% | 5.4% | 0.3% | 53.7% |
| Information Technology | 3,268 | 0.6% | 11.3% | 10.0% | 12.5% | 50.4% | 39.3% | 9.4% | 191.4% |
| Materials | 510 | 1.0% | 7.5% | 0.6% | 3.1% | 4.1% | (1.6%) | (7.5%) | 53.0% |
| Telecommunication Services | 240 | 1.3% | 3.5% | 9.0% | 8.1% | 50.7% | 42.0% | (11.4%) | 69.1% |
| Utilities | 317 | 0.6% | 5.6% | (0.8%) | 5.8% | (11.7%) | (11.2%) | (7.7%) | 15.8% |
| Global Indices | | | | | | | | | |
| Americas | | | | | | | | | |
| S&P/TSX Composite | 20,103 | (0.4%) | 5.9% | 1.7% | 2.9% | 3.7% | (1.2%) | (6.7%) | 33.9% |
| Mexico IPC Index | 52,938 | 0.5% | 9.7% | (0.3%) | 4.1% | 9.2% | 1.8% | 4.1% | 28.7% |
| Brazil Bovespa Index | 125,517 | 0.6% | 10.3% | 7.3% | 7.7% | 14.4% | 12.2% | 20.1% | 45.6% |
| Europe | | | | | | | | | |
| EURO STOXX 50 Index | 4,372 | 0.7% | 7.5% | 3.3% | 4.7% | 15.2% | 10.4% | 2.2% | 39.4% |
| FTSE 100 Index | 7,488 | (0.2%) | 1.3% | 2.1% | (1.6%) | 0.5% | 0.3% | 2.8% | 7.7% |
| Germany DAX Index | 16,029 | 0.7% | 7.7% | 2.6% | 4.2% | 15.1% | 10.2% | 1.0% | 43.2% |
| France CAC 40 Index | 7,293 | 0.8% | 5.8% | 1.1% | 2.2% | 12.7% | 8.7% | 3.6% | 47.4% |
| Switzerland SMI Index | 10,880 | 1.3% | 4.8% | (0.9%) | (0.8%) | 1.4% | (2.5%) | (12.2%) | 23.0% |
| Asia | | | | | | | | | |
| Nikkei 225 Index | 33,626 | 0.1% | 8.3% | 4.1% | 5.5% | 28.9% | 18.5% | 14.8% | 55.3% |
| Hang Seng Index | 17,559 | 0.6% | 3.3% | (3.6%) | (1.4%) | (11.2%) | (0.6%) | (28.9%) | (32.3%) |
| S&P/ASX 200 Index | 7,041 | (0.1%) | 2.7% | (2.0%) | (0.1%) | 0.0% | (2.8%) | (4.8%) | 23.2% |





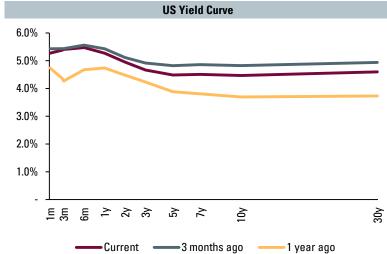


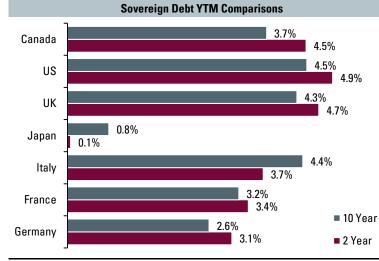


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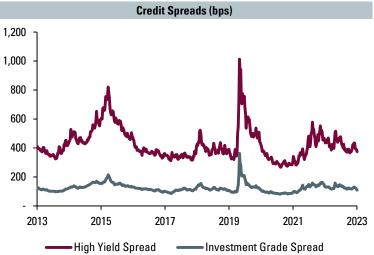
| | | Performance | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Description | Yield | 1w | 1m | 3m | Qtd | Ytd | 1y | 2у | 5y |
| North America | | | | | | | | | |
| US Treasury Yields | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-month | 5.41 | 1 | -3 | -6 | -4 | 103 | 114 | 535 | 301 |
| 12-month | 5.27 | 3 | -16 | -13 | -19 | 56 | 53 | 506 | 261 |
| 2-year | 4.95 | 6 | -16 | -7 | -10 | 52 | 47 | 431 | 214 |
| 10-year | 4.47 | 3 | -36 | 23 | -10 | 59 | 77 | 283 | 143 |
| 30-year | 4.60 | 1 | -34 | 30 | -10 | 63 | 87 | 264 | 130 |
| 5-year TIPS | 2.28 | 7 | -17 | 9 | -12 | 63 | 75 | 401 | 118 |
| 10-year TIPS | 2.21 | 5 | -22 | 30 | -2 | 63 | 84 | 321 | 113 |
| 30-year TIPS | 2.25 | 1 | -22 | 27 | -6 | 59 | 84 | 265 | 97 |
| 2-10-year spread | -48.62 | -3 | -19 | 30 | -1 | 7 | 31 | -147 | -71 |
| 1-year inflation expectations | 2.05 | 3 | -26 | 62 | 32 | -9 | -16 | -198 | 279 |
| 10-year inflation expectations | 2.28 | -1 | -12 | -5 | -6 | -2 | -5 | -35 | 31 |
| Canada Treasury Yields | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-month | 5.05 | -0 | -11 | -11 | -8 | 79 | 101 | 494 | 335 |
| 12-month | 4.97 | 1 | -28 | -30 | -34 | 35 | 55 | 420 | 286 |
| 2-year | 4.45 | -2 | -26 | -31 | -42 | 40 | 57 | 340 | 222 |
| 10-year | 3.72 | 4 | -30 | 2 | -31 | 42 | 78 | 194 | 138 |
| Fixed Income Indices | | | | | | | | | |
| USD High Yield | 3.75 | -14 | -48 | -10 | -19 | -94 | -61 | 64 | -51 |
| USD Investment Grade | 1.09 | -5 | -18 | -11 | -12 | -21 | -22 | 15 | -22 |
| US 3-month LIBOR | 5.64 | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | 87 | 90 | 546 | 295 |
| US 12-month LIBOR | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |





Annual Total Bond Returns

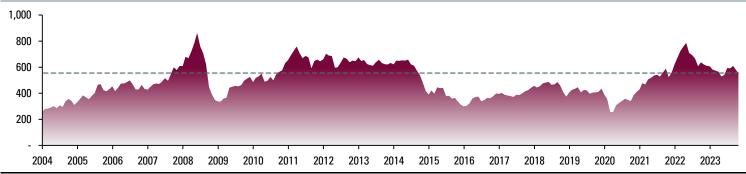




Currencies & Commodities

| | | Performance | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| Description | Price | 1w | 1m | 3m | Qtd | Ytd | 1y | 2у | 5y |
| Commodities | | | | | | | | | |
| Precious Metals | | | | | | | | | |
| Gold spot (US\$/oz) | 2,001 | 1.0% | 1.5% | 4.4% | 8.2% | 9.7% | 14.0% | 11.9% | 63.6% |
| Silver spot (US\$/oz) | 24.33 | 2.6% | 6.2% | 0.9% | 9.7% | 1.6% | 13.0% | 3.3% | 70.3% |
| Platinum spot (US\$/oz) | 935 | 3.5% | 5.0% | (0.4%) | 3.0% | (13.0%) | (5.7%) | (4.6%) | 10.8% |
| Palladium spot (US\$/oz) | 1,073 | 1.5% | (4.8%) | (13.7%) | (14.0%) | (40.1%) | (43.1%) | (42.1%) | (4.3%) |
| Base and Industrial Metals | | | | | | | | | |
| LME copper spot (US\$/lb) | 3.77 | 2.0% | 5.2% | (0.6%) | 0.9% | (0.9%) | 4.0% | (15.7%) | 33.8% |
| LME lead spot (US\$/lb) | 1.00 | (3.4%) | 2.2% | (0.5%) | (0.2%) | (5.6%) | 3.5% | (5.0%) | 13.8% |
| LME zinc spot (US\$/lb) | 1.14 | (1.8%) | 4.4% | 6.7% | (4.5%) | (16.6%) | (13.4%) | (26.5%) | (4.1%) |
| LME nickel spot (US\$/lb) | 7.38 | (3.0%) | (8.5%) | (20.2%) | (12.0%) | (46.5%) | (37.8%) | (23.0%) | 52.0% |
| LME aluminum spot (US\$/lb) | 0.99 | 0.8% | 1.7% | 3.0% | (5.4%) | (7.5%) | (6.9%) | (19.1%) | 13.6% |
| NYME coil steel (US\$/tonne) | 901 | 1.2% | 11.0% | 24.3% | 13.3% | 9.3% | 15.8% | NA | NA |
| Energy | | | | | | | | | |
| WTI (US\$/bbl) | 75.54 | (0.5%) | (9.8%) | (4.4%) | (16.8%) | (5.9%) | (3.1%) | (3.6%) | 49.8% |
| ICE Brent (US\$/bbl) | 80.58 | (0.0%) | (7.5%) | (2.0%) | (10.8%) | (0.8%) | (0.3%) | 13.5% | 29.3% |
| Natural Gas (US\$/mmd) | 2.86 | (3.5%) | (14.1%) | (19.9%) | (13.8%) | (41.5%) | (51.7%) | (22.4%) | - |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltic dry index (US\$/tonne/day) | 1,855 | 1.9% | (4.8%) | 67.1% | 9.1% | 22.4% | 49.4% | (30.1%) | 69.7% |
| CBT corn futures (US\$/bu) | 463 | (0.8%) | (4.3%) | (1.9%) | (2.8%) | (31.7%) | (30.2%) | (20.1%) | 29.0% |
| CBT wheat futures (US\$/bu) | 549 | (0.4%) | (5.5%) | (9.1%) | 1.3% | (30.7%) | (30.8%) | (34.4%) | 9.8% |
| CBT soybean futures (US\$/bu) | 1,331 | (0.7%) | 2.7% | (2.6%) | 4.4% | (12.4%) | (7.3%) | 5.1% | 51.0% |
| Lumber futures (US\$/1,000 bf) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Bitcoin / USD cross rate (US\$) | 37,858 | 4.0% | 12.5% | 45.5% | 39.6% | 128.0% | 128.8% | (34.0%) | 788.6% |
| Ethereum / USD cross rate (US\$) | 2,088 | 7.3% | 17.8% | 26.6% | 24.7% | 73.7% | 74.6% | (51.0%) | 1639.1% |
| Currencies | | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign Exchange Ratios (US\$ Cross) | | | | | | | | | |
| US dollar index | 103.40 | (0.5%) | (2.7%) | (0.6%) | (2.6%) | (0.1%) | (2.5%) | 6.7% | 6.7% |
| Euro | 0.91 | (0.2%) | (3.2%) | (1.2%) | (3.4%) | (2.1%) | (4.8%) | 2.4% | 3.6% |
| British pound | 0.79 | (1.1%) | (3.5%) | - | (3.2%) | (4.1%) | (3.9%) | 5.8% | 1.7% |
| Japanese yen | 149.44 | (0.1%) | (0.3%) | 2.5% | 0.0% | 14.0% | 7.9% | 29.5% | 32.3% |
| Canadian dollar | 1.36 | (0.6%) | (0.8%) | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.6% | 2.2% | 7.6% | 3.0% |
| Australian dollar | 1.52 | (1.1%) | (3.5%) | (2.5%) | (2.3%) | 3.5% | 2.7% | 9.3% | 9.8% |
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| Chinese yuan Mexican peso Chilean peso Brazilian real Argentine peso Swiss franc Turkish lira Russian ruble Indian rupee | 7.15 7.15 17.11 869.05 4.90 357.58 0.88 28.87 NA 83.38 | (1.1%) (0.9%) (0.7%) (1.8%) (0.2%) 1.0% (0.3%) 0.6% NA 0.1% | (2.2%) (6.3%) (6.4%) (1.8%) 2.2% (1.1%) 2.7% NA 0.2% | (1.8%) 1.7% 2.9% 0.4% 2.2% (0.2%) 11.8% NA 1.0% | (2.5%) (2.0%) (1.8%) (2.5%) (2.6%) 2.2% (3.5%) 5.3% NA 0.4% | 3.6% (12.2%) 2.1% (7.2%) 101.9% (4.5%) 54.3% NA 0.8% | (0.0%) (11.7%) (4.6%) (7.7%) 116.4% (6.4%) 55.1% NA 2.1% | 11.8% (20.1%) 6.7% (12.5%) 255.4% (5.5%) 141.5% NA 12.1% | 2.9% (16.1%) 28.6% 28.1% 853.5% (11.5%) 446.1% NA 17.9% |

GSCI Commodities Spot Index



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