



# The Market Place

- Global equities fell 0.9% last week
- All major indices saw declines as the prospect of longer-term high interest rates in Europe and the US weighed on investor sentiment
- Brent Crude oil rose 2.2% to \$95.31 a barrel
- Gold fell 4.0% to \$1848.63 per ounce

## US

US equities fell 0.7% last week

The US narrowly averted a disruptive and costly shutdown of federal agencies as Congress passed compromise legislation to keep the government running until 17 November 2023

The Conference Board's gauge of US consumer confidence dipped to 103.0 in September 2023, a reading that was below expectations and down from the preceding month's upwardly revised reading of 108.7

The United Auto Workers union escalated its strike against the big three US automakers on Friday, as industrial action entered its third week

## Europe

European equities fell 0.7% last week

European Central Bank (ECB) President Christine Lagarde and Chief Economist Philip Lane reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining a restrictive monetary policy for an extended period to bring inflation back to the 2% target

Consumer prices increased 4.3% annually in September – weaker than forecast and the slowest pace in about two years. This inflation rate was a marked improvement from the 5.2% registered in August 2023

## UK

UK equities fell 0.8% last week

Chancellor Jeremy Hunt has pledged to end the 'vicious circle of ever-rising taxes' by reforming the benefits system and tackling the spiralling cost of public services

Mortgage approvals fell to the lowest level in six months in August 2023, as prospective homeowners stayed away from the property market and average mortgage costs approached 5%

Revised official figures show the UK economy performed better than France and Germany since the pandemic; delivering a boost to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak

## Asia / ROW

Global emerging market equities fell 1.1% last week

Japanese equities fell 1.4%

Chinese equities fell 1.3%

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida outlined a new economic stimulus plan last week, the details of which are to be decided in October and which will be funded by a supplementary budget

China's Vice Premier He Lifeng and Foreign Minister Wang Yi are discussing possible visits to Washington DC to prepare for a potential summit between Xi Jinping and Joe Biden



# Performance

| Asset Class/Region                  | Currency |                            |                  |          |           |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
|                                     |          | Week ending<br>29 Sep 2023 | Month<br>to date | YTD 2023 | 12 Months |
| <b>Developed Market Equities</b>    |          |                            |                  |          |           |
| United States                       | USD      | -0.7%                      | -4.8%            | 12.7%    | 19.2%     |
| United Kingdom                      | GBP      | -0.8%                      | 2.9%             | 5.2%     | 14.3%     |
| Continental Europe                  | EUR      | -0.7%                      | -2.5%            | 9.2%     | 21.9%     |
| Japan                               | JPY      | -1.4%                      | 0.5%             | 25.7%    | 27.5%     |
| Asia Pacific (ex Japan)             | USD      | -1.0%                      | -2.7%            | -0.4%    | 11.5%     |
| Australia                           | AUD      | -0.3%                      | -2.8%            | 3.7%     | 12.1%     |
| Global                              | USD      | -0.9%                      | -4.3%            | 11.1%    | 20.8%     |
| <b>Emerging markets equities</b>    |          |                            |                  |          |           |
| Emerging Europe                     | USD      | -0.2%                      | -5.7%            | 15.0%    | 65.5%     |
| Emerging Asia                       | USD      | -1.2%                      | -2.6%            | 1.0%     | 12.1%     |
| Emerging Latin America              | USD      | -1.6%                      | -2.3%            | 12.9%    | 21.0%     |
| BRICs                               | USD      | -1.0%                      | -1.1%            | -1.1%    | 8.5%      |
| China                               | USD      | -1.3%                      | -2.8%            | -7.3%    | 5.1%      |
| MENA countries                      | USD      | 0.3%                       | -2.3%            | 0.7%     | -5.2%     |
| South Africa                        | USD      | -2.6%                      | -3.5%            | -9.9%    | 8.0%      |
| India                               | USD      | -0.3%                      | 1.5%             | 8.9%     | 15.8%     |
| Global emerging markets             | USD      | -1.1%                      | -2.6%            | 1.8%     | 12.0%     |
| <b>Bonds</b>                        |          |                            |                  |          |           |
| US Treasuries                       | USD      | -0.7%                      | -2.2%            | -1.3%    | -1.0%     |
| US Treasuries (inflation protected) | USD      | -0.9%                      | -1.9%            | -0.9%    | 0.7%      |
| US Corporate (investment grade)     | USD      | -1.0%                      | -2.5%            | 0.4%     | 3.9%      |
| US High Yield                       | USD      | -0.4%                      | -1.2%            | 6.0%     | 10.4%     |
| UK Gilts                            | GBP      | -1.4%                      | -1.0%            | -4.3%    | -1.7%     |
| UK Corporate (investment grade)     | GBP      | -0.9%                      | 0.0%             | 1.3%     | 8.7%      |
| Euro Government Bonds               | EUR      | -0.7%                      | -2.7%            | 0.0%     | -1.7%     |
| Euro Corporate (investment grade)   | EUR      | -0.2%                      | -0.9%            | 2.3%     | 4.0%      |
| Euro High Yield                     | EUR      | -0.3%                      | 0.3%             | 6.1%     | 11.1%     |
| Japanese Government                 | JPY      | -0.2%                      | -0.7%            | -0.5%    | -2.4%     |
| Australian Government               | AUD      | -0.5%                      | -1.9%            | 0.4%     | 1.0%      |
| Global Government Bonds             | USD      | -0.9%                      | -3.1%            | -3.4%    | 0.3%      |
| Global Bonds                        | USD      | -1.0%                      | -3.1%            | -1.7%    | 2.5%      |
| Global Convertible Bonds            | USD      | -0.6%                      | -2.9%            | 1.8%     | 8.3%      |
| Emerging Market Bonds               | USD      | -1.6%                      | -3.7%            | -0.2%    | 8.6%      |



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| <b>Property</b>                       |          |                            |                  |          |           |
| US Property Securities                | USD      | -1.6%                      | -7.0%            | -2.9%    | 3.2%      |
| Australian Property Securities        | AUD      | -1.3%                      | -8.7%            | -2.1%    | 6.8%      |
| Asia Property Securities              | USD      | -0.7%                      | -2.2%            | -9.8%    | -1.2%     |
| Global Property Securities            | USD      | -1.5%                      | -5.4%            | -3.6%    | 5.0%      |
| <b>Currencies</b>                     |          |                            |                  |          |           |
| Euro                                  | USD      | -0.7%                      | -2.4%            | -1.2%    | 8.2%      |
| UK Pound Sterling                     | USD      | -0.4%                      | -3.6%            | 0.9%     | 10.4%     |
| Japanese Yen                          | USD      | -0.7%                      | -2.6%            | -12.3%   | -3.3%     |
| Australian Dollar                     | USD      | -0.1%                      | -0.4%            | -5.5%    | -0.6%     |
| South African Rand                    | USD      | -0.7%                      | 0.0%             | -9.8%    | -4.6%     |
| Swiss Franc                           | USD      | -0.9%                      | -3.5%            | 0.8%     | 7.2%      |
| Chinese Yuan                          | USD      | 0.0%                       | -0.5%            | -5.5%    | -2.3%     |
| <b>Commodities &amp; Alternatives</b> |          |                            |                  |          |           |
| Commodities                           | USD      | -0.6%                      | 0.9%             | 1.3%     | 5.3%      |
| Agricultural Commodities              | USD      | -1.5%                      | -2.9%            | 0.8%     | 2.8%      |
| Oil                                   | USD      | 2.2%                       | 9.7%             | 10.9%    | 7.7%      |
| Gold                                  | USD      | -4.0%                      | -4.8%            | 1.3%     | 11.4%     |

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