

# The Market Place

- Global equities rose 0.6% last week
- The International Monetary Fund published their latest global growth forecasts, keeping expectations for 2023 at 3.0%, but lowering the 2024 projection to 2.9%
- Brent crude rose 7.5% to \$90.89 a barrel, its largest weekly increase since February as concerns rose over risks to oil supply from the Middle East
- Gold rose 5.4% to \$1932.82 per ounce

## US

US equities rose 0.5% last week

Headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) came in at 0.4%, above the consensus of 0.3%. Core CPI came in at a five-month high of 0.32%, with decent increases in some of the stickier categories

The monthly gain in headline Producer Price Index (PPI) was at 0.5% (vs. 0.3% expected), whilst PPI excluding food and energy was up 0.3% (vs. 0.2% expected), pushing the year-on-year measure for headline PPI up to 2.2%

Minutes from the Fed's September meeting repeated some key messages with all Federal Open Market Committee members agreeing that "policy should remain restrictive for some time". The minutes added focus to the details of the CPI print, noting that "significant progress in reducing inflation had yet to become apparent in the prices of core services excluding housing"

## Europe

European equities rose 0.9% last week

Several speakers from the European Central Bank, including Dutch central bank President Klaas Knot said that returning inflation to target in 2025 "would be an acceptable return for me". Deutsche Bundesbank President Joachim Nagel also said that "pausing could be an option"

Industrial production recovered in August increasing by 0.6% over the month, in contrast to the 1.3% decrease in the prior month

## UK

UK equities rose 1.6% last week

GDP grew by 0.2% in August, after contracting by a revised 0.6% in July

Bank of England Chief Economist Huw Pill said that interest rate decisions were becoming "finely balanced"

Industrial production fell by 0.7% in August, softening from the 1.1% fall in July

## Asia / ROW

Global emerging market equities rose 1.5% last week

Japanese equities rose 2.0%

Chinese equities rose 1.3%

Japan's PPI inflation for September fell more than expected to 2.0% year-on-year vs 2.4% expected

China's inflation data was weaker than expected, with CPI flat in September on a year-on-year basis vs 0.2% expected

US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer met with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing to discuss US-China relations in Xi's first meeting with US senators since 2015



# Performance

Asset Class/Region	Currency				
		Week ending 13 Oct 2023	Month to date	YTD 2023	12 Months
<b>Developed Market Equities</b>					
United States	USD	0.5%	1.0%	13.7%	19.3%
United Kingdom	GBP	1.6%	0.1%	5.4%	15.0%
Continental Europe	EUR	0.9%	-0.2%	9.0%	19.9%
Japan	JPY	2.0%	-0.6%	24.9%	27.7%
Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	USD	1.3%	0.0%	-0.4%	15.1%
Australia	AUD	1.4%	0.0%	3.8%	10.6%
Global	USD	0.6%	0.3%	11.5%	20.7%
<b>Emerging markets equities</b>					
Emerging Europe	USD	1.7%	-0.6%	14.3%	60.6%
Emerging Asia	USD	1.5%	0.5%	1.5%	16.7%
Emerging Latin America	USD	3.1%	-3.1%	9.4%	10.4%
BRICs	USD	1.3%	-0.4%	-1.5%	11.1%
China	USD	1.3%	-0.6%	-7.8%	11.3%
MENA countries	USD	-2.1%	-3.7%	-3.0%	-8.6%
South Africa	USD	5.7%	1.7%	-8.3%	9.8%
India	USD	0.4%	0.4%	9.4%	15.9%
Global emerging markets	USD	1.5%	-0.1%	1.7%	14.3%
<b>Bonds</b>					
US Treasuries	USD	1.0%	-0.1%	-1.3%	0.2%
US Treasuries (inflation protected)	USD	1.5%	0.0%	-0.8%	0.8%
US Corporate (investment grade)	USD	1.2%	-0.2%	0.2%	4.9%
US High Yield	USD	0.7%	-0.7%	5.3%	9.2%
UK Gilts	GBP	1.8%	0.3%	-3.9%	2.5%
UK Corporate (investment grade)	GBP	1.3%	0.1%	1.3%	11.4%
Euro Government Bonds	EUR	1.1%	0.4%	0.4%	-0.4%
Euro Corporate (investment grade)	EUR	0.6%	0.2%	2.5%	4.8%
Euro High Yield	EUR	0.5%	-0.2%	5.9%	11.6%
Japanese Government	JPY	0.5%	-0.1%	-0.6%	-2.2%
Australian Government	AUD	0.4%	0.4%	0.8%	1.3%
Global Government Bonds	USD	0.8%	-0.2%	-3.6%	1.6%
Global Bonds	USD	0.8%	-0.3%	-2.0%	3.7%
Global Convertible Bonds	USD	-0.2%	-1.3%	0.5%	7.6%
Emerging Market Bonds	USD	1.5%	-0.9%	-1.1%	9.5%

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<b>Property</b>					
US Property Securities	USD	1.5%	-0.3%	-3.1%	3.2%
Australian Property Securities	AUD	1.1%	0.6%	-1.5%	8.4%
Asia Property Securities	USD	0.3%	-1.3%	-11.0%	-1.1%
Global Property Securities	USD	0.7%	-1.1%	-4.6%	5.0%
<b>Currencies</b>					
Euro	USD	-0.7%	-0.7%	-1.9%	7.5%
UK Pound Sterling	USD	-0.8%	-0.6%	0.3%	7.1%
Japanese Yen	USD	-0.2%	-0.1%	-12.4%	-1.6%
Australian Dollar	USD	-1.3%	-2.3%	-7.7%	0.2%
South African Rand	USD	1.6%	-0.6%	-10.4%	-3.9%
Swiss Franc	USD	1.0%	1.5%	2.3%	10.9%
Chinese Yuan (data as at 28 September 2023)	USD	-0.1%	-0.1%	-5.6%	-1.9%
<b>Commodities &amp; Alternatives</b>					
Commodities	USD	2.5%	-0.3%	1.0%	0.4%
Agricultural Commodities	USD	0.6%	1.1%	2.0%	2.2%
Oil	USD	7.5%	-4.6%	5.8%	-3.9%
Gold	USD	5.4%	4.6%	6.0%	16.0%

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