**Weekly Market Read: October 08, 2025**

**The market is saying (all numbers are WTD % returns):**

* **Breadth: 45.0% of names are positive.**
* **Information Technology: leading (avg +1.81%).**
* **Industrials: firm (avg +0.33%).**
* **Consumer Staples: lagging (avg –0.70%).**
* **Consumer Discretionary: lagging (avg –2.33%).**
* **Financials: soft (avg –0.15%).**
* **Utilities: firm (avg +1.61%).**
* **Real Estate: lagging (avg –1.98%).**
* **Materials: soft (avg –0.24%).**
* **Energy: flat (avg +0.18%).**
* **Health Care: soft (avg –0.66%).**
* **Communication Services: lagging (avg –1.36%).**

**Macro levers (all numbers are WTD % returns):**

* **Gold: bid (avg +4.10%).**
* **USD: firm (avg +1.27%).**
* **Yields: little changed (avg +0.33%).**
* **Bonds: flat (avg –0.05%).**
* **Energy complex: bid (avg +1.00%).**

**Bottom line: Mixed tape with weak breadth as fewer than half of names are positive. Leadership tilts toward Tech and Utilities, while Discretionary, Staples, Real Estate, and Comm Services lag. Macro posture — gold bid, USD firm, yields stable, and bonds flat with the energy complex bid — points to growth concerns amid sticky inflation pressures, favoring quality defensives and macro hedges over cyclical beta.**