

Market Pulse 3 Brief

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This past week's macroeconomic landscape was characterized by mixed domestic signals and proactive stimulus measures abroad. In the US, consumer confidence declined according to the Conference Board, while the University of Michigan's sentiment index rose slightly, reflecting divergent views on economic health. Housing data showed weaker new home sales and revised building permits, yet falling mortgage rates spurred refinancing activity. Core PCE inflation rose modestly 0.1% MoM, bringing YoY inflation to 2.2%, while GDP growth for Q2 was revised slightly higher to 3.0% and weekly jobless claims fell to a four-month low, indicating resilience in the labor market. In Europe, the HCOB Eurozone PMI contracted, Germany showed declining business activity, and central banks in Sweden and Switzerland cut rates to support growth amid subdued inflation. In Asia, Japan anticipates a more lenient monetary policy under a new prime minister, while China enacted a broad stimulus package including cuts to reserve requirements, repo rates, and mortgage rules, boosting liquidity and domestic consumption. Collectively, the data suggest a cautiously optimistic global outlook: the US shows moderate growth with controlled inflation, Europe faces sectoral contractions, and Asia pursues aggressive policy measures, creating opportunities for growth-sensitive sectors and signaling a supportive global monetary environment.