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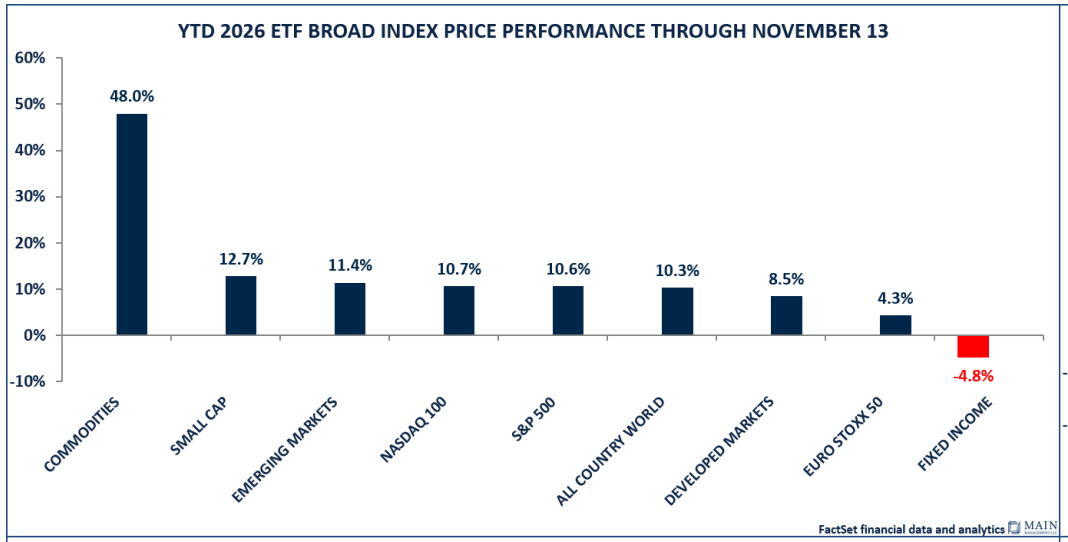


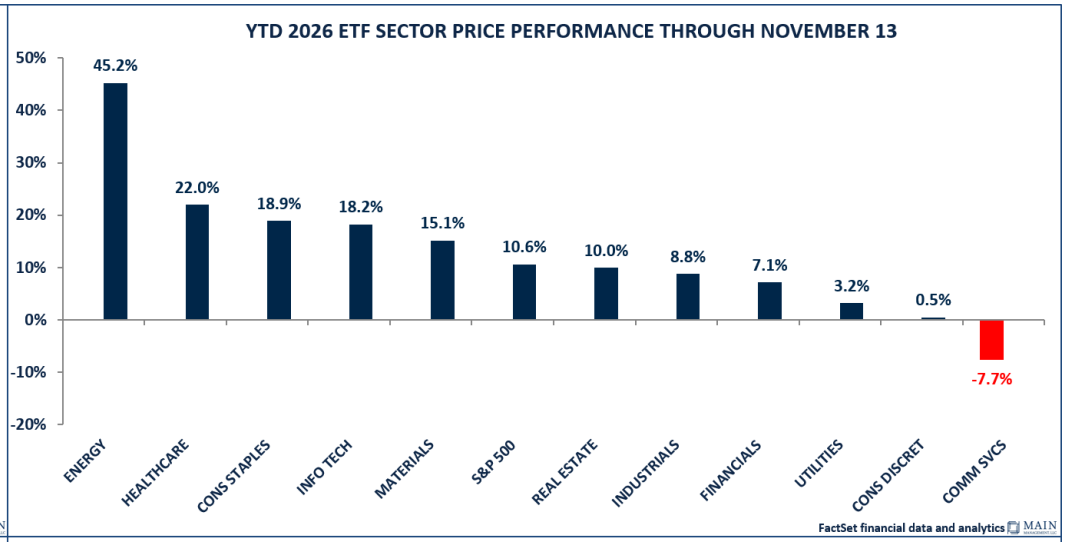
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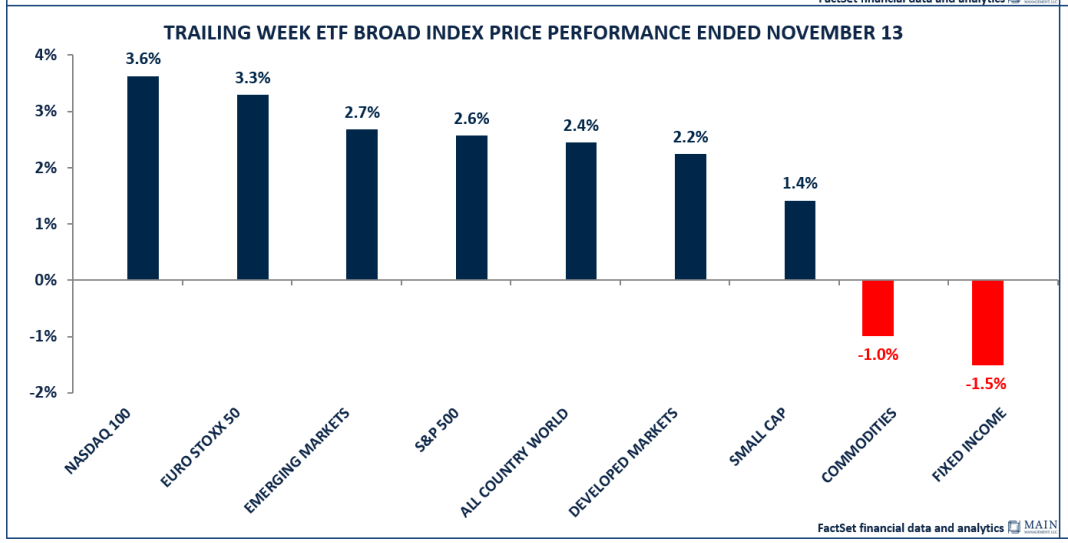
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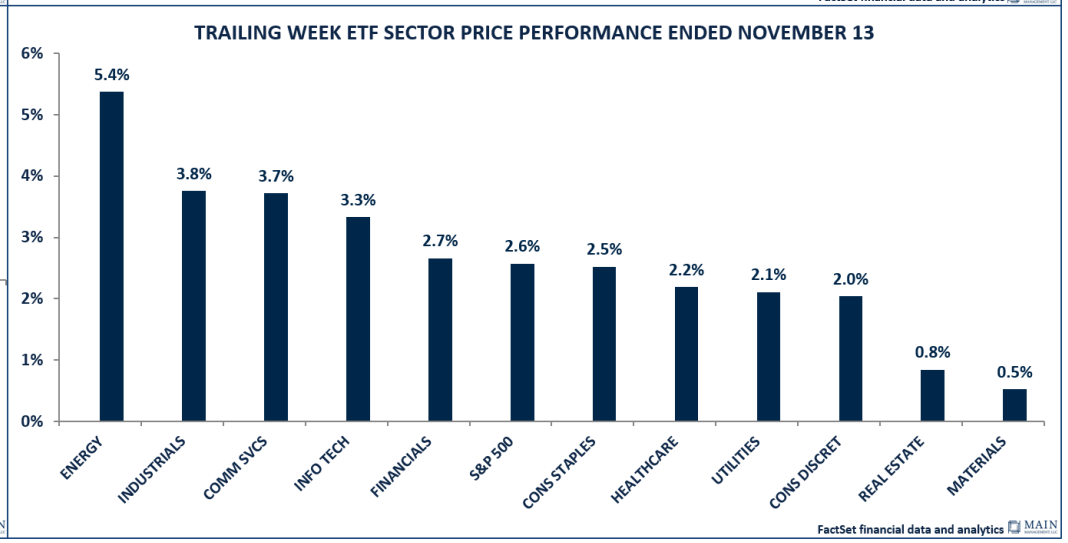
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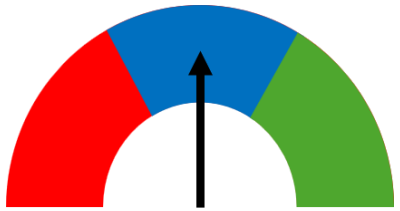


Recession Dashboard

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RECESSION START	INFLATION	CONSUMER	YIELD CURVE	HOUSING	SENTIMENT	AUTOS	EMPLOY-MENT	PMI	RETAIL SALES
NOV 1973	↓	—	—	↓	—	—	↓	↓	—
JAN 1980	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↓	—
JUL 1981	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↓	—
JUL 1990	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↔	—
MAR 2001	↔	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↓	↓	↔
DEC 2007	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↓	↓
NOV 2026	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑
LAST CHANGE	BLUE MAY '26	GREEN APR '25	GREEN SEP '26	GREEN DEC '24	GREEN APR '25	RED JAN '25	RED JUL '25	BLUE JUL '25	BLUE DEC '24

Overall:



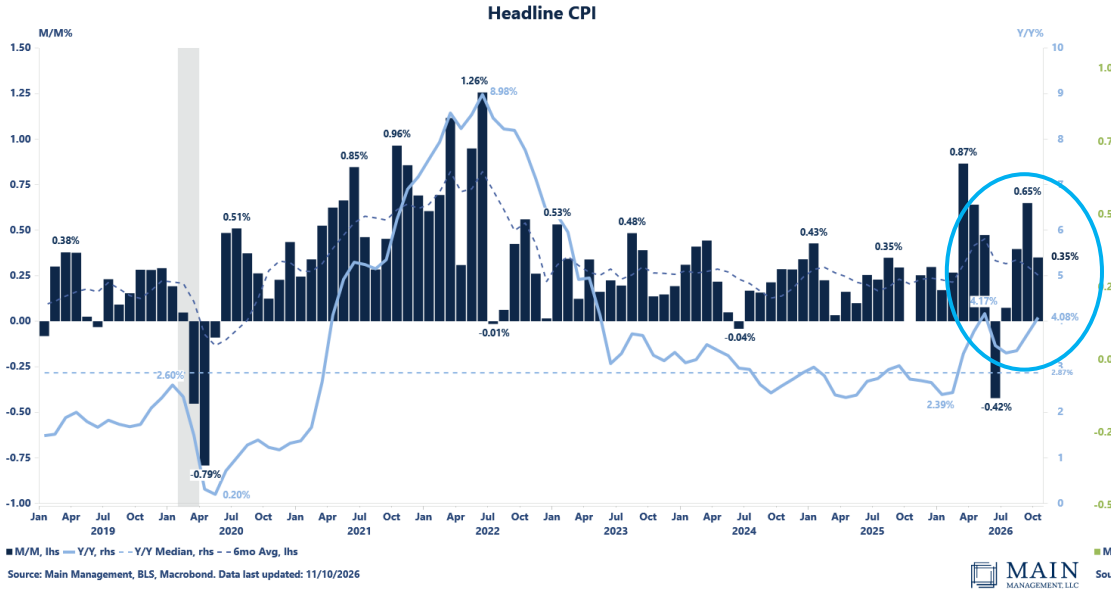
↑ *Positive* ↔ *Neutral* ↓ *Negative*

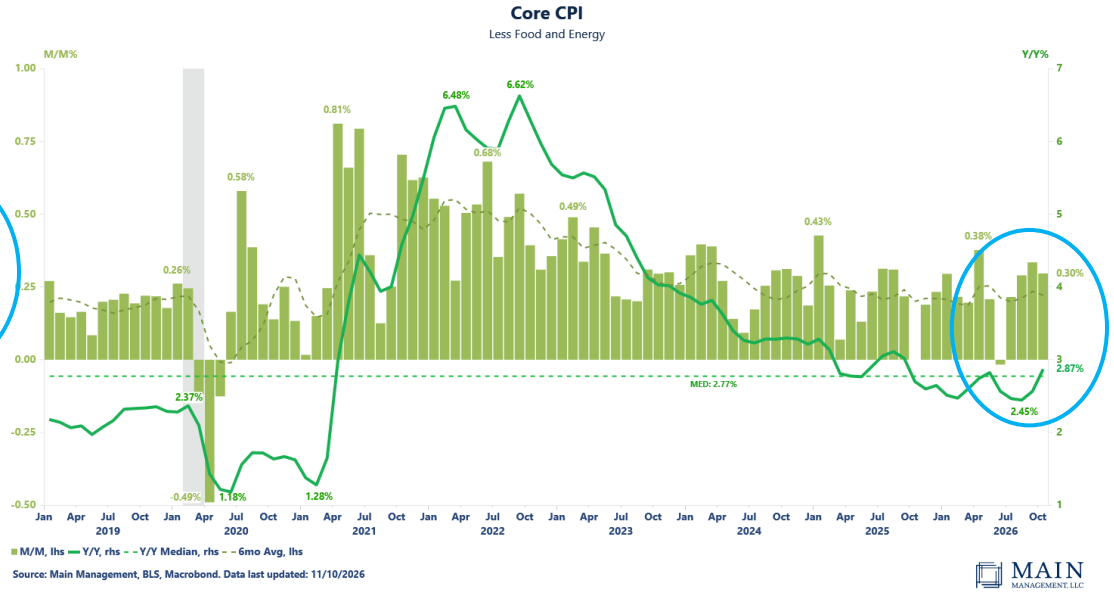
Inflation: *Headline CPI. Source: St. Louis Fed.* **Consumer**: *Conference Board Consumer Confidence. Source: The Conference Board.* **Yield Curve**: *10 year – 3 month Treasury spread. Source: FactSet financial data and analytics.* **Housing**: *Housing Starts & Existing Home Sales. Source: St. Louis Fed.* **Sentiment**:. *Conference Board Consumer Confidence, UMich Consumer Sentiment, State Street Investor Confidence, CEO Confidence, VIX, AAII* **Autos**: *Auto Sales. Source: St. Louis Fed.* **Employment**: *Initial Weekly Unemployment Claims & Nonfarm Payrolls. Source: St. Louis Fed.* **PMI**: *Markit US Manufacturing PMI & US ISM Manufacturing PMI & Chicago PMI. Source: Markit, ISM.* **Retail Sales**: *Advance Retail Sales. Source: St. Louis Fed.*

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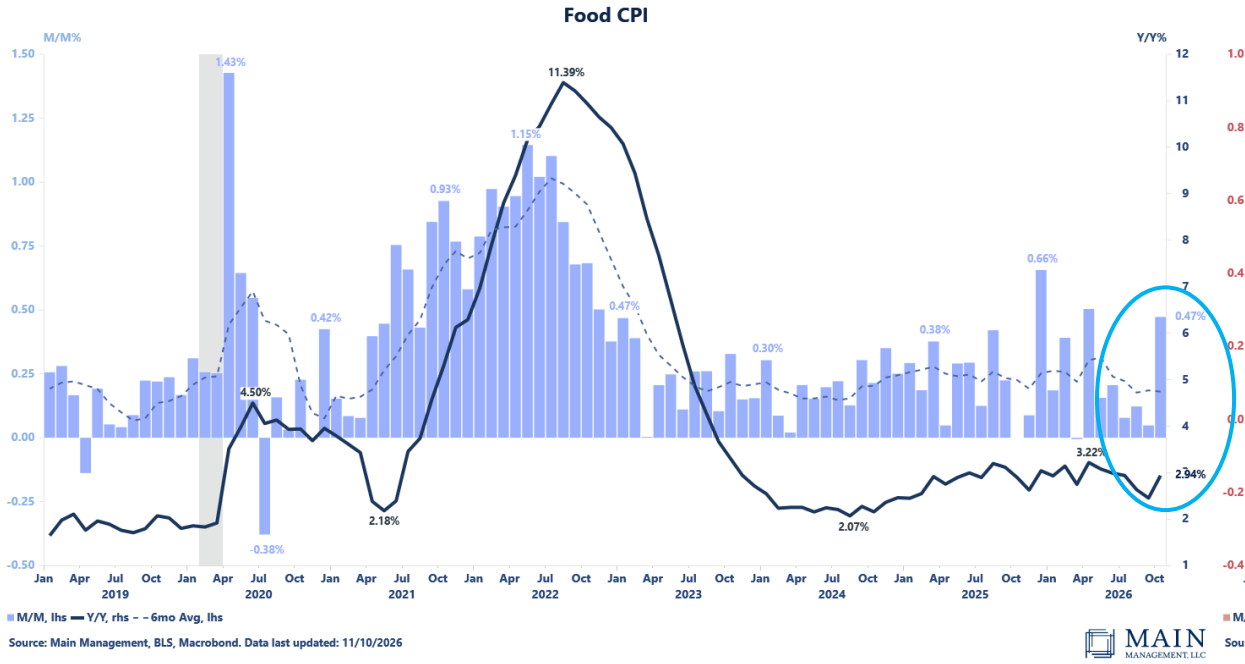
- Both Headline (left) and Core (right) CPI came in above expectations in October. Headline CPI rose +0.35% MoM vs +0.3% expected while Core was up +0.30% MoM vs +0.2% expected. On a YoY basis, Headline CPI accelerated to +4.08%, the highest since May 2026 and, prior to that, since May 2023! Core CPI rose to +2.87% YoY, the highest since September 2025.
- The gains were broad-based with core goods and core services rising +0.16% MoM and +0.34% MoM, respectively. Energy was not as much of a factor as it has been in prior months. However, Shelter (a ~35% weight in CPI) rose +0.30% MoM and accelerated back to +4.08% YoY, the most since September 2025 as well.

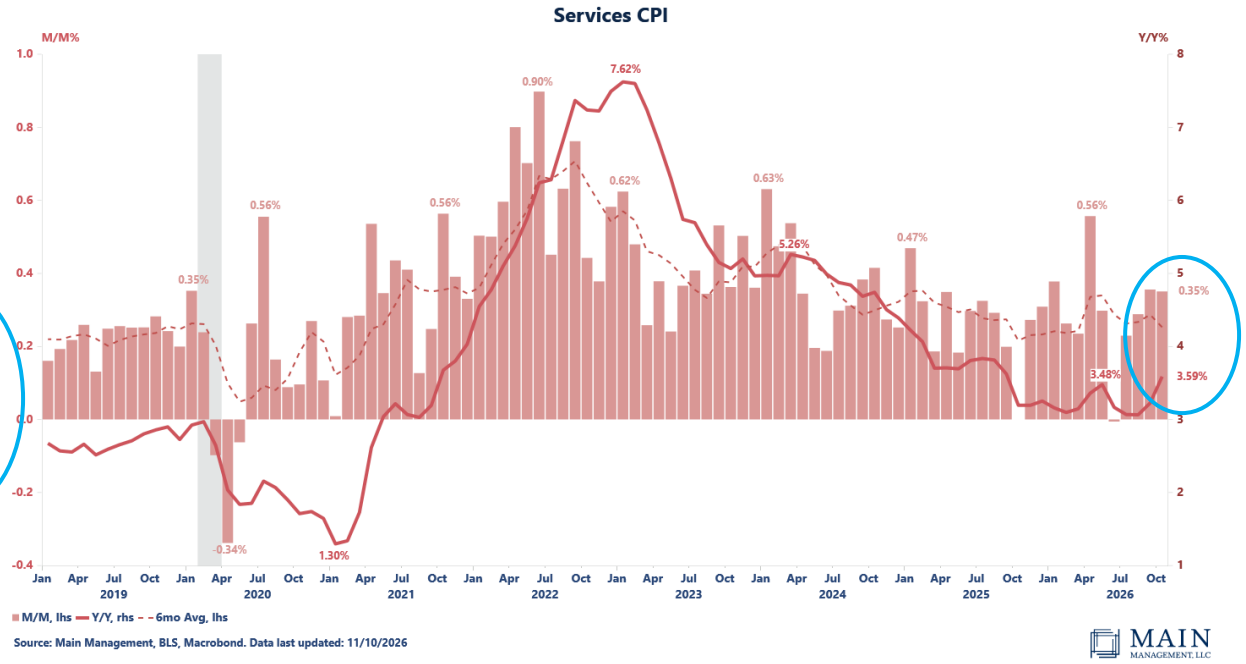




Food and Services CPI

- Food (left) surprised to the upside, jumping +0.47% MoM, the 3rd biggest monthly increase since November 2022. On a YoY basis, it moved up to +2.94%. Note that Food has had only 2 down months in the last 6 years!
- Services (right) closely mirrored the Shelter figures, rising +0.35% MoM and accelerating to +3.59% YoY, the most since September 2025. The hotter-than-expected inflation print pushed the probability of a 25bps rate hike at the December FOMC meeting to over 90%.

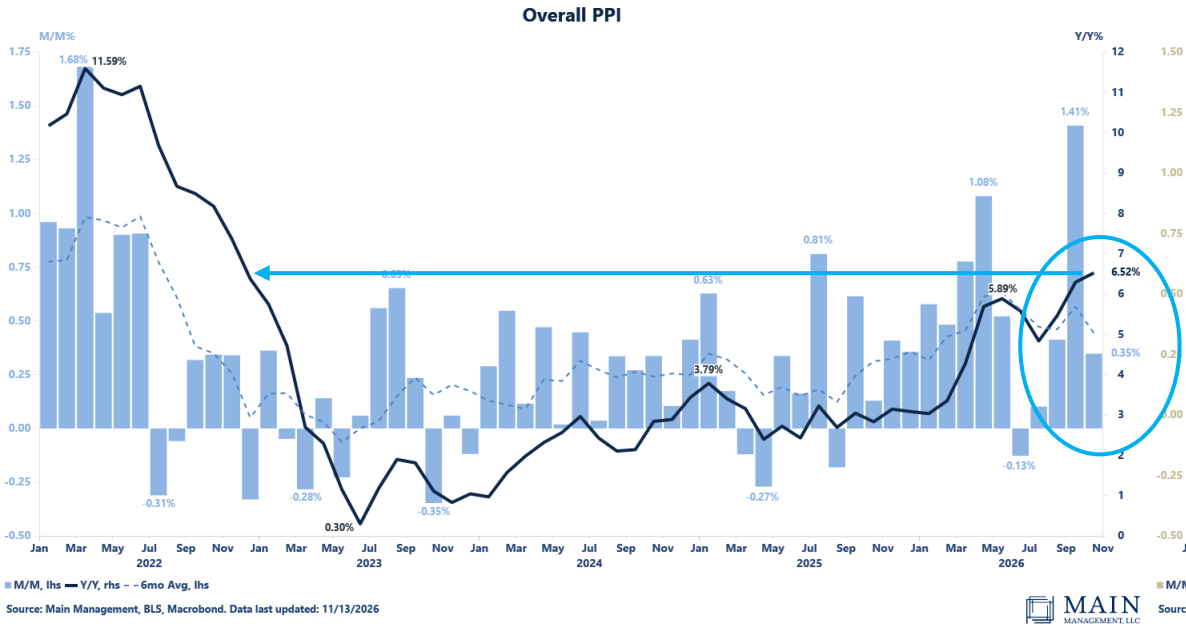


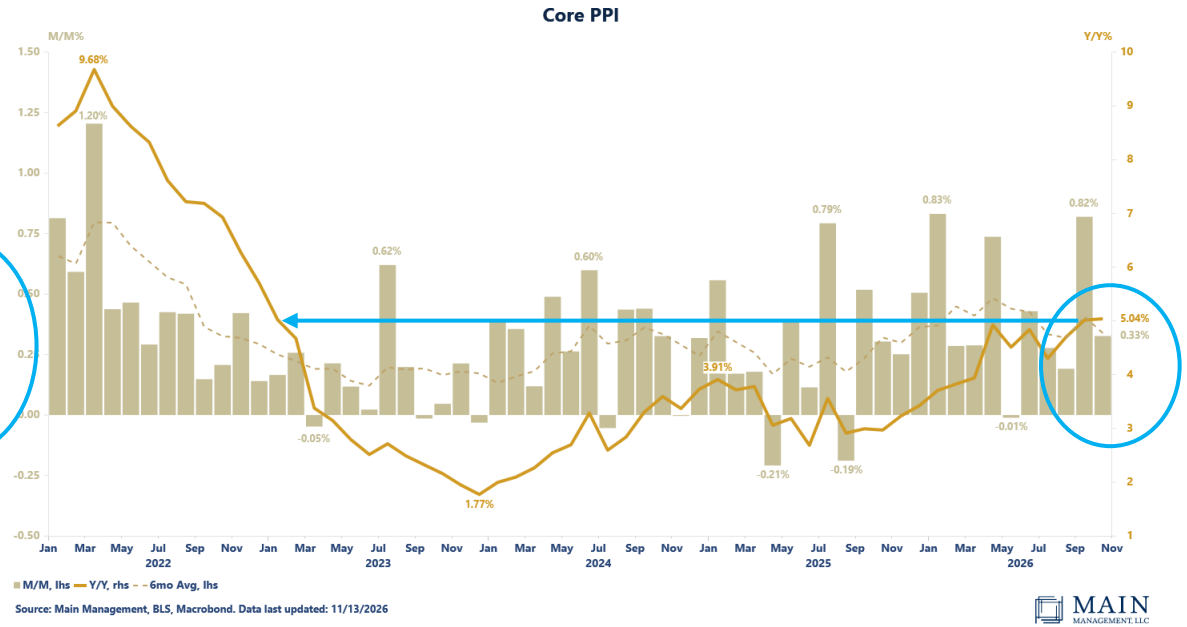


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PPI

- Headline PPI (left) rose +0.35% MoM in October, roughly in line with estimates, as September's reading was revised up to a heady +1.41% from +1.34%, making it the biggest jump since March 2022! The YoY figure accelerated to +6.52%, the highest since November 2022!
- Core PPI (right) was up a similar +0.33% MoM, in line with estimates as well. September's reading was also revised higher to +0.82% MoM from +0.68% initially. The YoY figure inched up to +5.04%, the highest since December 2022! PPI tends to lead CPI, so this release isn't a great sign for November's inflation figures and has some people wondering why the Fed didn't hike at its most recent meeting. Either way, it solidifies the case for a hike in December.

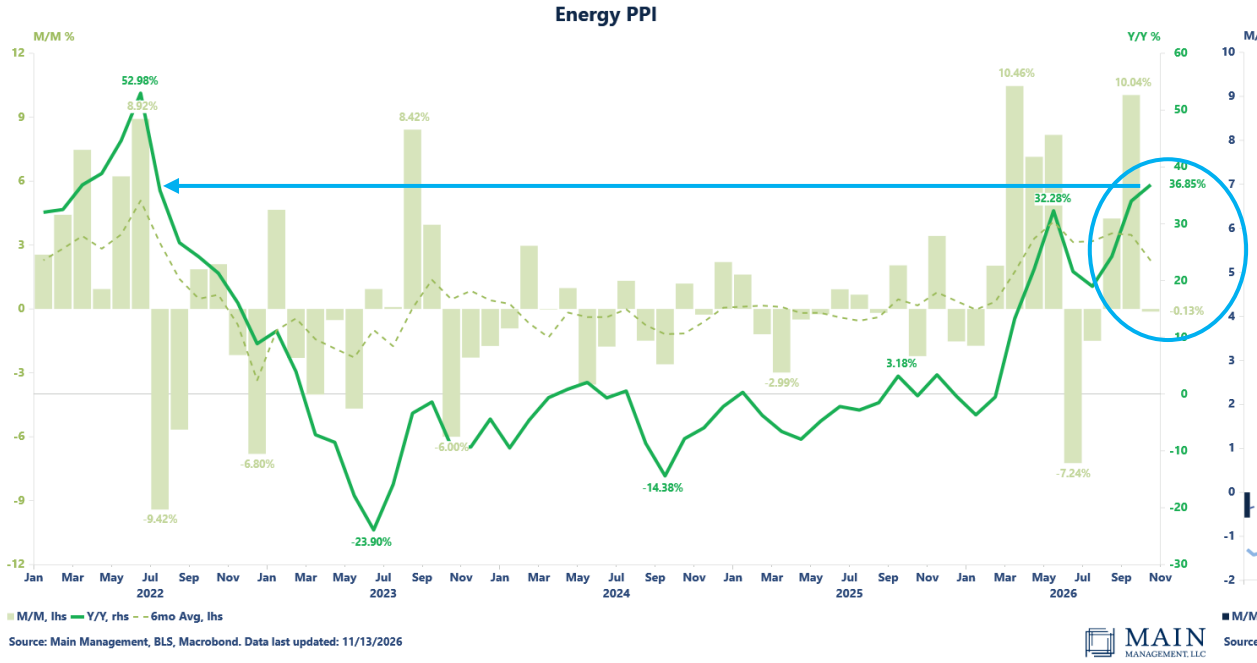


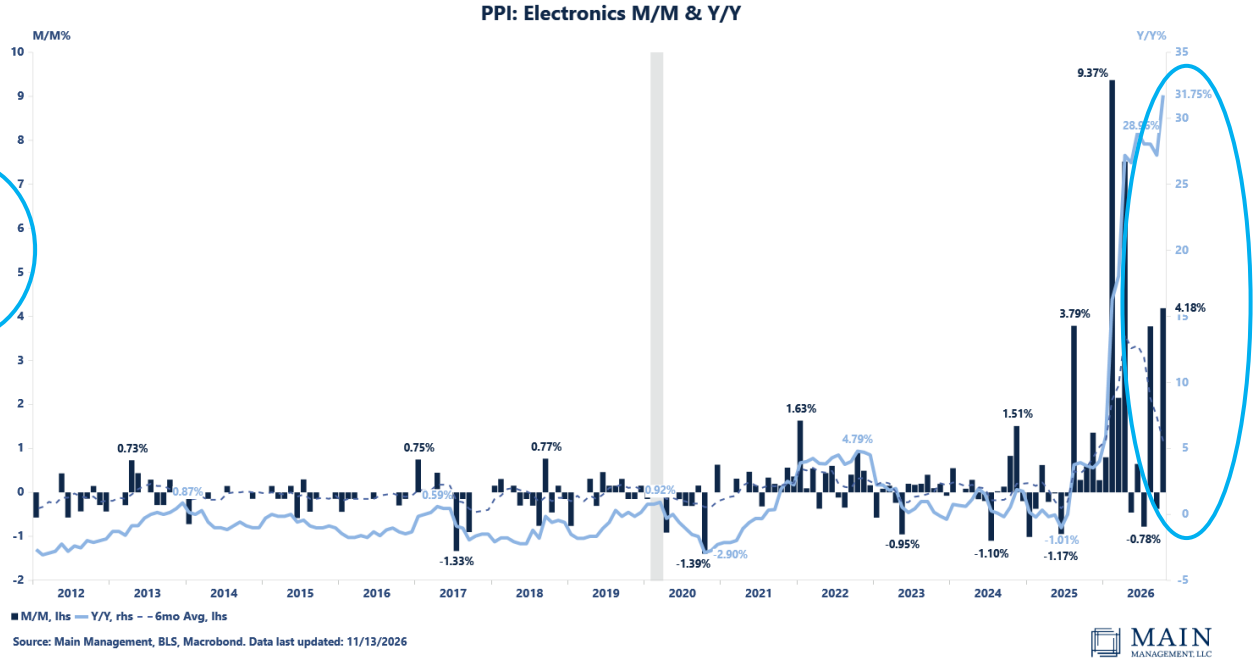


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Food & Energy PPI

- Energy PPI (left) was actually down in November, coming in at -0.13% MoM after 2 big months. Despite that, the YoY figure still accelerated to +36.85%, the highest since June 2022! Food (not pictured) posted its 2nd solid monthly increase but is only up +1.69% YoY, so it's not really moving the needle for the headline figure.
- Electronics (right), on the other hand, rebounded +4.18% MoM, their 3rd biggest monthly reading on record and jumped to +31.75% YoY, the highest increase ever! That pushed the broader Goods figure up to +10.25% YoY, the highest since October 2022.

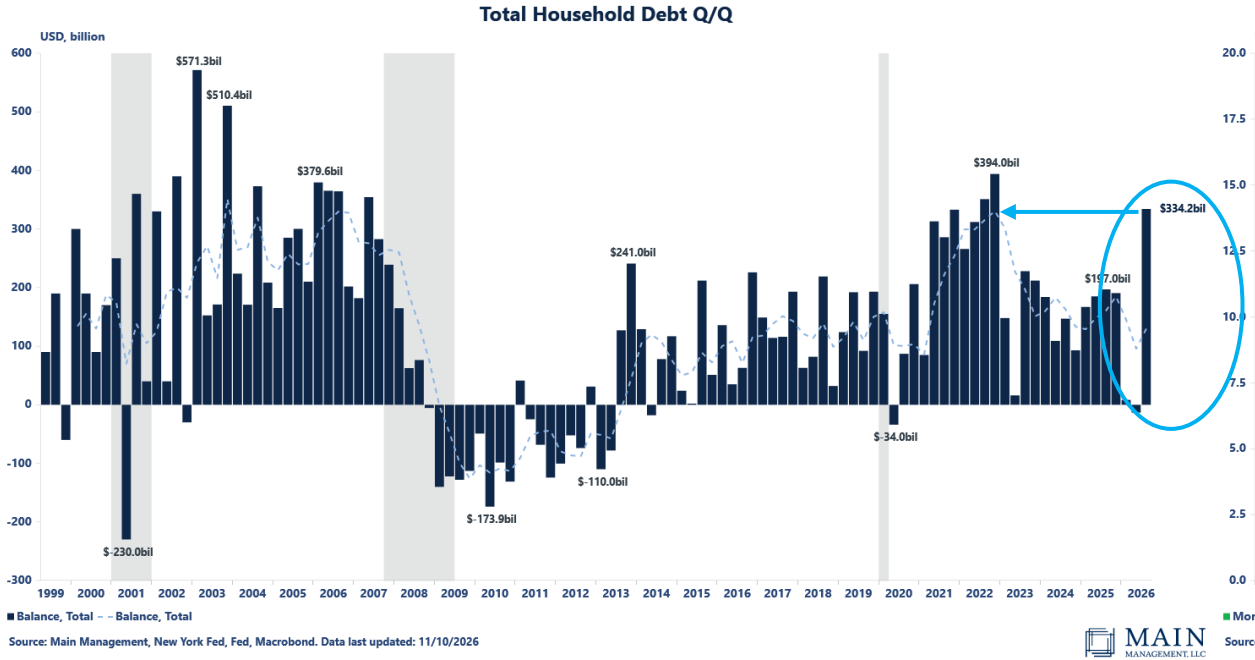


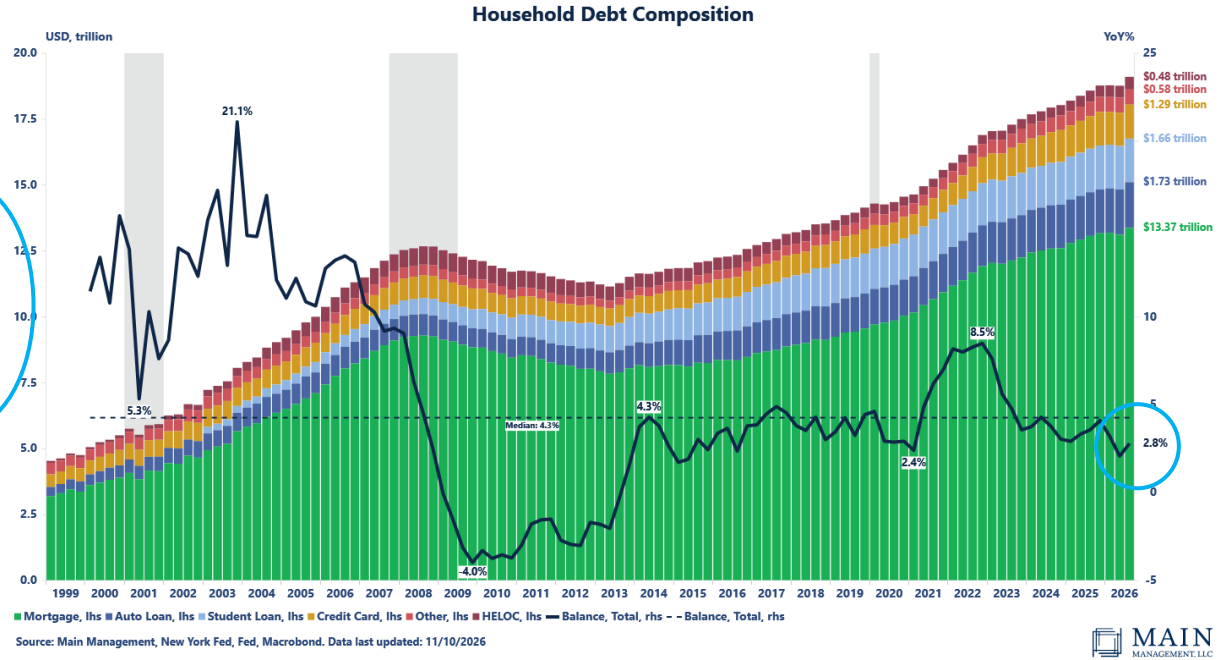


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Q3 Household Debt

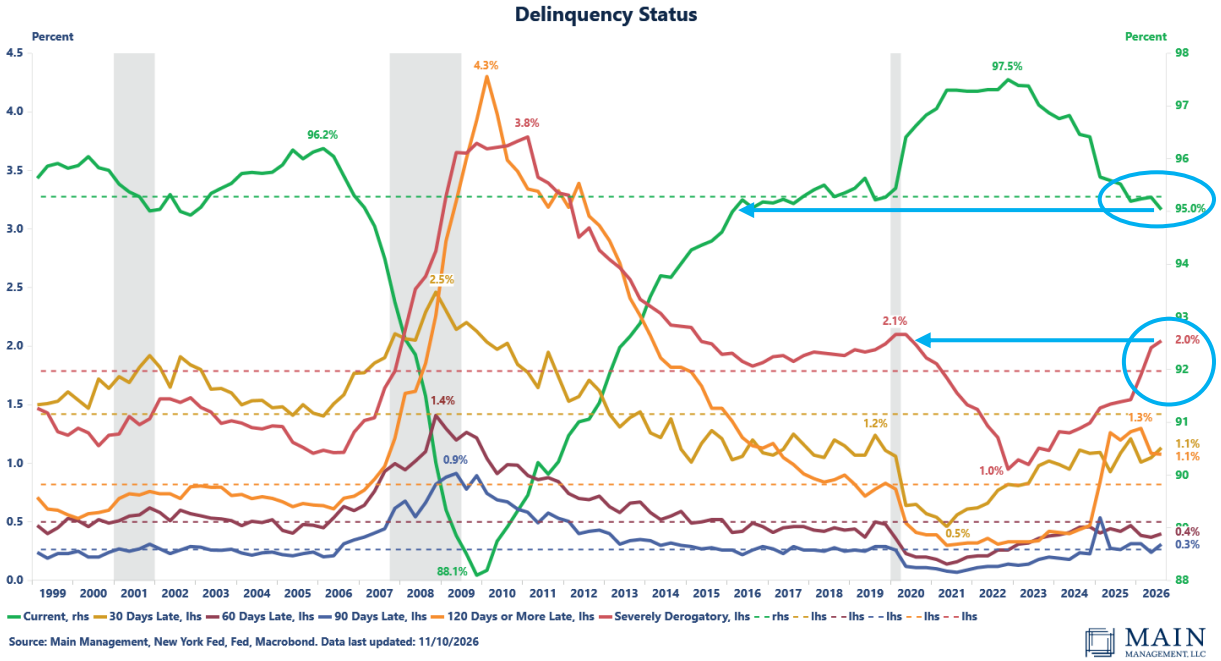
- Total Household Debt (left) jumped +$334.2bil QoQ in Q3 2026, rebounding from 2 mixed quarters. The increase was driven by a +$257.0bil rise in Mortgage Debt. Credit Cards and Auto Loans increased by +$22.0bil and +$21.0bil QoQ, respectively.
- The composition is shown at right, with Total Household Debt reaching a new high of $19.1tril, up +2.8% YoY. As you can see, Mortgages (green) make up 70% of total debt, followed by Auto Loans at 9.0% and then Student Loans at 8.7%.

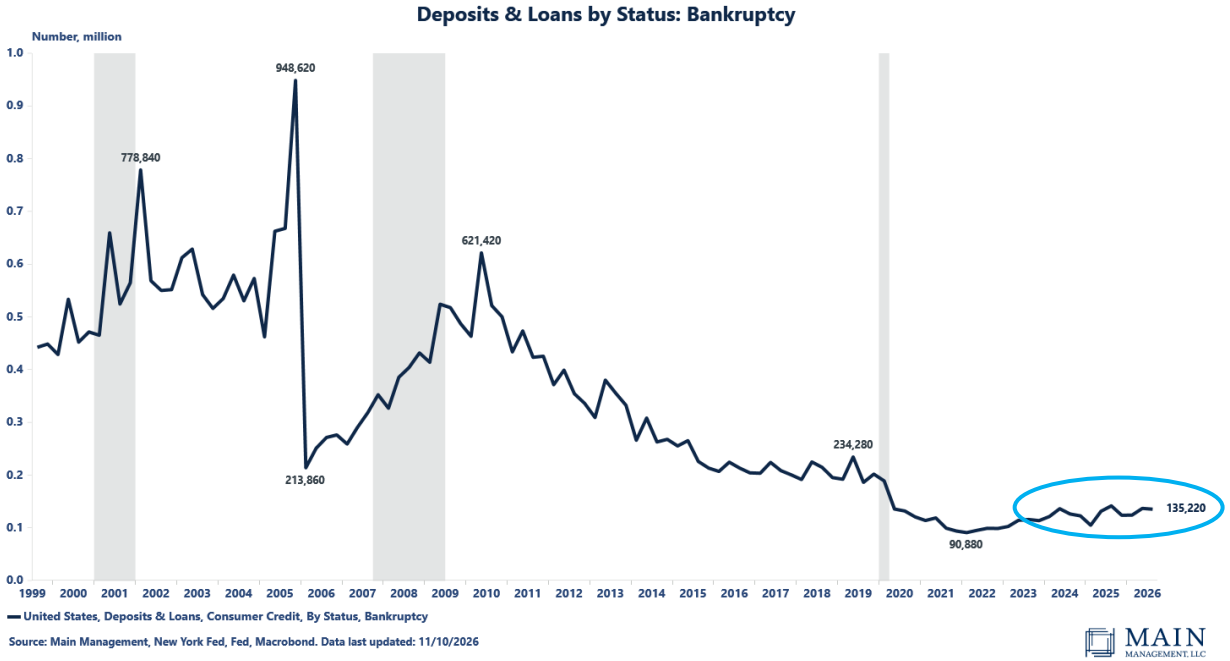




Debt Delinquency

- On the left, we show the Delinquency Status. This is a little concerning given that Current (green) has fallen to 95.0%, the lowest since Q1 2016! Meanwhile, Severely Derogatory (red) has risen to 2.0%, the highest since Q2 2020. All of the delinquency levels increased from Q2 to Q3, which isn't ideal.
- However, the silver lining is that bankruptcy status (right) remains relatively low. The debt service ratios (ability of a household to pay its debt) also remain relatively low, indicating that households are OK for now.

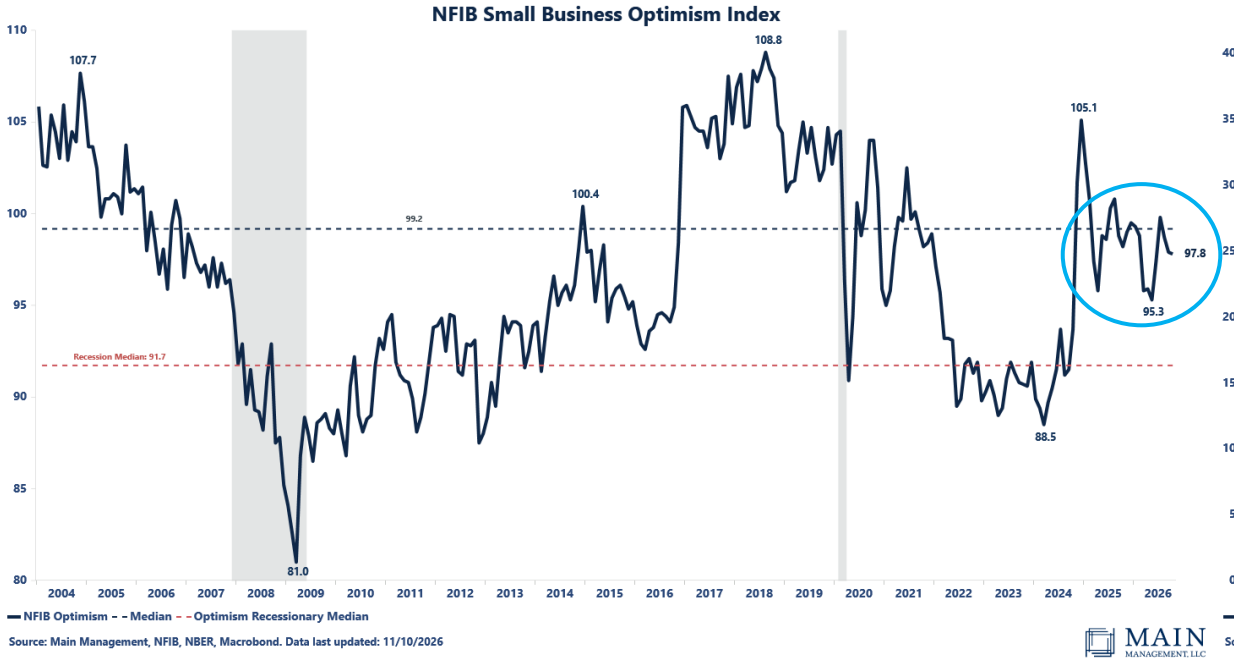


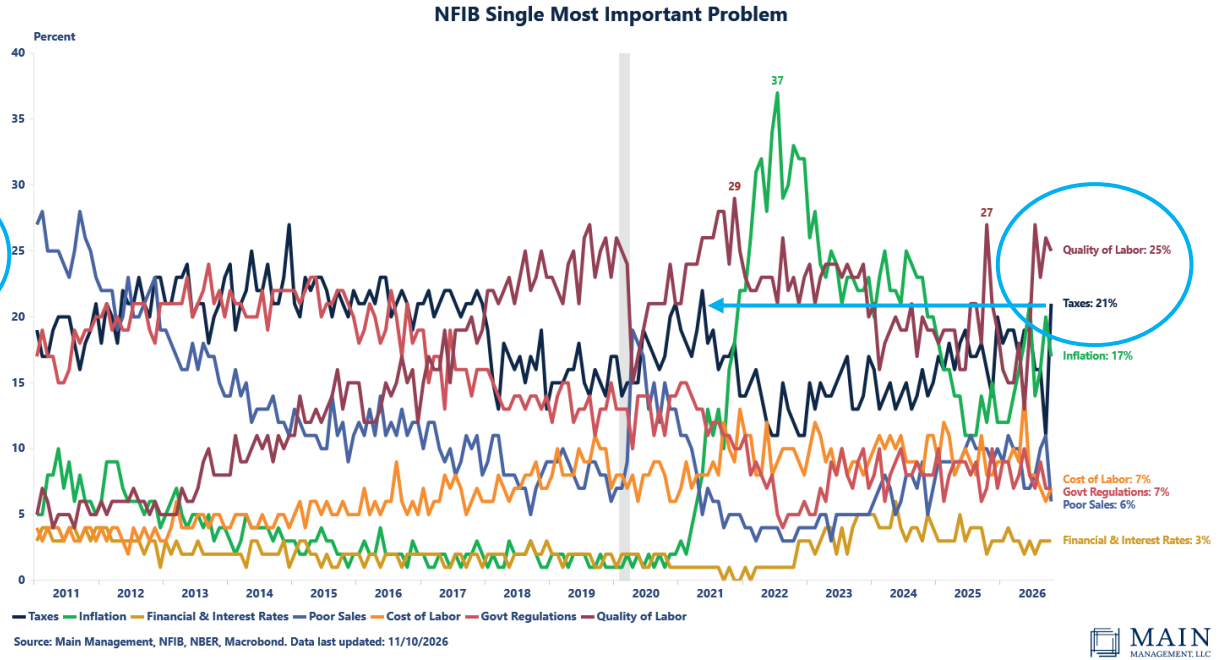


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NFIB Optimism

- The NFIB Small Business Optimism (left) ticked down to 97.8, the 3rd monthly decline in a row but slightly better than expectations for a 97.7 reading. Interestingly, despite the headline index decline, both the Next 3mo "Good Time to Expand" and Outlook for 6mo General Business Conditions improved…
- The biggest single problem for firms (right) remains Quality of Labor, cited by 25% of respondents. However, Taxes jumped to the 2nd biggest problem at 21%, the highest since May 2021! Inflation fell back to 17%.

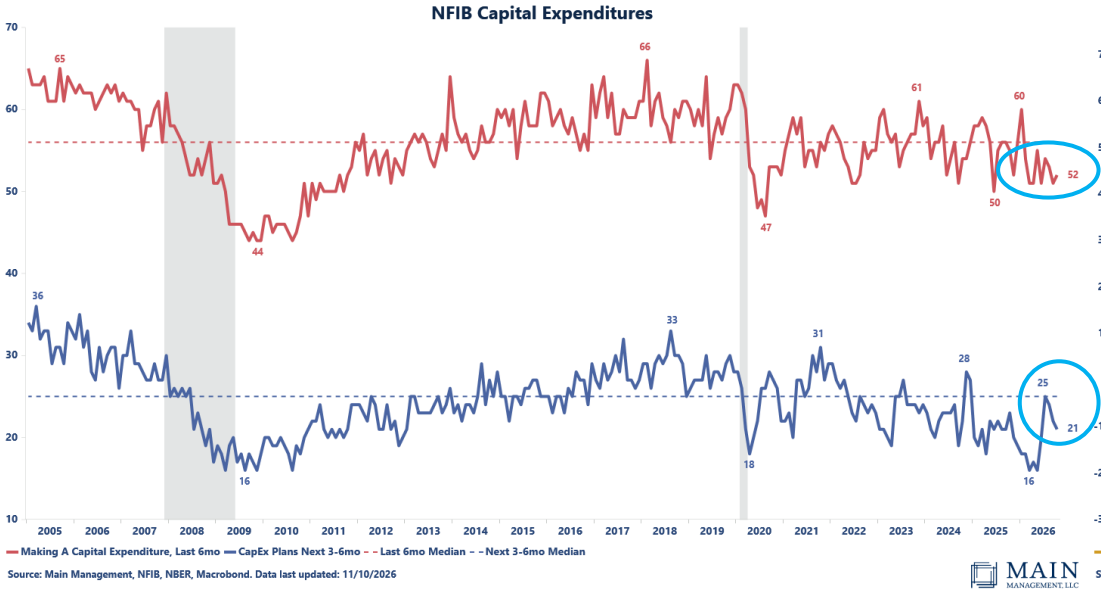


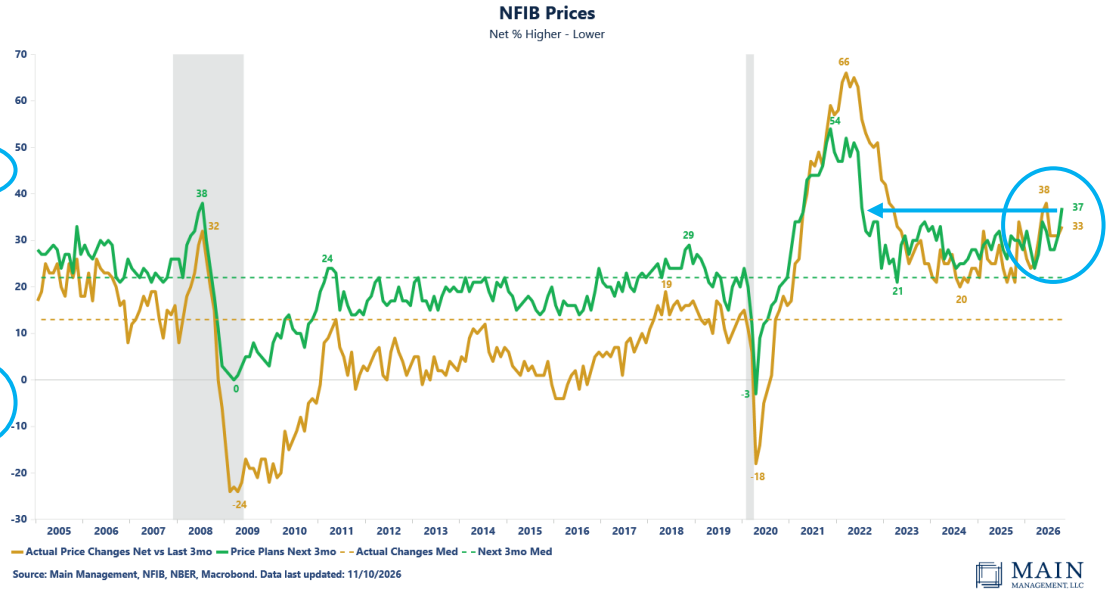


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NFIB Capex & Prices

- The Capital Expenditure responses (left) were mixed. 52% of firms reported making a capital expenditure over the last 6mos (red), up from 51% in September, but still towards the bottom of the recent range. Those planning to make a capital expenditure over the next 3-6mos (blue) fell back to 21%, the 3rd straight decline. This drop comes even as the uncertainty index hit its lowest level December 2025.
- On the other hand, the Pricing Indices both moved higher (right). A net +33% more firms have increased vs decreased prices in the last 3mos (gold) while a net +37% of firms are planning to do so in the next 3mos (green), the most since July 2022! Not an ideal development for the inflation outlook…

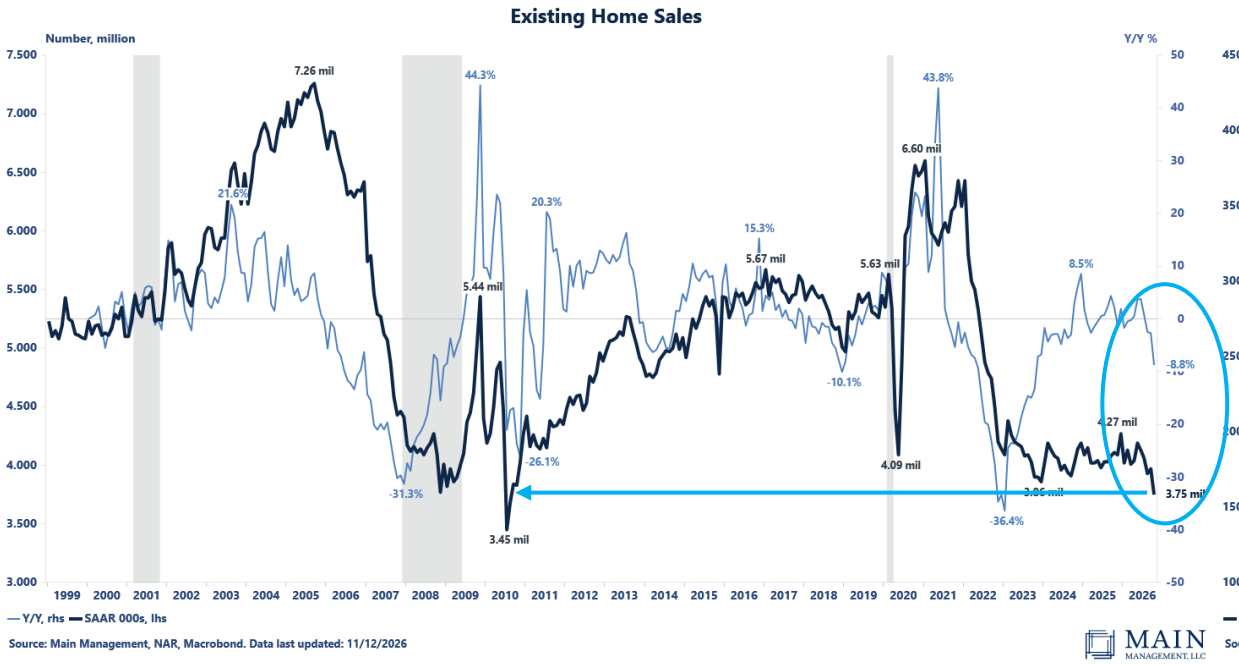


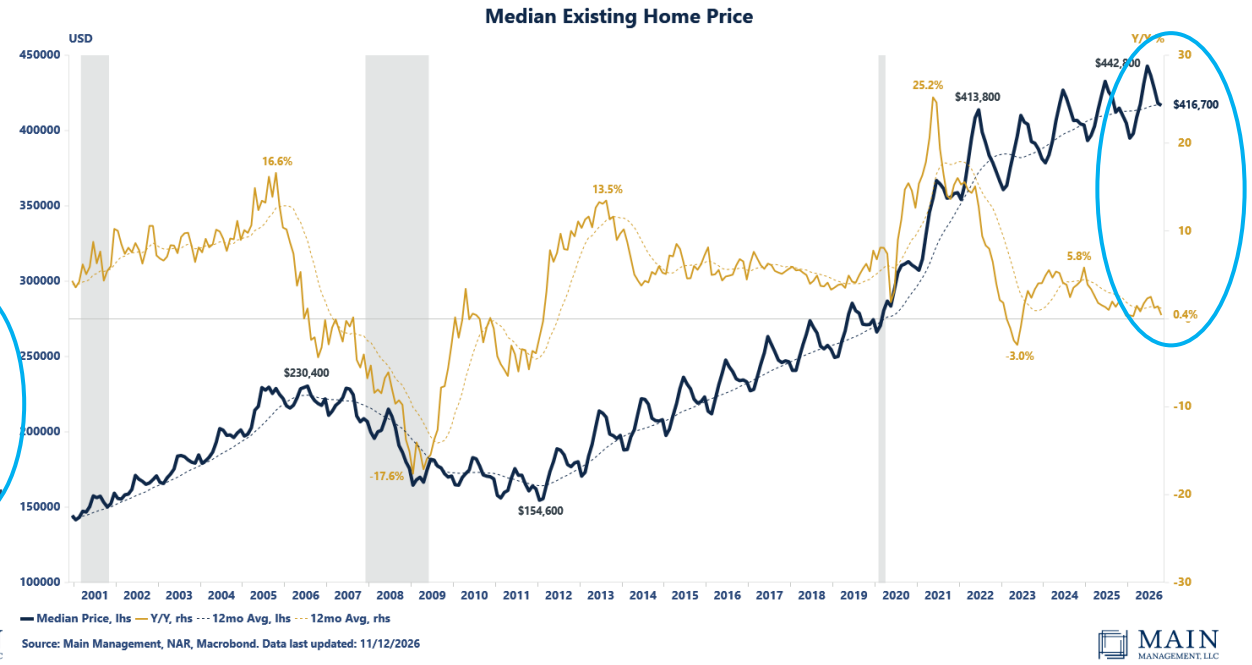


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Existing Home Sales

- Existing Home Sales (left) fell more than expected in October, slowing to 3.75mil units vs 3.85mil forecast. That's the slowest pace since August 2010!! They're now down -8.8% YoY, the most negative since October 2023.
- The Median Existing Home Price (right) ticked down to $416,700, slowing to +0.4% YoY. As you can see, it's very seasonal and if the historical pattern is any indicator, we have 3 more months of declines before 5 months of increases. The question is whether or not the next upswing will take out the prior peak…



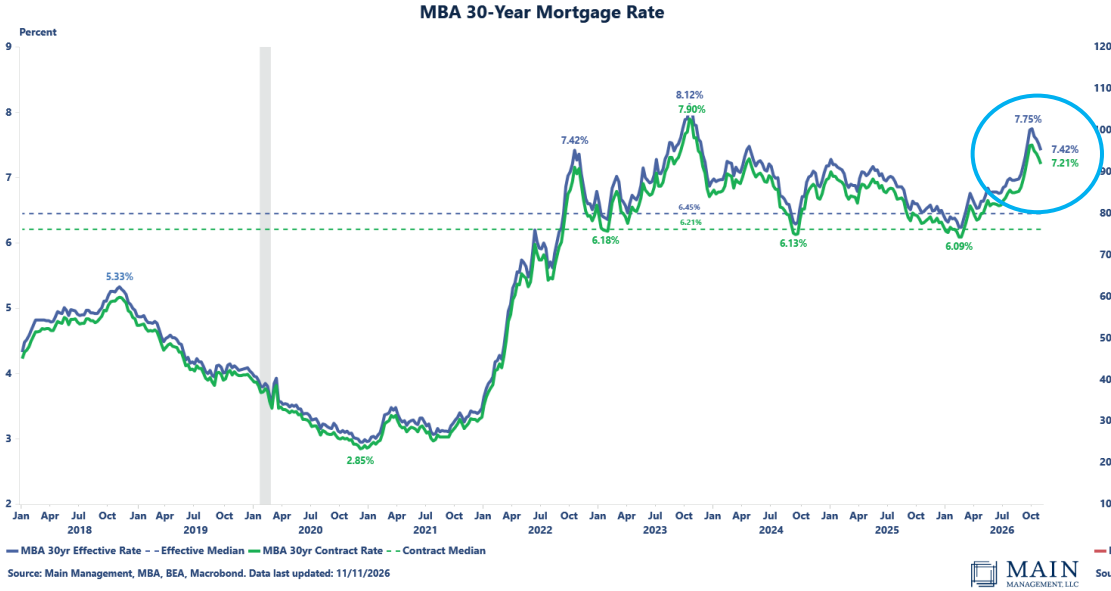


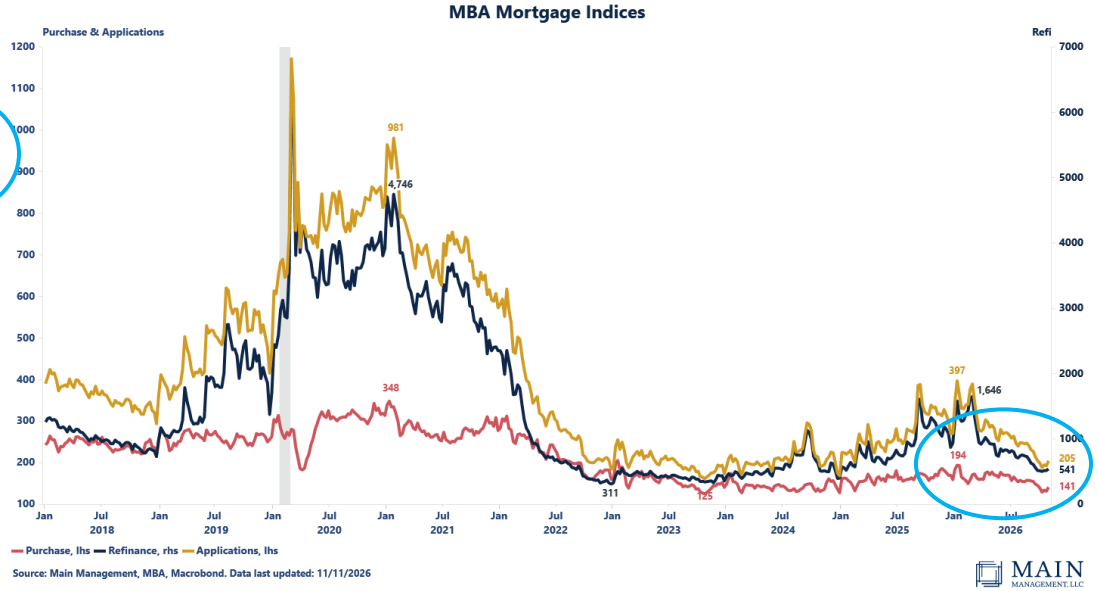
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MBA Mortgage Data

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- If you need any explanation as to why the housing market remains depressed, mortgage rates (left) are a big part of that, especially when combined with high prices. Following the Fed's rate hikes in 2022, 30yr mortgage rates have remained consistently above 6%, even running back up to over 7.5% a few weeks ago. We've had 4 straight weeks of declines since the recent peak, but the prospect of taking on a 6-7% mortgage rate on top of record high prices is a huge deterrent for buyers, both from a mental as well as an affordability standpoint.
- The MBA Mortgage Indices (right) tried to move off their lows as rates declined through early 2026 but retreated as rates moved back up. We might be seeing a turn up as rates have pulled back over the last 4 weeks.





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Summary

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- October Headline and Core CPI came in above expectations, driven by Food and Shelter. Headline CPI now stands at 4.08% YoY and Core at 2.87%, the highest since September 2025.
- October PPI was basically in line with forecasts, but the YoY figures accelerated to their highest levels since 2022!
- Q3 Household Debt rose by a sizeable +$334bil QoQ, up +2.8% YoY. Delinquency is becoming more of a concern, but for the time being, households appear capable of servicing their debt.
- The October NFIB Optimism Index ticked lower but was above forecasts. However, capex plans declined while price increases hit their highest level since July 2022!
- Existing Home Sales fell to a 16yr low, still hampered by high rates and high prices.

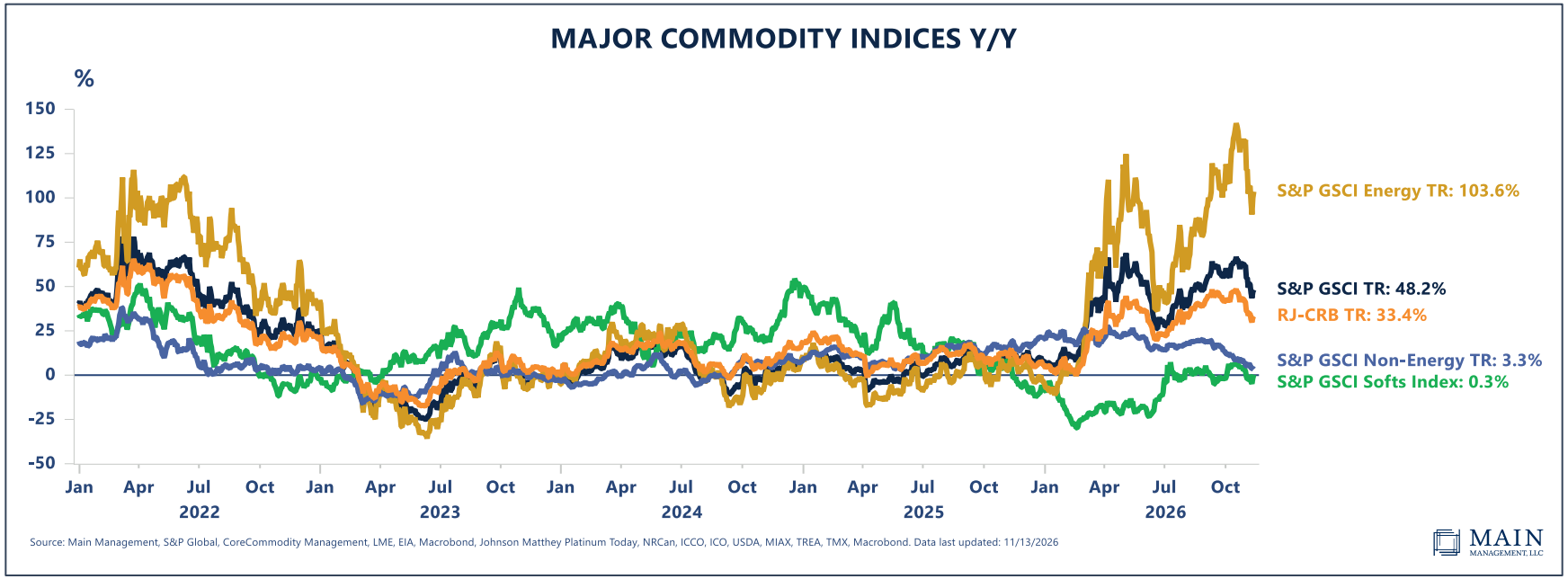
- Upcoming data:
  - NY Empire Manufacturing (Mon)
  - Retail Sales, Industrial Production, Import & Export Prices, Business Inventories, NAHB Index (Tues)
  - Housing Starts, Building Permits, and Pending Home Sales (Weds)
  - Philadelphia and Kansas City Fed Manufacturing (Thurs)
  - UMich Consumer Sentiment final (Fri)

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Appendix

Inflation Watch

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Commodity	1 Month	3 Months	YTD ↓	1 Year
Gasoline	-18.9	-14.9	56.6	32.7
Crude Oil	-3.5	6.6	53.1	43.9
S&P GSCI	-5.8	5.4	49.1	45.8
Cotton	-2.3	-5.3	22.4	23.2
BBG Commodity Index	-7.0	-0.7	22.1	21.7
Soybeans	-5.0	6.9	19.1	10.2
Copper	-7.0	-4.9	9.4	26.1
US Dollar (DXY)	0.9	3.3	4.9	3.8
Corn	-7.8	1.3	0.5	2.4
Gold	-3.5	-9.2	-7.8	-3.1
Lumber	-7.8	-15.4	-8.7	-3.1
Natural Gas	3.7	20.7	-9.4	-26.8
Bitcoin	-13.6%	12.3%	-18.5%	-30.7%
Coffee	-2.4	-16.5	-19.7	-33.7
Silver	-17.6	-22.8	-28.7	-1.3

Source: Main Management, S&P Global, CME Group, ICE, LME, Macrobond. Data last updated: 11/12/2026

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