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Market Data

Indices: Dow **-0.83%** | Russell 2000 **-1.05%** | S&P 500 **-1.22%** | Nasdaq 100 **-1.75%**

Sectors: All 11 sectors closed lower. Real Estate led, but still fell **-0.38%**. Tech lagged, dropping **-1.92%**.

Commodities: Crude Oil futures continued higher by **+0.68%** to a **10-month high** of \$90.77 per barrel. Gold futures rose **+0.69%** to \$1,946 per oz.

Currencies: The US Dollar Index was unchanged at \$105.33 but closed higher for the ninth straight week.

Crypto: Bitcoin inched higher by **+0.29%** to \$26,607. Ethereum gained **+0.89%** to \$1,642.

Interest Rates: The US 10-year Treasury yield rose to 4.334%.

Forex Markets

The U.S. dollar was lower on Friday, after data showing a dip in consumer sentiment, but the greenback was still poised for a ninth straight week of gains, while the yen weakened to a 10-month low.

The greenback continued to strengthen against the yen, after the Japanese currency had a sharp move higher versus the dollar earlier in the week. The dollar was last up 0.25% at 147.84 yen after hitting a 10-month high of 147.96.

The euro was up 0.2% at \$1.0666, having recovered slightly from Thursday's six-month low of \$1.0629 following the European Central Bank's (ECB) policy announcement, in which the central bank raised rates to a record-high 4% but signaled it was likely done with hikes.

Summary

The University of Michigan's preliminary reading of its Consumer Sentiment Index dropped to 67.7 this month from a final reading of 69.5 in August and below the forecast of 69.1 among economists polled by Reuters. However, consumers saw inflation lower on both a one-year and five-year basis.

Earlier data from the Labor Department showed import prices increased 0.5% last month as fuel prices jumped, but underlying price pressures stayed subdued while a separate report from the New York Fed showed factory activity picked up in the state in September.

Important Events

The Federal Reserve will hold a policy meeting next week on Sept. 19-20 and the central bank is largely viewed as keeping interest rates unchanged, with a 97% expectation for no action, according to CME's FedWatch Tool.
