

Week Ahead

Headlining the economic docket last week was Fed Chair Powell reiterating the case for continued rate hikes in his prepared remarks before his Jackson Hole speech. According to the Fed minutes that were released last week, the Fed remains broadly optimistic on the US Economy and does not currently foresee any risk of overheating. Current expectations are for two more rate hikes this year another 3 hikes next year. With this news along with continuing headlines coming out of Washington the 2/10 spread has narrowed to its tightest spread in over a decade. Economic data will headline this week, with the release of the PCE Deflator. This is the Fed's favorite gauge of inflation and it is expected to show an increase of 2% which is the current target.

Major Earnings Announcements for the Week:

Monday-	None
Tuesday-	Best Buy, Tiffany, Hewlett Packard & H&R Block
Wednesday-	Dicks Sporting Goods, American Eagle, Brown-Forman, Eaton Vance & Salesforce
Thursday-	Campbell Soup, Dollar General, Michaels, Signet Jewelers, Cooper Cos & Ulta Beauty
Friday-	None

Economic Calendar/ Market Moving Events:

Monday-	Chicago Fed National Activity 8:30AM and Dallas Fed Manf. Activity 10:30AM
Tuesday-	Wholesale Inventories 8:30AM & Richmond Fed Manf. Activity 10:AM
Wednesday-	GDP 2 nd estimate 8:30AM, Personal Consumption 8:30AM & Pending Home Sales 10:00AM
Thursday-	PCE Core, Personal Income, Personal Spending & PCE Deflator 8:30AM
Friday-	Chicago Purchasing Manager 9:45AM