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What you need to know for the week ahead

Commentary for Monday: Last week's inflation data did not meet the bar for further progress towards target, and as such the Fed is likely to raise rates at their Wednesday meeting. To briefly recap that data, last Friday's core CPI came in about a tenth hotter than expected (+0.29% in August vs. +0.22% in July). Nearly most of the surprise relative to our expectations was due to a 5.9% increase in wireless services prices, which alone added about 10bps to the core CPI print. While some of this could be payback from the 3.3% decline in June, the BLS's change in methodology last year seems to have induced increased volatility in this component.

Regarding other details within the CPI, there were strong gains in both lodging away and airfares as we expected. Lodging away prices had slid by about 5% over June and July, with August's 2.4% increase reversing some of that unexpected decline. Similarly, we had flagged upside risks to airfares (+2.7%) given that the seasonal factors were expecting a roughly 3% decline in non-seasonally adjusted prices. As jet fuel prices have reversed most of their 23% decline in June, this made it very easy for airfares to outperform on a seasonally adjusted basis in the August data.

The details within last Thursday's PPI data also skewed hawkish, with notable strength in international airfares as well as hospital prices. Combining the component-level data within the CPI and PPI, we are tracking August core PCE to increase by 0.27%, a pace that is not consistent with further progress towards the Fed's target.

Interestingly, the upcoming methodology changes for the PCE components will likely add a couple basis points to the core PCE print relative to the current methodology. Legal services in the PPI rose by about 1.8% seasonally adjusted versus likely declining by a tenth in the CPI, so switching to the PPI for legal services will add about 2bps to August core PCE. Similarly, while software and computer accessories fell by 2.2% in the CPI, the PPI series that are being added to the PCE estimate of software prices fell by less, thereby adding to core PCE relative to the BEA's current methodology of using the CPI software index alone.

Regarding this week's FOMC meeting (see "[Fed Notes: Sept FOMC preview: The action after Jackson](#)"), the only change to the statement will be the Committee's decision to raise the target for the federal funds to 3¾ to 4 percent. The Summary of Economic Projections (SEP) released alongside the statement, however, are likely to see several revisions that point toward a slightly stronger overall economic outlook alongside still elevated inflation. In turn, the median policy rate projection is likely to show an additional hike this year, with some participants projecting three or more hikes across 2026 and 2027.

Chair Warsh's press conference will focus on the justification for raising rates in September and the Committee's framing of the policy tightening cycle that lays

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ahead. With respect to the former, Warsh's comments could echo his Jackson Hole address, noting that, despite earlier evidence that inflation was moderating, officials lack confidence that the underlying trend is converging back towards target with sufficient speed. More importantly, forward-looking elements of the inflation picture have worsened (e.g. global energy prices and supply chain disruptions).

In framing the tightening cycle, we expect Warsh will continue to eschew forward guidance. However, with rates markets recently undergoing a substantial hawkish repricing of global central banks, it is important that he make some effort to characterize how much work the Fed believes they might need to do to return the policy stance to an appropriate setting.

As to other data to keep an eye on this week, Wednesday's retail sales data could, at the margin, affect Fed officials' views about the health of the consumer. We are expecting a rebound in headline sales (+0.9% forecast vs. -0.6% previous) as well as ex auto sales (+0.6% vs. -0.3%) and most importantly retail control (+0.3% vs. -0.4%). Given that the August employment data looked solid (see ["US Economic Chartbook: August employment: Late summer labor market heatwave"](#)), July's spending slump seems more like the consumer taking a breather rather than a more concerted pullback. That said, consumers' pocketbooks will continue to be strained by energy prices presenting modest downside risks to our consumption forecasts.

As we detailed our aforementioned FOMC preview note, the case for a rate hike is strong in our view. Growth remains solid, the labor market has rebounded and is showing some signs of tightening, and PCE inflation has demonstrated limited evidence of falling back towards target. Forward-looking indicators, including from energy prices, suggest the inflation overshoot is likely to persist for some time. Against this backdrop, it is not clear the Fed is sufficiently restrictive.

Correspondingly, we recently added a third 25bp hike to our outlook – we now expect the Fed to deliver 75bps of tightening in total, with 25bp increases in September, December, and next March. This action would unwind the risk management rate cuts the Fed delivered last year. Risks to the view are two-sided. If recent data trends continue, there is scope for the Fed to hike again in October. Dovish scenarios include a sharper tightening of financial conditions and/or an unexpected softening in inflation or in the labor market.

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Figure 1: Data docket and DB forecasts

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Source: BLS, FRB, NAR & Deutsche Bank Research

Figure 2: Fedspeak calendar

Region	Name	Date	Dove/Hawk	Voter	Events
FRB	FRB	5-Sep to 17-Sep			Fed's external communication blackout
FRB	FRB	16-Sep			FOMC Meeting

Source: FRB, Bloomberg Finance LP, Deutsche Bank Research

Figure 3: DB US Economics forecast summary

Economic Activity (% qoq, saar)	2026				2027				2028				2025F	2026F	2027F	2028F
	Q1	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	Q1F	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	Q1F	Q2F	Q3F	Q4F	Q4/Q4	Q4/Q4	Q4/Q4	Q4/Q4
GDP	2.1	1.5	3.3	1.9	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.3	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1
Private consumption	0.5	3.4	2.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2
Investment	7.9	2.7	12.9	6.4	5.1	5.6	5.5	4.3	4.2	3.0	3.8	3.1	2.1	7.4	5.1	3.5
Nonresidential	10.6	8.5	7.5	6.2	5.2	5.5	5.2	4.4	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.8	5.6	8.2	5.1	3.7
Residential	-7.8	1.2	-1.0	-1.0	1.5	1.0	1.2	0.9	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.0	-3.8	-2.2	1.1	2.3
Gov't consumption	4.4	-1.0	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.2	1.3	0.8	-0.3
Exports	10.9	4.5	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.1	5.5	3.0	2.0
Imports	11.8	12.5	8.9	7.1	5.1	4.1	4.0	3.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	-1.9	10.1	4.2	2.1
Contribution (pp): Inventories	0.2	-0.7	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.1
Net trade	-0.4	-1.1	-1.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1
Unemployment rate, %	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.1
Prices (% yoy)																
CPI	2.7	3.8	3.3	3.6	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.7	3.6	2.2	2.5
Core CPI	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.5
PCE	3.1	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.8	3.8	2.3	2.2
Core PCE	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.9	3.3	2.5	2.2
Fed Funds	3.63	3.63	3.88	4.13	4.38	4.38	4.38	4.38	4.13	3.88	3.63	3.63	3.63	4.13	4.38	3.63

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Figure 4: Data calendar & DB forecasts

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