



Sowell's tactical indicators remain in steady territory as the economy moves forward from the strong jobs figure reported by the Department of Bureau of Labor Statistics, with nonfarm payrolls increasing by 943,000 for the month.

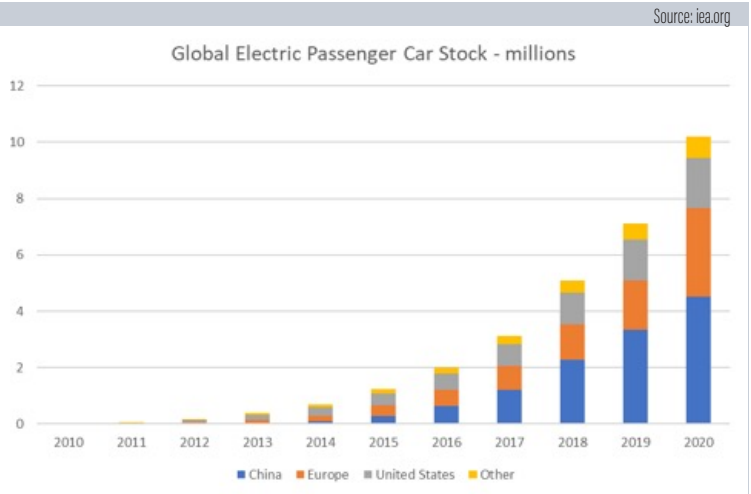


Equity indexes reached new records last week. Friday's strong monthly payrolls lifted yields higher. Both intermediate and long-term Treasury yields increased, steepening the yield curve, on the expectation of a more hawkish Federal Reserve. The US 10-Year Treasury yield closed on Friday at 1.3%, much higher than at the start of the week at 1.23%, according to CNBC. The stocks tied to the economic recovery did well last week, with energy, banks, and retailers all finished on a high note. Technology shares lagged on higher interest rates.

Inflation will gain most of the attention this week, with data reports expected on consumer and producer level inflation. With the labor market on the mend, inflation will continue to be on investors' minds as both labor and inflation are key factors that influence the Federal Reserve's decisions on policy. The consumer price index and the producer price index will be released on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively. The Federal Reserve has stated many times that elevated inflation is temporary. Headline inflation was at

5.4% in June, and economists are expecting another high number for the month of July. Earnings continue this week as some notable names such as Walt Disney, Airbnb, and Wendy's report. Disney's earnings will be of increased interest as the company navigates through the reopening of its global theme parks amid the spread of the delta COVID-19 variant and its continued growth in the streaming platform with Disney+.

MONDAY AUGUST 9, 2021
CB Employment Trends Index
Air Products, AMC, BioNTech, Callaway Golf, Dish, Trade Desk, Tyson, and Viatris earnings
TUESDAY AUGUST 10, 2021
Nonfarm Productivity
NFIB Small Business Optimism
API Weekly Crude Oil Stock
Aramark, Chesapeake Energy, Coinbase, Inari Medical, McAfee, and Sysco earnings
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11, 2021
CPI and Core CPI
Gasoline Inventories
Mortgage Market Index
eBay, NIO and Opendoor Technologies, Perrigo, and Wendy's earnings
THURSDAY AUGUST 12, 2021
Initial jobless claims (weekly)
Continuing jobless claims
PPI and Core PPI
OPEC Monthly Report
Applied Materials, Baidu, Brookfield, GoodRx, LegalZoom, Mister Car Wash, and Walt Disney earnings
FRIDAY AUGUST 13, 2021
Import-Export Price Index
UMich Inflation Expectations
UMich Consumer Sentiment
Berkshire Hathaway, Madison Square Garden, and Natura earnings



Last Thursday, the Biden administration announced their push to have electric vehicles account for 50 percent of new car purchases by 2030. Electric vehicle sales in the US currently make up only 3% of total car sales. This aggressive sales objective can only be met through government incentives, improved charging networks, and increased investments in research and development. Europe and China were already promoting electric vehicles through regulations, incentives, and subsidies. President Biden's commitment to follow a similar strategy means that the world's three largest car markets are fast-moving away from the internal combustion engine. In 2020, more than 10 million electric cars were on the world's roads. Tesla and GM are the two biggest US electric vehicle sellers. This action is part of a broader plan to fight climate change while making the US an industry leader as China moves to dominate the electric vehicle market.

SECTOR RETURNS					
	1 WEEK	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	YTD	12 MONTHS
S&P 500 Index	0.96	2.23	5.95	19.05	34.38
Basic Materials	(0.26)	2.97	(3.05)	18.13	39.00
Comm Services	0.30	0.24	6.48	20.74	40.58
Consumer Cyclical	0.56	(0.35)	1.85	11.80	39.22
Consumer Defensive	(0.61)	1.95	1.54	7.34	17.25
Energy	0.28	(6.48)	(5.01)	31.83	36.47
Financial Services	2.64	3.12	1.40	24.75	48.96
Healthcare	0.63	3.03	8.12	15.15	25.45
Industrials	0.16	1.21	(0.69)	16.43	41.06
Real Estate	0.45	3.23	9.76	23.44	29.68
Technology	1.30	2.99	13.53	18.38	35.56
Utilities	2.14	4.43	2.18	6.87	11.76

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