Buys, Buy-Long-Term, & Buy-Venture Weekly Digest

Portfolio Update Week of Oct 5-Oct 9

- Major U.S. equity indexes finished the week higher amid volatility in AI-related stocks, geopolitical developments in the Middle East, and sharp swings in energy prices and Treasury yields. The S&P 500 (+1.15%), Dow Jones Industrial Average (+0.93%), and Nasdaq (+0.64%) gained, while Russell 2000 (-0.91%) declined.
- Minutes from the Federal Reserve's September policy meeting, at which officials unanimously raised interest rates by 25 bps, indicated that most policymakers expect another rate increase before year-end as inflation remains elevated.
- Economic data released during the week reinforced concerns over inflation. The ISM Services PMI dropped marginally to 54.9 in September from 55.4 in August but remained above 50 indicating continued expansion.
- U.S. Treasury yields edged lower over the week following recent bond market volatility, although longer-term yields remained near multi-decade highs. The benchmark 10-year Treasury yield ended the week at 5.24%, while the 30-year yield settled at 5.60%.
- Gold gained 1.2%, supported by easing Treasury yields and increased safe haven demand amid geopolitical tensions. However, expectations of further Federal Reserve tightening and a stronger U.S. dollar limited the upside.
- Oil prices advanced during the week, with Brent crude gaining 2.24%, supported by escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and renewed threats to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, raising concerns over potential supply disruptions.
- The value index gained 1.48% for the week, outperforming the growth index which was up 0.89%.
- APOG and LRN had a strong week, gaining 14.0%, and 8.5% respectively. APOG shares gained this week after strong Q2 earnings, and a guidance raise for the full year. OESX and FTK underperformed during the week declining 15.1% and 13.4% respectively.

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Company Name	Ticker	Cost Basis	Price	Weekly % Change	MTD % Change	YTD % Change	Total % Change
Orion Energy Systems Inc	OESX	9.60	25.83	-15.1%	-15.3%	67.9%	169.1%
Acme United Corp	ACU	7.90	62.15	-2.1%	-2.0%	54.2%	686.7%
Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc	SAMG	11.24	10.23	-2.9%	-3.1%	-32.7%	-9.0%
Superior Group of Companies Inc	SGC	8.89	13.05	0.5%	3.2%	34.8%	46.8%
Koppers Holdings Inc	KOP	51.54	43.41	-5.7%	-4.8%	60.3%	-15.8%
Apogee Enterprises Inc	APOG	44.33	40.59	14.0%	14.8%	11.5%	-8.4%
Mistras Group Inc	MG	6.67	20.77	0.6%	-1.4%	64.2%	211.4%
Flotek Industries Inc	FTK	3.80	26.79	-13.4%	-8.6%	55.5%	605.0%
Power Metallic Mines Inc	PNPNF	0.16	0.75	-5.3%	-6.2%	-17.9%	366.9%
CuriosityStream Inc	CURI	1.64	2.80	-3.8%	-3.8%	-26.3%	70.7%
Conduent Inc	CNDT	3.39	1.60	-3.0%	2.6%	-16.7%	-52.8%
Information Services Group Inc	III	4.63	5.79	1.6%	4.7%	0.2%	25.1%
Stride Inc	LRN	149.30	85.59	8.5%	9.8%	31.8%	-42.7%
Myriad Uranium Corp	MYRUF	0.24	0.31	-3.6%	-9.5%	23.1%	28.2%
Jefferson Capital Inc.	JCAP	22.83	19.93	3.5%	4.5%	-10.8%	-12.7%
TSS Inc.	TSSI	8.55	9.70	-5.3%	-0.3%	37.2%	13.5%
Photronics Inc	PLAB	21.35	29.62	-5.9%	-3.8%	-7.4%	38.7%
POET Technologies Inc.	POET	7.29	6.97	-10.5%	-6.8%	-4.4%	-4.4%
WidePoint Corp	WYY	10.94	7.29	-3.6%	-7.5%	-33.4%	-33.4%
Tilly's Inc.	TLYS	5.13	4.46	-2.6%	-3.7%	-13.1%	-13.1%
STLLR Gold	STLRF	1.36	1.37	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Gray Media Inc.	GTN	4.77	4.54	0.0%	0.9%	-4.8%	-4.8%
			Average	-2.4%	-1.6%	12.5%	93.9%

Index Returns		**Weekly**	**MTD**	**YTD**
S&P 500 Index ETF	SPY	1.2%	2.1%	14.2%
Russell 2000 Index ETF	IWM	-0.9%	0.4%	13.3%
Micro Cap ETF	IWC	-2.0%	-1.0%	16.0%

**Prices as of 10/09/26*