

*Life begins at 40 - but so do fallen arches, rheumatism, faulty eyesight, and the tendency to tell a story to the same person, three or four times. ~~Helen Rowland*



Good Wednesday evening,

Wall Street sold off sharply Wednesday as hotter-than-expected inflation reignited fears of another Federal Reserve rate increase. Technology and semiconductor stocks bore the brunt of selling, while rising Treasury yields and Middle East energy disruptions added pressure. Wednesday's selling was more than a reaction to one inflation report. It exposed the vulnerability of expensive growth stocks to higher rates, while the energy shock complicated the inflation outlook. The next session's most important test is whether bond yields stabilize enough for technology shares to find buyers.

- 1. September CPI comes in hotter than expected. Headline inflation rose 3.7% year over year, versus 3.6% expected. Core inflation rose 2.6% annually, versus 2.5% forecast. This was the day's dominant catalyst.
- 2. Federal Reserve rate-hike expectations surge. Market-implied odds of an October rate increase jumped from approximately 20% to 41% following the inflation release. This repricing weighed heavily on growth-stock valuations.
- 3. Treasury yields move higher. The 10-year yield climbed to approximately 5.27%, while the two-year reached around 4.87%. Higher borrowing costs pressured interest-rate-sensitive equities.
- 4. Technology and semiconductor shares sell off. Investors continued questioning AI infrastructure spending, semiconductor competition and valuations. Technology was among the weakest market sectors.
- 5. Middle East tensions keep oil elevated. Threats to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz helped keep Brent crude near \$106 per barrel, reinforcing inflation concerns even as oil was relatively steady during part of the session



*My face when people INSIST it's Fall, but it's still 90 degrees outside..*



### Headlines from Wednesday, 14-Oct-26:

- S&P 500 drops 1%, dragged down by hot inflation data and sell-off in AI-related stocks
  - DOW JONES CLOSES 0.19% LOWER AT 51,570.37, DOWN 99.73 POINTS
  - S&P 500 CLOSES 1.15% LOWER AT 7,716.03, DOWN 89.42 POINTS
  - \*PHILADELPHIA SEMICONDUCTOR INDEX FALLS 4.3% AT CLOSE
- US inflation rises to 3.7%, higher than expectations.

- September CPI rose 0.6% MoM, matching forecasts, while annual inflation hit 3.7% vs. 3.6% expected.
- Core CPI climbed 0.3% vs. 0.2% expected, with annual core inflation reaching 2.6% vs. 2.5% forecast.
- Gasoline prices surged 9.1%, energy jumped 5.2%, and real earnings fell 0.5%, highlighting renewed pressure on consumers.

- \*TRADERS ADD TO BETS ON THREE MORE FED RATE HIKES BY END-2027

- **AI BOOM FUELS SHARPEST COMPUTER PRICE INFLATION IN TWO DECADES**

- The massive AI infrastructure buildout is coinciding with a sharp rise in consumer technology prices, adding another source of pressure to U.S. inflation.

- **According to September CPI data:**

- ◆ Computers, peripherals and smart-home assistants: +9.7% YoY, the largest annual increase since at least 2006.

- ◆ Software and accessories: +28.4% YoY.

- The figures highlight growing concerns that surging demand for AI computing power and hardware could be pushing technology costs higher.

- BlackRock CEO Fink: High interest rates will persist.

- BofA anticipates three rate increases through June 2027.

- Robots can already do about 3/4 of physical job tasks in the US, per Anthropic.

- But they're cheaper than a human for just 0.3% of them.

- At the historical rate robots get cheaper, it would take about 40 years for that to reach 10%.

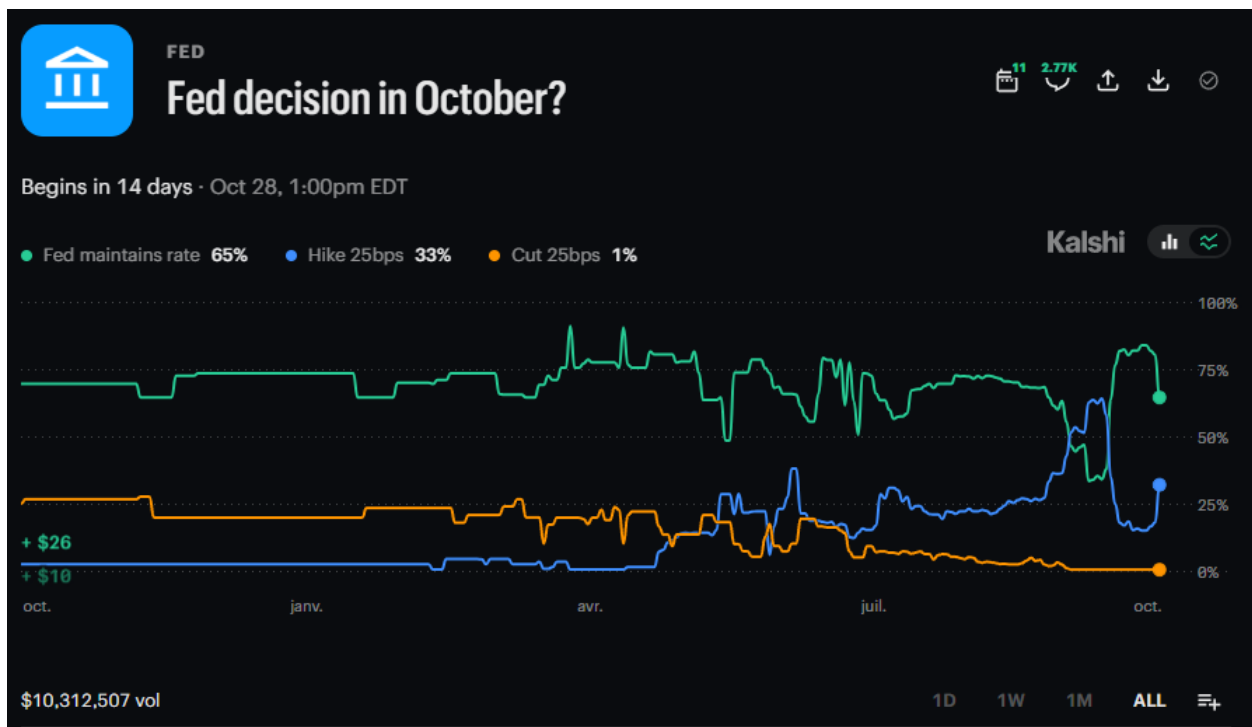
- Even in the fastest scenario, robots don't become cheaper than people for half of physical work until 2050.

- McDonald's is adding more protein to its menu as GLP-1 drugs change how Americans eat.

- 11% of U.S. adults now take a GLP-1 for weight loss, roughly 28 million people, up from 3% in 2024, per Gallup.
- McDonald's says 84% of households with a GLP-1 user still eat there.
- ECB'S SIMKUS: RECENT DATA SUGGEST MORE TIGHTENING MAY BE NEEDED

### **US INFLATION SURGES. FED HIKE ODDS JUMP.**

- September CPI hit 3.7% annually, above the 3.6% forecast, while core inflation rose 0.3% versus 0.2% expected.
- Kalshi now prices a 33% chance of an October Fed hike, up from 21%, while hold odds have fallen from 79% to 65%.



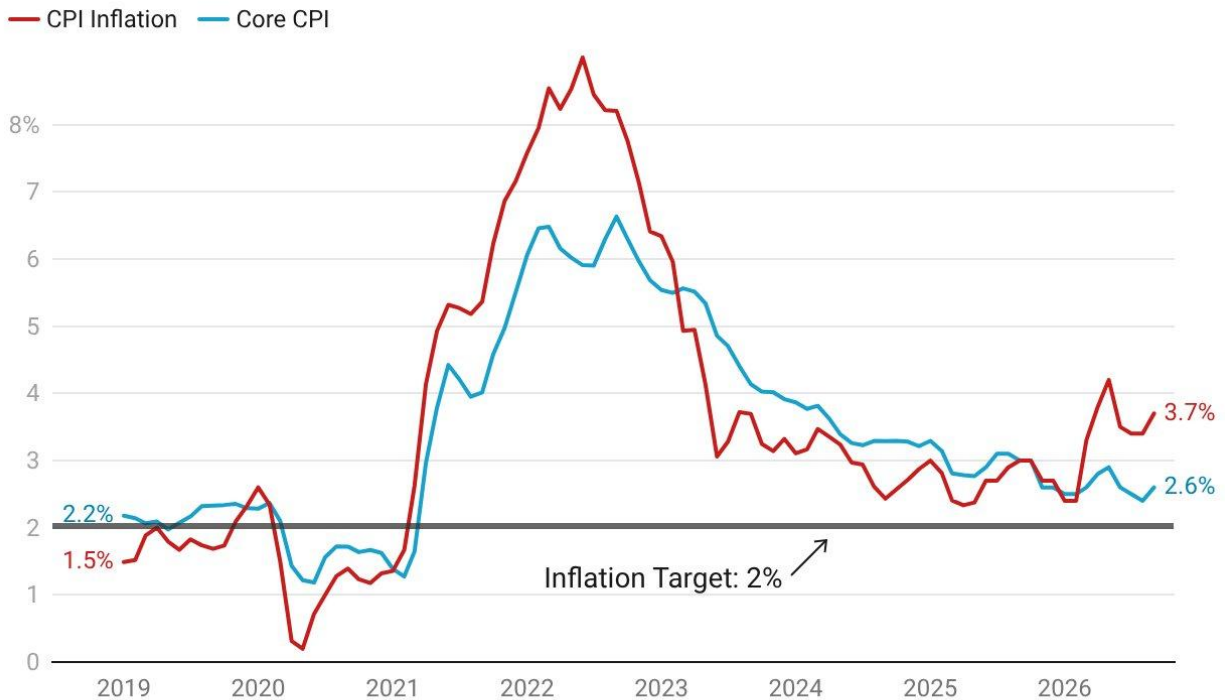
### **A hot inflation report. Inflation jumped back up to 3.7% (y/y) in September, the highest rate since May.**

- The spike was largely driven by rising gas and diesel prices.
- Higher airfares and used car prices also triggered the 0.6% monthly gain (biggest since May).

- Core CPI, which excludes food and energy, climbed to 2.6% -->This was worse than expected and up from 2.4% in August.
- The big problem = Inflation rose 3.7% in the past year, wiping out 3% average wage gains.

## CPI Inflation jumped to 3.7% in September

Core inflation (CPI excluding food and energy) rose more than expected to 2.6%.



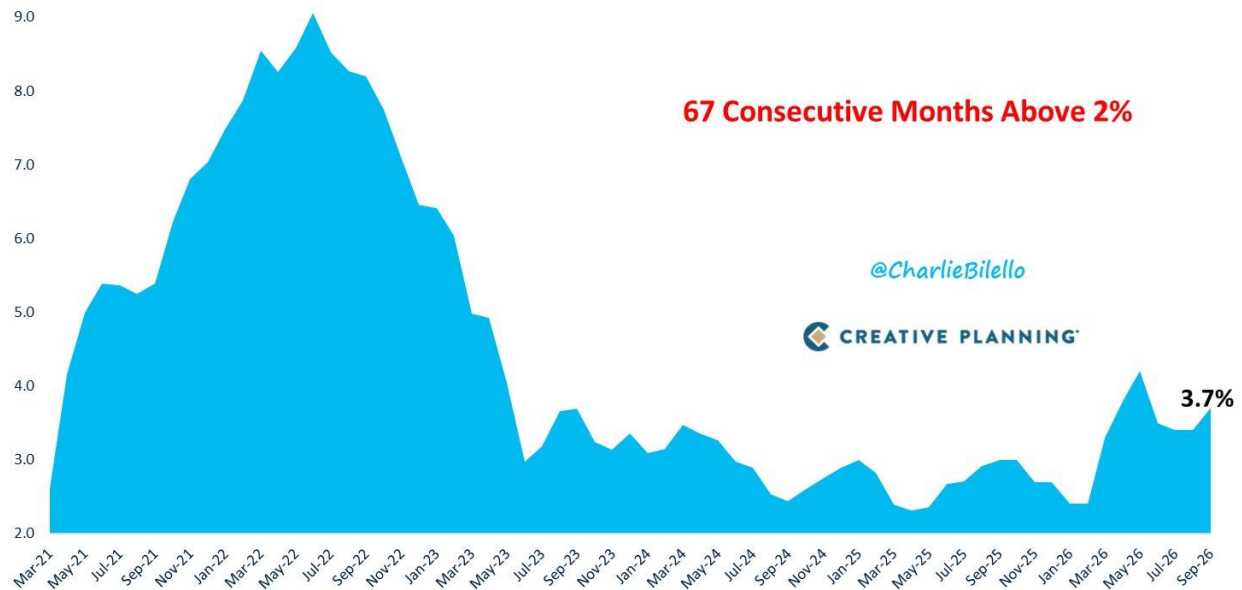
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**67---As in 67 consecutive months with US inflation above the Fed's 2% target.**

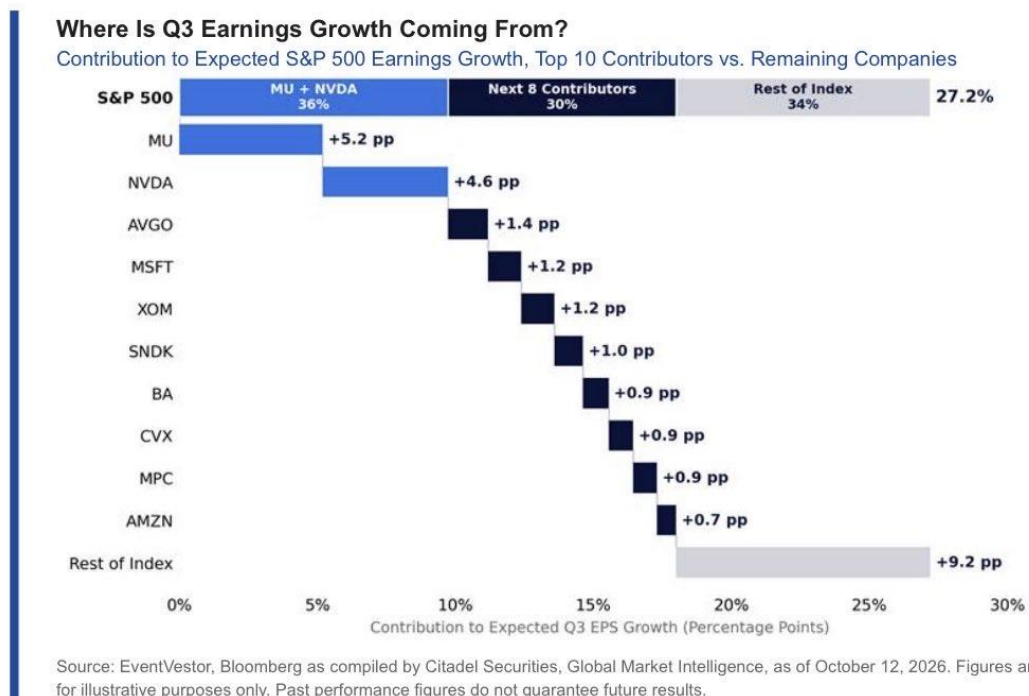
- Markets see monetary policy as way too easy and expect more rate HIKES.

## U.S. Headline CPI (YoY % Change)

Data via YCharts: March 2021 - September 2026

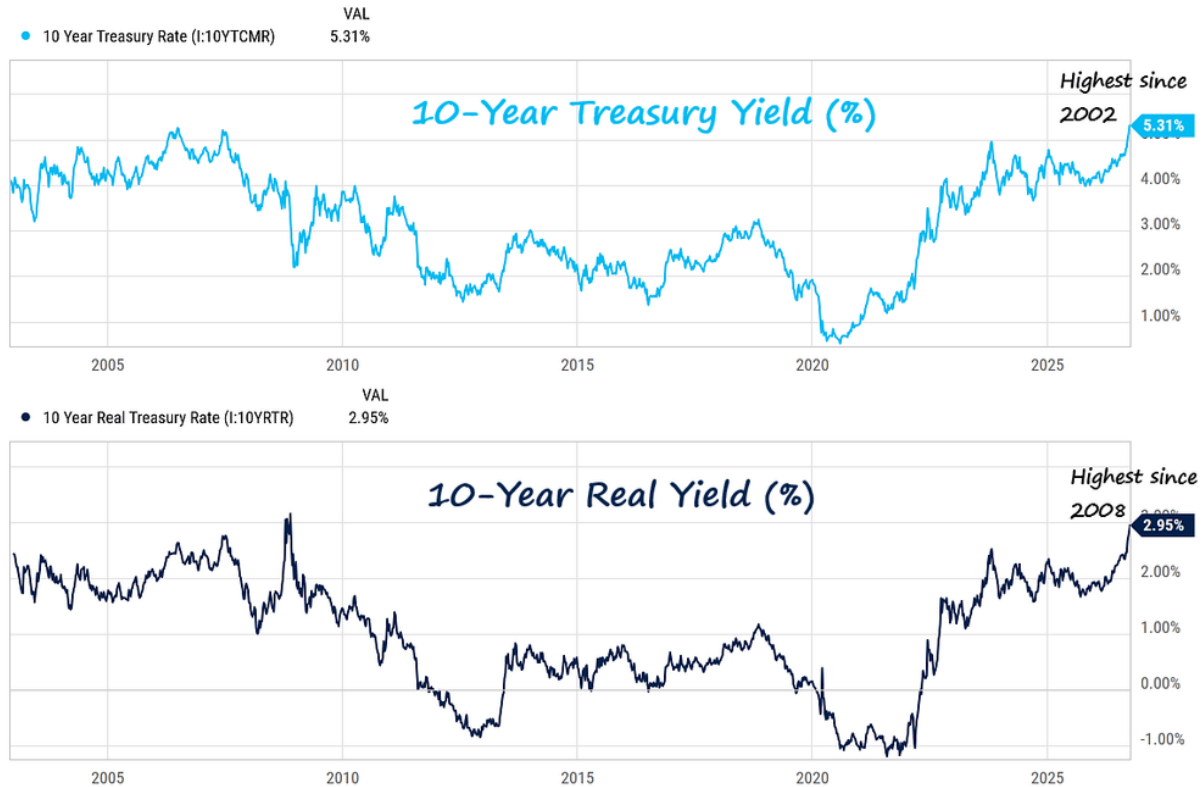


**CITADEL: “.. \$MU and \$NVDA alone account for 36% of expected S&P 500 earnings growth ..”**



**TINA (there is no alternative) is dead**

- For years, investors were told there was no alternative to stocks. And that saying had a lot of truth to it back in 2020 when long-term bond yield were below 1% and real yields were negative.
- But what a difference 6 years makes. Today we have the highest nominal yields since 2002 (5.31%) and the highest real yields since 2008.



**The LAST thing a pumpkin patch sees before getting invaded...**

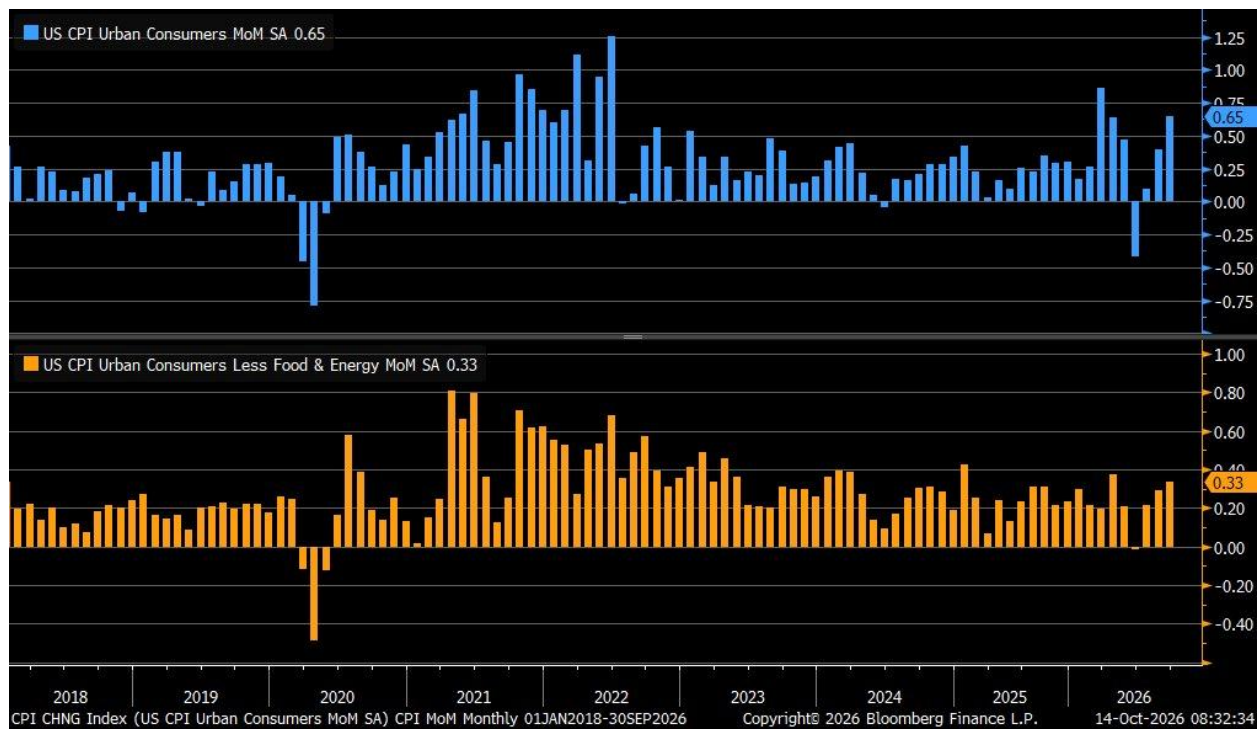


## **Economic**

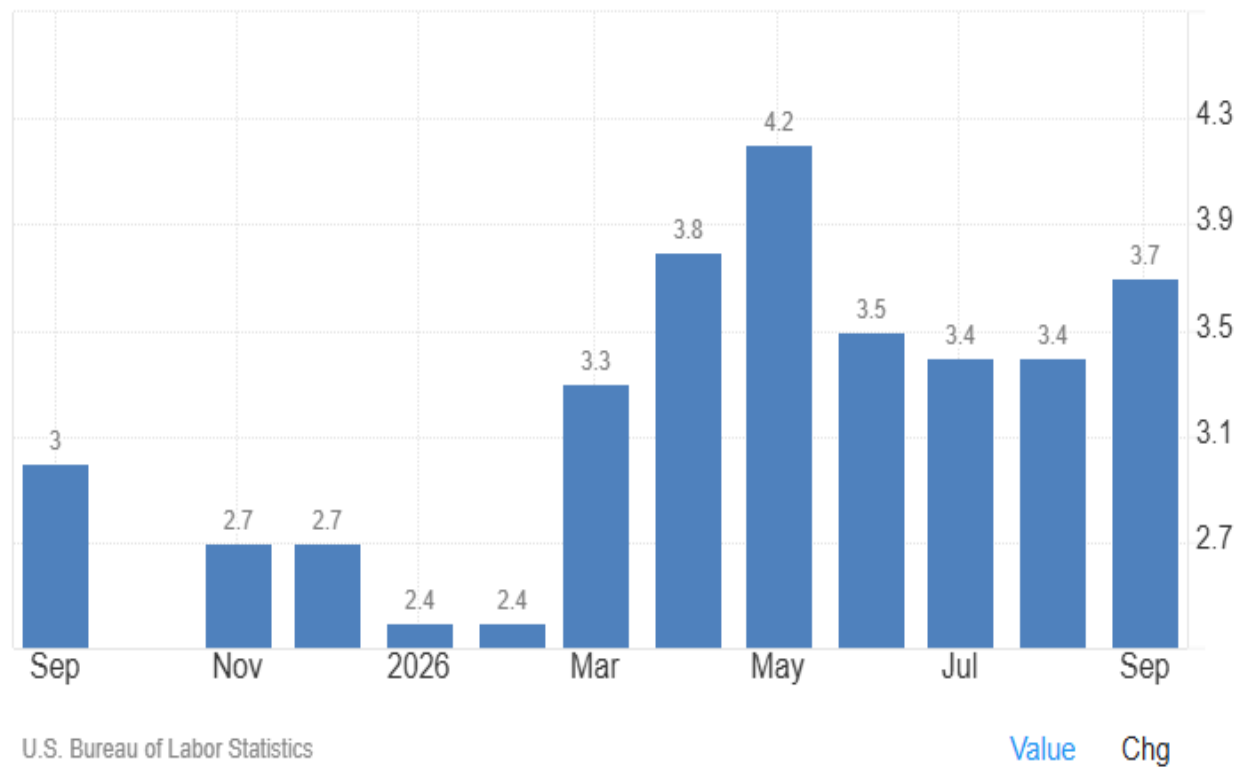
- US SEPTEMBER CPI FULL BREAKDOWN
  - Headline
    - ◆ NSA YoY 3.7% vs 3.6% expected | prior 3.4% | highest since May
    - ◆ NSA MoM 0.6% | highest since April | in line with expectations
    - ◆ SA MoM 0.6% vs 0.60% consensus | prior 0.40%
    - ◆ Index 336.94 vs 336.654 consensus | prior 334.98
  - Core
    - ◆ NSA YoY 2.60% vs 2.50% expected | prior 2.40%
    - ◆ SA MoM 0.3% vs 0.20% consensus | prior 0.30%
  - Components
    - ◆ Housing NSA YoY 3.2% | prior 3.0%

- ◆ Energy NSA YoY 20.4% | prior 16.3%
- ◆ Food NSA YoY 2.5% | prior 2.7%
  - Other
- ◆ Real income MoM -0.5% | prior +0.2%
- ◆ Spot gold fell nearly \$40 intraday to \$4,129.6/oz on the upside surprise
- Headline and core both hotter than the street, with energy doing the heavy lifting.
  - US MBA Mortgage Applications Oct 9: -2.7% (prev -4.2%)
    - -MBA 30-Year Mortgage Rate: 7.50% (prev 7.49%)

**In month/month terms, September CPI/ U.S. CPI rises 3.7% year over year, the highest reading since May.**



%



**I was asked to take her to the pumpkin patch.**

**She wasn't amused...**



### **Cryptocurrency**

- BLOOMBERG ETF ANALYST ERIC BALCHUNAS SAYS BITCOIN \$BTC COULD BENEFIT IF GOVERNMENTS TAX UNREALIZED STOCK GAINS OR CONTINUE PRINTING MONEY
- Standard Chartered becomes the first international bank in the UAE to offer Bitcoin trading directly through eligible clients' bank accounts

### **CHARLIE MUNGER'S 200-WEEK MA SIGNAL JUST PLAYED OUT AGAIN.**

- Bitcoin found its June bottom almost exactly at the 200-week moving average.
- Munger famously highlighted the 200-week MA as a powerful long-term level for high-quality assets.
- Bitcoin has bounced from this level at several major lows throughout its history.

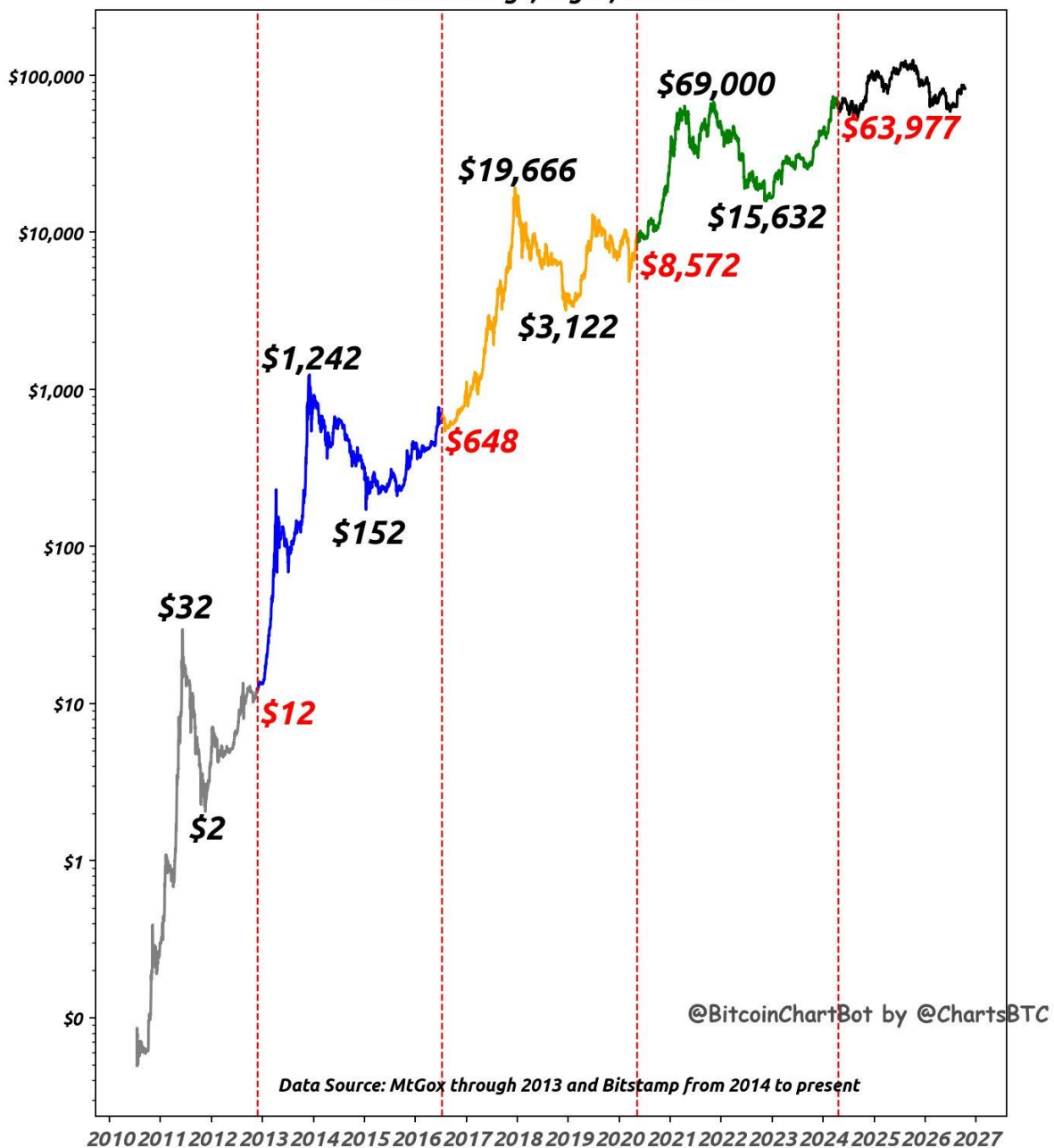


***Bitcoin latest price on 2026-10-14 price history;***



## Bitcoin Price History

with Halvings, Highs, and Lows



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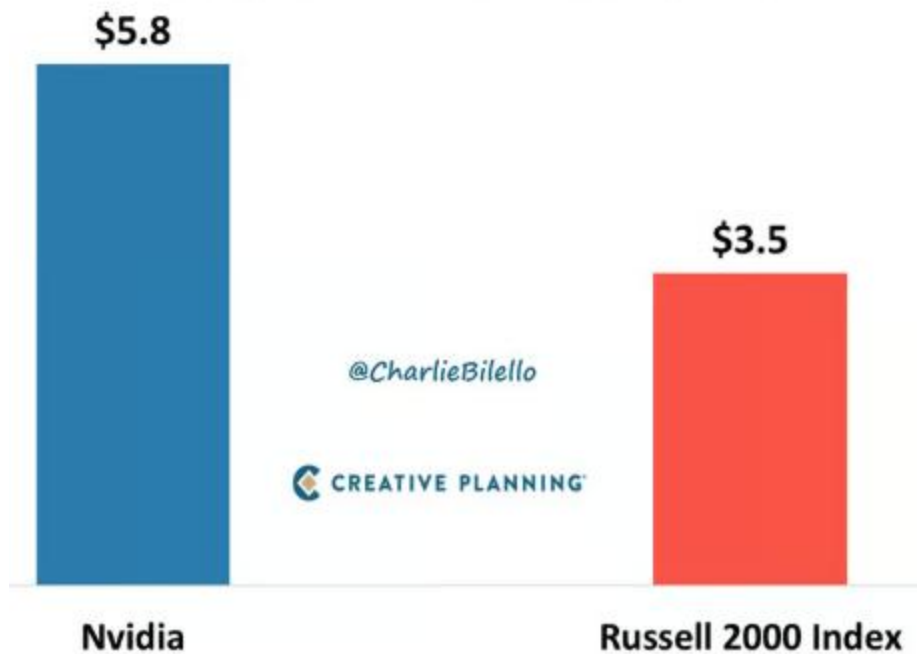


**Nvidia's market cap of \$5.8 trillion is over \$2 trillion higher than all of the companies in the Russell 2000 combined.**

- That seems absolutely crazy until you learn that Nvidia made a profit of \$193 billion over the last year while the Russell 2000 members collectively lost \$14 billion.

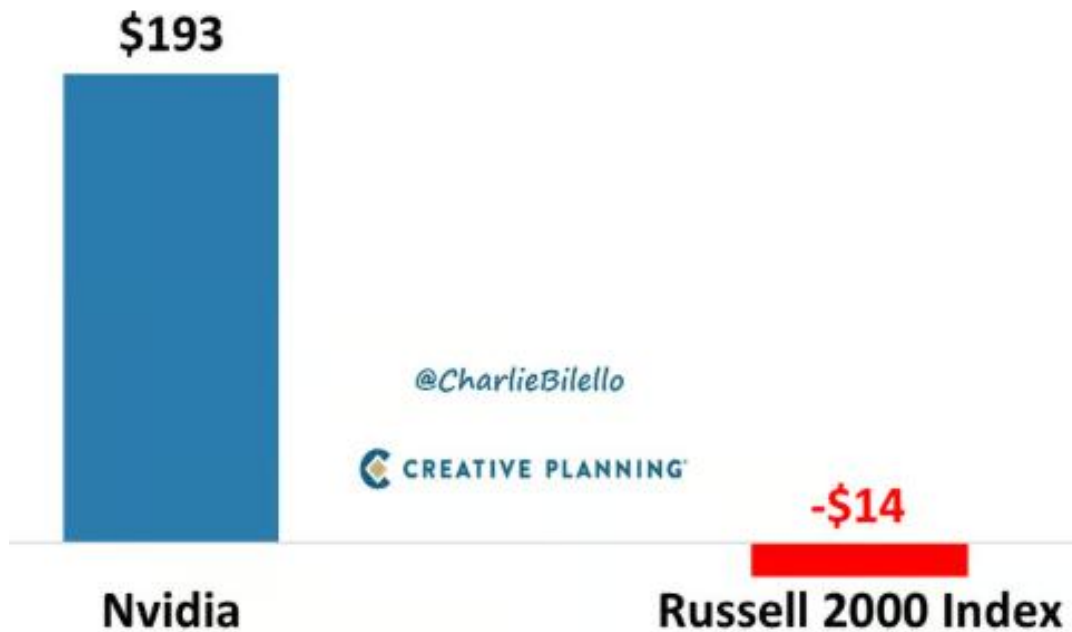
## Total Market Capitalization

(Data via YCharts in \$Trillions, as of 10/6/26)



## Net Income (TTM)

(Data via YCharts in \$Billions, as of 10/6/26)



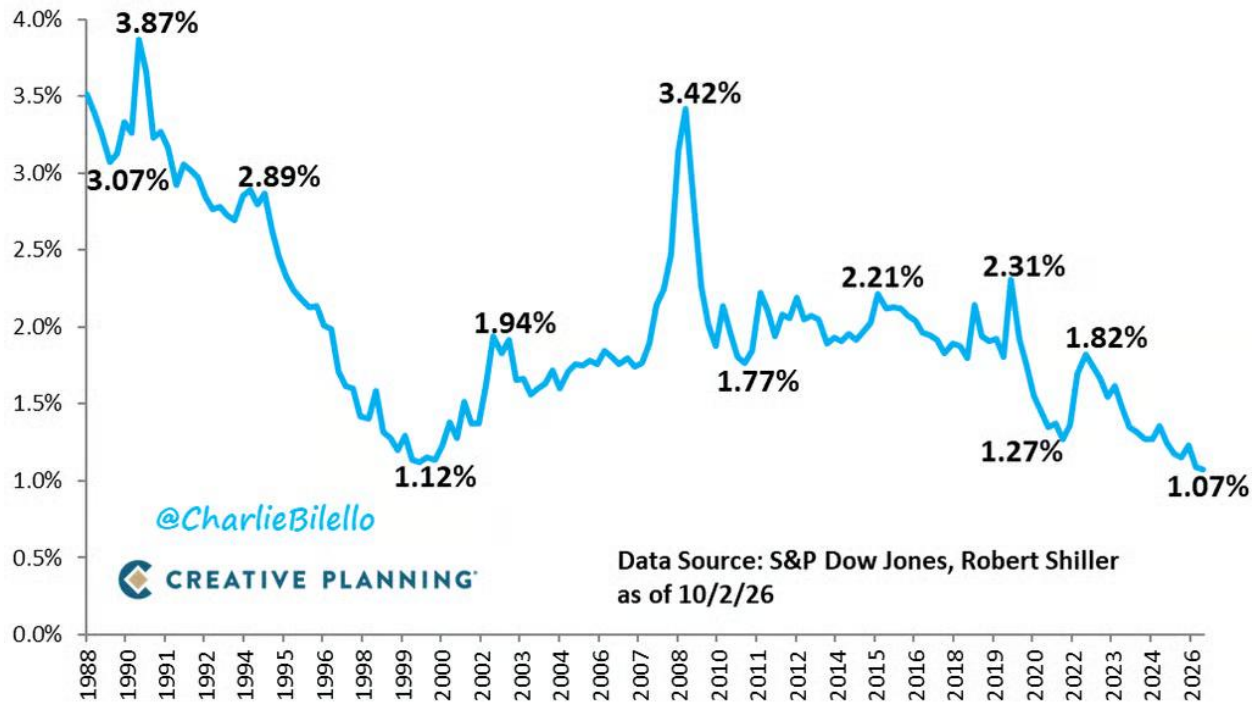
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**S&P 500's dividend yield has fallen to an all-time low of 1.07%.**

# S&P 500 Dividend Yield

(TTM Dividends, Quarterly: Q4 1988 - Q3 2026)



**VIP Pricing**

|          | LAST           | CHANGE    | % CHG    |
|----------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| .DJI     | 51,621.48 USD  | -48.62    | -0.09%   |
| .IXIC    | 26,692.868 USD | -511.512  | -1.88%   |
| .SPX     | 7,718.94 USD   | -86.51    | -1.11%   |
| @SP.1    | 7,764.50 USD   | -91.25    | -1.16%   |
| .VIX     | 16.85 USD      | +1.58     | +10.35%  |
| @CL.1    | 95.15 USD      | +1.01     | +1.07%   |
| @GC.1    | 4,122.30 USD   | -55.00    | -1.32%   |
| @SI.1    | 55.755 USD     | -3.77     | -6.33%   |
| @TY.1    | 104.8594 USD   | +0.125    | +0.12%   |
| US10Y    | 5.19%          | -0.027    | -0.5175% |
| US30YFRM | 7.45 USD       | -0.01     | -0.13%   |
| BTC.CM=  | 81,805.80 USD  | -1,338.33 | -1.61%   |
| ETC.BF=  | 7.98 USD       | -0.17     | -2.07%   |
| CAD=     | 1.4239         | +0.0025   | +0.18%   |
| EUR=     | 1.1154         | -0.0044   | -0.3929% |
| GBP=     | 1.3187         | -0.0065   | -0.4905% |
| JPY=     | 158.35         | +0.06     | +0.04%   |
| AAPL     | 342.96 USD     | +1.69     | +0.50%   |
| AMZN     | 254.08 USD     | -4.50     | -1.74%   |
| BRK.B    | 526.35 USD     | +5.76     | +1.11%   |
| DEFT     | 0.4398 USD     | -0.0226   | -4.8875% |
| TSLA     | 367.16 USD     | -8.07     | -2.15%   |
| META     | 737.54 USD     | -24.96    | -3.27%   |
| MSFT     | 533.69 USD     | -9.76     | -1.80%   |
| GOOGL    | 347.64 USD     | -6.14     | -1.74%   |
| NVDA     | 221.30 USD     | -7.22     | -3.16%   |
| QQQ      | 728.95 USD     | -14.62    | -1.97%   |
| NFLX     | 70.57 USD      | +0.11     | +0.16%   |
| UVXY     | 16.63 USD      | +0.69     | +4.33%   |
| XOM      | 177.01 USD     | +2.93     | +1.68%   |

|      | LAST         | CHANGE | % CHG   |
|------|--------------|--------|---------|
| SLV  | 50.22 USD    | -3.27  | -6.11%  |
| PSLV | 18.07 USD    | -1.30  | -6.71%  |
| AG   | 15.25 USD    | -1.08  | -6.61%  |
| SPCX | 152.16 USD   | -4.38  | -2.80%  |
| LOFD | 5.94 USD     | +0.31  | +5.51%  |
| LOFF | 16.83 USD    | -1.04  | -5.82%  |
| SKHY | 147.55 USD   | -9.51  | -6.06%  |
| MU   | 914.13 USD   | -38.91 | -4.08%  |
| SNDK | 1,403.34 USD | -78.99 | -5.33%  |
| BITO | 10.90 USD    | -0.23  | -2.07%  |
| AA   | 40.08 USD    | -1.41  | -3.40%  |
| UNH  | 395.62 USD   | +17.86 | +4.73%  |
| AI   | 11.67 USD    | -0.34  | -2.83%  |
| LLY  | 1,208.74 USD | +42.23 | +3.62%  |
| RH   | 110.99 USD   | -4.89  | -4.22%  |
| COIN | 172.89 USD   | -8.90  | -4.90%  |
| CRK  | 13.70 USD    | -0.49  | -3.45%  |
| CVX  | 222.04 USD   | +4.31  | +1.98%  |
| GLW  | 140.89 USD   | -7.65  | -5.15%  |
| SBUX | 93.25 USD    | +1.25  | +1.36%  |
| MNTN | 9.40 USD     | -0.39  | -3.98%  |
| HIMS | 27.72 USD    | -1.99  | -6.70%  |
| RIOT | 15.10 USD    | -1.57  | -9.42%  |
| XRPI | 7.14 USD     | -0.23  | -3.12%  |
| ASTS | 42.14 USD    | -4.92  | -10.46% |
| BRZE | 28.25 USD    | -0.68  | -2.35%  |
| DJT  | 7.22 USD     | -0.53  | -6.84%  |
| GME  | 27.15 USD    | -0.07  | -0.26%  |
| BA   | 184.66 USD   | -1.83  | -0.98%  |
| DKS  | 136.96 USD   | -0.59  | -0.43%  |

## NODLive

### RECAP 10/14 Unusual Puts:

\$CRWV Jan 60/50 P Spd

\$BN Nov 36 P

\$ORCL Noc06 110 P

\$CRWV Dec 37.5 P

\$CMPS Nov 10 P

\$SOFI Mar 13 P

\$IOVA Jan 10 P

\$MU Nov 750 P

\$ORCL Oct 130 P

\$CRWV Dec 40 P

\$INDI Jan-28 1.5 P

\$STOK Nov 20 P

\$MARA Mar 5 P

\$JOBY Jan-29 3 P

\$CRVS Jan 9 P

\$ACAD Jan 19 P

\$UNIT May 5 P

\$HUT Mar 50 P

### RECAP 10/14 Unusual Calls:

\$UUUU Jan 10 C

\$IONQ Dec 35 C

\$XLE Oct21 68 C

\$MP Dec 90 C

\$INFQ Jan-28 30 C

\$LAES Jan-28 2.5 C

\$DAL Oct 78 C

### RECAP 10/ Chatter:

\$BSP + \$BRK/A Decagon -

\$NOW denies interest

\$CRWV - AI Debt

\$PIPR \$PWP End merger talks 

| Coin                                                                                                      |                     | Price       | 1h     | 24h    | 7d      | 24h Volume       | Market Cap          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------|--------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
|  Bitcoin BTC             | <a href="#">Buy</a> | \$81,812.43 | ▲ 0.3% | ▼ 1.7% | ▼ 2.0%  | \$32,929,453,328 | \$1,644,285,901,155 |
|  Ethereum ETH            | <a href="#">Buy</a> | \$2,429.51  | ▲ 0.2% | ▼ 3.2% | ▼ 5.2%  | \$12,583,843,964 | \$296,724,330,303   |
|  Tether USDT             |                     | \$0.9991    | ▲ 0.0% | ▲ 0.0% | ▲ 0.0%  | \$56,070,312,740 | \$184,000,833,142   |
|  BNB BNB                 | <a href="#">Buy</a> | \$728.89    | ▲ 0.1% | ▼ 1.6% | ▼ 5.6%  | \$618,198,598    | \$97,057,915,986    |
|  XRP XRP                 | <a href="#">Buy</a> | \$1.32      | ▼ 0.1% | ▼ 3.5% | ▼ 7.1%  | \$1,887,239,068  | \$83,584,173,687    |
|  USDC USDC               |                     | \$0.9997    | ▲ 0.0% | ▲ 0.0% | ▲ 0.0%  | \$17,867,511,552 | \$72,710,559,669    |
|  Solana SOL              | <a href="#">Buy</a> | \$104.14    | ▲ 0.1% | ▼ 3.4% | ▼ 10.4% | \$3,172,004,065  | \$61,359,332,140    |
|  TRON TRX                | <a href="#">Buy</a> | \$0.333     | ▼ 0.1% | ▲ 1.4% | ▼ 0.6%  | \$549,289,613    | \$31,631,874,453    |
|  Figure Heloc FIGR_HELOC | <a href="#">Buy</a> | \$1.04      | ▲ 0.0% | ▼ 1.3% | ▲ 1.9%  | \$46,163,497     | \$24,714,256,939    |
|  Zcash ZEC             | <a href="#">Buy</a> | \$1,153.69  | ▲ 0.9% | ▼ 5.1% | ▼ 13.0% | \$919,738,970    | \$19,596,769,850    |

| Symbol | Price  | Exp Date      | Type | Strike | Moneyess | Bid   | Latest | Ask   | Volume  | Open Int | Vol/OI   | Imp Vol | IV      | Delta   |
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| TSLA   | 365.72 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 367.50 | -0.72%   | 0.22  | 0.23   | 0.23  | 231,359 | 230      | 1,005.91 | 42.91%  | 8.24%   | 0.2432  |
| TSLA   | 365.72 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 365.00 | -0.03%   | 1.42  | 1.49   | 1.50  | 110,156 | 410      | 268.67   | 42.91%  | 5.90%   | 0.8948  |
| RIOT   | 14.98  | 12/18/26 (65) | Put  | 10.00  | -32.93%  | 0.26  | 0.28   | 0.35  | 99,999  | 617      | 162.07   | 91.61%  | 88.15%  | -0.0984 |
| MU     | 923.46 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 925.00 | -0.54%   | 2.35  | 2.40   | 2.40  | 24,132  | 153      | 157.73   | 50.34%  | 15.84%  | 0.4273  |
| DASH   | 182.43 | 12/18/26 (65) | Call | 175.00 | +3.39%   | 19.05 | 19.20  | 20.90 | 16,815  | 133      | 126.43   | 57.31%  | 51.08%  | 0.6302  |
| TSLA   | 365.72 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 362.50 | +0.65%   | 3.50  | 3.80   | 3.95  | 21,600  | 182      | 118.68   | 42.91%  | 9.09%   | 0.9884  |
| MU     | 923.46 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 930.00 | -1.09%   | 0.98  | 1.00   | 1.03  | 39,044  | 335      | 116.55   | 50.34%  | 16.96%  | 0.2170  |
| ORCL   | 130.21 | 10/16/26 (2)  | Call | 132.00 | -1.74%   | 1.82  | 1.87   | 1.89  | 14,934  | 129      | 115.77   | 57.36%  | 67.53%  | 0.4077  |
| CRWV   | 65.42  | 10/16/26 (2)  | Call | 67.50  | -3.23%   | 1.44  | 1.45   | 1.50  | 17,364  | 156      | 111.31   | 91.29%  | 119.20% | 0.3826  |
| SPCX   | 152.39 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 152.50 | -0.75%   | 0.38  | 0.39   | 0.39  | 31,777  | 342      | 92.92    | 53.76%  | 13.32%  | 0.4734  |
| NVDA   | 221.11 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 222.50 | -1.01%   | 0.23  | 0.24   | 0.24  | 130,110 | 1,414    | 92.02    | 38.44%  | 15.97%  | 0.2232  |
| TSLA   | 365.72 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Put  | 365.00 | +0.03%   | 0.23  | 0.23   | 0.24  | 296,814 | 3,369    | 88.10    | 42.91%  | 9.65%   | -0.2220 |
| CVS    | 90.65  | 10/16/26 (2)  | Call | 93.00  | -2.69%   | 0.18  | 0.17   | 0.20  | 14,259  | 164      | 86.95    | 37.00%  | 34.27%  | 0.1590  |
| AVGO   | 345.52 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 350.00 | -1.71%   | 0.16  | 0.15   | 0.18  | 10,533  | 122      | 86.34    | 39.01%  | 19.33%  | 0.1032  |
| MU     | 923.46 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 920.00 | unch     | 4.80  | 4.95   | 4.95  | 10,351  | 129      | 80.24    | 50.34%  | 14.25%  | 0.7011  |
| BAC    | 51.28  | 10/23/26 (9)  | Call | 52.00  | -1.48%   | 0.55  | 0.56   | 0.57  | 12,815  | 165      | 77.67    | 23.94%  | 26.85%  | 0.3805  |
| CRWV   | 65.42  | 10/23/26 (9)  | Call | 70.00  | -7.05%   | 1.90  | 1.94   | 1.99  | 10,201  | 134      | 76.13    | 91.29%  | 88.79%  | 0.3435  |
| AMD    | 571.19 | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 580.00 | -1.77%   | 0.26  | 0.26   | 0.29  | 13,770  | 197      | 69.90    | 56.96%  | 21.56%  | 0.0926  |
| INTC   | 98.38  | 10/14/26 (0)  | Call | 99.00  | -0.84%   | 0.13  | 0.16   | 0.18  | 25,620  | 368      | 69.62    | 64.44%  | 18.55%  | 0.2688  |
| NBIS   | 184.51 | 11/20/26 (37) | Put  | 115.00 | -37.30%  | 1.21  | 1.38   | 1.35  | 10,613  | 157      | 67.60    | 87.21%  | 98.77%  | -0.0471 |
| MCHP   | 71.58  | 12/18/26 (65) | Call | 70.00  | +1.39%   | 7.10  | 7.10   | 7.40  | 88,166  | 1,311    | 67.25    | 60.00%  | 53.67%  | 0.5853  |

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