



Weekly Market Insights: Powell: Fed is Ready for Rate Cut

Stocks notched a solid gain as dovish comments from Federal Reserve officials boosted the market's recovery from early August lows.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index rose 1.45 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite added 1.40 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average picked up 1.27 percent. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, gained 2.98 percent.^{1,2}

Dovish Week

Stocks started the week strong, rallying after Wall Street welcomed dovish comments from Minneapolis Fed President Neel Kashkari. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq each posted gains on Monday—the 8th consecutive winning session. The Dow rose for the 5th session in a row.^{3,4}

From there, markets traded in a narrow band until Wednesday afternoon when minutes released from the July 30-31 FOMC Meeting revealed more dovish comments. On Thursday, stocks dipped ahead of Fed Chair Jerome Powell's annual Jackson Hole, Wyoming, speech.^{5,6}

Well-received comments from Powell on Friday boosted markets, with all three averages closing higher.⁷



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Major Index Return Summary

Name	1M TR	YTD TR	1Y TR	5Y TR
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.88%	9.32%	21.11%	72.07%
MSCI EAFE	2.23%	10.60%	20.54%	53.53%
Nasdaq Composite	-2.07%	17.93%	31.45%	129.6%
S&P 500	0.24%	17.84%	28.86%	106.7%

S&P 500 Daily Close



10-Year Note Review

Indicator Name Date	Latest Value	1M Ago 3M Ago 1Y Ago	1M Change 3M Change 1Y Change
10 Year Treasury Rate 08/23/24	3.81%	4.25% 4.47% 4.19%	-10.36% ▼ -14.77% ▼ -9.07% ▼

Source: YCharts.com, August 24, 2024. Weekly performance is measured from Monday, August 19, to Friday, August 23. TR = total return for the index, which includes any dividends as well as any other cash distributions during the period. Treasury note yield is expressed in basis points.

“The Time has Come”

The Fed's annual symposium for global central bankers started Friday morning with Fed Chair Powell's much-anticipated speech. Citing the risk of the labor market cooling even further, he said, "the time has come for policy to adjust."

Investors responded favorably, with the remaining question being how significant a rate cut might be. Powell kept that door open, adding that "the timing and pace of rate cuts will depend on incoming data, the evolving outlook, and the balance of risks."⁸

This Week: Key Economic Data

- Monday:** Durable Goods.
- Tuesday:** Consumer Confidence. Case-Shiller Home Price Index.
- Wednesday:** Fed Official Raphael Bostic speaks.
- Thursday:** GDP. International Trade in Goods. Jobless Claims. Pending Home Sales.
- Friday:** Personal Income and Outlays. Consumer Sentiment.

Source: Investors Business Daily - Econoday economic calendar; August 23, 2024
The Econoday economic calendar lists upcoming U.S. economic data releases (including key economic indicators), Federal Reserve policy meetings, and speaking engagements of Federal Reserve officials. The content is developed from sources believed to be providing accurate information. The forecasts or forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and may not materialize. The forecasts also are subject to revision.

This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

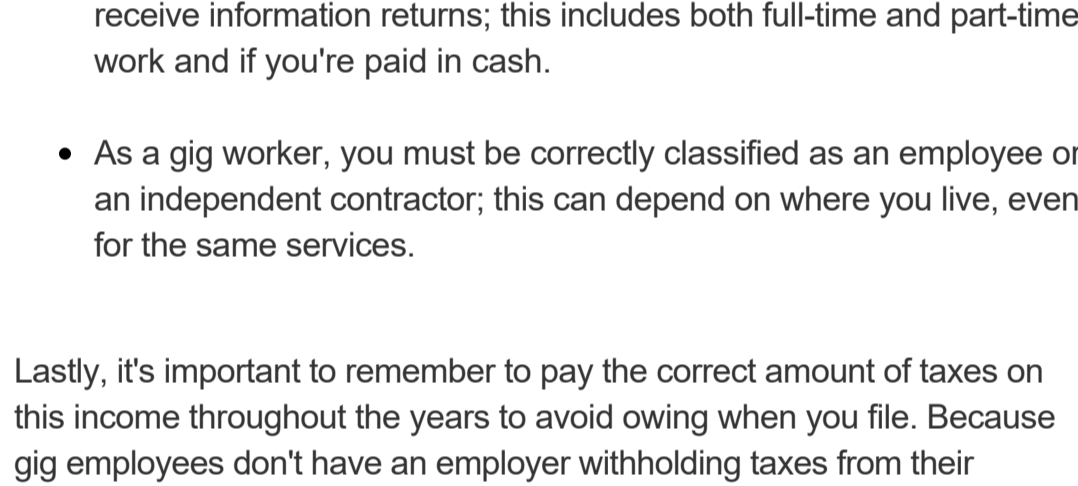
- Wednesday:** NVIDIA Corporation (NVDA), Salesforce Inc. (CRM)
- Thursday:** Dell Technologies Inc. (DELL)

Source: Zacks, August 23, 2024
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"In a gentle way, you can shake the world."

– Mahatma Gandhi



Gig Economy Tax Tips

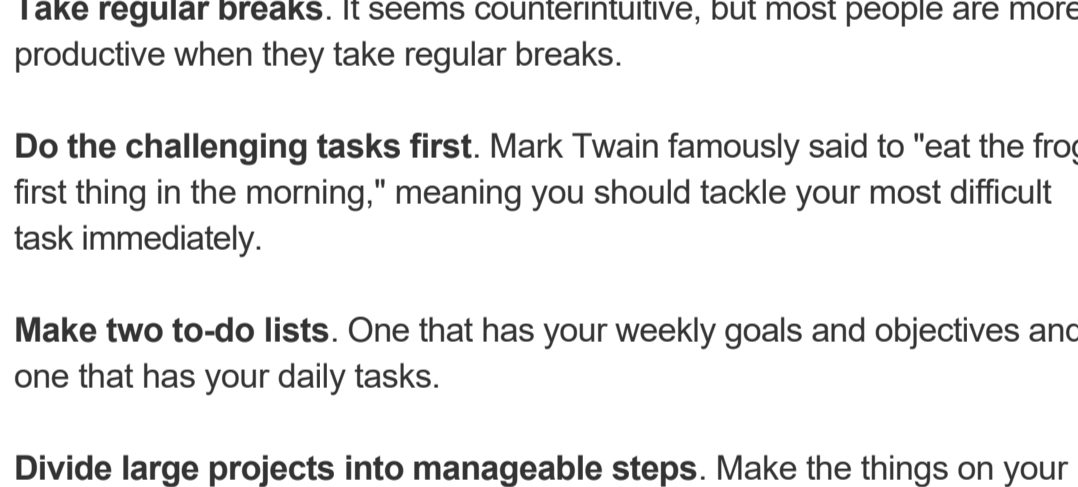
There are some essential tips to remember if you work as a gig worker, someone who takes temporary work through one or more employers:

- All income from these sources is taxable, regardless of whether you receive information returns; this includes both full-time and part-time work and if you're paid in cash.
- As a gig worker, you must be correctly classified as an employee or an independent contractor; this can depend on where you live, even for the same services.

Lastly, it's important to remember to pay the correct amount of taxes on this income throughout the years to avoid owing when you file. Because gig employees don't have an employer withholding taxes from their paychecks, they can either submit a new W-4 and have their employer withhold more from their paycheck (if they have another job as an employee) or make quarterly estimated tax payments throughout the year.

**This information is not intended to be a substitute for specific, individualized tax advice. We suggest that you discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax professional.*

Tip adapted from IRS.gov⁹



Boost Your Productivity With These Tips

Take regular breaks. It seems counterintuitive, but most people are more productive when they take regular breaks.

Do the challenging tasks first. Mark Twain famously said to "eat the frog first thing in the morning," meaning you should tackle your most difficult task immediately.

Make two to-do lists. One that has your weekly goals and objectives and one that has your daily tasks.

Divide large projects into manageable steps. Make the things on your to-do list specific so you can continue to cross things out and make progress.

Tip adapted from Formstack¹⁰



Anna, a supermarket clerk, has not slept during any of the past six nights, yet she is not tired. How can this be?

Last week's riddle: It stands higher than any tree, yet it seemingly takes forever to grow, and you can't see its roots. You won't have to shimmy up any trunk to reach its top. What is it? Answer: A mountain.



Moraine Lake
Banff National Park, Canada

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