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NEWSLETTER

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Summary

· Economic News – The Fed kept the Fed funds rate unchanged.

· Market Events – The S&P 500 gained 10.59% over the past year.

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Economic News

The US Real GDP increased at an annual rate of 3.4% in the third quarter of 2026.

Inflation measured in the 12-month Consumer Price Index (CPI) percentage change was 3.7% in September 2026. The Personal Consumption Expenditure Price Index (PCE) change was 3.6% in September 2026. The Fed's objective for inflation continues to remain at a 2 percent average and they expect to return to this level over time.

The Fed left the fed funds rate unchanged to a target rate range of 3.75 to 4 percent in the October 28th FOMC meeting. Ongoing rate changes are undecided, but the Fed's new Chair Kevin Warsh is moving away from restrictive monetary policy wording in favor of taking away a "dose of accommodation" from the economy. The Fed believes this will assist in lowering inflation. President Trump continues to impose tariffs on other countries.

The US Dollar strengthened with the US Dollar Index at 101.78. Oil prices have increased to $95.81 a barrel.

Market Events

The S&P 500 today is 10.59% higher from a year ago. The 10-year treasury rate is at 4.94%.