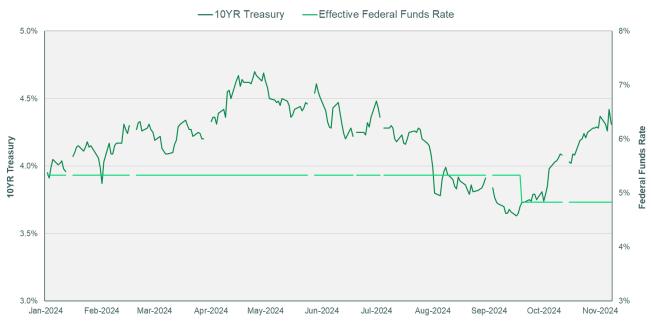


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Key Points:

- The Federal Open Market Committee voted unanimously to cut the <u>federal funds</u> rate by an additional 25 basis points at their November meeting.
 - <u>Longer-term interest rates generally rose</u> following the Fed's initial 50 basis point cut in September as investors continue to revise their expectations for the terminal federal funds rate.

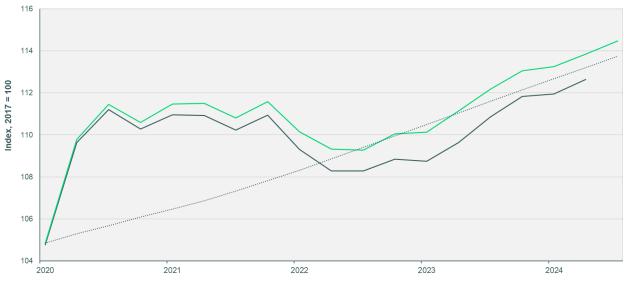


Interest Rates

Source: Federal Reserve

- Following benchmark revisions to the National Economic Accounts, <u>labor</u> <u>productivity growth</u> from 2019 was stronger than previously believed.
 - Today, productivity is slightly higher than projected by the <u>Congressional Budget</u> <u>Office</u> in January 2020.
 - When productivity growth is stronger, <u>real wages can increase more quickly</u> and the pace of nominal wage growth consistent with 2% inflation rises.

Nonfarm Labor Productivity Trends (2020 – Present) — September 2024 Vintage — November 2024 Vintage Jan. 2020 CBO Forecast



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Congressional Budget Office

