

The Weekly Economic & Market Recap

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A busy week of economic data releases and Federal Reserve commentary led to modest gains in US equity markets. Despite lingering concerns about tariffs, stocks advanced buoyed by solid corporate earnings and generally positive, though mixed, economic data. Key inflation indicators, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI), exceeded expectations coming in at +3.0% and +3.5% year-over-year, respectively. These readings suggest the Federal Reserve may need to keep interest rates higher for longer to combat inflationary pressures, which is evident in rate cut expectations being pushed out. The prospect of sustained higher rates could weigh on future economic growth. In addition, retail sales came in light at -0.5% versus an expected +0.3%, suggesting that consumer spending may be slowing. Despite the mixed signals from the broader economy, corporate earnings remain strong, with Q4 EPS growth nearing 15% year-over-year. Sales growth is also positive, with an estimated 4.8% increase. Nine out of eleven sectors have already surpassed initial projections for this reporting period. Looking forward, markets will need to balance moderating growth with sticky inflation and higher rates. This delicate balance could lead to further volatility in the months ahead. Investors should carefully monitor economic data and comments from Fed officials for clues about the direction of monetary policy.

		Wk	Wk	Div	YTD	12 Mos	
Stocks	Close	Net Change	% Change	Yield	% Change	% Change	
DJII-USA	44,546.08	242.68	0.55	1.68	4.71	15.93	
S&P 500	6,114.63	88.64	1.47	1.28	3.96	22.28	
NASDAQ	20,026.77	503.37	2.58	0.70	3.71	26.28	
S&P MidCap 400	3,198.61	-7.99	-0.25	1.52	2.49	14.04	
EAFE	81.93	2.32	2.91	3.19	8.36	9.09	
Emerging Markets	54.94	1.30	2.42	2.88	5.21	9.95	
Sector - Large Cap		Wk					
	Close	Net Change	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	
Defensive							
Staples	898.50	15.30	1.7%	3.3%	5.3%	5.3%	
Health Care	1,686.57	-18.88	(1.1%)	(1.4%)	5.1%	5.1%	
CommServices	371.67	7.24	2.0%	(0.2%)	8.8%	8.8%	
Eco Sensitive							
Consumer Disc	1,848.32	5.14	0.3%	(3.3%)	0.9%	0.9%	
Energy	681.76	7.17	1.1%	2.1%	4.1%	4.1%	
Industrials	1,163.78	1.78	0.2%	(0.6%)	4.3%	4.3%	
Info Tech	4,681.09	169.62	3.8%	4.6%	1.6%	1.6%	
Materials	565.59	9.72	1.7%	1.2%	6.8%	6.8%	
Interest Rate Sensitive							
Financials	860.45	-0.68	(0.1%)	0.5%	7.0%	7.0%	
Utilities	401.05	4.16	1.0%	1.3%	4.2%	4.2%	
REIT	263.19	2.22	0.9%	2.3%	3.5%	3.5%	

Russell Style Returns

WTD	Value	Blend	Growth	YTD	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	0.64%	1.35%	2.02%	Large	5.05%	4.31%	3.68%
Medium	-0.09%	0.15%	0.70%	Medium	2.64%	4.41%	9.33%
Small	0.23%	-0.01%	-0.21%	Small	2.02%	2.27%	2.69%

Commodity	Price	Wk % Change	FOREX	Price	Wk % Change
Copper	4.64	1.19	EUR/USD	1.05	1.60
Gold	2,895.40	0.27	USD/JPY	152.17	0.60
WTI	70.69	-0.44	GBP/USD	1.26	1.48
Brent	74.70	0.05	USD/CAD	1.42	-0.80
Natural Gas	3.73	12.60			

Source: FactSet



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	3.8%										
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	Technology	CommSrvcs	Materials	ConStpls	Energy	Utilities	Real Estate	ConsDiscr	Industrials	Financials	Health Care



		12/31/24
Treasuries	Current Yield	Yield
1 - Year	4.21	4.15
2 - Year	4.26	4.24
5 - Year	4.33	4.38
10 - Year	4.47	4.57
30 - Year	4.69	4.78



COMING UP NEXT WEEK		Consensus	Prior
02/18 Empire State Index SA	(Feb)	-1.0	-12.6
02/18 NAHB Housing Market Index SA	(Feb)	47.0	47.0
02/19 Housing Starts SAAR	(Jan)	1,390K	1,499K
02/20 Philadelphia Fed Index SA	(Feb)	20.5	44.3
02/20 Leading Indicators SA M/M	(Jan)	0.0%	-0.10%
02/21 Markit PMI Manufacturing SA (Preliminary)	(Feb)	50.7	51.2
02/21 Markit PMI Services SA (Preliminary)	(Feb)	53.5	52.9
02/21 Existing Home Sales SAAR	(Jan)	4,050K	4,240K
02/21 Michigan Sentiment NSA (Final)	(Feb)	70.1	67.8

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